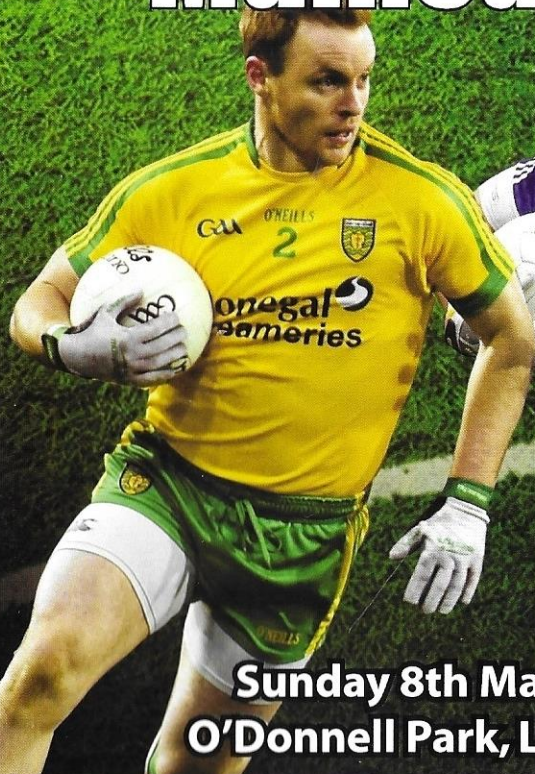


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On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to remind the Donegal supporters that our first team into championship action this year will be the Under 21 footballers on

Wednesday week, March 18th. We entertain reigning Ulster champions Cavan in Mac Cumhaill Park in a quarter-final tie so please come along and give your support to our lads.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy this afternoon's game and may the best team win.

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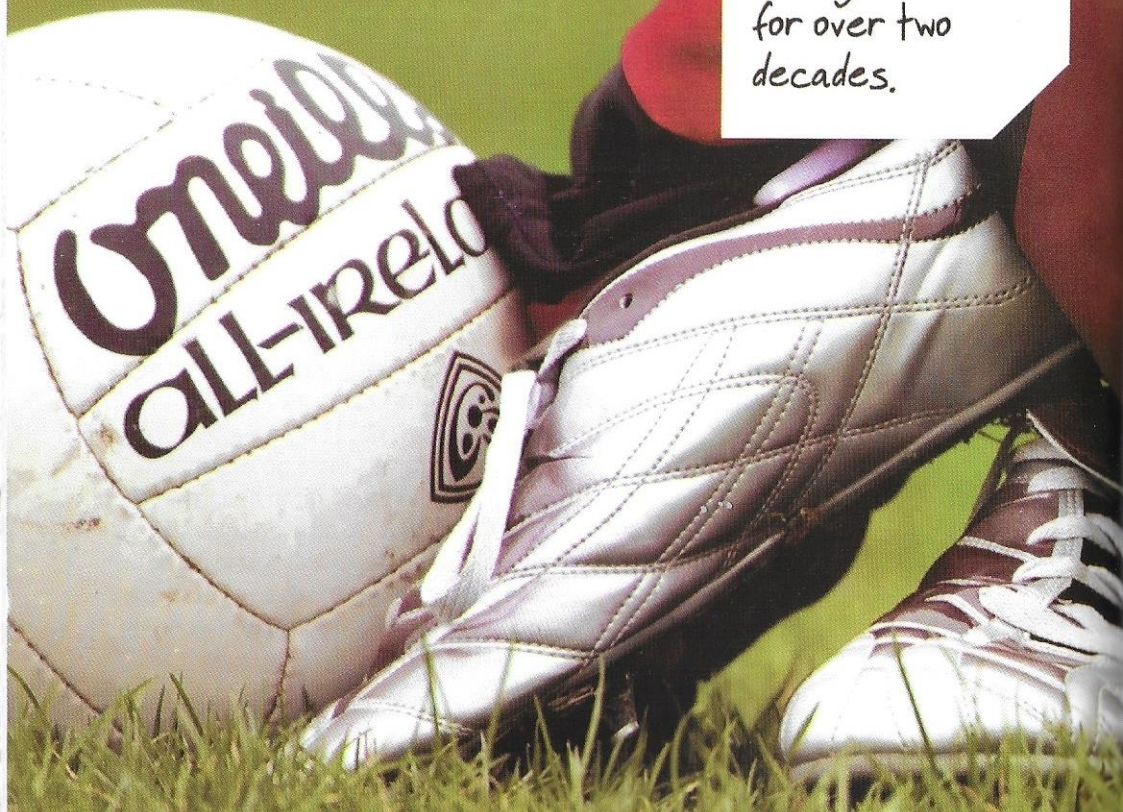
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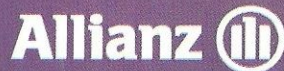


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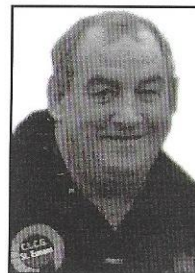
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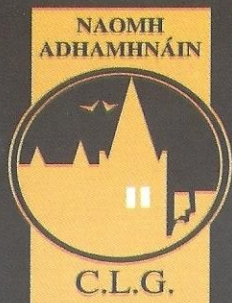
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Doherty proves that patience is indeed a virtue

By Alan Foley - Donegal Democrat



On the night of the St Eunan's annual dinner dance at the Mount Errigal Hotel in late January, Rory Kavanagh was making a first public appearance since announcing his retirement from inter-county football.

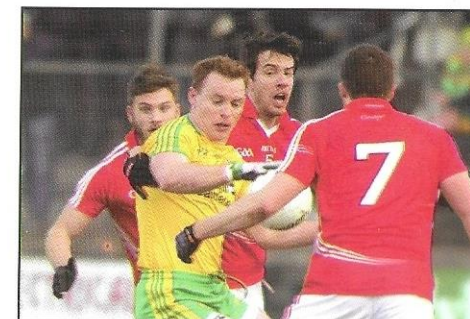
The Letterkenny club gave awards of recognition to Kavanagh - having worn the green and gold on 132 occasions over 14 years - and Eamonn Doherty, who was also a representative on the Donegal panel that lifted the Ulster championship last July and reached the All-Ireland final.

"The pressure is all on you now," Kavanagh said to Doherty with a grin as the pair posed for photographs with club chairman Cathal Greene.

Since then, Doherty, a maths teacher at Scoil Mhuire in Buncrana, has played in Croke Park for the first time and then featured in Donegal's 0-12 to 1-8 win over Cork last weekend at Fr Tierney Park on his second start for new manager Rory Gallagher in the Allianz League.

"It would be great to get the chance against Monaghan," Doherty says. "It's up to Rory Gallagher to pick the team that he thinks is best for Donegal and I've no problem with that. I played for Donegal at O'Donnell Park last year in the Dr McKenna Cup against Tyrone but have yet to play here in the league."

This time last year, Doherty was omitted from the matchday panel, having made a brief cameo in Portlaoise four weeks before, as Jim McGuinness's Donegal overcame Monaghan 2-10 to 0-11 in Division Two. Part of the reward for not making the matchday 26 is an extended warm-up according to Doherty, who still used the afternoon to his advantage.



Eamonn Doherty in the thick of the action for Donegal against Cork in Ballyshannon last Sunday

"I would watch on and wonder what it's like," he adds. "The standard of fella in the county now who aren't on the panel is so high that there's always someone who can come in and take the place off someone who is on the panel and doesn't want it. It's nearly a professional sport in that respect. You live like a professional and when you're off the pitch you behave yourself as best you can."

Last year, Kavanagh and Doherty helped St Eunan's to the RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta SFC. For skipper Kavanagh, it was his sixth Dr Maguire success; just one in front of 24-year-old Doherty. But Kavanagh, in that instance as the flashes of the camera lit up a little corner of the Mount Errigal, was speaking about Donegal.

"People say I'm decorated when it comes to medals but I just think I was lucky," Doherty says of his success at club level. "I was just very lucky to find myself in a dressing room with players at the club I was in awe of. It was just a very strong group and I was delighted to be part of it."

When the dust is wiped from the surface, it becomes starkly clear why Doherty, barely



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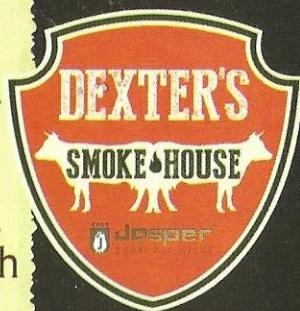
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Looking Back at the Past

By Pat Conaghan



Gaelic games were played long before the establishment of County GAA Boards in both Monaghan and Donegal. The Monaghan County Board was founded in 1887 while Donegal had to wait eighteen years later until 1905 for the formation of a County Board who would run activities in an organised fashion.

Records show that Donegal defeated Derry in the Ulster Hurling Championship a year previous to the establishment of the County Board. Records show that the GAA in Donegal had little activity from 1907 until 1919.

Joseph Murray a native of Monaghan town served as Monaghan county secretary in 1911 and acting secretary of Ulster Council in 1911-12 was transferred to Bundoran in 1915. He took up a post as a teacher in the National School and after settling down in the area commenced to organise the GAA and Gaelic League in the area.

With the assistance of a few GAA enthusiasts they succeeded in once again forming a Donegal GAA County Board in 1917. This meeting was presided over by General Eoin O Duffy secretary of Ulster Council.

With the Bundoran school closed in late 1918 early 1919 due to a serious flu epidemic Joseph Murray took up an organising job in the Killybegs area and while there stayed with a sister of PJ Ward T.D. who was an elected member of the first Dáil Éireann. P.J. Ward later served as Donegal G.A.A. County Chairman for two years in 1923-24.

Joseph Murray also represented Donegal at Ulster Council and was a delegate at adjourned Ulster Convention in April 1920 when the following incident was reported.

Armed aliens surrounded the place of the meeting and invaded the room. The secretary Eoin O Duffy was taken away by the military. The Council meeting was suspended while the secretary was taken away and resumed again with a motion of God speed and good wishes and a safe return.

The meeting continued under the eyes of the oppressors as an armed guard was placed in the room.

At the next meeting of 22nd May 1920 the secretary was once again back after a time in prison.

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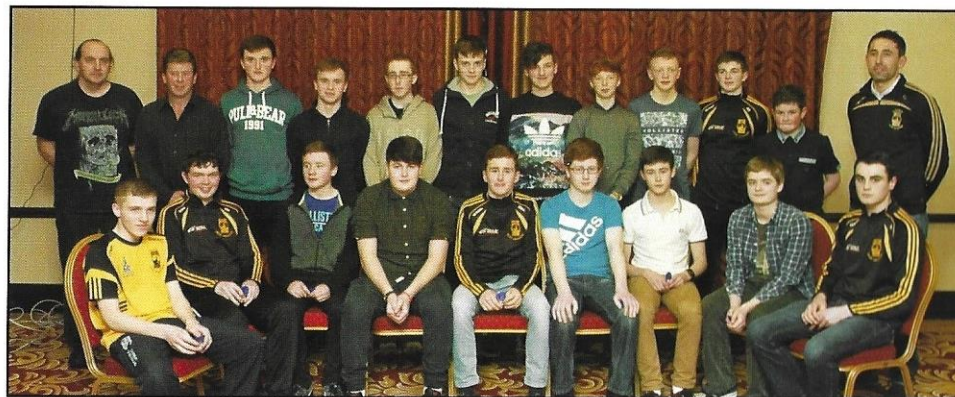
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Paddy Lennon (far left)

Paddy Lennon and his wife Ruth are very active members of St Eunan's GAA club.

Paddy comes from Tyholland in Co. Monaghan and Ruth hails from Slane in Co. Meath. Paddy and Ruth are members of the Academic staff at Letterkenny Institute of Technology.

Paddy became involved in coaching hurling in St. Eunan's when his eldest son began to play. All their children have played Hurling and Football for St. Eunan's but their love of hurling dominates their sporting lives.

Paddy Lennon is currently the manager of the St Eunan's Minor Hurling Team. He also manages the LYIT hurling team and is Assistant Manager to the Donegal Minor Hurling Team.

Their children Francis, Caoimhín and Saoirse have all played and coached in

St. Eunan's Friday Hurling Academy. Ruth coaches the U6 Hurling and Camogie players for the club.

Paddy says that his love of the GAA comes from his father Frank Lennon, a founding member of the Tyholland GAA club in Co. Monaghan. Frank Lennon is actively involved with the Tyholland GAA club at present.

Paddy is a very proud Monaghan man and is often seen wearing his Monaghan or Tyholland jersey while training St. Eunan's hurlers.

Paddy and Ruth believe that it is very important to be involved in the GAA as it is a great extended family. Paddy, Ruth and their children are making a significant contribution to the work of St. Eunan's GAA club and Donegal Hurling.

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Dún na nGall v Muineachán is becoming quite a rivalry in recent times. Today's meeting will be the sixth in just two years:

2013:	Dr. McKenna Cup:	Muineachán	3-16	Dún na nGall	1-5
2013:	S.F.C. Ulster Final:	Muineachán	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-7
2014:	N.F.L. Div 2:	Dún na nGall	2-11	Muineachán	0-10
2014:	N.F.L. Div 2 Final:	Muineachán	1-16	Dún na nGall	1-10
2014:	S.F.C. Ulster Final:	Dún na nGall	0-15	Muineachán	1-9

Dún na nGall fielded a totally experimental side in the 2013 McKenna Cup match. It is two victories each since then.

To-day's game seems to be the twenty-first League match between the two counties:

1.	12 Nov 1950	Muineachán	3-3	Dún na nGall	1-5
2.	19 Sept 1954	Dún na nGall	3-1	Muineachán	1-3
3.	5 Dec 1954	Dún na nGall	2-4	Muineachán	1-4
4.	9 Oct 1955	Muineachán	3-12	Dún na nGall	0-10
5.	30 Sept 1956	Muineachán	4-6	Dún na nGall	2-9
6.	20 Oct 1957	Dún na nGall	2-6	Muineachán	1-8
7.	5 Oct 1958	Dún na nGall	0-7	Muineachán	0-5
8.	21 Mar 1971	Muineachán	2-7	Dún na nGall	1-6
9.	6 Feb 1972	Dún na nGall	1-7	Muineachán	0-10
10.	4 Feb 1973	Dún na nGall	3-7	Muineachán	0-5
11.	3 Feb 1974	Dún na nGall	1-11	Muineachán	1-6
12.	8 Dec 1974	Dún na nGall	1-6	Muineachán	0-7
13.	14 Nov 1982	Dún na nGall	1-7	Muineachán	1-5
14.	6 Nov 1983	Muineachán	1-9	Dún na nGall	0-8
15.	25 Nov 1984	Muineachán	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-7
16.	13 Mar 1988	Muineachán	1-5	Dún na nGall	0-4
17.	12 Feb 1989	Dún na nGall	1-6	Muineachán	0-5
18.	15 Feb 2004	Dún na nGall	3-6	Muineachán	1-11
19.	2 Mar 2014	Dún na nGall	2-11	Muineachán	0-10
20.	27 Apr 2014	Muineachán	1-16	Dún na nGall	1-10

Dún na nGall won	11
Muineachán won	8
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The First Time - 1950

It appears that the first League meeting of the two counties was in the Dr. Lagan Cup final of 1950 in Irvinestown. On that day, my native Gaoth Dobhair had five players on the Dún na nGall team – Hughie Tim Boyle, Barney Coyle, and three from my own townland Cotteen – the Gallagher brothers, Micí Rua and Willie, and Antoin Rodgers. The three are still alive and well.

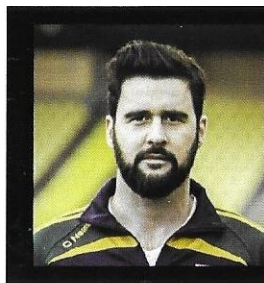
At centre half-back was the great, legendary Jim 'the Natch' Gallagher from Ballyshannon who passed away before Christmas 2013, God rest his soul. Ballyshannon's other great Gallagher, Red Jack, was top-of-the-left while two of St. Eunan's all-time greats, Peadar McGeehin and Joe Carroll, wore the number 7 and 8 jerseys, respectively. Ardara's still-alive-and-well Frankie Brennan was at right-half forward with the two famous 'blow-ins', McGettrick and Wickham, in the full-forward line. Charlie Campbell from Dungloe took over from Michael Mellett between the posts and Donegal's Jack McMullan and Bundoran's Séamus Kane completed the fifteen:

	Charlie Campbell:	
Jack McMullan	Hughie Tim Boyle	Barney Coyle
Séamus Kane	Jim Gallagher (0-1)	Peadar McGeehan
	Joe Carroll and Michael J Gallagher	
Frankie Brennan	Willie Gallagher (1-1)	Antoin Rodgers
Seán McGettrick (0-2)	Tom Wickham	Jack Gallagher (0-2).

Muineachán:

	J Duffy	
P McQuaid	Ollie O'Rourke	M McCaffrey
B Duffy	J Rice (capt) (1-0)	M Moyna
	B McKiernan (0-1) and Hughie McKearney (0-1)	
M McCormack (1-0)	T Moyna	B Shortt
T Clarke (1-0)	E McDonald	P O'Rourke (0-1)

It was a marvellous Dún na nGall performance and they were a bit unlucky that two softish goals gave Muineachán their one and only Dr. Lagan Cup final success. The teams were level 1-2/1-2 at half-time but Muineachán were ahead by 3-3 to 1-5 at full-time (though the 'Democrat' score-by-score account credited Dún na nGall with 1-6!).



Sean Feeny, Naomh Adamhnáin will sing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Dún na nGall v Muineachán match. Sean has represented his club, Naomh Adhamhnáin on both the field and stage. He is a two-time Scor Sinsear Ballad Group county title winner and also won the Solo singing title in 2012. Sean last sang Amhrán na bhFiann at Donegal's crucial league win over Cork at Mac Cumhaill Park that year.

Clontibret native Ward loving life in the 'Hills of Glenswilly'

By Ryan Ferry - Donegal News



Eamon Ward finds himself in an unusual position today as he is a member of the Donegal panel that faces his native county Monaghan.

Ward is from Clontibret in the Farnley County and he enjoyed great success on the field in the noughties, as his club were to the fore in the Monaghan SFC.

He transferred to Glenswilly four seasons ago and continued to excel, leading to his inclusion in the Donegal senior panel this season.



Eamon Ward in action against Derry's Emmet McGuckin in the Dr McKenna Cup in January

"Clontibret is my home club and I played for them from juvenile right up to senior. I moved to Letterkenny at the end of 2010 and joined Glenswilly," Ward explained.

"I never represented Monaghan at any level, but I had good success with Clontibret. We won the Monaghan championship in '06, '07 and '09.

"I played with Conor McManus, Vinny Corey and Dessie Mone and I would know them all very well. I still try to get up as much as I can to watch Clontibret play and I was delighted to see them have a good run in Ulster last year."

Ward's work as a vet brought him to Donegal and his timing was perfect. Glenswilly needed a defensive rock to help them land the coveted Dr Maguire Cup, and Ward was just the man to fill the void at full-back.

"I came in and joined a team that were so close to winning the championship and luckily we did it in my first year," he added. "We won it again in 2013 and made it all the way to the Ulster final.

"The Glenswilly people have been great to me and they have really accepted me and made

me feel part of the community.

"I'm working for the Donegal Animal Hospital and they have also been brilliant to me over the last couple of years and I would like to thank them for all their support."

It is strange for a player to begin his inter-county career in his thirties, but Ward's accomplished performances in a Glenswilly shirt caught the attention of new Donegal manager Rory Gallagher and earned him a call-up to the senior squad.

It was a busy few weeks for Ward, as he married Naomh Columba ladies player Sinead Doherty last December and he had only just returned from his honeymoon when he lined out against Derry in the Dr McKenna Cup. He turned 34 yesterday.

He went on to register a goal in Donegal's second game of the season against Queen's.

"I was surprised, but very happy to get the call and I'm really enjoying being part of the panel at the moment.

"I know I won't go on forever, but I'm making the most of it now."

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The legend of John Hannigan lives on

By Tom Comack - Donegal Democrat/ People's Press; Highland Radio



For the older generation of Donegal supporters attending today's game here at O'Donnell Park, there is a tinge of sadness.

The sadness is because one of the true legends of Donegal and St Eunan's football, John Hannigan, won't be among them.

Shortly after Donegal and Monaghan last locked horns here last year, Hannigan passed on to his eternal reward and is now up there among those great GAA giants of bygone times.

He was 75 and died in a Dublin hospital after a short illness.

In a glittering senior career that spanned 16 years, Hannigan played 114 times for Donegal and holds the record to this day of playing in 16 consecutive Ulster Championship campaigns.

While his trophy cabinet was not overladen with individual awards, the Letterkenny man was widely regarded as one of the finest most stylish Gaelic footballers of his time.

Yet, at a time when four or five Donegal men were regularly making Ulster inter-provincial teams and winning Railway Cup medals, he never played for the province.

Seamus Hoare, Bernard Brady, Paul Kelly, PJ Flood, Sean Ferriter, Neilly Gallagher, Frankie McFeely and Declan O'Carroll are all Railway Cup winners from the Hannigan years.

"It is amazing to think, John never played for Ulster in all his years with the county," Ferriter has said.

"I have often thought about this and there is no question he was good enough. I think John's problem was his versatility. He played in literally every position with the exception of goals and he was equally at home in any of the positions from corner-back to corner forward."

There always has been a great debate as to what

was Hannigan's best position.

"John was a terrific footballer and was so versatile that he was good no matter where he played," said Donegal's 1992 All-Ireland winning manager Brian McEniff. "But of all the positions, I think he was an outstanding centre-half back.

His problem at the time was that PJ Flood was the Ulster centre-half back so John had to be accommodated somewhere else in the team,"

McEniff goes on to give an example of Hannigan's versatility.

"We played Derry, in the 1967 Lagan Cup final in Irvinestown," McEniff added. "Sean O'Connell, at corner-forward, was the Derry dangerman so John was assigned to mark him for the day, which he duly did and held him scoreless.

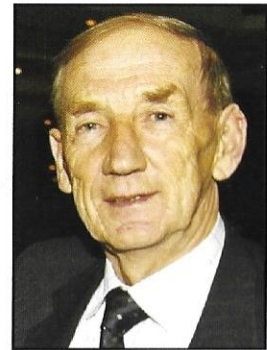
"John was also a brilliant place kicker and late in the game, we were awarded a free and John was called up to take it and duly pointed it and we won by a point.

"That for me, highlights John's versatility as a footballer. He simply was a great one, one of the best."

Hannigan won three Lagan and three McKenna Cups in his playing days with Donegal. And he won five Donegal Senior Championships and three Senior League titles with St Eunan's.

He managed Donegal in 1975 and 1976 and was named on the Donegal team of the Millennium. His legend will never die.

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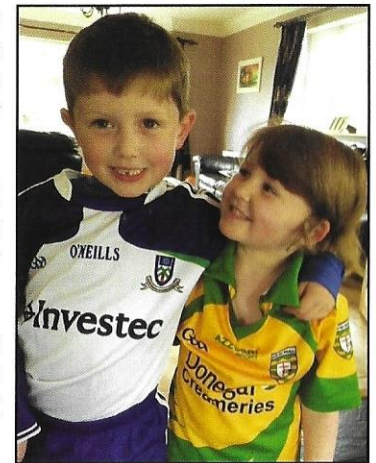
Donegal-Monaghan Connection



Joseph Routledge lives in Killanny on the Monaghan Louth border with his parents Siobhán and Paul. He has four sisters Aoibhinn, Aela, Mamie, Nainsí. He attends Scoil Naoimh Éanna in Killanny and his teacher is Miss Marron.

Fergal Quinn is his GAA football trainer and his local GAA Football Club is Killanny Geraldines. Joseph trains with the U8. His father is from Leicester and his mother from Rugby.

He has Donegal and Meath connections on his mother's side. His granny Nuala Mc Ginley comes from Gaoth Dobhair in Co. Donegal and his grandfather Seán Mc Connors comes from Drumconrath, Co. Meath.



Joseph is a proud Monaghan supporter but supports Donegal when Monaghan are not involved. He is pictured wearing the Monaghan colours with his sister Aela wearing the Donegal jersey. We hope to see him playing for Killanny in the future and maybe Monaghan!

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POS	TEAM	P	W	L	D	F	A	POINTS
1	MAYO	3	2	1	0	51	35	4
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3	KERRY	3	2	1	0	45	43	4
4	DONEGAL	3	2	1	0	41	39	4
5	TYRONE	3	1	1	1	34	37	3
6	DUBLIN	3	1	2	0	45	44	2
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8	DERRY	3	0	2	1	36	49	1

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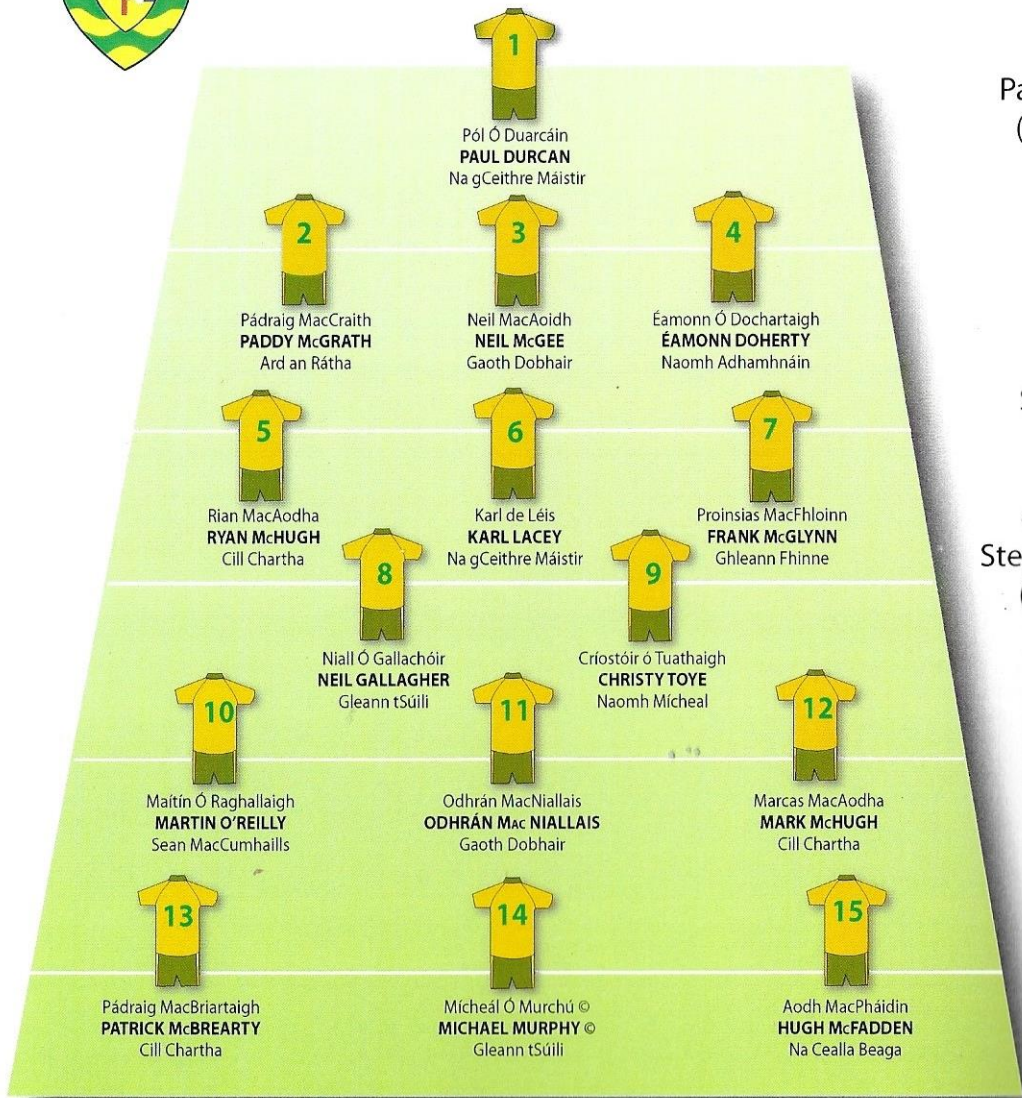
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- 25. **DARACH O'CONNOR**, Darach Ó Conchubhair, Bun Crannacha
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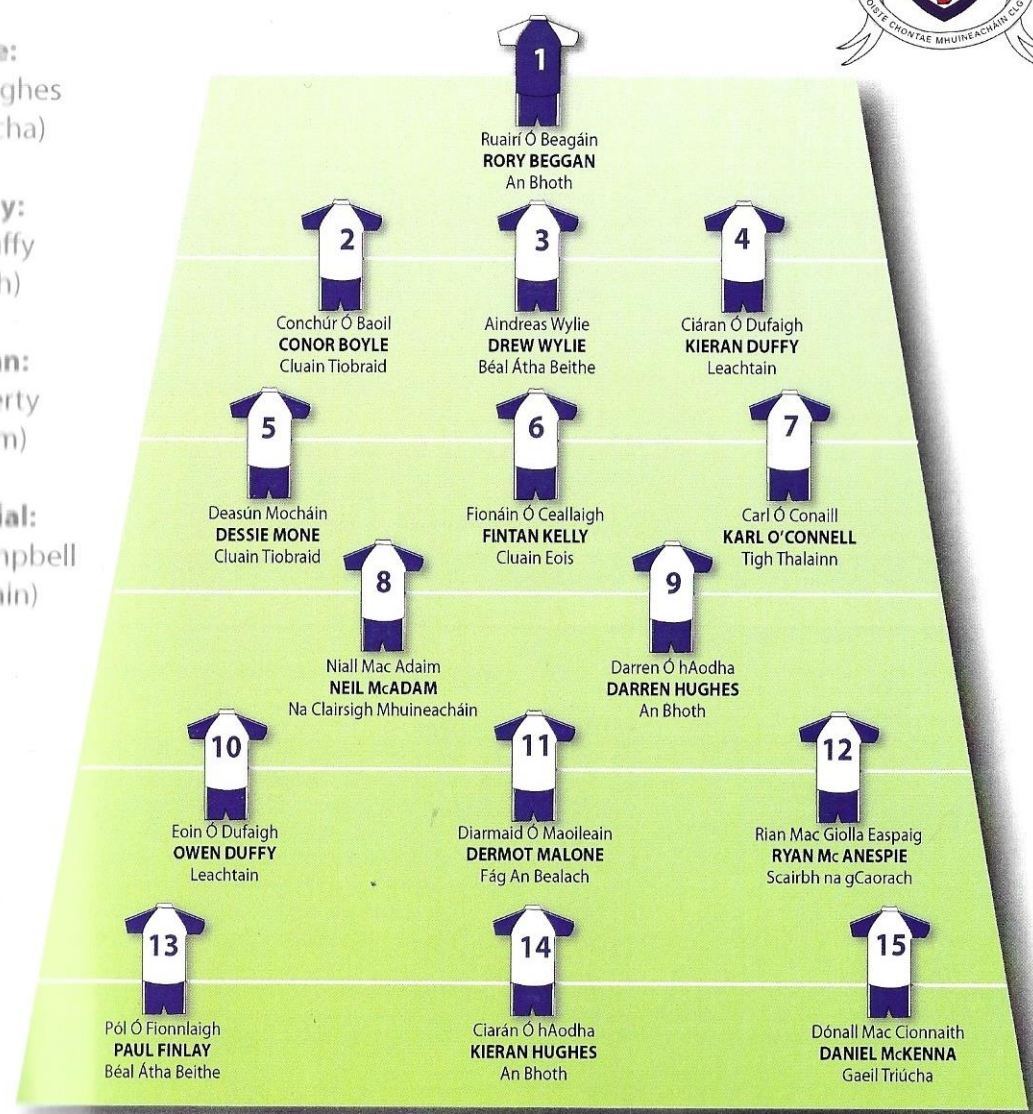
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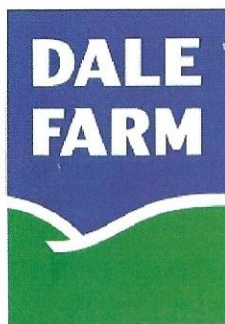
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Thanks for the memories Rory



The Donegal Executive Committee - on behalf of the members of the Association - wish to thank Rory Kavanagh for his service to Donegal GAA.

Rory has played during the lows and the highs in the last 13 seasons, during which time he has won many accolades and fans. The members of Donegal GAA owe Rory and his family a huge debt of gratitude for the commitment and the pleasure he has given us during his time in the Donegal jersey.

In 2012 Rory created a unique record on the playing field by winning an All-Ireland Senior Football medal, an Ulster Senior Football medal, an inter-provincial medal, Donegal All-County Football League Division One title and the Dr Maguire Cup for the Donegal Senior Football Championship. He is the only Donegal footballer to achieve this in the one calendar year.

A member of the Donegal panel that defeated Mayo in the 2012 All-Ireland final, Rory has become the first member of that 26-man matchday squad to retire. The 32-year-old was considering his inter-county future after the 2014 campaign which ended in mid-November when his club side St Eunan's were beaten in the Ulster Senior Club semi-final by St Enda's from Omagh.

He lined out in his first championship game in 2002 and has played 49 championship games for Donegal over 13 seasons.

Rory made his Donegal debut in a National League game against Cork in 2001 and made a total of 132 appearances for the county.

As well as winning a Celtic Cross in 2012, the St Eunan's midfielder won three Ulster Championships medals in 2011, 2012 and 2014. one Division One Allianz League medal in 2007,



Rory Kavanagh with his haul in 2012

a Division Two Allianz League medal in 2011, the 2009 Dr McKenna Cup and one inter-provincial.

Rory recently replied to two questions asked of him by the County PRO.

Q - What's your recollection of going to training for the first time? How it happened the personalities and any stories or memories from that period.

A - I remember Mickey Moran giving me the call up to the senior team. He managed our U-21 team that year as well when Cavan beat us in the semi-final. The year was 2001 and I made my league debut in Ballyshannon against Cork.

I enjoyed Mickey Moran's training. It was always with the ball. He had John Morrison along with him who was a very interesting coach, always challenging the way you thought about the game and he introduced us to new training methods and drills.

The team was littered with talented players.



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Brendan Devenney was unbelievable to watch in his day along with Adrian Sweeney. You felt you always had a chance of winning if those two clicked. Damien Diver was a hero for myself and a lot of the younger lads for his attitude and commitment to the jersey. He was Donegal to the core. Mark Crossan took myself and Conall Dunne under his wing and was a great help to me as I was settling in.

Q - The incredible turnaround in fortunes in the last few years. What do you attribute it to? What's the stand-out moment for you over the course of your career - and who would you credit for helping you to reach the heights that you did?

A - I remember talking with Jim McGuinness in the Clanree Hotel before the beginning of the 2011 season. He told me that I needed to cop myself on and snip the ties with, let's just say, the Letterkenny nightlife!

I could see where he was coming from. I was part of a team that had a reputation for enjoying themselves a bit too much. So I took it on board. I said to myself this is what I need - someone to

push me, get me out of the comfort zone I had been in for most of my career.

He wanted me to hit the gym five mornings a week before work and that was the way it was going to be from August until December and then it was down to four mornings.

Those first two years under Jim was the hardest I ever worked as a footballer, both on and off the field.

We had our eyes opened big time. I remember coming back home from some running session in Dunfanaghy and not being able to get out of the car. I was too sore.

Every time I went to get out I cramped so I just sat there in the car listening to music with my eyes closed until eventually I could bring myself to get out.

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Wishing Donegal all the best on Sunday

MacNiallais: Monaghan is another home game and those are crucial

By Frank Craig - Donegal Post



Donegal tackle Monaghan this afternoon in their penultimate Allianz League Division One home clash of 2015 knowing that a victory will put them in a great position to retain their top tier status.

Donegal have taken maximum points from their two home games to date against Derry and Cork respectively. After Monaghan, Tyrone are the final outfit to visit the north-west on the last Sunday in March.

Odhran MacNiallais admits that a win in Letterkenny today, which would leave Donegal on six points, would provide the side with a massive boost ahead of their visit to All Ireland final foes, Kerry, next weekend.

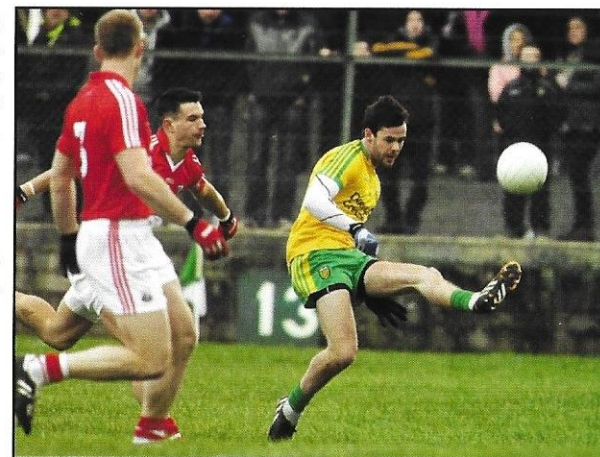
The Gaioth Dobhair man said: "To get four points from two home games, two weeks in a row, would be massive. But Monaghan are always a tough proposition. We played them in Letterkenny last year as well so they'll be familiar enough with their surroundings.

"Both sides know each other well at this stage. We're expecting a massive test. The right result would leave us in good stead heading to Kerry."

A lot of curious eyes were trained on Donegal in Fr Tierney Park last week wondering how sharp Rory Gallagher's men would be after their recent stint in Dubai.

The reigning Ulster champions – to their credit were moving excellently and were well on their way to a comfortable win over the league leaders until the dismissal of captain Michael Murphy tipped the balance back in the Rebels' favour.

"It was a massive two points," MacNiallais said on last Sunday's 0-12 to 1-8 toppling of Cork.



Odhran MacNiallais in action against Cork in Ballyshannon last week

"It's not just the win but the way we had to grind it out in the end that was most pleasing. Conditions were really difficult and it was tight going out on that pitch. It was a big result.

"But we have a lot of work done and we got a good bit of work done out in Dubai as well. It really stood with us, especially when Cork came at us in the last 20 minutes and us down to 14 men. It wasn't easy but we did well to see it through. The goal hit us and shook us a little. We knew then that we were going to have to dig deep."

MacNiallais also defended his skipper Murphy after the Glenswilly forward was dismissed courtesy of a second yellow card on 51 minutes. The sending off threatened to be Donegal's undoing despite at that stage holding a commanding five-point advantage.

MacNiallais argued: "He's a big man and he's hard to dispossess. People really go in hard on him. Referees probably don't see that side of it. He was a massive loss for us. He's our captain and our talisman. But thankfully it didn't cost us. We can take plenty from the last performance."

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Rory Gallagher - a man whose talents always came to the fore

By Peter Campbell - Donegal Democrat/ People's Press



The new Donegal manager, Rory Gallagher, was always different. His talents as a ball player were always to the fore - much more Brazil than West Germany.

His tally of 3-9 in a championship match for Fermanagh against Monaghan in 2002 will take some beating. He was leading scorer in the Ulster championship for three successive seasons.

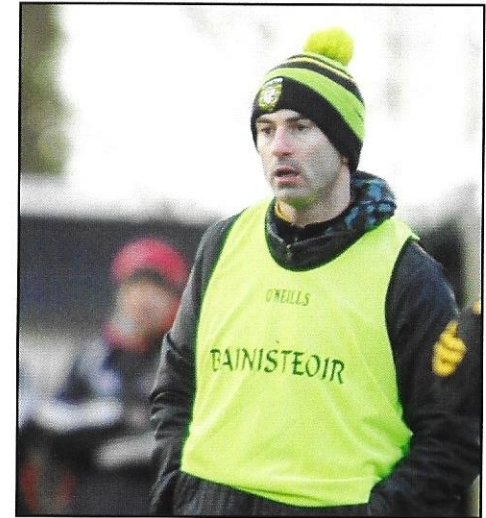
When he arrived in Killybegs in 2010, there was a very hopeful and speculative article on a quiet week in the Donegal Democrat that he might be persuaded to pull on the green and gold of Donegal.

Consider, he was only 32 at the time, playing his club football with St. Gall's of Antrim, who had won the All-Ireland club earlier that year. Donegal were not box office at the time, but later that year when Jim McGuinness took over, all that changed.

It changed too for Gallagher when, around Christmas time at the end of 2010, he was invited to become part of the Donegal backroom team and, as they say, the rest is history.

For three years he was by the side of McGuinness until they parted at the end of the 2013 campaign, but Gallagher was always the No 1 candidate to take the reins once the Glenties man had done his turn.

And so it came to pass. Gallagher in charge of Donegal. At 36, he doesn't turn 37 until around the time of the All-Ireland



Rory Gallagher

semi-final this year, Gallagher could just as easily be a player-manager.

Many of the qualities that the team possessed under the McGuinness/Gallagher system are still there, but you would think that the 'Brazil' in Gallagher will allow them just a teeny little bit more freedom. But we won't really know that until Tyrone come to MacCumhaill Park for that mouth-watering championship opener on May 17.

Gallagher has had charge of Donegal for six games to date - three in the Dr McKenna Cup and three in the Allianz League - and the win/loss ratio is 4-2. The two losses have been away from home - to Derry in Owenbeg and Dublin in Croke Park.

He will be very happy with the home form

- played four, won four. The Dr McKenna Cup for Donegal for the past five years has been all about giving fringe players a chance and that's how it should be.

Now almost halfway through the Division One campaign, Donegal have made a satisfactory start, even though they struggled to hold on last week against Cork in difficult playing conditions.

The league gets more competitive each year. Judging by some of the scenes in Castlebar and Killarney last weekend, maybe it is too competitive.

Today in Letterkenny, one of the combatants in Castlebar, Monaghan, come searching for much-needed league points. They are sitting in one of the relegation spots after two successive defeats and that, as much as anything, will make them very difficult opponents. They had two players - Stephen Gollogly and Ryan Wylie - shown straight red cards. Maybe that will make them more cautious. It is not the Monaghan way.

Donegal lost Michael Murphy to a second yellow card against Cork and in his absence the Rebels sensed that there might have been something for them in the fixture after all. The lesson for Donegal is that discipline, despite provocation, is paramount. No doubt every team in the country will target Murphy now but he is experienced enough to cope with that.

The league points at home are so vital. A win for Donegal today puts them four clear of Monaghan and very close to the safety net for survival in Division One. Defeat and they will be in a dogfight for the remaining three games - two of which are difficult trips to the Munster and Connacht champions.

Gallagher has mentioned a number of

times already this year the poor Donegal record on the road. Going to Tralee to face Kerry and Castlebar to face Mayo are not the sort of games that you would be rushing to your bookie to check out the odds on an away win.

That brings Donegal and Gallagher and today's encounter with Monaghan back into sharp focus. Donegal have a good record against the Farney men. They were much too strong for them at the same venue last year - 2-11 to 0-10. Odhrán MacNiallais came of age in that game, notching a great goal and went on to have a fantastic year in the Donegal colours.

Donegal and Gallagher will be hoping that MacNiallais or someone else steps up to the plate today.

But there is a bigger picture! A win today would allow the manager to start his championship preparations and, after all, that is the No 1 agenda of all intercounty managers.

The Belleek native had a capacity to be animated on the sideline as manager of Kilcar, but he cuts a very disciplined figure with the Donegal tracksuit. The family background is steeped in GAA and there was always strong connection to Tir Chonaill due to the close geography.

In charge, it is a case of so far, so good. There will always be comparisons to what went before under McGuinness, and that is totally unfair. But Gallagher, more than most, will know that. As a player, he was different and successful, so there is no reason to suggest that as a manager, he can't also achieve.

A win today would be a further step on that rung - maintaining a 100% home record and a comfort zone on the Division One table.

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Donegal's Ulster Success in Letterkenny

By Kieran Kelly



Donegal team 1933

On September 18 1905, a Gaelic club was established in Letterkenny for the first time called "Lámh Dearg", with Bishop Patrick O'Donnell as patron.

Over the years, several clubs in the town came and went, such as "Tirconail" and "Faugh A Ballagh" and by the early 1920s, two new clubs were established, the "Geraldines" and "Letterkenny Rovers".

Both of these clubs shared a pitch at Ballymacool, known locally as the Burn Field. The Geraldines won the Dr McGinley Cup (League) without defeat in 1926, and the following year Letterkenny Rovers won the County Championship.

However, due to emigration, only four months after securing the championship,

this club broke up. What remained amalgamated with the Geraldines to form a new club, "St. Eunan's", in 1927, playing their games at John Crumlish's field in Ballymacool. This club was in existence for only a short time though, playing 15 matches, and ceased to be in June 1928.

Two years later, on February 19 1930, a meeting was held consisting of 'representatives of An Garda, Tirconail Mental Hospital and former members of the GAA in the town' with the view to reform the old St Eunan's club using the grounds of the Asylum Hospital.

A year later, the club secured the hiring of a playing field in Glencar from Margaret

Kelly of Bomany and after renovations, this field became known as 'Gaelic Park, Glencar' and was chosen to host the Ulster Junior Football final in 1933 between Donegal and Derry. Donegal won 3-7 to 1-3 on August 13. The match report from the Derry People informs us:

"The final of the Ulster junior football championship was decided before a large attendance at the Gaelic Park, Letterkenny, on Sunday, when Donegal heavily defeated Derry. The weather was very favourable and a match of great interest, played at a fast pace was witnessed... Donegal played as a team. They were confident at every stage, and gave a great exhibition of dashing football and team tactics... On the whole team not a player was disappointing. This is certainly the best team that has represented Donegal for years."

The Donegal team on that momentous day was: McEnhill, J. Lawn, J.P. McGinley, Brown, E. Brady, Gallagher, T. Diver, P. Clancy, McGee, T. Gallagher, J. O'Donnell, Maxwell, Campbell, O. McFadden and K. Sweeney.

This strong Donegal team went on to defeat Cork in the All Ireland Junior semi final on September 2, 1933 at Croke Park, but sadly lost to Mayo on a scoreline of 2-15 to 2-2 in the All Ireland Junior Final on October 8, 1933.

Despite hosting the Ulster final, the St. Eunan's club soon wanted a permanent residence and four years later they bought a 7-acre field in Sallaghgraine for £300, calling it "O'Donnell Park", after Bishop O'Donnell.

At the official opening of 'the county's premier Gaelic stadium' on May 2 1937, Antrim hurlers defeated Donegal by 5-5 to 2-2 and Armagh defeated the Donegal footballers 2-5 to 1-7. Today, Gaelic Park Glencar is a housing estate and sadly the precise location for the site of Donegal's Ulster success is now lost in time.

Kieran Kelly is the author of 'Letterkenny: Where the Winding Swilly Flows', which is available in book shops or at www.letterkennytown.com. Email: windingswilly@gmail.com



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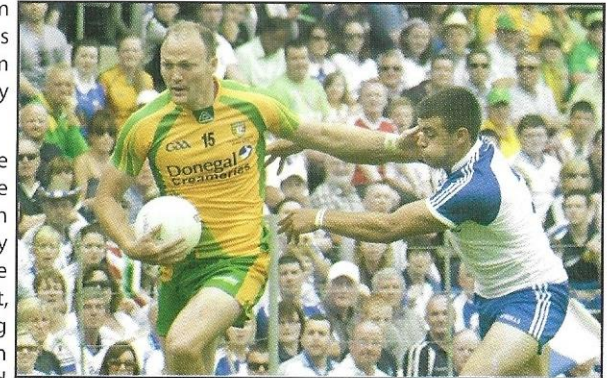
Wylie on a familiar trek to the north-west

By Damian Dowds - Inishowen Independent



Drew Wylie knows the road from Monaghan to Donegal as well as anyone - his fiancé, Aoife Grant, is from Burnfoot and he's made the journey up here many times.

She may wear Farney white and blue to matches, but when Donegal are the opposition the Ballybay clubman admits he hasn't managed to 'fully transfer her yet'. But banter with the Grants (Aoife's brothers play with Burt, her dad Colm is currently overseeing the clubhouse extension at Hibernian Park) will be far from Wylie's mind today.



Colm McFadden and Drew Wylie

Stung by last weekend's reversal in Castlebar, Wylie and Monaghan come in search of nothing less than a win.

"There was a lack of discipline on our own behalf," he acknowledges of the 3-15 to 0-11 defeat that saw Stephen Golligly and Ryan Wylie red carded. "We let ourselves down in how we responded [to the first sending off], lost our heads completely. "And you can't do that in Division One.

"Mayo are a top side, have been at the business-end of the All-Ireland for the past couple of years, and they punished us big time. But that game's over, and we're looking forward to taking on Donegal."

Having started out with a big win over Tyrone in Healy Park, Monaghan have since fallen to a narrow defeat to Cork and then that heavy defeat to Mayo.

This weekend looks like being a pivotal one in 2015 league: when the results of this fourth round are tallied, the broad shape of the teams competing for the semi final spots and those battling to avoid relegation should be a good deal clearer.

Nothing gets the competitive juices flowing

again like the sight of an Ulster rival, and Wylie is relishing the opportunity to take on Donegal for the fourth time in 12 months.

Donegal won last year's league encounter in O'Donnell Park in March, Monaghan exacted revenge in the Division Two decider in Croke Park in April, but the green and gold had the final word and won back the Ulster championship in Clones on the third Sunday in July.

"There was a good atmosphere in the game in Letterkenny last year, and we're looking forward to it," the Monaghan full back says. "The Ulster games are always competitive and there won't be more than a point or two in it. Donegal have beaten us a few times, and we've beaten them, but it's all on the day.

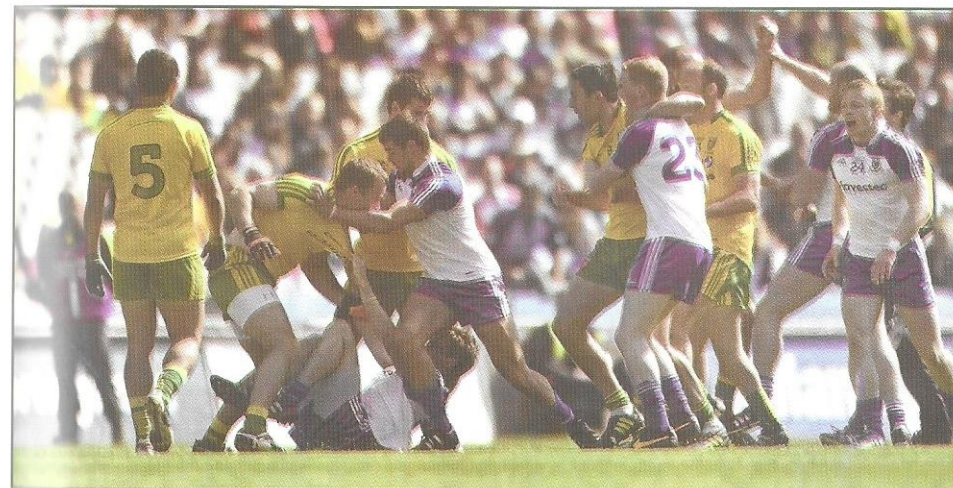
"The Mayo's game's over, and we're looking forward to the next one. We're just taking it one game at a time. For ourselves as a team, we know we need to put in a better performance. And if we can put in a good performance, hopefully the result will look after itself."

Given the recent history they hardly need telling, but Donegal must beware a Monaghan backlash.

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Donegal and Monaghan's 'New Firm' rivalry taking centre stage in Ulster

By Chris McNulty - Donegal News



Tempers flare during last April's Allianz League Division Two final between Donegal and Monaghan at Croke Park

During last year's Division Two final, Eamon McGee found himself the butt of a Monaghan man's joke.

Monaghan were on their way to victory and one of their players couldn't help himself. Rory Kavanagh had been sent off and Donegal just wanted the final whistle to shrill.

"The gist of it was that we couldn't get near them in the last few years," McGee said three months later before the counties met in the Ulster final.

"Right he was. You don't want that hanging over you when you finish football. It's something I never noticed, but unfortunately the stats are there."

Until the Ulster final in July, when Donegal avenged the 2013 final defeat to the Farnley county, Donegal hadn't beaten Monaghan in Championship football since 1983.

After having the rug pulled from under them by Monaghan the previous summer, 2014 meant a lot to Donegal.

Jim McGuinness left supporters in no doubt what it meant when he addressed a delirious homecoming in Donegal town.

"Today was the day we wanted," he said. "We wanted to be in Clones today and we wanted the opposition we played today. There was a lot of pain from last year. Those questions had to be answered."

All of a sudden, Donegal and Monaghan have become Ulster's big showdown.

In the 12 campaigns from 1999 to 2010, Tyrone and Armagh shared the Anglo-Celt between them, bookended by the respective Derry and Donegal victories over one another in 1998 and 2011.

While Dublin-Meath, Cork-Kerry and Galway-Mayo are the big ones in the other provinces, Ulster's war has changed over the decades. Tyrone-Armagh was undoubtedly the box office draw in the 'noughties', once attracting 19,631 for a Dr McKenna Cup final to Casement Park in 2006.

Donegal-Monaghan hasn't reached that stage just yet, but close to a packed house at O'Donnell Park is confirmation that this is the new rivalry in town.

"We're looking forward to playing Monaghan again," Rory Gallagher, the Donegal manager, said after defeating Cork in Ballyshannon last week. "There's



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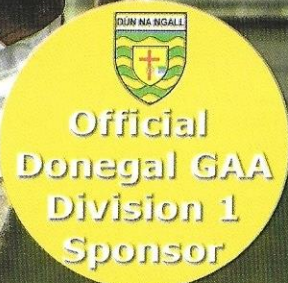
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been a good rivalry developing over the last number of years."

Their meetings have certainly provided no end of talking points, although that isn't a new phenomenon.

In the 1979 Ulster final, Kieran Keeney scored a point in the opening seconds, but as the Monaghan goalkeeper took the kick-out, the band, assembled on the sideline, struck up Amhrán na bhFiann. Referee Hugh Duggan had 'forgot' the pre-match tradition and opted to stop the game and re-start it from scratch, meaning Keeney scored the point that never was.

The Ardara native recently remembered: "No-one really knew what was happening and you were already up at the heat for an Ulster final. I don't know if what happened was strictly legal, but..."

There have been painful days for Donegal against Monaghan. Just ask Charlie Mulgrew, who sustained a broken jaw following a clash with Jack McCarville in the semi-final of '83. Donegal won with Joyce McMullin netting a first-half goal, but it was a day that would be remembered for all the wrong reasons.

"The semi-final was littered with fouling and the conduct was more in common with barbarians," Connie Duffy reported in the Donegal News.

The mercury shattered the thermometer at the end. As Seamus Bonner arched over Donegal's final point, the Monaghan goalkeeper, Kevin McNeill, was so angered that his side had lost he pushed an umpire into the netting and broke his flag off the upright. All this with Mulgrew's jaw shattered.

Monaghan were twice Brian McIver's last opponents as Donegal manager.

In 2007, the Donegal bus crept out of Omagh's Healy Park after an emphatic 2-12 to 1-7 qualifier defeat. A sombre McIver sat at the front having informed the players of his decision to resign. Coaxed back for another go in the weeks that followed, McIver's 2008 shuddered to a close when Monaghan rolled into Ballybofey for a qualifier.

"A lot of boys grew up today and showed character," Kevin Cassidy said after the one-point Donegal loss.

McIver quit in disgust that September when a motion of no confidence was tabled at a county committee meeting. The Derryman had been grilled by club delegates. "Coming into the Monaghan game we lacked ambition," one delegate fumed. "All the talk coming out was of wanting to settle for a good performance. We didn't want that - we wanted to beat Monaghan."

Mark McHugh could tell you a thing or two about feeling the pain of a Monaghan defeat, too.

His Ulster final in 2013 lasted just 10 minutes after he shipped a heavy hit from Stephen Golligly that left him in hospital for two nights. McGuinness kept his counsel until Donegal defeated Laois six days later at Carrick-on-Shannon in a qualifier. At Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, he cut loose.

"I'm not happy that we have a player with a busted eardrum, sustained major concussion and has a five-centimetre tear in his quad muscle," he blasted.

"We have to create a situation where it's okay to put people out on the pitch

"We are not afraid of physicality. However, there's a difference between physicality and busted eardrums, concussions and serious leg injuries.

"You have a duty of care to your players and I would be fearful that my lads are going to end up on the receiving end of something that is going to cause everybody a lot of pain. That is something I don't want to happen and it's not a situation I'd like to preside over."

When Mayo knocked them out of the Sam Maguire race on the August Bank Holiday weekend, it meant that within three weeks, Donegal had let go of their Ulster and All-Ireland titles.

"Bluntly, we let ourselves down," Michael Murphy observed after the Monaghan game.

When their swords crossed last July, Donegal didn't need much in the way of motivation. The battle lines were drawn.

Golligly went in hard on Ryan McHugh and Donegal's players piled in to stand up for their man. A little later, Murphy hit the deck on the sideline just beside the dugouts. Several Monaghan players attempted to get a word in his ear but Neil Gallagher stood guard over his captain. Donegal reclaimed the provincial title after 70 minutes of pure warfare. McGuinness's reaction at the final whistle told the story.

"I think it's the biggest victory that we've had," he would later say.

As Maurice Deegan blew his final whistle, Paddy McGrath was on the end of a robust challenge. The Ardara man responded with a ferocious shoulder and a smirk that said it all.

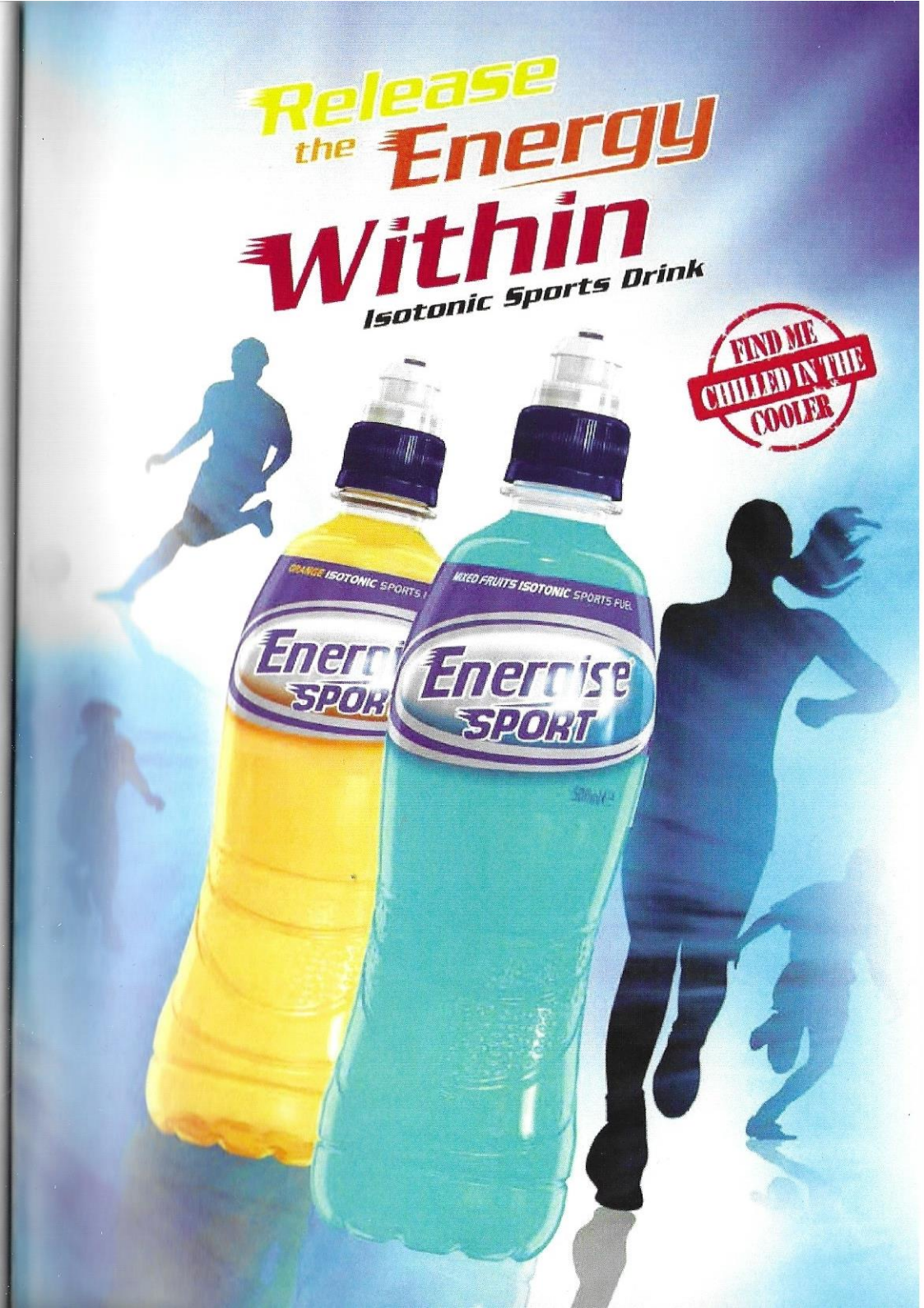
That Monaghan player who had laughed at Eamon McGee - whoever it was - could laugh no more. Well, until today perhaps. And who knows; maybe even back at Clones in July.

After all, Monaghan and Donegal are the bookmakers' favourites to lift the Anglo-Celt again.

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ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE - ROUND 4

One of the worst ever displays from a Donegal team as they go down tamely against Monaghan

DONEGAL	1-4
MONAGHAN	0-9

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Monaghan ground out a result in a dire Division One game in O'Donnell Park where the name of Gaelic football was brought into disrepute.

In a game that left a sour taste, Donegal were listless and almost unable to make any headway against a stubborn Monaghan defence.

The quality of the game is best underlined by the fact that only four scores came from play - the Donegal goal and three Monaghan points.

Both teams employed mass defences with Monaghan even getting everybody back when they had the wind at their back in the opening half.

The sides were level at the break, 0-4 each, but Donegal, with the wind at their back were unable to make any progress. They managed just one score in the second half-

a goal from Michael Murphy from a long ball from Neil Gallagher on 43 minutes.

Monaghan, needing the league points, had the stomach for the fight and were able to tag on five points before the end.

Three of those points came from frees - two from Paul Finlay, while 'keeper Rory Beggan came forward to edge Monaghan ahead with four minutes left.

Donegal had just no cutting edge. They did have one great opportunity to draw level when Anthony Thompson found himself free, but he pulled his effort wide.

Then in added time Monaghan's Fintan Kelly got into a forward position to fire over the insurance point.

Long before that the groans from the 5,000 supporters in O'Donnell Park, could be clearly heard. The majority of those present would vouch that it was the worst game of intercounty football they had witnessed in a long time.

The ball was played latterly and backwards by both teams. Both teams were equally guilty; Monaghan

were successful because they had a little more penetration.

With the wind Donegal dropped a number of efforts short and also had a number of bad wides.

At half-time with the sides level at 0-4 each Donegal seemed to be in the better position as they had most of the possession in the opening half against the breeze.

They had opened well with three points from frees inside 11 minutes, Michael Murphy (2) and Patrick McBrearty getting the scores.

But Monaghan were bidding their time, getting forward on sporadic raids and Kieran Hughes had their first point on 12 minutes - the only score from play in the opening half.

Conor McManus added a free, but was then black carded after an off-the-ball tangle with Neil McGee, which was reported by the umpires. There was surprise when the Monaghan man was singled out as they were on the attack at the time.

The loss of McManus did not affect the Farney men as Paul Finlay pointed a free,

Michael Murphy replied a minute from half-time but in first half added time Finlay punished a foul on Ryan McAnespie to tie up the game.

There were those who felt the second half had to improve, but that hope never materialised and as an advert for Ulster football, it was not pretty viewing.

The Donegal goal on 43 minutes came when a long delivery from Donegal's best player Neil Gallagher to the edge of the square saw Michael Murphy contest with Vinny Corey and Rory Beggan and Murphy got the touch to see the ball nestle in the empty net.

It was to prove a false dawn as Donegal failed to score in the 29 minutes played thereafter - a truly demoralising statistic.

There will be plenty of critical analysis of many parts of this game, not least the manner of the Donegal substitutions which seemed to have a de-stabilising effect on the performance.

There were few Donegal players who made an impression and it doesn't augur

well for the trip to Tralee and a date with All-Ireland champions Kerry next weekend.

Donegal Paul Durcan; Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Eamon McGee; Eamonn Doherty; Karl Lacey, Frank McGlynn; Neil Gallagher, Odhran MacNiallais; Christy Toye, Mark McHugh, Ryan McHugh; Patrick McBrearty (0-1,f), Michael Murphy (1-3,3f), Martin O'Reilly. Subs., Anthony Thompson for Doherty; Martin McElhinney for Toye, both ht; Colm McFadden for Lacey 36; Daniel McLaughlin for McBrearty; Eoin McHugh for E McGee, both 54; Gary McFadden for MacNiallais 65.

Monaghan: Rory Beggan (0-1,f); Conor Boyle, Drew Wylie, Vinny Corey; Dessie Mone, Finta Kelly (0-1), Karl O'Connell; Neil McAdam, Darren Hughes; Paul Finlay (0-4,4f), Dermot Malone (0-1), Ryan McAnespie; Conor McManus (0-1,f), Kieran Hughes (0-1), Daniel McKenna. Subs., Thomas Kerr for McManus, blk card 24; Owen Duffy for McKenna 48; Dick Clerkin for McAdam 66

Referee: Padraig Hughes (Armagh)

DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Diff	Pts
Mayo	4	3	0	1	8-45	2-45	18	6
Cork	4	3	0	1	7-54	3-53	13	6
Donegal	4	2	0	2	2-42	3-39	0	4
Tyrone	4	1	2	1	1-43	4-37	-3	4
Monaghan	4	2	0	2	2-49	6-42	-5	4
Kerry	4	2	0	2	3-51	6-51	-9	4
Dublin	4	1	1	2	4-45	1-53	1	3
Derry	4	0	1	3	2-46	4-55	-15	1

MAN OF THE MATCH

THERE WEREN'T MANY DONEGAL players in contention, maybe Neil Gallagher. The award goes to Kieran Hughes, who was everywhere for Monaghan and kept driving them forward when needed.

Turning Point

There were few. The Donegal goal could have been one but Donegal just made no impression after that. Rory Beggan's free from 45m against the wind was the biggest point in this game.

Ref Watch

Padraig Hughes made a number of calls that were contested by the players but overall he wasn't a factor in a poor game.

MATCH FACTS

Donegal won 20 frees (11 in first half). They had seven wides (two in first half).

Monaghan won 25 frees (12 in first half). They had five wides (two in first half).