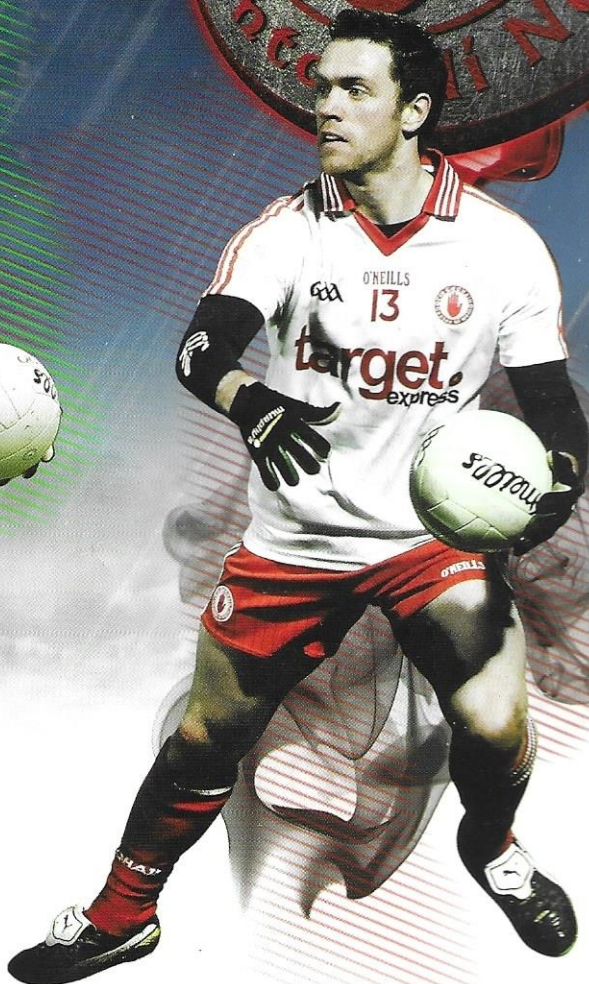
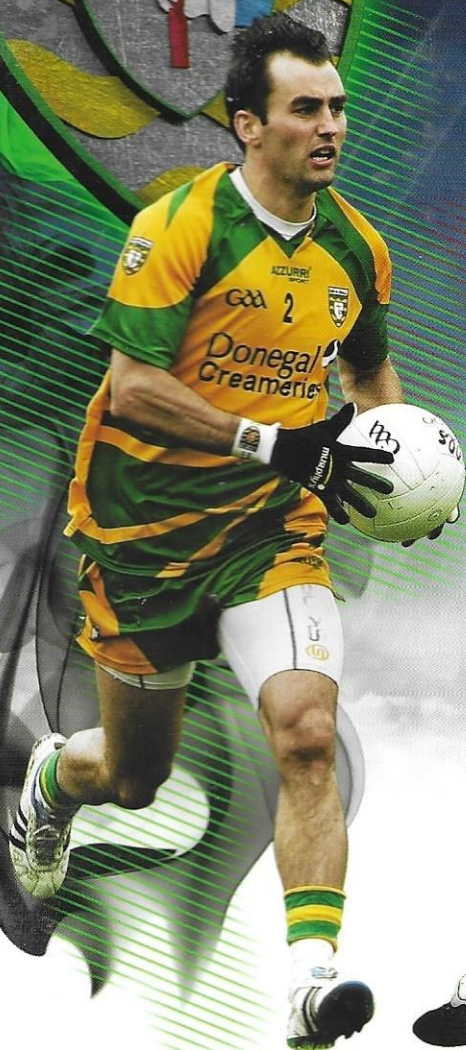
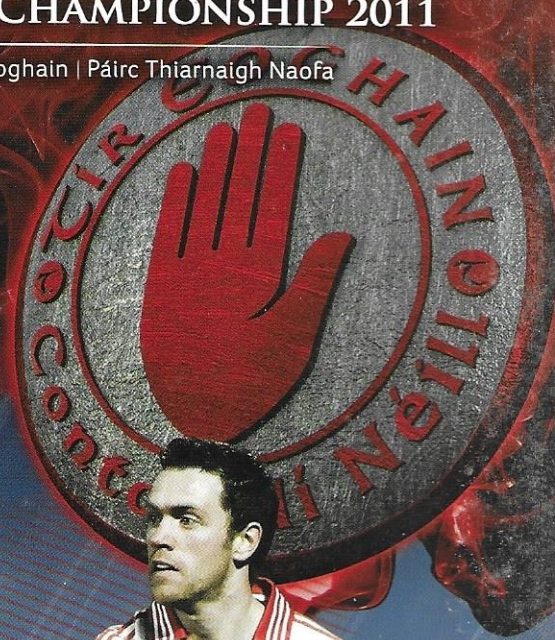


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ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2011

26ú Meitheamh 2011 | Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain | Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa



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Presidents Foreword



Fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois fa choinne cluiche cheannais Uladh sa pheil agus Cluiche Cheannais Sciath Uladh, Faoi 21 san Iomáint.

Tá lúcháir orm peileadoirí agus iomáineoirí ón dá chontae a fhailtiú anseo, go háraithe na himreoirí, bainisteoirí agus oifigigh na gcontae. Guím gach rath ar na foirne uilig inniu agus tá suil agam go mbainfaidh sibh go léir lán taitheamh as an lá. Fáilte speisialta romhaibhse, lucht tacaíochta na bhfoirne, is sibhse a choinníonn beocht agus fuinneamh i gCumann Lúthchleas Gael, míle buíochas as teacht agus as bhur dtacaíocht.

Today's games bring two great GAA counties together, two counties that share so much; adjacent territory, common heritage in Tír Chonaill agus Tír Eoghain and both great rivals. Pride in our own local place excites and informs much of what we do in GAA. No matter what parings are arranged in GAA competition, local rivalries always excite more than others.

I look forward to great passion and excitement at today's games and thank the GAA County Boards in both counties for their great leadership in promoting everything GAA in both counties.

The Ulster Under 21 Hurling Shield Final offers all the chance to marvel and admire those who promote the ancient game. It is difficult to promote hurling in traditional football counties, congratulations to the many coaches, administrators and especially players from both counties. Míle buíochas agus tá muid ag súil go mór le dea-chluiche inniu.

Last Sundays Semi Final produced a superb game and we look forward today to another

feast of football. Both Dún na nGall and Tír Eoghain have competitive well organised club structures and their respective county teams reflect their organised determined approach to GAA. Best wishes to administrators, team managements, supporters and players. Our players are real heroes. Unpaid volunteers who perform to the highest professional standards. They deserve our utmost respect and appreciation.

Thanks to our match officials today, without them our games couldn't happen. We appreciate the work of all our stewards, Gardaí and medical personnel. Ulster Council officers and council staff oversee the whole operation and we are grateful. Thanks to sponsors, Ulster Bank, Super Valu and Eircom for generous support. The media bring our games to a world wide audience who appreciate being informed and thrilled by reports of the excitement and heroic performances.

Our half time games today will be played by a selection of players with special needs. Everything about these games is indeed special. I know you will enjoy them and value the dedication of the players and everybody who works with them. The half time special games today will enrich all of us and remind us, I hope, of all that is positive and good in life.

Have a nice day, with the GAA. Ulster Finals approach; Hurling in Casement Park on Sunday July 3rd and the football in Clones on Sunday July 17th. The GAA brightens all our summers.

Beir bua

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

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all the players, management and backroom staff for their efforts today, we thank all the supporters who have attended today's match, without you the championship just wouldn't be the same.

Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua

Thar toinn do ráinig chughainn,
Faoi mhóid bheith saor
Seantír ár sinsear feasta,
Ní fhágfar faoin tiorán
ná faoin tráill.

Anocht a théam sa bhearnna baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil,
chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna scréach faoi
lámhach na bpi léar,
Seo libh canaig amhrán na bhFiann.

Sunday 26th June at St Tiernach's Park

Ulster GAA Under 21 Hurling Shield Final Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain

Throw In 1.45pm (Extra time if required)

Referee: Liam McAuley (Aontroim)

Standby: Colum Cuning (Aontroim)

Linesman: Jason McManus (Fear Manach)

Sideline: Noel Mullaney (Muineacháin)



Liam McAuley (Aontroim)

Liam is a member of Con Magees Glenravel GAA club and has served his club well in different roles from member right through to Chairman since he was 16. He also played hurling and football for Glenravel since the age of 12. He is married

to Denise, they have one son Adam (6) and he has been refereeing for 7 years in Antrim and 5 years in Ulster. Liam has refereed several Championship Finals in Antrim from Juvenile to Senior and also refereed Ulster League Finals from Division 1 to Division 5. This is his second Under 21 Final and is assisted today by Fergus Miskelly, Fergal Higgins, Ryan O'Reilly and Garreth Brown, all from Glenravel.

Ulster GAA Senior Football Championship Semi Final Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain

Throw In 3.30pm

Referee: Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

Standby: Maurice Deegan (Laois)

Linesman: Gregory Walsh (Aontroim)

Sideline: Con Reynolds (An Dún)



Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

Joe has been refereeing for 12 years and this is his eighth year on the National panel. 2006 was a huge year for him. He refereed the Munster Senior Final, the All Ireland Under 21 Final and the Cavan

Senior Football Final. He also refereed the 2005 Leinster Senior Final. Joe has refereed two Ulster Club Senior Finals, the 2010 final between Crossmaglen and Naomh Conall and the 2006 decider between Crossmaglen and Ballinderry. He also refereed the Ulster Quarter Final last year between Donegal and Down as well as this year's Quarter Final between Derry and Fermanagh. Joe will today be joined by his umpires Mark Gilsenan, Tommy O'Reilly, TP Gray and Jimmy Galligan.

CLAR AN LAE

Sunday 26th June: Donegal v Tyrone

13.30	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc	(1) *	
13.33	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPairc	15.04	Start of First Period of Extra Time
13.45	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain	15.14	End of First Period of Extra Time
14.16	Half Time / Leath Am	15.17	Start of Second Period of Extra Time
14.18	Entertainment / Siamsa		
14.26	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath	15.28	End of Extra Time
14.59	Críoch an Chluiche	15.30	Presentation of U21 Hurling Shield
15.02	Presentation of U21 Hurling Shield	15.35	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc
	* If Extra Time (1) is required see across	15.38	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPairc
15.09	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc	15.47	Paraid
15.12	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPairc	15.53	Amhrán na bhFiann
15.22	Paráid	15.55	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain
15.28	Amhrán na bhFiann	16.31	Half Time / Leath Am
15.30	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain	16.33	Exhibition
16.06	Half Time / Leath Am	16.46	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath
16.08	Exhibition	17.23	End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir
16.21	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath		
16.59	Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir		

GAA SOCIAL INITIATIVE

Encouraging Participation

The GAA Social Initiative has, since its establishment in August 2010, taken root within the clubs involved in the Pilot Club phase. The Initiative arose from an invitation by President Mary McAleese to the GAA to implement a scheme for men in the community, many of whom, from her observation, were finding it more difficult in recent years to engage fully in community life and identify suitable social outlets.

So far, 93 clubs have volunteered to participate in the Pilot Phase and have, already, organised interesting and worthwhile

social events for the men in their communities. The clubs' efforts have been greatly appreciated by those involved and have invariably led to more active participation by the participants and an interest in expanding the range of activities being organised.

While men are the main focus of the Initiative, the social activities organised by the clubs have included and, indeed, in many cases been organised by lady club members. Examples of club activities can be seen in the Social Initiative Newsletters on the website: www.gaa.ie/socialinitiative

The objective for 2011 is to increase the number of clubs involved to 150 by August and we are therefore appealing to all GAA clubs to seriously consider participating in the Initiative in the coming year. All that is expected of clubs in the Initiative is to organise a minimum of five social events/ activities during the year - mainly during the winter period.

If your club is interested in participating in the GAA Social Initiative please contact **Seán Kilbride** at **01 8658617** or **Joan Cooney** at **01 8658680**.



DISABILITY INCLUSION

Ulster GAA

We in the GAA believe that everyone should be given the opportunity to take part in Gaelic Games no matter what their ability.

Through the Active Communities Programme we have been offering clubs, schools and community groups the opportunity to reach out to the wider community by offering coaching for those with disabilities.

All our coaches have been trained in adapting our games and activities to suit a wide range of ability levels, so no matter how much or how little your members can do, we can get them involved.

Over the past year Ulster GAA's regional development officers have been promoting and developing activities for many participants with a wide range of disabilities throughout Ulster.

At last year's championship game between Tyrone and Down at Casement Park the

halftime games were played by participants with disabilities from Cavan and Armagh. At this year's Ulster Football Championship semi-finals we have participants representing Derry, Down, Monaghan and Tyrone and again this will be a great occasion for the teams to showcase their skills.

In August of this year Ulster GAA will be hosting its first Inter County disability tournament where players will get the chance to represent their county. If you know any participants or disability groups who would be keen to get involved please contact our regional development officers.

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Tyrone Team

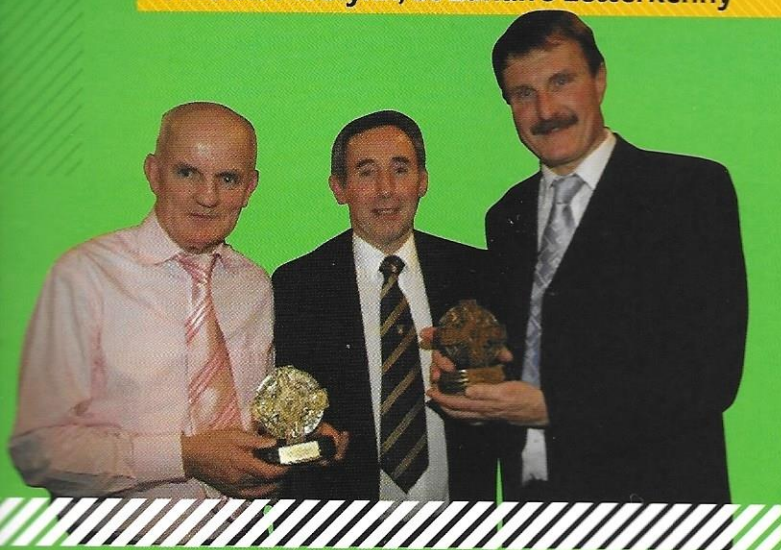
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VALUING VOLUNTEERS

Vincent McGlynn, St Eunan's Letterkenny



When St Eunan's GAA club Letterkenny bestowed the Club Person of the Year on Vincent Mc Glynn in January 2008 the award was richly deserved and acclaimed. Vincent, like many voluntary workers in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael is totally dedicated to his club and gives much time to the ongoing work in the club.

Vincent first played Football for the club in 1972 and was a playing member of St Eunan's when the club won the Under 21 Championship in 1977.

An outstanding goalkeeper, he played senior football for an astonishing period of four decades. This included two county Semi Finals in 1977 and 1978. He was also a member of the senior championship

winning teams of 1997, 1999 and 2001.

With his playing days over, Vincent dedicates many voluntary hours working on behalf of the club. He helps supervise all activities at St. Eunan's GAA club.

He takes special care and responsibility for the playing and training pitches at O'Donnell park. He co-ordinates the use of the playing pitches for the club.

He is the main liaison officer for visiting teams who wish to use our pitches for training and matches. This includes the Donegal Senior Football team, Donegal Under 21 Football team, Donegal Minor Football team, Donegal Senior Ladies Football team and the Donegal Senior Hurling team and various development squads.

There are many underage fixtures and blitz competitions that need to be accommodated at O'Donnell Park and Vincent carries out the duties associated with this planning in a professional manner.

Vincent is also responsible for the electronic score board, accommodating referees and welcoming various club, county and provincial officials to O'Donnell Park.

Vincent is employed by County Donegal Vocational Education Committee in Errigal College and Coláiste Ailigh. He is a long standing member of Letterkenny Athletic club and has ran a number of Marathons. He is also a talented golfer with a single-figure handicap. He lives in Letterkenny with wife Caitríona and sons Andrew and Liam.

Tá club Naomh Adhamhnáin fíor bhuíoch do Vincent ar shon an obair dheonach a dhéanann sé don chlub. Tá aitheantas mór tuillte aige ó na baill uilig sa Chlub.

Tá mórán daoine i ngach club ar fud na tíre a rinne agus a dhéanann sár obair do Chumann Lúthchleas Gael agus tá an t-ádh orainn i gclub Naomh Adhamhnáin, Leitir Ceanainn go bhfuil duine mar Vincent againn.

Cúrsa Cuimhneacháin Shéamuis De Faoite

Ulster Council Irish Language Course for members

Downings - Tír Chonail

Ó Monday 18th July 2011
Go Saturday 23rd July 2011

Fearadh na Fáilte Romhaibh! le Séamus Mac Giolla Phádraig

Ina leabhar "An Béal Bocht" rinne Brian Ó Nualláin aor ar ghluaiseacht na Gaeilge faoin ainm chleite "Myles na gCopaleen. Chuir sé in iúl dá chuid léitheoirí nach raibh muintir na Gaeltachta ag brath níos mó ar an chuach le deimhniú dóibh go raibh an samhradh acu, ach ar an chéad fhoghlaimoir Gaeilge.

Why learn Irish?

Some people are attracted to the hard-headed sophistication of the accent of northern France, some to the soft rhythms of the Spanish of Central America but to me, there is no sound more welcome than the Irish of Donegal. Perhaps it is the call of the ancients to which I am responding but I don't care to over-analyse it, I just love the sound of 'Gaeilge Tír Chonail'!

Is cinnte go mbaineann an teanga leis an tír agus nach féidir tuiscint ar ár n-ainmneacha agus ár mbailte fearainn a bheith againn gan eolas a chur ar bheagán den teanga. In amanna, is é an dara choiscéim ar bhóthar na líofachta an chuid is deacra den aistear.

The effort expended in learning to respond to a greeting,

introduce oneself, say how you are and enquire about someone else initially pays dividends. However, the need for mundane communication soon conspires to drive the learner away from the language. It is not easy to talk in an adult way about one's job, family, interests or world events in a new language.

Is iomaí cíor thuathail, mí-thuiscint agus gaiste a gheobhaidh an foghlaimoir roimhe ach is é acmhainn an ghrinn an áis foghlamtha is fearr amach atá ann dúinn. Má tá an foghlaimoir fásta ag iarraidh dul chun cinn sa teanga úr a dhéanamh, caithfidh muid a bheith in ann beag a dhéanamh dár mbotúin agus leanstan ar aghaidh, ach go díograiseach. Caithfidh gur shíl daoine gur ag dul don TCP a bhí mé nuair a bhí mé ag iarraidh eolais a cur ar an bhealach le 'r' na Fraince a fhuaimniú!

Whether we are interested in the language because someone we like and respect speaks it, because we find its sounds and rhythms attractive or, as the amateur psychotherapists would have it, because we are responding to an atavistic tribal call, we must not forget that basic

truth, that it is a different language. We should not expect to find in it the sound patterns, grammar or logic of another language. Sometimes it is this aspect of learning a new language that provides the greatest challenge.

Is dóiche gurb é an dúshlán is luaithe é a chasann foghlaimoirí na Gaeilge air go ndéanann sí idirdhealú idir thréithe atá buan, nó atá deacair a athrú agus chuma nó stáid gur féidir a athrú. 'Is Albanach é', 'Is cainteoir Gaeilge í' ar lámh amháin agus 'Tá muid líonmhar', nó 'Tá siad óg' ar an lámh eile. Ní dhéantar idirdhealú idir an dhá choincheap sa Bhéarla nó san Fhraincis.

The next time you hear a foreigner saying, 'I will do it when I will have the money', he is following the logic of his own language, not the rules of English grammar.

Bíodh aige, is cuma cén chanúint nó teanga atá agat, beidh fáilte sna Dúnaibh romhat ar chúrsa cuimhneacháin Shéamuis de Faoite and we hope that you will emerge from your classes eager to try out new turns of phrase on teachers and students alike.

U21 HURLING PREVIEW

A Look Ahead to Today's Hurling Final

Tyrone and Donegal are set to renew their rivalry on the hurling field as they contest today's Ulster Under 21 Hurling Shield Final. The winner will not only win the Shield but will also qualify to meet Armagh in the Ulster Under 21 Hurling Championship Quarter Final and represent Ulster in the All-Ireland Under 21 B Semi Final.

Both of today's finalists are putting a lot of effort into the development of hurling at all age groups and are positive in their attitude to playing in grades above their perceived level of ability.

Today's final will bring back recent memories when the same two counties contested the Lory Meagher Final. On that occasion it took a late goal for Donegal to snatch victory from the Tyrone men and it is hoped that today's game will be as close come the final whistle.

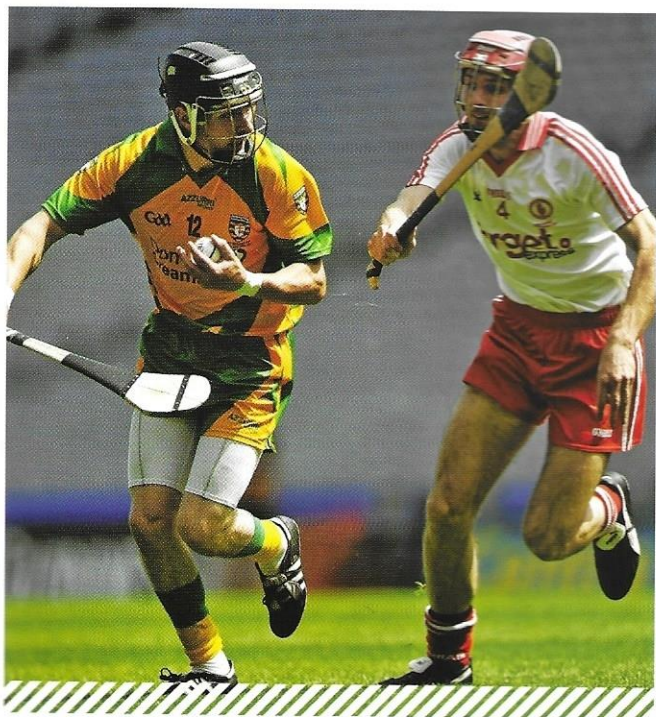
Tyrone will start as slight favourites following their comprehensive 6-14 to 2-06 semi final victory over Fermanagh, who won the 2010 competition. Donegal, on the other hand, found the going tough against Monaghan before eventually running out five point

winners on a 2-13 to 1-11 score line.

Tyrone will look to their inspirational full back, and captain, Jason Patton to lead the way and he will be supported by Tiarnan Morgan in the heart of the defence. Meanwhile Conor Grogan and Donal McMullan will provide the scoring threat up front.

Donegal are backboned by the Burt and Sean MacCumhaill's clubs. However, they will look to their star players Shane Gallen, Ronan McDermott, Ciaran Matthewson and Sean McVeigh to provide the platform to set them on winning ways.

This is a hard one to call, so don't be surprised if it takes another late score to separate these two teams at the end of the sixty minutes.



Under 21 Hurling Championship Fixtures

All games at 7.30 pm.
(Extra time to apply in all games)

13th July (Wed)

Quarter Final

a) Ard Mhacha v U21 Hurling Shield Winners

20th July (Wed) Semi Finals:

b) Aontroim v Doire

c) An Dún v a)

27th July (Wed) Final



DÚN NA NGALL

Donegal U21 Hurling Team

Manager: Andrew Wallace



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes

16. Lee Scanlon, Naomh Adhamhnáin 17. Stephen Gillespie, Beart 18. Niall Fitzsimons, Sean Mac Cumhailis
 19. Ciaran McDermott, Beart 20. Conor McVeigh, Naomh Adhamhnáin 21. Kevin Meehan, Naomh Adhamhnáin
 22. John Anthony Chambers, Sean Mac Cumhailis 23. Gavin Browne, Sean Mac Cumhailis 24. Ronan Walsh, Buncranchna

Notes

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Ionlán						

TÍR EOGHAIN

Tyrone U21 Hurling Team



Manager: Tom Magill



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes

16. **Conor Coyle**, Eoghan Ruadh 17. **Conor McElhatton**, Éire Óg 18. **Daniel Donnelly**, Éire Óg
19. **Tommy Fox**, Éire Óg 20. **Darragh Mallon**, Eoghan Ruadh 21. **Conor McNally**, Eoghan Ruadh
22. **Conor McKillion**, Eoghan Ruadh 23. **Paddy McKillion**, Eoghan Ruadh 24. **Liam Armstrong**, Éire Óg

Notes

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1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Iomlán						

SUMMER CAMPS 2011

WEEK 1:

Omagh, Beragh
Killyclogher
Castleberg
Eglish
Carrickmore
Mon 4th-Thurs 7th Jul

WEEK 2:

Owen Roes
Brocagh, Urney
Clann Na nGael
Kildress
Drumragh
Mon 11th-Thurs 14th Jul

WEEK 3:

Greencastle
Strabane
Clonoe
Aghyaran
Newtownstewart
Mon 18th-Thurs 21st Jul

WEEK 4:

Dromore
Drumquin, Fintona
Killeeshil
Glenelly
Donaghmore
Mon 25th-Thurs 28th Jul

WEEK 5:

Trillick
Augher/Clogher
Eskra, Pomeroy
Ardboe, Moy
Galbally
Mon 1st-Thurs 4th Aug

WEEK 6:

Cookstown
Loughmacrory
Derrytresk
Edendork, Moy
Rock, Gortin
Mon 8th -Thurs 11th Aug

WEEK 7:

Tattyreagh
Stewartstown
Moortown
Errigal Ciaran
Coalisland
Mon 15th-Thurs 18th Aug

WEEK 8:

Dungannon
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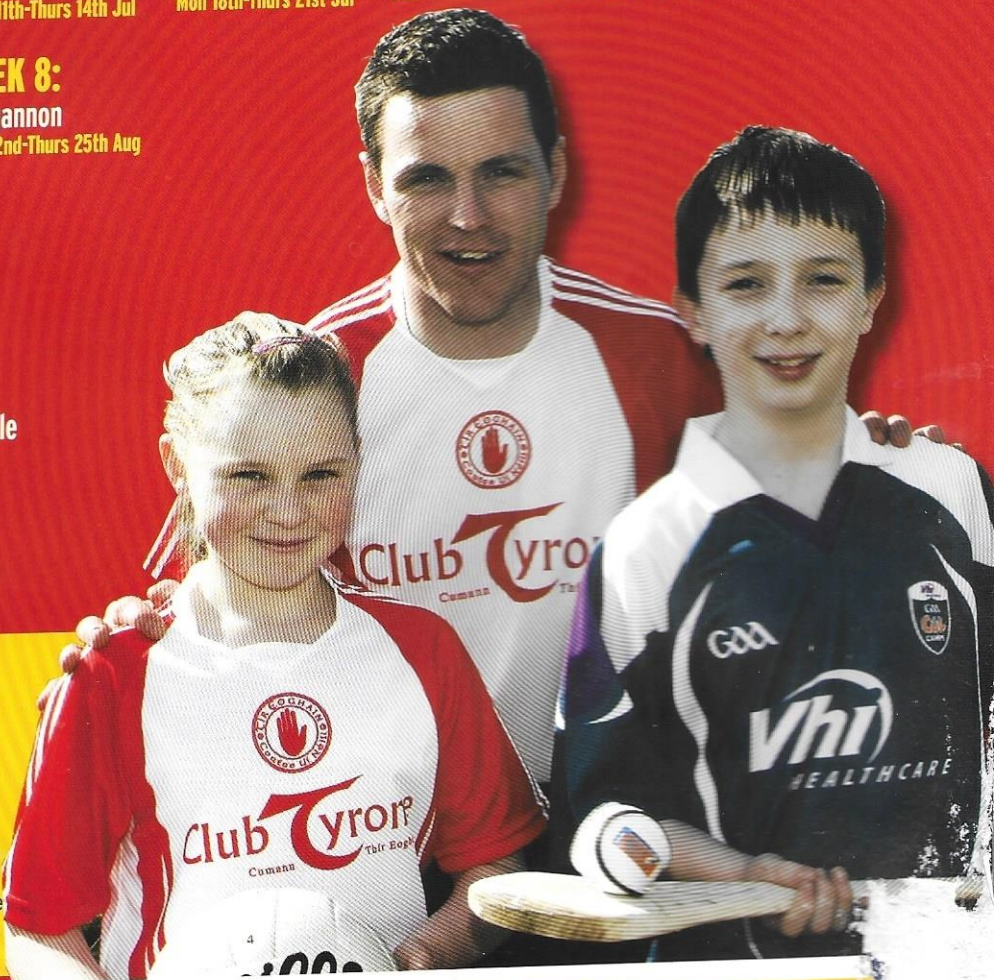
- Week 1: Eoghan Ruadh
- Week 2: Naomh Colum Cille
- Week 3: Omagh (H)
- Week 4: Eire Og, Beragh
- Week 5: Cappagh
- Week 6: Greencastle (H)
- Week 7: Shamrocks

CAMP FEES:

- 1 X Child £25
- 2 X Child £50
- 3 X Child £70
- 4 X Child £85

Discounted rate applies to siblings only.

Those in attendance at Vhi Camp receive Kit & Backpack, whilst those at Club Tyrone Camp receive Kit, Backpack, Water Bottle & Football.



Payment by Cheque only, to be made payable to Tyrone County Board.
Completed application form with payment to your Local Primary School Coach or Teacher or may also be sent to:

Tyrone Summer Camps
Tyrone GAA Office 1a James Street, Omagh Co. Tyrone BT79 7TD

There will be a late registration fee of £5 per child for registrations received after 24th June.



Club Tyrone
Cumann 'Thair Eoghain'

Registration can also be completed online at

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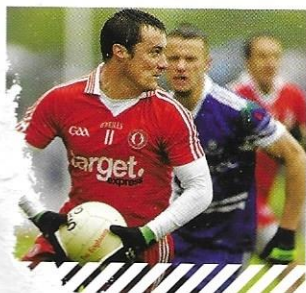
SENIOR MATCH PREVIEW

A look ahead to Today's Senior Game by Eamonn O'Hara

MAKE them miss. Then make them pay. On seeing how an astute 69-year-old set his team up, conditioned to believe in what came naturally to them and deliver on it with ultra-positive thinking, for the biggest game of his career in Gaelic football, a classic counter-puncher came to mind. In professional prize-fighting, this character is the self-styled 'Executioner'.

A few weeks ago, at the age of 46, Bernard Hopkins became the oldest student of what is often described as 'the sweet science' in history to win a world title. He proved that if you have the quality skills in your chosen sport, look after yourself, take it all in and apply what you have learned, age is no barrier to being successful. For the WBC's light-heavyweight title, Hopkins rematched the champion, Jean Pascal, someone 18 years younger than himself.

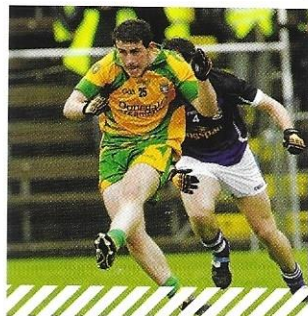
The age and achievements profile of Tyrone, those with three All-Ireland senior



title wins, a multitude of All Stars, has had people talking about them as veterans and questioning whether they still have what it takes to reach the top. Their manager Mickey Harte has a fantastic decade of experience under his belt in how to prepare them and get the best from them and clearly he believes they can cope with whatever is thrown at them again.

A master motivator and tactician, Harte is matched against a talented young student with different ideas and a belief that his approach can turn Donegal into a better proposition than they have been for most seasons since All-Ireland success 19 years ago, Jim McGuinness.

Watching Brennan's Derry roll back the years on Father's Day (feet up in the living room in front of the tele as work duties that weekend involved Saturday's All-Ireland Senior Hurling Qualifier between Antrim and Westmeath), a display better than any I've watched since the great era of the late Eamonn Coleman, even Armagh fans could only stand and applaud. As Eoin Bradley, Mark Lynch and Conleith Gilligan conjured sublime scores on counter attacks to sap strength out of Armagh, cause Armagh to think more and more defensively, change defence to try and get themselves out of a jam, what the old



American hero said came to mind. Kind of applicable in the different arena, matching two Gaelic football opponents.

Armagh contributed greatly to the game until Danny Devlin's terrific save, his second telling stop, denied Stevie McDonnell. Derry's counter attack was swift and it was clinical. Conleith Gilligan's brilliantly crafted and finished goal. Few seconds split those incidents. One miss. One hit. Applied the knockout drops to Armagh. It closed out the best game of the 2011 Senior Football Championship to date bar none.

John Brennan asked his players to empty the tank on the field of Clones. That they did and they were rewarded with victory. It had much to do with the success Derry forged in the middle of the park, the space they created to get quick and direct kicked passes into their front men. Once they grabbed control of midfield they had a huge foothold on the game to create and exploit openings.

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SENIOR MATCH PREVIEW

Cont'd

Derry got it spot on. Brennan of course emphasized the obvious. They have not won anything, by that he means silverware, yet.

This second Semi-Final will centre around the battle for possession, breaks, the forcing of turnovers between the two 45s. The high intensity Tyrone and Donegal must achieve and maintain should see another absorbing contest unfold. It is the grizzled 'Bernard Hopkins' of the Ulster Championship against the young guns of Jim McGuinness' Donegal and as Hopkins offered, the winning of

it will come down to whoever is best at making the other miss and then showing the quality to make them pay often enough to win.

Two teams with strong defensive make-up. Two with clever quality in the hurtful third. O'Neill, Mulligan, Cavanagh, Penrose on the one hand. McFadden, Murphy, McHugh, Kavanagh on the other. As the oldest world professional boxing champion in history has proved, time and again, being classed the veteran does not bar you from being successful

and Mickey Harte emphasised after the win over Monaghan that his faith was total in the old guard's ability to deliver this year too.

The proven master versus the talented student out to show what he can do with the skills at his disposal and his approach to tactics, defence and the counter-attack. It is a fascinating prospect to watch and see which of them work the hardest at what they do best to force the other to pay the greater price.

Roll on showtime.

A LOOK BACK AT 2007

Looking back to the last championship meeting

Four years ago, these counties met at the semi final stage and it was the Red Hand County that emerged victorious en route to collecting the Anglo Celt Cup. Raymond Mulgrew's majestic goal and a flawless performance from the evergreen Brian Dooher were the highlights of a one sided encounter. The teams have changed considerably since then and today's tussle will undoubtedly be a closer affair.

Teams and Scorers:

Sunday 17th June: Tyrone 2-15 Donegal 1-07 at St Tiernach's Park, Clones

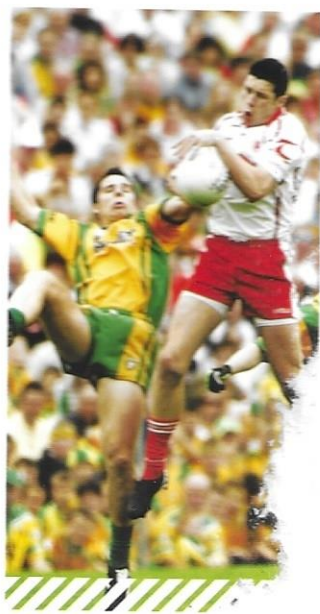
Tyrone: J Devine, R McMenamin, C McGinley, D Carlin, D Harte (0-1),

C Gormley, P Jordan, K Hughes (0-1), S Cavanagh (0-1), B Dooher (0-5), R Mulgrew (1-1), E McGinley, C McCullagh (1-1), C Cavanagh, O Mulligan (0-3).
Subs: J McMahan for C McGinley, S O'Neill (0-2) for E McGinley, R Mellon for Dooher

Donegal: P Durcan, N McGee, P Campbell, K Lacey, P McConigley, B Monaghan, E McGee, N Gallagher, K Cassidy (1-0), B Roper, C Bonner (0-2), R Kavanagh (0-1), C McFadden (0-1), B Devenney (0-2), A Sweeney.

Subs: K McMenamin (0-1) for Sweeney, R Bradley for Roper, N McCready for Campbell, S McDermott for Bonner

Referee: David Coldrick (Meath)





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DÚN NA NGALL

Donegal

Name	Club	Age	Height	Weight
Paul Durcan	Four Masters	27	6' 5	16.5 st
Frank Mc Glynn	Glenfin	25	5' 11	13st
Neil Mc Gee	Gweedore	25	6' 1	13.5st
Karl Lacey	Four Masters	26	5' 11	14st
Anthony Thompson	N. Conaill	25	6'	12.5st
Kevin Cassidy	Gweedore	28	6	13.5st
Paddy Mc Grath	Ardara	22	5' 11	12.5st
Rory Kavanagh	St Eunans	27	6' 2	14st
Martin Mc Elhinney	N. Micheal	23	6' 2	13.5st
Ryan Bradley	Buncrana	25	6' 2	13.5st
Michael Hegarty	Kilcar	31	6'	12st
Mark McHugh	Kilcar	21	5' 11	12.5st
Dermot Molloy	N. Conaill	20	6'	12st
Michael Murphy	Glenswilly	22	6' 2	14st
Colm McFadden	N. Micheal	27	6'	13.5st
Adrian Hanlon	Dungloe	24	5' 8	12.5st
Michael Boyle	Termon	24	6'	16st
Kevin Rafferty	St Eunans	29	6' 5	14st
Neil Gallagher	Glenswilly	28	6' 4	15st
Conor Classon	Ardara	21	6' 2	16st
Daniel McLoughlin	N. Micheal	21	5' 11	12.5st
David Walsh	N. Brid	28	6'	12.6st
Tommy McKinley	N. Colmcille	20	5' 10	12st
Eammon McGee	Gweedore	27	6' 2	13.5st
Marty Boyle	N. Conaill	25	6' 1	12st
Christy Toye	N. Micheal	27	6' 2	14st



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LEVELS OVER THE
LAST DECADE**

Jim McGuinness



DÚN NA NGALL

Donegal Senior Team

Manager: Jim McGuinness



Fír Ionaid/Substitutes

16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmann 17. Frank McGlynn, Gleann Fhinne 18. Dermot Molloy, Naomh Conaill
 19. Eammon McGee, Gaoth Dobhair 20. Jason Noctor, Na Cealla Beaga 21. Neil Gallagher, Gleann Súilí
 22. Leo McLoone, Naomh Conaill 23. Michael Hegarty, Cill Chartha 24. Daniel McLaughlin, Naomh Mícheál
 25. David Walsh, Naomh Bríd 26. Stephen Griffin, Naomh Naillé

Notes

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Ionlámh						

TÍR EOGHAIN

Tyrone Senior Team



Manager: Mickey Harte



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes

- 16. John Devine, Aireagal Chiaráin
- 17. Aidan Cassidy, Eochar
- 18. Colm Cavanagh, An Mhaigh
- 19. Kyle Coney, Ard Bó
- 20. Cathal McCarron, An Droim Mhór
- 21. Damian McCaul, Domhnach Mór
- 22. Aidan McCrory, Aireagal Chiaráin
- 23. Tommy McGuigan, Ard Bó
- 24. Justin McMahon, An Ormaigh
- 25. Owen Mulligan, An Chorra Chriochach
- 26. Sean O'Neill, An Droim Mhór

Notes

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciccarra
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Iomlán						

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PRELIMINARY ROUND
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DÚN NA NGALL 1-10
AONTROM 0-07

MAC CUMHAILL PARK, BALLYBOFEY,
SENIOR: 3.30PM MINOR: 1.45PM



SUNDAY 22ND MAY

DOIRE 1-18
FEAR MANACH 1-10

CELTIC PARK, DERRY
SENIOR: 3.30PM MINOR: 1.45PM



ULSTER SENIOR SEMI FINAL SUNDAY
19TH JUNE

DOIRE 3-14
ARD MHACHA 1-11

ST TIERNACHS PARK, CLONES
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SATURDAY 28TH MAY

ARD MHACHA 1-15
AN DÚN 1-10

ATHLETIC GROUNDS, ARMAGH
SENIOR: 7.30PM MINOR: 5.45PM



ULSTER SENIOR & MINOR FINAL
SUNDAY 17TH JULY

DOIRE V [REDACTED]

ST TIERNACHS PARK, CLONES
SENIOR: 4.00PM MINOR: 2.00PM



SUNDAY 5TH JUNE

TÍR EOGHAN 1-13
MUNEACHÁN 1-11

HEALY PARK, OMAGH
SENIOR: 3.30PM



ULSTER SENIOR SEMI FINAL
SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

DÚN NA NGALL V TÍR EOGHAN

ST TIERNACHS PARK, CLONES
SENIOR: 3.30PM
U21 HURLING SHIELD FINAL: 1.45PM



SUNDAY 12TH JUNE

AN CABHÁN 1-8
DÚN NA NGALL 2-14

KINGSPAN BREFFNI PARK SENIOR: 3.30PM



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TÍR EOGHAIN

Tyrone

Name	Club	Age	Height	Weight
Brian Doohar	Clan na nGael	35	5ft 9in	12.5st
Brian McGuigan	Ardboe	31	5ft 10in	13st
Conor Gormley	An Charraig Mhór	30	5ft 10in	13.5st
Davy Harte	Errigal Ciaran	29	5ft 11in	12.5st
Dermot Carlin	Killyclogher	27	5ft 10in	13st
Joe McMahon	Omagh	27	6ft 2in	13.5st
John Devine	Errigal Ciaran	27	6ft 2in	14st
Jonathan Curran	Coalisland	24	6ft	13.5st
Justin McMahon	Omagh	25	6ft 3in	13.5st
Kevin Hughes	Killeeshil	31	6ft 1in	13.5st
Kyle Coney	Ardboe	20	6ft 1in	13st
Mark Donnelly	An Charraig Mhór	27	5ft 10in	12.4st
Martin Penrose	Aghyaran	27	5ft 9in	12.5st
Martin Swift	Killyclogher	25	5ft 9in	12.5st
Niall McKenna	Donaghmore	20	6ft 1in	12st
Owen Mulligan	Cookstown	29	5ft 11in	13st
PJ Quinn	Moortown	25	5ft 10in	12st
Pascal McConnell	Newtownstewart	31	6ft 4in	15st
Peter Harte	Errigal Ciaran	20	5ft 9in	12st
Philip Jordan	Moy	31	5ft 10in	12st
Ronan McNabb	Dromore	20	5ft 10in	12st
Ryan McMenamin	Dromore	33	5ft 9in	13st
Sean Cavanagh	Moy	28	6ft 1in	14st
Sean O'Neill	Dromore	24	5ft 11in	12.4st
Stephen O'Neill	Clan na nGael	30	5ft 11in	13.5st
Tommy McGuigan	Ardboe	28	6ft 1in	13.5st
Aidan McCrory	Errigal Ciaran	23	6ft	12st
Paddy McNeice	Coalisland	21	6ft	12st
Ciaran Gervin	Derrylaughan	20	5ft 11in	12.5st
Damian McCaul	Donaghmore	24	6ft 1in	12.5st
Stephen McNally	Coalisland	24	6ft 1in	12.5st
Ciaran Gourley	Rock	32	6ft 1in	13st

**THE POTENTIAL OF AN
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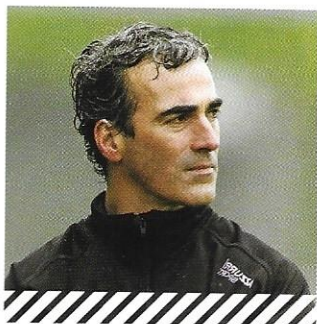
Mickey Harte



A WORD FROM THE TOP

The Senior Managers

Jim McGuinness, Donegal Senior Manager



It feels as if the games are coming thick and fast, however, I am very proud to lead this Donegal team into the Semi Final of the Ulster Championship for the first time in five years. We have been fortunate to have played in a number of

fantastic stadiums so far this year, and like Breffni Park in the last round, Clones is one of the spiritual homes of the Ulster Championship and has been the stage for many great championship battles over the years.

Our near neighbours have raised the bar to new levels over the last decade and are the yard stick the rest of the province have been measuring themselves with. They are the reigning Ulster champions yet again and will come in to today's game full of confidence such is the wealth of talent they possess. However, I feel our lads

have worked very hard this year to get this far and have earned the right to play this great Tyrone team, and we hope they can meet this very difficult challenge head on.

From our own perspective I would like to thank the players for all the effort and commitment they have shown to date. A word of thanks also to the backroom team, the medical staff, the conditioning coaches, the County Board, our sponsors Donegal Creameries, and the many clubs who have given up their facilities so freely this past few months, and we look forward to your continued support.

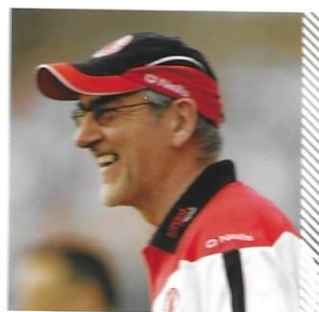
Mickey Harte, Tyrone Senior Manager

Tyrone face a formidable challenge in today's game against Donegal. The team managed by Jim McGuinness is playing with a lot of confidence and they must be seen as the form team given their league success. Indeed Donegal did what we couldn't do - they gained promotion to Division 1.

There is no substitute for playing Championship football and the fact that Donegal now have two convincing wins under their belts will surely help them. Donegal have not been in an Ulster Final for a few years and I expect to see them showing a similar appetite

today. Having said all that, this Tyrone team has prepared well for this game. We have been here before and this experience should stand to us today. Some injury worries are easing and I have a strong panel to pick from. We had a tough battle against Monaghan in the first round and have, as a result, had plenty to work on for this Semi Final against Donegal.

The potential of an Ulster Final appearance has huge appeal to our players too and it's where players from every county in this province want to be on July 17th. I thank our supporters



here today. We also thank all our sponsors, Target Express, Club Tyrone and the County Board who provide us with an enviable level of assistance. The fundraising of Club Tyrone over the years and currently with the Garvaghey project is tremendous.

LEARNING THE GAME

ULSTER GAA Launch Diploma Courses

The Ulster GAA in partnership with Open College Network Northern Ireland will be running two fully accredited courses in autumn 2011. These Diploma Courses in GAA Performance Sports Coaching and GAA Sports Management will be pitched at the same difficulty and complexity as A-Level or Leaving Cert.

The objective is to reward the hard work undertaken by many volunteers in clubs and schools and provide them with the opportunity to bring this into a formal qualification. In times of economic hardship and unemployment, the GAA Club environment can help people develop new skills and competencies that they can use when seeking employment.

Our long term vision is to have a number of mandatory units / modules that we Ulster GAA offer our volunteers. These will build into a Diploma in respective areas.

If the volunteer over time takes a number of these they can begin to build a qualification at Level 3 / 4 by taking these mandatory modules and then by accessing further optional modules that exist within the Qualifications Credit Framework. This we envisage would potentially build into a "Degree in GAA Related Studies".

Level 3 Diploma in GAA Performance Sports Coaching

Preparation for performance in Gaelic Games has moved on considerably in recent years to incorporate many new technologies and approaches to preparing players and teams. This programme pulls together the key components involved in planning and implementing a successful yearly plan.

This programme is being delivered to meet the increasing needs of coaches who want to coach at the top level within club, college and county team structures. It recognises that these GAA Coaches need to be skilled up in all aspects of coaching, mentoring and sport education.

The workshops programme is being delivered by GAA and Coaching Ireland Qualified Tutors and practicing managers and the subject areas will evolve around the topics above.

Ulster GAA Team Management Programme

This programme is being delivered at the request of coaches who have made the transition from coach to manager. It recognises that coaching and managing have significant similarities but it also recognises that they are different. The series of

workshops will take the coach/manager through a programme that will help explore the critical managerial areas to help develop understanding, competencies and abilities to apply critical thinking, problem solving and decision making skills.

This programme can be offered to both team managers and club officers who have a management role.

The Diploma Course is being delivered by GAA and Coaching Ireland Qualified Tutors and practicing managers and the subject areas will evolve around the above topics:

It is envisaged that candidates applying for these two Diploma Courses will need to have a minimum of Award 1, be currently involved in a coaching role with their club/county or be actively involved in a GAA administration role for a minimum of 3 years. The Ulster Council will strive to keep course fees to a minimum but in order to cover the accreditation process and subsequent tutoring and administration costs a course fee will be required.

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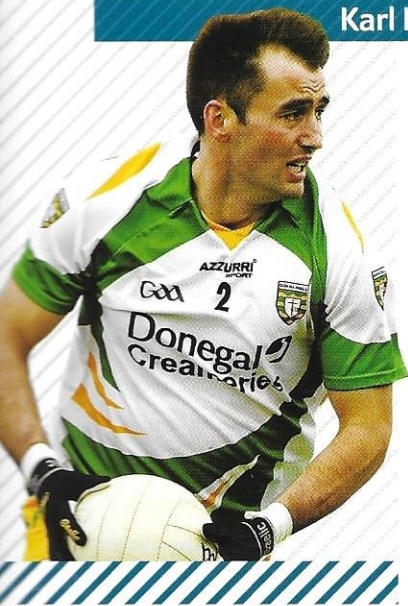


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ONE MINUTE WITH...

Karl Lacey, for Club and County



Name: Karl Lacey

Club: Four Masters

Favourite Position: Centre Half Back/Midfield

Favourite Pitch: Tir Conaill Park

Hobbies: Golf, Surfing, Cinema, Boxsets!!!

Childhood hero: Ian Wright

Best Player you have played with: Barry Monaghan. The old dog for the hard road...was always steady and was ALWAYS there to cover the fullback line!!! Wish him all the best in his new career in Ballroom dancing....

Best Player you have played against: Kieran McGeeney

Best game you have been involved in: To be part of the Ireland team to face Australia in Croke Park in the Second Test in 2006 was something special. The buzz and atmosphere at the start of game was amazing, pity it went the way it did!!

Best game you have ever seen:

Donegal v Dublin at Croke Park in 2002. Adrian Sweeney smiling up to Hill 16 after equalising with a fisted point was brilliant.

Best trainer within the squad:

Pat Shovlin (Goalkeeping Coach) You just got to see him in his recovery pants to see what kind of shape that man is in!

Worst trainer within the squad:

Paddy McGrath – Doesn't like any contact or hard hitting, few months in the gym would do him no harm!!

Worst training drill:

One v One tackling
Best motivator within the squad: Colm McFadden- Just make sure there's no water bottles close by him when he's having his say, opposite him in a huddle can be a dangerous place to be.

Pre Match meal: Pasta and chicken with a slice of Brown Bread

Any superstitions: Never sit beside Jason Noctor on the bus, in fact stay as far away as possible from him on the bus!!

Favourite Song: Anything from Jay-Z

Favourite Film: The Hangover

Favourite Holiday Destination: Florida and New Zealand

Favourite Drink: Hard to beat a good Strawberry Milkshake

Favourite Meal: Jimmy's Curry

Which club do you like to see do well

apart from your own: St Josephs (Laois)

Which county do you like to see do well

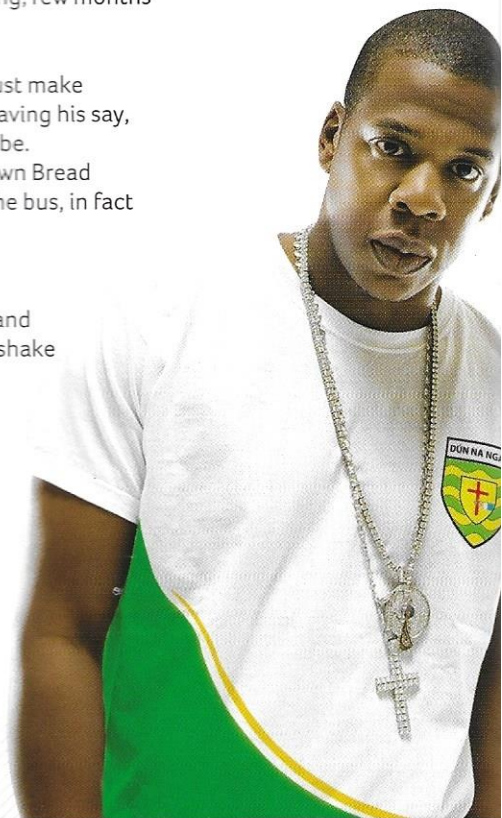
apart from your own: Laois

Advice for youngsters: Enjoy, practice with both feet and believe that anything is possible.

Young Player within your club to look out for:

Luke Keeney

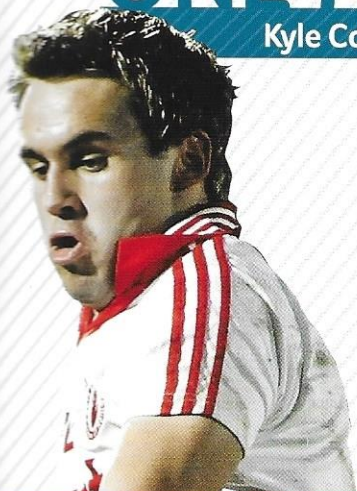
Best thing about the GAA: Championship Day!





ONE MINUTE WITH...

Kyle Coney, for Club and County



Name: Kyle Coney

Club: Ardboe

Favourite Position: Half Forward line (No 10)

Favourite Pitch: Moortown

Hobbies: The odd flutter at Cheltenham, a bit of golf

Childhood Hero: Brian Mc Guigan

Best Player you have played with: Tadhg Kennelly

Best Player you have played against: Paul McKeown

Best game you have been involved in: All-Ireland Minor replay (v Mayo 2008)

Best game you have ever seen: All GAA games are great

Best trainer within the squad: PJ Quinn

Worst trainer within the squad: I would be up there

Worst training drill: Shooting practice – I need to improve

Best motivator within the squad: Tom Herron

Pre Match meal: On Fergal McCanns orders, Pasta and Chicken but I slip in the odd Galaxy bar.

Any superstitions: Always text my girlfriend before a match

Favourite Song: Anything by Mickey Coleman – “Plastic Paddys” is one of my current favourites

Favourite Film: Hangover 2

Favourite Holiday Destination: Australia – I spent 6 weeks there you know.

Favourite Drink: Rocwell water (at the moment)

Favourite Meal: Chicken Curry, Rice & Chips

Favourite Book: Any GAA publication

Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Moortown and Trillick

Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own: Donegal

Advice for youngsters: Practice with both feet

Young Player within your club to look out for: DD Mulgrew

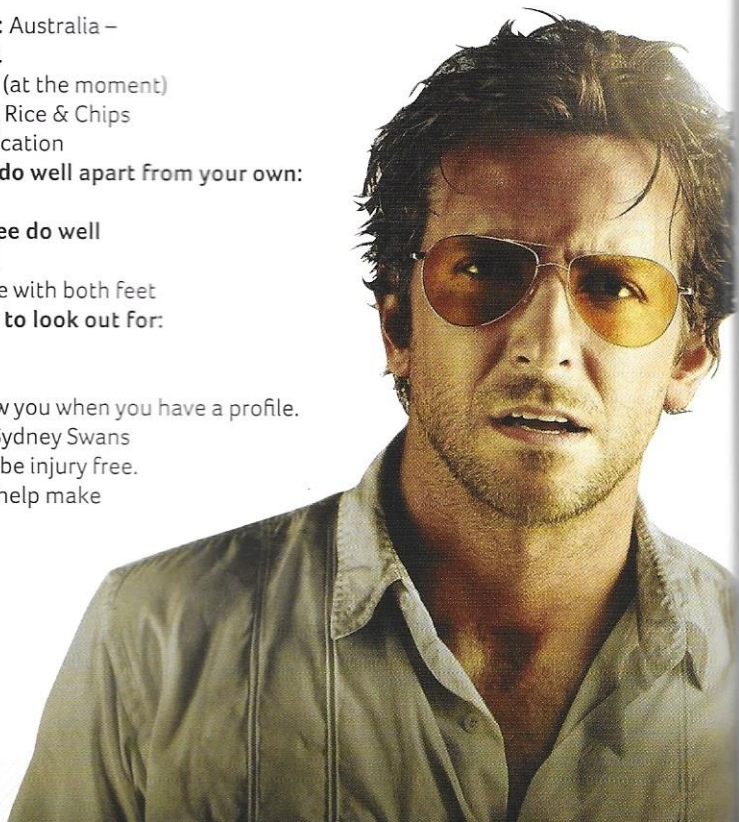
Best thing about the GAA:

People are happy to get to know you when you have a profile.

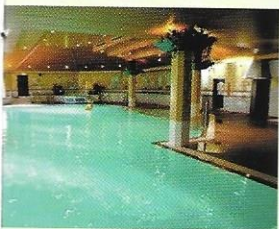
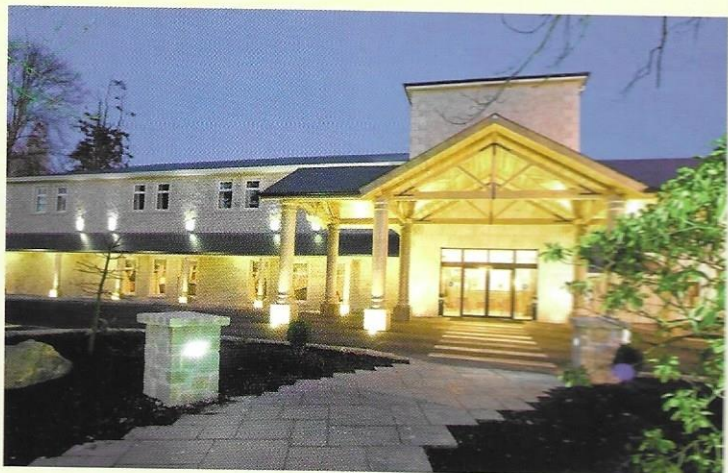
If you won the Lotto: Buy the Sydney Swans

Aim for 2011: It's great to now be injury free.

I want to make the first 15 and help make this a historic year for Tyrone



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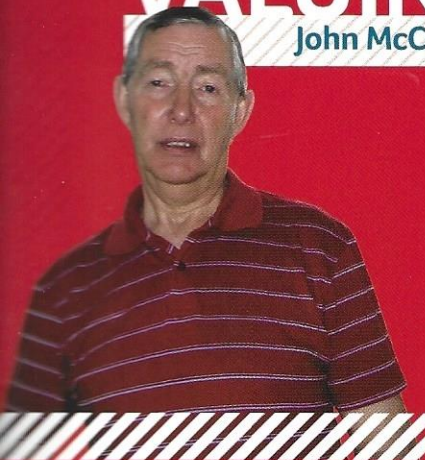
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VALUING VOLUNTEERS

John McCrory (Senior), An Srath Bán, Cumann Mhic Sioghair



John McCrory (Senior) has been involved for most of his life with the GAA in Strabane and just a few months short of celebrating his 71st birthday he continues to play a pivotal and important role in the everyday life of Strabane Sigersons G.A.A. club as a valued and trusted volunteer.

John hailed from the “Head of the Town” area of Strabane where his family were steeped in all things Gaelic even when it wasn’t fashionable and despite the fact that Strabane was a strong Nationalist town. However it was of no great surprise that John became steeped in the GAA tradition at a young age and as a teenager was present in Clones away back in 1956 to witness Tyrone defeat Cavan to lift their first ever Anglo Celt Cup.

John’s brother-in-law, the late Billy Melly (Urney) had played with the Tyrone Minor side that had won the Ulster title in 1946 and for many years they travelled together the length and breadth of Ireland to watch

Tyrone play at all levels. That was a springboard for John’s involvement in the GAA at a local level and despite the fact that Strabane was one of the earliest centres of GAA activity in Tyrone and in 1945 had won the Tyrone Senior Football Championship, there was very little activity in the town during the mid 1950’s. However John and several other dedicated Gaels formed together and got the club reorganised by entering a team in the then old West Tyrone Minor League, they reached the final of that competition in 1958 only to be defeated by Dromore but that spurt of activity rejuvenated the GAA in Strabane once again.

In 1960 as a twenty year old, John was part of the Strabane Junior team that won the West Tyrone Junior Championship but went on to lose in the Tyrone decider to Benburb. Playing alongside John on that side were several of his brothers-in-law, Jim Roarty and the late Eugene McNulty.

Following the conclusion of his playing career, John got himself immersed at committee level, a role that continues on until the present day as he now holds the post of Honorary Vice-President within Strabane Sigersons. Not one to sit back and rest on his laurels John is still very actively involved as a club steward and can be found manning the gates at all home

games, works alongside the clubs grounds committee, sell his fair quota of club lotto and 400 Club tickets and generally carries out any duty necessary for the betterment of the GAA in Strabane.

Even whilst imprisoned in Crumlin Road and Long Kesh prisons during a spell from 1977-80, John still played an active role in promoting and supporting the GAA and spent most of his recreational time in the prison yards playing Gaelic Football even though it was banned.

Following his release in 1980, he once again threw himself heart and soul into the affairs of the GAA in Strabane. He was one of those who helped to reform the present day club in 1986 following Tyrone’s great run to the All Ireland final that sparked a renewed sense of Gaelic passion in Strabane and thankfully the last twenty-five years has seen the club grow from strength to strength both on and off the pitch and John McCrory can be very proud of the important role that valued volunteers such as he played on that remarkable journey.

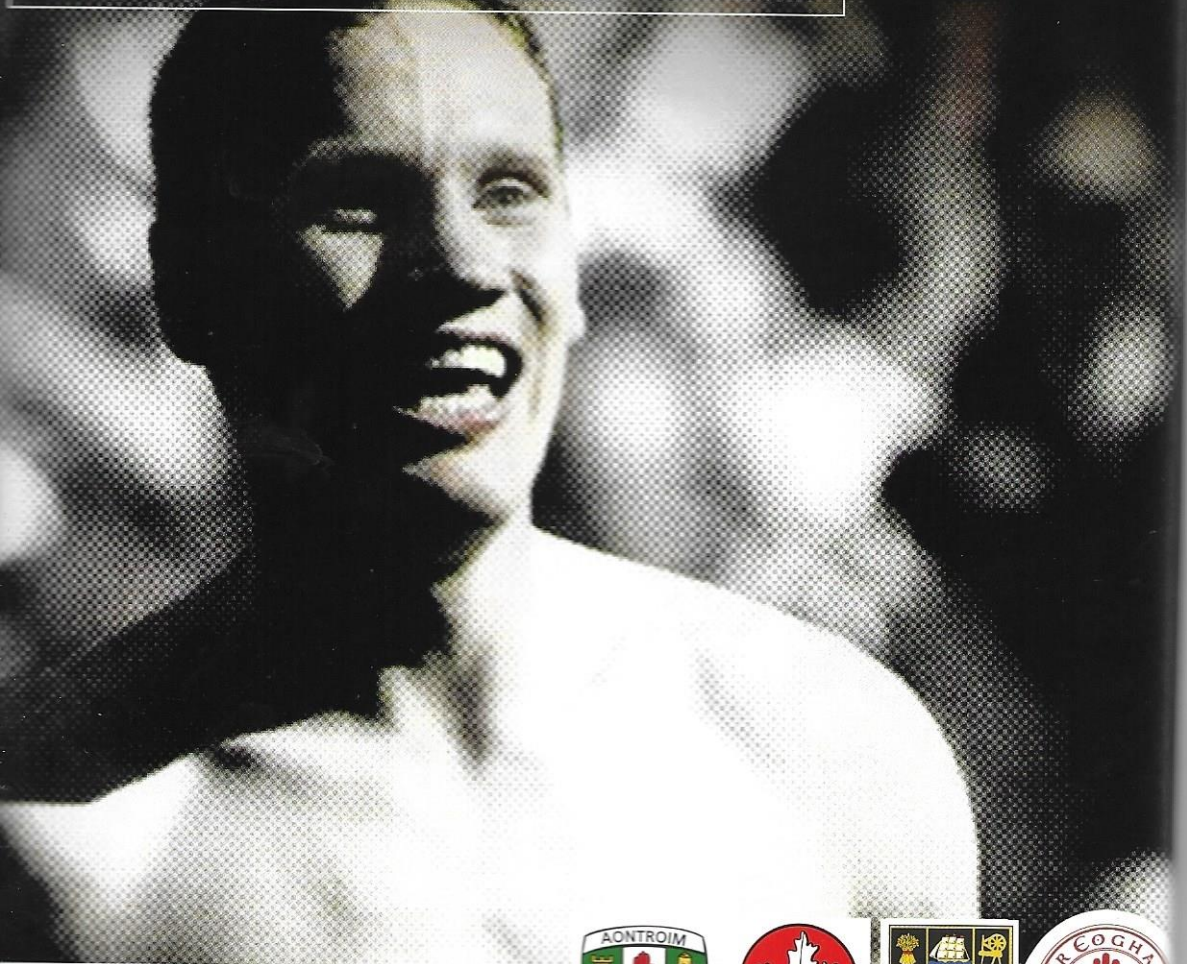
With people like John McCrory, the GAA in Strabane will continue to flourish and it’s of no surprise that his children and grandchildren have followed in his footsteps.

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FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

A Review of 2010

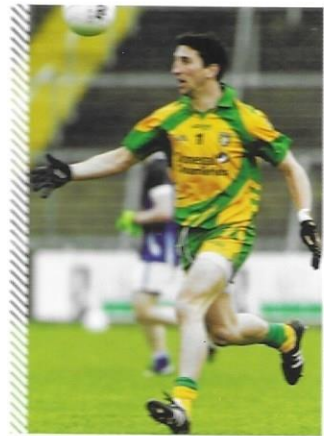
Ulster GAA have carried out some statistical analysis of the Ulster Senior Football Championship 2010. The study looked at the passing trends of all the matches in last year's USFC. The type of

each pass was recorded as well as the success of each pass played. The purpose of the study was to establish the extent to which the hand pass and kick pass were used in Gaelic football.

The study was also expected to establish the success rate of each form of pass in the competitive setting.

The average results per games were as follows;

	Total	Percentage
Total Passes	317	100%
Hand Passes	201	63%
Kick Passes	116	37%
Successful Hand Passes	190	94%
Unsuccessful Hand Passes	11	6%
Successful Kick Passes	84	73%
Unsuccessful Kick Passes	32	27%



Summary:

Across the 8 USFC matches in 2010, hand passes account for 2 from every 3 passes. Of these hand passes, only 1 in every 17 resulted in possession being lost;

However, of the kick passes 1 in every 4 resulted in possession being lost;

Of all turnovers caused by unsuccessful passing 74% (just under 3/4) are the result of unsuccessful kick passing, with only 26% due to unsuccessful hand pass attempts.

Of all the successful passing attempts only 31% came as a result of successful kick passing, with the remaining 69% as a result of successful hand passing;

Of all the passes played in the USFC 2010, there was a success rate of approximately 86%, with the other 14% resulting in possession turnover.

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Lucky Fobhríste and Other Unlikely Tales

There are some people I know that don't have anything in their wardrobe that doesn't have a Tyrone badge on it. Likewise Donegal friends, except they seem to be better at keeping the old school type apparel. Or maybe it just looks old school because it's been worn on the farm, the site or the bog.

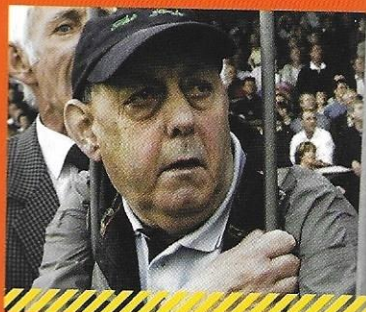
The brother in law has a great Donegal peaked cap he wears to training to keep the sun off the bare flesh when he's coaching. The cap itself has the words *Dún na nGall* raised off the peak in a sort of embossed effect. It looks awful but he likes it well enough. A case of utility over ornament I suppose and the downside of being bald. He wears it when he's cuttin' turf too and the great job it is.

These boys that head out dressed head to toe in county regalia are good craic. I suppose in the way that the Orangeman won't leave the house without the Sash his father wore, these boys are reluctant to venture forth without their favourite garments. Just in case people at the match might confuse them with someone that isn't a rabid fan that is. The out of control, puce-faced screaming at the ref every time he blows is usually a giveaway. Just in case you're

wondering. Normal people may not realise this but there's some thought goes into what to wear to a championship match. Much of this gear is made with the modern player in mind, svelte, fit, muscle defined. Yet the typical user will strain the fabric with a well-endowed gut and it maybe a bit tight round the chest also with alarming effect.

If a new polo shirt is on the market, the fellas will have to wear it. Even in extremes of weather it will have its place on the terrace alongside the familiar county jersey. With fashion being fashion, it's hard to be unique in what you wear. Girls tend to be better at it than fellas do, showing a natural ability to display their assets and at the same time look colourful. They tend to carry a county jersey better than the lads do. Of course they realise that the way you look at a match may attract the glad eye of some young fella and there might be a bit of off the ball stuff later.

One boy I knew at school - let's say he's now a well-known dentist about the place - he was convinced he had a lucky pair of underpants. He had worn the fobhríste first in some Primary School match when Mr McElholm threw him in there as a last resort, despairing of the other fellas. Our man played a blinder which he put down to the fobhríste, more than any



natural ability. He continued to troop the unfortunate and increasingly tattered Y's out for any sporting occasion. As he grew older, consequently the lucky trunks became more restrictive of movement. Similarly, his talent for gaelic football didn't develop in parallel and he belatedly realised that it is ability, application and dedication that are key. Not what you have under your shorts.

Another acquaintance can tell you what he was wearing on each occasion Tyrone won the Sam Maguire. Indeed, had he been wearing a specific polo shirt for the duration of the campaign, the lucky 'shirt' would make it to Croker, with success guaranteed. Each time the players duly obliged. Ridiculous.

The lesson to Mickey Harte? You can train all you want but if I'm not wearing my lucky fobhríste you haven't a hope. Lucky for him, they're here today!

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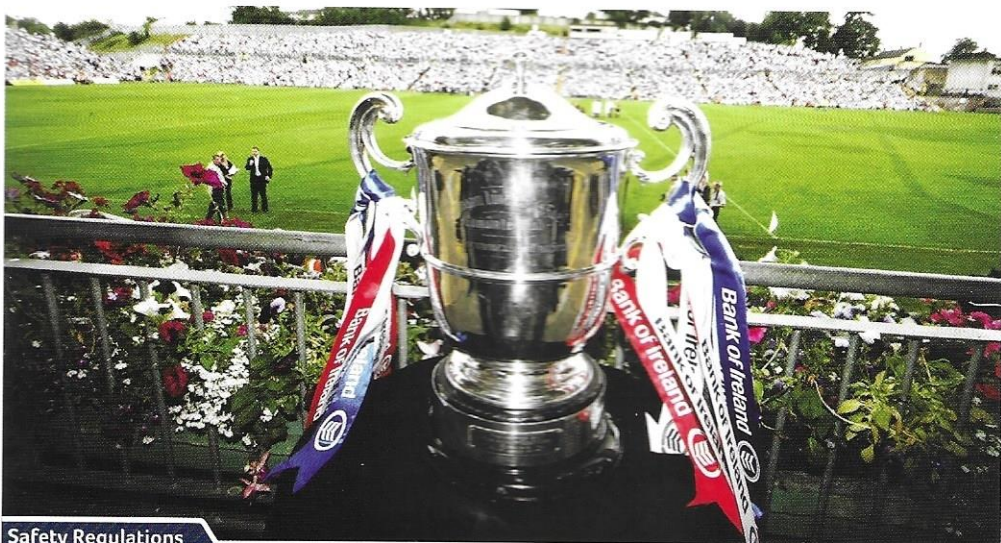
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