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# Dún na nGall



## ROGHNÓIRÍ

Reamainn Ó Dubhraic (Bainisteoir),  
Mícheál Mac Cana

**1** Dylan Ó Laibheartaigh  
**DYLAN LAVERTY**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

**2** Niall Ó Cléirigh  
**NIALL CLEARY**  
Súil an Róin

**3** Seosamh Ó Baoil  
**JOE BOYLE**  
Beart

**4** Marcas Ó Ceallachán  
**MARK CALLAGHAN**  
Setanta

**5** Cristóir Mac Diarmada  
**CHRISTOPHER McDERMOTT**  
Beart

**6** Séamus Ó Donnaile  
**JAMESIE DONNELLY**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

**7** Pauric Ó Dochartaigh  
**PAURIC DOHERTY**  
Beart

**8** Donail Ó Cuilin  
**DANNY CULLEN**  
Setanta

**9** Ronán Mac Diarmada  
**RONAN McDERMOTT**  
Beart

**10** Seac Ó Lochlainn  
**JACK O'LOUGHLIN**  
Bun Cranncha

**11** Ciarán Mac Matha  
**CIARÁN MATHEWSON**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

**12** Bearnard Ó Laifeartaigh  
**BERNARD LAFFERTY**  
Setanta

**13** Lee Mac Einrí  
**LEE HENDERSON**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

**14** Seán Mac Bheath  
**SEÁN McVEIGH**  
Naomh Adhamháin

**15** Éanna Mac Diarmada  
**ENDA McDERMOTT**  
Beart

## FIR IONAID

**16.** Pól Ó Broin  
**PAUL BURNS**  
Beart

**17.** Brendáin Ó Tuairisc  
**BRENDAN TOURISH**  
Setanta

**18.** Stiofán Ó Dochartaigh  
**STEPHEN DOHERTY**  
Naomh Adhamháin

**19.** Eadbhard Ó Liongsigh  
**EDDIE LYNCH**  
Aodh Ruadh

**20.** Stiophán Mac Giolla Easbuic  
**STEPHEN GILLESPIE**  
Beart

**21.** Cristóir Mac Giolla Ghannáin  
**CHRIS KILGANNON**  
Aodh Ruadh

**22.** Seán Ó Dubhaigh  
**JOHNNY DOWNEY**  
Beart

**23.** Caoimhín Ó Cathmoill  
**KEVIN CAMPBELL**  
Setanta

**24.** Saerbhreathach de Brún  
**JUSTIN BROWNE**  
Setanta

**25.** Seán Ó Corráin  
**SEÁN CURRAN**  
Seán Mac Cumhailis

**26.** Ciarán Mac Giolla Ghannáin  
**CIARÁN KILGANNON**  
Aodh Ruadh

## ROGHNÓIRÍ

Mattie Lennon (Bainisteoir),  
Dave Kennedy



# Tír Eoghain

**1** Seán Ó Doibhilinn  
**JOHN DEVLIN**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**2** Conchúr Mac an Fhailí  
**CONOR McNALLY**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**3** Mícheál Ó Gormáil  
**MIKE O'GORMAN**  
Naomh Colum Cille

**4** Mairtín Ó Gruagáin  
**MARTIN GROGAN**  
Éire Óg

**5** Padraig Mac Aodha  
**PÁDRAIG McHUGH**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**6** Diarmuid Ó Beaglaoidh  
**DERMOT BEGLEY**  
Éire Óg

**7** Tiarnain Ó Muireagáin  
**TIERNAN MORGAN**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**8** Justin Ó Ceallaigh  
**JUSTIN KELLY**  
Éire Óg

**9** Aodhán Ó Ceallaigh  
**AIDAN KELLY**  
Éire Óg

**10** Marcas Gheimhridh  
**MARK WINTERS**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**11** Damán Ó Cathasaigh (C)  
**DAMIEN CASEY**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**12** Cristóir Mac an Chrosáin  
**CHRISTOPHER CROSS**  
Naomh Colum Cille

**13** Conchúr Ó Gruagáin  
**CONOR GROGAN**  
Éire Óg

**14** Seán Óg Ó Gruagáin  
**SEÁN ÓG GROGAN**  
Éire Óg

**15** Gearóid Mac Giolla Mhir  
**GERARD GILMORE**  
Na Seamróga

## FIR IONAID

**16.** Ciarán Beillíú  
**CIARÁN BELLEW**  
Na Seamróga

**17.** Conchúr Ó Cathasaigh  
**CONOR CASEY**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**18.** Conchúr Ó Gallchoir  
**CONOR GALLAGHER**  
Na Seamróga

**19.** Maitiú Ó Maolchraoibhe  
**MATTHEW MULGREW**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**20.** Ruairí Ó Doibhilinn  
**RUAIRÍ DEVLIN**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**21.** Ciarán Mac Cruadáin  
**CIARÁN McCRUDDEN**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**22.** Risteard Ó Ceallaigh  
**RICKY KELLY**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**23.** Duibhir Ó Marascal  
**DUIBHIR MARSHALL**  
Eoghan Ruadh

**24.** Dara Ó Gruagáin  
**DARAGH GROGAN**  
Éire Óg

**25.** Aindriú Ó Broin  
**ANDREW BYRNE**  
Naomh Colum Cille

**26.** Gabhan Mac Con Míthe  
**GAVIN McNAMEE**  
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# DONEGAL OVERCOME TYRONE TO STAY UP

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**Donegal won the battle for survival and will play in Division 2B of the Allianz National Hurling League again next year.**

**Donegal 2-16**  
**Tyrone 2-12**

This follows Saturday's hard fought but thoroughly deserved four point replay victory over Tyrone in Derry's Celtic Park. In an almost mirror image of the previous week's drawn encounter that went to extra-time in Owenbeg, Donegal were the more cohesive unit for most of the game and were the deserving victors at the end of the 70 plus minutes.

They led 2-6 to 0-6 at half-time. Ciaran Mathewson and Jack O'Loughlin scored the goals and Lee Henderson and Sean McVeigh poached the points.

Mathewson netted after four minutes when he stole into the defence after being picked out from way out the field by Christopher McDermott and hit the Tyrone

rigging 16 minutes later for a super strike from a tight angle.

But as they had done seven days earlier, Tyrone stormed back into the game with goals from Conor Grogan and Damien Casey - a penalty - to draw level. Casey's penalty six minutes into the new half after Grogan was fouled levelled the game at 2-9 each.

There the similarities with the drawn game, Tyrone never hit the front, down in no small way to man of the match Sean McVeigh and his midfield partner Danny Cullen who also stepped up to the challenge.

And with McVeigh (2), Lee Henderson (2), Bernard Lafferty and Ronan McDermott landing points Donegal outscored Tyrone by seven points to three in the closing 25 minutes to comfortably hold onto their league standing

"It was another epic battle. It was a match we were looking forward to all week and thank God we came out on the right side of the result and retained our Division 2 B status for next year," was Donegal manager Ray Durack's immediate reaction.

"Tyrone came out in the second half and they really piled on the pressure just like the did last week. But the big difference we stood up to them today when they drew level and we replied with a couple of good scores after they scored the second goal to draw level.

"It was a matter of matching them score for score from then to the finish and we did that and more, and finished the stronger team and there is no question about it we deserved to win the game."

Donegal had a number of big performances with Sean McVeigh and Danny Cullen prominent from very early - McVeigh scored five points all from play in one of his finest ever 70 minutes in a Donegal jersey.

Lee Henderson was top scorer once again with six points, two of them 65s while Enda McDermott, Ciaran Mathewson, Joe Boyle and Jamsie Donnelly of the old guard also rose above the ordinary.

Of the younger brigade Jack O'Loughlin ended the game with 1-1 to his name while Pauric Doherty and Christopher McDermott were not found wanting

when Tyrone threatened after half-time.

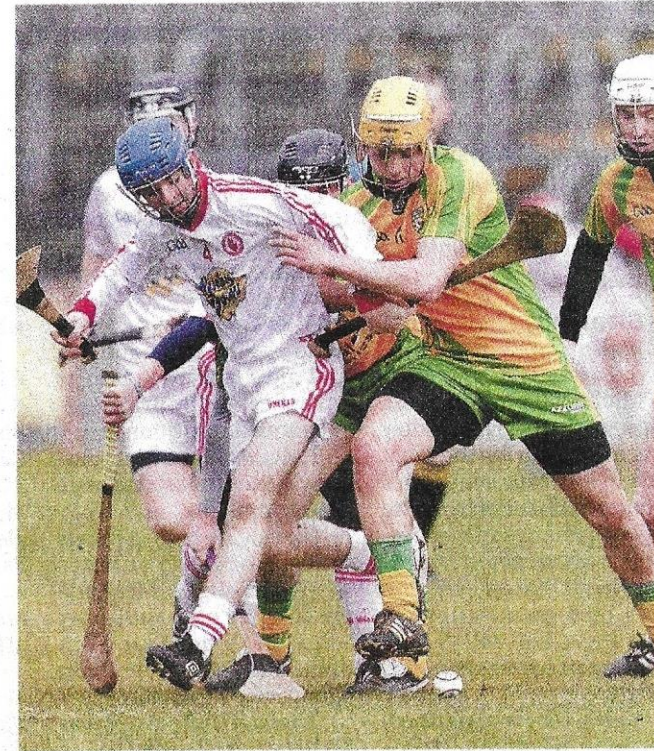
McDermott was especially effective when detailed to mark Tyrone's Gerard Gilmore who had his four point tally scored before the Burt man took up duty beside him for the closing ten minutes.

"Every one of the lads that wore the Donegal jersey there today gave 100% effort and commitment and while we had a number of outstanding individual performances, it took a team with every man that took to the field giving it everything they had," Durack said.

"They did not want to be demoted down to Division 3 for next year and they proved that out there today. Donegal hurling is slowly creeping up and to have dropped back down would have been a backward step, especially for the older lads who worked so hard to get up to 2B."

Donegal and Tyrone meet again in two weeks' time in the first round of the Nicky Rackard Cup in O'Donnell Park.

**Donegal:** D Laverty; B Tourish, J Boyle, J Downey; C McDermott, J Donnelly, P Doherty; D Cullen, S McVeigh (0-5); J O'Loughlin



Sean McVeigh posted five points in a man of the match performance in midfield for Donegal.

(1-1), C Mathewson (1-0), B Lafferty (0-1); L Henderson (0-6, 2, f, 2, 65), R McDermott (0-1), E McDermott (0-2). Subs: Chris Kilgallon for J Downey (41); Ciaran Kilgallon for B Tourish (59).

**Tyrone:** J Devlin; C McNal-

ly, M Gorman, M Grogan; P McHugh (0-1), D Begley, T Morgan; J Kelly, A Kelly; M Winters, D Casey (1-6, 1-0 penalty, 5, f), C Cross; C Grogan (1-1), G Gilmore (0-4). Subs: C Gallagher for C Cross (49).

**Referee:** E Hasson (Derry)

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# Magnificent contest goes to a rematch

TYRONE ..... 4-13  
 DONEGAL ..... 4-13 (AET)

BY FRANCIS MOONEY

Tyrone and Donegal will meet again next weekend after finishing level in a drama-packed NHL Div 2B/3A relegation/promotion play-off at Owenbeg.

Thrills, twists and turns punctuated a memorable contest that saw the Red Hands battle back from eight points behind to earn a replay.

The dream of back-to-back promotions remains very much alive for Mattie Lennon's men, who provided further evidence of the progress they continue to make.

Skipper Damien Casey once again led by example with a 2-8 contribution, including an equalising free in the dying moments.

The Red Hands suffered an early blow when Donegal scrambled a goal inside the opening minute.

They failed to clear from Bernard Lafferty's long delivery, and full forward Ronan McDermott finished to the net from close range.

Padraig McHugh's long range effort got the Red Hands off the mark, and after Enda McDermott had restored the three points cushion, Mattie Lennon's men enjoyed a flourish, with Sean Og Grogan's neat effort followed by two long range frees from Casey as they went level in the ninth minute.

But Donegal were always dangerous, and Tyrone needed some excellent defending from Conor McNally, Mike O'Gorman and Dermot Begley to survive difficult spells.

Goalkeeper John Devlin denied McDermott with a brave save at close quarters, and Donegal went ten minutes without a score, before Lee Henderson land a long range point, followed by a '65.

And in the 25th minute Donegal grabbed a second goal. Kevin Campbell crossed from the left for McDermott to flick home from close range.

It got worse for the Red Hands two minutes later, when McDermott fetched Danny Cullen's long delivery to turn and boot the sliothar to the net.

Now Tyrone trailed by eight points, and while Casey pulled back a point from a free, they still had a mountain to climb, behind by 3-4 to 0-6 at the interval.

Casey swept over a point seven minutes into the second half as the

Red Hands began to assert themselves on the contest.

Conor Grogan squeezed over another score from a tight angle, but despite dominating possession, Tyrone were unable to add to their tally, stopped in their tracks by solid defending from Jamesie Donnelly and

Joe Boyle.

And after surviving a spell of sustained pressure, Donegal broke away for Jack O'Loughlin to split the posts.

Tyrone began to dominate possession and territory in the early stages for the second half, narrowing the gap with points from Casey and Conor Grogan, who angled over from a tight angle.

Jack O'Loughlin was on target for Donegal as they broke from the back, but in the 49th minute, Tyrone gave themselves fresh hope when Casey jinked past goalkeeper Dylan Lavery and full back Jamesie Donnelly to plant the ball in the net.

en minutes later, the Red Hands drew level when Casey smashed home a brilliant goal, but Donegal responded with two Henderson points.

Justin Kelly and Conor McNally performed heroics at the back as the Tir Conaill men pushed forward again

A remarkable contest had many more twists to take, and Tyrone went in front three minutes from the end with a third goal, Sean Og Grogan finishing to the net after a Casey effort had been kept out by Dylan Lavery.

Enda McDermott levelled again, but the excellent Justin Kelly regained the lead, and it looked as if they were going to hold on for victory, but a controversial free gave Henderson the opportunity to tie it up in stoppage time at 3-10 each and send the tie to extra-time.

Tyrone's high levels of fitness gave them the edge in the opening period, and

they went five points ahead with a somewhat fortuitous goal, Conor Grogan's speculative effort from distance going all the way to the net.

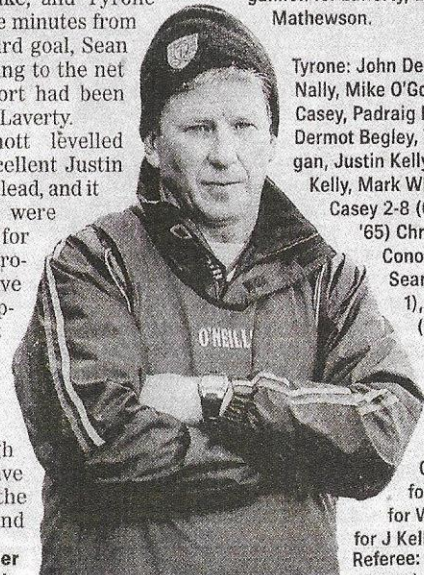
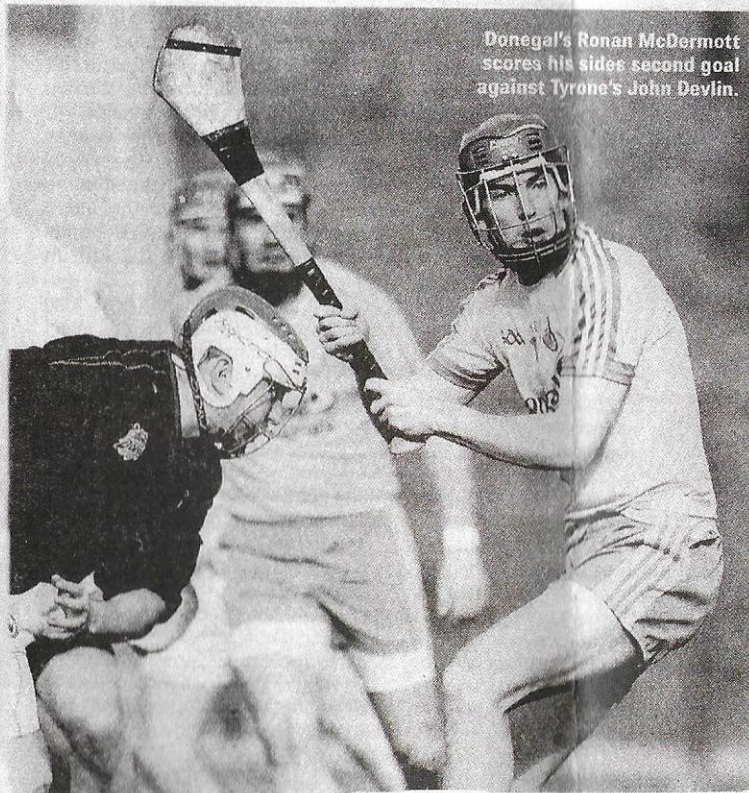
Casey added a couple of frees, and they led by 4-12 to 3-12 after Henderson had responded with two frees.

Donegal hit back with a vengeance, McDermott rifling home his fourth goal five minutes from the end, before Bernard Lafferty edged them back in front.

But Casey held his nerve to drill a 60 metre free between the posts at the very end to send a magnificent contest to a rematch.

**Donegal:** Dylan Lavery, Pauric Doherty, Jamesie Donnelly, Mark Callaghan, Chris McDermott, Joe Boyle, Niall Cleary, Danny Cullen, Ciaran Mathewson, Jack O'Loughlin (0-1), Enda McDermott (0-2), Kevin Campbell, Lee Henderson (0-8 (0-3 frees, 0-1 '65), Ronan McDermott (4-0), Bernard Lafferty (0-2). Subs: Chris Kilgannon for Lafferty, Lafferty for Mathewson.

**Tyrone:** John Devlin, Conor McNally, Mike O'Gorman, Conor Casey, Padraig McHugh (0-1), Dermot Begley, Tiarnan Morgan, Justin Kelly, (0-1) Aidan Kelly, Mark Winters, Damien Casey 2-8 (0-6 frees, 0-1 '65) Christopher Cross, Conor Grogan (1-1), Sean Og Grogan (0-1), Gerard Gilmore (0-1). Subs: Martin Grogan for Casey, Conor Gallagher for Cross, Ruairi Devlin for Gilmore, Gilmore for R Devlin, Cross for Winters, R Devlin for J Kelly. Referee: James Clarke (Cavan).



**Donegal manager Ray Durack**