

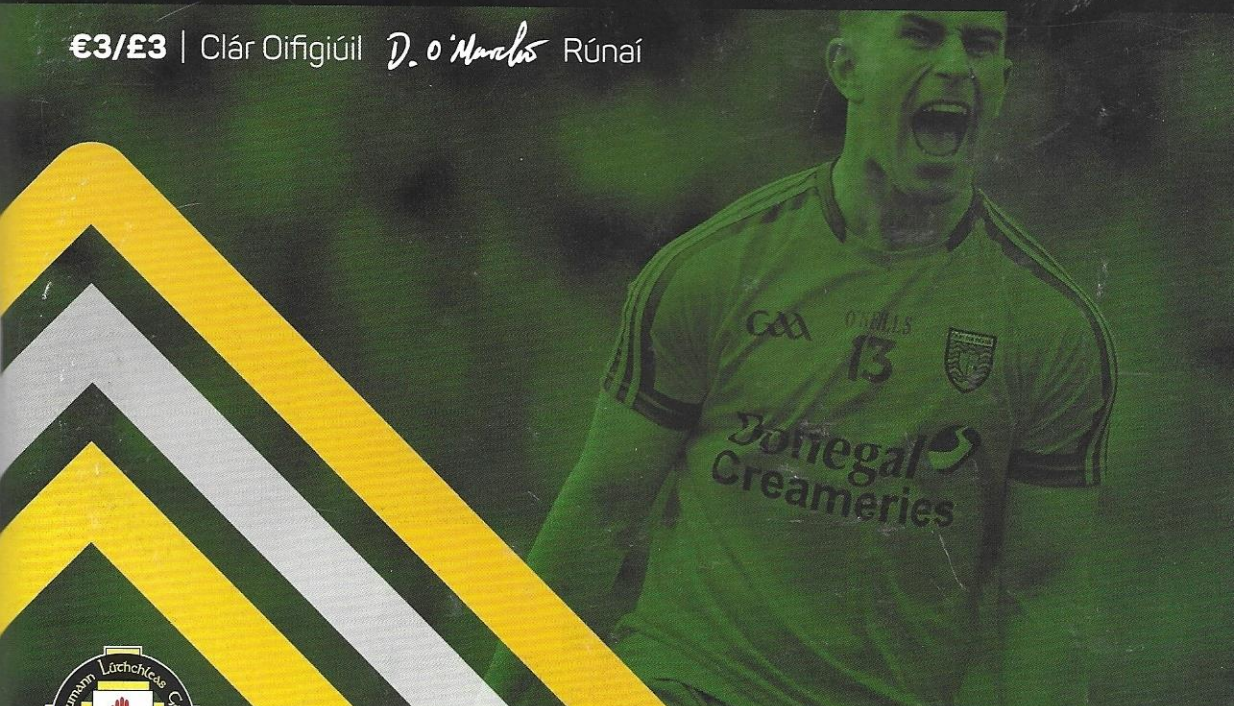
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# DOIRE V DÚN NA NGALL

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## ELECTRIC IRELAND ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

THROW IN 5.15pm (Extra Time if necessary)



**DOIRE**  
V **DÚN NA NGALL**

**Referee:** Sean Laverty (Aontroim)  
**Standby:** Niall McKenna (Muineachán)  
**Linesman:** James Lewis (Fear Mnach)  
**Sideline Official:** Karol Doherty (Aontroim)  
**Umpires:** Justin McErlain, John Laverty,  
Raymond Graffin & Donal Laverty

### Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

Sean is from the St Ergnats Moneyglass club and joined the Ulster Referees Academy in 2012.

He refereed the Minor and Under 21 Football Finals in Antrim in 2013. In 2014 he refereed an Ulster Minor Quarter Final, the Antrim Senior Championship Final, an Ulster Intermediate Quarter Final and a Semi-Final.

Earlier this year, he refereed the Ulster Under 21 Championship Semi Final between Tyrone and Armagh.



## ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

THROW IN 7:00pm



**DOIRE**  
V **DÚN NA NGALL**

**Referee:** Rory Hickey (An Clár)  
**Standby:** Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)  
**Linesman:** Gary McCormack (Áth Cliath)  
**Sideline Official:** Noel Mooney (An Cabhán)  
**Umpires:** Pat McNerney, Mikey Kelly,  
Sean McMahon & Barry Keane

### Rory Hickey (An Clár)

Rory is a member of the Eire Óg club in Ennis, Clare. He has represented his club at all age groups right up to senior in both football and hurling.

A veteran at this stage to the inter county scene, Rory has been a member of the National Panel since 2005. In that time he has taken charge of an All Ireland Minor Final in 2008, Munster Senior Final in 2009, All Ireland Club Final in 2012 and the 2014 Connacht Senior Final between Galway and Mayo.

Rory has also taken charge of games in London, New York, San Francisco and more recently at the Asian games in Kuala Lumpur. He is married to Caroline and they have two children Ciara and Caoimhe.



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# RÉAMHFHOCAL

## PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus an lucht leanúna a tháinig go Páirc Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa, Cluain Eois inniu ó Dhoire agus ó Dhún na nGall. Molaim go hard gach duine a chuidigh leis na himreoirí seo thar na mblianta le ullmhú le himirt ag an ardchaighdeán spóirt seo.

The Ulster Senior Football Championship is well and truly up and running with Muineachán, Fear Manach, Doire and Dún na nGall winning through to the semi final and last weekend Muineachán qualifying for third Ulster Final in a row. This great venue at St Tiernachs Park provides a wonderful setting for this Semi Final clash.

Today sees another opportunity for a special exhibition skills game at half time. As part of the Ulster GAA's Disability Inclusion programme there will be schools & community groups representing the participating counties at the semi-final. Today, we have the following teams involved; Monaghan Special Olympics, Donegal Dynamos and South Derry. Please join with me in giving them all a special welcome and lots of encouragement as they entertain us in today's half time exhibition game. A special word of thanks to all those working with these groups.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Monaghan GAA personnel involved in hosting today's games. Everyone plays their part; supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council.

I would also like to wish all four teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked.

Last weekend we hosted Feile na nGael and I wish to express my sincere appreciation on behalf of Comhairle Uladh to all those who were involved in this massive event. Feile na nGael is all about participation and all players were treated to a fun filled weekend of activity. A special mention to all the host clubs and families who prepared so diligently for what was a lifelong memory for all those involved.

Finally, to you the supporters; your attendance here today makes these summer days the special events they have become. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you to join us again at some stage over the summer before the 2015 resting place of the Anglo Celt Cup is confirmed.

**Be There. All The Way!**

*Mairtín Mac Aibhne*

Mairtín Mac Aibhne  
Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh



### Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil  
A tá fé gheall ag Éirinn,  
buion dár slua  
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,  
Fé mhóid bheith saor.  
Sean tír ár sinsir feasta  
Ní fhagfar fé'n tiorán ná fé'n tráil  
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil  
Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar  
Seo libh canaídh Amhrán na bhFiann.

# YOUR SAFETY

Please note the following regulations. We ask for your full co-operation with stewards and other volunteers who are doing their best to ensure you enjoy the match. If you fail to co-operate it may be necessary to refuse you entry or, if inside the stadium, to ask you to leave.

Please do not bring anything into the stadium that can be used as a weapon or that will cause interference with others. This includes fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, flagpoles, banners. We do not allow alcohol in the ground. We ask you not to climb onto walls, stands and other buildings. Likewise, we ask you to refrain from making unnecessary noise that will annoy other spectators near you. That includes the likes of air horns or radios.

Please do not use foul, abusive or offensive language. There are families and children present. We ask you not to enter the field of play during or after the game for health and safety reasons. Occasionally we may be required

to search patrons entering the ground. If you refuse to be searched you may be refused entry. Please do not obstruct gangways or stairwells etc. Also, please do not engage in behaviour that may cause a fire or other dangerous event.

The Officers on duty reserve the right to remove you from the ground if you do not comply with these simple regulations. Our intention is simply to ensure that all our supporters can enjoy the match.

## FIRST AID

First Aid is provided at today's venue, by Order of Malta Personnel with ambulances located behind the Gerry Arthurs Stand and at the rear of the Hill.

## LOST CHILDREN

Children who have become separated from their parents/guardians should be brought to the designated First Aid Points.

## SAFETY NOTICE

We have established this policy for health and safety reasons, to avoid serious injury or death. We thank you for your co-operation, and hope you enjoy the match.



# CLÀR AN LAE



### Amhrán na bhFiann:

19 year old Mollie McKeever was born in Derry but grew up in Scotstown, Co. Monaghan and is currently studying Irish at University of Ulster, Magee. A musician, singer and dancer who has grown up competing in Scór culminating in her winning the Amhránaíocht Aonair Scór Sinsir Ulster Title earlier this year.

16.58	Doire amach ar an bPáirc		
17.01	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc		
17.15	Tús an Cluiche: Doire v Dún na nGall		
17.46	Half Time / Leath Am	18.34	Start of First Period of Extra Time
17.48	Entertainment / Siamsa	18.44	End of First Period of Extra Time
17.56	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath	18.46	Start of Second Period of Extra Time
18.29	Críoch an Cluiche Mionúir	18.52	Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees room
		18.58	End of Extra Time
18.32	Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees room	19.00	Doire amach ar an bPáirc
18.39	Doire amach ar an bPáirc	19.03	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
18.42	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc	19.13	Paráid
18.53	Paráid	19.18	Amhrán na bhFiann
18.58	Amhrán na bhFiann	19.20	Tús an Cluiche: Doire v Dún na nGall
19.00	Tús an Cluiche: Doire v Dún na nGall	19.56	Half Time / Leath Am
19.36	Half Time / Leath Am	19.58	Cluichí Exhibition
19.38	Cluichí Exhibition	20.08	End of Exhibition Game
19.48	End of Exhibition Game	20.10	Conclusion of presentation
19.50	Conclusion of presentation	20.11	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath
19.51	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath	20.48	End of Senior Game / Críoch an Cluiche Shinsir
20.29	Críoch an Cluiche Shinsir		

\* If Extra Time is required in the Minor game, see below

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## MONAGHAN SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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| Padraig Crudden | Padraig Kelly   |
| Justin Erskine  | Michael McQuade |
| Damien Treanor  | Jamie Hughes    |
| Clare McElroy   | Eamon Brummitt  |
| Paul McKenna    | Hugh Coyle      |
| Terry Curtis    | Darren Leonard  |
| Mark McCabe     | Conor Walsh     |
| Ryan Gibson     | Shane McElwaine |
| Tom Cloonan     | Padraig Smith   |
| Sean Molloy     | Grace Baxter    |

## DONEGAL DYNAMOS



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| Shane Gorman      | John Joe Gethins |
| Kieran Gallagher  | Damien Gallagher |
| Anthony Gallagher | John Meehan      |
| David Gallagher   | Donie Carr       |
|                   | Joe Friel        |

## SOUTH DERRY



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| Kevin Walls       | Gareth Harkin     |
| John Horley       | Declan O'Kane     |
| Andrew Kerr       | Ben McAllister    |
| James Neeson      | Michael Gallagher |
| Ciaran Drumm      | Kevin McKee       |
| Phelim Carmichael | Patrick Maguire   |
|                   | Kevin Cuning      |

# ULSTER GAA

We are more than a Sporting and Cultural Association, we are a grassroots volunteer driven movement focused on making the communities which we serve better places.

## DID YOU KNOW?



240,000

Approx. 240,000 spectators in total attended major Ulster GAA controlled fixtures in 2013/2014.

90,000

Active players of Gaelic Games



250,000

Members of the GAA in Ulster

137,000

Over 137,000 spectators attended the Ulster Football & Hurling Championships in 2014.



46,000

Spectators approximately, attended the 2015 Bank of Ireland McKenna Cup.

85%

As a grassroots community based not for profit organisation, Ulster GAA reinvests approx 85% of its income to grassroots development at County and Club level.

15,000

In 2014 15,000 GAA members took part in Ulster GAA Health and Wellbeing initiatives.



30,000

The Ulster GAA web-site receives approximately 30,000 hits per month

28,000

Children were coached as part of the Foundation and Key-stage 1 Schools programme in 2014.

400

Delegates attend the Ulster GAA Club & Community Conference Annually.

25,000

In 2014 approximately 25,000 games were organised and played within the Province of Ulster

42%

of volunteering on the island of Ireland comes from the GAA.

500

Delegates attended the O'Neills Ulster GAA Coaching and Games Conference Annually.

45,000

Approximately 45,000 spectators attended the 2014 Ulster GAA Club Championship.

40,000

Twitter followers



25,000

Facebook followers

# VALUING VOLUNTEERS

## COLM HIGGINS



At around six o'clock this morning, a bus will pull up in the sleepy village of Gulladuff in rural South Derry. Twenty-four newly track-suited youngsters, aged from ten to fourteen, will embark on a journey to Kildare's Hawkfield complex for the regional finals of Féile na nÓg. No matter what life throws their way, the boys will always remember the simple act of travelling those 160 miles together as Derry champions.

Such memories are just part of the gift of legacy given to the young players by their club, Erin's Own, Lavey. It's like that because people have made it that way, and perhaps none more so than club stalwart, Colm Higgins.

In such a tightly-knit community, most of the youngsters will probably know Colm Higgins, but some may not. For those that don't, and for everyone else, he is a man who has given a lifetime of service to the GAA in Derry and Ulster.

Recruited by the late Jim McGuigan in 1998 to the role of turnstile operator, or 'gate-man' to use a more familiar term, Higgins continues to this day to perform the task all-year-round at Derry club games, as well as provincial club and county games.

It's his contribution to his club which is utterly jaw-dropping though.

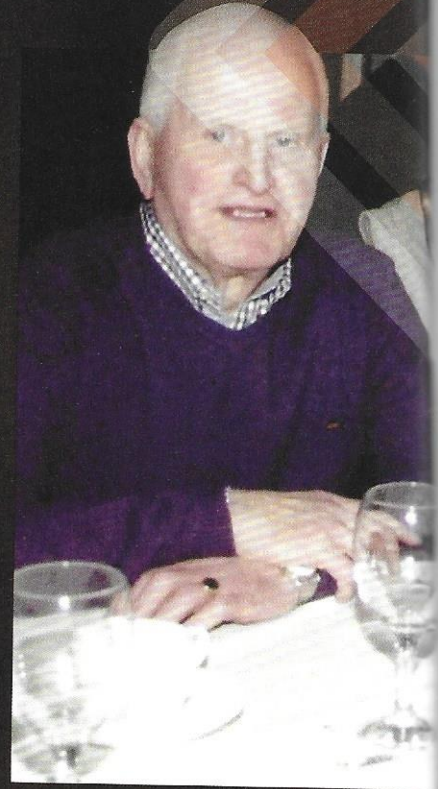
When the Kildare-bound bus pulls out onto Quarry Road, its rear-view mirrors will frame a view of some of the finest sports facilities in Ireland. The indoor 3G centre - its white roof-covering, even visible from the top of Glenshane - is just one of the ultra-modern facilities which have sprouted up around 'The Hall' at the heart of the club.

A former county hurler, club senior footballer and hurler, and a brick-layer by trade, the club's core structure and focal point was one which Colm Higgins helped put in place with his own hands throughout the construction of the original pavilion during the years 1978-79 (his first two of nine years spent as Chairman). 1980 came and went as Higgins continued to oversee developments off and on the pitch. The seeds had been planted and during his second spell as Chairman, 1986-91, Lavey began to reap the harvest.

1985 saw the first Derry hurling title to be won by the club in 23 years. It was the first of thirteen Fr. Collins Cups to follow. Four Senior Football Championships also arrived (88, 90, 92, 93) as the good times rolled.

How fitting it was, therefore, that on 17 March 1991, Colm Higgins had the honour of welcoming the Andy Merrigan Cup into the hall - which he himself had laboured over thirteen years previous - as Chairman of the All-Ireland Football Club champions.

It's certainly a rich heritage and is one to inspire on any road trip. But if you think about it, it's not just the youngsters who have benefitted from Higgins' time, effort, sweat and tears - it's his entire community.



IT'S HIS CONTRIBUTION TO HIS CLUB WHICH IS UTTERLY JAW-DROPPING THOUGH.

Enabling the bigger audience within a community to be part of something collective is perhaps the greatest gift which a volunteer gives.

All of our lives are better because of people like Colm Higgins. Pass it on.

# MINOR PREVIEW

Neil Loughran

**DONEGAL** are ticking along just nicely at senior level. Okay, maybe that's a bit of an understatement – Rory Gallagher's men looked back to their very best in disposing of Armagh almost a fortnight ago. They are heavy favourites to see off north-west rivals Derry this evening and book their place in a fifth straight Ulster decider.

With some justification, the voices talking up their chances of lifting Sam in September appear to be increasing in volume by the day.

Their minors represent a similarly formidable prospect at the moment. Of the 20 games played

since the start of 2014, they have lost just once – and that was in the All-Ireland Final against Kerry. The likes of Paddy McBrearty and Odhran Mac Niallais are proof that rapid progression through the ranks is a distinct possibility. In Donegal, if you're good enough, you're old enough – and Declan Bonner's current crop play like men on a mission.

They have moved through the gears in Ulster thus far, accounting for Tyrone (1-11 to 0-8) at the preliminary stage before – like the seniors a few weeks later – battering Armagh into submission (2-14 to 0-7) in the last eight.

Against Armagh, there were four survivors from the starting 15 that came up short against the Kingdom last September – keeper Danny Rodgers, Stephen McMenamin, captain Michael Carroll and Ethan O'Donnell – but Bonner has also unearthed a few new gems.

Cloughaneely's Jason McGee made his debut against the Orchardmen and looked impressive around the middle of the field, while Rory Carr – despite starting the game at midfield – was used to good effect at full-forward. Carr and Conor Doherty were a major handful for the Armagh back line, scoring 0-9 between them, and both were involved in many more. The O Baoills from Gaoth Dobhair – Daire and Naoise – provided the Donegal goal threat at the Athletic Grounds. There is undoubtedly a wealth of talent coming through in the hills, but this evening's opponents are hardly under-stocked on that front themselves.

Backboned by the successful Watty Graham's, Glen team, Damian McErlaine's Derry



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side could well be the physical match of their opponents. Inspired by Glen powerhouse and county captain Conor Glass, the Oak Leafs had little problem disposing of Down (2-11 to 1-7) in the last round.

And although they have already lost to the men from Tir Chonaill twice this year – 4-18 to 3-7 and 2-14 to 1-11 in the Ulster Minor League (the second clash was the League Final) – playing in a provincial curtain-raiser in Clones before their own fans should provide extra motivation.

Indeed, speaking after their quarter-final win over Down, McErlaine referred to that first defeat in Ballybofey, looking upon it as a turning point in Derry's season.

"We learned that the game is not just 15 against 15, that you have to have a defensive system," he said. "We have worked on that since then but it still needs a bit of fine-tuning."

Whether that defensive system will have developed sufficiently to deal with a potent Donegal attack remains to be seen.

In the first half of their preliminary round clash, Tyrone gave Donegal all they wanted. Even Armagh were able to turnover plenty of ball and cause the odd headache, despite suffering a heavy defeat. With so many new faces, both teams are works in progress – Donegal just look a little further down the road.



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# DOIRE

## DERRY MINOR TEAM

Manager: Damian McErlaine



### FÍR IONAD/SUBSTITUTES

16. Ben McKinless, Baile an Doire 17. Brian Cassidy, Sleacht Neil 18. Tiarnan Flanagan, Gleann  
19. Barry Grant, Baile na Scríne 20. Seamus Higgins, Dún Geimhín 21. Niall McAtamney, Suaitreach  
22. Odhrán McKeever, Dún Geimhín 23. Michael Mullan, Droim Sorn 24. Eunan Murray, Nuachongbháil

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Seor	Ciceanna
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# DÚN NA NGALL

## DONEGAL MINOR TEAM

Manager: Declan Bonner



### FÍR IONAD/SUBSTITUTES

16. Gavin Mulreaney, Naomh Náille 17. Philip Doherty, Naomh Columba 18. Kane Barrett, Báille na nGalloglach  
19. Mark Coyle, Beart 20. Eoin McGettigan, Naomh Conaill 21. Barry Curran, An Clochán Liath  
22. John Ross Molloy, Ard an Ratha 23. Dylan Kennedy, Na Ceithre Máistír  
24. Nathan Gavigan, Seán Mac Cumhaill

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Iomlán						

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# LAOCHRA ULADH



## SEAN FERRITER

Áit ar bith ina bhfuil daoine buailte le chéile ag caint fá chúrsaí peil Ghaelach nó ar na h-imreoirí as an tréimhse idir lár na naoi déag caogaidí suas fhad le deireadh na seascaidí is cinnte go mbeadh Seán Ferriter ainmnithe i measc na réaltaí móra a d'mír ag an am sin. Cé nach raibh Dún na nGall chomh láidir sna seascaidí bhí Seán Ferriter as Dún Fionnachaidh ar cheann de na himreoirí ab bhfearr sa tír san ré sin.

Nuair a fuair Dún na nGall fríd go cluiche ceannais Uladh sa pheil sinsear sa bhliain 1963, bhí Seán Ferriter mar chaptain na foirne is é ag imirt sa líne leath tosaigh i lár. Roimhe sin sa bhliain 1956 bhí Seán mar chaptain ar an chead foireann mionúir Dhún na nGall a bhain craobh Uladh sa pheil agus é ag imirt sa líne lán chúl. Ar an droch uair theip ar Dún na nGall craobh sinsear Uladh a bhaint sa bhliain 1963 nuair a chaill said cluiche ceannais i n-éidean foireann láidir as Co. an Dúin.



Fear mór ard a d'imír an chuid is mó don a chuid peil i lár na páirce, thosaigh Seán amach ar a thuras le foirne faoi aois ar an Chraoslach agus Dún Fionnachaidh. (Seo an cheantar ina bhfuil fo-chumann Naomh Michéal faoi láthair) Bhain Seán craobh peil mionúr na contae leis an Chraolach sa bhliain 1955. B'iad na h-imreoirí eile as an cheantar sin a bhí ar an fhoireann a chuaigh ar aghaidh agus a bhain an chead craobh mionúr Uladh sa bhliain 1956 nó Mick McGinley, Hugh McGinley, Francie Carr agus Danny Langan. I measc na h-imreoirí eile a bhí ar an fhoireann mionúr sin bhí Paul Sweeney as an Chlochán Liath agus Eamon Monaghan a bhí mar pháirt do'n ghrupa cailiúil – The Capitol Showband.

D'imír Seán Ferriter do'n Chontae i gcrabhbh Uladh achán bhliain ar feadh ceithre bhliain déag ó 1957 go 1970 agus tháinig sé ar ais ar fhoireann na contae arís sa bhliain 1975. Bhain sé trí bhonn i gcomórtas Corn an Iarnróid (The Railway Cup) idir 1963 agus 1965. Le cois sin bhí sé ar na foirne a bhain Corn an Lagáin (The Lagan Cup) i 1965, '66 agus '67. Bhí sé mar Chaptain ar an chead fhoireann as Dún na nGall a bhain Corn Mhic Cionnaith (The McKenna Cup) sa bhliain 1963. Bhí sé ar na foirne as Dún na nGall a bhain an chorn seo arís sna blianta 1965 agus 1967. Bhí sé mar pháirt do'n fhoireann bainistíochta nuair a bhain Dún na nGall Corn Sam Mhic Uidhir sa bhliain 1992.

Nuair a dhfág Seán Colaiste Naomh Adhamhnáin i Leitir Ceanainn, bhug sé go Baile Átha Cliath an áit a raibh post aige sna Gardaí. D'imír sé le Na Fianna i mBaile Átha Cliath sular phil sé ar Dún na nGall arís agus bhain sé an Corn Democrat (The Democrat Cup) leis an Chlochán Liath i 1962. Indiaidh sin d'imír sé le Naomh Adhamhnáin agus bhí sé ar foirne as Baile an Ardeaglais (The Cathedral Town) a bhain craobh na contae sna blianta 1967, 1969 agus 1972. Mar a tharlaíonn le cuid mhór imreoirí, chríochnaigh Seán a shaol mar imreoir lena chlub dhúchais, Naomh Michéal. Tá sé anois ina chonaí i mBaile Átha Cliath ach tá Seán le feiceál go foill ag cluichí ina bhfuil Naomh Micheal nó Dún na nGall páirteach.



## TOMMY DIAMOND

Bionn achan tús lag a chantar agus is mar sin a bhí ag peileadóirí Dhoire ar an ardán mór. Go dtí 1965 nuair a thóg an contae Craobh Mionúr na hÉireann den chéad uair riamh. Ciarraí a bualadh sa chluiche ceannais (2-8/2-4) agus ba ar Tommy Diamond as Baile Eachaidh a bronnadh Corn Tom Markham an lá clúiteach sin i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus é mar cheannaire agus mar cheannródaí i lár na páirce i rith na bliana.

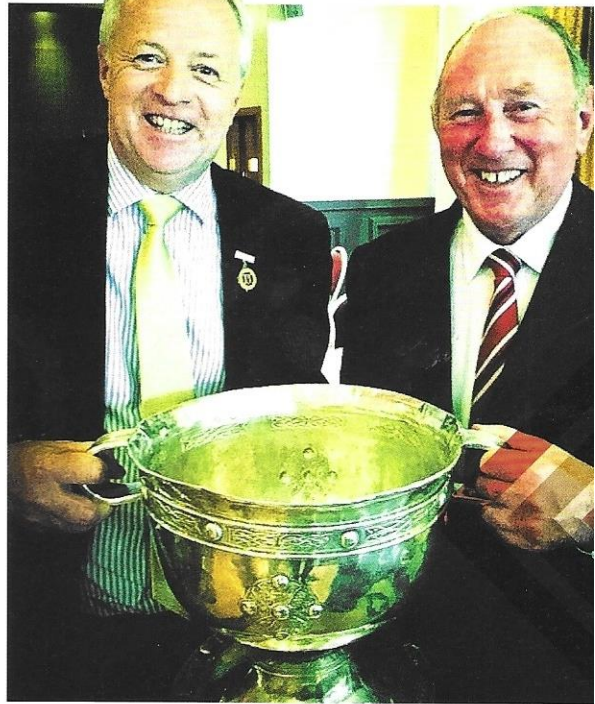
Nuair a thóg Doire Craobh na hÉireann faoi 21 den chéad uair riamh fosta trí bliana ina dhiaidh sin, i 1968, bhí Tommy mar cheannaire agus mar chaptaen go fóill. Fán am sin, ba leathchúláí ar dheis é ar an fhoireann. Bualadh Ciarraí arís sa bhabhta leathcheannais (3-11/0-10) agus táthar ann a déarfadh gur baineadh an choimhlint a luaithe is a cuireadh Tommy ar laoch Chiarraí san am, Breandán Ó Loinsigh. Uíbh Fhailí a bualadh sa chluiche ceannais (3-9/1-9) agus arís, ba ar Tommy a bronnadh an corn.

Tommy Diamond an chéad pheileadóir in Éirinn riamh leis an éacht sin a dhéanamh – bheith mar chaptaen ar fhoireann a thóg Craobh Mionúr agus Craobh faoi 21 na hÉireann.

Agus ar leibhéal club bhí sé mar chnámh droma ag foireann iomráiteach Bhaile Eachaidh a bhí i réim sna seascaidí agus sna seachtóidí. Tá póca lán bonn craoibhe aige leis an chlub, dhá bhonn Uladh agus sa bhliain 1972 bhí ina leathchúláí ar an fhoireann a bhain Corn Aindí Uí Mhuireagáin i bPáirc an Chrócaigh – an chéad chlub riamh as Doire ná as Cúige Uladh leis an éacht sin a dhéanamh. Ceannródaí arís.

Ba mhínic a dheartháir Learaí leis ar na foirne sin agus bhí seisean mar chaptaen ar Bhaile Eachaidh an lá mór thuas. Seachtar mac atá ag Tommy! Agus thóg mac acu, Karl, bonn Uile-Éireann le Doire sa bhliain 1993.

Is laoch peile é Tommy Diamond.  
An Broc

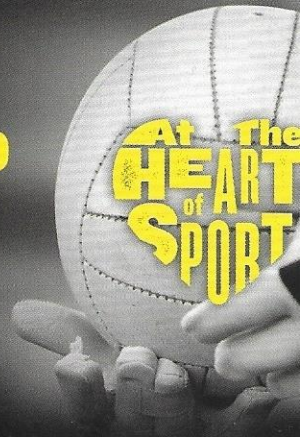


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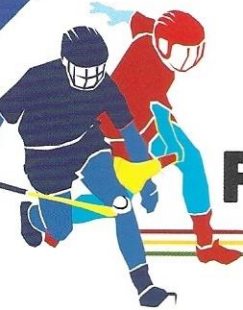
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# FÉILE NA nGAEL 2015



On the weekend of 19th – 21st June, Ulster hosted the Feile na nGael for the second consecutive year. Over 4,500 players participated throughout the province. It was a fantastic occasion which will live long in the memory of all those involved.

The Semi finals and finals took place in Owenbeg, Garvaghey, Cloghan, Lavey and Loup on Sunday 21st June. Thanks to all those who made this possible.

After more than 450 games over the past weekend, the winners of the 2015 finals are now known.

**Hurling Division 1 Cup Final:**

St Ernans (Westmeath) 2-4 Kilmacow (Kilkenny) 1-2

**Hurling Division 1 Shield Final:**

Ballycastle (Antrim) 0-11 Youghal (Cork) 1-0

**Hurling Division 2 Cup Final:**

Eoghan Ruadh (Tyrone) 3-4 Ballinascreen (Derry) 1-5

**Hurling Division 2 Shield Final:**

Garryspillane (Limerick) 1-3 Mt Leinster Rangers (Carlow) 0-1

**Hurling Division 3 Cup Final:**

Kilconieron (Galway) 2-7 St Martin's (Kilkenny) 1-1

**Hurling Division 3 Shield Final:**

St John's (Antrim) 3-1 Eoghan Rua (Derry) 2-1

**Hurling Division 4 Cup Final:**

Luke O Tooles (Wicklow) 1-6 St Brigid's Blackwater (Wexford) 1-1

**Hurling Division 4 Shield Final:**

St Eunan's (Donegal) 2-3 St. Dominics (Roscommon) 0-1

**Hurling Division 5 Cup Final:**

St Fechins (Louth) 2-3 Craobh Rua (Armagh) 1-4

**Hurling Division 5 Shield Final:**

Carnew Emmet's (Wicklow) 2-4 Sallins Hurling Club (Kildare) 1-1

**Hurling Division 6 Cup Final:**

Annaghdown (Galway) 2-3 Naomh Olaf (Dublin) 1-5

**Hurling Division 6 Shield Final:**

Derrynoose (Armagh) 1-3 Knockbridge (Louth) 1-2

**Hurling Division 7 Cup Final:**

Fr O'Regans Craanford (Wexford) 3-3 Killeavy (Armagh) 2-1

**Hurling Division 7 Shield Final:**

Ballymachugh (Cavan) 2-2 Middletown Na Fianna (Armagh) 1-4

**Camogie Division 1 Cup Final:**

Loughgiel Shamrocks (Antrim) 5-6 Newbridge (Derry) 1-0

**Camogie Division 1 Shield Final:**

Ballycastle (Antrim) 4-3 Kilruane Mac Donaghs (Tipperary) 0-2

**Camogie Division 2 Cup Final:**

St Rynagh's (Offaly) 2-3 Lusmugh/Drumcullen (Offaly) 1-1

**Camogie Division 2 Shield Final:**

Bridini Óga (Antrim) 5-2 Clonkill (Westmeath) 0-2

**Camogie Division 3 Cup Final:**

St Brigids (Carlow) 1-5 Camross (Laois) 1-2

**Camogie Division 3 Shield Final:**

Keady (Armagh) 1-6 Glenullin (Derry) 0-5

**Camogie Division 4 Cup Final:**

St Brigid's (Laois) 4-3 Cillard (Kerry) 1-0

**Camogie Division 4 Shield Final:**

Westport (Mayo) 5-3 Madden (Armagh) 0-0

**Camogie Division 5 Cup Final:**

Cois Fharraige (Galway) 2-4 Castleblayney (Monaghan) 0-0

**Camogie Division 5 Shield Final:**

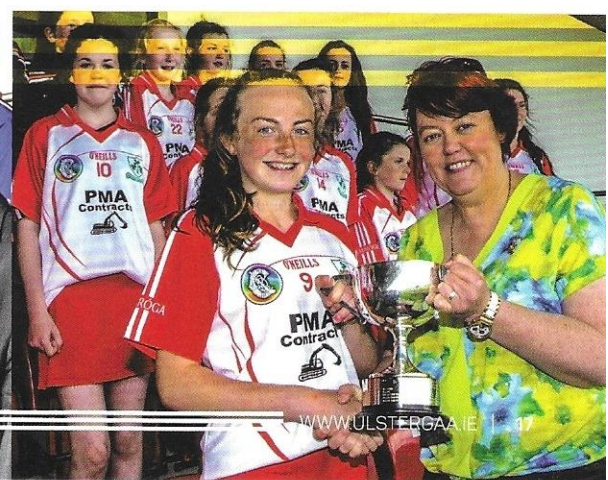
Paulstown/Goresbridge (Kilkenny) 0-6 Borris-Ileigh (Tipperary) 1-0

**Camogie Division 6 Cup Final:**

Cratloe (Clare) 1-1 Castlegar (Galway) 0-3

**Camogie Division 6 Shield Final:**

St Eunan's (Donegal) 2-4 Dungiven (Derry) 2-1

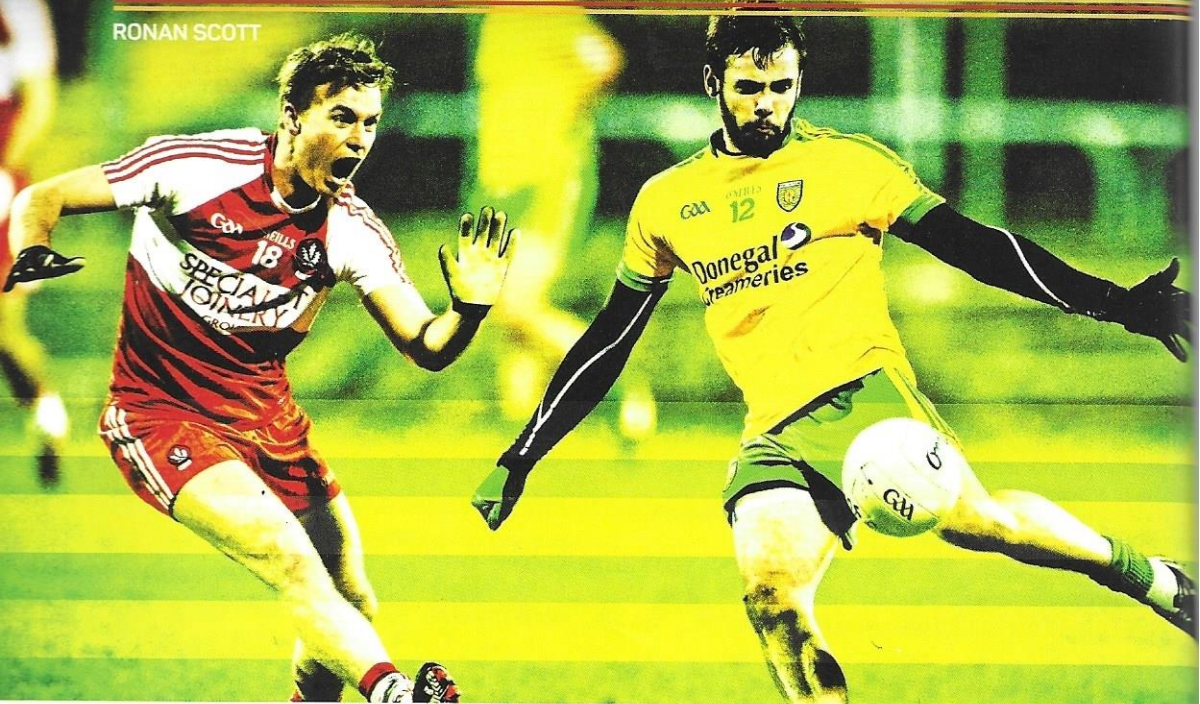


# SENIOR PREVIEW

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RONAN SCOTT



If Derry were to win this game it would represent the biggest shock of the Ulster Championship for quite some time.

The Oak Leafers are not the worst team in Ulster by any stretch, yet the form which Donegal has shown so far suggests that it would take an act of God to beat them.

Their win over Tyrone proved that they can eke out a result when up against a hungry team while not playing their best. Then against Armagh, they showed a steely resolve to make sure of the result. Having perhaps been a tad ponderous during the first half, after Paddy McBrearty's early goal, they took a firm grip of the game thanks to a tight defence allied with economical scoring. The game was over as a contest midway through the second half.

The message is clear, Donegal are moving through the gears, and there is nothing to suggest that Derry will be anything other than

another stepping stone towards the Tir Chonail men's third Ulster Final clash in a row against Monaghan.

Since Donegal's 2009 All-Ireland Qualifiers win over Derry in Ballybofey, an extra time victory of 2-13 to 0-18, Derry have not beaten Donegal in League or championship.

If Donegal win, then it would be their seventh win in a row, in league and championship football against their rivals. There are a good few of the Derry team who were playing when they beat Donegal last, in the 2009 NFL campaign. Chris McKaigue, Patsy Bradley, Enda Lynn, Sean Leo McGoldrick, Eoin Bradey were all playing that day. But to emphasise how long ago that game was, Enda Muldoon and Sean Marty Lockhart lined out that day; a long time ago.

Since then Donegal has become the dominant force of Ulster football, and they have done so by

adopting and fine tuning a counter-attacking system that Derry just can't seem to break down.

Last year, Brian McIver's troops came as close to beating Donegal as they ever have in the past five years, when they adopted a cautious strategy.

The plan was to hold possession passed across the field along the 45 and wait for opportunities to present themselves. The strategy worked, and Derry led at half time. However, the loss of Fergal Doherty to injury, and a brief lack of concentration in defence meant that they conceded an early second half goal, and when Donegal hit the front, they just squeezed the life out of the game.

The optimists in Derry will certainly believe that because they came that close to beating Donegal last year, the Oak Leafers can get closer again this year. But a year is a long time in football. Since then Derry have changed their strategy, instead opting for

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a defensive counter-attacking game. And the strategy didn't work when the two teams played each other during the league, when Donegal won comfortably 1-15 to 0-12.

This year Derry have seen the departure of James Kielt and Barry McGoldrick, and they needed senior players like Fergal Doherty, Mark Lynch and Eoin Bradley to get them over the line against Down in the last round.

In contrast, Donegal are much better in an Ulster Semi-Final than they were in last year's first round. Rory Gallagher's team are playing with obvious confidence, and despite having such a small pick, they are resplendent with stars.

They may have one of the best players that the game has ever seen in Michael Murphy, but he is far from their only star, Paddy McBrearty, Martin McElhinney, Christy Toye, Odhran MacNiallais, Mark McHugh, Ryan McHugh and that's just the guys in attack.

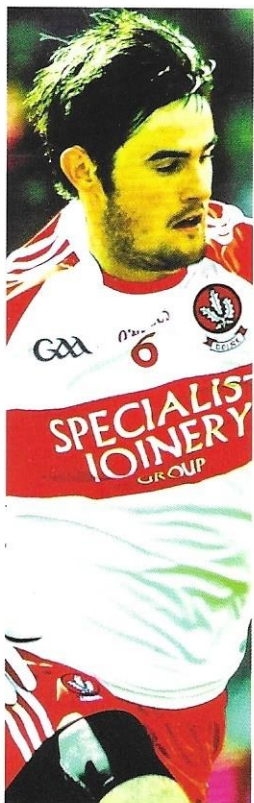
It is Donegal's defence that is their bedrock. They have a massed defence which expertly turns over possession as they showed against Armagh in the last round.

Considering that Derry haven't scored a championship goal against Donegal since 2008, the odds of them getting one this weekend are justifiably slim. We are currently watching a Donegal team who have a realistic

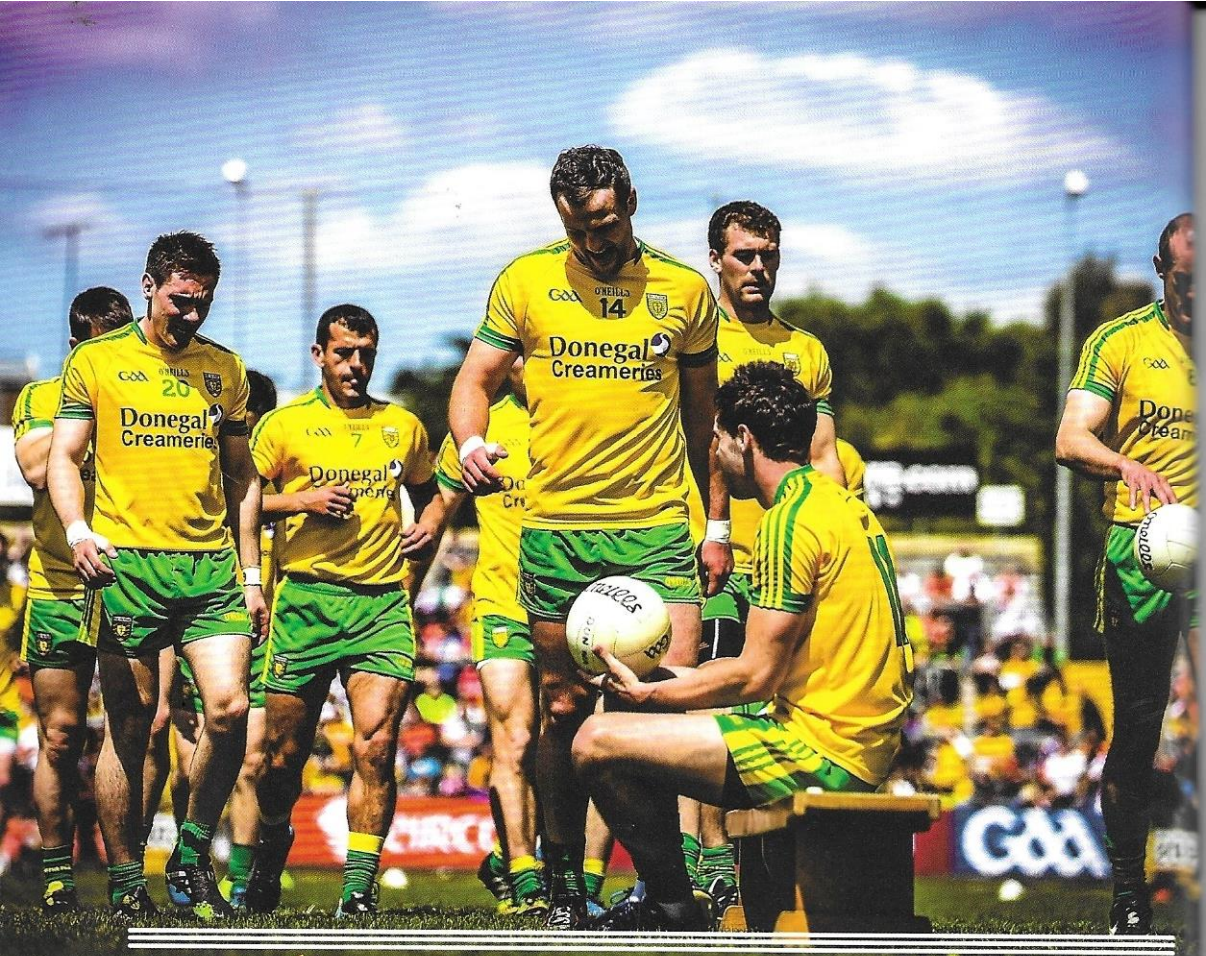
chance of winning the All-Ireland title, they just have to stay fully fit and focused.

Perhaps the only threat to them winning is complacency. And this weekend's game is one in which that over-confidence may creep in. They have beaten Derry so many times since 2009 that they may believe that it is a foregone conclusion.

But even if that were to happen, if they were to go out and allow Derry to get ahead, they have already proven this season that they know how to react in tight situations. The opening round game against Tyrone gave us proof of that, as Donegal reacted perfectly under pressure and ground out a result.







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Following on from its successful pilot in 2014-15, the GAA, Foróige, and NUIG are delighted to announce that the innovative Dermot Earley Youth Leadership Initiative is coming to county Monaghan as part of Phase 2.

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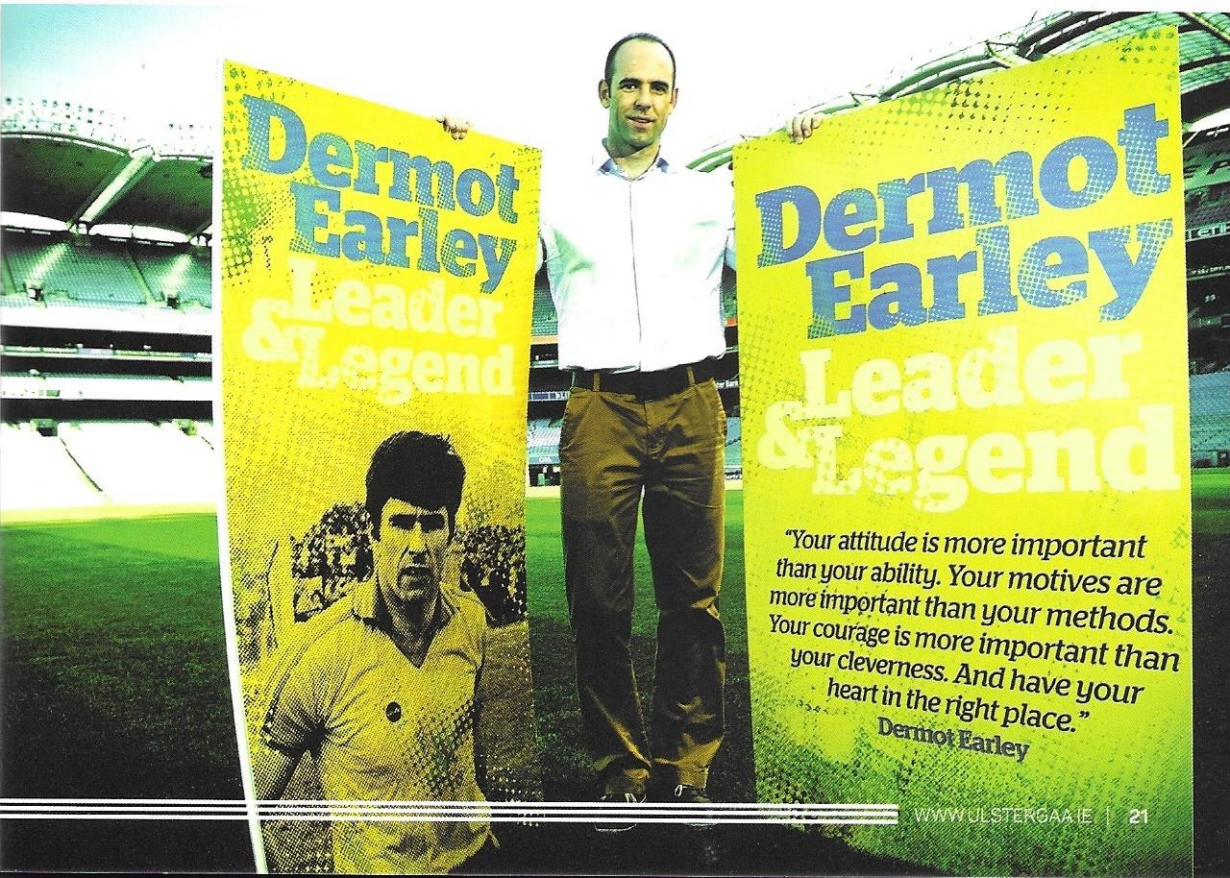
members, male and female aged 15-18 years-old.

**Closing date for receipt of applications is midnight Sunday 5th July.**

The initiative runs over three modules between September 2015 and May 2016 and involves 30 hours of workshops designed to develop the leadership skills that Dermot epitomised on and off the field. 30 hours of self-directed learning is also required before the participants put their enhanced leadership skills into action through a club or community-based action project. Those who complete all three

modules will graduate from NUIG with a Foundation Certificate in Youth Leadership and Community Action. The workshops will take place in at the Monaghan Centre of Excellence at Cloghan (see application form for more details). The lucky participants will also be gathered for at least one special event in Croke Park.

For more information on how to apply please contact Stacey Cannon, GAA National Health & Wellbeing Coordinator on [stacey.cannon@gaa.ie](mailto:stacey.cannon@gaa.ie) or 01 8192387 or go to: <http://www.gaa.ie/community/community-development/dermot-early-youth-leadership-initiative/>

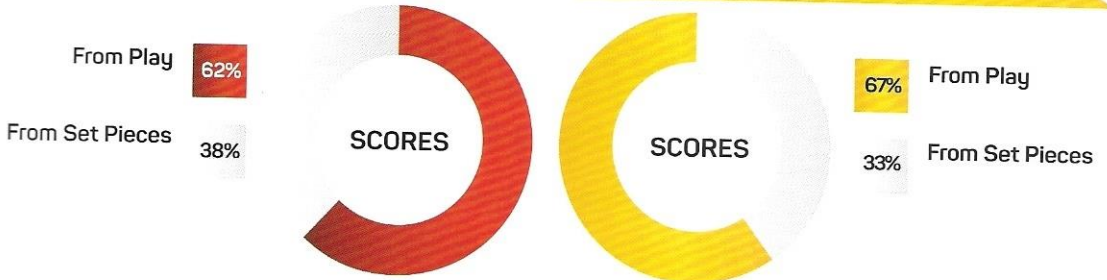


# STATS 2015



## THE FACTS

### DERRY V DONEGAL



### AVERAGE GOALS SCORED



### MOST PROLIFIC



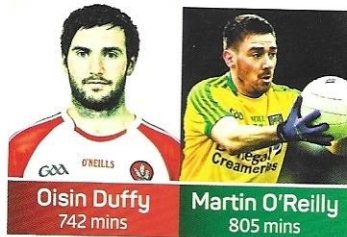
### AVERAGE GOALS CONCEDED



### NUMBER OF SCORERS



### MOST GAME TIME



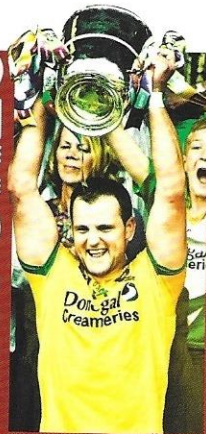
### THE FACTS

The last time that Derry defeated Donegal in the Ulster Senior Football Championship, current manager Brian McIver was at the helm in Donegal.

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## FIXTURES



PRELIMINARY ROUND  
Donegal 1-13 Tyrone 1-10  
17/05/15

QUARTER-FINAL: 24/05/15  
Cavan 0-15 Monaghan 0-16  
THROW IN: 2.00PM

QUARTER-FINAL: 31/05/15  
Fermanagh 1-13 Antrim 0-8  
THROW IN: 4.00PM

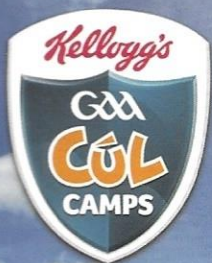
QUARTER-FINAL: 7/06/15  
Derry 0-12 Down 0-11  
THROW IN: 2.00PM

QUARTER-FINAL: 14/06/15  
Armagh V Donegal  
THROW IN: 2.00PM

SEMI-FINAL 21/06/15  
Monaghan 1-20 Fermanagh 0-13  
THROW IN: 4.00PM

ULSTER FINAL 19/07/15  
Monaghan V Winners  
THROW IN: 2.00PM

SEMI-FINAL 27/06/15  
Derry V Donegal  
THROW IN: 7.00PM



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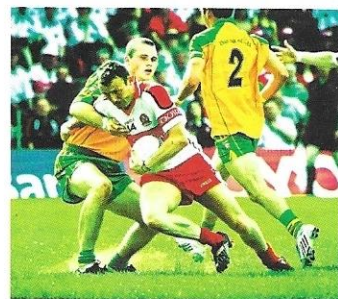


## DERRY PEN PICS

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Eoin McNicholl	Gleann Iolár	30	6' 1"	13st 8
Thomas Mallon	An Lúb	26	6'	13st
Dermot McBride	Baile na Scrine	26	6'	13st 5
Chrissy McKaigue	Sleact Neil	25	6' 2"	14st
Brendan Rogers	Sleact Neil	21	6' 3"	13st
Karl McKaigue	Sleact Neil	22	5' 11"	12st 5
Oisín Duffy	Fothair Gleann	25	5' 11"	12st 7
<b>Mark Lynch</b>	<b>Beannchar</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>6' 2"</b>	<b>14st 7</b>
Kevin Johnston	Dún Geimhin	23	6'	13st
Michael McIver	Baile an Doire	29	5' 10"	12st
Aidan McAlynn	An Lúb	28	6'	12st 7
Brian og McGilligan	Beannchar	22	6' 3"	14st 7
Conor McAtamney	Suaitreach	21	6'	13st
Patsy Bradley	Sleact Neil	30	6' 1"	14st
James Kielt	Cill Riath	26	6' 3"	15st
Fergal Doherty	Beal Eachaidh	33	6' 1"	15st
Neil McNicholl	Gleann Iolár	20	6' 2"	13st
Emmet Bradley	Gleann	22	6' 3"	13st
Liam McGoldrick	Eoghan Rua	20	6'	12st 5
Cailean O'Boyle	Leamhaigh	25	6' 4"	14st 7
Sean Leo McGoldrick	Eoghan Rua	27	5' 11"	12st
Danny Heavron	Machaire Fiolta	26	5' 10"	12st 7
Connor Murphy	Dún Geimhin	20	6' 3"	14st
Benny Heron	Baile na Scrine	23	5' 10"	13st
Ciaran McFaul	Gleann	21	5' 11"	12st 7
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Enda Lynn	Grian Lóch	27	5' 10"	12st
Niall O'Loughlin	Grian Lóch	19	5' 11"	12st 7
Mark Craig	Dún Geimhin	27	6'	12st 7
Sean Brady	Baile Mhic Ghuigin	29	5' 10"	12st 7
Niall Holly	Eoghan Rua	26	6' 3"	13st 7

### LAST CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY OVER DONEGAL, 1ST JUNE 2008

Ten points from Paddy Bradley and 1-1 from brother Eoin was enough for Derry to record a Quarter Final victory in Ballybofey. Colm McFadden kicked 0-6 for Donegal that day. Derry were then surprisingly defeated by Fermanagh in that years Semi-Final.



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“There is no doubt that we will need to have learned some lessons from the previous round if we are to prevail today.”

Derry Manager,  
Brian McIver

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## DERRY SENIOR TEAM

Manager: Brian McLver



### FÍR IONAIÐ/SUBSTITUTES

16. Eoin McNicholl, Gleann An Iolair 17. Liam McGoldrick, Eoghan Rua 18. Aidan McAllynn, An Lúb  
 19. Conor McAtamney, Suaitreach 20. Karl McKaigue, Sleacht Neil 21. Terence O'Brien, An Lúb  
 22. Brian Óg McGilligan, Dun Geimhin 23. Benny Heron, Baile na Scríne 24. Conor Murphy, Dun Geimhin  
 25. Michael McLver, Baile An Doire 26. Niall Loughlin, An Grianloch

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# DÚN NA NGALL

## DONEGAL SENIOR TEAM

Manager: Rory Gallagher



### FÍR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

16. Mark Anthony McGinley, Naomh Mícheál 17. Anthony Thompson, Naomh Conaill  
 18. Éamonn Doherty, Naomh Adhamhnáin 19. Martin O' Reilly, Seán Mac Cumhaill 20. Hugh McFadden, Na Cealla Beaga  
 21. David Walsh, Naomh Bríd 22. Ciaran McGinley, Cill Chartha 23. Gary McFadden, Gleann Súilí  
 24. Eoin McHugh, Cill Chartha 25. Stephen Griffin, Naomh Náille 26. Declan Walsh, Málainn

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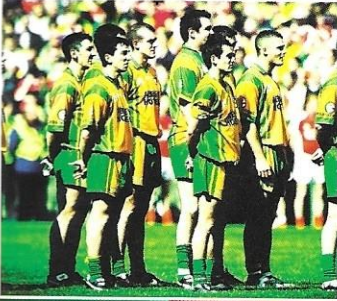
# DÚN NA NGALL



## DONEGAL PEN PICS

### LAST ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIP VICTORY OVER DERRY, MAY 25TH 2014

At half time, Derry were leading and looking like they would push on but an inspired third quarter that included a Leo McLoone goal ensured that it was Donegal who would progress en route to collecting another Anglo Celt Cup.



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"It is always extra special to take the field in Clones, the true home of Ulster Football and a place that always has a great championship air and atmosphere about it".

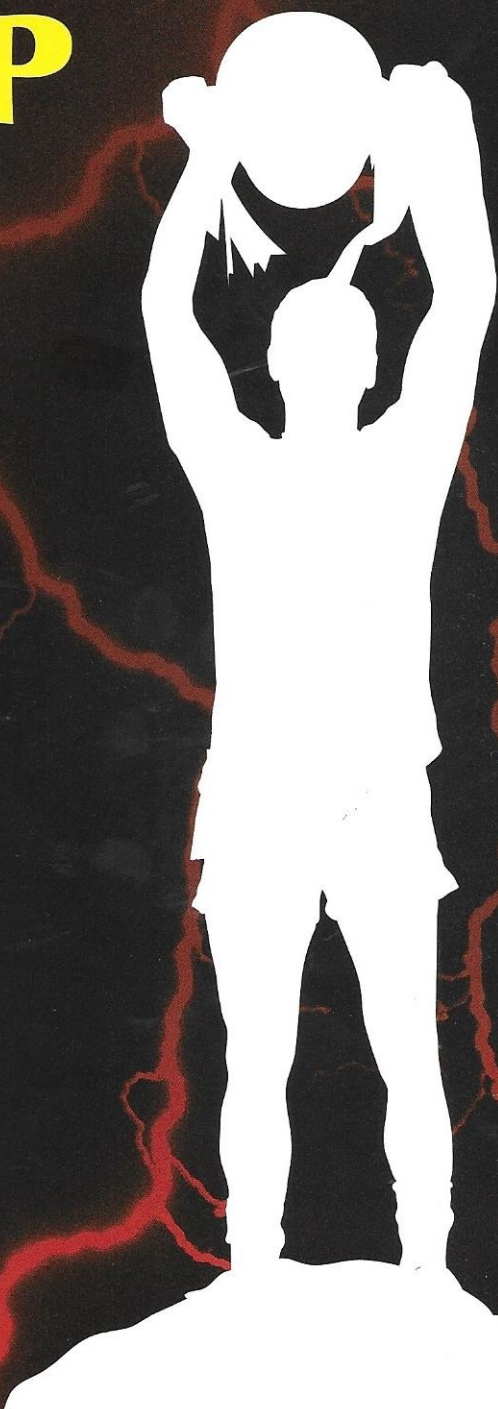
Donegal Manager,  
Rory Gallagher

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Neil McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	28	6' 1"	15st
Frank McGlynn	Gleann Fhinne	28	5' 11"	13st
Eamon McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	30	6' 2"	13st 7
Karl Lacey	Na Ceithre Maistirí	29	5'11"	12st
Anthony Thomson	Naomh Conaill	28	6'	12st 7
Neil Gallagher	Gleann Suili	31	6' 4"	15st
Darrach O'Connor	Buncranncha	18	5'8"	11st 7
Patrick McBrearty	Cill Chartha	20	6'	12st 7
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Colm McFadden	Naomh Micheal	30	6'	13st 7
Michael Boyle	An Tearmann	27	6'	13st 7
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David Walsh	Naomh Brid	31	6'	12st 5
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Mark Anthony McGinley	Naomh Michael	25	6'1"	14st 2
Gary McFadden	Gleann Suili	26	6'2"	13st 5
Mark McHugh	Cill Chartha	24	5'11"	12st 5lbs
Stephen Griffin	Naomh Naille	27	6' 2"	13st 5lbs
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## Liam McGoldrick

**Club:** Eoghan Rua Coleraine

**Favourite Position:** Forwards

**Favourite Pitch:**  
Pairc Eoghan Rua

**Hobbies:** Surfing, Poetry,  
Skateboarding

**Childhood hero:** Tony Hawk

**Best Player you have played  
with:** Sean Brady

**Best Player you have played  
against:** Conor Carlin

**Best game you have been  
involved in:** Derry v  
Dublin NFL 2015

**Best game you have  
ever seen:** Ulster  
Semi-Final 2011  
Derry v Armagh

**Best trainer within the squad:**  
Sean Brady

**Worst trainer within the squad:**  
Chrissy McKaigue

**Worst training drill:** Warm-Ups

**Best motivator within the squad:**  
Conor Murphy

**Pre Match meal:** Weetos and  
Weetabix

**Any superstitions:** None

**Favourite Song:** Lionel Ritchie,  
All Night Long

**Favourite Film:** 10 Things  
I Hate About You

**Favourite Holiday  
Destination:** Ibiza

**Favourite Drink:** Stout

**Favourite Meal:** XL Bacon  
double Cheeseburger

**Best advice ever  
received:** Give it to  
the big man

**Biggest  
influence on  
career:**  
Oul Pair

**Club Volunteer of note:**  
Scooby Donnelly

**Song you listen to before big  
games:** Shania Twain, From This  
Moment On

**Most important skill:** Kicking

**Biggest Strength in your game:**  
Running with the head down

**Area of your game you would like  
to improve:** Lifting the head

**Which club do you like to see do  
well apart from your own:**  
Doire Colmcille

**Which county do you like to see  
do well apart from your own:**  
None

**Advice for youngsters:**  
Give it to the big man

**Young Player within your club to  
look out for:** Ryan McGeogh

**Best thing about the GAA:**  
Having fun.



CLUB AND  
COUNTY

# VALUING VOLUNTEERS

JAMES DOWDS



From growing up in Burt to living in Newtown (having married a Newtown woman!) James Dowds has been steeped in the GAA all his life.

As one of the founders of Naomh Colmcille CLG in 1993, James Dowds has been instrumental in ensuring the club's existence over the past 22 years. At that time James called in personal favours to get the then All-Ireland champions, Donegal, to take on Tyrone to mark the official opening of the club's pitch. A festival was next on James' list of things to do, and then the club lotto which is still a vital fundraiser nearly 20 years later.

From those humble beginnings the club has grown to a membership of nearly 250 now, with teams competing in all age groups from Under 8 through to senior. There were numerous occasions when James would have to go around on match day to get sufficient players to fulfil the fixture. For the past number of years the level of interest is such that the club also fields a reserve team.

One of James' main jobs in the club was collecting the gate money, and making sure no-one got in without paying! It's safe to assume the gate receipts have dropped since James retired from that task!

James has been at the centre of all club activities over the years, with his personal goal being the continual growth of the club. He eats and sleeps GAA. As club Chairman in 2012, he had to perform something of a 'loaves and fishes' miracle to ensure that as many requests for All-Ireland tickets as possible could be granted.

There is no doubt that Naomh Colmcille CLG would not be where it is today without the efforts of James Dowds. Thanks, James, from all at Naomh Colmcille CLG.



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# ONE MINUTE WITH...



## Martin McElhinney

**Club:** Naomh Micheal

**Favourite Position:**  
Centre half forward

**Favourite Pitch:**  
Páirc Naomh Micheal

**Hobbies:** Soccer and golf

**Childhood hero:** Brian McLaughlin

**Best Player you have played with:**  
Michael Murphy

**Best Player you have played against:** Paul Flynn

**Best game you have been involved in:** All-Ireland Final 2012

**Best game you have ever seen:**  
Donegal v Dublin 2002 Quarter Final

**Best trainer within the squad:**  
Mark Anthony McGinley

**Worst trainer within the squad:**  
Probably me

**Worst training drill:** Tackling grids

**Best motivator within the squad:**  
Odhhran MacNiallais

**Pre Match meal:**  
Chicken and potatoes

**Any superstitions:**  
Same seat on team bus

**Favourite Song:** City of Chicago  
by Christy Moore

**Favourite Film:** One Flew Over The  
Cuckoo's Nest

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Dubai

**Favourite Drink:** Football Special

**Favourite Meal:**  
The rusty oven fungi pizza

**Best advice ever received:** Enjoy it

**Biggest influence on career:** Family

**Club Volunteer of note:**  
Tommy McGinley

**Song you listen to before big games:** Paul Kalkbrenner -  
Sky and Sand

**Most important skill:**  
Good ball handling skills

**Biggest Strength in your game:**  
Running with the ball

**Area of your game you would like to improve:** Tackling

**Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own:**  
Gweedore

**Which county do you like to see do well apart from your own:** Galway

**Advice for youngsters:**  
Enjoy it

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** Callum Friel /  
Max Roarty

**Best thing about the GAA:**  
The community spirit.



# CLUB AND COUNTY

# BLOOD SUB CAMPAIGN



## Ulster GAA's 'Blood Sub' Campaign Launched on World Blood Donor Day

For GAA patrons attending the Armagh v Donegal championship match on Sunday 14th June, the action on the pitch wasn't the only thing to grab their attention. The Senior Football match was preceded by a balloon release to mark World Blood Donor Day, and to launch the Ulster GAA's 'Blood Sub' campaign.

The momentous occasion was celebrated by the release of 300 red balloons in the middle

of the Athletic Grounds pitch. Ulster GAA Vice President Michael Hasson was joined by Emma Sloan from the NI Blood Transfusion Service who, alongside the Irish Blood Transfusion Service, are the professional services which the GAA family can support through their response to this campaign.

The message of the Blood Sub Campaign is simple - support blood donation and help save lives. Each year throughout Ireland, nearly 100,000 people receive a transfusion but less

than 4% of the population across the island give blood regularly.

Ulster GAA are calling on its membership to be aware of the importance of blood donation by promoting awareness of public donation sessions, supporting and encouraging those who can give blood to do so, and for a limited number of clubs who may be able to, host a blood donation session in their area.

For more information on this campaign, visit [www.ulster.gaa.ie/health/blood-sub](http://www.ulster.gaa.ie/health/blood-sub)



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Gaeilge**  
Shéamuis  
De Faoite

## Cúrsa Cuimhneacháin Shéamuis de Faoite

*Learners | Intermediate | Advanced*

Martin McAviney, Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh CLG was in Downings on Thursday 14th May to officially launch the Irish Language course which is sponsored by the Ulster Council of the GAA. The launch was also attended by members of Coiste Chúrsa Cuimhneacháin Shéamuis de Faoite, members of the Downings GAA club executive, members of the Downing GAA football team who have qualified for the All-Ireland finals of Comórtas Peil na Gaeltachta which will take place in Ardara over the June Bank Holiday weekend and Máire de Faoite.

This year's course will run from Monday 20th July until Friday 24th July. The course which has been renamed after one of its original founders is now known as Cúrsa Cuimhneacháin Shéamuis de Faoite. This year is the 27th consecutive year for this course which is designed to improve the level of Irish for adult members of the GAA. There are three levels ranging from the Bun Rang for beginners to the Meán Rang or Intermediate level for those who have a reasonable degree of Irish and Ard Rang for those who are proficient in Irish and simply want to brush up on their language skills.

Classes are run each day by qualified teachers from 10.30am until 3.30pm and this is followed each day by singing and céilí dancing classes from 3.30pm – 5.00pm.

Na Dúnaibh – Downings  
Contae Dhún na nGall – County Donegal

Ó Dé Luain 20ú Iúil 2015  
Go dtí Dé hAoine 24ú Iúil 2015

From Mon 20<sup>th</sup> July until Fri 24<sup>th</sup> July 2015



Entertainment which is provided each evening includes a drama by the local Aisteoirí Mhíobha, a concert by An Crann Óg, lectures, Ceilí Mór with the Duntally Ceilí Band and on the final night there is a banquet and music in the Síbín Ceilí in Downings. All classes are free of charge and are open to members of an Chumann Lúthchleas Gael.

For more details, please contact any member of the organising committee.

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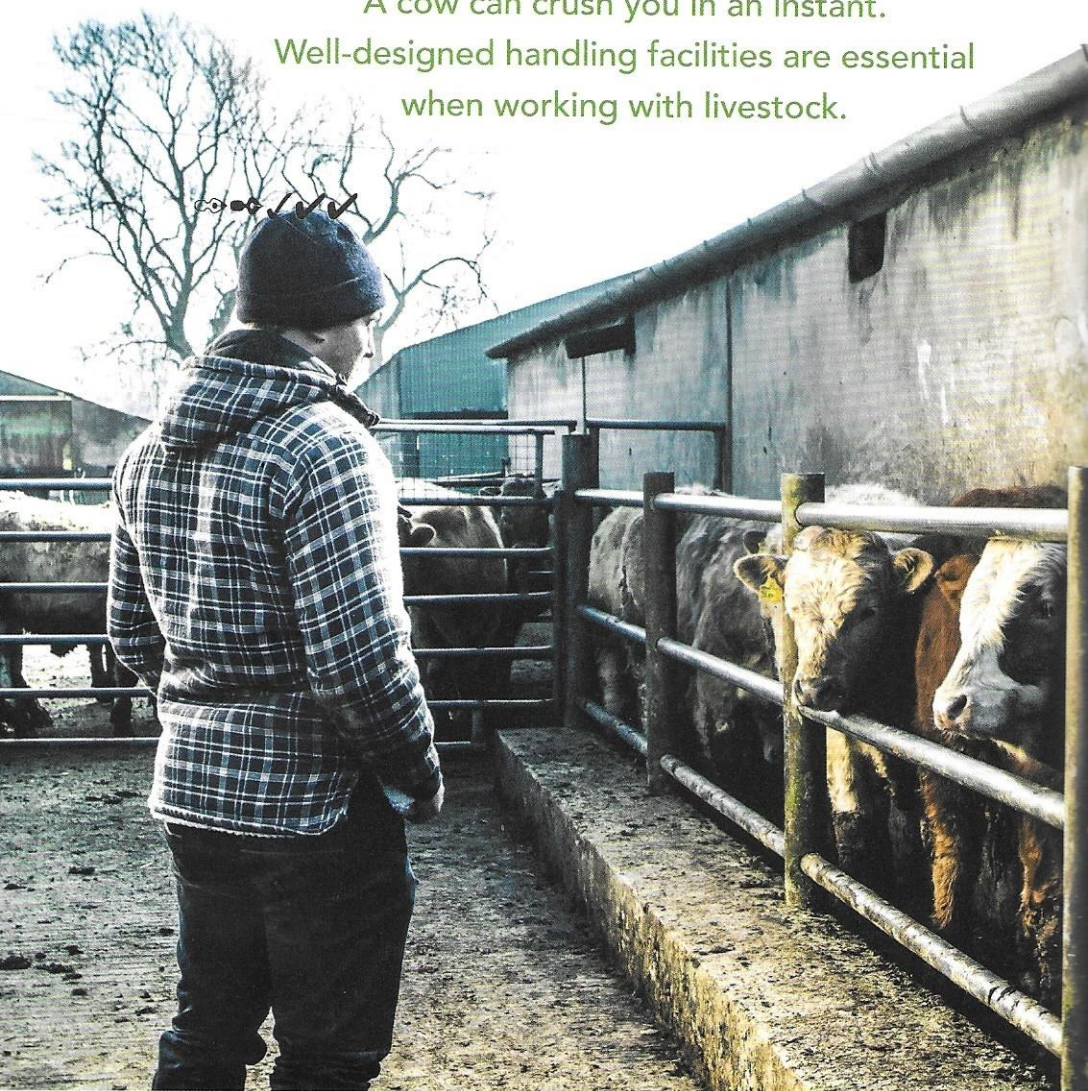
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## STOP AND THINK

# SAFE

SLURRY ANIMALS FALLS EQUIPMENT

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# KEEP CHILDREN SAFE ON FARMS THIS SUMMER

The Farm Safety Partnership is reminding GAA farming parents and families to take extra care on the farm over summer.

Safety is always important, but it is particularly important at this time of year when children are off school and when there's a huge amount of work to be done on the farm.

Like out on the pitch playing Gaelic games, farms can be great places for children, full of fun and excitement, but they can also be an extremely dangerous - especially for our young ones.

Please read the following checklist and take any action necessary to make sure that our children are not injured on our farms this summer.

## CHILD FARM SAFETY CHECKLIST

- ✓ Do you have a safe and secure play area for young children?
- ✓ Do you prevent children from playing in or around farm yards and livestock?
- ✓ Do you prevent all children under 13 years from riding on tractors and farm machinery?
- ✓ Do you restrict the use of the quad and provide suitable safety equipment?
- ✓ Do you secure all heavy wheels, gates, heavy equipment and stacked materials to prevent them from toppling over?
- ✓ Is your slurry lagoon securely fenced to prevent children from gaining access and do you make sure tank covers are always in place?
- ✓ Do you always keep children well away when mixing slurry?
- ✓ Do you keep track of where family members are playing or working and when they are expected back?
- ✓ Do you make sure everyone washes their hands before eating and drinking?
- ✓ Do you keep chemicals locked in a secure store when not in use?
- ✓ Do you make sure that guards are in place to prevent access to dangerous parts of machinery?
- ✓ Have you made sure all family members know what to do in an emergency?
- ✓ Have you prepared a list of emergency contact telephone numbers?

If children are old enough, tell them about the dangers they should look out for and where they are not allowed to go. Encourage them to be responsible.

To find out more about how to keep children safe on farms, and HSENI's 'Be Aware Kids' child farm safety campaign, please visit the Farm Safe website at: [www.hseni.gov.uk/farmsafe](http://www.hseni.gov.uk/farmsafe) or contact HSENI on: 0300 020 0030.

GAA clubs are an important part of many of our rural communities and families so please help spread these important safety messages.

**Thank you -  
and enjoy the game!**

**STOP AND THINK**  
**SAFE**  
SLURRY ANIMALS FALLS EQUIPMENT

## BRIAN McIVER DOIRE Manager

The Ulster Championship has long been associated with St Tiernach's Park, Clones - witnessing many titanic battles down the years. Today's game is the latest instalment of that tradition and we are delighted to be part of it, whilst also looking forward to the challenge ahead.

We were naturally pleased to have achieved a victory the last day against Down, but were disappointed with our second half performance. There is no doubt that we will need to have learned some lessons from the previous round if we are to prevail today. Having been reasonably comfortable for the opening period of the game, we seemed to retreat into ourselves and almost paid the price. That's something we have spoken about and will look to rectify for this evening's game.

For their part, Donegal played perhaps one of the most perfect halves of football seen in many years against Armagh. Solid in defence and clinical up front, the reigning champions demonstrated why they are many people's favourites for not alone Ulster, but the All-Ireland. That's the size of the challenge before us today but it's one for which our players have prepared well. When we started back at training last winter, these are the type of days we looked forward to and it is our job now to rise to the occasion and deliver a performance which does justice to the work the players have put in thus far.

I want to thank all our supporters for their backing to date and urge them to get behind the Derry teams today in both minor and senior games. I also want to acknowledge the support of John Bosco O'Hagan and our sponsors, Specialist Joinery Group, as well as all the members of Club Derry, whose combined contributions help us prepare the team for occasions like this evening to the best of our ability. Enjoy the games and safe home.



## HEAD TO HEAD

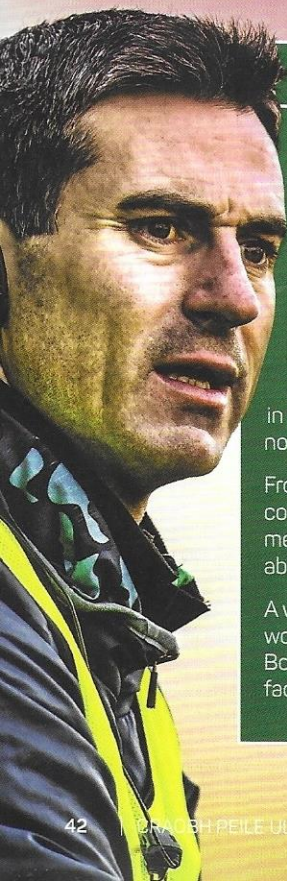
### RORY GALLAGHER DOIRE Manager

It's that time of year when the games are coming thick and fast, and I am very proud to lead Donegal into another Ulster Championship Semi-Final, Donegal's fifth in a row. We were delighted to be given the opportunity to run out on our home patch in the preliminary round, and again to get great support for our Quarter Final clash with Armagh. However, it is always extra special to take the field in Clones, the true home of Ulster Football with a place that always has a great championship air and atmosphere about it.

We have crossed swords with today's opponents on many occasions in the recent past, today is our fourth competitive outing in just over a year and after a great result in the First Round we know they will come into today's game full of confidence and will no doubt provide us with a very difficult challenge.

From our own perspective I would like to thank today's opponents for the effort and commitment they have shown up to this point. Our two victories so far are a small measure of reward for all they have given, but they will count for very little if we are not able to achieve our goal today.

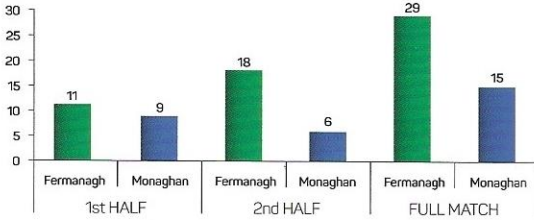
A word of thanks also to the backroom team, the medical staff, who have done trojan work to get some of our players on the pitch today, the conditioning coaches, the County Board, our sponsors Donegal Creameries, the many clubs who have given up their facilities so freely this past few months. We look forward to your continued support.



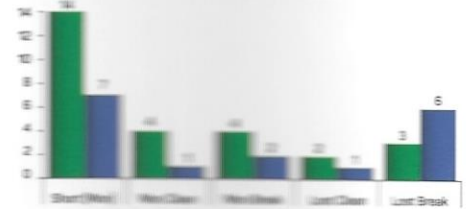
# STATS 2015

## FERMANAGH V MONAGHAN - THE FACTS

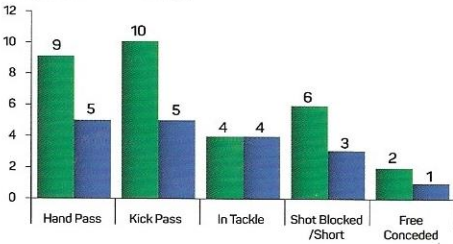
### Kick Outs Won



### Kick Outs Breakdown



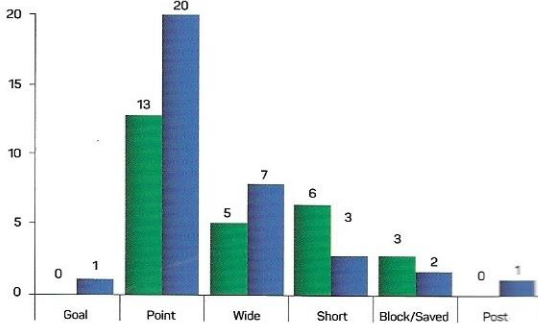
### Turnovers



### Possession to Score Ratio



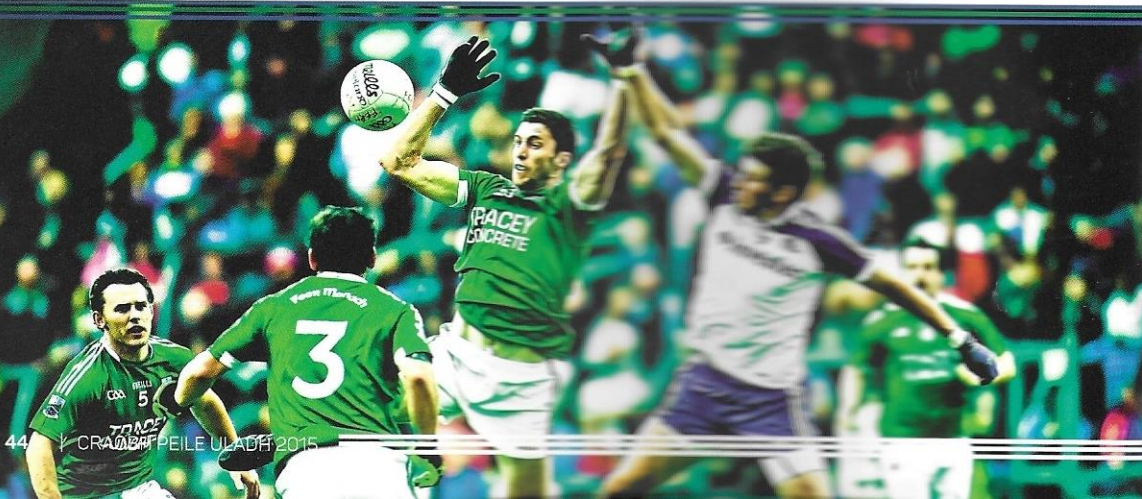
### Shot Outcomes



### SUMMARY

Fermanagh produced a reasonably impressive display and statistically it would seem hard to comprehend how they ended this match with a 10 point deficit. They dominated kick outs, and despite coughing up many possessions they were able to convert an acceptable 48% of their shots and return 25 points per 10 possessions – all fairly strong numbers that should see them in contention for victory.

However they were unfortunate enough to come up against a very clinical Monaghan performance. Despite getting cleaned out in the kick out stats, Monaghan were able to punish a significant number of Fermanagh turnovers by creating scoring chances. Their ability to make these chances was also greatly superior to any other team that has performed in the Ulster championship so far in 2015.



# HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN THE GAA CLUB

For the past eight years the GAA in Ulster has led the way in promoting health initiatives, developing campaigns and delivering events. Ulster GAA has developed a number of programmes to enhance the wellbeing of it's membership including Live to Play (road safety), Head's Up (mental health), Stand Out from the Crowd (drugs & alcohol awareness), Drink, Drugs & Sausage Rolls (student health), the Healthy Hamper (school health) and the soon to be launched Blood Sub Campaign (blood donations). The Council's Health & Wellness programme continues to grow and evolve to meet the needs of it's members. New programmes are being developed for delivery alongside the successful ones already in existence.

The importance of Health and Wellbeing was recognised as being critical across the Association when delegates at Congress 2013 in Derry voted on a motion from Tyrone on the establishment of Health & Wellbeing sub-Committees at County level. These new county committees are now fully operational, identifying and responding to the wellbeing needs of its members. They have been tasked with implementing action plans which support the health of the GAA family as well as signposting to and partnering with relevant agencies who can provide services that may be of use to members. Many of the Ulster County Committees have held impressive events to better inform their members on issues such as addiction, mental health and wellbeing, cardiac screening, nutrition and hydration and general health issues.

A mirroring structure of volunteers is currently being implemented at

Club level with the appointment of a Club Health and Wellbeing Officer. This officer will liaise with the County Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee to ensure that their club is availing of the supports, programmes, partnerships, training, and resources available to them.

With the support of their Club Chairperson and Executive, they will ensure that their club has a Health & Wellbeing Project team in place, that appropriate GAA policies are implemented and monitored, and that the club fosters a culture that promotes health and wellbeing amongst all club members and, where possible, the local community.

Many clubs have made this appointment already and training was delivered in each of the 9 Counties for all newly appointed Club Health & Wellbeing officers. It is anticipated that the majority of Clubs have completed their Club health and wellbeing officer appointment by the end of this year. For many clubs the filling of a new volunteer role can be something of a challenge but given the uniqueness of this officership it may be worthwhile targeting someone in the wider club family who has a knowledge of and interest in the health agenda. Consideration may also be given to someone who works professionally in a related role, such as the health service, youth work, teaching, etc. These persons will therefore have a desire to promote this topic at club level.

The National GAA Community & Health Department is also working tirelessly on this agenda, and among it's initiatives are leading the Association's way, in partnership with the HSE,



on the Healthy Club Project. Five Ulster Clubs are involved in phase one of this project, St. Peter's Warrenpoint, St. John's Drumnaquoile, St. Mary's Rasharkin, Castleblaney Faughs and Culloville Blues, all of whom are undertaking exemplary work which will help inform the future rollout of this programme across the Country.

These Clubs, and the many others who have responded to the needs of their members by initiating work in the area of Health and Wellbeing, are to be commended for their efforts in contributing to a healthier population, to the betterment of both the GAA and the wider community!

# GAA PHYSICAL LITERACY SPORT IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The Programme has now been running from September 2007 and feedback from principals and teachers has shown it to be one of the most successful programmes introduced into the primary schools over the last number of years.

We have just won an international award from the UK Sports Council for the benefits of our programme to sport in schools and the community. With obesity levels increasing it is vital that we encourage our young children to get involved with physical activities and eating habits as early as possible. We take this message into schools with our healthy eating projects as well as targeting parents through our club Gaelic Start programmes.

Ulster GAA President Martin McAvinney commented on the receipt of this prestigious award: "It is a significant honour for the Ulster GAA and Irish FA Curriculum Sports Programme to be recognised at the UK Coaching Awards, and it is also clear recognition of the success of this project over the last 6 years. The award highlights the importance of collaboration amongst sporting bodies in the promotion of physical literacy to young children. I want to thank the Minister of Education John O'Dowd MLA and his Department for their continued support for this essential programme."

The aim of the programme continues to be to support the statutory Physical Education curriculum and link into other areas of the revised curriculum. The main programme objectives are to:

1. Develop the generic physical literacy skills of pupils in Foundation Stage (P.1/2) and Key Stage 1 (P.3/4) through participation in enjoyable physical activities;
2. Help raise pupils' confidence and self-esteem, their motivation to learn and their achievements in other curricular areas, particularly literacy and numeracy through physical activity and
3. Raise the confidence and competence of teachers by providing support to help them deliver PE.

The programme is evaluated and monitored regularly where the 31 coaches are inspected and receive in service on all the curricular subjects and cross curricular themes like numeracy and literacy etc.

#### Delivery:

The GAA coaches work with the class teacher in delivering the programme to primary classes during curriculum time in support of the PE curriculum.

We now cover all the main POS (programmes of study) i.e. movement to music (dance), especially in smaller halls, where space is limited during in

climate weather as well as body management (gymnastics) and athletics during the summer term all of which has added variety to the programme.

The class teacher engages in planning and review with the coach and must be present and participate during all sessions to support their own development and follow up for future teaching. Teachers are left sample lessons for all the different programmes and can also log on to the new Fronter Schools IT system to view videos or download additional information.

#### Delivery:

Our coaches are spread over six counties and cover most of the maintained as well as the Irish medium sector, Integrated, Special Needs and a few Controlled schools. This means that nearly every child i.e. 22,045 receive the GAA PL programme, while supporting 600 teachers in 313 schools. They also help to run out our new club coaching programme lead by Dairmaid Marsden. Club coaches should contact their county games managers if they wish to have programmes such as the Gaelic Start programme implemented in their clubs.



Ulster Council Primary School Coaches receiving their 2014 UK Sports Award from our chairman Martin McAvinney.



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