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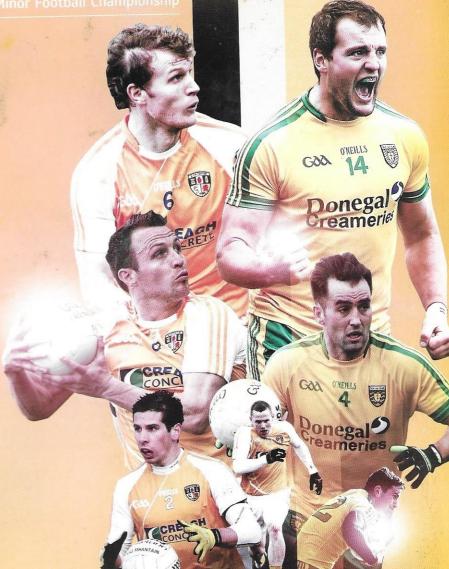
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Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus lucht leanúna Dhún na nGall agus Aontroim a tháinig go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois inniu. Molaim go hard gach duine a chuidigh leis na himreoirí seo thar na blianta iad a ullmhú le himirt ag an ardchaighdeán spóirt seo.

This famous venue of St Tiernach's Park in Clones provides a wonderful setting for this first Semi-Final clash between Dún na nGall and Aontroim. It is unique in Ulster where the minors share the stage with their senior counterparts and this adds to a special occasion here today. Good luck to all involved.

Today sees an opportunity for a special exhibition skills game at half time. As part of the Ulster GAA's Disability Inclusion programme there will be schools and community groups representing the participating counties at the Semi-Final. Today, we have the following teams involved; St Bernadette's Special School, Letterkenny, Donegal Dynamos Community Group, Willowbridge School, Enniskillen, South Derry Down Syndrome Group and St Gerard's School, Belfast. Please join with me in giving them all a special welcome and lots of encouragement as they entertain us in today's half time exhibition game. A special word of thanks to all those working with these groups.



This years Ulster Senior Football Championship has proved to be bigger, better and more exciting than ever.

Recently Ulster GAA in partnership with Belfast City Council agreed an £11 million investment package for Gaelic Games in Ireland's second city. Four new participation centres are being established right across the city to provide much needed facilities to homeless clubs and schools and we hope to cut the first sod on all four sites in late August. This investment in addition to our ongoing Coaching commitment in the city will we hope start to address the ongoing deficit in the city. We are also in ongoing discussions with Derry City Council and hope for some progress on this front soon. The Urban project is a serious issue for the GAA and one we in Ulster GAA are taking seriously as we develop our new strategic plan that will guide our work from 2015-2020.

Ulster GAA remains committed to being an open and welcoming organisation. Our ongoing community outreach and diversity work is important and core business in the ongoing strategic development of our Association. Everyone is welcome to play Gaelic Games or have an involvement in the GAA, regardless of gender, religion, political view, social status, ethnic background or sexual preference.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council. Monaghan GAA and Clones GAA personnel involved in hosting today's games. Specific mention to the St Tiernach's club on the recent refurbishment of the dressing rooms at the Hill corner. Everyone plays their part; supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council. I would also like to wish all four teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked.

Finally, to you the supporters; your attendance here today makes these summer Sundays the special events they become. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you join us again at some stage over the summer before the 2014 resting place of the Anglo Celt Cup is confirmed

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TODAY'S GAMES

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ELECTRIC IRELAND **ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL**

(12:00pm, Extra Time if required)

Aontroim v Dún na nGall

Referee: Kieran Trainor (An Dún) Standby: Donal Connolly (Muineachán) Linesman: James Lewis (Fear Manach) Sideline Official: Stephen McKinley (Ard Mhacha)

Kieran Trainor (An Dún)



Kieran is married to Claire and has a daughter Abi. He is a member of the Longstone club. Kieran has refereed numerous finals in Down including last year's Senior League Division 1 Final.

Kieran also took charge of this year's Ulster Minor League Final between Donegal and Tyrone in Brewster Park. Today he will be joined by his trusted team of umpires, Danny Trimble, Gary Trainor, Colly Burden and Adrian Burden all from the Longstone club.

ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

(2:00pm)

Aontroim v Dún na nGall

Referee: Barry Cassidy (Doire) Standby: Marty Duffy (Sligeach) Linesman: Noel Mooney (An Cabhán) Sideline Official: Niall Cullen (Fear Manach)

Barry Cassidy (Doire)



Barry is a member of the Bellaghy Wolfe Tones Club and has been refereeing since 2002. He has taken charge of county finals at all levels within Derry, including the senior finals in 2010 and 2013.

He officiated at the 2009 Inter Continental Youth Games in San Francisco. In 2011 he refereed the MacRory Cup Final and the National Football League Division 4 Final.

In 2012 he was the man in the middle for both the Ulster U21 Football Final as well as the All-Ireland Minor Final

2013 he started the season by taking charge if the Power NI Dr McKenna cup and earlier this year he refereed the All-Ireland U21 Final. Today his umpires will be Alan Nash, Kevin Toner, Tom O'Kane and Anthony Campbell.



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11.43 Aontroim amach ar an bPairc

11.46 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc

12.00 Tús an Cluiche:

Aontroim v Dún na nGall 12.31 Half Time / Leath Am

12.41 Start of Second Half /

13.14 Críoch an Chluiche Mionúir

* If Extra Time is required see below

13.39 Aontroim amach ar an bPairc

13.42 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc

13.53 Paráid

13.58 Amhrán na bhFiann

14.00 Tús an Cluiche: Aontroim v Dún na nGall

14.36 Half Time / Leath Am

14.38 Cluichí Exhibition

14.51 Start of Second Half /
Tús an dara leath

15.29 Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

*13.18 Start of First Period of Extra Time

13.28 End of First Period of Extra Time

13.30 Start of Second Period of Extra Time

13.40 End of Extra Time

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13.45 Dún na nGall amach ar an bPairc

13.53 Paraid

13.58 Amhrán na bhFiann

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Aontroim v Dún na nGall

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14.51 Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath

15.30 End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

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GAA FOR ALL





At half-time today players representing Donegal, Antrim, Fermanagh and Derry will play a game as part of Ulster GAA Disability Inclusion Programme. These teams are from community groups and schools in their county. This project has developed exceptionally well over the years with every Ulster county now having a representative team that participates at blitzes and games throughout the year. One of the provincial blitzes will be held in Croke Park later in the year and this will give the players a memorable run out at the national headquarters and it might be the only time your county will be represented there this year!

Another part of the GAA FOR ALL programme that has really established itself over the last year is Indoor Wheelchair Hurling. Ulster has a team that has competed in interprovincial competitions in Galway, Athlone, Belfast and Limerick. This team is an amalgamation of regional wheelchair hubs that are based in Derry, Belfast and Enniskillen with a new hub being planned for Lurgan shortly. This is a fast and skilful game for anyone who has a physical disability and players do not need to be a wheelchair user to participate

Over the winter months, Ulster GAA staff will be delivering a specific Disability Inclusion workshop that will assist clubs to improve disabled players with their fundamentals, hurling and football skills while assisting them to play through use of modified games. It also gives guidelines and information to help establish a safe and effective environment.

For further information on any of the Disability programmes contact paul.callaghan.ulster@gaa.ie or 00353 86 806 6166

Donegal Dynamos

Shane Gorman Kieran Gallagher David Gallagher Damien Gallagher Donnie Carr Anthony Donagher John Joe Gettings Joe Friel John James Meehan

Mentors: Mary Gorman, James Gorman, Joe O'Grady, Susan McCahill & Ciara Boyle

Willowbridge Enniskillen

Jack Monaghan

Rory McGurn Francis Reilly Jordan Watson Thomas McDermott James Love Patrick Sorrell Brandon Gillen Ethan Simmons Liam McBrien Gary Grew **Edward Gordon** Nathan McGillev

Mentors: Harry McConkey & Mark Burns

St Gerard's Belfast

Tammy-Rose McKinney Conor Murphy Brendan Doherty Sean Beattie Rvan Moore Aidan Turner Alex Boyle Jason Fox Eoin Kelly Pearse Crawford Christopher McKeavney

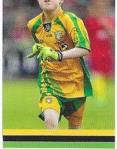
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St Bernadette's Letterkenny

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Brian O'Donnell Paul Gallen Daniel O'Reilly Gordon Wilson Nigel Rankin Damian Lynagh Luke Gallagher Odhran O'Donnell Ronan Robinson

Mentors: Cathal Roche, Jenny Redmond & Cathy Hamilton

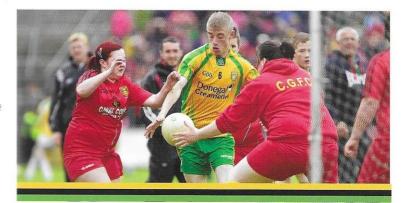


South Derry Down Syndrome Group Patrick Maguire

Kevin McKee Michael Gallagher Kevin Walls John Horley Ciaran Drumm Declan O'Kane Gareth Harkin Ben McAllister Caolan McIlvar Angela Kirkpatrick Karen Kearney Michael Cartin

Mentors: James Harkin. Brendan McAllister. Terry Maguire, Callum McGuckin, Gemma Young & Eilish McGurk

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I just love the games, I always have and I always will. All of our children play the games, boys and girls and that's just the way it is."

When Kevin Curran moved from Kinawley Co. Fermanagh 45 years ago in search of work, it was Antrim's gain. The popular and affable gate man is an ever present at the Saffron's home league matches in hurling and football and in recent years he has been a regular fixture at Ulster Championship games as well. Kevin explains how he became immersed in the GAA of his adopted county.

*The first person I met was John Mulgrew, he was heavily involved in the Aggies (St Agnes' GAC) and he got me up to play for them and I did for a few years. Then I got married to Maureen, who came from Glengormley. When we moved out to that part of town I transferred to St Enda's and I have been a member of the club since then. There has been some great work put in at St Enda's in recent years with the young players and I am delighted that the club is so well represented today in the minor and senior teams for Antrim."

*Nearly 10 years ago | met Eamon Grieve who was the treasurer of

Antrim at that time. He got me involved in doing the gate at Antrim games and I have been doing it ever since."

Ask Kevin why he goes out most weekend in all parts of Ulster and the answer is simple.

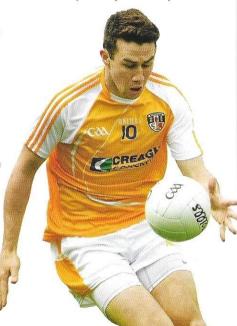
"I just love the games, I always have and I always will. All of our children play the games, boys and girls and that's just the way it is."

So was Kevin surprised when the Saffrons made it through to the Semi-Final?

"Well I think that was a very good Fermanagh team and there is no doubt they expected to win it. They had a good league campaign while Antrim's was up and down. But there are good players in Antrim, I see them at county games and club championship games. In the Quarter-Final I thought Antrim played some lovely football that day but they just took their foot of the gas too early near the end. If we get going again this afternoon

I think they will give Donegal a very close game. You never know what can happen on the day."

However today finishes up and however far Antrim get in the championship this year, Kevin will be on hand working on the gate come what may. That's just the way it is.



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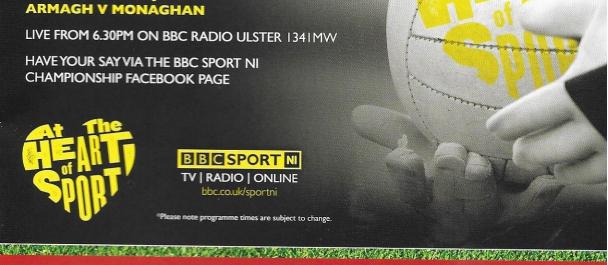
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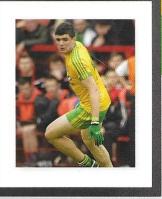


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Some of the senior stars who will clash in today's Ulster Semi-Final did battle for the Ulster Minor title six years ago.

A Donegal side featuring Michael Murphy and Leo McLoone saw off an Antrim team who boast future senior stars Justin Crozier and Mark Sweeney in the 2006 Ulster Minor Final in Croke Park.

While those players try and help their counties reach the senior decider, a new crop of determined teenagers will be out to prolong their Championship adventure.

Like that 2006 Final, and their 2009 meeting, Donegal appear to be clear favourites.

The Tir Chonaill boys romped to an Ulster Minor Football League title in the spring, winning all four group games before seeing off Armagh and Tyrone in the play-offs.

Declan Bonner's side carried that fine form into the Championship with an opening round win over Derry in Celtic Park, but were made to work harder than they had done in many of their League matches earlier in the year.

Although they led throughout, it wasn't until the closing stages that

MINOR PREVIEW

Donegal managed to pull away from their hosts. A six-point half-time lead was reduced to two points by the Oak Leafers, but late points from Donegal substitutes Gavin McBride, Stephen McBrearty and Ethan O'Donnell guided them to victory with Tir Chonaill goalkeeper Danny Rodgers pulling off a great save from Derry dangerman Conor Glass.

Points from their main attacking threats of John Campbell and Caolan McGonigle had helped Donegal establish that lead against Derry, but Declan Bonnar will have also be happy with the contribution of his subs' bench, which give an ominous example of the strength in depth of this Tir Chonaill side.

Indeed, Antrim already have first-hand experience of the Donegal's free-scoring attack, having been on the receiving end of a 5-15 to 0-8 defeat in the counties' Ulster Minor Football League meeting earlier in the year.

However, the Saffrons showed they are capable of posting big scores, firing five goals past Fermanagh in Brewster Park last time out. Their 5-10 to 2-8 win over the Ernemen came ahead of their seniors' thrilling win over their hosts and Antrim will hope to defy the odds with another memorable double.

Ruairi Scott was Fermanagh's main tormentor on the day, firing 1-5 from midfield with Conor Small bagging two goals and James McAuley and substitute Ben Rice both finding the back of the net for Sean McGoldrick's side.

They may find Donegal harder to break down as their opponents only



conceded 46 points in their six Ulster Minor League games and coughed up just eight against Derry in their Championship opener.

However, Fermanagh did find Antrim's Odhran Eastwood difficult to deal with, trying several markers on the livewire forward. He has the ability to hurt the Tir Chonaill defence and prize openings for his fellow forwards. Neither counties has made it to an Ulster minor final since that 2006 encounter, but Donegal came close last year, losing to eventual All-Ireland finalists, Tyrone.

They still have survivors from that agonising defeat in Paddy Byrne, Colm Kelly, Cian Mulligan, Lorcan Connor and Jamie Brennan and the pain of that defeat may just be enough to carry them past Antrim today.





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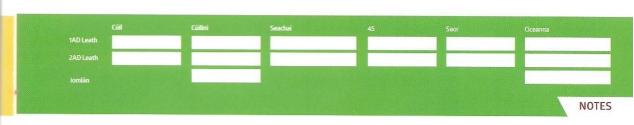






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- 19. Gavin McBride, Gaoth Dobhair 20. Christian Bonner, Na Rossa 21. Niall Friel, Gaoth Dobhair
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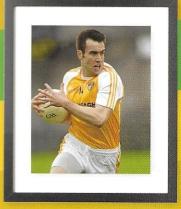












SENIOR PREVIEW

ANTRIM fans would have been forgiven for feeling a little bit nostalgic this week as the sun shone down. The general rule of thumb is that you either get soaked or scorched on a Championship day in Clones, there is no middle ground.

Opinions from Ciaran Woods GaelicLife

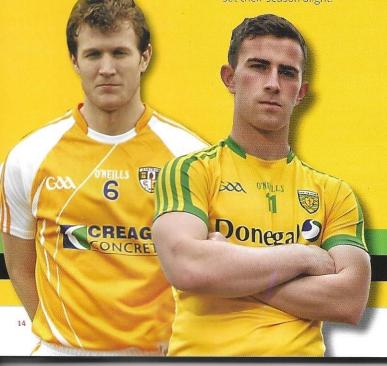
The Saffron faithful will have cast their minds back to that sundrenched day on June 27 2009, when a three-point win over Cavan booked Antrim's place in the provincial final. At the side of the pitch, James Loughrey kissed his Man of the Match award for the benefit of photographers. In the tunnel, Baker Bradley was explaining to a posse of journalists how he had given Tommy Carr a tactical

masterclass. And on the far side of the field, jubilant Antrim players danced and sang and cheered as praise rained down on them from their supporters stationed high on the hill. Could it possibly happen all over again this afternoon?

With the benefit of hindsight, an Antrim win that day wasn't a massive shock or surprise. It was their quarter-final win over Donegal at Ballybofey in the previous round which had really set their season alight. Many of the Donegal faces are still present.. Papa Durcan between the posts, Karl Lacey and the McGee's in defence, Rory Kavanagh and Neil Gallagher around the middle, and an extremely fresh-faced Michael Murphy operating in the full-forward line alongside Colm McFadden.

Of course, all of those boys have added two Ulster Championship winners' medals and a Celtic cross to their collection since then, which puts the enormity of the task facing the Saffrons this afternoon into some sort of perspective.

Liam Bradley's men looked majestic for most of their quarter-final win over Fermanagh last day out, but the nature of their collapse in the closing quarter will have concerned the management greatly. Granted, they took their foot off the gas and it's difficult to hold absolute concentration when you are so comfortably in front, but the problem is that once momentum swings against you, it's extremely difficult to claw it back.



FORGET ABOUT 'GOOD FEET FOR A BIG MAN,' MURPHY IS AS CLOSE TO BEING A SOVIET UNION EXPERIMENTAL GAELIC FOOTBALLER AS YOU ARE EVER LIKELY TO SEE.

You feel that Antrim will not win today with points alone. Goal chances must be created, and taken, if the underdogs are to come out on top. Today will be the real acid test as to how far Paddy Bradley has taken Antrim's attacking system this year, and to what extent they have been able to pick holes in the Donegal rearguard.

Donegal boss Jim McGuinness is the master of psychology. He will prev on Antrim's insecurities. doubts which were undermined by those shakey closing stages at Brewster Park. Against Derry. Donegal went out with the intention of containing their opponents for the opening half, putting themselves into a position from which they could then push on. This time, expect to see Donegal attempt to blitz Antrim in the opening quarter, get themselves in a controlling position, then shut Antrim out for the rest of the game.

According to the trend lines, what we will see this afternoon is Antrim battle it out with Donegal for the opening half, before falling away badly in the second. The numbers show that Antrim have managed to win just over a third of the second halves they have played this year, while their opponents Donegal have the second highest win rate in the province at 75 percent.

The problem facing Antrim is two-fold. Firstly, they must figure out how to stop the deadly Donegal full-forward line, their front three having accounted for a remarkably high 67 percent of Donegal's scores. Key to all of that of course is the man child himself, Michael Murphy. The man is a freak in the best possible sense of the word, the perfect blend of sheer physical presence and sublime skill. Forget about 'good feet for a big man,' Murphy is as close to being a Soviet Union experimental Gaelic footballer as you are ever likely to see.

So if you're Liam Bradley, what do you do? Crowd out the place by piling 13 men behind the ball (for the template see Donegal v Dublin 2013)? He could do that, and it would severely limit Donegal in the scoring stakes, but it would still only be one piece of the jigsaw. Because the simple fact is that Antrim also have to get scores on the board themselves, something which proved their downfall against Monaghan last year when they got the defending bit right but forgot the attacking aspect.

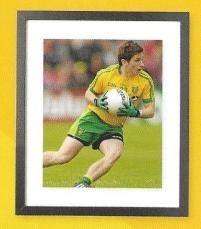
And there is also the little fact that Donegal are pretty good at the whole defensive things themselves, the experts some might argue. Key to it all is Karl Lacey, who provides them so often with a smooth transition between defence and attack, as Derry found out to their cost. It seems an unusual thing to say, and the footballing purists from bygone days might scoff at the notion, but the fact is that to stop Donegal from functioning, you have to negate their playmaker who plays at centre half-back.

Antrim will be game for it, there's no doubting that, and they have to make an early impression if

they are to keep this game alive. The onus will be on Kevin Niblock to unlock the Donegal defence with his vast array of passes, and on their inside line to show the sort of clinical finishing they did against Fermanagh to keep the scoreboard operator's thumbs busy in the early stages.

If Antrim are in a position where Liam Bradley is making adjustments at half-time which he feels could be the difference in winning and losing the game, then the Saffrons will be happy to have reached that point. If however he's moving deckchairs on the Titanic and plugging holes, then it could be a long second half for the Antrim boys.

It should be the former, but the numbers should ring true with Donegal's superior second half showing proving to be the difference between the two sides. It's unlikely that Donegal will celebrate under the hill at the final whistle, more a case of job done as they progress to another provincial final.



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While the GAA will always primarily be known as one of the world's leading amateur sports organisations, our members, and our communities remain at the heart of all we do.

A quick glance at the Association's mission leaves you in no doubt about such ideals. It reads: 'We are dedicated to ensuring that our family of games, and the values we live, enrich the lives of our members, families and the communities we serve.'

To better achieve this, Health & Wellbeing sub-Committees are being established across the 32 counties, tasked with helping the Association to identify and respond to the wellbeing needs of its members, through GAA healthrelated programmes such as the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Prevention (ASAP) programme or the GAA Social Initiative or through the signposting to and partnering with relevant national and local agencies that can provide services that may be of use to our members, such as Samaritans, the GAA's new mental health partners.

In this work, they will receive guidance from the new National Health & Wellbeing Committee, and also support from the Community & Health section in Croke Park. To link this important work with the great efforts being made at grassroots level, Coiste Bainistí has recommended that all clubs appoint a Health & Wellbeing Officer by their next AGM. This will replace the existing role of the ASAP Officer and is intended to better reflect the broad nature of health promoting work the Association already engages in.

If you are passionate about health and would like to be part of this exciting new element of the Association then why not consider taking up the role and play your part in making your club and Ireland a healthier place to grow up in and grow old in.

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Is cúis áthais do Chomhairle Uladh CLG fógairt go dtionólfar Cúrsa Shéamuis de Faoite arís sna Dúnaibh don 26ú bliain as a chéile, idir 21 agus 25 Iúil 2014 – agus beidh sé soar in aisce do bhaill CLG.

The Ulster Council's Irish language course for GAA members will take place in Downings, Co. Donegal once again for the 26th consecutive year, from 21 to 25 July 2014 – and it will be FREE to GAA members.

The course was launched by Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh, Martin McAviney, and the Cathaoirleach of the course, Lynette Fay.

This year the course will feature additional language classes for people of all abilities, as well as céilídancing and singing classes, local history talks and two concerts.



Anyone interested in attending the course should e-mail the course registrar, Séamus Mac Giolla Phádraig, at macgps@btinternet.com, or ring Dónal McAnallen at the Comhairle Uladh office, 028 (048) 3751 7180. Bígí linn!





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Ainm	Club	Aois	Airde	Meáchan
Patrick Flood	Naomh Enda	24	5' 11	13.5st
Kevin O'Boyle	Clann na hEireann	26	5' 10	12st
Ricky Johnston	Ciceam Creagan	23	6′3	14st
Niall Delargy	Mhic Asmaint	21	6'	12.8st
Marty Johnston	Ciceam Creagan	22	6'3	14st
Justin Crozier	Clann na hEireann	26	6′1	13st
James Laverty	Clann na hEireann	23	5' 11	13st
Michael McCann	Clann na hEireann	29	6'1	13.5st
Niall McKeever	Mhic Asmaint	25	6' 5	15.6st
Conor Murray	Lamh Dhearg	26	6'	13st
Mark Sweeney	Naomh Jude	25	6'	13.5st
Paul McCann	Clann na hEireann	24	6'	12.3st
Brian Neeson	Naomh Eoin	24	5' 10	12st
Kevin Niblock	Naomh Gall	28	6'	13.2st
Tomas McCann	Clann na hEireann	27	5' 10	12.4st
Tiernan Hughes	Ciceaim Ard Eoin	20	6'	14.5st
Tony Scullion	Clann na hEireann	32	5' 10	13st
Declan Lynch	Lamh Dhearg	22	6'	12.5st
Patrick McBride	Naomh Eoin	21	5' 11	13st
Emmet Killough	Naomh Uile	21	6'1	12st
Sean McVeigh	Naomh Uile	29	6' 2	15st
Michael Armstrong	Ui Donnabhain Rosa	24	6'	12.6st
Paddy Cunningham	Lamh Dhearg	29	5' 10	12st
Phillip Maguire	Naomh Treasa	27	5' 8	12st
Ryan Murray	Lamh Dhearg	21	5' 11	12st
Ronan McGrady	Naomh Brid	21	6' 3	13.5st
Ronan Hanna	Naomh Seamas	19	6' 2	13.9st
Ruairi McCann	Ciceam Creagan	19	6' 2	12.5st
Mark McGarry	Lamh Dhearg	21	5′ 10	12st
Donal Armstrong	Ui Donnabhain Rosa	26	5' 10	11.2st
Colm Fleming	Ui Donnabhain Rosa	24	6'3	13st
Conor McCann	Ciceam Creagan	19	5' 8	11.9st
Benny Hasson	Ros Earcain	26	6' 5	15.6st

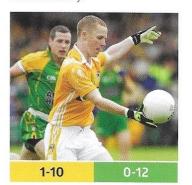
"It has been far too long since Antrim won an Ulster Championship and why can't we be the team to put that right? We want to make sure that Saffron supporters leave Clones today knowing that their team has given everything."

Antrim Manager, Liam Bradley

ANTRIM'S LAST CHAMPIONSHIP WIN OVER DONEGAL

14th June 2009

Antrim's last Ulster Championship victory came in a Quarter-Final clash in Pairc MacCumhaill, Ballybofey. A Tomas McCann goal proved to be the crucial score in a historic win for the Saffron county.









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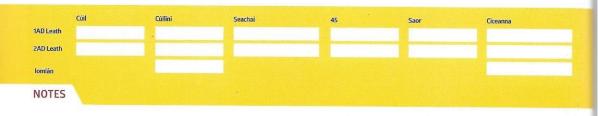
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16. Tiernan Hughes, Ciceaim Ard Eoin 17. Tony Scullion, Clann na hEireann 18. Declan Lynch, Lamh Dhearg

19. Patrick McBride, Naomh Eoin 20. Emmet Killough, Naomh Uile 21. Sean McVeigh, Naomh Uile

22. Colm Fleming, Ui Donnabhain Rosa 23. Paddy Cunningham, Lamh Dhearg 24. Phillip Maguire, Naomh Treasa

25. Ryan Murray, Lamh Dhearg 26. Ronan McGrady, Naomh Brid

















FÍR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

- 16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmann 17. Declan Walsh, Málainn 18. Luke Keaney, Na Ceithre Máistir
- 19. Martin McElhinney, Naomh Micheál 20. Odhrán Mac Niallais, Gaoth Dobhair 21. David Walsh, Naomh Bríd
- 22. Dermot Molloy, Naomh Conaill 23. Darach O'Connor, Bun Crannacha 24. Leon Thompson, Naomh Conaill
- 25. Martin O'Reilly, Seán MacCumhaill 26. Hugh McFadden, Na Cealla Beaga











DÚN NA NGALL

DONEGAL PEN PICS



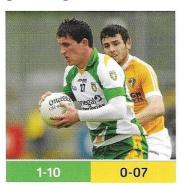
"Today's game offers a massive opportunity for both teams to progress to the Provincial Final in four weeks time; something I'm sure both teams are very much focused on."

Donegal Manager, Jim McGuinness

DONEGAL'S LAST CHAMPIONSHIP WIN OVER ANTRIM

Preliminary Round: 15th May 2011

Donegal's last Ulster Championship victory over Antrim was three years ago in Pairc MacCumhaill, Ballybofey. In a scrappy encounter, a late Mark McHugh goal added gloss to the final score.



Ainm	Club	Aois	Airde	Meáchan
Paul Durcan	Na Ceithre Maistiri	30	6' 5"	15st
Paddy McGrath	Ard an Ratha	25	5' 11"	12.7st
Neil McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	28	6′ 1″	15st
Frank McGlynn	Gleann Fhinne	28	5′ 11′′	13st
Eamon McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	30	6' 2"	13.7st
Karl Lacey	Na Ceithre Maistiri	29	5'11''	12st
Anthony Thomson	Naomh Conaill	28	6'	12.7st
Neil Gallagher	Gleann Suili	31	6' 4"	15st
Rory Kavanagh	Naomh Adhamhnain	31	6' 2''	14st
Darrach O'Connor	Buncranncha	18	5'8"	11.5st
Leo McLoone	Naomh Conaill	25	6'	14st
Patrick McBrearty	Cill Chartha	20	6'	12.7st
Michael Murphy	Gleann Suili	25	6' 2"	14st
Colm McFadden	Naomh Micheal	30	6'	13.7st
Michael Boyle	An Tearmann	27	6'	16st
Martin McElhinney	Naomh Micheal	25	6' 2"	13.7st
David Walsh	Naomh Brid	31	6'	12.7st
Martin O'Reilly	Sean Mac Cumhaill	21	5' 9"	12.7st
Dermot Molloy	Naomh Conaill	23	6'	12st
Declan Walsh	Malainn	25	6'	12st
Ryan McHugh	Cill Chartha	20	5'8"	10.7st
Odhrain MacNiallais	Gaoth Dobhair	21	6'	11.7st
Eamon Doherty	Naomh Adhamhnain	23	6'	14.7st
Luke Keaney	Na Ceithre Maistiri	22	6'1"	13.7st
Hugh McFadden	Na Cealla Beaga	20	6'3"	14.5st
Stephen McLaughlin	Malainn	23	5'8"	11st
Conor Classon	Ard an Ratha	24	6'2"	15st
Leon Thompson	Naomh Conaill	29	5'8"	11st
Christy Toye	Naomh Micheal	31	6'3"	12st



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ULSTER GAA HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014



Ulster Minor Hurling Championship

Sat 31st May Quarter-Final: Dún na nGall 1-12 Doire 3-08 at Letterkenny

Sun 29th June Semi-Final An Dún v Aontroim at Clones Ard Mhacha v Doire at Clones

Sun 13th July Ulster Minor Hurling Final

Ulster Senior Hurling Championship

Sun 15th June Quarter-Finals:

(a) An Dún 1-31 Dún na nGall 0-10 at Clones

(b) Ard Mhacha 3-13 Doire 4-16 at Athletic Grounds

Sun 29th June Semi-Final: An Dún v Doire at Clones

Sun 13th July Ulster Senior Final Aontroim v Semi-Final Hurling Winner

Bord Gais Ulster Under 21 Hurling Shield

Sat 14th June Quarter-Final
Tir Foghain 3-36, An Cabhán 0-5

Tír Eoghain 3-36 An Cabhán 0-5 at Garvaghey

Wed 18th June Semi-Final

Muineachán 1-12 Fear Manach 3-9 at Inniskeen

Wed 25th June Semi-Final:

Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain at Letterkenny

Wed 2nd July Ulster U21 Shield Hurling Final

Bord Gais Ulster Under 21 Hurling Championship

Wed 9th July Quarter-Final
(a) Ard Mhacha v U21 Hurling Shield Winners

Wed 16th July Semi-Finals: An Dún v (a)

Doire v Aontroim

Wed 23rd July Ulster U21 Hurling Final





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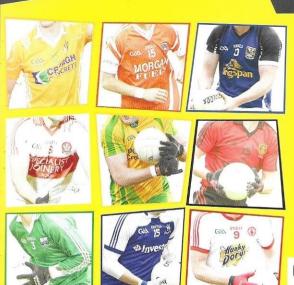


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FOR CLUB & COUNTY

Most important skill: Kick Passing

Something I'm working on: Right foot kicking

Advice for kids: Get involved in all different types of sport from a young age. Set Goals and aim high

Club I like to see doing well: None of them

Young player to look out for: Niall Delargy

County I like to see doing well: Kildare

Biggest strength: Athleticism

Name: Niall McKeever

Club: Roger Casements, Portglenone

Position: Midfield

Hobbies: Golf, Soccer, TV series Favourite Pitch: Casement Park Favourite Player: Darragh Ó Sé

Best player I've played with: Pearce Hanley, AFL

Best player I have played against: Darragh Ó Sé

Game of note: Sigerson Cup Final 2013

Favourite game:

2003 All-Ireland Final Tyrone v Armagh

Best Trainer: Mark Sweeney
Biggest Messer: Tomas McCann
Worst drill: Pre season running

Best motivator within squad: Paddy Cunningham

Food before games: Spaghetti Bolognese **Superstitions:** Bless myself before big games

Favourite song: Gold Digger, Kanye West

Favourite film: Brave Heart

Favourite holiday: New York City

Favourite drink: Water

Favourite food: Any sort of BBQ

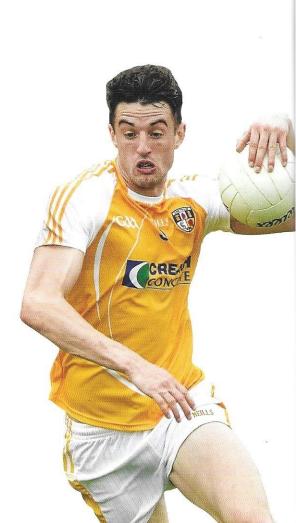
Best advice: Never get happy with yourself

Biggest influence: Father

Club volunteer of note: Seamus McCarry
Song before games: Viva la vida - Coldplay

BEST THING ABOUT THE GAA?

HISTORY AND CULTURE





ULSTER GAA HOST FÉILE NA NGAEL

Ulster GAA are delighted to be playing host to the GAA Féile na nGael finals this weekend. Following the competition commencing on Friday and two Opening Ceremonies in Armagh and Owenbeg, the Finals will be held today, Sunday 22nd June in Tyrone and Derry Centre's of Excellence at Garvaghey and Owenbeg respectively.

Féile na nGael is an international festival of under-age Hurling, Camogie and Handball for both boys and girls. The four-day tournament for Under 14s, will bring in tens of thousands of visitors to the Province from all over the island and beyond. The competition is sponsored by Bus Éireann. The Feile is expected to generate more than 10,000 overnight stays in the region and will generate approximately £2 million for the local economy.

Each year as many as 25,000 people will visit this festival representing all of Ireland's 32 counties and overseas units such as London who also participate in this festival. When the preliminary competition is completed in each county, the winning club then travels to the Host County or Province where they are hosted by families and engage the host club in football games.

Since 1971 over one million boys and girls have participated in this great festival. The GAA Féile events have the primary objective of facilitating and enabling the personal, social and cultural

development of young people. It also emphasises cultural and community activities, leadership and training through sport. It is recognised by the GAA as a major festival of great importance for the promotior of football among the youth of our country. It also has the full support of the GAA, the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure, Department of Education, Department of Education and Science, Irish Sports Council, Sport NI and other Government bodies and cultural agencies.

Féile places great emphasis and importance on proper participation, presentation, punctuality and sportsmanship. It reaches throughout the nation by involving the whole community – clubs, schools, social and cultural groups, Gardaí, PSNI bands, civic and religious authorities and families. It helps to bond communities, forge friendships, provide educational opportunities in addition to enhancing participation in both Camogie and Hurling at club level.

Ulster GAA President Martin McAviney highlighted that hosting the Finals has been part of Ulster GAA's ongoing Hurling Development Plan.

"Securing Féile na Gael for two consecutive years in Ulster has been a long term goal of our Hurling Development Committee. This will be significant and important milestone our ongoing Hurling Development pland I look forward to a great weeker of fun and success."







FOR CLUB & COUNTY

Name: Neil Gallagher Club: Glenswilly

Favourite Position: Centre Half Back

Favourite Pitch: Pairc Naomh Columba, Glenswilly

Hobbies: Darts and Golf

Childhood hero: Robbie Fowler & Darragh Ó Sé Best Player you have played with: Michael Murphy

Best Player you have played against:

Nicholas Murphy (Cork)

Best game you have been involved in:

All-Ireland Final 2012

Best game you have ever seen: All-Ireland Final 2003

Best trainer within the squad:

Frank McGlynn - he is able to train, coach and referee

all at the same time in training

Worst trainer within the squad: Colm "The Bull" McFadden, he likes to winter well, even in the summer!

Worst training drill: Running in the winter months

Best motivator within the squad: Leon "the goat" Thompson

Pre Match meal: Soup and brown bread

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Neil (Diamond) McGee sings a few

good songs "as gaeilge" Favourite Film: Superbad

Favourite Holiday Destination: New York

Favourite Drink: Green Tea Favourite Meal: Shepherds Pie Best advice ever received: Start soloing with my left foot

Biggest influence on career: All the coaches I have

ever had have all been helpful

BEST THING ABOUT THE GAA?

THE EXCITEMENT AND **ENJOYMENT IT BRINGS TO SO** MANY PEOPLE YOUNG AND OLD. Club Volunteer of note: George Simmons – team chef, kitman, waterboy, "Clubperson of the Year 2013" - (he painted the Chairmans house the week before the awards night which was good timing!)

Most important skill: Ball Handling Biggest Strength in your game: Pace

Area of your game you would like to improve:

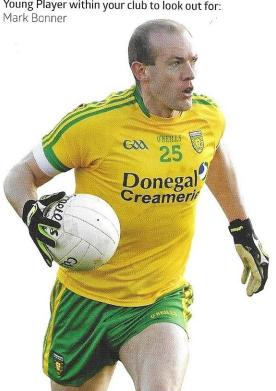
Goal scoring

Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Termon ladies because my sister plays for them

Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own: Roscommon – always produce very talented players who are great to watch

Advice for youngsters: Start working from an early age at using both feet as it will be huge benefit when you get to senior football, all the best players can use both feet

Young Player within your club to look out for:



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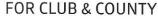


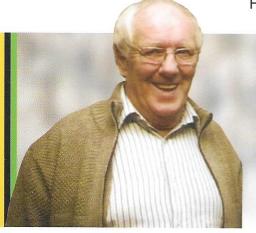






Local Hero





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When the subject of Cumann Lutchleas Gael is ever discussed in the parish of Killaghtee, one of the first names that immediately comes to mind is Terence McGinley.

Terence has been to the fore with the Gaelic Athletic Association. whether it be at Club or County level for many years. The game of Gaelic football had been sorely neglected in the Killaghtee area which had once been a hotbed of Gaelic activity.

Terence recognised this neglect and was one of the main instigators of the revival of the Dunkineely GAA Club (now known as Naomh Ultan) in 1974. He was the first Club Secretary back then and forty years on his is the current Club Chairman. Indeed he has held various positions within the club in the intervening years.

A man with a positive outlook, he was heavily involved with the Club Development Committee. His pragmatic approach to matters of business during this important

stage of the club's development, proved invaluable.

The results of this development are there for all to see at the scenic Paric Naomh Ultan, Mill Road, Dunkineely, Co. Donegal. The Club now boast a fabulous playing pitch with modern dressing rooms and clubhouse. The vision that Terence and others had 40 years ago had come to pass.

Terence from Brenter, Dunkineely is married to Carol from Letterkenny and has four grown up children. Triona who has served as Club PRO in the past, Lurcan and Toirleach who have both played underage and adult football with the club and Aisling who is an I.C.U. Nurse at Letterkenny Regional Hospital. Carol herself is a regular fundraiser for the Club -A typical GAA family.

Terence played his football with neighbouring Club St. Nauls and won a County Junior Championship with them in 1972 along with cousin Jack Furey.

A GAA man at heart, he has always been a regular attender of All-Ireland's Finals. He is also a man who is not backward about ruffling a few feathers, if he feels that the core values of the Association are being threatened.

As a County Board Delegate, he regularly contributes to the various debates and is firm believer in Treoirí Ofigiúil. "What's the point of having a rule book if the rules are not adhered to" he often states. Terence has served as County Development Officer within the County, as well as being an Ulster Council Representative.

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2014 STATS







ANTRIM V DONEGAL, HEAD TO HEAD, THE FACTS



2014: AVERAGES ANTRIM



MOST PROLIFIC



2014: AVERAGES DONEGA



2014: NUMBER OF SCORERS



MOST GAME TIME

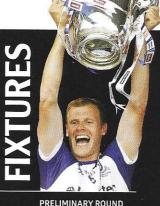


WHO IS WAITING...

Armagh/Monaghan: The prize on offer for today's winners is a Ulster Final meeting with either Armagh or Monaghan.







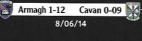


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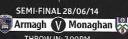
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SEMI-FINAL 22/06/14 Donegal (V) Antrim THROW IN: 2.00PM ULSTER FINAL 20/07/14 Winners W Winners THROW IN: 4.00PM



HEAD TO HEAD

THE MANAGERS

LIAM BRADLEY

This is Antrim's second Ulster Semi-Final in my time managing the squad and I am delighted for the players that they have returned to this stage of the competition. Not too many people among the media and the other 'experts' gave Antrim too much hope of beating Fermanagh the last day out.

We in the management team knew that the felias had put in the work and they were absolutely committed to getting the results that day out so while it was a bit too pulsating near the end. the ultimate outcome was no surprise to us. A Semi-Final against Donegal in Clones is a much different prospect than our opening encounter. We know that Donegal were the All-Ireland champions as recently as two years ago and they are undoubtedly a major force at the moment.

Once again this Antrim squad has put in a huge effort on the training field, and we will be giving it everything to try and book a return ticket to this venue next month. Winning even a match in the Ulster Championship is an achievement and there is no doubt in my mind that ours is by far the most competitive of all the provincial championships in the country. It has been far too long since Antrim won an Ulster Championship and why can't we be the team to put that right? We want to make sure that Saffron supporters leave Clones today knowing that their team has given everything.

As usual there is a huge background effort to prepare the team and I want to thank everyone who has been involved, right through the medical team, the physios, my fellow selectors and the Antrim County Board.



JIM McGUINNESS

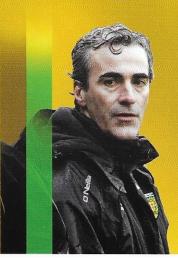
It's a great honour for me to lead this Donegal team into another Ulster Semi-Final. We had a very positive start to our campaign against Derry four weeks ago, and we look forward to another tough test this afternoon. Today's game offers a massive opportunity for both teams to progress to the Provincial Final in four weeks time something I'm sure both teams are very much focused on.

Our opponents today had a great victory last time out and will come in to today's game full of confidence and will no doubt provide us with a very difficult challenge.

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 parnumber of months. 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 this past few months; we look forward to your continued support.

Last but not least a special word of thanks to the Donegal supporters who travelled in huge number to Celtic Park last time out to support the team an for this we are very grateful.







I've noticed that, even getting a taxi! The wit, the welcome & the gentle banter of every individual."

Liam O'Maonlai, Dublin

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FOOTBALL RULE CHANGES

The Gaelic Football Rule Changes which become operative on 1 January 2014 are as follows:

- Introduction of a Black Card for Cynical Behaviour Fouls.
- Change in the number of substitutes allowed.
- 3. Distinction between Deliberate and Accidental Fouls.
- 4. Definition of the Tackle.
- 5. Introduction of a clearer Advantage Rule.
- A player in possession may score a point with an open-handed hand-pass.

Cynical Behaviour Fouls

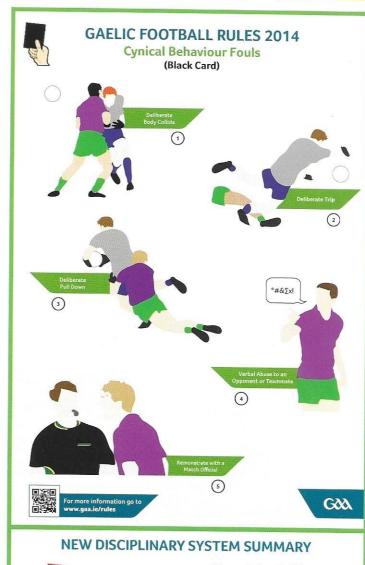
- Deliberately pull down an opponent.
- 2. Deliberately trip an opponent with the hand(s), arm, leg or foot.
- Deliberately body collide with an opponent after he has played the ball away or for the purpose of taking him out of a movement of play.
- Threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opponent or a teammate.
- 5. Remonstrate in an aggressive manner with a Match Official.

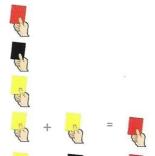
The penalty for the above fouls are:

- i. Free Kick from where the foul occurred
- ii. Order Off offender by showing him a Black Card*
- iii. Allow a replacement from within the substitutions permitted*.

*Substitutes

- Increased to SIX per team.
- Maximum of THREE permitted for Black Card Offenders





Player Ordered off & NOT replaced by Substitute

Player Sent off & replaced by Substitute

Player Cautioned (Warned & Name Taken)

Player Sent off & NOT replaced by Substitute

Player Sent off & NOT replaced by Substitute

OBITUARY:

MICHEÁL MAC AODHA



Fuair Micheál Mac Aodha, múinteoir, craoltóir, scríbhneoir agus fear gnó bás ar an cúigiú lá fichead de Bhealtaine 2014. Rugadh Micheál i nDún Búinne i gCo.na Midhe ar an lá deireanach de mhí na Bealtaine sa bhliain 1934. Ba de bhunadh Ros Goill a athair agus ba as Sean-tSonnach Co Mhuineacháin a mháthair Bríd. Bhí beirt dheartháir aige, Muiris agus Seán agus beirt dheirfiúr Maura agus Cáit. Aistríodh a athair, a bhí ina gharda, go sráidbhaile an Fhál Carraigh go luath ina shaol agus ba anseo a chuaigh Micheál 'na scoile.

He won a scholarship to St. Enda's Preparatory College in Galway in 1949 and went from there to St. Patrick's Training College in Drumcondra where he qualified as a teacher. During this period his father died suddenly and the family moved to Downings. It was here in S.N Dhoire a'Chasáin that Micheál began his teaching career in 1953. Ten years later he became Principal of S.N Mhíobhaigh, another local school. Both schools were amalgamated in 1969 and it was here in Scoil Naomh Bríd that Micheál spent the rest of his teaching career and was renowned for the excellence of his teaching. He always had a keen interest in sport but Gaelic Games were his great love. He played himself of course and was at wing forward on the Downings team that won the County Junior Championship in 1957. He was also a keen golfer and was, up until the last few years, to be seen regularly on the Rosapenna Golf Course.

He will always be remembered by his many friends in both the press and radio and indeed his many friends at large for his stories and anecdotes, indeed he had very few peers in storytelling and very few had the capacity to embellish them that he had. His commentaries for Highland Radio over a twenty year period will always be remembered for their excitement, passion and wit.

Micheal was an extremely friendly person, was great company and had a terrific sense of humour.

Gael go smior a bhí i Micheál, fear a raibh an-ghrá aige dá chultúr agus dá theanga dúchais agus bhí sé thar a bheith bródúil as sin. Ba ghnách leis clár Gaeilge a bheith aige ar Highland achan seachtain agus lena chois sin bhíodh sé ag teagasc ar chúrsa Shéamais De Faoite chuile bhliain.

I ndiaidh dó slán a fhágáil ag an mhúinteoireacht chuaigh sé i mbun oibre do Ghaeil Uladh, eagraíocht a chur bunmhúinteoirí Ghaeltacht Thír Chonaill ar bun le Gaeilge Uladh a thabhairt ar ais agus a chaomhnú sna bunscoltacha Gaeltachta.

He embraced Gaeil Uladh with the type of enthusiasm and zeal that few could match. For him the Ulster dialect was not to be sidelined or replaced and as a result his heritage to us is a huge volume of work that includes his own writings, translations and adaptations in the Ulster dialect.

Déanaimis comhbhrón lena bhean Máire agus lena dheichniúr clainne. Déanfar é a chrothnú go mór.

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