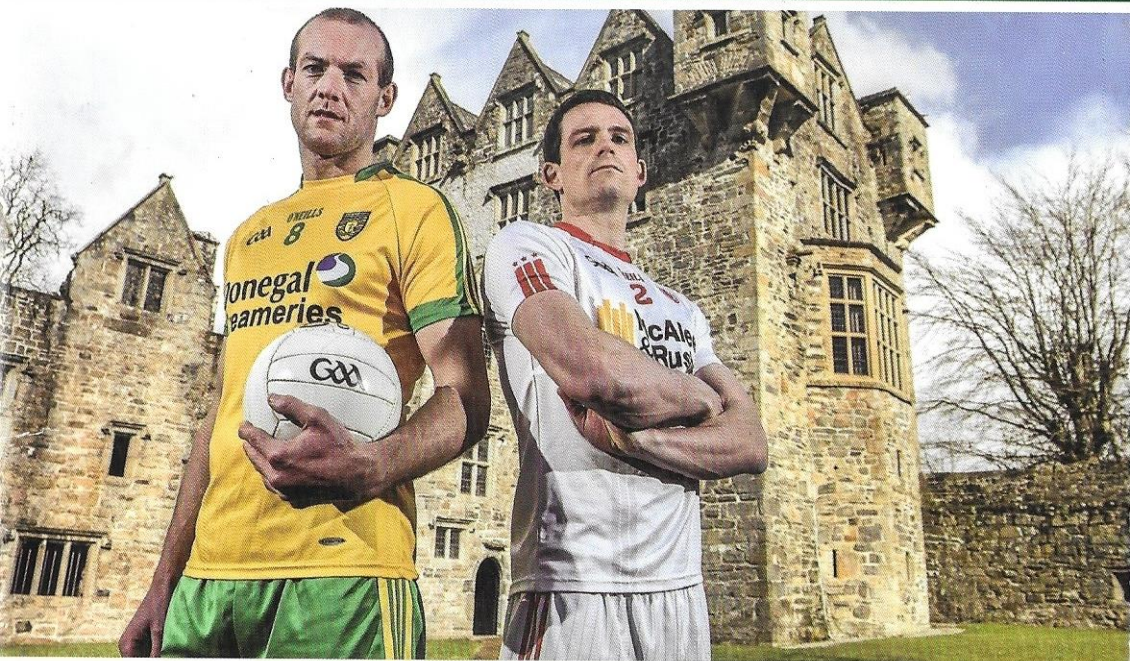


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## Round 6



# Dún na nGall v Tir Eoghain



Dé Domhnaigh, 29ú Marta 2015 - 3.00i.n.,  
i Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich



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It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey for this our sixth game of the 2015 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Tyrone panel of players, management, officials and supporters.

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Donegal<sup>1,4</sup> v Tyrone<sup>3</sup>  
Dublin v Derry  
Kerry<sup>7</sup> v Monaghan<sup>4</sup>  
Cork v Mayo<sup>2,7</sup>



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Mayo v Donegal  
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Monaghan v Dublin  
Derry v Cork

### LEAGUE TABLE

Allianz FL1	P	W	D	L	Dif	Pts
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Mayo	5	3	0	2	4	6
Monaghan	5	3	0	2	0	6
Kerry	5	3	0	2	-7	6
Dublin	5	2	1	2	15	5
Donegal	5	2	0	3	-2	4
Tyrone	5	1	2	2	-4	4
Derry	5	0	1	4	-20	1



Donegal footballer Neil Gallagher, left, and Tyrone footballer Aidan McCrory pose for a portrait at an Allianz GAA Regional Media Day. Donegal Castle, Donegal Town, Co. Donegal.  
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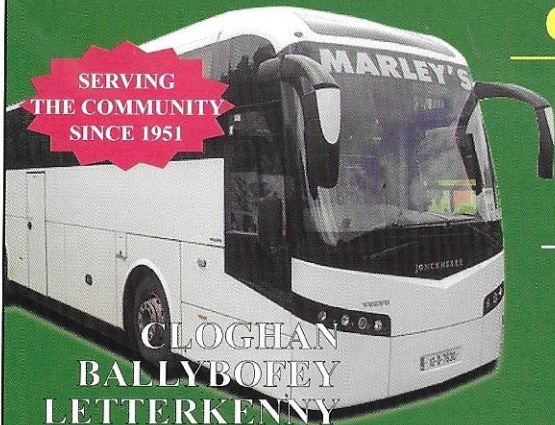
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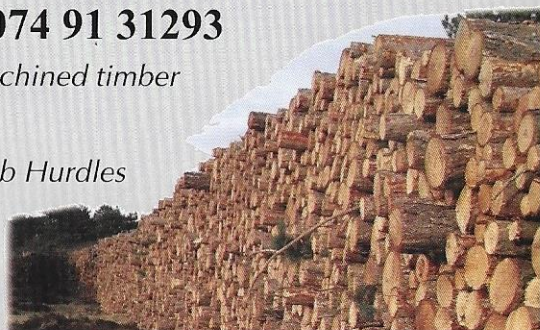
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## O'Reilly now established in first XV

by Chris McNulty, Donegal News

WHEN Donegal ended a 19-year famine to win the Ulster SFC in 2011, Donegal folk across the globe unleashed celebrations that had been pent up since 1992.

In Grand Canaria, a group from the Twin Towns were in jubilation, the first time in their lives they'd seen a Donegal captain hoist aloft the Anglo-Celt. Martin O'Reilly couldn't help but wander his mind.

The previous year, his brother, Steven, was a member of the Donegal Under-21 panel that had won Ulster and came within a crossbar's width of winning an All-Ireland.

When Dermot Molloy's late goal sank Tyrone in the 2011 Ulster semi-final, Martin O'Reilly was perched in the Gerry Arthur's Stand, the sweat beads still trickling down his face from an energy-sapping afternoon.

The Sean MacCumhail's man played for the Under-21s in the Ulster Under-21 Hurling Shield final. That curtain-raiser went to extra-time, meaning the football semi-final was delayed for some time.

O'Reilly had a provincial medal in his pocket that day in 2011 as Donegal prevailed to win in the extra period.

A year later, O'Reilly was on the Donegal senior football panel that retained the Ulster SFC title. It was in the autumn of 2011 that Jim McGuinness's number first flashed up on the Ballybofey man's phone.

Donegal were taking on Crossmaglen to mark the opening of a pitch in Castleterg. The county final was on later that day and O'Reilly was one of those called to arms.

"Jim rang me up and I couldn't really believe it," O'Reilly later recalled.

"I just wanted to get playing with the under 21s that year. I was only out of the minors, so I thought that was the realistic thing.

"All I was preparing for was the under 21s; next thing I know I'm on the bus with the senior team.

"Even getting the word that I was being called in to train with the team. That was just an amazing call to get."

McGuinness was taken by O'Reilly's energy, his work-rate and his willingness to learn: All the hallmarks that he'd asked for from his players.

Against Cavan in a McKenna Cup game at Breffni Park,



O'Reilly's star was born. But for injury and ailment in 2012, he could well have been involved in some of Donegal's bigger days.

McGuinness said in early 2012: He said: "Marty is a busy player who has been about the squad for a while. He's been unlucky with injuries but had a wee run. He knuckled down before Christmas and is doing well."

Even graduating to the senior team at MacCumhail's was a big deal for O'Reilly, whose father, Terry, is the club chairman.

O'Reilly remembers 2004 vividly; standing on the terrace next to the press box and watching men like Seamus McGinty, Joe Dunnion, Shane Duffy and Andrew Bonner contest a Donegal SFC final for MacCumhail's. He recalls being in school, making banners and good luck signs, something which he's now the subject for himself.

"I looked up to those boys," he says.

"I remember in school we were making banners and posters for the boys - now I'm playing with them!"

One Wednesday night in 2012, he had the honour of carrying Sam Maguire into Ballybofey. Having played championship football for Donegal, he became the first man from his club to do so since Shane Bradley was given a Championship jersey by Declan Bonner in the late 90s.

He still pinches himself when he thinks of winning Ulster and All-Ireland medals in his first year on the panel.

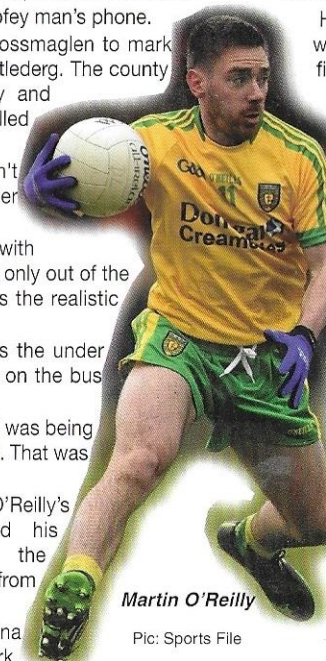
It's only now, under new manager Rory Gallagher, that he's got a clean run at it - and he's firmly established himself as a member of Donegal's first XV.

Home soil beckons again today and for Martin O'Reilly there's a burning desire to walk out of MacCumhail Park's tunnel as part of the team that takes to battle against Tyrone in May when the Red Hands visit for the Ulster Championship clash.

He said recently: "I'm fortunate, but I'm just trying to do the best I can in training and in games. "I'll keep training hard. Rory (Gallagher), Jack (Cooney) and Gary (McDaid) are great for the advice. They're constantly trying to get you to go the extra mile.

"They give us a lot of confidence.

"If we can put in the performances, the results will look after themselves. We're striving to be the best that we can be."



Martin O'Reilly

Pic: Sports File



## Gallagher not worried about May 17 just yet

By Frank Craig (Donegal Post)

Donegal manager Rory Gallagher is only concerned with valuable NFL points when his side and championship foes Tyrone lock horns at MacCumhaill Park this afternoon.

Exactly seven weeks out from their hugely anticipated Ulster SFC preliminary round clash at the very same venue; both outfits are in desperate need of a victory to alleviate relegation fears.

Locked on four points apiece, what bearing, if any, today's encounter will have come May 17 is anyone's guess.

"It is what it is," said the Tir Chonaill boss on this afternoon's clash with the Red Hand men. "Right from the outset it was always likely to be a crucial game. With the exception of Cork, everyone in the division has a hell of a lot to play for. We're no different in that regard.

"We played fairly well in Kerry but we were disappointed with the way the game unfolded and the goals we gave away. One came back off the post and the other was from a ball lost in our own back line.

"But we have to move on now and we're looking forward to the challenge of Tyrone on Sunday."

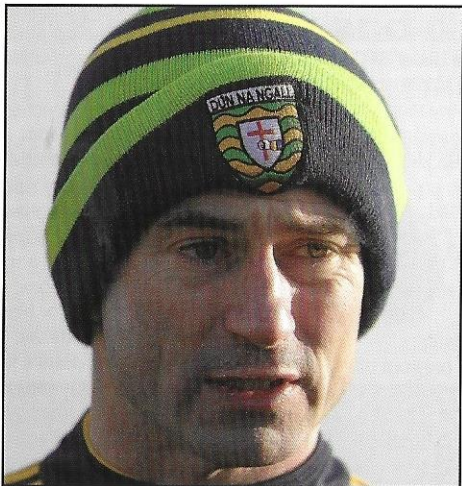


The domestic season got under way in the county last weekend and Gallagher and his backroom team took in some of the action. He says that for those on the fringes, club games represent an opportunity to impress in a competitive environment.

He added: "January and February are always very tough months.

The start of the club season and

with the time changing, this is the time of year players really look forward to. A number of those on the fringes performed very well over the weekend for their clubs so we're pleased with that too.



Donegal Manager Rory Gallagher Photo Michael O'Donnell.

"It's the time of year the ground hardens up and you see a better standard of game. I think we saw that in Kerry. With Tyrone first up in the championship, it adds a little spice to Sunday. But it's something we're very much looking forward to."

The other plus from last weekend's All-County League

openers was that everyone came through unscathed.

"No one is a worry at this stage," said Gallagher. "There are a few boys carrying minor muscle injuries but we should have everyone back. We should have a relatively full hand to pick from."

## Donegal's proud football tradition continues

By Michael McHugh, Editor, Donegal Post

Donegal may have been a late starter like Tyrone on the GAA scene, but their passion for Gaelic football, is equal to any that has graced the fields of Ulster.

Like Tyrone, they are fiercely competitive on the field, but off it, the hand of friendship is never far away.

One of the last to affiliate to the Ulster GAA Council in 1905, they first competed in the Ulster senior football championship the following year. But such was the prominence of hurling or 'caman' in the county that a football team was hard to field.

Comprising mainly of men from Gweedore, with contributions from Letterkenny and Bundoran, it was an inauspicious and humble start for a county that now draws huge crowds to the Pale on successive summer weekends.

1906 was to be their last foray in Ulster until the revival of the county association in 1919.

More often referred to as Tir Chonaill (with apologies to Inishowen) in the early decades of the 20th century, they made their real breakthrough in the early thirties.

They reached their first Ulster junior final in 1930. Opponents Cavan, totally dominated Ulster in those early decades, but a falling out with the provincial council saw Donegal awarded the junior title.

A semi final tryst with the Dubs in Belfast, etched out a valiant draw, before defeat in a replay.

Back as Ulster champions again in 1933, Croke Park finally beckoned – the 1933 All Ireland junior semi final against Cork.

A wonderful day for the large travelling support, victory over the Rebels saw Donegal through to their first All Ireland final or 'home' final, as it was officially called, but they were defeated.

### Dr Lagan Cup victors

The senior team breakthrough came in 1952, when Donegal won the Dr Lagan Cup for the first time after defeating Armagh in a replay.

This was the equivalent of the northern section of the National Football league.

Armagh went on the following year to the All Ireland football final and were defeated by Mayo.

The National Football league semi final of 1952 against Cork marked Donegal's first appearance as a senior team in Croke Park.

Back in headquarters in the All Ireland junior final of 1954, they were defeated by a typically solid Kerry performance. Two years later, a long awaited Ulster minor championship finally bore fruit.

### Donegal was beginning to awake from its slumbers.

The swinging sixties saw Donegal emerge as a footballing force with victories to match their undoubted abilities.

Unfortunately they came into contact with a majestic Down machine that was also blistering the national stage with their prowess, becoming the first team from the North to win All Ireland senior championships in 1960, 1961 and 1968.

### First Ulster senior final

Amazingly, Donegal's first appearance in an Ulster senior final was not until 1963, reciprocated by a second appearance in 1966, the same day as the England/Germany World Cup final.

On both occasions, it was the Mourne men who prevailed and victory remained frustratingly illusive.

There was more Lagan Cup success with Donegal appearing in myriad national football league semi finals in the late sixties, but again passion was not equated with victory.

Finally, 40 years ago Donegal broke their provincial duck defeating Tyrone in the Ulster senior final of 1972.

The year with the two's was again to play a significant role when the county won their first ever All Ireland under 21 title in 1982 against Roscommon.



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## Sam's for the Hills

Fast forward another decade and 1992. Final day in the old Croke Park, jammed with 64,547 Donegal and Dublin fans. An edgy semi final victory over Mayo gave unpredictable soundings.

But Majestic Manus Boyle kicked nine points and Sam was finally heading for the Hills with captain Anthony Molloy and his memorable lines.

There was a hiatus of another two decades, but the end result was also sweet. It was three Ulster final wins in four final appearances, and a 2nd All Ireland title in 2012.

We also remember Kevin Cassidy and that point against Kildare in the 2011 quarter finals, the rejuvenated Colm McFadden and the genius of Michael Murphy's humdinger goal in the early minutes of the 2012 All Ireland final.

Mayo was somewhat of a banana skin in 2013, but last September the green and gold battled valiantly again before Kerry snatched Sam away from us. Like Donegal fans, most of Tyrone was cheering on Donegal. It was our first final defeat.

## Harte to Harte

Last Friday night, Mickey Harte was at Gabrielle's Ball in Letterenny to raise money for Ballymacool House.

His welcome was as warm and generous as he would receive in any Tyrone venue. That special bond exists between ourselves and the Red Hands.

Today's warm up in the league is a tasty forerunner to the big Ulster championship clash in May.

And whoever emerges victorious that day, will know, that if either team gets a September Sunday in Croke Park, the other team and county will be routing for them.

## Well Done - Colm A. McFadden - 160

*Fr Seán*

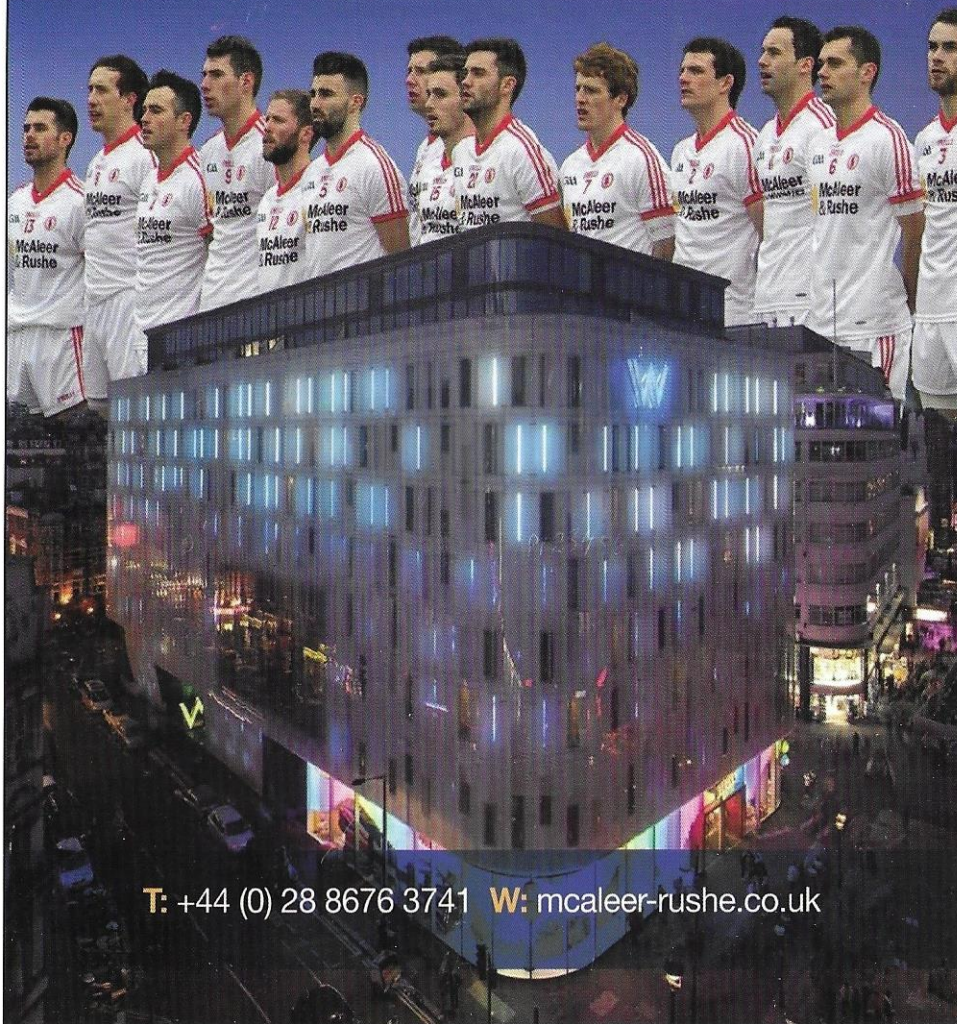
Warmest congratulations to Colm A. McFadden who will make his 160th appearances for Dún na nGall to-day, breaking Brian Roper's record of 159 competitive Senior inter-county appearance.

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2003	-	5 (0-4)	7 (0-5)	12 (0-9)
2004	3 (0-5)	8 (0-11)	4 (1-15)	15 (1-31)
2005	3 (1-10)	7 (3-20)	4 (0-19)	14 (4-49)
2006	2 (0-4)	2 (0-1)	-	4 (0-5)
2007	1 (0-1)	7 (1-21)	3 (0-8)	11 (1-30)
2008	3 (1-11)	7 (0-35)	3 (0-14)	13 (1-60)
2009	-	2 (0-1)	5 (1-16)	7 (1-17)
2010	5 (0-22)	7 (0-20)	2 (0-2)	14 (0-44)
2011	1 (0-2)	8 (3-26)	6 (1-16)	15 (4-44)
2012	-	4 (0-13)	7 (4-32)	11 (4-45)
2013	-	7 (1-15)	5 (2-18)	12 (3-33)
2014	3 (2-7)	8 (3-30)	6 (1-13)	17 (6-50)
2015	-	4 (0-2)	-	3 (0-1)
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## A head-scratching League so far for Red Hand faithful

Ciaran Woods (Gaelic Life)

SUMMING up Tyrone's Allianz Football League campaign to date is no easy task.

Not because we're running out of superlatives or negatives to describe their performances, but rather because it's been more of a head-scratcher than anything else for the Red Hand faithful.

Their first outing against Monaghan saw them turn in a horrible performance, with floodlight failure above the pitch and system failure on it as the Farney men cut through with ease against a lacklustre Tyrone.

At that point, Tyrone seemed to revert to type, going with the sort of all-out defensive approach which saw them reach the 2013 All-Ireland semi-finals for their visit to Mayo. It might not be pretty, but as Mickey Harte continues to tell us, it's all about getting results.

Perhaps too much was read into that Monaghan loss and into that Mayo win, the truth being that Tyrone are actually somewhere in between. Their game against Derry, where they shared the spoils at Healy Park, was played in horrendous conditions, while for periods against albeit a below-par Dublin team Tyrone looked pretty impressive.

What will have concerned Tyrone followers is the manner in which their side have allowed victories to elude them by slipping away in the closing stages of both their last two games. Both Dublin and Cork came from behind to win, with the Red Hands appearing to tire in the final quarter.

Last day out, Cork introduced their full compliment of substitutes to Tyrone's two, something which seemed to work against Mickey Harte's men as they tried in vain to keep their noses in front.

The recent performances of the likes of Sean Cavanagh and Mattie Donnelly too have been below par, but maybe that is because they have set the bar so high for themselves and they have not yet found their groove or role in this Tyrone strategy.

But there have been positives too. Justin McMahan's injury-free run, coupled with the confidence he gained from Omagh's extended club championship campaign in the autumn and winter, has made the Omagh man once again a central figure at the heart of the Tyrone defence. The introduction of Dungannon's Paudie McNulty to inter-county football, and to the Tyrone midfield, has been one of the biggest positives so far. His emergence as a viable alternative in the midfield role, operating alongside Colm Cavanagh, has freed Sean Cavanagh to operate in a more attacking role in the side.

However, as we all know, playing as a forward in this Tyrone side does not by any stretch of the imagination mean being posted inside the opposition 20 metre line.

In the opening stages against Cork, Connor McAliskey was the only Tyrone player beyond his own 20 metre line, yet seconds later following some excellent defensive work and a sublime Peter Harte pass, McAliskey found himself slotting the ball to the back of the Rebel net. That's what this system can produce when it functions properly.

Today it faces arguably its toughest test to date, as they take on a side who have put their own stamp on the defensive game in recent years by taking Tyrone's previous systems and moving them five steps forward. Tyrone over the past few seasons have struggled when they have faced a mirror image of themselves, so this side will show us if they have learned from those previous shortcomings.

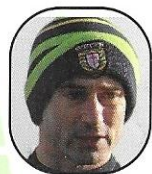
Sean Cavanagh joked following Cork's win at Healy Park that at least this was an away game, and therefore Tyrone had a better chance of winning given their dismal record in Omagh.

And you'd have to agree that the fired-up visitors have a great chance of taking the spoils if they can manage to produce a 70 plus minute performance for the first time this year.



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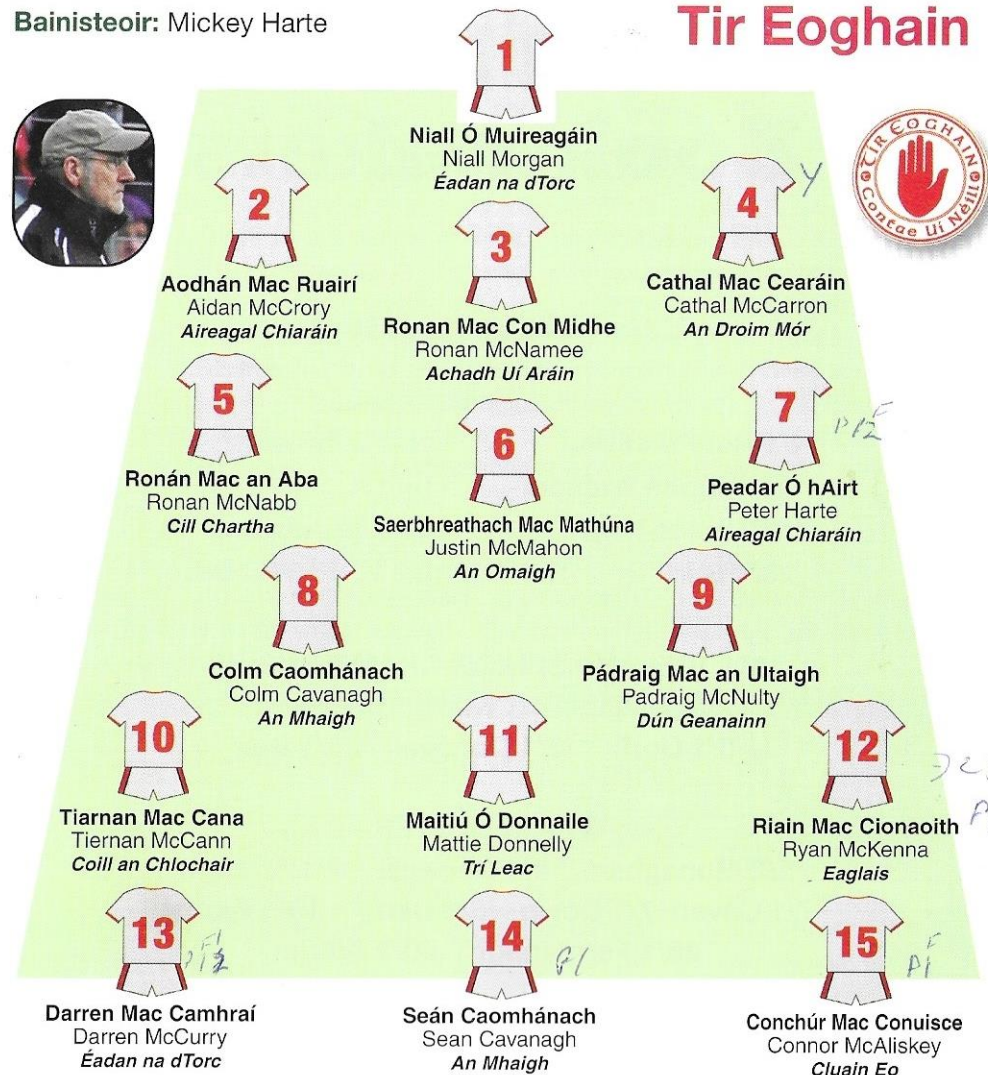
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It was a most entertaining game with Brian McEniff’s Dún na nGall rueing many missed chances including two golden goal opportunities. They only managed three points from play. The eternal Mickey Harte was delighted to win without Peter Canavan, Brian McGuigan, Kevin Hughes, Ciarán Gourley and Mark Harte. Dún na nGall were missing Adrian Sweeney and Michael Hegarty.

Tír Eoghain led by 0-7 to 0-5 at half-time. It was nip-and-tuck in the second half until a superb Tír Eoghain move ended in Colm McCullagh finding the net to give Tír Eoghain a 1-11/0-10 victory. Tír Eoghain would take bigger scalps in 2005, including Ciarraí on September 25. Dún na nGall would be relegated.

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Chris Lawn  
Gavin Devlin

#### Eoghain Bradley:

Brendan Donnelly:

Brian Meehan

Peter Donnelly:

Brian Dooher

Stephen O’Neill (0-4)

Seán Cavanagh:

Michael Coleman

Owen Mulligan (0-5)

Ryan Mellon.

**Subs:** Shane Sweeney, Colm McCullagh (1-1), Conor Gormley, Joe McMahon, Davy Harte (0-1).

#### Dún na nGall:

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Eamonn McGee

#### Michael Boyle:

Raymond Sweeney  
Barry Monaghan (0-1)

#### Damien Diver:

Shane Carr:

Neil Gallagher and Kevin Cassidy:

Rory Kavanagh (0-1)

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## Donegal and Tyrone playing for high stakes

By Tom Comack (Donegal Democrat/ Peoples Press/ Highland Radio)

Donegal and Tyrone followers will not need reminding that this afternoon's Allianz League sixth round match is a crunch tie when it comes to survival in Division One. With Donegal on four points and Tyrone on four points, it's widely believed that the winners of this afternoon's clash will take a giant step clear of the relegation trap door.

Derry, on just one point (following their draw against Tyrone), are already on life support when it comes to holding on to top flight status.

The Oak Leafers face Dublin this afternoon in Croke Park and host pace setters Cork in Celtic Park next Sunday in their final game. They must beat the Dubs if they are to have anything to play for next weekend against the Rebels.

Donegal bring down the curtain against old foes Mayo next Sunday in Castlebar while Tyrone will roll out the red carpet next Sunday for All-Ireland champions Kerry in Healy Park.

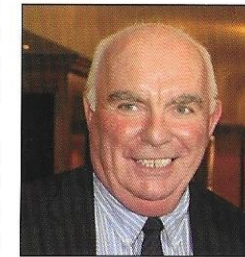
Donegal are capable of going to Castlebar and getting a positive result and it is not beyond the bounds of possibility that Tyrone could send the All-Ireland champions back to the Kingdom with their tails between their legs.

Rory Gallagher and Mickey Harte would dearly love to bag the points here this afternoon and take a giant step to securing their status at the top table.

In an era of the defensive game, the outcome will come down to who can unhinge the opposition defence best and in the process, pop over the scores or hang the all important goal or two.

Donegal have scored 4-53 in their five games to date, just three more points than Tyrone have from their five games. Tyrone's return so far has been 4-50.

It may have come in for much criticism but Tyrone's new ultra-defensive set-up seems to have paid off. In their five games played so far, they have conceded just 3-57 (66) and share the



best defensive record in the division with Dublin, who are also on 66 points.

Mind you, the Donegal defence has not been all that generous either. Donegal have the second best record in the league with 5-52 (67). It may be a concern however, that we have coughed up five goals.

Michael Murphy once again leads the Donegal scoring charts with 2-18 while Patrick McBrearty has kicked 0-17 and has been in flying form in the league. Murphy and McBrearty are the only two Donegal players to hit the target in all five games. They are the clear leaders in the Donegal scoring stakes and will once again carry the main scoring threat this afternoon for the green and gold. Martin O'Reilly, on 0-6, is the nearest to them.

In all Donegal have ten different scorers with Christy Toye (0-5), Odhran MacNiallais (1-1), Ryan McHugh (1-0), Martin McElhinney and Colm McFadden (0-2) each and Neill Gallagher and Hugh McFadden (0-1) each the other men to raise flags.

Fifteen Tyrone men have got their names on the scoresheet in their five games. Darren McCurry, with 0-21, is the clear leader in the Tyrone scoring charts. Sean Cavanagh with 0-9 is the next nearest to him followed by Conor McAliskey and Peter Harte. McAliskey has hit 1-3 and Harte has bagged two goals.

Niall Morgan (0-3), Peter Hughes and Colm Cavanagh (0-2) each; PJ Laverty, Mark Bradley, Barry Tierney, Aidan McCrory, Mark Donnelly, Tiernan McCann, Cathal McShane and Justin Mahon (0-1) each are the other Red Hand marksmen.



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Presentation being made by Shane and modeled by club players Gary Dunnion and Barney Laverty. Also included is Club Treasurer Eugene Gallagher and Stephen Walsh from Carzone.ie.

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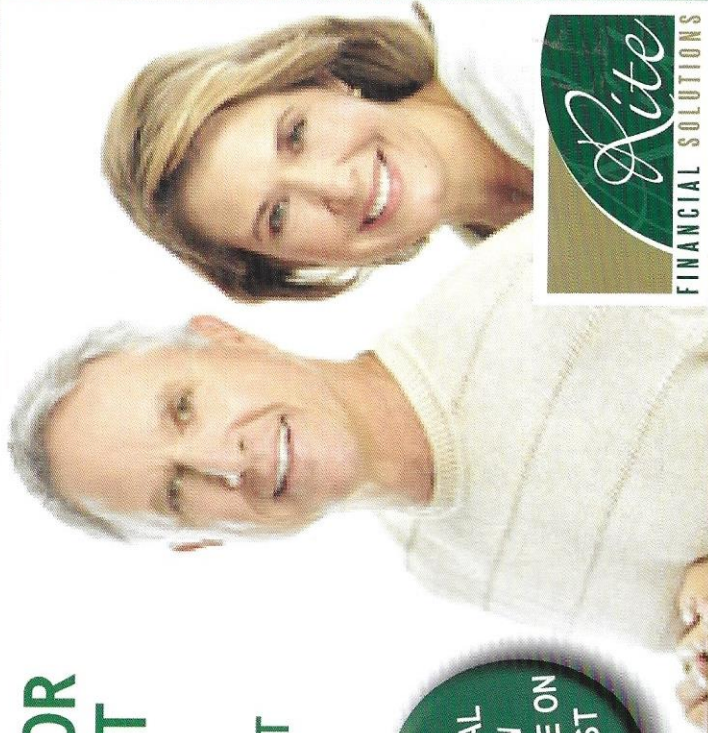


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## It's important to be playing the big teams - Gallagher

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Donegal's midfield mountain, Neil Gallagher, was in the spotlight this week in the countdown to today's crunch Allianz League encounter as himself and Tyrone's Aidan McCrory were at the Press Launch in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town on Tuesday.

"I wouldn't normally volunteer for this job (interview). I was selected by the management. I just like to concentrate on the game and worry about this stuff after. If you say nothing, you say nothing wrong," said Neil Gallagher.

"I just wouldn't be fussed about interviews before games," was how Big Neil put it. The Donegal midfielder is now leading a busy life with his work as a Donegal Co. Council engineer and helping out at the sports shop with Michael Murphy.

But looking forward to today's game, the Glenswilly man agreed that it was a crunch game that would probably decide the fate of one of the teams.

"It's a serious game, big time. Both teams are struggling for points so there is a right bit at stake. With the championship game in two months time, it will be an interesting game.

"We have met almost every year this last few years, and they have all been tough games. I would say who ever wins it will not be far away from being safe."

The last league meeting between the sides in Omagh was not a fruitful for Donegal or for Glenswilly duo Neil and Michael Murphy, with both finishing the game on the sideline thanks to red cards from Joe McQuillan (who is on the whistle again today!)

"I think that day in Omagh, looking back and watching it afterwards, I think we deserved it (getting sent off)," said a very diplomatic Gallagher.

With Donegal hopping between Division One and Two in recent years, Gallagher agreed that it would be beneficial to retain Division One status this year.

"Definitely, I suppose when you are in Division One, especially if you are bringing new young players into the squad, it's important to get playing against the big teams, Tyrone, Kerry, Cork. You are definitely playing the best teams and get good crowds and it is a good help come the championship," said Neil.

The Glenswilly man felt that points were left behind against Monaghan and Tyrone. "We definitely had chances and it could have been a bit more comfortable," he said.

"We have two games now and it's up to ourselves to hopefully get the points to stay up.

"We scored 1-4 against 2-11 against Kerry, but I wouldn't read too much into scorelines," said Gallagher, when asked about the possibility of



Tyrone being similar to Monaghan in their approach.

"It's hard to know. It could be a different game. Obviously from watching their games (Tyrone) they have been keeping teams to low scores. Scores will probably be hard to come by," said Neil, who is happy with the way he is playing at the moment. He felt that having the break during the winter when Glenswilly finished

up had been a big help.

Retirement never crossed his mind despite his midfield partner, Rory Kavanagh, calling it a day. "I enjoyed playing with him. Being the same age and growing up with him, we both knew our strengths. He's a big loss. He was a big leader for us within the squad," said Neil, who felt he would be a loss come the summer time.

The Glenswilly man said he might have been caught on the hop when he said shortly after the All-Ireland that he would continue. "It's hard enough this time of the year, training away, but come the summer time, you couldn't beat playing in those games.

"When you pass the 30 mark, people are always wondering when you will go. There are a few boys on that mark but there's still plenty of football in them," said Neil.

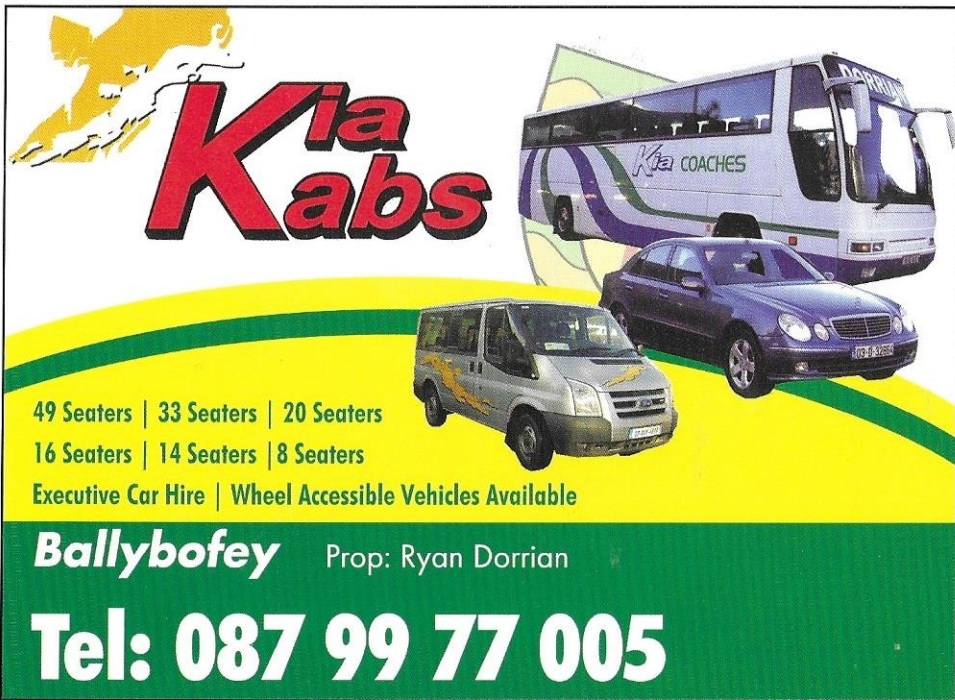
He said the transition from Jim McGuinness and Rory Gallagher was pretty seamless. "He had been there for three years and that made it seamless. You don't think a wile lot about it. You just get on with it. Look, it's three months into the season already and another seven or eight weeks to the Tyrone match and before you know it will be the middle of summer.

"We have lost a few players but we have added a few players, like Hugh McFadden, who has come in there and done well," said Neil.

When asked about the contribution of club colleague Michael Murphy to the Donegal squad, Gallagher's face lit up. "For a young fella, only 25/26, he's a great captain," said Neil, who said it was a great move to make him captain when he was just 21. "You just couldn't describe him, the leadership he shows. I read there someone speaking about Paul O'Connell, that he wouldn't ask any of the players to do something he wouldn't do himself. Murphy would be the same. You will see him putting his body on the line. He would be one of our best tacklers. You couldn't speak highly enough of him as regards the leadership he shows. And then with his ability, people want to follow him. He just lifts everyone," said Neil, who said he was just as competitive on the golf course.

When asked about the golf handicaps, Neil said both himself and Michael were playing off 14 but he quickly added: "He's taking lessons at the minute!"





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## Chess in coloured jerseys

Alan Foley (Donegal Democrat)

THE Ulster championship minefield never allows its participants to tiptoe into the escalating heat of summer.

And whatever chance Donegal and Tyrone had of keeping a trick or two up their sleeve ahead of their preliminary round clash on Sunday, May 17, seems to have disappeared.

Four points apiece from five outings for both Rory Gallagher and Mickey Harte means in all likelihood, someone might yet be the fall-guy when it comes to relegation.

"This game in context is that it is a relegation battle; we need the points to stay in the league and that is the real element of the game more than anything else," Tyrone's Aidan McCrory said this week.

Gallagher's predecessor Jim McGuinness mightn't have said so but when he took over as manager in 2010, Tyrone was the barometer. Harte's team had lifted Sam Maguire three times and were, along with Armagh, the only two names inscribed on the Anglo-Celt Cup since 1999.

In 2011, Tyrone were 0-6 to 0-1 up on Donegal in an Ulster semi-final when McGuinness's master-plan was still only at an embryonic stage. After an initial sloppy pass, Anthony Thompson's desire to scamper 80 yards to block at Stephen O'Neill's feet as he shot for goal, was a sound-byte of what Donegal's players were willing to do.

"Going into that game, we were at sixes and sevens in the first 20 minutes," Rory Kavanagh said afterwards. "Kevin Cassidy got a point and I remember going in at half time thinking 'Jesus, how is there only two points in this?'"

It's difficult to imagine just what would've become of Donegal had they not rallied and even at that, required Dermot Molloy's last minute goal to clinch an unlikely 2-6 to 0-9 victory.

"I don't feel the players going into that game believed they could win it, until the final whistle," McGuinness said afterwards.



Donegal won a first Ulster championship in 19 years.

A year later, there was a similar story. This time, again in the Ulster semi-final, Donegal were at the crossroads as they looked into the whites of Tyrone's eyes. Martin Penrose's late drive at a goal that would've levelled that match was

saved by Paul Durcan's foot before spinning wide via the upright. It was one of the strangest trajectories of a ball ever seen.

Donegal won a cagey contest 0-12 to 0-10. It was labelled in some quarters as "chess in coloured jerseys." Donegal retained Ulster and won a second All-Ireland championship. Penrose's shot was the stand-out 'what if?' moment.

Donegal's wins over Tyrone by slender margins in the 2011 and 2012 championships catapulted them onto greater things. One wonders just where the McGuinness, or even the Harte, regimes would've gone had Tyrone won either of those encounters that were settled by wafer-thin margins.

McGuinness made it three in a row over his rival in 2013, when Donegal opened their chase for a third successive Ulster title with an economic 2-10 to 0-10 win over Tyrone first time out. Colm McFadden and Ross Wherity were the goalscorers.

It was Monaghan who claimed the silverware a month or two later and Tyrone reached a first All-Ireland semi-final in five years. Donegal lay in tatters following a 4-17 to 1-10 hammering by Mayo, only to pick themselves from the canvas and retain the Ulster championship trophy on their way to the All-Ireland final, where they lost to Kerry.

Now, it's Gallagher and Harte and without needing to look forward to May just yet, bare survival is the need and the want.

For March, it's climactic as it's going to get. It's not mathematically winner takes all just yet. But it's not far from it. Whoever loses this afternoon will hear the floorboards creaking beneath their feet. Championship – for now – can certainly wait.



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