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Foreword

Ar son Bord na Condae CLG Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom fáilte a romhaibh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc an Athar Uí Thiarnaigh.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon for our third game of the 2015 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Cork team, management, officials and supporters and I hope you enjoy your short visit to the north-west.

On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the home club Aodh Ruadh, Béal Átha Seanaidh for hosting today's match and indeed for hosting the Dr.

McKenna Cup fixture against Fermanagh in January at short notice.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy this afternoon's game and may the best team win. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an chluiche agus go mbeidh turas slán sábháilte ag lucht leanúna an Corcaigh agus Dhún na nGall agus iad ag pilleadh na bhaile.

Is mise le meas,

Seán Ó Duinnín,
Cathaoirleach.



Allianz Football League, Roinn 1 - Round 3:

Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cavan)

Stand by Referee: Barry Cassidy (Derry)

Linesman: Martin McNally (Monaghan)

Fourth Official: Garry Owen McMahon



National Anthem

Today the national Anthem will be sung by Leah Mac Innes, Naoimh Conaill GAA Club Glenties who won the solo singing section in the Dun na nGall Scor na nOg Cultural competitions recently.

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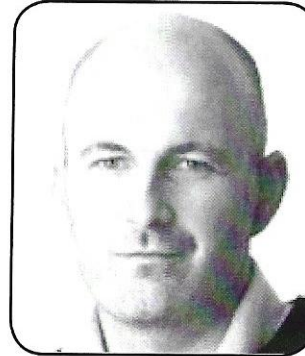
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Fates of Donegal & Cork

by Keith Duggan - The Irish Times Chief Sports Writer

The fates of Cork and Donegal have intersected at critical times in their development in recent years. When the sides met in the 2006 All-Ireland quarter final, they were both attempting to establish themselves as national contenders during a period when the game was dictated by Kerry and Tyrone and Armagh. Although Cork

won that afternoon by 1-12 to 1-11, it is often forgotten that the Ulster men had looked the choice team in the first half, whipping up 1-4 after a Christy Toye goal and holding Cork to 1-1 after 25 minutes – and the goal came from a penalty. The match was there for both teams until deep into injury time: Cork shaded it in composure. Donegal would win the national league title a year later but when the sides next met in championship, in 2009, Cork had developed another dimension. Across the field, they were fast, strong, supremely athletic and had an unrivalled bench. The 1-27 to 2-10 defeat they meted out that afternoon was a dispiriting afternoon for Donegal football but it is sometimes forgotten, now that Dublin are installed as All-Ireland favourites always and evermore, just how potent Conor Counihan's side looked at that time. They attacked at speed, running straight lines and had finishers everywhere. They sent All-Ireland champions Tyrone packing without ceremony, holding Mickey Harte's side to four second half points. That they failed to make it count when Kerry turned



up like a black joke in that year's final must be the failure that will haunt that Cork team and management most. When they won their All-Ireland in 2010 – in a summer characterised by a stunning comeback against Dublin – the expectation was that further September honours would follow. But it seldom works out as planned. When

the players shook hands in 2009, nobody could have predicted just how radically Donegal would have changed in approach and appearance when they crossed paths again. In beating Cork in the 2012 semi-final, Jim McGuinness's two-time Ulster champions finally began to silence the last of the doubters. It was arguably their best performance under McGuinness: relentlessly intense, perfectly disciplined and underlined by slick and enterprising score taking. Like Cork, Donegal went on to claim their All-Ireland. And like Cork, they have been unable to succeed in another perfect season afterwards. This afternoon brings them together when they are attempting to establish new identities. Brian Cuthbert has been building a new team in Cork but all the old qualities – pace and power and athleticism and quality ball players – are in evidence. The Rory Gallagher era is just beginning in Donegal. Both teams are regarded as All-Ireland contenders, albeit outside the usual front runners of Dublin and Kerry. That will suit them fine just now.

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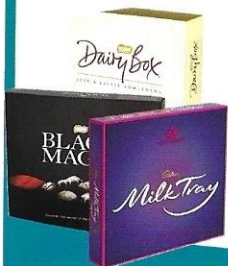
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by Gerry McLaughlin

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Two years ago Rory Gallagher walked in the shadow of paradise with Jim McGuinness when Donegal took Sam back to the Hills.

In those hallowed days he was the coach, but in 2015 the buck stops firmly with the precocious son of Gerry and Deirdre Gallagher from the Commons Belleek.

Some say he was the greatest Fermanagh never had as he was not around for the Erne County's big days in 2004 and 2008.

But he was certainly one of Fermanagh's greatest ever forwards..a mercurial maverick with magic in his boots.

He wore an earring at the age of 10 that marked him out from the rest of his peers, a spiky bag of tricks whose mates aptly called him "Rooster" and "Eric" after the great Cantona.

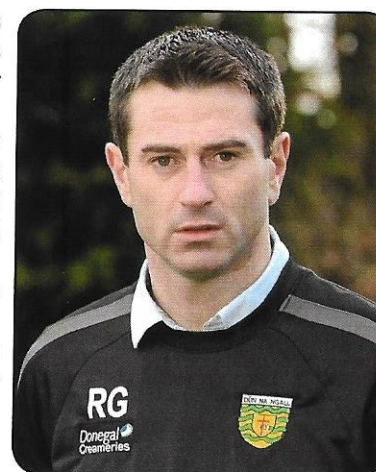
In his head he was already managing teams, a perfectionist who would never tolerate the ASFI "Arrah sure f..k it" brigade.

What marked him out even more was raw talent and supreme self-belief which some mistake for arrogance.

"Eric" scored a marvelous 3-9 against Monaghan in the Ulster Senior Football Championship in 2002, the same year that a search for a job and ambition took him to Tommy Lyons's Dublin.

One of Lyon's greatest mistakes was not picking Rory and his talented cousin Raymond and the duo were also absent when Fermanagh reached the All-Ireland semi-final in 2004 and the Ulster Final in 2008.

His departure opened wounds in the Erne



County that are healing slowly but he owes his native county nothing.

Like Roy Keane and the Republic Fermanagh did not quite match his standards.

He is a highly respected coach with a ruthlessly forensic approach and Donegal players rate him very highly.

But my greatest memory of Rory was that cheeky chipped goal over Tony Blake's head in 2001 on a scorching day in Ballybofey.

It was a gamble but then the

well-travelled Rory has always liked to live on the edge or any edge that will bring success.

If Donegal does not succeed this season it will not be for lack of anything from this highly driven young man.

DID YOU KNOW;

- From 2000-2002, Rory Gallagher was Ulster's top scorer in the championship.
- Rory is a former captain of the Northern Ireland Schoolboys.
- Rory also had a trial with Manchester Utd and briefly played Irish League Football.
- Many say Rory got his great kicking skills from his uncle Eamon Kavanagh from Errigal Chiarain and his ability to read games from his dad Gerry who captained Fermanagh Under 21's to an All-Ireland U-21 Final in 1971.
- If Rory had been born about 250 metres north of where the family home is now he would have been eligible to play for Donegal.
- Can you imagine a forward line with Rory Gallagher, Brian Roper, Adrian Sweeney, Brendan Devenney and Michael Hegarty.....

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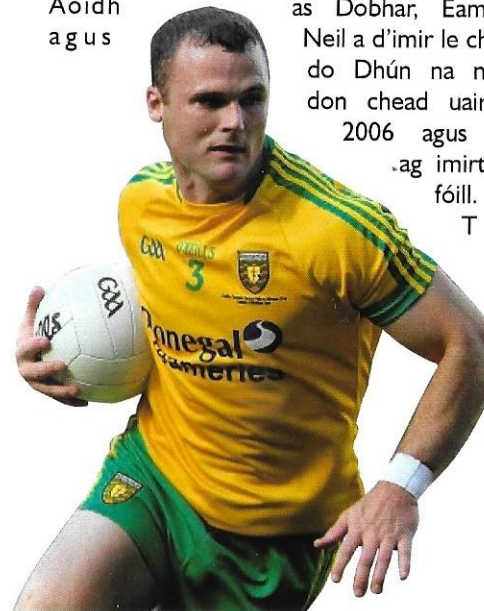
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Clann Dhobhair - Neil agus Eamonn Mac Aoidh

by Séamus Mac Geidigh RTE RnaG

De réir an tsaineolaí peile Jimí Mhicí Ó Gallchoir, d'imir ceithre cinn déag de dheartháireacha le chéile ar fhoireann craoibhe Dhún na nGall ó 1932. John agus Bernard ó Domhnaill, Dessie agus Kevin Mac Suibhne, Adrian agus Raymond Mac Suibhne ón Chlochán Liath, Red Jack agus Bob Ó Gallchoir le cois Seán agus Michael Slevin as Béal Átha Seanaigh, Bernard agus Harry Lafferty, Seán Mhic Cumhaill, Máirtín agus James Mac Aoidh Chill Chartha, Clann Uí Éigeartaigh, Noel agus Páidí as an Ghleann, Déaglán Rua agus Seán Ó Cnáimhsí as na Rossa agus an méid is mó ar fad ag Gaoth Dobhair.

Ó 1890 go dtí seo d'imir ceathrar deartháir as Gaoth Dobhair le chéile ar fhoireann craoibhe Dhún na nGall. Mícheál James agus Willie Ó Gallchoir a d'imir le chéile in éadan Aontroma in 1951, Bearnárd agus Patrick Mac Giolla Chomhaill a d'imir don chéad uair i 1952, arís in éadan Aontroma, Cormac agus Dónal O Breisleáin a d'imir le chéile in éadan an Chabháin i 1963 agus Clann Mhic Aoidh as Dobhar, Eamonn agus Neil a d'imir le chéile do Dhún na nGall don chéad uair in 2006 agus atá ag imirt go fóill.

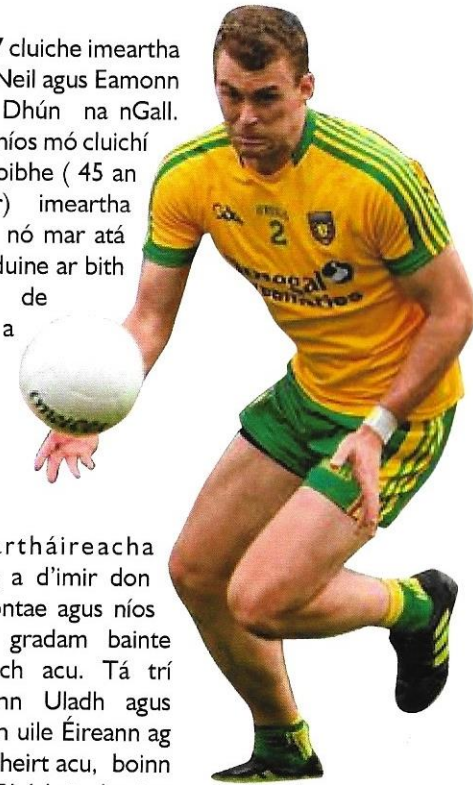


257 cluiche imeartha ag Neil agus Eamonn do Dhún na nGall. Tá níos mó cluichí craoibhe (45 an fear) imeartha acu nó mar atá ag duine ar bith eile de n a

deartháireacha uilig a d'imir don Chontae agus níos mó gradam bainte amach acu. Tá trí bhonn Uladh agus bonn uile Éireann ag an bheirt acu, boinn an Bhóthair Iarainn

, Boinn Sraithe agus Corn Mhic Shigúir. Tá trí ghradam Allstar ag Neil i gcuideachta na ngradam eile ar fad agus d'imir sé d'Éirinn in éadan na hAstráile faoi thrí.

Tá sé doiligh de dheartháireacha bheith ar chomh chéim agus i gcás Chlann Mhic Aoidh, corrúair bíonn Eamonn faoi scáth Neil ata bliain níos óige ná é. B'fhéidir go gcuidíonn sé le Neil go n-imíonn sé leis go minic ar ruathair ó cheann ceann na páirce ach tá Eamonn i gcónaí sa bharna bhaoil nuair ata an fear óg ar shiúl ar chosa in airde... Níl mórán nár shil go raibh Gradam Allstar tuilte ag Eamonn i 2012, níor tharla sé, ach tá am go fóill agus am ag deartháireacha Mhic Aoidh cur leis an stóras gradaim ata bainte amach acu go dtí seo. Chan iontas ar bith go bhfuil muintir Dhobhair bródúil astú!



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Donegal legend's lesser known links to Cork

By Tom Comack (Donegal Democrat/Peoples Press)

Donegal legend Brian McEniff's achievements and exploits both on and off the playing fields both as a player and coach are fairly well known.

His honour's list is both long and impressive and includes guiding Donegal to five Ulster Senior Championships - two as player/manager and three as manager - a first All-Ireland crown and Ulster too numerous Interprovincial championship both as a player and manager.

He also managed Ireland to an International Compromise Series success over Australia but what might be less well known is that the affable Bundoran Hotelier has strong ties with Cork, today's visitors to Fr Tierney Park.

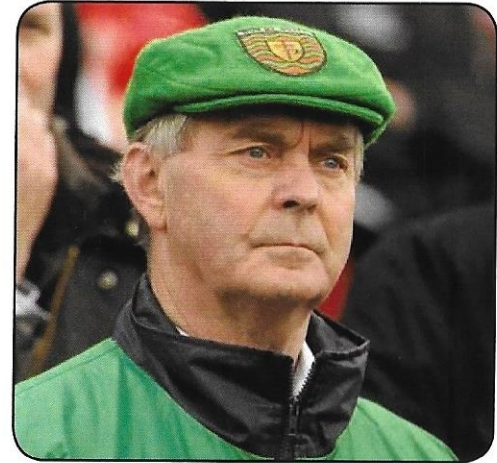
Apart from his wife Cautie (O'Leary) who is a native of the Rebel County and grew up in Inshigeelagh, Brian has sporting ties to the Rebel County when he played both Gaelic and soccer for a number of different teams in his earlier years.

For the younger generation among you and followers of the fortunes of Cork Hibernians, in second half of the 1960, may recall the name John Rooney lining out regularly for the League of Ireland Club.

John Rooney was an alias for none other than a young Brian McEniff who at the same time was cutting his teeth as a senior footballer with his native Donegal.

The alias was due to the GAA ban on Gaelic players playing foreign sports and in this case soccer. Among his team mates on that Cork Hibernian team was Joe O'Mahony and Jackie Morley, father of Pat Morley who played for Cork Celtic in more recent times.

"I remember before the 1992 All-Ireland final I received a good wishes card from Joe O'Mahony, wishing us all the best in the final



against Dublin," said Brian.

"For obvious reasons the entry of Finn Harps into the League of Ireland ended my days with Cork Hibs and playing in Flower Lodge, now Pairc Uí Rinn. Harps were going to be playing them in the league and my cover was going to be blown. And as my first loyalty was to GAA and playing with Bundoran and Donegal I did not want to pick up a ban." During his time in Cork, Brian also played Gaelic Football a number of times for both Mitchelstown and Bishopstown and also played with the Cork Gardai and the Cork City Banks. The only success he enjoyed in any shape or form in either sports was a Cork Inter-Firms Championship lining out for the Cork City Banks.

"Myself and Cautie were only after returning from Canada at the time and my late father was still alive and was running the hotel.

"So at the quieter times of the season we used to spend a lot of time in Cork. Cautie's family had moved to Ballinhassig at the time and I enjoyed helping out on the farm and playing football and I have good memories from my time in Cork."

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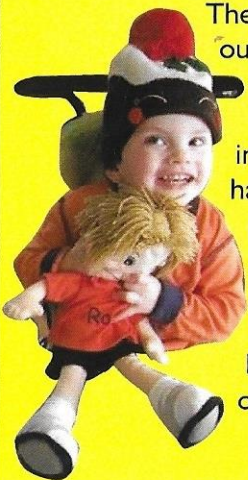
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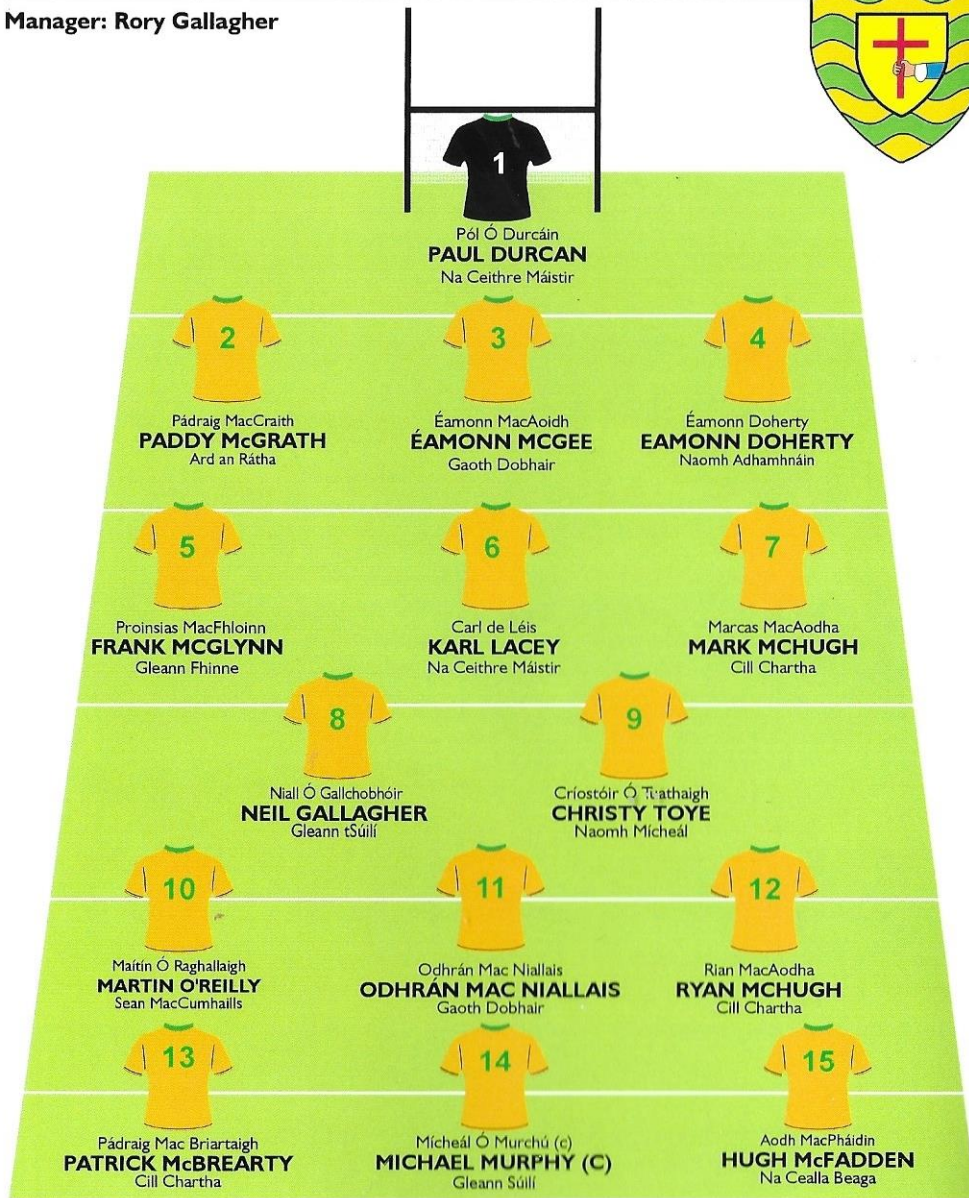
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Cork Corcaigh

Manager: Briain Mac Cúibeirthe



SUBSTITUTES:

16. Mícheal Ó Mairtín (Micheal Martin) (Nemo Rangers); 17. Stiofan Ó Donnchu (Stephen O Donoghue) (Ballincollig); 18. Conchur Ó Dormain (Conor Dorman) (Bishopstown); 19. Nollaig Ó Gealbáin (Noel Galvin) (Ballincollig); 20. Caoimhín Ó Cruaioich (Kevin Crowley) (Millstreet); 21. Pádraig Ó Ceallaigh (Paddy Kelly) (Ballincollig); 22. Pól Ó Ciaragáin (Paul Kerrigan) (Nemo Rangers); 23. Sean Ó Haodha (John Hayes) (Carbery Rangers); 24. Dónal Ó Góilín (Daniel Goulding) (Eire Og); 25. Barra Ó Drisceoil (Barry O Driscoll) (Nemo Rangers); 26. Dónal Óg Ó Hoidneid (Donal Og Hodnett) (O Donovan Rossa)

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Donegal. Con Halpin, Patsy Brogan, Pearse Dawson, Barney Coyle, Hughie Tim Boyle, Jim Gallagher, Peadar Mc Geehin, M.J. Gallagher, Frank O'Donnell, Frankie Brennan, Connell Mc Cauley, Charlie Collins, Paddy Coyle, Tom Wickham and Sean Mc Gettrick. Subs D Moriarty, J Mc Mullin, Dan Bonner, Anton Rogers, Eddie John Mc Gonigle.

Cork. D O Keeffe, C Dineen, P.A. Murphy, J O'Brien, D Bernard, J Cronin, M Goolde, T Moriarty, C Duggan, D O'Donovan, E Young, C Mc Grath, M Cahill, P Henchion and J Galvin. Subs, D Kelleher, T Kelleher, P Hayes, N Fitzgerald, D O'Sullivan.

Reporting afterwards Hugh Daly who was County Secretary at the time summarised the visit to Croke Park.

It was indeed a great occasion, despite defeat. I remember well the magnetism of the occasion that day, as for the first time as an official I trod on the sod once bedewed by the life's blood of Michael Hogan and fourteen other people murdered by the Black and Tans on Nov 20th 1920.

Donegal had to wait to the 1960's before appearing in Croke Park again in the National League being unsuccessful to Kerry in '65, Longford in '66, Galway in '67 and Offaly in '69.

Donegal GAA Clubs 1928 Colours.

Club	Colours	Club	Colours
Ardara. (F).	Green with Yellow Hoop.	Dunkineely	Yellow with Green Hoop.
Ardaghey.	Green with Black Hoop	Dunfanaghy (F)	Yellow with White Hoop
Ballyshannon (F,H)	Green with White Hoop	Dungloe	Navy Blue & Red Collar & Cuffs
Ballybofey (F,H).	Green with White Diamond.	Falcarragh (F)	Navy Blue & White Collar & Cuffs
Burt (H).	Green with Amber Diamond.	Finner (F,H)	Green & Yellow Stripes Vertical
Bundoran (F, H)	White with Yellow Hoop.	Glenties (F)	Blue with White Hoop
Buncrana (F)	White with Black Hoop.	Kilcar (F)	Blue with Amber Hoop
Carrigans (F)	White with Yellow Diamond	Killybegs (F)	Black with Red Hoop
Carrigart. (F)	White with Black Diamond.	Killygordon (F)	Red
Castlefin	Red & White Stripes (Horizontal)	Letterkenny (F, H)	Blue
Carndonagh (H)	Red & Black Stripes (Horizontal)	Lifford (F)	Black
Clady (F)	Red & Green Stripes (Horizontal)	Moville (H)	Green
Cloghan (F)	Red & Blue Stripes (Horizontal)	Mountcharles (F)	Green & White Stripes Vertical
Donegal (F)	Blue and White Diamond	Newtowncunningham (H)	Yellow
Derry City	Blue with Amber Diamond	Stranorlar (F)	White.

Eighteenth League Meeting

Today's match is the eighteenth League meeting of Dún na nGall and Corcaigh.

1.	6-4-1952	Corcaigh	3-3	Dún na nGall	0-7	B.Á.C.
2.	10-11-1985	Dún na nGall	2-4	Corcaigh	1-6	Mainistir Fhear Mái
3.	16-11-1986	Dún na nGall	0-8	Corcaigh	0-5	Béal Átha Seanaidh
4.	25-2-1990	Corcaigh	2-14	Dún na nGall	2-10	Baile an Chollaigh
5.	17-2-1991	Dún na nGall	1-9	Corcaigh	1-6	Bealach Féich
6.	28-2-1993	Dún na nGall	1-8	Corcaigh	0-9	Bealach Féich
7.	21-4-1996	Dún na nGall	0-10	Corcaigh	0-9	B.Á.C. (½)
8.	13-10-1996	Dún na nGall	2-6	Corcaigh	0-12	Bealach Féich
9.	5-4-1998	Dún na nGall	2-14	Corcaigh	1-9	B.Á.C. (¼)
10.	29-11-1998	Corcaigh	1-8	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
11.	28-11-1999	Dún na nGall	2-12	Corcaigh	0-7	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
12.	24-3-2002	Dún na nGall	1-12	Corcaigh	0-9	Béal Átha Seanaidh
13.	22-3-2003	Corcaigh	3-8	Dún na nGall	0-10	Páirc Uí Rinn
14.	3-4-2005	Dún na nGall	3-11	Corcaigh	1-7	Béal Átha Seanaidh
15.	3-2-2007	Dún na nGall	1-12	Corcaigh	2-7	Páirc Uí Rinn
16.	4-3-2012	Dún na nGall	1-7	Corcaigh	0-6	Bealach Féich
17.	16-3-2013	Corcaigh	0-12	Dún na nGall	0-10	Páirc Uí Rinn

Dún na nGall have won eleven games, Corcaigh five with one draw. Corcaigh have lost on their three previous visits to Béal Átha Seanaidh – in 1986, 2002 and 2005

Last Meeting Here – 2005

Dún na nGall were already relegated from Division IA by the time Corcaigh came to Béal Átha Seanaidh on April 3, 2005. Corcaigh were on top in the first half and, were it not for two superb Shaun Boylan saves, would have been well ahead at half-time. As it was, they led by 1-4 to 0-4, having played with the wind. They lost Nicholas Murphy who was injured before half-time. Dún na nGall, inspired by Brian Roper on his home turf, took over in the second half and goals by Adrian Sweeney, Colm McFadden and Brendan Devenney left Brian McEniff a far happier manager than Billy Morgan at the end of the day as Dún na nGall won.

Dún na nGall: Shaun Boylan, Éamonn McGee Raymond Sweeney, Éamonn Reddan, Karl Lacey Barry Monaghan Kevin Cassidy, Rory Kavanagh Michael Hegarty (0-1) Brian Roper (0-3), Colm A. McFadden (1-2) Brendan Devenney (1-2) Adrian Sweeney (1-2). Subs: Shane Carr, Stephen McDermott, Ciarán Sharkey, Paddy McNulty.

Corcaigh: K. Murphy, S. O' Brien, D. Duggan, K. O' Connor, O. Sexton A. Lynch M. Cronin, James Masters (1-2) C. McCartney (0-1) A. Cronin, P. Clifford, B. O' Sullivan, C. Crowley (0-2). Subs: K. McMahon, D. Hurley (0-1)

Referee: Liam Bannon (Longfort).

Neil Gallagher and Christy Toye (0-1):

N. Murphy and S. Levis (0-1):

The First Game –

6 April 1952

Dún na nGall's first senior competitive game against Corcaigh was also Dún na nGall's first senior competitive game in Páirc an Chrócaigh. Consequently, it was a much-hyped National Football League semi-final with Dún na nGall on a high following their Dr. Lagan Cup final replay victory over Ard Mhacha and their quarter-final victory over Sligeach on that famous day in Glenties. Dún na nGall put up a valiant show on their Páirc an Chrócaigh debut but Corcaigh prevailed by 3-3 to 0-7.

Dún na nGall: Con Halpin, Patsy Brogan Pearse Dawson Bernard Coyle, Hughie Tim Boyle Jim Gallagher capt. Peadar McGeehin, Frankie Brennan Conal McCauley Charlie Collins, Paddy Coyle Tom Wickham Seán McGettrick. Michael J. (Rua) Gallagher and Frank O' Donnell.

Corcaigh went on to beat Baile Átha Cliath in the N.F.L. 'Home' final 2-3/1-5 and Nua Eabhraich in the final 1-12/0-3. The final team was: Dan O'Keefe, Cormac Dineen 'Weeshie' Murphy Jim White, Donie O'Donovan Denis Bernard Mick Goold, Tom Moriarty Con McGrath Éamonn Young (capt), Mick Cahill John Joe Henchion Jim Cronin. Paddy O'Driscoll and John Cronin had played against Baile Átha Cliath. Denis Kelleher and Nealie Duggan.

Other Games

Corcaigh beat Dún na nGall by 0-10 to 1-6 in the 1985 Ford Open Draw competition semi-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh.

Corcaigh also beat Dún na nGall in the 2006 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship quarter-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh (1-11/1-10) and in the 2009 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship quarter-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh but we'd rather not talk. Dún na nGall beat Corcaigh 0-16/1-11 in the All-Ireland semi-final of the glorious Christy Toye and Colm McFadden played in the 2002 League game here. Colm also played in the 2005, 2007, 2012 and 2013 League games.

Éamonn McGee has played in Dún na nGall's last seven games against Corcaigh – in the

League in 2005, 2007, 2012 and 2013: and in the Championship in 2006, 2009 and 2012. Maith Éamonn!!

Aodh Ruadh “Centre of Excellence” nearing completion

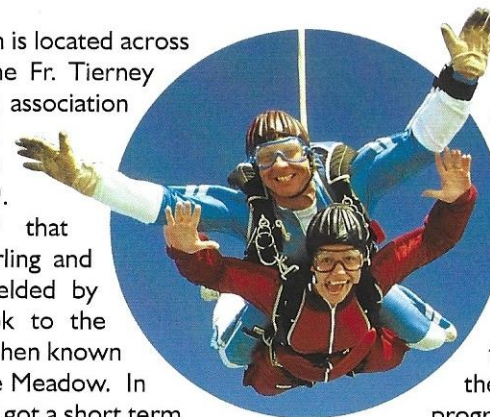
Club personnel will “take to the skies”

Páirc Aodh Ruadh is located across the road from the Fr. Tierney Park and its first association with the local Club here dates back to 1909.

In October of that year the first hurling and football teams fielded by Aodh Ruadh took to the field in what was then known as the Workhouse Meadow. In 1981 Aodh Ruadh got a short term rental on the property from Donegal County Council who planned building a housing scheme there. By 1987 the Club had succeeded in providing the Co. Council with an alternative site and succeeded in acquiring its “Alma Mater”.

Due to funding shortages nothing much happened with the property for the next 20 years. By 1997 the Park Development Committee of the Club had secured c. €¼m in various grant aid and the Club decided to proceed with a major “Centre of Excellence” development. The Club Committee at the time raised its contribution to the development, mainly through long term borrowings. In 2009 the new playing fields were officially opened and works have proceeded incrementally over the past 5 years. Completion of the original vision of a Centre of Excellence for Aodh Ruadh is now drawing near and it is anticipated that in 2015, some 35 years after “getting our foot in the door” at John Munday's field, we will be finally able to say “the job is done!” An important fundraiser is now in the planning to help fund this objective.

It is now expected that 10 Aodh Ruadh personnel will “take the jump” for the Club



in April of this year, in a co-ordinated Parachute Jump fund-raiser. Each participant will have the support of a few Club personnel to help them with small, local fund-raisers.

All of the funds will go towards putting the finishing touches to the current major work programme at Páirc Aodh

Ruadh. The two Prunty sand-based playing fields there, together with the floodlit facilities provided in 2013, are being augmented with a Hurling/Rebound Wall, a Fitness Trail, already under construction, and a small toilet block. With the aid of Employment Schemes a terrific team of local workers are taking the Project work forward. Funding is needed to support this important local Employment initiative and to purchase materials.

The Fitness Trail is already nearing completion and is 650m long with a 5 lane 100m sprint section. It will be a huge resource for team preparation and there will also be a facility for local people to use it on an individual or group basis.

Provision has been made for floodlighting the Fitness Trail and a successful fund-raising venture will ensure this happens quickly. The Hurling/Rebound wall, which will be floodlit, will be of particular benefit to our Youth coaches in both hurling and football.

To participate in or support the Parachute Jump please contact co-ordinator Conal Gallagher directly on 0862112812. The full team of participants and their fund-raising plans will be announced shortly.

What is the price of an airline ticket?

by Gerry McLaughlin

I suppose it depends on the value of the passenger.

Well when the Kildare county board stopped paying Larry Tompkin's flight home in the mid 1980s, they gave the Rebel Cork one of it's greatest ever imports and cost them the services of one of the country's greatest ever marksmen.

Larry Tompkins went south and went on to captain Cork to an All-Ireland title

in 1990 and played in four All-Ireland finals on the trot from 1987 to 1990.

In those years he was known as the "Equaliser" as he pulled the Rebels back from the brink of so many defeats from their arch nemesis from Meath.

Tompkins sipped sorrow from a rusty spoon at the hands of the Royals in 1987 and 1988.

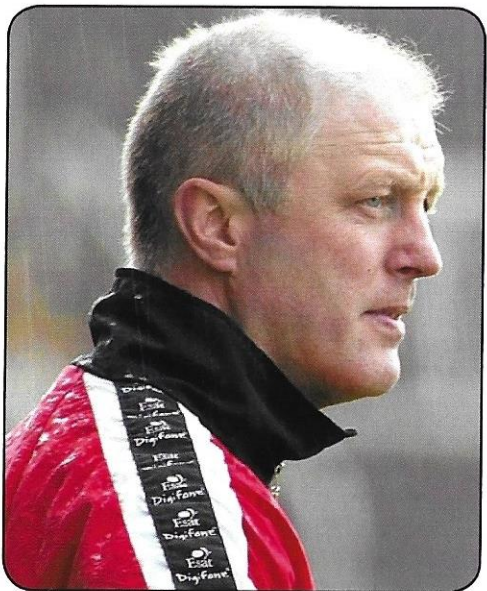
But he got sweet revenge in 1990 after Cork had beaten Mayo in the 1989 All-Ireland Final.

So what made him so great?

He was not a naturally gifted footballer in the Rory Gallagher mould but he was strong, athletic, determined and had a great leap for possession.

In many ways he was the Henry Shefflin of the free-taking world.

Shefflin was never as naturally gifted as DJ Carey but he was more effective over a



longer period of time and Tompkins knew his own limitations but worked like a demon to master his craft.

Larry Tompkins hit thousands of frees in his quest for perfection.

His devotion to improving his own game and the way he battled injury marked him as a man of exceptional character.

Larry always led by example.

Any free from 50

to 55 metres was expected to be pointed when Tompkins pulled on the red Rebel jersey.

But he was also truly inspirational for his Cork club Castlehaven as his sheer physical strength and accuracy allied to an unquenchable desire for victory brought that small club to three Munster club titles. Larry also picked up three All Stars and managed the Cork senior footballers from 1996 to 2003.

In 1999 he took Cork to an All-Ireland final but those grim legionnaires from Meath once again proved to be their nemesis.

In every sense Larry Tompkins was a major influence over Cork football for well over 12 years.

And he is a shining example to all young footballers that if you want success then it costs... a helluva lot more than the price of an airline ticket!

QUIZ

by Willie Scott

1. Paul Flynn of Dublin once shared accommodation at DCU with two other All-Ireland winners. Name them!
2. Donegal made their first appearance at Croke Park in a National League semi-final against Cork. Name the year!
3. Nemo Rangers have won 7 All-Ireland Senior Club Championships. In which year did they win their first?
4. Rory Gallagher has won two Provincial Senior Club Championships and an All-Ireland Senior Club Championship playing for Clubs in Leinster and Ulster. Name the 2 Clubs.
5. Marty Morrissey was born in Cork in 1958. With which Clare Club did he play football?
6. Cork has a distinguished history of producing dual players, successful in Football and Hurling. Which of them is unique in having won Senior All-Ireland Football and Hurling Medals in the same year?
7. "We carried him at last" was a tribute paid by which Corkman who was one of the pallbearers at Christy Ring's funeral?
8. How many Donegal Senior Football Championships have Aodh Ruadh officially won?
9. How many GAA Clubs are there in Donegal?
10. Donegal and Cork are two of only five counties to defeat Kerry in their first Championship meeting. Name the other three!
11. How many Railway Cup Medals as Manager of the Ulster Football Team has Brian McEniff won?
12. What is the overall score in the 14 series of International Rules Football played between Ireland and Australia?
13. Who threw up the ball at the start of Donegal's 1st All-Ireland Semi-Final against Offaly at Croke Park in 1972?
14. "The football shall weigh not less than ? g and not more than ? g and shall have a circumference of not less than ? cm and not more than ? cm". What are the right measurements?
15. Brian McEniff acted as mentor for which celebrity in the Celebrity Bainisteoir television programme?
16. A county team is fined how much for every minute that they exceed the 15-minute half-time interval?
17. Which Football Allstar winner has a brother and two nephews who are also Allstar Award winners?

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Division One table toppers come north

By Peter Campbell, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

Cork arrive in Ballyshannon today sitting pretty at the top of the Allianz Division One table after two wins in their opening games - at home to Dublin and away to Monaghan three weeks ago.

Manager Brian Cuthbert is in his second season in charge and the Cork team list has a much different look to it with a host of new names making the breakthrough.

The Rebels were probably motivated by the fact that they have a very tough League schedule, having to play all four Ulster teams away from home. (They have further trips to Omagh and Celtic Park on March 15th and April 5th respectively).

Cork are one of the top teams that Donegal have a healthy record against. Of the 17 times they have met, Donegal have 11 victories with Cork winning 5 and one game drawn.

However, their most recent meeting in Pairc Uí Rinn in 2013 ended in a two point

defeat for Donegal - 0-12 to 0-10.

The teams and scorers that day were -

Cork: Ken O'Halloran; Michael Shields, Jamie O'Sullivan, Eoin Cadogan; Paudie Kissane (0-2), Noel O'Leary, Tomás Clancy; Graham Canty, Aidan Walsh (0-1); Fintan Goold, Andrew O'Sullivan (0-1), Mark Collins (0-2, 1f); Barry O'Driscoll (0-1), Colm O'Neill (0-2), Paul Kerrigan (0-1). Subs: Liam Shorten (0-2) for O'Neill (18), Donncha O'Connor for Goold (45), Alan O'Connor for D O'Sullivan (61), Daniel Goulding (70).

Donegal: Paul Durcan; Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Eamon McGee; Declan Walsh, Frank McGlynn, Leo McLoone; Rory Kavanagh, Michael Murphy (0-5, 4f, 45); Ryan Bradley, Patrick McBrearty (0-1), Neil Gallagher; Dermot Molloy (0-1), Colm McFadden (0-3, 2f, 45), Ross Wherity. Subs: Martin McElhinney and Ryan McHugh for Molloy and Wherity (53).



RORY CLOSE TO HOME

For new Donegal manager, Rory Gallagher, he will be close to home today for this encounter with Cork. The Belleek-born Gallagher has got a good response from the Donegal players since taking over from Jim McGuinness.

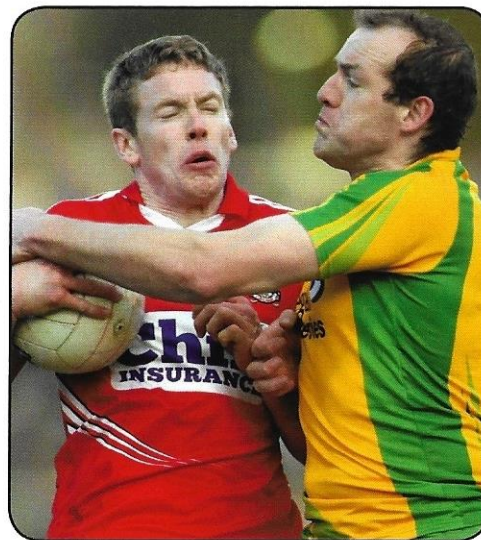
It has been a reasonable start for Gallagher, defeating Derry convincingly in the opening league game in MacCumhail Park on the last night of January and then going down to Dublin in Croke Park a week later.

Michael Murphy and Patrick McBrearty shared ten points on the opening night and then shared eight points in Croke Park last time out. Donegal will need to get more players stepping up to the plate in the scoring stakes to ensure a win today. Donegal and Rory Gallagher have made no secret of the fact that retaining Division One status is

the first objective. A win today and the same again on Sunday next when Donegal entertain Monaghan in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, would put them very close to that target.

Division One Table after Round 2

Pos	Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
1	CORK	2	2	0	0	38	35	4
2	MONAGHAN	2	1	1	0	35	29	2
3	DUBLIN	2	1	1	0	32	29	2
4	MAYO	2	1	1	0	27	24	2
5	DONEGAL	2	1	1	0	29	28	2
6	KERRY	2	1	1	0	30	30	2
7	TYRONE	2	1	1	0	23	26	2
8	DERRY	2	0	2	0	25	38	0



Allianz Football League Roinn 1 2015

Round 1

Tyrone 0-9 Monaghan 1-13

Donegal 1-15 Derry 0-12

Cork 1-15 Dublin 0-16

Kerry 0-10 Mayo 2-11

Round 2

Dublin 2-10 Donegal 0-11

Derry 0-13 Kerry 1-17

Monaghan 1-16 Cork 2-14

Mayo 1-7 Tyrone 1-11

Round 3 - Saturday February 28th, 2015

Tyrone v Derry Omagh

Sunday March 1st, 2015, 2.00 pm

Kerry v Dublin Killarney

Donegal v Cork Ballyshannon

Mayo v Monaghan Castlebar

Round 4 - Saturday March 7th, 7.00

Dublin v Tyrone Croke Park

Sunday March 8th, 2 p.m.

Donegal v Monaghan Letterkenny

Cork v Kerry Páirc Uí Rinn

Derry v Mayo Celtic Park

Round 5 - Saturday March 14th, 7 p.m.

Mayo v Dublin Castlebar

Sunday March 15th

Kerry v Donegal, Tralee, 2 p.m.

Tyrone v Cork Omagh, 2.30

Monaghan v Derry, Clones, 2.30

Round 6 - Saturday March 28th, 7 p.m.

Dublin v Derry, Croke Park

Sunday March 29th, 3 p.m.

Cork v Mayo Páirc Uí Rinn

Donegal v Tyrone Ballybofey

Kerry v Monaghan Tralee

Round 7 - Sunday April 5th, 3 p.m.

Mayo v Donegal Castlebar

Derry v Cork Celtic Park

Monaghan v Dublin Clones

Tyrone v Kerry Omagh

Semi-finals: April 12

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Quiz Answers

1. (Michael Murphy, Aidan Walsh); 2. (1952); 3. (1973); 4. (Saint Brigid's, St Gall's); 5. (Kilmurry Ibrickane); 6. (Teddy McCarthy); 7. (Paddy Barry); 8. (12); 9. (40); 10. (Down, Derry, and Dublin); 11. (12); 12. (Ireland 7, Australia 7); 13. (Bishop A McFeeley of Raphoe); 14. (480 - 500g; 68 - 70cm); 15. (Neil McCafferty); 16. (€80); 17. (James McHugh)



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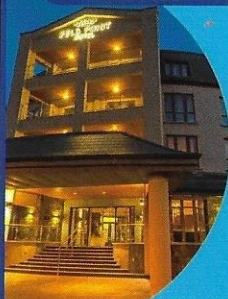
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Valuing the Volunteer

More commonly seen at a goalpost, many people will have to take a second glance to recognise the man in the photo, John Murrin of Killybegs.

He is a life long member of the Killybegs club and a member of the Park committee for the past 48 years.

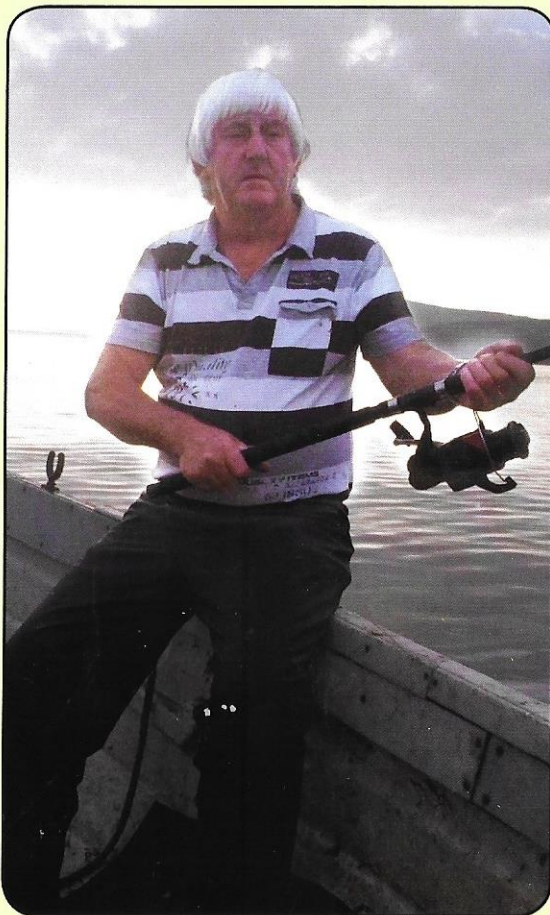
John is always on hand to cut grass, line the field, patch the nets, umpire or sweep out the club rooms. John can be seen lining the pitch during his lunch break and then like clockwork every Monday night helps runs the Bingo for the club. He also helps to run club poker classics and is a trustee of Killybegs GAA for a number of years.

As an umpire for our club and for former inter-county referee, Jimmy White, he has covered many a game, to name a few John has umpired at Tommy Murphy

All- Ireland Final Tipperary v Wexford in 2005,

An All-Ireland Senior Football Semi Final replay in 2008, Connaught Championship games, Leinster Championships, Ulster Championship games at all levels including colleges, All Ireland Club Semi Finals, All Ireland qualifiers and McKenna Cup games, (In 2014 John got to realise his lifelong dream, he was asked to umpire at a Killybegs u8 Blitz).

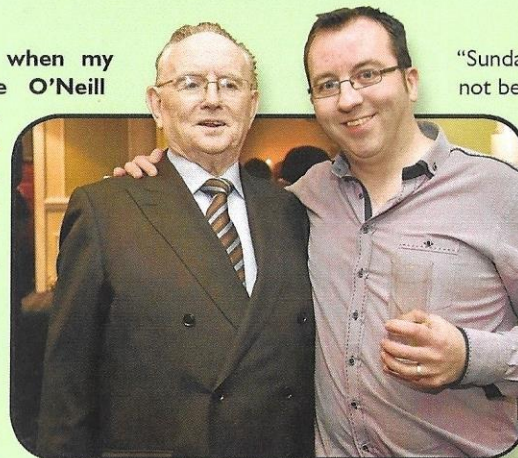
Johns is also an active member of Killybegs Special Olympics Committee, the rowing club, and many other committees, not just a GAA but A Community man, John is truly a Valued Volunteer.



Sunday Sport – “There’s longevity in Radio”

By Barry O'Neill - Series Producer – RTE Radio One “Sunday Sport”

In October 1982 when my father Owen Roe O'Neill negotiated the traffic from Fairs Sean MacDiarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon, I was sitting in the back seat of the Red Cortina as the homemade Donegal flag flew proudly from the rooftop. To this day, I can still recall the enthusiastic tone of Jimmy Magee on “Sunday Sport”



Barry O'Neill - Producer Sunday Sport with Jimmy Magee on his 80th Birthday recently.

(Photo:Ray McManus - Sportsfile)

on RTE Radio One declare “Donegal are All-Ireland Champion’s” Thankfully on several occasions since then, Donegal have had two notable All-Ireland Senior Football victories, but quite regularly I can still hear Jimmy declare that famous phrase and ironically some 20 years later in the Autumn of 2002 I found myself sitting across from the same Jimmy Magee reading the results of the day on “Sunday Sport”.

Jimmy turned 80 years last week and I gathered with many other RTE Colleagues to celebrate the “Memory Man’s” birthday in Dundrum. I have over the last 14 years learned my trade as they say as a Radio Reporter, Presenter and Producer from people like Jimmy, Brian Carthy and indeed the Late Sean Og O’Ceallachain.

“Sunday Sport” on RTE Radio One is an institution of Radio broadcasting, now in its 45th year it’s the longest running Sports Programme on Radio, it was the platform for Michael O’Hehir, Sean Og O’Ceallachain, Philip Greene, Michael O’Muireartaigh, Jimmy Magee and many more in 2008 I took over as the Producer of

“Sunday Sport” and today I will not be in Fr. Tierney Park, I will be in Studio 10 in the RTE Radio Centre in Donnybrook directing the Programme. Its fair to say that the sound of the programme really does reflect Gaelic Games on a weekly basis, 12 months of the year. On any typical National League or Championship Sunday we would have in excess of 10

GAA venues covered around the Country with commentators, analysts and reporters.

“Sunday Sport” has never really changed its format in those 45 years since its inception, my job as the present day Producer is no different to the programme’s first Producer, ensure that the scores are broadcast as they happen and be fair as possible to all venues. The preparation for the programme can be quite demanding and with modern day technology the opportunities are quite amazing, on one hand with Mike McCartney Reporting on the Cooley Mountains on the All-Ireland Poc Fada Finals to several minutes later giving Greg Allen his cue to give the latest from Augusta National on the US Masters

I was once told by a renowned Radio and TV Presenter that “there’s longevity in Radio” and I often think about what Sean Og said, and he is correct because no matter where your from or who you are, I have no doubt that you will tune to Radio today to hear those other full time scores from around the country “Sunday Sport” on RTE Radio from 2pm every Sunday since 1970 !!!



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ALLIANCE NFL DIVISION 1

CORK'S unbeaten record fell to 14-man Donegal in Ballyshannon where the one-point losing margin actually flattered them.

The Arctic gale that blew down Fr Tierney Park was a far cry from Dubai where half the Donegal squad had a week's holiday recently but their sojourn in the sun did them no harm, especially Frank McGlynn, whose barnstorming performance somehow managed to outshine his deep tan.

After being outmuscled by Dublin last time out, Donegal never shirked a hard yard or a tough tackle here and showed great resolve, especially when they lost Michael Murphy to a second yellow card in the 51st minute.

They were leading by five points at the time, kicking on quickly after taking over the wind advantage at half-time when it was deadlocked on 0-5 apiece.

Murphy's first-half yellow looked harsh enough but his second - a late tackle on Eoin Cadogan - immediately threw the visitors a lifeline, particularly as he had just struck a magnificent free from the left sideline to put them 0-10 to 0-5 clear.

Any team that packs its defence as tightly as Donegal is always going to spring leaks once it loses a man and the dyke was breached virtually immediately.

Within six minutes, Cork had scored 1-2 and got the gap back to a single point and the goal was fisted home by

wing-back Tomas Clancy after a great cross from Brian Hurley, who followed it with a quick point.

Suddenly a game that had lacked any serious penetration or attractive attacking football - it was like a bad game of zone defence basketball before half-time, with both sides struggling to get a clean shot off - opened up and Donegal got two goal chances themselves that they wasted.

But Odhran MacNiallais matched Murphy by spinning over an extraordinary shot from 50 metres and Paddy McBrearty got a vital insurance point before Colm O'Neill cut it to a minimum again.

"These narrow wins are good for (the) character," Donegal boss Rory Gallagher grinned. "We probably overplayed it a bit, there were times we went for goal and probably should have put it over the bar," he admitted. "But what was pleasing was the way that we created those opportunities."

DEPTH

What was underlined was the growing depth in Donegal's squad. Marty O'Reilly was the main scorer yesterday with 0-4 from play but McBrearty and MacNiallais also provided a big threat.

Christy Toye continued his extraordinary Benjamin Button impression in a midfield where Neil Gallagher was also excellent. McGlynn and Mark and Ryan McHugh drove it from the half-back line, Neil McGee held Colm O'Neill scoreless and Martin McElhinney and Eamon McGee did well off the bench.

Donegal had reportedly worked hard on a new longer kick-out strategy beforehand but the conditions dictated that they couldn't showcase it.

But they still dominated midfield, especially when Ken O'Halloran was kicking into the teeth of the gale, and the real mystery was why the Rebels didn't use their first-half wind advan-



Michael Murphy of Donegal fetches the ball ahead of Cork's Michael Shields during yesterday's Allianz NFL clash at Ballyshannon SPORTSFILE

tage to much better effect.

Apart from one exception, Cork simply didn't counter-attack quickly enough or use long kicks to beat the blanket defence.

"We didn't want to over-kick the ball as you saw Donegal do there in the second half when some of their attacks went wide," Rebel boss Brian Cuthbert said.

"At the same time we allowed Donegal too much time to get bodies back. When that happens fellas don't want to give away the ball, they became stationary and it becomes very frustrating," he admitted.

Cork's young half-forward line of John O'Rourke and the O'Driscoll brothers worked their socks off but as a team they looked naive at times, taking the wrong option with their final pass too often. It wasn't until some experienced operators came off the bench that they began to click.

"I said from the outset, teams would take points from each other in this

division and today was a case in point," Cuthbert added.

The one worry for Donegal was that this was the second game in a row that Murphy didn't finish. His prowess means he taking a lot of unfair punishment but needs to curb his own recklessness too.

"Michael is a big guy and he goes into a lot of contact and sometimes things look a little worse than they are," Gallagher observed diplomatically.

Man of the Match: Frank McGlynn

SCORERS - Donegal: M O'Reilly 0-4, P McBrearty 0-3 (1f), M Murphy 0-3 (3f), C Toye, O MacNiallais (f) 0-1 each. **Cork:** C O'Neill 0-4 (4f), Tomas Clancy 1-0, M Collins, K O'Driscoll and B Hurley 0-1 each, D O'Connor 0-1 (f).

DONEGAL - P Durcan 7; P McGrath 8, N McGee 8, E Doherty 7; F McGlynn 9, K Lacey 7, M McHugh 8; N Gallagher 8, C Toye 8; M O'Reilly 8, O MacNiallais 8, R McHugh 7; P McBrearty 8, M Murphy (capt) 6, H McFadden 6. **Subs:** M McElhinney 7 for H McFadden (h-t), C McFadden 6 for Toye (57), A Thompson 6 for Lacey (60), E McGee 8 for Doherty (65), J Gibbons for McBrearty (72).

CORK - K O'Halloran 7; Tom Clancy 7, M Shields 7, J Loughrey 6; J O'Sullivan 6, E Cadogan, Tomas Clancy 6; F Gould 5, M Collins 6; C O'Driscoll 7, J O'Rourke 7, K O'Driscoll 8; C O'Neill 6, D O'Connor 5, B Hurley 7. **Subs:** C Dorman 6 for O'Sullivan (42), P Kerrigan 7 for O'Connor (47), P Kelly 7 for C O'Driscoll (67), J Hayes 6 for K O'Driscoll (65), D O'G Hodnett 6 for O'Rourke (66). **REF** - J McQuillan (Cavan)