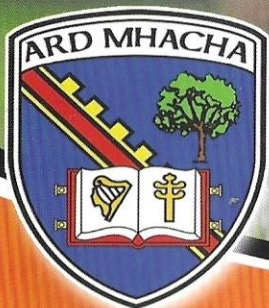
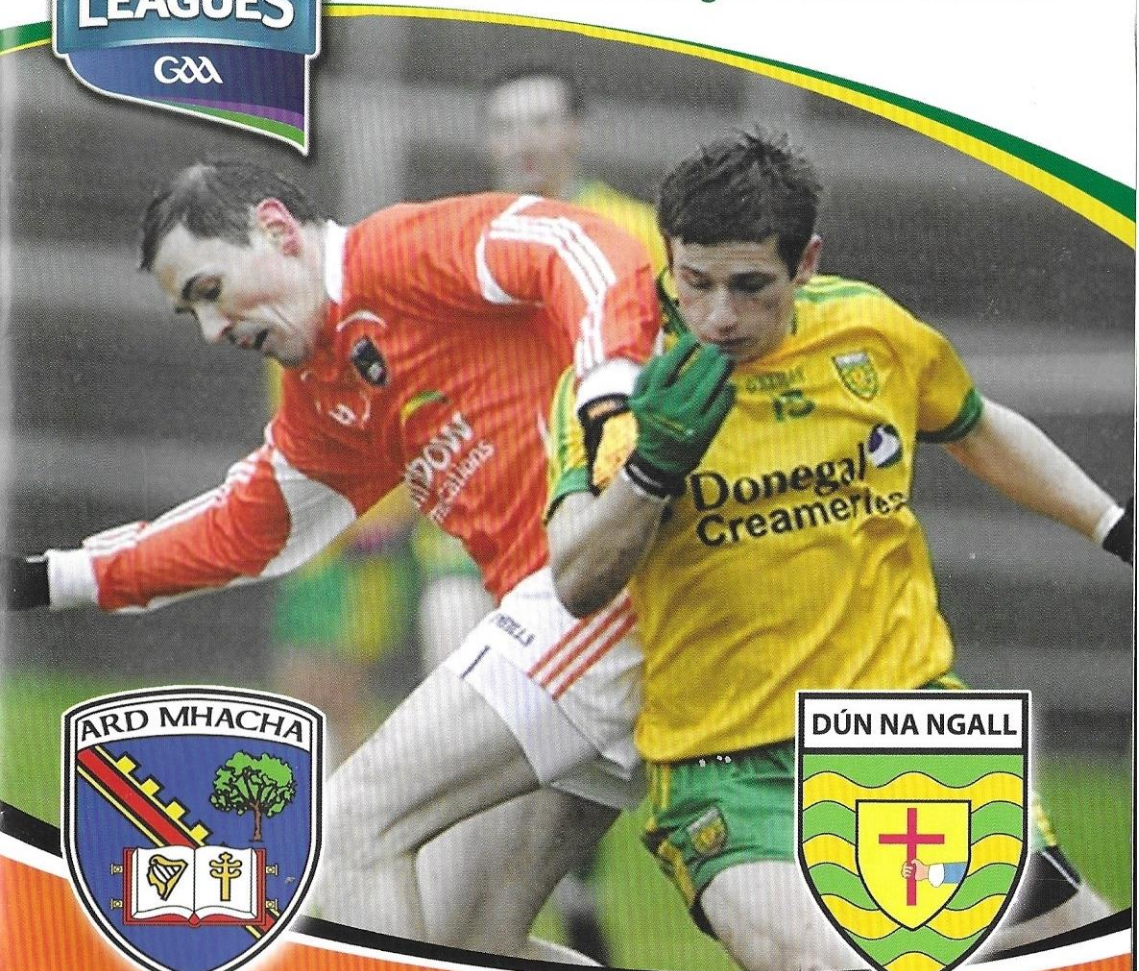




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## Ard Mhacha v Dún na nGall

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## Réamhfhocal / Foreword

A chairde, ar son Choiste Chontae Ard Mhacha, is cúis mhór áthais domsa fáilte faoi leith a chur romhaibh chuig Páirc Lúthchleas Ard Mhacha. Cuirim fáilte go speisialta roimh an réiteoir a bheidh i gceannas ar an chluiche, Feargal Ó Ceallaigh; an réiteoir ionad, Máirtín Ó hUiginn, fear line Seán Hurson agus oifigeach taobhlíne Dónall Ó Conghaile. Fearaim céad míle fáilte roimh peileadóirí Chontae Dhún na nGall agus a bhfoireann bainistíochta. Támuid uilig ag dréim le cluiche den scoth ón dá fhoireann seo um thráthnóna. Cibé toradh a bhéas air ag an deireadh, tá súil agamsa go mbeidh barr áite ag an spórtúileacht agus ardchaighdeán na himeartha. Bainigí taitneamh as an taispeántas, agus bígí cúramach ar na bóithre ar bhur slí abhaile.

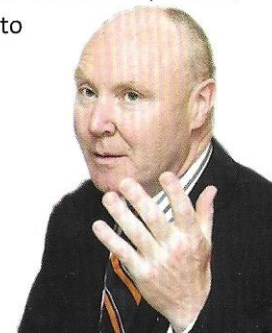
This is a 'must win' game for the Orchard County if we are to be secure in Division Two and not to be reliant on the misfortune of other counties. Our injury list has improved slightly and we are hoping to bounce back after our disappointing away defeat to Galway last Sunday. Donegal will not want to concede a defeat and are showing the form that brought them all the way to All Ireland victory in 2012. Much will be asked of our younger panellists but if they want to play championship football they have to step up to the mark. Today will be excellent preparation for our opening encounter with Cavan in early summer which will also be played in the Athletic Grounds.

On behalf of the My Armagh fundraising committee, I ask you to consider whether you can help clear the debt on our great county stadium. A donation of £100 will dedicate a seat to someone you love, to your club, to someone you admire. Let's work together to make this a successful project ensuring a lasting legacy for future generations of the GAA in Armagh.

To all those involved in the smooth running of this evening's game I extend our sincere thanks; especially our stewards and turnstile people, volunteers who continue to make a worthwhile contribution to the Armagh GAA story. Without these volunteers, who contribute countless hours to Armagh, our games programme and the staging of Ulster fixtures could not happen. Tréaslaím daoibh as ucht na hoibre a dhéannain sibhse ar son Ard Mhacha. To those involved in the production of this programme we are indebted. We thank our main sponsors, Rainbow Communications and Simply Fruit, as well as our patrons, advertisers and you, the fans: the contributions you all make continue to ensure the growth of our games and culture throughout the county.

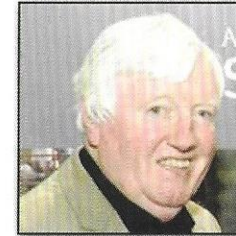
Go maire Ard Mhacha in ár gcroithe go deo.

**Pól Ó Dugáin**  
**Cathaoirleach**



## Donegal heading up: Orchard looking down

Joe McManus



Armagh welcomes Donegal to the Athletic Grounds for the second time within months, but this time the stakes are much higher for the Orchardmen who find themselves looking over their shoulders at relegation. Donegal will make the journey in a more relaxed frame of mind, having been practically assured of top-flight football next year, but the sweat is on in the opposite camp.

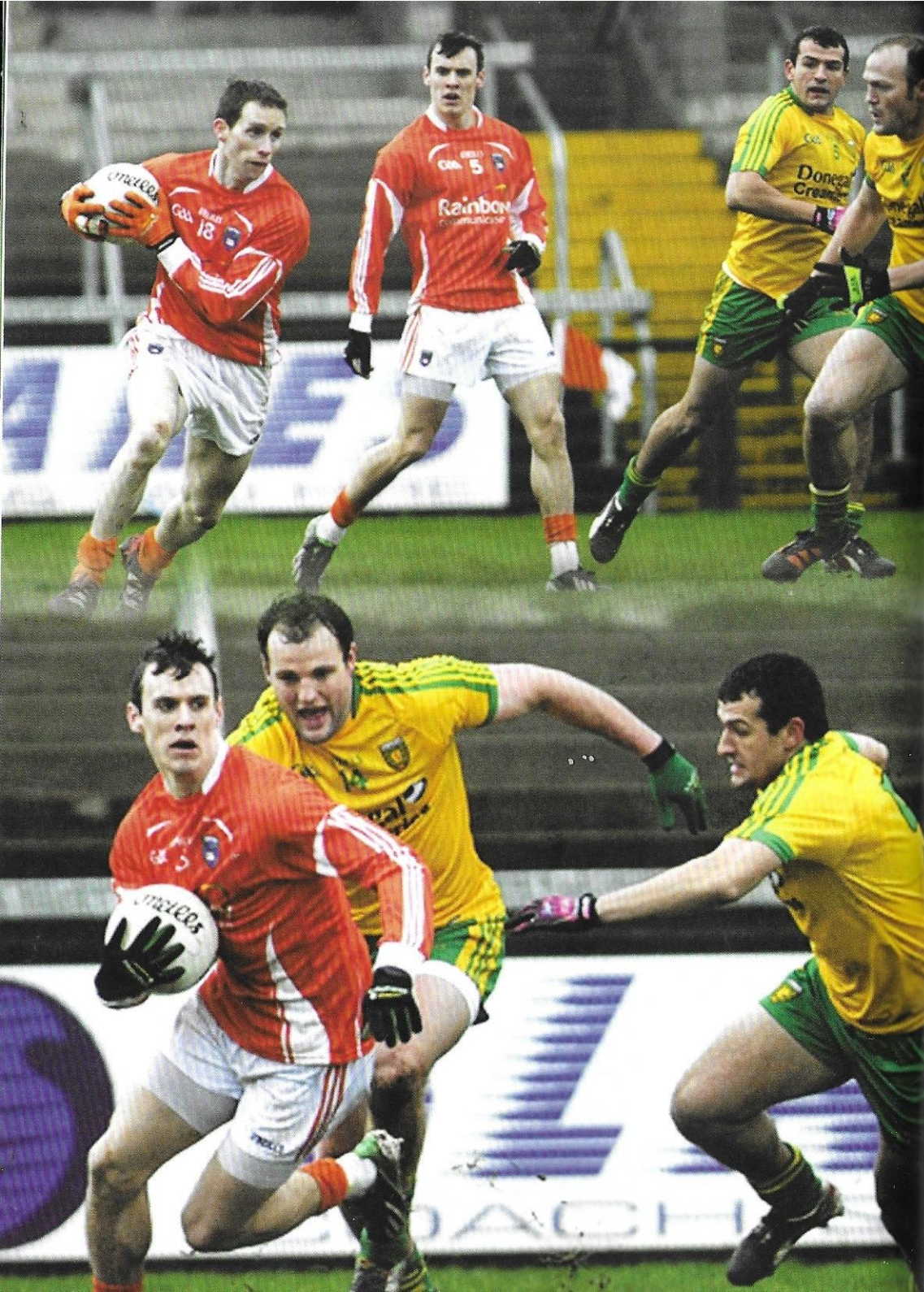
Two years ago in Ballybofey these teams met in a relegation Division One battle, the northerners coming with a late surge to claim both points and sending Armagh, then managed by Paddy O'Rourke, back to Division 2, from where the Down native had taken them in the first year of his tenure. Donegal's icon Michael Murphy viewed the proceedings from the sideline on crutches; the following year he raised aloft the Holy Grail in Croke Park. Such is football; however, just one year later our visitors ended up in that lower echelon.

Today's combatants have already met this year in the Dr McKenna Cup, Donegal triumphant with the help of a late McFadden goal. Despite heading the table on scoring average, the men from Tír Chonaill have had a few slip-ups, losing to Down and drawing with Meath thanks to a last-gasp Michael Murphy free. Armagh were briefly on the promotion track following victories against Meath in Navan and Laois at home, but fell back down to earth with a ten-point defeat by Monaghan. Losing last week to Galway has the demotion bells now ringing.

Despite trouncing Galway in the final round last year, Armagh narrowly avoided the drop by a stroke of good fortune provided by Laois, who defeated Wexford and consigned the Slaneysiders to Division 3. The O'Moore County could once again be central to the Orchard County's survival if they lose to Down in Portlaoise today, and if Armagh suffer their third straight defeat.

A draw would suffice to save Armagh but it's unlikely their opponents will be handing out any favours. Donegal have sorrowful memories of the noughties when Armagh spoiled their party on various key calendar dates, such as Ulster final day and the 2003 All-Ireland semi-final. To say that Armagh have it all to do would be something of an understatement. What forward line would relish the unenviable task of coming face to face with defenders of the calibre of the two McGees and Karl Lacey, or what full-back line would feel at ease marshalling lethal attackers in the class of McFadden, Murphy and McBrearty?

Armagh's progress in the Allianz League has been dogged with injuries: missing so many key defenders, management has had little option but to experiment at the back with players out of position, and the county has paid the price. Armagh has been in habit of handing teams golden starts and leaving them with far too much to do. In most games they have come from behind demonstrating tremendous spirit and fight. They can ill afford to allow Donegal out of the traps quickly, and whilst management will remain committed to their all-out attacking policy, it may be prudent to keep a closer eye on the house for at least the opening quarter until things settle.

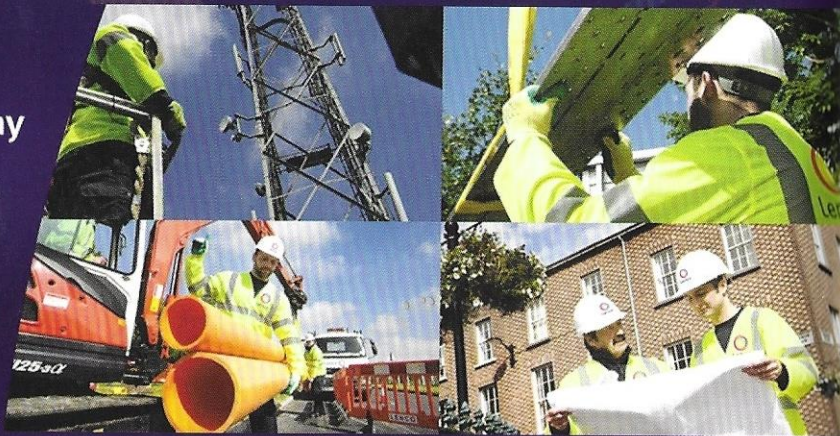




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## McGee looking for consistency

Frank Craig, Donegal Post

Neil McGee says that Donegal are determined to iron out the remaining creases in their League form and secure promotion in the process.

McGee, on the edge of the square, is probably better placed than most to gauge exactly where Donegal went wrong defensively against Louth in Ballyshannon last Sunday. And he agrees that two of the three goals conceded were avoidable.

"Two of the goals definitely came from our own doing," he said. "We should have dealt with those situations better. We'll sit down and see how that happened. Maybe we were complacent and maybe the foot did come off the pedal.

"But that's still not an excuse. We were comfortable at half-time and going really well. The goal they got before half-time might have given them that wee bit of hope. And the back to back goals really lifted them.

"Apart from that, we would be fairly happy with things."

The Gaoth Dobhair man knows that a win in Armagh this afternoon will secure automatic promotion to Division 1 and qualify them for a League final. And he isn't the slightest bit interested in the other permutations that might or might not scupper those ambitions.

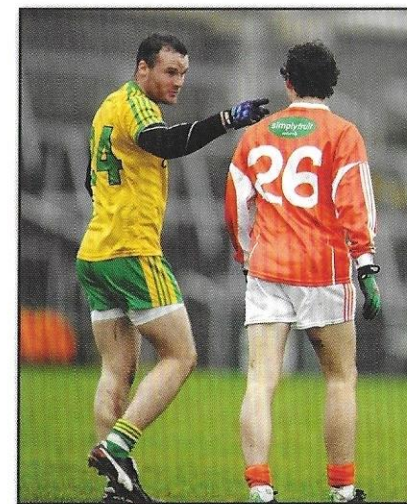
He added: "We'll get nothing easy in Armagh. Hopefully the Donegal support will travel in their numbers. They always raise their game against us. It'll have a wee bit of niggle but we're looking forward to it.

"It's a balancing act at this stage. You're looking to avoid wee injuries and knocks with Championship approaching. But at the same time we're looking to get promotion back to Division 1. That's why it's important to have the squad and the numbers.

"It's about keeping everyone fresh and healthy and I think Jim and the boys have done that well so far. We're going away for a week too (training camp) so that will be a crucial period where we'll look to get through a serious amount of work.

"We've played in fits and starts. From now on it's about getting to a level of consistency that we are happy with. It's about delivering performances for the 70 or so minutes. The big thing this year for us is that we've avoided a lot of the injury problems that we encountered last year.

"Paddy (McGrath) is the only one but he's now back out and in the mix again at training. There is definitely a freshness there. In that way, we've got a lot of the things we wanted to get out of the League."



## Scoláireachtaí CLG Ard Mhacha



Beidh deis ag baili óga de chlubanna CLG Ard Mhacha páirt-scoláireacht a bhaint le freastal ar chúrsa Gaeltachta arís eile i mbliana. Beidh Feis CLG Ard Mhacha ar siúl i mbliana sa Pháirc Lúthchleasa Dé Luain 28 Aibreán agus cuirfear agallaimh Ghaeilge ar na daltaí a chuireann isteach ar an chomórtas. Tá foirmeacha ar fáil ó rúnaí na gclubanna in Ard Mhacha agus ní mór iad a bheith sínithe ag an rúnaí sula cuirfear isteach chuig an Oifigeach Gaeilge ar [irishculturalofficer.armagh@gaa.ie](mailto:irishculturalofficer.armagh@gaa.ie) roimh an Chéadaoin an 23 Aibreán.

D'éirigh le 70 duine óg ó chlubanna ar fud an chontae páirt-scoláireachtaí a bhaint anuraidh trí Fheis CLG Ard Mhacha agus bhronn Cathaoirleach CLG Ard Mhacha teastais ar na daltaí uilig ar éirigh leo páirt-scoláireacht a fháil. Tá ceangal seanbhunaithe idir Ard Mhacha agus na coláistí samhraidh i Machaire Rabhartaigh, i mBun an Inbhir, i Loch an Iúir, i Rann na Feirste agus i dTeileann. Tá súil againn go mbainfidh neart daoine óga leas as an deis seo cur isteach ar pháirt-scoláireacht le dul chun na Gaeltachta. Beidh sibh ag leanstan céimeanna Jamie Clarke a chuaigh go Coláiste Bríde i Rann na Feirste, Charlie Vernon a bhí mar chinnire i gColáiste Mhuire Loch an Iúir agus roinnt eile d'imreoirí Ard Mhacha.



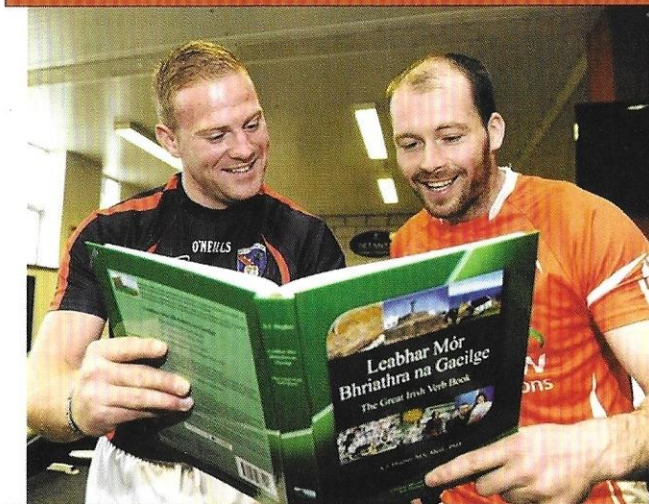
Tá ról tábhachtach ag an Ghaeilge sa CLG nó tá mar bhunspric i dTreoir Oifigiúil an Chumainn go gcuirfear an Ghaeilge chun tosaigh. Tá CLG Ard Mhacha ag déanamh a seacht ndícheall cothrom na féinne a thabhairt dár dteanga féin agus iarrann muid ar bhaill óga an chumainn an Ghaeilge a fhoghlaim agus a labhairt.

Armagh GAA are offering young members of our clubs an opportunity to win a part-scholarship to attend a Gaeltacht college during the summer. Feis CLG Ard Mhacha will be held in the Athletic Grounds at 7pm on Monday 28 April. Entrants into the scholarship competition will complete a short Irish language conversation which will be conducted by members of the Armagh GAA Culture Committee. Forms are available from Armagh club secretaries and they must be signed by the secretary before submitting to our Irish language officer at [irishculturalofficer.armagh@gaa.ie](mailto:irishculturalofficer.armagh@gaa.ie) before Wednesday 23 April.

Last year, 70 young people from clubs across the county won a part-scholarship through Feis CLG Ard Mhacha and were presented with certificates by Armagh GAA Chairperson Pól Ó Dugáin. Armagh has strong ties with the Gaeltacht colleges in Machaire Rabhartaigh, Bun an Inbhir, Loch an Iúir, Rann na Feirste and Teileann. We encourage all young Armagh Gaels who study Irish in school to consider visiting the Gaeltacht and to avail of this opportunity to win a part-scholarship. You will be following in the footsteps of Jamie Clarke who attended Coláiste Bríde in Rann na Feirste and Charlie Vernon who was a chinnire at Coláiste Mhuire, Loch an Iúir as well as other Armagh players.

The Irish language has a central role in the GAA, as the promotion of our native language is one of the main aims stated in the GAA Official Guide. Armagh GAA is very proud of our efforts to promote the Irish language and we encourage all of our younger members to learn Irish and to speak it. **It is your language – your heritage.**

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Until the wonderful rivalry of the 'noughties' (Ard Mhacha beating Dún na nGall in the Ulster finals of 2002, 2004, 2006, in the All-Ireland semi-final of 2003 and in the 2010 qualifier in Crossmaglen) the Dún na nGall – Ard Mhacha game that stood out in GAA lore in Dún na nGall was the Dr Lagan Cup final replay of 16 March 1952 at Clones. The 'Natch' had been the star when the sides finished level in a marvellous game in Ballybay the previous Sunday, but Big Frank O'Donnell, Mici Rua Gallagher and Frankie Brennan stole the show in Clones. Dún na nGall led by 2-3 to 1-1 at half-time. Tom Wickham and Paddy Coyle got the goals. Dún na nGall won by 2-6 to 1-4. It was one of the great performances by a Dún na nGall team.

Dún na nGall:

C. Halpin (St Eunan's)

Patsy Brogan (Donegal) Pearse Dawson (St Eunan's) Barney Coyle (Gaoth Dobhair)

Hughie Tim Boyle (Gaoth Dobhair) Jim Gallagher (Ballyshannon) Peadar McGeehan (St Eunan's)

Frank O'Donnell (Kilcar) M.J. Gallagher (Gaoth Dobhair)

Frankie Brennan (Ardara) Conal McCauley (Killybegs) Charlie Collins (St Eunan's)

Paddy Coyle (Gaoth Dobhair) Tom Wickham (Killybegs) Seán McGettrick (Killybegs)

Ard Mhacha:

L. McCorry

C. Creery

B. Seeley

G. McStay

G. Morgan

P. O'Neill

S. Quinn

D. Murphy

B. McCorry

G. O'Neill

P. McGeown

S. Blaney

J. Fagan

A. O'Hagan

B. O'Neill

Sub: S. McBreen

First League meeting in Ballybofey – 1972

Although Ard Mhacha played in Bealach Féich in the 1968 Ulster Senior Football Championship, they did not play in the League there until 12 November 1972. Dún na nGall had a habit of bringing Ard Mhacha to remote fortresses like Kilcar, Magheragallon and Ballyshannon for League matches. Whether this was to afford Ard Mhacha an opportunity to see the wild and rugged beauty of Dún na nGall or whether it was done to inconvenience them is a matter of conjecture! Heading out from Crossmaglen or Culloville for Kilcar or Magheragallon in the 1930s was no picnic.

Anyway, Ard Mhacha made their League debut in Mac Cumhaill Park in the historic year of 1972 when they faced first-time Ulster Champions Dún na nGall on 12 November, one week after Dún na nGall had suffered a heavy defeat in the Grounds' Tournament final against Uibh Fháil in Croke Park. Dún na nGall were still in Division 2B then.

The teams were level at half-time (0-3/1-0). Dún na nGall then introduced John Hannigan at full-forward and he made a huge difference, scoring 1-1, and leading Dún na nGall to a 2-7/2-3 victory.

Hannigan was the only one of the 34 players who played on that day in 1972 who had played in the Ard Mhacha – Dún na nGall League match in Ard Mhacha on 9 September 1962 – fifty years ago. John was right half-back that day when Dún na nGall, inspired by Seán Ferriter and Frankie McFeely at midfield, swamped Ard Mhacha 2-9 to 1-1.



Since the NFL was restructured in 1980, Donegal has notched up six wins to Armagh's three. But tallying the points, Donegal leads by just two: 107-105.

Div 1	8 Apr 2012	Dún na nGall	0-13	Ard Mhacha	0-10	Bealach Féich
Div 2	11 Apr 2010	Dún na nGall	0-6	Ard Mhacha	2-16	Leitir Ceanainn
Div 1A	16 Feb 2003	Dún na nGall	1-6	Ard Mhacha	2-9	Bealach Féich
Div 1A	31 Oct 1999	Ard Mhacha	0-9	Dún na nGall	0-10	Ard Mhacha
Div 1A	1 Nov 1998	Dún na nGall	1-10	Ard Mhacha	0-6	Bealach Féich
Group B	16 Nov 1997	Ard Mhacha	3-1	Dún na nGall	0-12	An Lorgáin
Div 1	24 Feb 1991	Dún na nGall	2-8	Ard Mhacha	1-7	Bealach Féich
Div 1	22 Oct 1989	Dún na nGall	3-12	Ard Mhacha	0-13	Bealach Féich
Div 1	23 Oct 1988	Ard Mhacha	0-10	Dún na nGall	0-9	Ard Mhacha

Earlier National League meetings:

Div 3A	8 Feb 1976	Ard Mhacha	0-10	Dún na nGall	1-6	Ard Mhacha
Div 3A	3 Mar 1975	Dún na nGall	0-8	Ard Mhacha	2-6	Béal Átha Seanaidh
Div 2B	11 Nov 1973	Ard Mhacha	2-6	Dún na nGall	3-8	An Lorgáin
Div 2B	12 Nov 1972	Dún na nGall	2-7	Ard Mhacha	2-3	Bealach Féich
Div 2	14 Nov 1971	Dún na nGall	3-9	Ard Mhacha	1-7	Ard Mhacha
Div 2	15 Nov 1970	Dún na nGall	1-7	Ard Mhacha	0-12	Béal Átha Seanaidh

Dr Lagan Cup

4 Oct 1936	Dún na nGall	4-8	Ard Mhacha	2-6	Cill Chartha
15 Nov 1936	Ard Mhacha	2-9	Dún na nGall	2-4	Ard Mhacha
3 Oct 1937	Dún na nGall	6-3	Ard Mhacha	2-2	Machaire Gáthláin
24 Oct 1937	Ard Mhacha	1-6	Dún na nGall	1-5	Ard Mhacha
10 Nov 1946	Dún na nGall	1-6	Ard Mhacha	1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
9 Mar 1952*	Dún na nGall	1-6	Ard Mhacha	1-6	Béal Átha Beithe
16 Mar 1952*	Dún na nGall	2-6	Ard Mhacha	1-4	Cluain Eois
17 Dec 1954*	Ard Mhacha	1-5	Dún na nGall	1-1	Oiléan a' Ghuail
18 Oct 1959	Dún na nGall	2-6	Ard Mhacha	2-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh
16 Oct 1960	Ard Mhacha	2-13	Dún na nGall	0-7	Ard Mhacha
16 Feb 1961	Ard Mhacha	1-7	Dún na nGall	0-2	Dún Geainn
27 Aug 1961	Dún na nGall	0-9	Ard Mhacha	1-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh
9 Sept 1962	Ard Mhacha	1-2	Dún na nGall	2-9	Ard Mhacha
15 Sept 1963	Dún na nGall	0-7	Ard Mhacha	1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
4 Oct 1964	Ard Mhacha	1-6	Dún na nGall	1-11	An Lorgáin

\* Final

## Próifil Imreora: Antaine Mac Thiarnáin Player Profile: Tony Kernan



**Club:** Crois Mhic Lionnáin / Crossmaglen

**Dáta Breithe / DOB:** 10/02/86

**Airde / Height:** 6'0"

**Meachán / Weight:** 78kg

**Onóracha / Honours:** 1 USFC, 1 NFL Div 2, 1 Ulster U21FC, 8 Armagh SFC, 6 Ulster SFC Club, 3 AISFC Club, 6 Armagh Leagues

**Gairm:** Surbhéir réadmhaoine tráchtála

**Occupation:** Commercial property surveyor

**Céad chluiche leis an chontae:** SPN v An Cabhán 2008 i gCrois Mhic Lionnáin

**Inter County Debut:** NFL v Cavan 2008 in Crossmaglen

**Cén uair a d'imir tú peil den chéad uair?** Sa ghairdín cúil leis na gasúir eile agus mé 4  
**When and where did you first play football?** In the back garden when I was 4 with the boys

**An chomhairle is fearr a fuair tú:** Bíonn an lámh in uachtair ag obair crua ar thallann nuair nach n-oibríonn an tallann go crua

**Best career advice you were given:** Hard work beats talent when talent doesn't work hard

**An scil is tábhachtaí sa pheil:** Pasáil cic

**The most important skill in football:** The kick pass

**Cad é a d'athrófá fán chluiche?** Níos mó comhleanúnachais i measc na réiteoirí

**What would you like to change about the game?** To have more consistency in the refereeing

**Spórt is fearr taobh amuigh den pheil:** Rugbaí

**Favourite sport other than football:** Rugby Union

**Nuair a bhí mé óg, bhí mé ag iarraidh bheith...** peileadóir

**When I was a child, I wanted to be...** a Gaelic footballer

**Cuimhne is fearr ar an pháirc imeartha:** Ag baint chluiche leathcheannais na gclubanna in 2012

**Best football memory as a player:** Winning the All-Ireland Club semi-final in 2012

**Cuimhne is fearr peile nuair nach raibh tú ag imirt:** Ag amharc ar Ard Mhacha ag baint Chraobh na hÉireann in 2002

**Best football memory outside of playing:** Watching Armagh win the All-Ireland in 2002

**Creid nó ná creid ach tá mé maith ag...** an ghiantóireacht... fear mór néata mé!

**You may not know it, but I'm good at...** cleaning... serious neat freak

**An t-imreoir is fearr atá feicthe agat?** Muiris Mac Gearailt, Seán Mac an tSaoi

**Who is the greatest player you have seen?** Maurice Fitzgerald, John McEntee

**Cé a cheannófá ar mhargadh na n-aistrithe?** Antaine Ó Tuathail i mbarr a réime

**If there was a 'transfer market' who would you buy?** Anthony Tohill in his prime

**Faoi láthair, tá mé ag éisteacht le:** The Lumineers

**Currently listening to:** The Lumineers

**An t-aireagán is fearr riamh...** Sky Plus

**The best invention ever...** Sky Plus

**Duine ar mhaith leat bualadh leo:** Dan Carter (Nua-Shéalainn)

**Person you would most like to meet:** Dan Carter, New Zealand All Black

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Droim an Tí



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Michael Murray  
N. Pádraig



**Árón Findon**  
Aaron Findon  
N. Peadar



**Aindriú Ó Mealláin**  
Andy Mallon  
Parnell

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**Marcas Ó Siall**  
Mark Shields  
An Chrois Bán



**Ciarán Ó Tomhnair**  
Kieran Toner  
An Ghráinseach Mhór



**Ruairí Ó Gruagáin**  
Rory Grugan  
Báile Mhich an Aba



**Stiofán Ó hAralt**  
Stephen Harold  
Carraig Chrupáin



**Feidhlim Ó Néill**  
Phelim O'Neill  
N. Pól



**Caolán Ó Raifeartaigh**  
Caolan Rafferty  
An Ghráinseach Mór



**Caoimhín Mac Diais**  
Kevin Dyas  
Droim an Tí



**Eoghan Mac Ferraigh**  
Eugene McVerry  
An Mullach Bán



**Séamus Ó Cléirigh**  
Jamie Clarke (C)  
Raonaithe na Croise



**Antaine Mac Thiarnáin**  
Tony Kernan  
Raonaithe na Croise



**Cadhla Mac Fhearchair**  
Kyle Carragher  
Raonaithe na Croise

### Ionadaithe

16 Pádraig Mac Ruairí Paudí Rodgers Lios Iomána	17 Árón Mac Thiarnáin Aaron Kernan Raonaithe na Croise	18 Finian Ó Muircheartaigh Finian Moriarty De Bhulbh Tón	19 Stiofán Mac Cathmhaoil Stephen Campbell Clann na nGael	20 Stiofán Mac Fhearchair Stefan Forker An Machaire
21 Éatán Ó Raifeartaigh Ethan Rafferty An Ghráinseach	22 Brian Ó Mealláin Brian Mallon Tír na nÓg	23 Roibeard Tasker Robbie Tasker N. Pádraig	24 Caoimhín Ó Ruairc Kevin O'Rourke Droichead Mhaigh Eo	25 Garaí Mac Cumhaí Gary McCooey Naomh Pádraig
26 Oisín Mac Íomhair Eanach Mór	27 Niall Mac Conmhaoil Niall McConville Naomh Peadar	28 Séamus Ó Muireagáin James Morgan Raonaithe na Croise	29 Cathal Mac Mhearnáin Charles Vernon Cláirsigh Ard Mhacha	30 Niall Mag Eochagáin Niall Geoghegan Coillidh Channanáin

**Ard Mhacha**



Bainisteoir:  
Séamus Mac Aonghusa



**Pól Ó Dúrcáin**  
Paul Durcan  
Na Ceithre Máistir

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**Éamonn Mac Aoidh**  
Éamonn McGee  
Gaoth Dobhair



**Niall Mac Aoidh**  
Neil McGee  
Gaoth Dobhair



**Carl de Lása**  
Karl Lacy  
Na Ceithre Máistir



**Proinsias Mac hIoinn**  
Frank McGlynn  
Gleann Fhinne



**Leo Mac Giolla Uain**  
Leo McLoone  
Naomh Conaill



**Antoin Mac Thomáis**  
Anthony Thompson  
Naomh Conaill



**Ruairí Caomhánach**  
Rory Kavanagh  
Naomh Adhamhnán



**Máirtín MacGiolla Chainnigh**  
Martin McElhinney  
Naomh Micheál



**Marc Mac Aodha**  
Mark McHugh  
Cill Chartha



**Críostóir Ó Tuathaigh**  
Christy Toye  
Naomh Micheál



**Odhrán Mac Niallais**  
Odhrán Mac Niallais  
Gaoth Dobhair



**Colm Mac Pháidín**  
Colm McFadden  
Naomh Micheál



**Micheál Ó Murchú**  
Michael Murphy (C)  
Gleann Súilí



**Diarmuid Ó Ludhóg**  
Dermot Molloy  
Naomh Conaill

### Ionadaithe

16 Micheál Ó Baoill Michael Boyle An Tearmann	17 Darach Ó Conchúir Darach O'Connor Bun Crannacha	18 Déaglán Breathnach Declan Walsh Málainn	19 Ryan Mac Aodha Ryan McHugh Cill Chartha
20 Gary Mac Pháidín Gary McFadden Gleann Súilí	21 Aodh Mac Pháidín Hugh McFadden Na Cealla Beaga	22 Pádraig Mac Breartaigh Patrick McBrearty Cill Chartha	
23 Lúcas Ó Cianaigh Luke Keaney Na Ceithre Máistir	24 Daithí Breathnach David Walsh Naomh Bríd	25 Niall Ó Gallachóir Neil Gallagher Gleann Súilí	26 Tomás Mac Fhionnghaile Thomas McKinley Naomh Colmcille

**Dún na nGall**



# DÚN NA NGALL

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael



Coiste Chontae Ard Mhacha

## Próifil Imreora: Éamon Mac Aidh Player Profile: Eamon McGee

Club: Gaoth Dobhair

Dáta breithe / DOB: 26-04-1984

Airde / Height: 6'3"

Meachán / Weight: 91 kgs

Onóracha / Honours: 1 All Ireland, 2 Ulster, 1 League title, 2 Sigerson, 2 Senior Club, 1 U-21 Club title, 1 Minor Club title



Gairm: Surbhéir réadmhaoine tráchtála

Occupation: Claims processor

Céad chluiche leis an chontae: Fear Manach, Corn Mhic Cionnaith 2004

Inter County Debut: 2004 McKenna Cup v Fermanagh

Cén uair a d'imir tú peil den chéad uair? Ar cúl an tí le Niall

When and where did you first play football? Back garden of house against Neil

An chomhairle is fearr a fuair tú: Tús maith leath na hoibre

Best career advice you were given: Hard work gets results

An scil is tábhachtaí sa pheil: Ciceáil le pasáil

The most important skill in football: Kick pass

Spórt is fearr taobh amuigh den pheil: Rugbaí

Favourite sport other than football: Rugby

Nuair a bhí mé óg, bhí mé ag iarraidh bheith... Batman

When I was a child I wanted to be... Batman

Cuimhne is fearr ar an pháirc imeartha: Ag teacht abhaile le Sam Mag Uidhir

Best football memory as a player: Coming into my hometown with Sam Maguire

Creid nó ná creid ach tá mé maith ag... Cluichí ríomhaire

You may not know it, but I'm good at... Computer games

An t-imreoir is fearr atá feicthe agat? Máirtín Mac Colla

Who is the greatest player you have seen? Martin Coll

An t-aireagán is fearr riamh... Fóbhriste dhornálaí

The best invention ever... Boxers

Cé a cheannófaí ar mhargadh na n-aistrithe? Colm Cuipeir agus Dáithí Ó Ceallaigh

If there was a 'transfer market' who would you buy? Gooch and David Kelly



Duine ar mhaith leat bualadh leo: Lana Del Ray

Person you would most like to meet: Lana Del Rey



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## LIATHRÓID LÁIMHE: A big hand for Wee Mickey!

The journey began on 29 January 2014 when Mickey Quinn from the Eugene Quinn GAA Handball Club, Armagh city, travelled to Peter McSherry's home court of Saval, Co. Down, to compete in the Ulster Quarter final. It was a game that was to prove the first in a series of great games by the Armagh sharpshooter. Quinn beat McSherry and progressed into the semi-final winning in two straight games.

In the Ulster semi-final, the Eugene Quinn player overcame Willie Woods of Antrim, also without dropping a game, to advance to the Ulster Final.

In the Ulster Final, number one seed, Down's Brian Havern, had as expected come through the top half of the draw. The match saw the Orchard star play some of his best handball with the Mourne man really having no answer for the precision shots of Quinn. The great friendship the two finalists share off the court was irrelevant on the court as the Armagh man emerged as Ulster Champion.

The All-Ireland semi-final fixture was advantageous for Quinn as it was an Ulster home fixture, played in the Eugene Quinn alley – the club to which Mickey Quinn has dedicated most of his life, as a player, mentor and official. It was most fitting that just as in the Ulster semi-final, Quinn would seal his place in the final in his home court. Charly Kelly of Louth couldn't handle the clinical game of Quinn, as 'Wee Mickey' as he is affectionately known throughout the country romped his way to the All-Ireland final, 21-6 21-4.

The All-Ireland final was fixed for Leixlip, County Kildare, last Sunday. Standing in the way of Mickey Quinn from winning his first ever All-Ireland medal was John Ryan of Tipperary. On paper, Ryan was favourite to take the title.

However, the Orchard man had written his own script, not today but many months ago when he intensified his training with the intention of winning his first All-Ireland. In the first game as he suddenly found himself 11-0 up, stunning his opponent, he thought to himself "It's now or never" and he continued his true form to take the first game 21-11. In game two, Quinn pulled off some excellent fly kills. He kept his composure whilst ahead and took game two 21-12 to become All-Ireland Emerald Masters B Champion.

Speaking of his victory, a delighted Mickey said "Good things come to those who wait."

Everyone at Armagh GAA Handball is very proud of our newly crowned All-Ireland Champion – a title that is so well deserved. Maith thú, a Mickey!





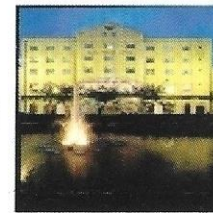
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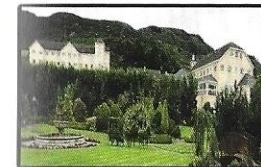


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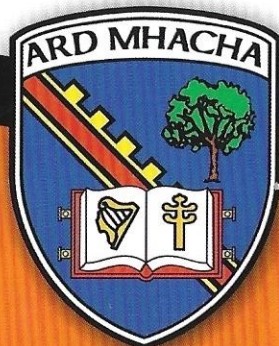
*Through the streets of Armagh City  
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### Monday 5th May 2014 - 11am

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County Team Members**

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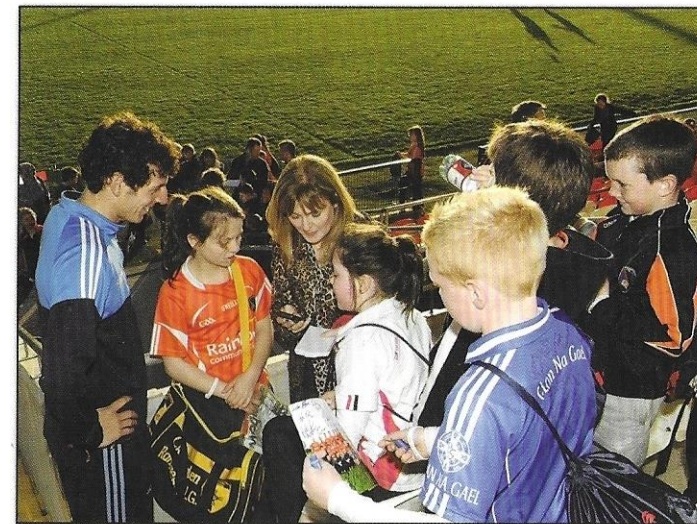
### Armagh County GAA Fun Walk and Open Day, 5 May 2014

Huge numbers of GAA fans from throughout county Armagh are expected at the first ever combined County Armagh GAA fun walk and annual open day organised by the County Board, which will allow supporters and local media to mingle with their inter-county heroes ahead of this year's championship games. The fun run will raise much-needed funds to improve our games at county level in all codes. This great event will take place on Monday 5 May 2014. Those who attended the open day last year were more than delighted with what was on offer. One fan summed up the success of last year's event with these words on the Armagh County Forum: "thanks to the Amagh County Board, Players and Management for the successful open night, a PR master-class, and what lovely bunch of lads on the senior teams."

You can also play your part if you would like to participate in the Fun Walk, by signing up though the County Office, [administrator.armagh@gaa.ie](mailto:administrator.armagh@gaa.ie) or tel. (028) 3752 7278.

The county players and management will give generously of their time and their goodwill by signing autographs galore and fielding questions from a host of media reporters and fans eager to find out what the feeling in the camp is with the Cavan game imminent.

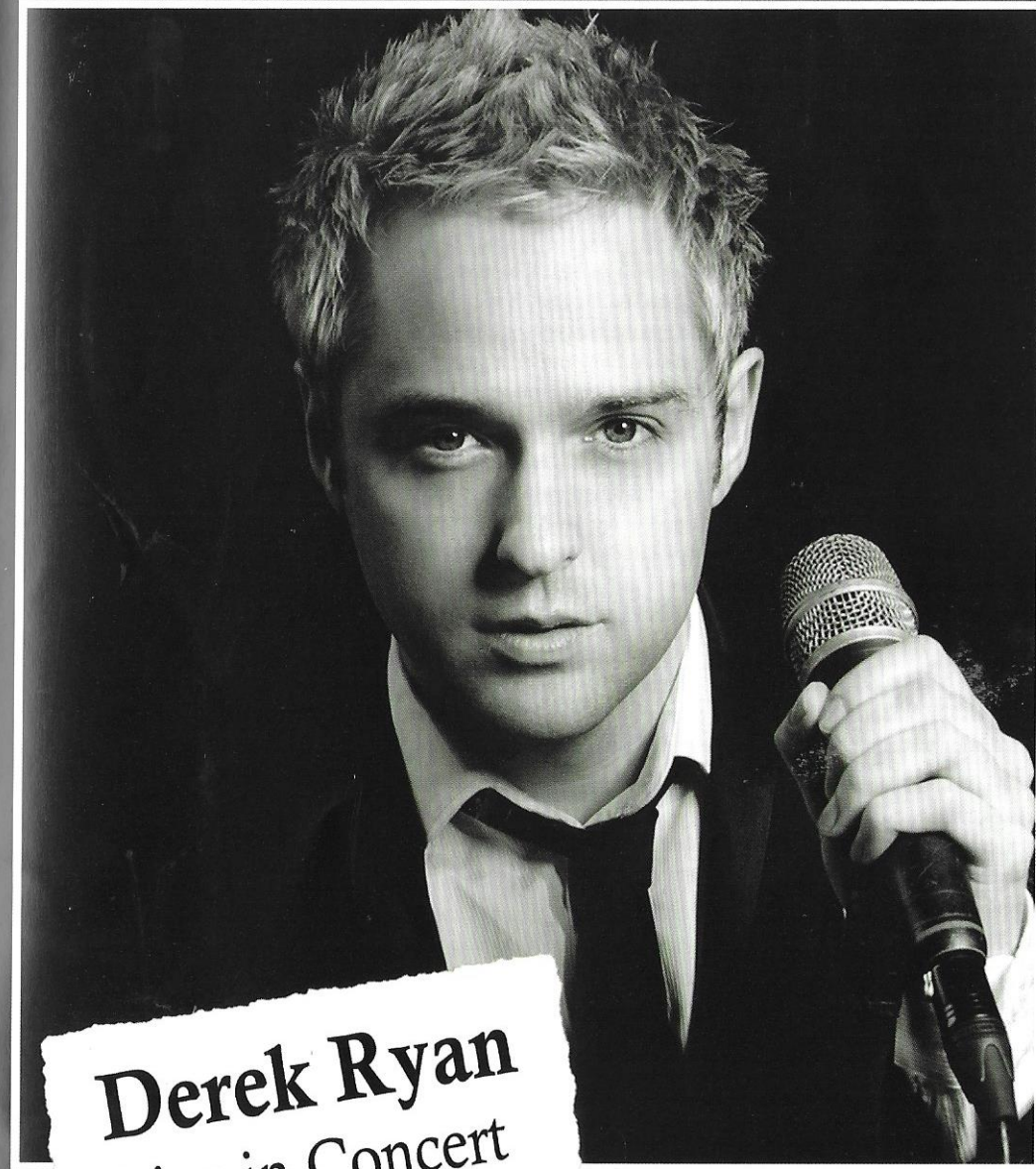
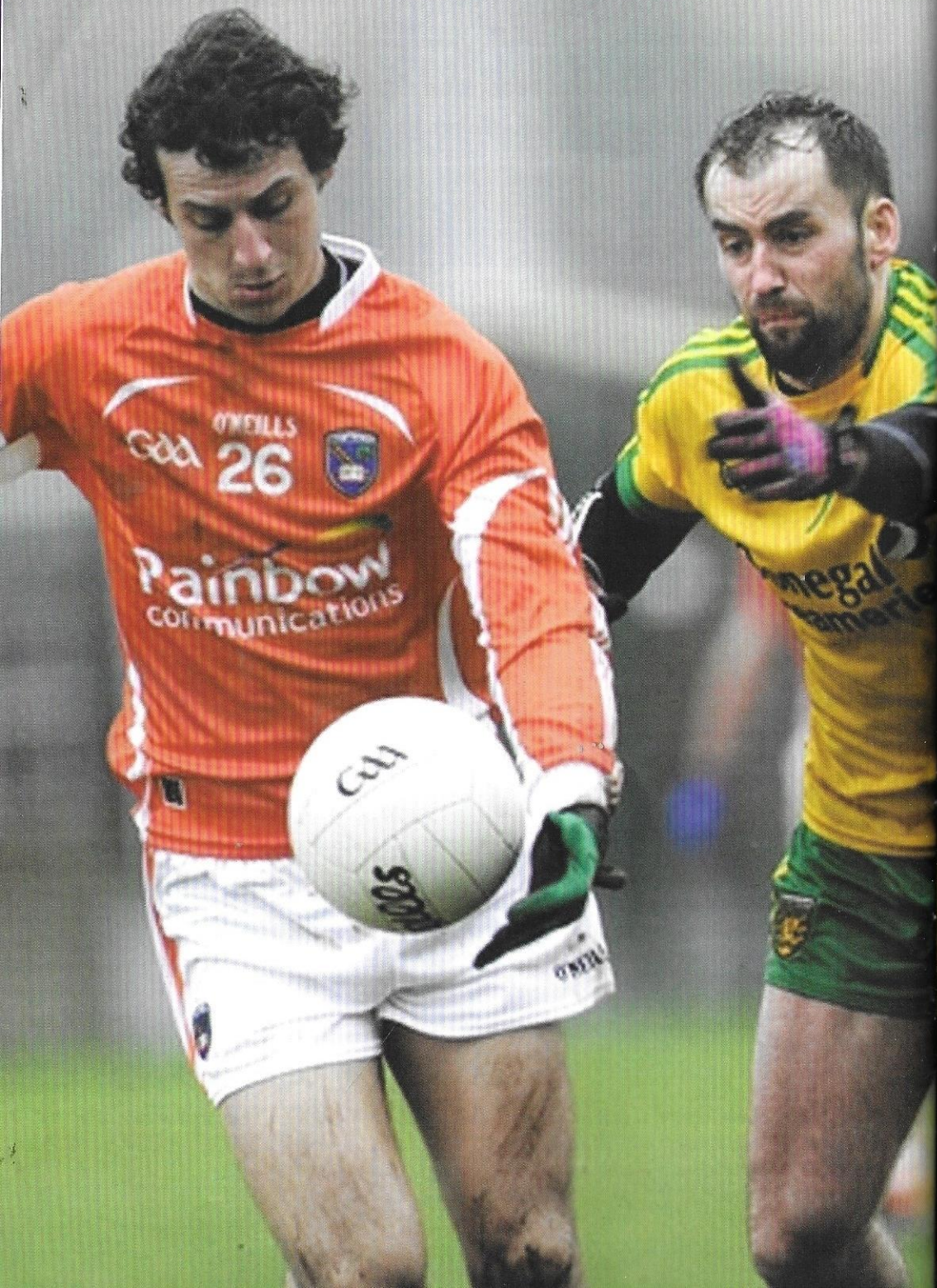
There really will be something for all the family, with tours of the entire Athletic Grounds facilities, a quiz, penalty kick competitions, goodie bags, face painting, photo opportunities for the autograph hunters, prize draws and a chance for the media to meet the senior county players and management. Armagh TV will record the highlights but as the saying goes, "Nothing beats being there".



For a small donation you can place your or a friend's name on our big screen and this will be displayed on our moving strap-line on our multi-media Big Screen for the rest of this year's senior county season. Please contact county office, details above.

The Armagh County Board look forward to seeing all at this year's open day and fun walk on 5 May 2014 from 11am.

SATURDAY, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2014



**Derek Ryan**  
Live in Concert

Armagh Athletic Grounds



## Club Profile

## Annaghmore Pearses GFC – CPG Na Piarasaigh Eanach Mór

Located in Annaghmore, Eglis, Ardress and Tartaraghan townlands in the Parish of Loughgall, this small rural club, founded in 1915, had its most successful year to date in 2013. The annexing of a County Junior Championship, and an extended run in the Ulster campaign, was followed by promotion to Senior Football for the first time in the club's history.

The club won the JFC's Seán Quinn Cup in 1970 and 1989, on both occasions moving up to the Intermediate ranks. In 1990 it reached the final of the Intermediate Championship, and in 2003 it secured a third JFC title. In 2012 it again reached the JFC final, losing by three points to An Port Mór. Na Piarasaigh won their fourth JFC title in 2013, defeating neighbours Clonmore on a scoreline of 0-12 to 1-05. In the same year, the club rose to the senior ranks for the first time with a second-place finish in Division Two of the restructured Armagh All-County League.

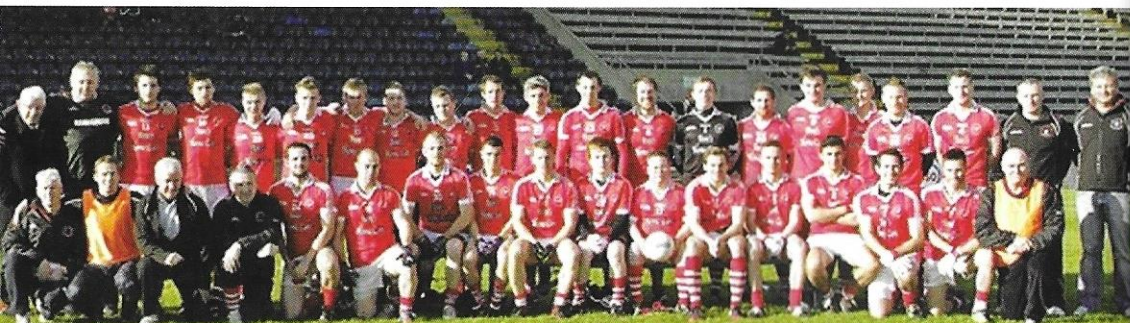


At present Annaghmore provides two players to the Armagh Senior Squad, brothers Oisín and Ciarán Mac Íomhar, with Matthew McNeice also being called up at the beginning of the 2014 season. At U-21 and Minor level Na Piarasaigh are represented by Shea Reavey and Conor Cullen. Past Senior County players include Shane Smyth, a member of the Ulster and All-Ireland winning panel in 2002, and Sammy MacNeice who wore the jersey with distinction throughout the 1970s.

The club places a large emphasis on the development of its underage players and an amalgamation with neighbouring Clonmore and Collegeland O'Rahilly's, playing as Naomh Eoin, ensures that all young players in the area have the opportunity to participate in Gaelic Games. The club also has a strong link to the local primary school, St John's English.

Having opened a state of the art community hall and new playing surface back in 1998, the club has cemented its place as the hub of the community, and is a regular hive of activity on any week night. The promotion of our culture is enhanced through the delivery of Irish language and dance lessons, whilst Keep-Fit classes and the launch of an 'Orchard Fitness' gym has enhanced the club's reputation as being a welcoming club that is open to the entire community.

The progress made on the playing and development front would have been impossible to achieve without a committed membership base, and the club has a dedicated and pro-active committee whose vision has put the club on a sound footing as it approaches its centenary year in 2015.



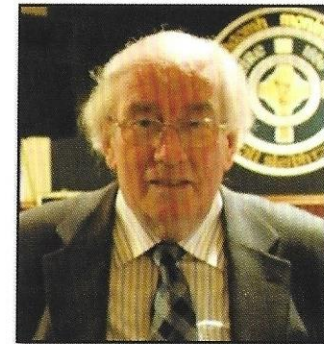
## Tom Mallon, 1940–2013: GAA to the core

Peter Makem

There are few people in a given rural Irish community who have so ennobled the spirit of their Christian and cultural inheritance and shown such leadership throughout their lives as Tom Mallon of Meigh, south Armagh. From his earliest years as captain of his school football team, to the final days of his illness, he was an inspirational person, exceptionally gifted, supremely respected and devoted to the service of all.

Tom excelled both academically and in Gaelic football at the Abbey Grammar. He captained the Mac Rory cup winning team of 1959 and gained a scholarship to St Joseph's Teacher Training College in Belfast. Having being coached by Gerry Brown in the Abbey and by Derry legend Jim McKeever at 'Trench House', Tom had a rare education in the skills of football and he would carry this with him as a prominent player on the Killeavy (St Moninna's) senior team, and as an underage coach.

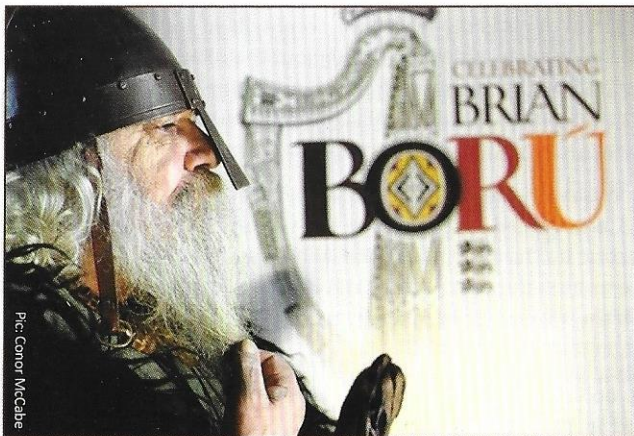
He taught in Belfast before taking up a post in St Joseph's Primary, Meigh, in 1970. He moved in 1971 to St Michael's, Killeavy, and became principal. Innovative in his teaching methods, he broadened the curriculum to give all his pupils a rounded education, including his famous school trips. Tom became youth leader in the recently formed St Moninna's youth club. He spearheaded a new Gaelic football youth policy from his twin positions, and organised and coached primary school football as well as under-14, under-16 and minor teams for over 30 years. His greatest pupil was the Armagh ace Steven McDonnell, awarded GAA Player of the Year in 2003. Tom was his special guest at the presentation ceremony in Dublin, and was told he was the biggest influence on his footballing career.



In 1979 Tom Mallon was the first recipient of Newry and Mourne Council's Services to Sport Award, and in 1984 was named Armagh Clubman of the Year. He was an Armagh senior team selector in 1987 and 1988. In 1996 he served on the new Armagh GAA Strategy for Success group which came up with radical new structures including a comprehensive back-up system on and off the field. The implementation played a distinctive part in Armagh's All-Ireland success of 2002 – and that of many other successful counties ever since.

In 1976 Tom was diagnosed with a serious illness. Following treatment in Dublin along with a special experience in Lourdes, he made a superb recovery and attended the 1977 All Ireland semi-final replay between Armagh and Roscommon in a wheelchair. In thanksgiving he became deeply involved in the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, and after early retirement in 1994, he volunteered as a driver transporting people to outpatient departments and nursing homes. In February 2013 his illness returned after a gap of more than three decades.

Tom married Mary Brannick of New Inn, Galway, in 1973, and she became wholeheartedly involved in the promotion of all things Gaelic with the Killeavy club. For many years they also ran a weekly whist drive in Meigh. As a family man, a teacher and a man of the people there are few who have so worked at the gifts they were given, and gave of those gifts so freely. He was, to the very end, the essence of the real leader in a community: soother of hardship, raiser of hope, giver of wisdom, shaper of identity, bonder of the people, the Keeper of the Deep. Tom Mallon died on 28 September, aged 73, and is survived by his wife Mary and children Damien and Ciara.



One thousand years ago Ireland's High King, Brian Ború, was killed during the Battle of Clontarf on Good Friday 1014. He was laid to rest in Armagh, 'on the north side of the great church', now the Church of Ireland Cathedral. In 1005, Brian had spent a week in Armagh, where he presented the church with a twenty-ounce collar of gold; in 1006, as recorded in his presence by an entry in the Book of Armagh, he reaffirmed the primatial status of Armagh.

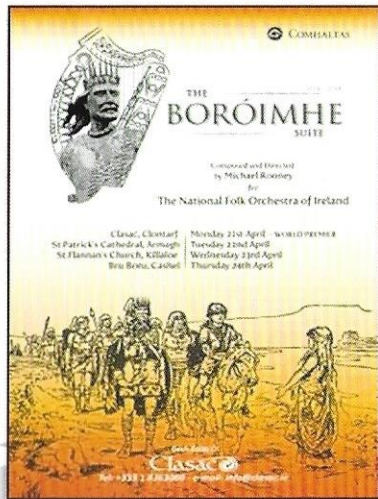
As one of Ireland's most eminent civil and military leaders, Brian has been commemorated in the names of GAA clubs in London, Fermanagh (Kinawley), Tipperary (Clogheen Ladies, Annacarty-Donohill hurlers, and Brian Boru Camogie Club), Westmeath (Ballymore), Leitrim (Gorvagh), Pennsylvania (Philadelphia Hurling Club), Oregon (Portland Hurling Club), Cork (Shanballymore), Roscommon (Strokestown), Dublin (Clontarf, and Brian Boru's Handball), Antrim (Cushendun) and Clare (Cratloe-Killaloe).

To commemorate the millennium anniversary a series of events, to suit all ages, will take place across Armagh City from Tuesday 22 April to Sunday 4 May. (Other commemorative events take place in Cashel, where Brian was crowned High King of Ireland; Killaloe in County Clare, the seat of his High Kingship of Ireland (1001-1014), and Clontarf, where Brian was killed following his victory over the Viking rulers of Dublin.)

Highlights of the Armagh events include:

**Tuesday 22 April, St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral: The Bóroimhe Suite**

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann has commissioned Monaghan-born composer Michael Rooney to write a suite of music reflecting the life of Brian Ború. The Suite will be performed in St Patrick's Cathedral – Brian Ború's final resting place – by the reformed National Folk Orchestra Ireland. The Orchestra, which will include both traditional and classical musicians, will be made up of the leading young musicians from around the country and will be augmented by dancers, singers and actors. Tickets are available from The Market Place Theatre.



**Wednesday 23 April, Navan Centre & Fort: The Arrival of Brian Ború**

A re-enactment event based on a historical account that an advance party of warriors has left the battle of Clontarf to make arrangements for the burial of Brian Ború in Armagh.



**Thursday 24 April, Loughgall Country Park: Viking Longboats**

Enjoy a family fun day out as Viking Longboats are launched onto the lake at Loughgall Country Park.

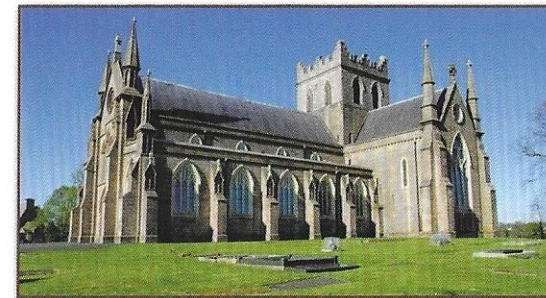
Family activities on the day include rowing and sailing sessions, Viking history talks, warrior weapon training and mock battles for children.

**Sunday 27 April, Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh: Service of Commemoration**

An ecumenical service will be held to mark the millennium of the burial of Brian Ború on Sunday 27 April 2014 at 3.15 p.m. Based on the Anglican liturgy of Choral Evensong, the service will be ecumenical in character, including both commemoration of the burial and prayer for the Ireland of today. Mark Patrick Hederman, OSB, Abbot of Glenstal, will preach. Given the limited seating capacity of the Cathedral, admission is by ticket only.

**Thursday 1 & Friday 2 May, Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh: The Waking of Brian Ború**

A community project involving adults and children from the Armagh area. The project stems from a wish to offer local people of all ages in Armagh an opportunity to reflect upon and engage with the one thousand year anniversary of Brian Ború's death, by creating a community inspired performance on the hill at the Church of Ireland Cathedral in Armagh.



**Saturday 3 & Sunday 4 May, The Mall, Armagh: Viking Tented Village**



An event not to be missed as over 100 Vikings set up camp in a tented medieval village on The Mall. The Viking village display will include a large-scale living history re-enactment of a Viking settlement featuring cookery displays, crafts, bone and antler carving, a silversmith and blacksmith, skills demonstrations and much more. Visit the tented village and listen to the Viking's tales, see authentic weapon displays and witness demonstrations.

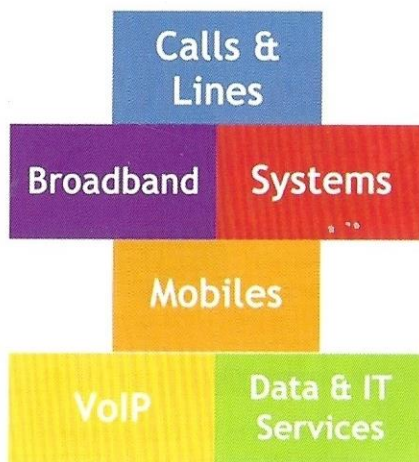
Full details of all national events taking place as part of the Brian Ború Festival & Events 2014 can be found at [www.brianborumillennium.ie](http://www.brianborumillennium.ie)





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## GAA - ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

# Donegal are back dining at the top table

ARMAGH ..... 1-08  
 DONEGAL ..... 2-10

BY CHRIS MCNULTY  
 AT THE ATHLETIC GROUNDS

DONEGAL are back on the top rung again after two Michael Murphy goals saw them defeat Armagh at the Athletic Grounds.

Murphy netted in either half to confirm their passage back into Division One, with a Division Two final against Monaghan to come in three weeks' time for Jim McGuinness's side. For Armagh, the connotations of this result bring all sorts of problems home to roost, not least that they are heading for Division Three after a performance here that was well beneath what we'd come to expect from men wearing those orange shirts.

Donegal, with Rory Kavanagh once again outstanding in the middle of the park, didn't quite have it all their own way, but there was a clear distinction between the team taking the elevator to Division 1 and that headed below the watermark.

Aside from Jamie Clarke, who scored 1-1, Armagh didn't have an awful lot to trouble Donegal, although they were well in the game for the most part.

Donegal weren't at their fluent best, but with Kavanagh immense and with Carl Lacey giving his best performance in a Donegal shirt since the 2012 All-Ire-

land final, Donegal had built up an early lead that would stand them in good stead throughout the contest.

Murphy netted from a penalty in the 16th minute, but Clarke forced home just two minutes later. Donegal had the upper hand, 1-5 to 1-3, at half-time and when Murphy powered to the net just four minutes into the second half.

Donegal knew that avoiding defeat would ensure there was no need for the sums to be totted as regards their placings, but they were in no mood to hand around and they quickly asserted their mark on things.

Frank McGlynn returned from an injury to take the place of Declan Walsh again, while Neil Gallagher was restored to the midfield, with the big Glenswilly man included in the void left by a hamstring injury sustained by Mark McHugh in the week, for what was his first start of the League.

It was a landmark day for Colm McFadden, who was making his 148th appearance for the county, going out on his own in second in Donegal's all-time appearances list, the St Michael's man now only eleven games off Brian Roper's record of 159. McFadden's kicking was imperious again, hitting five points in all, two of them from frees in the opening six minutes.

Those placed balls by McFadden bookended a brace from Kavanagh, whose first was a well-worked score. Murphy fetched a long ball by Anthony Thompson and off-loaded for the in-rushing Kavanagh to point. A fabulous point by the St Eunan's man, 30 metres out and from a position not too far off

the sideline, he arched over the black spot.

Kyle Carragher and Aaron Kernan got Armagh off the mark, but Donegal took a big step when they were awarded a penalty after McFadden was hauled down by Finian Moriarty. Murphy stepped forth and shot, right-footed, across himself into the bottom right-hand corner of Philip McEvoy's net.

However, Armagh responded just two minutes later. Clarke had been a peripheral figure up until then, but with his first purposeful touch of the ball the Crossmaglen ace blasted past Durcan after being set up by Kevin Dyas, who collected Kyle Carragher's long ball in.

A magnificent Clarke point announced Armagh's arrival into the contest, but McFadden curled over a free won by Lacey to give Donegal a two-point lead at the break.

Armagh came alive after Clarke signalled their intent. Donegal were thankful for Paul Durcan denying Stefan Campbell with a brilliant save after he was put in the clear by a clever pass by Clarke. Durcan narrowed the angles and made a strong save while the rebound was taken off Campbell's instep by Thompson.

As things stood at half-time, Armagh could feel relegation's cold finger tapping on their shoulders. Word filtered through that they state of play had them joining neighbours Louth in bidding Division 2 farewell.

Beforehand, Paul Grimley, their manager, could be heard firing his side up during the warm-up, talking to them about the importance of surviving in Di-

vision Two. Grimley went for the experienced heads. The old dogs for the hard road got the nod with Aaron Kernan in to make his first League start of the year, and the likes of Moriarty and Charlie Vernon called into combat.

Armagh started Gary McCooney on Murphy, but it quickly became apparent that he was in trouble and Vernon was moved in to shadow the Glenswilly giant. The pair had a good, old-fashioned tussle for the duration.

Tempers boiled when Armagh felt they should have been awarded a penalty on the half-hour mark as Eamon McGee appeared to have made a foot block to save a goal-bound shot by Campbell. When Fergal Kelly, the referee, shook his head at their appeals, the Longford official found his credit rating falling rapidly. Kieran McGeeney, Paul Grimley's right-hand man, let his feelings be known to the official.

Donegal's second goal was route one at its best, with two kicks taking the ball right into the edge of the square for

Michael Murphy to do as he does. After Tony Kernan scored a '45 for Armagh to bring them to within a point, Durcan's kick-out was plucked from the sky by the excellent Kavanagh, who drove direct and precisely into Murphy. After getting goal-side of Vernon, Murphy smashed past McEvoy.

Murphy was the provider again for a lovely score by Kavanagh, selling a dummy that had two Armagh men swinging flailing arms in the slipstream of the Donegal man.

Donegal introduced Patrick McBrearty and the Under-21 captain was on the mark with two wonder scores. McBrearty is pushing hard to

win his place back in the starting XV again and his twenty minutes here will have done no harm. In the 56th minute, he reminded the attendance of his talents, when he delightfully hit the target from distance and showed it was no fluke ten minutes later after being set up by the rampaging Neil McGee.

The fitting cherry was placed by McFadden, from a 45-metre effort from play that put the nail in it.

Armagh had valiantly attempted to stay in touch, but Donegal just had too much, with McFadden's point clinching a five-point win.

For the second time in three years Donegal have relegated Armagh, having sent them to Division 2 on the last day of the League season in 2012. That will surely have tasted sweet in many corners of Tír Chonaill, but equally as luscious is the prospect of Donegal's return to both Croke Park and Division One.

**ARMAGH:** Philip McEvoy; Michael Murray, Gary McCooney (0-1), Andy Mallon; Aaron Kernan (0-1), Charlie Vernon, Finian Moriarty; Stephen Harold, Kieran Toner; Stephen Campbell, Kevin Dyas, Eugene McVerry; Jamie Clarke (1-1), Tony Kernan (0-3, 2f, 1'45), Kyle Carragher (0-1). Subs: Aaron Findon for A. Kernan (49 mins), Ethan Rafferty for Dyas (52 mins), Rory Grugan for McCooney (54 mins), Robbie Tasker (0-1) for Clarke (67 mins).

**DONEGAL:** Paul Durcan; Eamon McGee, Neil McGee, Karl Lacey; Frank McGlynn, Leo McLoone, Anthony Thompson; Rory Kavanagh (0-3), Neil Gallagher, Martin McElhinney, Christy Toye, Odhrán MacNiallais; Colm McFadden (0-5, 4f), Michael Murphy (2-0, 1pen), Dermot Molloy. Subs: Patrick McBrearty (0-2) for Gallagher (49 mins), David Walsh for Toye (56 mins), Ryan McHugh for Molloy (56 mins), Hugh McFadden for McElhinney (64 mins), Declan Walsh for David Walsh (72 mins, black card)

**REFEREE:** Fergal Kelly (Longford).