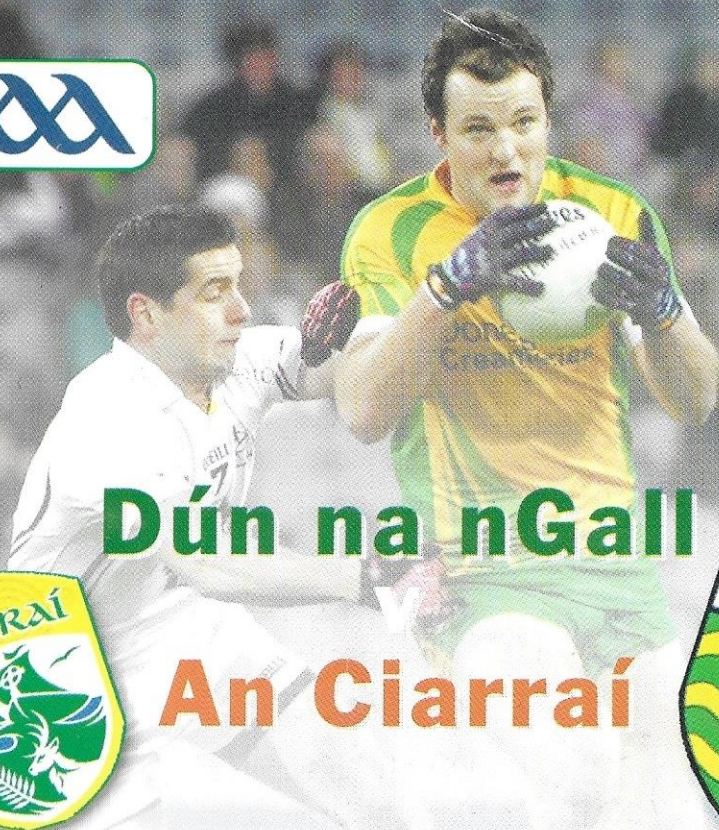


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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here today to Mac Cumhaill Park for our second home game of the 2013 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Kerry team, management, officials and supporters and I hope you enjoy your short visit to the north-west.

On behalf of Bord na Contae, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Donegal people here at home and abroad that the Donegal G.A.A. Supporters Club was re-launched two weeks ago on Sunday February 24th. I would encourage adults and juveniles alike to join the Club which will allow you to directly support our football and hurling teams in 2013. I would also like to thank Daniel O' Donnell for his tremendous gesture in giving the proceeds of his concert in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran on Wednesday August 7th to the Supporters Club. Míle buíochas, Daniel.

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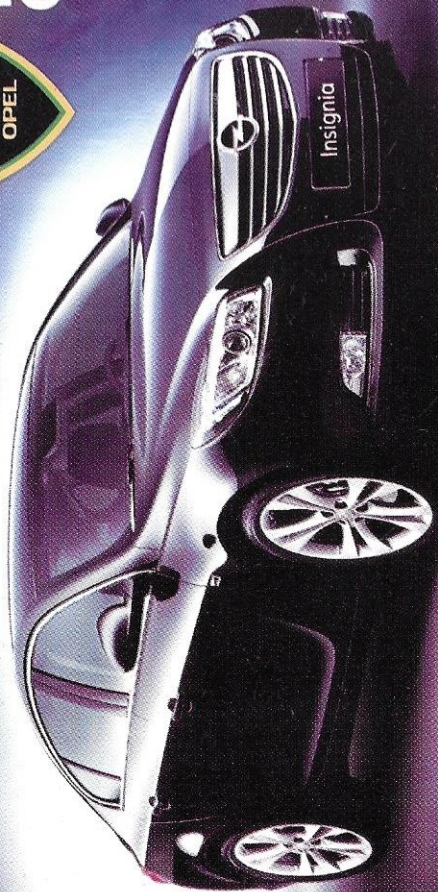
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'Gooch' still backing Donegal

By Frank Craig (*Donegal Post*)

Kingdom star Colm Cooper says that Donegal and Kerry will still be in the hunt for major honours come summer despite both's indifferent start to the NFL.

Jim McGuinness' men have recorded just one win from three to date and remain locked on two points with both Mayo and Cork at the wrong end of Division 1.

Cooper's Kerry, visitors to MacCumahill Park this afternoon, have also failed to fire thus far. They currently prop up football's top tier, winless and pointless along side Down.

But the seven-time All-Star insists that both outfits will be very different animals come the start of their respective provincial championships.

Kingdom boss Eamon Fitzmaurice has so far used the league to blood a number of new faces, and has yet to welcome back Darren O'Sullivan (a first-half substitute against Kildare last week), Declan O'Sullivan, Cooper, Paul Galvin, Anthony Maher, David Moran and Bryan Sheehan, into the mix.

The 'Gooch' was in the North West last week to promote the AIB Build-A-Bank Challenge. And the lethal attacker has placed Jim McGuinness' men, along side Dublin, as the two teams to beat during the upcoming championship.

"I still think Donegal are up there as favourites and I'd put Dublin joint with them," said Cooper. "Then there's a group with Kerry, Cork, Mayo, Kildare who will be looking to catch up to Donegal. I would expect one of those six teams to be going up the steps in September."

The four-time All Ireland winner insisted that Kerry will persist with their traditional game, despite the impressive and physical templates that have proved so successful for both Donegal and Dublin over the last two seasons.

"When I grew up watching football in Kerry it was always catching and kicking... it's the way you're taught how to play football there. It's just a

traditional style that we have and I don't see it changing in the near future," he added.

Much was made of Donegal's strategic gameplan last term and how the players at manager Jim McGuinness' disposal implemented his blueprint for success. But Cooper says anyone who believes that the 'whole is greater than the sum of its parts' where Donegal is concerned, is sorely mistaken.



"I think it gets a little blown out of proportion when people say Donegal play this system or play defensive. They get a lot of media coverage about playing to systems and structures but they do that because it's how they win.



"The reason Donegal won last year was because they had better players than other teams and they performed on the big days. They had quality all over the field".

The 'Gooch' says that his own side's poor start to the NFL, which has included losses to Mayo, Dublin and Kildare, isn't that much of a concern to him just yet.

But he concedes that they need to start picking up points quickly if they are to avoid the drop into Division 2.

He added: "I wouldn't get too despondent on losing early league matches. It's going to be a very competitive Championship but we'll hopefully be around in August and September."

And with Dr Crokes interest in the All-Ireland club championship now over for another season, can we expect to see the 'Gooch' strut his stuff in MacCumhail Park this afternoon?

"I'll be back within the next few weeks," he continued. "Probably not in time for when Kerry play Donegal but I'll be back towards the end of the league."

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The New Kid is Chip Off the Old Block

BY PETER CAMPBELL (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Ross Wherity has started his intercounty career in a solid, if not spectacular fashion, especially in the two most recent games against Down and Tyrone.

The St. Eunan's man may be something of a latecomer, now approaching his mid-20s, but there are huge similarities in that with his Donegal manager. The similarities are not just in age, but in style and appearance on the ball. Wherity is tall and lanky and has an unorthodox running style, which could be compared with his current 'boss' when he was wearing the Donegal shirt. The only difference is the colour and length of hair!

Wherity has been one of the plusses so far from a Donegal

perspective. It doesn't get any easier at the top, but Donegal are now in the same position they were after three games last year. At that stage they had defeated Cork at home (having lost to Down, away and Laois, home).

This week last year they were preparing for a trip to Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney, and were then given something of a lesson by a Kerry side that were in flying form. Kerry come to MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, today with no points on the board and if they get nothing from today's game, their future in Division One looks in severe jeopardy.

Defeat for Donegal would equally put them in very choppy waters, especially with just one home game remaining and two very tricky away assignments in Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork, and McHale Park, Castlebar.

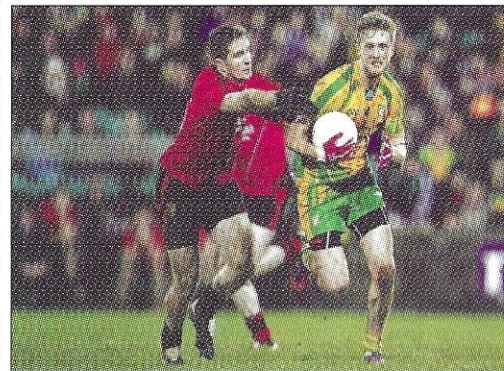
What have Donegal learned from their opening three games? Apart from the introduction of Ross Wherity and Ryan McHugh to intercounty fare, the management will have learned little, apart from the fact that they are now on a pedestal to be shot at.

Last Sunday's encounter with Tyrone

underlined the rivalry that is now being built up between the two counties. The Red Hand men are not taking the setback of being beaten in two Ulster semi-finals well and they were 'up' for the battle on Sunday last. But despite that, and playing with 14 men for all of the second half, Donegal were close enough to them in the finish. Indeed, Mickey Harte

conceded that Tyrone had got the rub of the green on the day.

While there is a case to be made to blame Joe McQuillan for the inequality in the distribution of yellow and red cards on Sunday last, there is also a case to be made that Donegal's discipline in the tackle was way short of where



it needs to be. Michael Murphy has lived on the 'edge' of many games and sometimes it is his strength which gets him in trouble. A tackle from Michael Murphy carries more force than some other players, and he can get punished unfairly. But it is an aspect of his game that he must (and will) work on.

The fitness levels of Donegal were a tad short of where Tyrone were at and we should not be unduly worried in that regard. It was a bigger game for Tyrone than it was for Donegal.

Today, though, is different. Donegal need to win to keep their hopes of staying in the top flight alive. Indeed a win today might even be enough to do that, such is the way things are panning out, with Down and Kerry at the bottom of the pile. On the face of it, Down look favourites for the drop. Kerry have home games against Down and Cork next, which could give them a lifeline.

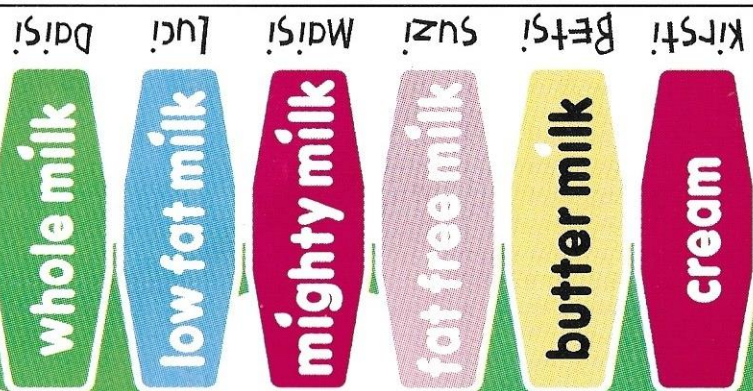
If Donegal win today, it could come down to the final round of games with Donegal at home to Dublin in Ballybofey and Kerry facing the trip to Healy Park, Omagh, to face Tyrone.

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Kerry Angle

BY KIERAN MCCARTHY

ONE dreaded 'R' word has been replaced by another in the Kingdom.

From the recession to a possible relegation, the bad news is seemingly endless these days, but the notable difference here is that Kerry's footballers have control over their own destiny, and whether or not they will still be plying their trade in Division 1 of the Allianz Football League next year.

Whether Kerry can now turn the tide, after three successive losses have left them rooted to the foot of the table, in time is now the big question. The clock is ticking.

And a trip north to Ballybofey for today's fourth round match-up with All-Ireland champions Donegal (a team most definitely going in the opposite direction to Kerry) is, to be honest, not what the doctor ordered.

Ironically, when you think back to last year's clash between the two in Killarney, which Kerry won, and compare the trajectory of both teams since, how the tables have turned.

And now we have arrived at a place where Kerry can look to what Donegal achieved last year as inspiration, safeguarding their Division 1 status despite only picking up two points from their first four games of the 2012 league.

There's no hiding from the fact that these are testing times for Kerry football right now – a new, enthusiastic manager in Eamonn Fitzmaurice at the helm of a side that is the dictionary-perfect definition of transition.

Victims of the county's own success over the last decade, in that there wasn't a need for new faces to oust the established brigade, the future of Kerry football suddenly has become a hot topic down south, especially when you have county legends like Pat Spillane mentioning that word 'crisis'.

Perhaps, that's overstating it, as it must be remembered that this is March, Kerry are without Colm Cooper, Paul Galvin and Declan O'Sullivan amongst others, and the championship sprinkles its own stardust over the Kingdom.

Kerry in March and Kerry in the summer will be different, but to arrive there in a healthy position, performances need to improve, and points need to start appearing on the board. Fast.

Last weekend's loss to Kildare offered signs of encouragement that maybe, just maybe, Kerry are moving in the right direction – which at this stage is just avoiding relegation.

It was a stark improvement from the dismal displays against Mayo and Dublin, but for a county spoilt from its own success over the last decade, this is hard to stomach.

And a defeat today would represent a massive dent in Kerry's hopes of surviving in Division 1.

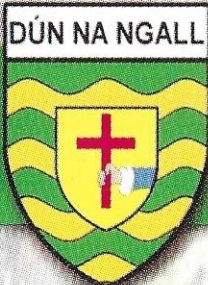
Again, to highlight just how Donegal have glided past Kerry in the grand scheme of things, we also have the sub-plot of the Munster men trying to show that they still belong to the top table of football, and that they are as close to the big prize as last year's narrow All-Ireland quarter-final defeat (1-12 to 1-10) to Donegal suggested.

But let's walk before we can run, and let's take it step by step, getting the basics right, getting the big guns back and fighting fit, and see where that leaves us.

For today however, it just mightn't be enough. Remember too, that clock is ticking.

League Table

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Dublin	3	3	0	0	55	35	6
Kildare	3	3	0	0	50	40	6
Tyrone	3	3	0	0	45	37	6
Mayo	3	1	2	0	45	44	2
Donegal	3	1	2	0	40	43	2
Cork	3	1	2	0	48	57	2
Down	3	0	3	0	38	47	0
Kerry	3	0	3	0	25	43	0



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Learning the League's Complex Lessons

BY CHRIS McNULTY (Donegal News)

WHEN Donegal headed for Killarney for a National League outing last March, you wouldn't have thought that there'd be a pointer to September that afternoon under the Magillicuddy's.

Kerry smashed past Donegal that afternoon, winning 2-16 to 1-8. Michael Murphy's 1-5 was one of the few positives for Donegal.

Jim McGuinness says that the League doesn't matter much, but nevertheless it serves its purpose.

In Killarney that afternoon, McGuinness jotted down the names of the same 15 players on his starting list as would take to the field six months later to face Mayo in the All-Ireland final.

When the swords of Donegal and Kerry crossed in the All-Ireland quarter-final, only the injured Neil Gallagher was absent, but the Glenswilly man appeared as a sub at half-time.

In Killarney, Christy Toye, David Walsh and Martin O'Reilly were the subs used. Injury curbed O'Reilly's involvement in the business end of the season, but Toye and Walsh were regularly used as replacements throughout the summer.

Maintaining a consistent team sheet was one of the reasons for Donegal's success.

In that League outing at Fitzgerald Stadium, Anthony Thompson began in the forwards - and scored an early point - with Leo McLoone stationed in the half-back line. Come the bigger stages, their roles reversed.

McGuinness has a saying that he has stated quite a bit in recent times: "Nothing is neutral - you're either going backwards or forwards."

His mantra is basically that every day's a school day; and he urges his team to learn consistently. It was clear come August and their All-Ireland quarter-final that Donegal had taken lessons from the pain inflicted by Kerry in March.

Jack O'Connor thought he'd solved the rubicube when his side came through Donegal with such ease.

"No matter how much you get bodies back, with a bit of clever rotation of the ball you can always get men free," he said.

"We worked very hard and spoke a lot about that this week, about being clever on the ball and shipping the ball to the support runner. I think that worked well for us."

For McGuinness, the defeat of Kerry in the All-Ireland quarter-final - the first ever Championship clash of these counties - was a defining moment for his squad.

"A lot of people felt that we couldn't beat Kerry - beating Kerry grew another sense of belief in us," said McGuinness.

"It grew towards Cork in the semi and the final was probably our most disappointing performance."

"It was a good performance, but it wasn't potentially what we were looking for. We'll learn from that match because of the enormity of it."

Donegal looked to be heading for a comfortable win against Kerry in Croke Park, but Kieran Donaghy ghosted in to bat home a goal that left Tir Chonaill supporters peering through their fingers until Karl Lacey curled over a memorable point. A late goal was also conceded in the semi-final when Colm O'Neill of Cork struck.

Those are things Paul Durcan still winces about. The Four Masters man made his 100th Donegal appearance in Omagh last Sunday - and the All-Star goalkeeper insists that ensuring a repeat doesn't blot the copybook this year is one of the things he and goalkeeping coach Pat Shovelin are working hard on.

He says: "Those were things that, as a team, we were disappointed with. We took the foot off the pedal. We'll learn from them though."

"We pride ourselves in dealing with long balls and that was so disappointing. We'll do work on that this year."

Although success in the League, in terms of sports big currency - results - is not high on Donegal's priority list right now, there are certain things you might note as being peculiar in the way a team is lined out or is playing at this time of year. It's with the bigger blueprint in mind.

And in the spring, a tactic that doesn't work out may well be seen as being a positive. As McGuinness observed last weekend: "Sometimes bad data is good data in that you know that you mightn't use it in the summer time. Last year there were some things that the answer was: 'no, that's definitely not going to work' and that was good in terms of what's on the mind."





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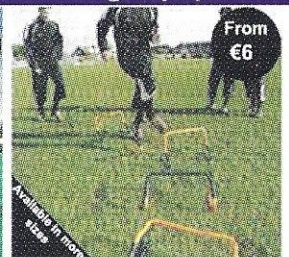
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Brosnan hoping to lay ghost of Ballybofey

BY TOM COMACK (Donegal Democrat/Peoples Press)

Kerry captain Eoin Brosnan will not need reminding that his last trip to Sean MacCumhaill Park in Ballybofey was not a happy experience.

The new Kerry skipper and his team are facing down the barrell of relegation so they'll be hoping for better fortune this time around.

The late and lamented legend Paidi O'Shea was the manager and Kerry were the All-Ireland champions when they came to Ballybofey in February '08. Donegal were the reigning league champions having claimed a first Division One title the previous May against Mayo.

Paul Galvin was the captain for the day and O'Shea fielded 11 of the All-Ireland winning team from the previous September.

The Kingdom boys were just back off a team holiday and while they looked a little rusty, they seemed to have done enough to win the game thanks to late points from Bryan Sheehan and Tomas O'Se, as they led 1-7 to 0-8.

Kieran Donaghy had scored the goal and Darran O'Sullivan - who played his first football with the Tir Chonaill Gaels club in London - had posted a point and Sheehan had converted three frees.

But just when it seemed the points were in the bag, disaster struck for the Kingdom when Brosnan, deep in injury time, rose highest in his own goalmouth to fetch a Colm McFadden free.

However, he inadvertently deflected the ball past Diarmuid Murphy in his own net and with time up seconds later, Donegal ended up the unlikely winners on a 1-8 to 1-7 scoreline.

Ryan Bradley with three points, Colm McFadden two and Kevin McMenamin and Karl Lacey one each, were the other Donegal scorers that day.

Kerry arrive in Ballybofey this afternoon on the back of their worst league run in years. They have no points from three games and are in serious danger of facing the drop to Division Two of the Allianz League for the first time in 12 seasons.

They lost by four points to Mayo, 0-15 to 0-11, in their opening game in Castlebar, after failing to score in the second half. Their 1-11 to 0-4 defeat to Dublin was an even more humiliating experience as it was at home in Killarney in front of their own supporters.

Of the three defeats, last Sunday's two point loss to joint pace-setters Kildare was the most encouraging performance of the campaign so far and may be the first sign of the green shoots of revival.

This is something which Eoin Brosnan and Kerry supporters will be banking on when they hit the green sod of MacCumhaill Park today. It should also be a concern for Jim McGuinness and Donegal folk too. Remember the All-Ireland champions are not out of the relegation woods either, all of which sets up an intriguing and fascinating contest this afternoon.

The teams from that February meeting back in 2008 were:

Donegal: P Durcan; K Lacey 0-1, N McGee, P McDaid 0-1; K Cassidy, E McGee, F McGlynn; N Gallagher, C Bonner; C Toye, D Walsh, B Roper; C McFadden 0-2, R Bradley 0-3, K McMenamin 0-1. Subs - K Rafferty for Bonner, G McFadden for Toye.

Kerry: D Murphy; M O Se, T O Sullivan, P Reidy; T Griffin, A O Mahony, K Young; M Quirke, S Scanlon; E Brosnan, D O Sullivan 0-1, D Moran; S O Sullivan, K Donaghy 1-0, B Sheehan 0-5. Subs - T O Se 0-1 for S O'Sullivan, K O Leary for Moran

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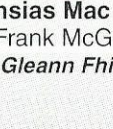
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AN T-OCHTÚ CLUICHE DÉAG

Fr. Seán

Tonight's is the eighteenth League meeting of Ciarraí and Dún na nGall. Ciarraí won their first meeting in 1965. They have met sixteen times since 1988. Dún na nGall won the first three of these clashes. Ciarraí then won eight-in-a-row before Dún na nGall stopped the rot with their 2005, 2007 and 2008 victories. Ciarraí won the last two – 2009 and 2012. So it is 11-6 for Ciarraí.

The Scores were:

1965	Ciarraí 3-10	Dún na nGall 1-8	Páirc an Chrócaigh
1988	Dún na nGall 1-10	Ciarraí 0-11	Trá Lí
1989	Dún na nGall 0-11	Ciarraí 0-10	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1990	Dún na nGall 1-12	Ciarraí 0-12	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1994	Ciarraí 0-11	Dún na nGall 0-9	Trá Lí
1995	Ciarraí 0-14	Dún na nGall 0-10	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1995	Ciarraí 1-10	Dún na nGall 1-8	Tuaim
1995	Ciarraí 1-11	Dún na nGall 0-6	Béal Átha Seanaidh
1996	Ciarraí 2-9	Dún na nGall 2-7	Trá Lí
2000	Ciarraí 2-16	Dún na nGall 0-14	Béal Átha Seanaidh
2001	Ciarraí 0-14	Dún na nGall 0-9	Cill Áirne
2003	Ciarraí 1-12	Dún na nGall 0-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh
2005	Dún na nGall 1-10	Ciarraí 1-9	Bealach Féich
2007	Dún na nGall 1-15	Ciarraí 0-13	Leitir Ceanainn
2008	Dún na nGall 1-8	Ciarraí 1-7	Bealach Féich
2009	Ciarraí 2-13	Dún na nGall 0-11	Trá Lí
2012	Ciarraí 2-16	Dún na nGall 1-8	Cill Áirne

Paul Durcan, Éamonn McGee and Neil Gallagher have played in the last five Dún na nGall – Ciarraí League encounters.

Rory Kavanagh is the only Dún na nGall survivor from the 2003 game (apart from Jim McGuinness!, who also played in the 1994, 1995 (once), 2000 and 2001 games).

1956

Seán Mac Cumhaill Park has a special bond with Ciarraí since All-Ireland Champions Ciarraí honoured the Park by making the long journey northwards to play a Donegal selection at the official opening of Seán Mac Cumhaill Park on Sunday, April 22, 1956. Ciarraí fielded nine of the sixteen who played in the All-Ireland final of 1955 while Dún na nGall played three Doire men – Jim McKeever, Roddy Gribben and Seán Young and Tír Eoghain man, Frankie Donnelly, alongside twelve 'natives', including adopted Dún na nGall man Pat English, and local hero Harry Laverty who came on as a substitute. The great three-in-a-row Gaoth Dobhair team of 1953-4-5 had only one representative on the Dún na nGall team - Paddy Carr, the Ballybofey-based architect, Cavan's John Wilson of St. Eunan's College refereed and let the game flow. Ciarraí led by 0-6 to 0-4 at the interval but Frankie Donnelly's goal turned the tide and the Dún na nGall selection won by 1-9 to 0-10. Jim McKeever was outstanding as were the great Peadar McGeehin and Seán McCormack who scored 0-5. Immediately after the match the same Seán McCormack and Rúnai Contae, Hugh Daly, rushed off to Athlone to tread the boards for the Ballyshannon Players in the All-Ireland Drama festival. They missed a great feed and many speeches in the Vocational School, Stranorlar, après match. Among the speakers were Séamus McFerran, Uachtarán C.L.G.; Séamus Gilheaney Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh; Seán Ó Cinnéide, Dún na nGall's Central Council representative; Frank Sheehy, Cathaoirleach Bhorrd Chiarraí C.L.G. and the home club's Ben Griffin who singled out Harry Carey for special praise.

The teams were:

Dún na nGall selection:

Jackie McDermott
Jim 'Cookie' Boyle

Séamus Hoare:

Pat English
Joe Carroll

Pearse Dawson:
Peadar McGeehin:

Seán O'Donnell (0-1)
Paddy Carr

Jim McKeever and Frankie Brennan:

Roddy Gribben (0-1)
Frankie Donnelly (1-2)

Seán McCormack (0-5):
Seán Young.

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Colm Kenneally
Seán Murphy
Paudie Sheehy (0-5)
Tom Costelloe

Gary O'Mahony:
Ned Roche
Tim 'Tiger' Lyons
Tom Moriarty (0-3) and Denis O'Shea:
John Joe Sheahan
Gerald O'Sullivan (0-1)

Micksie Palmer:
Diarmuid Dillon:
Bobby Buckley:
Dan McAuliffe (0-1).

1981

Ciarraí's second trip to Bealach Féich was on May 3, 1981 when their legendary 4-in-a-row team played Dún na nGall as part of Ciarraí's Australian trip fund-raising campaign. The match coincided with Mac Cumhaill Park's Silver Jubilee. A superb Ciarraí display overwhelmed Dún na nGall by 6-10 to 1-11.

Ciarraí:
Jimmy Deenihan
Paudie O'Shea (0-1)
Ger Power (1-1)
Ger Driscoll

Charlie Nelligan:
John O'Keefe
Vincent O'Connor
Jack O'Shea (1-0) and Seán Walsh:
Ogie Moran (0-1)
Eoin Liston (2-1)
Sub: B. O'Sullivan

Paudie Lynch:
Paudie Sheehan:
Pat Spillane (2-4):
Mick Spillane (0-2).

Dún na nGall:

Michael Houston
Eunan McIntyre
Michael Gallagher (Naomh Columba) and Brendan Dunleavy:
Séamus Reilly (0-4)
Séamus Marley

Noel McCole:
Pat McCrea
Michael Lafferty
Michael Carr
Séamus Bonner (0-1)

Seán Gavigan:
Finian Ward:
Charlie Mulgrew:
Jim Brennan (0-1).

Subs: Paul Carr (0-2), Pádraig Carr (1-0), Séamus Flynn (0-3), P.J. McGowan, Conor Carney.

1984

Ciarraí's next journey to Bealach Féich was for their first Senior competitive game at the Finnside venue. They played Dún na nGall in the Centenary Cup on April 18, 1984. Ciarraí won a thriller against a heroic Dún na nGall team by 0-11 to 0-8. The teams were level 0-4 / 0-4 at the interval.

Ciarraí
Paudie O'Shea
Ger Power
Timmy O'Dowd (0-1)
Dermot O'Donoghue (0-2)

Charlie Nelligan:
Vincent O'Connor
John Higgins
Jack O'Shea and Tom Spillane:
Ogie Moran
Eoin Liston

Mick Spillane:
Donal Harnett:
Pat Spillane (0-2):
Mike Sheehy (0-6).

Dún na nGall

Matt Gallagher
Michael Carr
Sylvester Maguire
Paul McGettigan

Noel McCole:
Des Newton
Brendan Dunleavy
Martin Griffin and Michael Lafferty:
Anthony Molloy (0-2)
Joyce McMullan (0-1)

Tommy McDermott:
Brian Tuohy:
Donal Reid (0-1):
Martin McHugh (0-4):

Subs: Kieran Keeney, Pauric Gallagher

1995

1995 was a strange year with Dún na nGall and Ciarraí teams meeting 5 times – 3 times in the League, as well as in the All-Ireland U-21 and Vocational Schools' semi-finals. Dún na nGall's only victory was in the Vocational Schools' game, the day Brian McLaughlin scored 4-4 in a 5-7 to 2-10 success.

On August 6, 1995, Ciarraí beat Dún na nGall by 2-6 to 1-5 in the U-21 semi-final i dTuaim Dhá Ghualainn. Páidí Ó'Sé and Dónal Reid were the managers.

Dún na Gall

Niall McCreedy (0-1)
Damian Diver
Brian Roper (0-1)
Barry Ward (1-1)

Darren Nash:
Eamonn O'Donnell
Dessie McNamara
James Ruane and Martin Coll:
Dónal Buggy
Brian McLaughlin

Peter McGinley:
Seán McEwan:
Shane Carr:
Adrian Sweeney.

Subs: Paddy McTeague (0-1), Seán Boyce (0-1), Anthony McGrath.

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Denis Dennehy

Diarmuid Murphy:

Brian McCarthy
Niall Mangan

Dara Ó Sé and Dónal Daly:

Mark Moynihan
Liam Hassett (2-0)

Subs: William Kirby, John Brennan.

Barry O'Shea:
Charlie McCarthy:

John Crowley (0-1):
Dara Ó Cinnéide (0-3).

SOME BECOME LEGENDS - 2005

The Bealach Féich meeting between the teams on 13 March 2005 was the first Mac Cumhaill Park League match between the teams. Brian McEniffs team had suffered three narrow defeats against Tír Eoghain, Maigh Eo agus An Iarmhí but pulled out all the stops to beat the All-Ireland Champions, Ciarraí. Dún na nGall led by 1-5 to 0-6 at half-time but an Eoin Brosnan goal levelled it at 1-7 each. But points by man-of-the-match Michael Hegarty, Christy Toye and Colm A. McFadden saw Donegal home.

Dún na nGall

Niall McCready
Shane Carr

Christy Toye (0-1)
Colm McFadden (1-2)

Paul Durcan:

Raymond Sweeney
Barry Monaghan

Neil Gallagher and Stephen McDermott:

Michael Hegarty (0-3)
Ryan Bradley (0-3)

Subs: Damien Diver and Barry Dunning.

Éamonn McGee:
Kevin Cassidy:

Brian Roper:
Rory Kavanagh (0-1).

Ciarraí

Marc Ó Sé
Tomás Ó Sé

Paul Galvin
Declan Quill (0-1)

Diarmuid Murphy:

Michael McCarthy
Éamonn Fitzmaurice

Dara Ó Sé and Michael Quirke:

Eoin Brosnan (1-0)
Rónan O'Connor (0-1)

Mossie Lyons:
Aidan Mahony:

Paddy Kelly (0-1):
Colm Cooper (0-3).

Subs: Dara Ó Cinnéide(0-3), William Kirby, Séamus Moynihan, Kieran Donaghy, Brendan Guiney.

2008

Ciarraí's second League visit to Bealach Féich ended as their first visit had – in a one-point defeat! Ciarraí seemed home-and-dry in the third minute of injury time as they led by two points but in a dramatic finale Colm A. McFadden's free kick ended in the back of the net following a Kieran Donaghy deflection (some said it was Eoin Brosnan). An eventful first half on a sodden pitch saw the sides level at half-time 0-3 / 0-3. Colm A. McFadden's penalty was saved by Diarmuid Murphy and Tom O'Sullivan was sent off after two yellow cards. Despite playing with fourteen men Ciarraí went ahead 1-5 to 0-4. Dún na nGall fought back to level it 1-5/ 0-8. Tomás Ó Sé and Brian Sheehan put Ciarraí two ahead before the final twist.

Dún na nGall

K. Lacey (0-1)
K. Cassidy

C. Toye
C. A. McFadden (0-2)

P. Durcan:

N. McGee
É. McGee

N Gallagher and C. Bonner:

D. Walsh
R. Bradley (0-3)

Subs: K. Rafferty and G. McFadden.

P. McDaid (0-1):
F. McGlynn:

B. Roper:
K. McMenamin (0-1).

Ciarraí

M. Ó Sé
T. Griffin

E. Brosnan
S. O'Sullivan

D. Murphy:

T. O'Sullivan
A. O'Mahony

M. Quirke and S. Scanlon:

Dec. O'Sullivan (0-1)
K. Donaghy (1-0)

Subs: T. Ó Sé, K. O'Leary, and P. O'Connor (0-1).

P. Reidy:
K. Young:

D. Moran:
B. Sheehan (0-5).

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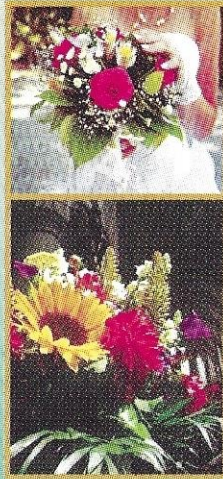
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Mac Cumhaill Park

Gaelic football in the Twin Towns can be traced back to 1916. A group of men decided to set up a GAA club and Ballybofey Eire Og's was formed. There was always a keen and friendly rivalry between players of the Twin Towns and it was hardly surprising that a second club, Stranorlar Sarsfields was formed soon after. Both teams competed in the Finn Valley League, a competition organised by the late Dennis Gallagher.

The two clubs continued their hectic rivalry for the next decade, until experience and pragmatism told, and it was decided to amalgamate the clubs. In Oct 1926 at a joint meeting of the two clubs, a new club was formed called Erin's Hope. The "Hopes" had no permanent home ground until a pitch was located at Drumboe. Plans were still afoot to purchase a more locally situated pitch in Ballybofey.

In 1946, as part of "Civic Week", a match was held between Donegal and Sligo. This was such a success that a Park committee was formed and our present grounds were finally secured.



On Sunday 1st May 1949, Sean Mac Cumhaill passed away in Donegal Hospital. Soon after it was decided to name the new Park as Sean mac Cumhaill Park, in memory of the man who had done so much for the GAA in the Twin Towns. Sunday April 22nd saw Mac Cumhaill Park officially opened by the President of the GAA. A plaque was unveiled and Erin's Hope changed their name to Mac Cumhaills.

The first match played in Mac Cumhaill Park was between the two teams playing here today. Donegal wore a blue and white strip and Kerry wore their traditional colours. (Please see program from that day in 1956)

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At 35, Eamonn Fitzmaurice is one of the younger breed of inter county football managers who have come to the fore in recent years. Though his coaching experience is limited, his record as a player is second to none. He made his minor debut for Kerry in 1994 as a seventeen year old, a year in which The Kingdom captured their last All Ireland in the grade and he advanced to Under 21 level two years later being a member of the successful All Ireland winning sides of 1996 and 1998. He made his senior championship debut against Cork in 1998 and went on to win three All Ireland titles (2000, 2004 and 2006) before retiring in 1997 when just 29 years of age. In all, he played 48 senior championships matches for his native county.

At Club level, he was no less successful winning senior championship titles in both Cork, with UCC (1999), and Kerry with Divisional side Feale Rangers whom he captained to the title in 2007 giving a man of the match performance in the process. Along with his former Kerry team-mate Paul Galvin, he was also a member of the Finuge team who captured the inaugural All Ireland Junior Club title in 2005 and just three weeks ago he played his last game for the Club when they went down to Cookstown Fr Rocks in the All Ireland Intermediate Final. Neither did he confine his sporting activities to football; he holds a county senior hurling championship medal won with Lixnaw and indeed hurling runs in the blood – his great grandfather, Maurice Fitzmaurice, was a member of the Kerry team that won their one and only All Ireland senior Hurling title in 1891!

Eamonn eased his way into management when Jack O'Connor bought him on board as a selector in 2009 when Kerry defeated Cork in the All Ireland final but he stepped down the following year following Kerry's loss to Down at the quarter final stage. He returned as a senior

selector in 2012, a year that also saw him take charge of the county Under 21 side.

Describing his decision to become the new senior football supremo in the Kingdom as "too good an opportunity to turn down" he did admit that he was reluctant to leave his position as Under 21 manager and he also held some reservations over managing some players he held close relationships with having lined out together in All Ireland winning teams. Yet having received the backing of Jack O'Connor, the man he replaces in the position, and his family, the Finuge man decided to accept the offer.



"It was never a burning ambition of mine to be involved in Kerry management and when I got the call to get involved with Jack for the start of 2009, it was a bolt out of the blue. But I really enjoyed it and when the chance came along, I just felt it was too good an opportunity to turn down. I spoke to Jack

before taking it and he made the point that there's never a perfect time to take these jobs – the chance might not arise again".

"The game is certainly changing but I think it's really enjoyable to try to get a system of play to be effective against teams like today's opposition, Donegal. You want to keep an eye on the Kerry traditions and try to mould a game plan. It's a big challenge but that's more of a motivation factor in my eyes. I didn't speak to any players before taking the job as it was still very raw for them after the loss to Donegal in the All Ireland Quarter Final".

Eamonn's backroom team is made up of Cian O'Neill, Trainer and Selector, and selectors, Diarmuid Murphy and Mikey Sheehy.

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GAA QUOTES

"I used to think it was great being a wee nippy corner forward, but its better now being a big, fat one"
Ollie Murphy (Meath)

"Now listen lads, I'm not happy with our tackling. We're hurting them but they keep getting up."
John B.Keane ventures into coaching

"The rules of Meath football are basically simple: if it moves, kick it; if it doesn't move, kick it until it does."
Tyrone fan after a controversial All-Ireland semi-final

"There won't be a cow milked in Clare tonight."
Marty Morrissey, after Clare's 1992 Munster Championship victory.

"There won't be a cow milked in Finglas tonight."
Keith Barr, after Erin's Isle 1998 All-Ireland Club semi win.

"The wheel fell off my mobile home."
Offaly's Eugene McGee, explaining why he was late for training.

"Teddy McCarthy to John McCarthy, no relation, John McCarthy back to Teddy McCarthy, still no relation"
Micheal O Muircheartaigh

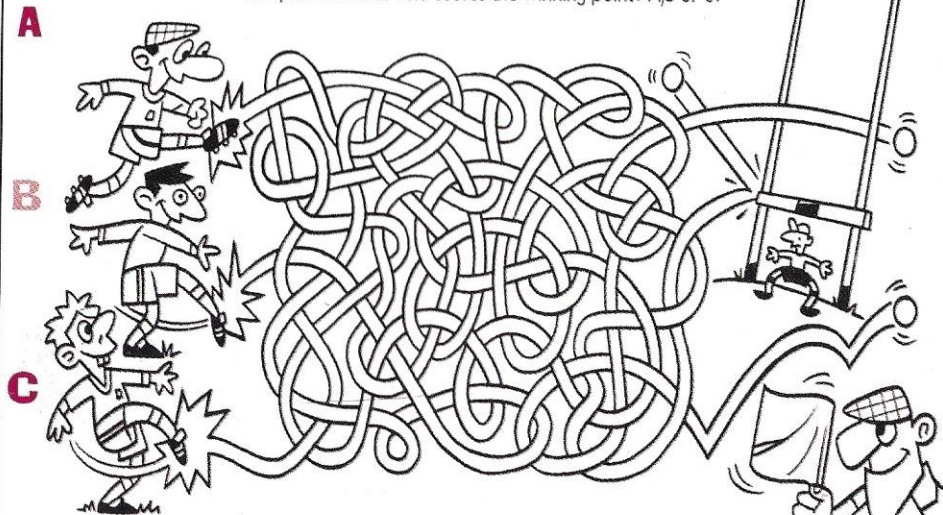
"Colin Corkery is deceptive. He is slower than he looks"
Kerry fan

"Life isn't all beer and football...some of us haven't touched a football in months"
Kerry player during league campaign 1980s.

"Anthony Lynch the Cork corner back will be the last person to let you down- his people are undertakers"
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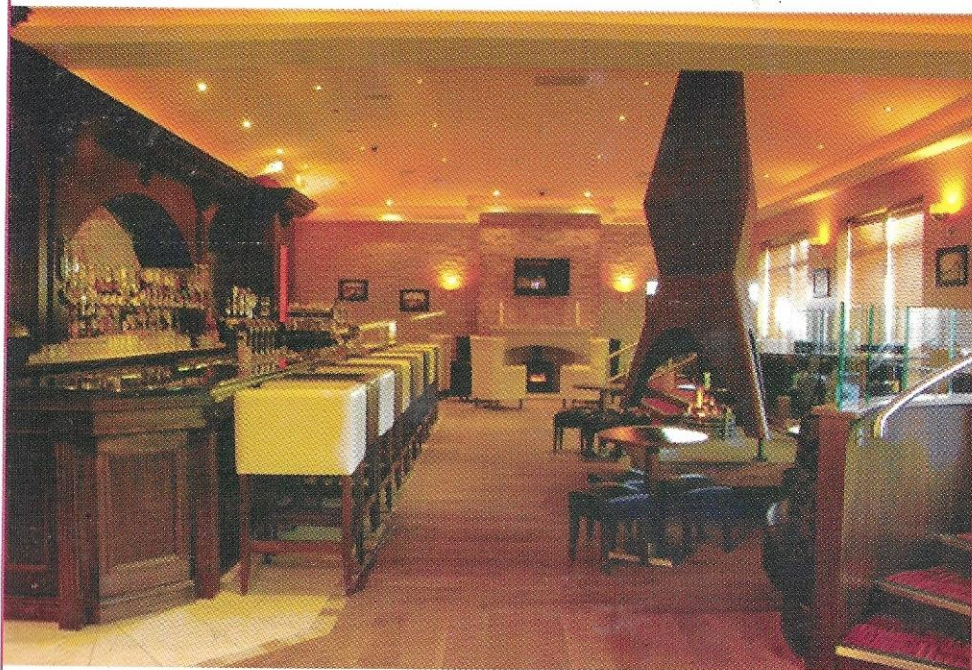
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