

Comhairle Uladh CLG Craobh Peile Uladh 2006

Doire v Dún na nGall at St Tiernachs Park, Clones
18ú Meitheamh 2006 at 2.15pm

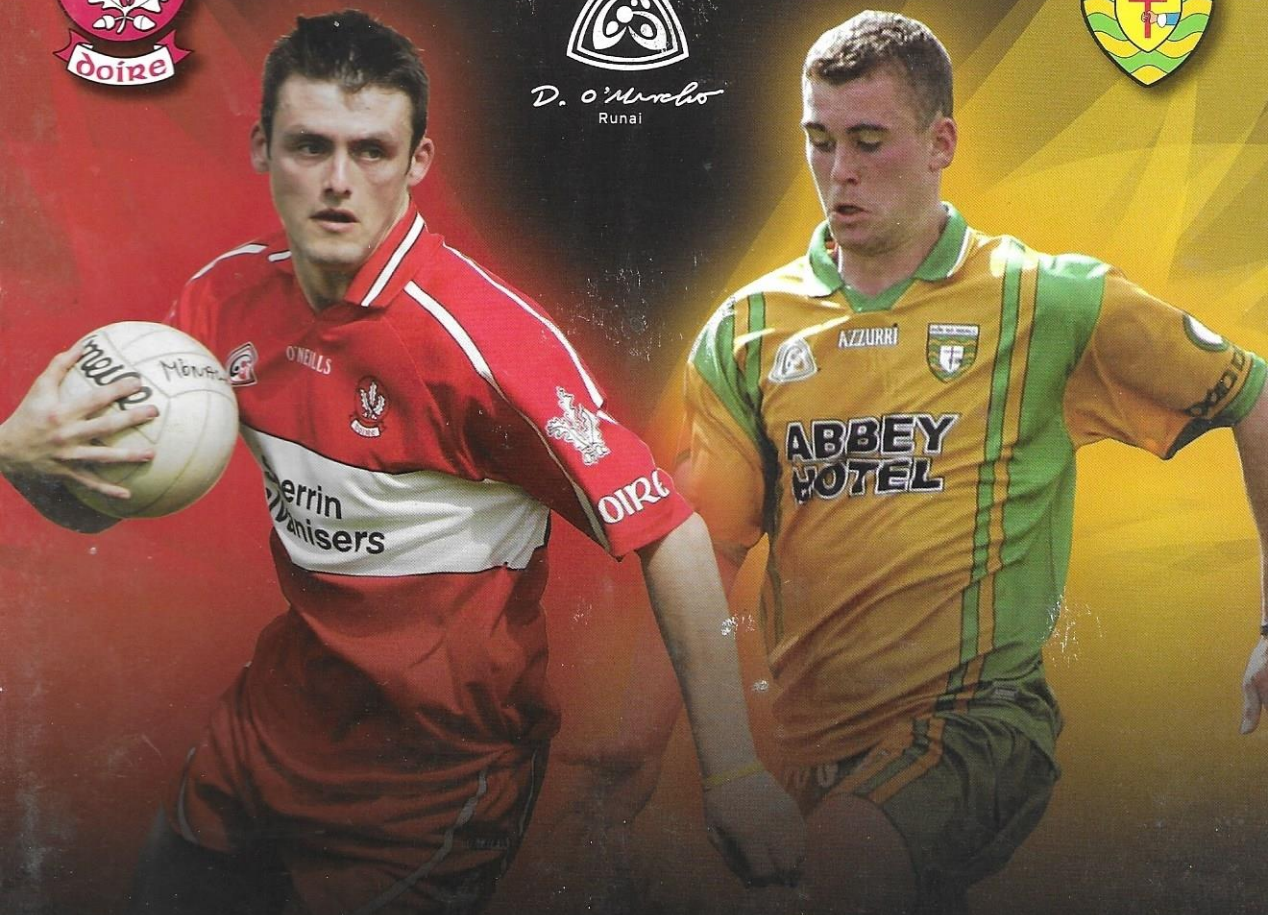
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ESB Minor Football Championship Semi Final

12.30 in Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain

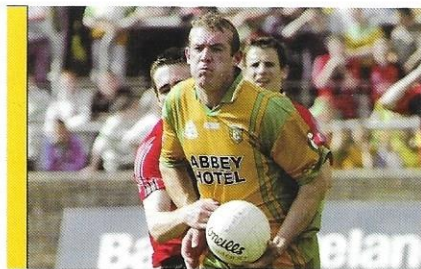
Réiteoir: Gavin Corrigan (An Dún)
Standby Referee: JJ Cleary (Doire)
Linesman: Darren McQuillan (Muineachán)
Sideline Official: Dessie McDonnell (Ard Mhácha)



Bank Of Ireland Senior Football Championship Semi Final

2.15 in Doire v Dún na nGall

Réiteoir: Mick Monahan (Cill Dara)
Standby Referee: Cormac Reilly (An Mhí)
Linesman: Paul Finnegan (An Lú)
Sideline Official: Nicky Calvert (Muineachán)



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like to thank the County Boards and
all other contributors for their
assistance in the compilation of
this programme.

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,
without you the championship
just wouldn't be
the same.





Na Réiteoirí

Senior - Mick Monahan (Cill Dara)

Mick took charge of his first All-Ireland Senior Football Final last September. A few months earlier he refereed the Ulster Senior Championship Semi-Final between Armagh and Derry at Casement Park.

He made his inter-county refereeing debut at an O'Byrne Cup tie between Meath and

Wicklow early in 1999, and his first senior championship match was between Carlow and Wexford in May 2000.

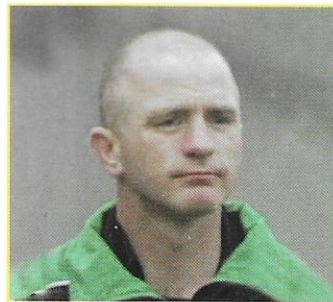
Mick has refereed senior championship games in a number of provinces as well as the 2000 All-Ireland minor final and the AIB club final of 2003.



Minor - Gavin Corrigan (An Dún)

Gavin is a member of the Castlewellan club. He is married to Siobhan and they have five children, Nichola (17), Daniel (16), Karen (13), Donal (11) and Áron (11 Months). Gavin has been refereeing since 1997 and

was appointed to the Ulster panel four years ago. He has refereed Junior & Intermediate Finals in County Down, and Dr McKenna Cup and Minor Football League games at provincial level.



Clar An Lae

Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain
Minors

12.13 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
12.16 Tir Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
12.30 Tús an Cluiche:
Dún na nGall v
Tir Eoghain
13.00 Half Time
13.10 Start of Second Half
13.42 End of Minor Game

St Michael's CBS Band

Doire v Dún na nGall
Seniors

13.57 Doire amach ar an bPáirc
14.00 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
14.07 Paráid
14.13 Amhrán na bhFiann
14.15 Tús an Cluiche:
Doire v Dún na nGall
14.50 Half time
Cumann na mBunscol
15.05 Start of Second Half
15.44 End of Senior 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 bheama bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canáidh Amhrán na bhFiann.





Beatha Teanga í a labhairt

Le Tomás Ó Cuilinn

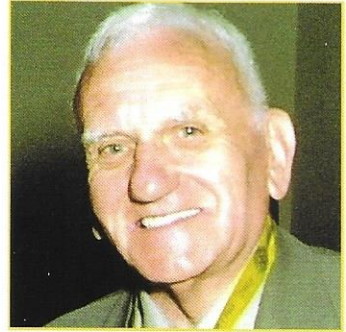
Níl dabht ar bith na gur chreid Séamus de Faoite an ‘mana’ thuas. Cé is nach raibh Gaeilge aige ó dhúchas d’oibrigh sé ar son na teangan gan stad gan staonadh i rith an ama go léir a raibh aithne agam air. Tá Séamus ar shlí na firinne anois ach tá spiorad agus meanma Shéamuis fós agann agus beidh go deo.

Bhí an sneachta bog ag titim, bhí an ghaoth ag séideadh anuas ó chúl an Earagail. Bhí na tonnta ag briseadh taobh thiar dinn ag Macaire Gáthlán an lá a leagamar chun suaimhnis é. Muidne a raibh aithne againn ar an laoch seo, bhí fhois againn go raibh deireadh ré ann – nach mbeadh a leithéid arís ann. He was the epitome of everything that was good and wholesome in the promotion of the language, and the preservation, in an undiluted fashion of the core elements of our culture and heritage. He had been our tutor, mentor and guide for the past eighteen years. One of the greatest Irishmen of this or any other age, had taken his leave of us. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Sa bhliain 1989 bhí mé ag dul i dtreo an Bhearnais Mhóir nuair a chuala me trácht ar an radio faoi thrioblóidí na tíre. Chas mé an cnaipe go bog ar chlé agus ní raibh ann ansin ach ciúineas

áilleacht agus draíocht. Níor éist mé arís leis an radio ar feadh na seachtaine sin. Bhí mé ag filleadh ar mo dhúchas ag dul ar ais arís chun na toibreach mar cathaoirleach úr ar Choiste na Gaeilge Comhairle Uladh C.L.G. Ghabh me bóthar an tsléibhe agus nuair a shroich mé Loch an Ailt d’fhéach me síos ar Ros Goill, ar Charraig Airt, ar na Dúnaibh, ar Chaisleán na dTuath ar mhacaire óir, ar abhainn na Leacach agus ar Loch an Ghleanna abhí mar scathán airgid. Bhí Mucais maorga go bródúil ós mo chomhair agus an Atlantach ollmhór mar garda cosanta ar an cheantar ar fad. Tháinig Páidí Mac Fhloinn agus Alf Ó Muirín an treo sin dtosach na seascaoidí ar a rothair. Fiche bliain roimhe sin tháinig mé chun na háite don chéad uair ar chúrsa Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.

Bhí Jacky Furey ann as Bearach i dTír Eoghain agus Piarais Ó Maoláin agus as Baile Dhún na nGall. Bhí mé ag stopadh i dteach John Diní Andies ar Bhóthar a’ Chroich. Chuamar suas go barr na Mucaise lá amháin agus bhíomar i láthair ag bainis i gCarraig Airt. Bhí sórt imní orm ach nuair a shroich mé deire an turais bhí Séamus de Faoite ann agus spaisteoireacht tímpeall agus gáire leathan air. Bhí gach rud ar dóigh. Bhí mé ar ais i dTír na nÓg. Bhí



Séamus de Faoite nach maireann

Gaeilge binn blasta ag titim ar mo chluasa. I was going back to fountain of my heritage as the recently appointed chairman of Coiste na Gaeilge (Ulster Council G.A.A). Twenty years had elapsed since I had previously made this trek.

I was a bit anxious as I coasted into Ross Goill. Then I saw Seamus smiling broadly and striding like a colossus back and forth. All was well – everything was under control. Eighteen enjoyable courses later I have come to understand that this is not just a course it is a most enjoyable experience. Should you wish to experience this Ulster Council sponsored legacy of Gaelic Ireland in one of the most picturesque parts of the nation, request a brochure from your County Committee C.L.G. or contact: Róise Ní Laifeartaigh, 6 Swilly Park Letterkenny, Co. Donegal or call on 00353 (074) 9128573.





Early Ulster Finals

Aogán O Fearghail, Cisteoir Comhairle Uladh

Patrick Kavanagh, poet and writer, considered his fellow Inniskeen man John Mc Eneaney as "a Rhymer". Mc Eneaney saw himself as a poet and revelled in the local title bestowed on him as "The Bard of Callenberg".

The Bard is useful for GAA historians for he wrote a lengthy rhyme or ballad on the first ever Ulster Final. His native Inniskeen Grattans represented Monaghan in the first ever Ulster final under GAA rules when they faced Maghera Mac Finns from Cavan. The game was played in Drogheda on 19 August 1888. Maghera arrived with the then customary 21 players but Inniskeen had only 15. Maghera agreed to play with 15 and the game ended in a draw, two points each. The replay took place on 9 September 1888, once again in Drogheda. Inniskeen Grattans were late arriving and the referee awarded the game to Maghera Mac Finns.

The Cavan men, supporters and referee were having refreshments when the Inniskeen men arrived. Cavan agreed to take the field and the game went ahead! The Cavan men were beaten on a scoreline of three points to one. The Anglo Celt reported that "refreshments had an influence on the outcome" GAA matches played on Sundays

were in breach of "The Sunday Observance Act". So many games were interrupted in 1889 that the Ulster championship was not finished that year. In 1890 the Ulster final was contested by Armagh Harps and Cookstown Owen Roe's. Played at Blaris, Lisburn the Armagh men won the final.

Cavan Slashers won the 1891 Ulster final played at Smithborough defeating Armagh Harps. Both teams brought their own goalposts and the players erected them.

Political problems, weak organisation and state harassment all contributed to a decline in the Ulster championship for the remainder of the decade. The Ulster Council was formed on 22 March, 1903 and from then a regular and organised championship was held. Yet, the early GAA still encountered many difficulties. By now county teams were drawn from various clubs within counties and the 1905 final saw Cavan face Armagh. The final was fixed by the Ulster Council for Armagh. However, as the game was fixed for Easter Sunday the GNR railway company refused to put on excursion trains from Cavan. JF O Hanlon, vice chairman of Ulster Council and proprietor of the Anglo-Celt re-named the

railway company as the "Great Northern Anti Gaelic Railway Company of West Britain".

Ulster Council President Patrick Whelan from Monaghan, went to GNR head office in London to negotiate. GNR agreed to put on a train, at the Ulster Council's expense. The game ended in a draw and the replay took place in Cavan on 28th May and once again ended in a draw, 5 points each. The second replay took place in Newbliss on 11th June and a crowd of 7000 attended. Cavan won the game by 8 points to 4. By breaking the Sunday Observance Act the GAA were continually harassed by police and military. Once the crowds increased, they also brought the military's interest.

At the Ulster semi-final played in Cootehill in 1906, Cavan beat Monaghan watched by an estimated 8,000. The pitch was surrounded by a military cordon and the riot act was read to the crowd to hoots of derision.

Early Ulster championships were difficult. Yet the perseverance and hard work of GAA people ensured that the games survived. The foundations were well laid and upon those foundations we are still building for the future.





Health & Wellness Programme

Working for a Healthier Community, Paul Callaghan (RGDO)

The Ulster Council is proud and delighted to introduce a new initiative in the format of a health and wellbeing booklet. In this modern era, as obesity and abuse of alcohol and other dangerous substances pose an increasing threat to health, it has become even more important to get a balance between nutrition and activity in all our daily lives.

Through this programme we are trying to promote health

and wellbeing in our schools, clubs, counties and particular at grassroots level. We hope that it will provide coaches, parents and teachers with material that will help them to educate our young people and create a positive attitude towards a healthy lifestyle.

This programme has been developed by some of the key people working within the Association in Ulster. In particular I would like to thank Barry O'Hagan

(District Development Officer, Derry City) and the Ulster Council GAA for their input and endeavour to ensure completion of this project.

This material is part of the health and wellbeing agenda that is currently being implemented by the Ulster Council GAA, to target all age groups, both male and female, in our Association. These booklets will be distributed through summer camps and schools in the coming months.

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Minor Preview

Stiofan O Donnaille, Comhairle Uladh

Donegal, the current Minor League champions take on a determined Tyrone side, with an Ulster Final meeting with Antrim on July 9th being the prize on offer. These sides met in this year's league on April 1st and it was Donegal who came out on top with a 0-12 to 1-02 victory. However, that game took place over two months ago, with a number of absentees on either side and as we in Ulster can appreciate, the championship is a totally different competition.

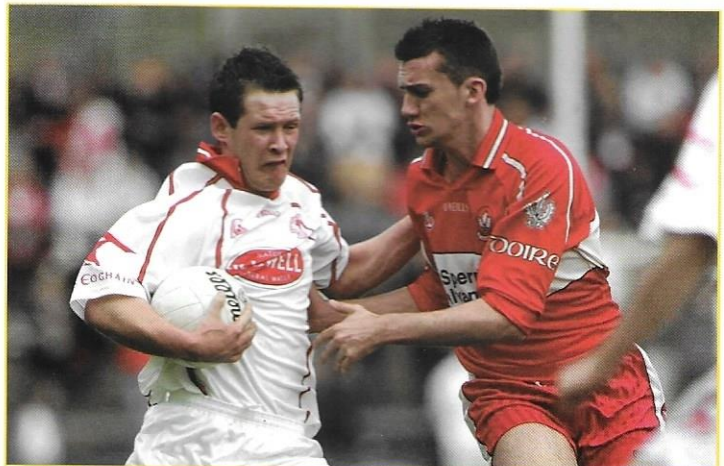
After collecting that Minor League title, Donegal faced an extremely difficult championship opener as they faced Cavan at Brewster Park. Cavan had already overcome the challenge of last year's All Ireland champions, Down and were being tipped as title contenders. However, Donegal produced an excellent team performance to see off the Cavan men as they recorded a 0-10 to 0-06 victory. The Donegal defence was exceptional and were well marshalled by centre half back Leo McLoone. Full forward, Dara Gallagher had an excellent game as he took some great points, and he was ably assisted up front by Eoin Wade and Michael Murphy. Interestingly, these three men

travelled to Australia in April as part of Ireland's Under 17 1/2 Compromise Rules. Donegal have a number of the '92 All Ireland winning side namesakes in today's side as names such as Shovlin, Walsh, Boyle, McGowan, Molloy and Gallagher continue to drive the Donegal men forward! Donegal manager Sean Clerkin will have been extremely pleased with that quarter final victory but will be all too aware of the threat posed today, by the Red Hand County.

Tyrone had a titanic battle in their quarter final with local rivals, Derry. They had to show all their determination to finish strongly and see off Derry's challenge. A second half goal by centre half back Damien McDermott paved the way for

a 1-10 to 0-10 victory. Their full back line soaked up a lot of pressure, with Gareth Haughey extremely impressive at full back. This will need to be the case today again as they come up against Dara Gallagher and co. Tyrone captain, Gareth Devlin, in his third year as a minor, led the way up front as he notched some important points. Tyrone manager, Raymond Munroe, will be all too aware that his charges must avail of the majority of the opportunities that come their way today.

That aforementioned league meeting in Ballybofey between Donegal and Tyrone will have given both managers an insight to today's opposition, but this semi final meeting seems destined to be a lot closer.





Manager:
Sean Clerkin

Dún na nGall

Minor Lineout



	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1ADH LEATH						
2ADH LEATH						
BOMLÁN						



DÚN NA nGALL

Tír Eoghain

Minor Lineout



Manager:
Raymond Munroe



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Dean Arnold, An Baile Nua 17. Kieran McCartan, An Charraig Mhór 18. Colin Harkin, An Taite Riabhach 19. Shane Mulgrew, Domhnach Mór 20. Seamus Harkin, Gleann Aiche 21. Diarmaid McNulty, An Goirtín 22. Mark McKenna, Cabhán a'Chaorthainn 23. James Carlin, Coill an Chlochair 24. Peter Hughes, Eiscreach

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
TADH LEATH						
2ADH LEATH						
IOMLÁN						



Contae: Doire

Derry 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
Barry Gillis	26	6' 3"	14st 8	Sales Rep.
Jonathan Kelly	32	6' 1"	13st	Accountant
Brian Scullion	24	6' 2"	13st 2	Engineer
Francis McEldowney	25	5' 7"	11st	Civil Servant
Kevin McGuckin	25	6'	12st 7	Accountant
Kevin McCloy	27	6' 1"	14st 2	Engineer
Sean Martin Lockhart	29	6'	13st 2	Teacher
Johnny McBride	28	5' 11"	13st	Sales Director
Kevin Hinphey	21	6' 1"	13st	Student
Joseph O'Kane	20	5' 11"	12st 12	Student
Joe Diver	24	6' 4"	15st	Marketing Manager
Fergal Doherty	24	6'	13st 10	Roofing Contractor
Mark Lynch	20	6' 3"	14st 6	Student
Barry McGoldrick	21	5' 11"	13st	Student
Enda Muldoon	28	6' 3"	13st 7	Upholsterer
Eoin Bradley	21	6'	12st 12	Plasterer
Paddy Bradley	25	5' 1"	14st	Teacher
Paul McFlynn	28	5' 11"	12st 6	Teacher
Gavin Donaghy	21	5' 9"	12st	Student
Jim Kelly	23	6'	13st	Civil Servant
Dominic McIlvar	31	5' 10"	12st 7	Librarian
Paul Diamond	29	6'	13st	Data Controller
Gavin Diamond	26	6' 1"	12st 10	Parts Manager
Fergal Crossan	30	5' 11"	13st 8	Ceiling Fixer
Ciaran Mullan	22	5' 8"	12st	Farm Manager
Brian Mullan	26	5' 7"	11st 8	Courier
Rory Shivers	24	5' 10"	11st 8	Medical Rep.
Paul Cartin	26	6'	13st 4	Dry-liner
Patsy Bradley	22	6'	13st	Works Manager
Johnny Niblock	27	5' 10"	12st 7	Sales rep.
Gerard O'Kane	22	5' 11"	12st 6	Student
Paul Murphy	27	5' 10"	13st	Company Director
Martin Donaghy	23	5' 9"	12st	Radiographer
Ruairi Convery	21	6' 4"	14st	Student
Kevin O'Connor	21	5' 11"	12st 7	Electrician

"We especially appeal to our own Derry supporters to do what you do best and encourage your team all the way"

Paddy Crozier

Derry



Shorts

There are approximately 237,000 people living in Co. Derry

Derry collected their only Sam Maguire Cup in 1993

Derry have won five National Football League titles with the last success coming in 2000

Derry have won seven Ulster Senior Football Championships

Derry have won two Under 21 All Ireland titles, 1968 & 1997

Derry have won four All Ireland Minor titles with the last success coming in 2002, when they were captained by current senior player, Gerard O'Kane

Three Derry clubs have won the All Ireland Club football title (Bellaghy, Lavey & Ballinderry)

Tony Scullion and Anthony Tohill collected a remarkable four All Star awards each

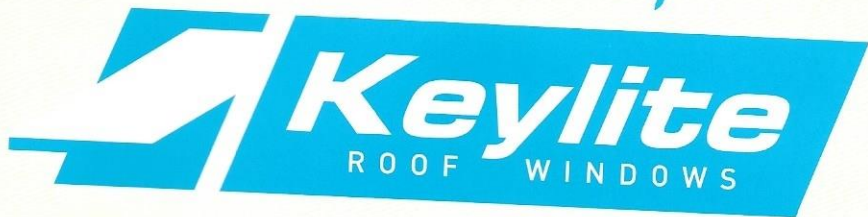
All Ireland winner, Anthony Tohill was recently appointed as selector of Ireland's International Rules team for the upcoming series with Australia



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Senior Lineout

Managers:
Paddy Crozier
Bernie Henry
Liam Bradley
Martin Heaney
James McAfee



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Jonathan Kelly, Machaire Fiolta 17. Paul Cartin, Beannchoir 18. Ruairi Convery, Suitreach 19. Fergal Crossan, An Carraig Bhan 20. Gavin Diamond, Baile Eochaidh 21. Gavin Donaghy, An Cloidigh 22. Jim Kelly, Sleacht Neill 23. Brian Mullan, Gleann An Iolair 24. Ciaran Mullan, Droim Sorn 25. Michael McGoldrick, Baile Eochaidh 26. Dominic McIvvar, Gleann An Iolair 27. Jonathan Niblock, Machaire Fiolta 28. Kevin O'Connor, Fothair Ghleann 29. Rory Shivers, An Sean Mullagh

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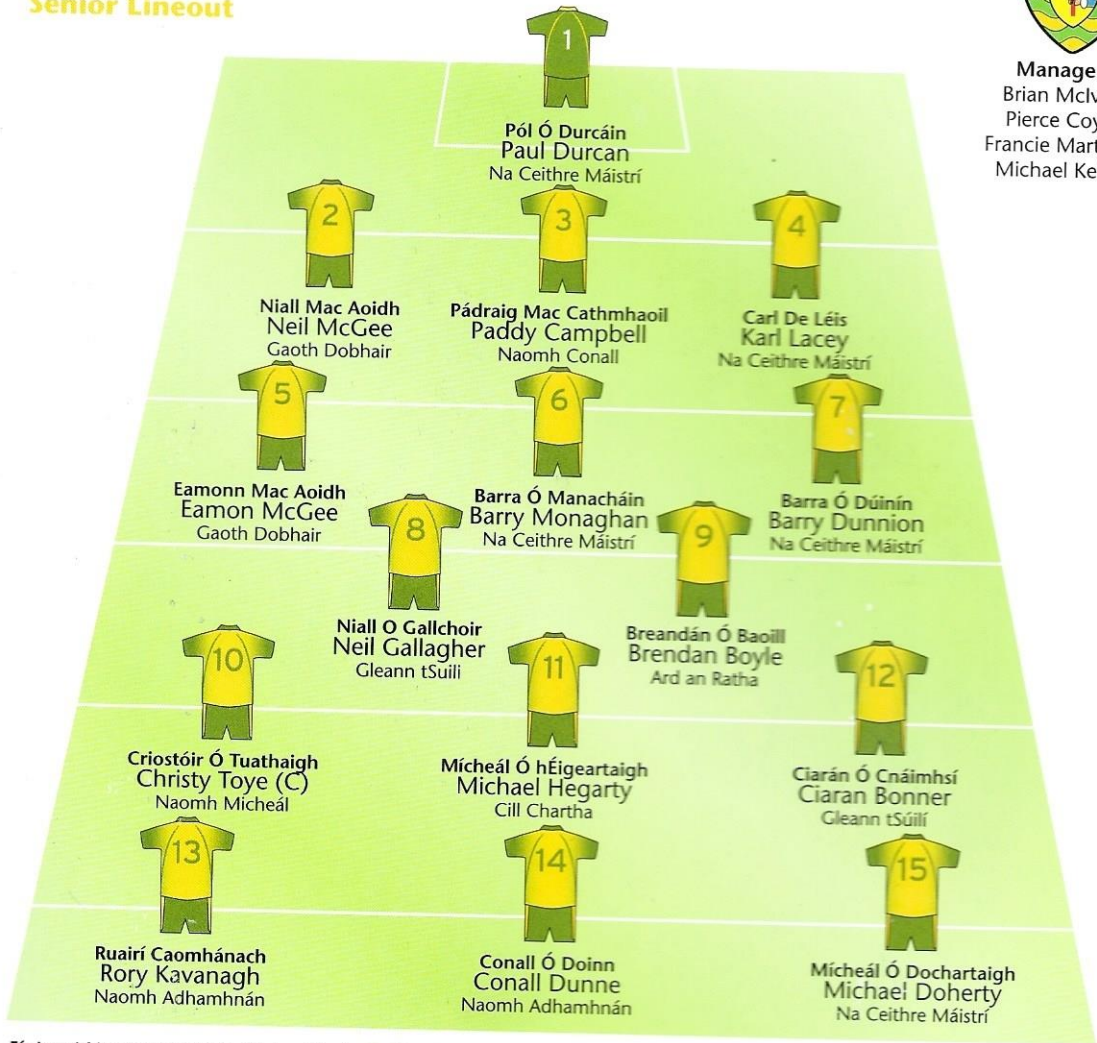


Dún na nGall

Senior Lineout



Managers:
Brian McIver
Pierce Coyle
Francie Martin
Michael Kelly



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. Anthony Thompson, Naomh Conall 25. Colin Kelly, Gleann tSúilí 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

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1ADH LEATH						
2ADH LEATH						
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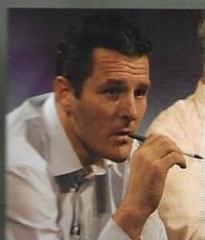


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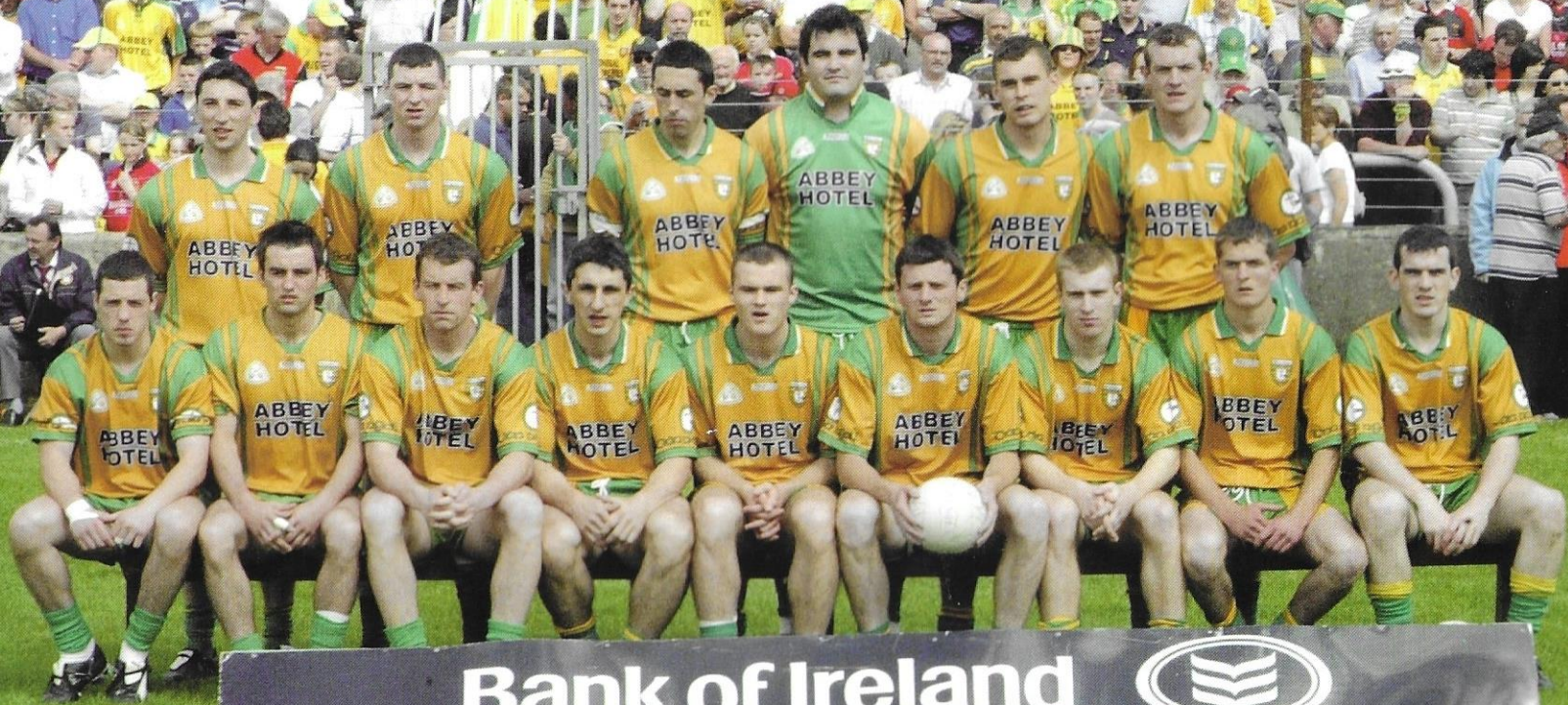
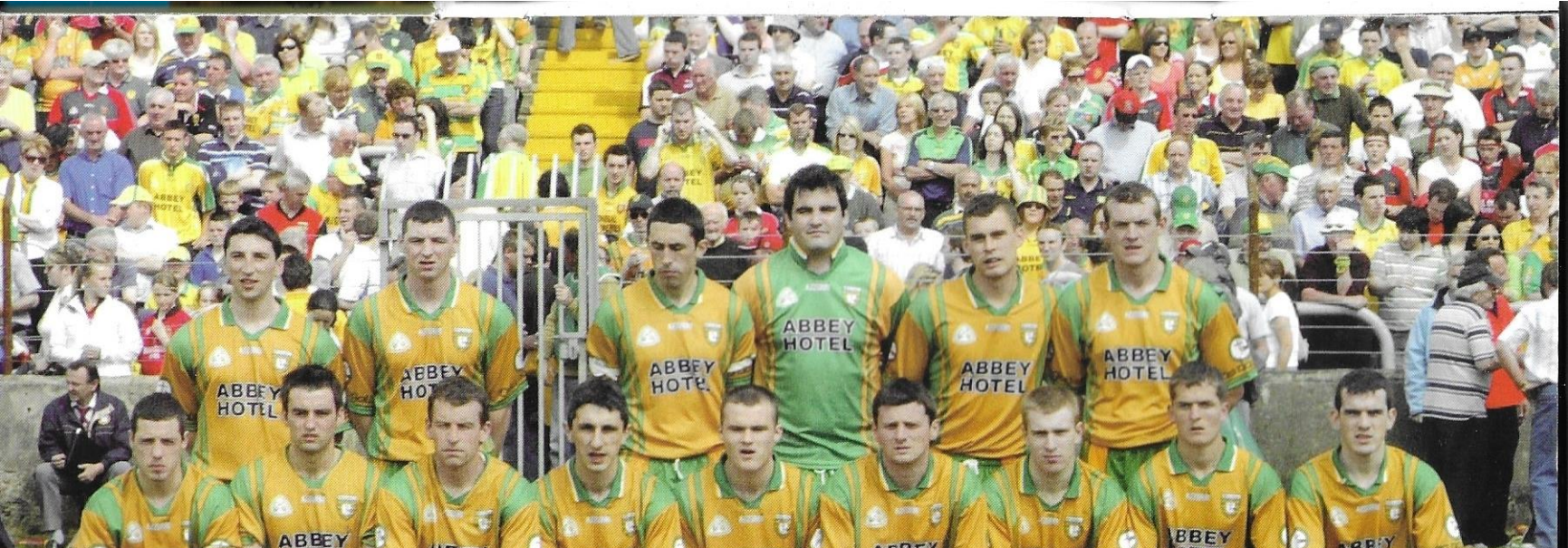


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DÚN NA NGALL





Donegal



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There are approximately 137,000 people living in Co Donegal

The first appearance of a Donegal team at Croke Park was in 1923 when the senior hurlers played Limerick in the All Ireland Semi Final

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

Donegal was the last of the eight counties to win Ulster Senior Championship honours when they defeated Tyrone in the 1972 final

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

Donegal collected their only Sam Maguire in 1992

Donegal's All Ireland final victory over Dublin was the first ever win by an Ulster team over the Metropolitans.

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

Contae: Dún na nGall

Donegal Notes

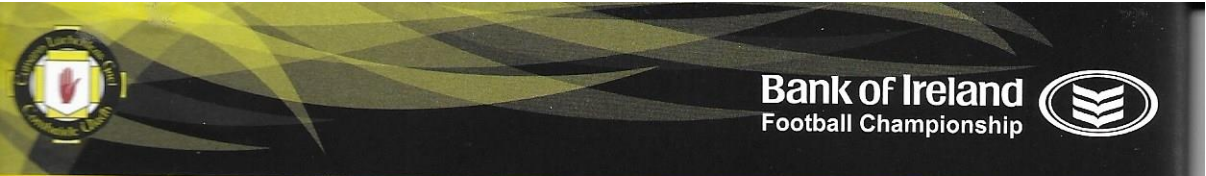
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Paul Durcan	22	6'5"	17st	Quantity Surveyor
Michael Boyle	18	6'1"	13st 7	Student
Raymond Sweeney	28	6'	13st 7	Software Engineer
Tommy Donoghue	21	5'11"	12st	Student
Paddy Campbell	30	6'	14st	Engineer
Eamon McGee	22	6'2"	12st	Carpenter
Karl Lacey	21	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

"Our victory over Down was marked by some great passages of play and I hope to see that continue today"

Brian McIver





View from the top

Paddy Crozier

As we step out in Clones today for our Ulster championship semi final, we know the air will be thick with expectation. The supporters will expect a display of all that is good in Ulster football. Donegal will expect to emerge victorious to secure a place in the final. Derry will expect nothing less. All these ingredients will hopefully come together to produce a titanic struggle which is synonymous with Ulster Championship football.

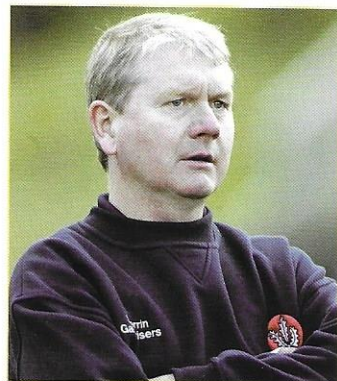
Members of the GAA fraternity everywhere will generally acknowledge that Ulster is the toughest province to emerge from and so to secure a place in the final today is all the more desirable for that.

Following our victory over close neighbours and All Ireland

Champions, Tyrone, there is a great air of expectancy in Derry, although after their impressive display against Down, the air of expectancy in Donegal is no less!

In Derry we are acutely aware of the added dimension Brian McIver brings to this Donegal squad. They now have a great mix of young dynamic players coupled with the added bonus of older and more experienced heads and we have no doubt that the Donegal management will use this mix to its full potential.

However we have great belief in this Derry side who from the outset have given all that we have asked and more. The pressure today will be immense but we have every confidence that they can



and will rise to the occasion. We know that our starting fifteen are well augmented by a strong bench and we strongly believe that we can win this game if we play to our potential and all involved come close to what they are capable of. We hope that all the players on the injured list can make a full recovery to help bolster the panel further for the remainder of our campaign.

It is our fervent hope that today, teams, officials and supporters alike will maintain a fine tradition and do Ulster football proud. We especially appeal to our own Derry supporters to do what you do best and encourage your team all the way.

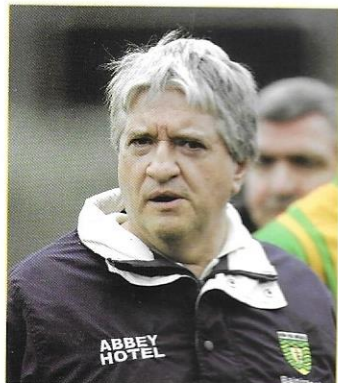
Our thoughts are with everyone who cannot be with us today especially those who have been recently bereaved.





View from the top

Brian McIver



An Ulster championship semi-final in Clones is always a great occasion and today's meeting between Donegal and Derry will most certainly be no different. Derry come to Clones on the back of a great win over near neighbours and big rivals, Tyrone. Living and working where I do, I know all about the Tyrone/Derry rivalry and I know how well Derry prepared for that encounter.

To go to Omagh and to hold the All-Ireland champions scoreless for nearly 40 minutes testifies as to how well Derry had prepared for their championship opener.

I have known Paddy Crozier for many years and I am very aware of his meticulous preparation for games. He is an excellent manager and has a

great reputation in the game. Of the Derry players, I have to reserve a special word for the two Ballinderry players, Kevin McGuckin and Enda Muldoon. They are two fine footballers and no matter what happens today, I wish them all the best. The same goes for my former pupils at St Pius X, Magherafelt, Johnny McBride, Paul McFlynn and Barry Gillis.

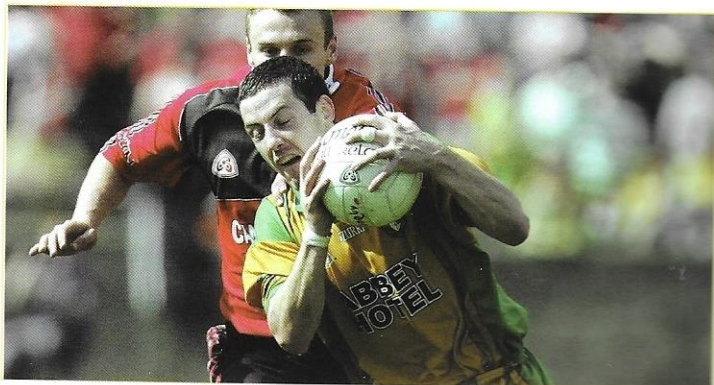
From a Donegal perspective, this is a great day for the county with both the minor and senior sides involved.

I wish the minor side success and I hope they get the day off to a winning start for Donegal. For the senior side, this is a great challenge. Our victory over Down was marked by some great passages of play and I hope to see that continue today.

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While we will go into today's game as underdogs, we know that we have the flair to really have a go. Our young players adapted really well the last day to the pace of championship football while our experienced players gave us great leadership.

Our supporters also played a huge part in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey and I hope they create the same atmosphere today.





How they got here?

The Route to the Semi-Final

Derry and Donegal both collected their sole Senior All Ireland successes just over a decade ago. Donegal showed the way in '92 while Derry followed suit one year later. Interestingly, in their respective Ulster Finals wins, they defeated today's opposition. In 1992, Donegal defeated Derry 0-14 to 1-09 at St Tiernach's Park. The following year, Derry saw off the Donegal challenge by 0-08 to 0-06. Today is the proverbial 'D Day', as both counties go head to head for a place in the 2006 decider.

Derry earned their place in today's semi final with a tremendous 1-08 to 0-05 victory at Healy Park, Omagh, over reigning All Ireland champions, Tyrone. Derry actually held Tyrone scoreless in the first half, as they led by six points at half time. Derry displayed a great team ethic where newcomers such as Liam Hinphey, Joe O'Kane and

Barry McGoldrick made an indelible mark in their first Ulster Senior Football Championship campaign. Strong performances from Fergal Doherty, Johnny McBride and Joe Diver around centre field ensure that Derry dominated possession for a large period of the game. A second half goal from Ballinderry's Enda Muldoon ensured that Derry marched on, while Tyrone were compounded to the All Ireland Qualifiers.

Derry (v Tyrone, May 28th) :
Barry Gillis, Kevin McGuckin, Kevin McCloy, Francis McEldowney, Liam Hinphey, Paul McFlynn, Joe O'Kane 0-1, Johnny McBride, Joe Diver, Mark Lynch, Barry McGoldrick, Fergal Doherty, Enda Muldoon 1-3, Paddy Bradley 0-3, Eoin Bradley 0-1. Subs: Gavin Donaghy, Fergal Crossan

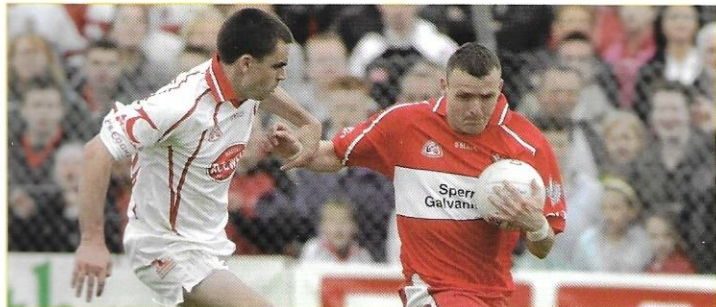
Donegal's league campaign was extended as they reached the Division 2 Final, only to lose out to Louth after a replay. The extra

games gave Brian McIver the perfect opportunity to view his newcomers in a 'knockout environment'. Donegal were the last team into action in this year's Ulster Championship as they faced Down on Sunday 4th June in Ballybofey. A youthful Donegal outfit secured a one point victory over their Mourne counterparts on a scoreline of 1-12 to 1-11. Barry Dunnion had a fine game at half back, while Michael Hegarty and Rory Kavanagh provided 1-4 between them. Donegal produced the experienced duo, Adrian Sweeney and Damian Diver at vital stages in the second half as they held off a late Down surge for an equaliser.

Donegal (v Down, June 4th):
Paul Durcan, Neil McGee, Paddy Campbell, Karl Lacey, Eamon McGee 0-1, Barry Monaghan, Barry Dunnion 0-1, Neil Gallagher, Ciaran Bonner, Christy Toye 0-1, Michael Hegarty 0-2, Rory Kavanagh 1-2, Colin Kelly, Conall Dunne 0-2, Michael Doherty 0-2. Subs: Brendan Boyle, Adrian Sweeney 0-1, Damien Diver, Frank McGlynn.

May 28, Omagh:
Derry 1-08 Tyrone 0-05

June 4, Ballybofey:
Donegal 1-12 Down 1-11



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Eamon Cassidy, Ballylifford
Niall Toner, Mayogall
Jack Barton, St Patrick's, Moneymore
Sean Doyle, Altayeskey, Ballinascreen
Dermot Breen, St Columba's, Cullion
Caolan Devlin, St Matthew's, Drumurn
Shane Feeney, St Peter's & St Paul's, Foreglen
Dessie Loughrey, Termoncanice, Limavady
Leon O'Kane, St Patrick's/St Joseph's, Garvagh
Ciaran McGilligan, Crossroads, Kilrea
Simon McGinley, Ballyhackett P.S, Castlerock
Liam McKeever, Faughanvale P.S.

Dún na nGall

Jamie Dorrian, St.Eunan's N.S. Laghey.
Donal O' Keefe, St.Macartan's N.S. Bundoran.
Matthew Doyle, Scoil Naomh Brid, Muff.
Cian O Luachra, Scoil Mhuire, Doire Beaga
Mark Dorrian, Scoil Mhuire N.S. Fanad.
Mairtin Mac Giolla Bhríde,
Sc.Cholmcille Deibhlinn Riagh.
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Any organisation/business/agency interested in becoming involved with the Ulster Council's new initiatives or coming to our open day should contact Una McKay, Regional Development Officer, umckay@ulster.gaa.ie



A Word in Your Ear

Tony McGee

Neighbour's 'childer' play together and argue together and so it is with today's Bank of Ireland Senior Football Championship showdown between Donegal and Derry. It couldn't be a more neighbourly battle as Donegal team boss Brian McIver reflects.

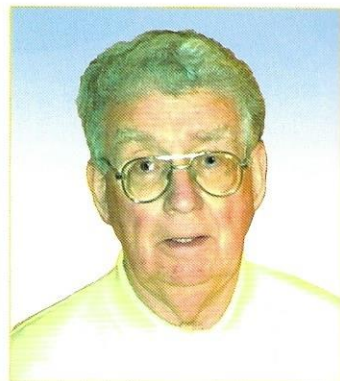
"Sure I'd only have to holler down the road for Enda Muldoon and Kevin McGuckin to hear me. They are less than a mile away. We couldn't be closer," says McIver.

This, of course, adds an extra flavour to the already intriguing tie. Both teams turned in excellent displays in their quarter-final games with Derry lowering the colours of All-Ireland champions Tyrone and Donegal hanging on brilliantly to outshoot favourites Down.

Those results have, of course, tossed Brian McIver into a 'Ballinderry Battle' but he is not worried about that. He has done his bit with the Shamrocks in the past as he led them to All-Ireland Club glory with Muldoon and McGuckin on board.

It's one of those areas around county borders in Ulster where some people are not

"both teams turned in excellent displays in their quarter-final games"



too sure of where they come from. Pettigo people are like that as their town is split in two by both the county and political border so if it was Donegal against Fermanagh the same situation would arise.

Not, of course, for McIver but it would have, in a sense, had Tyrone prevailed against Derry. He's only yards across the bridge from O'Neill Country. "My brother and sisters are avid Tyrone fans," he reveals.

The McIver-Muldoon-McGuckin triangle doesn't end the ties that the Donegal manager has with this Derry team. In 30 years teaching at St Pius X, Magherafelt, Brian has watched many Derry players blossom into county stars. Among them are Johnny

McBride, Paul McFlynn and Barry Gillis. Yet, that doesn't in any way, colour his approach to this afternoon's action.

"I took on this Donegal job and it is up to me to prepare the team to the best of my ability, irrespective of who we play. I certainly have a good insight into how many of the Derry players perform but it would be silly to try and counteract the likes of Enda Muldoon.

"Every game is different and Donegal must prepare to their own strengths and I have got to put my Derry background on the back burner for now. However, if someone had said a year ago that I'd be in this position I'd have laughed at them," says Donegal's (for the time being) Brian McIver.





Valuing Volunteers

Naul McCole

Ulster Council delegate, Naul McCole hails from the west Donegal fishing village of Burtonport. For Naul to travel to any meeting in locations such as Armagh or Dublin it would mean a six hour round trip. Such an inconvenience does not have an adverse affect on his enthusiasm as this is a man that endeavours to assist the GAA wherever and whenever possible.

The proud Donegal man holds the unique distinction of being County Chairman when they claimed Sam Maguire in 1992.

Name: Naul McCole

Club: Dungloe

Marital Status: Married to Claire, with one son Declan who is President of the San Diego Gaelic Football and Surf Club.

How long have you been involved with the GAA?

I suppose I have been involved with the GAA all my life. Some of the earlier memories I have would be winning a Minor Championship medal with Dungloe in 1956, and then playing with the Donegal Minors a year later where we were beat in the Ulster Final. I also won Senior Championship medals in 1957 and 1958 as

well as several league medals.

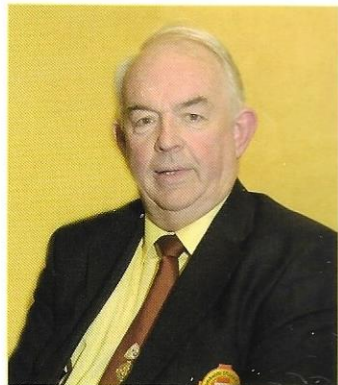
What is your role within the Ulster Council?

At the minute I am the Chairman of the Coaching and Games Development Committee. I have also recently been appointed Secretary of the Irish and Heritage Committee (Coiste Gaelige agus Oidhreachta), following the passing of Seamus de Faoite. I am also a member of the Management Committee and GAC (Games Administration Committee).

What is the best Ulster Championship game you have ever seen?

Going with my heart, I'd have to say the 1992 Ulster Championship Final. We were down to 14 men, Tony Boyle got injured, and we were playing into the old hill and a strong breeze in the second half against a very good Derry team. Winning that game set us on the road to the All Ireland. Also, the fact that I was a selector on that team and it was during my first year as County Chairman made it extra special.

Finally, you've seen a few games in your time, where do think the Anglo Celt and the Sam Maguire will be heading in 2006?



Again, I'll go with my heart and say Donegal for the Ulster. I am still undecided over the destination of Sam, all I will say is that it will hopefully be staying in Ulster!

Donegal '92 V Derry '93

The All Ireland Winners from 1992 will play All Ireland Winners from 1993 in a charity game in aid of the Adams McConnell Ward, Beaumont Hospital.

This match will be held on Friday 11th August at Pairc Uí Shialaigh, Portsalon, home ground of Fanad Gaels GAA Club with a throw-in time of 7.30pm.

For further information please contact: Fergus McAteer, Aughanursan, Milford Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, Tel. 086 4043 532





Valuing Volunteers

Danny Kearney

Name: Danny Kearney

Club: Slaughtmanus (Doire) now transferred to Carryduff (An Dún)

How long have you been involved with the GAA?

It was in 2000 when I started a company team in Belfast and arranged a few challenge games with other companies in the area. Interest grew province-wide and the potential was there for a competition, thus the Ulster Inter-Firms was born. We got a few good sponsors on board and with some good press the team numbers soared from eight to eighteen within a year. In 2001 the Ulster GAA Council took interest and provided funding. So since the beginning in 2000 I've been involved each year.

A lot of us know very little about the Inter-Firms Competition, can you give us an insight into it?

In a nutshell, it's all about getting to play some football and hurling with your workmates against other companies. Some company teams are very strong and contain many county and club stars while others have teams made up of players would rarely or never have played.

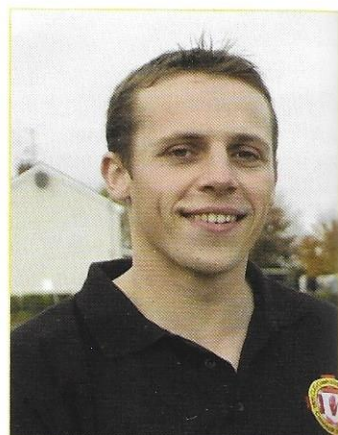
For this reason, we have both senior and junior championships. As you can imagine, some teams treat it as a bit of craic while others take it very seriously. It starts off within each county (e.g Derry companies playing other Derry companies) until eventual Ulster winners (senior and junior) go on to contest the All-Ireland finals.

What is your role within the Ulster Inter-Firms Council?

As Uachtarán of the Ulster Inter-Firms I'm part of the Ulster Inter-firms Council who collectively organise and manage the Ulster championship each year. We have officers in each participating county (Donegal, Derry, Tyrone, Fermanagh, Armagh and Antrim so far) to manage each individual county. I oversee our own Ulster Inter-Firms Council and I liaise with the Ulster GAA Council to update Comhairle Uladh CLG on our progress.

We'd like to see more teams from the likes of Donegal, Fermanagh, Cavan, Monaghan and Down.

(If you know of a company in your area who may be able to enter a team, or amalgamate with another company team,



send an email to Declan at secretary@ulsterinterfirms.gaa.ie or phone 07748186783)

Finally, who are your tips for the Ulster and All-Ireland Senior Championships in 2006?

Doire ar ndóigh! Seriously though, as has been the case in the past few years, Ulster is wide open. It's always good to see the underdogs coming through, although this year I reckon Derry or Armagh will take Ulster.

For the All-Ireland I feel Laois may cause a few upsets and will go a long way, and you can't discount Tyrone after one championship defeat. However Kerry, Derry and Galway are looking sharp and I feel those teams will feature in the latter stages.



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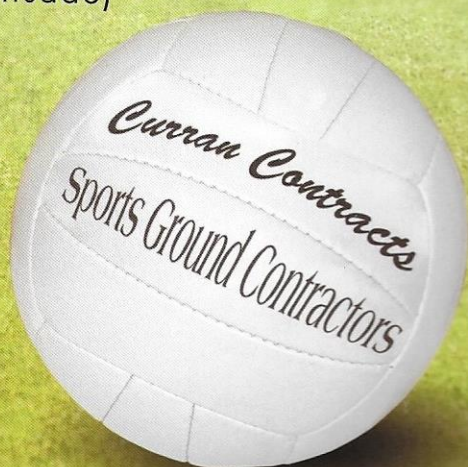
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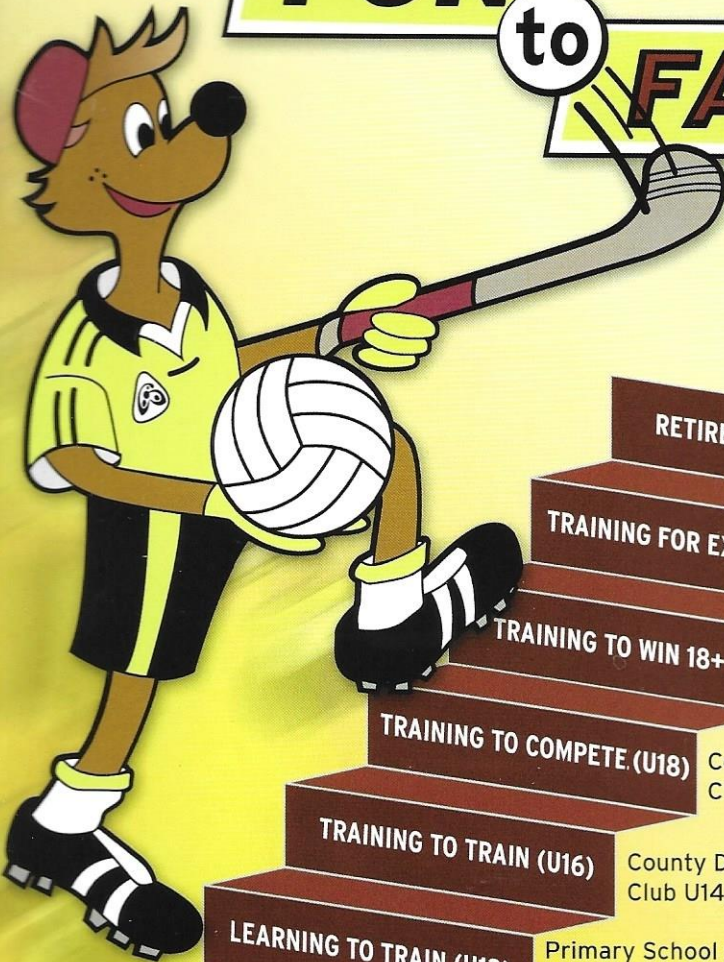


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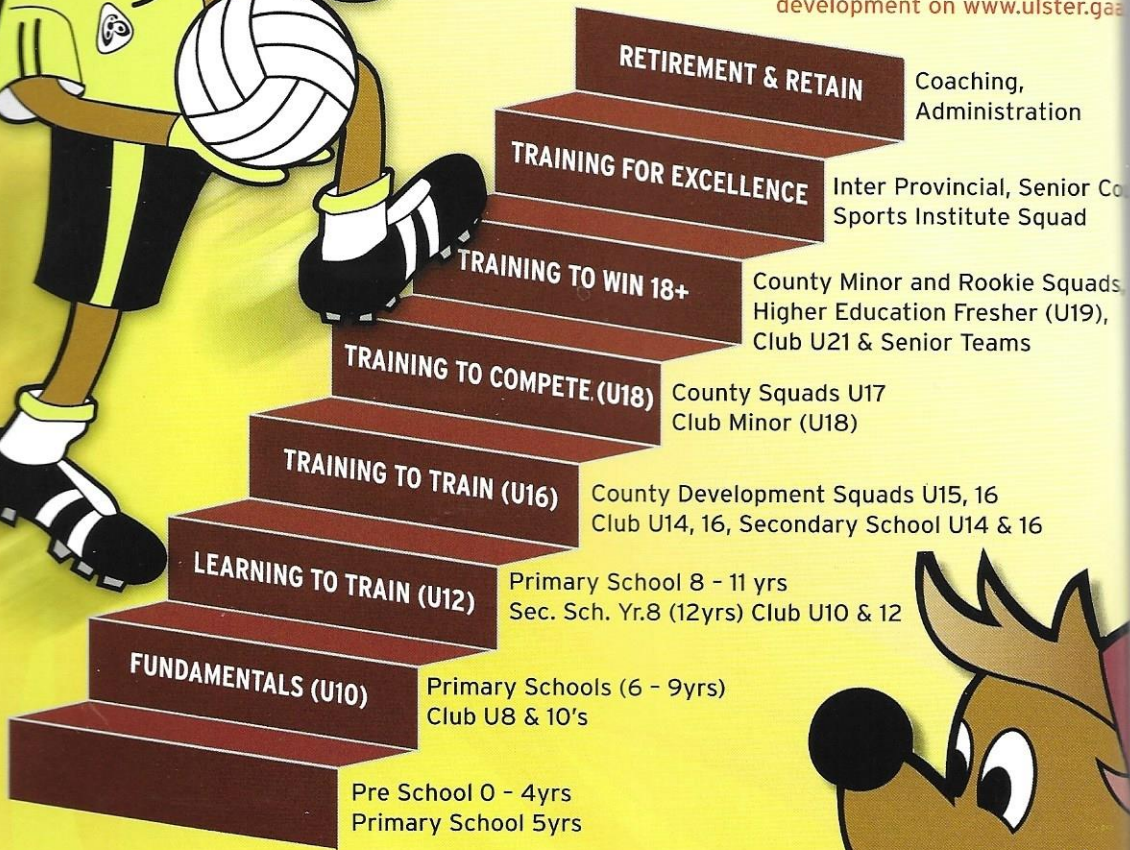
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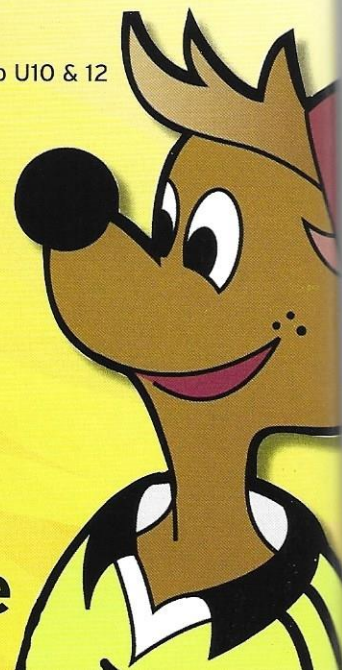
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