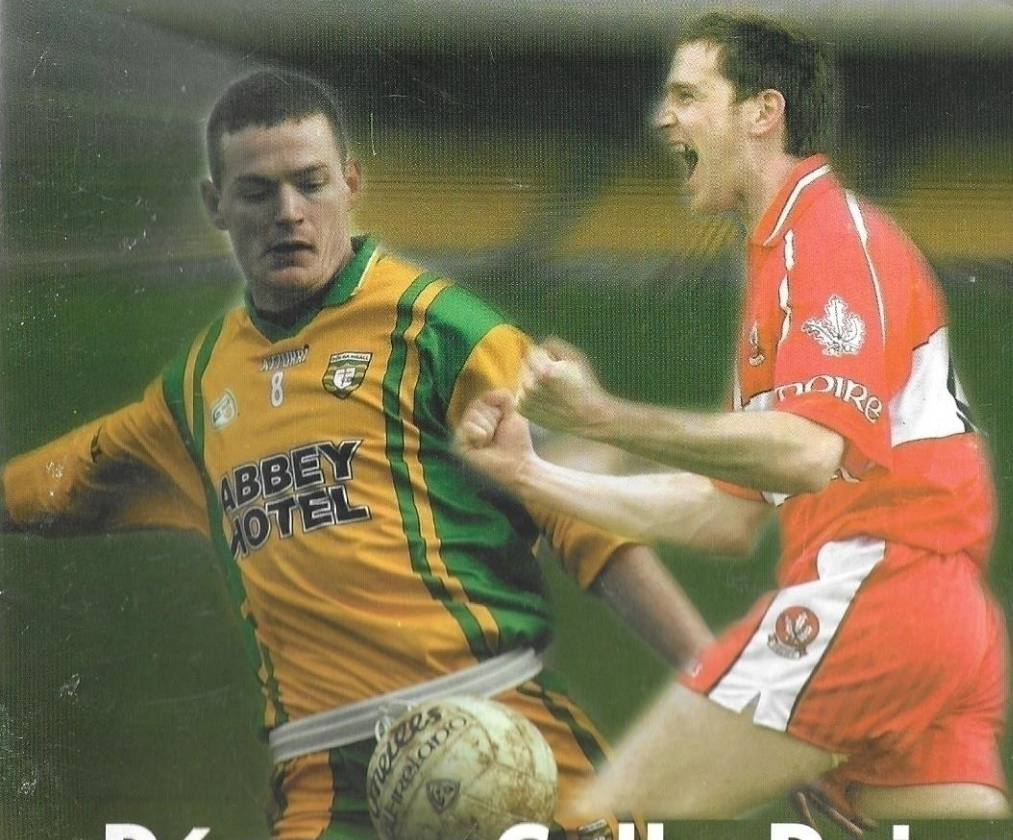




Allianz National Football League 2008

Division 1 : Round 7



Dún na nGall v Doire

Sunday 13th April 2008

O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny



Fáilte

Mar Cathaoirleach ar Coiste Chondae Dhún na nGall, is cúis mhór áthais domh fáilte a chuir romhaibh go leir anseo inniu chuig Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill i gcóir Cluiche Sraith Naisiunta in eadan Doire.



I welcome you all here today to the Allianz National League game in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. I especially welcome neighbours Derry, their team, management, officials and supporters. Donegal have progressed well in this years League campaign with victories over Kerry, Mayo, Galway and Laois. With these results we have secured Division 1 status for 2009. Today, we wish Brian, the team and his backroom staff well as they strive to make a League Final for the second year running.

I want to thank the St Eunans club, their officers and members for their continued development of O'Donnell Park to even a higher standard than it was for the Kerry game last year. With the installation of their new turnstiles, parking and modern facilities for players and spectators, this is fast becoming a top county ground.

I would like to thank our main sponsors the Abbey Hotel and Azzuri, also to Corporate and Club Donegal for their continued support.

Finally, my thanks once again to St Eunans who have organised today's match arrangements meticulously and wish them well in their future development.

Sean Ó Ceallaigh,
Cathaoirleach Bord na Condae



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Cathal Mac Grianna
Cathaoirleach, CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin

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Looking back and dreaming forward

By Alan Foley (Donegal Democrat)

Hindsight, we've been led to believe, offers a bias of inclination after the passing of time. Looking back at 2007, gaelic football supporters in Donegal were treated to the usual bittersweet concoction of delirium and disappointment in equal dosages.

Due to the fact the seniors won only their second ever national championship, it was a respectable year at the office when all was said and done. Opinions though, still differ on the standout moment from those who followed the team from Cork to Croke Park in the league, and from home to Healy Park in the championship afterwards.

For some, the sight of Brendan Devenney's speculative shot deceiving Armagh's Paul Hearty in a sundrenched MacCumhaill Park last May gets the vote. It rid Donegal of the curse the gods that appeared to have been bestowed them against an Orchard County whom they'd never even tasted the bite of an apple from.

For others, perhaps it was captain Neil Gallagher's war-stained presence on the Hogan's lower stand, getting brief grinds in the more intricate elements of the Irish language from his Gweedore teammates, before addressing the nation and lifting the National Football League trophy aloft.

For Letterkenny people though, the abiding memory of last year was no particular soundbyte or photo shot. Instead, a whole occasion was cherished. It was the day when All-Ireland champions Kerry, somewhat belatedly after their flight being fogbound that morning, came to town.

Thirty years without a senior county football encounter in the largest town of a swollen county was undoubtedly too long a wait. Having ticked all the right boxes though, the home of St Eunan's GAA club finally obtained the nod.

In conditions perfectly conducive to produce flowing football, Donegal produced a

master class to win 1-15 to 0-13. So good was the performance, flirtatious notions flew around the spring afternoon air as the possibilities for the team seemed to inflate. On the surface, things appeared to be running smoothly.

Although the league title was captured after indifferent performances against Kildare and Mayo thereafter, and that fortuitous championship win over Armagh also followed, Donegal never reached the same level again. Kerry in Letterkenny might have been the mountain's peak.

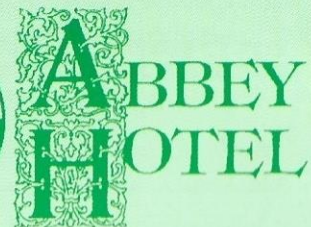
Twelve months ago, Brian McIver's team were grabbing all the headlines. Most of them were good, although some were not. When Donegal were running at full pelt, five league victories from five outings was to prove, in retrospect, the edge of the slippery slope.

It's all very quiet in the Donegal camp this time around. Preparations are lower key at the time being, and performances have been somewhat patchy, but Donegal fingertips might still grasp the National League trophy once more.

This afternoon promises drama and tension, as events in Letterkenny go in unison with happenings at Pearse Stadium in Salthill where Galway entertain Kerry. Mobile phones and handheld radio sets will be at the ready as both fixtures will have positive and negative implications on each other.

Derry football is on the move of late and their decent stance in the standings, combined with their geographical closeness, means Donegal certainly face a battle. Today might provide a few indications that will be progressed before the Ulster Championship meeting between the sides in June.

Whatever way the stars might fall, there will be sparks of some sort in the cathedral's shadow today. At a ground where there was little or no inter-county action for so long, O'Donnell Park and the Donegal footballers have a chance to write another interesting chapter in their respective histories. There's no need for hindsight or nostalgia, because today's game and what might follow it is something that we all can look forward to.



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Fathers And Sons

By Bernie Mullan

Tactics were unlikely to have been discussed in the McIver household during the week. Brian the Donegal manager and his son Michael the Derry wing back no doubt discussed the unusually cold weather and Ballinderry's chances in the championship. Its not the first time they were on opposite sides, in a McKenna cup game Michael had the audacity to score a goal for St. Mary's against his dad's Donegal and he will be trying hard to add another on Sunday.

A year ago Michael would have been outnumbered as at that stage his brother Paul was coaching the Tirconail men and he would have been outnumbered two to one. The McIver's are all great Gaelic football men and no matter what the result it will not create disharmony just perhaps a few gentle digs!

When Donegal knocked Derry out of the Ulster championship at rain lashed and sparsely populated St. Tiernach's Park Clones in 2002 Mickey Moran was in charge of the Donegal men and in the opposite corner was Eamonn Coleman whose son Gary was a key member of the Derry defence. Mickey won the day over his former boss.

The following three years Mickey was in charge of Derry and the family links continued. When Derry lost to Kerry in the 2004 All Ireland semi final Mickey's son Conleth was left half forward. He became the third generation of the Moran family to don the county colours. Mickey's father Charlie was in goals for Derry when they won their first National League title against Clare in the arctic year of 1947.

Mickey an outstanding footballer will remember Letterkenny well. It was there that he received a back injury in a minor league game against Donegal in 1969.

Mickey Moran is recognised as one of the great coaches of Gaelic football. His son Anton a footballer of great promise was forced to retire from the game in his mid twenties due to a serious shoulder injury. He was not lost to the game and thankfully is following in his fathers footsteps and is one of the coaches for the Derry under 17 Development Squad.

When Paddy Crozier took over as Derry manager three seasons ago one of his selectors was Liam Bradley who managed his native Glenuillin to the Derry title last year. His two sons Paddy and Eoin were on the Derry team at that time.

Fathers and sons are often part of the culture of the GAA particularly in rural areas where numbers tend to be small compared to the urban landscape. One of the Derry stars

of 1947 the late Thomas Edward 'Scutcher' McCloskey once played for Greenlough with his three sons who were safe in the knowledge that nobody would touch them when the gaffer was about.

Take Kevin McGuckin the Ballinderry and Derry corner back for example, his grandfather Mick captained Derry in the thirties and in turn Mick's sons Mick junior, Adrain, James, Pat and Terence all played for the county. Kevin is the son of Pat but Adrain's two sons Ronan and Adrain junior played in all grades with Derry. Adrain junior a great footballer who won an All Ireland under 21 medal with Derry in 1997 and an All Ireland club member with his club four years later was forced to retire from the game due to arthritis. Mick junior's son Brian played with Tyrone and a nephew of the McGuckin's from the female branch of the family is current Tyrone player Peter Donnelly. There is certainly something in the McGuckin genes.

DONEGAL/DERRY MEN.

For the first half century of the GAA there was a strong connection between Derry and Donegal with Donegal men from Inishowen and the East of the county plying their trade with the Oak Leaf County. That link was even close enough for the Donegal County Final of 1919 to be played at The Brandywell.

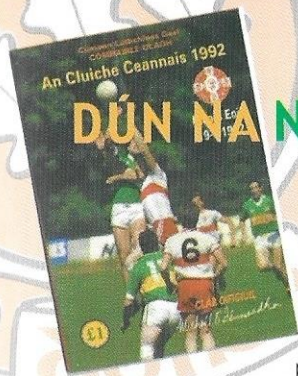
On a 1929 Derry team which beat Antrim in the Dr. McKenna Cup the Derry line out included J. Scanlon from Carndonagh and D. Taylor from Moville.

Derry were also able to avail of some soldier stars from Fort Dunree which included a Cavan All Ireland final winner. The late Harry Owens recalled that when the imports got out of uniform and reached Derry they tended to let their hair down and often did not perform to their full ability. That great Cavan footballer who wore the Derry jersey was Jack Smallhorn who was one of the Free State Army men.

Some Donegal Clubs have won Derry football titles. In 1914 the winners were Clan Chonail who defeated Derry city team Emmetts in the final. We can safely assume that they were from Donegal possibly Burt. In 1932 Burt were Derry senior champions beating Wolfe Tones in the decider.

In 1930 Burt won the Derry senior hurling title and in 1937 it was Aileach and there is definitely no Aileach in Derry!

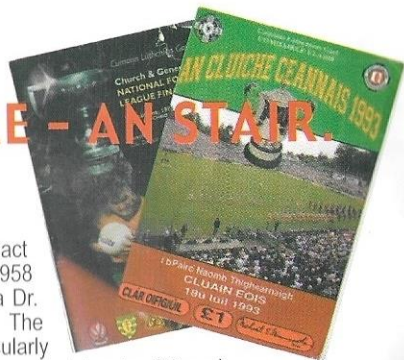
The two counties have grown strong in the GAA side by side with a mutual respect and admiration that will be carried into today's vital game.



DÚN NA nGALL V DOIRE - AN STAIR.

Fr. Seán

It is a bizarre coincidence that on this exact day and date fifty years ago – 13 April 1958 – Dún na nGall played Doire. It was a Dr. McKenna Cup match in Ballinascreen. The memory of that day in 1958 is particularly poignant here in Letterkenny as four of the great stalwarts of Naomh



Adhamhnán who are no longer with us played for Dún na nGall an lá udaí. Michael Ronaghan, Noel O' Donnell, Joe Carroll and Peadar McGeehin graced the then-much-drabber Páirc Uí Dhónaill with great distinction on countless occasions over many years. On that day in 1958 Joe Carroll came off and on came a young fellow called John Hannigan for his inter-county debut, I believe. He'll be in the stand here to-day.

It was the great Doire team of 1958 – McKeever, O'Connell et al- and they gave Dún na nGall a 'convincing trouncing' by 2 – 10 to 1 – 1, with Dún na nGall's goal coming from an Owenie Beag McBride penalty. The 'Democrat' noted that on one occasion 'a Donegal forward, making a solo run, beat the same opponent on seven successive occasions. It was a lovely piece of football on the part of the Donegal man, but, in the end, it did not bear fruit as when he did part with the ball, the home defence, given plenty of time, had got into position...! The 'Democrat' named him! I won't! (and he wasn't a Gaoth Dobhair man!).

The teams were:

Dún na nGall:
 Séamus Hoare:
 Brian Cotter
 Noel O' Donnell
 Willie Cunningham
 Seán O' Donnell
 Dom Murray
 Sub: John Hannigan.

Doire:
 T. J. Doherty:
 J. F. Gribben
 C. Mulholland
 and
 B. Mullen (0-3)

Michael Ronaghan:
 Brendan McFeely:
 Peadar McGeehin:
 Owenie McBride (1-0):
 Paddy Ward

T. Doherty:
 P. Smith:
 O. Gribben (2-0):
 M. Mullen

1948

It is a strange fact, too, that the last time Letterkenny hosted a Dún na nGall – Doire League game was 60 years ago on October 17, 1948. Little would the large crowd present that day think that it would be three score years before Dún na nGall and Doire would clash again i bPáirc Uí Dhónaill. Dún na nGall won by 2-5 to 1-4 with the midfield pairing of Jim McFadden and new boy Éamonn McMenamin shining. The game was half-an-hour late in starting due to the late arrival of the Doire team!

Dún na nGall:

Charlie Campbell (Dungloe): Jim McGlynn (St. Eunan's) Frank O' Donnell (Kilcar) Barney Coyle (Gaoth Dobhair): Patsy Brogan (Donegal) Hughie Tim Boyle (Gaoth Dobhair) Jim Gallagher (Ballyshannon): Éamonn McMenamin (St. Eunan's) and Jim McFadden (Gaoth Dobhair): Conal Boyle (Leitir) Dan Doherty (Ballyshannon) Owen Carney (Ballyshannon): Mick Slevin (Ballyshannon) Harry O' Donnell (Ardara) E. J. Gönigle (Corlea) Sub: B. Gallagher (Ballyshannon)

Doire:

C. Moran (Glen): J. Griffen (Bellaghy) S. Keenan (Castledawson) J. Hurley (Glen): John Murphy (Newbridge) A. Lynch (Magherafelt) O. Gribben (Newbridge): K. Fullen (Desertmartin) and R. Gribben (Newbridge): Joe Murphy (Newbridge) E. J. Mullan (Dungiven) T. McKenna (Newbridge): D. Lagan (Glen) P. Keenan (Magherafelt) J. Devlin.

The Natch survives. Do many others?

When Dún na nGall played Doire in Letterkenny in the 1945 Ulster Championship the referee was Seán Kennedy of Dungloe. Days of innocence and simplicity and trust!

1966 – '67



Another illustration of the more leisurely pace of bygone days was the Dún na nGall – Doire League saga of 1966-67. They faced one another four times in that campaign with no talk of points difference or cluttered fixtures. The League began with Dún na nGall and Doire finishing even 3-10 / 4-7 in Ballybofey in September. Dún na nGall had led by seven points in the second half but a last-minute Colm McGuigan goal earned Doire a draw. Both counties beat Fear Manach and Tir Eoghain and so had to play-off to decide who would top the section. The play-off in Ballybofey in December 1966 was another draw 0-9 / 0-9 with Micky Niblock scoring a late equalizer. Referee Donal Donnelly was escorted off the pitch. Plus ca change... The replay was in Ballinascreen in February 1967 and Doire trounced Dún na nGall 5-6 / 0-5.



Both counties won their Dr. Lagan Cup semi-finals then and met in the final in Irvinestown in March 1967. It was a tough, hard-hitting encounter. 'A sprawling test of brawn', the 'Journal' said. Mickey Griffin and Austin Mulholland were sent off. Dún na nGall won by a point 0-6 / 0-5, the winning point coming from John Hannigan. Plus ca change... It was Dún na nGall's third-in-row Lagan Cup success. They went on then to Croke Park and Gaillimh and untaken penalties.....

Dún na nGall:
 Séamus Hoare:
 Bernard Brady
 P. J. Flood
 and
 Declan O' Carroll:
 Frankie McFeely
 Micky Griffin

John Hannigan
 Seán O' Donnell
 Seán Ferriter
 Michael McLoone
 Jim Quigley
 Sub: Paucic McShea

Brendan Dowling:
 Antoin Carroll:
 Neilly Gallagher:
 Des Houlihan.

Doire:

Séamus Hasson
 Hugh F. Gribben
 Malachy McAfee
 and
 Séamus Lagan:
 Harry Diamond
 Seamus McCloskey

Tom Quinn
 Tommy Diamond
 Larry Diamond
 Brian Devlin
 Eamonn Coleman

Austin Mulholland:
 Phelim McCotter:
 Micky Niblock:
 Seán O' Connell

Among those who had played in the earlier matches were Paul Kelly, John Bonner, Brian McEniff, Béamie Granaghan, Leo McLoone (plus ca change...), John D. McMenamin, Anthony Gallagher, Tony McDevitt and Seán McHugh (Dún na nGall): Des McLarnon, Éamonn Devlin, Colm McGuigan, Brendan Cassidy, P. J. Diamond and M. McQuetian (Doire).

It is another strange fact that Dún na nGall and Doire have not met in the League for over ten years now. Us thriving, the Oak Leaf languishing. Stranger still that there was no League meeting between the years 1970 and 1986. Us languishing, the Oak Leaf flourishing. The last League meeting was in Ballybofey on November 2, 1997. It was a tough game with eight bookings. Two second-half Jim McGuinness goals made the difference with Dún na nGall winning by 2-14 to 1-9.

Dún na nGall:
 Paul Callaghan:
 John Joe Doherty Capt
 Martin Coll
 and
 Jim McGuinness (2-0):
 Adrian Sweeney
 Tony Boyle (0-6)
 Noel McGinley
 Mark Crossan
 Noel Hegarty
 Shane Bradley (0-2)
 John Duffy (0-2)
 Subs: Brian McLaughlin and Brian Murray.

Doire:
 David Hasson:
 Johnny McBride
 Henry Downey
 and
 Gary Doyle:
 Dermot Dougan (0-1)
 Ronan Rocks (1-0)
 Éamonn Reddan:
 Damian Diver:
 Brian Roper (0-2):
 Brendan Devenney (0-2)
 Gary Coleman:
 Adrian Heaney:
 Benny Murray (0-1):
 Joe Cassidy (0-1)

Paul Diamond
 Karl Diamond
 Anthony Tohill
 Gary McGill (0-3)
 Michael Gribben (0-1)
 Subs: Gavin Diamond.

And what can you say but fair play to Brian Roper and Brendan Devenney eleven years down the line...! And to the Diamonds, sparkling ó ghlún go glún!

LEAGUE FINALS

Of course Dún na nGall and Doire have met twice in the National Football League Final. Ara, we'll not dwell too much on days like that! For the record, Doire won in 1995 by 0-12 to 0-8. A Tohill day!

Doire:
 Damien McCusker:
 Tony Scullion
 Henry Downey
 and
 Brian McGilligan:
 Dermot Heaney (0-1)
 Séamus Downey (0-1)
 Kieran McKeever
 John McGurk
 Anthony Tohill (0-5)
 Eamonn Burns (0-3)
 Joe Brolly
 Sub: Declan Bateson.

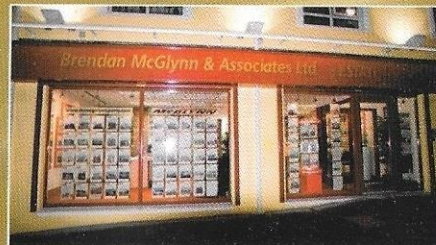
Dún na nGall:
 Gary Walsh:
 Matt Gallagher
 Martin Gavigan
 and
 Brian Murray (0-1):
 Noel Hegarty (0-2)
 Tony Boyle
 Gary Coleman (0-1):
 Fergal McCusker:
 Damien Barton:
 Enda Gormley (0-1).
 Barry McGowan:
 Martin Shovlin:
 James McHugh:
 Manus Boyle (0-3)

John Joe Doherty
 Mark Crossan
 Mark McShane
 Paddy Hegarty
 John Duffy (0-1)
 Sub: Declan Bonner (0-1)

Same again in 1996. Another Tohill Day! 1-16 to 1-9! Doire had new men in Jonathan Kelly (in goals), Karl Diamond (for McGurk) and Seán Lockhart (for Heaney). Dermot Dougan and Gary McGill came on as subs. Tohill 1-5, Gormley 0-6, S. Downey 0-2, Barton 0-1. Even Brolly got a couple of points! Dún na nGall had new men in John Cunningham (for Gavigan), James Ruane (for McShane), John Bán Gallagher (for McHugh) and Brian Roper (for Duffy). James McHugh and Dessie McNamara came on as subs. Noel Hegarty 1-1, Manus 0-4, James Ruane 0-2, Tony Boyle 0-1, James McHugh 0-1. And Roper lives on!! And Seán Marty, too.

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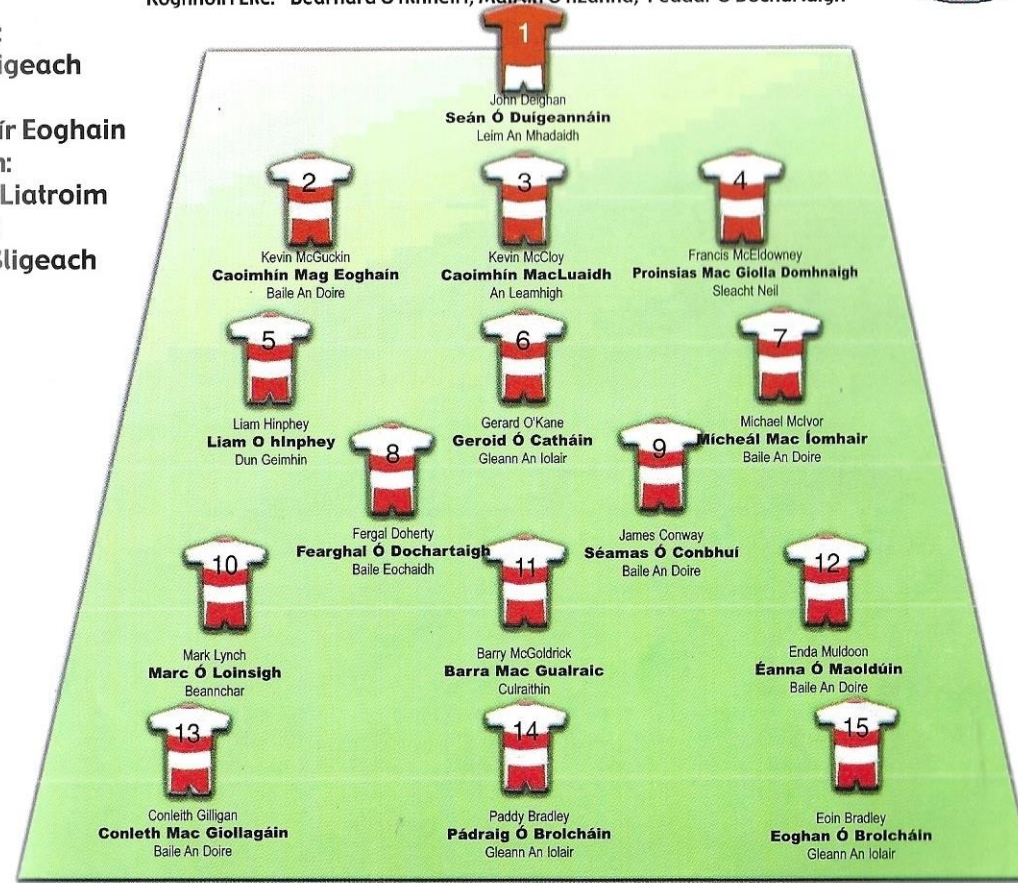
Derry Doire



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Maor Foirne: Seán Mac Bhloscaidh

Roghnóirí Eile: Bearnard Ó hInnéirí, Máirtín Ó hÉanna, Peadar Ó Dochartaigh



Fir Ionaid: 16 Barry Gillis Barra Mac Giolla Íosa Machaire Fiolta. 17 Ryan Dillon Rian Diolún An Suaitreach. 18 Joe Diver Seosamh Mac Duibhir Baile Eochaidh. 19 Joe Keenan Seosamh Ó Cianáin Machaire Fiolta. 20 Sean M Lockhart Sean Locard Beannchar. 21 Michael McBride Micheál Mac Giolla Bhríde Baile Na Scrine. 22 Niall McCusker Niall MacOscar Baile An Doire. 23 Ciaran Mullan Ciarán Ó Maoláin Druim Sorran. 24 Paul Murphy Pól Ó Murchú Dun Geimhín. 25 Paul O'Hea Pól Ó hAodha Baile na Stallaigh. 26 Raymond Wilkinson Réamann Mac Uilcín Baile An Doire

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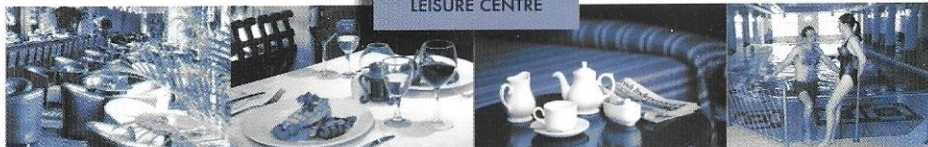
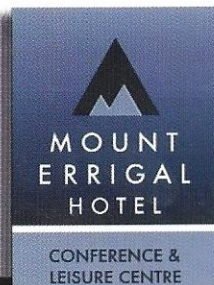
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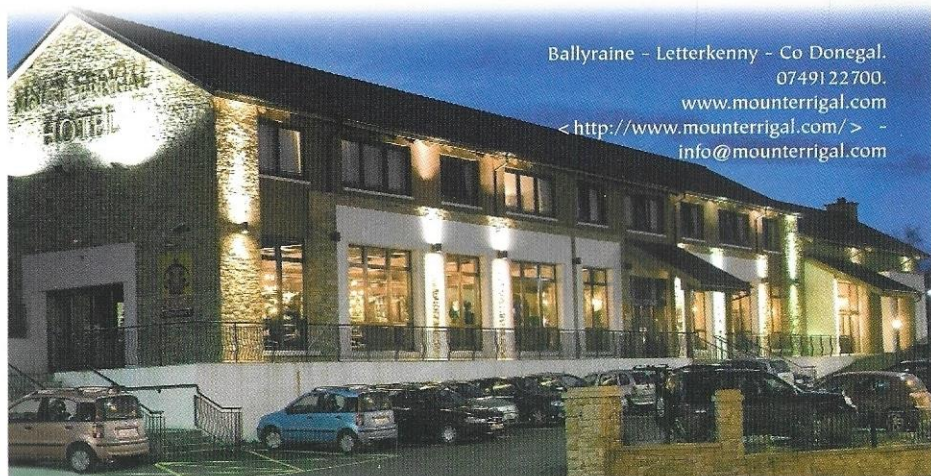
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2	1931	Dún na nGall	4-7	Doire	0-2	Ballybofey
3	1933-4	Dún na nGall	2-4	Doire	0-5	Ballybofey
4	1933-4	Dún na nGall	1-3	Doire	1-3	Draperstown
5	1936-7	Dún na nGall	1-8	Doire	0-4	Ardara
6	1936-7	Dún na nGall	1-9	Doire	0-2	Dungiven
7	1946-7	Doire	1-7	Dún na nGall	1-4	Ballybofey
8	1947-8	Dún na nGall	4-6	Doire	3-3	Celtic Park
9	1948-9	Dún na nGall	2-5	Doire	1-4	Letterkenny
10	1949-50	Doire	0-10	Dún na nGall	0-2	Celtic Park
11	1949-50	Doire	2-6	Dún na nGall	1-3	Celtic Park
12	1950-51	Dún na nGall	1-7	Doire	1-5	Ballybofey
13	1951-52	Doire	2-6	Dún na nGall	2-4	Magherafelt
14	1952-53	Doire	2-12	Dún na nGall	3-7	Ballybofey
15	1953-54	Doire	0-6	Dún na nGall	0-5	Draperstown
16	1958-59	Doire	1-11	Dún na nGall	1-4	Dungannon LAGAN FINAL
17	1954-60	Doire	3-6	Dún na nGall	1-3	Ballybofey
18	1960-61	Dún na nGall	1-6	Doire	0-6	Celtic Park
19	1960-61	Doire	2-7	Dún na nGall	1-3	Ballybofey
20	1961-62	Doire	3-6	Dún na nGall	1-8	Ballybofey
21	1962-63	Dún na nGall	0-6	Doire	0-4	Magherafelt
22	1963-64	Doire	2-8	Dún na nGall	1-7	Ballybofey
23	1964-65	Dún na nGall	4-9	Doire	1-10	Draperstown
24	1964-65	Dún na nGall	2-9	Doire	1-7	Irvinestown LAGAN FINAL
25	1965-66	Dún na nGall	3-12	Doire	1-3	Ballinascreen **
26	1966-67	Dún na nGall	3-10	Doire	4-7	Ballybofey
27	1966-67	Dún na nGall	0-9	Doire	0-9	Ballybofey
28	1966-67	Doire	5-6	Dún na nGall	0-5	Ballinascreen
29	1966-67	Dún na nGall	0-6	Doire	0-5	Irvinestown LAGAN FINAL
30	1968-69	Dún na nGall	1-11	Doire	1-7	Dungannon
31	1969-70	Doire	4-13	Dún na nGall	0-5	Dungannon
32	1986-87	Dún na nGall	1-9	Doire	0-7	Greenlough
33	1988-89	Doire	0-10	Dún na nGall	1-5	Drumsum
34	1989-90	Dún na nGall	0-11	Doire	0-3	Ballyshannon
35	1992-93	Dún na nGall	0-10	Doire	2-3	Breifni Park
36	1993-94	Doire	3-16	Dún na nGall	0-7	Casement Park
37	1994-95	Dún na nGall	0-15	Doire	2-6	Ballybofey
38	1994-95	Doire	0-12	Dún na nGall	0-8	Croke Park FINAL
39	1995-96	Doire	0-10	Dún na nGall	0-10	Ballybofey
40	1995-96	Doire	1-16	Dún na nGall	1-9	Croke Park FINAL
41	1996-97	Doire	1-13	Dún na nGall	1-6	Celtic Park
42	1997-98	Dún na nGall	2-14	Doire	1-9	Ballybofey
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Dún na nGall won 20
Doire won 18
Draw 4

* It is possible that some games have escaped me!

** The newspapers abandoned Draperstown as time went by!



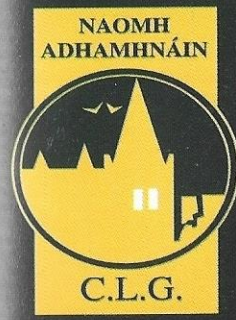
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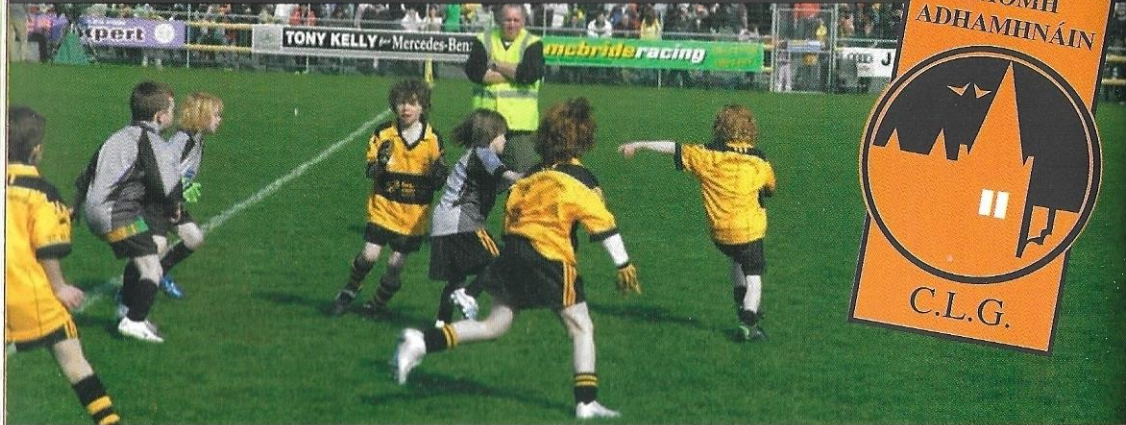
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Division 1					
2 Feb 2008	Tyrone	0-07 - 1-04	Kildare	Omagh	FT
2 Feb 2008	Donegal	1-08 - 1-07	Kerry	Ballybofey	FT
2 Feb 2008	Derry	2-09 - 1-09	Mayo	Celtic Park	FT
3 Feb 2008	Galway	0-15 - 1-09	Laois	Tuam Stadium	FT
16 Feb 2008	Kerry	0-12 - 0-09	Tyrone	Tralee	FT
16 Feb 2008	Laois	1-09 - 2-12	Derry	Portlaoise	FT
17 Feb 2008	Kildare	2-08 - 1-12	Galway	Newbridge	FT
17 Feb 2008	Mayo	0-16 - 2-11	Donegal	Castlebar	FT
1 Mar 2008	Laois	1-13 - 1-13	Mayo	Portlaoise	FT
2 Mar 2008	Kildare	0-12 - 0-11	Donegal	Newbridge	FT
2 Mar 2008	Galway	1-14 - 2-09	Tyrone	Pearse Stadium	FT
2 Mar 2008	Kerry	0-10 - 0-09	Derry	Killarney	FT
15 Mar 2008	Tyrone	0-16 - 0-14	Laois	Omagh	FT
15 Mar 2008	Derry	1-16 - 0-08	Kildare	Celtic Park	FT
15 Mar 2008	Donegal	1-12 - 1-11	Galway	Ballybofey	FT
16 Mar 2008	Mayo	0-16 - 1-12	Kerry	Castlebar	FT
29 Mar 2008	Laois	0-12 - 0-16	Kerry	Portlaoise	FT
30 Mar 2008	Tyrone	0-11 - 0-09	Donegal	Edendork	FT
30 Mar 2008	Kildare	2-08 - 2-14	Mayo	Newbridge	FT
30 Mar 2008	Galway	3-09 - 0-13	Derry	Pearse Stadium	FT
5 Apr 2008	Derry	0-14 - 0-10	Tyrone	Celtic Park, Derry	FT
5 Apr 2008	Kerry	0-09 - 0-08	Kildare	Tralee	FT
6 Apr 2008	Mayo	1-11 - 2-09	Galway	Castlebar	FT
6 Apr 2008	Donegal	1-14 - 2-08	Laois	Ballyshannon	FT

13/04/08 Round 7

Roinn I

Omagh: **Tír Eoghain v Maigh Eo**
 Letterkenny: **Dún na nGall v Doire**
 Portlaoise: **Laois v Cill Dara**
 Pearse Stadium: **Gaillimh v Ciarraí**

Allianz National Football League Div 1A table

Team	P	W	L	D	Scores For	Scores Against	Points Difference	Pts
Galway	6	5	1	0	8-69	7-61	+11	10
Derry	6	4	2	0	5-73	5-55	+18	8
Kerry	6	4	2	0	2-66	1-62	+7	8
Donegal	6	4	2	0	5-64	4-64	+3	8
Mayo	6	2	3	1	5-79	10-62	+2	5
Tyrone	6	2	3	1	2-62	2-67	-5	5
Kildare	6	1	4	1	5-48	4-69	-18	3
Laois	6	0	5	1	5-65	4-86	-18	1

The possibilities....

The four teams still vying for this years Div 1 League honours find themselves in direct opposition against fellow contenders in today's final round of games. Galway are very much in the driving seat and can even afford to lose to Kerry by two points and still book their place in the decider. They would have the same points as Kerry and the same points difference, but the rules as set out at the beginning of the competition state that when two teams cannot be separated by points or points difference, then their "scores for" will be used to differentiate between them. This would put Galway ahead of Kerry.

As for Kerry, they go into the game knowing that a three-point victory would be enough to see them overtake Galway on points difference and ensure that they finish in the top two.

Meanwhile back in Páirc Uí Dhonaill, the visiting Derry side have their destiny very much in their own hands. A win for them puts them in the final irrespective of what happens in Salthill. A draw would also suffice for the Derry men provided that Kerry don't win.

If Brian McIver gets the win he requires today, he may have to bring out his calculator to figure out if Donegal are still in the hunt to retain the New Ireland cup. Here are some of the scenarios. If Kerry don't win, then a Donegal victory will be sufficient. A one point Kerry win means Donegal must win by five. If Kerry win by two points (the worst result from a Donegal point of view), then Donegal would need to win by six points – this winning margin that would guarantee progression for McIver's men irrespective of the other result. Have all the permutations been covered?not yet! There may be another way for Donegal to progress. A Kerry win by one or two points has already been covered, but every point over and above that would eat into Galway's points difference. This in turn would reduce Donegal's winning margin requirement in their bid to overtake Galway and move into second spot. Clear as mud!

Lets hope the picture becomes a bit clearer sometime before 4pm. In the meantime, just enjoy the game.

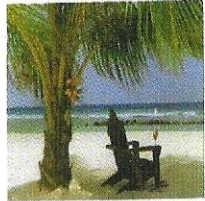
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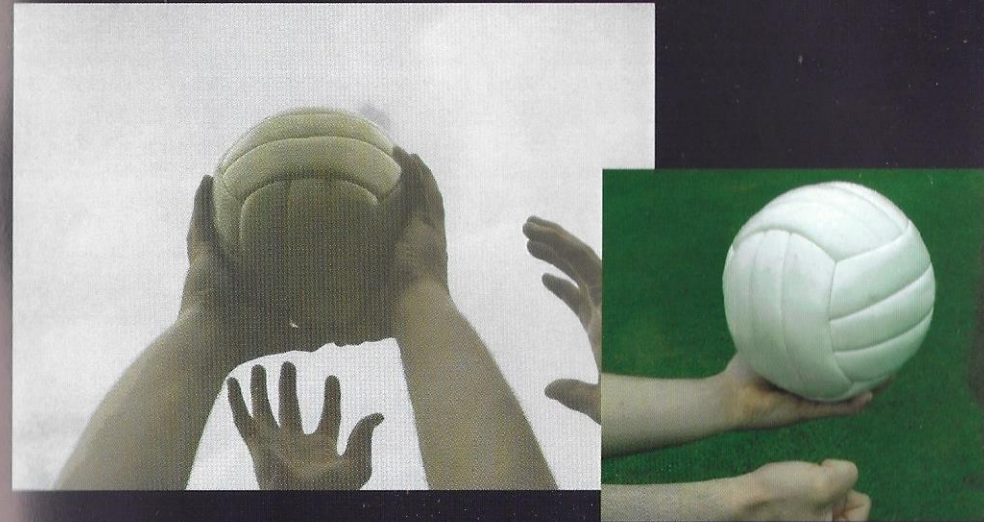
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