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Dhún na nGall



Presentation Banquet



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I welcome you all to this historic occasion when for the first time since 1992 we get the opportunity to honour our senior footballers for winning the Allianz National Football League for the first time.

A special welcome to all 32 players and the management, backroom staff and Brian McIvor.

To win a National League Title at any level or grade is a tremendous achievement, and to secure one at senior level is something special.

It is important for the new year that we build on this success and I know that Brian McIvor with total support from the Board and you the Clubs will leave no stone unturned to ensure our senior team give of their very best for the green and gold for 2008.

In conclusion, I thank our main sponsors The Abbey Hotel, Azzurri and Club Donegal for their continued support.

Ta suil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus taitneamh as na mór speisialta seo.

Mise,

Sean Ó Ceallaigh

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Dhún na nGall Division 2 Runners Up 2006

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Paul Durcan | 2. Raymond Sweeney | 3. Paddy Campbell |
| 4. Karl Lacey | 5. Damien Diver | 6. Barry Monaghan |
| 7. Barry Dunnion | 8. Brendana Boyle | 9. Neil Gallagher |
| 10. Christy Toye (c) | 11. Ciaran Bonner | 12. Rory Kavanagh |
| 13. Adrian Sweeney | 14. James Gallagher | 15. Michael Doherty |
| 16. Michael Boyle | 17. Frank McGlynn | 18. Thomas Donoghue |
| 19. Stephen McHugh | 20. Neil Mc Gee | 21. Gavin Maguire |
| 22. Anthony Thompson | 23. Stephen McDermott | 24. Conal Dunne |
| 25. Michael Hegarty | 26. Brian Roper | 27. Paddy McNulty |
| 28. Seamie Friel | 29. Leon Thompson | 30. Eddie Brennan |

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE 2006: DIVISION 2A

TEAM	P	W	D	L	Pts
DONEGAL	7	6	1	0	13
LIMERICK	7	5	1	1	11
ROSCOMMON	7	5	0	2	10
LEITRIM	7	2	2	3	6
LONGFORD	7	2	2	3	6
CLARE	7	3	0	4	6
CARLOW	7	2	0	5	4
LONDON	7	0	0	7	0

RESULTS 2006

<i>Round 1:</i>	Donegal	0-11	Leitrim	1-8
<i>Round 2:</i>	Carlow	0-8	Donegal	1-21
<i>Round 3:</i>	Donegal	3-16	Longford	0-9
<i>Round 4:</i>	London	0-4	Donegal	1-21
<i>Round 5:</i>	Clare	0-04	Donegal	0-11
<i>Round 6:</i>	Donegal	1-9	Limerick	0-5
<i>Round 7:</i>	Roscommon	1-9	Donegal	0-14
<i>Semi Final:</i>	Donegal	0-14	Westmeath	1-9
<i>Final:</i>	Donegal	0-17	Louth	3-8
<i>Final (Replay):</i>	Donegal	1-9	Louth	1-12

The Path to Glory

3rd February

Donegal 1-12 Cork 2-7 (Páirc Uí Rinn)

Paul Durcan

T. Donoghue, N. McGee, Karl Lacey:

É. McGee, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and R. Kavanagh:

C. Toye, C. Bonner, B. Roper:

K. McMenamin, B. Devenney, Michael Doherty:

Subs: C.A. McFadden, M. Hegarty, P. Witherow, N. Gallagher.

11th February

Donegal 1-13 Mayo 1-10 (Ballybofey)

P. Durcan:

T. Donoghue P. Campbell K. Lacey:

É. McGee, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher:

C. Toye, C. Bonner, B. Roper:

K. McMenamin, B. Devenney, R. Bradley:

Subs: P. McConigley, A. Sweeney, F. McGlynn, C. McFadden

25th February

Donegal 0-9 Dublin 0-5 (Ballyshannon)

P. Durcan:

N. McGee, P. Campbell, T. Donoghue:

P. McConigley, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher:

R. Kavanagh, B. Roper, J. McLoone:

C.A. McFadden, B. Devenney, C. Bonner:

Subs: C. Toye, É. McGee, A. Sweeney, K. McMenamin, J. Friel.

10th March

Donegal 2-11 Tyrone 1-8 (Omagh)

P. Durcan:

N. McGee, P. Campbell, K. Lacey:

P. McConigley, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher:

J. McLoone, R. Kavanagh, B. Roper:

C.A. McFadden, B. Devenney, C. Bonner:

Subs: C. Toye, M. Doherty, L. Thompson, A. Sweeney.

25th March

Donegal 1-15 Kerry 0-13 (Letterkenny)

P. Durcan:

N. McGee, P. Campbell, K. Lacey:

P. McConigley, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher:

C. Toye, R. Kavanagh, B. Roper:

C. A. McFadden, B. Devenney, C. Bonner:

Subs: M. Hegarty, K. McMenamin, A. Sweeney, É. McGee.

1st April

Donegal 4-6 Limerick 2-12 (Limerick)

P. Durcan:

T. Donoghue, P. Campbell, K. Lacey:

P. McConigley, B. Monaghan, É. McGee:

J. Friel and K. Cassidy:

C. Toye, M. Hegarty, R. Bradley:

L. Thompson, B. Devenney, A. Sweeney.

Subs: M. Doherty J. McLoone.

8th April

Donegal 1-13 Fermanagh 2-9 (Ballybofey)

M. Boyle:

P. Witherow, N. McGee, T. Donoghue:

F. McGlynn, K. Lacey, É. McGee:

J. Friel and R. Bradley,

J. McLoone, M. Hegarty, A. Sweeney:

D. Boyle, B. Byrne, M. Doherty:

Subs: B. Dunnion, B. Monaghan, K. Cassidy, C. Toye, K. McMenamin

15th April

Donegal 1-13 Kildare 1-11 Croke Park (S-Final)

P. Durcan: N. McGee, P. Campbell, K. Lacey:

P. McConigley, B. Monaghan, B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher: C. Bonner

B. Roper C. Toye: C.A. McFadden

B. Devenney M. Hegarty

Subs: K. McMenamin É. McGee, A. Sweeney F. McGlynn,

T. Donoghue.

22nd April

Donegal 0-13 Mayo 0-11 Croke Park (Final)

P. Durcan: N. McGee P. Campbell K. Lacey:

P. McConigley B. Monaghan B. Dunnion:

K. Cassidy and N. Gallagher:

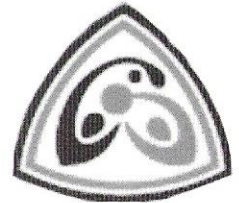
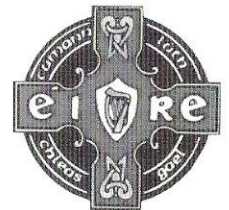
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B. Devenney C.A. McFadden M. Hegarty.

Subs: K. McMenamin T. Donoghue, É. McGee R. Kavanagh

A. Sweeney

	Cork	Mayo	Dublin	Tyrone	Kerry	Limerick	Fermanagh	Kildare	Mayo	Total
C. McFadden	0-1	0-1	0-3	1-4	0-3	--	--	0-6	0-3	1-21
B. Devenney	0-1	0-4	0-3	0-3	0-7	0-2	--	--	--	0-20
K. McMenamin	1-2	0-4	--	--	--	--	0-2	1-0	0-1	2-9
K. Cassidy	0-2	--	--	--	1-0	0-2	1-1	0-1	0-1	2-6
C. Toye	0-2	0-1	--	1-0	--	1-0	--	--	--	2-6
C. Bonner	0-1	0-2	0-1	0-1	0-3	--	--	--	0-2	0-8
M. Hegarty	--	--	--	--	0-1	0-1	0-3	0-3	--	0-8
A. Sweeney	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	0-4	0-1	0-1	1-6
R. Kavanagh	--	--	0-1	0-3	0-1	--	--	--	0-1	0-6
R. Bradley	--	1-0	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	--	1-1
B. Roper	0-2	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	0-3	0-6
L. Thompson	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	--	--	1-0
M. Doherty	--	--	--	--	--	1-0	--	--	--	1-0
J. McLoone	--	--	0-1	--	--	--	0-1	--	--	0-2
P. McConigley	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	0-1	--	0-2
B. Monaghan	0-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1
B. Dunnion	--	0-1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1
D. Boyle	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	--	--	0-1
E. McGee	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0-1	0-1
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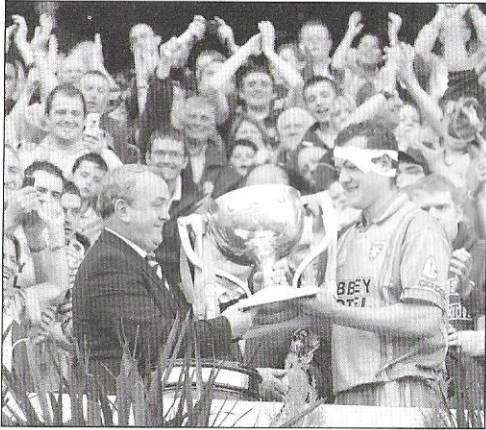


April 22nd and what it meant...

Anyone who ever dares utter the words 'sure its only the League' ought to be reminded of that fateful April Sunday when our battle scarred troops made the walk that so many before them have only dreamt - climbing that sacred monument of our National Games, the Hogan Stand.

While our summer petered out into destruction after our success in April, 2007 was still a year to remember as we collected our first National title since 1992 and only our second ever National trophy.

For those of us who were not old enough to enjoy properly that Autumn Sunday in '92 when Manus Boyle hit nine points as Brian McEniff's men put those pesky Dubs to the sword, this year's triumph was special.



I was only five years old when Sam came to the Hills. Didn't really understand the meaning of it all. I knew that Anthony Molloy was bringing Sam home, that we had some wee man from Kilcar who could play a bit and yer man Boyle from Killybegs could stick the ball over the bar. As an impressionable little senior infant, Margo O'Donnell's deluct tones helped in explaining it all. While just a mere couple of feet tall I, like the rest of the County, was 'Walking Tall.'

Unable to form much of a tactical analysis, I could still proclaim that Matt Gallagher had ran around Mayo talisman Liam McHale 'like a small boat in a gael'

and that Sam would go down as being 'Donegal's best catch.'

After Manus hit those nine historic points and Charlie Redmond failed to beat Gary Walsh with his big kick, Donegal rejoiced for weeks on end as the triumphant heroes toured the county.

We thought at the time that we would experience these joyous days on an annual basis. We got carried away. We had a right to. We were kings...

Fifteen years is a long time. A lot of water has passed under the bridge since then and a dozen finals had been played and lost since '92. Great gaels had passed on and other had emerged. Donegal were going into battle on final day once again as Mayo stood in the way of another title.

When I came into this game just 18months previously as a wee cub reporter I dreamt that one day I may be writing about a great Tir Chonaill day at headquarters. The first summer following the county from the press boxes, two defeats were suffered - Ulster Final and All Ireland Quarter final of 2006.

But, one sensed that April 22nd was to be our day. We got off to the best possible start, but as we entered a nerve-rattling eight minutes of stoppage time - added on following an injury to Ciaran Bonner - the sides were level at ten points apiece.

Then, Donegal said that it was time for silverware. Super subs Rory Kavanagh, Eamon McGee and Adrian Sweeney put over the points that saw us take a 0-13 to 0-10 win. John Bannon's concluding whistle was greeted with a roar of relief that has rarely been heard around the Jones' Road. Croker had never seen celebrations of such a

nature so early in the year.

We pressmen are supposed to be neutral. But, as those three late scores went over, it was hard not to leap from the perch in delight. Once again we were 'walking tall' and neutrality was cast to one side for an evening.

Battle-scarred Neil Gallagher climbed the Hogan steps to collect the prize and a county united in celebration as the Glenswilly man hoisted the trophy high into the capital's sky.

The Hills of Donegal played as the Tir Chonaill faithful partied like it was September



with the only disappointment being that Eamon McGee didn't take up his skipper's offer to 'sing a wee song!'

Just after 11.00pm, led by the Ardagh Pipe Band, the team bus carrying the Donegal team rolled into Donegal Town with an extra passenger on board. It was the National Football League trophy's maiden voyage into the county and the hosts were determined to make it feel welcome.

A decade and a half after Anthony Molloy brought the All Ireland back to the Hills, one could have been forgiven for thinking it was the autumn as the green and gold hoards partied jubilantly in the land of the Four Masters.

'Only a League title' it may well have been. It was ours though and there is only ever one first time. May as well make the most of it. Alas the win didn't provide the platform for the summer months, but we'll be back again and who knows we could well be rejoicing in September before too long...

BY CHRIS MCNULTY

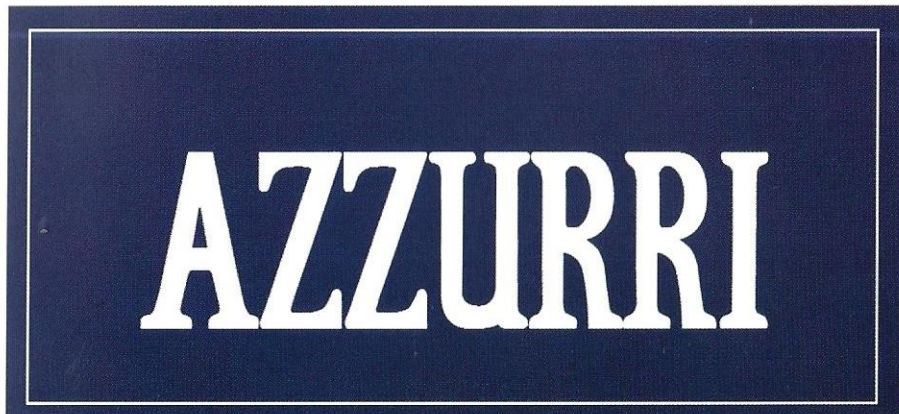
(Derry People, Donegal News)

National League Panel that Brought Glory to Donegal in 2007

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| 25. Ryan Bradley | 26. Michael Doherty |
| 27. Brendan Devenney | 28. Johnny Mc Loone |
| 29. Benny Byrne | 30. Denis Boyle |
| 31. Leon Thompson | 32. Ciaran Sharkey |



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