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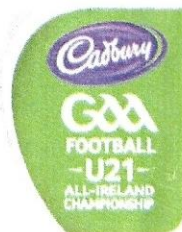
Ulster U21 FC Semi Final: Dún na nGall

v

Ard Mhacha

*2ú Aibreán 2014 ar 8.00 i.n. (ET if necessary)
Pairc Ó hEili*

*Reiteoir: Ronan Barry (An Dún)
Standby: Martin Higgins (Fear Manach)
Linesman: Eamon McHugh (Tír Eoghain)
Sideline Official: Dan Mullan (Doire)*



Dún na nGall

1. S Ó Colla
Joe Coll
(Cloich Cheann Faola)
2. C Ó Braonáin
Ciaran Brennan
(Naomh Conaill)
3. C de Párc
Conor Parke
(Naomh Adhamhnán)
4. A Mac Closaigh
Andrew Mc Closkey
(Seán MacCumhaill)
5. M Ó Raghallaigh
Martin O'Reilly
(Seán Mac Cumhaill)
6. R Mac Aodha
Ryan Mc Hugh
(Cill Chartha)
7. G Ó Gallachóir
Gavin Gallagher
(Seán MacCumhaill)
8. A Mac Pháidín
Hugh Mc Fadden
(Na Cealla Beaga)
9. C Mac Thomáis
Ciaran Thompson
(Naomh Conaill)
10. D O Maolcraoibhe
Dara Mulgrew
(Naomh Adhamhnán)
11. P Mac Breartaigh
Patrick McBrearty (C)
(Cill Chartha)
12. A Ó Dochartaigh
Eunan Doherty
(Naomh Conaill)
13. S Ó Mailie
John O'Malley
(Naomh Conaill)
14. L Mac Giolla Easpaig
William Gillespie
(Naomh Colmcille)
15. E Mac Aodha
Eoin Mc Hugh
(Cill Chartha)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Kevin McLoughlin**
17. **Ciaran Cannon**
18. **Eammon Mc Grath**
19. **Kevin Herron**
20. **Brendan McNelis**
21. **Gary Clancey**
22. **Jack O'Brien**
23. **Darach O'Connor**
24. **Barry Griffin**

Manager: Marc Curran

- Iorras
Gaeil Leitir Ceannain
Aodh Rua
Ard an Ratha
Ard an Ratha
Bun Dobhráin
Naomh Muire
Bun Cranncha
Naomh Náille

Ard Mhacha

1. D O hAgain
David O'Hagan
(An Grainseach)
2. D O Neill
Donal O'Neill
(Cill Sleibhe)
3. S O Ceallaigh
Seamus Kelly
(Béal Átha an Airgid)
4. C Mac Eachaidh
Ciaran McCooley
(Coileach Eanna)
5. D O hAgáin
Diarmuid O'Hagan
(Clan Na Gael)
6. M Ó Murchu
Michael Murphy
(Cill Sleibhe)
7. S Mac Giolla Rua
Joe McElroy
(Na Clairisigh)
8. A Findon
Aaron Findon
(Naomh Peadar)
9. E Ó Raifeartaigh
Ethan Rafferty
(An Grainseach)
10. P Mac Eoghain
Paul McGeown
(Na Sarseil)
11. M Mac Cionaoith
Miceal McKenna (C)
(An Grainseach)
12. C Mac Cumascaigh
Callum Cumiskey
(Raonaithe na Croise)
13. E Ingléis
Eddie English
(Mullach Bán)
14. C Ó hAnluain
Ciaron O'Hanlon
(Cill Sleibhe)
15. J de Hail
Jemar Hall
(Peadar Ó Doirnin)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Noel McCoy**
17. **Blaine Malone**
18. **Fionnan Burns**
19. **Jack Grugan**
20. **Michael Carson**
21. **Cathal McKenna**
22. **Paudie Crilly**
23. **Conor McNally**
24. **Colm Hoey**

Manager: Steven McDonnell

- Cilleán
Carraig Chrupain
Béal Átha an Airgid
Baile Mhic an Aba
Na Piarasigh Oga
An Grainseach
Baile Mhic an Aba
Doire Nuis
Coileach Eanna

Cadbury's Ulster U21 Football Championship

All games at 8.00p.m.unless stated otherwise

(Replays if required will take place the following week)

12th March: First Round:

(a) Doire 0-12 An Cabhán 3-10

19th March: Quarter Finals:

(b) Dún na nGall 3-10 Fear Manach 0-06

(c) Ard Mhacha 1-20 Aontroim 2-14 (AET)

(d) Muineachán 1-12 An Dún 2-07

(e) An Cabhán 1-11 Tír Eoghain 0-06

26th March: Quarter Final Replay:

Ard Mhacha 0-13 Aontroim 0-10

2nd April: Semi Finals:

(b) Dún na nGall v (c) Ard Mhacha at Healy Park

(d) Muineachán v (e) An Cabhán at Athletic Grounds

9th April: Final:

Ulster Under 21 FC Roll of Honour: (51)

Aontroim (4)

Ard Mhacha (3)

An Cábhan (5)

Doire (7)

Dún na nGall (8)

An Dún (8)

Fear Manach (3)

Muineachán (2)

Tír Eoghain (11)

GAA - CADBURYS ULSTER UNDER-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

U21s power their way to final

DONEGAL 0-15
 ARMAGH 0-10

REPORT BY CHRIS MCNULTY AT
 KINGSPAN BREFFNI PARK

WHEN the going got tough here, it was Donegal's toughness that got going.

Spurred on by their big names, Maxi Curran's Under-21s overcame Armagh on Wednesday night to reach a second successive Ulster Under-21 final.

Eight points from Patrick McBrearty led the way for the Tír Chonaill boys who held firm when the unyielding Armagh refused to buckle and put it up to them.

At one stage in the second half, Armagh - managed by former senior star Steven McDonnell - had reduced Donegal's lead to a point, but it was here where they showed their worth and took a deserved win after emptying the tank in a hard-working display.

With the excellent McBrearty pointing the way, with scores of some sublime standing, Donegal were aided by strong displays by senior panelists Martin O'Reilly, Ryan McHugh and Hugh McFadden. Between them, they hit thirteen of Donegal's tally. Ciaran Thompson, who had a fine game at centrefield, was also on the scoresheet and the busy Darach O'Connor - who raced from Buncrana to Cavan after sitting both Leaving Cert French oral and an Agricultural Science exam in the afternoon - added the clinching score after coming on as a sub for the last eleven minutes.

Eoin McHugh was another who was excellent with those direct, surging, probing runs of his causing Armagh no end of angst, drawing foul after foul in an industrious display.

Armagh had midfielder Aaron Findon red carded late in the night having been given a second yellow card, but there were few complaints from the Orchard following a game in

It was a night where the game was in the melting pot for longer than Donegal might have wished and a night where they could have had victory copper-fastened long before O'Connor's late score, with three goal chances passed up over the course of what will be reflected upon as a useful hour at the office ahead of a re-match with Ulster Under-21 kingpins Cavan next week.

Ryan McHugh opened Donegal's account with only twenty-two seconds on the board, although the Kildare man was entitled to his head-in-hands reaction given that he'd found himself with a sight of goal and elected to aim for the uppermost point of David O'Hagan's target.

Three times in the opening eleven minutes the teams were tit-for-tat. McHugh, McBrearty (free) and McBrearty, this time from play, had given Donegal an edge, but each time Armagh responded with Michael McKenna, Joe McIlroy and Ciaran O'Hanlon on the mark.

O'Hanlon slotted over after Gavin Gallagher was dispossessed deep in his own backline, but Donegal were soon back in the ascendancy when Ryan McHugh slotted a 43-metre free into the bullseye.

A fine free from McBrearty, out on the right-hand side, made it a two-point game before another superb point by the Donegal skipper, facing away from goal and with Seamus Kelly breathing down his neck.

McBrearty collected after good work from Eoin McHugh and John O'Malley, and neatly tucked over the bar for a three-point lead. It was easily the pick of his night's work.

Donegal had made one change to the side that had beaten Fermanagh

two weeks previously in Ballybofey with O'Malley coming in for Brendan McNelis and a rejig of the personnel seeing Thompson join McFadden at centrefield.

Thompson pushed up to get on the scoresheet and put his side four in front before McBrearty got in behind with McFadden coming a whisker from finding him with a long ball over the top. The stretching McBrearty managed to get a hand on the leather, but it skidded away and the chance was gone.

A free from Paul McGeown reduced the arrears for Armagh, Donegal were 0-7 to 0-4 in front.

The Orchard were dealt a hammer blow when senior player Ethan Rafferty, their towering midfielder, was forced to withdraw because of an injury. Blaine Malone stepped into the void, but there could be no doubting the impact of Rafferty's absence.

That said, Armagh made a fair first of it around that middle third, but McFadden grew in stature as the game wore on and the Killybegs man had a big influence on proceedings while Joe Coll's booming darts - some of which were going way over halfway - helped in those moments when Armagh threatened to make a real fist of it.

After McBrearty (free) and McKenna swapped points at the start of part two, Donegal got in for another goal chance. O'Reilly had an initial chance, but was caught in two minds. Eoin McHugh had a shot, but was blocked and the angles were always working against willie Gillespie when he connected for the rebound.

Armagh frees from Cummiskey and McGeown tested Donegal's jaw, but the response was commendable

as O'Reilly and Ryan McHugh (free) gave Donegal a little breathing space again.

O'Hanlon and McBrearty hit quick-fire scores at either end and Armagh set up a tasty finish when Cummiskey drilled over ten minutes from the end.

O'Connor was summoned and but for his feet sticking in the glue-pot surface the Buncrana man could have had a green flag hoisted. McBrearty and O'Reilly pushed Donegal four up and, even though O'Hanlon did bring Armagh within a goal again, the cherry was placed by O'Connor with a fabulous last-minute score.

Donegal: Joe Coll; Ciaran Brennan, Conor Parke, Andrew McCloskey; Martin O'Reilly (0-2), Ryan McHugh (0-3, 2f), Gavin Gallagher; Hugh McFadden, Ciaran Thompson (0-1); Darragh Mulgrew, Patrick McBrearty (0-8, 4f), Eunan Doherty; John O'Malley, Willie Gillespie, Eoin McHugh. Subs: Darach O'Connor (0-1) for O'Malley (49 mins), Brendan McNelis for Thompson (58 mins),

Barry Griffin for Gillespie (60 mins)

MAN OF THE MATCH

Patrick McBrearty (Donegal): On a night when Donegal had several key figures and plenty of contenders, it was McBrearty who led by example. The Donegal captain aced the night with eight wonderful points, including a splendid effort with his back to goal in the first half. At this level he has the tendency to really come into his own and he was Donegal's big player here. He wasn't alone, though, with Martin O'Reilly, Ryan McHugh and Eoin McHugh excellent.

TURNING POINT

When Paul McGeown reduced the Donegal lead to a point in the 42nd minute, Armagh were beginning to believe that the game was up for grabs. Before any seeds of doubt could bloom, Martin O'Reilly and Ryan McHugh knocked over points to settle their side again.

Armagh: David O'Hagan; Donal O'Neill, Seamus Kelly, Ciaran McCooey; Diarmuid O'Hagan, Michael Murphy, Joe McElroy (0-1); Aaron Findon, Blaine Malone; Paul McGeown (0-2, 2f), Michael McKenna (0-2), Callum Cummiskey (0-2, 1f); Eddie English, Ciaran O'Hanlon (0-3), Jemar Hall. Subs: Colm Hoey for Murphy (37 mins), Cathal McKenna for Hall (41mins), Paudie Crilly for Diarmuid O'Hagan (49 mins), Fionnan Burns for McCooey (49 mins), Jack Grugan for English (53 mins), Michael Carson for Cummiskey (57 mins)

Referee: Ronan Barry (Down)

