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Fear Manach v Aontroim at Brewster Park, Enniskillen
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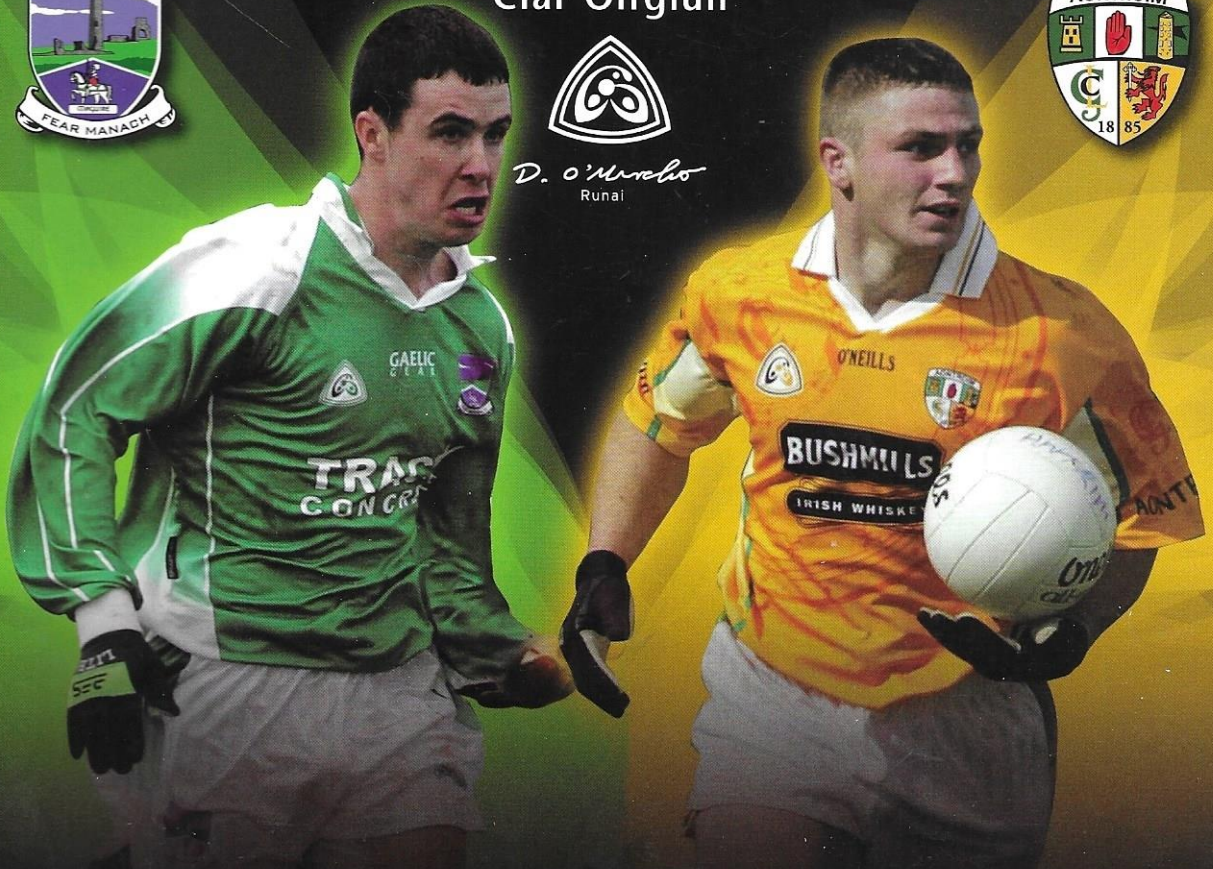
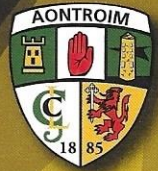
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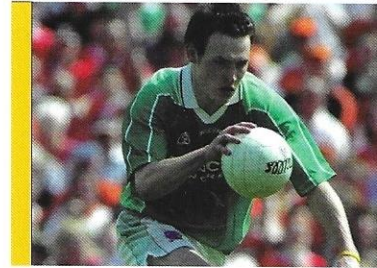


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ESB ULSTER MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

1.45 in Fear Manach v Aontroim

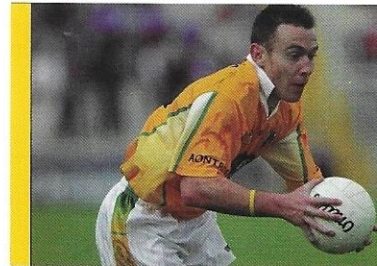
Réiteoir: Robbie O'Donnell (Dún na nGall)
Standby Referee: Martin Sludden (Tir Eoghain)
Linesman: Seamus O'Hanlon (An Dún)
Sideline Official: Paddy McBride (Dún na nGall)



BANK OF IRELAND ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

3.30 in Fear Manach v Aontroim

Réiteoir: Marty Duffy (Sligeach)
Standby Referee: John Bannon (Longfort)
Linesman: Eamonn O'Grady (Liatroim)
Sideline Official: Gerry McCarron (Muineachán)



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We'd also like to take this opportunity
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
the same.





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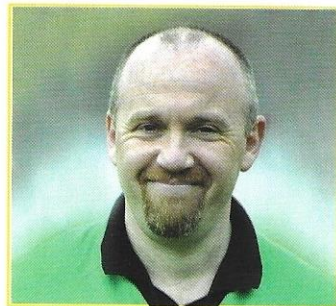
Senior - Marty Duffy (Sligeach)

Marty is a member of the Enniscrone/Kilglass club. He won a county intermediate medal in 1991.

He has been refereeing locally since 1996 and has controlled county finals in all grades and last September he officiated at his fourth senior decider.

The Sligo man has been on the inter-county panel for some seven years and has been the man-in-the-middle at All-Ireland level in the club intermediate and junior championships.

Duffy has also refereed two All-Ireland ladies football finals in recent times.



Minor - Robbie O Donnell (Dún na nGall)

Born in Rathmullan and resident in Glasgow for a period, he played for a time for Mulroy Gaels in the city by the Clyde. On his return to Ireland he lined out with Milford and in subsequent years for Naomh Muire in the Lower Rosses. As the holder of two Donegal

intermediate medals and in his "off days" from refereeing he lines out with the Naomh Mhuire Reserve team. He is also actively involved with Naomh Mhuire under age teams. He was 'Referee of the Year' in Donegal in 2004 and is on the National panel since 2003.



Clar An Lae

Fear Manach v Aontroim Minors

- 13.28 Aontroim amach ar an bPáirc
- 13.31 Fear Manach amach ar an bPáirc
- 13.45 Tús an Cluiche:
Fear Manach v Aontroim
- 14.15 Half Time
- 14.25 Start of Second Half
- 14.57 End of Minor Football Game

St Michael's CBS Band

Fear Manach v Aontroim Seniors

- 15.12 Aontroim amach ar an bPáirc
- 15.15 Fear Manach amach ar an bPáirc
- 15.22 Paráid
- 15.28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15.30 Tús an Cluiche:
Fear Manach v Aontroim
- 16.05 Half time
Cumann na mBunscol
- 16.20 Start of Second Half
- 16.59 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
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaídh Amhrán na bhFiann.



The Venue

Brewster Park Development

The Brewster Park venue, opened in 1982 and is owned by Enniskillen Gaels GAC. The club has invested over £2 million on improvements since 1996 with a phased development of facilities, starting with the construction of the new 4,500 seat John Vesey covered west stand.

Further planned redevelopments were undertaken, including the upgrading of the north terrace, construction of the new south terrace and the new seated east stand. Numerous upgrading of ancillary facilities have been undertaken, including a new disabled covered stand and associated services, dressing rooms and general improvements to access/egress and services. The current capacity of the ground is 18,500.

The Club along with Fermanagh County Board have now finalised plans to implement:

A Stadia Safety Programme (supported by the SCNI), which aims to assist 'owners' of major sports grounds, to upgrade venues and thus improve the safety arrangements and comfort of spectators attending games.

A Floodlighting Programme (supported by the Ulster

Council), making provision for floodlighting to a standard that can accommodate live TV broadcast at designated county grounds in Ulster is a major priority for the Ulster Council. The Brewster Park floodlighting is expected to be fully completed by the autumn of this year. This development will ensure that maximum use is made of the grounds and assist in the scheduling of fixtures for county and club games.

Under the Stadia Safety Programme the following work will be undertaken:

New terracing catering for 1000 fans in the area between the east stand and the south terrace.

The existing access routes and walkways to the rear of the stands and terrace area will be resurfaced.

New concrete steps and handrails will be built at the end of the south terrace access.

New infrastructure (4 cameras and 6 screens) will be installed to provide a comprehensive CCTV facility to the stadium ground.

A computerised monitoring count system will be installed in the turnstiles, with links to the crowd control point, to



monitor the numbers entering the ground

The loose gravel parking areas will be resurfaced and parking areas marked out to facilitate traffic movements.

The uncovered toilets will be roofed and a new toilet block will be constructed to the rear of the south terrace.

Additional signage will be erected to aid the safe and orderly access and egress of spectators, with particular emphasis on the emergency exits.

Extra disabled accommodation in the new terrace area.

A new public address system will be installed to give total ground coverage.

The current project will also include an upgrading of the playing pitch. When the project is completed, Brewster Park with a capacity of 20,000 will be one of the top sporting venues in Ulster.



Minor Preview

Matt Fitzpatrick

Last Sunday the Ulster minor football champions Armagh put their title at stake against Monaghan in Clones and came through with a last minute winning point. With All-Ireland champions Down already out of the competition, the championship is wide open with both Cavan and Donegal, who meet in the Quarter Final waiting in the wings for any slip up by Armagh.

The success of Ulster teams in lifting the All Ireland Minor football title over the past six years has given the competition greater expectations in all counties and today both Fermanagh and Antrim will be hoping that they can give it a new impetus. Seven counties are still left in the competition. Come tonight either Antrim or Fermanagh will have a semi final meeting with Ulster champions Armagh.

The fact that the beaten Ulster finalists are guaranteed an All Ireland Quarter Final place is an added incentive. But the primary aim is to collect the ESB Ulster title.

When today's sides met in the Ulster MFL game in

Irvinestown the game finished level. Fermanagh lost to eventual league winners Donegal by two points, lost to Derry by four in Enniskillen and were beaten by Tyrone in Trillick by two points. Antrim's record in the MFL shows that they drew with Fermanagh, beat Derry by two points, lost to Tyrone by a similar margin and Donegal edged them out of the competition with a last minute goal. So it can be seen that both of today's sides are evenly matched.

In the case of Antrim however they were without the La Salle players in the league meeting, due to their colleges commitments. They will welcome back a quartet of La Salle players in Conor Murray, Daniel Hanna, Paudie Lowe and Aaron Thompson who starred for St Gall's in the St Paul's Ulster Minor Football tournament this year.

Fermanagh manager Cathal Murphy has high hopes for his side. They have great players, in keeper James McGrath as well as defenders Eugene Maguire from Newtownbutler and Barry Mulrone from

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Devenish. Anthony McGuinness is a talented midfielder while in attack Daryl Keenan, a brother of senior star Ryan and Cathal Beacom should figure prominently.

As well as the La Salle players at the disposal of Antrim manager Seamus O'Prey he will have Ulster Colleges All Star Justin Crozier at centre half back. Sean Burke, a member of last year's side, is a talented midfielder while Conor Murray and Sean O'Neill will keep the Fermanagh defence busy. This should be a terrific curtain raiser for the senior game in keeping with the two games already played. Both sides are determined to make the semi final. May the better side win.





Managers:
Cathal Murphy
Sean Og Cadden

Fear Manach

Minor Lineout



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Bob Robertson, Lios na Sceithe 17. Mark McGovern, Beal Cu 18. Seamus Conlon, Beal Cu 19. Conor Martin, Lios na Sceithe 20. Rory Foy, An Tiompiu 21. Ciaran Ingram, AnTiompiu 22. Dwayne McNulty, Beal na Leice 23. Paudric McCann, An Tiompiu 24. Chris O'Brien, Deibhinis

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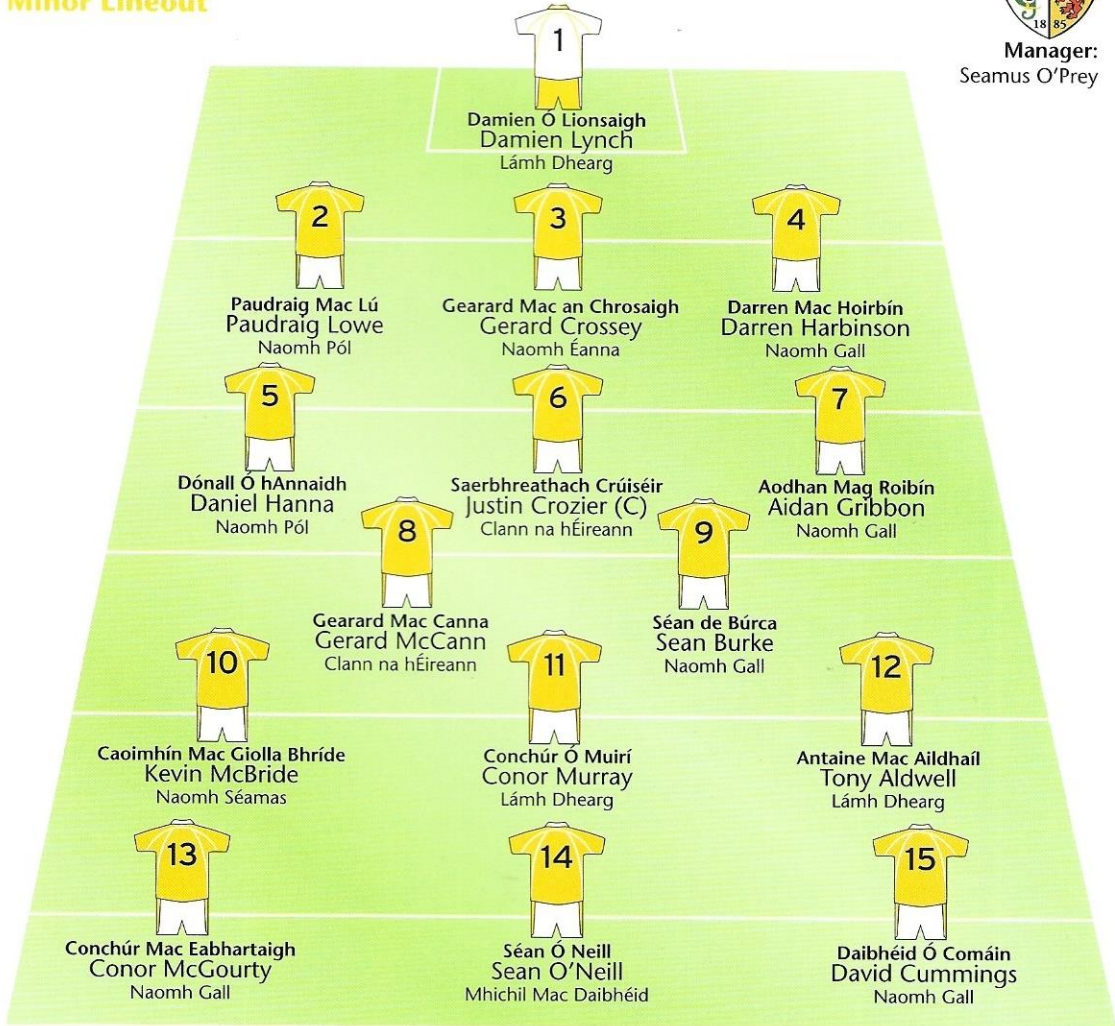


Aontroim

Minor Lineout



Manager:
Seamus O'Prey



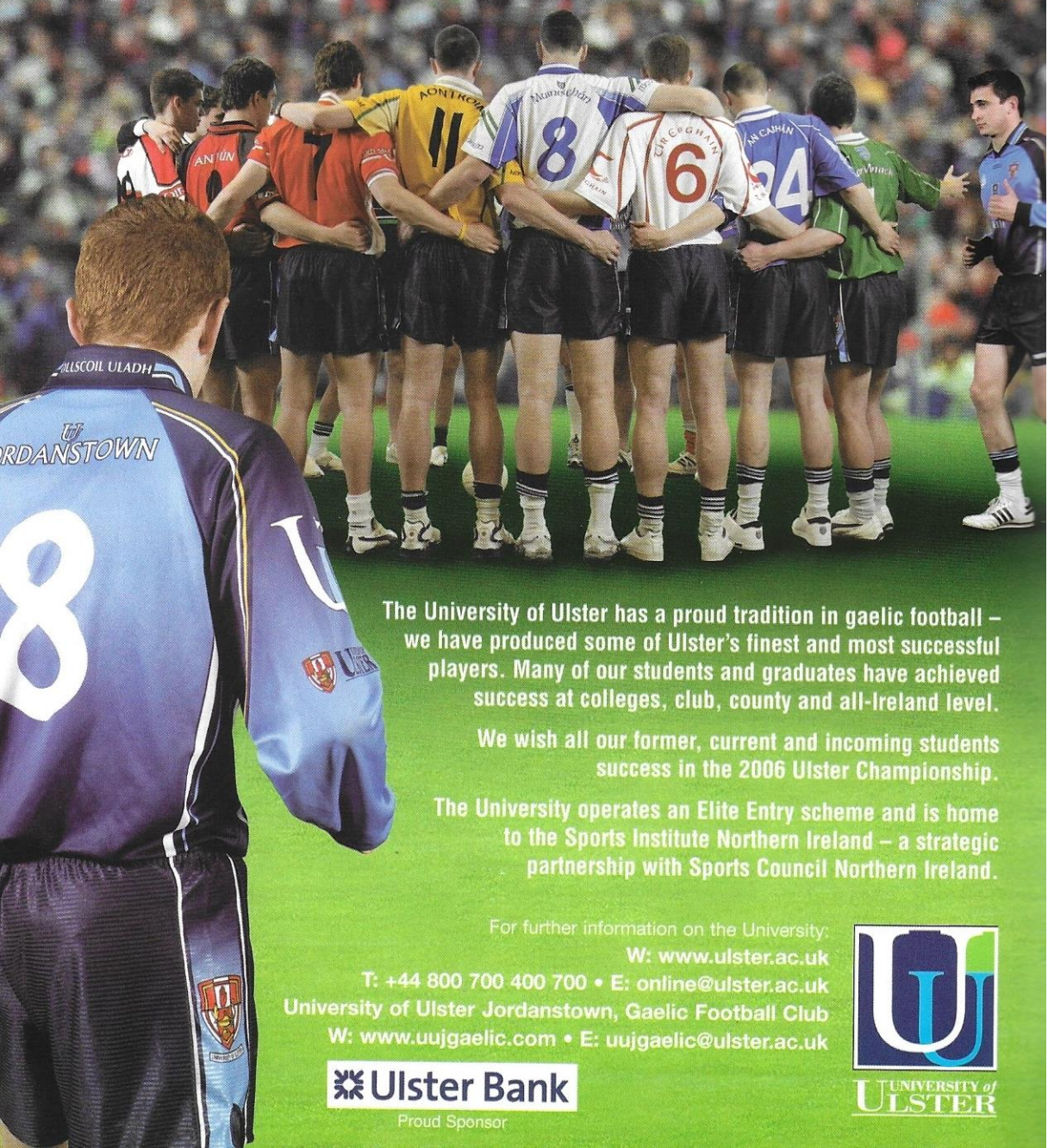
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Contae: Fear Manach

Fermanagh Notes

Comhairle Uladh would like to take this opportunity to thank all those people who supplied the information below. Thanks for your continued co-operation.

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Niall Tinney	21	6' 2"	14st	Student
Niall Bogue	22	5' 10"	12st	Banker
Barry Owens	24	6'	13st	Electrician
Hugh Brady	22	5' 11"	13st	Plumber
Raymond Johnston	29	5' 10"	11st	Teacher
Shane McDermott	27	6' 1"	13st	Engineer
Damien Kelly	21	6'	12st	Electrician
Liam McBarron	28	6' 3"	14st	Teacher
Marty McGrath	24	6' 1"	13st	Sales rep
Eamon Maguire	22	5' 10"	10st	Electrician
James Sherry	22	6' 2"	13st	Student
Mark Little	23	5' 10"	10st	Builder
Colm Bradley	25	5' 11"	12st	Reporter
Aidy Little	25	5' 10"	10st	Builder
Ciaran O'Reilly	21	5' 11"	12st	Student
Darren Murphy	26	6' 2"	14st	Supervisor
Declan O'Reilly	27	6'	12st	Mach operative
Shane Goan	25	5' 11"	12 st	Butcher
Sean Burns	30	6'	13st	Linesman
Ryan McCloskey	25	5' 11"	12 ½ st	Student
Paddy Mohan	26	6'	12 ½ st	Engineer
Paul Martin	26	6'	12 ½ st	Bricklayer
Tommy McElroy	21	6'	12st	Student
Peter Sherry	23	5' 11"	11st	Student
Ryan Keenan	22	5' 10"	10st	Student
Johnny McGurn	20	6'	13st	Student
Chris Breen	21	6'	13st	Insurance
Mark Murphy	23	6' 1 "	14st	Insurance
Ferghal Reilly	23	6'	14st	Off licence manager
Tom Brewster	28	6'	13st	Computer programmer
Shaun Doherty	22	6' 1"	13 ½ st	Student
Enda Ferris	19	5' 11"	11½ st	Bricklayer
Paul Johnston	20	5' 11"	11st	Student

"As a management team we are delighted. Everybody has the same idea and we're all rowing together"

Charlie Mulgrew

Fermanagh



Shorts

There are approximately 58,000 people living in Fermanagh, the smallest in Ulster

Newtownbutler First Fermanagh's were the first club formed within the county

Fermanagh won the Junior All Ireland title in 1959

Fermanagh have won 3 Ulster Under 21 football titles (1970, 1971 & 1994)

Fermanagh were beaten in the 1982 Ulster Senior Football Championship final by Armagh

Current Football Development Officer Peter McGinnity, collected Fermanagh's first All Star Award in 1982

Current senior team manager, Charlie Mulgrew collected an All Ireland Senior Football Championship medal with his native county, Donegal in 1992

Fermanagh have won 2 All Ireland B football titles in 1996 and 2000

Barry Owens and Martin McGrath collected All Star's in 2004

Current senior panelist, Niall Tinney collected the Young Player of the Year award in 2004





FEAR MANACH





Manager:
Charlie Mulgrew

Fear Manach

Senior Lineout



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Darren Murphy, Doire Fhlionn 17. Damien Kelly, Tiompui 18. Colm Bradley, Inis Ceithleann 19. Fergal Reilly, Naomh Padraig 20. Ryan Keenan, Tiompui 21. Jonathan McGurn, Doire O gConaile 22. Adrian Little, Lios na Sceithe 23. Niall Bogue, Cill Naile 24. Paul Martin, Tigh Mor 25. Declan Reilly, Tigh Mor 26. Paul Johnston, An Baile Nua 27. Enda Ferris, Naomh Seosamh 28. Paddy Mohan, Atha Lun 29. Ryan McCluskey, Inis Ceithleann 30. Martin McGrath, Naomh Seosamh

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Aontroim

Senior Lineout



Manager:
Mickey Cuthbert



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. John Finnucane, Lámh Dhearg 17. Colin Brady, Naomh Gall 18. Martin McCarry, Caismuintí 19. Owen Doherty, Caismuintí 20. Patrick Cunningham, Lámh Dhearg 21. Kevin Niblock, Naomh Gall 22. Mark Dougan, Na Cicéaimí 23. Ciaran McGourty, Naomh Gall 24. Terry O'Neill, Naomh Gall 25. Neil Donaghy, An Mhaigh 26. Nial Scullion, Clann na hÉireann 27. Cristopher Lynch, Lámh Dhearg 28. Sean McVeigh, Naomh Uile 29. Oistin McAteer, Na Cicéaimí 30. James Loughrey, Naomh Bríd

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*Fermanagh V Antrim at Brewster Park, Enniskillen
21st May, 2006*

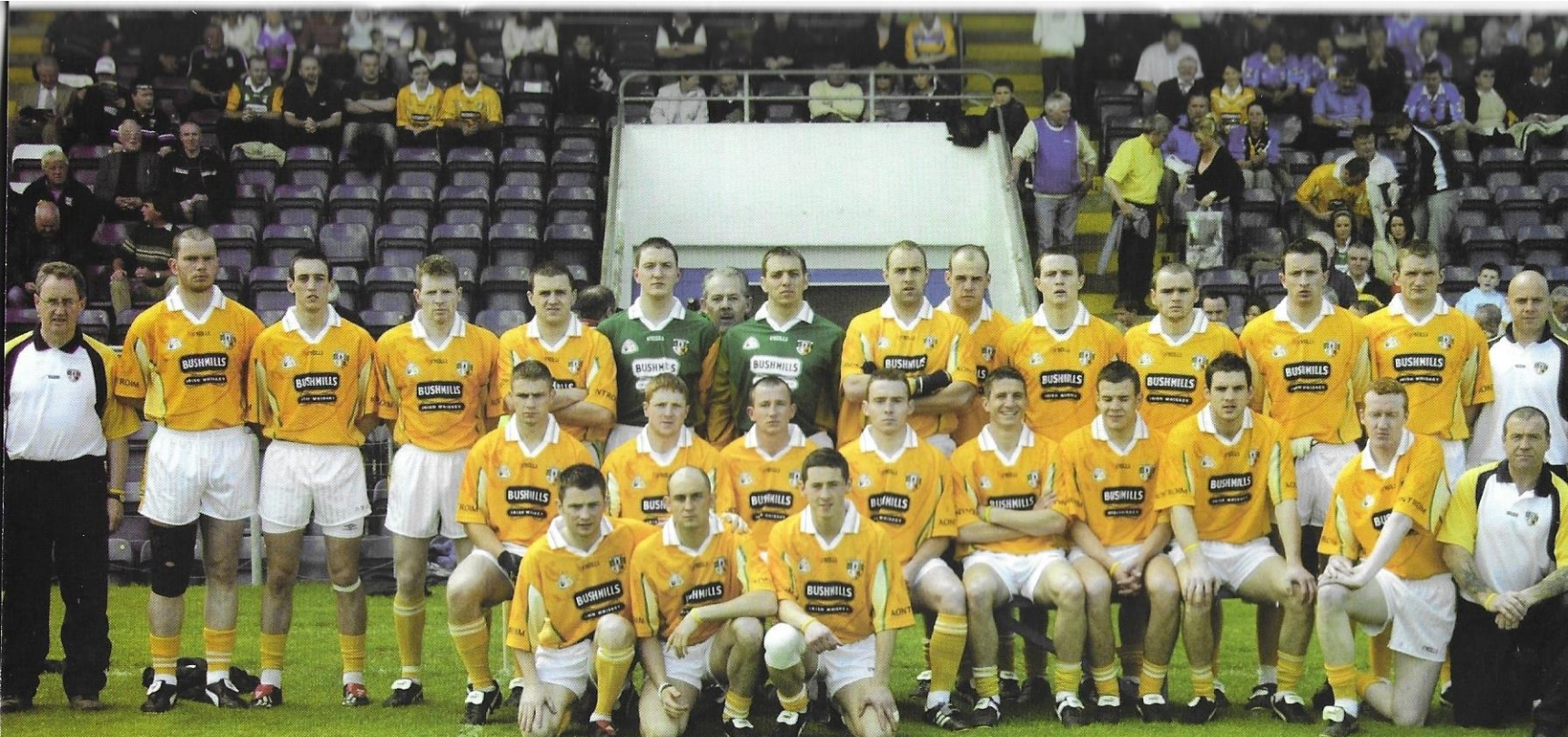
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Antrim

Shorts



There are approximately 525,000 people living in Antrim, the largest in Ulster

Antrim have won 10 Ulster Senior Football Championships

Antrim reached the All-Ireland Senior Football Final in 1911 & 1912

Antrim won their last Ulster Senior Football Championship in 1951

Antrim won the All-Ireland Under 21 Football Championship in 1969

Andy McCallan (St John's) collected Antrim's only football All Star in 1971

Antrim clubs have won the Ulster Club Football Championship on three occasions (St John's 1977, St Galls 1982 & 2005)

Antrim have won the Ulster Minor Football championship 8 times, with the last success in 1982

Antrim have won the Ulster Under 21 Football championship 4 times, with the last success in 1989

Antrim won the All-Ireland B football title in 1999, when they defeated today's opponents, Fermanagh, in the final

Contae: Aontroim

Antrim Notes

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Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Andrew McClean	21	6' 2"	13st	Student
Aodhan Gallagher	22	6' 2"	13st	Student
Brendan Herron	23	5' 11"	13st	Physiotherapist
Chris Lynch	23	6'	11st	Bank Official
Ciaran Close	24	175cms	73kg	Contracts Manager
Colin Brady	23	6'	13.5st	Student
Damien Gault	22	5' 9"	11.5st	Student
Joe Quinn	29	6' 2"	15.5st	Scientist
John Finucane	24	6' 2"	14st	Solicitor
Kevin Brady	28	5' 10"	12st	Teacher
Kevin McGourty	25	6'	12.5st	Student
Kevin Niblock	21	5' 11"	13.5st	Student
Kieran McGourty	26	5' 9"	12st	Teacher
Mark Dougan	22	6' 2"	13st	Student
Martin McCarry	25	6' 2"	14.5st	Web Developer
Michael Magill	22	6'	13.5st	Student
Michael McCann	21	6'	12.5st	Student
Neil Donaghy	22	6' 3"	14st	Retail Manager
Niall Scullion	23	5' 11"	12.5st	Accountant
Oistin McAteer	21	5' 8"	10.5st	Joiner
Owen Doherty	28	5' 8"	12.5st	Agriculture Supplier
Patrick Cunningham	21	5' 8"	11st	Student
Patrick Murray	29	6' 2"	15.5st	Solicitor
Paul Doherty	22	6' 3"	14st	Student
Sean Kelly	24	5' 11"	11.5st	Lab. Technician
Séan McVeigh	22	6' 2"	13st	Student
Terry O'Neil	23	5' 11"	12st	Student
Tony Convery	27	6' 2"	13st	Teacher
Tony Scullion	23	5' 11"	12.5st	Company Manager
James Loughrey	21	5' 10"	12st	Student

"We are coming to Brewster today to win – not give a good performance"

Mickey Culbert



View from the top

Charlie Mulgrew with Ray Sanderson (Fermanagh Herald)

I hope we will be able to produce a big challenge. Whatever team on the day produces the best performance and maybe gets a wee rub of the green, and gets a bit of luck here and a call from the ref, etc. All those wee things come into play.

Mulgrew is noted for not basking in the glory of 2004 nor in singling out individual players, and, apart from reporting on his injured players, he simply refused to budge on those two fronts. However, he gave a refreshing insight into how a county like Fermanagh, with its limited playing resources - compared even to Antrim - could set about achieving the Golden Grail of Ulster football.

He acknowledged that Fermanagh would have home advantages for this first round championship match, the familiarity with the ground, the crowd, etc. But, those were things outside of his players' control.

"What is within our control is the level of performance on the day. Thankfully, things have been going well. It's a first round championship match. It's like moving a large boulder, and it's going to take some moving."

"Every team is developing, but you have to ask: how quickly or how slowly are they developing?"

"Last year, we got promoted from Division 2 to Division 1, which was one of our objectives, but we fell short in the championship. Again, we had two tough matches against Armagh and Down and you tell me any team that can beat them consistently. That's the reality. We just didn't produce enough to do that".

"Every team is developing, but you have to ask: how quickly or how slowly are they developing? It is down to that at the top level and, if you want to compare with the teams at the top, your learning curve has to be pretty steep just to stay level with them."

"And, if you want to get ahead of them, you want to be learning more quickly. It is a difficult situation, but that's the situation and you have to work within that".

"It's all about the form of the lads; if they are showing good form at training. Our training



sessions are fairly competitive, we watch them fairly closely and if we see fellows who are hitting top form, they are noted.

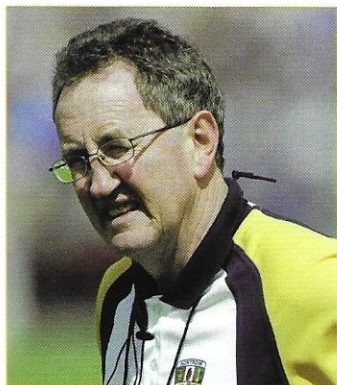
"Everybody is in the pot for consideration, and that's the good thing about our squad. We have a squad of similar quality, and it's great in that way. In fairness, whatever team will be picked, the rest of the squad will fully support it'.

It is certainly an area Mulgrew is comfortable in talking about. He went on: "There is a great team ethos within the camp, and that's a good strength we have. It is one of our key strengths that we have been working on, and the players themselves have bought into it very much. As a management team we are delighted. Everybody has the same idea and we're all rowing together".



View from the top

Mickey Culbert



Where did all those months stretching ahead of us – back when we trained in the snow, frost and gale storm rains-go to?

That has to be the question running around inside the heads of management teams all around the country. We thought we had plenty of time to look over the new talent coming through and more than enough time to smooth over some of the cracks appearing in the more established men. All of a sudden the league is over and we are faced with the managers' nightmare – who to include and who to omit from the first championship playing panel.

This is part of what we the management team buy into – hard decision-making, but it is never easy to tell a young man what he does not wish

to hear – that he is not in the panel. That probably is our biggest issue at the minute – a hair's breadth separating very dedicated and skilful young men who have bought into the dream that Antrim will be a successful team and that they will be part of that success. I thank all for their efforts.

On top of that we suffered the blow this week of finding out that one of Antrim's most successful and prominent footballers of this era has had to bow out of the game just as his return to full fitness seemed to herald his return to our panel. Kevin Madden deserves acknowledgment from us all for his services to this county and we thank him for that.

So to today's game. I do not wish to pour poor mouth but you all know our record of results. Plenty of close calls – but we rarely get the cigar. Whitey broke delft. P.J. did it with his squad a few years ago and last year we were piped by Cavan in Breffni for a draw. But that is history and this new, revamped squad go into this match with no fear, hang ups or feelings of being underdog. We give Fermanagh the utmost respect and indeed last year I used them as an example of a role model for their previous year's run in the championship. But

we will have it out with them today. I hope it is a great game of football for the supporters to watch but we know that nerves, conditions and temperament rarely allow spectacles at this stage of the draw.

To you Fermanagh supporters, I ask you think of my son's father in law – Hugh Murphy – Belfast based Fermanagh man by way of Aughnish Island and Derrylin who played for you for so many years and who today is being intimidated by his daughter and family to support Antrim in our quest for the Ulster championship. Hugh also managed Antrim for a spell. Life is never easy for a manager or ex manager!!

We are coming to Brewster today to win – not give a good performance. We are coming to lay the ghost that Antrim are okay but haven't the finishing power. Today we have to lay it on the line and go toe to toe with this very talented Fermanagh set up.

To our supporters I say give us a grand roar – but do not allow the trends of other sports to draw you into lowering the tone of our game. No negative calling to Fermanagh men. I am sure it will be reciprocated. Thanks for coming and supporting us.



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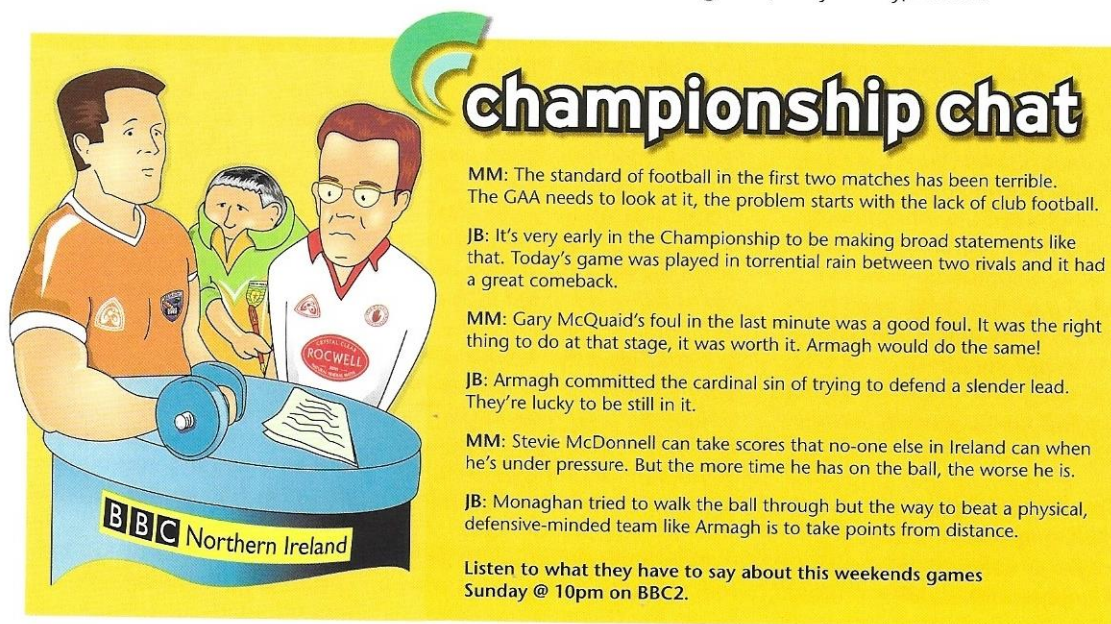
Today's Mini Games

Fear Manach

John Dolan, St. Patricks Mulnaskea
 Martin Ward, St. Nailes Kinawley
 Conor Maguire, St. Marys Maguiresbridge
 Tiernan Tracey, St. Martins Garrison
 Gavin Dolan, St. Patricks Derrygonnelly
 Oisín Kelm, St. Davogs Belleek
 Kellam Shannon, St. Ninnidhs Derrylin
 Sean Michael Breen, Holy Trinity, Enniskillen
 Cathal Caufield, St. Ronans Lisnaskea
 Sean Doherty, St. Marys Teemore
 Ronan Meehan, St. Columbans Belcoo
 Mark McTeggart, St. Marys Killesher
 James McMahan, St. Tierneys Roslea
 Sean Magee, St. Marys Mullymesker
 Ciaran Corrigan, Tattygar P.S.
 Richard Kearns, Coranny P.S.
 Ryan Maye, St. Marys Tempo
 Jonathan Courtney, St. Marys Newtownbutler

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Conal Delargy, St Mary's Portglenone
 Stephen Gribben, Carlane, Toomebridge
 Daniel Doherty, St Joesph's, Crumlin
 Kieran McKendry, St Patrick's, Glenariffe
 Nathan Prendegast, St Kieran's, Belfast
 Tony Kelly, St Peter's, Belfast
 Padraig McCoy, Moneynick PS
 Niall Cushnahan, St Mary's, Cargin
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 John Donnelly, Bunscoil Bheann Mhadagain, Belfast
 Richard Gowdy, St Matthew's, Belfast
 Daniel Donnelly, St Aidan's, Belfast
 Mark O'Connor, St Patrick's Glenariffe
 Matthew Fitzpatrick, Holy Trinity, Belfast
 Ruairi Mc Cann, Creggan, PS
 Conor Loughran, Holy Trinity, Belfast



championship chat

MM: The standard of football in the first two matches has been terrible. The GAA needs to look at it, the problem starts with the lack of club football.

JB: It's very early in the Championship to be making broad statements like that. Today's game was played in torrential rain between two rivals and it had a great comeback.

MM: Gary McQuaid's foul in the last minute was a good foul. It was the right thing to do at that stage, it was worth it. Armagh would do the same!

JB: Armagh committed the cardinal sin of trying to defend a slender lead. They're lucky to be still in it.

MM: Stevie McDonnell can take scores that no-one else in Ireland can when he's under pressure. But the more time he has on the ball, the worse he is.

JB: Monaghan tried to walk the ball through but the way to beat a physical, defensive-minded team like Armagh is to take points from distance.

Listen to what they have to say about this weekend's games
 Sunday @ 10pm on BBC2.

Cumann na mBunscol

A Brief History

Cumann na mBunscol was set up in 1971 when a group of teachers met after the annual Corn na Casca match between Dublin and Limerick primary schools.

They decided to explore the possibility of setting up a national body to promote Gaelic games in primary schools.

Cumann na mBunscol is now the largest sports organisation within the primary education system in Ireland. All 32



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counties have a well organised County Board promoting and organising Gaelic Games for the primary schools in their counties. Boys' and girls' football, hurling and camogie, handball and rounders are the games promoted by each County Board.

Cumann na mBunscol gives children the opportunity to display their talents outside the confines of the classroom. The above picture shows such a group, Monaghan's Mini Sevens winners, Gaelscoil Ultain. Today, 36 'stars of the future' get the opportunity to show their skills on the biggest stage in the province - the Ulster Championship! Please give them your support.



A Word in Your Ear

Tony McGee

Fermanagh and Antrim are rather strange championship bedfellows. The counties have met infrequently since the early nineties in the Ulster Senior Shootout but they did clash in an Ulster final, albeit a junior one, some years ago.

That was away back in 1959, at Dungannon, with the Erne County winning by 2-13 to 1-4 on the way to clinching the All-Ireland Junior Championship title that year under, ironically, Antrim man Paddy O'Hara.

There are ties between that Ulster final and today's game. One of the stars of the Fermanagh team of '59 was the late Mickey Brewster, father of today's Tom Brewster and the man in whose memory Brewster Park is named.

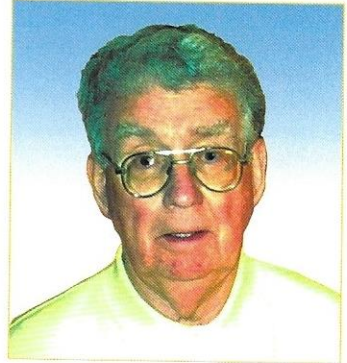
That's history, of course, and will have little bearing on the action this afternoon as Fermanagh and Antrim aim to take a step further in the championship. It is a sort of benchmark for both teams, neither of which would be regarded by 'knowing' GAA fans as potential candidates to lift the Anglo Celt Cup in July.

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Neither team will be dreaming of that scenario, of course, as they take the field this afternoon with the only thing on their minds booking a date in the semi-finals against the winners of yesterday's replayed Armagh-Monaghan quarter-final.

This is a championship change for both teams. Over recent years, Fermanagh have faced Tyrone, Armagh and Donegal on something of a rotational basis while Antrim's opposition has been Cavan, Donegal and Derry.

"Yes, this is a different challenge for both of us," reflected Fermanagh Allstar full-back Barry Owens. "It makes a nice change from meeting Tyrone, Donegal and Armagh regularly. It's a change for Antrim, too, and they are a somewhat unknown quantity to us."



The fact that the teams come from different divisions in the Allianz National Football Leagues means absolutely nothing, as Erne team boss Charlie Mulgrew stresses:

"I played most of my county football with Donegal in Division Three of the National Leagues but when it came to championship time that didn't matter. The playing field was level no matter whom you were up against. League positions go out the window and league form rarely reflects what will happen in the championship."

Mulgrew also describes a first round championship match like a crowd of men trying to move a huge boulder. They heave it and heave it to get it to move that first little bit and once that is achieved they are then on a roll.





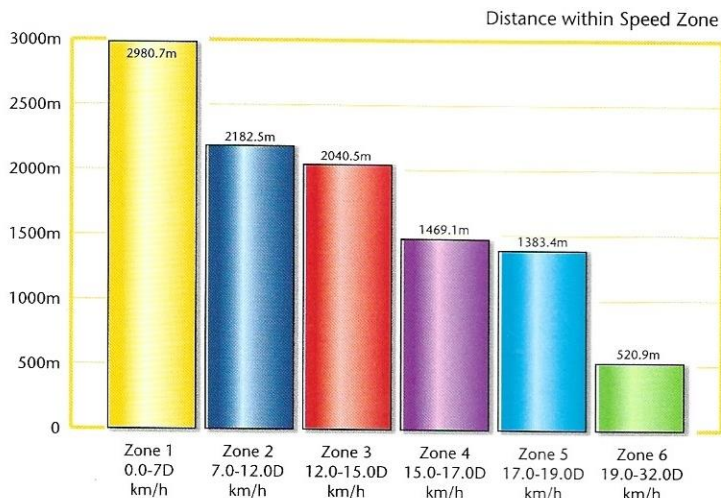
Ulster Referees

Lifting the Bar

It's the hardest job on the pitch and they get little credit. We hear about "Player Welfare"...what about focusing on "Referee's Welfare? These are the unsung heroes of our games who are often a little older than the average player, but as we will show you work just as hard as any player on the pitch.

Over the past year and a half the Ulster referees have been working with the Ulster Council to help raise their fitness levels and the over quality of the refereeing. Using the latest Global Positioning Technology we have placed a small box on their shoulders allowing the referee can be tracked all over the pitch. The information recorded gives an indication of how far they have travelled in a game, at what speeds they have travelled in different speed zones and what their heart rate was at different stages of the games.

One referee ran over 10 kilometres in a game and around 3.5km of this was in the high intensity zone. He had 67 sprints in the game and his average heart rate was 164 beats per minute, with a maximum heart rate at 190bpm.



Zone	Distance within Speed Zone		Distance	%	Entries	Dehydration Gauge
	Lower	Upper				
1	0.0km/h	7.0km/h	2990.7m	28.2	235	1
2	7.0km/h	12.0km/h	2182.5m	20.5	419	2
3	12.0km/h	15.0km/h	2040.5m	19.3	304	3
4	15.0km/h	17.0km/h	1469.1m	13.9	199	4
5	17.0km/h	19.0km/h	1383.4m	13.1	124	5
6	19.0km/h	320.0km/h	520.9	4.9	38	6

Referees are also asked to check their urine colour. If they are in the higher numbers then they are moving towards dehydration. When the body dehydrates then their decision making can be affected. It's like running your car without water in the tank. Referees are making a huge effort to embrace new technologies and approaches to their training. Ulster Council is well on the way to creating an Ulster

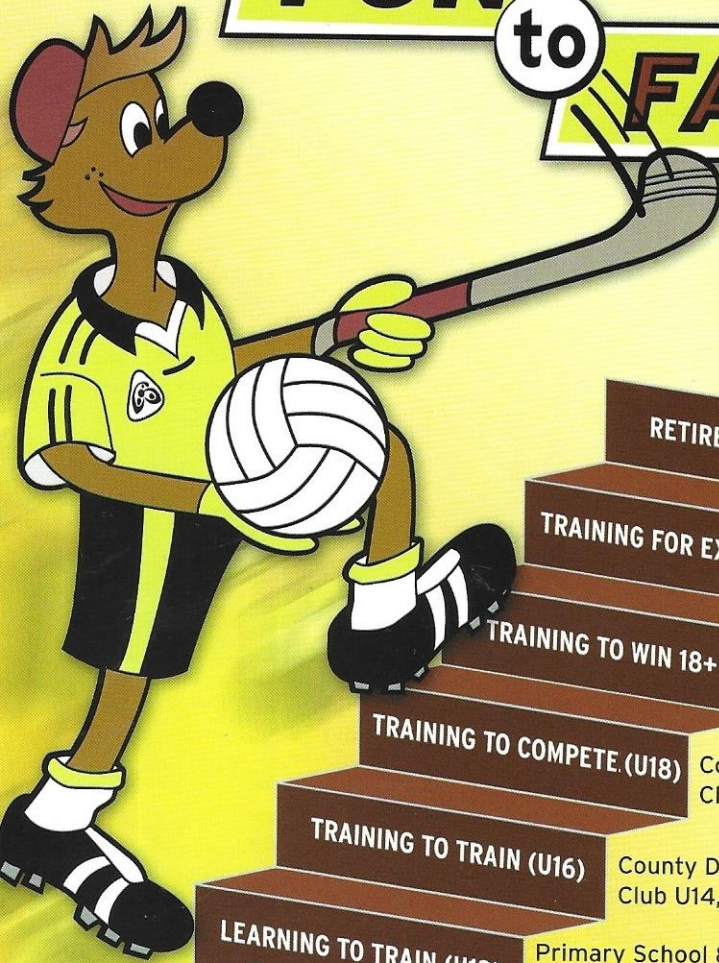
Referees Academy. This will give twelve young referees the opportunity to prepare as players do. They will receive an unprecedented level of support to help them to enhance their physical development, their knowledge and application of the rules and their mental approach to the game. We are targeting our young officials to be the next generation of officials to referee All Ireland deciders.



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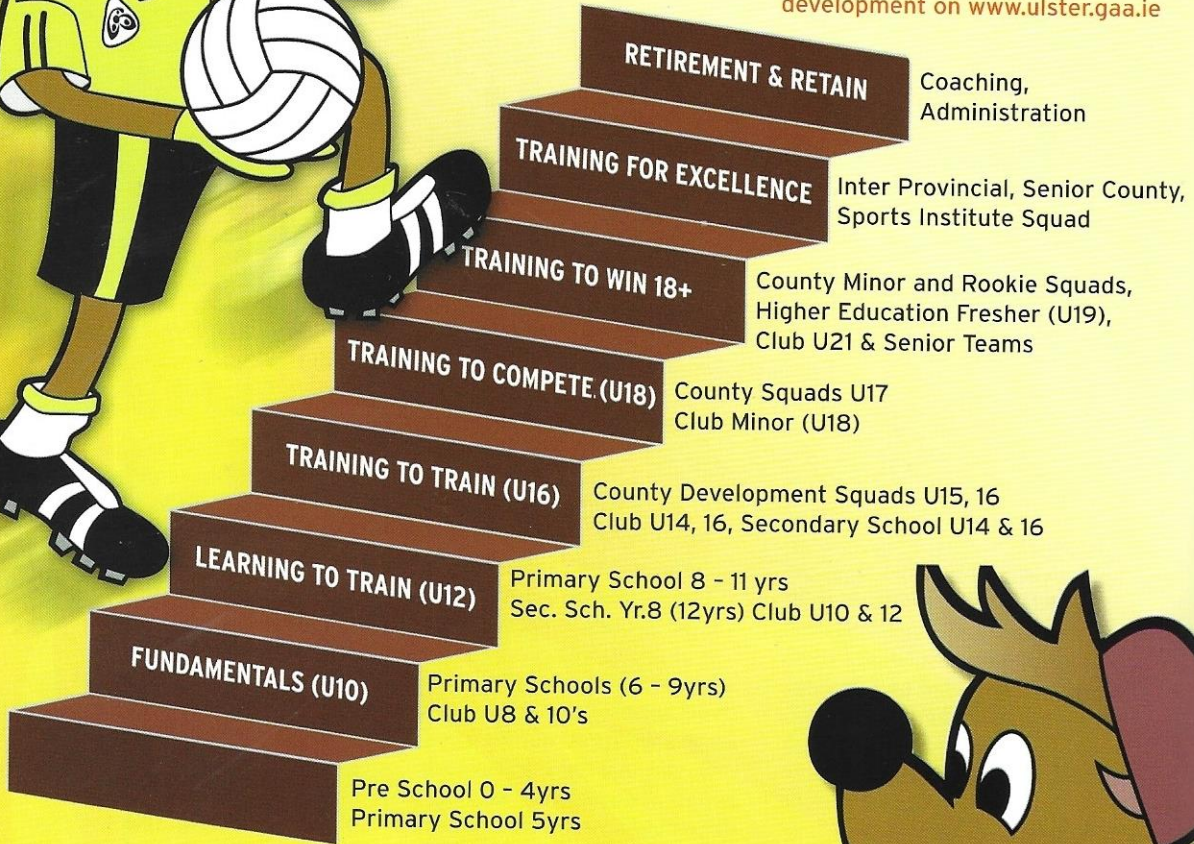
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Mol an óige –praise the youth, its what Cumann Lúthchleas Gael have been continuously doing since 1884. The complete phrase in Irish advises “Mol an Óige, agus tiocfaidh sí” in translation–Praise the youth and they will stay with you.

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.

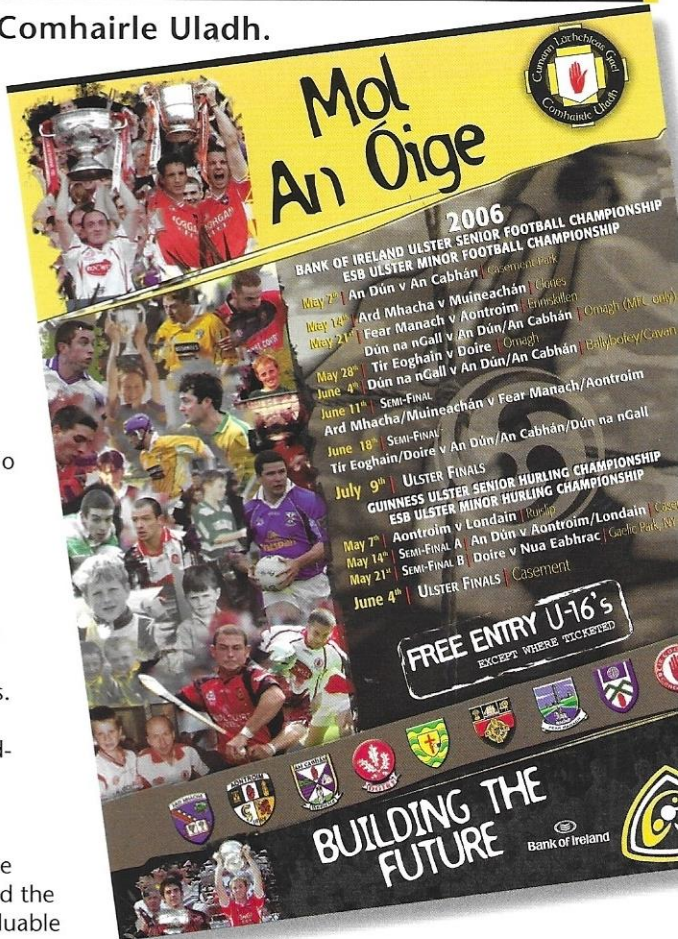
As you encourage and rightly value today's heroes, spare a thought for the nurturer, the encourager, the facilitator, the organiser and the volunteer talent spotter. All clubs have invaluable coaches, teachers and officials without whom no stars could emerge. Club officials sow the seeds of future success by patiently building the future and valuing youth–mol an óige.

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 gcluichí slán, Beir Bua.





First Aid, Lost

Children & Safety

First Aid

First Aid Cover for today's game is provided by Order of Malta personnel, complete with two manned ambulances. The ambulances are located at the main car park area and the scoreboard area.

Lost Children

Lost Children to be brought to the rear of the John Vesey 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.

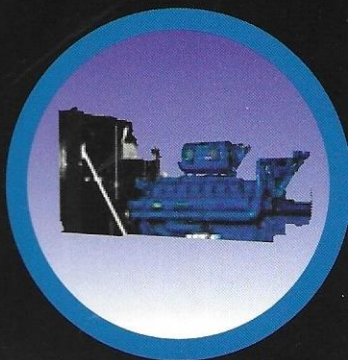
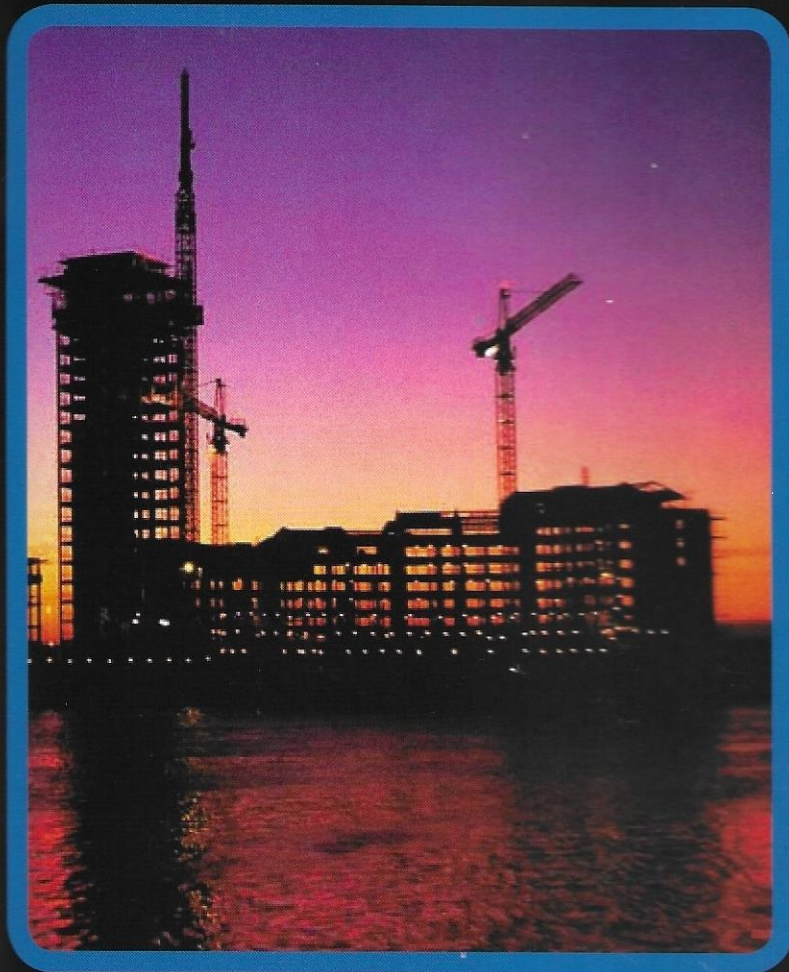
Supporters are sincerely thanked for their co-operation to date and are asked to continue this co-operation in the future to ensure that games can be enjoyed in comfort and safety. Together we can ensure that your visit to Brewster Park, is enjoyable and safe, particularly for the young and vulnerable.

Ground Regulations

Brewster Park

1. All persons entering Brewster 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.
11. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the ground regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.





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