



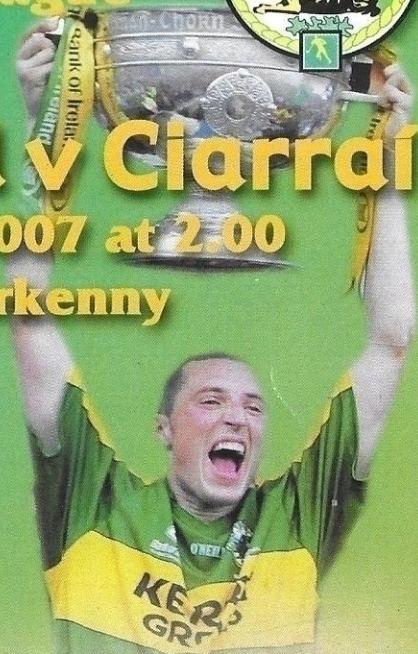
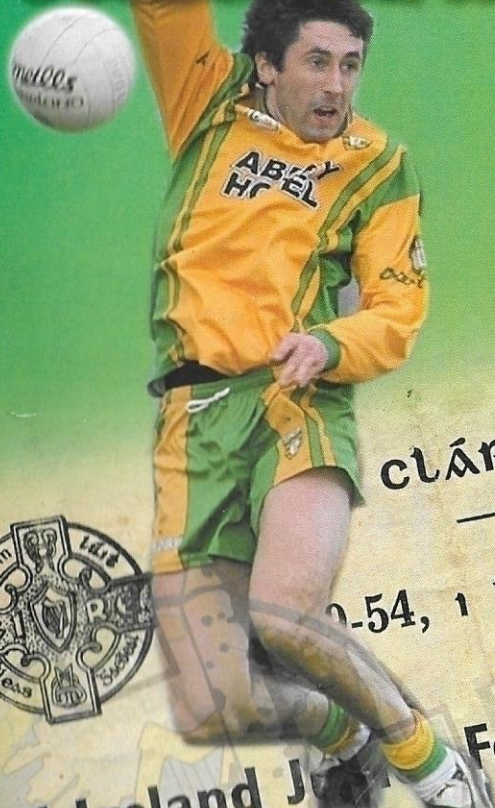
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# Dún na nGall v Ciarraí

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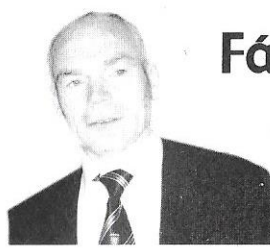


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Mar Cathoirleach ar Coiste Chondae Dhún na nGall, is cúis mhór áthais domh failte a chuir romhaibh go leir anseo inniu chuig Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill í gcóir Cluiche Sraith Naisiunta in eadan Ciarraí.

I welcome you all here today to this National League Game in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. It has been thirty years since Donegal played inter-county football here and that was against Leitrim. I especially welcome All Ireland Champions Kerry here today, to what we hope will be a very enjoyable match. Donegal have made a hugely impressive start in the Allianz Football League in 2007 with wins over Cork and Tyrone away, Mayo and Dublin at home and we hope that Brian McIvor and his management team continue well in the League taking back a much needed title to the County.

I would like to thank our main Sponsors the Abbey Hotel and Azzuri who are on board again with us this year and we thank them for their continued support.

Finally, my thanks to the St. Eunans Club, their Officers and Club Members who have organised today's match arrangements meticulously and have left no stone unturned in their preparations. I commend them on their excellent facilities.

**Sean Ó Ceallaigh,**  
Cathoirleach Coiste Na Condae

Cuireann fo-chumann Naomh Adhamhnáin fáilte romhaibh inniu go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill i Leitir Ceanainn. Tá fáilte speisialta go Tír Chonaill roimh fhoireann na Ríochta, a noifigigh, a mbainistíocht agus a lucht leanúna.

Tá lúcháir mhór orainn go bhfuil foirne sinséar pheile Dhún na nGall agus Chiarraí ag imirt an cluiche sraithe anseo inniu. Tá sé tríocha bliain ó himríodh an cluiche deireanach peil shinséar idir chontae anseo i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill.

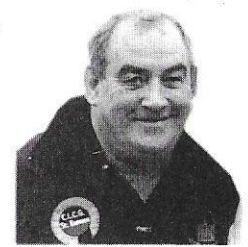
Ba mhaith linn i gClub Naomh Adhamhnáin buíochas mór a thabhairt do oifigigh Bhord na Contae CLG a thug tacaíocht iomlán dúinn inár niarrachtaí agus muid ag iarraidh an cluiche seo a bheith i Leitir Ceanainn.

Tá dul chun cinn iontach déanta againn i gClub Naomh Adhamhnáin le blianta. Is cúis mhór bróid dúinn gur féidir le slua an-mhór a bheith anseo agus 2,500 acu ina suí go compordach. Tá cuid mhór oibre déanta againn agus mórán le déanamh go fóill.

Tá buíochas tuillte ag achan nduine a chuidigh linn. Caithfear aitheantas ar leith a thabhairt do bhaill an chlub seo. Bail a d'oibrigh go cruaidh sa dóigh go dtiocfadh linn lá mór mar seo a bheith againn inniu.

Tá súil againn go mbainfidh sibh pléisiúr as bhur lá anseo inniu agus go mbeidh muid ar ais i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill roimh i bhfad.

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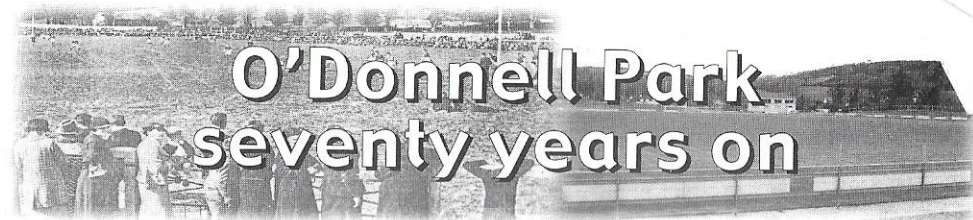


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## O'Donnell Park seventy years on

By Tom Comack Donegal Democrat/People Press

When Frank Dineen purchased a 14 acre site just off the Jones Road, in Dublin in 1913 and subsequently sold it on to the GAA for £3,250, I am sure he never envisaged the state of the art stadium modern day Croke Park that would eventually develop on the site.

And while O'Donnell Park, might not be on as grand a scale as Croke Park, and has still some way to go until it is fully complete, I am equally sure that John Hourihan the man credited with leading the drive to purchase the 7.024 acres that made up the original O'Donnell Park, back in the early 1930's would be equally astonished if he were about today. Hourihan and one of the founding fathers of the fledgling St.Eunans club forked out the princely sum of £300, a small fortune at the time.

O'Donnell Park, may have fallen into decline for a number of years in the 1970's and 1980's, but recent developments have brought it right back into the 21st century and when the final stage of the development is done and dusted it will be up there with all the medium sized stadia in the province.

Nevertheless the ground that first opened its gates on Sunday May 2, 1937, has a proud history and for the next two decades was the leading ground in the county and hosted most of Donegal's home games.

The great Derry, Antrim, and Down teams of the 1940's and '50's visited in their pursuit of the Anglo Celt Cup a number of times. Among the most famous victories recorded in that time was the 2-6 to 0-8 win over a crack Down side. Derry were humbled here in 1945, while the Kevin Armstrong powered Antrim of 1951 were happy to escape with a draw. The aristocrats of Ulster football at that time too Cavan played a number of times here in the Lagan Cup, for the benefit of the visitors an Ulster qualifier competition for the old national football league.

And there have been great club games too by the banks of the river Swilly, with the 1960 senior final meetings of Gweedore and Dungloe in 1961, and the followings year clash of Gweedore and Sean MacCumhaill still being recalled by old stagers around O'Donnell Park.

Great Donegal and Ulster players down the years have graced the O'Donnell Park and all followers of the game and all associated with St. Eunans come tea time this evening hope the mighty Kingdom of Kerry will have kicked off another golden era for this famous and historic old ground.

### **Bulochas**

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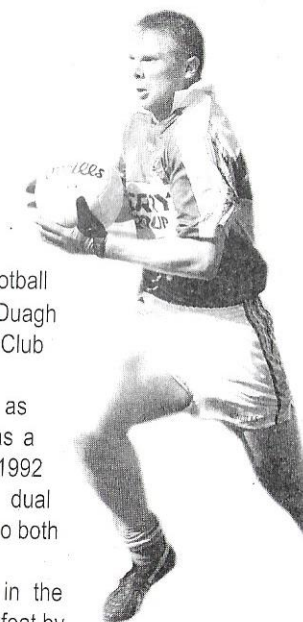
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## Ground Breaking Milestone for Kerry Club Football

By Willie O'Connor  
PRO Coiste Chontae Chiarraí and Comhairle Na Mumhan CLG.



Three Kerry clubs have played in this year's All-Ireland Club Football Finals at Senior, Intermediate and Junior grades. Dr. Crokes, Ardfert and Duagh have played in their respective All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate and Junior Club Football Championship Finals.

It has been a hectic few months for new Kerry manager, Pat O'Shea as he combined the roles of Dr. Crokes manager and Kerry manager. Pat was a member of the Dr. Crokes team that defeated Thomas Davis of Dublin in the 1992 All-Ireland Club Final. Last Saturday's drawn final has extended Pat's dual managerial role with club and county and the time and energy he has devoted to both is mind boggling.

Two weeks ago Ardfert defeated Eoghan Rua from Coleraine in the Intermediate Club Final and Duagh were pipped at the post with a one point defeat by Greencastle from Tyrone in the Junior Club Final.

This is an historic and groundbreaking milestone for club football in Kerry. It represents a vindication of the standard and quality of club football played in the county. Several Kerry clubs at their respective senior, intermediate and junior levels would consider themselves equal in standard to the three clubs that are at present riding the crest of the wave of national exposure and recognition.

The parishes and communities represented by Dr. Crokes, Ardfert and Duagh have been given a great boost by the success of their football teams. Playing in the All-Ireland Finals in Croke Park is a tremendous experience for the teams, officials and supporters and they carried the best wishes of everybody in Kerry for the biggest day in the history of their clubs.

For Duagh it was the proudest moment in the lives of the players to run out on to Croke Park on that Saturday night two weeks ago. The parish and community had never before witnessed such an outpouring of emotion and goodwill and they are justifiably proud of what their team has achieved. It was an unforgettable occasion and one that will be remembered by the people for many a long day. The two villages of Ardfert and Duagh had been decorated with the team colours of the clubs, as both communities looked forward to their big day out at Croke Park. They are two small rural clubs, Ardfert whose players are equally proficient in both hurling and football, have achieved the ultimate accolade of winning their second All-Ireland Club Final in Croke Park in successive years, this time playing at the higher Intermediate level.

It is certainly well within the compass of Kerry clubs to emulate the success of Dr. Crokes, Ardfert and Duagh in the 2007 County Kerry Club Championships, which will have their first round games played in late April. Little did any of the three clubs, Dr. Crokes, Ardfert or Duagh realise even six months ago that they would be running out onto Croke Park to play in an All-Ireland Club Final. Dr. Crokes, Ardfert and Duagh players would readily concede that it is just as difficult to win a championship in Kerry as it is

  
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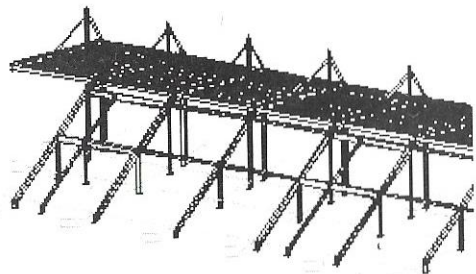
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in the provincial and All-Ireland series.

It is worth acknowledging at this juncture the amount of work that is done by volunteers at club level in Kerry and see it being rewarded with this success in the provincial and All-Ireland Club Championships. The work done at club level is also represented in the quality and dedication of the players that are on our intercounty panels.

Working diligently year after year there are team coaches and mentors in the clubs continually raising the bar in terms of coaching methods and motivating players at all levels to perform to a very high standard and as well as that to really enjoy the games and training sessions.

It is easy to say it is a cliché that the club is backbone of the GAA. Without the club structures and inter club leagues and championships we would not have our intercounty players coming through and it is well to remember that. We acknowledge the tremendous work done by the voluntary people in their communities, who devote their time and energy and often their money in fund raising ventures to further the aims of the GAA in providing first class amenities for young and old to play and enjoy the games.

Dr. Crokes, Ardfert and Duagh represent that philosophy and who knows at the end of this year's club championships in the county, perhaps it will fall on another three Kerry clubs to set out on that road to Munster and All-Ireland glory.

## CLG Dhún na nGall agus ár gCultúr.

Cuireann muid fearadh na fáilte roimh ár gcairde ó chontae Chiarraí inniu, contae Gaeltachta eile agus contae a bhfuil cliú agus cáil ar ó thaobh cúrsaí peil, cultúr agus an teanga de.

Is ceist mhór é staid na Gaeilge agus an chultúr i gcuid mhór contaetha ó thaobh CLG de, ár gcontae féin ina measc. Roinnt blianta ó shóin d'fhoilsigh Coiste Naisiúnta na Gaeilge CLG dhá lámhleabhar do chlubanna agus do oifigí Gaeilge chun aidhmeanna i leith na Gaeilge a chur chun cinn sa Mhílaois nua. Tá an lámhleabhar ina fhoilseachán ciallmhar agus na h-aidhmeanna atá ann simplí le cur i bhfeidhm, ach tá an chuma ann gur bheag aird a tugadh ar? Tá sé furast dearmad a dheánamh faoi na bun prionsabail ar a bunaíodh Cumann Luthchleas Gael. Ach caithfidh muid bheith dearfach agus brú ar aghaidh lenár gcuid iarrachtaí agus a bheith dóchasach.

Tá ceistneoir tugtha amach do na clubanna sa chontae seo i mí Feabhra le staid na Gaeilge agus rannpháirtíocht i gcúrsaí cultúra a mheas. Tá roinnt mhaith acu le theacht arais, iarraim oraibh iad seo a chur isteach go lua le bhur dtoil.

Tá Chiarraí ar cheann de na contaetha is láidre i gCuige Mumhan agus sa tír ó thaobh rannpháirtíocht i gcúrsaí cultúra agus SCÓR, go háirithe, agus de bharr seo éiríonn go maith leo sna comórtaisí SCÓR bliain indhiadh bliain. Tá ceacht le foghlaim againn uafa. Sin ráite tá a lán clubanna sa chontae ag deánamh sár iarracht an chultúr agus SCÓR a chur chun cinn, Naomh Adhamhnáin anseo ina measc. Arís tá an chlub anseo ina shampla don chuid eile den chontae le leanúint. Molaim na iarrachtaí atá deánta ag clubanna mar Carn Domhnaigh agus Gleann tSúilí a chuaigh chomh fada le comórtaisí ceannais SCÓR na nÓg i mbliana. Coinigí leis an sár obair.

Beidh an Féile Pan Cheilteach agus Oireachtas an Earraigh ar siúl anseo i Leitir Ceanainn tar éis na Cásca. Beidh na mílte ag tarraingt ar an bhaile, taraigí amach agus tabhair tacaíocht do na féilí seo agus cur leis an spraoi agus an chraic!

Beidh Céilí Mór na contae ar siúl i Halla Naomh Muire, An Mhág(Muff) ar an Aoine an 30ú Márta, ba dheas tacaíocht a fháil ó chlubanna CLG an chontae.

Beidh Cúrsa Gaeilge – Comhairle Uladh ar siúl arís i mbliana sna Dúnaibh ón Luain an 16ú lá d'Iúil go dtí an Satharn an 21ú lá d'Iúil 2007. Tá clár d'on cúrsa a ullmhú faoi láthair.

**Alan O Baoid, Oifigeach na Gaeilge, CLG Dhún na nGall**

## Donegal's Kerryman



In a glorious career that spanned well over three decades in the green and gold Sean Ferriter, is one of Donegal's most decorated footballers. He may not have reached the Holy Grail of an All Ireland crown as a player, though he did play his part in the historic All Ireland triumph of 1992. He was a member of Brian McEniff's backroom team and famously did undercover work in Parnell Park, and produced a dossier on the Dubs.

But it was playing with Ulster that earned his household reputation and marked him out as one of the great midfield players of the mid 1960's. At that time he was on three Ulster Railway Cup winning teams from 1963, '64 and '68 and was a member of what is regarded as one of the best teams ever. A team that came agonizingly close to making the big breakthrough and emerging from the shadows of the great Cavan and Down teams in 1966 when losing out to the Mournemen in the 1966 Ulster decider in Casement Park, the first provincial football final to be televised live.

Sean's trophy cabinet includes three Dr. Lagan Cup medals from 1965, '66 and '67, with Donegal and three Railway Cup gold medals with Ulster all won in a row, from 1963, '64 and '68. Though born and brought up in Dunfanaghy he played most of his senior club football with Dungloe and St. Eunans where he served as a garda and has a senior championship from playing here in O'Donnell Park with St. Eunans and senior league medal from his time out west with Dungloe.

A McRory Cup finalist with St. Eunans College managed by Cavan All Ireland winner and former cabinet minister and Tanaiste John Wilson, who was a teacher in Letterkenny at the time, in 1955, he also holds the distinction of leading Donegal to its first Ulster Championship title, the 1956 Ulster championship.

He played senior football for Donegal from 1957 to 1970 and was tempted out of retirement to play one more championship campaign in 1975.



## Donegal V Kerry 1956

Opening of the MacCumhail Park, 22nd April, 1956

This game in 1956 between Kerry and the Donegal select had the same attendance record as towards game. The game was refereed by John Wilson, Cavan..



**Donegal Team and guests who played Kerry at opening of MacCumhail Park:**

Front, left to right: Sean O'Donnell, Frankie Brennan, Sean MacCormack, Pearse Dawson, Jackie McDermott, Frankie Donnelly, Peadar McGeehin. Back: left to right, Sean Young, Paddy Carr, Jim McKeever, Pat English, Roddy Gribben, Cookie Boyle, Seamus Hoare, Joe Carroll.



**Kerry Team who played Donegal at opening of MacCumhail Park on 22nd April, 1956:**

Front, left to right: Colm Keenealy, Tom Costello, Bobby Buckley, John Joe Sheehan, Garry O'Mahony, Paudie Sheehy, Diarmuid Dillon.

Back, left to right: Gaffney Duggan (Bagman), Denny O'Shea, Tim "Tiger" Lyons, Tom Moriarty, "Micksie" Palmer, Sean Murphy, Dan McAuliffe, Gerald O'Sullivan, Ned Roche.



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(ii) **26 March:** The Dún na nGall - Ciarraí play-off was in Tuaim Dá Ghualainn. Ciarraí led by 1-5 to 0-4 at half-time. Dún na nGall fought back wonderfully with the help of a great Tommy Ryan goal. It was 1-8 each when a controversially-awarded '45' saw Dara Ó Cinnéide put Ciarraí ahead. Genie Farrell added another.

(iii) **26 November:** P.J Mc Gowan's Dún na nGall (with Tom Comack a mentor!) were well beaten by Ciarraí in the rain in Béal Átha Seanaidh. It was Manus Boyle's 100th game for Dún na nGall but Dara Ó Cinnéide was the scoring hero with 1-6 for a Ciarraí team whose midfield pairing was Dara Ó Sé and man-of-the-match Séamus Moynihan.

### 2005

The last meeting between the teams was in Bealach Féich on 13 March 2005. Brian Mc Eniff's team had suffered three narrow defeats against Tír Eoghain, Maigh Eo agus An Iarmhí but pulled out all the stops to beat the All-Ireland Champions, Ciarraí. Dún na nGall led by 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time but an Eoin Brosnan goal levelled it at 1-7 each. But points by man-of-the-match Micheal Hegarty, Christy Toye and Colm Mc Fadden saw a famous Dún na nGall victory 1-10 / 1-9

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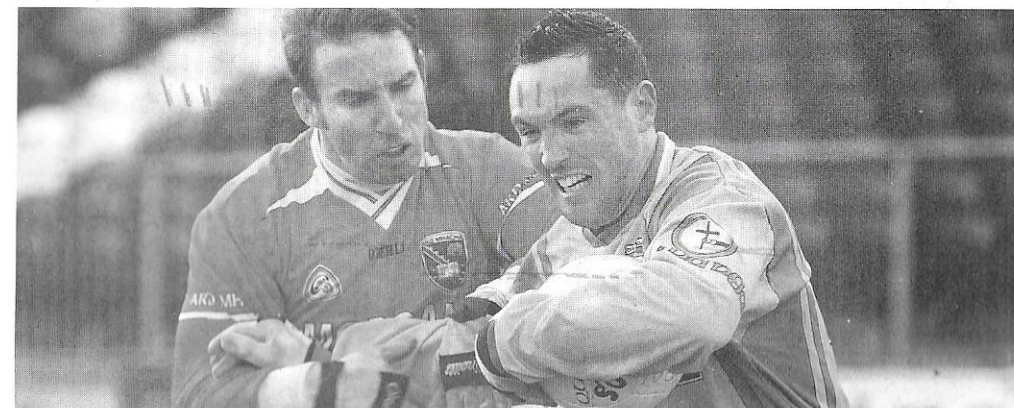
Niall Mc Cready	Paul Durcan	Éamonn Mc Gee
Shane Carr	Raymond Sweeney	Kevin Cassidy
	Barry Monaghan	
	Neil Gallagher and Stephen Mc Dermott	
Christy Toye (0-1)	Michael Hegarty (0-3)	Brian Roper
Colm Mc Fadden (1-2)	Ryan Bradley (0-3)	Rory Kavanagh (0-1)

Subs : *Damien Diver and Barry Dunning*

#### Ciarraí :

Marc Ó Sé	Diarmuid Murphy	Mossie Lyons
Tomás Ó Sé	Michael Mc Carthy	Aidan Mahony
	Éamonn Fitzmaurice	
	Dara Ó Sé and Michael Quirke	
Paul Galvin	Eoin Brosnan (1-0)	Paddy Kelly (0-1)
Declan Quill (0-1)	Rónán O'Connor (0-1)	Colm Cooper (0-3)

Subs : *Dara Ó Cinnéide (0-3), William Kirby, Séamus Moynihan, Kieran Donaghy, Brendan Guiney.*





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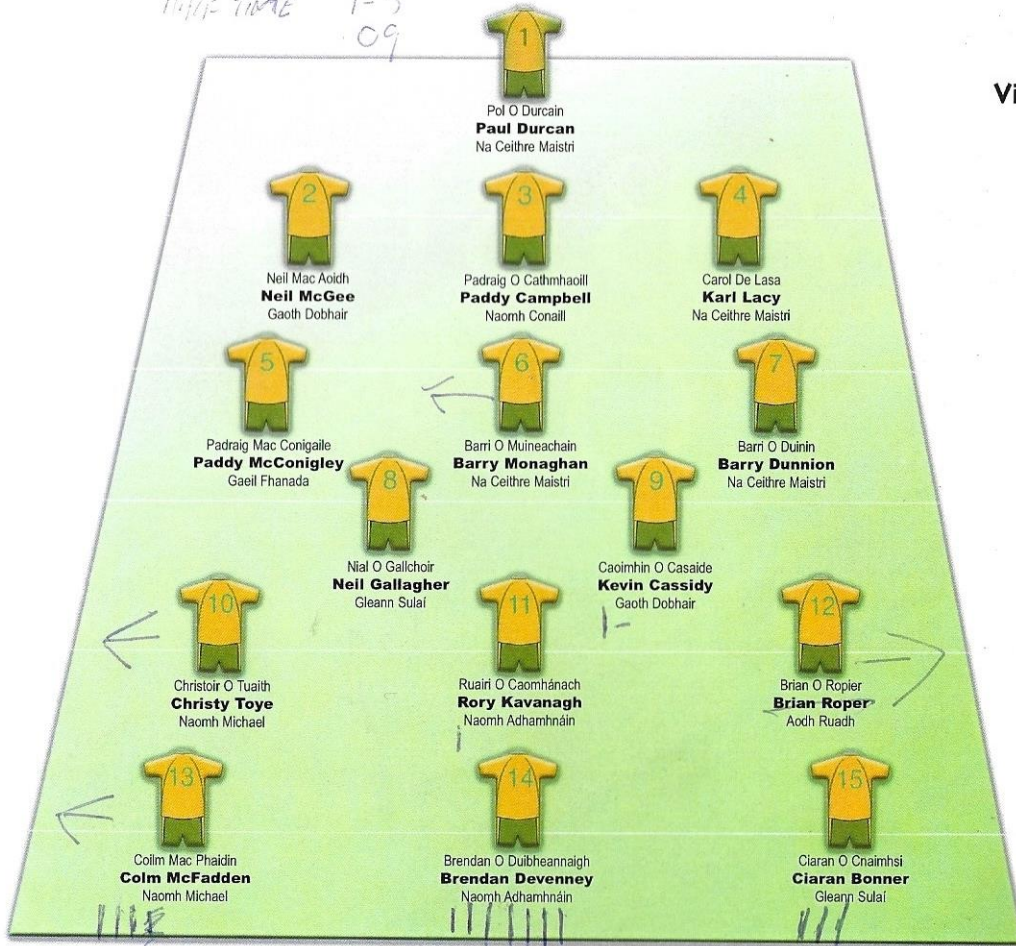
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# Donegal Dún na nGall

Manager: Brian McIver

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1-5  
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Fir Ionaid: 16. Micheal O Baoill, An Tearman, Michael Boyle. 17. Eamann Mac Aoidh Gaoth Dobhair **Eamon McGee**. 18. Tomas O Donnchu Naomh Conaill Thomas Donoghue. 19. Peader O'Wittherow Naomh Michael Peter Witherow. 20. Seosamh O Frl Cloich Cheann Fhaola Joe Friel. 21. Aontain Mac Tomais Naomh Conail Anthony Thompson. 22. Sean Mac Gilla Eoin Naomh Conaill Johnny McLoone. 23. Micheal O hEigheartaigh Cill Chartha Michael Hegarty. 24. Adrian MacSuibhne An Clochan Liath Adrian Sweeney. 25. Eoin Mac Tomais Naomh Conaill Leon Thompson. 26. Caoimhin Mac Meanamin An Tearman Kevin McMenamin. 27. Breandan O Beirne Na Ceithre Maistri Benny Byrne. 28. Donnacha O Baoill Cloich Cheann Fhaola Denis Boyle. 29. Micheal O Dochartaigh Na Ceithre Maistri Michael Doherty. 30. Rian O Brolchain Buncrannaigh Ryan Bradley.

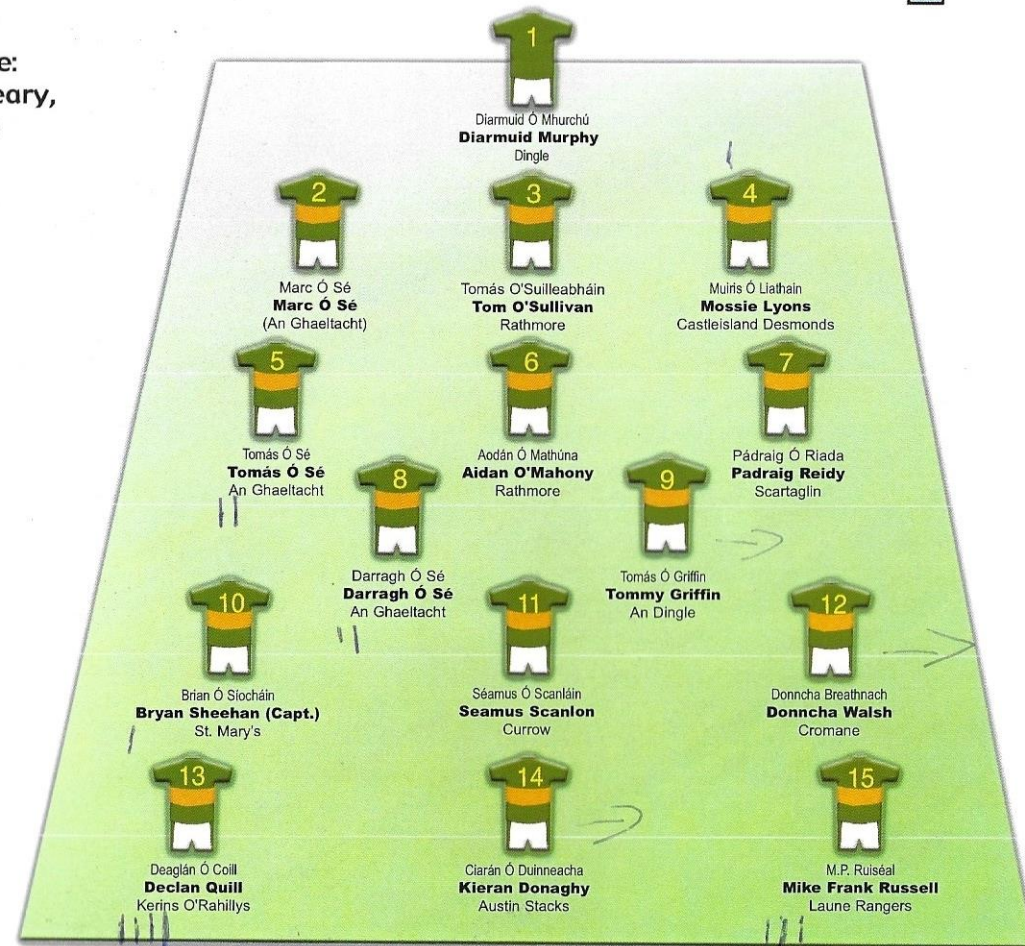


# Kerry Ciarraí

Manager: Pat O Shea



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Mayo



Fir Ionaid: 16. Breandán Ó Geibheanaigh, Brendan Guiney, Listowel Emmets. 17. Rónán Ó Flatharta, An Ghaeltacht. 18. Micheál Ó Cuirc, Micheál Quirke, Kerins O'Rahillys. 19. Seán Ó Súilleabháin, Sean O'Sullivan, Cromane. 20. Darren Ó Súilleabháin, Darren O'Sullivan, Glenbeigh/Glencar. 21. Pól Ó Gealbháin, Paul Galvin, Finuge. 22. Pól Ó Conchúir, Paul O'Connor, Kenmare. 23. Éamonn Mac Muiris, Eamonn Fitzmaurice, Finuge. 24.

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9. Eugene Organ,
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11. Paddy Hannigan,
12. Kevin Campbell,
13. Danny Cullen,
14. Mickey McCann,
15. Niall Campbell,
- Subs: 16. Kieran Kelly,
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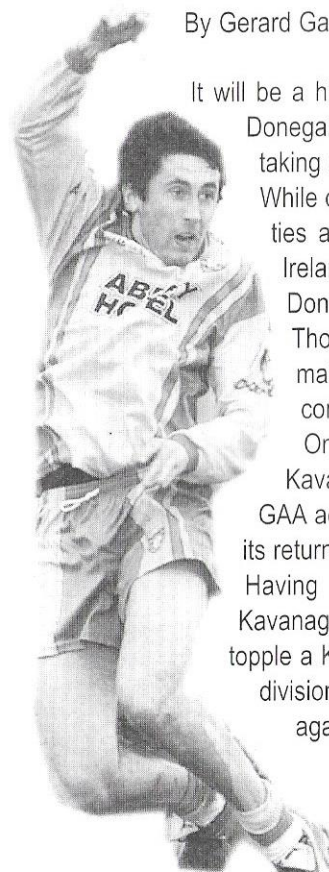
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## KAVANAGH READY FOR CHALLENGE ON HOME TURF

By Gerard Gallen      gerard@letterkennypost.com



It will be a historic day for O'Donnell Park come 3.30pm on Sunday but Donegal have their focus firmly set away from the occasion and on taking on the might of the kingdom.

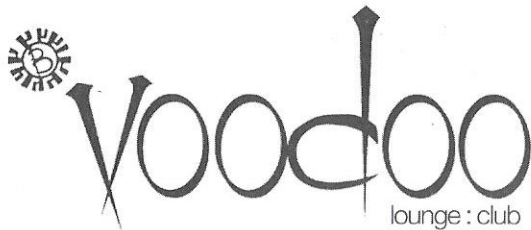
While confidence is high in the Donegal camp after negotiating tricky ties against Mayo, Tyrone, Dublin and Cork the arrival of the All Ireland champions is sure to come as the toughest test yet for Donegal.

Though the side is sitting proud on top spot the game has the making of an intense battle as the forward prowess of Kerry comes to Letterkenny.

One Donegal player who the occasion will not be lost on is Rory Kavanagh. The St Eunans player is relishing the arrival of top flight GAA action to the cathedral town once more and is determined that its return is graced with victory and a semi final spot for Donegal.

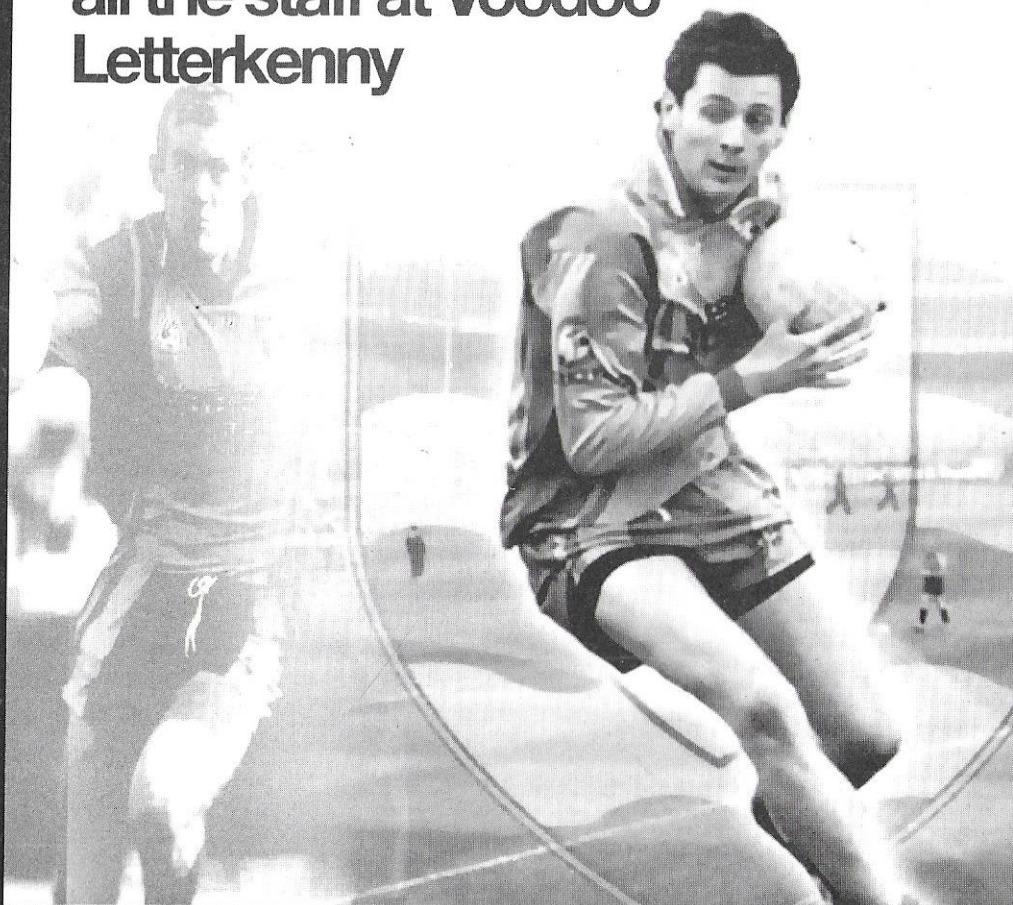
Having racked up three points against Tyrone in Healey Park Kavanagh knows Donegal will need to show similar scoring form to topple a Kerry side bursting with talent "There is no easy games in the division but we go into it with confidence after a hard fought victory against Tyrone. Hopefully the journey will take it out of Kerry. They are extremely strong up front but our defence has been playing well so hopefully they can put the shackles on them."

Kavanagh is determined that O'Donnell Park gets off to the perfect start in what is a massive occasion for the club "It is probably long overdue. The club has great facilities and worked tirelessly so it is just reward to have 2nd county ground status and hopefully with a bit more money they can finish the job" While Kerry will be without the formidable Colin Cooper due to his involvement in the club championship final Kavanagh knows only too well that there are plenty who can take his place "We really need to focus to get the win. We have no injury worry's apart from a few minor niggles and we will need a big performance. It is sure to attract a huge crowd and we will need the support. They don't come tougher than Kerry but we are confident we can continue our winning run".



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# Allianz National Football League Tables

## ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1A

Team 1	Score	Score	Team 2	Venue	Date	Comment
Kerry	1-10	0-10	Limerick	Killarney	11/03/2007	Round 4
Tyrone	1-8	2-11	Donegal	Healy Park	10/03/2007	Round 4
Fermanagh	0-8	1-12	Kerry	Kingspan Breffni Park	25/02/2007	Round 3
Donegal	0-9	0-5	Dublin	Ballyshannon	25/02/2007	Round 3
Donegal	1-13	1-10	Mayo	Ballybofey	11/02/2007	Round 2
Kerry	0-11	2-2	Cork	Killarney	10/02/2007	Round 2
Mayo	1-11	0-11	Kerry	Castlebar	04/02/2007	Round 1
Cork	2-7	1-12	Donegal	Parc Ui Rinn	03/02/2007	Round 1

### All eyes on O'Donnell Park...

Victory for Donegal in today's encounter will move them onto ten points and would secure top flight status in next year's restructured league. They would also hold a very commanding position for qualification to this year's league semi-final. Apart from NFL affairs, Brian McIver will be looking to use this match to benchmark his team's progress in 2007 against the current All-Ireland Champions.

From a Kerry standpoint, Bainisteoir Pat O'Shea will be doubly disappointed with Oisín McConville's injury time equalizer in last week's club final when it comes to picking his team today. The All-Ireland title is still to be won, so it is likely that he (as Dr. Crokes Bainisteoir) will be reluctant to call on the services of his clubmates until after the All-Ireland Club Final replay. With Dublin and Tyrone still to come, Kerry will be aware that securing the necessary league points to make the cut for next year's Div 1 is not going to be straightforward. A Kerry victory today will throw Div 1A wide open, while a Donegal win would spark a most interesting battle, not just for the second semi-final spot but also for the other two top flight positions in next year's Div 1.

## LEAGUE TABLE FOR ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1A

Team	P	W	L	D	Points For	Points Against	Points Difference	Pts
Donegal	4	4	0	0	57	42	15	8
Kerry	4	3	1	0	50	40	10	6
Mayo	4	3	1	0	52	44	8	6
Dublin	4	2	2	0	45	40	5	4
Tyrone	4	2	2	0	43	50	-7	4
Limerick	4	1	3	0	46	51	-5	2
Cork	4	1	3	0	43	49	-6	2
Fermanagh	4	0	4	0	37	57	-20	0

## REMAINING GAMES

Team 1	Team 2	Date	Comment
Dublin	Fermanagh	24/03/2007	Round 5
Cork	Mayo	24/03/2007	Round 5
Donegal	Kerry	25/03/2007	Round 5
Limerick	Tyrone	25/03/2007	Round 5
Kerry	Tyrone	31/03/2007	Round 6
Fermanagh	Cork	01/04/2007	Round 6
Mayo	Dublin	01/04/2007	Round 6
Limerick	Donegal	01/04/2007	Round 6
Donegal	Fermanagh	07/04/2007	Round 7
Dublin	Kerry	07/04/2007	Round 7
Tyrone	Mayo	07/04/2007	Round 7
Cork	Limerick	07/04/2007	Round 7

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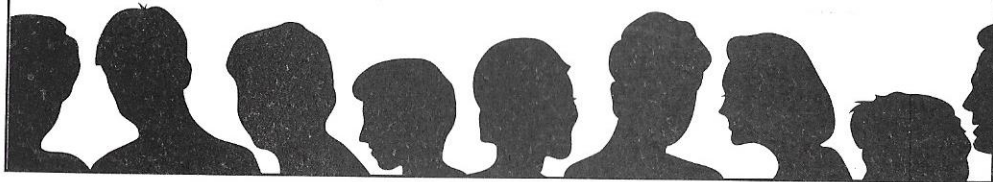
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## Leitrim halt Donegal's gallop

Donegal 0-7 20/11/77 Leitrim 2-6

For the second year in succession Leitrim have thrown a spanner into the works as far as Donegal's National League (Div. 2B) prospects are concerned. At O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, on Sunday, in conditions in which an eskimo would have felt at home, the Connacht side, with a fully merited five points victory, put a halt to Donegal's gallop at the top of the Division and enhanced their own prospects of making it to the knock-out stages by throwing the section completely wide open again.

Had Donegal won on Sunday they would have been assured of at least a play-off for the 2B North title and a place in the Division 2 North semi-finals. Now the final series of games on Sunday week. At the moment, Donegal are level on four points from three games, with Leitrim, Sligo and Fermanagh having once again failed to gain a point from four outings.

On Sunday while Leitrim are hosts to Sligo and Fermanagh, these games are the Division 2 North semi-finals and play-off place. With Donegal riding high on top of the section, Leitrim's victory on Sunday was unexpected as in Carrick-on-Shannon, they again also, their five points margin was a just reflection of their superiority on the day.

### DIFFICULT CONDITIONS

The snow-covered pitch and bitterly cold wind ensured difficult conditions for the players, although Donegal did have to face a veritable blitzard for about 15 minutes of the first half they can hardly blame the conditions for their dismal display. The difference between the teams was that Leitrim showed drive and played the decisive direct football which conditions demanded. In contrast Donegal showed little determination or purpose which, in the end, was disastrous. The prevailing conditions prevailing without Michael Martin and Joe Reynolds and only Frank Holohan late in the game, Leitrim had the breeze made early use of it when Wryne put them ahead after two minutes with a first five minutes gallop to come into it and Donegal began to previous unsuccessful attempts Martin Carney equalised with a point from a 40 yards free in the 8th minute. Hugh McClafferty was prominent with some great fielding at this stage there was little purpose in the gal's attacks and the danger to the Leitrim goal was 40 yards effort on the part of Martin Griffen which keeper

latter added a point from a rebound after a Martin Griffen free had been punched against the crossbar by Carney. Leitrim showed how dangerous they could be with a quick break upfield and a shot from Finian Ward and Kieran Keeney had to set back to take it off the line. In the 16th minute Martin Griffen was booked for a late tackle, a fate which Sandy Harpur also suffered near the end for striking one of the Leitrim players. Ben Wryne kept Leitrim in command with another point from a free, which Donegal were with, as the Leitrim player who was fouled had clearly lifted the ball off the ground. Donegal began to show a bit more spirit in the closing stages but by then it was too late and Griffen and Hugh McClafferty only served to put a better look on the scoreboard. The Leitrim defence was sound all through, with Dan Meehan at full back and Tony Mulvey at centre-back most prominent. Noel Maxwell and Des McNulty (until he was injured late in the game) played well, and always outstayed the Donegal pair. Up front Ben Wryne and Michael Griffen were also prominent. Leitrim rearguard: Leitrim (0-4) B. Wryne (0-1), Donegal (0-1) F. Bohan (0-1), M. Gallagher (0-3), J. Brennan, M. Griffin and H. M. Carney (0-1 each). The teams, under referee, Mr S. Mullin (Derry) were: Donegal — Noel McCole; Michael Ward, Benny Geraghty, Kieran Keeney, Hugh McCafferty, Seamus Bonner, Jim Brennan and Seamus M. Loughlin. Leitrim — Noel Crossan; Seamus Bonner, Dan Meehan, Tony Mulvey, Sean Leydon, Des McNulty, Frank Bohan, Noel Maxwell.

## Donegal 0-7 Leitrim 2-6

The last time O'Donnell Park hosted NFL game was on the 20th of November 1977. The visitors that day were Leitrim and the game was played in arctic conditions. Donegal had been riding high at the top of Division 2B but the good run of form was to end at O'Donnell Park. Leitrim ran out convincing winners on the day with 5 points to spare.

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Michael Houston,  
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Benny Geraghty,  
Kieran Keeney,  
Brendan Dunleavy,  
Sandy Harpur,  
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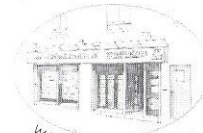
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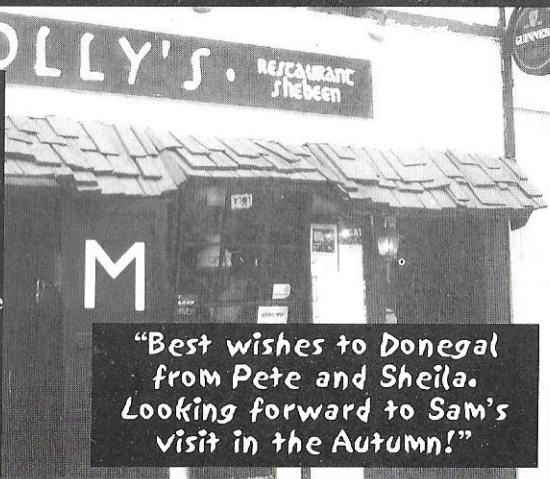
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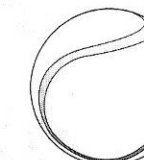
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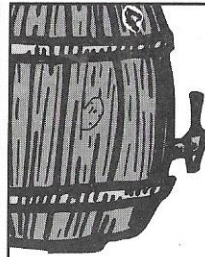
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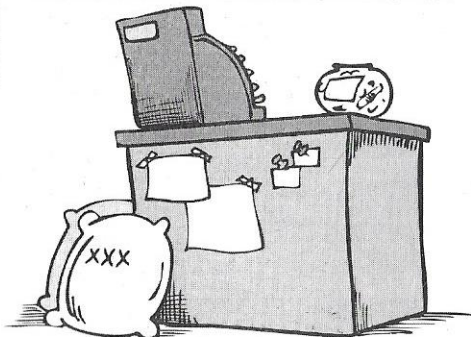
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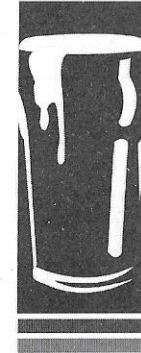
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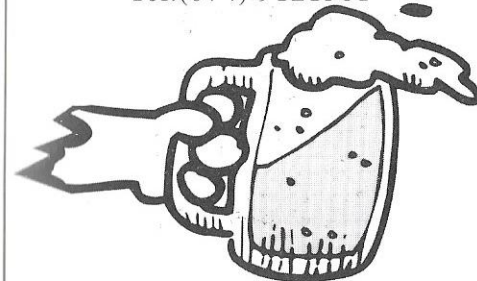
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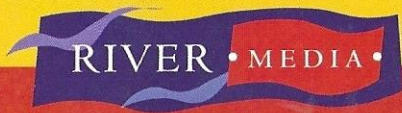
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