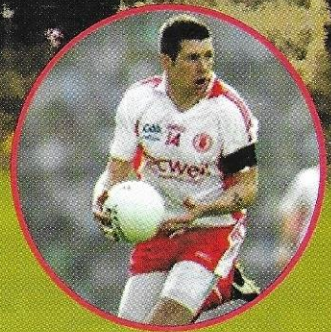
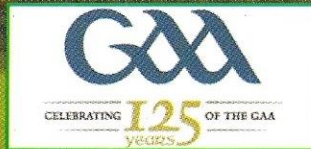
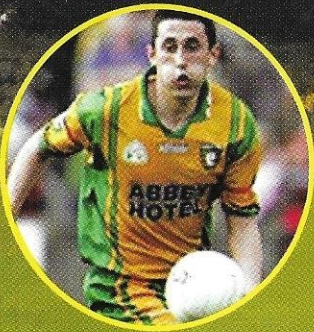


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I welcome you all here this evening to the Allianz National League game in McCumhaill Park, Ballybofey. I am delighted to welcome All Ireland Senior Football Champions Tyrone, their manager Mickey Harte, Officials and supporters to what we hope will be a very enjoyable match.

The League has now reached a crucial stage so I wish both teams the best of luck.

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

My thanks once again to the Sean McCumhalls Club, their Officers and Ground Staff together with our County Development Officer Charlie Cannon for their assistance and preparations for this evenings match.

Finally to all attending the game, I trust you will enjoy the evening, and have a safe journey home.

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GAA by Chris McNulty

1975 was a year of great significance: Jaws became the first movie to gross \$100 million; Queen topped the charts with their famous 'Bohemian Rhapsody'; Margaret Thatcher was elected leader of the UK Conservative Party; Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier at Manila, in the greatest fight in boxing history, the 'Thrilla in Manila'; Peter Sutcliffe 'The Yorkshire Ripper' committed his first murder; Derby County won the English Championship; and West Ham United won the FA Cup.

Closer to home, Kerry beat Dublin in one of their titanic All Ireland final battles.

Sean MacCumhailles were one of the leading lights in the Donegal GAA world in 1975. The Twin Towns Club was consistently battling for Dr Maguire and in 1975 they would make what was perhaps one of the best decisions in the history of the club.

At its AGM 35 years ago, one Eugene Gallagher was appointed club treasurer.

On Tuesday next, Eugene will spend his St Patrick's Day in the company of his family and club colleagues from MacCumhailles in Croke Park, where he will be presented with the President's Award for his services to the GAA. 35 years on after that appointment, Eugene still controls the purse strings and remarkably his sequence is an unbroken chain.

"It's an honour for myself, for my family and also for the club," he said this week as he reflected on a life time's work that will be honoured on Tuesday.

Brian McEniff and Naul McCole were two recent winners from Donegal of an award that is nominated by the Ulster Council, who's President Tom Daly, would have been a big influence in Eugene's nomination.

A talented forward during his playing days, Eugene broke into the MacCumhailles senior team in 1966 and five years later he helped them to Senior Championship glory with a final win over Clann na Gael. His talent didn't go unnoticed to the county set up and as well as playing for the county minor and U21s, Eugene was also 'capped' for the Donegal senior team for a couple of National League games in the early 70s.

Many great players donned the green and white of MacCumhailles in his career. He lined out alongside men of the ilk of the great Frankie McFeeley, Mickey McMenamin, Dan McCool, Tommy McMenamin. As Eugene was winding down, Mickey Lafferty was coming through the ranks.

"I've been involved with MacCumhailles now for 40 years. The highlight of it was definitely winning that Championship in 1971. It was great to win a senior medal with the club, but there were loads of good players at that time. Gerry Griffin was heavily involved in the management at the time.

"I stopped playing in 1977, a bad knee injury meant that I couldn't go on."

Eugene's mantelpiece would be adorned by two Senior Championship medals, were it not for the infamous unplayed final of 1966, in his first year as a senior player when MacCumhailles and St Joseph's haggled and hassled about the venue of the final. 1966 remains the only year since 1950 that a final hasn't thrown up a winner for Dr Maguire.

Before hanging up the boots, Eugene had already moved into administration. He served as club secretary for a couple of years and 1975 saw him appointed to a post that he has never relinquished since. He was assistant treasurer to Charlie

Faulkener and was also involved with the County Fixtures Committee for a time.

At club level, Charlie Faulkener, Brendan Dunnion, Willie McIntyre, Dermot Patton and Dan Bradley are among those he worked alongside with distinction. Of course, the world and the GAA world in particular is a much changed one from Eugene first prepared his financial report for club members,

"There's a lot of change indeed, I have financial records in the house going right back to the 1970s when I started and it's completely different to what it is now," he said. "Even the travel and the fees clubs are paying out to the county board are well changed."



"In the club, we have 26 teams on the go now with ladies, hurling and the underage all going well. When I started off, there really would have been no underage. Myself and Gerry Griffin ran the underage teams for a while. Underage football has really taken off since I first became involved with the club."

The Ballybofey skyline is a vastly changed one from 34 years ago. Now, the four imposing floodlights of Sean MacCumhail Park gaze down on the Finn's meandering waters - a meteoric change, though one Eugene would have been quite content to have left 'as you were'.

"Without a doubt the floodlights were a big change, but from a

personal point of view, I would prefer the daylight games," he said. "Next week we have a local derby against Tyrone here and hopefully that will draw a good crowd."

The popular Eugene is well known to Gaelic Games fans locally for his presence at his beloved Sean MacCumhail Park on big match days. But's he's not just a man for the big occasion. Be it underage, senior, football or hurling, if there's a match in MacCumhail Park, chances are you'll bump into Eugene.

He is treasurer of the Park's Committee and is one of the driving forces of the new centre at MacCumhail Park, which is on track to be completed for the Donegal v Antrim game in the Ulster Championship in June.

At the All County League Division 1 final at the end of the year, Eugene had a lucky escape while carrying out his pre-match jobs. In the process of setting the scoreboard, his ladder gave way, leaving Eugene badly bruised and off work from Irwin Electrical for ten weeks, until he returned a fortnight ago.

Married to Helen and indeed engaged the same year as he was appointed treasurer 1975 the couple have two sons, Kevin and Shaun, whom he pays no end of tributes to for their unstinting support and who will proudly look on on Tuesday as Eugene gets accorded with a fitting reward for his services.

He also pays compliment to the likes of Terry O'Reilly, Peter Maloney, Dan McCool, the Ladies on the committee who are unyielding in the help provided on a match day.

34 years on, the appetite hasn't waned and the hunger to continue lives on.

"If I gave it up, I would miss it for sure. I'll probably have to stay around now for another couple of years, but I'll hardly be here for another 35."

Whatever time, he closes the cheque book for the last time, he will leave a fair legacy behind and it will take a mammoth effort to carry the baton as strongly.



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An Encouraging Start

So here we are seven (including McKenna Cup) games played in 2009, four wins, three defeats. Look back twelve months and you'll find a similar start to the season. The senior footballers go into this game tonight in a much better position than before last Sunday however they will still be anxious to record a victory and ease further away from the relegation zone. Donegal on the other hand will be focused on gaining both points so it looks like it's going to be another really competitive fixture for Mickey Harte's men. This year's National League campaign has afforded Mickey the opportunity to give a run out to thirty different players.

As we look forward to the remaining league fixtures and prepare for the beginning of the Ulster Senior Football Championship at the end of May we do so with a renewed sense of purpose and enthusiasm. Last Monday morning the diggers moved into our newly acquired land in Garvaghey near Ballygawley to begin the next phase in the development of Tyrone GAA, the Centre of Excellence. The first phase of the project will be to landscape the site and then work will begin in the autumn to sow out the first of five grass pitches. By September of 2010 a £1 million 3rd Generation astro turf pitch will also have been installed. Such a project in such times of economic turbulence is ambitious to say the least. However the Tyrone County Board and Club Tyrone are confident that the project will be delivered on time and on budget.

The first phase of Club Tyrone fundraising campaign literally swings into action on 22nd May the Dublin Branch of Club Tyrone host their annual golf classic at Carton House in Maynooth. A week later on Friday 29th May Strabane Golf Club will play host to the northern equivalent, the Club Tyrone GAA Golf Classic. Further information on both days is available on the website www.TyroneGAA.ie/clubTyrone.

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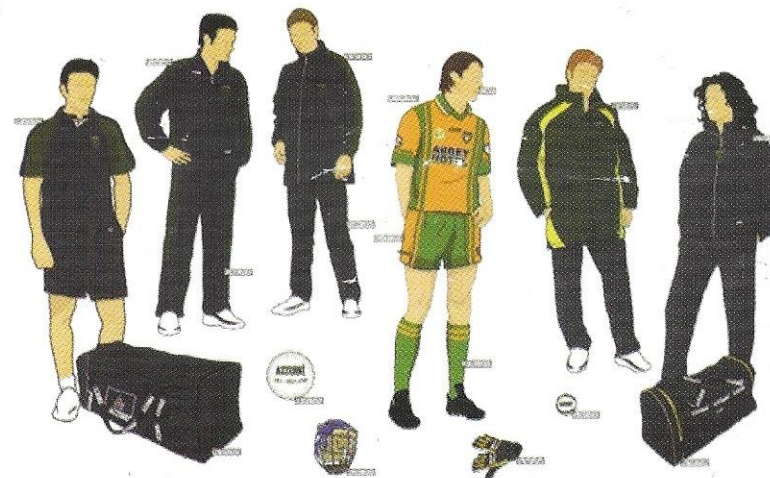
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13 Conall Ó Dúinn
Conall Dunne
Naomh Adhamhnáin

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Stephen Griffin
Naomh Naílle

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Micheal Doherty
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Fir Ionaid

16 Micheál O Baoill	Michael Boyle	An Tearmann	21 Rian O Brollacháin	Ryan Bradley	Buncrannaigh
17 Sean Mac Gabhann	Shane McGowan	Bun Dobhrain	22 Colm Mac Pháidín	Colm Mc Fadden	Naomh Mícheal
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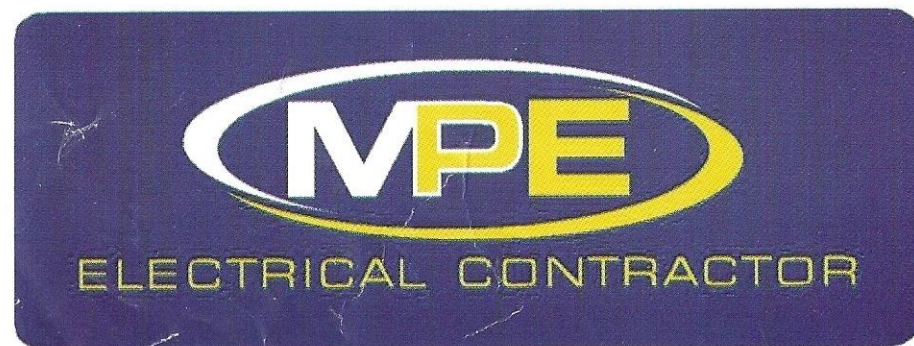
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Allianz GAA Football National League Roinn 1 Table

	Pld	Won	Draw	Lost	For	Against	Diff	Points
Galway	4	4	0	0	66	44	22	8
Kerry	4	4	0	0	60	45	15	8
Derry	4	3	0	1	63	44	19	6
Tyrone	4	2	0	2	60	61	-1	4
Mayo	4	1	1	2	53	49	4	3
Dublin	4	1	0	3	60	73	-13	2
Donegal	4	0	1	3	50	67	-17	1
Westmeath	4	0	0	4	42	71	-29	0



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A MUST WIN GAME FOR DONEGAL

by Tom Comack, Donegal Democrat/ Donegal Peoples Press

If ever a team needed a win, Donegal need one tonight. With just one point on the board - a draw with Mayo - nothing short of two league points will do against the All Ireland Champions if Donegal are to harbour any notion of staying in the top tier.

Heavy defeats to Kerry, in the opening game and Galway last weekend and a narrow defeat to Dublin just under two weeks ago in Ballyshannon, mean that John Joe Doherty and his men are facing down the barrel or relegation.

And with away games to Westmeath next weekend and Derry two weeks later, the dark clouds of relegation are looming large over the hills once again.

When they last made the drop in the Spring of 2005, they were marginally better off at this stage of the competition, with one win from their four outings. That was under Brian McEniff's watch. After losing their opening three games to Tyrone here in Ballybofey (1-11 to 0-10), they also went down narrowly to Mayo in Ballina and Westmeath in Mullingar.

While they defeated Kerry in Ballyshannon, the wily McEniff could not halt the slide and defeats to Dublin and Offaly consigned them to division two for 2006. Donegal ended up with four points from their victories over Kerry

and Cork, just a point above Westmeath at the end of the campaign.

With Westmeath currently pointless and Donegal just one point better off, is it a case of deja vu and 2006 all over again? Lets hope not! But the signs and omens are not good. That is why a victory over the visitors tonight - tall order and all as it maybe - is a must if they are to entertain any notion of salvation.

For whatever about a full haul from next weekend's visit to Mullingar, it is hard to see a positive return from the trip to Derry in the final game, given the form the Oak Leafers are showing at the moment.

If you are looking for crumbs of comfort in the record from recent meetings you better stop reading now. Donegal and Tyrone have locked horns seven times in the Allianz League since the start of the new millennium, with Donegal emerging victorious on just one occasion with one more game ending all square.

That one win was the 2-11 to 1-8 here in Ballybofey, while the draw dates back to 2000 when the sides ended level on 0-10 each. Those O'Neill County victories came in 2001 (0-13 to 0-10); 2002 (1-10 to 0-11); 2003 (1-14 to 0-10); 2005 (1-11 to 0-10) and 2008 (0-11 to 0-9).

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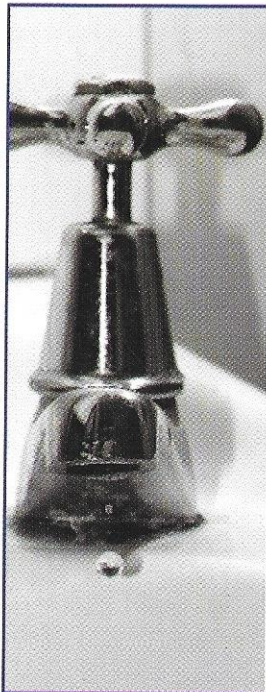
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Gaelic Life

By Alan Rodgers

RESULTS will be only part of the story when Mickey Harte finally sits down to reflect in a few weeks time on what has been a mixed National League campaign to date.

That big win over Dublin at Croke Park on January 31st looked set to provide the launching pad for a sustained assault at the top of the Division One table. But things haven't quite worked out during the intervening period.

Defeats to Kerry and Galway cautioned the Red Hand optimism. Even last weekend's win over Westmeath came thanks to a last gasp winning goal. So, it's fair to say that affairs could be a lot better in terms of points one.

But a closer look at Tyrone's season so far reveals a different story. And, few in the county will be worrying too much just yet because the simple fact is that their prospects for the championship are still very much intact.

Now it's still a little early to be certain that Tyrone will retain their Division One status. A win in tonight's derby clash would most probably secure a respectable mid-table position come next month, but a defeat would leave them too close to the relegation zone for comfort. Besides all that, though, the task of providing the foundations for the big challenges of the Ulster Championship and All-Ireland race is on track. And, this is especially so in relation to the

players coming through.

Strength in depth is a quality often attributed to winners of the Sam Maguire Cup. Tyrone are no different and the facts of the four matches to date show that any number of players look capable of making their mark.

Last Sunday in Mullingar Raymond Mulgrew, Niall Gormley, Sean O'Neill, Shaun O'Neill and Jonathan Curran all got their chance to impress. None of them started in last year's All-Ireland Final.

In previous matches the likes of Cathal McCarron, Tommy McGuigan, Michael McGee and Cathal McCarron of Dromore have also enjoyed and indeed relished gametime.

Then, add in the very experienced players who are still to come back into the reckoning or have only really featured periodically to date.

Chief among them are Stephen O'Neill, Colm McCullagh, Owen Mulligan, Martin Penrose, Brian McGuigan, Brian Dooher, Joe McMahon and Ryan McMenamin.

That's an impressive list which provides clear evidence of Tyrone's credentials as the main challenges of the season approach. And, of course, they will be under no illusions about the need to raise the levels still further tonight against Donegal and in the remaining matches against Derry and Mayo.

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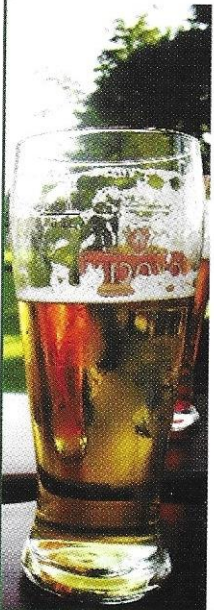
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“Quotes”

1. "I love Cork so much that if I caught one of their hurlers in bed with my missus, I'd tiptoe downstairs and make him a cup of tea"- Joe Lynch, actor.
2. "We've won one All-Ireland in a row" -- Wexford Fan in 1996.
3. "The toughest match I ever heard of was the 1935 All-Ireland Semi-Final. After 6 minutes, the ball ricocheted off a post and went into the stand. The pulling continued relentlessly and it was 22 minutes before any of the players noticed the ball was missing" - Michael Smith.
4. "Sylvie Linnane would start a riot in a graveyard" -- Tipp fan
5. "I'm not giving away any secrets like that to Tipperary. If I had my way, I wouldn't even tell them the time of the throw-in" - Ger Loughnane.
6. "He's like Lazarus; but Lazarus didn't have such a sweet right boot" -Micheal O' Muircheartaigh on Colin Corkery.
7. "Whenever a team loses, there's always a row at half time but when they win, it's an inspirational speech" --John O' Mahony.
8. "There are 2 things in Ireland that would drive you to drink.GAA referees would drive you to drink, and the price of drink would drive you to drink" -- Sligo Fan after 2002 Connacht final.
9. "The wheel fell off my mobile home" -- Offaly's Eugene McGee explains why he was late for training.
10. "When my friends were besotted with Jason Donovan, my heroes were Colm O'Rourke and Barney Rock" --Sue Ramsbottom (Laois Ladies Captain).
11. "We're taking this match awful seriously.We're training three times a week now, and some of the boys are off the beer since Tuesday" -Offaly hurler quote in the week before a Leinster hurling final vs. Kilkenny
12. 'Ger Loughnane was fair, he treated us all the same during training-like dogs' - anonymous Clare hurler
13. 'Any chance of an autograph? Its for the wife....she really hates you' -Tipp fan to Ger Loughnane
14. 'You can't win derbies with donkeys' - Babs Keating before Tipp played Cork in 1990
15. 'Sheep in a heap' - Babs Keating description of Offaly in 1998.
16. 'Babs Keating 'resigned' as coach because of illness and fatigue. The players were sick and tired of him' - Offaly fan in 1998
17. 'And as for you. You're not even good enough to play for this shower of useless no-hopers' - Former Clare mentor to one of his subs after a heavy defeat
18. 'Babs Keating was arrested in Nenagh for shaking a cigarette machine, but the gardai let him off when he said he only wanted to borrow twenty players' - Waterford fan after 2002 Munster final



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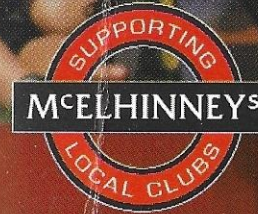
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