

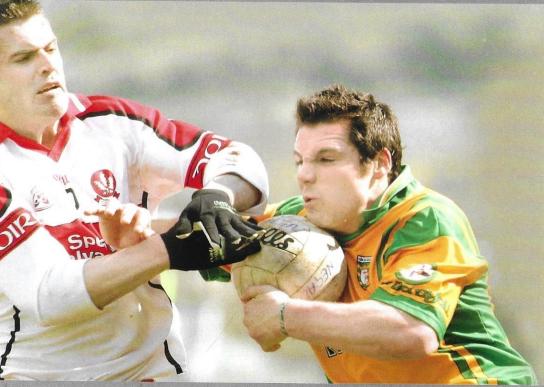
Allianz GAA Football National League

Roinn 1 - Round 7



Doire v Dún na nGall





Domhnach 12ú Aibreán 2.30pm -Pairc Watty Graham, An Gleann Réiteoir: Padraig Hughes (Ard Mhacha) Clar Oifigiuil £2/€2 I25
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Teachtaireacht An Chathaoirligh

Mar Cathoirleach ar Coiste Chontae Dhoire, is cúis mhór áthais dom fáilte a chuir romhaibh go leir anseo inniu chuig Páirc Ualtar Ó Gréacháin i gcóir Cluiche Sraith Naisiunta in eadan Dún na nGall.

It is a pleasure to welcome you all here today to this Allianz National League game in Watty Graham Park Glen. I especially welcome Donegal, their players, management, officials and supporters.

A sincere welcome to referee Padraig Hughes and his team of match officials, I hope his task is made easier with the appreciation and support of all spectators.

Although this is the last scheduled league game for this year, it has significant importance for both teams. Donegal travel here today in search of league points that would maintain their status in Division 1 next year, whilst we find ourselves in a renewed position of challenging for a league final spot.

A word of thanks to the officers, members and stewards of CLG Ualtar Ó Gréacháin an Ghleann for their preparation and hosting of today's game. Also to Ladbrokes.com, Club Derry and to all our other sponsors of our domestic competitions who have been named elsewhere in today's programme.

In this my final year as Derry Chairman, and final address to an inter-county game, I would like to use it to highlight the unsung volunteers that make these games possible. To those that have given up their free-time, at all our home venues, some in return not seeing the game, gatemen, stewards, hospitality, first-aiders, ticket sellers, attendants, your contribution, although not always acknowledged, is very much appreciated, and essential in the smooth running of "Our Games".

I wish Damian and his team the best for today, and the rest of 2009, and continued success to all Derry teams in the future. Doire Abú.

Ar deire tá súil agam go bmainfidh sibh go léir taitneamh as an gcluiche agus go dtéigh sibh go léir slán abhaile ina diaidh.

Séamus Mac Luaidh

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae Dhoire



Allianz GAA Football National League Roinn 1											
Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points			
Kerry	6	5	1	0	93	69	24	11			
Galway	6	4	1	1	92	71	21	9			
Derry	6	3	1	2	87	71	16	7			
Mayo	6	2	2	2	76	71	5	6			
Tyrone	6	3	0	3	82	83	- 1	6			
Donegal	6	2	1	3	76	85	-9	5			
Dublin	6	1	2	3	87	100	-13	4			
Westmeath	6	0	0	6	58	101	-43	0			

Team	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
Kildare	6	4	1	1	100	73	27	9
Cork	6	4	1	1	91	65	26	9
Monaghan	6	4	1	1	102	83	19	9
Armagh	6	4	0	2	98	84	14	8
Laois	6	3	0	3	87	88	-1	6
Meath	6	2	1	3	67	72	-5	5
Fermanagh	6	1	0	5	71	90	-19	2
Wexford	6	0	0	6	62	123	-61	0

Division One Fixtures:

Sun 12th April Round 7: time: 2.30 pm,

Dublin V Westmeath venue: Parnell Park, Kerry V Galway venue: Tralee, Mayo V Tyrone venue: Castlebar,

Derry V Donegal venue: Glen

Division One Top Scorers

M Meehan (Galway) 4-31

C Cooper (Kerry) 3-23

D Glennon (Westmeath) 1-24

B Brogan (Dublin) 1-21

S Cavanagh (Tyrone) 0-21

C Keaney (Dublin) 0-17

Paddy Bradley (Derry) 0-17

S Griffin (Donegal) 0-17

E Bradley (Derry) 0-13

J Kielt (Derry) 1-08

M Murphy (Donegal) 2-04

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Atá faoi gheall ag Éireann,
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Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunna scréach faoi
lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.

Thanks to: Bernie Mullan, Danny O'Kane, Seamus Mullan, Mary K Burke, Seamus O'Donnell (Donegal PRO), Ronan Scott, Miceal Ahern, Margaret McLaughlin and Karl McGinty (Irish Independent)

Front Cover: Mark Lynch and Kevin Cassidy show great determination in Letterkenny 13th April 2008. *Cover Photo courtesy Margaret McLaughlin.*

McGonigle weighs in with pass that destroys Donegal

By KARL Mac GINTY Irish Independent Monday July 20 1998

GEOFFREY McGONIGLE has been tilting scales all his life ... but rarely to such devastating effect as in yesterday's Ulster football final at Clones. McGonigle's voracious appetite is legend right across Derry. Some suspect he could even swallow the ball.

So when he trundled onto the field with only five minutes remaining yesterday, a wave of nudges and winks swept right around the ground.

"Just watch this guy and don't be deceived by his build," my neighbour said to me. "He really is a skilful player."

Shaven-headed and built like a brick outhouse, McGonigle provided his Derry comrades with a target they couldn't miss.

When Anthony Tohill hit Geoffrey's expansive chest with a 50 yard through ball, there was no way any Donegal defender was going to get a sniff of it. He flicked it to one side and then caught it, leaving Noel McGinley wallowing in his wake, before picking out Joe Brolly with a precision pass.

With only goalkeeper Tony Blake to beat, there could only be one result. Brolly rammed home the goal that won the game, but it was McGonigle who had shifted the balance of power.

Barrister Joe later waved away praise of his efforts and instead made the case for his Dungiven clubmate's selection.

"Agh, for God's sake, that goal was an easy one. When was the last time you remember me missing one like that," he asked. "That's right, never. Taking those chances are simple. Geoffrey made it that way. He and I have a great understanding.

"The match was finely balanced, but I felt comfortable when he came on. I knew he was the ideal man for the conditions and if he got a chance he would be able to do something.

"He's so big, he has an arse like a bag of cement. You can't get near him when the ball comes in," Brolly added. "Yet he has the most delicate skills. A wee tap with his left here; a wee tip with his right there. A little dummy here. Geoffrey is tremendous, and to think he's so young. He's only 23.

"Just don't expect him to run around a lot. We know his strengths at Dungiven and we play to them. It's all about maximizing the assets at your disposal and I'm delighted he's back on the county



IN fact McGonigle, who only returned to the Derry panel six weeks ago after a three year absence, is a dual star. Quite apart from his heroics with Brolly on the Dungiven team which won the Ulster title, he figured with the county hurlers in the provincial final against Antrim.

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"I think I may have made a little bit of history out there today," he beamed. "I may be the first man to play in both Ulster finals in the same season."

Typically of so many figures who are physically intimidating on the field, Geoffrey is quite an affable, softly-spoken individual when you meet him face-to-face. He modestly expressed his delight for his teammates, saying: "I was glad for all the boys. They have grafted hard all year and I have just come in "

Training four nights a week with the county hurlers and the club set him up for his inter-county football comeback. It certainly helped him trim more than a few pounds off his weight. How much did you lose? "No comment," he said with a smile. "What do you weigh? "No comment," he guffawed again.

In fact, Geoffrey's not that large at all. Insiders reckon he weighs in at under 16 stone. "I've been doing a fair bit of training on my own as well," he admits. "And I cut off the beer a bit. And the eating."

But what a huge trump card for Derry manager Brian Mullins to be able to slam onto the table at such a late stage in the game.

WILY Dubliner Mullins deflected the credit onto his players, but he could take satisfaction from the astute substitutions which altered the course of the game.

If McGonigle's arrival was a clincher, the appearance of Dermot Heaney for Eamonn Burns after 52 minutes helped stem the tide when it had seemed is if Donegal's intricate ball work just might give Brendan Devenney and Tony Boyle the possession and space they needed to carry the day.

Yes, Sean Marty Lockhart had a splendid game on Tony Boyle. Like his skipper, Kieran McKeever, and the effervescent Paul McFlynn, Lockhart had every reason to be pleased with his day's work.

BUT one sensed that Donegal were making

better use of their possession before Heaney's appearance added strength and focus to Derry going forward. For the first time in the match, that roving dual strike force of Brolly and Cassidy began to get some decent ball.

It was difficult to say who had the better of a dreadful first half. Derry, made dominant in midfield by Anthony Tohill in the opening exchanges, aimed far too many hopeful long balls at Brolly and Cassidy.

That was sheer waste on a day made ideal for defenders by a swirling wind; a slippery ball and a greasy surface. Barry McGowan, in particular, not only kept Brolly under tabs,but ranged forward effectively from the outset.

The introduction of James Ruane at midfield soon redressed the balance for Donegal and the match descended into dire stalemate as half time approached.

DONEGAL appeared to make best of the miserable conditions after the interval and Devenney began to look quite a handful. Indeed, one's heart went out to the talented St Eunan's youngster when he blazed a golden chance wide at the end of normal time. A point at that stage could have clinched it.

Yet perhaps Donegal were beaten before that. It's uncanny how one fleeting incident can betray the mood of a team and when Noel Hegarty swept a late free across midfield to Damien Diver instead of firing it into his attack, it seemed as if they had settled for the draw.

When the jaded Diver then sent the ball sailing

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over the sideline, one began to fear for the Donegalmen.

AT the other end, McGonigle cut a commanding figure. And with Tohill revitalised and Heaney in full flow, Derry had the right men to hit the target. They found Geoffrey three times. He turned and knocked one curling effort just wide before setting up Brolly for the coup de grace.

And that's exactly what it was. As the assassin said himself: "I'm limited as a Gaelic footballer. But within those limitations, I am a finisher. This was a day for defenders. Like me, Tony Boyle barely had a kick at the other end. You just have to be patient. Then when the chance comes, you take it."

The rest of the country should be warned. With this smash-and-grab duo at large, who knows what silverware Derry will be grabbing next.

Recent Meetings Derry v Donegal

Date	Comp			Venue
18/01/2009	Dr McKenna Cup	Derry 0-13	Donegal 0-13	Dungiven
01/06/2008	USFC	Derry 1-14	Donegal 1-12	Ballybofey
13/04/2008	NFL DIV 1	Derry 0-15	Donegal 0-10	Letterkenny
18/06/2006	USFC SF	Derry 0-11	Donegal 1-13	Clones
16/06/2002	USFC SF	Derry 0-10	Donegal 1-09	Clones
19/07/1998	USFC Final	Derry 1-07	Donegal 0-08	Clones
02/11/1997	NFL DIV 1b	Derry 1-09	Donegal 2-14	Ballybofey
16/02/1997	NFL DIV 1	Derry 1-13	Donegal 1-06	Derry
05/05/1996	NFL DIV 1final	Derry 1-16	Donegal 1-09	Croke Park
11/02/1996	NFL DIV 1	Derry 0-10	Donegal 0-10	Ballyshannon
14/05/1995	NFL DIV 1final	Derry 0-12	Donegal 0-08	Croke Park
30/10/1994	NFL DIV 1	Derry 2-06	Donegal 0-15	Ballybofey
24/10/1993	NFL DIV 1	Derry 3-16	Donegal 0-07	Casement Park
18/07/1993	USFC Final	Derry 0-08	Donegal 0-06	Clones
11/04/1993	NFL DIV 1 qtr final	Derry 2-03	Donegal 0-10	Breffni Park
19/07/1992	USFC Final	Derry 1-09	Donegal 0-14	Clones

The Last League Meeting

Twelve months ago Derry travelled to Letterkenny where they beat Donegal by 0-15 to 0-10 to qualify for the National League final where they went on to beat Kerry by 2-13 to 2-9 at Parnell Park Dublin. Both teams have changed dramatically since then and there will be quite a number of changes in the teams today.

The day was hot and sultry in front of a big crowd in the excellent St. Eunan's ground. It was Derry who

got off to a bright start with Paddy Bradley putting early points on the board. At half time it looked comfortable but switches by manager Brian McIver and the considerable presence of Colm Anthony McFadden at midfield put Derry under pressure early in the second half. They weathered the storm and with sub Michael Doherty failing to take advantage of a late penalty Derry held on comfortably in what turned out to be a clash of, the past and present league champions.

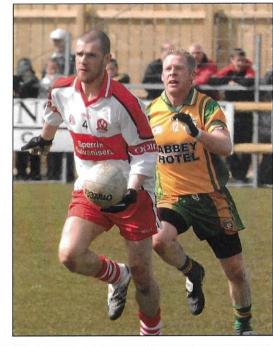
Derry Barry Gillis, Kevin McGuckin, Kevin McCloy, Francis McEldowney, Liam Hinphey, Gerard O'kane, Michael McIver 0-1, Fergal Doherty 0-1, James Conway 0-1, Mark Lynch 0-1, Barry McGoldrick, Enda Muldoon 0-1, Conleth Gilligan 0-3, Paddy Bradley 0-6, Eoin Bradley 0-1. Subs Joe Diver for Barry McGoldrick, Paul Murphy for Eoin Bradley and Raymond Wilkinson for Conleth Gilligan.

Donegal Michael Boyle, Karl Lacey, Neil McGee, Shane McGowan, Eamonn McGee, Barry Monaghan, Kevn Cassidy, Stephen McDermott, Kevin Rafferty, Rory Cavanagh, Michael Hegarty, Brian Roper, Leon Thompson, Colm McFadden 0-5, Conaill Dunne 0-1. Subs

Frank McGlynn 0-1 for Shane McGowan, Paddy McDaid for Stephen McDermott, Christy Toye 0-1 for Leon Thompson and Michael Doherty 0-1for Conaill Dunne.

That day there was a unique situation. Brian McIver was managing the Donegal team and his son Michael McIver was the Derry left half back and to add insult to injury he scored a point against his dad's team.

The referee was Marty Duffy from Sligo.



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Every Sunday after mass Joe walks the park he loves so well checking all aspects of the ground and he takes fierce pride in ensuring the playing surface and facilities at Páirc Na gCeilteach are always well presented.

He is equally proud of the fact that whatever the weather throws up, the games at Celtic Park always go ahead and can boast no games have had to be cancelled in the last 10 years, testament to the foresight of the many people involved in the development of Celtic Park..

The picture accompanying shows Joe at 8.30am

in a snow bound Celtic Park preparing for the big game on 2/2/08, which was the first game played under the new floodlights against Mayo.

Joe and his family live just on the Derry/ Donegal border, and in case there is any doubt of his allegiance, on days like today when Derry are playing a major game the Derry flag can be seen hoisted on the flag pole near his house.

Like a number of Derry Gaels, one of his proudest moments was when the 1993 team captured the All Ireland and more recently the acquisition of the

National league title in Parnell Park last year was also a very proud moment for this very proud Derryman

Joe carries out all his various duties in a quiet and unassuming fashion and these range from cleaning all areas of the ground, minor maintenance and numerous other tasks which he performs with the minimum of fuss.

In addition to his Celtic Park duties, Joe is a well known ceili and set dancer who every week graces various halls with his skills.

In addition he and his family share a great love of Irish music and song.

The current developments at Celtic Park will further enhance the facilities for all patrons.

Men like Joe are very rare - Truly an unsung hero.





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This extra finance will enable our county to forge ahead with the coaching of our young footballers and hurlers, the improvement of our facilities and the general improvement of our games.

Anyone who has been at Owenbeg during the Go Games and under age blitz tournaments will see how valuable the Club Derry support has been to our county.

In one week end last 'summer' one thousand eight hundred young footballers and hurlers took part in games at Owenbeg all sponsored by Club Derry who to date have raised over £300,000 for the greater good of the GAA in Derry.

Our small county has led the way in facilities (Owenbeg) down the years and we want to stay a step ahead, which can only be done with your help.

Join Club Derry and get the feel good factor.

Membership applications can now be submitted through the new online facility or forms

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There are Club Derry committee members throughout the county should you want any further clarification. A sample of the members you can contact are:

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Club Derry Events

Race Night at Drumbo Park Race Course

Friday 23th October 2009, Lisburn Co. Antrim. Admission, race programme, 4 course meal, tote and waitress service included in event fee.

Annual Golf Day

Friday 3rd July 2009, Greencastle, Co Donegal

Derry Minor teams and Development Squads draw

1st prize - 2 All-Ireland football final tickets including overnight stay in Dublin 2nd prize - 2 All-Ireland hurling final tickets including overnight stay in Dublin 3rd prize — meal for two at Radisson Roe Park Hotel

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Ifs and Ands

ULSTER counties go into the final round of NFL games with a good chance that all four divisional finals will have Ulster representation. In division one Galway's defeat at the hands of Mayo means that Derry can gain a place in the final as long as they end with a better scoring difference. Armagh and Monaghan could theoretically reach the division two final although it seems more likely that it will be Seamus McEnaney's side in the driving seat.

Similarly, in division three both Cavan and Down are in the hunt for one of the top two spots. However, Down are in the driving seat and only have to win their last game to secure a place in division two next year. Finally, Antrim have all but secured their place in the final as they have 12 points in the bag and meet Waterford in their last game. All games throw in at 2.30pm on Sunday 12 April, so it's nicely set for a tense afternoon's football.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
Kerry	6	5	1	0	6-75	1-66	24	11
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Westmeath	6	0	0	6	3-49	6-83	-43	0

NFL division one, round seven, Sunday, April 12.

All games throw in at 2.30pm

Dublin v Westmeath Kerry v Galway

Mayo v Tyrone Derry v Donegal

Derry

How can they reach the final?

First they have to win against Donegal in the last game. Galway have to lose their last match against Kerry by a margin of more than five points. In that case Derry would go second.

Can they be relegated?

No chance of relegation as they are safely in third place.

Last game: Home at Donegal

Form: WWLWDL

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Tyrone

How can they reach the final?

It's impossible. Tyrone can only gain two more points but would need three to have any chance of getting into second place.

Can they be relegated?

It is possible. However, Donegal would have to beat Derry in Maghera while Dublin would have to beat Westmeath by 12 points, and Tyrone would have to lose to Mayo in their last game.

Last game: Away to Mayo

Form: WLLWLW

Donegal

Can they reach the final?

No. The highest place they can reach is fifth in the table, they are currently in sixth spot.

Can they be relegated.

It's very possible. If they lose their last game against Derry and Dublin defeat Westmeath then Donegal will be saying goodbye to division one football.

Last game: Away to Derry.

Form: LDLLWW

DIVISION TWO Team P W D I F

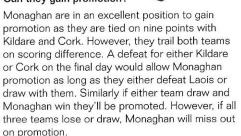
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Laois	6	3	0	3	5-73	4-76	0	6
Meath	6	2	1	3	1-64	4-60	-5	5
Fermanagh	6	1	0	5	5-56	2-84	-19	2
Wexford	6	0	0	6	3-53	11-91	-62	0

NFL division two, round seven, Sunday, April 12. All games throw in at 2.30pm

Wexford v Fermanagh Laois v Monaghan Meath v Kildare Cork v Armagh

Monaghan

Can they gain promotion?



Can they be relegated?

Monaghan are safe from relegation on nine points.

Last game: Away to Laois.

Form: WWWLDW



Can they gain promotion?

It's a long-shot considering that there are three teams ahead of them. Kildare, Cork and Monaghan are on nine points, but Armagh have eight. The Orchard need at least two of those three sides to be beaten. If they win their match against Cork then that's one. As long as Monaghan or Kildare lose, then Armagh will reach the final. In fact if all three lose Armagh could top the group.

Can they be relegated?

No. Their win last week against Meath puts Armagh beyond the relegation zone.

Last game: Away to Cork.

Form: WLLWWW



Can they gain promotion?

No, Fermanagh have gained only two points in division two and even a win in the last game would not lift them any higher in the table.

Can they be relegated?

Last week's loss to Kildare ended any hopes of survival. Fermanagh will play in division three next year.

Last game: Away to Wexford.

Form: LWLLLL

DIVISION THREE											
Team	P	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts			
Tipperary	6	5	0	1	5-80	4-68	15	10			
Down	6	4	0	2	4-80	5-57	20	8			
Cavan	6	3	0	3	0-72	4-60	0	6			
Roscommon	6	3	0	3	3-67	2-71	-1	6			
Limerick	6	3	0	3	3-58	4-63	-8	6			
Offaly	6	2	1	3	5-57	4-81	-21	5			
Louth	6	2	0	4	4-75	3-70	8	4			
Longford	6	1	1	4	3-57	1-76	-13	3			

NFL division three, round seven, Sunday, April 12. All games throw in at 2.30pm

Roscommon v Down Louth v Cavan Tipperary v Longford Offaly v Limerick



Can they gain promotion?

There's a good chance that they can. A win or a draw against Roscommon on the last day of the league would make promotion a certainty. However, they could also gain promotion if they lose. Cavan, Roscommon and Limerick can tie with Down if they win their games, but as long as none of those teams win by more than 20 points the Mourne men will gain promotion on scoring difference.

Can they be relegated?

No. Down are well away from the drop zone.

Last game: Away to Roscommon.

Form: WWLWLW

Cavan

Can they gain promotion?

Theoretically they can, but it's a long shot. They need to beat Louth by more than 20 points and Down have to lose to Roscommon. However, they could miss out if Limerick beat Offaly by 30 points.

Can they be relegated?

No. Cavan have six points and no matter how the results go there are enough teams below them to make it impossible for them to drop down to division four.

Last game: Away to Louth.

Form: LLWWLW

DIVISION FOUR

Tea	n	P	W	D	L	F	Α	+/-	Pts
Anti	rim	7	5	2	0	14-110	7-47	84	12
Slig	0	6	5	0	1	12-70	4-45	49	10
Wat	erford	6	4	1	1	8-66	1-55	32	9
Leit	rim	7	4	1	2	11-80	10-59	24	9
Wic	klow	6	3	2	1	12-91	4-58	57	8
Clar	e	6	2	0	4	10-69	3-71	19	4
Car	ow	6	1	0	5	3-56	8-67	-26	2
Lon	don	6	1	0	5	2-48	10-80	-56	2
Kilk	enny	6	0	0	6	0-23	25-131	-183	0

NFL division four, round seven, Sunday, April 12.

Leitrim v Clare Carlow v Wicklow London v Kilkenny Sligo v Waterford

NFL division four, round eight, Saturday, April 18.

Clare v London Waterford v Antrim Kilkenny v Carlow Wicklow v Sligo

Antrim

Can they gain promotion?

Yes, Antrim are almost certain to gain promotion after beating Sligo at the weekend.

A win against Waterford in the last game of the season will copper-fasten their place in the final. The only way they can lose a promotion spot is if Waterford beat Sligo next Sunday and then Antrim lose to the Deise. However, even if that does happen, they could still go up if Sligo lose their last game against Wicklow.

Last game: Away to Waterford.

Form: DWWDWWW

League finals in the Nineties

In this decade, Derry-Donegal National league finals were like no 57 buses. You wait long enough for one, and then a second comes along.

Derry won back to back National League finals against Donegal at Croke Park in 1995 and 1996. Quite a remarkable feat for two neighbouring counties. Derry won both, of which were great advertisements for Ulster football.

The 1995 teams were Derry - Damien McCusker, Kieran McKeever, Tony Scullion (capt), Gary Coleman, John McGurk, Henry Downey, Fergal McCusker, Anthony Tohill, Brian McGilligan, Eamonn Burns, Dermot Heaney, Damien Barton, Joe Brolly, Seamus Downey, Enda Gormley. Subs Jonathon Kelly, Damien Cassidy the present manager, Gary McGill, Karl Diamond, Sean McGuckin, Oliver Collins, Declan Bateson, Geoffrey McGonigle, Danny Quinn.

Donegal - Gary Walsh, John Joe Doherty present
Donegal manager, Matt Gallagher, Barry McGowan,
John Cunningham, Martin Gavigan, Martin Shovelin, Mark
McShane, Brian Murray, Paddy Hegarty, Noel Hegarty,
James McHugh, John Duffy, Tony Boyle, Manus Boyle.
Subs Paul Callaghan, Tommy Ryan, Declan Bonner, John
Ban Gallagher, Gerard Kelly, Mark Crossan, John Gildea,
Sean Boyle, Charlie O'Donnell.

Derry won by 1-12 to 0-8.

1996. Derry. Jonathan Kelly, Kieran McKeever, Gary Coleman, Tony Scullion, Karl Diamond, Henry Downey capt. Fergal McCusker, Anthony Tohill 1-5, Brian McGilligan, Eamonn Burns, Damien Barton 0-1, Sean Martin Lockhart, Joe Brolly 0-2, Seamus Downey 0-2, Enda

Gormley 0-6, Subs Dermot Dougan for E. Burns and Gary McGill for S. Downey. Other subs Damien McCusker, John McGurk, Stephen McLarnon, Danny Quinn, Colm McEldowney, Declan Bateson.

Donegal. Gary Walsh, John Cunningham, Matt Gallagher, John Joe Doherty, Barry McGowan, Mark Crossan, Martin Shovelin, James Ruane 0-3, Brian Murray 1-0, John ban



Gallagher, Noel Hegarty 0-1, Paddy Hegarty, Brian Roper 0-1, Tony Boyle 0-1, Manus Boyle 0-3. Subs James McHugh for J. Gallagher. Other subs Paul Callaghan, Damien Diver, Eamonn McMenamin, Paddy Cunningham, Gerard Kelly, Dessie McNamara, Neil McCready, Seamus McGinty.

Sean Martin Lockhart Derry and Brian Roper Donegal are the only two players from that game still playing at the highest level. The final score in that game was 1-16 to 1-9 for Derry.



Doire

Barra Mac Giolla Íosa Barry Gillis Machaire Fiolta

Seosamh Ó Cianáin Joe Keenan Machaire Fiolta

Brian Óg Mac Giolla Arraith Brian Og McAlary Cill Ria

Caoimhín Mag Eoghaín Kevin McGuckin Baile An Doire

Barra Mac Gualraic Barry McGoldrick Culraithin

Gearoid Ó Catháin Gerard O'Kane Gleann An Iolair

Sean Mac Gualraic Sean Leo McGoldrick Culraithin

Pádraig Ó Brolcháin Patsy Bradley

Sleacht Neil

Éanna Ó Loinn Enda Lynn An Grianloch

Seamas Ó Brolcháin Seamus Bradley Baile Na Scrine

Pól Ó Murchú

Paul Murphy Dun Geimhin

Eoin Ó Brolcháin Eoin Bradley Gleann An Iolair

12 Seamas Ó Caoilte James Kielt

15 Marcas Ó Loingsigh

Cill Ria

Mark Lynch Beannchar

Fir Ionaid:

Seán Mag Eochaín 17 Caoimhín MacLuaidh

Sean Locard Pól Mac Artáin

20 Fearghal Ó Dochartaigh Seosamh Mac Duibhír

22 Brian Ó Maoláin 23 Eoghan de Brun

24 Pol Ó Brolcháin

Bainisteoir: Maor Foirne: Shane McGuckin Kevin McClov Sean Marty Lockhart Paul Cartin

Éanna Ó Maoldúin

Enda Muldoon

Baile An Doire

Fergal Doherty Joe Diver Brian Mullan

Eoghan Brown Paul Bradley

An Lúb An Leamhigh Beannchar Beannchar Baile Eochaidh Baile Eochaidh Gleann An Iolair Baile Eochaidh

Sleacht Neil

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Sean Ó Gallchóir Johnny Gallagher Aodh Ruadh (B/S)

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Brendan Boyle

Ard 'A Ratha

Cathal Ó Beirn Charlie Byrne Málainn

Neil McGee Gaoth Dobhair

Neil Mac Aoidh

Barra Ó Mannacháin Barry Monaghan Na Ceithre Máistrí

Pádraig Mac Daibhéad Paddy Mc Daid An Tearmann

> Micheál Mag Uidhir Michael McGuire Naomh Columba

Chrostóir O Tuaith Christy Toye Naomh Michael

10 Daithí Breathnach David Walsh Naomh Bríd

Conall Ó Dúinn Conall Dunne Naomh Adhamhnáin

Brian O Ropier Brian Roper Aodh Ruadh (B/S)

Rian O Brollacháin Ryan Bradley Buncrannaigh

Ruairí O Caomhanach Rory Kavanagh (Capt)

Naomh Adhamhnáin

Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh Micheal Doherty

Na Ceithre Máistrí

Fir lonaid:

16 Micheál O Baoill 17 Sean Mac Gabhann

Réamann Mac Suibhne Brendan O Duibheannaigh

20 Micheál O hÉigheartaigh

21 Gavin Mag Uidhir

Michael Boyle

Shane McGowan Raymond Sweeney

Brendan Devenney Micheal Hegarty

Gavin Maguire

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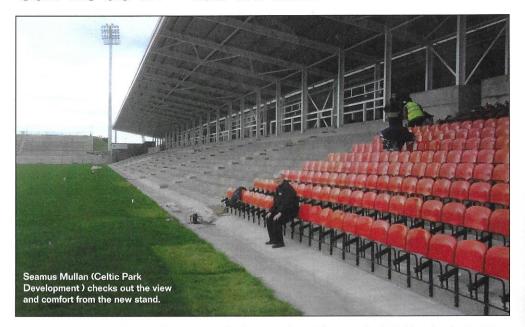
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Celtic Park Project -

Can we do it? - Yes we can!



There has been much speculation as to whether Celtic Park would be "ready for use" on 24th May- the date of our Championship encounter with Monaghan.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the Monaghan game will go ahead at Celtic Park on 24th May. Whilst all final finishing touches will not be complete—all key elements of our original Project will be operational.

All major items are well advanced:

- 1 We have commenced installation of the seating in the Lone Moor Stand—this will be completed by 17th April.
- New Press Box/Control Room facility is well advanced
- New steps at Brandywell Terrace-nearing completion
- 4 New Exit Gates-nearing completion
- 5 New Toilet Block/Refurbishment of exiting toilet facilities—well advanced
- 6 Pitch side fencing—old fence removed and installation of new low level fence to commence shortly.
- 7 All Mechanical & Electrical work is on schedule.

- 8 As usual, come the 24th May-the playing surface will be in excellent condition.
- 9 New Scoreboard and enhanced turnstile facilities will be installed
- 10 A very important part of our improvements is the much improved facilities, within the new covered stand, for wheelchair bound disabled spectators. We will have 16 wheelchair positions, providing excellent viewing for both the disabled person and their carer. The positions will be located at either end of the stand.

In addition, we will have 2 dedicated entry/exit gates for wheelchair bound spectators, wheelchair accessible toilet facilities at both ends of the stand as well as a number of disabled parking bays on the Lone Moor Road, immediately behind the new stand.

I am pleased to say that despite not being part of the original Contract, the County Board has agreed that we should complete the SE Corner Terrace—this has been in a very poor condition and could not be used on H&S grounds. Whilst this work may not be completely finished by 24th May—this will in no way affect our ability to provide adequate ground capacity to accommodate

the anticipated attendance on 24th May.

Our ability to have Celtic Park available for our first round Championship game has only been possible through the hard work and very co-operative approach displayed by PRH Construction and their associated Sub-Contract Team.

In addition to the above work, we have improved facilities within our Changing Room area. Additional space has been provided to accommodate Physio and related activities—all necessary elements of our modern game.

This work was carried out in record time by ALF Builders and will be an invaluable addition to our facilities at Celtic Park.

We have had to overcome many challenges over the past six months—however, come the 24th May, I am confident that we will be able to unveil a superb upgraded Stadium with accompanying facilities that will be a credit to the GAA in

County Derry and in which we can all take great pride.

Seamus Mullan

Celtic Park Development Committee

The Uster U14 Feile Peil na nOg competition (football) boys and girls is taking place on Saturday 16th May 2009 in County Derry

Derry Feile Committee require Clubs to fill the official registration form and the player registration form by the 14th April. Girls cannot play in the boys teams.

Entry fee is 120 Euro made payable to Derry County Board. All Feile correspondence must be addressed to Brian Smith Feile Runai.

For further Information contact Briain MacGabhann on 07918 703912 or email cullionbs1@yahoo.co.uk

Drink, drugs and the GAA

As the country's largest community organisation, the GAA have taken an active role in preventing the abuse of alcohol and other drugs.

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.

The ASAP Programme is a joint venture by the GAA and the Health Service Executive and is helping clubs prevent problems from arising in the first instance and respond effectively when they do.

To show clubs what can be done to respond to problems at local level we have produced the 'GAA Club Manual for Dealing with Drug and Alcohol Related Issues' and more recently the DVD 'Club Matters' and a very informative website at www.gaa. ie/asap

Brendan Murphy, National Coordinator ASAP Programme



Don't let alcohol and drugs ruin your dreams!!

Check out our website of how your club can get involved: www.gaa.ie/asap

Your local ASAP Coordinator is...

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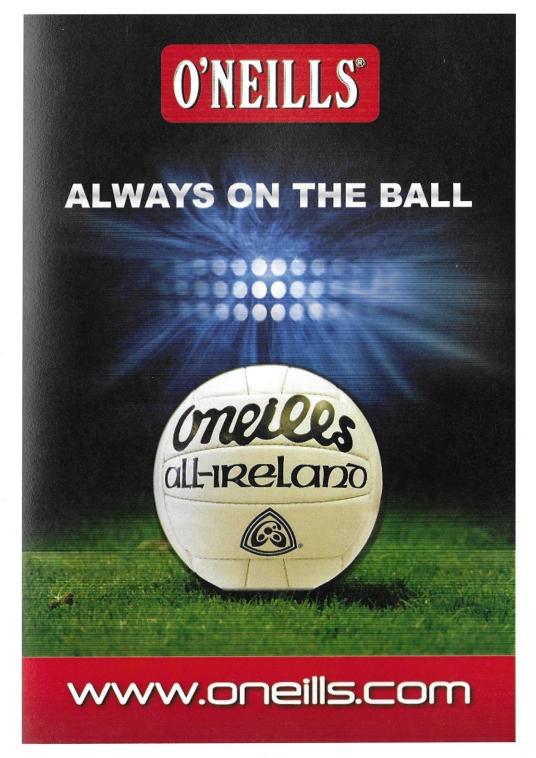
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Seamus Lagan

Glen player Seamus Lagan made his own little bit of history in that he was the first ever Derry player to travel with The All Stars to America. He was called up as a replacement in 1971.

Seamus, a tall and very elegant footballer had a distinguished inter county career lasting from 1966 to 1977. In that time he played 24 championship games and scored 4-18. His versatility made him at home in either midfield or attack.

He first came to prominence in 1965 when he led the St. Columb's attack in their first ever Hogan Cup success. Like many of the players from South Derry he was a boarder at the Bishop Street seat of learning. There under the expert tuition of Father Ignatius McQuillan, the former Fermanagh star, their skills were fine tuned.

The same year he was one of a number of that team that went on to complete a famous double by winning the All Ireland minor title beating Kerry by 2-8 to 2-4 in the final. He was the midfield partner of team captain Tommy Diamond.

Three years later it was back to Croke Park again after a famous under 21 semi final win over Kerry at Ballinascreen. A comfortable 3-9 to 1-9 win over Offaly heralded a first ever All Ireland title at this level.

The minor and under 21 teams were trained by his famous cousin the late and great Sean O'Connell.

By now Seamus was established on the Derry senior team where he went on to win Ulster medals in 1970, 1975 and 1976 the year that Derry lost narrowly to Dublin in the National League final with Seamus at midfield.

Like so many of his team mates of that period he entered the teaching profession and taught locally in Fallaghloon and Lisnamuck, before moving on to St. Patricks P.S. Glen.

At club level he won Junior and Intermediate championship medals with the Watty Graham's.

Now he enjoys a game of golf and is a member of the Dunfanaghy Golf Club in Donegal.



ULSTER SENIOR CHAMPIONS 1970

Front row L-R: E. Coleman, C.P. Mullan, G. O'Loughlin, S. O'Connell (capt), **S. Lagan**, B. Devlin, M. Niblock Back Row: H. Niblock, A. McGuckian, L. Diamond, M.McAfee, S. Hasson, H. Diamond, T. Quinn, M. McGuckian



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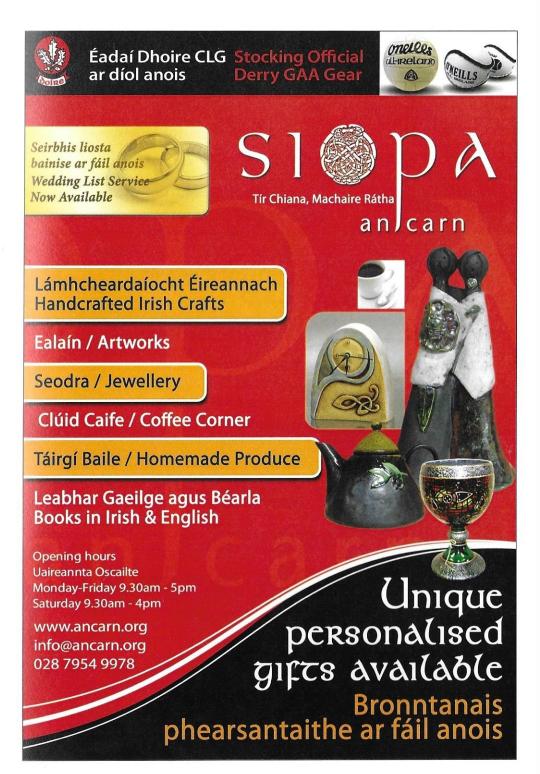
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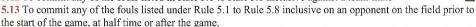
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EXPERIMENTAL DISCIPLINARY PLAYING RULES - FOOTBALL

Online presentation is available at www.gaa.ie

Sanction - Player Ordered off & NOT Replaced

- 5.1 To strike or attempt to strike an opponent with head, arm, elbow, hand or knee
- 5.2 To kick or attempt to kick an opponent with minimal force
- 5.3 To kick an opponent, either with force or causing injury
- 5.4 To attempt to kick an opponent with force
- 5.5 To stamp on an opponent
- 5.6 To behave in a way which is dangerous to an opponent
- 5.7 To inflict injury recklessly on an opponent by means other than stated above
- 5.8 To spit at an opponent
- 5.9 To contribute to a melee
- 5.10 To strike or attempt to strike, to interfere with or use threatening or abusive language or conduct to a Match Official 1ST Foul in this =
- 5.11 To assault an opposing Team official
- 5.12 To commit any of the fouls listed in Rule 5.1 to Rule 5.8 inclusive against a team-mate



Sanction - Player Sent off & Replaced by Substitute (Highly Disruptive Fouls)

- (1) To pull down an opponent
- (2) To trip an opponent with hand (s) or foot
- (3) To deliberately body collide with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of a movement of play
- (4) To bring an arm around the neck of an opponent
- (5) To wrestle with an opponent, on the ground, and away from play
- (6) To remonstrate in an aggressive manner with a Match Official



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Sanction – 1st Infraction = Black Book

Repeat Infraction: Black Book + Yellow Card i.e. Player Sent off & Replaced by Substitute

- 5.16 To threaten/use abusive or provocative language/gestures to an opponent
- 5.17 To block or attempt to block with the boot when opponent is kicking from hand
- 5.18 To prevent or attempt to prevent an opponent from lifting or kicking the ball off the ground by striking opponent's hand, arm, foot or leg with the boot
- 5.19 To engage in any other form of rough play
- 5.20 To attempt to achieve an advantage by feigning a foul or injury
- **5.21** To threaten or use abusive or provocative language or gestures to a team-mate
- 5.22 To hold an opponent with the hand(s)
- 5.23 To use the fist on, or around the body of an opponent for the purpose of dispossessing him of the ball
- 5.24 (a) To charge an opponent in the back or front
 - (b) To charge an opponent unless:
 - (i) He is in possession of the ball
 - (ii) He is playing the ball

 - (iii) Both players are moving in the direction of the ball to play it.
 - (c) To charge an opponent for the purpose of giving advantage to a team-mate

 Sanction 3rd Infraction = Black Book
 - 4th Infraction = Black Book + Yellow Card i.e. Player Sent off & Replaced by Substitute
- 5.25 To push an opponent with the hand(s)
- 5.26 (a) To charge the Goalkeeper in the small rectangle
 - (b) For a player in possession of the ball to charge an opponent

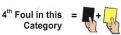


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SISTERS BROTHERS

When we consider sisters and brothers participating in our games in Derry, probably the best known pair are both involved in administration. Whilst Seamus enters his fifth and final year as County chairman, his sister Maura has been serving a similiar role in the Camogie board. Today she tells us what its like to hold the position of chair, and some of her most enjoyable occasions.

What does your role as county Camogie chairperson entail?

My role as chairperson of Derry County Camogie involves a variety of roles and responsibilities. I attend meetings at County, Ulster and All-Ireland level as well as overseeing all administrative concerns within our own county. I try to attend as many matches as possible at all ages and also follow my own club as much as I can.

What are/have been your best key achievements and best memories?

At playing level I played for Bellaghy for about 15 years and was fortunate to captain the team to the Intermediate league and championship during the 80s. As chairperson of Derry I have had many great memories. Presenting the Senior Championship to Eithne Molloy (Hansen) Bellaghy in 1993 - after my own club not winning the title for over 20 years is an outstanding memory. Also Bellaghy winning the All-Ireland Feile for the first time (also first club in Derry to win). At county level the All-Ireland Junior successes in 2000/2007 stand out and the all-star award for fellow club person Aisling Diamond following the 2007 success are high on my list of sweet memories.

What has been your best experience in Camogie?

At playing level the all-Ireland successes have been excellent in the promotion of the game within the county and have raised the profile of camogie. We are also benefiting from the excellent coaching that we have in place at school and club levels which has undoubtedly helped our underage success in recent years (Under 16B All-Ireland's



06,07,08). At administrative levels we have lots of willing volunteers and these are so important to the development of the game.

I have made a lot of good friends through my involvement in camogie throughout the years at all levels.

What influence has your family had on your sporting career?

As the only girl in a family of five I had no options but to get involved in the GAA affairs as Bellaghy's pitch was right beside our house in my father's field. The boys played football (badly) so I had to play camogie. My family have always supported my involvement in camogie and I have no regrets about the time I've spent at it, both playing and administrating.

What influence has your club had on your sporting career?

I came from a club that is steeped in GAA history. I remember well Laurence Diamond bringing the All-Ireland club title in 1972 and the many successes our footballers have had since. On the field of Camogie our senior team were the first from Derry to play in the all-Ireland Club Final in 1971 and these traditions have obviously been influential in all GAA activities.

Has Seamus' achievements influenced you?

As I was chairperson of Derry Camogie quite a while before Seamus became County Chairman - I would like to think that I've maybe influenced

Seamus has always been a hard working, forward thinking businessman and I believe these

qualities are also present in his role as county chairman. I believe that we both have the same objectives ie. to ensure that we try to do whatever we can to make Derry successful.

As brother and sister in our roles as county chairpersons we have supported each other and the odd wee bit of advice is useful too!!

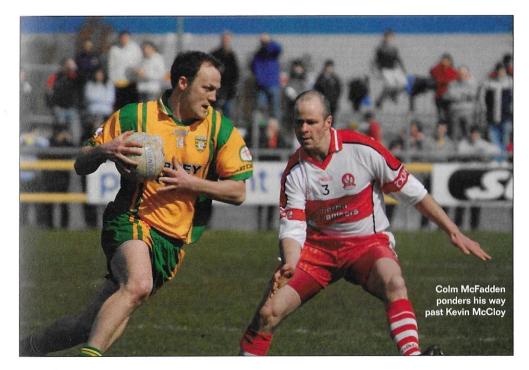
How important do you think it is for players to follow into administrative roles and what part can clubs and coaches play.

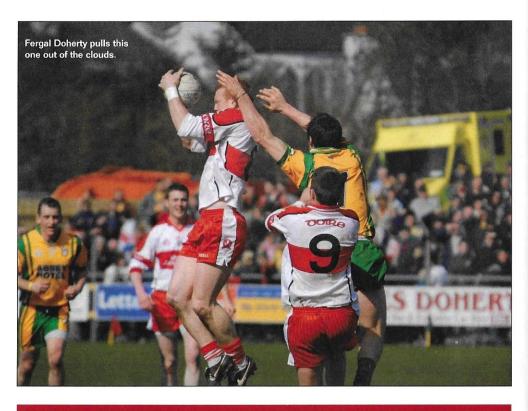
I think it is great to see the number of present and former players we have involved at both club and county level. The commitment of time to camogie involves the juggling of work and family life and is often not easy.

It is good that former players take on administrative roles after their playing days are over and give something back to the county game that gave them so much.

Ground Regulations

- 1. All persons entering Páirc Watty Graham, An Gleann are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations. Any person who fails to comply with these Ground Regulations may be refused entry or removed from the ground.
- Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas-horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which may be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the stadium.
- The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the stadium.
- The unauthorised climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in the ground is strictly forbidden.
- Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets, gas-horns, and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
- Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the pitch.
- Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play at any time before, during or after the games.
- The Ground Management reserve the right to refuse admission or to eject any person who refuses to be searched were such a search is deemed necessary.
- A person may not obstruct a gangway, stairwell or circulation area at any time.
- 10. All persons entering, or in the ground are reminded of their obligation to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire or other occurrence to anyone using the premises.
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