

Bank of Ireland 

Dr McKenna Cup

2016



Dún na nGall V Colaisti Naomh Mhuire

10ú Eanáir 2016 ar 2.00 i.n.

Leitir Ceannainn

Referee: Dan Mullan (Doire)

Standby: Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

Linesman: Martin Conroy (Tír Eoghain)

Sideline: Karol Doherty (Aontroim)



Dún na nGall

Manager: Rory Gallagher

- 1
Donal MacRuairí
Danny Rodgers
(An Clochán Liath)
- 2
Seán Ó Briain
Jack O'Brien
(Naomh Muire)
- 3
Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh
Éamonn Doherty
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)
- 4
Pádraig MacGraith
Paddy McGrath
(Ard an Ratha)
- 5
Proinsias MacFhionn
Frank McGlynn
(Gleann Fhinne)
- 6
Caolan Mac an Bhaird
Caolan Ward
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)
- 7
Stiofán MacMeanman
Stephen McMenamin
(Aodh Rua Cúil naCuirridin)
- 8
Aodh MacPháidín
Hugh McFadden
(Na Cealla Beaga)
- 9
Odhran MacNiallais
Odhran MacNiallais
(Gaoth Dobhair)
- 10
Mícheál Ó Cearrúil
Michael Carroll
(Gaoth Dobhair)
- 11
Ciarán MacThomáis
Ciaran Thompson
(Naomh Conaill)*
- 12
Eoghan (Ban) Ó Gallchóir
Eoghan Ban Gallagher
(Na Cealla Beaga)
- 13
Leo MacGiolla Úain
Leo McLoone
(Naomh Conaill)
- 14
Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh
Martin O'Reilly
(Seán MacCumhaills)
- 15
Eoin MacAodha
Eoin McHugh
(Cill Chartha)

Fir Ionaid:

16. Peadar Ó Baoill Aodh Ruadh BAS
17. Niall MacAoidh Gaoth Dobhair
18. Stiofán MacBreartaigh Cill Chartha
19. Mícheál Ó Murchú Gleann Súilí
20. Cillian Ó Muireasáin Naomh Adhamhnáin
21. Antoin MacLeannacháin Bun a' Phobail
22. Mairtín MacGiolla Chainnigh Naomh Mícheál

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						

Naomh Mhuire

Manager: Paddy Tally

- 1
R O Broin
Rory Burns
(Caislean a Mhuilean)
- 2
A Mac Taidgh
Aaron McKay
(Cill Sleibhe)
- 3
P Mac Giolla Uir
Patrick McAleer
(Naomh Uille)
- 4
C Mac Cumaidh
Ciaran McCooley
(Coileach Eanna)
- 5
C Mac Thiarnain
Kevin McKernan
(Boireann)
- 6
N Mac Parlainn
Niall McParland
(Gleann)
- 7
A O Lochrain
Harry Loughran
(An Mhaigh)
- 8
P Ó Cearrachair
Peter Carragher
(Beal Atha Eirgead)
- 9
D Mac Giolla Bride
Daniel McBride
(Srath Bán)
- 10
C Mac Maolair
Conor Meyler
(An Omaigh)
- 11
C Mac Cana
Conall McCann
(Coill an Chlochair)
- 12
A Mag Aireachtaigh
Aidan McGarrity
(An Charraig)
- 13
C Mac Iomhár
Ciaran Mac Iomhár
(Eanach Mor)
- 14
S O Grogain
Jack Grogan
(Baile Mhic an Aba)
- 15
A O Nuinseann
Aidan Nugent
(Coilleach Eanna)

Fir Ionaid:

17. Colm Byrne, An Eaglais
18. Patrick McBride, Naomh Eoin
19. Ryan Johnstone, Cill Chua
20. Darragh Kavanagh, An Eochair
21. Niall Toner, Leamhaigh
22. Matthew Fitzpatrick, Naomh Eoin
23. Joe Colton, An Omaigh
24. Ciaran Corrigan, Drochead Mhic Uidear
25. Thomas McCaffrey, Gael na Eirne
26. Ruairi Wilson
27. Neil McNicholl, Gleann an Iolar

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3rd Jan (Sun): Round 1:

Group A

Derry	4-16	Antrim	2-12
Tyrone	3-17	QUB	0-11

Group B

Donegal	1-11	Down	0-11
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Group C

Armagh	0-11	Cavan	2-08
Monaghan	1-09	Ulster University	2-16

6th Jan (Wed): (8.00pm)

Group A: Aontroim V QUB at QUB Arena

Group B: Fear Manach V Naomh Mhuire at Brewster Park

9th Jan (Sat) Round 2

Group C: An Cabhán V Ollscoil Uladh at Kingspan Breffni Park

10th Jan (Sun): Round 2:

Group A: Doire V Tír Eoghain at Owenbeg

Group B: Dún na nGall V Naomh Mhuire at Letterkenny
An Dún V Fear Manach at Pairc Esler

Group C: Muineachán V Ard Mhacha at Clones

13th Jan (Wed):

Round 3:

Group A: Doire V QUB at Owenbeg

Tír Eoghain v Aontroim at Healy Park

Group B: An Dún V Naomh Mhuire at Pairc Esler
Fear Manach V Dún na nGall at Brewster Park

Group C: An Cabhán V Muineachán at Kingspan Breffni Park
Ard Mhacha V Ollscoil Uladh at Athletic Grounds

17th Jan (Sun): Semi Finals:

(1) Group A Winners V Group B Winners

(2) Best Runner Up V Group C Winners

23rd Jan (Sat): Final:

Disappointing Donegal go down to St. Mary's College

Diarmaid Doherty
in Letterkenny



Donegal's prospects of qualifying for the semi-finals of the Dr. McKenna Cup suffered a major setback on Sunday with this defeat to St. Mary's College in Letterkenny.

Donegal 0-8 St. Mary's College 2-6

On a day when a win would have put them in pole position in the group, this defeat means Donegal might not even qualify if they were to win their final match away to Fermanagh on Wednesday night.

Their performance against the students of St. Mary's did little to impress. But they still looked the better side throughout and carried the greater threat coming forward.

However, eight points over 70+ minutes was a poor return for Rory Gallagher's men.

Indeed they only had three different scorers with man-of-the-match Odhran MacNiallais scoring all but two of his team's total.

The Gaoth Dobhair man put in a fine display, but his return could have been better. He was guilty of

two-missed goal chances, one in each half. Had either opportunity been taken, Donegal would surely have gone on to win.

In a dour struggle, the sides were level at half time, Donegal 0-5, St. Mary's 1-2. The entertainment didn't really improve in the second half, but there were a couple of big moments, not least, the sending off of Donegal's Paddy McGrath on 50 minutes.

But even with a man less, Donegal still looked the more likely and going into the final five minutes, MacNiallais kicked them 0-8 to 1-4 in front.

However, from the kick-out, St. Mary's struck back with a brilliantly worked goal - substitute, Ryan Johnston finishing a wonderful move with a great goal.

Suddenly, St. Mary's were two points to the good and they closed out with two more points to win by four.

On the back of their opening day win against Down, Donegal were fancied to be too strong for St. Mary's who had lost out to Fermanagh in mid-week.

Rory Gallagher gave Stephen McMenamin his debut at half back and the Red Hughs man fitted in well as Donegal started brightly.

Playing with Leo McLoone at full forward in the early stages, Donegal worked a couple of decent early openings. MacNiallais opened their account six minutes in with a well

taken score.

But almost immediately, St. Mary's hit back with the game's opening goal. Ciaran MacIomhar worked the opening out on the left and his ball found Jack Grogan who got just enough room to fire his shot in past Danny Rodgers.

Donegal's response was good. Michael Carroll pointed from play and his clubmate MacNiallais guided over a glorious point on the wind from the stand-side to level the game.

Donegal however, would then score just a single point over the next 25 minutes. They enjoyed plenty of possession, but they frustrated the home crowd with their reluctance to take shots on goal and a failure to produce a killer pass when the need arose.

Aidan McGarrity's point from play on 13 minutes put St. Mary's in front but MacNiallais' free on 22 levelled the game again.

Grogan knocked over a long range point for St. Mary's before MacNiallais, two minutes into injury time, sent the sides in level with another well taken score.

Donegal rang the changes at half time and introduced Michael Murphy, Stephen McBrearty and Neil McGee and the team did look to have a better balance.

But despite an early point from Eoin McHugh, Donegal continued to struggle for scores and a Ryan Johnston point, just seconds after his in-

troduction, levelled the game yet again.

Then followed Paddy McGrath's dismissal after a mellee involving several players from both sides. The Ardara man was shown a yellow and red card while Neil McGee and Grogan were also booked.

MacNiallais and Johnston exchanged scores before a free from MacNiallais on 65 minutes put his team 0-8 to 1-4 in front. However, Johnston then struck for what proved the winning goal and the Students went on to claim what was an unexpected victory.

Donegal: Danny Rodgers; Jack O'Brien, Eamonn Doherty, Paddy McGrath; Frank McGlynn, Caolan Ward, Stephen McMenamin; Hugh McFadden, Odhran MacNiallais (0-6, 3f); Michael Carroll (0-1), Ciaran Thompson, Eoghan Ban Gallagher; Leo McLoone, Martin O'Reilly, Eoin McHugh (0-1). Subs: Michael Murphy for McFadden, Neil McGee for Doherty, Stephen McBrearty for O'Brien (all half time), Cillian Morrison for Carroll (66).

St. Mary's College: Rory Burns; Aaron McKay, Patrick McAleer, Ciaran McCooey; Kevin McKernan, Niall McPartland, Harry Loughran; Peter Carragher, Daniel McBride; Conor Meyler, Conall McCann (0-1), Aidan McGarrity (0-1); Cikaran MacIomhar, Jack Grogan (1-1), Aidan Nugent. Subs: Patrick McBride (0-1) for Meyler, Matthew Fitzpatrick for Nugent (42), Ryan Johnston (1-2) for MacIomhar (43), Darragh Kavanagh for Grogan, Ciaran Corrigan for McCooey (56, black card).

Referee: Dan Mullan (Derry)

MATCH FACTS

Frees: Donegal 19 (13 in first half).
St. Mary's College 21 (13)

Wides: Donegal 9 (3).
St. Mary's College 5 (2)

Yellow Cards: Donegal 4, J. O'Brien, H McFadden, N McGee, P McGrath
St. Mary's College 3, C Meyler, J Grogan, P McBride

Red Cards: Donegal 1, P McGrath

Referee: Dan Mullan (Derry)

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