

Bank of Ireland 

Dr McKenna Cup

2015



Doire v Dún na nGall

4ú Eanáir 2015 ar 2.00 i.n.

Abhainn Beag

Referee: Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)
Standby: Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)
Linesman: Maggie Farrelly (An Cabhán)
Sideline: Eamonn McAuley (Aontroim)



Doire

1-16

Manager: Brian McIver

1
E Mc Niocaill
Eoin McNicholl
(Gleann an Iolair)

2
O Ó Dubhthaigh
Oisín Duffy
(Forghleann)

3
N Holly
Niall Holly
(Eoghan Rua)

4
S Ó Catháin
John O'Kane
(Gleann an Iolair)

5
C Johnston
Kevin Johnston
(Dún Geimhin)

6
G Ó Catháin
Gerard O'Kane
(Gleann an Iolair)

7
B Og Ó Cleirigh
Brian Og McAlary
(Cill Ria)

8
M Ó Loingsigh
Mark Lynch (C)
(Beannchar)

9
C Mac an Tiompanaigh
Conor McAtamney
(Suaitreach)

10
C MacPhail
Ciaran McFaul
(Gleann)

11
S Ó Brollacháin
James Kearney
(Suaitreach)

12
E Loinn
Enda Lynn
(Grainloch)

13
Donal Mag Aonglais
Daniel McKinless
(Baile an Doire)

14
E Mac Eochain
Emmett McGuckin
(Machaire Fíolta)

15
B Mac Ualghairg
Barry McGoldrick
(Eoghan Rua)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Thomas Mallon**, An Lub
17. **Declan Brown**, Baile Eachaidh
18. **Liam McGoldrick**, Eoghan Rua
19. **Jarlath Bradley**, Baile Iarainn
20. **Mark Craig**, Dún Geimhin
21. **Sean Leo McGoldrick**, Eoghan Rua

22. **Benny Heron**, Baile na Scrine
23. **Seán Brady**, Baile Mhic Guaigín
24. **Daniel Heavron**, Machaire Fíolta
25. **Niall Loughlin**, Grainlocha
26. **Terence O'Brien**, An Lub

	Cúil	Cúilini	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						

Dún na nGall

0-08

Manager: Rory Gallagher

1
M Ó Baoill
Michael Boyle
(An Tearmann)

17 2
P Mac Craith
Paddy McGrath
(Ard an Ratha)

5
C Ó Gallachóir
Corey Gallagher
(An Clochán Liath)

8
M MacGiollaChainnigh
Martin McElhinney
(Naomh Mícheál)

10
A Ó Dochartaigh
Eunan Doherty
(Naomh Conaill)

13
L Mac Giolla Easpaig
Willie Gillespie
(Naomh Colmcille)

3
É Mac An Bhaird
Éamonn Ward
(Gleann Súilí)

6 21
D Breathnach
Declan Walsh
(Málainn)

9 19
O Mac Niallais
Odhrán Mac Niallais
(Gaoth Dobhair)

11
M Ó Raghallaigh
Martin O'Reilly
(Seán MacCumhaill)

14 20
D Ó Conchúir
Darach O'Connor
(Bun Crannacha)

4
C de Páirc
Conor Parke
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

7
C Mac Fhionnghaile
Ciarán McGinley
(Cill Chartha)

12
M MacAodha
Mark McHugh
(Cill Chartha)

15
A Mac Pháidín
Hugh McFadden
(Na Cealla Beaga)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Mark Anthony McGinley**, Naomh Mícheál
17. **Éamonn Doherty**, Naomh Adhamhnáin
18. **Joe Gibbons**, Gleann Súilí
19. **Gary McFadden**, Gleann Súilí
20. **Eoin McHugh**, Naomh Conaill
21. **Dermot Molloy**, Cill Chua
22. **Ryan Melley**, Ard an Ratha
23. **Seán Hensey**, Naomh Adhamhnáin

	Cúil	Cúilini	Seachaí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
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2015 Bank of Ireland Dr. McKenna Cup

All Sunday games at 2.00pm. All midweek games at 7.30 pm.

Sunday 4th January: Round 1:

Group A

Muineachán v Ulster University at Clones

An Dún v An Cabhán at Pairc Esler

Group B

Fear Manach v QUB at Brewster Park

Doire v Dún na nGall at Owenbeg

Group C

Ard Mhacha v Tír Eoghain at Athletic Grounds

Aontroim v Naomh Mhuire at Creggan

Saturday 10th January: Round 2:

Group A

An Cabhán v Ulster University at Kingspan Breffni Park

Sunday 11th January: Round 2:

Group A

Muineachán v An Dún at Clones

Group B

Dún na nGall v QUB at Pairc MacCumhaill

Fear Manach v Doire at Brewster Park

Group C

Aontroim v Ard Mhacha at Creggan

Tír Eoghain v Naomh Mhuire at Healy Park

Wednesday 14th January: Round 3:

Group A

An Dún v Ulster University at Pairc Esler

An Cabhán v Muineachán at Kingspan Breffni Park

Group B

Doire v QUB at Owenbeg

Dún na nGall v Fear Manach at Pairc MacCumhaill

Group C

Tír Eoghain v Aontroim at Healy Park

Ard Mhacha v Naomh Mhuire at Athletic Grounds

Sunday 18th January: Semi Finals:

1 Group A Winner v Group B Winner

2 Group C Winner v Best Runner Up

Saturday 24th January: Final:

GAA - BANK OF IRELAND DR MCKENNA CUP, GROUP B

Early goal seals Donegal's fate

DERRY 1-16
 DONEGAL 0-08

BY CHRIS MCNULTY AT OWENBEG

THE Rory Gallagher era got underway with an eleven-point McKenna Cup defeat to Derry at Owenbeg, but it was very much an experimental side sent to the trenches by the new manager.

Derry ran out comfortable and convincing winners, pulling clear in the second half when they overpowered Donegal at midfield and it had petered out by around the midway point of part two.

The turning point arrived with Derry's first score, a neatly-taken goal by Emmett McGuckin in the 16th minute, rolling past Michael Boyle from close range.

Donegal had posted an early two-point lead courtesy of Willie Gillespie and Martin O'Reilly, but it was an afternoon when the visitors didn't bring their shooting boots to the feet of the Sperrins.

Five times in the opening fifteen minutes, Donegal registered a wide and that tally stretched to ten at the interval.

Dermot Molloy and Martin McElhinney, who was the captain for the game, were the only two players yesterday who had featured in last year's All-Ireland final; none of the starters from that game against Kerry were even in the panel here.

Gallagher handed first-ever Donegal starts to four players, including 33-year-old Eamon Ward, a native of Clontibret in County Monaghan who now plays for Glenswilly, St Eunan's Conor Parke, Kilcar's Ciarán McGinley and Eunan Doherty of Naomh Conaill joined him in making their bows at this level.

Kilcar's highly-rated Eoin McHugh,

MATCH STATS

DERRY v DONEGAL

1	Goals	0
16	Points	8
10	Wides	12
2	45s	2
19	Frees awarded	18
4	Frees scored	5
1	Short efforts	1
0	Black cards	0
3	Yellow cards	2
0	Red cards	0

ATTENDANCE 3,035

son of 1992 All-Ireland winner James, started in the half-forward line having played just once previously in the McKenna Cup, against St Mary's in 2013, while the likes of Gillespie and Cory Gallagher had also appeared in that campaign.

The big news, though, was the return of Mark McHugh, whose last game for the county was the 2014 Division 2 League final against Monaghan.

The 2012 All-Star is back on board under the new regime, while there were debuts off the bench for Joe Gibbons (Glenswilly), Ryan Malley (Ardara) and Malachy McDermott (Moville).

By contrast, Declan Brown was the only newbie in the Derry XV.

The Oak Leaf side were out-of-sorts to begin with, but McGuckin's goal was just the tonic.

Skipper Mark Lynch fed the Magherafelt man and after stealing a march on Ward, whom he had the measure of throughout, the full-forward struck past Boyle into the far corner. Derry led for the first time and it was a lead they wouldn't surrender.

Enda Lynn and Brian Óg McAlary fisted points and McGuckin opened up

a four-point lead by the 21st minute.

Molloy was showing well for the ball, but the Glenties man had a frustrating day, kicking five wides, although he did well to convert a '45 late in the half. With O'Reilly and the returned Gary McFadden on the mark with frees, Donegal trailed by the goal at the short whistle.

Lynch kicked two frees in the closing moments of the first half and the midfielder opened the second half with another effort from a placed ball. Daniel McKinless got in on the act after Barry McGoldrick magnificently dispossessed McFadden.

McGuckin drilled wide when given another sniff of goal and it took a fine save by Boyle to turn over from the impressive Conor McAtamney in the 48th minute.

Donegal kicked only two points from play, Molloy scooping over the second in the 49th minute after Gillespie's early effort had opened the scoring.

Derry were cutting through at will now, though, and Donegal had trouble picking up possession from kick-outs with Derry effectively dominating this sector.

Daniel Heavron landed the point of the game when he boomed over from just shy of the '45 and Derry tacked on points from McAtamney, Benny Heron, McGuckin, Mark

Craig and another of the McGoldrick clan from Coleraine, Liam.

Donegal will continue to experiment with the new faces in the home games against Queen's and Fermanagh.

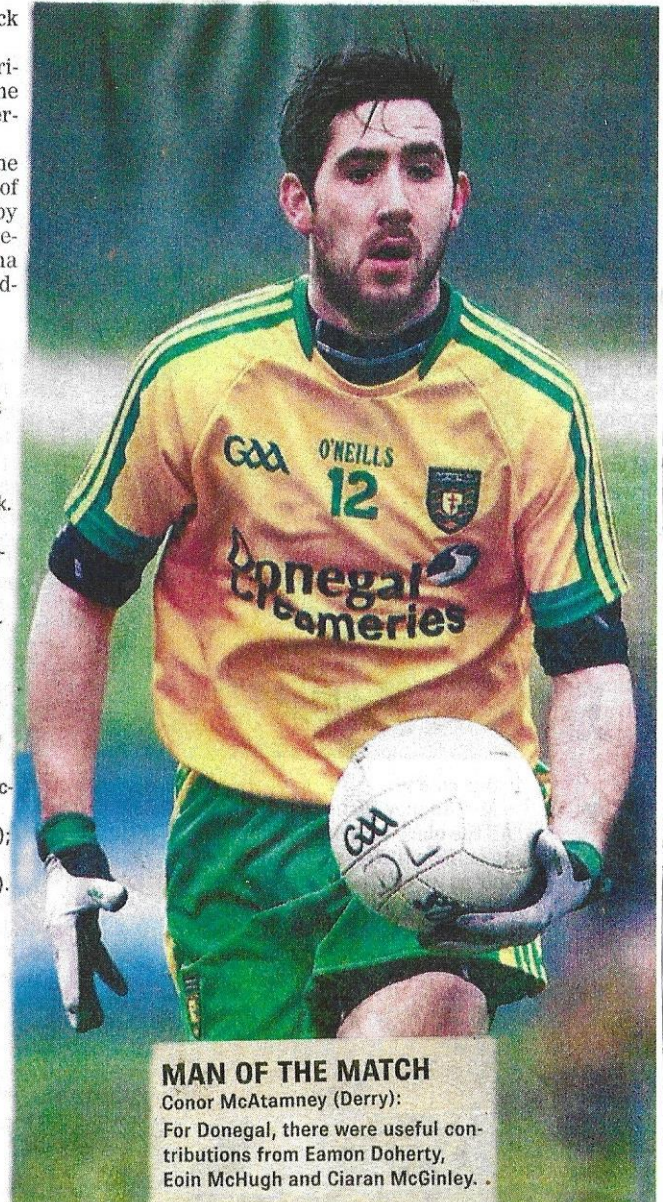
So, an eleven-point loss signals the start of the new age. The relevance of these results is perhaps best told by the fact that Jim McGuinness's Donegal won just four of the 12 McKenna Cup games they played – and that didn't turn out too shabbily.

DERRY: Eoin McNicholl; Oisín Duffy, Niall Holly, John O'Kane; Kevin Johnston, Declan Brown, Brian Óg McAlary (0-1); Mark Lynch (0-4, 3f), Conor McAtamney (0-2); Ciaran McFaul, James Kearney (0-1, 1f), Enda Lynn (0-1); Daniel McKinless (0-1), Emmett McGuckin (1-2), Barry McGoldrick. Subs: Liam McGoldrick (0-1) for McAlary (half-time), Daniel Heavron (0-1) for B. McGoldrick (44 mins), Benny Heron (0-1, 1'45) for Lynn (54 mins), Mark Craig (0-1) for McAtamney (54 mins), Seán Brady for McGuckin (61 mins), Jarlath Bradley for Kearney (65 mins).

DONEGAL: Michael Boyle; Eamonn Doherty, Eamon Ward, Conor Parke; Cory Gallagher, Mark McHugh, Ciarán McGinley; Martin McElhinney, Gary McFadden (0-2, 2f); Eunan Doherty, Eoin McHugh, Dermot Molloy (0-2, 1'45); Willie Gillespie (0-1), Hugh McFadden, Martin O'Reilly (0-3, 3f). Subs: Joe Gibbons for Gallagher (39 mins), Ryan Malley for M. McHugh (47 mins), Malachy McDermott for Molloy (57 mins).

REFEREE: Ciaran Branagan (Down).

Donegal manager Rory Gallagher keeps a close eye on the game.



MAN OF THE MATCH

Conor McAtamney (Derry):

For Donegal, there were useful contributions from Eamon Doherty, Eoin McHugh and Ciaran McGinley.