# Ulster Minor Football League Final 2014



Minor League Final (12.00pm, ET if necessary):

### Dún na nGall

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### Tír Eoghain

Referee: Kieran Trainor (An Dún)

Standby: Ciaran Mooney (An Dún)

Linesman: Anthony Marron (Muineachán)

Sideline Official: Stephen McKinley (Ard Mhacha)

26ú Aibrean 2014 Pairc Brusceoir, Inis Ceathalain

## Dún na nGall

D Mac Ruairí

Danny Rodgers

(An Clochán Liath)

D Ó Moangail C Mac Giolla Easpaig C Ó Muireasáin Kieran Gillespie **Conor Morrison** Danny Monagle (Naomh Adhamhnáin) (Carn Domhnach) (Gaoth Dobhair) 5. 6. C Ó Maolagáin A Mac Clenaghan E Bán Ó Gallchóir Tony McClenaghan Cian Mulligan **Eoghan Ban** (Gaoth Dobhair) (Bun an Phobail) Gallagher (Na Cealla

8. 9.
N Ó hEaraille C Mac Congail
Niall Harley (Aodh Ruadh B/S) (Buncrancha)

10. 11. 12. S Ó Cailín L Ó Conchúir M Ó Cearrbhaill John Campbell Lorcan Connor Michael Carroll (Bun Crannacha) (Na Duinibh) (Gaoth Dobhair) 13. 14. 15. G Mac Giolla Bhríde N Ó Fríl S O Braonain Jamie Brennan Gavin McBride Niall Friel (Bun Dhobhrain) (Gaoth Dobhair) (Gaoth Dobhair)

#### Fir Ionaid:

16. Paddy Byrne	Naomh Columba
17. Conall O'Boyle	Naomh Adhamhnáin
18. Ethan O'Donnell	Naomh Conaill
19. Michael Miller	Naomh Adhamhnáin
20. Stephen McMenamin	Aodh Ruadh K/G
21. Colm Kelly	Aodh Ruadh B/S
22. Christian Bonner	Na Rossa
23. Andrew McClean	Cill Chartha
24. Ciaran Diver	Bun an Phobail

Manager: Declan Bonner

# Tír Eoghain

P Ó Néill

Patrick O'Neill

(Aireagal Chiaráin)

2.	3	4
D Ó Maolain	P Ó Néill	N Ó Ceallaigh
Danny Mullan	Paul O'Neill	Niall Kelly
(An Omaigh)	(Cluain Eo)	(Aireagal Chiaráin)
5.	6.	7
R Samir	R Ó Cuinn	É Mag Oireachtaigh
Riane Samir	Rhys Quinn	<b>Enda Mc Garrity</b>
(An Omaigh)	(Cluain Eo)	(An Gallbhaile)

8.		9.
P Mac Taidhg		R Nuinseann
<b>Peter Teague</b>		Ronan Nugent
(An Droim Mhór)		(An Gallbhaile)
10.	11.	
10.		

10.	11.	12.
D Ó Maolchraoibhe	C Mac Cionaoith	S Ó Dorchaí
David Mulgrew	Conor McKenna	<b>James Darcy</b>
(Ard Bó)	(An Eaglais)	(An Taite Riabhach)
13.	14.	15.
L Ó Braonáin	C Ó hAgáin	F Mac Giolla Uír
Lee Brennan	Cormac O'Hagan	Fintan McClure
(Trí Leac)	(Oileán a'Ghuail)	(Cluain Eo)

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#### Fir Ionaid:

16. Connor Traynor	An Baile Nua
17. Thomas Carney	Doire Lochain
18. Kevin Concy	Ard Bó
19. James Devlin	Baile na Móna
20. Eoghan Hampsey	Oileán a'Ghuail
21. Brian Kennedy	Doire Lochain
22. Conn Kilpatrick	Éadán na dTorc
23. Jonah Lafferty	Urnaí
24. Pauric McAnenly	Aireagal Chiaráin

Manager: Mickey Donnelly

#### **Ulster Minor Football League 2014**

Mar 18 Antrim	1-07	Tyrone	3-11	Armoy
Mar 18 Donegal	1-16	Fermanagh	1-05	Convoy
Mar 22 Tyrone	2-19	Derry	0-04	Garvaghey
Mar 22 Fermanagh	0-09	Antrim	3-10	Brewster Park
Mar 22 Cavan	3-07	Armagh	0-05	Kingspan Breffni Pk
Mar 22 Monaghan	1-09	Down	1-11	Clones
Mar 29 Donegal	1-11	Tyrone	2-06	Convoy
Mar 29 Derry	1-10	Antrim	2-10	Celtic Park
Mar 29 Down	1-11	Cavan	1-08	Downpatrick
Mar 29 Armagh	2-10	Monaghan	1-11	Athletic Grounds
Apr 05 Tyrone	7-20	Fermanagh	1-04	Garvaghey
Apr 05 Armagh	1-08	Down	0-08	Silverbridge
Apr 05 Derry	CONC	Donegal	W/O	
Apr 11 Monaghan	2-11	Cavan	0-13	Clones
Apr 12 Antrim	0-08	Donegal	5-15	All Saints
Apr 12 Fermanagh	0-11	Derry	1-06	Irvinestown

#### **Shield Semi Finals:**

Apr 19 Cavan	5-17	Fermanagh 0-06	Kingspan Breffni Pk
Apr 19 Antrim	0-08	Monaghan 5-12	Ahoghill

#### League Semi Finals:

Apr 19 Donegal	1-09	Armagh	0-05	Letterkenny
Apr 19 Down	0-07	Tyrone	3-12	RGU Downpatrick

## Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April (ET if necessary) Ulster Minor Football Shield Final

Monaghan v Cavan at Clones at 12.00pm

#### **Ulster Minor Football League Final**

Donegal v Tyrone at Brewster Park at 12.00pm

#### **GAA – ULSTER MINOR LEAGUE FINAL**

# Dominant Donegal win Minor League

BY BARRY O'DONNELL

DEFENDING in packs and then counter-attacking at breakneck speed, Donegal Minors laid down an early Championship marker with a convincing five point Ulster League Final triumph over a below-par Tyrone in Enniskillen on Saturday afternoon.

A fine point from the lively Lorcan Connor just twenty seconds into the contest set the pattern for the tie and helped Declan Bonner's impressive unit establish a lead that they were to gradually build upon as the contest unfolded.

With the wind at their backs during the first half at blustery Brewster Park, Donegal eased six points in front before the midway stage of the opening period, and despite a fine individual goal from Lee Brennan, the Red Hands played a forlorn game of catch for the remainder of the day.

Despite battling efforts from Enda McGarrity, David Mulgrew and James Darcy, Tyrone found it difficult to penetrate a well-drilled and well-organised Tir Conaill defensive unit, which adopted a familiar template with 12/13 men funnelling back en masse.

In Niall Harley and Caolan McGonagle Donegal had a physically imposing and mobile centre field pairing who tormented Tyrone throughout with their movement and ball winning capabilities.

Having got the better of the Red Hands during the group phase of the competition, Donegal flew out of the traps again with Connor twice on target inside the opening two minutes. Ethan O'Donnell also split the posts with a quality effort and with

Tyrone looking plodding and pedestrian, a more sprightly Donegal sought to hammer home their early advantage.

The excellent Connor added another brace (one free) while John Campbell also converted from the dead ball to ease Donegal six in front.

Tyrone needed a fillip and Lee Brennan provided it in the 14th minute, swooping after some hesitation in the Donegal defence to waltz his way through 'Messi' like and drive a low shot past keeper Danny Rodgers.

Buoyed by this Tyrone picked up their intensity and it took a fine save by Rodgers to deny James Darcy a goal after he was picked out by Brennan inside.

Darcy did manage to register a point but two fine scores from McGonagle and a Campbell free ensured Donegal were back on top heading up to the interval.

Darcy slotted over from a narrow angle but a free with the last kick of the half by Connor meant Donegal held a comfortable 0-10 to 1-2 half time cushion even with the strong breeze favouring them.

Tyrone rung the changes for the resumption with sub Padraig McGirr linking up with Conor McKenna in midfield but there was no initial indication of a turnaround in fortunes as Donegal continued to hold sway.

The action was somewhat scrappy with scores at a premium. Michael Carroll and Enda McGarrity exchanged points, though it required a fine block by Patrick O'Neill in the Tyrone nets to turn away Cian Mulligan's close range effort.

However in spite of a Brennan free for Tyrone, the Donegal goal wasn't long in coming, keeper O'Neill tripping up Connor as he looked to round him. Connor dusted himself down and dispatched the resultant 42nd minute penalty low to the goalie's left to open up a 1-11 to 1-4 gap.

Campbell and Carroll tagged on further points and with Tyrone reduced to fourteen men when Cormac O'Hagan picked up a straight red after an altercation with Carroll, the destination of the League title seemed in the bag.

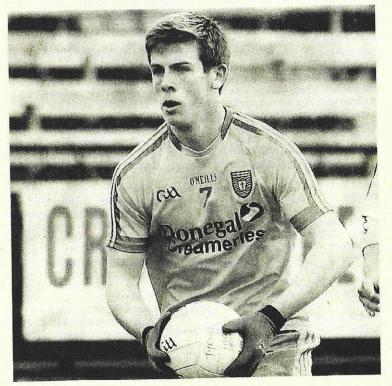
To their credit however Tyrone refused to throw in the towel and they got a goal back in the 49th minute when Darcy earned due reward for his toil, by lashing the ball high into the empty net, after McKenna's centre found its way through to him.

Darcy, Brennan and McKenna added further points with Donegal seemingly content to soak up the late pressure but an injury time score on the counter-attack by sub Michael Miller helped them see the job through in fairly empathic fashion.

Donegal: Danny Rodgers, Danny Monagle, Kieran Gillespie, Conor Morrison, Cian Mulligan, Tonv Mc-

Clenaghan, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Niall Harley, Caolan McGonagle (0-2,1 free), John Campbell (0-4, 2frees), Lorcan Connor (1-5, 2 frees), Michael Carroll (0-2), Jamie Brennan, Ethan O'Donnell (0-1), Niall Friel. Subs used: Michael Miller (0-1) for E O'-Donnell (32 mins), Conall O'Boyle for D Monagle (45), Gavin McBride for M Carroll (55), Stephen McMenamin for K Gillespie (57), Christian Bonner for J Campbell (59), Andrew McClean for G McBride (60, black card) Tyrone: Patrick O'Neill, Danny Mullan, Michael McKernan, Niall Kelly, Riane Samir, Rhys Quinn, Enda McGarrity (0-1), Peter Teague, Ronan Nugent, David Mulgrew, Conor McKenna (0-1), James Darcy (1-3), Lee Brennan (1-2, 2 frees), Cormac O'Hagan, Fintan McClure. Subs used: Thomas Carney for F McClure (10 mins), Padraig McGirr for R Quinn (1-time), Jonah Lafferty for R Nugent (45), Kevin Coney for M McKernan (49)

Referee: Kieran Trainor (Down)



**Eoghan Ban Gallagher**