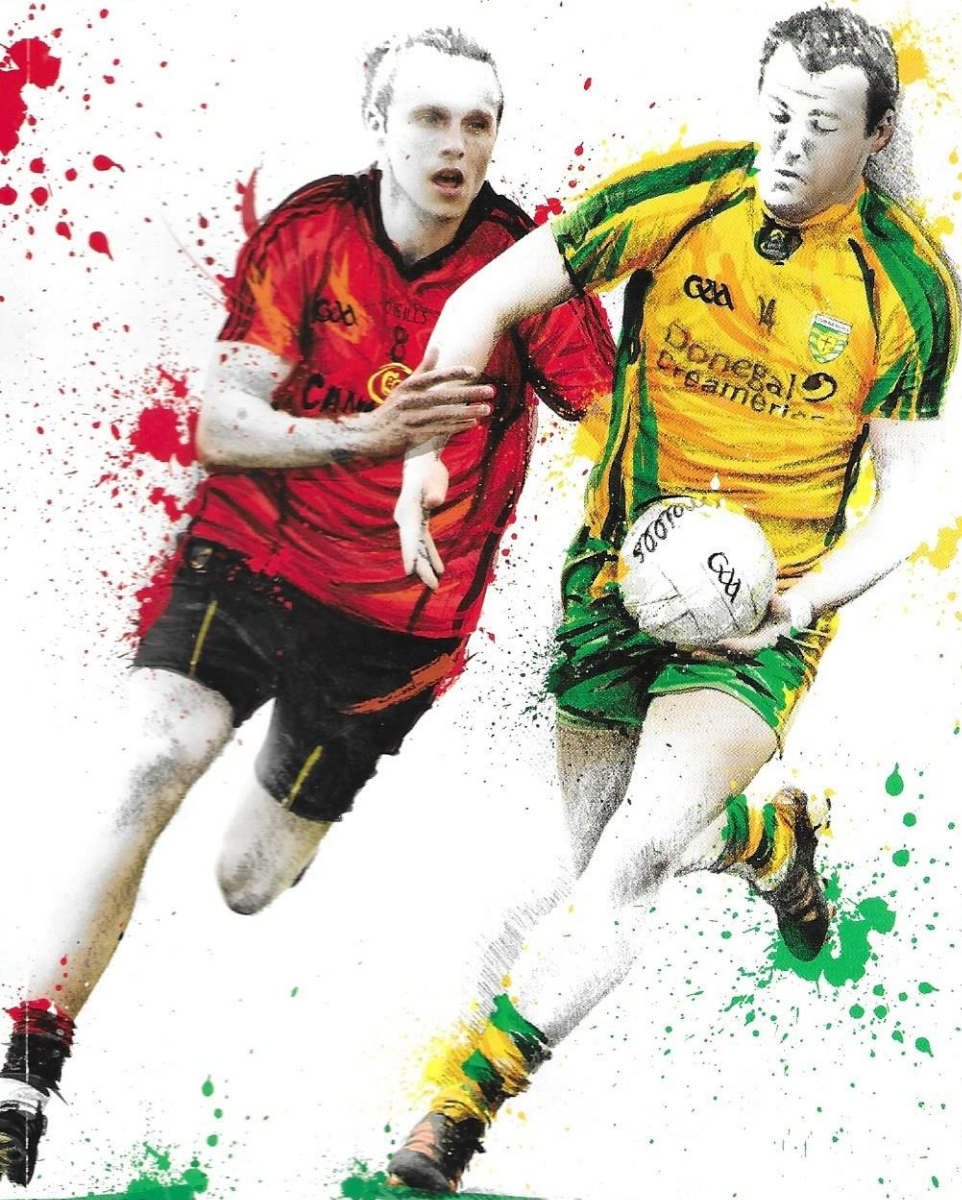


ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2012

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## Presidents Foreword



A Chairde,

**Ulster Football Final day is special, colour and excitement, band and parade, minors and seniors, catch and kick, cheers and groans, highs and lows; yes indeed nothing beats being here. This has been one of the best attended Ulster**

**Championships in many years, sincere thanks to all GAA supporters. Tá muid fíor bhuíoch daoibh go léir.**

Cuirim fáilte romhaibh uilig go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois. Fáilte speisialta roimh ár Uachtarán úr, Liam Ó Néill agus a bhean céile Áine. Guíonn muid gach rath ar Liam le linn a thréimhse Uachtaránachta.

On behalf of my colleague officers and members of Comhairle Uladh CLG, I congratulate the minor and senior players on reaching today's finals. Good luck to all. Our County committees are charged with running the Association in our counties and I thank our County Chairmen and their respective committees for their excellent stewardship. The GAA is built on pride in place. We do not choose our counties, we are born to them. The passion and love of place is at the heart of Cumann Lúthchleas Gael. This passion will be evident today among the supporters of Muineachán, Tír Eoghain, An Dún agus Tír Chonaill. I thank all supporters for your energy and commitment. I hope we all celebrate together and respect, always respect, our on field opposition.

Players are local heroes. They live in our communities and play for their local clubs and counties. They deserve our utmost respect, always. Players are amateurs, in the very best tradition of the ancient Olympic games. They are our Corinthian heroes. I sincerely thank our players for the enjoyment and pleasure they bring to all. Winning a provincial title means so much to our players, counties and supporters. The Ulster Championship remains a highlight of our increasingly wet and windy summers. Gabhaim buíochas do na réiteoirí agus oifigigh na gcluichí go léir. Our referees are also volunteers. Like our players, they too will be back at work in our local communities tomorrow. Referees take charge of one of the world's fastest field games, played on the biggest pitch of any field sport. I wish both

referees well today and thank all referees for their commitment to the GAA.

Míle buíochas do na maoir uilig. Our stewards ensure everything flows smoothly on match days and we all appreciate their dedication. Go raibh maith agaibh do na maoir go léir agus don Gharda Síochána.

The Ulster Football Finals are the public highlight of the year in our province. But so much GAA activity, in all codes, continues in all our clubs and counties. Emigration, unemployment and economic recession all impact on our members. However, the optimism and positivity in our clubs and counties is fantastic. Developments continue and the enthusiasm of our members in growing their clubs is heartening. The GAA is providing a beacon of hope and activity in our country. I thank all our members and urge more to join. Every club needs more coaches, administrators and workers. The GAA invites you all to become involved. It is all about giving and we do it "for the love and honour of the little parish".

Let the games begin. From the hills of Donegal through the woods of Tyrone, the wee hills in Monaghan to the mountains of Mourne, all Ulster Gaels will be focussed on today's finals in Cluain Eois. Our national games, thrill and excite. Our games are for all to enjoy and we warmly welcome the many who now play our games who may not have in the past. The Irish character always reached out and provided a céad míle fáilte. I congratulate our Ulster GAA secretary Danny Murphy on his recent conferral of an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ulster. His Doctorate, for services to sport and community relations is richly deserved and we wish Danny well. Maith tuilleadh Dhochtúir Dónal.

Míle buíochas arís do lucht tacaíochta na bhfoirne. Ardaíonn sé ár gcroithe nuair a fheiceann muid an fuinneamh is paiséam ag ár gcluichí. Tá an saol in Éirinn i bhfad níos gile de bharr na cluichí Gaelach. Gabhaim buíochas do ghach éinne a ghlacann páirt in ár gCumann is a théann chun na cluichí. Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluichí ar dóigh againn arís inniu is go bhfanfaidh cuimhne breátha ón lae inniu in ár n-aigne le fada. Ar aghaidh linn le céile.

Former Ulster and GAA President, Paddy Mc Flynn, today attends his 80th Ulster Final. Tomorrow, Paddy will be at Ulster GAA's Irish language course in Downings, Dún na nGall. Nothing beats being there. Paddy, go maire tú an céad.

Beir Bua,

*Aogán Ó Fearghail*

Aogán Ó Fearghail  
Uachtarán  
Chomhairle Uladh. C.L.G



# Today's Games

Sunday July 22nd 2012

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Ulster GAA Minor Football  
Championship Final

## Muineachán v Tír Eoghain

Throw In 12.00pm

**Referee:**

Noel Mooney (An Cabhán)

**Standby:**

Brendan Rice (An Dún)

**Linesman:**

Niall Cullen (Fear Manach)

**Sideline:**

Stephen McKinley (Ard Mhacha)

Ulster GAA Senior  
Football Championship Final

## An Dún v Dún na nGall

Throw In 2.00pm

**Referee:**

Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

**Standby:**

Cormac Reilly (An Mhí)

**Linesman:**

Barry Cassidy (Doire)

**Sideline:**

Cathal O'Hagan (Tír Eoghain)



### Noel Mooney

Noel is a member of the Cavan Gaels club and has numerous underage medals with them including 2 All-Irelands.

Since starting refereeing in 2007 he has refereed at all levels in Cavan.

In 2010 he had the honour of refereeing the Junior Football Championship Final. In 2011 he refereed numerous underage Finals, the Intermediate Football Championship Final and also refereed the CYC games in Boston. In 2012 he refereed his first National League game between Kilkenny and Carlow and also officiated at the Ulster U21 Championship Semi Final.

Today his umpires will be Michael Mooney, Barney Quinn, Michael Graham and Martin Sheridan, who are all Cavan Gaels clubmen.



### Joe McQuillan

Joe has been refereeing for 12 years and this is his ninth 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 and one All-Ireland Senior Club Final. He took charge of the 2011 Leinster Final between Dublin and Wexford. Within Ulster, he refereed the 2010 Quarter Final between Dún na nGall and An Dún as well as the 2011 games between Doire and Fear Manach and Tír Eoghain and Dún na nGall. He also refereed the Ard Mhacha and Tír Eoghain clash earlier this year.

Joe's biggest achievement came in September 2011 when he took charge of the All-Ireland Senior Football decider when Dublin defeated Kerry. Today his umpires will be Ciaran Brady, Tommy O'Reilly, TP Gray, and Jimmy Galligan.

## 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 tíorán  
ná faoin tráill.  
Aocht a théam sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gear ar Ghaeil,  
chun báis nó saoil,  
Le gunna scréach faoi  
lámhach na bpiléar,  
Seo libh canaig amhrán  
na bhFiann



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



# GAA's Social Initiative



The GAA Social Initiative arose as a result of Iar-Uachtarán Mary McAleese and her husband, Martin, noticing an absence of men in attendance at official functions during their many visits to local communities over the years. The GAA were invited to implement an Initiative on their behalf to encourage those men to engage more fully in their communities. While an Uachtarán's original concern was for older men the GAA Social Initiative has evolved to include women and indeed the wider community in general.

Over 200 GAA clubs across Ireland are officially involved in the GAA's Social Initiative, with this number increasing all the time. These Clubs have

established activities and events which bring older people back to the heart of Club life. These activities have included social gatherings such as card nights, bingo, quizzes and breakfast mornings; outings and tours to places such as Croke Park Museum; reunions to recognize the contribution of ex-players or quite simply organizing lifts to Club and County games.

Some Clubs have even developed history projects with their older members, tapping in to the invaluable bank of memories that are held, while another held a 'Skype Night' where members from across the world were contacted!

Any Club wishing to get involved in the GAA Social Initiative should identify a person(s) to lead the Initiative within your Club. There is support at County, Provincial and National level to enable them to get going in the programme and to establish activities which may best suit their local needs. It is certain that the older people in the Community will benefit from your Club's involvement in the Social Initiative programme and that the Club as a whole will be the better for it.

If you need further information on this, or wish to register your Club in the initiative, please contact Provincial Social Initiative officers, **Aileen Cummins** on [aileen.cummins.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:aileen.cummins.ulster@gaa.ie) or **Cuthbert Donnelly** on [asap.officer.tyrone@gaa.ie](mailto:asap.officer.tyrone@gaa.ie)

## Clar an Lae

Sunday July 22nd  
St Tiernach's Park, Clones

- 11.42 Muineachán amach ar an bPáirc
- 11.45 Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
- 12.00 Tús an Cluiche: Muineachán v. Tír Eoghain
- 12.32 Half Time / Leath Am
- 12.33 St. Michaels Band & Cumann na mBunscol
- 12.42 Start of second half / Tús an dara leath
- 13.14 Críoch an Chluiche
- 13.18 Presentation of the Cup to winning Captain by Mairtín MacAibhne, Leas Uachtarán Comhairle Uladh
- 13.39 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
- 13.42 An Dún amach ar an bPáirc
- 13.54 Paráid
- 13.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 14.00 Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v An Dún
- 14.37 Half Time / Leath Am
- 14.38 Introduction of Jubilee Team - Doire 1987
- 14.52 Start of Second Half
- 15.29 Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir
- 15.34 Presentation of Anglo Celt Cup to Captain of the Ulster Champions by Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán, Comhairle Uladh

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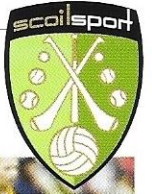
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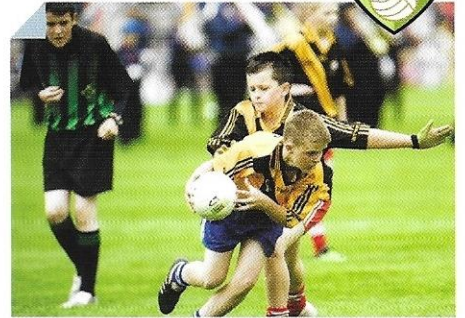
# Cumann na mBunscol

## Today's Mini Games



Cumann na mBunscol was established in 1971 with the aim of developing a national body to promote Gaelic games in Ireland's primary schools. From its minimalist beginnings it has developed a presence from the very local to the national levels, becoming the largest sporting organization within Ireland's primary education sector. The role of Cumann na mBunscol is to promote, in an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment, the national games of Ireland within primary education.

It works across a full spectrum of Gaelic games, i.e. boys and girls football; hurling; camogie; rounders; and handball. It has a "market base" of almost 2,900 primary schools across Ireland. The players in today's Mini Games are the stars of the future so please show your appreciation for them. The players are wearing Ulster jerseys which are sponsored by the Ulster Council.



## Match 1 O'Duffy Terrace End

### Black Ulster Jerseys

**Joey Tierney**, Killyconnan NS Lavey Cavan  
**Tiernan Byrne**, Ballyoran PS Armagh  
**Shane Doherty**, St Columban's PS Belcoo Fermanagh  
**Daniel McLaughlin**, Scoil Mhuire Donegal  
**Cathaoir Donnelly**, Roscavey PS Beragh Tyrone  
**John Boyd**, Christ the Redeemer PS Antrim  
**Conleth McGuckian**, St Mary's PS Glenview Derry  
**Shane West**, Scoil Mhuire, Latton Monaghan  
**Eoin Byrne**, St Dallan's PS Warrenpoint Down

### Yellow Ulster Jerseys

**Ross Marley**, Gaelscoil Letterkenny Donegal  
**Jordan Manning**, Scoil Bhríde Killeshandra Cavan  
**Oran Downey**, St Brigid's PS Lavey Derry  
**Declan McAuley**, St Mary's PS Cargan Antrim  
**Matthew Carvill**, St Malachy's PS Castlewellan Down  
**Glenn Treacy**, St Mary's PS Mullymesker Fermanagh  
**Oisín Doyle**, St Patrick's PS Crossmaglen Armagh  
**Odhrán Robinson**, St Mary's PS Ballygawley Tyrone  
**Orán Ó Máirtín**, Scoil Rois Monaghan

## Match 2 Roslea Road End

### Black Ulster Jerseys

**Conor McLaughlin**, St Mary's PS Altinure Derry  
**Tiernan Loughran**, St Mary's PS Dunamore Tyrone  
**Shealan Johnston**, St Malachy's PS Kilcoo Down  
**Austin Duignan**, St Mary's NS Stranorlar Donegal  
**Micheal Smith**, Drumkilly NS Kilnaleck Cavan  
**Callum Jones**, Holy Trinity PS Enniskillen Fermanagh  
**Logan McQuillan**, Annyalla NS Monaghan  
**Stephen Gahan**, St Teresa's PS Tullyheron Armagh  
**Adam Aicken**, St Comgall's PS Bangor Antrim

### Yellow Ulster Jerseys

**David Martin**, Mullaghrafferty NS Monaghan  
**Morgan Nelson**, Creggan PS Randalstown Antrim  
**Neil Kilpatrick**, Edendork PS Tyrone  
**Shane Donnelly**, St Peter's PS Collegelands Armagh  
**Caolan McIntyre**, St Canice's PS Dungiven Derry  
**Eoin O Chormaic**, Scoil Chartha Kilcar Donegal  
**Patrick Magee**, St Bronagh's PS Rostrevor Down  
**Lee Reilly**, St Brigid's NS Laragh Cavan  
**Owen Malanaphy**, St Naile's PS Kinawley, Fermanagh

## Your Safety

Please note the following regulations. We ask for your full co-operation with stewards and other volunteers who are doing their best to ensure you enjoy the match. If you fail to co-operate it may be necessary to refuse you entry or, if inside the stadium, to ask you to leave. Please do not bring anything into the stadium that can be used as a weapon or that will cause interference with others. This includes fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, flagpoles, banners. We do not allow alcohol in the ground. We ask you not to climb onto walls, stands and other buildings. Likewise, we ask you to refrain from making unnecessary noise that will annoy other spectators near you. That includes the likes of air horns or radios. Please do not use foul, abusive or offensive language. There are families and children present. We ask you not to enter the field of play during or after the game for health and safety reasons. Occasionally we may be required to search patrons entering the ground. If you refuse to be searched you may be refused entry. Please do not obstruct gangways or stairwells etc. Also, please do not engage in behaviour that may cause a fire or other dangerous event. The Officers on duty reserve the right to remove you from the ground if you do not comply with these simple regulations. Our intention is simply to ensure that all our supporters can enjoy the match.

### First Aid

First Aid is provided at today's venue, by Order of Malta Personnel with ambulances located behind the Hill and at the corner of the Pat McGrane & Eastern Stand.

### Lost Children

Children who have become separated from their parents/guardians should be brought to the designated First Aid Points.

### Safety Notice

We have established this policy for health and safety reasons, to avoid serious injury or death. We thank you for your co-operation, and hope you enjoy the match.

# A Minor Piece of History



Two contrasting stories.

It is a remarkable 77 years since Monaghan collected their last Ulster Minor Football Championship. In contrast, Tyrone's last success came a mere two years ago. Despite the massive difference since collecting their respective previous titles, both counties will be striving to add to their title haul.

We take a look back at the links between today and past successes for both the Farney County and Red Hand County. 77 years is a lifetime for Monaghan supporters while the two year lapse in Tyrone is now viewed as a long spell without a minor title. An intriguing contest awaits.

## Monaghan - Ulster Minor Football Champions 1945

**Back Row (L to R):** Jim Lonergan (Carrickmacross), Tommy Watters (Donaghmoyne), Fran O'Rourke (Inniskeen), Howard Roy (Clones), Marty Carroll (Clones), Macartan Donoghue (Emyvale), Tommy Moyna (Scotstown), Tony Prunty (Cremartin), Brian Finn (Castleblayney).

**Front Row (L to R):** Mick Gillen (Lough Egish), Paddy Marry (Blackhill), Harry Mc Carney (Clones), Hugh Mc Kearney (Clones)(Capt), Benny Finlay (Oram), Leo Craig (Clones), Leo Carolan (Inniskeen), Tony Hough (Castleblayney).



Monaghan last won the Ulster Minor Football Championship in 1945 beating Down 1-7 to 0-7.

They lost in the All-Ireland Semi Final to Leitrim on a scoreline 2-8 to 0-6.

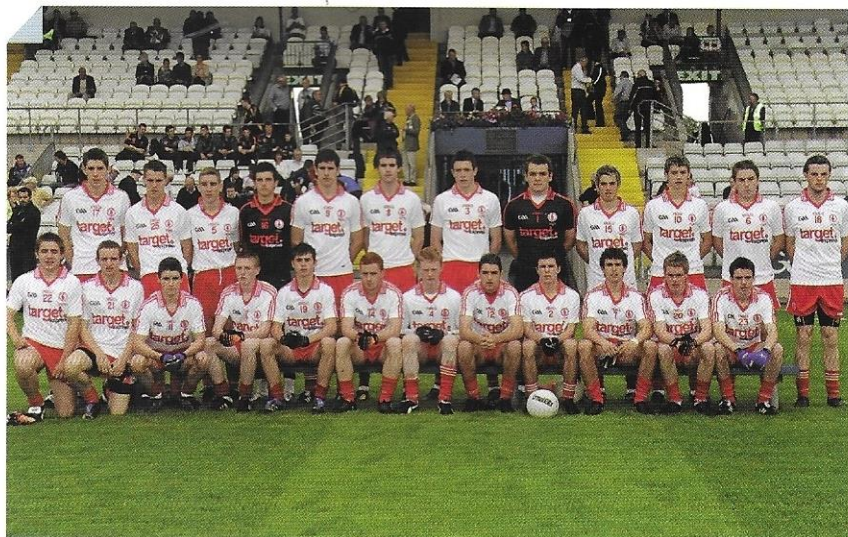
Tommy Moyna played for Monaghan Minors in 1945 while his twin brother Mackey played for Louth in the Leinster Minor Championship. Legend has it that Mackey Moyna replaced his brother Tommy in the All-Ireland Semi Final after Tommy got injured. This claim that Monaghan used an illegal player has never been substantiated.

Monaghan have appeared in only six Ulster Minor Football Finals since their last win in 1945. The years were: 1960, 1961, 1978, 1983, 2001 & 2008.

Paul Curran - present Monaghan County Chairman was a Selector with that 2008 team. Harry McAree - father of Monaghan Team Manager Colin played in goals for Monaghan in the 1960 Final.

Monaghan last appeared in Minor Final in 2008.

Five of that 2008 team are on the present Monaghan Senior Football panel.



## Tyrone - Ulster Minor Football Champions 2010

Tyrone last won the Ulster Minor Football Championship in 2010. They went on to win the All Ireland defeating Cork in the All Ireland Final.

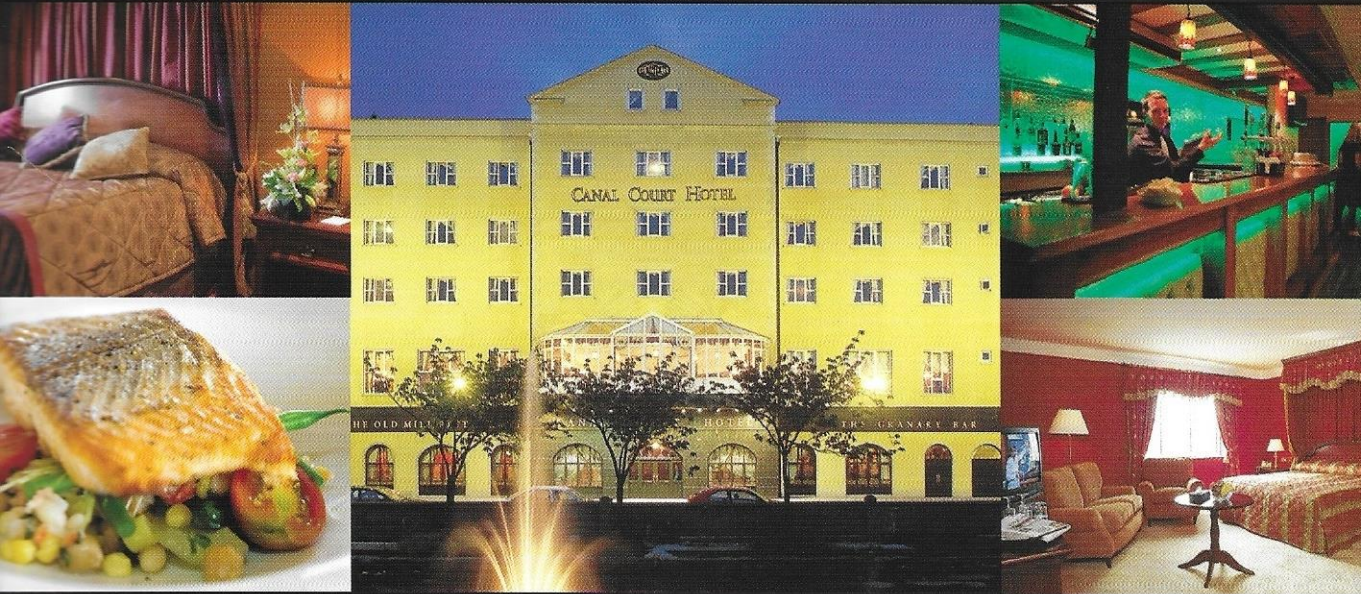
Ciaran McLaughlin, current Tyrone Chairman was Liaison Officer in 2008 when Tyrone also won the Ulster and All Ireland Minor titles.

Six of that 2008 team are on the present Tyrone Senior Football panel.

Cuthbert Donnelly - father of Tyrone team manager Michael Donnelly was County Chairman from 1998 to 2000.

Minor managers in 2008 and 2010, Raymond Munroe and Cathal McAnenly are now the managers of the Tyrone Under 21 team.

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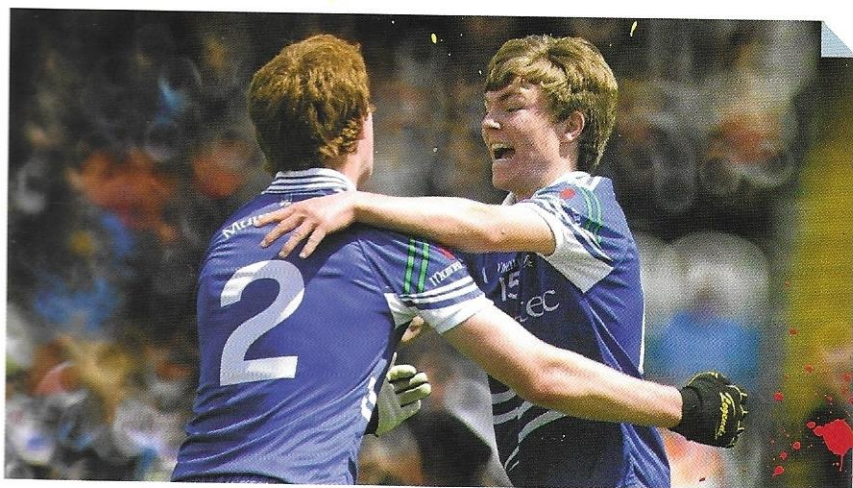
Opinions from Ronan Scott, Gaelic Life

First things first, predictions. Tyrone will win this game by about two or three points. Why? Well, ever since they first took to the cold training grounds at the start of the season, Tyrone have been had their sights set on an Ulster Final.

At the start of the Ulster Minor League, a competition which many managers use to look at their panels, Mickey Donnelly, the Tyrone boss, said that he was taking a different approach this year. In 2011 he chose to use the competition as a learning process. He said that was a mistake. This year they went out to win every game, and they beat all that came before them. Then they carried that form on into the Minor Championship.

As any manager will tell you, momentum is a great thing to have, and Donnelly's side have won eight games on the trot since March. My legion of critics, a strong and vociferous bunch of ne'er-do-wells, will immediately grunt; 'but Monaghan have been focused too'. And yes, they have. Monaghan won two and lost one in their league campaign, they were beaten in the knockouts by Derry.

But in the Championship, they weren't tested at all against Antrim in a disappointing game which they won by



2-10 to 1-2. If that had been a boxing match it would have been stopped after the first round. In the second game, Monaghan beat Down. The Mourne county were not great this season but that game was a better barometer for Colm McAree's players.

Certainly the Farney team have a chance of winning. But, in life, there's a chance that anything might happen. I mean there's every chance that I could quit my job and become a pro golfer. It's just highly unlikely, I'd have probably have to put in a bit more practice, and buy some odd trousers.

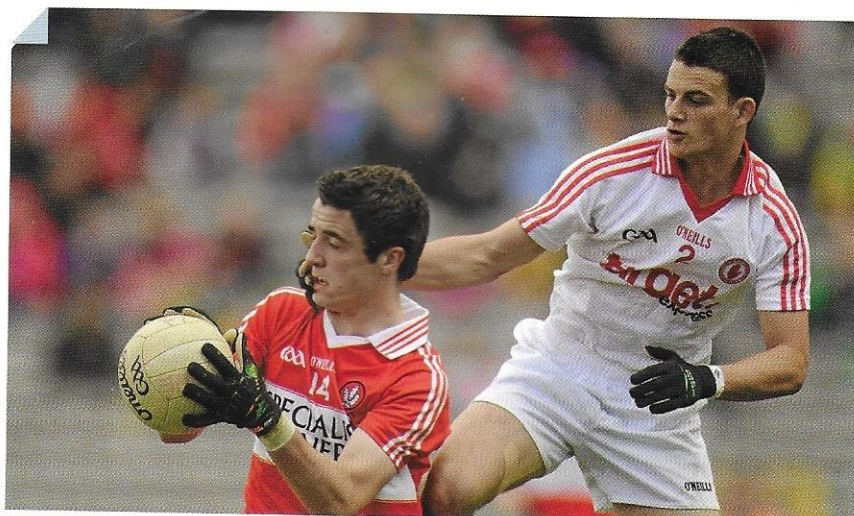
As the vast majority of the congregation who have travelled here to worship

at the altar of the GAA, are from Down and Donegal, I imagine that the [metaphorical] fisticuffs between youngsters from Tyrone and Monaghan are not high on their priority of things to do.

The reason why they should be interested is because out on that field there are two or three stars of the future.

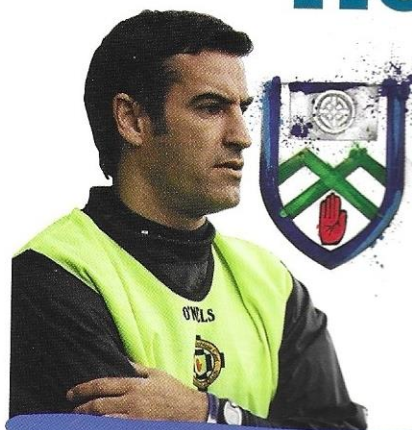
In 2005, when Down won the All-Ireland Minor title, they played, and lost to, Armagh in the Ulster decider. Marty Clarke played that day, and we all know what happened to that gent. Yet only three Down players who have featured prominently in this year's Ulster Championship, played in that 2005 Minor Final; Kevin Duffin, Gerard McCartan and Conor Garvey. So which of the minor players on display today are likely to make an impact?

Like an X Factor judge, full of his own self belief, yet severely lacking in intelligence, I am going to tell you right now the players worth watching out for. Look for the names Padraic Keenan and Conor McCarthy, two players who caught the eye up front in their game against Down. For Tyrone, look to Mark Bradley and James McGahan. The latter was called into the panel late on. He's also a very good soccer player. You're welcome.



# Head to Head

## The Minor Managers



**Colin McAree**

**It is a great privilege to be contesting the Ulster Minor Football Final 2012 and a just reward for the players who have put in tremendous amount of hard work and effort this season.**

We are under no illusion that we go into this game as underdogs and that Tyrone are favourites; we must raise our game another level and know that anything less won't be good enough. Tyrone is the yard stick in 2012 which we must measure ourselves against.

That said, we believe we can win the game today. We are looking for a performance characterised by hard graft, passion, discipline and good decision making, characteristics that have served us well and will be needed today. Preparations have gone very well and the players are relaxed and looking forward to the match. I want to wish the team the very best of luck and our proud Captain & Vice Captain Padraic Keenan (Corduff) & Ryan Wylie (Ballybay), their leadership and commitment is exemplary.

The team's efforts truly deserve the ultimate reward. A thought to the members of our squad who miss out today and in particular recently injured forward Conor Lavelle, all an integral part of what we do and who we are.

Today is an important stepping stone in these players development and a chance to showcase ourselves at the top table of Ulster football.

I would like to thank my management team of Matt McGleenan and Noel Marron and the backroom team of John, MJ & Davy, and all those who have helped us along the way; Monaghan County Board and to our main sponsors Investec for their support and commitment they have shown to date.

Thank you to all our supporters; to the player's families and to the Monaghan clubs for all your support in helping us to be the best that we can be. We look forward to your continued support.



**Michael Donnelly**

**It is an honour for our players and management to be involved in another Ulster Final. The Ulster Final in Clones has a unique standing in the GAA calendar.**

Tyrone has a very proud tradition in the Ulster Minor Championship and it is one that we endeavour to uphold today. We know that we face a Monaghan team who will be keen to win an historic Ulster Minor title for the Farnley County and it will take a committed performance from our players to prevent this.

It has been a dramatic and eventful journey to today's final. We had a very successful Minor League campaign but our focus was always the Championship. In a packed Athletic Grounds we were fortunate to overcome a very talented Armagh side who were unlucky to only have one championship outing. Their talents deserved more. In the semi-final, we renewed acquaintances with Derry and were delighted to reach today's final with a strong defensive showing.

On behalf of Kieran McHugh and myself, I wish to thank the large number of people who have played some part in our successful run in the Minor League and our passage to the Ulster Final. Firstly, I pay a great debt of gratitude to our backroom team for all their hard work and professionalism. We are grateful to our County Board for their support, financial and otherwise, especially our Liaison Officer, Donal Magee and also our Coaching Officer, Brendan Harpur for their hours of endless work. Our appreciation is extended to Club Tyrone, Target Express and O'Neills Sportswear. Finally, the support of our clubs cannot be understated. Not only have they provided quality players to our panel but their co-operation has been ceaseless and hopefully this can pay off today. We are equally indebted to the clubs who provided us with training facilities.

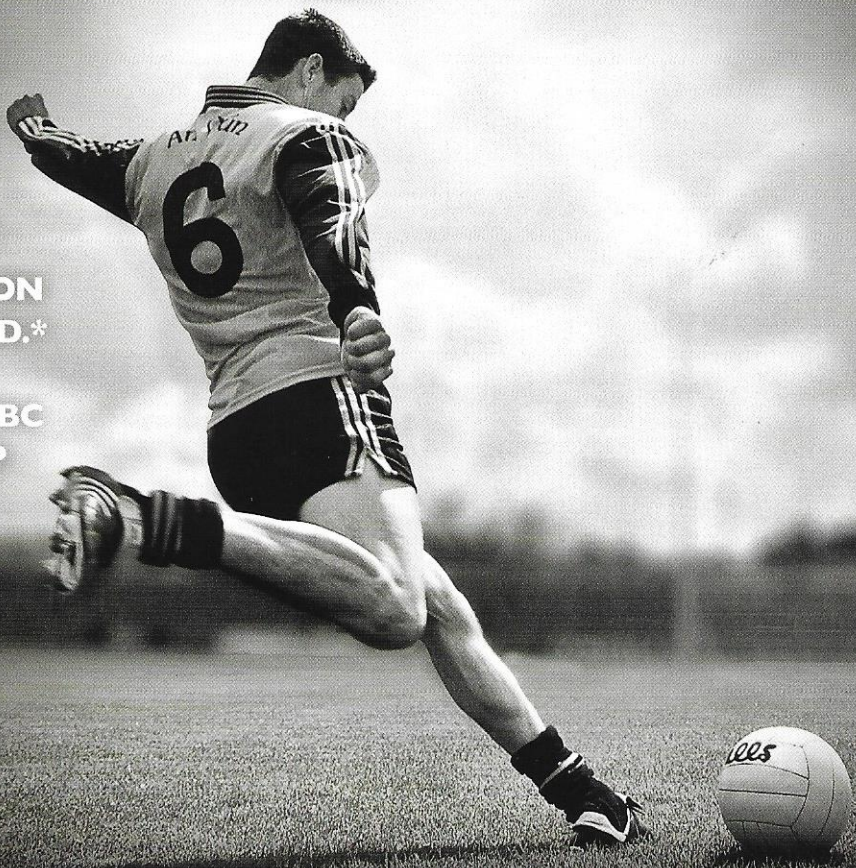
I cannot let this moment pass without making mention of the families of our players and management. The families of these players should be very proud of these young men. I can honestly say that they are a credit to who they are and the people that they represent. I only hope that I get the chance to work with these lads for a few months to come!

# GET READY FOR THE ACTION

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# MUINEACHÁN



Monaghan Minor Team

Manager: Colin McAree



## Fír Ionaid/Substitutes

16. David Kirk, Machaire Cluain 17. Killian Rudden, Machaire Cluain 18. Colin Hughes, Scairbh na gCaorach  
19. Fergal Mc Mahon, Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin 20. Desmond Ward, Béal Atha Beithe  
21. Donnacha Dolan, An Bhoth 22. Adam Kieran, Cill Éanna 23. Lorcan Smyth, Buiochar  
24. Michael Galligan, Cláirsigh Mhuineacháin

## Notes

|           | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachai | 45 | Saor | Ciceanna |
|-----------|------|---------|---------|----|------|----------|
| 1AD Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| 2AD Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| Iomlán    |      |         |         |    |      |          |



# TÍR EOGHAIN

Manager: Michael Donnelly

Tyrone Minor Team



## Fir Ionaid/Substitutes

16. Sean Fox, Ceapach 17. Dermot Carroll, An Charraig 18. Michael Cassidy, Ard Bó  
19. Shea Hamill, Domhnach Mór 20. Ruairi Kelly, Trí Leac 21. Ryan McElroy, An Srath Bán  
22. Ruairi McGlone, Achadh Lú 23. Ciaran McLaughlin, An Ómaigh  
24. Sean Molloy, Dún Geanainn

## Notes

|            | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachai | 45 | Saor | Ciceanna |
|------------|------|---------|---------|----|------|----------|
| 1940 Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| 2000 Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| Ionaid     |      |         |         |    |      |          |

# 2012 Ulster Minor Championship

## Teams and Scorers

**Sunday 20 May Preliminary Round:**  
**Donegal 1-11 Cavan 0-10**  
at Kingspan Breffni Park

**Dún na nGall:** D Mullarkey; G Kelly, C Parke, J Rose; S McBrearty, M Gallagher, D Mulgrew (0-2); B McNelis (1-1), R McNamee; C Harkin (0-1), J McGarvey, A McGinley (0-1); R McHugh (0-4), W Gillespie (0-2), E McHugh.

**Subs:** H McFadden for McNelis, C Gallagher for McGinley, N Breslin for Gallagher, S Fitzgerald for Harkin.

**An Cabhán:** S Rooney; A Watson, C Smith, F Reilly; B Fortune, C Brady, G Smith; M Argue, S Gilcreest (0-1); A Brown, J McCabe, E Flanagan (0-1); N Walsh (0-1), C Madden (0-3), A Graham (0-2).

**Subs:** V Coyle (0-1) for Brown, L Buchanan for McCabe, B Kiernan (0-1) for Gilcreest, P Faulkner for Fortune.

**Referee:** Niall Cullen (Fear Manach)

**Sunday 27 May Quarter Final:**  
**Monaghan 2-10 Antrim 1-02**  
at Clones

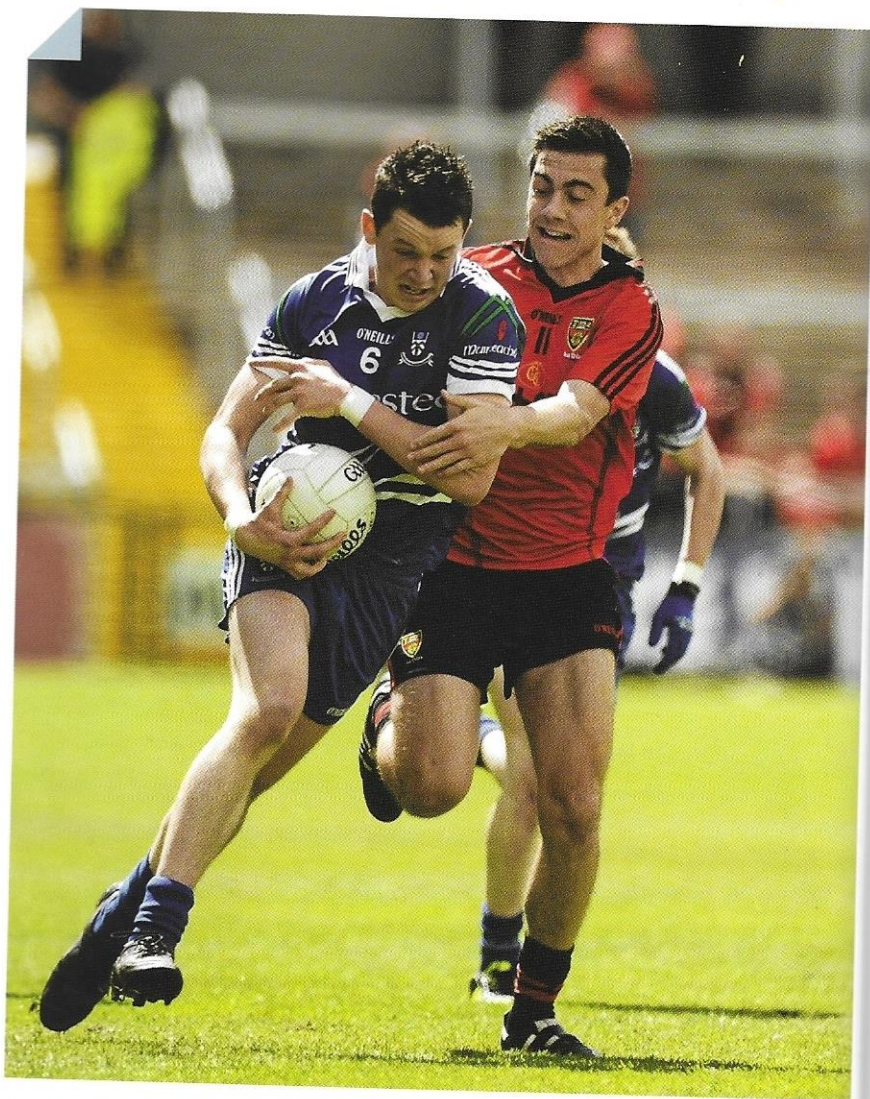
**Muineachán:** D Kirk; B Hanratty, S Conlon, R Wylie; F Malone, F McGeough (0-2), P Keenan (0-3); M Magee, D McAllister (1-1); J McElroy (0-1), B Greenan, S Buckley; C McCarthy (1-1), A Treanor (0-1), R McAnespie.

**Subs:** K Rudden for McAnespie, D McElroy for Buckley, C Lavelle (0-1) for McGeough, D Ward for McAllister, S Mohan for McCarthy.

**Aontroim:** T Hughes; C Quigg, S Gorman, C O'Rawe; M Fitzpatrick, R Wilson, J Hannigan; M Cummings (0-1), R McCaffrey; D Doherty, M Lappin, D McAleese (0-1); E Fleming (1-0), D Trainor, P McAleer.

**Subs:** J Gallagher for Hannigan, J Scullion for McAleer, R McCann for Lappin, J O'Connell for Fleming, C McCann for Trainor.

**Referee:** Ian Molloy (Dún na nGall)



**Sunday 27 May Quarter Final:**  
**Derry 2-9 Donegal 1-7** at Omagh

**Doire:** C Bradley; D Brown, M Sweeney, G Doyle; G McKinless, C McAtamney, C Carville; P Cassidy (0-2), R McDonnell (0-1); J Kearney, C McFaul, T O'Brien (2-1); G Bradley (0-4), R Bell (0-1), R Moore.

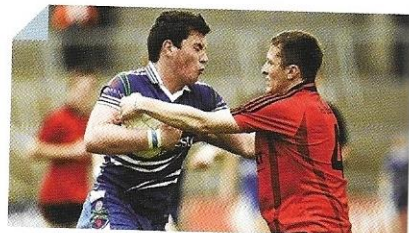
**Subs:** C Gallagher for Doyle, R Dougan for Moore, N McNicholl for Kearney, D Tallon for Carville.

**Dún na nGall:** D Mullarkey; G Kelly, C Parke, J Rose; S McBrearty, M Gallagher, D Gallagher; B McNelis, R

McNamee; C Harkin (0-2), J McGarvey (0-2), A McGinley; R McHugh (1-2), W Gillespie, E McHugh.

**Subs:** H McFadden (0-1) for McGinley, J Fitzgerald for Rose, C Gallagher for Gillespie, C McGettigan for McGarvey.

**Referee:** Brendan Rice (An Dún)



### Sunday 3 June Quarter Final:

Down 1-11 Fermanagh 1-8  
at Brewster Park

**An Dún:** R Burns; A McDonald, A Doherty, M O'Hare; D McKeever (0-1), R Wells, J McDermott (0-1); D Doyle (0-2), D McCarthy; C Gallagher, S McGonigle (0-1), R McAlinden; J Haughey (1-2), T Grimley (0-1), C McGrady (0-1).

**Subs:** D McAleenan (0-1) for McGrady, P O'Hagan for McGonigle, D McKeown (0-1) for Gallagher.

**Fear Manach:** P Sweeney; S O'Hara, N McMahon, C Corrigan; P Coalter (0-2), P Leonard, M Beagan; J Allen, N Shannon; L Jones, E Courtney (0-5), C Murphy; C Logan, S Keenan, E McManus (0-1).

**Subs:** T McCaffrey (1-0) for Jones, N Carson for Logan, G McManus for Allen.

**Referee:** Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

### Sunday 10 June Quarter Final:

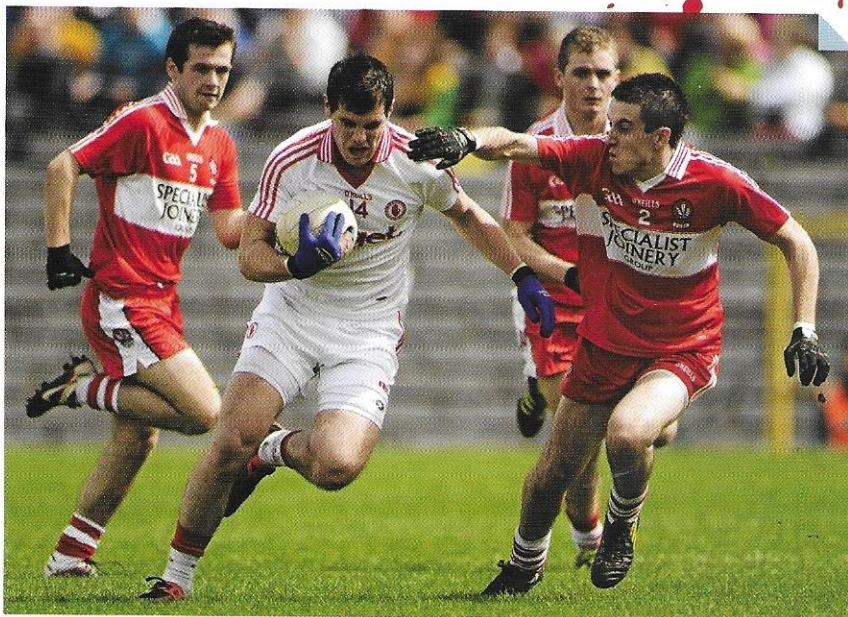
Tyrone 4-11 Armagh 0-19  
at Morgan Athletic Grounds

**Tír Eoghain:** D Martin; R Mullan, P Hampsey, C Harvey; R Brennan, C McLaughlin, P McKenna; D Carroll, S Molloy; K McGeary, C Mallon, R Sludden; M Bradley (2-7), D McNulty (0-1), S Hackett (1-2).

**Subs:** R Kelly for McLaughlin, J McGahan (1-1) for Carroll, R McGlone for McKenna, C O'Neill for McGeary.

**Ard Mhacha:** M Trainor; S Heffron, S Connell, M Finnegan; M Carson, D O'Neill (0-1), S Renaghan; E Rafferty (0-1), N Grimley (0-4); E Burns (0-3), J McElroy, C O'Hanlon (0-6); R McShane (0-1), C Comiskey (0-2), M Murphy.

**Subs:** C McKenna for Renaghan, R McCabe (0-1) for McShane, D O'Hagan for Cumiskey.



**Referee:** Martin McNally (Muineachán)

### Sunday 24 June Semi Final:

Monaghan 0-11 Down 0-8  
at Morgan Athletic Grounds

**An Dún:** R Burns; A McDonald, A Doherty, M O'Hare; D McKeever (0-1), R Wells, J McDermott (0-1); D Doyle, D McCarthy (0-3); C Gallagher, S McGonigle, R McAlinden (0-1); C McGrady (0-2), T Grimley, J Haughey.

**Subs:** D McAleenan for Haughey, D McKeown for McAlinden, C Foy for McGrady.

**Muineachán:** C Forde; M Magee, B Greenan, B Hanratty; R Wylie (0-1), S Conlon, F Malone; D McAlister (0-3), S Buckley; A Treanor, J McElroy (0-1), P Keenan (0-1); F McGeough (0-1), R McAnespie (0-1), C McCarthy (0-2).

**Subs:** C Hughes for Hanratty, C Lavelle for McGeough, D McElroy for Conlon, D Ward (0-1) for McAllister.

**Referee:** Shaun McLaughlin (Dún na nGall)

### Saturday 30 June Semi Final:

Tyrone 0-15 Derry 0-6  
at Clones

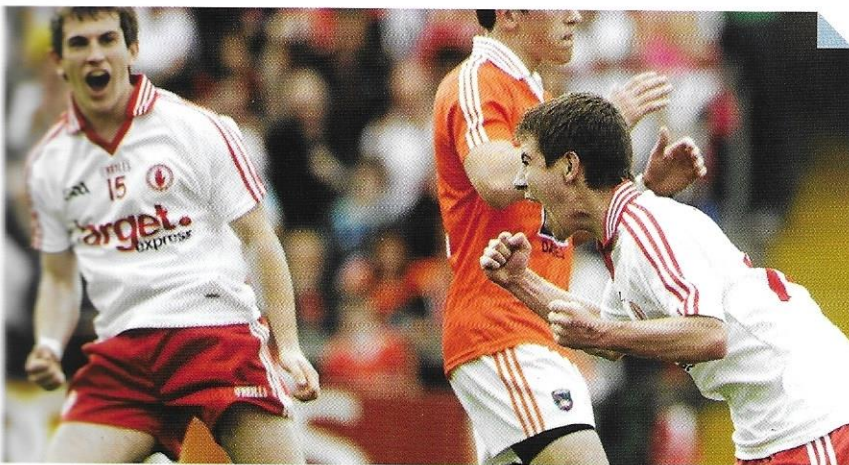
**Tír Eoghain:** D Martin; R Mullan, P Hampsey, C Harvey; R Kelly, C Mallon, P McKenna (0-1); R Brennan (0-1), A Devlin (0-1); K McGeary, J McGahan (0-5), R Sludden (0-1), M Bradley (0-4), D McNulty (0-1), S Hackett.

**Subs:** C Corr for Kelly, R McGlone for Sludden, C O'Neill for McGahan, D Carroll (0-1) for McGeary.

**Doire:** C Bradley; D Brown, C McAtamney, G McKinless; C Carville, M Sweeney, R McDonnell; P Cassidy, R Bell; J Kearney (0-2), R Dougan, C McFaul (0-1), G Bradley, D Tallon (0-1), T O'Brien (0-2).

**Subs:** N McNicholl for Tallon, C Gallagher for McDonnell, J Barton for Bradley, R McElwee for Dougan, D Mullan for Bell, D Kavanagh for McNulty.

**Referee:** Brendan Rice (An Dún)



### Top Scorers:

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Mark Bradley</b><br>Tír Eoghain    | 2-11 (17) |
| <b>James McGahan</b><br>Tír Eoghain   | 1-06 (9)  |
| <b>Ryan McHugh</b><br>Dún na nGall    | 1-06 (9)  |
| <b>Terence O'Brien</b><br>Doire       | 2-03 (9)  |
| <b>David McAllister</b><br>Muineachán | 1-04 (7)  |

# Adding a splash of colour to your summer

...And don't we deserve it! The Land of the Giants 2012

Back in early November, on a cold grey night, a bit like the weather we have now, the Ulster Council's PR & Marketing Committee and Lairdesign started thinking about a campaign for this year's Ulster Championship.

Ulster GAA PRO, Oliver Galligan said, "we have known for a long time that the days of expecting people to just turn up at games was long gone. We needed to think smarter, plan earlier and deliver on a tighter budget, it is hard to believe, but this year we have actually cut our mainstream advertising budget".

"With our design partners we knew the power of the web in Ulster and if we could get the Counties on board we could start getting the message out to our GAA audience relatively cheaply.

The key messages would be ticket prices, availability, times and venues and we knew



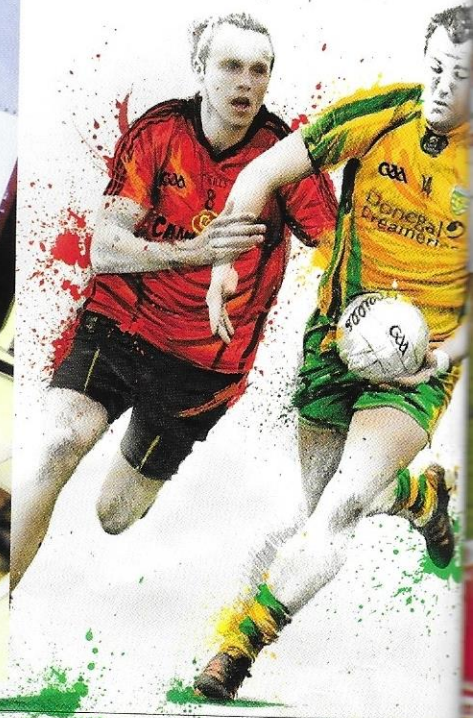
if we could consistently get this message out there it could pay off" he added.

The overall campaign from the Ulster Council has been well received on all quarters. The unique hand drawn feel to the imagery has given the campaign the

energy it deserves, coupled with The Irish News, the North West News Group, the County Boards and an innovative social media campaign Ulster GAA has shown a strong commitment to its flagship competition.

Tell the Ulster Council and the thousands of patrons here today that the Provincial Championships have not lost their appeal...

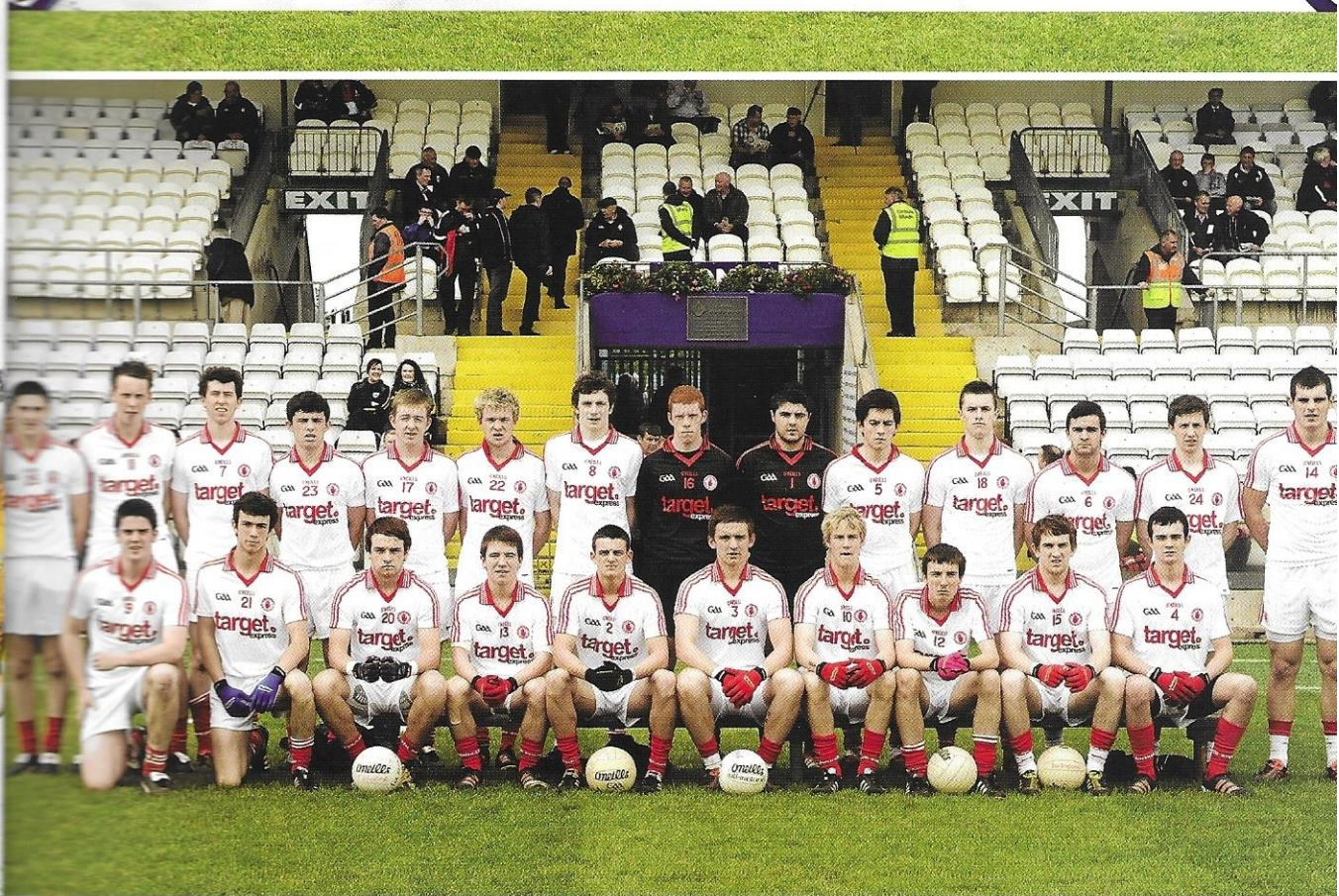
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# Muineachán

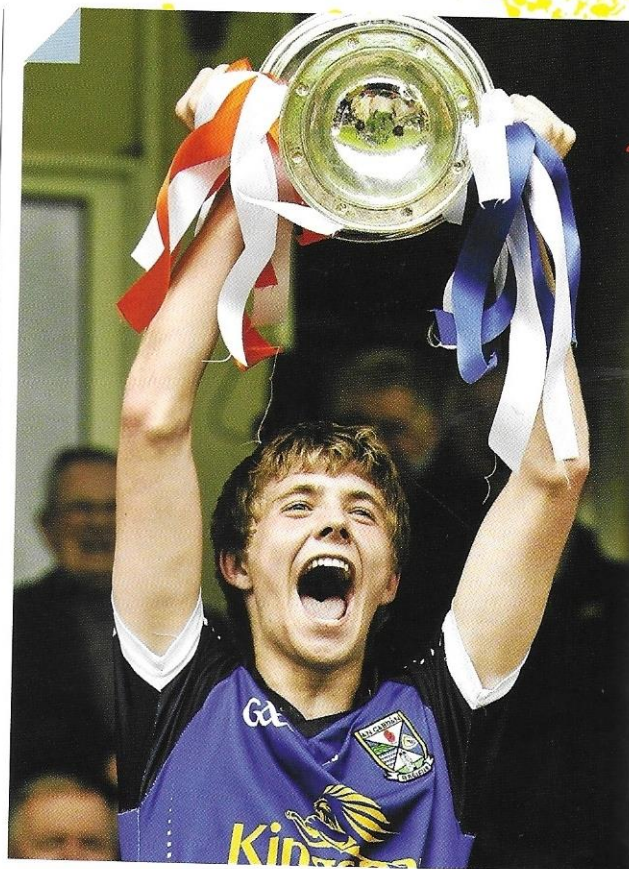


# Tír Eoghain

# Ulster Minor Championship

Roll of Honour, 1930-2011

|     |                    |             |                    |             |
|-----|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|
| '11 | An Cabhán          | 0-12        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-06        |
| '10 | <b>Tír Eoghain</b> | <b>1-14</b> | <b>Ard Mhacha</b>  | <b>0-05</b> |
| '09 | Ard Mhacha         | 1-08        | An Dún             | 1-05        |
| '08 | Tír Eoghain        | 0-13        | Muineachán         | 0-10        |
| '07 | Tír Eoghain        | 0-10        | Doire              | 1-06        |
| '06 | Dún na nGall       | 2-09        | Aontroim           | 1-05        |
| '05 | Ard Mhacha         | 0-11        | An Dún             | 0-10        |
| '04 | Tír Eoghain        | 0-11        | An Dún             | 0-11        |
| R:  | Tír Eoghain        | 0-15        | An Dún             | 0-08        |
| '03 | Tír Eoghain        | 3-09        | Fear Manach        | 0-09        |
| '02 | Doire              | 0-12        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-11        |
| '01 | Tír Eoghain        | 2-13        | Muineachán         | 0-13        |
| '00 | <b>Doire</b>       | <b>2-11</b> | <b>Tír Eoghain</b> | <b>1-11</b> |
| '99 | An Dún             | 0-10        | Dún na nGall       | 0-10        |
| R:  | An Dún             | 2-07        | Dún na nGall       | 0-09        |
| '98 | Tír Eoghain        | 4-09        | Aontroim           | 2-02        |
| '97 | Tír Eoghain        | 3-13        | Aontroim           | 2-10        |
| '96 | Dún na nGall       | 0-09        | Doire              | 0-09        |
| R:  | Dún na nGall       | 0-09        | Doire              | 1-05        |
| '95 | Doire              | 2-12        | An Dún             | 1-07        |
| '94 | Ard Mhacha         | 3-13        | An Dún             | 1-07        |
| '93 | Tír Eoghain        | 1-09        | Doire              | 1-05        |
| '92 | Ard Mhacha         | 0-13        | Dún na nGall       | 0-09        |
| '91 | Dún na nGall       | 1-10        | Tír Eoghain        | 1-09        |
| '90 | <b>Doire</b>       | <b>2-10</b> | <b>An Dún</b>      | <b>2-08</b> |
| '89 | Doire              | 2-15        | Ard Mhacha         | 2-03        |
| '88 | Tír Eoghain        | 2-07        | An Cabhán          | 0-03        |
| '87 | An Dún             | 1-07        | Ard Mhacha         | 0-04        |
| '86 | An Dún             | 1-12        | Doire              | 0-10        |
| '85 | Dún na nGall       | 2-11        | An Cabhán          | 1-03        |
| '84 | Doire              | 1-14        | Ard Mhacha         | 0-03        |
| '83 | Doire              | 3-09        | Muineachán         | 0-04        |
| '82 | Aontroim           | 2-09        | An Dún             | 3-05        |



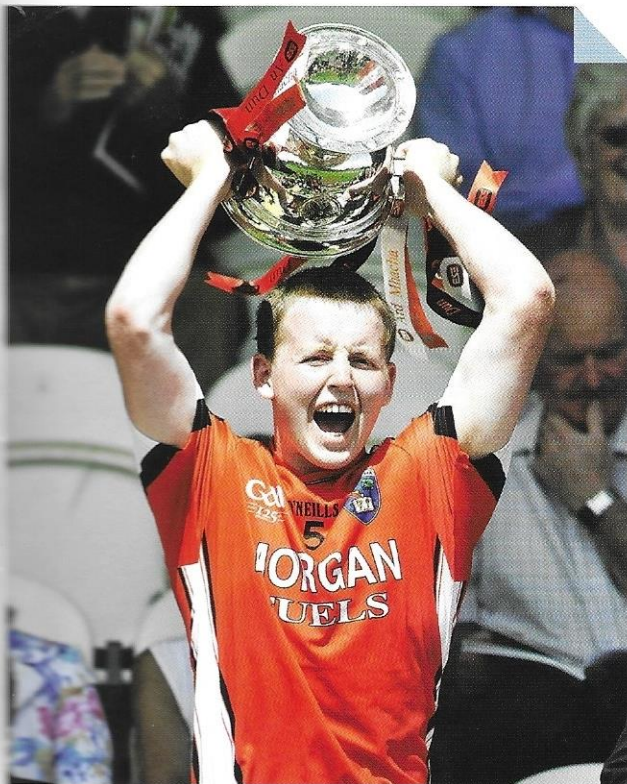
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| '81 | Doire        | 0-11        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-02        |
| '80 | <b>Doire</b> | <b>3-14</b> | <b>Ard Mhacha</b>  | <b>1-02</b> |
| '79 | An Dún       | 1-05        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-02        |
| '78 | Tír Eoghain  | 3-11        | Muineachán         | 2-09        |
| '77 | An Dún       | 0-08        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-05        |
| R:  | An Dún       | 0-11        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-06        |
| '76 | Tír Eoghain  | 5-07        | An Cabhán          | 1-09        |
| '75 | Tír Eoghain  | 0-10        | An Cabhán          | 0-07        |
| '74 | An Cabhán    | 2-09        | Doire              | 1-04        |
| '73 | Tír Eoghain  | 1-13        | An Dún             | 0-09        |
| '72 | Tír Eoghain  | 3-06        | An Cabhán          | 1-06        |
| '71 | Tír Eoghain  | 0-19        | Fear Manach        | 0-07        |
| '70 | <b>Doire</b> | <b>1-14</b> | <b>Fear Manach</b> | <b>0-11</b> |
| '69 | Doire        | 0-09        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-05        |
| '68 | Ard Mhacha   | 4-08        | Doire              | 1-07        |

#### DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1966 finals Down's Colm McAlarney won both minor and senior medals. Down seniors won by 1-07 to 0-08 with Sean O'Neill scoring the goal and Dan McCartan had the honour of collecting the Anglo-Celt cup. Dalsey Mooney was the captain of the victorious minor team.

|     |               |             |                   |             |
|-----|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| '67 | Tír Eoghain   | 0-16        | Fear Manach       | 2-05        |
| '66 | An Dún        | 1-12        | Doire             | 1-09        |
| '65 | Doire         | 3-11        | An Cabhán         | 2-04        |
| '64 | Aontroim      | 2-10        | An Cabhán         | 0-06        |
| '63 | An Dún        | 4-06        | Dún na nGall      | 2-11        |
| '62 | An Dún        | 2-05        | Ard Mhacha        | 0-08        |
| '61 | Ard Mhacha    | 3-08        | Muineachán        | 1-04        |
| '60 | <b>An Dún</b> | <b>2-07</b> | <b>Muineachán</b> | <b>1-04</b> |
| '59 | An Cabhán     | 2-11        | Aontroim          | 2-07        |
| '58 | An Dún        | 3-09        | An Cabhán         | 3-01        |
| '57 | Ard Mhacha    | 3-06        | Dún na nGall      | 0-10        |
| '56 | Dún na nGall  | 2-05        | Ard Mhacha        | 0-06        |
| '55 | Aontroim      | 4-03        | An Cabhán         | 2-06        |
| '54 | Ard Mhacha    | 2-08        | An Dún            | 0-09        |
| '53 | Ard Mhacha    | 2-15        | Tír Eoghain       | 3-02        |
| '52 | An Cabhán     | 1-05        | An Dún            | 1-03        |

|     |                   |             |                   |             |
|-----|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| '51 | Ard Mhacha        | 3-01        | An Cabhán         | 1-05        |
| '50 | <b>Aontroim</b>   | <b>1-08</b> | <b>Ard Mhacha</b> | <b>1-08</b> |
| R:  | Aontroim          | 1-09        | Ard Mhacha        | 1-01        |
| '49 | Ard Mhacha        | 4-06        | Dún na nGall      | 1-04        |
| '48 | Tír Eoghain       | 5-06        | Muineachán        | 2-03        |
| '47 | Tír Eoghain       | 3-06        | Ard Mhacha        | 2-03        |
| '46 | Tír Eoghain       | 1-04        | Muineachán        | 0-05        |
| '45 | Muineachán        | 1-07        | An Dún            | 0-07        |
| '41 | Aontroim          | 4-07        | An Cabhán         | 1-08        |
| '40 | <b>Muineachán</b> | <b>0-08</b> | <b>Aontroim</b>   | <b>0-04</b> |
| '39 | Muineachán        | 0-05        | An Cabhán         | 0-05        |
| R:  | Muineachán        | 1-08        | An Cabhán         | 1-07        |
| '38 | An Cabhán         | 2-07        | Ard Mhacha        | 2-04        |
| '37 | An Cabhán         | 1-10        | Ard Mhacha        | 0-03        |
| '36 | Aontroim          | 2-07        | Tír Eoghain       | 2-04        |
| '34 | Tír Eoghain       | 1-04        | An Dún            | 1-03        |
| '33 | Aontroim          | 2-07        | Ard Mhacha        | 1-02        |
| '32 | Aontroim          | 2-07        | Tír Eoghain       | 1-02        |
| '31 | Tír Eoghain       | 0-07        | Ard Mhacha        | 0-04        |
| '30 | <b>Ard Mhacha</b> | <b>3-04</b> | <b>Muineachán</b> | <b>0-10</b> |



#### Roll of Honour:

- Aontroim - 8 Titles
- Ard Mhacha - 12 Titles
- An Cabhán - 6 Titles
- An Dún - 10 Titles
- Doire - 12 Titles
- Dún na nGall - 5 Titles
- Muineachán - 3 Titles
- Tír Eoghain - 21 Titles

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# Columba Diver

Ard an Rátha

Columba Diver from CLG Ard An Rátha was awarded the Irish News Club Volunteer Award in 2010 for his Volunteerism with his native Club Cumann Luthchleas Gael Ard An Rátha.

The Irish News Club and Volunteer Award is a highly and successful initiative and has been modified to reflect the changing times and new challenges facing GAA Clubs. Their Award Scheme is structured to give everyone the chance to receive recognition and reward for their efforts, on and off the pitch.

CLG Ard An Rátha nominated Columba Diver for the Volunteer Award and Columba was presented with his Award in the Wellington Hotel in Belfast at a Function hosted by the Irish News.

On 5th December last year in Dublin Castle Columba was presented with an Ireland involved Volunteer Award having been shortlisted in the Sports Category Award of which there were three recipients and Columba was one of them.

Columba has served the Club well as a player and an Officer over the last 50 years and continues to do so as one of the Development Officers for the Club.

He is the main instigator behind many of the key decisions that have taken

place since the early seventies. He was an outstanding player for the club in the 1960's.

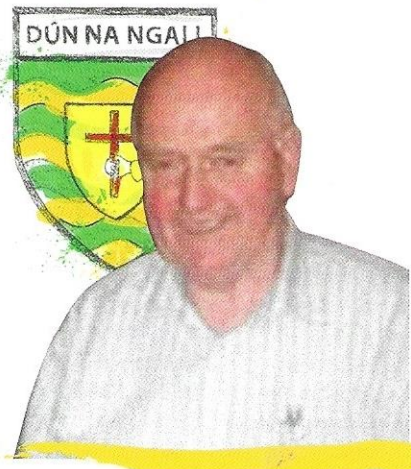
He has served as Club Chairman between 1975 and 1977, in 1985 to 1988 and again in 1993 through to 1997. He has served as Development Officer over the last number of years overseeing many of the changes that have occurred at Pearse Memorial Park.

He was honoured by the Club in 1999 when they made him "Guest of Honour" at the annual Dinner Dance. There is

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not a day in the week when Columba Diver can't be found at the club grounds always doing something.

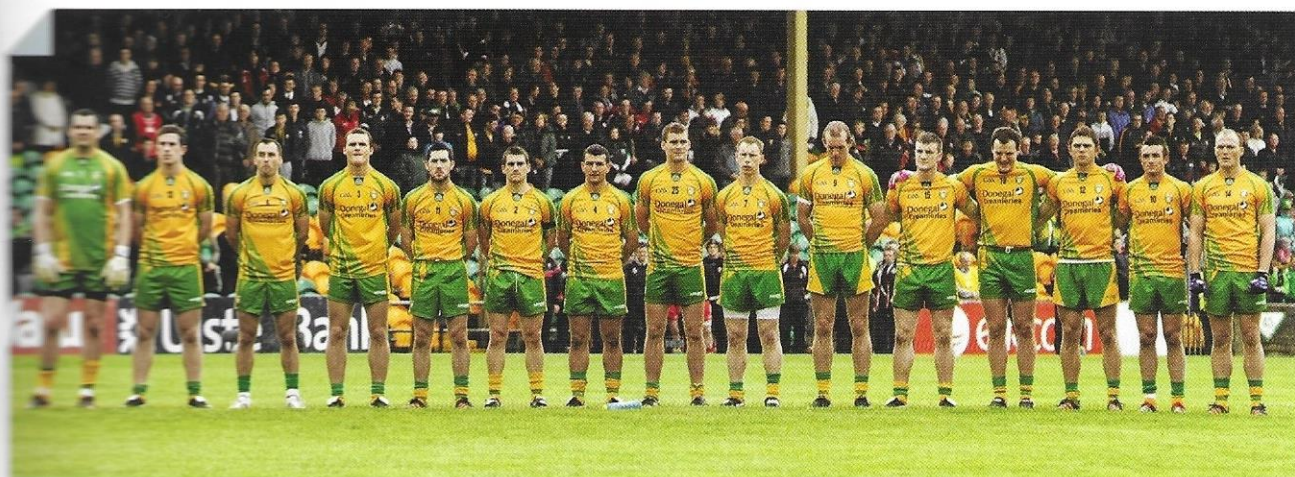
He can be found with his tractor cutting the grass, digging drains, fertilizing,



painting, marking the pitch to name but a few. He also goes out on Saturday night to sell the weekly lotto whenever his team is out.

He also makes his premises available to the club for various things during the year. His volunteerism shows no bounds when things need to be done as far as the Ard An Rátha club is concerned. He is always available to do anything that needs to be done and a great role model for volunteerism in all aspects.

**A true GAA volunteer in all aspects.**



# Senior Preview

THE IRISH NEWS

Opinions from Neil Loughran, *The Irish News*

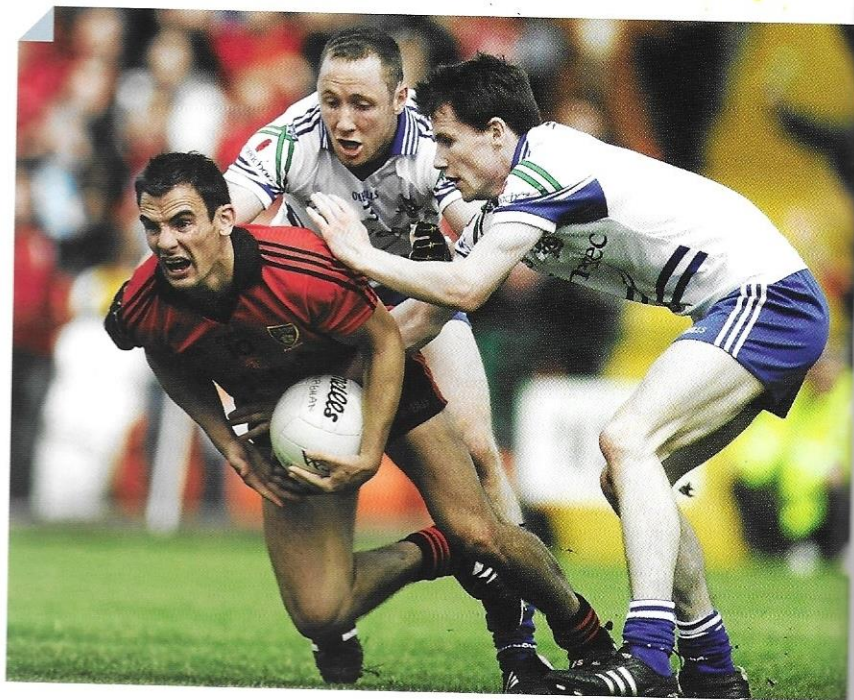
**How do you solve a problem like Donegal? That's the question facing Down this afternoon, and it's one that has left plenty of other counties scratching their heads since Jim McGuinness took over the Tir Chonaill reins less than two years ago.**

Terry Hyland's young Cavan outfit tried and failed on the first day of this year's Ulster Championship. Attempting to match the reigning Ulster champions for physicality, Cavan's tactics worked well – for about 15 minutes. The rest of the game was men against boys.

The Oak Leafers were the next to fall. Once Leo McLoone found the back of the net on the half hour, the resistance went out of the Derry challenge. Donegal hunted in packs, and their opponents played right into their hands, constantly running into tackles, allowing the men in yellow and green to force turnover after turnover. This was meat and drink for McGuinness's men, as they coasted home in Ballybofey.

The Semi-Final meeting with Tyrone was their biggest test yet – and Donegal passed with flying colours once again. Yet this is the game that James McCartan will have studied most closely in the lead-up to today's Ulster Final.

There is a section of the Down support that like to think they need not worry about the opposition. That they can just go out and play the brand of free-flowing



football that has seen them rack up five All-Ireland titles.

Unfortunately for the men in red and black, the last time Sam headed to the kingdom of Mourne was almost 20 years ago. Times have changed, football has changed – and there is no greater illustration of this than the side they face today.

Kevin Madden noted in the aftermath of the Tyrone v Donegal clash: "It wasn't that long ago that the opposition management team spent endless

days and weeks agonising over ways to counteract Tyrone's method of play". This time, though, it was Mickey Harte and Tony Donnelly who were trying to come up with a plan to break down the fearsome Tir Chonaill rearguard. They tinkered, they tried new things and, in the first half, they got it right.

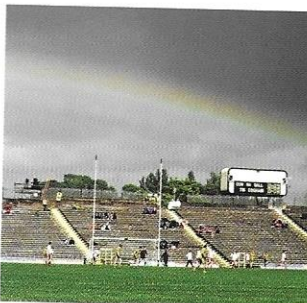
Playing with energy and efficiency, they kept the ball away from Tir Chonaill traffic and won plenty of break ball to launch their own counter-attacks. In the second half though, Tyrone made – and, on many occasions, were forced into – far too

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So many questions, who will provide the answers??

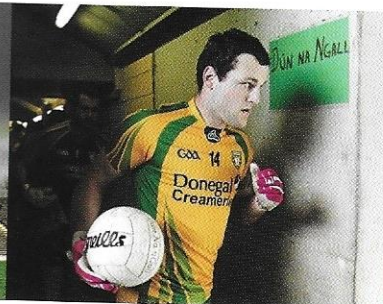
### THE CLONES FACTOR

St Tiernach's Park has been the location for many a fairytale and none more so than last year's outcome. Can Down bridge the gap on this occasion?



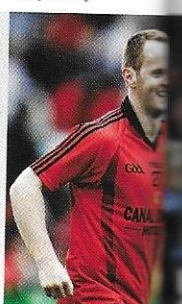
### HISTORY IN THE MAKING

Michael Murphy aims to become the first Donegal man to lift back to back Anglo Celts. The county has never achieved this feat.



### THE BENNY FACTOR

Due to injury, Benny influence has been so far. He could have say today.



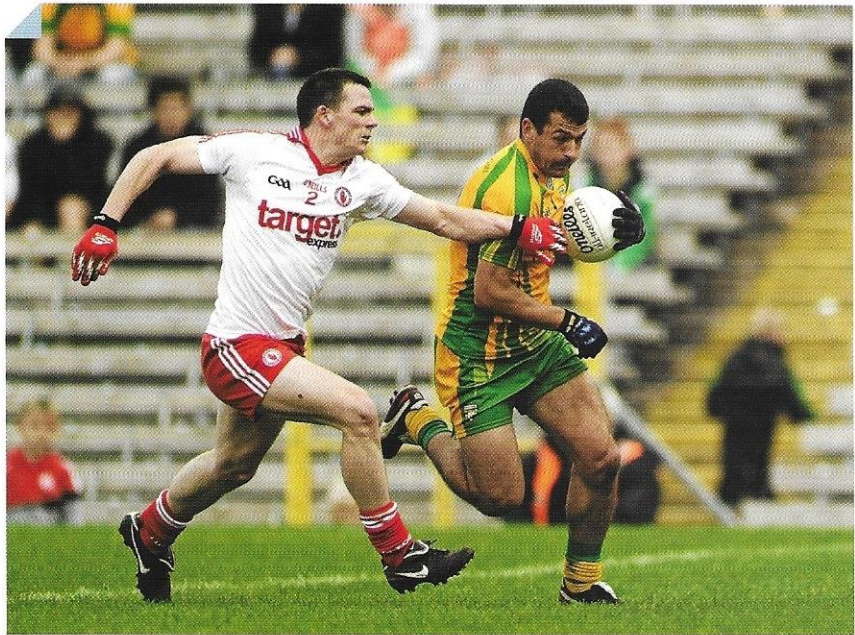
many errors that saw them surrender possession. Most of these turnovers came from failed kick-passes, and herein lies the dilemma that faces Down today.

To hand-pass or not to hand-pass? Against Donegal more than any other county in the country, possession is key. If you are going to be brave and try to stretch them at the back, then the kick-passing better be right on the money. Even the hand-pass exchanges better be accurate and, more importantly, they better be quick. If you are going to shoot from distance, which you must be prepared to do against the Ulster champions, then make sure the ball goes dead if it's off target. The Tir Chonaill men are never more dangerous than when they turn over possession.

Anybody who has sat in close proximity to Jim McGuinness during a game will have heard him relentlessly urging his corner-backs and half-backs to "push on", with the likes of Colm McFadden, Paddy McBrearty and Michael Murphy more than capable of benefitting from the speed and drive of the likes of Mark McHugh, David Walsh and Ryan Bradley.

Goals could also play a key role today. Since McGuinness took over from John Joe Doherty in the autumn of 2010, Donegal have only conceded two goals in eight Championship outings. The first was a late consolation rebound off a missed penalty from some fella called Seanie Johnston against Cavan last year, and the last was a second half Niall McDermott penalty when the game was already up for the Breffnimen back in May.

Yet, had Paul Durcan not managed to get his big toe onto Martin Penrose's late, goalbound effort three weeks ago, the Red Hands would have been on



level terms with the final whistle only seconds away.

On such small margins do results rest, and the Mournemen will be acutely aware of the fact that they need to make the most of every opportunity they create. In the second half of their momentous Semi-Final win over Monaghan, they played with the kind of urgency, desire and skill that will be required today. Faced with a nine-point deficit before the break, following a torrid first half in which the Farney men had effectively run through them at will, Monaghan could, and should, have been even further ahead.

However, once they were able to provide quality ball for Conor Lavery, Donal O'Hare and Benny Coulter – after he was sprung from the subs' bench – the game changed. All three are well able to win their own ball and either shoot on the turn, or offload quickly. In Lavery and Coulter, Down also boast a considerable goal threat.

Their impact will be key for the Mournemen today, but more important will be the ball supplied to them by the likes of Aidan Carr and Mark Poland. Danny Hughes' ability to pick up break ball and attack with pace will also be vital. Against Monaghan, we also saw powerful midfielders Ambrose Rogers and Kalum King driving on to support the forwards. They will need to do the same again, as providing options in a crowded final third is crucial against Donegal.

Kevin McKernan has shown in the past, particularly during Down's run to the All-Ireland Final in 2010, that he can act as the spare man in James McCartan's system, in a similar way to how Mark McHugh functions for Donegal. The sight of the Burren man rampaging forward from wing-back and firing over the bar from well out the field was a feature of that campaign two years ago, and it may be an avenue McCartan seeks to exploit today.

The bookies aren't giving the Mournemen much of a chance, with 4/1 generally on offer for a Down win. Given the talent at their disposal, and the lessons they are sure to have learned from the first 35 minutes against Monaghan, this seems generous.

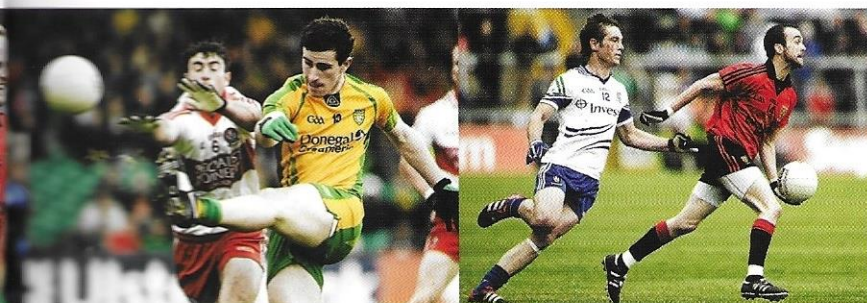
However, the question still remains – can Down solve a problem like Donegal today? Can they succeed where Tyrone failed? Not for my money.

#### COMING OF AGE

Paddy McBrearty starred for both Donegal Women and Seniors in 2011. This year he has become an integral part of the senior team.

#### ONE TO WATCH

Conor Lavery is not the stereotypical modern day full forward but his pace, vision and link play have been vital in reaching this stage.



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# Head to Head

## The Senior Managers

### Jim McGuinness

Ulster Final day in Clones is always a very special occasion and thus it is a great honour to lead this Donegal team into a second consecutive provincial final.

Today represents a very important moment for this group of Donegal players as it provides them with an opportunity to win back to back Ulster titles, something no other Donegal team has ever achieved. My hope for the team is that the work they have done both on and off the training pitch over the last twelve months will be reflected in their performance today.

Our opponents will no doubt provide us with a very formidable challenge. They have a history and tradition of delivering big performances on days such as today. They have been on the rise under James McCartan for a number of years now and after a good league campaign and a great victory in the semi-final last time out, they will come into today's game full of confidence.

From our own perspective I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, management, back-room staff and all associated with the team who have worked tremendously hard over the past two years. I would like to thank sincerely all involved for the huge time and effort they have given.

A word of thanks also to the county board, our sponsors Donegal Creameries, and the many clubs who have given up their facilities so freely these past few months; we look forward to your continued support. Lastly a special word of thanks to the Donegal supporters, who despite tough economic times, have travelled in huge numbers this summer to support the team and for this we are all very grateful.

### James McCartan

Our return to the final stage of an Ulster Championship is probably overdue and we have worked hard over the past few weeks to ensure that we grasp the opportunity. I have enjoyed success and endured disappointment in provincial deciders of the past, but it remains a special occasion.

This afternoon, we encounter the reigning champions and we fully appreciate the task that is ahead of us. Jim McGuinness and his crew are a formidable prospect for any side and they will have designs on winning back-to-back honours for the first time. Donegal have impressed on their way to the final and it will take a mighty effort from us to end a seven game winning streak in Ulster football. While this is a first final appearance in nine years for Down, we have to treat it like any other game. We know that the front door route is now the best option and we are determined to make the best of this opportunity. Only three of our squad have played in an Ulster Senior Final and having lost on our last two appearances at this stage, our sights are set on bridging a long gap back to 1994.

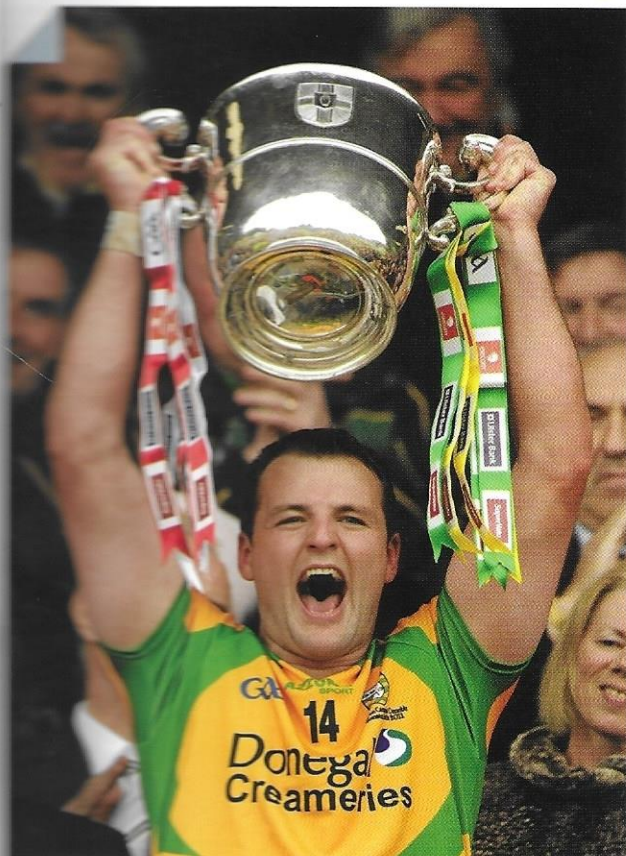
The Ulster Council have done an excellent job in actually increasing attendances from last year. I would also wish to congratulate our fellow county man Danny Murphy on his recent Honorary Doctorate from the University of Ulster. I would like to thank everyone involved in the management and backroom team and the county committee for their work and support. We hope we can deliver so that we can reward their efforts and the support of the Down people who will be here in numbers today.



# Ulster Senior Championship

Roll Of Honour, 1888 – 2011

|     |                     |             |                    |             |               |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
|-----|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------|-----|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------|---------------|
| '11 | Dún na nGall        | 1-11        | Doire              | 0-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '10 | <b>Tír Eoghain</b>  | <b>1-14</b> | <b>Muineachán</b>  | <b>0-07</b> | <b>Clones</b> |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '09 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-18        | Aontroim           | 0-15        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '08 | Ard Mhacha          | 2-08        | Fear Manach        | 1-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| R:  | Ard Mhacha          | 1-11        | Fear Manach        | 0-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '07 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-15        | Muineachán         | 1-13        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '06 | Ard Mhacha          | 1-09        | Dún na nGall       | 0-09        | Croke Pk      |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '05 | Ard Mhacha          | 2-08        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-14        | Croke Pk      |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| R:  | Ard Mhacha          | 0-13        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-11        | Croke Pk      |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '04 | Ard Mhacha          | 3-15        | Dún na nGall       | 0-11        | Croke Pk      |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '03 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-17        | An Dún             | 4-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| R:  | Tír Eoghain         | 0-23        | An Dún             | 1-05        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '02 | Ard Mhacha          | 1-14        | Dún na nGall       | 1-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '01 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-13        | An Cabhán          | 1-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '00 | <b>Ard Mhacha</b>   | <b>1-12</b> | <b>Doire</b>       | <b>1-11</b> | <b>Clones</b> |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '99 | Ard Mhacha          | 3-12        | An Dún             | 0-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '98 | Doire               | 1-07        | Dún na nGall       | 0-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '97 | An Cabhán           | 1-14        | Doire              | 0-16        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '96 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-09        | An Dún             | 0-09        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '95 | Tír Eoghain         | 2-13        | An Cabhán          | 0-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '94 | An Dún              | 1-17        | Tír Eoghain        | 1-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '93 | Doire               | 0-08        | Dún na nGall       | 0-06        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '92 | Dún na nGall        | 0-14        | Doire              | 1-09        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '91 | An Dún              | 1-15        | Dún na nGall       | 0-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '90 | <b>Dún na nGall</b> | <b>0-15</b> | <b>Ard Mhacha</b>  | <b>0-14</b> | <b>Clones</b> |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '89 | Tír Eoghain         | 0-11        | Dún na nGall       | 0-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
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| '88 | Muineachán          | 1-10        | Tír Eoghain        | 0-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '87 | Doire               | 0-11        | Ard Mhacha         | 0-09        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '86 | Tír Eoghain         | 1-11        | An Dún             | 0-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '85 | Muineachán          | 2-09        | Doire              | 0-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '84 | Tír Eoghain         | 0-15        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-07        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '83 | Dún na nGall        | 1-14        | An Cabhán          | 1-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '82 | Ard Mhacha          | 0-10        | Fear Manach        | 1-04        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '81 | An Dún              | 3-12        | Ard Mhacha         | 1-10        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '80 | <b>Ard Mhacha</b>   | <b>4-10</b> | <b>Tír Eoghain</b> | <b>4-07</b> | <b>Clones</b> |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '79 | Muineachán          | 1-15        | Dún na nGall       | 0-11        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '78 | An Dún              | 2-19        | An Cabhán          | 2-12        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '77 | Ard Mhacha          | 3-10        | Doire              | 1-05        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
| '76 | Doire               | 1-08        | An Cabhán          | 1-08        | Clones        |     |                   |             |                  |               |               |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | R:  | Doire             | 0-22        | An Cabhán        | 1-16          | AET Clones    |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '75 | Doire             | 1-16        | An Dún           | 2-06          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '74 | Dún na nGall      | 1-14        | An Dún           | 2-11          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | R:  | Dún na nGall      | 3-09        | An Dún           | 1-12          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '73 | Tír Eoghain       | 3-13        | An Dún           | 1-11          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '72 | Dún na nGall      | 2-13        | Tír Eoghain      | 1-11          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '71 | An Dún            | 4-15        | Doire            | 4-11          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '70 | <b>Doire</b>      | <b>2-13</b> | <b>Aontroim</b>  | <b>1-12</b>   | <b>Clones</b> |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '69 | An Cabhán         | 2-13        | An Dún           | 2-06          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '68 | An Dún            | 0-16        | An Cabhán        | 1-08          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '67 | An Cabhán         | 2-12        | An Dún           | 0-08          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '66 | An Dún            | 1-07        | Dún na nGall     | 0-08          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '65 | An Dún            | 3-05        | An Cabhán        | 1-08          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '64 | An Cabhán         | 2-10        | An Dún           | 1-10          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '63 | An Dún            | 2-11        | Dún na nGall     | 1-04          | Cavan         |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '62 | An Cabhán         | 3-06        | An Dún           | 0-05          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '61 | An Dún            | 2-10        | Ard Mhacha       | 1-10          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '60 | <b>An Dún</b>     | <b>3-07</b> | <b>An Cabhán</b> | <b>1-8</b>    | <b>Clones</b> |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '59 | An Dún            | 2-16        | An Cabhán        | 0-07          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '58 | Doire             | 1-11        | An Dún           | 2-04          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '57 | Tír Eoghain       | 1-09        | Doire            | 0-10          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '56 | Tír Eoghain       | 3-05        | An Cabhán        | 0-04          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '55 | An Cabhán         | 0-11        | Doire            | 0-08          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '54 | An Cabhán         | 2-10        | Ard Mhacha       | 2-05          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '53 | Ard Mhacha        | 1-06        | An Cabhán        | 0-05          | Belfast       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '52 | An Cabhán         | 1-08        | Muineachán       | 0-08          | Cavan         |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '51 | Aontroim          | 1-07        | An Cabhán        | 2-03          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '50 | <b>Ard Mhacha</b> | <b>1-11</b> | <b>An Cabhán</b> | <b>1-07</b>   | <b>Clones</b> |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '49 | An Cabhán         | 1-07        | Ard Mhacha       | 1-06          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '48 | An Cabhán         | 2-12        | Aontroim         | 2-04          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '47 | An Cabhán         | 3-04        | Aontroim         | 1-06          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '46 | Aontroim          | 2-08        | An Cabhán        | 1-07          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '45 | An Cabhán         | 4-10        | Fear Manach      | 1-04          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '44 | An Cabhán         | 1-09        | Muineachán       | 0-05          | Clones        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '43 | An Cabhán         | 2-03        | Muineachán       | 0-05          | Cavan         |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '42 | An Cabhán         | 5-11        | An Dún           | 1-03          | Dundalk       |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '41 | An Cabhán         | 3-09        | Tír Eoghain      | 0-05          | Armagh        |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '40 | <b>An Cabhán</b>  | <b>4-10</b> | <b>An Dún</b>    | <b>1-05</b>   | <b>Cavan</b>  |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | '39 | An Cabhán         | Ard Mhacha  | Abandoned,       | Castleblayney |               |
|     |                     |             |                    |             |               | R:  | An Cabhán         | 2-03        | Ard Mhacha       | 0-07          | Croke Pk      |



### DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1963 final Down captain George Lavery had the honour of being the first to receive the new Anglo-Celt cup from Ulster President Paddy McFlynn. Down player Val Kane won both a minor and senior Ulster championship medals on the same day. Down won the game 2-11 to 1-04.

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|--------|------------|------|-------------------|-------------|------------------|
| '28    | Muineachán | 2-05 | Ard Mhacha        | 2-02        | Armagh           |
| '27    | An Cabhán  | 0-13 | Ard Mhacha        | 0-03        | Castleblayney    |
| '26    | An Cabhán  | 1-07 | Muineachán        | 0-07        | Castleblayney    |
| '25    | An Cabhán  | 2-06 | Fear Manach       | 2-01        | Belturbet        |
| '24    | An Cabhán  | 3-08 | Ard Mhacha        | 0-02        | Castleblayney    |
| '23    | An Cabhán  | 6-13 | Tír Eoghain       | 1-02        | Armagh           |
| '22    | An Cabhán  | 2-04 | Ard Mhacha        | 0-02        | Monaghan         |
| '21    | An Cabhán  | 0-08 | Ard Mhacha        | 2-01        | Dundalk          |
| '20    | Muineachán | 4-03 | <b>An Cabhán</b>  | <b>1-05</b> | Carickmacross    |
| '19    | Muineachán | 1-04 | An Cabhán         | 1-04        | Cavan            |
| R: '18 | Muineachán | 1-10 | An Cabhán         | 0-07        | Carickmacross    |
| '18    | An Cabhán  | 2-06 | Ard Mhacha        | 1-04        | Cavan            |
| '17    | Muineachán | 3-05 | Ard Mhacha        | 2-05        | Armagh           |
| '16    | An Cabhán  | 5-03 | Aontroim          | 0-06        | Cavan            |
| '15    | An Cabhán  | 2-03 | Aontroim          | 3-00        | Monaghan         |
| R: '14 | An Cabhán  | 3-06 | Aontroim          | 0-01        | Belturbet        |
| '14    | An Cabhán  | 1-03 | Muineachán        | 1-03        | Belturbet        |
| R: '13 | An Cabhán  | 2-03 | Muineachán        | 1-03        | Ballybay         |
| '13    | An Cabhán  | 5-10 | Muineachán        | 1-01        | Cavan            |
| '12    | Muineachán | 2-03 | An Cabhán         | 2-03        | Clones           |
| R: '11 | Muineachán | 3-04 | An Cabhán         | 3-03        | Belturbet        |
| '11    | Muineachán | 2-02 | Doire             | 0-01        | Clones           |
| '10    | An Cabhán  | 4-06 | <b>Ard Mhacha</b> | <b>1-04</b> | <b>Cootehill</b> |
| '09    | An Cabhán  | 5-06 | Aontroim          | 0-02        | Clones           |
| '08    | An Cabhán  | 3-02 | Aontroim          | 0-00        | Belturbet        |
| '07    | Muineachán | 4-02 | Ard Mhacha        | 0-04        | Clones           |
| '06    | Muineachán | 3-01 | Aontroim          | 0-02        | Clones           |

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| '15    | An Cabhán       | 3-02        | Muineachán       | 2-05        | Belturbet      |
| R: '15 | An Cabhán       | 0-04        | Muineachán       | 0-03        | Clones         |
| '14    | Muineachán      | 2-04        | Fear Manach      | 0-02        | Newbliss       |
| '13    | Aontroim        | 2-01        | Muineachán       | 1-02        | Newbliss       |
| '12    | Aontroim        | 2-02        | Ard Mhacha       | 0-01        | Castleblayney  |
| '11    | Aontroim        | 2-08        | An Cabhán        | 0-04        |                |
| '10    | <b>Aontroim</b> | <b>3-04</b> | <b>An Cabhán</b> | <b>0-01</b> | <b>Dundalk</b> |
| '09    | Aontroim        | 1-09        | An Cabhán        | 0-04        | Clones         |
| '08    | Aontroim        | 1-08        | An Cabhán        | 0-04        | Clones         |
| '07    | No Championship |             |                  |             |                |
| '06    | Muineachán      | 2-10        | Aontroim         | 1-02        | Clones         |
| '05    | An Cabhán       | 0-07        | Muineachán       | 0-04        | Clones         |
| '04    | An Cabhán       | 0-05        | Ard Mhacha       | 0-05        | Armagh         |
| R: '04 | An Cabhán       | 0-05        | Ard Mhacha       | 0-05        | Cavan          |
| R: '03 | An Cabhán       | 0-08        | Ard Mhacha       | 0-04        | Newbliss       |
| '03    | Ard Mhacha      | 2-02        | Aontroim         | 1-04        | Belfast        |
| '01/02 | Aontroim        | 3-05        | Ard Mhacha       | 2-05        | Belfast        |

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\*An Cabhán represented Ulster in 1895 All-Ireland Semi Final\*

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| '91    | Cavan Slashers (An Cabhán)      | Armagh Harps (Ard Mhacha) | Abandoned                        | Smithboro |           |
| R: '91 | An Cabhán                       | 1-11                      | Ard Mhacha                       | 0-00      | Smithboro |
| '90    | Harps (Ard Mhacha)              | 2-08                      | Owen Roe O'Neill's (Tír Eoghain) | 1-02      | Lisburn   |
| '89    | No Championship                 |                           |                                  |           |           |
| '88    | Inniskeen Grattans (Muineachán) | 0-02                      | Maghera McGinns (An Cabhán)      | 0-02      |           |
| R: '88 | Muineachán                      | 0-03                      | An Cabhán                        |           |           |

## Roll of Honour:

Aontroim - 9 Titles  
 Ard Mhacha - 14 Titles  
 An Cabhán - 37 Titles  
 An Dún - 12 Titles  
 Doire - 7 Titles  
 Dún na nGall - 6 Titles  
 Muineachán - 14 Titles  
 Tír Eoghain - 13 Titles

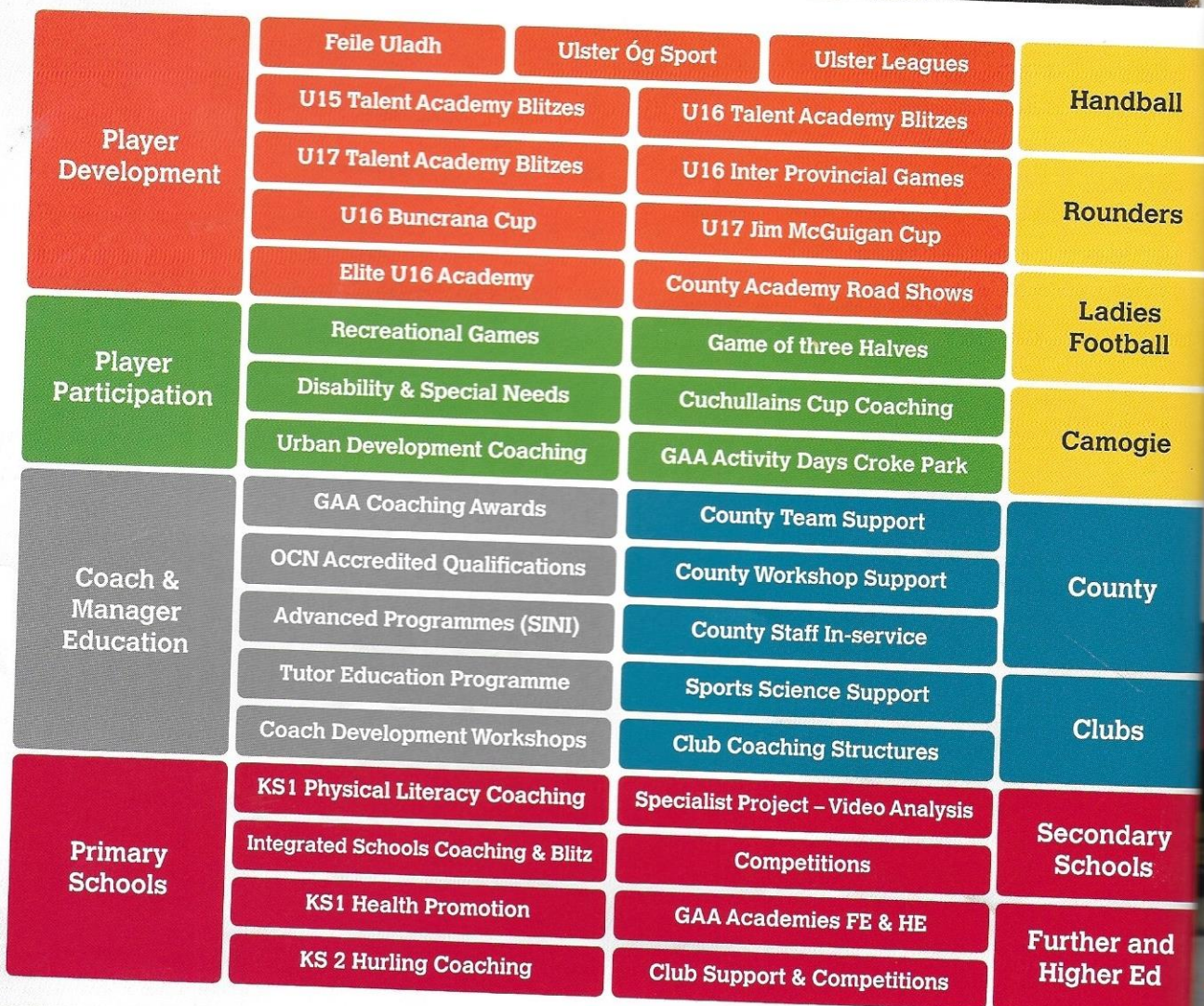
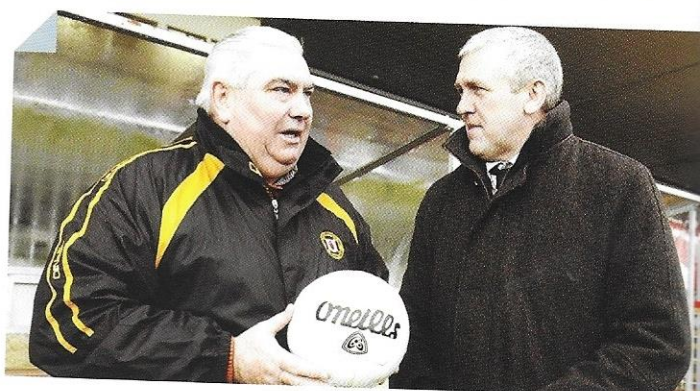


# Coaching and Games Development Programmes in Ulster

The Coaching and Games Development Programmes in Ulster and within our counties are as diverse and interesting as ever.

Our main focus remains the promotion and development of our games.

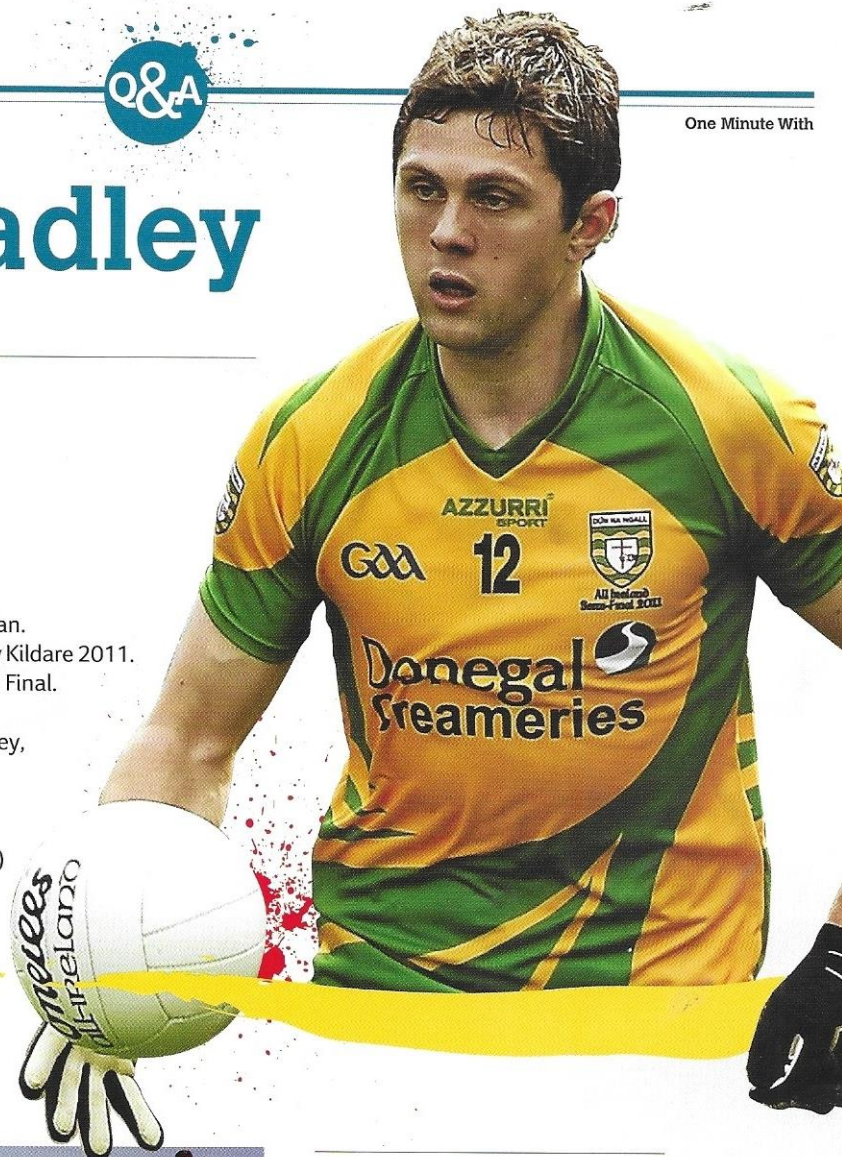
The diagram below illustrates the vast array of coaching activity that is taking place in our province.



# Ryan Bradley

For Club & County

Name: Ryan Bradley.  
 Club: Buncrana.  
 Favourite position: Half forward.  
 Favourite pitch: The Scarvey, Buncrana.  
 Hobbies: Swimming, watching sport.  
 Childhood hero: Paul McGonigle.  
 Best player you have played with: Karl Lacey, Michael Murphy.  
 Best player you have played against: Philip Jordan.  
 Best game you have been involved in: Donegal v Kildare 2011.  
 Best game you have ever seen: 1992 All-Ireland Final.  
 Best trainer within the squad: Paddy McGrath.  
 Worst trainer within the squad: Thomas McKinley, Noel Gallagher excuses excuses excuses.  
 Worst training drill: Tackling drills.  
 No hate: Michael Boyle's tight chinos.  
 Best motivator within the squad: Colm (the Bull)  
 What often knocks everything over.  
 Pre-match meal: Chicken and Pasta.  
 Key superstitions: Same seat on the bus.  
 Favourite song: Snow Patrol - Open Your Eyes.  
 Favourite film: Hangover.  
 Favourite holiday destination: Portugal.  
 Favourite drink: Milk.  
 Favourite meal: Lasagne and Chips.  
 Favourite book: Alex Ferguson,  
 Thomas Byrne.  
 Advice for youngsters:  
 Train hard and never give up.  
 Young Player within your club to look out for:  
 Damagh O'Connor, Ryan Curran and Peter McLaughlin.  
 If you won the Lotto: Travel the world.  
 Aim for 2012: Retain Ulster.



Best thing about the GAA:  
**The friendships you make**



# Tom O'Hare

Mayobridge

Tom O'Hare is a man who has given his life and soul and maybe more to his club, county and the GAA in general.

**He is respected throughout the entire country and further afield by all who know, seen or came into contact with him during his football career.**

Born into a humble family in Mayobridge, growing up would not have been easy at that time. Having passed through primary school Tom took up employment and spent his working days with just a few companies developing his talents, which were in abundance. Having met Eileen Kelly from the neighbouring parish of Clonduff, they married and had a family of six, Cathy, Pdraig, John, Thomas, Joseph and Bridgeen.

Football took a major hold of his life, which included losing a Junior Championship Final in 1956. He played Minor football with Newry Shamrocks and in 1966 won a Feis Sevens medal with Clonduff. Around this time he became the first leader of the Youth Club, helping and guiding the younger members of Mayobridge.

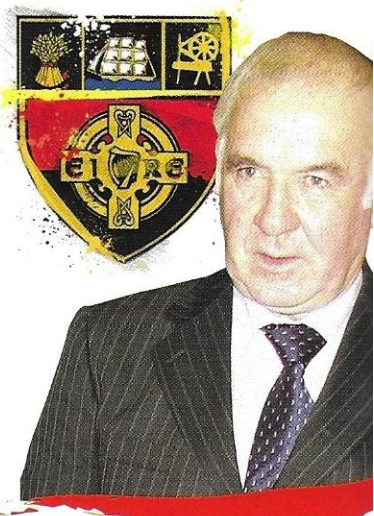
On the football field success began to arrive in abundance: in 1960 he won an Ulster Minor Championship, then in 1961 the Ulster Minor League and in 1963, '65, '66, '68, '70 and '71 Ulster Senior Championship medals.

When Tom first pulled on the red and black jersey it was a bizarre occasion. "It was a sort of traumatic experience", he recalls. "I played Minor in 1960 and a couple of years later, just after Down had won the All-Ireland, I was brought into the Senior panel. Down were playing the rest of Ulster and I went to the game and the manager handed me the number eleven jersey because James McCartan was injured. When I saw the jersey I thought he had made a mistake and I handled it back to him!", Tom mightn't have been ready but he pulled on the county shirt that day and never looked

back. He played exceptionally well in his Senior debut and was a model of consistency for his county over the next decade or so.

Tom added to this impressive tally with Railway Cup medals in 1966, '69 and '70, a McKenna Cup medal in 1964, National League and All-Ireland medals in 1968.

With his beloved Mayobridge he won a Division Four medal in 1980, a Junior Championship, a Division Three medal in 1981 and a Reserve Championship medal in 1985, at the tender age of 42.



**Tom keeps the clubs football pitches in superb condition for all of the teams within the club. This is a role that has been looked after by the O'Hare family for over 60 years now.**

Tom has been a member of the Mayobridge committee for many years, holding different positions along the way. Tom is presently a Trustee of the club and has managed different teams to county success and to this day helps coach the local primary school team.

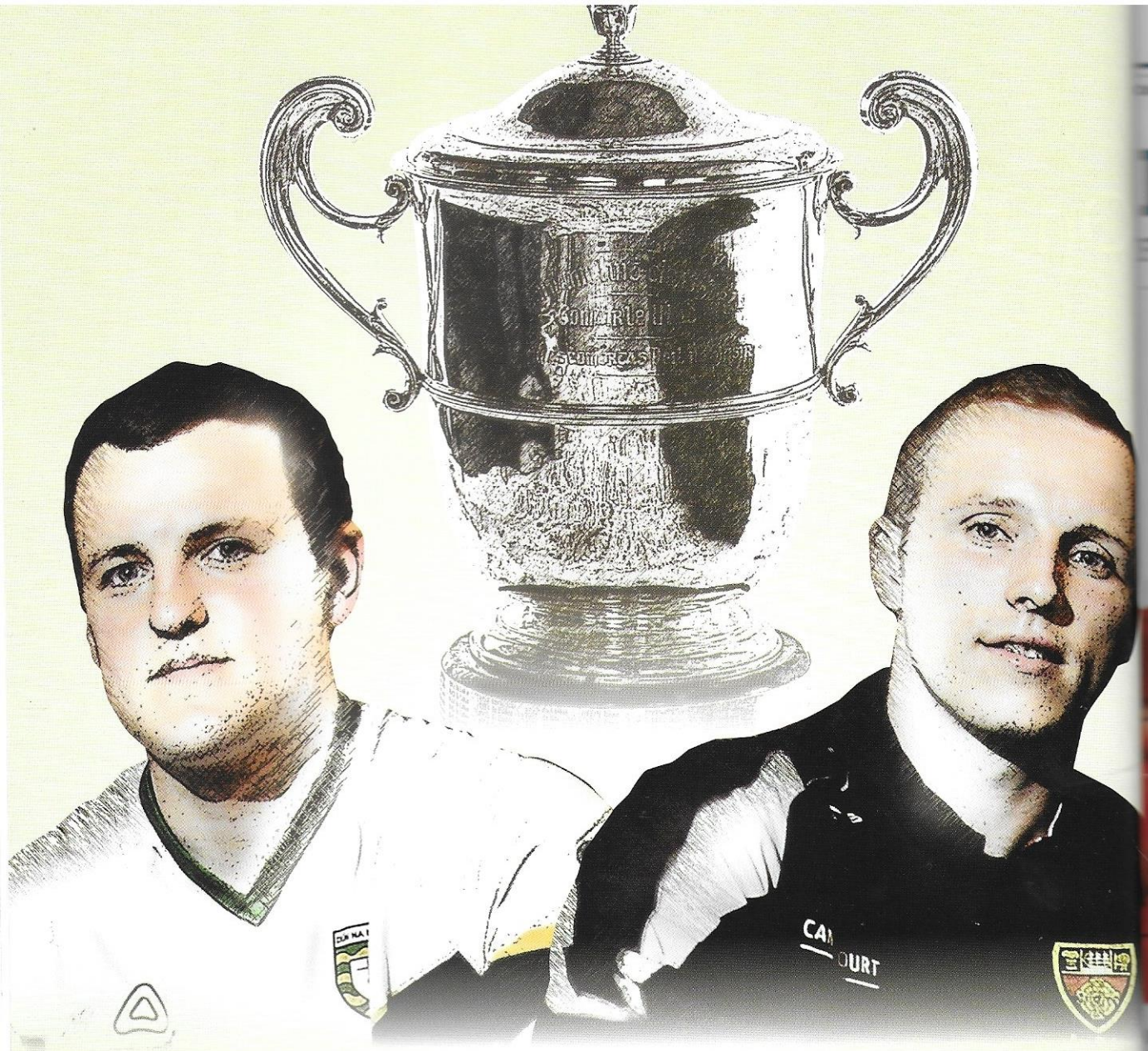
Tom was the manager of the Mayobridge minors who won the Down championship in 1980, a team which

included another Mayobridge great Micky Linden. Tom also would have had a strong influence in the playing career of the Mayobridge team who won the Down senior championship eight times from 2000 to 2010 with players such as Benny Coulter, Micky Linden, Ron Sexton, Michael Walsh and Conor Garvey.

One of the great sayings that you will hear coming from Tom while he is coaching the youth of Mayobridge "T, your points lads and the goals will come". Tom keeps the clubs football pitches in superb condition for all of the teams within the club. This is a role that has been looked after by the O'Hare family for over 60 years now as Tom's father John held the position with pride for a number of years before Tom.

Anyone calling to the field with deliveries and such are usually left lazing for their next appointment when the chat about the All-Ireland wins and football in general starts with Tom. Time is forgotten as the games are replayed and discussed at length.

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**DONEGAL NEWS**

# Darren O'Hagan

For Club & County

## DID YOU KNOW?

In the 1991 final it was Down who won by 1-15 to 0-10, the goal coming from Mickey Linden and first Ulster title in ten years. Paddy O'Rourke had the honour of collecting the Anglo-Celt cup.

**Name:** Darren O'Hagan.

**Club:** Clonduff.

**Favourite position:** Centre half back.

**Favourite pitch:** Paric Esler.

**Favourite player:** Graham Canty.

**Best Player you have played with:** Marty Clarke.

**Best Player you have played against:** Paddy Kelly.

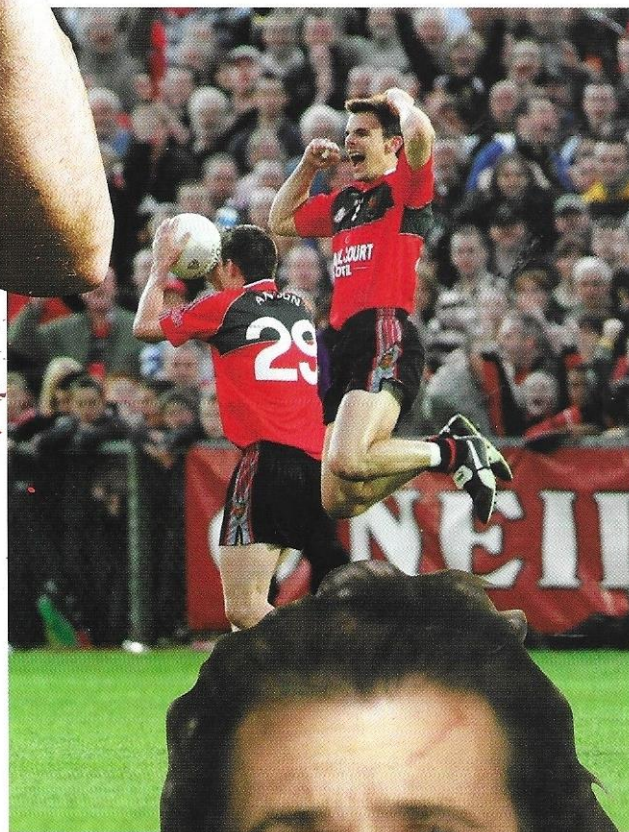
**Best game you have ever seen:** Down v Tyrone Replay 2008.

**Best trainer within the squad:** Benny McArdle.

**Worst trainer within the squad:** Kevin Duffin.

**Worst training drill:** Tackling grids.

**Favourite sportsperson:** Roger Federer.



**Best game you have been involved in:**

Down versus  
Monaghan 2012  
Ulster Semi Final

**Best motivator within the squad:** Benny Coulter.

**Pre-Watch meal:** Beans on toast.

**Favourite Song:** Flo rida : Club cant handle me.

**Favourite Film:** Braveheart.

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Florida.

**Favourite Meal:** Chinese.

**Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own:** Crossmaglen.

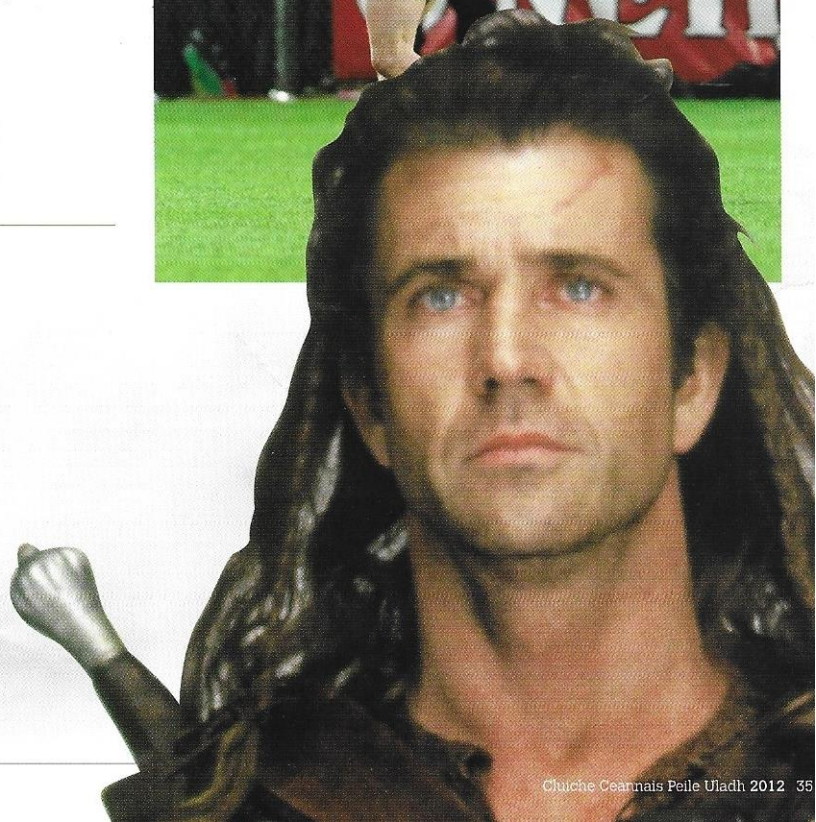
**Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own:** Kerry.

**Advice for youngsters:** Listen till your managers!!

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** Callum Donann.

**If you won the Lotto:** Travel the world for a couple of years!!

**Aim for 2012:** Win Ulster.





# Meet the Teams

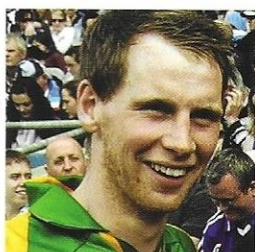
Dún na nGall, Pen Pics

**Karl Lacey**



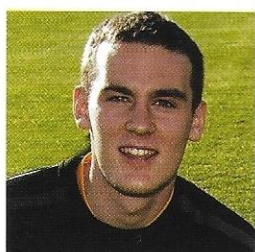
Club: Four Masters  
Age: 27 Height: 5' 11"

**Anthony Thompson**



Club: N. Conaill  
Age: 26 Height: 6'

**Peter McGee**



Club: Gweedore  
Age: 23 Height: 6' 5"

**Paddy McGrath**



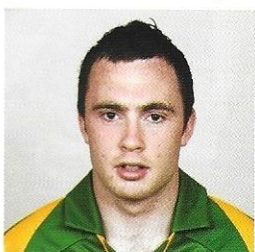
Club: Ardara  
Age: 23 Height: 5' 11"

**Rory Kavanagh**



Club: St Eunans  
Age: 28 Height: 6' 2"

**Martin McElhinney**



Club: N. Micheal  
Age: 24 Height: 6' 2"

**Ryan Bradley**



Club: Buncrana  
Age: 26 Height: 6' 2"

**Gary McFadden**



Club: Glenswilly  
Age: 25 Height: 6' 2"

**Stephen Griffin**



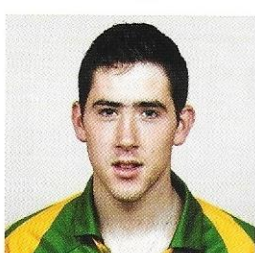
Club: St. Nauls  
Age: 25 Height: 6' 2"

**Adrian Hanlon**



Club: Dungloe  
Age: 25 Height: 5' 8"

**Mark McHugh**



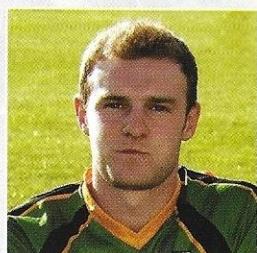
Club: Kilcar  
Age: 22 Height: 5' 11"

**Dermot Molloy**



Club: N. Conaill  
Age: 21 Height: 5' 11"

**Peter Witherow**



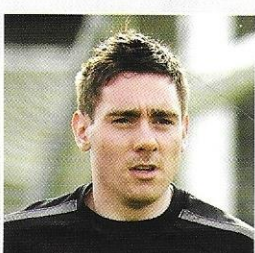
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Age: 25 Height: 6' 1"

**Patrick McBrearty**



Club: Kilcar  
Age: 19 Height: 6'

**Martin O'Reilly**



Club: Mac Cumhail's  
Age: 19 Height: 5' 9"

**Declan Walsh**



Club: Malin  
Age: 23 Height: 6' 2"

**DID YOU KNOW?**

In the 1974 final it finished all square between the sides for the first time in 45 years but in the replay it was Donegal who came out on top by 3-09 to 1-12. The Donegal goals were scored by Seamus Sommer twice from the penalty spot and Kieran Whaley on the stroke of full time. Páirc McShea had the honour of collecting the Anglo-Celt cup for Donegal.

To have the honour of captaining this Donegal team this year has given me immense pride.

I hope that the occasion of the Ulster final will give both teams the opportunity to display the football that they are capable of.

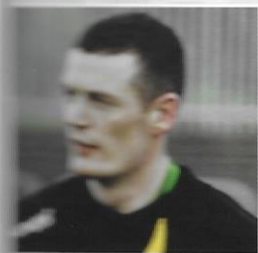
I am looking forward to what I believe will be a tough but sporting encounter with a Down team which has already shown great form in this year's campaign.

However, hopefully by the end of the day the Anglo Celt will be staying in Donegal.

**Michael Murphy**  
Club: Glenswilly  
Age: 33 Height: 6' 2"

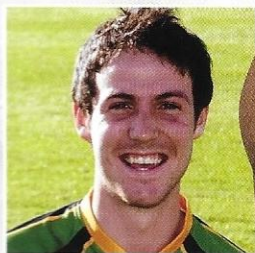
Today represents a very important moment for this group of Donegal players as it provides them with an opportunity to win back to back Ulster titles, something no other Donegal team has ever achieved...

**Kevin Rafferty**

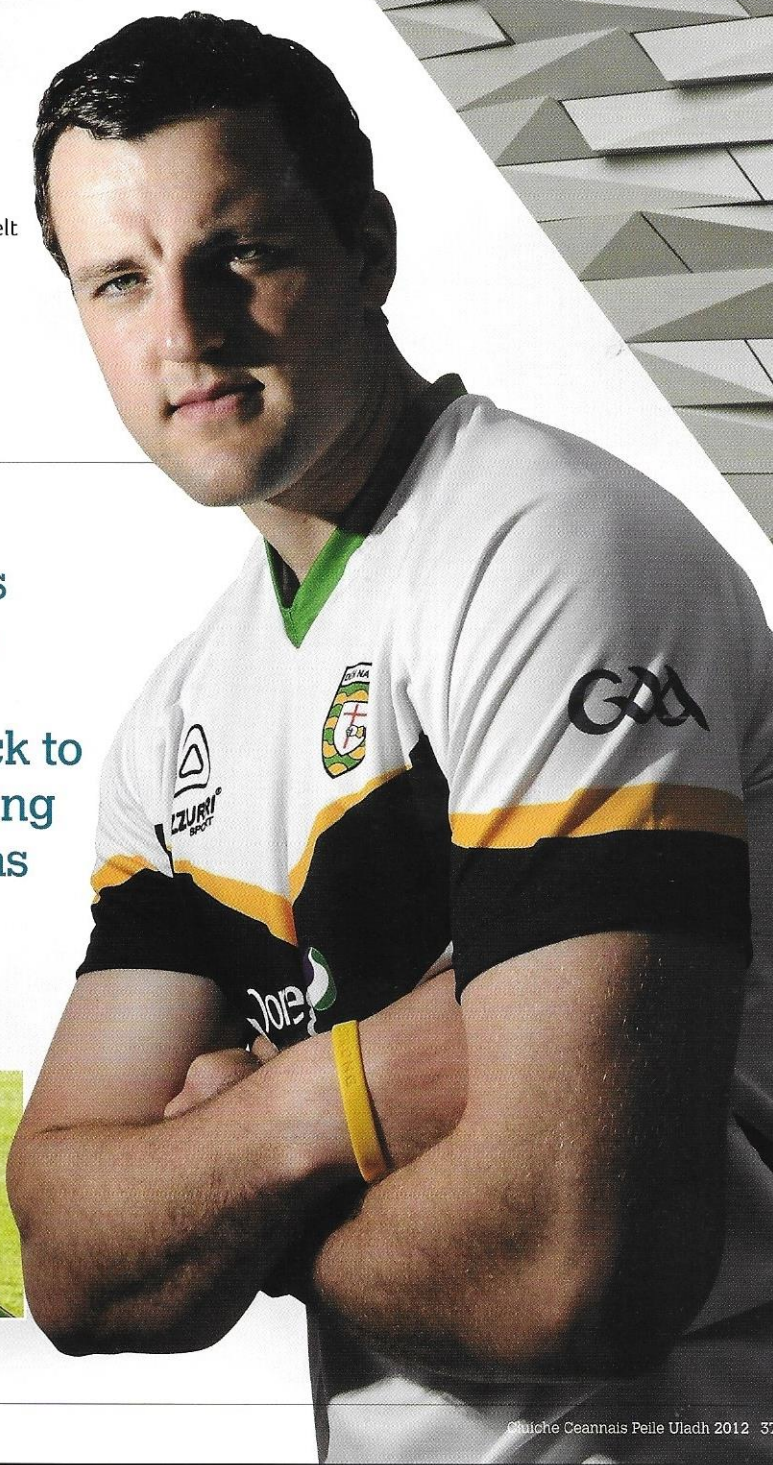


Club: St Eunan's  
Age: 30 Height: 6' 5"

**Anton McFadden**

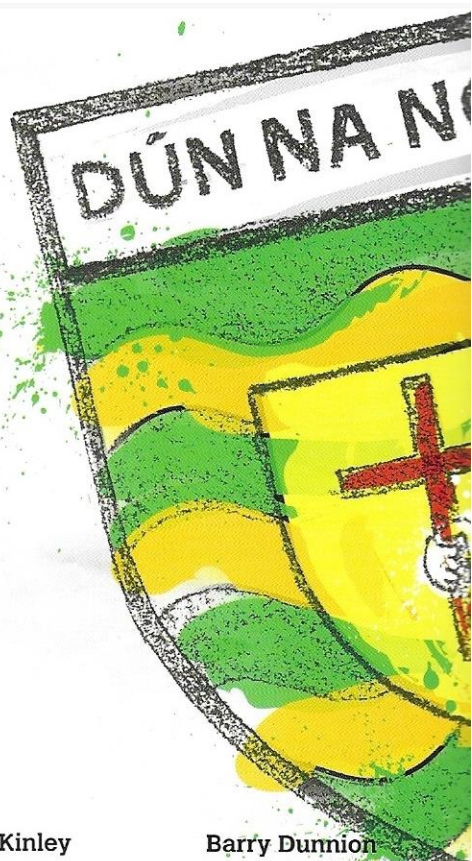


Club: N. Mícheál  
Age: 22 Height: 6'



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**Colm McFadden**



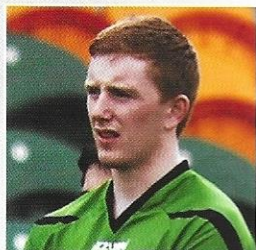
Club: N. Micheal  
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**Michael Boyle**



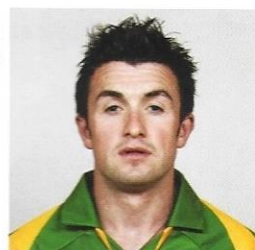
Club: Termon  
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**Daniel McLoughlin**



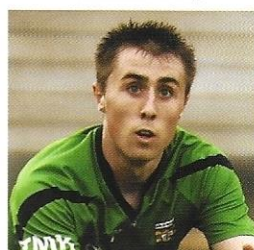
Club: N. Micheal  
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**David Walsh**



Club: N. Brid  
Age: 25 Height: 6'

**Tommy McKinley**



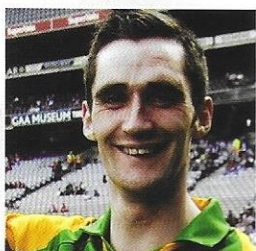
Club: N. Colmcille  
Age: 21 Height: 5' 10"

**Barry Dumion**



Club: Four Masters  
Age: 28 Height: 5' 10"

**Marty Boyle**



Club: N. Conaill  
Age: 26 Height: 6' 1"

**Christy Toye**



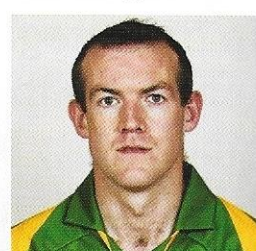
Club: N. Micheal  
Age: 28 Height: 6' 2"

**Leo McLoone**



Club: N. Conaill  
Age: 23 Height: 6'

**Neil Gallagher**



Club: Glenswilly  
Age: 31 Height: 6' 4"

**Paul Durcan**



Club: Four Masters  
Age: 28 Height: 6' 5"

**Frank McGlynn**



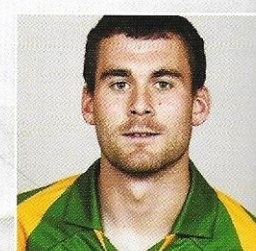
Club: Glenfin  
Age: 26 Height: 5' 11"

**Neil McGee**



Club: Gweedore  
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**Eamon McGee**



Club: Gweedore  
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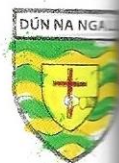
**Dún na nGall**



# DÚN NA NGALL

Donegal Senior Team

Manager: Jim McGuinness



## Fír Ionaid/Substitutes

16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmann 17. Martin Mc Elhinney, Naomh Mícheál 18. Marty Boyle, Naomh Conaill  
 19. Tommy McKinley, Naomh Colmcille 20. Christy Tóye, Naomh Mícheál 21. Stephen Griffin, Naomh Naillé  
 22. Daniel McLaughlin, Naomh Mícheál 23. Martin O'Reilly, Sean Mac Cumhaill  
 24. Dermot Molloy, Naomh Conaill 25. Declan Walsh, Málainn 26. Adrian Hanlon, An Clochan Liath

## Notes

|           | Cúil | Cúilíní | Seachaf | 45 | Saor | Ciceanna |
|-----------|------|---------|---------|----|------|----------|
| 1AD Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| 2AD Leath |      |         |         |    |      |          |
| Iomlán    |      |         |         |    |      |          |



# AN DÚN

Manager: James McCartan

Down Senior Team



**Éiríonaid/Substitutes**

- 16. Shane Harrison, Glás Droimmáin
- 17. Kalum King, Áth Bhriain
- 18. Conor Maginn, Áth Bhriain
- 19. Liam Doyle, Liatroim
- 20. Peter Turley, Dún Phádraig
- 21. Kevin Duffin, Caisleán Uidhlinn
- 22. Declan Rooney, Boireann
- 23. Damian Turley, Dún Phádraig
- 24. Niall McParland, An Ghleann
- 25. Niall Branagan, Cill Chua

**Notes**

| Goal | Cúilíní | Seacháí | 45 | Saor | Ciceanna |
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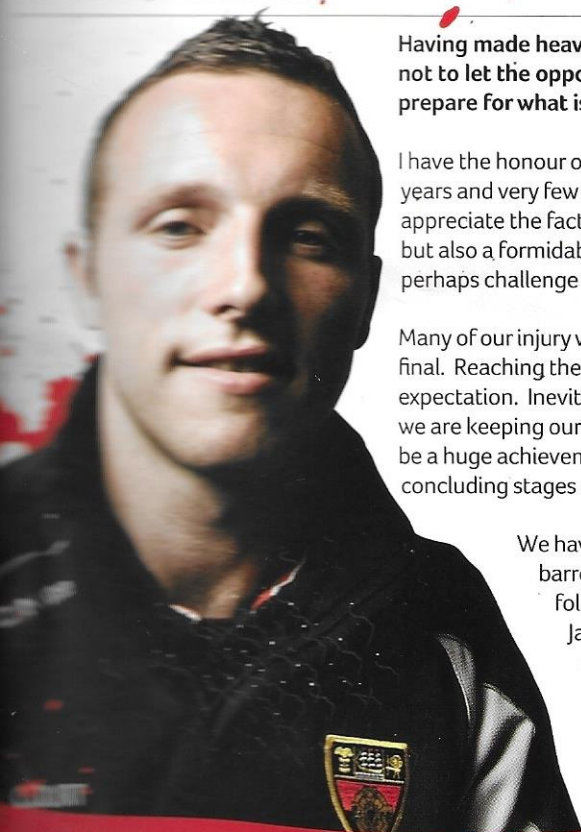


# An Dún



# Meet the Teams

An Dúin, Pen Pics



Having made heavy work of our route to this afternoon's Ulster Final, we are determined not to let the opportunity pass us by. We have worked hard over the past few weeks to prepare for what is the most important day in the Ulster GAA calendar.

I have the honour of leading a Down team out for the county's first provincial final in nine years and very few of us have experienced the big occasion of a senior final in Clones. We appreciate the fact that our task is sizeable as Donegal are not only defending champions, but also a formidable team who will be looking to build on last year's breakthrough and perhaps challenge for All-Ireland honours.

Many of our injury worries have cleared up and we are as ready as we could be for today's final. Reaching the All-Ireland Final in 2010 was a huge achievement against most people's expectation. Inevitably there has been a lot of pressure on us to perform since then, but we are keeping ourselves grounded and taking one game at a time. An Ulster title would be a huge achievement and the winners today will know that it is a perfect platform for the concluding stages at Croke Park.

We have been well supported in recent years and we will do our best to end our barren spell without silverware and provide a reason to celebrate for all the followers of Down football. On behalf of the players, I would like to thank James and the rest of his management and backroom team. They have done a magnificent job over the past three years and having reached an Ulster decider, we now hope to complete the job for them this afternoon.

## Ambrose Rogers

Club: Longstone

Age: 27 Height: 6' 2"

## Aidan Branagan



Club: Kilcoo  
Age: 29 Height: 6'

## Aidan Carr



Club: Clonduff  
Age: 27 Height: 5' 11"

## Brendan Coulter



Club: Mayobridge  
Age: 30 Height: 6'

## Liam Doyle



Club: Liatroim  
Age: 31 Height: 5' 11"

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# Meet the Teams

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## An Dún, Pen Pics

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**Kevin Duffin**



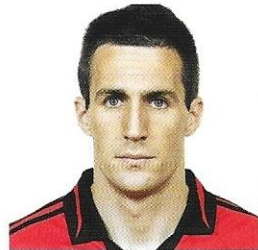
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**Age:** 24 **Height:** 6'

**Conor Garvey**



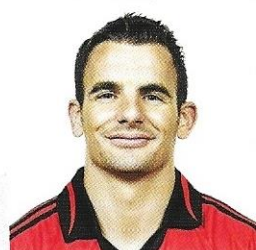
**Club:** Mayobridge  
**Age:** 24 **Height:** 5' 11"

**Dan Gordon**



**Club:** Loughinisland  
**Age:** 28 **Height:** 6' 3"

**Danny Hughes**



**Club:** Saval  
**Age:** 30 **Height:** 5' 11"

**Kalum King**



**Club:** Bryansford  
**Age:** 27 **Height:** 6' 3"

**Conor Laverty**



**Club:** Kilcoo  
**Age:** 26 **Height:** 5' 7"

**Conor Maginn**



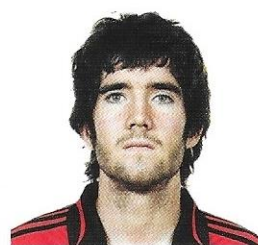
**Club:** Bryansford  
**Age:** 24 **Height:** 5' 10"

**Brendan McArdle**



**Club:** Annaclone  
**Age:** 25 **Height:** 6'

**Anton McArdle**



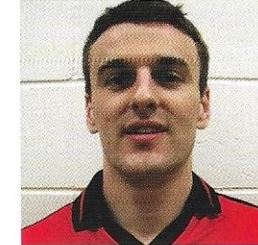
**Club:** Burren  
**Age:** 21 **Height:** 6' 3"

**Daniel McCartan**



**Club:** Burren  
**Age:** 29 **Height:** 5' 11"

**Eoin McCartan**



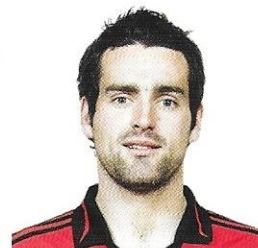
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**Age:** 27 **Height:** 6'

**Gerard McCartan**



**Club:** Burren  
**Age:** 23 **Height:** 6' 1"

**Kevin McKernan**



**Club:** Burren  
**Age:** 24 **Height:** 6' 1"

**Brendan McVeigh**



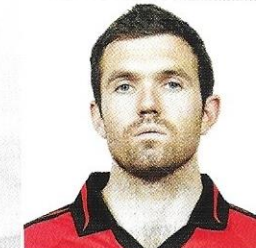
**Club:** An Ríocht  
**Age:** 33 **Height:** 6' 1"

**Mark Poland**



**Club:** Longstone  
**Age:** 27 **Height:** 5' 9"

**Declan Rooney**



**Club:** Burren  
**Age:** 27 **Height:** 6' 1"



**DID YOU KNOW?**

James McCartan is in his third year as Down manager and in his first year he took them to the All-Ireland Final.

Dominic O'Brian



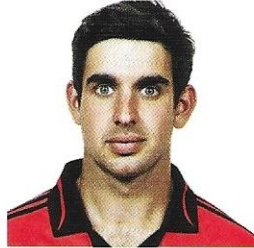
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Shane Harrison



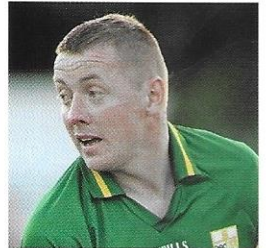
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Niall Branagan



Club: Kilcoo  
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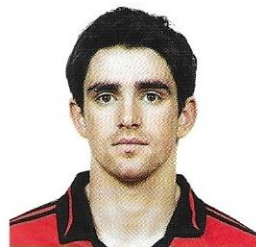
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Down Castello



Club: Bredagh  
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Ben O'Reilly



Club: Loughinisland  
Age: 24 Height: 5' 11"

Arthur McConville



Club: Clontarf  
Age: 21 Height: 6' 2"

Gerard McAnulty



Club: Rathfriland  
Age: 22 Height: 6' 3"

Niall McParland



Club: Glenn  
Age: 20 Height: 6'

Marcus Miskelly



Club: Darragh Cross  
Age: 27 Height: 5' 11"

Donal O'Hare



Club: Burren  
Age: 20 Height: 5' 11"

Damien Turley



Club: Downpatrick  
Age: 23 Height: 6' 2"

Peter Turley



Club: Downpatrick  
Age: 26 Height: 6' 1"

Michael McAllister



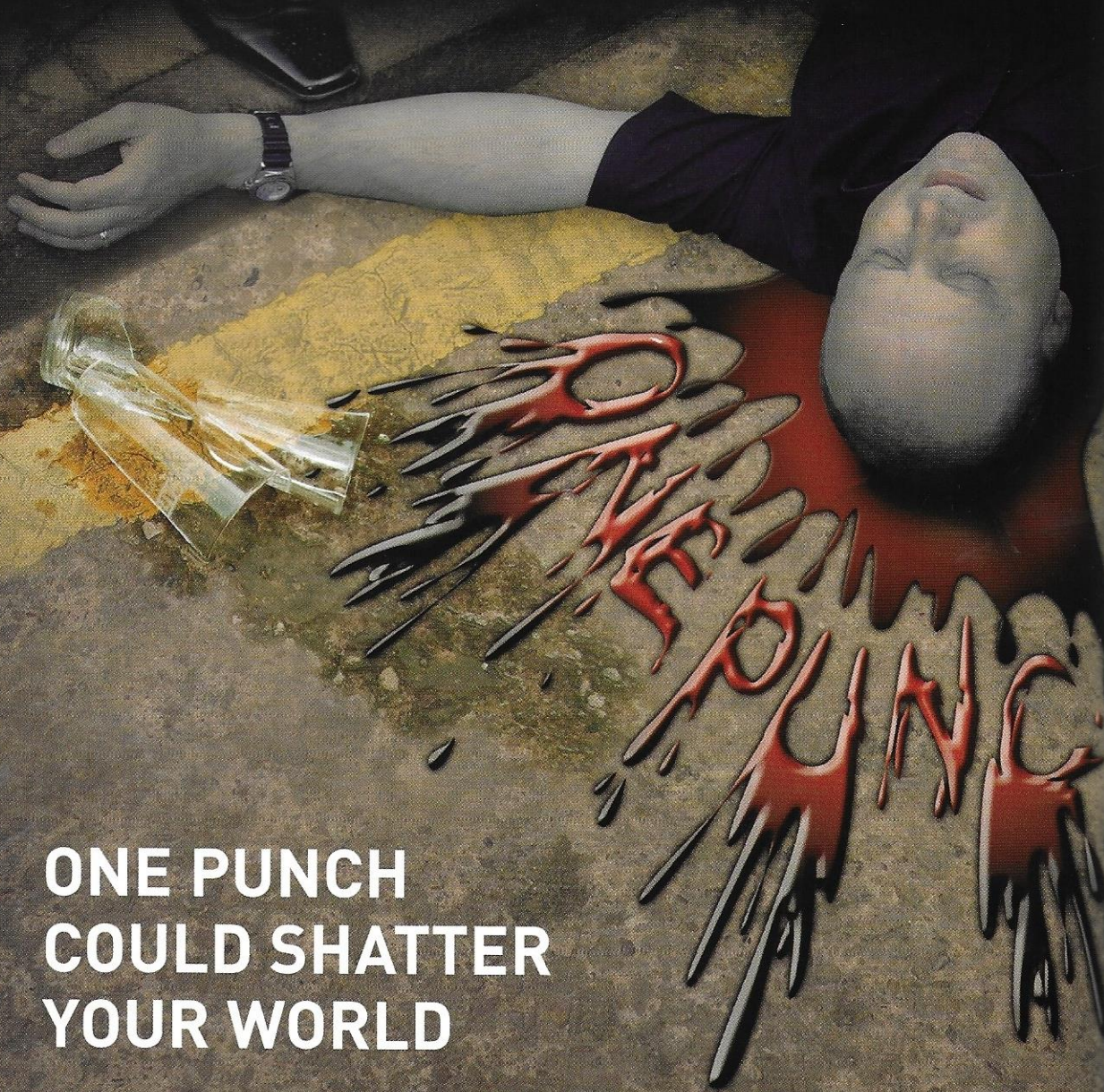
Club: Clan na Banna  
Age: 24 Height: 6'

Aidan Burns



Club: Castlewella  
Age: 27 Height: 6' 2"

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# Belfast Cúchulainns

Prepare for the All British Championships



Teenagers from Belfast representing Northwest Boys School, Corpus Christi College, St Patricks College and Boys World School, visited two of Dublin's finest landmarks on 10th July 2012. The trip was organised as part of Ulster GAA's Cúchulainn Cup project.

The Cúchulainn Cup is Ulster GAA's flagship community outreach initiative. The aim of the project is to bring Gaelic Games to those who would not normally become involved in the GAA.

Typically the project brings together four schools, from all backgrounds, from one town to form a cross-community "Cúchulainn" team. Coaching is provided by Ulster GAA and county board coaches to enable players to pick-up the basic skills in Gaelic Football and Hurling. All "Cúchulainn" teams then come together to compete in the annual Ulster GAA Cúchulainn Cup Blitz.

In its fifth year, the programme continues to grow from strength-to-strength with every county in Ulster now having taken part. This year Belfast Cúchulainns won the annual Cúchulainn Cup Blitz after a keenly contested final against the Roe Valley Cúchulainns.

The Belfast Cúchulainns were then selected to represent Ulster GAA at the upcoming inaugural All British Championships taking place in London from 19th – 22nd July.

Belfast Cúchulainns have continued to train in preparation for the Championships but took a day off from training recently to find out more about the GAA's roots with a tour of Croke Park.

The boys visited the GAA museum, toured the Stadium spending some time in the Hogan Stand changing



rooms, before experiencing the Croke Park "roar" as they emerged from the tunnel onto the impressive Croke Park turf. The experience was topped-off with a complimentary lunch in one of the corporate boxes.

After lunch it was off to Áras an Uachtaráin to meet Uachtarán na hÉireann Michael D. Higgins. The President spoke with the group praising the GAA's role in promoting Irish culture across the globe, highlighting the unifying impact of the GAA, and sport in general.

The group were treated to light refreshments, Áras an Uachtaráin style. The home-made short-bread was so popular with one of the group that he was presented with a stash to take home with him!

The President spent time chatting with

the group taking time to consider an offer from one of the players to cut the lawns for a small sum! Tour guide John kept the group entertained inviting player Paul Callaghan to show-off his talents on the grand piano.

All-in-all the group from Belfast were very well treated in Ireland's capital city and it was no doubt a day that will live long in the memories of all involved.

The Belfast Cúchulainns continue to prepare for the All British Championships under the watchful eye of team mentor Ryan Mellon.

Despite these players having had little or no experience of playing Gaelic Games before their involvement in the Cúchulainn Cup they are heading to London with high expectations of success both on and off the pitch.

# Logainmeacha- Seod luachmhar

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Here is a short sample of the Gaelic heritage contained in placenames of today's competing counties.

**Tír Chonaill:** The land or territory of Conall. According to tradition, Conall was son of Niall naoi nGiallach. His name is also found in Beal Átha Chonaill (Ballyconnell).

**Dún na nGall:** The fort of the foreigners. Believed to be named after a fort established by the Vikings in Donegal Bay.

**Leitir Ceannain:** The wet hillside of the white top (Ceann fhionn). There are plenty of hillsides around Letterkenny.

**Leifear:** Side of the water, no shortage of water around Lifford and An Srath Bán (White river valley).

**Bealach Féich:** Fiach's pass

**Béal Átha Seanaidh:** Ford mouth of Seannach

**Gort an Choirce:** Field of oats.

**An Dún:** The fort. The word Dún is

normally used to indicate the fort/residence of an important person, a chieftain perhaps.

**An t-Iúr:** The yew tree. Tradition says the large Yew tree was on the grounds of the Cistercian Abbey, now the site of Abbey school. An earlier version is Iúr

**Cinn Trá.** The Yew tree at the head of the strand (Tidal mudflats on the river).

**Dún Phádraig:** Patrick's fort. Site of an ancient fort with various names of chieftains and heroes associated with it in earlier versions. The monastery, abbey and church and the ancient fort are all now linked to Saint Patrick.

**Droichead na Banna:** The bridge on the Bann. The river, An Bhanna, comes from The Goddess. Our rivers were sacred places to our Celtic ancestors.

**Bréadach:** Broken or tilled ground.

**An Bhoireann:** Rocky or stony ground  
**Loch an Oileáin:** The island on the loch

**Tír Eoghain:** The land or territory of Eoghan.

**An Ómaigh:** An untilled plain.

**Dún Geanainn:** Geannan's fort.

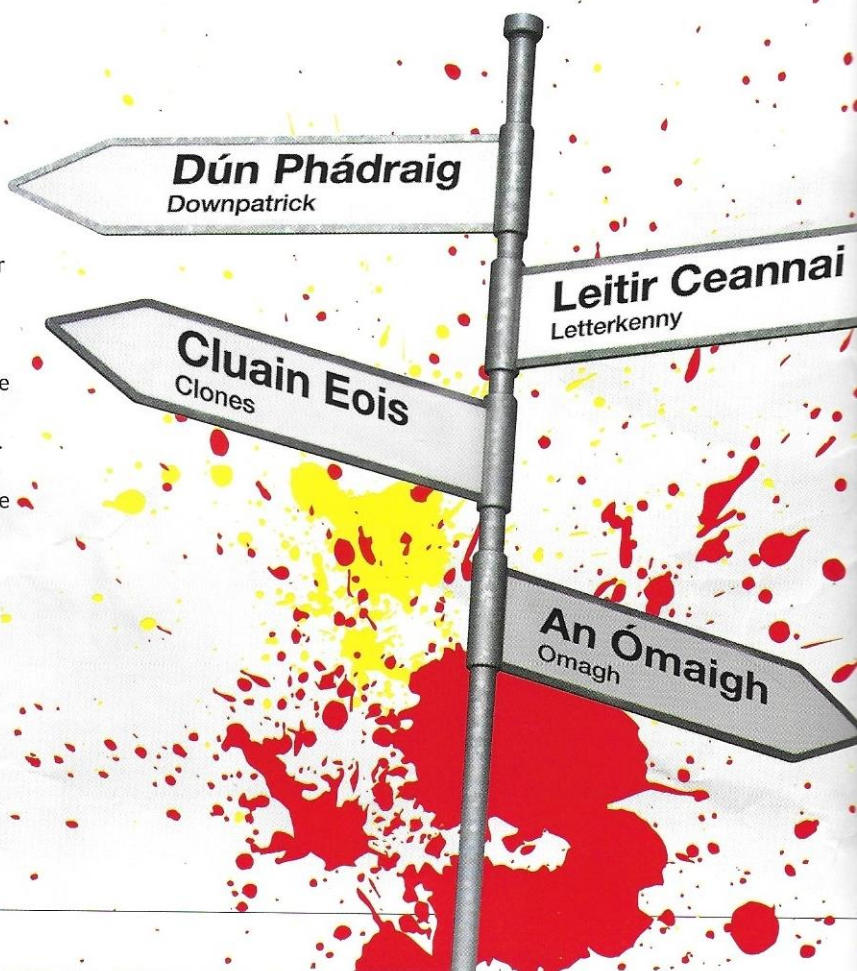
**Achadh na Cloiche:** Field of the stones

**Muineachán:** Place of the little hills

**Béal Átha Beithe:** Ford mouth of the Birches.

**Cluain Eois:** Eois's Meadow.

**Cluain Tiobrad:** Meadow of the well



# Jubilee Team of 1987

## Derry Profit From Success At Youth Level

The Derry heroes of 1987 are immortal in St. Tiernach's Park, Derry this afternoon it will be remembered that the team that reached the All-Ireland Semi Final that year, before losing to Meath. The team was backboned by a stream of players that had tasted success at Under 18 and Under 21 level in the few years leading to the capture of their first provincial title in eleven years.

The successful team certainly built on the successes of former underage teams lifted five provincial titles - two at Under 18 and three at Under 21 - in the previous five years, plus the 1983 All-Ireland U18 success.

Three of the 1987 panel, nine of the starting fifteen against Meath, would a few years later grace Croke Park in the historic All-Ireland Final victory over Cork, emphasises the sheer talent of the side that took the scalps of Down, Cavan and Armagh en route to the Ulster title.

With a management trio as knowledgeable and respected as Bellamagaur's Jim McKeever (1958 All-Ireland Captain), Bellaghy's Tom Scully (72 Derry Senior championship medals) and Ballinderry's Phil Stuart (1958 All-Ireland midfielder), Derry had a wealth of experience as they regained their NFL Div 1 league status before losing to Wexford in the quarter-finals.

With a Newry for their opening championship game against Down where the Oak Leaf County, captained by Plunkett Murphy was formed a formidable midfield partnership with his Dungiven club man Brian McGilligan, triumphed 1-12 to 0-07. Enda Gormley was top scorer with 0-08, Damian Cassidy scorer of the Derry goal.

Dermot McNicholl and Damian Barton



Back Row (L to R) Brian McGilligan, Tony Scullion, Paul McCormick, Damien McCusker, Danny Quinn, Damian Barton, Brian Kealey  
Front Row (L to R) Damian Cassidy, Enda Gormley, Hugh Martin McGurk, Paul McCann (RIP), Plunkett Murphy (Captain), Dermot McNicholl, Joe Irwin, Kevin McWilliams

were the goal scorers at Healy Park where Derry battled hard to get a 2-07 to 1-10 draw with Cavan. It was back to Omagh for the replay and it was every bit as close, Dungiven's Paul Kealey coming off the bench to score a crucial goal. Plunkett Murphy played a captain's role that day with 1-1, while Enda Gormley weighed in with 0-7 as Derry reached the Ulster Final on a 2-11 to 2-08 scoreline.

And then Derry, appearing in their first Ulster Final since 1976 and their fifth time since 1958, were faced by Armagh and another titanic battle ensued, Jim McKerr inspiring Armagh in a battling comeback before the final whistle sounded with Derry 0-11 to 0-09 victors. Enda Gormley scored 0-3 that day to bring his Ulster Championship tally to 0-20, Derry's leading marksmen that year and also the top scorer in the Ulster championship.

It was a proud Derry and Dungiven man Plunkett Murphy who climbed the steps to receive the Anglo Celt Cup as captain of the 1987 Derry Ulster championship winning team.

Many of that team would go on to

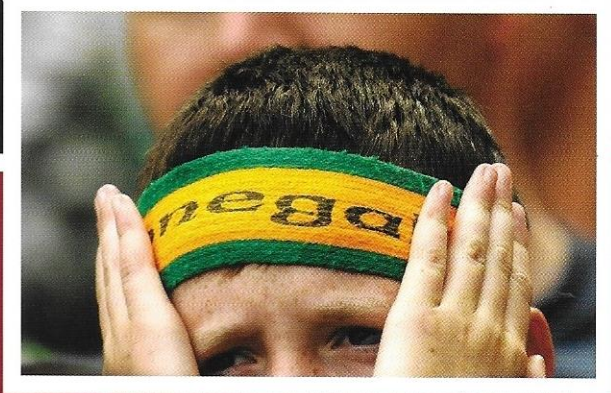
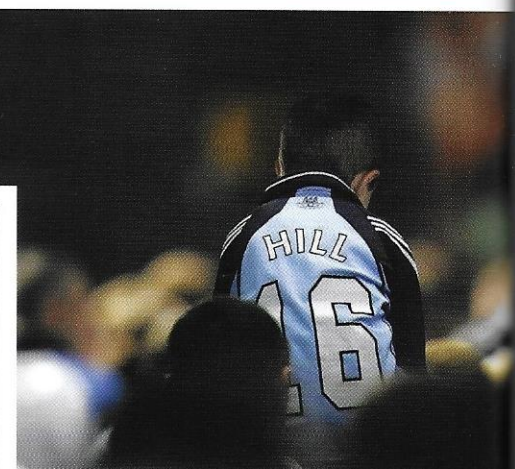
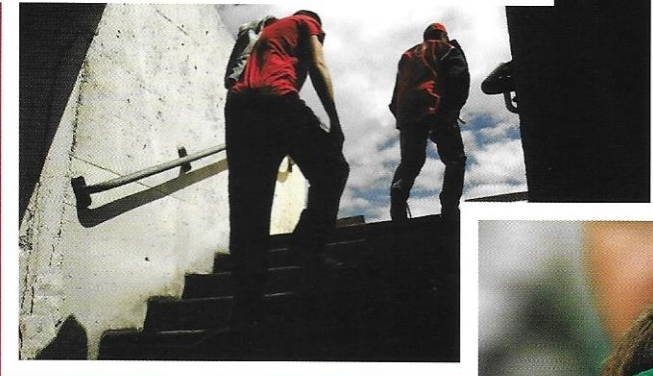
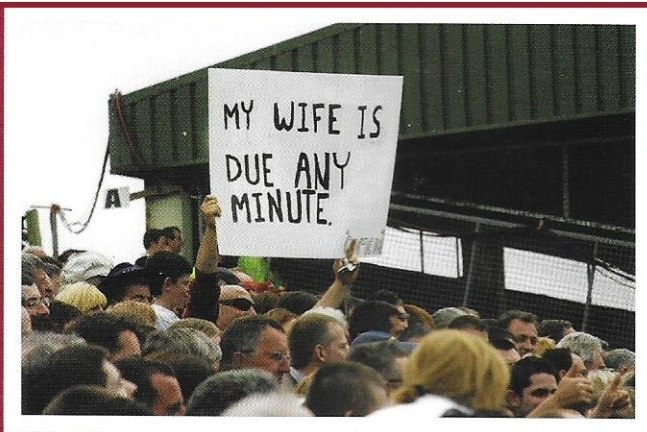
achieve Ulster and All-Ireland glory in 1993, represent their country with great distinction against Australia, win Railway Cup medals and be honoured with All Star Awards.

Today they will be saluted by thousands of Ulster Final supporters as the Ulster champions of 1987.

## Paul

His Derry strip and cherished trophies echo the applause of crowded stands - as personal belongings are de-privatised; redundant fashions reverently disposed of - and his anniversary space, in a vacant room emotionally recycled - one year on.

Paul McCann, left-half back on the 1987 Derry team, died in a road accident on 29/10/2000, aged 36.



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# Cup History...

## The Story behind the Prize

### The Murray Cup (Minor)

No other major field sport affords under age players the profile that Camann Luthchleas Gael gives to its minor players. Playing before the major senior games raises the profiles of up and coming players. Today, the minor footballers from Armagh and Tyrone take centre-stage to compete for the Fr. Murray cup. The Leinster minor footballers also compete for the Fr. Murray cup, different cup but named after the same man.

Fr. Murray was an Armagh born priest of the Archdiocese of Armagh serving in Armagh and Louth. He was a Gael of great energy. Along with his priestly duties he spent his life promoting Gaelic games and Gaelic language.

He established Irish colleges in the Donegal Gaeltacht which still thrive today. He had a special interest in promoting under age

football and he was an under age mentor in every parish that he served. He presented two cups, one to the Leinster Council and one to

the Ulster Council for their minor championships. 'Value the youth, they are our strength'.



### The Anglo Celt Cup (Senior).

The cup was first played for back in 1925.

Like all other aspects of Irish society, the 1910's and early 20's were difficult times for the GAA. From 1918, Ulster Council games were harassed by the

military with a resultant drop in attendance and income. In 1919 each county had to contribute 10 pounds to the Ulster Council to keep things afloat. Trouble intensified across the country in 1920.

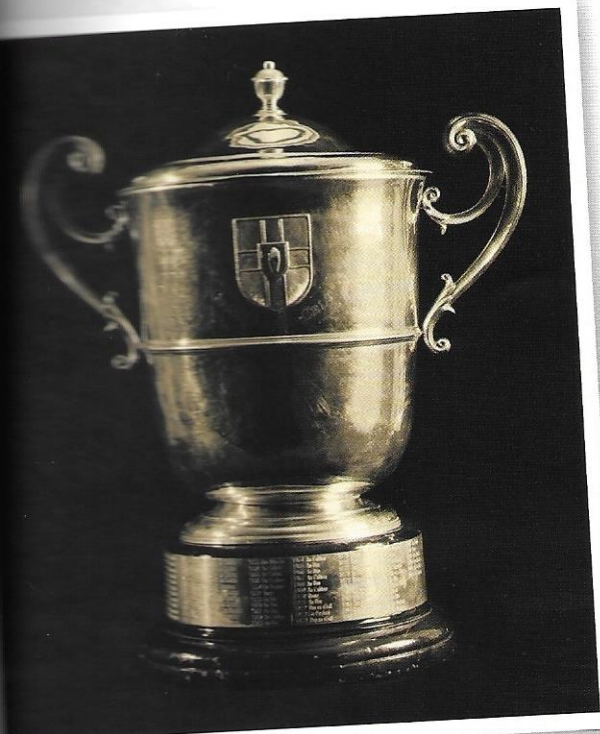
At the Ulster Council convention on 17 April 1920, the British army forced their way into convention and arrested Secretary O'Duffy. The Ulster Championship continued however, and the final was played at Cootehill on 8 August, the referee was Dan Hogan, brother of Michael Hogan who was shot in Croke Park the following year and after whom the Hogan Stand is named.

The 1921 final was fixed for Derry on 22 January 1922, between Monaghan and Derry. By this date the border had been set up under the terms of the treaty. The Monaghan team

were stopped at Dromore, Tyrone, on route to Derry. Several weapons were discovered and ten players imprisoned. The Championships for the next few years were seriously disrupted and the Council's financial affairs in crisis.

A crusade to reorganise was launched by the Ulster Council at Convention in 1923. Top priority was to seek a suitable trophy for the Senior Football Championship. From 1923 until 1925 no donor emerged. In 1925 John F O'Hanlon, editor of the Anglo Celt newspaper in Cavan donated a cup to the Council. The new cup gave a much needed boost to the GAA and helped stabilise the competition. O'Hanlon was a staunch GAA man and held senior positions on Cavan Co. Board and had been Vice President of Ulster Council. Cavan were the first county to receive the Anglo Celt defeating Antrim in the final played in Monaghan town. In 1962 the original cup was replaced and the new Anglo Celt was won by Down in 1963.

The Anglo Celt cup and Ulster GAA have forged a strong brand and the premier football competition has grown from shaky foundations to a towering competition today.





# Phoenix Ulster GAA Elite Academy

The Annual Ulster Council two day Phoenix Elite camp took place on the 2nd & 3rd of July in the Sports Science facilities of the University of Ulster, Jordanstown.

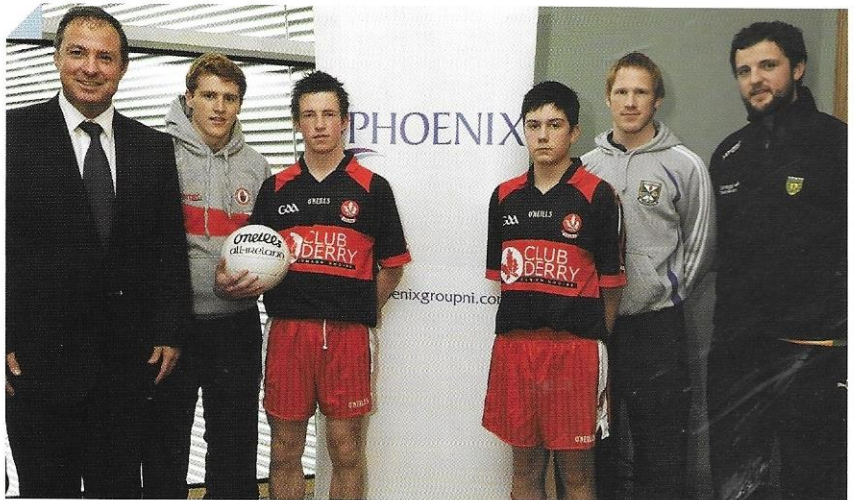
The camp brought together 93 (Under 19) players in total (48 Football and 45 Hurling) which were made up of the most promising players from each of the 9 counties in Ulster.

Throughout the duration of the camp, the players benefited from the knowledge and expertise of the Ulster Council Staff while simultaneously gaining access to the world class facilities that are in the University.

The players are afforded the opportunity to improve their own knowledge in different areas which will ultimately enable them to improve their own game, such as:

- Functional Movement Analysis
- Nutrition/Hydration
- Fitness Testing
- Lifestyle issues
- Dynamic Warm-Ups
- Skills Testing
- Personal Development Planning
- Relaxation/Mental Training

In addition, the players were introduced to GPS Analysis where selected players were monitored on distances they travelled as well as speed and areas of



the field they covered while playing small and full sided games. On top of that, there were sessions which focused on skill development and areas covered were kicking for possession/scores, tackling/blocking, ball retention/support play, long striking/striking on the run and high catching.

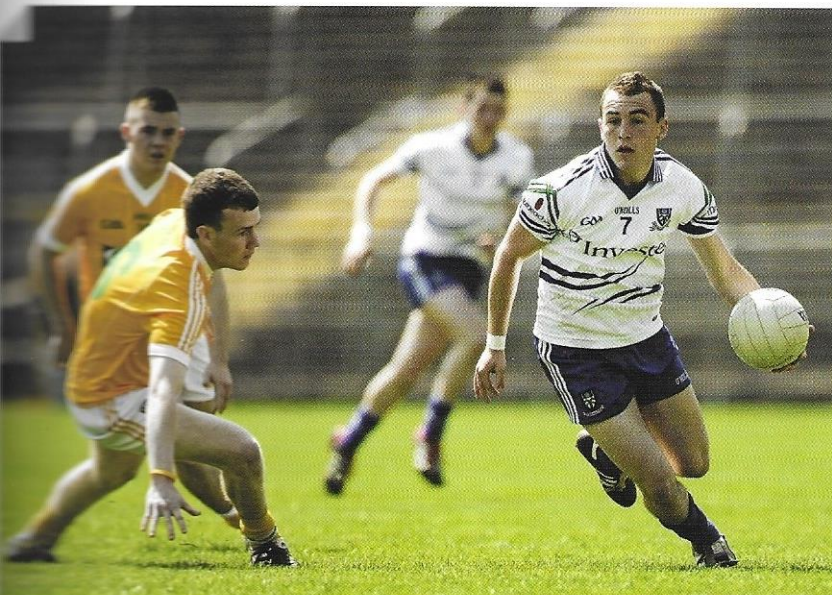
Each year, we also invite a leading figure within the world of Gaelic Games to come and give a talk to the

players. Past camps have seen Kieran McGeeney, Terence McNaughton, Sean Cavanagh, Peter Canavan, Neil McManus, Michael Murphy, Gerard O'Kane and this year we had the honour of having Tyrone player Peter Harte and like our past speakers he gave the players some food for thought by describing what he feels it takes to get you to the top.

Indicative of the effect that these camps have on our youth of today is provided when a lot of the past players of the camp have gone on to represent their county at Minor, Under 21 and Senior levels.

Today's minors Ryan Wylie, Padraic Keenan, Colin Hughes, Adam Treanor, Ryan McAnespie and Adam Kieran (Muineachán) and Mark Bradley, Sean Hackett, Cormac O'Neill and Ruairi McGlone (Tír Eoghain) have all come through these Elite Camps.

In summary, from the 2010 Elite Camp, there is a total of 32 out of the 45 have played for their County Minor footballers while from the 2011 Elite Camp 18 from the 45 have already played for their County Minor team, although these players are still eligible in 2013 and this number should rise.



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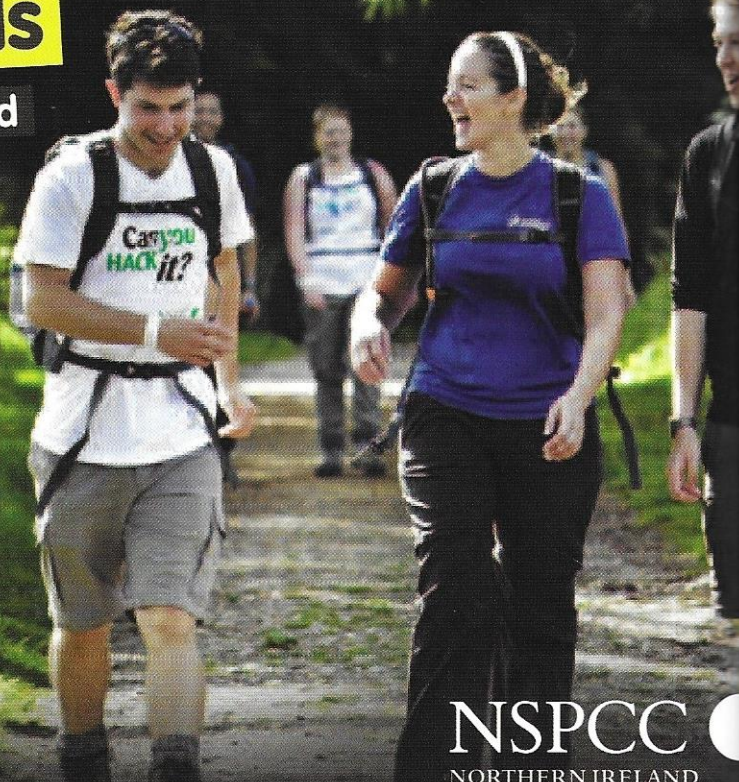
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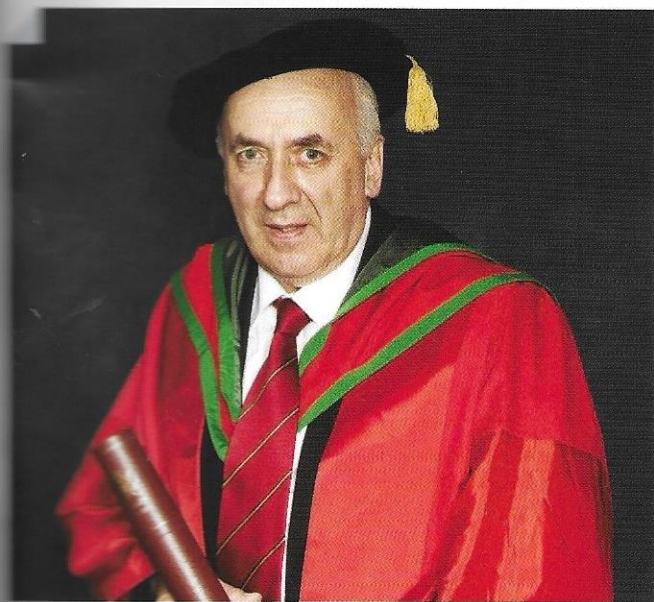


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Down GAA Provincial Secretary, **Danny Murphy** was honoured by the University of Ulster in late June when the University conferred the Award of Honorary Doctorate in Science (D.Sc) for his services to Sport and Community Relations.

Down GAA President Aogán Ó Fearghail paid tribute to his colleague "Danny has overseen more than €100 million of investment in GAA projects and has put in place a strong strategic vision which has resulted in an unprecedented level of success for this Province. Danny's vision and leadership has been core to the GAA's Community Engagement and Outreach work which has a strong and positive impact right across our Community. On a personal level I am delighted to see Danny receive this level of recognition for all his hard work and I thank the University of Ulster for bestowing this honour on both him, his family and his Club St. Mary's Burren GAA."

## KILCOO CLUB DEVELOPMENT DRAW



During this past few years the introduction and implementation of a physical and player development program within the Kilcoo GAC has led to its players and coaching personnel coming to the fore when it comes to county selection and today we wish our own Jerome Johnston, Conor Lavery and brothers Aidan and Niall Branagan and the rest of the Down squad all the best today as they attempt to win the Anglo Celt Cup.

In order to continue with the physical development planned for our club we launched our latest Club **Development Draw on 4th July. With tickets priced at €20 or 3 for £40 there is €16,000** in prizes and tickets are available from anyone associated with the Kilcoo GAC or directly from Club Secretary **Seamus O'Hanlon 0772442277**  
[secretary.kilcoo.down@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.kilcoo.down@gaa.ie)

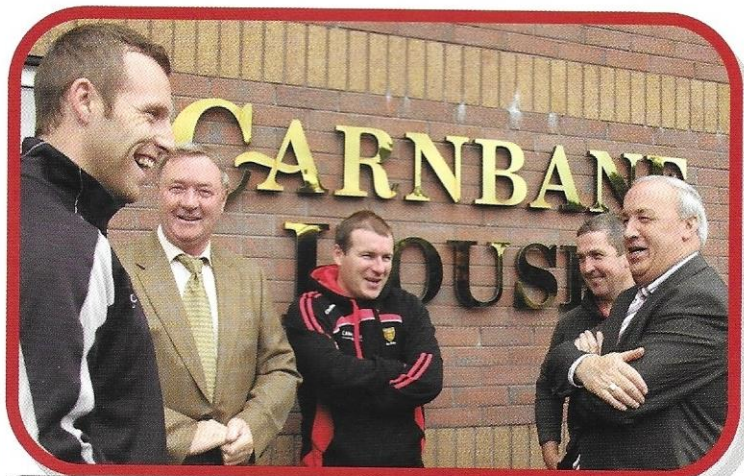
As well as raising the necessary funds, the club is aiming to promote the importance of organ and blood donation. You can register following the link [www.organdonation.nhs.uk](http://www.organdonation.nhs.uk)



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## How Hard Are The Players Really Working?

Kevin McGuigan is the Sport Science Support Officer with Ulster GAA. This involves provision of sport science support to county teams around Ulster, ranging from the underage Academy teams right up to Senior County teams. Kevin provides a range of sport science services, such as GPS analysis, heart rate analysis, fitness testing and video analysis.

# It's Science

## Staying ahead of the Game

Kevin is currently working extensively on establishing how much work players put into matches through the use of highly advanced live GPS and Heart Rate technology. You may see Kevin located in and around the press box at the back of the stand with his antennae attached to his laptop.

This technology allows Kevin to report back to managers and selectors as the match progresses and to players at half time. Kevin provides coaches and players with stats and figures about how much work they are doing on the pitch. At half time the coach will take a report to the players detailing how much distance they covered during the half.

This information will even allow the coach to see when during the half the players worked hardest and how that affected the scoreboard. They can also see how far each player had to sprint in the half. At the start of each half each player will have been given some targets and half time provides a great opportunity for coaches to let players know if they need to work harder.

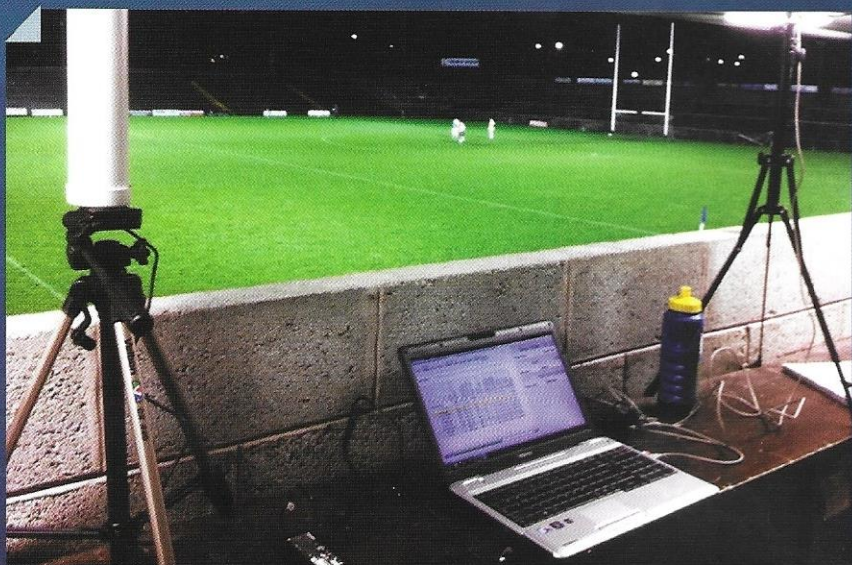
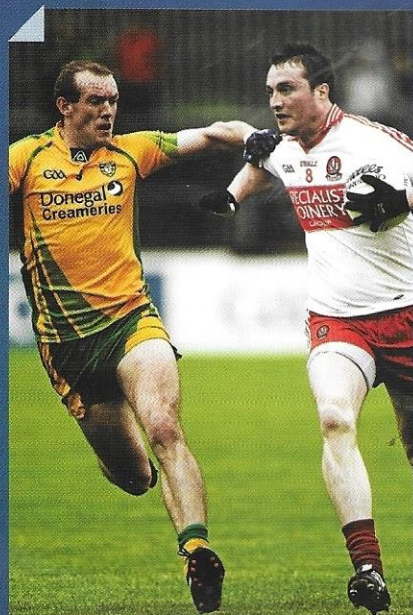
Based on results gathered so far senior county players will, on average, cover around 4,500 metres during a 35 minute half of football. On occasions, some players have covered over 6,000 metres during a 35 minute half. That works out at an impressive 155 metres per minute!

On average a top player will have an average heart rate between 85% and 90% of their maximum heart rate. Or,

to make that simpler to understand, during a 70 minute game a player's heart will beat approximately 12,500 times...180 times every minute...3 times every second!

As the Ulster Championship progresses in 2012 Kevin will continue to provide support to various teams, while compiling a bank of information that can be used to guide coach and player preparation going forward towards 2013. Over time, Kevin hopes to develop a better knowledge of how GAA players need to be trained to survive the physical demands when they take to the pitch on Championship Sunday.

Keep checking the Ulster GAA website for sport science updates!



# Handball

## Getting Ready for the Worlds

The 2012 GAA Handball One Wall Nationals has reached a conclusion following a vast array of top class matches with a series of enthralling finals.

The Ladies Open title has gone to county Down for the second time in three years following a hugely impressive display from Saval's Lorraine Havern. Havern has become well know as a One Wall specialist, although adds this title to the Ladies 23 & Under four wall 40x20 title she won earlier this year.

Havern, defeated Fiona Shannon (Antrim) in the title decider by 15-2, 15-0, having also denied Sibeal Gallagher (Antrim) in the semi final by 31-4. Shannon had previously overcome Marianna Rushe (Roscommon) by 23-21 in their semi final meeting.

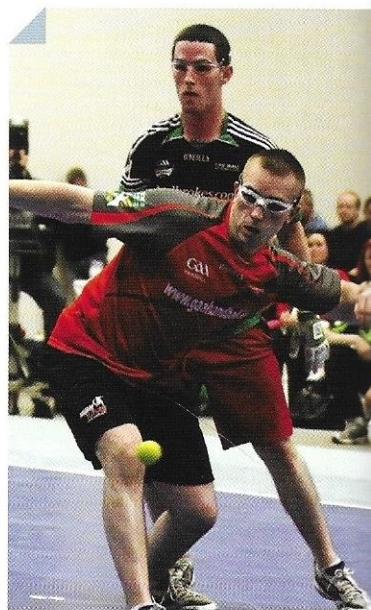


The Mens Open final saw Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy secure the honours following a thrilling final win over Clare's Diarmuid Nash by 15-9, 12-15, 11-9. Nash made a sterling comeback in that encounter and lead by 8-1 at a stage before McCarthy kicked into overdrive to deliver 10 aces and win the crown for a second time.



A total of 11 places were filled on Team Ireland following the One Wall Nationals, with that completing Team Ireland for the 2012 Championships in October.

There is no doubt this was a hugely successful and ground-breaking event for GAA Handball Ireland, with over 2,000 handball enthusiasts enjoying the fantastic surroundings in the purpose built 12 court arena at Citywest. The next occasion the handball world will converge on the Citywest International Events Arena will be from 11th-21st October as 33 countries and over 2,000 competitors will contest an array of world Championship grades. The taste has been given for what to expect and now the build-up really begins to that event.



# Craobh Peile Uladh

## ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP 2012

Preliminary Round  
Sunday 20th May



**AN CABHÁN 1-10**  
**DÚN NA NGALL 1-16**

Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan



Quarter Final  
Sunday 27th May

**MUINEACHÁN 1-12**  
**AONTROIM 1-09**

St Tiernachs Park, Clones



Semi-Final:  
Sunday 24th June

**AN DÚN 1-14**  
**MUINEACHÁN 1-13**

Morgan Athletic Grounds, Armagh



Quarter Final  
Sunday 3rd June



**FEAR MANACH 1-08**  
**AN DÚN 2-10**

Brewster Park, Enniskillen



Quarter Final  
Sunday 10th June



**ARD MHACHA 1-13**  
**TÍR EOGHAIN 0-19**

Morgan Athletic Grounds, Armagh



Semi-Final:  
Saturday 30th June

**DÚN NA NGALL 0-12**  
**TÍR EOGHAIN 0-10**

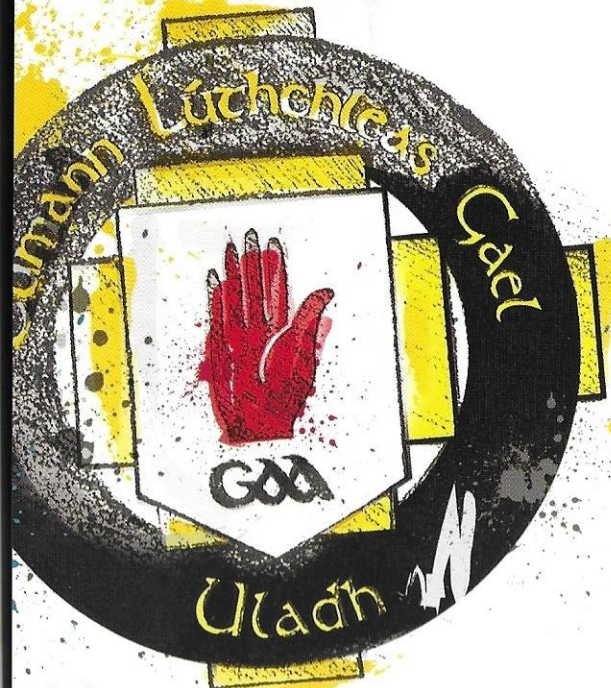
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Ulster Final:  
Sunday 22nd July

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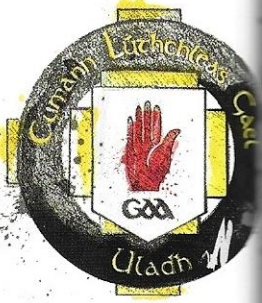
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# The Work Of Ulster GAA



Where does the money go?

Ulster GAA is the governing body of the GAA in Ulster. The Ulster GAA Council comprises its officers elected at the annual Ulster Convention; two delegates elected from each of the Province's nine Counties; and a delegate from each of the educational bodies. Ulster GAA works across two

political jurisdictions and 29 local authorities. It is also 'twinned' with the GAA units in both Britain and Canada and carries out significant development work in both Counties in this regard.

All members of the Ulster Council are volunteers. They drive change;

lead in decision making and are responsible for planning for the future. The Council's decisions and plans are implemented by Ulster GAA Staff who are accountable to the Provincial Director and the Council's Management Committee.

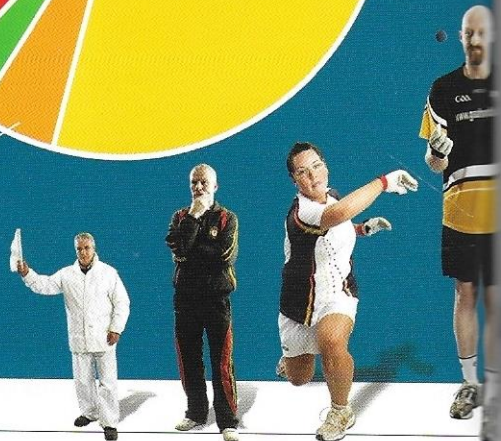
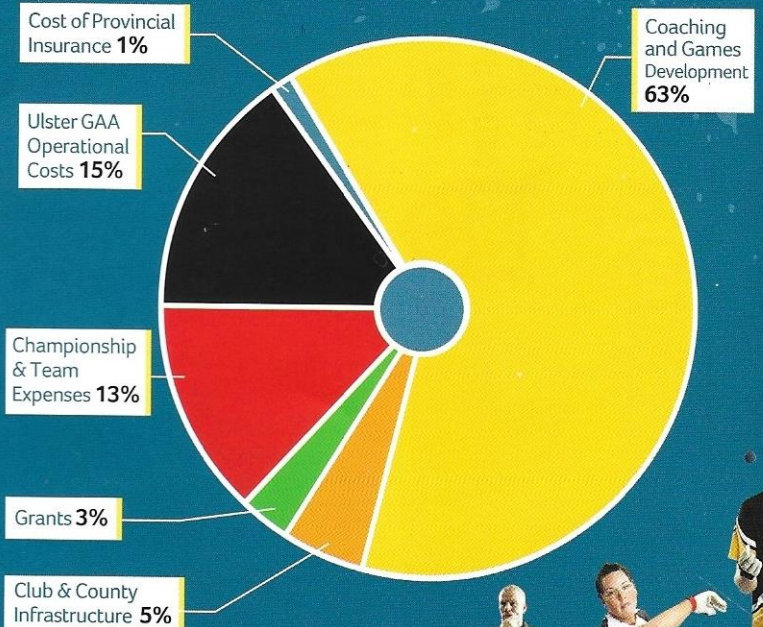
## 85% of Ulster GAA income is reinvested in Counties, Clubs and Communities

Year-on-year Ulster GAA reinvests 85% of its income in Clubs and Counties.

It does this by providing direct support in Coaching and Games Development; Club Development and Capacity Building and Governance and Strategic Development. It also provides advice and guidance in infrastructure and grant and other funding. Crucially, it awards cash grants for infrastructure developments. This combination of support makes the GAA unique and something we are very proud of. We believe that no other organisation re-invests this level of revenue or makes the telling social and economic contribution to life of the island that the GAA does.

What you see today is the merest tip of the largest iceberg!

### Ulster GAA Expenditure





# Since the development of its new Strategy in 2009 Ulster GAA has:

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
Down and Donegal have met on 18 occasions in the Ulster championship and Down lead 11 to 7.

- Secured over €100 million of public investment in GAA infrastructure, Coaching and Strategic projects
- Invested over €20 million of GAA funds in Club Development, Infrastructure and Games Development Projects
- Upgraded and Improved all nine County Grounds
- Overseen and supported the development of 214 GAA Club infrastructure projects
- Coached an average of 30,000 children per year
- Trained an average of 1,200 Club Officers per year
- Supported the nine Counties in the development of their Strategic Plans
- Supported the Counties in the development of their County GAA Centres
- Organised an average of 18,000 fixtures per year involving over 90,000 participating players
- Organised Health, Well-being and Lifestyle courses for approximately 6,000 participants annually
- Supported the ongoing development of Ladies Gaelic Football, Camogie, Rounders and Handball through administrative, financial and capacity-building support.
- Commenced the redevelopment of Casement Park into a new 40,000 all-seated fit-for-purpose GAA stadium at a cost of approximately €75 million
- Developed and rolled out a strong and meaningful Community Engagement and Outreach programme that contributes to building a shared future based on tolerance and respect

## What Ulster GAA contributes to our local community:

- Involunteer time the 250,000 members of the GAA in Ulster makes a conservative contribution of over €200 million worth of time per year to local society. The contribution of social capital made by Ulster GAA to our community can not be valued
- Ulster GAA Games are worth over €10 million per year to the local economy
- At a conservative estimate Ulster GAA investment has sustained over 1,000 jobs in the construction, leisure and services industries since 2007

For more information on our work and programmes  
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'Ar scath  
a cheile a  
mhaireas  
na daoine:  
**people live in  
one another's  
shelter'**





# Community and Club Development Programmes

Community Development is core to the Ulster GAA Strategic Plan spanning from Volunteer Health and Wellbeing Programmes, Club and County Strategic Planning, Club Maith, Officer Training and Community Engagement and Diversity over 30,000 volunteers have participated in our programmes since 2009 and with our funding advice and support Clubs have secured €40 million of capital funding and investment. Our focus is to deliver for our volunteers.



|                            |                                     |                                 |      |                                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|------------------------------------|
| Volunteer Development      | Officer Training                    | Live to Play                    | ASAP | Community Engagement and Outreach  |
|                            | Cultural Education Programme        | Cardiac Screening Advice        |      |                                    |
|                            | Defibrillator Training              | Social Initiative               |      |                                    |
|                            | Gold Mark Volunteering              | Integration Programme           |      | Cúchulainn Cup                     |
|                            | Policy Development & Support        | IFA/GAA Joint Volunteer Project |      | School Engagement Workshops        |
| Club Planning Programme    | Club Maith Accreditation            |                                 |      |                                    |
| Urban Development Projects | One Club Programme                  |                                 |      |                                    |
| Club Development           | Funding Advice Workshops            | Club Maith Advice Service       |      | Good Relations Engagement Projects |
|                            | County Strategic Planning           | Development Officer Network     |      |                                    |
|                            | Integration Process                 | Government Lobbying & Support   |      | Officer Diversity Training         |
| County Development         | County Officer Training             |                                 |      | Game of 3 Halves                   |
|                            | Primary School Health Programme     |                                 |      |                                    |
| Education Sector           | Live to Play GAA Stars Seen by Cars | Third Level Officer Training    |      | Sport 4 Change                     |
|                            | School Health Workshops             | Cúchulainn Cup                  |      |                                    |
|                            | Drink, Drugs and Sausage Rolls      | Gold Mark (Young Volunteers)    |      |                                    |
|                            |                                     |                                 |      |                                    |

# St. Michael's Scout Band

A Tribute to Bernard O'Connor

## DID YOU KNOW?

Down and Donegal have met in four Ulster Senior Finals with Down winning three in 1963, 1966, and 1991. The Donegal victory was in 1974.

St. Michael's Scout Brass Band has been synonymous with the Ulster Hurling and Football Championship games for many years and today the Band feature in another Ulster Final. They have played at all of our main County Grounds and they have contributed substantially to our enjoyment of the games and the occasions. They have led our teams in the parade and have always provided music commensurate to the occasion.

The band, formed in 1967, is in their forty fifth year and has played in many famous sporting venues in the USA, Scotland, England, as well as here at home in Ireland. These include Fenway Park, the Celtic Centre, Boston, Shea Stadium and Gaelic Park, New York, Parkhead, Glasgow and Croke Park.

However, there is no place like playing before the thousands of ecstatic supporters of Ulster teams during the Ulster Championship. There is an excitement and tension during these games that is not experienced anywhere else and which the band should feel proud to be part of.

The Band leads the parade of the teams today and the leader of St. Michael's Scout Band, Bernard O'Connor leads them for the final time at an Ulster Championship game and fittingly this is at the Football final. Many great teams and players have marched in the parade on finals day and they too have been part of the spectacle of our great occasions.

We acknowledge the role and input of all to this aspect of our finals day from the flag bearers to the musicians who make the music for our enjoyment. It does not happen by accident. The dynamo of the Band is the leader and today we record our appreciation to Bernard for all his work.

I want to acknowledge the tremendous work that Bernard O'Connor does in encouraging young people to play music, participate in many great events and to guide those in his care to be role models for how to represent themselves and the Scout movement and he has achieved this with great distinction.

From our Council point of view the interaction was simple, agree the schedule, set the times and Bernard O'Connor did the rest. His co-operation to the running of events was always thorough, thoughtful and appropriate.

We are indebted to the Band for providing us with music and entertainment at our major fixtures and for giving us the benefit of their skill and joy at leading the parade. The parade is scheduled to continue and it is hoped that the tradition of musical entertainment as a prelude to our great games and finals continues into the future but it will travel on without Bernard O'Connor.

The occasion may look similar, the teams are just as committed regardless of the colour of jersey they wear but we shall miss Bernard as he sets off in pursuit of other plans and to set himself new challenges in his retirement. Thank you Bernard for all your work, for the contribution you have made to our great occasions and it can be said that the teams behind you are focused on victory but the Band has always been a winner.

We hope you enjoy this special performance today that marks an end to a long parade around all our main grounds and the venues of our Ulster Championship.

Patrick Kavanagh in his poem, A wet evening in April, wrote that 'I was glad I had recorded for him the melancholy' and that is what this appreciation seeks to do in regards to Bernard O'Connor, bandleader, musical director and great servant of the GAA and the Ulster Championship.

**Danny Murphy, Ulster GAA Secretary**



# 2012 Ulster Senior Championship

## Teams and Scorers



**Sunday 20 May Preliminary Round:**  
**Donegal 1-16 Cavan 1-10**  
at Kingspan Breffni Park

**Dún na nGall:** P Durcan; P McGrath, N McGee (0-1), F McGlynn (0-1); A Thompson, K Lacey, Declan Walsh; R Kavanagh (0-3), N Gallagher (0-1); R Bradley, David Walsh, M McHugh (0-2); L McLoone (0-2), C McFadden (1-6), P McBrearty.  
**Subs:** M O'Reilly, M McElhinney, D Molloy.

**An Cabhán:** J Reilly; K Clarke, P O'Reilly, K Meehan; J McLoughlin, D Reilly, M McKeever; D Givney (0-2), G McKiernan (0-1); F Flanagan, R Flanagan, R Moloney-Derham; J Brady (0-1), E Keating (0-5), B Fitzpatrick.  
**Subs:** T Corr, N McDermott (1-1), N Smith, K Tierney, R Galligan.

**Referee:** Cormac Reilly (An Mhí)

**Sunday 27 May Quarter Final:**  
**Monaghan 1-12 Antrim 1-09**  
at St Tiernach's Park, Clones  
**Muineachán:** M Keogh; C Walshe, V Corey, D Morgan; K Duffy, D Mone (0-1), K O'Connell (1-0); O Lennon (0-1), D Clerkin (0-2); J Turley, S Gollogly, M McKenna; C McGuinness, P Finlay (0-1), C McManus (0-2).

**Subs:** K Hughes (0-2), T Freeman (0-2), P Dooney (0-1), D Wylie.

**Aontroim:** C Kerr; R Johnston, J Crozier, K O'Boyle; A Healy, T Scullion, M McAleese (0-1); C Murray, M McCann (0-2); J Loughrey (1-0), M Sweeney, T McCann; P Cunningham (0-4), A Gallagher (0-1), M Magill (0-1).  
**Subs:** O Gallagher, C Kelly, B Neeson.

**Referee:** Maurice Deegan (Laois).

**Sunday 3 June Quarter Final:**  
**Down 2-10 Fermanagh 1-8**  
at Brewster Park

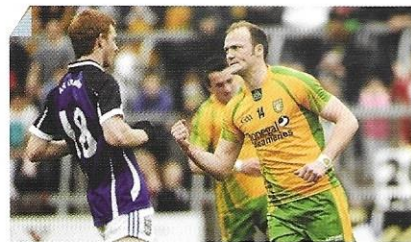
**An Dún:** B McVeigh; B McArdle (0-1), C Garvey, D McCartan (0-1); K McKernan (0-1), D O'Hagan (0-1), A Brannigan; A Rogers (0-1), K King (0-1); D Hughes, C Maginn (0-1), A Carr (0-1); C Lavery (1-0), D O'Hare (1-1), M Poland.

**Subs:** K Duffin (0-1), E McCartan, A McConville, D Rooney, D Turley.

**Fear Manach:** R Gallagher; B Cox, B Owens, N Bogue; B Mulrone, N McGovern, D Kelly (1-1); E Donnelly, M McGrath; D Keenan, B Og Maguire, S Lyons; T Corrigan (0-1), D Kille (0-3), T McElroy.

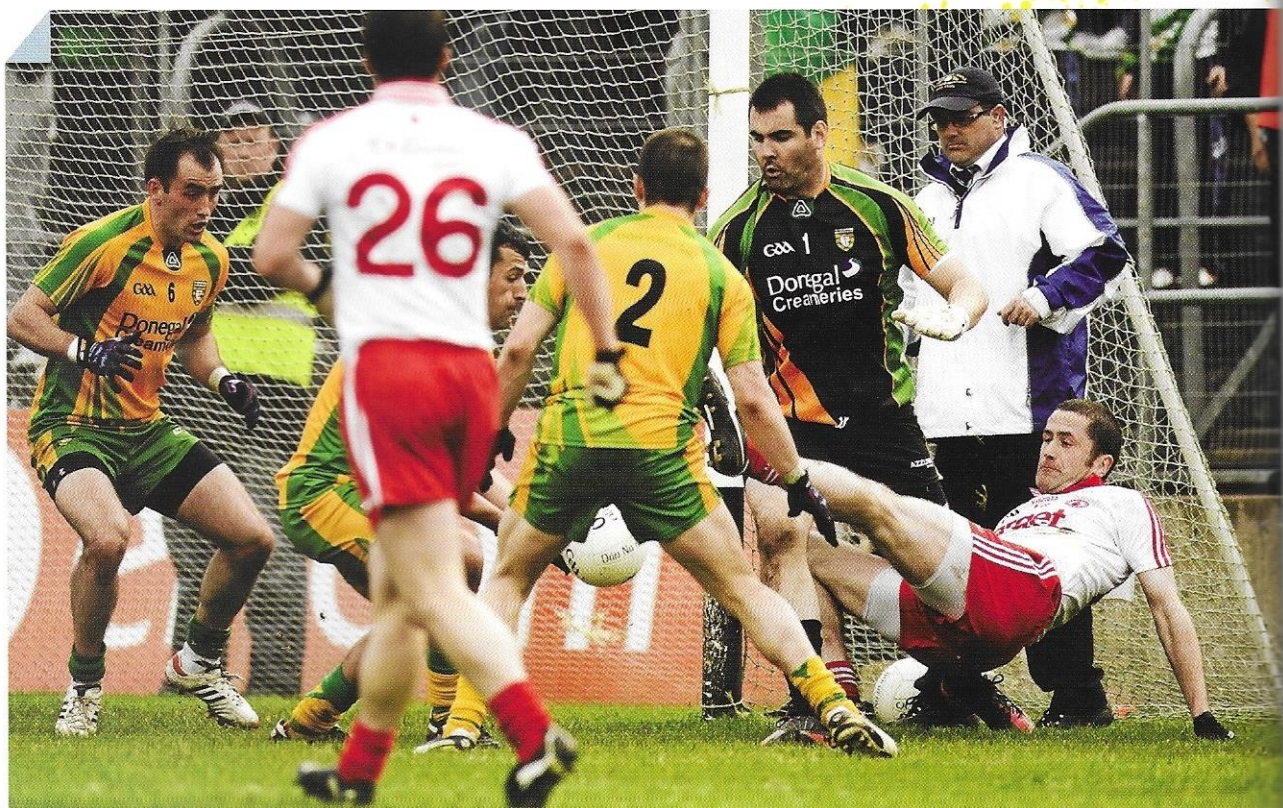
**Subs:** E Maguire, C Quigley, R Jones, S Quigley (0-2), P Ward (0-1).

**Referee:** Syl Doyle (Loch Garman)



# 2012 Ulster Senior Championship

## Teams and Scorers



### Sunday 10 June Quarter Final: Tyrone 0-19 Armagh 1-13

at the Morgan Athletic Grounds

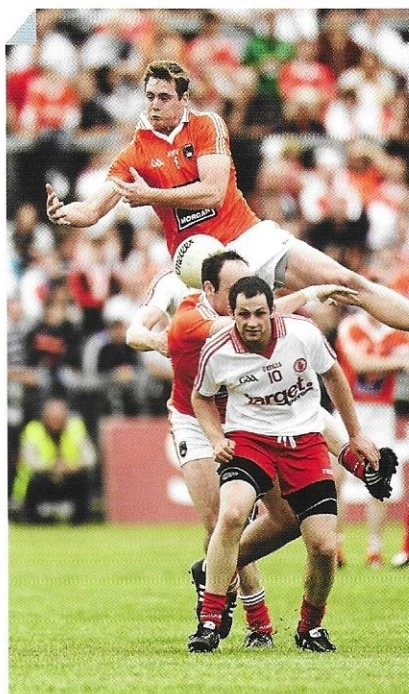
**Tír Eoghain:** P McConnell; A McCrory, Justin McMahon, D Carlin (0-1); C McCarron, C Gormley, Sean O'Neill; Joe McMahon (0-1), C Cavanagh (0-2); R McNabb, Mark Donnelly (0-1), P Harte (0-2); M Penrose (0-8), Stephen O'Neill (0-2), O Mulligan (0-2).

**Subs:** M Murphy, N McKenna, R McMenamin, P McNiece.

**Ard Mhacha:** P McEvoy; A Mallon, B Donaghy, D McKenna; A Kernan, C McKeever, F Moriarty; K Toner, M Mackin; A Forker (1-1), K Dyas (0-1), A Duffy; J Clarke (0-5), B Mallon (0-4), C Rafferty.

**Subs:** P Duffy, G McParland (0-1), J Hanratty, C Vernon, J Kingham.

**Referee:** Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)



### Saturday 16 June Quarter Final: Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-9

at Pairc MacCumhaill, Ballybofey

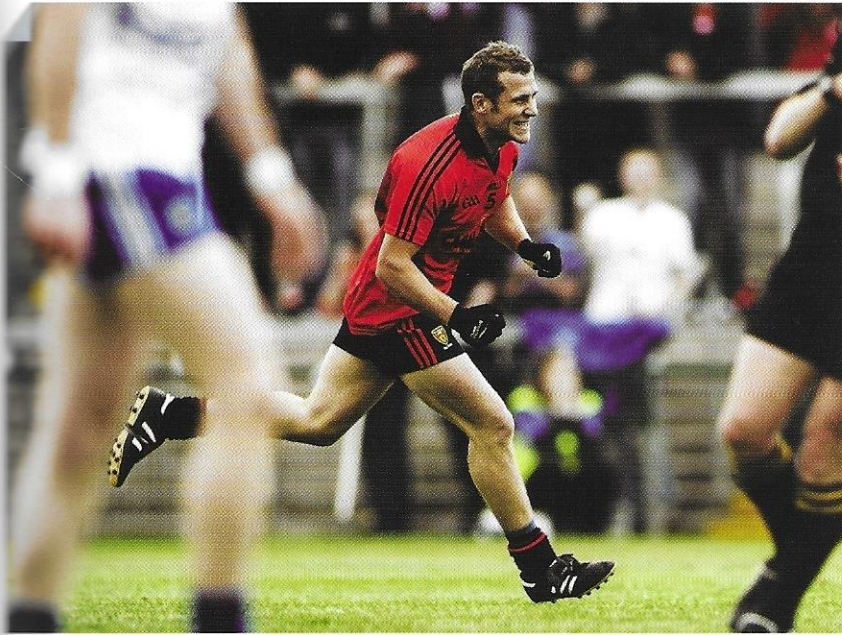
**Dún na nGall:** P Durcan; P McGrath, N McGee, F McGlynn (0-1); E McGee, K Lacey, A Thompson (0-1); M Murphy (0-3), N Gallagher (0-1); D Walsh (0-1), M McHugh, R Bradley (0-1); P McBrearty (0-2), C McFadden (1-3), L McLoone (1-0).

**Subs:** S Griffin, D Molloy, M McElhinney.

**Doire:** B Gillis; J McCamley, C McKaigue, SL McGoldrick (0-1); B McGoldrick, M Craig, E Scullion; J Diver, M Friel; G O'Kane, M Lynch (0-1), E Lynn; C Gilligan, Paddy Bradley (0-6), E McGuckian.

**Subs:** M Donaghy, Patsy Bradley, C Kiel, Eoin Bradley (0-1), Emmet Bradley.

**Referee:** Marty Duffy (Sligeach)

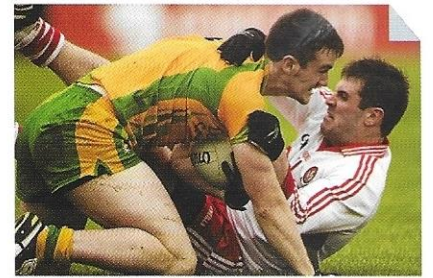


**Sunday 30 June Semi Final:  
Donegal 0-12 Tyrone 0-10  
at St Tiernach's Park, Clones**

**Dún na nGall:** P Durcan; P McGrath, N McGee, F McGlynn; E McGee, K Lacey (0-1), A Thompson; R Bradley (0-1), N Gallagher; D Walsh, R Kavanagh (0-2), M McHugh (0-1); P McBrearty (0-1), M Murphy (0-3), C McFadden (0-3).  
**Subs:** Declan Walsh, M McElhinney, M O'Reilly, L McLoone, C Toye.

**Tír Eoghain:** P McConnell, A McCrory, C Clarke (0-1), D Carlin (0-1), R McMenamin, C Gormley (0-1), P Harte, Sean O'Neill (0-1); J McMahan (0-2), C Cavanagh; Mattie Donnelly, Stephen O'Neill (0-2), M Penrose (0-1); Mark Donnelly (0-1), O Mulligan.  
**Subs:** R McNabb, A Cassidy, N McKenna, B McGuigan.

**Referee:** David Coldrick (An Mhí)

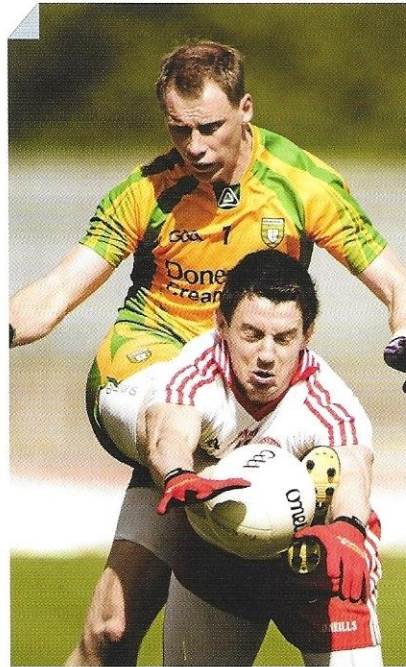


**Sunday 16 June Semi Final:  
Down 1-14 Monaghan 1-13  
at the Morgan Athletic Grounds**

**An Dún:** B McVeigh, D McCartan, B McArdle, G McCartan, D O'Hagan (0-1), K McKernan, C Garvey, A Rogers (0-1), K King, D Hughes, M Poland, A Carr (1-2), D O'Hare (0-5), C Lavery (0-2), E McCartan.  
**Subs:** K Duffin (0-1), L Doyle (0-1), B Coulter (0-1).

**Muineachán:** M Keogh, D Wylie, W Corey, C Walshe, D Hughes (0-2), D Mone, KO'Connell, O Lennon, D Clerkin (0-1), P Dooney, S Gollogly, J Turley, K Hughes, P Finlay (0-5), C McManus (0-5).  
**Subs:** T Freeman (1-0) for Dooney, K Duffy for K Hughes

**Referee:** Michael Duffy (Sligeach)



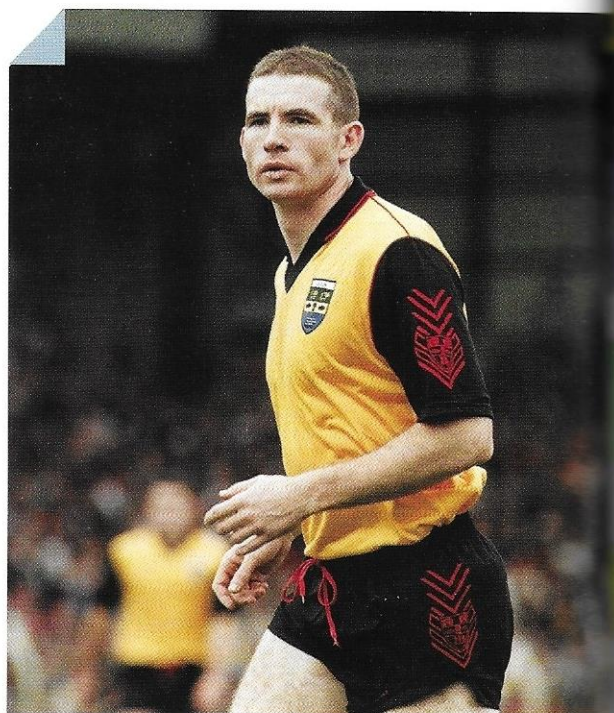
**Top Scorers:**

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| <b>Colm McFadden</b><br>Dún na nGall  | 2-12 (18) |
| <b>Martin Penrose</b><br>Tír Eoghain  | 0-09 (9)  |
| <b>Donal O'Hare</b><br>An Dún         | 1-06 (9)  |
| <b>Conor McManus</b><br>Muineachán    | 0-07 (7)  |
| <b>Aidan Carr</b><br>An Dún           | 1-03 (6)  |
| <b>Michael Murphy</b><br>Dún na nGall | 0-06 (6)  |
| <b>Paddy Bradley</b><br>Doire         | 0-06 (6)  |
| <b>Paul Finlay</b><br>Muineachán      | 0-06 (6)  |

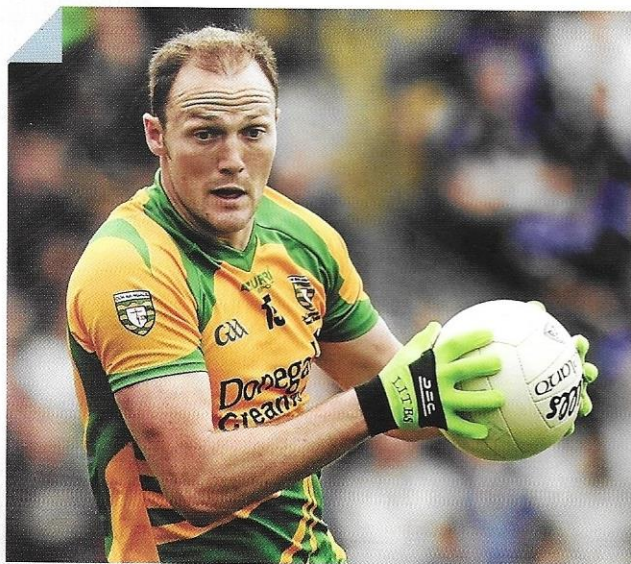
# All Time Top Scorers

## Ulster Senior Championship

|      |                       |                    |             |
|------|-----------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | Eoin Bradley          | (Derry)            | 2-10        |
| 2010 | <b>Paul Finlay</b>    | <b>(Monaghan)</b>  | <b>0-14</b> |
| 2009 | Paddy Cunningham      | (Antrim)           | 0-19        |
| 2008 | Steven McDonnell      | (Armagh)           | 1-17        |
| 2007 | Thomas Freeman        | (Monaghan)         | 1-15        |
| 2006 | Oisín McConville      | (Armagh)           | 3-25        |
| 2005 | Stephen O'Neill       | (Tyrone)           | 1-26        |
| 2004 | Colm McFadden         | (Donegal)          |             |
|      | & Oisín McConville    | (Armagh)           | 1-13        |
| 2003 | Peter Canavan         | (Tyrone)           | 1-38        |
| 2002 | Rory Gallagher        | (Fermanagh)        | 4-12        |
| 2001 | Rory Gallagher        | (Fermanagh)        | 0-16        |
| 2000 | <b>Rory Gallagher</b> | <b>(Fermanagh)</b> | <b>1-19</b> |
| 1999 | Oisín McConville      | (Armagh)           | 3-18        |
| 1998 | Joe Broily            | (Derry)            |             |
|      | & Tony Boyle          | (Donegal)          | 0-13        |
| 1997 | Joe Broily            | (Derry)            | 3-15        |
| 1996 | Peter Canavan         | (Tyrone)           | 3-13        |
| 1995 | Peter Canavan         | (Tyrone)           | 0-20        |
| 1994 | Peter Canavan         | (Tyrone)           | 1-17        |
| 1993 | John Toner            | (Armagh)           | 0-23        |
| 1992 | Enda Gormley          | (Derry)            | 0-25        |
| 1991 | Ross Carr             | (Down)             | 0-21        |
| 1990 | <b>Manus Boyle</b>    | <b>(Donegal)</b>   | <b>1-16</b> |
| 1989 | Martin McHugh         | (Donegal)          | 2-16        |
| 1988 | Stephen Conway        | (Tyrone)           | 0-17        |
| 1987 | Enda Gormley          | (Derry)            | 0-20        |
| 1986 | Brendan Mason         | (Down)             | 3-17        |
| 1985 | Eamon McEneaney       | (Monaghan)         | 3-16        |
| 1984 | Frank McGuigan        | (Tyrone)           | 0-19        |
| 1983 | Derek McDonnell       | (Cavan)            | 4-11        |
| 1982 | John Corvan           | (Armagh)           |             |
|      | & Peter McGinnity     | (Fermanagh)        | 1-9         |



|      |                           |                 |             |
|------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1981 | Eamonn McEnaney           | (Monaghan)      |             |
|      | Brendan McGovern          | (Down)          | 1-17        |
| 1980 | <b>Patsy Hetherington</b> | <b>(Tyrone)</b> |             |
|      | <b>&amp; Patsy Kerlin</b> | <b>(Tyrone)</b> | <b>4-3</b>  |
| 1979 | Kieran Finlay             | (Monaghan)      | 1-18        |
| 1978 | Donal Donohoe             | (Cavan)         | 0-12        |
| 1977 | Brendan Kelly             | (Derry)         | 2-10        |
| 1976 | Steve Duggan              | (Cavan)         | 1-22        |
| 1975 | Willie Walsh              | (Down)          | 3-8         |
| 1974 | Seamus Bonnar             | (Donegal)       | 6-4         |
| 1973 | Patsy Hetherington        | (Tyrone)        | 0-17        |
| 1972 | Joe Winston               | (Donegal)       | 0-26        |
| 1971 | Sean O'Connell            | (Derry)         | 1-18        |
| 1970 | <b>Andy McCallin</b>      | <b>(Antrim)</b> | <b>3-15</b> |
| 1969 | Sean Woods                | (Monaghan)      |             |
|      | & Gene Cusack             | (Cavan)         | 3-7         |
| 1968 | Paddy Doherty             | (Down)          | 1-17        |
| 1967 | Charlie Gallagher         | (Cavan)         | 0-19        |
| 1966 | PT Treacy                 | (Fermanagh)     | 4-13        |
| 1965 | Charlie Gallagher         | (Cavan)         | 2-29        |
| 1964 | Charlie Gallagher         | (Cavan)         | 0-19        |
| 1963 | Harry Lavery              | (Donegal)       | 2-10        |
| 1962 | Seamus McMahon            | (Cavan) &       |             |
|      | Frankie Donnelly          | (Tyrone)        | 0-11        |
| 1961 | Paddy Doherty             | (Down)          | 1-16        |
| 1960 | <b>Con Smith</b>          | <b>(Cavan)</b>  | <b>1-17</b> |
| 1959 | Paddy Doherty             | (Down)          | 1-17        |
| 1958 | Paddy Doherty             | (Down)          | 3-14        |
| 1957 | Frankie Donnelly          | (Tyrone)        | 1-14        |
| 1956 | Frankie Donnelly          | (Tyrone)        |             |
|      | & Victor Sherlock         | (Cavan)         | 2-7         |
| 1955 | Peter Donohoe             | (Cavan)         | 0-14        |
| 1954 | Brian Gallagher           | (Cavan)         | 0-14        |
| 1953 | Art O'Hagan               | (Armagh)        | 3-4         |
| 1952 | John Joe Cassidy          | (Cavan)         | 1-7         |
| 1951 | Joe McCallin              | (Antrim)        | 3-14        |
| 1950 | <b>Peter Donohoe</b>      | <b>(Cavan)</b>  | <b>3-18</b> |
| 1949 | Peter Donohoe             | (Cavan)         | 4-10        |
| 1948 | Peter Donohoe             | (Cavan)         | 3-12        |



# GAA STARS, SEEN BY CARS



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# Nothing beats being there... our stewards agree

By the time supporters read today's match programme in the region of 20,000 supporters will have attended the 2012 Ulster Senior and Minor Football Championships. In times of recession and financial hardship for families all over Ireland this is a wonderful testament to our games and the players who play them. We thank those patrons who chose to buy their tickets, bring the family and enjoy one of the country's greatest GAA competitions. They obviously agree with the slogan that 'Nothing beats being there'.

'Being there' is something that is not new to the army of volunteer stewards, men and women who sacrifice their weekends, time with their families and forsake their attendance as supporters of their counties to make our games happen.

As Ulster GAA Event Controller for the 2012 Championships I wish to pay tribute to our dedicated large team of volunteers who demonstrate all that is good about our Association by ensuring that you (supporters) enjoy our games and arrive and leave safely. Your safety, comfort and enjoyment are as important to them as the games are to you.



We convey a míle míle buiochas to our gate officials, ticket sellers, car park attendants, first aiders, stewards, supervisors, event control teams, half-time games co-ordinators, doctors, ground-staff and shop attendants who form Team Ulster during each summer to ensure the success of our Championships. These efforts are supported by our colleagues in An Gardaí Síochanna, PSNI, Order of Malta, Frontline Security, and St Michael's Band all of whom bring their specific expertise to the operations every match day.

During today's games the players from Tyrone, Monaghan, Down and Donegal will contest every ball, make every block, in front of the watchful eyes of 30,000. During those moments volunteers from those same counties and others will efficiently and effectively deal with many issues and sort many problems that the crowd will never see, never hear about it, nor get the opportunity to appreciate.

Those same stewards may not see a 'ball kicked' or a 'save made' until, if they are fortunate, when they watch the highlights later that night at home. At that moment and for the first time they will get some indication of what they contributed to earlier in the day. The crowd, the colour, the atmosphere, the game, the scores... they repeat this ritual week in and week out every summer.

So why do these outstanding Gaels do this? Because... **'Nothing beats being there'**. When it comes to such GAA volunteerism "For those who understand no explanation is necessary, for those who do not understand no explanation is possible."

Stephen McGeehan, Ulster GAA Event Controller.





# Ulster GAA and DENI Curriculum Sport in Schools Programme

The GAA in Ulster continue to be committed to the delivery of the Curriculum Sports Programme, with outstanding support from the schools involved.

This very successful programme has been in operation since September 2007, when it was introduced by the then Minister of Education, Caitriona Ruane, as a pilot project to address the problem of inactivity among our youngest children and to give employment to young teachers and sport's graduates. The programme has been so successful it has been run out since, thanks to the demand from the teachers in most of our Maintained, Irish Medium and Controlled Primary Schools involving 319 schools, with 914 teachers and 17,500 (P.1 – 4) pupils.

The main aim of the programme is:

- To develop the generic physical literacy skills of our youngest pupils through participation in enjoyable



Physical Literacy activities during PE lessons.

- To help raise pupils' confidence and self esteem, their motivation to learn and their achievements in other curricular areas, particularly literacy and numeracy.
- To raise the confidence of, and provide support to, primary teachers in delivering PE.

The programme is run out throughout Northern Ireland by our 31 Department of Education & Physical Literacy

Coaches who coach in the school for the entire school year in conjunction with the class teacher. The programme covers the first two stages of the Long Term Player Development Pathway i.e. Gaelic Start and the Fundamentals which are the building blocks upon which all other sport specific skills are built.

The challenge is to build the confidence and competence of teachers to help deliver the Physical Literacy skills into their PE programme.

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Tickets also on sale at [gaa.ie/tickets](http://gaa.ie/tickets) or usual outlets.



# A new way to spread the Ulster GAA Gospel

Following a review of the 2010 / 2011 Marketing and Communications Strategy, Ulster GAA embarked on a consultation exercise with Counties and Clubs which involved round table focus groups and open discussion workshops on how we as a Provincial Council could communicate our message better and sustain attendances at our games. The Consultation highlighted the following issues in rank order:

- Access to Tickets
- Admission Prices
- Information on Matches and Ulster GAA Events

Once the Ulster GAA Management Committee and the Ulster Marketing and Information Technology Committee reviewed the findings we took action by establishing an internal staff Communications and Marketing team to lead the operational review of the Marketing and Communication channels for Ulster GAA.

The Management Committee decided to reduce ticket prices across the board for all 2011 / 2012 competitions and also invest significant time and resource into enhancing our social media capacity and channels. This involved running competitions on Facebook, Twitter and Google in addition to advertising our channels in all Ulster GAA related material and put exclusive content on all Ulster GAA social media for followers to see. We also developed a new App

Gaelgo in partnership with DCAL and Comhaltas, which is available to download for free.

These initiatives have worked with the first test being the Ulster Club Championship where we saw attendances up by 18%. One of the most successful initiatives involved introducing a season ticket for the 2012 Power NI McKenna Cup which allowed a spectator to attend every game their County participated in (including Semi Finals and the Final) for €20 / €25. The reaction was fantastic with over 1500 season tickets sold for the McKenna Cup this year. Also the addition of a new supportive sponsor in Power NI also enhanced the already strong brand of the McKenna Cup, again attendances were up by 17% for this competition.

The Under 21 Championship saw an increase of 20% in attendances and at the time of writing the Ulster Senior Football Championship also looks set for a 20% increase in attendances figures on the previous year.

New Sponsors also came on board this year to support our programmes and I am thankful to the following organisations for their continued support for Ulster GAA:

- **O'Neills**- Ulster GAA Coaching Conference, Ulster Poc Fada, Ulster Feile, Ulster Inter Provincial Team
- **Power NI**- Dr McKenna Cup
- **The Irish News**- Ulster GAA Club and Community Conference
- **Phoenix**- Ulster GAA Elite Academy
- **Airtricity**- Ulster GAA Primary Schools Health Programme
- **NWNG / Gaelic Life**- Ulster GAA Coach and Volunteer Development Programme & Ulster Scór
- **McKeever / GAA Store**- Ulster GAA Championship Twitter Competition
- **Quinn's Corner**- Ulster GAA Club Football League

I would also acknowledge the support of the NI Tourist Board, in particular Barry Fitzpatrick for their continued support throughout the 2012 Senior

Championship. We are lucky to have fantastic marketing partners in Lairdesign who have once again brought fantastic creativity and innovation to our campaigns which in turn has enhanced the Ulster GAA brand, I am grateful to both Niall Laird and Fehin Quinn.

I would also thank our corporate partners for their continued support and investment in Ulster GAA:

**O'Neill's**  
**Power NI**  
**Tughans**  
**Irish News**  
**NWNG/Gaelic Life**  
**UTV**  
**BBC NI Sport**  
**Glenavon Hotel/Sense Nightclub**  
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**HSC Adoption and Foster Care**

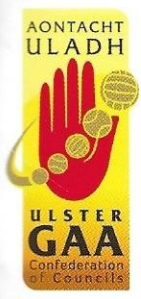
I am also grateful to the Ulster GAA Marketing and ICT Committee for their support and work through the year and the County Secretaries and PRO's all of whom have given Ulster GAA excellent support through the Championship campaign. Finally I would like to thank the Communications and Marketing team led by Ryan Feeney who have done outstanding work throughout the year for Ulster GAA, in particular I recognise the excellent work of Stephen Donnelly (Programme Editor/Fixtures), Damian Kelly (Communications, ICT and Social Media) and Sharon Haughey (Press and Media).

We are still listening and all views and comments are welcome and if you want to give us feedback please e-mail [info.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:info.ulster@gaa.ie). Its been a great year and we are already planning for next year by promoting a simple and honest message "Nothing beats being there".

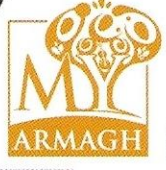
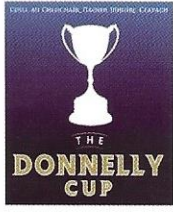
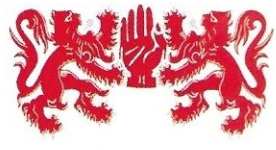
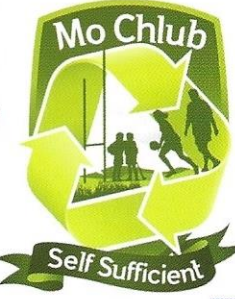
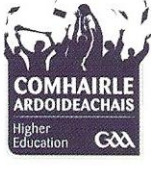
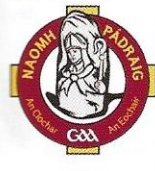
Thank you for your ongoing support.  
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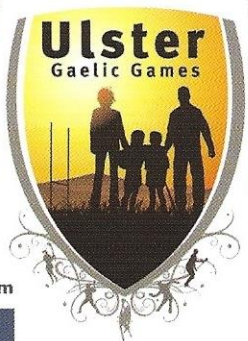
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# The Last Final Meeting

GaelicLife

Opinions from Ciaran Woods, Gaelic Life

**The destination of the 105th Ulster senior football championship title in 1991 was decided in the space of a dramatic 60 second spell midway through the second half of this provincial final showdown.**

Outsiders Down, who had given reigning champions Donegal the run-around to lead by 1-9 to 0-5 at the interval, had seen their lead cut to just four points as Donegal's Barry McGowan charged through on their goal.

The entire capacity of St Tiernach's Park held their collective breath as McGowan drew back his right foot and dispatched his crisp shot goal-bound.

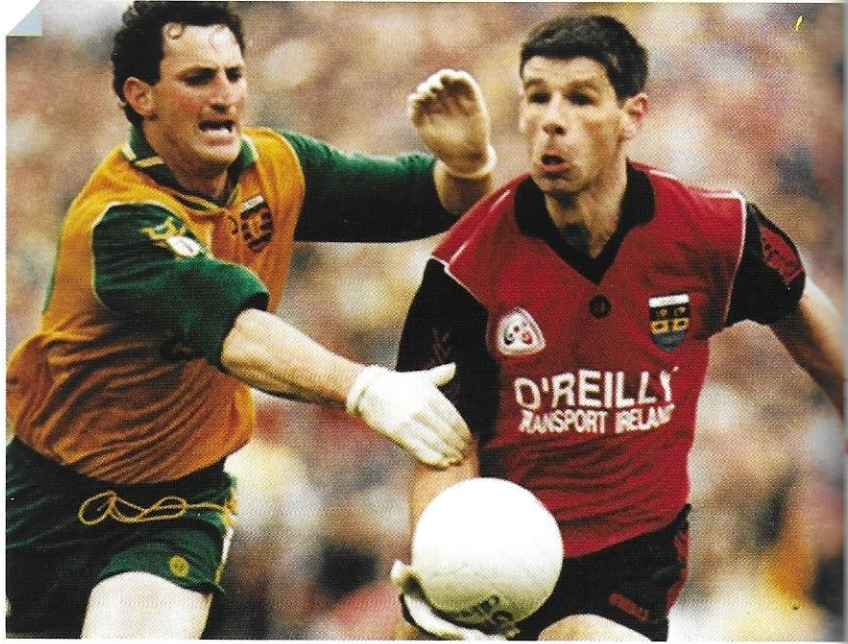
But Neil Collins, Down's last line of defence, rushed off his line to block the shot. The ball cannoned off the big 'keeper's legs, rebounded off McGowan and trickled towards the unguarded Mourne goal line.

However, just as Donegal were about to celebrate, DJ Kane arrived from nowhere to clear the danger with a long clearance upfield.

Down responded in the best and most dramatic fashion, transferring the ball quickly in the direction of the Donegal goal, and it was Barry Breen who found himself on the end of a free-flowing move which he finished by sailing the ball over the Donegal crossbar to send a dagger through the heart of their championship challenge.

Less than a minute later, Ross Carr flighted over a typically well executed free kick to give the men in red and black further breathing space at 1-11 to 0-8, and the Mourne outfit were not to be undone.

Donegal went into the game bidding to be the first back-to-back Ulster title winners since Derry in 1975/76, but they were left breathless by the pace, power and panache of the Down display, particularly in the



first half where they had built the foundations for their success.

Between the eighth and eleventh minutes, Down hit 1-3 without reply to knock the wind almost totally out of Donegal's sails.

There may have been a touch of fortune about Down's goal, when the Donegal defence misjudged a long Greg Blaney ball forward, and the ever-vigilant Mickey Linden snatched possession and slipped a low shot past Gary Walsh.

Their tails up, Down took the game by the scruff of the neck and Blaney speared over three imperious points, with Gary Mason and Carr chipping in with a brace each.

A brace of placed balls at the start of the second half brought Donegal back within striking distance, but McGowan's failure to convert meant that it was the Mourne men who laid claim to the Anglo-Celt.

It was a result which looked far away when in the semi-final four weeks previously, it took an injury time free from Ross Carr from all of 55 yards

out to earn Down a second chance against Derry.

Down had been seven points up ten minutes into the second half, but the introduction of Joe Brolly and Anthony Tohill sparked the Oak Leaf men into life. Dermot McNicholl pointed for Derry, Greg Blaney got sent off, Fergal McCusker pointed, Eamon Burns found the back of the Down net, Damian Barton shot the equaliser and Brolly put them in front.

James McCartan found the equaliser but it looked sure to be Derry's day when Burns hit another point in the last minute to edge his side in front. But it was to be Carr and Down who would have the last word, the Clonduff man nailing the equaliser and earning Down a replay which they won comfortably by 0-14 to 0-9 to book their place in the decider.

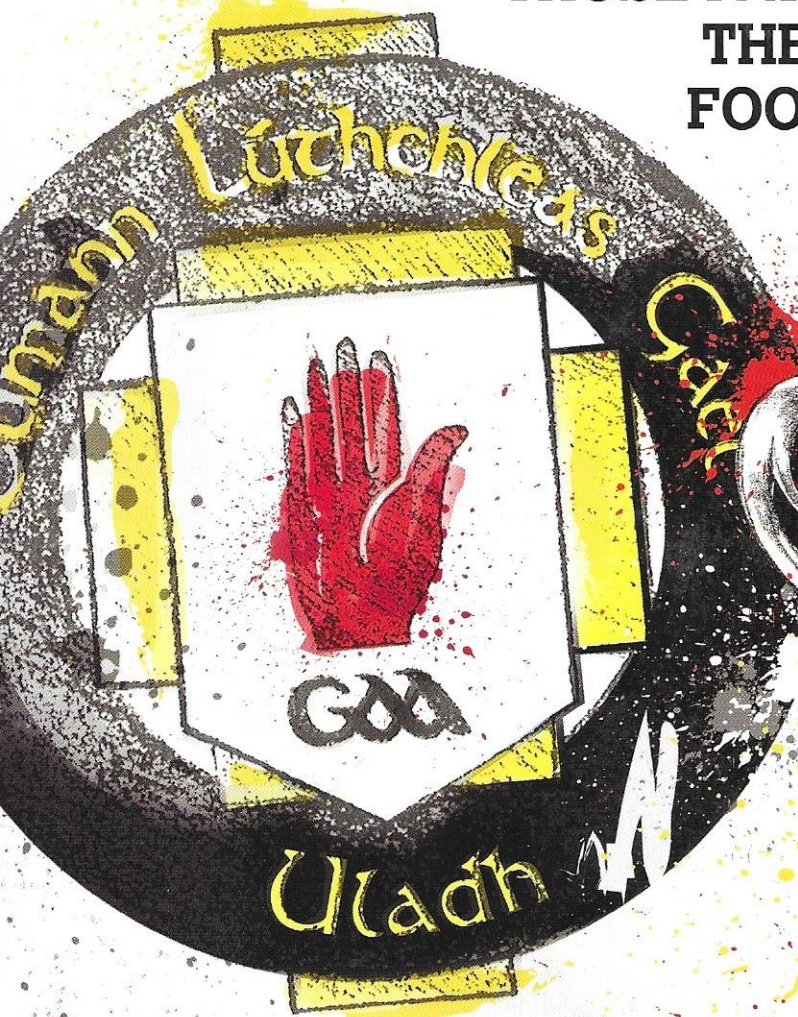
When we look at the character and resilience shown in that drawn semi-final, it should have been no surprise to see the glory which was to come for the men in red and black in the months which followed.

# ADDING A SPLASH OF COLOUR TO YOUR SUMMER

Tá muid i gComhairle Uladh CLG fíor bhúioch dár lucht leanúna uilig a tháinig chun na cluiche fa choinne Craobh Uladh 2012. Guíonn muid lá breá taitneamhach daoibh uile agus go háirithe bíodh turas slán sábháilte agaibhse abhaile. Míle buíochas as teacht.

## Go Raibh Maith Ágat

**ULSTER GAA WISH TO THANK ALL  
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