

# GAELIC LIFE DR MCKENNA CUP Corn Dr Mhic Cionnaith 2007

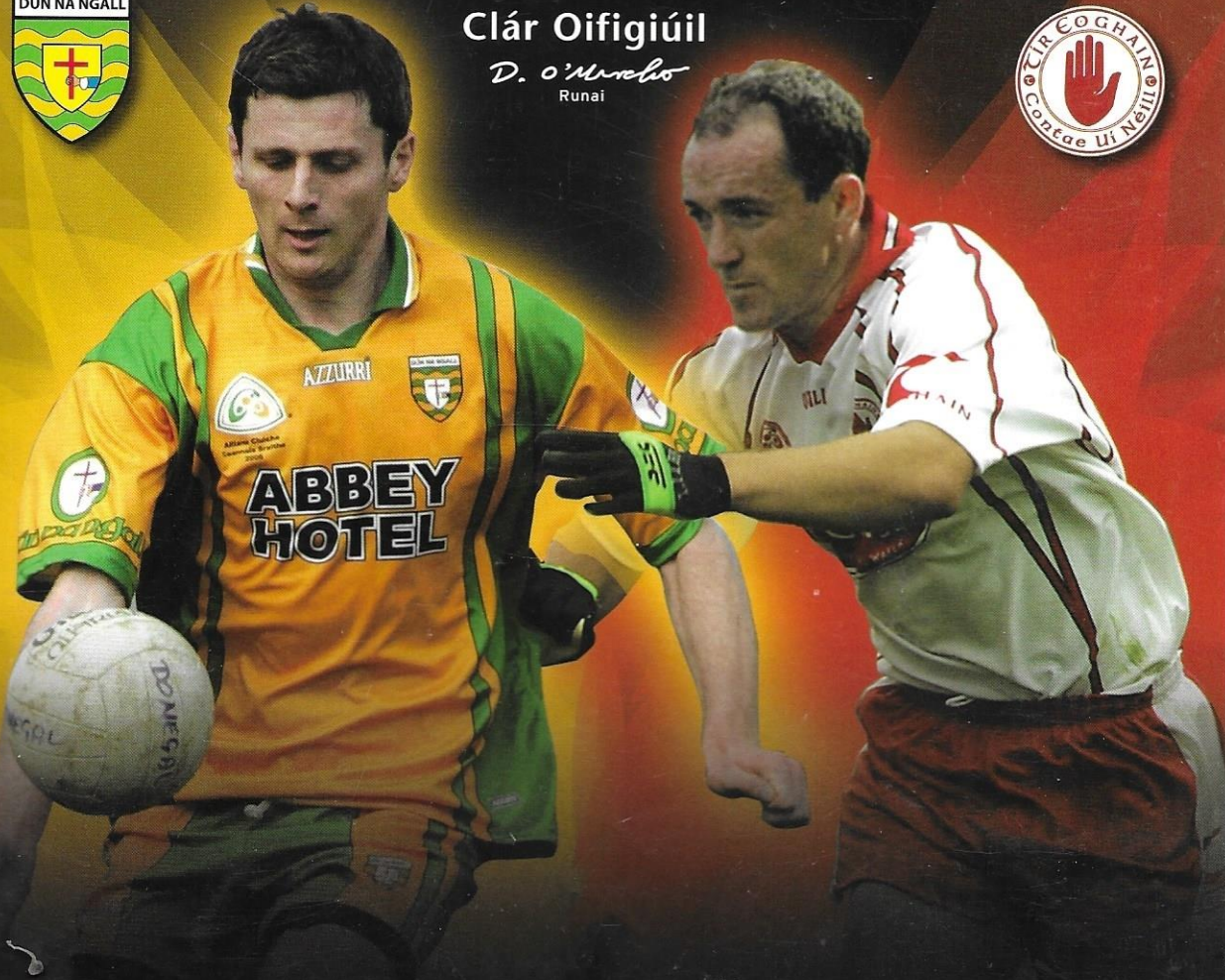
Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain at Healy Park, Omagh  
17ú Feabhra 2007 at 7.30pm

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## Foreword

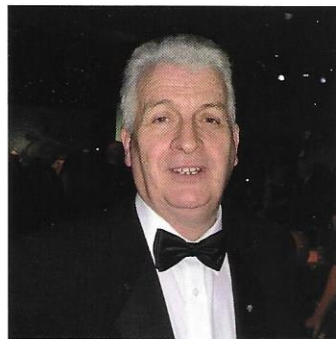
### Miceál Greenan, Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh CLG

Ar son Comhairle Uladh ba mhaith liom failte a gabhael libh go leir anseo anocht do Cluiche Ceannais Gaelic Life Corn Dr Mhic Cionnaith.

On behalf of Comhairle Uladh, I welcome everyone to this Final of the Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup. This has been an excellent competition, with live TV coverage from TG4 and

sponsorship from Gaelic Life, both of whom are on board for the first time. There have been excellent attendances at all games reflecting the great interest, competitive games, and eagerness to win this prestigious competition.

We thank Gaelic Life and TG4 for their involvement and commitment in 2007. I wish both Donegal and Tyrone all



the best in the first televised, sponsored and floodlit Dr McKenna Cup final.

## Foreword

### Dominic McClements, General Manager, NWIPP

**“The Games, The Names, The Passion”. That in essence is what we have being trying to capture since the launch of Gaelic Life on Friday 5th January, 2007, and we are delighted that many of you are already enjoying Ulster’s new GAA weekly sports paper.**

We are extremely proud and honoured to be the first ever sponsors of the Dr McKenna Cup, a competition steeped in so much tradition, and which, in recent years, is enjoying a new lease of life. Many people may be focussing on the heat of the summer championships but when the race for the

Sam Maguire Cup is over in September, we hope that someone from Ulster will be able to look back and acknowledge what an important role the Dr McKenna Cup played in the development of their team.

Under the guidance of editor Maurice Kennedy, Gaelic Life intends to focus on all aspects of our games in Ulster and we would welcome your views on what you would like to see in our publication every Friday. Maurice can be contacted at [m.kennedy@gaeliclife.com](mailto:m.kennedy@gaeliclife.com) or visit [www.gaeliclife.com](http://www.gaeliclife.com). Gaelic Life is the latest addition to our stable of publications which include



the Donegal News (Mon & Fri), the Tyrone Herald (Monday), Strabane Chronicle and Ulster Herald (Thursday) as well as the Fermanagh Herald (Wednesday). For 106 years, our newspapers have recorded all aspects of the GAA in their respective counties and through the Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup, we are proud to continue our promotion of Gaelic games in Ulster.



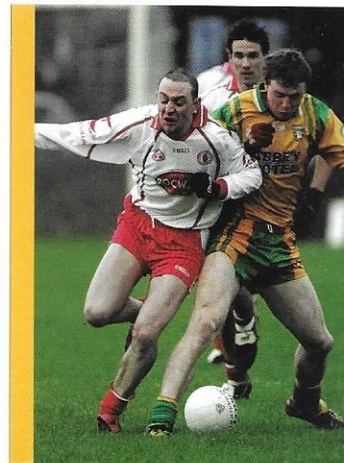
## Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup Final

7.30 in Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain (Extra time if necessary)

**Réiteoir:** Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)  
**Standby Referee:** Pdraig Hughes (Ard Mhacha)  
**Linesman:** Martin Higgins (Fear Manach)  
**Sideline Official:** Paddy McBride (Dún na nGall)

### Réiteoir: Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

Joe is still a playing member of Kill Shamrocks. He married Ann last year and we wish them both every happiness together. Joe has been refereeing for 10 years and this is his fifth year on the National panel. 2006 was a huge year for him. He refereed the Munster Senior Final, the All-Ireland Under 21 Final and the Cavan Senior Football Final. He also refereed the 2005 Leinster Senior Final.



### 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  
 Guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar  
 Seo libh canáidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

### First Aid, Lost Children & Safety Notice

#### First Aid

First Aid Cover for today's game is provided by Order of Malta personnel, complete with a manned ambulance, that is located at the rear of the stand.

the future has been taken to avoid injuries and possible fatality and has been taken on the advice and prompting of the safety authorities.

#### Lost Children

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

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.

#### 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

Together we can ensure that your visit to Healy Park, Omagh is enjoyable and safe.



# Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup

## A Review of the 2007 Competition

Tonight, Tyrone are aiming to win their fourth Dr McKenna cup title in a row, while Donegal are seeking for their first success since 1985.

Donegal have progressed to tonight's final after defeating UUJ, Antrim and Down in the group stage. In their first outing of the year, Donegal edged out UUJ at Ballyshannon on a scoreline of 1-06 to 1-04 in a tight affair. On the 14th January, Donegal travelled to Casement Park, where they gained another narrow victory with a 0-09 to 0-08 win over Antrim. In their final group game, Donegal returned to Ballyshannon to record a comfortable 2-11 to 0-11 win over Down. They then went on to defeat Armagh

0-09 to 0-07 in the semi final, in the first ever live broadcast of a Dr McKenna Cup fixture. Donegal manager, Brian McIver will have been pleased with the form of newcomers such as Kevin McMenamin and Patrick McConigley in this year's competition, as well as collecting a rare victory over Armagh. This was also the third time in four outings that Donegal amassed a total of nine points, and remarkably emerged victorious.

Tyrone have been in fine form in this year's competition as they recorded impressive victories in their first two outings over Queens University and Derry on scorelines of 2-14 to 0-09 and 1-15 to 0-09

respectively. On 20th January, Tyrone travelled to Kingspan Breffni Park as they recorded a 0-14 to 0-10 victory over Cavan in a close encounter. Last Tuesday night, Tyrone recorded a comfortable 2-16 to 0-08 victory over Monaghan with encouraging performances from newcomers Kelvin Hughes and Tommy McGuigan to maintain their unbeaten start to 2007. In fact, Tyrone have yet to concede a goal in six games in the McKenna Cup and the National Football League in 2007.

### Scoring Statistics:

	Tyrone	Donegal
For:	5-59 (74)	3-35 (44)
Against:	0-36 (36)	1-30 (33)
Diff:	0-38 (38)	0-11 (11)





## Looking Back

### The Origins of the Dr McKenna Cup Competition

When Dr. Patrick McKenna, Bishop of Clogher presented the McKenna cup to the Ulster Council in 1925, he was one of only a small group willing at that time, to be publicly associated with the GAA. Ireland in the 1920s was slowly emerging from war, unrest and change.

When the Ulster Council sought donors for trophies there wasn't a queue to their door with offers. From 1923 the council were actively looking for a donor for their senior championship and in 1925 the treasurer of the council proposed the establishment of a second competition to prepare teams for the Championship.

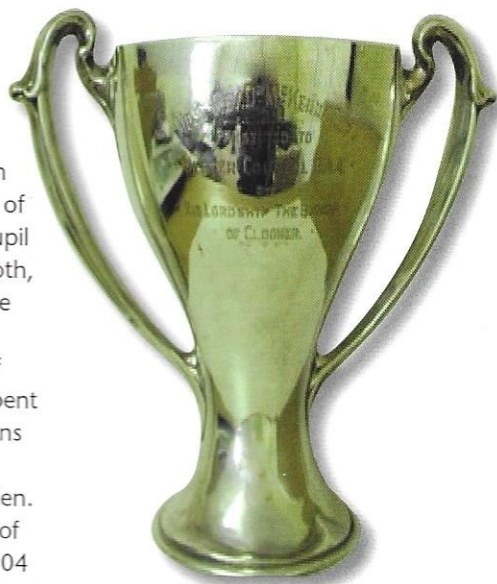
Two loyal GAA stalwarts came to the Council's rescue in 1925. JF O Hanlon, owner of Anglo-Celt newspaper presented a trophy to BC Fay, secretary of the Council. It was decided to use the trophy for the Ulster Senior Championship and it was first presented to Cavan who won the 1925 Ulster Championship. Treasurer O'Duffy was successful in securing a trophy from the bishop of Clogher and the new cup was presented to Council

in 1925 although it was not until 1927 that the competition got underway.

Patrick McKenna was born in the North Monaghan parish of Errigal Truagh in 1869. A pupil at St Macartans and Maynooth, he was ordained in 1894. He taught English at Maynooth and was appointed curate of Currin parish in 1896. He spent a period teaching in St Ciaráns Kilkenny before returning to Clogher as curate of Enniskillen. He was appointed professor of Theology at Maynooth in 1904 and in 1909 he was consecrated Bishop of Clogher.

The bishop provided a glowing reference for Eoin O Duffy to help him secure the position of assistant-surveyor in the Clones/Cootehill district. Later in 1918 O Duffy was arrested in Clones and Bishop McKenna issued a lengthy statement condemning the arrest. When the Bishop McKenna presented the cup to Ulster Council in 1925 the council recognised an old friend.

The regulations for the new Dr McKenna cup were drawn up at Ulster convention in 1926 and the competition commenced in



1927. The first final was played in Clones on May 8, 1927 with Monaghan defeating Donegal 2-7 to 2-3.

The first and only trophy presented to the late Cormac McAnallen as captain of the Tyrone senior team was the Dr McKenna cup. It was fitting that Micheal Greenan as Uachtaran Comhairle Uladh presented that original Dr McKenna cup as a permanent memento to the McAnallen family. It resides now with pride in Branry. The stories of our past heroes informs all our futures.





Manager:  
Brian McIver

# Dún na nGall

Senior Lineout



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmainn 17. Thomas Donaghue, Naomh Conall 18. Néil McGee, Gaoth Dobhair 19. Noel Hegarty, Cill Chartha 20. Joe Friel, Cloch Cheann Fhaola 21. Johnny McLoone, Naomh Conall 22. Michael Murphy, Gleann tSúilí 23. Benny Byrne, Na Ceithre Máistrí 24. Colm McFadden, Naomh Mícheál 25. Leon Thompson, Naomh Conall 26. Michael Hegarty, Cill Chartha 27. Adrian Sweeney, An Clochan Liath 28. Anthony Thompson, Naomh Conall 29. Denis Boyle, Cloch Cheann Fhaola 30. Martin McElhinney, Naomh Mícheál



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# Tir Eoghain

## Senior Lineout



**Manager:**  
Mickey Harte



**Fir Ionaid/Substitutes:** 16. Jonathan Curran, Oilean a'Ghuail 17. Dermot Carlin, Coill an Chlochair 18. Sean Cavanagh, An Mhaigh 19. Coim Donnely, Cluain Eo 20. Brian Dooher, Clann na nGael 21. Kelvin Hughes, An Domhnach Mór 22. Philip Jordan, An Mhaigh 23. Aiden McCarron, An Fionntamhnach 24. Ciaran McCrory, An Gallbhaile 25. Paul Marlow, Eisreach 26. Owen Mulligan, An Chorra Chríochach 27. Michael Murphy, An Gallbhaile 28. Martin Penrose, Achadh Uí Aráin 29. Paul Rouse, Bruach Áille 30. Declan Treanor, Dún Geanainn

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## The Lights Are All On

### The Dr McKenna Cup 2007

2007 has certainly got off to a bright start for the Gaels of Ulster, with the completion of floodlighting to some of the main County venues within the Province, namely Breffni Park Cavan, Casement Park Belfast and tonight's venue, Healy Park Omagh.

The Dr McKenna Cup, under sponsorship for the first time by Gaelic Life, has certainly taken a new lease of life with the introduction of floodlit games, with tonight's meeting being the fourth encounter to be played under lights in this year's competition, the previous three taking place at Breffni Park.

The Healy Park floodlights were officially commissioned on the 24th April 2006 and since then Minor and Senior Football Championship fixtures as well as the recent National Football League meeting of Tyrone and Fermanagh have already been played under the glare of the 850 lux level lighting.

Tyrone are certainly no new-comers to the occasion, as this is in fact their fifth consecutive game played under floodlights, after previous encounters with Cavan in the Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup at Cavan, Dublin in the National League in Croke Park, Fermanagh

in the National League at Healy Park and Monaghan in Tuesday's Gaelic Life Dr McKenna Cup semi-final.

The Ulster Council GAA's Project Manager Stephen McGeehan praised the work completed by the various people involved in the historic project by stating:

"To complete a project of this scale within the timescales set was a tremendous achievement by all of the people involved."

Stephen went on to comment: "Donegal and Tyrone supporters attending tonight's game will see the modern GAA at its best in terms of the physical improvements that have taken place in Healy Park in recent times and I wish to thank all those involved for their work in developing such facilities that are a credit to a voluntary sporting organisation."

The Floodlighting Project is just one of a number of capital developments throughout Ulster which will see the Ulster Council investing over €11m in Floodlighting and Coaching and Games programmes as part of a modernisation strategy supported by the Sports Council.







## Special Needs Coaching Workshop

### Una McKay, Ulster Special Needs Co-ordinator

Ulster Special Needs Co-ordinator, Una McKay, and Cavan Football Development Officer, Nicholas Walsh organised a recent Special Needs seminar in the Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on February 12th 2007.

Previously in the day, Holy Family School pupils participated in a Gaelic Football session. The pupils had been working on their skills with teacher Eamon Donnelly. The coaches, teachers, class-room assistants and carers were then taken through their roles and responsibilities as a coach, and the various methods and styles of coaching. This was followed by a practical session in where everyone was put



into groups for a series of problem solving exercises. Each group was given a different task with the emphasis on different kinds of impairment. Una concluded the seminar by thanking everyone for not only attending but for joining in so readily, she added, "There is an obvious high standard of coaching and experience

among the participants, but it is very important that they get involved with their local G.A.A clubs and schools".

Any club interested in getting involved in setting up Club Sessions & Summer Camps, contact their County office or Una McKay at 079 2052 8793 [umckay@ulster.gaa.ie](mailto:umckay@ulster.gaa.ie)

## Comhairle Uladh Upcoming events

**Monday 19th Feb, 7.30pm**  
*Dynamic Warm-Up and Speed Development*

**Venue:** Monaghan Centre of Excellence, Cloughan, Annyalla  
**Tutor:** Terence McWilliams  
This course will look at the importance of structured warm-ups and will also examine methods for improving speed. Coaches are advised to bring indoor and outdoor attire to participate in this session. Please contact **Tony Scullion** on 077 9512 0438.

**Monday 19th Feb, 7.15pm**  
*Special Needs Event*

**Venue:** Loreto Convent, Letterkenny  
**Tutor:** Una McKay  
This part theory, part practical course is geared towards adapting Gaelic Games. Free of charge for clubs and teachers involved in Gaelic Games. Should you have any queries regarding the above please contact **Una McKay** on 079 2052 8793.

**Alcohol & Drug Awareness Workshops**

In the upcoming months, Ulster Council in conjunction with the Western Board Drugs & Alcohol Co-Ordination team, will be delivering numerous awareness evenings in Derry, Tyrone & Fermanagh. The workshop will discuss signs and symptoms of Alcohol & Drug abuse, proper procedures & guidelines. Check local press for details or contact **Paul Callaghan** on 079 2052 8786.







## GAELIC LIFE DR MCKENNA CUP RESULTS TO DATE

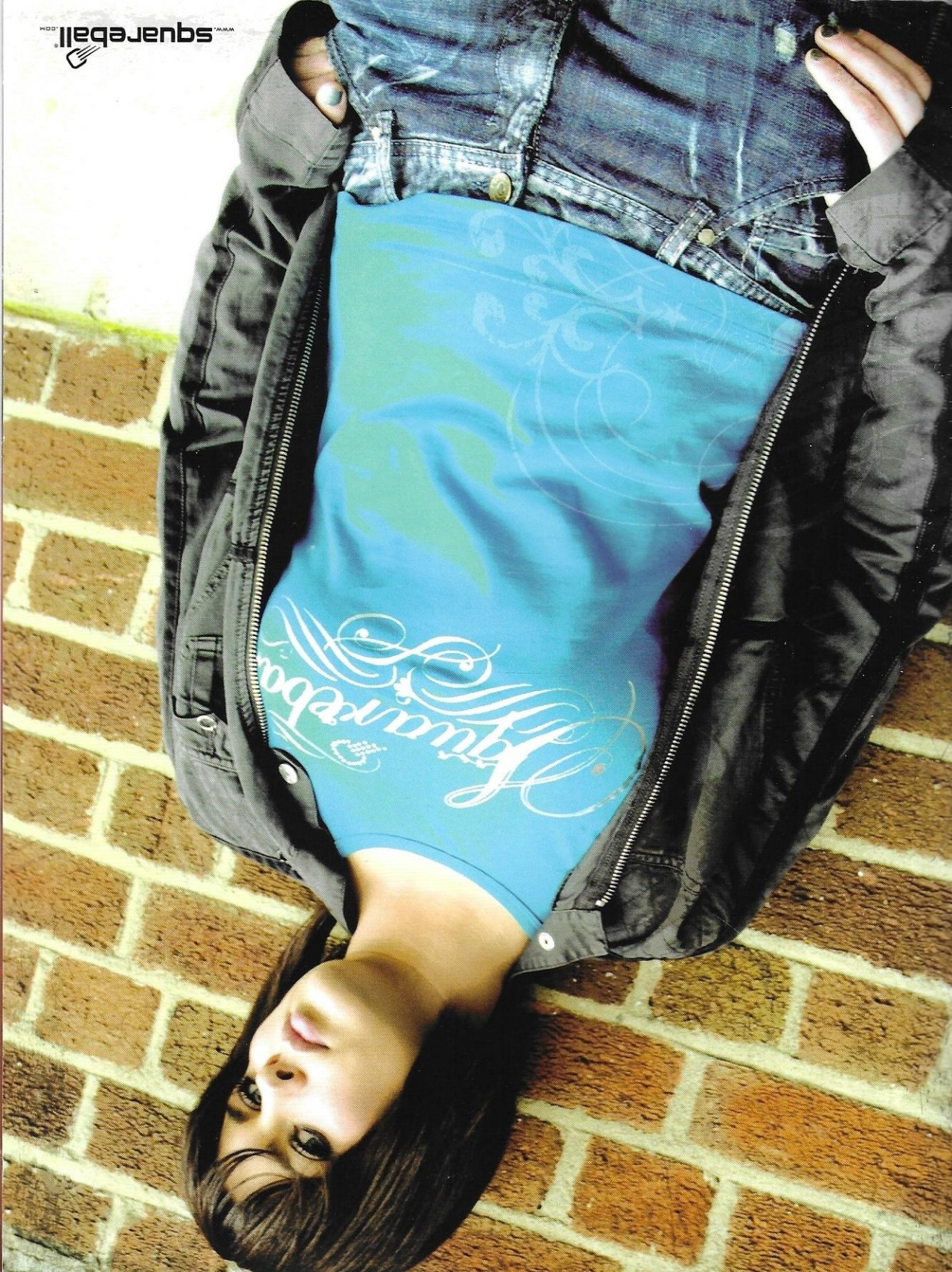
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Jan 07	<b>Armagh 0-10</b>	St Mary's	0-04	Crossmaglen C Reynolds
Jan 07	Fermanagh 0-05	<b>Monaghan 1-10</b>	Irvinestown	S McNamee
Jan 07	Derry 0-12	<b>Cavan 0-17</b>	Celtic Park	J White
Jan 07	<b>Tyrone 2-14</b>	Queens	0-09	Omagh M McLane
Jan 07	<b>Donegal 1-06</b>	UUJ	1-04	Ballyshannon M Higgins
Jan 07	Down 0-09	Antrim	0-09	Downpatrick J McKee
Jan 13	<b>Cavan 1-13</b>	Queens	1-11	Kingspan Breffni Pk D McQuillan
Jan 14	<b>Armagh 0-09</b>	Fermanagh	1-05	Davitt Park, Lurgan G McCarron
Jan 14	<b>Monaghan 2-16</b>	St Mary's	0-11	Clones L Smyth
Jan 14	<b>Tyrone 1-15</b>	Derry	0-09	Omagh B Crowe
Jan 14	<b>UUJ 1-19</b>	Down	1-06	Burren G Walsh
Jan 14	Antrim 0-08	<b>Donegal 0-09</b>	Casement	G Corrigan
Jan 20	Cavan 0-10	<b>Tyrone 0-14</b>	Kingspan Breffni Pk	S McGonigle
Jan 21	St Mary's 0-10	Fermanagh	1-07	Tempo JJ Cleary
Jan 21	<b>Armagh 0-09</b>	Monaghan	0-06	Clones M Sludden
Jan 21	<b>Derry 1-10</b>	Queens	0-10	Celtic Park R Doone
Jan 21	<b>Donegal 2-11</b>	Down	0-11	Ballyshannon A McAlynn
Jan 21	<b>UUJ 1-14</b>	Antrim	1-08	Casement B Toland
Jan 28	<b>Donegal 0-09</b>	Armagh	0-07	Omagh B Toland
Feb 13	Monaghan 0-08	<b>Tyrone 2-16</b>	Kingspan Breffni Pk	M Higgins

## DR MCKENNA CUP PREVIOUS WINNERS

- Antrim (6) – 1941, 1942, 1945, 1946, 1966, 1981
- Armagh (8) – 1929, 1938, 1939, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1986, 1990
- Cavan (11) – 1936, 1940, 1943, 1951, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1962, 1968, 1988, 2000
- Derry (10) – 1947, 1954, 1958, 1960, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1974, 1993, 1999
- Donegal (5) – 1963, 1965, 1967, 1975, 1985
- Down (10) – 1944, 1959, 1961, 1964, 1972, 1987, 1989, 1992, 1996, 1998
- Fermanagh (4) – 1930, 1933, 1977, 1997
- Monaghan (13) – 1927, 1928, 1932, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1948, 1952, 1976, 1979, 1980, 1983, 2003
- Tyrone (8) – 1957, 1973, 1978, 1982, 1984, 2004, 2005, 2006









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