



# Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall



**R.T.É Raidió na Gaeltachta**  
Cluiche Ceannais Craobh na Chondae Sinsir 2008

I bPáirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich  
De Domhnaigh, 5u Deireadh Fómhair 2008, 4.00 i.n.

## An Tearmainn V Naomh Adhamhnáin

*Reiteoir: Roibeard Ó Domhnaill*

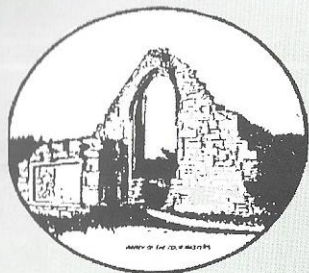


**Chuiche Ceannais Mionuir 1.45 i.n.**

**Gaeil Leitir Ceannain v Naomh Ultan**

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Our curtain raiser today the Minor Championship Division 2 Final, brings together two clubs, Naomh Ultan and Letterkenny Gaels. Both these clubs are currently striving to develop the underage structure to bring it to full fruition in years to come.

In the Senior Final we have last years winners St Eunans, Letterkenny, taking on their near neighbours Termon. The St Eunans men have already won 13 Senior County Championships, will today aim to add a further to their collection. For Termon, this is a great achievement for the Club back in the County Final since 2003. There is great work being done at school and underage level in the Termon area and can only auger well for the future of the GAA in the future for CLG An Tearmainn.

We welcome back to Pairc Shean Mhic Cumhaill after 25 years our Special Guests today the St Eunans team of 1983 who won the Co. Championship that year when they overcame Ard An Ratha on a score of 0.08 to 0.03. They will be announced to the crowd at half time of the Senior Match.

May I also welcome here today the Ardaghey Pipe Band who will entertain you during the day.

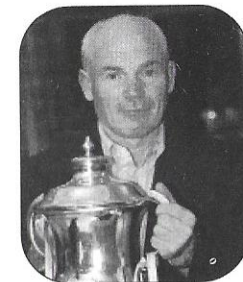
Tá mé fíor-buioch dó Radio Na Gaeltacht agus go harithe Seamus Mac Geidigh, Bainisteoir Reigiúin an Tuaiscirt, as ucht urraiocht a dheanadh ár an Comortas Craobh Sinsear an Condae.

My thanks to the McCumhaills Club Officers and Ground Staff together with our County Development Officer Terence McGinley for having the Pitch in such good condition here today and indeed on every occasion during the past year. Thank you all.

Tá suil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus taitneamh as na cluichí anseo inniu agus adh mór ar na foirne go lei rata ag glacadh pairt.

Mise,

**Sean O Ceallaigh,**  
*Cathaoirleach Bord na Condae.*





# Amhrán na bhfiann

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## Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall CLAR AN LAE County Senior and Minor Division 2 Finals Sunday 5th October 2008

County Senior Final:	4.00 pm
County Minor Division 2 Final:	1.45 pm
Minor :	Gaeil Leitir Ceannain v Naomh Ultan
Senior:	An Tearmainn v Naomh Adhamhnain
1.27 pm	Naomh Ultan takes the field and line up for team photograph
1.30 pm.	Gaeil Leitir Ceannain takes the field and line up for team photograph
1.45 pm	Minor Division 2 Final.
3.00 pm	Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Minor Division 2 Championship Trophy by Youth Officer Liam Mac Giolla Chonnaigh
3.10 pm	Ardaghy Pipe Band
3.15 pm	Introduction of the 1983 County Champions Naomh Adhamhnain
3.38 pm	An Tearmainn takes the field and line up for team photograph
3.40 pm	Naomh Adhamhnain takes the field and line up for team photograph
3.50 pm	Both teams line up for parade
3.58 pm	National Anthem
4.00 pm	<b>2008 R.T.E Raidió na Gaeltachta DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL An Tearmainn v Naomh Adhamhnain</b>
Half Time	Ardaghy Pipe Band
5.30 pm	Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award.
5.35 pm	Captain of the winning team proceed to the presentation area for the presentation of the Dr. Maguire Cup presented by Sean O Ceallaigh Cathaoirleach Bord an Chontae.
Senior Final Referee:	Robbie O Donnell
Linesmen:	Seamus McGonagle and Terence McShea
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Minor Final Referee:	Kieran McShea
Linesmen:	Liam Brown and Tony Gallagher.



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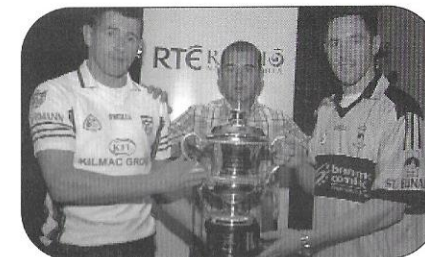
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## Focail An Eagarthoir

Welcome to McCumhaill Park for the finals of our Senior and Minor Football Division two Football Championship. Naomh Adhamhain is appearing in their forth consecutive final and will be hoping to successfully defend the title they won last year. After defeating Gleann tSuile in last years final they will again have a neighbouring club to contend with if they are to achieve their goal. Termon are no strangers either to winning County Championships having won the Junior A in 1973 and the Intermediate crown in 1991 and again in 2000, however this will be only their second ever Senior Final and they will be hoping to make amends for their defeat in 2003 by Four Masters.



The curtain raiser today is the Minor Championship Division Two Final between Naomh Ultan and Gaeil Leitir Ceannain. This is a complete new experience for both Clubs as neither has appeared in a Minor Championship Final previously.

I wish all four teams and Match Officials the best of luck and look forward to an enjoyable afternoon in McCumhaill Park.

As always big match days mean a lot of hard work for people behind the scenes, there will be upwards of 100 people involve today ensuring that everything possible is been done so that spectators can enjoy both games in safety and comfort. I thank these people who give their time voluntarily to do this valuable work and I would appeal to you to co-operate with stewards at all times.

I offer a special word of thanks to all who contributed to this programme, Fr Sean Gallagher, Peter Campbell, Tom Comack, Chris McNulty, Seamus Mac Geidigh, Seamus McAnaw and especially the participating Clubs. I would also like to thank both The Donegal News and Donegal Democrat and a special word of thanks to Micheal O'Donnell and Donna McBride for contributing a number of other photos.

Our Senior final today is been shown on T.G 4 and we thank them for doing so and hope viewers wont be disappointed with our show piece.

Thanks to our sponsors R.T.E. Raidio na Gaeltachta and all who booked advertising space in this publication. We ask you to support our sponsors and advertisers.

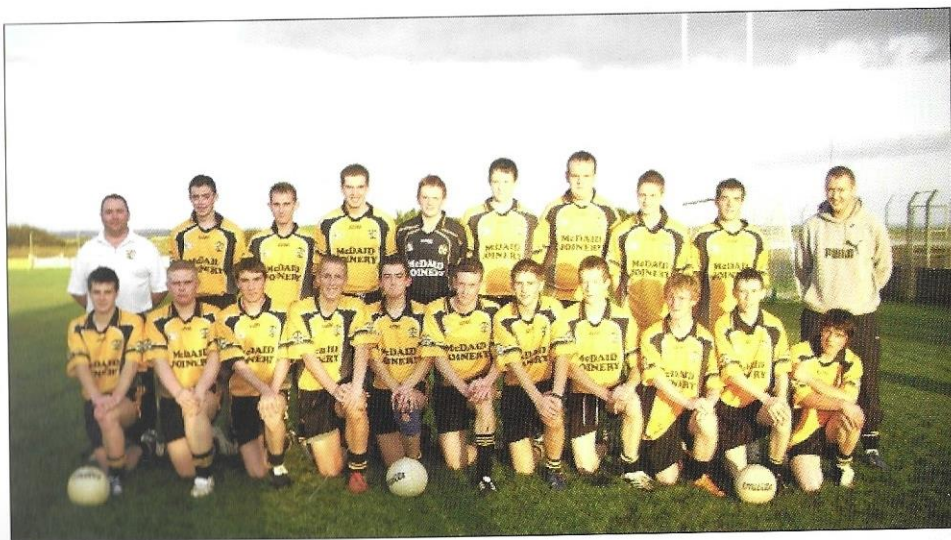
Finally to all attending the games, I trust you will enjoy the day and that it will live in your memory for years to come.

**Seamus O'Domhnaill**  
O.C.P.





## LETTERKENNY GAELS



## NAOMH ULTAN

## Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn

- |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| 1<br>Tommy McLaughlin<br>Tomas Mac Lochlainn    |   | 3<br>Kevin Mc Laughlin<br>Caomhín Mac Lochlainn |
| 2<br>Darren Hunter<br>Darren Ó Fiach            |   | 6<br>Oisín Cannon (Captain)<br>Oisín Ó Ceannain |
| 4<br>Kevin Crossan<br>Caomhín Ó Crossain        | 5<br>Ciaran Cannon<br>Ciaran Ó Ceannain       | 8<br>Aaron Bradley<br>Aaron Ó Brodlachain       |
| 7<br>Luke Skinnader<br>Lucus O Scinneadair      | 10<br>Ruairí Gallagher<br>Ruairí Ó Gallachoir | 11<br>Colm Breslin<br>Colm Ó Brislain           |
| 9<br>Darren McBrearty<br>Darren Mac Bhriartaigh | 12<br>Gary Boyle<br>Gary Ó Baoill             | 13<br>Jamie Doherty<br>Seamus Ó Dochartaigh     |

### Fir Ionaid

- |                   |                    |                    |                             |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| 14 Gerard Gibbons | Gearoid Ó Giobban  | 18 Josh McLaughlin | Joshua Mac Lochlainn        |
| 15 James McGlynn  | Seamus Mac Fhloinn | 19 Kevin Kilkeny   | Caomhín MacGiollaCheannaigh |
| 16 Kevin Doran    | Caomhín Ó Dobhrain | 20 Mikey Harte     | Michael Ó hAirt             |
| 17 Mark O Leary   | Marcus Ó Laoire    | 21 Mark Graham     | Marcus O Graham             |

## Naomh Ultan

- |  |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| 1<br>Daniel McGlynn<br>Donall Mac Fhionn     |   | 3<br>Conor Shovlin (Captain)<br>Conor O Seibheain |
| 2<br>Aaron Kyles<br>Aaron O Kyles            |   | 6<br>Shane Byrne<br>Sean O Beirne                 |
| 4<br>Danny Shovlin<br>Donal O Seibheain      | 5<br>Patrick White<br>Padraig De Faoite | 8<br>Donal Murrin<br>Donal O Muireann             |
| 7<br>Sean Blain<br>Sean O Bleine             | 10<br>Andrew Mackey<br>Aindriu O Maca   | 11<br>Cian Kennedy<br>Cein O Cinneide             |
| 9<br>Allister Rodgers<br>Alistier Mac Ruairi | 12<br>Alan Lyons<br>Ailein Mac Lion     | 13<br>Dermot Gallier<br>Diarmuid O Gallchoir      |

### Fir Ionaid

- |                     |                   |                     |                     |
|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 14 Mathew O'Donnell | Maitiu O Donaill  | 16 Emmet Brosnan    | Emmet O Brosnachain |
| 15 Joe O'Donnell    | Seosamh O Donaill | 17 Keelin Gallagher | Caolan O Gallachoir |
|                     |                   | 18 Shane McGlynn    | Sean Mac Fhionn     |





## Today's Referees

### SENIOR FINAL

#### Robbie O'Donnell

Robbie is a member of the Naomh Mhuire Club and works with the Donegal County Council. He is refereeing for ten years and has been on the referee's national panel since 2003. At local level this is his first Senior final however, he has been in charge of county finals at under 14, under 16, Junior A and B and Intermediate. Robbie has refereed National League games and was in charge of these years Ulster under 21 Football Final. During his playing career he has won senior championship medals with Mulroy Gaels in Glasgow and two intermediate medals with Milford (1992) and Naomh Mhuire (1998).

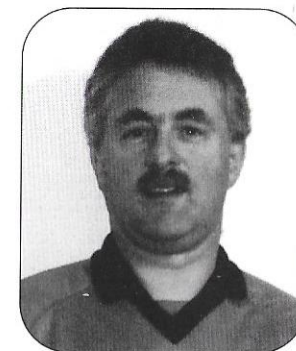
When not refereeing Robbie still plays the occasional game with Naomh Mhuire reserves. Robbie would like to thank his wife Marion and the five children for their support and words of encouragement.



### MINOR FINAL

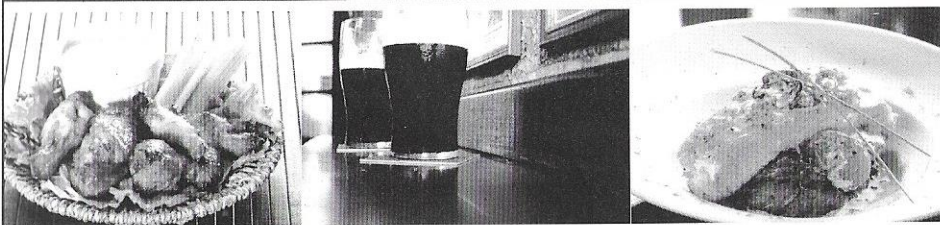
#### Kieran McShea, Sean McCumhalls

Kieran is a native of Ballyshannon, but has been attached to the Sean McCumhalls G.A.A. for many years. A former player and senior team manager, Kieran has refereed League Finals in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He was in charge of the Intermediate Final in 2006 and last year he refereed the Minor Championship Final between Four Masters and Naomh Conaill. Having started refereeing in 2000, he is one of the busiest referees in the County averaging over thirty competitive games per year. Kieran will also Referee a final later this month in Gaelic park New York later this month. The game is between Transport Gaels from Ireland and the New York Police. The cup is in memory of Moira Smith a female police officer who died on duty in 9/11. The game is a curtain raiser to the FBD league final where Galway plays New York. On top of that he still finds time to referee at ladies football and was the referee of this years Ladies County Final. Married to Cathy, Kieran is the local manager of Bus Eireann and lives in Stranorlar.





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Donegal Steel

## Big day for Naomh Ultan and Letterkenny Gaels

*by Tom Comack, Donegal Democrat/ Peoples Press*

Naomh Ultan are chasing a league and championship double when they go head to head with Letterkenny Gaels today's Division Two Minor Championship football final.

Today is big day for the young footballers from both clubs. It has been a great year to date for Naomh Ultan. So far this team has swept all before to win the Southern championship and league titles and the county league title, which included a league semi-final victory over today's opposition.

On their way to the final, they side that are managed by Declan O'Neill have seen off such traditionally strong teams as Naomh Mhuire, Naomh Columba and Glenfin. A well balanced side, they are backboned by Conor Shovlin, Danny Shovlin - son of former Donegal stalwart Martin - in defence, Sean Blaine at midfield, while up front Andrew Mackey and Dermot Gallagher have been receiving rave reviews. Gallagher has been running up big scores and is his team's scorer in chief.

"We are really looking forward to the game, and it is huge day for the club to be playing on county final day. This the best underage team we have had for years and are hoping to complete the double which would be a great achievement for a the club," said O'Neill.

Letterkenny Gaels are not without hope either. Kevin Doherty has assembled a formidable side that have been knocking on the door right through the age groups and two years ago, they won the under-16 championship having lost the deciders at under-14 and under-13.

They have been boosted in recent weeks by the return of midfielder Aaron Bradley. Bradley missed most of the championship through injury but returned for the semi-final victory over Naomh Columba.

The St Eunan's College player will line out at midfield and along with Oisin Cannon and Kevin McLaughlin are they only players in the team that are overage next year. By and large this is a very young Letterkenny side and as well as the experienced trio, Gaels followers will be pinning their hopes on big games from Darren Hunter, in the half-backline, Darren McBrearty who will partner Bradley in the middle of the park, Rory Gallagher, Gary Boyle, James McGlynn, Kevin Doran and Gerard Gibbons in attack.

"They are a very good bunch of player and have worked very hard this year to reach the final and we are now just looking forward to the game. It is a huge day for us and we are hoping to bring home the cup," said Kevin Doherty.

There was disappointment earlier in the week for the Gaels' Mickey Harte, who will miss the game after having his appendix removed earlier in the week.



## Naomh Ultan - Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Position
Conor Shovlin	18	5'6"	10st	Defender
Alan Lyons	15	5'11"	12st	Forward
Matthew O'Donnell	16	5'7"	9st 12lbs	Forward
Andrew Mackey	17	5'5"	10st	Forward
Aaron Kyles	15	5'7"	10st 5lbs	Defender
Sean Blain	17	6'2"	11st 2lbs	Midfield
Danny Shovlin	17	5'11"	10st 7lbs	Defender
Joe O'Donnell	17	5'11"	10st 7lbs	Forward
Dermot Gallier	17	6'	11st	Forward
Shane Mc Glynn	17	6'5"	17st	Forward
Daniel Mc Glynn	15	5' 11"	10st 10lbs	Goalkeeper
Emmet Brosnan	17	6'1"	10st 10lbs	Defender
Donal Murrin	18	6'2"	13st	Midfield
Cian Kennedy	15	6'	10st 2lbs	Forward
Keelin Gallagher	16	5'10"	12st 10lbs	Defender
Alistar Rodgers	18	5'11"	10st	Forward
Shane Byrne	15	5'10"	9st 7lbs	Defender
Patrick White	17	5'10"	11st	Defender

## Letterkenny Gaels - Pen Pics

Minors	Age	Height	Weight	Position
Tommy Mc Laughlin	16	5ft 11"	12 .10lbs	Goal Keeper
Mark O Leary	18	5ft11"	12 .11lbs	Back
Oisin Cannon	17	5ft10"	12 .4lbs	Back
Kevin Crossan	16	5ft10"	12 .1lbs	Back
Darren Hunter	16	5ft11"	10 .8lbs	Forward
Kevin McLaughlin	18	6ft 0"	12. 6lbs	Half Back
Mickey Harte	16	5ft10"	10. 6lbs	Half Back
Darren McBrearty	17	6ft 2"	12. 2lbs	MidField
Aaron Bradley	17	6ft 3"	12. 4lbs	Mid Field
Ruairi Gallagher	17	5ft10"	10 .5lbs	Forward
Jamie Doherty	17	5ft 9"	10. 7lbs	Forward
Gary Boyle	17	5ft11"	10 .6lbs	Forward
Kevin Doran	16	5ft 8"	9 .4lbs	Forward
Gerard Gibbons	17	6ft 4"	12 .5lbs	Forward
James McGlynn	16	5ft11"	11 .4lbs	Forward
Luke Skinnader	16	5ft10"	11 .3lbs	Back
Colm O Breslin	17	6ft 0"	12 .6lbs	Forward
Ciaran Cannon	15	5ft10"	10 .8lbs	Half Back
Kevin Kilkenny	15	5ft 8"	9 .1lbs	Back
Mark Graham	16	5ft11"	10 .4lbs	Half Back
Josh McLaughlin	16	5ft11"	11 .1lbs	Forward

## Player Profile: Jamie Doherty, Letterkenny Gaels

### Height

5 Ft 9

### Weight

10 Stone

### Favourite Position

Right Corner Forward

### Favourite Ground

Pairc na nGael

### Favourite Sport

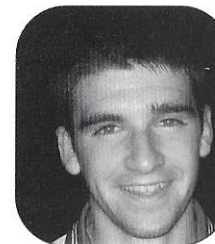
Gaelic Football

### Childhood Hero

Peter Canavan

### Most Memorable Game

County League Final 07



### Biggest Disappointment

Losing Co U14 Final 2004

### Biggest Influence on your Career

Parents

### Favourite Food/ Drink

Past Bake / Milk

### Favourite Film

Remember the Titans

### Most Difficult Opponent

John Harkin (Glenfinn)

### Hopes for the Future

Represent Donegal at Senior Level

## Player Profile: Conor Shovlin, Naomh Ultan

### Age:

18

### Height:

5'6"

### Weight:

10st

### Honours:

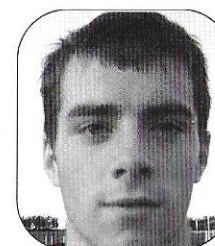
Minor Regional League  
and Championship(2008)  
All County Minor League(2008)  
U-10 Michael Shannon Tournament Winner

### Favourite Film:

Braveheart

### Favourite Actress:

Eva Mendes



### Most Memorable Game:

Regional Championship final win against  
Naomh Columba

### Toughest Opponent:

Dermot Gallier

### Biggest Disappointment:

Not making the 2008 County Minor Panel

### Ambition:

To win the Minor Championship final as  
Captain

### Biggest Influence on your Career:

My Father (Colm) and Countless Others

### Person you would most like to meet:

Brian Doohar

### Favourite Footballer:

Martin Shovlin



## Player Profile: Sean Blain, Naomh Ultan

**Age:**  
17

**Height:**  
6'2"

**Weight:**  
11st 7lbs

**Position:**  
Midfield

**Honours:**  
Connaught Community Games at U-10  
Minor Regional League and  
Championship(2008)  
All County Minor League(2008)

**Favourite Film:**  
Anchor Man

**Favourite Actress:**  
Jessica Alba



**Most Memorable Game:**  
Community Games Final at U-10 level

**Toughest Opponent:**  
Oisín Mc Ginley (Naomh Columba)

**Biggest Disappointment:**  
Losing Community Games Final

**Ambition:**  
To be the best player in the County

**Biggest Influence on your Career:**  
My Father (Raymond)

**Person you would most like to meet:**  
Jessica Alba

**Favourite Footballer:**  
Sean Cavanagh

## Player Profile: James McGlynn, Letterkenny Gaels

**Height**  
5 Ft 11

**Weight**  
11 Stone

**Favourite Position**  
Centre Half Forward

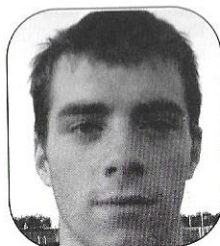
**Favourite Ground**  
McCumhaill Pk

**Favourite Sport**  
Gaelic Football

**Childhood Hero**  
Dara Ó Cinneide

**Most Memorable Game**  
U 16 County Final 2007

**Biggest Disappointment**  
Losing Co U12 Final 2004



**Biggest Influence on your Career**  
Parents

**Favourite Food/ Drink**  
Taco Chips/ Tea

**Favourite Film**  
Gladiator

**Most Difficult Opponent**  
Robbie O'Donnell (Naomh Mhuire)

**Hopes for the Future**  
Represent Donegal at Senior Level

## 15 Questions anybody could answer!

Answers on page 49

1. Name the last club to win the Donegal Senior and Minor football Championship in the same year
2. Who are the current holders of the Dr McCluskey Cup
3. What player scored the last point in this year's All Ireland Senior Football Final.
4. Name the club of Tyrone midfielder Colm Holmes.
5. What is the name of the cup that is presented to winners of the Donegal Minor Football Division One Championship.
6. Prior to Brian Dooher, who was the last Ulster man to captain his County to two All Ireland Senior Football titles.
7. Who is the only Monaghan player on this All-Star football nominations list.
8. What was the last year that the All Ireland Senior Football Final ended in a draw.
9. What County beat Donegal in the final of the Nicky Rackard Cup in 2006
10. Who is the president elect of the G.A.A.
11. Name the only goalkeeper to have won five All-Stars
12. How many Provincial Councils are there in the G.A.A.
13. Wexford football did exceptionally well this year, but how many All-Ireland Senior Football titles have they won.
14. In the news recently Kerry's Paul Galvin, but what Club does he play for.
15. Name the referee who was in charge of the Donegal and Monaghan All-Ireland second round qualifier here in July.

### Tie Breaker

Name the two brothers who captained their county to All-Ireland finals in football and hurling in successive years in the 1990s.



# Teams at battle, families at war...

By Chris McNulty (Derry People, Donegal News)

TEN miles. That's the short distance between the gates of O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny and the Burn Road in Termon.

Within that ten-mile radius, it comes as no surprise to find that there are many close connections between St Eunan's and Termon: the rivalry on county final day is intensified when one examines the closeness of these two neighbours.

School-mates, work colleagues and indeed in some cases even family members will go head-to-head in this evening's novel showing that, for the second year in succession, pits St Eunan's against a foe from just across the parish divide.

Among the faces patrolling the touchline today will be well-known referee's administrator Frankie Doherty. Now a fully-fledged St Eunan's clubman, Frankie won a Junior Championship medal with Termon in 1973 and he will be joined inside Sean MacCumhaill Park's perimeter this evening by another man from the '73 team - his brother-in-law and current St Eunan's Team Doctor James McDaid.

Frankie said of today's game: "Against anyone else I would be rooting for Termon but at the end of the day I'm a Letterkenny man even if ninety per cent of the lads involved with 'Eunan's think I was born and raised in Termon! My Heart says Termon but my head says St Eunan's."

Frankie's mother-in-law (Nellie) was a founder member of the Termon club. His nephew Jimmy McElwaine plays for Termon and another nephew, Tommy Kerr, is physio for the Burn Road team. Charlie Kavanagh, father of St Eunan's star forward Rory, is a cousin.

Frankie is married to Mary McDaid from Termon, a sister of another man with a divided loyalty today.

While Dr James is now considered to be very much a 'Eunan's man (he won two Junior titles with Eunan's and was on the 1983 senior championship squad) he still has a soft spot for his native parish.

"Naturally, I want to see them doing well and I will have mixed emotions as I always like to see Termon doing well," he said. "I was born and bred in Termon, but that said I've been a 'Eunan's man now for more than thirty years and I would like them to win."

Prior to the Termon club's inception in 1963, men from the parish would have come in to play with St Eunan's. One of those was the late Tommy Ryan senior, father of the current Termon boss.

"He won a championship medal in 1956 in the final against Ballyshannon with St Eunan's way back but his heart was always in Termon," Tommy explained. "He was a founder member of the club here along with the likes of Johnny McCafferty and Paddy Murray. It was great for him to win a senior medal all the same."

Termon forward Brendan Robinson, now a student at LyIT, went to school at Mulroy College in Milford and he recently met up with a former teacher for some lively biter about today's showdown.

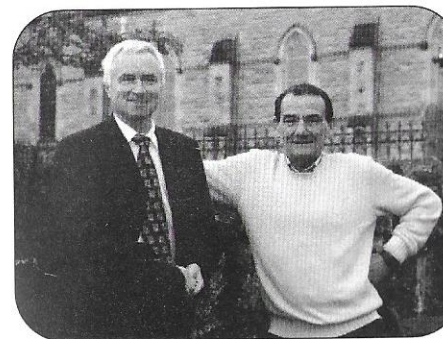
St Eunan's Chairman Cathal Greene taught the young Robinson, among other Termon players, including James Doherty and Paddy McDaid, during their secondary school days.

"It is a big derby game this final," said Brendan.

"You come up against boys you know and talk to. I'm good mates with a lot of them boys too, but that will all be forgotten about on the day."

While teacher Cathal went in one direction, countless players from the Termon parish came the other way and were schooled in St Eunan's College - indeed one of today's key men for the maroon and white outfit, Johnny McCafferty, won a MacLarnon Cup with Eunan's in 2000.

For the much-travelled coach Michael McGeehin, the wheel will come full circle today. He was on the Eunan's team that won Dr Maguire 25 years ago and today finds



himself on the sideline in his capacity as team trainer on County final Sunday. In the intervening years, McGeehin has been involved with many clubs - and one of those was Termon, ironically when these two teams last locked horns in the Championship, three years ago.

St Eunan's won leg on at the Burn Road and they just about edged a nervy second-leg that was played the day after Daireann Gibson's wedding. McGeehin remembers: "In fairness to Daireann he got married the day before and played in the game. We were

unlucky to lose the services of 'Wappa' who was unavailable as he was on holiday. We lost a man late in the first-half, so we had to play all of the second-half with 14 men and we lost by a point."

But, home is where the heart is and O'Donnell Park came a calling this year as the guard changed hands with Brendan Kilcoyne and Ciaran O'Donnell passing on the baton.

McGeehin said: "Eunan's is the club that I grew up with. I was away for a few years and have coached a few teams around the place. This year, Eamon O'Boyle asked me if I would get involved so I said that I would."

This is just a sprinkling of the many, many connections that exist between the two clubs and just a taster of what makes this final so special. As the participants march behind the Ardagh Pipe Band just before 4pm, take a look around and see if you can spot any more followers whose loyalties are today.

Today is not just about a county final and the glamour that comes with it. Given the local feel to it, bragging rights are at stake in the pub, the workplace, school and even at the dinner table for some...

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In 2005 the GAA launched the Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Programme, the aim of which is to reduce the harm that is being caused by alcohol and other drugs.

The goal of the ASAP Programme is to have 4 Provincial Officers, 32 County Officers and an ASAP Club Officer in every club in the country. Since we began over 900 officers have been appointed to implement the Programme.

Donegal County Board has recently appointed myself, Bill Vaughan (Glenswilly) as County Coordinator of the ASAP programme. I will be assisted by Kelly McCrudden (Killybegs).

Our role will be to support all clubs to become familiar with the ASAP programme, help clubs to identify members with an interest in becoming Club ASAP officers, assist clubs with establishing a ASAP Policy.

If you are interested in getting involved contact your club secretary for more information and check out the GAA national website

**We will be having 2 ASAP information nights in Donegal for all members interested in becoming actively involved:**

**22<sup>nd</sup> October Donegal Town 8pm (venue to be decided)**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> October Letterkenny 8pm (venue to be decided)**

By the end of these meetings we would hope to have Club Officers in place and then by the years end we hope that all clubs have a Drug and Alcohol Policy in place.

**Bill Vaughan**  
**ASAP County Co-ordinator**  
**085 1086731**

## Senior Football Championship - Path to the Final

### Preliminary Round 1st Leg

Naomh Columba	0-08	0-08	Cloughaneely
St.Eunans	3-10	1-07	Glenswilly

### Preliminary Round 2nd Leg.

Cloughaneely	4-12	0-10	Naomh Columba
Glenswilly	1-11	0-10	St Eunans

### Preliminary Round Playoff

St Eunans	2-08	1-05	Glenswilly
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### 1st Round 1st Leg

Malin	0-12	1-09	Termon
Glenfin	1-11	1-15	Four Masters
St Eunans	3-13	0-10	Ardara
Gaoth Dobhair	2-12	0-11	Kilcar
Buncrana	0-10	0-11	Fanad Gaels
St Michaels	1-20	3-07	Killybegs
Aodh Ruadh	2-11	1-07	Dungloe
Cloughaneely	1-08	0-07	Naomh Conaill

### 1st Round 2nd Leg

Dungloe	1-17	1-12	Aodh Ruadh
Termon	1-16	1-09	Malin
Ardara	0-15	4-04	St Eunans
Fanad Gaels	1-12	2-08	Buncrana
Killybegs	0-09	0-10	St. Micheals
Naomh Conaill	0-16	0-06	Cloughaneely
Four Masters	1-13	0-08	Glenfin
Kilcar	0-08	1-13	Gaoth Dobhair

### 1st Round Playoff

Naomh Conaill	2-18	1-06	Cloughaneely
Dungloe	0-10	0-09	Aodh Ruadh

### Quarter-finals

Four Masters	4-11	3-07	Naomh Conaill
Termon	1-12	1-11	Dungloe
St.Eunans	1-17	1-07	St. Micheals
Gaoth Dobhair	0-12	1-08	Fanad Gaels

### Semi-finals

Termon	0-09	0-08	Gaoth Dobhair
St Eunans	2-12	1-06	Four Masters

### Final

St Eunans	--	--	Termon
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## Termonators - it would be a surprise!

*By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)*

At half-time in the first round, first leg of the RTE Raidio na Gaeltacht championship, what odds would you have got on Termon being in the county final?

Away to Malin, they were behind by seven points at one stage but a second half comeback saw them gain a draw. A convincing second leg win put them on the road they had travelled five years ago.

When predictions were being made at the start of the year, Termon were not included in the top six. When you consider that they were involved in a relegation play-off back on a cold January Saturday with Naomh Columba, it would have taken someone with great foresight to have predicted that they would be involved today in the biggest championship day of the year in Donegal.

They did show some good fighting qualities that day in Dunkineely, but I'm sure Dungloe and then Gaoth Dobhair would have been happy when they were picked out of the hat in the quarter-final and semi-final respectively.

Those battling qualities displayed in Dunkineely have remained and nobody can say that Termon are not in MacCumhaill Park on county final day on merit.

Neither would anybody argue that they have players with plenty of talent, men like the Alcorns, Sean 'The Decent' O'Donnell, Kevin McGettigan, the Dohertys, PJ McFadden. The main reason they are in the county final is that these talented individuals have gelled as a team and when they do Termon are very difficult to beat.

Today they will be tested against the best. St. Eunan's have been the best club team in Donegal for some ten years, but for some reason they have self-destructed on many occasions.

Even last year there were at least two occasions when they could and should have beaten. However, in 2008 that has not been the case.

Admittedly, they did lost to Glenswilly in the second leg of the preliminary round, but they did have the safety net of a big first leg win. Since then they have set their standards pretty high (although there was almost a blip in Ardara).

There's no doubt that they are a better side in 2008 than last year. After losing finals in previous years, they carried a lot of baggage last year. But it seems that once they got the monkey off their back, they have been able to express themselves much better this year.

The conveyor belt of good young talent like Mark McGowan, Eamon Doherty and Ross Wherity has certainly helped. When you consider that Paddy McGowan has been struggling to even get a run as a substitute, you can see why they have been so successful.

The pressure of getting a starting place has given players like Adrian McClafferty new impetus and he has looked back to his best.

All that along with the obvious talent of Rory Kavanagh, Brendan Devenney, John Haran, etc., it's easy to see why the Letterkenny men are back in the final.

The odds against them being beaten today are very poor. But you can be sure Termon will be up for the battle. It would be good to see a close game, but it would also be good to see the winners go on and represent Donegal well in Ulster.

Donegal needs good representatives in Ulster just to give the county a boost - whether it be St. Eunan's or the Termonators.





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**WISHING ST. EUNAN'S TEAM  
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## A word from St. Eunans Manager, Eamon O'Boyle

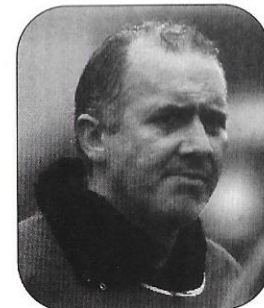
The Donegal Senior Football Final is always a great occasion and today's meeting between St. Eunans and Termon will certainly be no different. Termon come into the final following a great win over Gweedore. As Termon are one of our neighbouring clubs, the players on both teams know each other well having gone to secondary school together and played on various underage school and county teams. This mix will hopefully produce a memorable game.

From a St. Eunans perspective, this is a great time for the club with both the Reserve and Senior sides playing in County Finals this weekend. Also the St. Eunans 1983 Championship team are being honoured. It is encouraging to see the links between the '83 team and the present. Eugene Sharkey, father of Kieran who plays today, lined out at centre half forward twenty five years ago. Two members of the present senior management team, Michael McGeehin and Michael Mulhern also played on the team.

As with any final, expectation and pressure on both sets of players is immense but we have every confidence that St. Eunans will rise to the occasion and perform to their potential.

I would like to thank all our sponsors, particularly our Gold Sponsor Brian McCormack Sports, for his continued support and finally for all our supporters I appeal to you to do what you do best and encourage the team all the way.

**Eamon O'Boyle**



## A word from the Termon Manager, Tommy Ryan

On behalf of C.L.G. An Tearmainn senior team I would like to welcome all our supporters to what is the biggest day in Gaelic football for Donegal, in what is a David v Goliath contest!

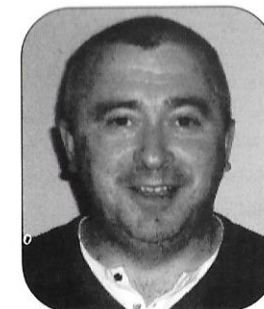
For all concerned this is a big day for both clubs. St Eunans are probably the top club in Donegal for the last 10 years. Termon, in what is our 2nd appearance in a county final will be trying to overturn St Eunans and bring our 1st Senior Football Championship back to the land of Colmcille.

Personally, my late father, who won a S.F.C. medal with St. Eunans, shows the closeness that exists with both teams and supporters.

At a time when our pitch is currently under development, I would like to thank Errigal College, Windyhall Development Committee and Glenswilly GFC for the use of their facilities. A special word of thanks to all our club sponsors, club officers past and present, our underage managers past and present. A special word of thanks to all our players who have put in a fabulous effort all year. To Bernard, Maxi, Francie, Joe and others who have helped the team players, a word of gratitude. Also spare a thought for Anthony McGrenra who is unable to be in the squad because of an injury sustained earlier in the season.

Finally – Did David beat Goliath?

**Tommy Ryan**





## A word from the Termon Captain, Mark Alcorn

What it means to me to be in a Senior Football Final?

I would have to say the fact that I have only been in one County Final si far is a let down but then some teams may never be in one. It means the world to me and the lads to be in two County Finals in five years. Football is a way of life for me and all the boys. We will go out to play football to the best of our ability this time around and not just to make up the the numbers. For our small club and especially for the children, it be a source if delight to see their fathers, uncles, brothers and friends run onto the pitch for a Senior County Final. It will bring a proud glimmer to their eyes and an extra beat to their hearts.

**Mark Alcorn**



## A Word from the St. Eunan's Captain, Brendan Devenney

It's always a great feeling to be involved in the biggest day of the year in the club calendar, and I am proud to be captain today. But I am equally as proud to be a member of this squad. The commitment and attitude of the lads this year has been first class. It took St. Eunan's 8 games to reach our goal last season and again this year we face our 8th championship game today! Hopefully we come out with the same result as last year.

On behalf of the lads on the panel I want to thank our management team of Eamon O'Boyle, trainer Mickey McGeehin, backroom staff Mickey Mulhern, Barry Meehan, Vincent McGlynn, his wee cub Andy and our physio Noelle. The squad has responded to the great set up and we are lucky to have them.

I would like to thank all our club sponsors and particularly our Gold Sponsor, Brian McCormick Sports and all the great work done by our club officers. There is a real sense of family at the St. Eunan's club now. I would also like to thank Ciaran Brogan and Tir na nOg for the great support all year.

Today we are up against our neighbours Termon and both squads know each other well. I would be good friends with a lot of the Termon lads (but probably get a smack from 1 of them today!) Over the years I have been in the Donegal senior squad with 5 of the Termon lads and I always looked up to Tommy Ryan. You don't get to a county final without being a good team. When the ball is thrown in today it's down to who competes the best on the day.

Finally I'd like to thank all our supporters this season and hope that today, along with the Termon fans, that they enjoy the game in the spirit that Gaelic games were created.

**Brendan Devenney**



## Player Profile: Damien Martin, St. Eunan's

**Name:**  
Damien Martin

**Age:** 28

**Height:** 6'2"

**Weight:** 15st 8 llb

**Favourite Position:**  
Goalkeeper

**Honours Won:**  
1 Senior Champ, 1 Senior League,  
3 Junior Championships, 1 Junior League

**Married / Single:**  
Married to Sandra

**Occupation:**  
Regional Deputy Loss Prevention Manager

**Toughest Opponent:**  
Aidy Glackin!!

**Favourite Ground:**  
O'Donnell Park

**Favourite Player:**  
Sean Kavanagh



**Biggest Influence on your Career:**  
Neil Campbell

**Biggest Disappointment:**  
Losing 1st round of Ulster Club Championship last year

**Gaelic Football Heroes:**  
Kieran McGeeney, Martin McHugh

**Favourite Other Sports:** Soccer & Hurling

**Ways of Improving the Game:**  
Allow straight pick off the ground and get ex-players involved in refereeing.

**Hopes for the future:**  
To win an Ulster Club Championship

**Favourite Film:** The Godfather

**Favourite Actor / Actress:**  
Gary Price (he's certainly not a footballer!)

**Young Player for the Future:**  
Mark McGranaghan

**Person you would most like top meet:**  
Dr. Maguire on Sun 5th October!

## Player Profile: Jimmy McElwaine, An Tearmann

**Name:**  
Jimmy McElwaine

**Aim:**  
Seamus Mac Giolla Bhain

**Age:** 24

**Height:** 6ft 1

**Weight:** 13st

**Occupation:** Builder

**Honours Won:**  
Cumann na Bunscoil U16 C., Minor C County,  
Senior Donegal Gaeltacht 06, North Amercian Champion

**Position played:**  
Right Half Back



**Most difficult opponent:**  
Billy Joe Padden

**Biggest influence on your football career:**  
Mother

**Favourite food:**  
Chicken and gravy chips

**Favourite drink:**  
Heineken

**GAA player you most admire:**  
Anthony Molloy – 1992

**Most memorable sporting moment:**  
North Amercian Final – 2004

**What is best attribute as a player:**  
Giving 100%



## Player Profile: David McGinley, St. Eunan's

**Name:**

David McGinley

**Age:** 30

**Height:** 6' 1"

**Weight:** 12 st

**Favourite Position:**

Centre Half Forward /  
Midfield

**Honours Won:**

3 Senior Championships  
('97, '01, '07), 3 Senior Leagues, Ulster Minor  
League & Championship (in '06!)

**Married / Single:** To Liz with 3 kids

**Occupation:** Teacher

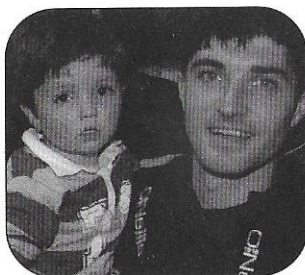
**Toughest Opponent:**

Any of the McClaffertys, Adrian, Damien or  
Niall!

**Favourite Ground:** O'Donnell Park / Clones

**Favourite Player:** Rory Kavanagh

**Biggest Influence on your Career:** My Dad



**Biggest Disappointment:**

Losing the All-Ireland minor semi-  
final in 1996.

**Gaelic Football Heroes:** Barry

McGowan, Trevor Giles, Peter  
Canavan, Martin McHugh & Anthony  
Molloy

**Favourite Other Sports:**

Almost every other sport

**Ways of Improving the Game:** Gets

kids involved in Ref / officiating as well as  
playing

**Hopes for the future:** Remain injury free

**Favourite Film:** The Sting

**Favourite Actor / Actress:** Paul Newman

**Young Player for the Future:** Oisín Teague

Conal Michael

**County (Senior) Debut (When & vs Who?):**

London V Roscommon (2000)

**Person you would most like to meet:**

The man who hands out the National Lottery  
cheque

## Player Profile: Kevin McGettigan, An Tearmann

**Name:**

Kevin McGettigan

**Ainm:**

Caoimhin MacEiteagáin

**Age:** 34

**Height:** 6ft

**Weight:** 14st 10lb

**Occupation:** Garda

**Honours Won:**

Senior Donegal Gaeltacht 06

**Position played:**

Full Back

**Most difficult opponent:**

Kevin McMennamin "Wappa"



**Biggest influence on your football career:**

All managers

**Favourite food:**

Chicken and Pasta

**Favourite drink:**

Milk

**GAA player you most admire:**

Jack O'Shea

**Most memorable sporting moment:**

Two Intermediate finals

**What is best attribute as a player:**

Determination



An Tearmann



# An Tearmann



## Fir Ionaid

16. Breandaín Ó Róibín	Brendan Robinson	22. Seasamh Ó Domhnaill	Joe O Donnell
17. Seamus Ó Gallachóir	Jimmy Gallagher	23. Pauric Helifeartagh	Pauric Helferty
18. Breandaín Ó Gallachóir	Brendan Gallagher	24. Adrian Mac Eiteagáin	Adrian Mc Gettigan
19. Brian Ó Alcorn	Bernard Alcorn	25. Phrionáis Ó Frl	Francie Friel
20. Mairtín Mac Suibhne	Martin Sweeney	26. Brian Ó Treartaigh	Brian Trearty
21. Antóin Mac Grianra	Anthony Mc Grenra		

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# Naomh Adhamhnáin



## Fir Ionaid

16. Sean MacGiolla Cearra	John Carr	22. Brian Mac Diarmada	Brian McDermott
17. Padraig MacGabhann	Paddy McGowan	23. Pól Ó Draighneáin	Paul Thornton
18. Seamus Ó Brollcháin	James Bradley	24. Sean Mac an Bheatha	Sean McVeigh
19. Peadar Ó Dochairtaigh	Peter O Doherty	25. Dualtagh O Ludog	Dualta Molloy
20. Caoimhin MacGaoithín	Kevin Winston	26. Ciaran Ó Riain	Ciaran Ryan
21. Ciaran MacGrianna	Ciaran Green		

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## Naomh Adhamhnáin



### Player Profile: Ross Wherrity, St. Eunan's

**Name:**

Ross Wherrity

**Age:** 20

**Height:** 6' 3"

**Weight:** 13 st

**Favourite Position:**

Centre Forward

**Honours Won:**

Senior Championship, Senior League

**Married / Single:** Single

**Occupation:** Student

**Toughest Opponent:** Tommy Walsh

**Favourite Ground:** O'Donnell Park

**Favourite Player:**



Kieran Ryan

**Biggest Influence on your Career:**

Parents

**Biggest Disappointment:**

Losing to Gaoth Dobhair and losing All-Ireland Minor semi-final

**Gaelic Football Heroes:**

Babs Keating

**Hopes for the future:**

Win today's match!

**Favourite Film:**

Shawshank Redemption

**Young Player for the Future:**

Mark McGowan

**Person you would most like to meet:**

Roy Keane

### Player Profile: PJ McFadden, An Tearmann

**Name:**

PJ McFadden

**Ainm:**

Padraig MacPhaidin

**Age:** 37

**Height:** 5 ft 10

**Weight:** 12st

**Occupation:**

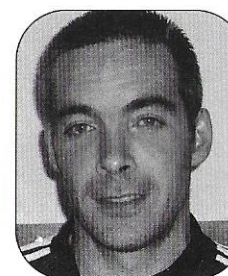
Carpenter

**Honours Won:**

Intermediate 91 & 00  
Senior Donegal Gaeltact 06

**Position played:**

Right Half Forward



**Most difficult opponent:**

Seany Boyle

**Biggest influence on your football career:**

Christy McCafferty

**Favourite food:**

Curry

**Favourite drink:**

Guinness

**GAA player you most admire:**

Sean Cavanagh

**Most memorable sporting moment:**

All Ireland - 1992

**What is best attribute as a player:**

Hard work



## Pen-pictures CLG An Tearmainn

Name	Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight	Honours
Michael Boyle Micheal O'Baill	21	Student	Keeper	6ft 1	14st	2 Mnr Div 2 Mnr Leagues Nat League 07
Jimmy McElwaine Seamus MacGiolla Bhain	24	Builder	Corner Back	6ft 1	13st 3	Cumann na Bunscoil U16 C. Mnr C County Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06
Shaun O'Donnell Sean O'Domhnaill	23	Plasterer	Corner Back	6ft	12st	Nth Amercian Champ Chicago Wolfe Tones
James Doherty Seamus O Dochartaigh	20	Student	Wing half back	5ft 10	10.5st	2 All Irelands with North West Regional College
Paddy McDaid Padraig Mac Daid	27	Waste Management	Centre Half Back	5ft 10	11.5st	Inter Champ 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Div 2 league
Kevin McGettigan Caoimhin MacEiteagáin	34	Garda	Full Back	6ft	14st 10	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Inter Champ 91, 2000 Div 2 League
Adrian McGettigan Adrian MacEiteagain	33	Garda	Wing Half Back	5ft 11	14st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Inter Champ 91, 2000 Div 2 League
Anthony McGrenra Antoin MacGrianna	27	Quantity	Corner Back	5ft 10	14.5st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Div 2 League U21 B Champ 97
Joseph O'Donnell Seosamh O'Domhaill	25	Building Contractor	Corner Back	5ft 10	12.5st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06
Pauric Helferty Pauric O Hilleartaigh	27	DJ	Corner Back	5ft 11	13st	Inter Champ 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 U21 B Champ 97
Oliver Doherty Oilibhear O'Dochartaigh	18	Student	Midfield	6ft	13st	Div 2 Mnr League & Champ MacLarnon Cup Winners Treanor, Loch an Zuir and Corn Colmcille Winners
Declan Alcorn Deaglan O'Alcorn	27	Plasterer	Midfield	5ft 10	13st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Inter Champ 2000 Div 2 League
Bernard Alcorn Bernard O'Alcorn	35	Lorry Driver	Midfield	5ft 11	12st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06
Jamie Gallagher Seamus O'Gallachoir	27	Civil Engineer	Midfield	6ft 1	13.5st	Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Div 2 League U21 B Champ 97 Inter Champ 2000
Mark Alcorn Marcus O Alcorn	29	Builder	Wing Half Forward	5ft 11	12st	Inter Champ 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06
Daireann Gibson Daireann Mac An Gib	31	Solicitor	Centre Half Forward	5ft	9 12st	Inter 91 & 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht
Brendan Robinson Breandain O Robin	21	Student		6ft 3	13.5st	Donegal Snr Gaeltacht Div 2 Mnr League & Championship
PJ McFadden Padraig MacPhaidin	37	Carpenter	Right Half Forward	5ft 10	12st	Inter 91 & 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht 06 Div 2 League
John McCafferty Sean Mc Eafartaigh	29	Self Employed	Full Forward	5ft 10	12.5st	Sigerson Cup 00 Nth Amercian 02 Nth Amercian Player of the Year 02 Donegal Snr Gaeltacht 06 Inter 2000 U21 B Champ 97
Christy Conaghan Cristóir Ó Connaghain	20	Student	Corner Forward	5ft 10	10.5st	Div 2 Mnr League & Champ Snr Donegal Gaeltacht Treanor Cup
Martin Sweeney Martin Mac Suibhne	23	PVC Fitter	Forward	6ft	13.5st	All Amercian Champ 08
Trevor Alcorn Trevor O'Alcorn	28	General Operative	Forward	5ft 5	10st	U21 B Champ 97 Div 2 League
Francie Friel Prionsias O'Friel	29	Sales Rep	Corner Forward	6ft	12.5st	Fresher League 98 U21 B Champ 97 League Div 2 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht Inter Champ
Brendan Gallagher	39	Building Contractor	Defender	5ft 8	12.5st	Inter Champ 91 & 00 Snr Donegal Gaeltacht

## Pen-pictures Naomh Adhamhnáin

Name	Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight
Damien Martin	28	Loss Prevention	Goalkeeper	15st	6'2"
Eddie Brennan	28	Teacher	Half Back Line	13st	5'9"
Kieran Ryan	32	Fitness Centre Propreitor	Half Back Line	13.5st	6'
Kevin Rafferty	27	Shop Manager	Midfielder	13.5st	6'3"
Brian McDermott	32	Teacher	Half Back / Half Forward	11.5st	5'9"
Conall Dunne	25	Junior Accountant	Full Forward Line	12.5st	5'11"
Rory Kavanagh	26	Teacher	Midfielder	13st	6'2"
Brendan Devenney	31	Sales	Full Forward Line	13.5st	5'11"
Ciaran Greene	21	Student	Half Forward	11st	5'11"
Adrian McClafferty	30	Computer Programmer	Half Back Line	13st	5'10"
Damien McClafferty	26	Computer Technician	Full Back Line	12st	5'10"
Kieran Sharkey	24	Junior Accountant	Half Forward	11st	5'9"
John Haran	31	Teacher	Midfielder	14st	6'3"
Mark McGowan	20	Student	Half Back / Half Forward	10.5st	5'10"
Ross Wherrity	20	Student	Midfielder	12st	6'4"
Paul Thornton	20	Student	Half Back Line	11.5st	5'9"
Dultagh Molloy	20	Joiner	Half Forward	11st	5'10"
Paddy McGowan	18	Student	Full Forward Line	14st	6'
David McGinley	30	Teacher	Half Forward	12st	6'2"
Eamon Doherty	18	Student	Half Back Line	12st	6'
Peter O'Doherty	25	P.E. Teacher	Full Forward Line	11st	5'10"
John Carr	22	Teacher	Goalkeeper	11st	5'10"
James Bradley	18	Student	Half Back Line	11st	5'11"
Kevin Winston	30	Electrician	Full Forward Line	13.5st	6'
Sean McVeigh	18	Student	Full Forward Line	11.5st	5'11"
Michael Martin	26	Factory Operative	Full Back Line	13st	6'
Mossie McGeehin	34	Engineer	Full Back Line	13.5st	6'2"
Brendan Roache	28	Garda	Half Back Line	12st	5'11"



## The one and only Michael O'Hehir

Michael O'Hehir was born in Glasnevin, Dublin on June 2, 1920. He was educated at St. Patrick's National School in Drumcondra and the O'Connell Christian Brothers School. O'Hehir's father, Jim O'Hehir, came from County Clare and he trained his native county to win the 1914 All-Ireland Hurling Final. He also has the unusual distinction of training Leitrim to win the 1927 Connacht Senior Football Final. His father was also an official of the Dublin Junior Board.

While still a school-boy O'Hehir wrote to Radio Éireann asking to do a test commentary. The first game that he commentated on was a National Football League game between Wexford and Louth. O'Hehir commentated for five minutes during the first-half and was so good that he was invited to commentate on the whole of the second-half. O'Hehir did his first full Gaelic Athletic Association commentary on August 14, 1938 when Galway defeated Monaghan in the All-Ireland Senior Football Semi-Final at Cusack Park in Mullingar. He abandoned his engineering studies at University College Dublin after one year to become a full-time sports commentator. In 1944 he became a sports journalist for Independent Newspapers, while continuing to broadcast commentaries for Radio Éireann and the BBC.

By the mid-1940s O'Hehir was recognised as one of Ireland's leading broadcasters. In 1947 he faced his most challenging broadcast to date when he had to commentate on the All-Ireland Football Final from the Polo Grounds in New York City. Over 1,000,000 people were listening to the broadcast back in Ireland and O'Hehir was the one link between the game in New York and the fans in Ireland. The broadcast had to be finished by five o'clock, however, the match ran late. The last few minutes of O'Hehir's commentary include him pleading with the broadcast technicians not to take him off the air. His pleas were successful and the Irish people were able to listen to the game in full. By the end of the decade O'Hehir also began working for the BBC as a horse-racing commentator.

In 1961 Ireland's first national television station, Telefís Éireann, was founded and O'Hehir was appointed head of sports programmes. As a result of his influence O'Hehir secured the rights of the hurling and football championships for the new station. As well as this O'Hehir continued to do his commentaries.

In November 1963 O'Hehir faced his toughest non-sporting broadcast. By sheer coincidence he was on holidays with his wife Molly in New York when US President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. O'Hehir was asked by Telefís Éireann to provide the commentary for the funeral. The live five-hour broadcast proved a huge challenge for him, as he had had no association with political or current affairs broadcasting up to that point. O'Hehir's commentary, however, won widespread acclaim in Ireland and showed a different side of his nature. O'Hehir later provided commentaries for other non-sporting events such as the funeral of Roger Casement in 1965 and the celebrations marking the 50th Anniversary of the Easter Rising in 1966.

Michael O'Hehir also commentated many Aintree Grand National races, arguably the most famous horse race in the world. He would invariably pick up the BBC commentary at the Becher's Brook fence and take the race to the Canal Turn, a vital section of the race where many a favourite fell. Foinavon's famous victory will be remembered as one of O'Hehir's finest moments in racing commentaries. He was accompanied that day in the commentary box by his son Tony O'Hehir who is now a long-term accomplished commentator in his own right. The thrilling victories of the great Irish horses Arkle and Shergar were just some of the great sporting occasions brought into Irish homes by O'Hehir. In addition to horseracing, he also covered showjumping, including the Dublin Horse Show at the RDS in Ballsbridge.

In 1972 he became manager of the newly designed Leopardstown racecourse but left the following year to continue writing and broadcasting as a freelance journalist. This work took him to the United States where he commentated on horse-races for NBC for races such as the Arlington Million in 1981. In 1975 O'Hehir was honoured by The Late Late Show with a special tribute show. In his commentary O'Hehir aimed at impartiality but admitted that he was always blamed for being "against the losers." Similarly he was also blamed for making a game out of nothing. Shortly after Dublin defeated Galway in 1983 in a tense All-Ireland final about 30 Dublin supporters attacked him in the commentary box, and only the presence of an armed detective, there to protect the microphone, saved him from serious injury.

Two weeks before the All-Ireland Hurling Final of 1985 O'Hehir suffered a stroke which left him confined to a wheelchair and with some speaking difficulties. This illness denied him the chance to commentate on his 100th All-Ireland Final. O'Hehir was replaced by Ger Canning on RTÉ television, and on radio by Mícheál Ó Muircheartaigh. He had hoped to return to broadcasting one day to complete his 100th final, however, this never happened. Before the 1987 All-Ireland Football Final O'Hehir was honoured at Croke Park. Nobody expected the huge outpouring of emotion from the thousands of fans present and from O'Hehir himself.

Michael O'Hehir died on November 24, 1996 in Dublin. His autobiography, *My Life and Times*, was published the same year.



*Who is this well known Donegal person?*



# SEVENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

FR. SEÁN O'GALLCHÓIR

- 1933 was a very significant year for the G.A.A. in Dún na nGall. Dún na nGall's footballers played in Croke Park for the first time. Dún na nGall opted out of the Ulster Senior Football Championship and concentrated on the Junior Championship. They beat An Cabhán (3-6/1-5), Ard Mhacha (1-8/1-4) and then, in the Ulster Final, Doire (3-7/1-3). On September 3, 1933, Dún na nGall's footballers made their Croke Park debut and beat Corcaigh (1-8/2-3). They returned to Croke Park on October 8 but lost to Maigh Eo (2-15/2-2). An Clochán Liath's legendary John O'Donnell was the star of the campaign.
- Na Cealla Beaga hosted Convention on January 29, 1933. It was decided to set up four Divisional Boards – South, South-West, West and East. The inaugural meeting of each Board was held on March 19, 1933. The Divisional Boards were to serve the County well for up to forty years. At the Ulster Convention in March 1933 Inis Eoghain was voted back to Dún na nGall.
- There were more games played in the County Senior Football Championship of 1933 than in any other year, before or since. Over 80 games were played. This was due mainly to the Eastern Board's amazing decision to play their Senior Championship on a home-and-away League basis. With eight clubs competing (Ballybofey, Burt, Convoy, Fanad, Porthall, Raphoe, St. Eunan's and Swilly Rovers) there was an almighty flurry of activity in the East from April to August. It was no wonder that the East's exhausted champions, the Creeve Roes of Fanad, fell to Bundoran in the County semi-final. The South-West witnessed titanic battles between Ardara and Kilcar with Cill Chartha winning the play-off, only to fall to An Clochán Liath in their County semi-final. The Rosses men went on to beat Bun Dobhráin (3-2/1-3) in a thrilling County Final on October 1, one week before the All-Ireland Junior Final which would feature half-a-dozen of the County finalists. Ah, such days of innocence...
- In March 1933 An Clochán Liath had beaten Bun Dobhráin in the 1932 Charity Cup Final; and on December 8 1933 the third Senior Football competition was completed with Cill Chartha beating Gaoth Dobhair (4-2/2-4) in the final to win the 'Democrat' Cup.
- Na Gleanntaí won the Junior Football Championship (Dr. McCloskey Cup) when they beat Tamhnach a' Mhullaigh 0-2 to 0-1. Jim Boyle got both points and Michael Gillen starred in goals for the losers. Gaoth Dobhair won the Minor final, beating St. Eunan's by 1-4 to 0-2 in Creeslough, one of the noteworthy venues of 1933. Among the others were Bundoran, venue for the Ulster S.F.C. semi-final

between Tír Eoghain and Fear Manach: and Conlan's Rooms, Foyle St., Derry which hosted the Dún na nGall Hurling Board Annual Convention in December 1933.

- The setting up of the Hurling Board was another of the historic initiatives of 1933. Dún na nGall lost to Aontroim in Ballycastle in the Ulster Senior Hurling Championship final 1-7/2-1. Later on in the year Dún na nGall beat Doire and North Antrim in the National Hurling League.
- Six teams entered the Donegal Senior Hurling Championship. Béal Átha Seanaidh were out on a geographical limb and received a bye to the final. The other five – Buncrana, Burt, Carndonagh, Carrowmore and St. Eunan's – played a most competitive home-and-away League which was won by St. Eunan's. Béal Átha Seanaidh did not contest the final and so St. Eunan's won the 'Derry People' Cup.

In the winter of 1933 a second Senior Hurling (League) competition was played for the Cardinal O' Donnell Cup (which had been kept safely in Bun Dobhráin since they won it in 1907!). St. Comhghall, Carrowmore (Culdaff), won this competition, getting the better of Burt, Carndonagh, Inch and St. Eunan's.

There was also a Minor Hurling competition for the Toal Cup but it wasn't completed until the spring of 1934.

- In June of 1933 it was decided to form a Handball Board and competitions were played in Dunfanaghy and Kincasslagh. There were Camogie games played at various venues also.
- Dún na nGall's footballers ended the year on a high note with National League victories over

Fear Manach	(4-3/0-6),
Tír Eoghain	(5-4/2-4)
and Doire	(2-4/0-5).

- Well-contested, well-supported and well-reported Parish Leagues were another feature of the great year of 1933.



## Forthcoming Coaching Conferences

15th Nov 08	Club Development Conference	Europa Hotel, Belfast
28/29th Nov 08	National Coaching Conference	Croke Park
24th Jan 09	Ulster Coaching Conference	Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown

## Coaching / Health Workshops Within Donegal

5th Feb 09	Health + Wellness,	Central Hotel, Donegal Town
12th Feb 09	Club Development + Funding,	Ballybofey
23rd Feb 09	G.A.A. For All, Donegal / Derry,	Buncrana G.A.A. Club
12th Mar 09	Games To Develop Football U14-Senior,	Ballybofey
14th Mar 09	Adopting Fun Games U12 Football,	Ballybofey

☛ Further Workshops will be advised in Spring '09

## Provincial Coaching Workshops - Spring '09

Venue	Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown.
17th Feb	Conditioned Games For Hurling
18th Feb	Fitness With The Football
4th Mar	Coaching Defensive Play In Football
11th Mar	Small Sided Games For Football
18th Mar	Games For Better Team Play In Football
25th Mar	Adopting Fun Games In Hurling, Owenbeg, Derry

## 2009 Events

Buncrana Cup	16th May	Blitz 1,	Cloghan, Monaghan
	22nd August	Blitz 2 + Finals	
U.15 Football	9th May	Blitz 1,	M.U.S.A. Owenbeg
	15th May	Blitz 2,	
U.17 Football	8th August		Owenbeg
U.14 Hurling	30th May	Blitz 1	Donegal
U.15 Hurling	25th April	Blitz 1	Monaghan Cavan
	13th June	Blitz 2	
U. 16 Hurling	9th May	Blitz 1	Fermanagh
U. 17 Hurling	22nd August	Blitz 1	Venue T.B.C.
Ulster Póc Fada	6th June		Slaughtneil, Derry

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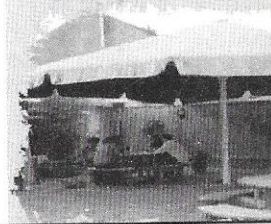
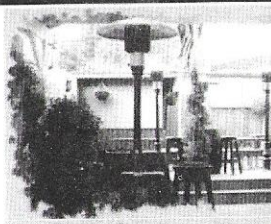


## CLG An Tearmainn Stair an Chlub

Bhí ffs ag grúpa fir i gceantar an Tearmann insna seascaidí, agus bunaíodh CLG An Tearmainn i 1963, fíorú an fhíse sin. Tá dul chun cinn íontach bainte amach ag an Chlub ón tús faiteach sin, agus tá achan dealramh ann go mbeidh an fás sin ag leanstan ar aghaidh leis an fhorbairt atá an Club i mbun san mhílaois úr.

Is iomaí uair pleisiúir a bhaineann muintir na gceantar thart fá dtaobh den Tearmann, Gartain agus Cill Mhic nÉanáin as na foirne uilig a chaitheann geansaithe ban agus marún. Imríonn 16 foirne ón chlub i gcomórtais sinsearach, i gcomórtais peil na mban agus insna comórtais faoi aois ó deich mbliana thuas go mionúr.

Déantar iarracht mhór aiseanna den scoth a sholáthar do na peileadóirí, baill den Chlub agus an t-aos óg. San am atá i láthair tá mórfhorbairt ar siúl sa Chlub; tá dromchla úr agus leathnú sa pháirc imeartha, agus feabhsú ar na seomraí feistis agus áiseanna an Chlub. Táthar ag súil leis na hoiobrithe seo a bheith críochnaithe i 2009.

Bunaíodh CLG An Tearmainn i 1963 i ndiaidh cruinníú a d'eagraigh iar-Phríomhoide bhunscoil An Tearmann, Dónal Mac Giolla Bhríde. Deich mbliana ina dhiaidh sin bhain an Club Craobh Sóisearach na Condae – an-gaisce don fhoireann faoi stiúir Tomás Ó Riain, Pádraig Ó Muirí agus Willie Ó Brádaigh. Bhí Tomás Ó Riain páirteach sa Chlub ón bhunú, agus tar éis a bháis i mí Lúnasa 1977, bunaíodh comórtas ina onóir, Corn Chuimhneacháin Thomáis Uí Riain, agus is é an ilchomórtas is faide bunaithe sa chontae seo. Sa bhliain 1988 bhuaigh muid an Comórtas Sóisearach i bPeil na Gaeltachta, agus sa bhliain seo chuaigh thart bhain muid an Craobh sinsir i bPeil na Gaeltachta. Idir an dá linn, sa bhliain 1991 baineadh an Craobh Idirmheánach, agus an Craobh faoi-21 i 1997.



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## BLAST FROM THE PAST

To re-hash the opening words of one of Neill Diamond's famous hits SWEET CAROLINE "Where it began ... I can \_ begin to know".

Many Donegal Supporters close to the scene around the late 70's would suggest that the All Ireland U. 21 success of '82 and the Senior Success of '92 was borne out of a successful weekend in Dublin almost thirty years ago to this day, (Sat .7th and Sun.. 8th October 1978) when a squad of 35 of the most talented under 16's in the county at that time were brought to the capital to engage in two games against quality opposition over the week-end.

On the Saturday afternoon out at the Oval in Raheny former home to the famous St Vincents Club the fringe team had a 2- 6 to 0-2 victory over the local under 16 club team who were then Dublin Under 16 Champions. The highlight of the week-end took place on Sunday when the 'A' selection took on a North Dublin Selection in Croke Park as a curtain raiser to the Dublin V Kerry NFL opener and a repeat of the All Ireland Final show down which took place some week's earlier. The following is the report which the Donegal Democrat carried on the week-end events in its edition on Friday 13th October 1978.

### " DONEGAL UNDER 16's HAMMER THE DUBS.

In front of thirty thousand spectators Donegal Under 16 County Team played the famous Dubs County side of the same age group at Croke Park last Sunday in a curtain raiser to the eagerly awaited second clash of Dublin and their All Ireland Conquerors Kerry in the first round of this year's National Football League. It was a historic occasion for the young Donegal lads to grace the green sward in itself, but to come off it victoriously against the home side to a rousing reception of over 30 thousand people was an experience for them never to be forgotten..

When the North Dublin Board Chairman Mr Noel Mc Loughlin stepped forward to present the Donegal Captain with the magnificent trophy – in All Ireland Final Fashion – he could as well have been presenting Captain Brian Tuohy with the famous Sam Maguire Cup such was the jubilation and excitement in the Donegal Camp and amongst their supporters. As the senior contestants Kerry and Dublin appeared on the pitch, the Donegal team went on a lap of honour, holding aloft the beautiful trophy; they were greeted by a standing ovation by almost every section of the huge crowd and one could only feel proud to be a Donegal man in Croke Park on this occasion.

Several Donegal teams in the past on important occasions in Croke Park have lost due to being overawed by the atmosphere and magnitude of Croke Park, but on Sunday this young Donegal team showed their great competitive temperament when they threw caution to the wind and took the game to their opponents from the throw- in with some extraordinary combined, fast open football that even stunned "Hill 16" into silence and got the rest of the stadium behind them.



The Donegal forwards gave an exhibition of how scores must be taken on the big occasion and by half time had built up a commanding lead of 3-05 to Dublin's 0-03. In the second half the Donegal youngsters continued to give an inspiring display of combined and effective football to well outplay Dublin much to the astonishment of all present to win in the end by 6-08 to 1-05. From goalkeeper John Mc Glinchey to corner forward Vincent Furey the Donegal lads played as a team and it would be very unfair to mention individuals because of this excellent team effort.

The Donegal Association in Dublin presented the victorious Donegal side with a lovely set of inscribed medals to mark the historic occasion and this unique achievement. The Donegal Association President Mr. Cathal O Baoill made the presentation and with members Mr. Shovlin, Mrs. Sheerin, Mrs. Mc Cready and Mr. Donegal himself – Kieran Mc Cready – helped to look after the young team's welfare for their weekend in the capitol.

At a reception afterwards the Donegal Minor Board Chairman Mr Naul Mc Cole and Secretary Mr. Eugene Boyle, on behalf of the Minor Board thanked the following who contributed so much to make this week-end a most enjoyable occasion for all concerned; Mr. Denis Doyle, St. Eunans and Bord Faillte, Mr. Jim King, Secretary of the Dublin County Board, Mr. Noel Mc Laughlin, Chairman North Dublin Board and committee member Mr. Denis O'Neill, the ladies of St. Vincents G.A.A. club in Raheny who provided a beautiful meal on arrival on Saturday, the North Dublin Board who entertained the team to lunch on Sunday and the Dublin County Board who attached so much importance to this underage game that they postponed their county hurling final in order to make Croke Park available so as the game could be the main curtain raiser to the Dublin V Kerry match and of course the Donegal association in Dublin for their generosity.

The Donegal team was ;

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|--|---|
| (1) John Mc Glinchey Naomh Chonail,    | (2) Sean Bonner Rosses Rovers,          |
| (3) Seamie Meehan Four Masters,        | (4) John Doogan Kilcar,                 |
| (5) Brian Tuohy (capt.) Aodh Ruadh,    | (6) Tommy Mc Dermott Aodh Ruadh,        |
| (7) Gerard Mc Hugh Rosses Rovers,      | (8) Paul Carr St. Eunans,               |
| (9) Anthony Molloy Ardara,             | (10) Sylvester Maguire Aodh Ruadh, 0-1, |
| (11) Gerard Mc Neilis Ardara, 0-2,     | (12) John Farren Urris 0-1,             |
| (13) Cathal Campbell St. Nauls, 1-0,   | (14) Martin Williamson Aodh Ruadh, 2-2, |
| (15) Vincent Furey Naomh Chonail, 3-2. |   |

*Subs.;* Gerry Ward Rosses Rovers, Marty Carlin Red Hughs/Robert Emmets, Jimmy Kennedy St. Eunans."

The following report appeared on the Saturday game.

### **" WON ALSO ON SATURDAY**

Sunday's big victory was not the only one that the Donegal camp enjoyed during their visit to Dublin over the weekend. On Saturday another Donegal U.16 selection had a most notable victory over a St. Vincents Raheny selection – the nursery of Dublin football. Again the young Donegal team performed with distinction to completely outplay their

fancied opponents to win by 2-06 to 0-02 to put it up to their team mates for Sundays encounter with Dublin.

The Donegal team on this occasion was ;

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| (1) Michael Kelly Four Masters,       | (2) Donal Diver Gaoth Dobhair,             |
| (3) Hugh Campbell Ardara,             | (4) Gerry Ward Rosses Rovers,              |
| (5) Matt Gallagher Aodh Ruadh/N.Brid, | (6) John Urris,                            |
| (7) Paddy Gavigan Naomh Columba,      | (8) Brian Doyle Gaoth Dobhair,             |
| (9) Tim Begley St. Eunans,            | (10) Marty Carlin Red Hughs/Robert Emmets, |
| (11) Jimmy Kennedy St. Eunans,        | (12) Eamon Maguire Aodh Ruadh,             |
| (13) John Harkin Gaoth Dobhair,       | (14) Joey Brown Red Hughs/Robert Emmets,   |
| (15) Owen Ferry Gaoth Dobhair,        |  |

*Subs. ;* Paul Tuohy, Aodh Ruadh, Thomas Cassidy Aodh Ruadh/N. Brid, Joyce Mc Mullin Four Masters, Brian Ferry St. Eunans.

*Manager :* Jackie Mc Dermott Aodh Ruadh.

*Selectors :* Colm Toland Urris + Dessie Kelly Robert Emmets.

*Minor Board Officers that year were,*

*Chairman:* Naul Mc Cole Rosses Rovers,

*Secretary:* Eugene Boyle (R.I.P McCumhails,

*Treasurer:* Liam Mullin Four Masters.

Progressing from 1978 many of this squad were unfortunate to lose an Ulster Minor final in 1980, around a dozen were part of the 1982 U.21 success and a small number progressed to the ultimate stage on that famous day in September 1992.

**Footnote :** If any players, mentors or Board officers have been omitted from this review please accept it as an oversight as the basis for most of the factual information contained were obtained through researching the issues of the Donegal Democrat around that time. However if any amendments are required we would be delighted to oblige so as to have an accurate account of this historic event. You may contact P.R.O. Seamus O'Donnell, Naul Mc Cole or Seamus McNaw if you desire. Gratitude to all who assisted in any way with information on this article.

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now as  
Mrs .....





It is believed that, in the interests of gender balance, the fifth member of the dream team will be a woman. Names bandied about include Máire Rua, Anne Cadwallader, Gabrielle of the Diary, Cora Staunton, Mary Harney (got no party), Moya Doherty, Mary Coughlan (from the bleepin frying pan into the bleepin fire, although it sounds better when it alliterates), Rihanna, Tracy Piggott, Joanne Cantwell, Maria Sharapova, Mary Lou McDonald, Enya...

## RIVALS RAGE

An Ocean FM representative is said to have said that Donegal doesn't need a dream team but a wide-awake management team. An urlabhraí denied that Raidió na Gaeltachta was assembling a rival management team headed by Rónán Mac Aodha Bhuí (sure, circus atá ann: beidh craic againn air) and Aodh Máirtín Ó Fearraigh (níos fusa ná fixtures). Raidió na Gaeltachta would neither confirm nor deny a report that they were considering withdrawing their sponsorship of the Letterkenny and District Senior Football Championship.

It isn't clear whether Frankie Doherty dropped his Additional Time Notice Board to call an emergency meeting of the National Referees' Committee on hearing the news of the Dream Team bid. You know how it is - some say he did, some say he didn't. Nor is it clear whether the dream team have a secret list of referees that they wouldn't play under, including Bannon, McQuillan, Fahy, Hickey, Mangan, Russell, Poulter, Ó Conámha, Deegan...

A spokesperson for the Charlie-to-Tee campaign stated that it would be over their dead bodies that the County team would be managed by someone who spent All-Ireland final day on a golf course supporting the Brits. He said that Croke Park reassured them that they could appeal any decision and that all appeals are now successful.

## KELLY

County Chairman Seán Kelly is reputed to have said that he didn't know what all the fuss was about since the media had been calling the shots for ages now anyway. This charge was strenuously and vehemently denied by Mr. Collins with the apoplexy of a shot and wounded messenger. I do be wonderin' myself at times what is the difference between a strenuous and a vehement denial.

### Updates on the Dream Team bid on

[XXX.tongue-in-cheek.cam](http://XXX.tongue-in-cheek.cam)

## St. Eunans and Tearmann

*Fr. Seán O'Gallchoir*

- This is the first time that Naomh Adhamhnán and An Tearmann have met in the County Final. They have met only twice in the Championship – in the first round of the 2005 Championship. Naomh Adhamhnán won both games in 2005 – 2-12/1-9 and 0-14/1-10.
- An Tearmann have played in the County Final on one previous occasion. They lost the 2003 final to Na Ceithre Máistrí – 0-15/0-9.
- Naomh Adhamhnán have qualified for the County Final on 26 occasions. This will be the twenty fifth time that they will have taken the field in the County Final (excluding replays). The 1950 final between Naomh Adhamhnán and Dún na nGall was not played.
- Not alone is it their twenty fifth appearance in the County Final – it is also 25 years since Naomh Adhamhnán's 1983 victory. And it is the Diamond Anniversary of their first victory in 1948.
- An Tearmann have never won the Senior Football Championship. Naomh Adhamhnán have won it on 10 occasions:

I.	1948	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-7	Gaoth Dobhair	2-1	
II.	1956	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-2	
III.	1960	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-11	Gaoth Dobhair	0-3	
I	V.	1967	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-13	Naomh Iosef	1-9
	V.	1969	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-10	Naomh Iosef	1-4
	VI.	1972	Naomh Adhamhnán	2-12	Clanna Gael	1-8
	VII.	1983	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-8	Ard a' Rátha	0-3
	VIII.	1999	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-19	Aodh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	1-11
	IX.	2001	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-10	Na Ceithre Máistrí	0-8
	X.	2007	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-12	Gleann tSúilí	1-3

- Naomh Adhamhnán have been beaten on 14 occasions in the County Final (well, 13 defeats and 1997!).

I.	1944	Gaoth Dobhair	4-10	Naomh Adhamhnán	3-4
II.	1946	Gaoth Dobhair	0-7	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-6
III.	1947	Gaoth Dobhair	1-9	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-3
IV.	1949	Gaoth Dobhair	2-12	Naomh Adhamhnán	3-4
V.	1951	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-6	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-5
VI.	1952	Na Cealla Beaga	0-9	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-5
VII.	1955	Gaoth Dobhair	1-7	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-4
VIII.	1958	An Clochán Liath	2-6	Naomh Adhamhnán	2-5
IX.	1974	Naomh Iosef	1-8	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-3



X.	1997	Aodh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	2-7	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-11*
XI.	2000	Ard a' Rátha	1-9	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-7
XII.	2002	Gaoth Dobhair	1-11	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-10
XIII.	2005	Naomh Conall	0-10	Naomh Adhamhnán	1-5
XIV.	2006	Gaoth Dobhair	1-5	Naomh Adhamhnán	0-6

(\*Aodh Ruadh won on objection)

Naomh Adhamhnán have lost more County finals than any two other clubs put together.

- An Tearmann won the Junior Football Championship in 1973 and the Intermediate Football Championship in 1991 and 2000.
- An Tearmann reached the County Final in 2003 but went out in the first round in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007. They did not win a Championship match from the semi-final of 2003 until they beat Málainn in Glenswilly in 2008.
- Ciarán Sharkey's father, Eugene, was on the successful N. Adhamhnán team of 1983. Two of to-day's mentors, Michael McGeehin and Michael Mulhern appeared in 1983 as well – Michael McGeehin at left half-back, Michael Mulhern coming on as a substitute.
- Three of the probable N. Adhamhnán starting team to-day played on the successful teams of 1999, 2001 and 2007 – Adrian McClafferty, John Haran and Brendan Devenney (indeed all three played in the 1997 final too). Panellists Kevin Winston and Brian McDermott also played in 1999, 2001 and 2007.
- One of life's pleasures is listening to Gooldie talking about Naomh Adhamhnán's first victory in 1948. He himself was a sub on that team. He won U-16 and U-18 Championship medals in that same year. That was a unique achievement.

Well, James says that four of the 1948 team are still with us – goalkeeper Gerry Dawson, his cousin Pearse Dawson, Con Halpin and Fr. P. J. McGlinchey. The three Curran brothers – Fr. Denis, Seán and Tommy -, the Boyle brothers – Charlie and Eddie -, Tune McGlynn, Eamonn Mc Menamin, Fr. Colm Halpin and the two unrelated McGeehins -, Peadar and Paddy – have all left us. P. J. Dolan emigrated to Canada soon after the 1948 final and lost contact with the town.

Gooldie says that Gaoth Dobhair pulled the handle off the cup after the 1948 final. Apocryphal, surely. Sure, Letterkenney only won it because:

- it was played in O' Donnell Park;
- Micí Rua Gallagher was an apprentice Chemist in Buncrana and played with Inishowen in '48; and
- tá an tríú cúis i dtuaiscigh i stóras folaigh ár gcuid rún go dtigfidh lá cuí a nochtaíthe! Agus líontar dúinn an...

## Roll of Honour – 1920 – 2007

- Gaobh Dobhair: 1935, 1938, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1961, 2002, 2006.
- Béal Átha Seanaidh: 1929, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1951, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1997, 1998.
- Naomh Adhamhnán: 1948, 1956, 1960, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1983, 1999, 2001, 2007.
- An Clochán Liath: 1930, 1931, 1933, 1936, 1940, 1957, 1958.
- Naomh Iósaeaf: 1965, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976.
- Ard a' Rátha: 1923, 1926, 1928, 1981, 2000, 2004.
- Na Cealla Beaga: 1952, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996.
- Seán Mac Cumhaill: 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1971, 1977.
- Cill Chartha: 1925, 1980, 1985, 1989, 1993.
- Bun Dobhráin: 1920, 1934, 1979.
- Na Ceithre Máistrí: 1982, 1984, 2003.
- Naomh Columba: 1978, 1990.
- Baile Dhún na nGall: 1924.
- Caisleán na Finne: 1922.
- Naomh Conall: 2005.
- Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn: 1927.

(16 winning clubs)

- The Dr. Maguire Cup has not been retained by any club since 1998. Na Cealla Beaga were the last team to win two finals in-a-row on the field of play (1995-1996)!
- Naomh Adhamhnán have participated in every Senior Football Championship since their foundation around 1930. There is loyalty and loyalty... Semper fidelis...
- Brendan Devenney will be playing in the County Senior Football Championship final for the ninth time (excluding replay) to-day – 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008. The great Peadar McGeehin is still ahead of him 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1960 (10), along with Brian McEniff and Séamie Granaghan. Is Danny Gillespie of Gaoth Dobhair the doyen of them all with 11 final appearances? – 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949.

## 15 Questions anybody could answer! THE ANSWERS

Answers: 1 St. Eunan's (1972) 2 Naomh Mhuire. 3 Colm Cavanagh 4 Armagh Harps 5 Com Uí Bhaird. 6 John Joe Reilly Cavan. 7 Dessie Mone. 8 2000 9 Derry 10 Christy Cooney of Cork. 11 John O Leary Dublin 12 Five (4 in Ireland plus Britain) 13 Five 14 Finghe 15 Rory Hickey (Clare) The Breaker Declan Carr (Tipperary 1991) and Tommy Carr (Dublin 1992)



# St. Eunan's tops in 1983 Championship Final

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

## St. Eunan's 0-8 Ardara 0-3

Despite perfect summer-like conditions on the last Sunday of September, 2003, the county final turned out to be a very disappointing, low-scoring affair.

St. Eunan's, the overwhelming favourites prior to the game, were worthy winners. They could and should have won more convincingly had they availed of two very good goal chances in the opening, after which they led by 0-5 to 0-2.

The fact that Ardara were only able to add one point in the second half - and that coming inside two minutes of the restart - was a reflection of the poor standard of fare, which was typical of county finals around that time.

The final was a little later than usual due to the fact that Donegal were Ulster championship winners, finally bowing out to Galway in the All-Ireland semi-final in early August.

Quite a few of the Donegal panel were involved on both panels while St. Eunan's had a lot of experience in their ranks.

Brendan Roache at centre-back for the winners, did a good marking job on Ardara's Kieran Keeney while Eunan McIntyre was a dominant force throughout. For Ardara Anthony Molloy was hampered by injury and started at corner-forward, but his side were much more competitive when he moved to midfield in the second half.

St. Eunan's used Paul McGettigan in a roving role but the main factor of the opening half was missed chances, of which the Letterkenny had eight.

Eugene Sharkey was the one player on the field who seemed to know where the posts were and he opened the scoring with Paul McGettigan doubling the lead. Ardara had their first point from a Gerard McNelis free before Pauric McDaid added number three for St. Eunan's.

Both McGettigan and Charlie Mulgrew spurned good goal chances in the 23rd and 25th minute but one of them saw Paul McGettigan convert a '45'. McGettigan also got their final point of the half while McNelis added Ardara's second point in the final minute.

A young Patrick Gallagher had Ardara's only point from play within 90 seconds of the restart but it proved to also be their last score.

St. Eunan's were able to control things and further points from Eugene Sharkey (2) and a Paul McGettigan free was enough for them to lift the Dr. Maguire Cup.

The scorers were - St. Eunan's: Paul McGettigan 0-4, Eugene Mulgrew 0-3; Pauric McDaid 0-1

Ardara: Gerard McNelis 0-2, Patrick Gallagher 0-1.

**ST. EUNAN'S:** Noel McCole; Paddy Tunney, Anthony Gallagher, Michael Houston; Eunan McIntyre, Brendan Roache, Michael McGeehin; Damien Judge, Jim McLaughlin; Pauric McDaid, Charlie Mulgrew, Jimmy Kennedy; Paul McGettigan, Paul McGeehin, Eugene Sharkey. Subs., Michael Mulhern for P McGeehin; James Gallagher for McDaid.

**ARDARA:** Patsy Harkin; Ted Breslin, Martin Gavigan, John Herron; Donie McCole, Paul Brennan, Martin Sweeney; Anthony Harkin, Gerard McNelis; Patrick Gallagher, Kieran Keeney, John McGill; Anthony Molloy, Bobby Moore, John Kennedy. Subs., Frank McGhee for Moore; Eamon McNelis for Kennedy.

**REFEREE:** Noel Kane (Robert Emmets).



## St Eunans

Back Row Left to Right: Peadar McGeehin (RIP), Charlie Mulgrew, Eugene Sharkey, Noel McCole, Pauric McDaid, Paul McGettigan, Michael Houston, Damien Judge, Joe English (Trainer).  
Front Row Left to Right: Michael McGeehin, Fr. Paul McGeehin, Brendan Roche, Jimmy Kennedy, Anthony Gallagher, Jim McLaughlin, Eunan McIntyre, Paddy Tunney, James Gallagher



## MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

For the first time ever a man of the match will be presented to a player today. C.L.G Dhún na nGall would like to thank the family of the late Peadar McGeehan for presenting this magnificent trophy to the Board. For many years Peadar was a stalwart of the St. Eunan's club. He was part of the first St Eunan's side to win the senior championship in 1948 and went on to win further titles in 1956 and 1960. He also represented the County with distinction between 1949 and 1959. It is only fitting that the first recipient of this award will be presented with it on a day when the St Eunan's team of 1983 managed by the late Peadar McGeehan is being honoured in recognition of winning the county championship 25 years ago.



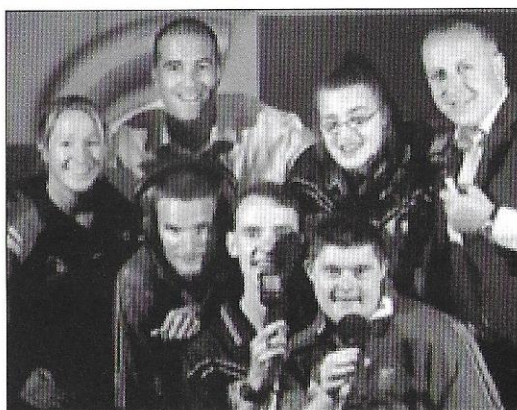
*L to R  
Photo shows Anne  
McGeehan Peadar's wife  
presenting County  
Chairman Sean Kelly with  
the trophy, also included  
are sons Brian, Michael  
and Mossie.*

## SPECIAL NEEDS

The aim of the Ulster Special Needs programme is to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations to enhance the physical health and social wellbeing of people with a disability, whilst simultaneously promoting social inclusion through participation.

Gaelic Athletic Clubs are at the heart of every community and therefore provide an excellent opportunity and vehicle with which to include and involve all those who have an interest in the sport regardless of ability.

Over the last year various groups of young people have only recently been introduced to the skills of Gaelic football, Hurling and Camogie. They have also participated in the Ulster Championship half time games, and through further involvement with our clubs the Ulster Council intends to expand and further develop this important work.



## Ar gComharsanaigh Béal Dorais !

Tá dlúthbhaint idir an Tearmann agus Leitir Ceanainn ó thús ama. Is comharsanaigh iad ar ndóighe agus ó thaobh infrastructúir de tá go leor den fhorbairt ar Bhaile Leitir Ceanainn ag teacht i dtreo Chill Mhic Néanáin agus an Tearmainn. Lena chois sin is go colaistí dara leibhéal Leitir Ceanainn a théann go leor de pháistí an Tearmainn agus Chill Mhic Néanain, aif a n-imríonn siad agus a meascann siad lena gcomhleacaithe ar fhoireann Naomh Adhamhnán, agus ba é Adhamhnán gaol do Cholm Cille a rugadh i nGartán a scríobh beatha an naoimh mhóir i 692: Vitae Sancti Columbae.



Sin an ceangal ach tá an chodarsnacht níos leithne. Is dream bródúil iad bunadh an Tearmainn, ceantar tuaithe, bánaithe le blianta le daoine ag tarraingt ar Bhaile Leitir Ceanainn ar lorg oibre agus saol sóisialta an bhaile. Mar sin féin, fríd sin ar fad d'éirigh le Cumann Luth Chleas Gael an Tearmainn, an cumann a bunaíodh i 1963 scoth na bhfoirne a chur na páirce le corradh agus daichead bliain. I measc na bpeileadóirí aitheanta a bhí ag an Tearmann bhí bainisteoir na foirne Tomás Ó Riain a bhí ar fhoireann Dhún na nGall in 1992, chaith Darren Mac an Ghib, agus Seán Mac Eamharcaigh geansaí an Chontae agus i mbliana bhí triúr ar an phainéal shinsireach, Caoimhín Mac Menamin, Pádraic Mac Dáid agus Micheál Ó Baoill.

Éacht é sin nuair a chuirtear san áireamh go bhfuil CLG An Tearmann ag brath ar thuairim is 25 teaghlach sa pharóiste le foirne de gach aois, idir fhir agus mhná, a chur na páirce agus na scórtha a thugann a gcuid ama le hamharc i ndiaidh na bhfoirne sin, agus oifigigh an fho-chumainn féin.

Nuair a chuireann tú sin i gcomparáid le Naomh Adhamhnán, a mbíonn suas le 200 páiste faoi dheich mbliana a dtraenáil acu ar Pháirceanna Uí Dhomhnaill achan deireadh seachtaine, is codarsnacht mór é.

Ach mar atá's againn, ní na fir mhóra ó na bailte móra a bhainfeas an fómhar i gcónaí agus sin mar atá cluiche ceannais an Chontae arís i mbliana. Ba chéim rómhór a bhí ann do Ghleann tSúilí anuraidh ach ba sin an chéad bhliain daofasan i gcluiche ceannais sinsir. Bhí an Tearmann ann roimhe seo i 2003 agus tá bunús na foirne sin acu go fóill a bhfuil taithí acu ar an lá mór.

Seo an 25ú cluiche ceannais do Naomh Adhamhnán ach in aineoinn peileadóirí den scoth a bheith acu bhí tréimhsí loma go leor acu go háirithe o 1983-1997 nuair nar eirigh leo cluiche ceannais Contae a bhaint amach. Ach o 1997 'is iad foireann mhór Dhún na nGall agus iad sa chluiche ceannais 8 mbliana ón bhliain sin. Tá borradh úr agus spiorad úr i bhfoireann Naomh Adhamhnán agus measaim gurbh iad na peileadóirí óga mar Ross O Faireachtaigh agus Pádraic Mac Gabhann a thug céim eile do Naomh Adhamhnán i mbliana.

Ach ní bheidh an Tearmann gan dóchas, tá 14 cluiche ceannais cailte ag Naomh Adhamhnán as 24 agus ón chosaint a rinne siad in éadan Ghaoth Dobhair ní bheidh sé furasta ag tosaithe Naomh Adhamhnán scóranna a fháil. Tá foirne ar fud an Chontae ar mhaith leo a bheith ar Pháirc Mhic Cumhaill do chluiche ceannais Contae, ach is ag an Tearmann agus Naomh Adhamhnán a bheas an lá mór agus tá sin tuille go maith acu i mbliana.

Is mór an onóir do RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta a bheith ag déanamh urraíochta ar chraobh sinsir Dhún na nGall arís i mbliana agus guíonn muid gach rath ar achan duine atá páirteach sa lá is mó peile i nDún na nGall.

*Seamus Mac Géidigh*



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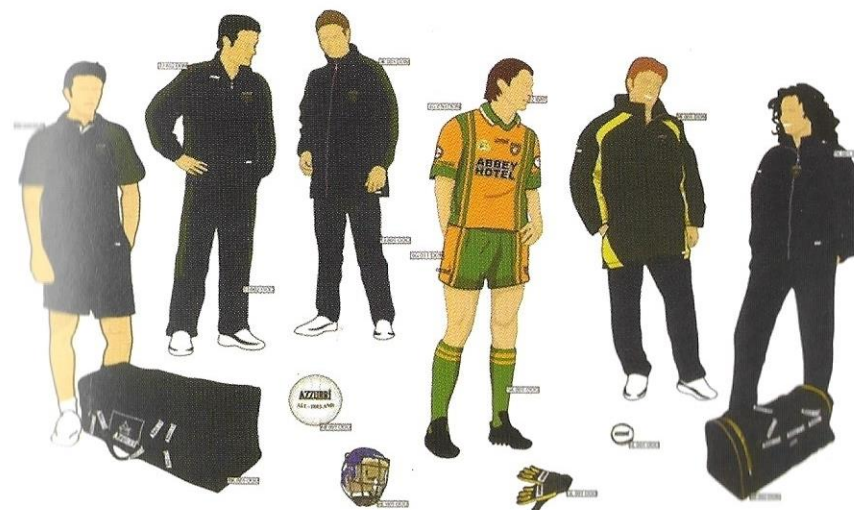
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