

**Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Coiste Chontae Mhuineacháin**

MUINEACHÁN

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DÚN NA NGALL



***Nicky Rackard Cup 2015
Quarter Final***

**Páirc Naomh Tighearnach, Cluain Eois
Dé Sathairn, 16 Bealtaine 2015**

Tosnú: 3.00 p.m.

***Referee: Alan Nash (An Doire)
Stand By: Kevin Brady (An Lú)
Linesman: Colin Murray (An Dún)
Sideline: John Emo (An Cabhán)***

 **Investec**



Muineachán

1

Ciarán Ó hAinfidh
Kieran Hanniffy
(Uarán Mór Mearaí)

2

Brian Ó Flannagáin
Brian Flanagan
(Baile na Lorgan)

3

Caoimhin Ó Crailligh
Kevin Crawley
(Inis Caoin)

4

Conchur Mc Cionna
Conor McKenna
(Gaeil Triúcha)

5

Deaglán Mac Conchrú
Deaglán Crowe
(Baile na Lorgan)

6

Aaron Ó Coinne
Aaron Kenny
(Baile na Lorgan)

7

Peadar Mac Thréinfhir
Peter Treanor
(Baile na Lorgan)

8

Máirtín O'Murchaidh
Martin Murphy
(Inis Caoin)

9

Éanna Mac Suibhne
Eanna Mc Suibhne (C)
(Carraig Mhachaire Rois)

10

Niall MacGearlann
Niall Garland
(Baile na Lorgan)

11

Marcas Mac Thréinfhir
Mark Treanor
(Baile na Lorgan)

12

Rónán Ó Miagáin
Ronan Meegan
(Inis Caoin)

13

Fearghal Ó Reachtair
Fergal Rafter
(Baile na Lorgan)

14

Stiofán Ó Luain
Stephen Lambe
(Baile na Lorgan)

15

Padraig Dúdall
Pauric Dowdall
(Inis Caoin)

Fir Ionaid:

- 16. **Ronan McAteer**, Baile na Lorgan
- 17. **Tony Forde**, Baile na Lorgan
- 18. **Fergal O Dowd**, Cluain Tiobraid
- 19. **Jamie Guinan**, Carraig Mhachaire Rois
- 20. **Aonghus MacSuibhne**, Carraig Mhachaire Rois
- 21. **Hugh Byrne**, Baile na Lorgan
- 22. **Shane McNally**, Cluaine Tiobraid
- 23. **Colm Meegan**, Inis Caoin
- 24. **Stephen Forde**, Baile na Lorgan

- 25. **Cormac McNally**, Baile na Lorgan
 - 26. **Conor Boyle**, Gaeil Triúcha
- Bainisteoir:** Trevor Hilliard
Maor Foirne: Pearse Doherty
Roghnóir: Kevin Moloney
Physio: James Quigley

Dún na nGall



1

Pól Ó Broin
Paul Burns
(Beart)

2

Sean Ó Dubhaigh
Johnny Downey
(Beart)

3

Seamus O Donnaile
Jamesie Donnelly
(Sean MacCumhaills)

4

Marcas O Ceallachan
Mark Callaghan
(Setanta)

5

Criostoir MacDiarmada
Christopher McDermott
(Beart)

6

Seosamh O Baoill
Joe Boyle
(Beart)

7

Niall O Cleirigh
Niall Cleary
(Sui An Ron)

8

Donail O Cuilin
Danny Cullen
(Setanta)

9

Sean Mac Bheath
Sean McVeigh
(Naomh Adhamhain)

10

Seac O Lochlainn
Jack O' Loughlin
(Bun Cranncha)

11

Caoimhin O Cathmoill
Kevin Campbell
(Setanta)

12

Eanna MacDiarmada
Enda McDermott
(Beart)

13

Ciaran Mac Matha
Ciaran Mathewson
(Sean MacCumhaills)

14

Ronan MacDiarmada
Ronan McDermott
(Beart)

15

Bearnard O Laifeartaigh
Bernard Lafferty
(Setanta)

Fir Ionaid:

- 16. **Dylan Laverty**, Sean MacCumhaills
- 17. **Brendan Tourish**, Setanta
- 18. **Chris Kilgannon**, Aodh Ruadh
- 19. **Martin McGrath**, Beart
- 20. **Stephen Gillespie**, Beart
- 21. **Sean Curran**, Sean MacCumhaills
- 22. **Ciaran Kilgannon**, Aodh Ruadh
- 23. **Justin Brown**, Setanta
- 24. **Donal McLoughlin**, Bun Cranncha

- 25. **Eddie Lynch**, Aodh Ruadh
 - 26. **Jack Matthews**, Aodh Ruadh
- Bainisteoir:** Ray Durack
Maor Foirne: Michael McCann
Roghnóirí: Tom Hennessey
Physio: Colm O Neil

NICKY RACKARD CUP 2015

Round 1 Saturday May 2nd, 2015

Donegal 0-11 Tyrone 1-12

Monaghan 4-10 Longford 0-10

Round 2(A) & 2(B) Saturday May 9th, 2015

Roscommon 1-24 Monaghan 0-17

Longford 1-9 Donegal 4-21

Quarter Final Saturday May 16th, 2015

Monaghan v Donegal

Semi Final Saturday May 23rd, 2015

Round 2(A) Winner v Monaghan/Donegal



Dazzling Donegal eventually prevailed in a true goal fest against a game and gritty Monaghan outfit to qualify for the Rackard Cup semi-final, at Clones on Saturday

Donegal 6-12
Monaghan 2-13

But it was only in those final frantic moments that Ray Durack's men made their real mark on proceedings as feisty full-forward Ronan McDermott finished with a tally of 4-0.

The powerful full-forward hit four cracking goals, two of them in injury time as Donegal eventually pulverized a gallant Monaghan side in a truly frenetic finish.

The sides were tied at 2-12 each after Farney marksman Owen Meegan hit a fine goal to level matters five minutes from time.

But the next seven minutes saw Donegal find the net four times, three of them in as many minutes.

Ciaran Mathewson hit the first goal when he found himself deep inside the Monaghan defence and his weakly struck shot crept over the line to put Tir Chonaill ahead by 3-12 to 2-12.

Gallant Farney hit back with a point from Ronan Meegan but St Eunan's star Sean McVeigh piled on more agony when he took a McDermott pass and hit another goal to leave Donegal leading by 4-12 to 1-13.

The impressive Kevin Campbell set up McDermott for his hat-trick and the same player found the Farney net to round off a truly

remarkable ending.

In truth the scoreline does not do justice to a Monaghan side that were clearly the better team in the opening half and also recovered from Donegal's third quarter surge that saw them erase a five points half-time deficit by hitting 1-6 in 12 minutes.

But Donegal's superior fitness and more scoring options up front eventually proved crucial.

Delighted Donegal team boss Ray Durack said he was happy with the result but not with the way Donegal played for the first 45 minutes.

"I am delighted surely but I would not be happy with the way we played for 45 minutes of that match. We knew coming in here that it was going to be a real dogfight against Monaghan.

"They are a big tough physical side. Both teams had nothing to lose so they gave it everything. They got off to a cracking start and were 1-2 to 0-0 up early on.

"They put us on the back foot and kept the pressure on", he said.

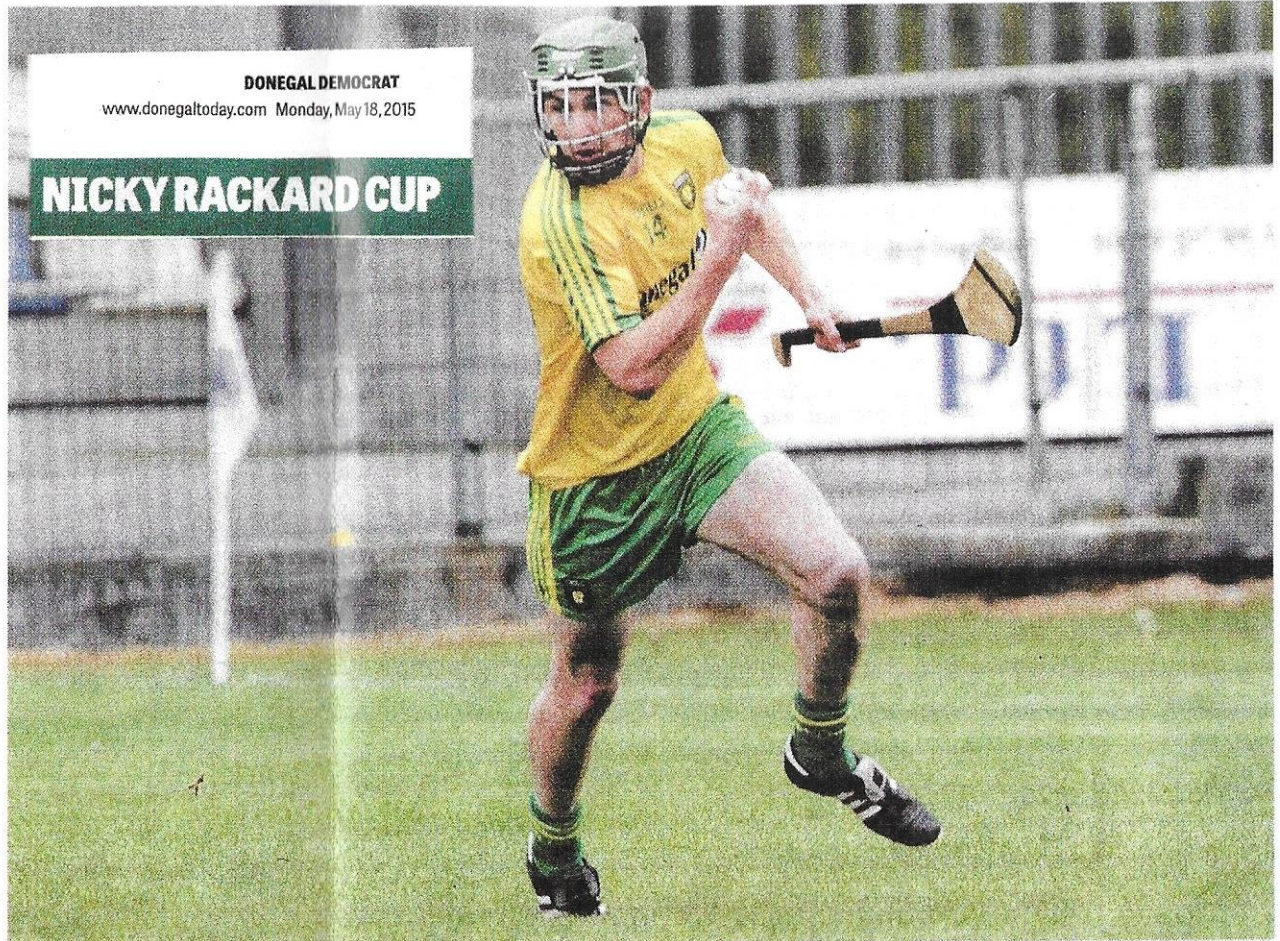
And Durack revealed he told his men it was "the end of the road" if they repeated that first half display.

"We needed to up our game and run at them. These boys want to get back to Croke Park and we are one game away from that now".

A feisty Farney side signalled their early intentions with a sweetly struck point from Conor McKenna.

That set the pattern for a Monaghan dominated opening half where team captain Eanna MacSuibhne and full-forward Stephen Lambe caused Donegal major problems.

Lambe extended Mon-



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Ronan McDermott - on fire for Donegal with four goals

aghan's lead before they struck for a decisive goal that Donegal keeper Paul Burns will badly want to forget.

A hopeful lob from Lambe could easily have been caught but the keeper elected to bat the ball away while he was relatively unchallenged.

The sliothar broke to wing forward Niall Garland who had the simple task of rolling the ball to the net.

Garland's strike put the Farney boys in front by 1-2 to 0-2.

Tir Chonaill marksman Ciaran Mathewson got his side off the mark with a brace of points.

And full-forward Ronan McDermott hit a fine individual goal when he soloed along the Monaghan end line and spooned the sliothar to the net a la Clare's Shane O'Donnell to level matters at 1-3 apiece after 15 minutes.

But that was as good as it got for Donegal in that opening half as the Farney lads tacked on points from Ronan Meegan and Stephen

Lambe to deservedly lead by 1-10 to 1-5.

Kevin Campbell and Sean McVeigh were on target for Donegal but they were always playing catch up.

But it all came together in the third quarter, and Donegal's better fitness and quality finishing told at the bitter end.

Donegal: P Burns, J Downey, J Donnelly, M Callaghan; C McDermott, J Boyle (0-1), N Cleary; D Cullen, S McVeigh (1-2); J O'Loughlin, K Campbell (0-4), E McDermott; C Mathewson (1-4, 3f) R

McDermott (4-0), B Lafferty (0-1). Subs: C Kilgannon for J Downey (30), S Gillespie for J O'Loughlin (62).

Monaghan: K Hanniffy, B Flanagan, K Crawley, C McKenna (0-1); D Crowe (0-1), A Kenny, P Treanor; P Murphy, E Mac Suibhne (0-1); N Garland (1-0), M Treanor, R Meegan (1-6, 5f); F Rafter (0-1), S Lambe (0-3) J Guinan (19). Subs: C Meegan for M Treanor (35) P Dowdall for E MacSuibhne (59), T Forde for F Rafter (68), H Byrne for R Meegan (71)

Referee: A Nash (Derry)