

Comhairle Uladh CLG Craobh Peile Uladh 2006

Dún na nGall v An Dún at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey
4ú Meitheamh 2006 at 4.00pm

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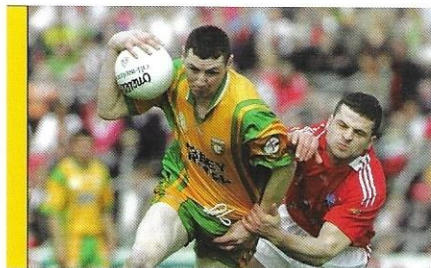


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ULSTER JUNIOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

2.15 in Doire v An Dún

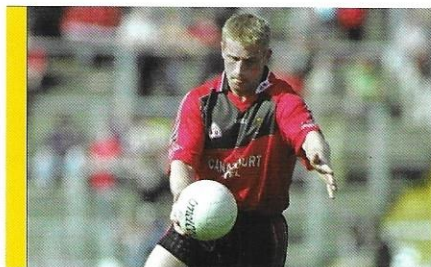
Réiteoir:	Tommy McIntyre (Aontroim)
Standby Referee:	Una Kearney (Ard Mhácha)
Linesman:	Rosemary Hughes-Merry (Muineachán)
Sideline Official:	Sean Brogan (Aontroim)



BANK OF IRELAND ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

4.00 in Dún na nGall v An Dún

Réiteoir:	Gearóid Ó Conámha (Gaillimh)
Standby Referee:	Eugene Murtagh (Longfort)
Linesman:	Dermot Mullaney (Sligeach)
Sideline Official:	John Joe Cleary (Doire)



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to thank all the players, management
and backroom staff for their
efforts today. Finally we thank
all the supporters who have
attended today's match,
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just wouldn't be
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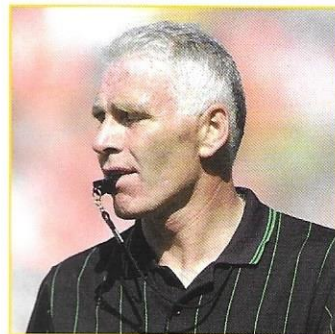
Na Réiteoirí

Senior - Gearóid Ó Conámha (Gaillimh)

One of the most experienced referees in the country, Gearoid was the man-in-the-middle at last year's drawn Tyrone-Cavan Bank of Ireland Ulster senior semi-final at Clones.

A week later he refereed the All-Ireland Qualifier First Round tie between Donegal and Wicklow

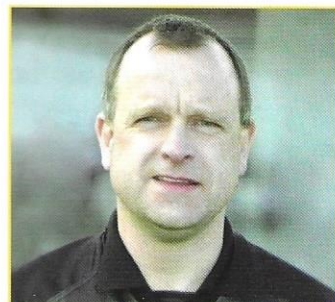
at Aughrim. O'Conamha has been on the inter-county refereeing panel for eleven years. The Galway man took charge of his first Allianz League final last year—Armagh v Wexford. A member of Cumann Peil Naomh Pdraig, Clonbur, he won an All-Ireland junior medal with Galway in 1985.



Junior - Tommy McIntyre (Aontroim)

Tommy is well know for his hurling refereeing. He has been refereeing hurling for 20 years, taking centre field to numerous league and county matches. Tommy has also refereed the Antrim Senior County final on 5 occasions and the National

League final , All Ireland minor final and All Ireland Intermediate Final at Inter-County level. He has been refereeing camogie for the past 12 years at all grades in Antrim. Today is his first Ulster Camogie final, we wish him well.



Clar An Lae

Doire v An Dún Camogs

- 13.58 Doire amach ar an bPáirc
- 14.01 An Dún amach ar an bPáirc
- 14.15 Tús an Cluiche:
Doire v An Dún
- 14.45 Half Time
- 15.00 Start of Second Half
- 15.32 End of Camogie Game
- 15.34 Presentation

St Michael's CBS Band

Dún na nGall v An Dún Seniors

- 15.42 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
- 15.45 An Dun amach ar an bPáirc
- 15.52 Paráid
- 15.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 16.00 Tús an Cluiche:
Dún na nGall v An Dún
- 16.35 Half time
Cumann na mBunscol
- 16.50 Start of Second Half
- 17.28 End of Senior Football Game

Amhrán na bhFiann

Curfá:

Sinne Fianna Fáil
A tá fé gheall ag Éirinn,
buion dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
Fé mhóid bheith saor.
Sean tír ár sinsir feasta
Ní fhagfar fé'n tiorán ná fé'n tráil
Aocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna sreach fé lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaídh Amhrán na bhFiann.



Coiste na Gaeilge & Oidhreacht

Tomás O Cúilinn, Comhairle Uladh C.L.G

The reconvened Irish Language course which is held at the new G.A.A. Centre in Downings has now grown to be one of the best attended adult Irish language courses in Ireland and is eagerly looked forward to by a wide spectrum of people from various parts of Ireland but mainly from the province of Ulster. Ulster is the only province to have retained the Coiste na Gaeilge & Oidhreacht and the close connection between the language and the G.A.A.

Seamus de Faoite (Dún na nGall) and Tomás Ó Cuilinn (Fear Manach) have been at the helm for the past eighteen years and interest in the course has grown exponentially. Naul Mc Cole (former Chairperson of Donegal County Board), who is a noted Irish enthusiast and native speaker, now fulfils the role of Committee Secretary. The death of former Secretary Seamus de Faoite, earlier this year, has left a great void, however Chairperson Tom Cullen believes attendance at the course is one of the best ways to hold his memory dear.

The Ulster Council of the G.A.A. has steadfastly supported this course under a

succession of Presidents, all of whom have attended the course in person. Peter Quinn, Fr. Dan Gallogley, Brian Mc Leron, John Vesey, Danny Murphy and John O Reilly all contributed massively. The present incumbent Miceál Greenan has attended each course during his term of office and will officiate at the opening this year on July 17th. The course lasts for one week and concludes on Saturday 22nd July.

Tuition, light refreshments, social events and the beautiful sea food buffet are all provided free of charge to members of the course. Special B&B rates are also available for the week in the Downings area and are listed on the brochure. Róise Ní Laifeartaigh a native speaker from Carrigart is Secretary to the course and Seamus Mac Giolla Phódraig from Cabhan A' Chaorthainn in Tír Eogain is Co-ordinator. Micheál Mac Aoidh of Highland Radio fame is the saineolaí áitiúil and the local teacher Máire Nic Shuibhne together with Pádraigh Cutcliffe (Doire) completes the management team.

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Miceál Ó Grianáin President of the Ulster Council officially launched the course for 2006 in St Eunans G.A.A. Centre Letterkenny on Friday 12th May. In a bi-lingual address he paid tribute to the sterling work that Seamus de Faoite had done over the years and he called for the continuance of this great effort on behalf of the language and heritage of Ireland. Máire de Faoite (bean Shéamuis) was also present as were Peter Harte (Tír Eoghain) Dan Mc Cartan (An Dún), Danny Murphy (Comhairle Uladh) and representatives from St. Eunans G.A.A. club who placed the club premises at the disposal of the committee.



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Moving Forward Together

Aileen Tohill, Integration Officer, Comhairle Uladh

Today's double header illustrates perfectly what the Integration process is all about - close co-operation between those involved in the running of Gaelic Games! It is hoped that as the process gathers speed, many more initiatives such as this will take place to promote and develop all the codes.

As the term 'integration' suggests, the process is about bringing things together – and in relation to Gaelic Games, this means combining the talent, resources and thinking of those involved in the running of all aspects of Gaelic Games and Culture.

Since 2002, a National Integration Task Force, comprised of the Presidents and Chief Executives of the GAA, the Camogie Association and the Ladies Gaelic Football Association, has been looking at ways of increasing co-operation between the three codes. Following the completion of a pilot programme across 8 counties nationwide, the Integration Task Force has recommended a closer relationship between the bodies at provincial and county level, while a united and integrated approach take place at Club level.

Many GAA clubs across Ulster are already integrated while others have ladies codes attached to them. A phased and structured approach over the next two years will formalise these arrangements, ensuring that clubs are integrated fully. The aim is that by uniting at Club level, there will be greater efficiency in running the Club in terms of sharing facilities, fund raising, youth and club development.

An Integration Sub-Committee at County level will create further opportunities for co-operation, with County Integration officers from the three codes being selected within the next few months.

Provincially, the Ulster Council GAA has appointed two Integration Managers who will carry the process forward in consultation with representatives of the Ulster Councils of the three Associations. An Ulster Integration Committee is to be established to create a forum for discussion between the bodies in such areas as fixtures, facilities, coaching and games development and strategic planning.

The Ulster GAA Council's Coaching Programme is taking an integrated approach with the

inclusion of Camogie and Ladies Football courses alongside those applicable to all codes. The first Elite Summer Camp for the top U16 Camogs and Ladies Footballers will take place in August, following the format of that of the Hurling and Football one. The Club Development Programme will support Clubs through the Integration process and there will be specific Women's and Men's Health Awareness nights from January onwards.

It is hoped through the Integration process that we can build on the strength of our past to ensure a united future in developing Gaelic Games and Culture at Club, County, Provincial and National level.

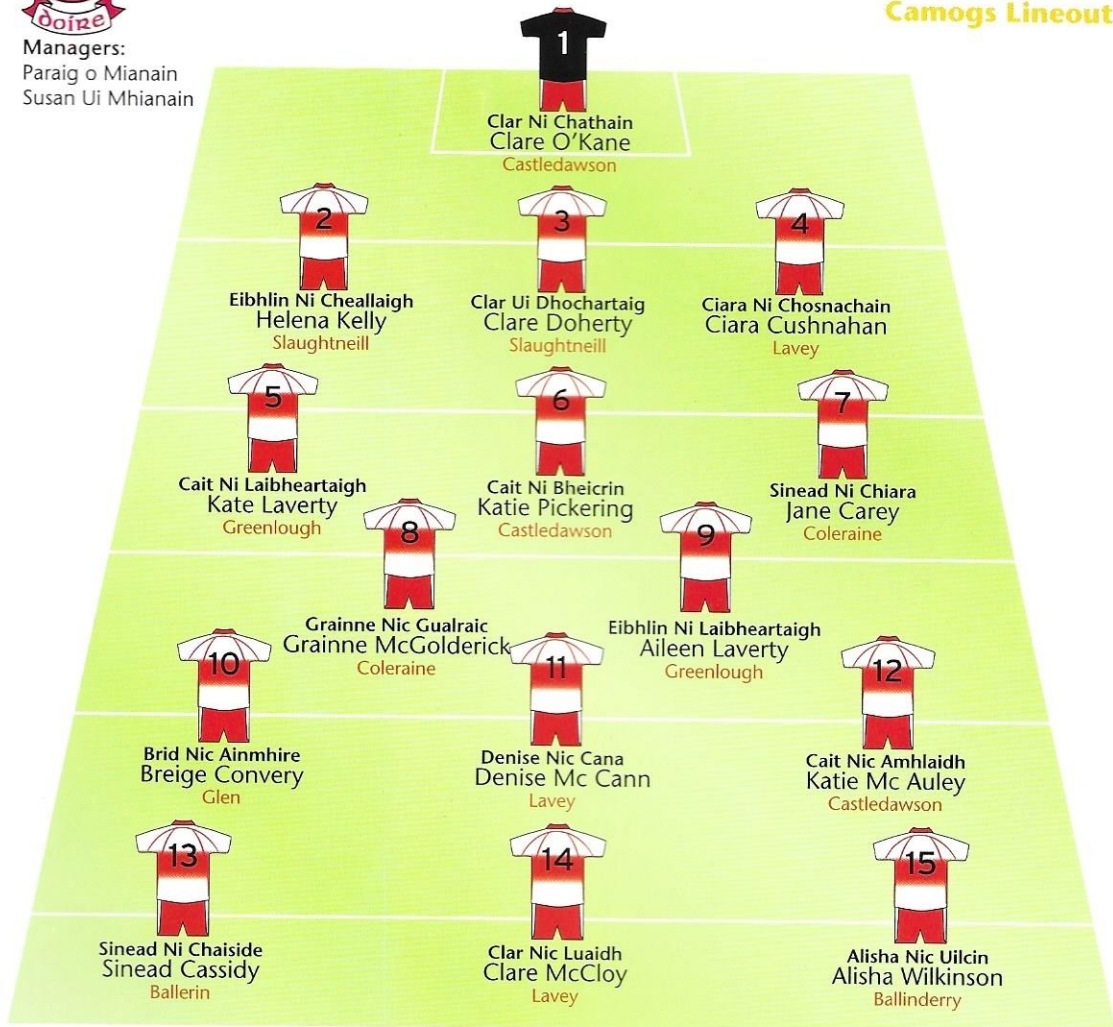




Managers:
Paraig o Mianain
Susan Ui Mhianain

Doire

Camogs Lineout



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Roma McDonald, Coleraine 17. Katrina O'Kane, Ballerin 18. Jane Kelly, Slaughtneill 19. Emma McIlvar, Glenullin 20. Edelle Henry, Lavey 21. Ciara McCrory, Ballinascreen 22. Julie McVeigh, Ballinderry 23. Michelle McManus, Swatragh 24. Andrina O'Kane, Banagher 25. Shauna McDermott, Dungiven 26. Meabh McGolderick, Coleraine

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An Dún

Camogs Lineout



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Manager:
Bernie McNally



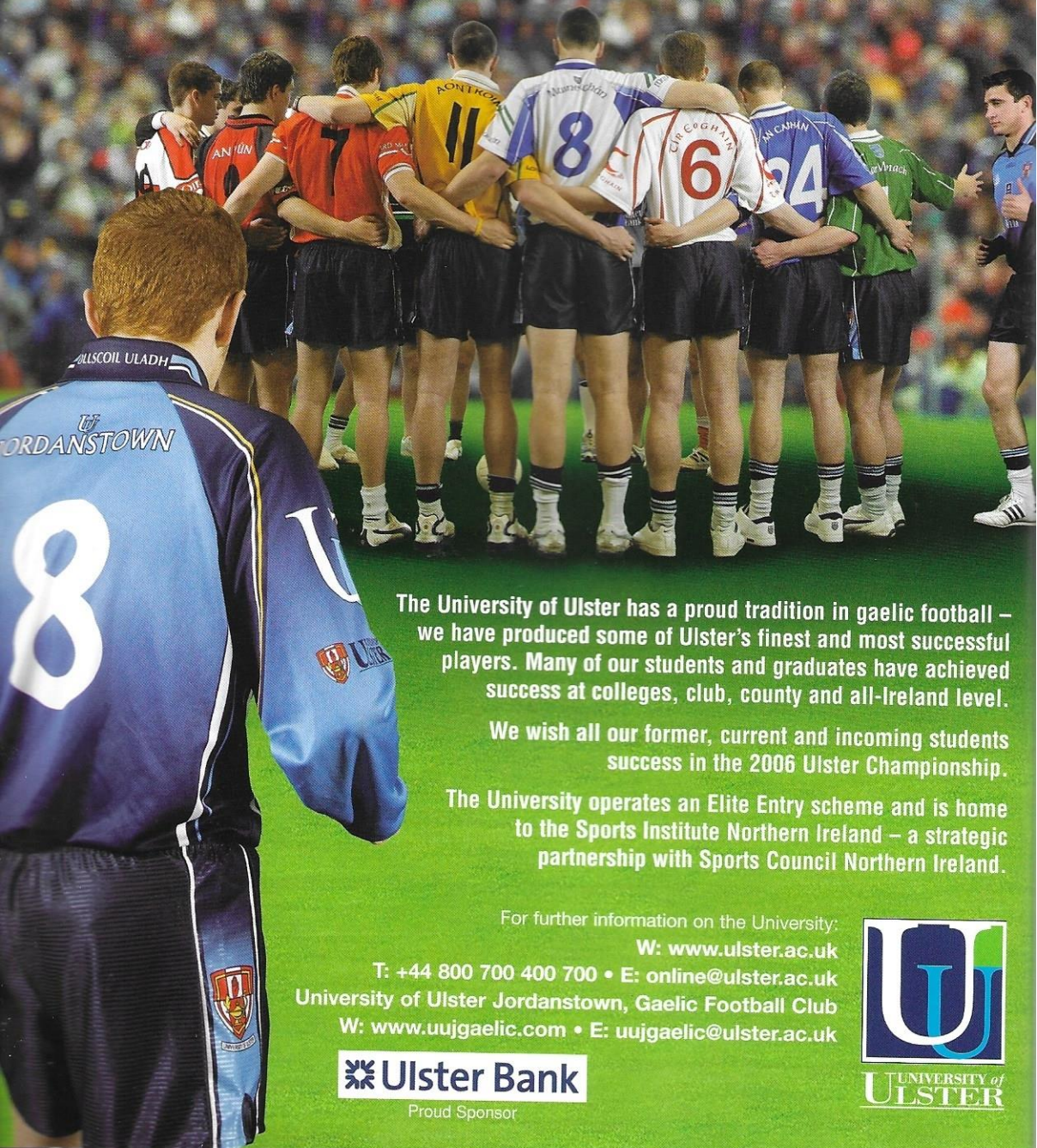
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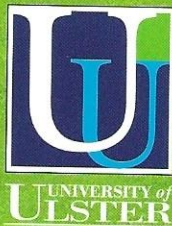
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Contae: Dún na nGall

Donegal Notes

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Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Paul Durcan	22	6'5"	17st	Quantity Surveyor
Michael Boyle	18	6'1"	13st 7	Student
Raymond Sweeney	28	6'	13st 7	Software Engineer
Tommy Donoghue	21	5'11"	12st	Student
Paddy Campbell	30	6'	14st	Engineer
Eamon McGee	22	6'2"	12st	Carpenter
Karl Lacey	21	5'10"	11st 7	Sales merchandiser
Barry Monaghan	27	6'	13st 7	Tyre Sales
Barry Dunnion	23	5'7"	11st 7	Sales rep
Noel Hegarty	20	6'	12st 7	Student
Frank McGlynn	19	5'11"	12st 7	Student
Steven McHugh	22	5'10	13st	Construction worker
Neil McGee	20	6'	13st 7	Student
Damian Diver	31	5'10"	12st	Shop manager
Neil Gallagher	23	6'3"	15s	Technician
Stephen McDermott	24	6'1"	14st	Construction worker
Anthony Thompson	19	6'	13st	Student
Brendan Boyle	24	6'1"	14st 4	Civil Engineer
Conall Dunne	23	5'11"	13st	Accountant
Martin Caulfield	26	6'	13st	Plumber
Adrian Sweeney	29	5'10"	13st 7	Plumber
Michael Hegarty	27	5'10"	12st	Sales rep
Leon Thompson	21	5'9"	11st 7	Alarm installer
Christy Toye	23	6'3"	14st	Teacher
Brian Roper	31	5'6"	11st	Monumental Sculptor
Michael Doherty	22	6'	12st 7	Student
James Gallagher	29	5'11"	13st	Butcher
Colin Kelly	22	6'1"	11st 7	Plasterer
Rory Kavanagh	23	6'1"	13st	Primary teacher
Ciaran Bonner	21	6'1"	13st	Construction worker

"For our supporters, it is important to realise that this is generally a very young team"

Brian McIver

Donegal



Shorts

There are approximately 137,000 people living in Co Donegal

Former Donegal Manager, Brian McEniff, collected Donegal's first All-Star award in 1972

Donegal have won 2 All Ireland Under 21 titles (1982 & 1987)

Donegal have won 5 Ulster Senior Football Championships, with the last success coming in 1992

Donegal have won 5 Ulster Junior titles

Donegal collected their only Sam Maguire in 1992

The 1992 All-Ireland Final Man of the match, Manus Boyle, scored 0-9, four of which came from play

Former Donegal Manager Brian McEniff is the current Co-Manager of the Ulster inter provincial football squad

Current Donegal Manager, Brian McIver, managed Ballinderry to an All-Ireland club title in 2002





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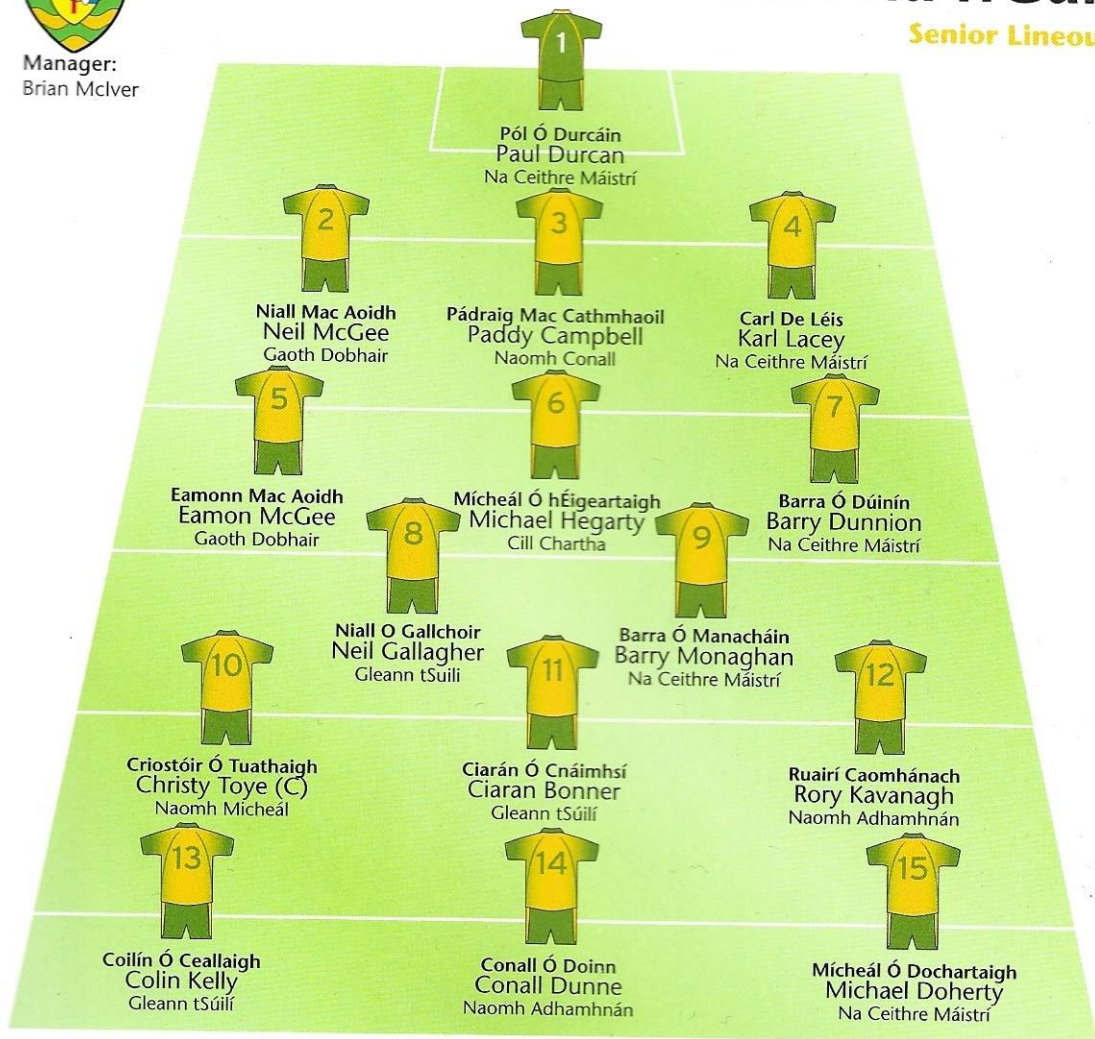




Manager:
Brian McIver

Dún na nGall

Senior Lineout



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmann 17. Raymond Sweeney, An Clochan Liath 18. Damian Diver, Ard an Rátha 19. Noel Hegarty, Cill Chartha 20. Thomas Donoghue, Naomh Conall 21. Stephen McHugh, Ard an Rátha 22. Frank McGlynn, Gleann Fhinne 23. Stephen McDermott, Gleann Fhinne 24. Brendan Boyle, Ard an Rátha 25. Anthony Thompson, Naomh Conall 26. Adrian Sweeney, An Clochan Liath 27. Leon Thompson, Naomh Conall 28. Martin Caulfield, Na Rossa 29. Brian Roper, Aodh Ruadh 30. James Gallagher, Gaoth Dobhair

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An Dún

Senior Lineout



**An Dún
Managers:**
Paddy O'Rourke



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Declan Alder, Ceathru Aodha Dhuibh 17. Damien Rafferty, Seamrogi An Iuir
18. Ronan Sexton, Droichead Mhaigh Eo 19. Mark Doran, Cloch Fhada 20. Conor Lavery, Cill Chua
21. James Colgan, An Ríocht 22. Mark Poland, Cloch Fhada 23. Aidan Carr, Cluain Daimh 24. Aidan O Phey, Liatroma
25. Daniel McCartan, Boireann 26. Jason Brown, Cluain Daimh 27. Aidan Brannigan, Cill Chua 28. Declan Rooney, Boireann
29. Darren Cunningham, Sabhall 30. Michael McVeigh, Caisleann An Mhuilinn

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Down



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There are approximately 516,000 people living in Co Down

Down have won 5 All Ireland Senior Football Championships

Down have won 12 Ulster Senior Football Championships

Down have won 4 National Football League titles

Former Down great, Sean O'Neill, collected Down's first All-Star award in 1971

Down have won 4 All-Ireland Minor titles, all since 1977

Current Down Manager, Paddy O'Rourke captained Down in their All-Ireland Senior Success in 1991

Liam Doyle captained Down to All-Ireland minor success in 1999

Last years All-Ireland Minor winning captain, James Colgan, is currently on the Down Senior panel

Down trainer, Jody Gormley, guided Abbey C.B.S. to MacCrory and Hogan Cup success this year

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Down Notes

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Brendan McVeigh	27	6'2"	14st	Satellite Engineer
Martin Cole	25	6'0"	12st 7	Plasterer
Brendan Grant	24	5'11"	12st	Joiner
Daniel McCartan	23	5'11"	13st	Student
Paul Murphy	25	5'11"	13st	Production Engineer
John Clarke	23	6'0"	13st	Sales Rep
Damien Rafferty	25	5'9"	11st 3	Student
Alan Molloy	30	6'1"	13st 1	Joiner
Dan Gordan	22	6'3"	14st	Student
Eoin McCartan	21	6'0"	13st	Student
Ambrose Rogers	21	6'3"	13st 4	Labourer
Daniel Hughes	24	5'10"	11st 6	Accountant
Liam Doyle	25	5'11"	13st 6	Quantity Surveyor
Brendan Coulter	23	6'1"	13st 6	GAA Games Promotion Officer
Michael Walsh	24	5'11"	13st 5	Student
Michael McVeigh	35	6'3"	15st 8	Forestry Worker
Adrian Scullion	26	6'2"	14st 1	Accountant
Ronan Sexton	24	5'8"	11st 5	Bricklayer
Ronan Murtagh	24	5'11"	13st	Bricklayer
Mark Doran	25	5'9"	12st	Bricklayer
Mark Poland	21	5'10"	11st	Bricklayer
Aidan Carr	20	6'0"	12st	Student
James Colgan	19	6'2"	14st	Student
Conor Laverty	20	5'9"	10st 6	GAA Games Promotion Officer
Aidan O Prey	25	6'2"	14st	Stonemason
Aidan Brannigan	23	6'1"	13st	Joiner
Jason Brown	20	6'2"	12st	Student
Darren Cunningham	21	6'2"	14st	Student
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"I hope the Down fans are going home happy and planning for another day out in the Ulster Championship"

Paddy O'Rourke



View from the top

Brian McIver

As we welcome Down to Mac Cumhaill Park, we are well aware of the challenge ahead of us. Down have a great tradition in championship football and they always bring great flair to the competition.

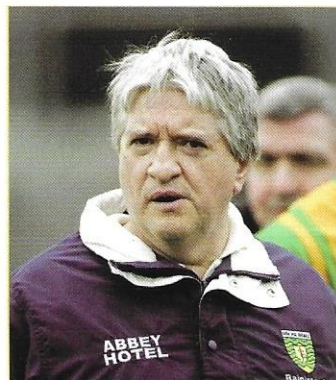
From the 1960's, Down have attracted support from all over Ulster and I am sure there will be an abundance of that support in Ballybofey today. To the Down manager, Paddy O'Rourke and his management team I extend a warm welcome as well. I have always admired Paddy as a player and as a manager he has helped build one of the most promising young teams in the country.

From a Donegal perspective this is a huge game. Our defeat to Louth in the replay of the Allianz National League Final was most disappointing. In fairness to the panel, they have worked hard

"Donegal can produce a great performance, this would be a great day for such a performance"

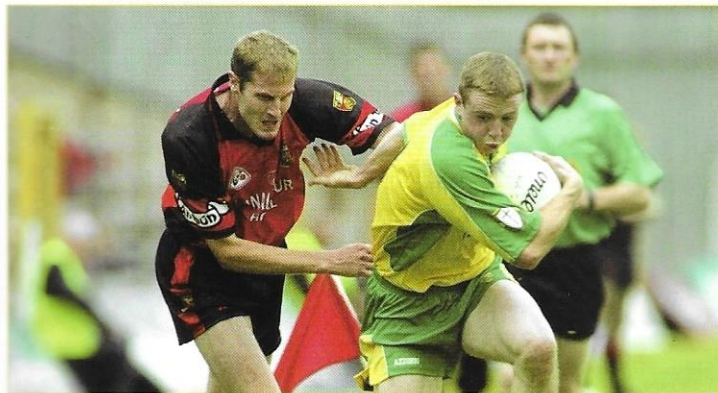
since then and I hope that today we see a Donegal team which plays with real pride. The players kept their focus really well throughout the group stages of division 2A and it was good to get promotion for next season. We learned a lot from the games with Westmeath and Louth and I would hope that today we put in a real team performance.

For our supporters, it is important to realise that this is



generally a very young team. We have a number of players making their championship debuts and they will need your encouragement and support. The Louth game was a big disappointment but success in football does not come easily and that is why victory is so sweet. There is always the feeling that on any given day Donegal can produce a great performance - this would be a great day for such a performance.

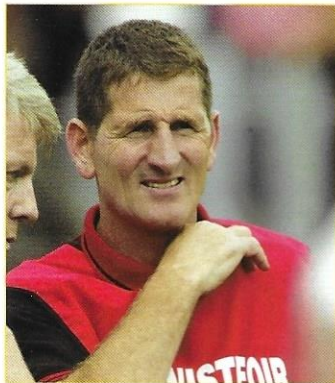
By way of conclusion, I would like to congratulate Donegal minor manager, Sean Clerkin, his backroom team and players on their fine victory last Saturday week in Brewster Park, Enniskillen. There were some great individual performances but most importantly, they played for each other. I wish them all the best for their upcoming semi-final.





View from the top

Paddy O'Rourke



So here we are today gathered in Ballybofey for the last of the first round games in the Ulster Championship, the meeting between two teams who enjoy playing good football.

It is strange for me as Down Manager to be sending a team out to play Donegal and not be facing Brian McEniff in the opposite corner, but today it is a new Brian, Brian McIver who has prepared this Donegal team with the object of setting up a meeting with his native Derry in the Semi Final.

We, in Down, know that we must do much better than our Preliminary Round win over Cavan, we know that we must improve in all areas to stand a chance of winning here in Mac Cumhaill Park. This will be no easy task, but if we are to have ambitions of being the Down

team to bring back the glory days of the 90s then we must start by winning here today.

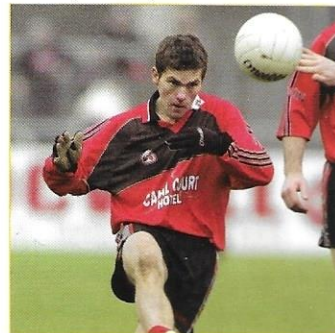
Over the years and in all my time being involved in Down teams we have had some great games with Donegal, games when one side triumphed over the other sometimes against the odds, but at all times games that produced a good standard of football and a good level of sportsmanship. The smell of the Ulster Championship seems to raise our players in all counties to a different level, a level that goes beyond their amateur status and as we stand on the verge of the start of a World Cup in another code, I sometimes wonder how all those high flying professionals would cope with the heat of Ballybofey, Clones or Casement Park on an Ulster Championship day and playing for the honour of their club, their parish and their county.

I know that the 30 players in my panel are good enough to grace that stage of an Ulster Championship day, I would not be swapping any of them for a Beckham or an Owen, I know that they will go out here today and give of their best, for the game that they love, long may that continue and long may the GAA continue to look after them.

“we know that we must improve in all areas to stand a chance of winning here in MacCumhaill Park”

I hope you will join with me in sending best wishes to our Team Physio Gerry Nolan who is on duty with us today and who gets married tomorrow to Adele, from Armagh - a Monaghan man, marrying an Armagh woman! We hope all their little ones will be Down ones!

So on a final note I hope you all enjoy the game, I hope the Down fans are going home happy and planning for another day out in the Ulster Championship!





Cumann na mBunscol

Todays Mini Games

Dún na nGall

Niall Doherty, Creevy N.S. Ballyshannon
 Peter McLaughlin, Scoil Iosagain ,N.S.Buncrana
 Ryan Ivers, Tiernasligo N.S. Clonmany
 Jonathan Devlin, St.Mura's N.S. Tooban
 Ryan McBrearty, Scoil Cholmcille,Kilmacrennan
 Anthony Blair, Scoil Padraig,Dobhar
 Oisín Langan, Scoil Mhuire,Creeslough.
 Stephen Jones, Cashel N.S.Glencolmcille
 Reece McDyer, St.Riaghan's N.S. Droimnacraish
 Hugh Boyle, Scoil Naomh Duigh,Anagaire.
 Lorcan O'Donnell, S.N. An Bhreacaigh ,Ardara
 Gary O'Donnell,Scoil Mhuire,Stranorlar
 Pol O'Domhnaill ,S.S.An Choimin.
 Jack Quinn, Scoil Cholmcille , Ballylast
 Jason McGeehan, St.Joseph's N.S.Trentagh
 Joseph Alvey,Dunkineely N.S.
 Eoin McGarrigle, St.Ernan's N.S. Ballintra.
 Corey Eves, St.Mary's N.S.Pettigo

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John Brown, St Patrick's Hilltown
 Conn Rooney, Sacred Heart, Dundrum
 Micéal O'Hare, St Dallan's, Warrenpoint
 Mark Savage, St Mary's, Dechomet
 Corry Quinn, St Patrick's, Mayobridge
 Christopher McAvoy, St Francis, Loughbrickland
 David Morgan , St Mary's, Killyleagh
 Sean Cultra, St Malachy's, Kilclief
 Niall Fegan, St Colman's, Annaclone
 Taigh Murdock, Carrick P.S.
 Connor Cranny, St John's, Glenn
 Callum McVeigh, Ligamaddy
 Kevin Keenan, Drumaroad
 James Cunningham, Glassdrummon
 Niall McKeivitt, Ballyholland
 Darren Morgan, Drumanness

Paths to the Final

Camogie Information

This year the All-Ireland Junior championship has been totally revamped. The winners of today's final no longer get a ticket into the All-Ireland semi-final. Instead counties have been placed into four qualifier groups with the top two sides from each going through to All-Ireland quarter-finals in August.

Down and Derry played those qualifiers a fortnight ago and had wins over London and Cavan. It seems likely that both are certain to be involved in the All-Ireland championship. Therefore the losing side today will still be in contention.

Quarter-final Down 6-16 Tyrone 0-2
 Semi-finals Down 5-7 Antrim 1-10 Derry 1-8 Armagh 0-3

Where the Ulster Junior titles have gone?

(* indicates that the county went on to win the All-Ireland Junior)

Cavan: 1956, 1979, 1984, 1994
Derry: 1960, 1967, 1969*, 1978*, 1998, 1999, 2000*, 2001, 2002
Armagh: 1961, 1966, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1985, 1987, 1990, 1992, 1993*, 2003, 2005
Monaghan: 1964, 1977, 1986
Down: 1968*, 1975, 1976*, 1983, 1988, 1989, 1991*, 2004
Antrim: 1974, 1981, 1982, 1995, 1996, 1997*
Tyrone: 1980





A Word in Your Ear

Eamonn O'Hara

DON'T look back. Stick to the here and now. Certainly for Down football supporters, looking forward to today's game would be best policy. But, Championship Sundays are staple diet for lively and humorous debate, for flashbacks about that game or another one, for meeting old friends and chewing the fat over, well, old Ballybofey battles.

Par for the course, part of the match day craic, just as much as how Donegal's full-back line may cope with Coul' and the Gang, or Down with one of the new kids on the block, Michael Doherty, or 100-plus match veterans Sweeney and Roper. For former Donegal and Down players returning to this old haunt and supporters with lots of mileage under the bonnet and memories, history of the fixture will surely receive an airing too.

Days like this are tailor-made for such debate, but don't bet on seeing too many smiles from visitors on this nostalgic point. Should be worth a point or two, should it not? How often have you heard that said about the team with the home venue? In this fixture, it's generally been backed up by a Donegal display and worth as much, sometimes several points.

MacCumhaill Park in Ulster SFC quarter-finals against Down, or for a first match in a particular year's Championship, as today's game is for Donegal, has proved a fortress and a far from happy hunting ground for the famed red and black for, let's see, much of the past 50 years.

Talk about a Championship hoodoo. This one fits like a glove, so how's about this for a sample. Down fans can turn the page now if they like. In the summer of '95 the defending All-Ireland champions came to Ballybofey for the first game of that Championship and lost. In 2002, Down lost a quarter-final here. It was to be Peter McGrath's final SFC game of a managerial reign that gained those two great All-Ireland wins.

The 'should be worth a point or two' theory about Ballybofey is supported by some other historical milestones. In home quarter-finals Donegal's record goes back against Down to 1957. Won then, repeated it the next time they met at this juncture, in 1972. Arguably the most significant win of all as Brian McEniff, in his Allstar-winning year, and Donal Monaghan, father of Barry, were part of a win that was followed up by a first Ulster SFC title success for the county. On two other occasions in

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the past two decades or so Donegal's first game in the Ulster SFC, as this is, resulted in wins at home over Down. In these scenarios, you couldn't find a Down success anywhere in the past half century.

Moving to the present, Paddy O'Rourke experienced this rivalry once since taking on the Down's manager role in 2003. His debut campaign ended in Clones after a fourth round All-Ireland Qualifier against Donegal.

So, will Coul' and the Gang beat the bogey of Ballybofey? Or will Donegal, with a third of the team playing senior Championship at the county's spiritual home for the first time today, prove the 'quarter' masters yet again?

The opportunity to make their own history and re-write the records is now up to the players to grasp.





Valuing Volunteers

Cróna Regan

Approximately 42% of the population of Ireland volunteer in sport. Of this, 57% are working within the GAA. Without our volunteers, our great Association would not be where it is today. Current Donegal Secretary, Cróna Regan is a classic example of such.

Name: Cróna Regan
Club: Naomh Conall
Occupation: Teacher

What is your background within the GAA?

I have always had a keen interest in the G.A.A and sport in general. I loved playing Gaelic Football but unfortunately there was no ladies football in my club so my playing was limited to national school and I also played for Donegal at U-14 level.

My father was very involved at underage club management and my brothers have been playing football all their lives and I was involved in what they were doing.

It was great being involved with Naomh Conall and with the minor success of 2003 and 2004, after a 41 year gap, and the Senior Championship of 2005 for the first time, the buzz was unreal.

Had you always aspired to get involved in administration within the GAA?

My involvement in administration just seemed to happen naturally and I had no great aspirations to follow the administration line rather than coaching. I still love the coaching at national school and underage level and I am trying to keep both the coaching and administration going.

How have you settled into the role of County Secretary?

I love the job of County Secretary because I am in contact always with G.A.A people and clubs everyday. I get fantastic help from all the other officers of the Co. Board and club officers around the county. Everybody is very co-operative and helpful.

In the GAA, only 10% of the volunteers are female. However, in Donegal, there are three females working in key positions, do you feel there is the opportunity for more women to get involved in key positions within the GAA?

Anybody, whether man or woman, that wishes to help in the G.A.A at club or county level are welcome. I have never found being a woman made



any difference. Donegal, in particular, is very positive towards women, with Grace Boyle (Ass. Treasurer), Noreen Doherty (Co. Admin. Manager) and myself on the county executive and we contribute what we can in a positive and constructive manner.

Opportunities always arise and women should be prepared to take the challenges and get involved. Rewards and satisfaction are great when you see a game of Gaelic Football or Hurling being played in a sporting manner.

Finally, prove to us that women know best, with your predictions for the Ulster and All Ireland Senior Football Championships.

My prediction for the Ulster Championship 2006 is Donegal. For the All-Ireland I think we will be thereabouts - possibly a Donegal v Kerry All-Ireland Final! My hearts with Donegal...



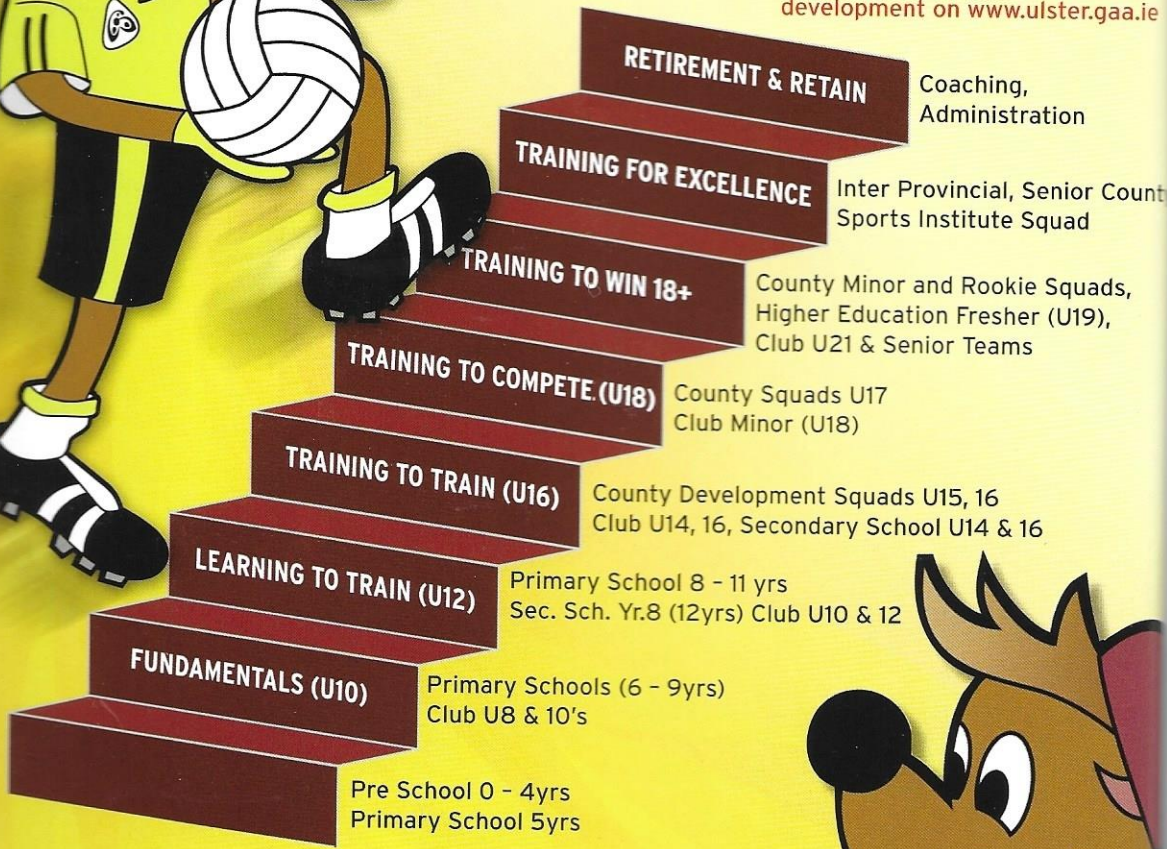
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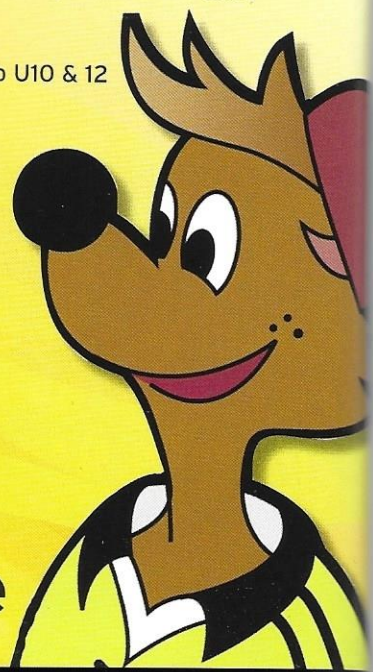
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Mol an óige –praise the youth, it's what Cumann Lúthchleas Gael have been continuously doing since 1884. The complete phrase in Irish advises "Mol an Óige, agus tiocfaidh si " in translation–Praise the youth and they will stay with you.

In praising and valuing youth the GAA cultivates its future. Building for the future is an essential aspect of any organisation, those who invest heavily in youth are securing the future. GAA clubs nationwide do so on a weekly basis, those who fail to do so, perish.

When you look at the poster opposite, many well known stars figure prominently. They are pictured in their recognisable role as senior stars. But as with most things in life, when you look more carefully; go a little deeper, the full picture slowly emerges. Stars do not suddenly emerge, they are fostered, nurtured, encouraged and praised–mol an óige.

As you encourage and rightly value today's heroes, spare a thought for the nurturer, the encourager, the facilitator, the organiser and the volunteer talent spotter. All clubs have invaluable

coaches, teachers and officials without whom no stars could emerge. Club officials sow the seeds of future success by patiently building the future and valuing youth–mol an oige.

Daily men and women of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael wash jerseys, organise training

sessions, raise money, mow the grass, attend meetings, organise transport–heroes all. In working with youth, club volunteers secure all our futures. They produce happy players who develop into good citizens and some into sporting stars. Our youth are our primary asset. More volunteers and club workers are needed.

" The harvest is great...Value and recognise today's stars, spare a thought for those who produced them and perhaps help in your local club with the ongoing work.

Buiochas o Chomhairle Uladh do na milte oibrithe sna clubanna a choiméadann ár gluíchi slán, Beir Bua.

Mol An Óige

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May 7th An Dún v An Cabhán Casement Park
May 14th Ard Mhacha v Muineachán Clones
May 21st Fear Manach v Aontroim Enniskillen
Dún na nGall v An Dún/An Cabhán Omagh (MFC only)
May 28th Tír Eoghain v Doire Omagh
June 4th Dún na nGall v An Dún/An Cabhán Ballyboley/Cavan

June 11th SEMI-FINAL
Ard Mhacha/Muineachán v Fear Manach/Aontroim
June 18th SEMI-FINAL
Tír Eoghain/Doire v An Dún/An Cabhán/Dún na nGall

July 9th ULSTER FINALS
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May 7th Aontroim v Londain Ruislip
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Children & Safety

First Aid

First Aid Cover for today's game is provided by Order of Malta & the regional healthboard personnel, complete with three manned ambulances.

The ambulances are located at the Stand side, the River End and at the Main Gate (Clubhouse entrance).

Lost Children

Lost Children to be brought to the rear of the Stand.

Safety Notice

In the interests of safety, patrons will not be allowed to enter the playing area after the games. The policy to prohibit such encroachment in the future has been taken to avoid injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and prompting of the safety authorities. Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed in comfort and safety. Together we can ensure that your visit to Mac Cumhaill Park, is enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Ground Regulations

MacCumhaill Park

1. All persons entering MacCumhaill Park are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations. Any person who fails to comply with these Ground Regulations may be refused entry or removed from the ground.
2. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas-horns, bottles, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything, which may be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the stadium.
3. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the stadium.
4. The unauthorised climbing of any structure, walls, building or seating in the ground is strictly forbidden.
5. Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets, gas-horns, and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted within the ground.
6. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the pitch.
7. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play at any time before, during or after the games.
8. The Ground Management reserve the right to refuse admission or to eject any person who refuses to be searched where such a search is deemed necessary.
9. A person may not obstruct a gangway, stairwell or circulation area at any time.
10. All persons entering or in the ground are reminded of their obligation to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire or other occurrence to anyone using the premises.
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