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Dún na nGall v Ard Mhacha at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey
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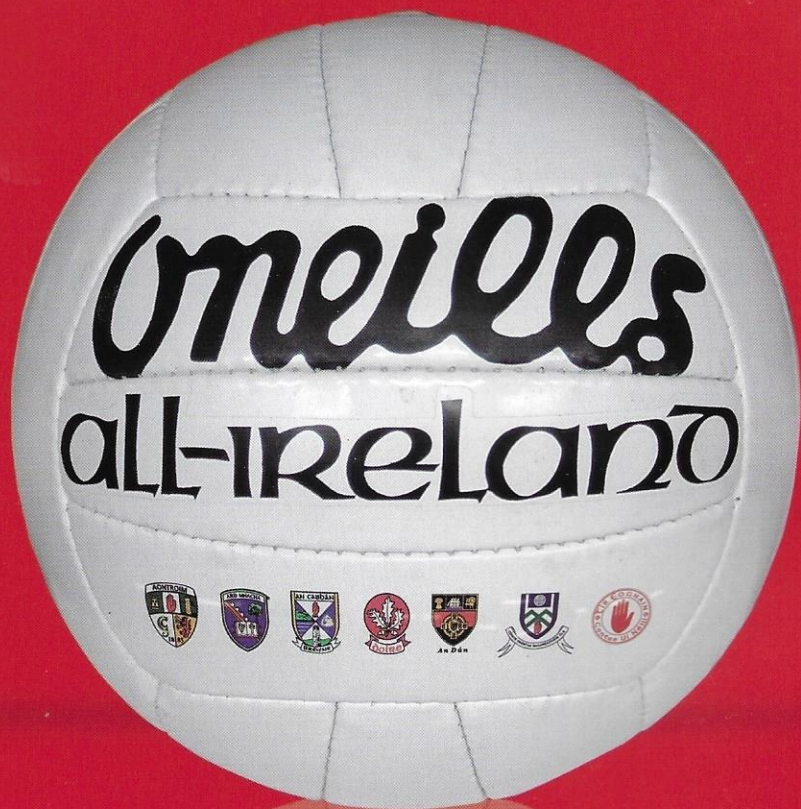
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2.15 in Dún na nGall v Ard Mhacha

Réiteoir: J. J. Cleary (Doíre)
Standby Referee: Martin McErlane (Doíre)
Linesman: Eamon McHugh (Tír Eoghain)
Sideline Official: Barry Cassidy (Doíre)



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Ulster Senior Football Championship

4.00 in Dún na nGall v Ard Mhacha

Réiteoir: John Bannon (Longfort)
Standby Referee: Gearóid Ó Connamha (Gaillimh)
Linesman: Derek Fahy (Longfort)
Sideline Official: Stephen McNamee (Tír Eoghain)

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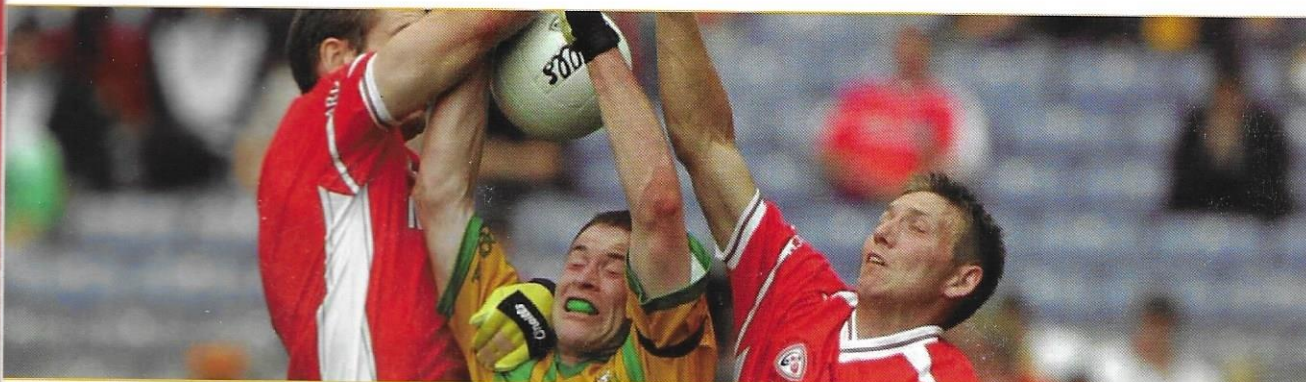
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BUÍOCHAS: Comhairle Uladh would like to thank the County Boards and all other contributors for their assistance in the compilation of this programme.

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.

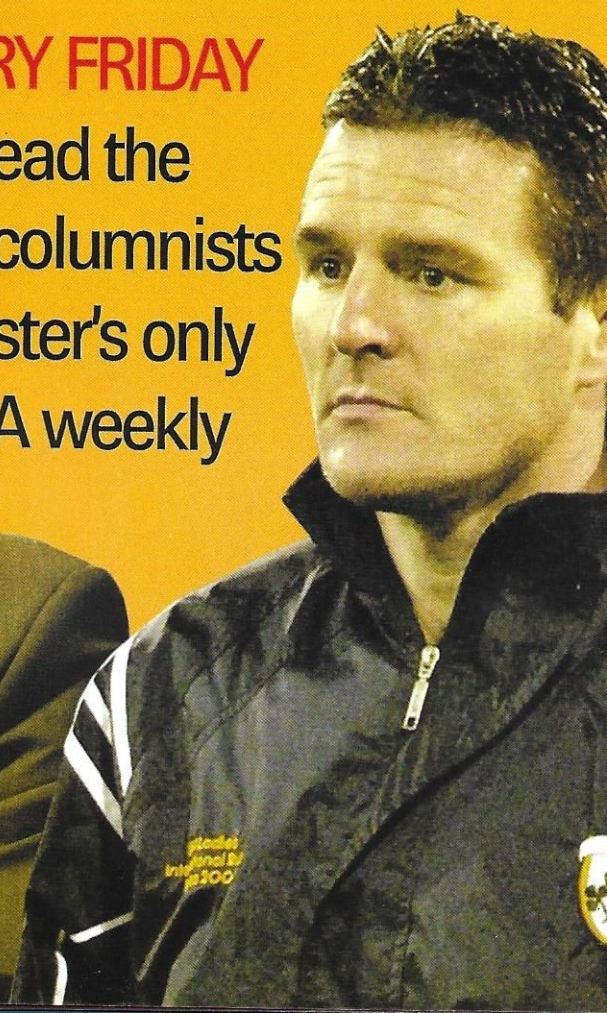


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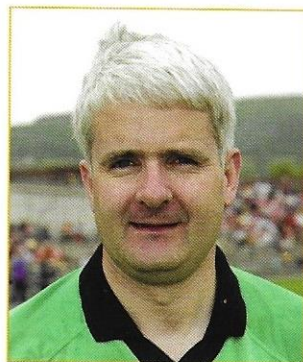
Senior: John Bannon (Longfort)

John took charge of the All-Ireland senior football quarter-final between Fermanagh and Armagh at Croke Park in 2004. Earlier that year he refereed Armagh's first round championship game against Monaghan at Clones. He also refereed this year's Allianz National Football League Division 1 Final.

A member of the Legan Sarsfields club, John is a

former player and won county championship medals at Senior "B", Intermediate and Junior.

He has been refereeing at inter-county level since 1992 and was the man in the middle at the All-Ireland senior finals of 1998 between Galway and Kildare and the 2002 meeting of Armagh and Kerry. He also refereed the USFC Semi Final in 2006 between Armagh and Fermanagh.



Minor: JJ Cleary (Doire)

John Joe is a member of St Malachy's Castledawson and played senior football for the club for 15 years.

He is married to Patricia. He has been refereeing since

1994. He joined the Provincial panel in 2001 and has officiated at MFL, MFC, Ulster Club and Dr McKenna Cup games.

He refereed the 2006 Derry SFC Final.



Clar An Lae

Minor Game	Senior Game
13.58 Ard Mhacha amach ar an bPáirc	15.42 Ard Mhacha amach ar an bPáirc
14.01 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc	15.45 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
14.15 Tús an Cluiche: Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall	15.52 Paráid
14.45 Half Time	15.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
14.55 Start of Second Half	16.00 Tús an Cluiche: Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall
15.28 End of Minor Game	16.35 Half time
St Michael's CBS Band	Cumann na mBunscol
	16.50 Start of Second Half
	17.29 End of Senior Game

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Ground Development

MacCumhaill Park from Humble Beginnings
In 1944, Ben Griffin and Sean MacCumhaill made an offer to Mark Byrne to purchase a field, which was within the town boundary of Ballybofey.

Unfortunately, at the time, the owner was unwilling to sell. In 1946, as part of the 'Civic Week' celebrations in the Twin Towns a friendly match, between Sligo and Donegal, was held in Mark Byrne's field. As this proved to be a great success, a Park Committee was formed and the field was finally secured for the GAA. On Sunday 1st May 1949, Sean MacCumhaill died suddenly. Soon after that it was decided that the new Park would be known as Sean MacCumhaill Park.

On Sunday, 22nd April 1956, the well equipped MacCumhaill Park was officially opened by the President of the G.A.A., Seamus MacFearain. A plaque was unveiled at the main gate in memory of the late Sean MacCumhaill.

Today, as we stand and look around, we see one of the most modern and progressive stadiums in the country. The stadium we see bears no resemblance to the field bought over 60 years ago. As part of the Ulster Council GAA's modernisation

programme a state of the art floodlighting system to television standards was installed and completed, financed by the Ulster Council and Central Council at a cost of over €1,000,000. We look forward to the official "switching on" of the lights in the very near future and in 2008 Dr McKenna Cup Matches and National League Home Games will light up Stranorlar for the Donegal team.

It is fitting that at the time of completion of the floodlighting project that we have Tom Daly, a Donegal native as Uachtaran of Comhairle Uladh CLG, who commented:

"The gaels of Donegal should be very proud of what has been achieved at MacCumhaill Park in recent years.

Under the direction of our Operations Manager Stephen McGeehan and key personnel in the County and Club the Floodlighting Project in particular has transformed the venue and ensured that the our County teams in all codes can enjoy playing in a modern floodlit stadium for years to come. Our Council will be working with the officers of the Donegal County Board later in the year to agree of a suitably appropriate fixture to officially switch on the lights for the first time".

Plans have been put in place to further upgrade the entire stadium, over the next five years.

None of this developmental work would have been possible without the financial support given to the Board by Ulster Council, Croke Park, and Sports Capital Grants. C.L.G Dhún na nGall would like to express it's gratitude to all who helped the Board and Clubs, within the County, achieve total funding of 1,128,000 in the recent Sports Capital Programme Grants announced by the Minister for Sport, John O'Donoghue T.D.

These grants will help both the County Board and Clubs maintain and improve facilities for members of Cumann Lutcheas Gael in the County.





Development Squads

Tony Scullion, Ulster Football Development Officer



Development Squads have been up and running for a number of years in the 9 Counties in the Province. Most counties have squads from U-14 to U-17 in both Football and Hurling which lead into the County Minor Squads.



The reason for Development Squads is to improve players' knowledge in different areas. These include Strength & Conditioning, Nutrition, Hydration, Fitness, Speed & Flexibility and of course Specialised Coaching to improve the players' skill level and decision making on the field of play.

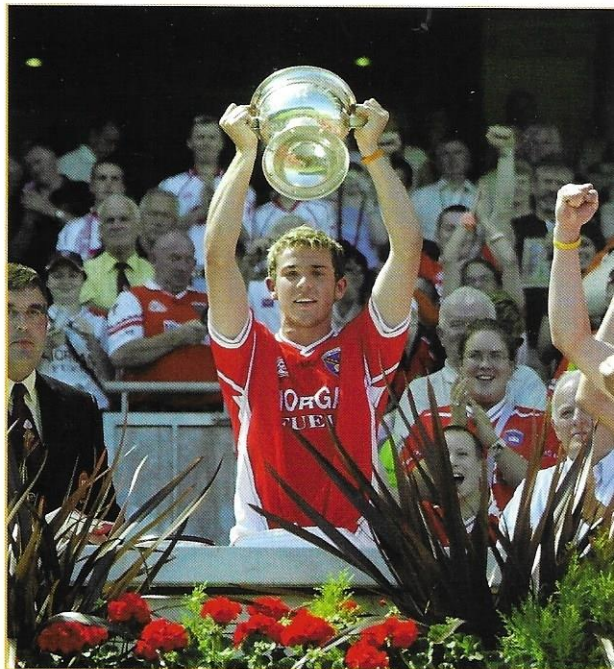
There has been discussion to the value of Development Squads, and my own feelings are, that a few counties have the structures perfected while the other few can learn from them and improve likewise.

Good structured coaching will most definitely improve players at whatever level they are capable of, so in doing so it improves the standard of Hurling and Football in our Schools, Clubs and Counties. Development Squads over the last few years have produced numerous players who have went on to represent their Counties at Minor and Senior level. Players to evolve

through the development Squad structure onto county senior level include Ray Cullivan, Charlie Vernon, Peter Donnelly, Nicholas Walsh, Sean Johnstone, Mark Mc Keever, Andy Mc Lean, Ronan Flanagan and Kevin Dyas (pictured below) in football and Kieran Courtney, Owen Mc Guinness, Brendan Mc Gourty, Sam Dodds, Darryl McDermott, Oisín McCloskey, Neil McManus, Neil McAuley, Paul Shields, Barry McFall and Aaron Graffin in hurling.

There are also a number of players who have represented Ulster and Ireland in the Junior International Rules Series and the Shinty Series (Hurling).

I believe that all Counties should have a Start and Finish Date planned each year, so they are not overlapping with school games. I would like to stress that in no County that I know of, are the doors ever closed at Development Squad level for a player who might be a late developer.



Message from Bank of Ireland

Colm McKenna

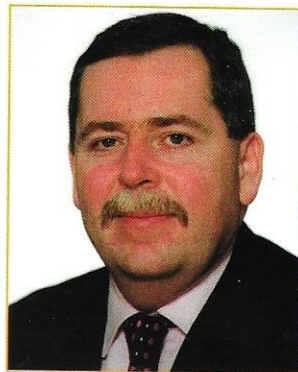
On behalf of Bank of Ireland, I would like to welcome you to MacCumhaill Park for what is expected to be a thrilling 2007 Bank of Ireland Ulster Quarter-Final match.

Well known as a fiercely competitive province today's meeting has all the elements of a dramatic encounter with the meeting of two sides who will both have much to prove today - defending Ulster champions, Armagh and newly-crowned National League champions, Donegal.

Today, the men of the Orchard County are setting out in pursuit of a record fourth successive Ulster title, a feat last achieved by Cavan in the 1940s. Meanwhile, Donegal's

last Ulster championship success was in 1992, the year they went on to win the All-Ireland title for the first time.. Yet, they have an impressive history in the Ulster championship, winning 10 of 14 Ulster games since their loss to Monaghan in May 1993, which means both teams have it all to play for today.

Now in its fourteenth year Bank of Ireland is delighted to be sponsors of the key sporting event in Ireland that is the Bank of Ireland Football Championship. Once again the marketing theme of the 2007 campaign is 'Extraordinary' in recognition of the 'Extraordinary' lengths that both players and fans go to for this great game.



Finally I would like to wish both Armagh and Donegal the best of luck today and look forward to what promises to be a great afternoon of football.

Colm McKenna
Head of Marketing Services,
Bank of Ireland, Belfast



Cumann na mBunscol Dún na nGall

Ba mhaith le Cumann na mBunscol Dún na nGall buíochas a gabhail le Comhairle Uladh de bhrí go dtugann siad cead duinn cluiche bhunscoile a imirt ag leath am i gcluiche na sinsear.

As the school year comes to an end Cumann na mBunscol Dún na nGall can reflect on a successful year. Our calendar of events commenced in September

with the divisional I.N.T.O mini sevens football finals. Congratulations are due to Sc. Chartha, Kilcar (Boys) and Sc. Cholmcille, Greencastle (Girls) who emerged as County champions.

Congratulations to Dromore N.S (boys) and Sc. Naomh Mura, Tooban (girls) in winning the County I.N.T.O mini sevens hurling and camogie. Congratulations are also due

to Sc. Mhin an Aoire who were runners up in this years Ulster quiz.

On a final note we as a committee would like to thank the schools, teachers, clubs, referees and coaches who continue to facilitate our competitions. Many thanks to the County board for their continuing support.

Louise Roddy & Maria Doherty



Minor Football Preview



Alan Rodgers (Gaelic Life)

The two most recent winners of the Ulster Minor Championship go head-to-head today for the right to meet Tyrone in the semi-final. Players from the St Patrick's, Armagh team which reached the semi-final of the MacRory Cup will provide the backbone to the county side which takes on Donegal in today's curtain-raiser.

Both counties will be hopeful rather than confident of their prospects in the competition. The recent Ulster Minor League gave them grounds for optimism while at the same time highlighting some of the improvements which were needed.

Armagh lost fairly heavily to Down in the semi-final of the Ulster League. In that game the likes of Jamie Clarke and Cathal McVerry scored well, while Patrick McCullough and Seamus McCreesh could also be important players for them. "So far we have had ups and downs in our preparations. We have been hampered by the fact that some of the teams we were supposed to play in the league did not travel to play us," according to Armagh manager Paul Kelly. The past few years have seen Armagh really make their mark on the youth scene. Provincial and All-Ireland titles in both the Minor and U-21

grades have complimented the success of their seniors. But it seems that this year's side is not being rated just as highly. Of course, only time will tell if this is the case and one thing for certain is that Donegal won't be taking anything for granted.

They are the reigning provincial champions, but lost out to Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final. Like Armagh, they had a fairly mixed Ulster league campaign, although a win over Louth and draw with Down provides some indication.

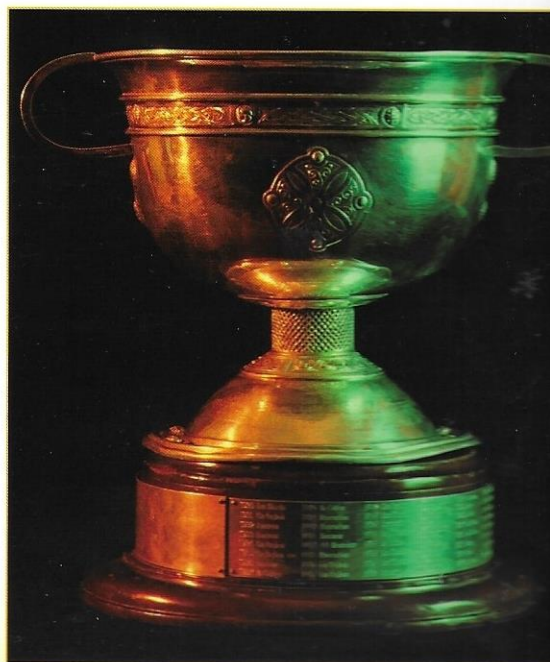
Managed by Maxi Curran, there is still some talent in their side. Michael Murphy is the free taker and can tap scores over from anywhere between 14 to 55 metres out.

Murphy has featured for the county senior side so he has plenty of experience. The Glenswilly player was also part of this year's St Eunan's college side that won the MacLarnon Cup and reached the Colleges B final. In fact most of the strength of this year's team is expected to come from the Letterkenny school.

Others who could feature include Declan McGarvey and David Crawford, who is a good defender. This year's

Ulster Minor Championship promises to once again be very exciting. Considering Down's exit at the hands of Monaghan, Tyrone's form against Fermanagh, the fact that Derry are the reigning league champions and the likely competitiveness of today's teams makes it extremely difficult to forecast a winner.

Current form gives little idea of how this game will go, with another tightly contested tie anticipated.

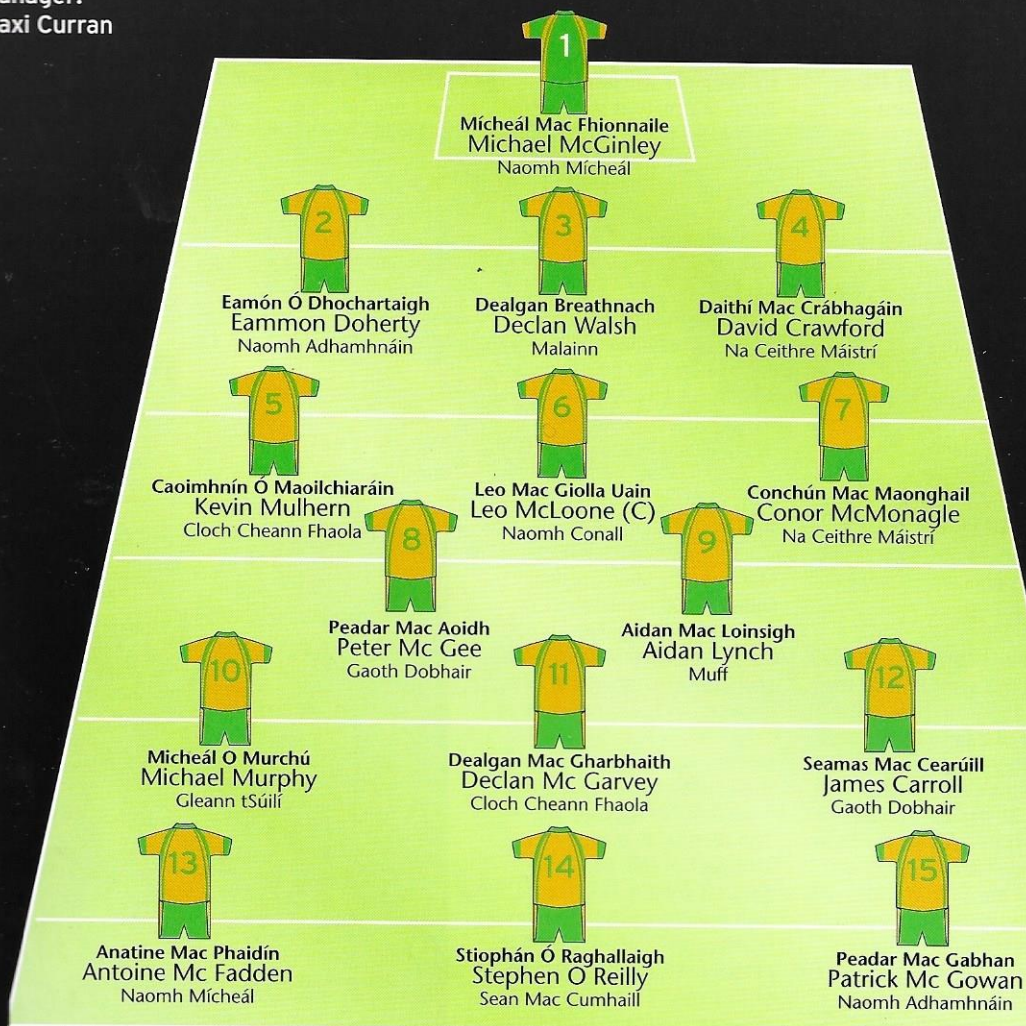




Dún na nGall

Minor Lineout

Manager:
Maxi Curran



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes:

16. Stephen Mc Grath, Naomh Conall 17. Danny Curran, Gaoth Dobhair 18. Paul White, Bun an Phobail
 19. Josh Lacey, Na Ceithre Maistrí 20. Seamus Corcoran, Naomh Conall 21. Barry Rose, Naomh Naille
 22. Ciaran Mc Ginley, Cill Chartha 23. Ramy Mc Groary, Na Ceithre Maistrí 24. Mark Mc Ginty, Glean Fhinne

Ard Mhacha



Minor Lineout

Manager:
Paul Kelly
Denis Hollywood
Brendan Hughes



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes:

- 16. Eamon McArde, Naomh Padraig Coilleach Eanách
- 17. Daniel Fearon, Sheáin Uí Néill Camloch
- 18. Danny O'Callaghan, Raonaithe Na Croise
- 19. Sean McCreesh, Naomh Lorcan O'Tuathail Beal Leice
- 20. Feidhlim O'Neill, Naomh Pól An Lorgáin
- 21. Anto Duffy, Na Piarisigh Oga Ard Mhacha
- 22. Eugene McVerry, Cuchulláin Mullach Bán
- 23. Stephen Loughran, Naomh Pádraig Carraig Chropain
- 24. James Donnelly, Tir na nÓg Port an Dunain



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Senior Stats

Name	A	H	W	Occupation
Paul Durcan	23	6' 5	16.5	Student
Michael Boyle	19	6'1	14	Student
Ciaran Sharkey	22	6'	14.5	Technician
Karl Lacey	22	5'9	11.5	Student
Peter Witherow	19	6'1	12.5	Student
Paddy Campbell	31	6'	13.9	Engineer
Neil McGee	21	6'1	13.5	Construction
Barry Dunnion	24	5'7	11.5	Sales Rep
Barry Monaghan	28	6'	13	Tyres Sales
Eamon McGee	23	6'2	14	Coach
Thomas Donoghue	22	5'11	12	Sales Rep
Frank McGlynn	20	5'11	12.5	Student
Patrick McConigley	26	5'9	13	Carpenter
Kevin Cassidy	25	6'	14.5	Teacher
Joe Friel	27	6'3	14.5	Builder
Neil Gallagher	23	6'3	14.5	Technician
Rory Kavanagh	24	6'1	13	Teacher
Ciaran Bonner	22	6'1	13	Construction
Michael Hegarty	28	5'10	12	Sales Rep
Christy Toye	24	6'3	13.5	Teacher
Brian Roper	32	5'6	11	Monumental Sculpter
Anthony Thompson	20	6'	12.5	Student
Johnny McLoone	28	5'11	13	Butcher
Adrian Sweeney	31	5'10	14	Plumber
Benny Byrne	23	6'2	14	Construction
Colm McFadden	23	6'2	14	Teacher
Denis Boyle	26	5'8	2.5	Builder
Ryan Bradley	21	6'1	13	Builder
Leon Thompson	22	5'6	11	Student
Kevin McMenamin	25	5'6	10	Construction
Brendan Devenney	31	5'11	14	Sales Rep
Michael Doherty	23	6	13	Student

Did You Know?

Current manager, Brian McIver guided Ballinderry to All Ireland Club success in 2002.

Goalkeeping coach, Paul Callaghan was part of the All Ireland SFC winning panel in 1992.

Patrick McConigley has represented London in the Connacht SFC.



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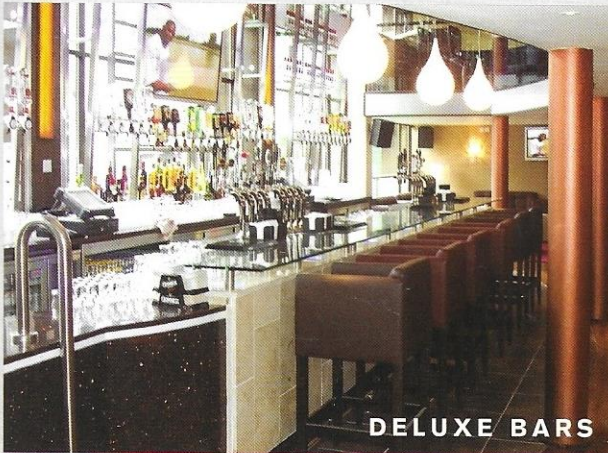
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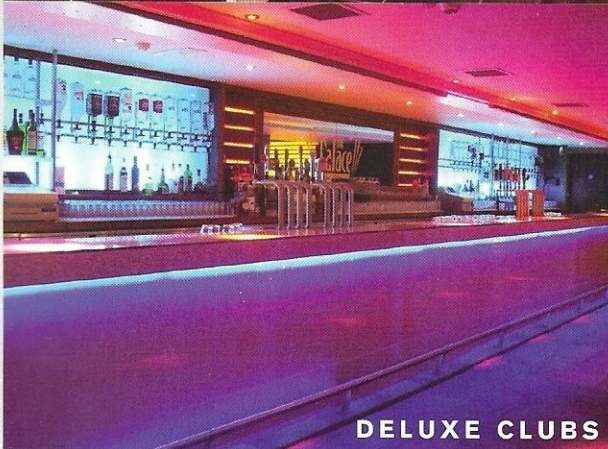
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- 1** Pól Mac Duarcáin
Paul Durcan
- 2** Niall Mac Aoidh
Néil Mc Gee
- 3** Pádraig Mac Cathmhaoil
Paddy Campbell
- 4** Carl de Léis
Karl Lacey
- 5** Pádraig MacConaigh
Patrick Mc Conagley
- 6** Barra Ó Manacháin
Barry Monaghan
- 7** Barra Ó Dúinín
Barry Dunnion
- 8** Niall Ó Gallachóir
Neil Gallagher
- 9** Caoimhín Ó Caisside
Kevin Cassidy
- 10** Ciaran Ó Cnámhí
Ciaran Bonner
- 11** Micheál Ó hÉigeartaigh
Michael Hegarty
- 12** Críostóir Ó Tuathaigh
Christy Toye
- 13** Colm Mac Pháidín
Colm Mc Fadden
- 14** Breandan Ó Duibheannaigh
Brendan Devenney
- 15** Caoimhín Mac Meanman
Kevin McMenamin



Manager:
Brian McIver



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

Fir Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmainn 17. Eamonn Mc Gee, Gaoth Dobhair 18. Thomas Donoghue, Naomh Conall 19. Niall Mc Cready, Aodh Ruadh B/S 20. Frank Mc Glynn, Gleann Fhinne 21. Joe Friel, Cloch Cheann Fhaoila 22. Steven Mc Dermott, Gleann Fhinne 23. Brian Roper, Aodh Ruadh B/S 24. Adrian Sweeney, An Clochan Liath 25. Johnny Mc Loone, Naomh Conall 26. Rory Kavanagh, Naomh Adhamhán 27. Benny Byrne, Na Ceithre Máistri 28. Anthony Thompson, Naomh Conall 29. Michael Doherty, Na Ceithre Máistri 30. Ryan Bradley, Bunranaigh

Réiteoir:

John Bannon, Longfort

Armagh

Ard Mhacha



- Pól Ó hAghartaigh** **1**
Paul Hearty
- Eanna Mac an Ullaigh** **2**
Enda McNulty
- Breandán Mac Donnchaidh** **3**
Brendan Donaghy
- Aindriú Ó Mealláin** **4**
Andy Mallon
- Aaron Mac Thiarnáin** **5**
Aaron Kernan
- Ciarán Mac Geibheannaigh** **6**
Kieran McGeeney
- Ciarán Mac Iomhair** **7**
Ciaran McKeever
- Ciarán Ó Tomhnair** **8**
Kieran Toner
- Pól Mag Ráine** **9**
Paul McGrane
- Padraig Mac Iomháir** **10**
Paddy McKeever
- Stiofan Mac Thiarnáin** **11**
Stephen Kernan
- Mairtín Ó Ruairc** **12**
Martin O'Rourke
- Stiofán Mac Donáil** **13**
Steven McDonnell
- Diarmaid Mac Mhaistir** **14**
Diarmaid Marsden
- Oisín Mac Conmhaoil** **15**
Oisín McConville

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
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2ADH LEATH						
IOMLÁN						

Fír Ionaid/Substitutes: 16. Ciaran McKinney, Na Piarasaigh Oga Ard Mhacha 17. Paul Duffy, Na Piarasaigh Oga Ard Mhacha 18. Kevin Dyas, Naomh Pádraig Droim an Tí 19. Stefan Forker, Sean Mac Diarmada Machaire 20. Paul Keenan, Naomh Pádraig Carriga Chropain 21. James Lavery, Sean Mac Diarmada Machaire 22. Philip Loughran, Sheáin Sabhat Cloidigh 23. Tony McClelland, Naomh Mhuire An Grainseach Mhór 24. Pádraig McCreesh, Naomh Pádraig Coilleach Eanách 25. Malachy Mackin, Naomh Pádraig Coilleach Eanách 26. Fionnán Moriarty, De Bhulbh Ton Dofre Mhic Cais 27. Micheal O'Rourke, Naomh Pádraig Droim an Tí 28. Peadar Toal, Na Clairisigh Ard Mhacha 29. Charlie Vernon, Na Clairisigh Ard Mhacha

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Senior Stats

Name	A	H	W	Occupation
Francie Bellew	31	5' 11"	13.5st	Electrician
Ronan Clarke	24	6' 3"	13.5st	Student
Brendan Donaghy	21	6' 1"	13st	Student
Paul Duffy	22	5' 9"	12.5st	Joiner
Kevin Dyas	19	5' 11"	12st	Student
Stefan Forker	18	6' 0"	13st	Student
Paul Hearty	28	6' 4"	16st	Electrician
Paul Keenan	22	6' 3"	14st	Student
Aaron Kernan	23	6' 0"	13st	Estate Agent
Stephen Kernan	24	5' 11"	13st	Ind. Mortgage Broker
James Lavery	21	6' 0"	13st	Student
Phillip Loughran	26	6' 4"	14st	Civil Engineer
Tony McClelland	19	5' 11"	13st	Plasterer
Oisín McConville	30	6' 1"	12.5st	Builder
Paudie McCreesh	21	6' 0"	12st	Student
Steven McDonnell	27	5' 11"	12.5st	Recruitment Agency
Kieran McGeeney	35	6' 0"	14st	Property Developer
Paul McGrane	32	6' 2"	14st	Accountant
Ciaran McKeever	23	6' 1"	13.5st	Bricklayer
Patrick McKeever	27	6' 0"	13.5st	Sales Consultant
Ciaran McKinney	26	5' 11"	13st	Teacher
Enda McNulty	30	5' 10"	12.5st	Sports Consultant
Malachy Mackin	23	6' 2"	14.5st	Trainee Accountant
Andy Mallon	24	5' 11"	12st	Electrician
Brian Mallon	23	5' 9"	13st	Mortgage Advisor
Diarmaid Marsden	32	5' 10"	13.5st	GAA Dev. Officer
Finnian Moriarty	23	6' 0"	13st	Student
Martin O'Rourke	27	5' 10"	13.5st	Teacher
Micheal O'Rourke	21	5' 10"	13st	Student
Peadar Toal	21	6' 0"	12.5st	Sales Executive
Charlie Vernon	20	6' 0"	14st	Student
Kieran Toner	19	6' 2"	14st	Joiner

Did You Know?

Finnian Moriarty is a son of former Armagh great, Paddy Moriarty.

Ciaran McKeever captained Armagh to All Ireland success in 2004.

There are currently two sets of brothers on the Armagh panel, namely Aaron and Stephen Kernan and Martin and Micheal O'Rourke.



A View from the Top

Brian McIver

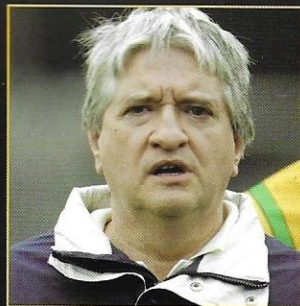
It is hard to believe that it is Championship time again, for it seems no time since our first game against UUJ on the 7th January in the Mc Kenna Cup. But Championship it is and a very big game with Armagh.

A word of welcome to Mac Cumhaill Park to Armagh and their manager Joe Kernan. The Championship rivalry between Donegal and Armagh in the last number of years has been well documented and we are only too aware of Armagh's great record. To have won three Ulster titles in a row in the ultra heightened competitive Ulster Championship is a great achievement and to win today we know that we are going to

have to play our best football of the season.

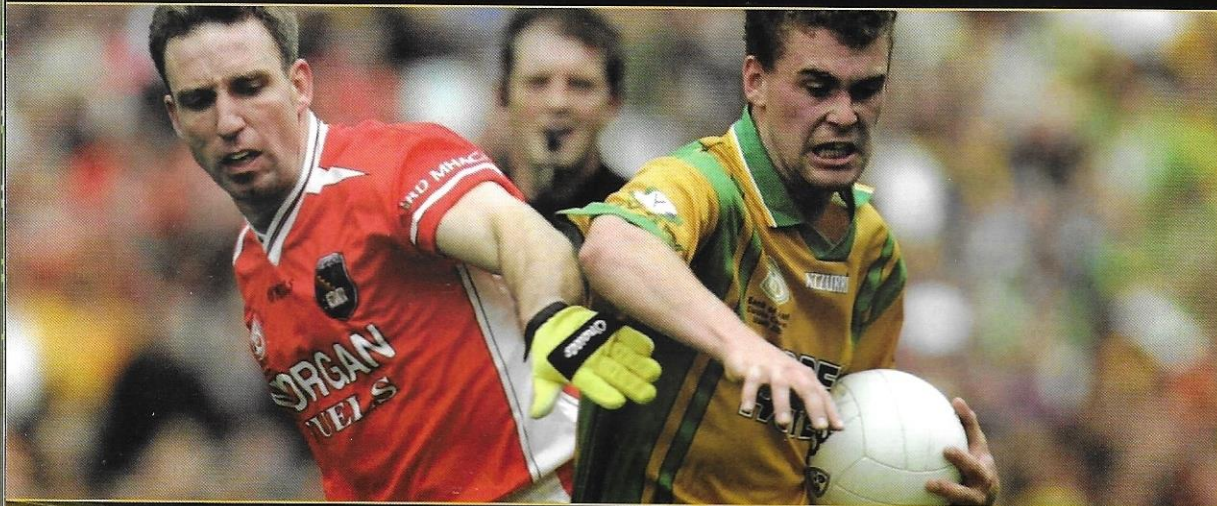
We are facing today some of the most renowned names in Gaelic football- Kieran Mc Geaney, Oisín Mc Conville, Paul Mc Grane and Stephen Mc Donnell to name but a few.

Donegal go into today's game on the back of a great National Football League campaign. The players were rewarded for their efforts to date with their first National League title and will go into today's encounter with a degree of confidence. We know, however, that come throw-in today what we achieved in the National League will count for nothing and success today will come



to the team who performs best on the day.

A word of thanks to our sponsors, members of Club Dhún na nGall and our supporters. Thank you all for your support and commitment to date and I hope that you all have a great day in Mac Cumhaill Park and that it is a match to remember.

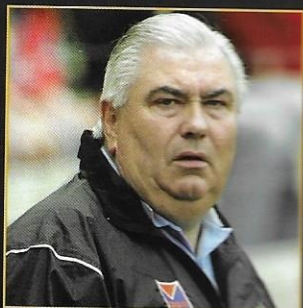




A View from the Top



Joe Kernan



I would like to begin by taking this opportunity to offer congratulations from all GAA supporters in Armagh to the Donegal Senior Football Team

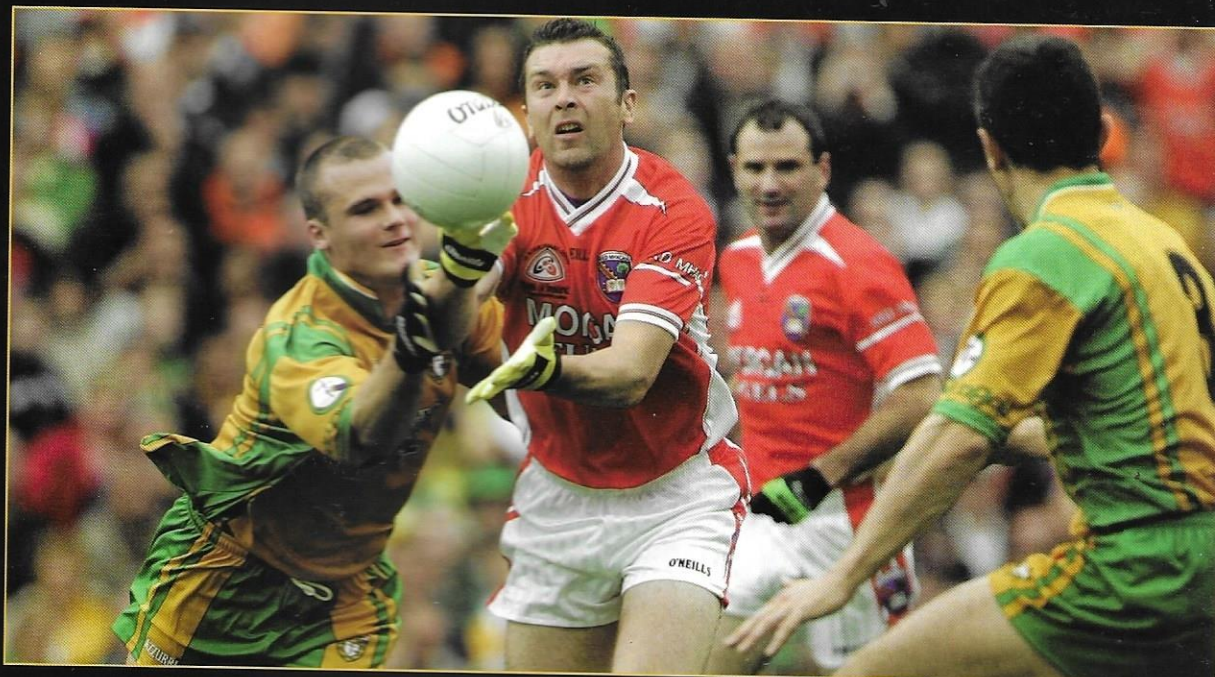
on their recent outstanding achievement of winning the National Football League. There is no doubt that they have set the benchmark for all teams to follow in 2007 and they are certainly the team of the moment, and will prove more than admirable opponents for us today.

In recent meetings between ourselves and Donegal, we have managed to have the upper hand in most encounters although thankfully for us "Lady Luck" was on our side on

more than one occasion.

We know only too well that we will face a tough encounter here in Ballybofey today and expect that come the final whistle there will be very little between the two sides.

I am also of the opinion that whatever the outcome of today's match the winning team will be a major player in the remaining stages of this year's Ulster Senior Championship as well as the All-Ireland series.





Senior Preview

John Campbell (Belfast Telegraph)



DONEGAL manager Brian McIver is not someone who is consumed with statistics - but he makes an exception when it comes to Armagh. "They have won five Ulster titles in the last six years and have remained a top side over the course of the past decade," maintains McIver.

And this is what has helped to fashion his approach to today's game - that and the fact that Donegal have tended to surrender far too often to Joe Kernan's side in the recent past. The Orchard County have inflicted heartbreak on their north-west rivals at regular intervals but today Donegal go into battle fuelled by that memorable National League triumph and further-fired by their current status as favourites to land the Ulster title.

Indeed, today's contestants lock horns against rather contrasting backgrounds - Donegal ebullient, upbeat and confident following their league odyssey while Armagh are apprehensive and rather uneasy having only managed to copper-fasten a place in Division Two next year courtesy of a last-gasp win over Westmeath.

Yet how often have we been told in the past that the Ulster

Championship is a great leveller. No-one is more conscious of this old adage than Brian McIver himself, a man with his feet firmly planted on the ground but fired by ambition nonetheless.

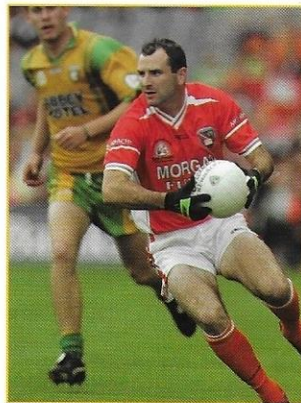
"There are certain teams who are capable of closing out the games that really matter and Armagh are certainly among them," asserts the Donegal boss.

His initial selection policy was regarded within the county as being unduly bold but McIver held firm - and his strategy has now proved a formula for success.

Not only was the National League title captured but the fact that three substitutes arrived into the fray to each pick off a late point against Mayo in the decider afforded McIver considerable satisfaction.

For today's game, he not only has a strong, experienced starting line-up but he has a battery of talent in reserve, ready to make an impact if called to arms.

In contrast, familiar faces are conspicuous from the Armagh outfit - no Francie Bellew, Brian Mallon nor Ronan Clarke through injury and no John and Tony McEntee because of



their recent decision to step down from the county arena.

Not, of course, that there's the slightest chance that Armagh's perceived deficiencies in personnel will engender the slightest element of complacency within McIver's troops. They are conscious of Armagh's recent track record in the Championship, their ability to close out games and their desire to atone for what was in essence a below-par League campaign.

All of which makes for a fascinating contest between two teams whose paths have crossed a regular intervals lately. But today will certainly provide further proof that familiarity does not breed contempt.

Handball Review



Quinn takes Ulster Handball Hotspot

A new era is dawning on Ulster handball. The hugely successful Ulster Open, sponsored by Envirogreen, Myhomedubai.com and Martin Donnelly, has shown that the future for Irish handball in the province, and across the country, is sure to be a bright one.

On April 1st last, Armagh's Mickey Quinn assumed the office of Ulster Handball Chairperson, and he is delighted with his new role in handball. "I've been involved in handball for many years and while I'm still very much on a learning curve with this position, I'm very excited about the prospects

for the game in Ulster," he said.

Mickey takes over from Robert Maguire (Antrim), who spent a long number of years in office and was a wonderful servant to the perfect game. His Armagh successor has been involved in handball for over 30 years, and last year competed in the World Championships in Edmonton, Canada.

"It was great to see so many Irish competitors out there and our own Tommy Turley and Mairead Doyle both took titles," said Mickey. Turley also received the Armagh Junior Sports Personality

of the Year and at 17, the Armagh handballer has a very promising future in the game. One of the main objectives Mickey has for his new role is to structure more juvenile competitions in the province. "We have strong adult grades, but our juveniles need more games, particularly the stronger ones," he said. "We're looking at the possibility of an Ulster League for underage players and that would be a real boost to the game."

For now, Mickey Quinn is learning the ropes, but once he takes hold, handball in Ulster can only get better.



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The Summer's Coming



Donegal GAA Summer Camps - 2007



VHI Cúl Camps will take place in July and August at various venues throughout the county.

The Camps will include a wide range of football, hurling and camogie activities, providing children with learning experiences in a safe environment of fun and enjoyment.

Each camp will include football and hurling/camogie skills. Mini games will be played each day. Skill competitions for different age groups, and different ability groups, will take place through the week with a blitz competition taking place at the end of the week. Activities will take place within a framework of total supervision.

Should you have any queries:

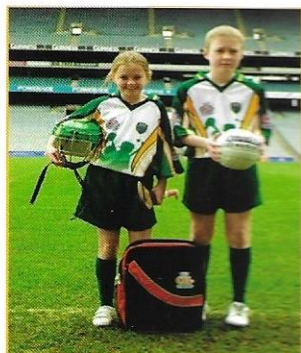
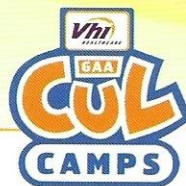
Please contact the Youth Officer/Summer Camp Co-ordinator for your Club or the Donegal Football Development Officer Mick Murphy on 086 6003159.

Donegal Camps 2007

Date	Camp / Venue	Sport	Contact	Number
July 2nd - 6th	Convoy	Football/Hurling	Karen Houston	087/2845529
July 2nd - 6th	Dungloe	Football/Hurling	John Ward	086/6036406
July 2nd - 6th	Red Hughs	Football/Hurling	Cathal Doherty	086/3038286
July 2nd - 6th	St. Eunans	Football/Hurling	Alma Kavanagh	087/6952551
July 9th - 13th	Na Dunaibh	Football/Hurling	Denis McBride	087/6132360
July 9th - 13th	Naomh Ultan	Football/Hurling	Terence McGinley	087/2717691
July 9th - 13th	N/Padraig, Muff	Football/Hurling	Michael McMenamin	087/2448200
July 9th - 13th	Urris	Football/Hurling	John Friel	086/0523550
July 16th - 20th	Beart-N/Colmcille	Football/Hurling	Bernie Glenn	087/7720049
			Kieran Friel	086/6056655
July 16th - 20th	Carndonagh	Football/Hurling	John Gibbons	086/3850729
July 16th - 20th	Cloughaneely	Football/Hurling	Kevin Scanlon	087/9350554
July 16th - 20th	Gaoth Dobhair	Football/Hurling	Seosamh O' Duibhir	087/9044492
July 16th - 20th	MacCumhailis	Football/Hurling	Kathleen Foy	087/9865041
July 23rd - 27th	Ardara	Football/Hurling	James McHugh	087/2222277
July 23rd - 27th	Kilcar	Football/Hurling	Patrick McShane	087/2506443
July 23rd - 27th	Malin	Football/Hurling	Maria McLaughlin	087/7763679
July 23rd - 27th	Moville	Football/Hurling	Ann Bonner	086/3064847
July 23rd - 27th	N/Padraig, Lifford	Football/Hurling	Dessie McDermott	074/9142973
July 27th - Aug 3rd	Bundoran	Football/Hurling	John McEniff	087/2386250
July 27th - Aug 3rd	Four Masters	Football/Hurling	John Joe O'Shea	087/7959924
July 27th - Aug 3rd	Milford	Football/Hurling	Shaun Barrett	086/6052169
July 27th - Aug 3rd	St Michaels	Football/Hurling	Liam McElhinney	086/8611097
July 27th - Aug 3rd	Termon/Glenswilly	Football/Hurling	Paul Doherty	087/7985683
Aug 20th - 24th	Carndonagh	Hurling	Elizabeth Doherty	086/3773300

The Summer's Coming

Armagh GAA Summer Camps - 2007



Armagh GAA summer camps are designed for children to play our national games in a safe and fun environment .

The camps are open to children from the ages 7 to 13 years.

The cost of the camp is £40 per child or £35 per child in a family of 2 or more.

Children will receive full playing kit and ruck sack.

Cheques made payable to Armagh County Board.

Please contact the Youth Officer/Summer Camp Co-ordinator for your Club or the Armagh Football Development Officer Denis Hollywood on 028 3752 7278.



Date	Camp / Venue	Sport	Contact	Number
July 2nd - 6th	Maghery GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood John Robinson	028 3885 1619
July 9th - 13th	Mullaghbawn GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Brian McKinley	028 3088 8576
July 16th - 20th	Dromintee GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Kevin Gallagher	028 3084 9036
July 23rd - 27th	Silverbridge GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Anthony Mallie	028 3086 1257
July 30th - Aug 3rd	Ballymacnab GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Gerard Gribben	077 2425 9353
Aug 6th - 10th	Clann Eireann GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Brian Turbitt	078 8510 8225
Aug 13th - 17th	Armagh Harps GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Don Richards	028 3751 1079
Aug 20th - 24th	Armagh Harps GFC	Football/Hurling	Denis Hollywood Seamus McCann	077 8975 7262

**Armagh
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Cumann na mBunscol

Padraig O Dalaigh, Runai Cumann na mBunscol Uladh



Cumann na mBunscol was established in 1971 with the aim of developing as a national body to promote Gaelic Games in Ireland's primary schools. Its structure reflects that of the GAA overall with an integrated Count Provincial and National hierarchy. From its minimalist origins, Cumann na mBunscol has developed to become the largest sporting organisation within Ireland's primary education sector with currently some 2,900 schools affiliated through its county structures.



The role of Cumann na mBunscol is to promote, in an atmosphere of fun and

enjoyment boys and girls football, hurling, camogie, rounders and handball. In also promoting athletics, Cumann na mBunscol maintains a focus of the founding fathers of the GAA.

Additionally, within Ulster Cumann na mBunscol Uladh and the County Committees promote Indoor Gaelic Football for Boys and Girls, Indoor Hurling and Camogie and Quiz nights all of which culminate in Provincial Finals. This body also co-ordinates the Regional Festivals of the INTO/GAA mini-sevens competitions and also co-ordinates the McCreedy Cup competition and the Regional Handball Festivals. Cumann na

mBunscol Uladh have worked in partnership with Comhairle Uladh staff in revising the mini-game which we will enjoy during today's senior match half-time interval.

The primary school pupils in action today represent the hundreds of Ulster schools affiliated to Cumann na mBunscol and they will relish displaying their football skills in the big match atmosphere. Each participant will receive a jersey in the Ulster colours as a memento of the occasion in addition to match tickets generously sponsored by Musco Lighting Ireland and Comhairle Uladh respectively.

Today's Mini Games Today's Young Whistlers: Shane Murrin & Oisín Cannon

Donegal

Matthew Coyne, Sc. Cholmcille, Ballylast
Ruairi Bradley, Sc. N. Mura, Tooban
Leo McHugh, Gaelscoil na gCeithre Maistri
Joseph O Ferraigh, Sc. Pádraig, Dobhar
Aidan McGinley, Sc. Chartha, Kilcar
Luke Kelly, Dromore N.S, Killygordan
Donal Mac Giolla Chomhail, Sc. N. Gort a Choirce
Donal O'Keefe, St. Macartans N.S, Bundoran
Cian Brennan, S.N Mhín Tine Dé
Pauric Carr, Sc. Aodh Ruadh & Nuala
Paul O Malley, Scoil Mhuire, Caiseal
Daniel Sharkey, Sc. Naomh Dhúigh, Annagray
Steven Sommerville, Doish N.S, Ballybofey
Sean Kerrs, Frosses N.S
Darach O' Connor, Scoil Íosagáin, Bunrana
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Fergal Doherty, St. Patricks B.N.S, Carndonagh
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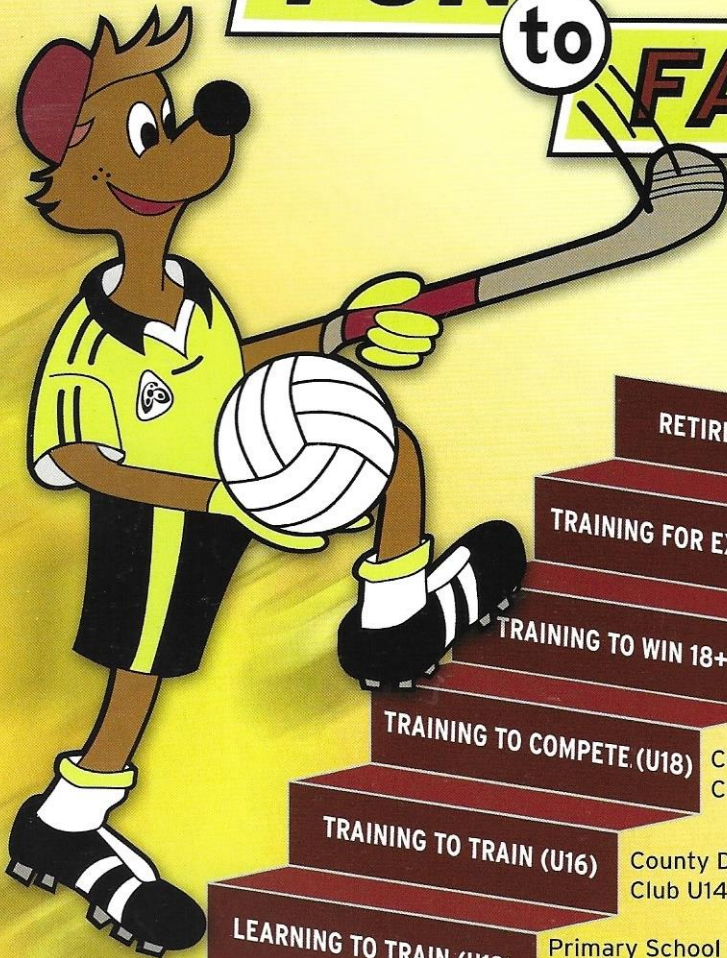
Armagh

Joseph Wilson, Ballyoran Primary
Conor Connolly, Saint Patricks, Cullyhanna
Michael Daly, Dromintee Primary
Pauraic Keating, Saint Brigids, Glassdrummand
Aaron Duffy, Saint Oliver Plunketts, Forkhill
John Magee, Saint Anthonys
Odhran Downey, Saint Teresas, Lurgan
Jack Wilson, Saint Francis, Lurgan
Gareth McGeown, Saint Marys, Derrytrasna
Eoin McNally, Saint Josephs, Poyntzpass
Shay Loughran, Saint Marys, Granemore
Patrick Comiskey, Our Ladys, Tullysaron
Conor Doyle, Saint Michaels, Clady
Kieran Hughes, Foley Primary
Kevin Loughran, Our Ladys and Saint Mochuas
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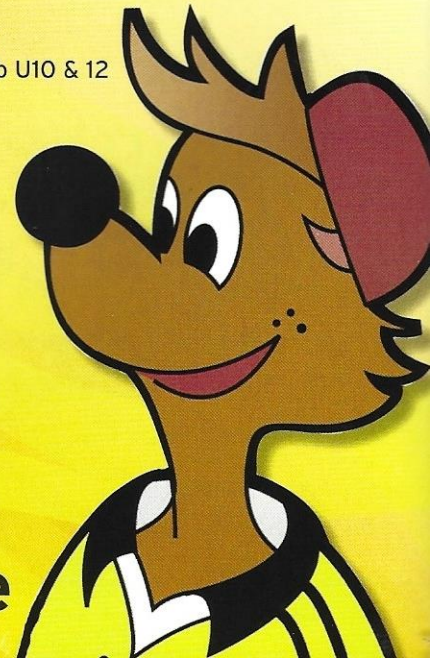
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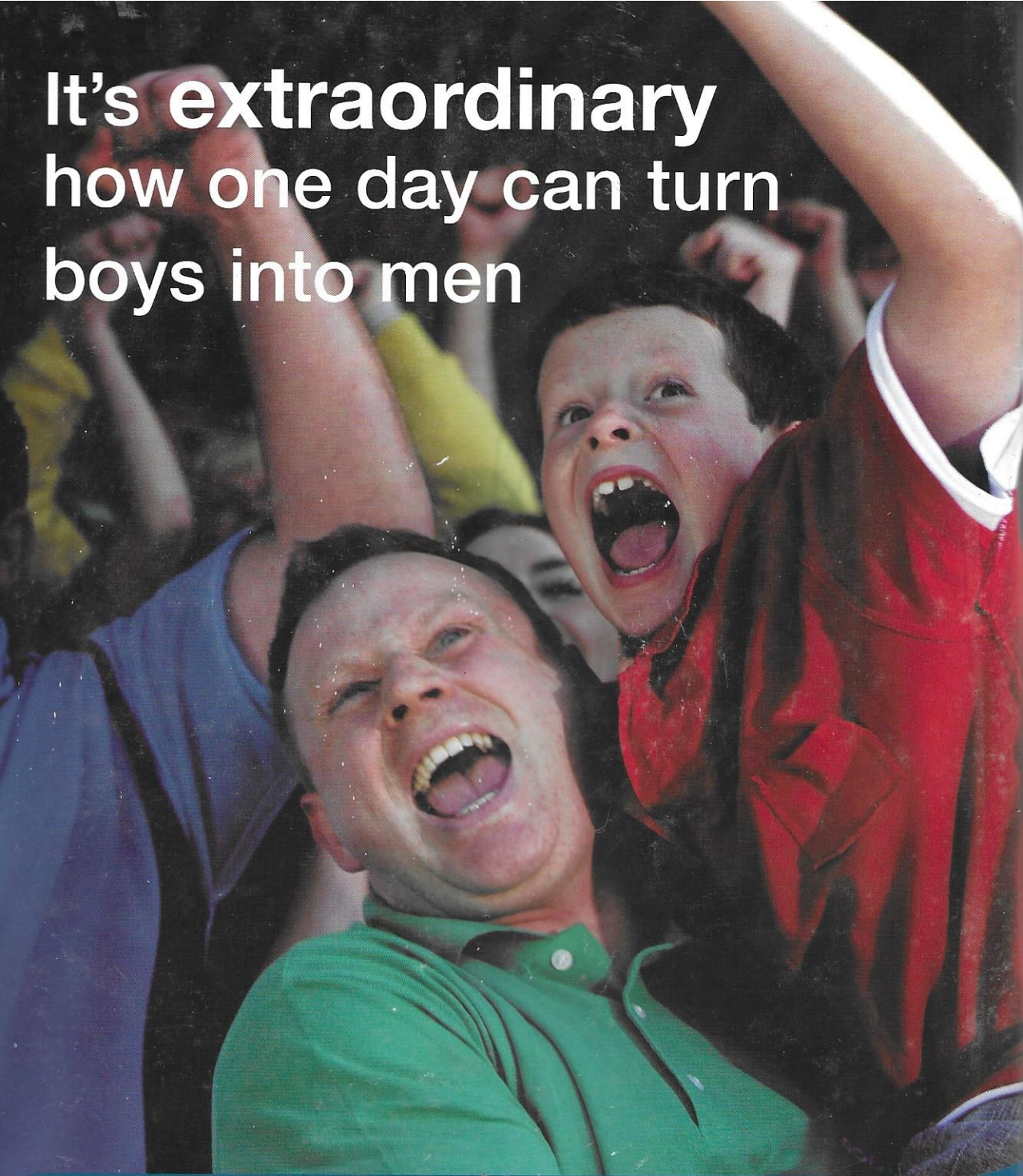
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