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## Foreword

**Ar son Bord na Condae CLG Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc Athair Uí Thiarnaigh.**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon for our second game of the 2016 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Cork team, management, officials and supporters and I hope you enjoy your short visit to the north-west.

On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the home club Aodh Ruadh, Béal Átha Seanaidh for hosting today's match and indeed for facilitating our Senior and Under 21 football teams on a number of occasions already since the New Year in Páirc Aoidh Ruaidh formerly known as "Munday's Field". Your co-operation and continuous support is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy this afternoon's game and may the best team win. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an chluiche agus go mbeidh turas slán sábháilte ag lucht leanúna Corcaigh agus Dhún na nGall agus iad ag pilleadh na bhaile.

Is mise le meas,  
**Seán Ó Duinnín,**  
Cathaoirleach.



### The Man in the Middle Today:

Today's referee, Joe McQuillan, is a member of the Kill Shamrocks club in Cavan and is a vastly experienced inter-county referee.

He's very familiar to Donegal having refereed them in numerous league and championship games over the years.

McQuillan has refereed two All-Ireland finals: the 2011 decider between Dublin and Kerry and the 2013 decider between Dublin and Mayo.

He's the third Cavan man to referee an All-Ireland final, following Fintan Tierney of Butlersbridge (1972) and Brian Crowe of Cavan Gaels (2006).

He refereed the 2011 Ulster final, two Leinster finals, a Munster final and club and U21 All-Ireland finals.



### National Anthem

Today the national Anthem will be sung by Scor Sinsear winner, Catriona Solan, An Clochán Liath, accompanied on Guitar by her sister Brid.



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## Inspirational Murphy returns to the scene of the crime

By Diarmaid Doherty Donegal Democrat/Donegal People's Press

Last year's meeting of today's opponents at this venue threw up an intriguing encounter which saw Donegal just about hold on for victory to maintain their unbeaten start to their league campaign.

But the game will hardly hold many fond memories for Donegal captain, Michael Murphy, who was sent to the line after picking up two yellow cards that afternoon.

His dismissal, coupled with a brave Cork fight-back, almost proved Donegal, who just to claim a one-

usually, Murphy didn't have the best of league campaigns discipline-wise in 2015. He served a one game suspension for Donegal's trip to play Mayo in Castlebar later in the year, because of his two yellow cards against Cork and black cards picked up in the games against Kerry and Dublin.

It was perhaps, the only blemish in what was another inspired season for the Glenswilly man.

Despite reports of an injury problem, Murphy still managed to produce some quality displays, for club and county. Perhaps there was none better than his performance against Galway in Croke Park in the qualifiers. Remember that wonderful goal in the second

half from Ryan McHugh? Murphy played his part in a scintillating six-man move that saw him leap majestically above his man to set the ball up for McHugh, who didn't even have to break his stride before taking possession and firing to the net.

That leap of Murphy's is now almost trademark. He did in a county final in 2011 when leading his team to a first ever Dr. Maguire.

Whether we make the trip to GAA headquarters or ramble out the road to watch Glenswilly on a Sunday afternoon in Pairc Naomh Columba, we do so in the hope that there's always the chance of witnessing a moment of magic from one of the best talents in the country.

He's one of those players with the ability to turn a game with a piece of pure quality. He's done it so many times in a brilliant county career that saw him reach 100 appearances for Donegal when he came on as a substitute in last month's Dr. McKenna Cup opener against Down in Ballybofey.

It was a proud day for the player, his family and friends. But typical Michael, he was quick to play down the achievement, describing the day as just another game.

"It's about getting the fitness levels right now," he pointed out. "I need to up the sharpness and push on from here."

Today, it's appearance No. 104 for a man who at 26, has already achieved all there is as a player - but still has so much to give to the game. A wonderful ambassador for club and county, and away from the game, the perfect gentleman. We're lucky to have him.





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## **New boss Healy knows the bar is always high in Cork** *by Gerry McLaughlin*

**New Cork boss Peadar Healy knows that in Cork, there are always huge expectations.**

And the Glengariff-based garda has moved swiftly to recruit a man who is coming down with All-Ireland success, as Eamon Ryan has guided Cork Ladies to a fabled 10 All-Ireland titles.

Healy shoots from the hip and wants no truck with any dual players, it will be "one or the other" for the straight-talking new boss.

The 52 year-old was interviewed for the job on October 14 last year and offered it three days later.

Healy was involved in a coaching role with Dr Crokes Killarney last year and could be bringing a bit of that old Kerry nous to his native county.

Cork traditionally like the short passing game even though they have had some pretty imposing characters in recent years. Healy will be trying to bring in a bit more

"Kerry type" kicking skills to the Rebels who have been very consistent in the NFL but tend to falter at the concluding stages. The new boss is well aware of the talent at his disposal, but he is determined to get the "mindset and the skillset right".

He is very concerned about developing the player's and, as a proud Cork man, wants the very best from those who wear the red Rebel jersey.

In a recent interview when asked what would represent success for Cork footballers he gave the classic "modern" answer that covers a multitude and it's called "Performance".

"That is key. We all want to win every competition, but I am looking for performance in every game, that we have that continuity and consistency.

"I want to bring players into the National League and offer them big game exposure to enable their development".

Healy watched closely and probably agonizingly as when Cork were winning against Kerry in Killarney in the Munster Final last July.

Previous boss Brian Cuthbert was within an ace of achieving something really significant.

Opponents Kerry finished up in an All-Ireland Final so Healy knows that the gap between real success and failure is very close in the land of the Rebels.

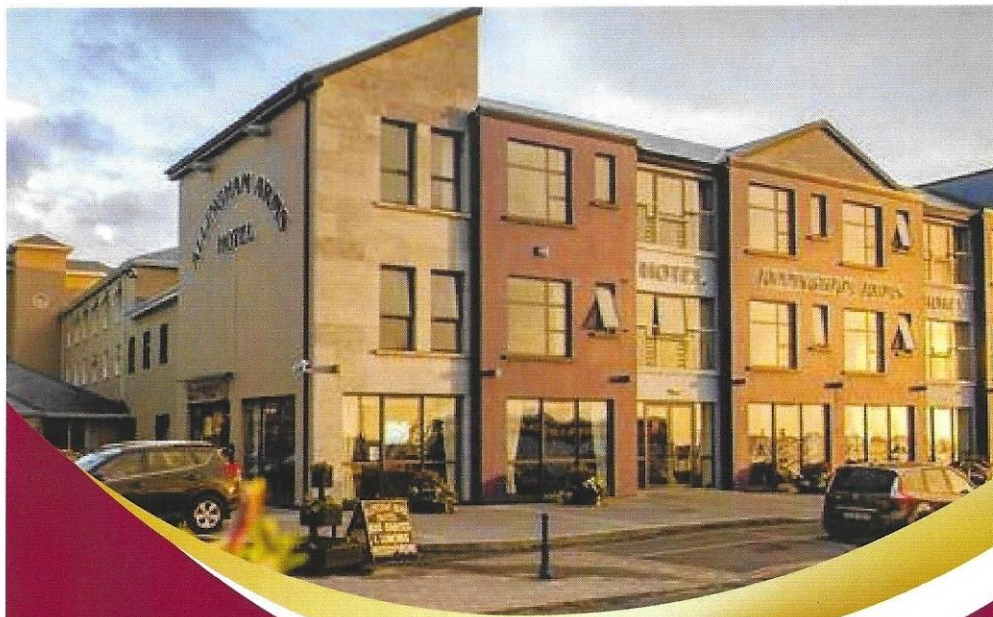
Healy knows too that Cork is not too far away.

Today they come to the not so happy hunting ground of Father Tierney Park Ballyshannon

And, a win would certainly shorten the long journey to the deep South.







Good Luck to the Donegal Team from all at the

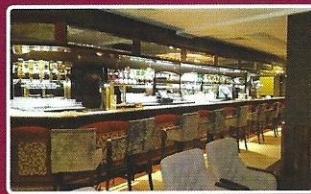


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# Ulster Scoreboard 2015

## SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 17	Donegal 1-13	Tyrone 1-10	Pairc MacCumhaill
May 24	Cavan 1-5	Monaghan 0-16	Kingspan Breffni Park
May 31	Fermanagh 1-13	Antrim 0-08	Brewster Park
June 07	Derry 0-12	Down 0-11	Celtic Park
June 14	Armagh 0-08	Donegal 2-11	Athletic Grounds
June 21	Monaghan 1-20	Fermanagh 0-13	Kingspan Breffni Park
June 27	Donegal 1-09	Derry 0-10	St. Tiernachs Park
July 19	Monaghan 0-11	Donegal 0-10	St. Tiernach Park (Final)

## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

June 20	London 0-11	Cavan 2-22	Ruislip
June 20	Laois 1-16	Antrim 2-15	Portlaoise
June 27	Armagh 2-17	Wicklow 2-07	Athletic Grounds
June 27	Wexford 2-16	Down 2-11	Wexford Park
June 28	Tyrone 1-14	Limerick 0-08	Healy Park
July 04	Cavan 1-16	Roscommon 3-17	Kingspan Breffni Park
July 05	Fermanagh 1-21	Antrim 0-11	Brewster Park
July 11	Derry 1-16	Wexford 0-10	Owenbeg
July 11	Tyrone 1-10	Meath 0-11	Healy Park
July 12	Armagh 0-12	Galway 1-12	Athletic Grounds
July 12	Fermanagh 1-14	Roscommon 0-16	Brewster Park
July 18	Tipperary 0-07	Tyrone 0-19	Semple Stadium
July 18	Galway 1-11	Derry 0-08	Pearse Stadium
July 25	Fermanagh 1-13	Westmeath 0-07	Kingspan Breffni Park
Aug 01	Tyrone 0-21	Sligo 0-14	Croke Park
Aug 01	Galway 0-11	Donegal 3-12	Croke Park
Aug 02	Dublin 2-23	Fermanagh 2-15	Croke Park
Aug 08	Monaghan 0-14	Tyrone 0-18	Croke Park
Aug 08	Mayo 2-13	Donegal 0-11	Croke Park
Aug 23	Tyrone 1-11	Kerry 0-18	Croke Park



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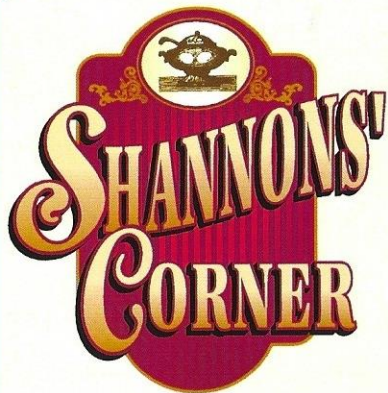
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## New boy Caolan McGonagle one for the future

by Tom Comack (Donegal Democrat/ Donegal People's Press)

Caolan McGonagle from Buncrana is one of the new faces in the Donegal set-up that manager Rory Gallagher unearthed in his search for fresh blood.

McGonagle, who turns 20 later this year, is one of up to a dozen young players Gallagher has identified to replace the old guard when father time catches up with them. He was a member of the 2014 Ulster double (league and championship) winning minor side and the first Donegal minor team to make it to the county's first All-Ireland Minor final.

McGonagle, who played O'Byrne Cup football in Leinster this season with Dublin City University, made his first senior start against Fermanagh, in the Dr McKenna Cup in midfield.

He made his Allianz League debut in the closing minutes of last Saturday night's 17 point win over Down in Newry. He replaced Ryan McHugh, with ten minutes remaining.

He is one of a rare breed that played senior inter-county football before representing his county at U-21. He was a member of last year's Donegal squad. Injury sidelined him for the early part of the campaign and the nearest he came to playing was warming up on the sideline in the closing stages

of the final against Tyrone, in Celtic Park.

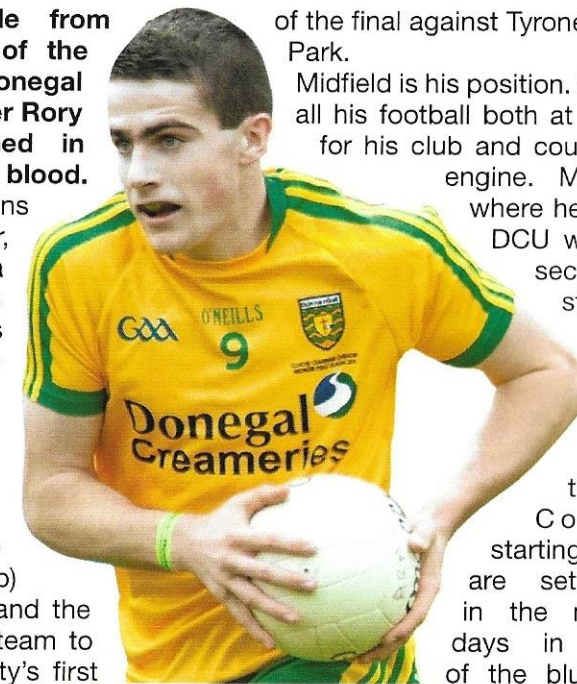
Midfield is his position. He played all his football both at underage for his club and county in the engine. Midfield is where he plays for DCU where is a second year student.

He is one of the new faces in the Dublin College's starting 15 that are setting out in the next few days in defence of the blue riband competition.

As well as the Ulster double league and championship from three seasons ago, his trophy cabinet also boasts Buncrana and McGuigan Cup winners medals and a Donegal Minor Championship Celtic Cross with Buncrana.

That Donegal Minor Championship success was in 2013 when Buncrana, powered by McGonagle in the middle of the park and Darach 'Gigger' O'Connor and John Campbell up front caused a major upset when defeating a fancied St Eunan's in the county final.

Caolan McGonagle is a young man with a glowing past and a bright future.



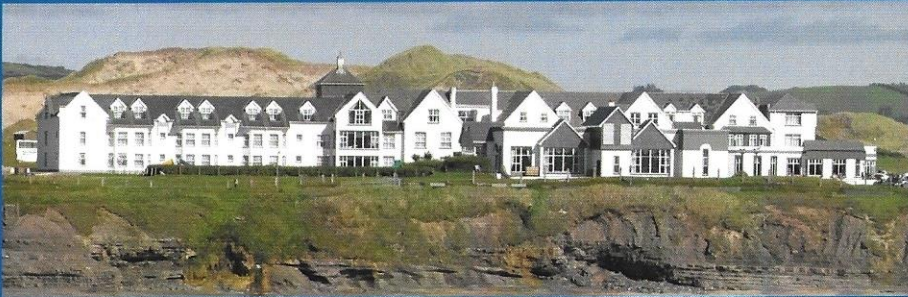


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# New sponsors for Donegal

## Donegal has two new major sponsors and a new look jersey.

A new title sponsor and Tier two sponsor was revealed two weeks ago for the Donegal senior team.

The "KN Group" is the new Title Sponsor and will replace Donegal Creameries.

The KN Group logo will be on the front of the county jerseys.

The new Tier 2 sponsor is the "MCR Group" who will be displayed on the back of a re-designed jersey which is expected to be launched later this month.

KN Group are providers to the Telecommunications, Civil Engineering, Rail, Electricity and Energy Sectors in Ireland, the UK and Internationally.

The MCR Group, on board as Tier 2 sponsors, is an independently Irish owned broad based specialist service group of companies, that was established in 1996.

CLG Dhún na nGall acknowledged the tremendous support of Donegal Creameries over the past six years and praised its contribution to the success that the football and hurling teams have enjoyed since 2010.

The KN Group's CEO is Donagh Kelly who is from Donegal Town.

The MCR Group provides a full range of recruitment services and also provide services in engineering, security, flooring and cleaning. Milford native Donal Barrett is a director of the MCR Group.

The new sponsorship deal will run from 2016 - 2018.

The jersey is available to purchase on <https://www.oneills.com> and will shortly be in retail outlets.

"Writing a cheque is relatively easy; dedicating your whole life to this sport is something you probably will never get the true recognition for. To the players and management, my hat is off all the time. I hope you get the true recognition over the next three years that you deserve."

Those were the words of Donagh Kelly of KN Group, the new main sponsors of Donegal GAA teams, at the launch of their new jersey in the Abbey Hotel on Monday, January 25th.

At the start of the launch county chairman, Sean Dunion, in welcoming all, said: "It is great to have two sponsors who have such a great affinity with Donegal."

Donagh Kelly, the CEO of the KN Group, and Donal Barrett of MCR, were present in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal

Town on Monday for the launch.

Chairman, Sean Dunion paid tribute to Donagh and Donal for giving a commitment to Donegal for the next three years, and there were strong hints that the partnership will extend well beyond three years.

Dunion said that both companies had been strong supporters of Donegal GAA for a number of years. Dunion also paid tribute to Donegal Creameries for their sponsorship for the last six years

"Today is a very positive day for Donegal GAA and I look forward to a successful partnership with them," said Dunion.

Speaking at the launch, Donegal Town native Donagh Kelly, said it was a huge honour to be asked to sponsor the team.

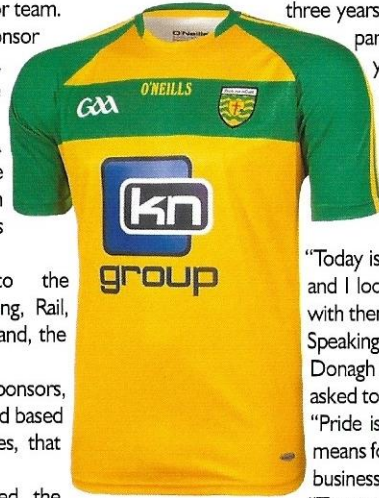
"Pride is too small a word to use for what it means for me personally; what it means for our business," he said.

"To see your logo on the front of the shirt is a huge honour. The GAA plays a big, big part in our business. We work in the 32 counties and the GAA touches every community in every county. Association with the GAA is recognised; the goodwill we get back is enormous," added Donagh, who said he hoped the association with the team would not just be about the brand name on the front of the jersey.

Donal Barrett of MCR, said he would echo everything that Donagh had said. "The brand of GAA is hard to measure, but construction and GAA goes hand in hand," said Barrett, who pointed to a meeting in 2010 in Crossmaglen (regarding sponsorship)

when only five of 20 people turned up. "That was a time when the Donegal brand wasn't that strong. It just shows what these lads have done. It is testimony to these lads (pointing to Michael Murphy and Neil McGee in the audience) and it is the reason why KN and ourselves have got involved. Maybe one day KN may move on and we will get our name on the front of the jersey," he quipped.

Ciaran Kennedy of O'Neills also addressed the launch and congratulated the new sponsors as well as wishing Donegal well in their new jersey. Co. treasurer, Cieran Kelly, thanked all who had helped in securing the new sponsorship including his fellow county officers.



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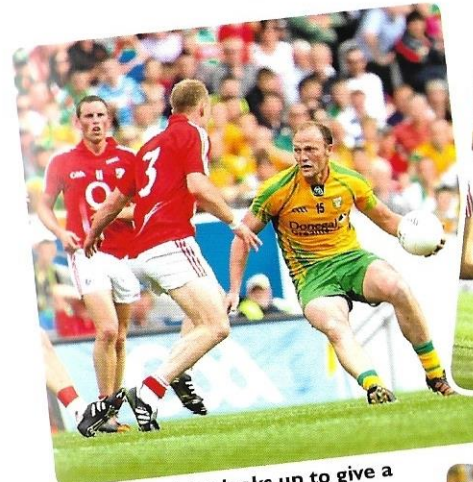
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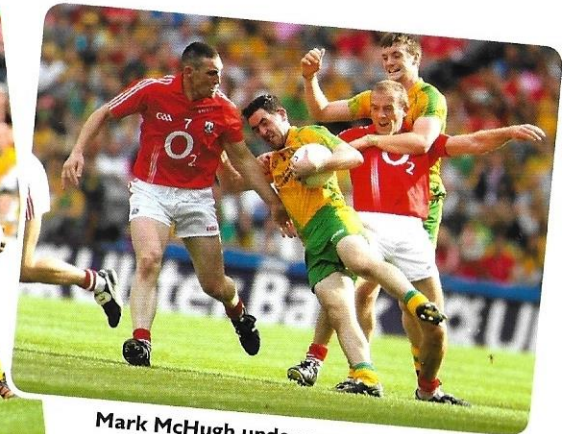
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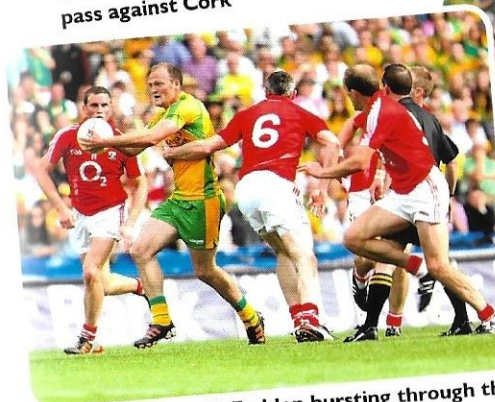
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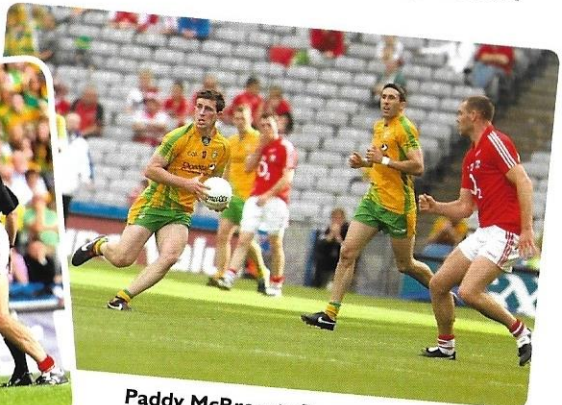
Colm McFadden looks up to give a pass against Cork



Mark McHugh under pressure against Cork



Colm McFadden bursting through the Cork defence



Paddy McBrearty Donegal on the attack against Cork.



Michael Murphy Donegal attacks the Cork defence.  
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# TWENTIETH LEAGUE MEETING

Fr. Seán

Today's match is the twentieth League meeting of Dún na nGall and Corcaigh.

1.	6-4-1952	Corcaigh	3-3	Dún na nGall	0-7	B.Á. C.
2.	10-11-1985	Dún na nGall	2-4	Corcaigh	1-6	Mainistir Fhear Maí
3.	16-11-1986	Dún na nGall	0-8	Corcaigh	0-5	Béal Átha Seanaidh
4.	25-2-1990	Corcaigh	2-14	Dún na nGall	2-10	Baile an Chollaigh
5.	17-2-1991	Dún na nGall	1-9	Corcaigh	1-6	Bealach Féich
6.	28-2-1993	Dún na nGall	1-8	Corcaigh	0-9	Bealach Féich
7.	21-4-1996	Dún na nGall	0-10	Corcaigh	0-9	B.Á.C. ( ½ )
8.	13-10-1996	Dún na nGall	2-6	Corcaigh	0-12	Bealach Féich
9.	5-4-1998	Dún na nGall	2-14	Corcaigh	1-9	B.Á.C. ( ¼ )
10.	29-11-1998	Corcaigh	1-8	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
11.	28-11-1999	Dún na nGall	2-12	Corcaigh	0-7	Páirc Uí Chaoimh
12.	24-3-2002	Dún na nGall	1-12	Corcaigh	0-9	Béal Átha Seanaidh
13.	22-3-2003	Corcaigh	3-8	Dún na nGall	0-10	Páirc Uí Rinn
14.	3-4-2005	Dún na nGall	3-11	Corcaigh	1-7	Béal Átha Seanaidh
15.	3-2-2007	Dún na nGall	1-12	Corcaigh	2-7	Páirc Uí Rinn
16.	4-3-2012	Dún na nGall	1-7	Corcaigh	0-6	Bealach Féich
17.	16-3-2013	Corcaigh	0-12	Dún na nGall	0-10	Páirc Uí Rinn
18.	1-3-2015	Dún na nGall	0-12	Corcaigh	0-11	Béal Átha Seanaidh
19.	12-4-2015	Corcaigh	4-11	Dún na nGall	0-19	Páirc an Chrócaigh ( ½ )

Dún na nGall have won twelve games, Corcaigh six with one draw. Corcaigh have lost on their four previous visits to Béal Átha Seanaidh – in 1986, 2002, 2005 and 2015.

## THE FIRST GAME – 6 APRIL 1952

Dún na nGall's first senior competitive game against Corcaigh was also Dún na nGall's first senior competitive game in Páirc an Chrócaigh. Consequently, it was a much-hyped National Football League semi-final with Dún na nGall on a high following their Dr. Lagan Cup final replay victory over Ard Mhacha and their quarter-final victory over Sligeach on that famous day in Glenties. Dún na nGall put up a valiant show on their Páirc an Chrócaigh debut but Corcaigh prevailed by 3-3 to 0-7.

**Dún na nGall Team:**

Patsy Brogan	Con Halpin:	Bernard Coyle:
Hughie Tim Boyle	Pearse Dawson	Peadar McGeehin:
	Jim Gallagher capt.	
Frankie Brennan	Michael J. (Rua) Gallagher and Frank O' Donnell:	Charlie Collins:
Paddy Coyle	Conal McCauley	Seán McGettrick.
	Tom Wickham	

**Sub:** Antoin Rodgers

Corcaigh went on to beat Baile Átha Cliath in the N.F.L. 'Home' final 2-3/1-5 and Nua Eabhrach in the final 1-12/0-3. **The final team was:**

Cormac Dineen	Dan O'Keefe	Jim White
Donie O'Donovan	'Weeshie' Murphy	Mick Goold
	Denis Bernard	
	Denis Kelleher and Nalie Duggan:	
Tom Moriarty	Con McGrath	Éamonn Young (capt):
Mick Cahill	John Joe Henchion	Jim Cronin.

Paddy O'Driscoll and John Cronin had played against Baile Átha Cliath.

# FIRST MEETING HERE – 1986

On their first visit to Fr. Tierney Park Managerless Corcaigh flew to Knock Airport and then travelled by coach to Béal Átha Seanaidh for their November 1986 Division 2 League clash with Tom Conaghan's Dún na nGall. Dún na nGall secured a deserved victory with some tenacious defending. Dún na nGall played with the wind in the first half and led by 0-6 at 0-1 at half-time. They withstood heavy Corcaigh pressure in the second half but, led by big Martin Griffin, held on to win. 0-8/0-5.

**Dún na nGall:**

	Noel McCole:	
Eunan Gallagher	Tommy McDermott	Matt Gallagher:
Donal Reid	Corny Carr	Martin Shovlin:
	Joyce McMullan & Martin Griffin:	
Marty Carlin (0-3)	Charlie Mulgrew	Declan Bonner:
Leslie McGettigan (0-1)	Michael Lafferty (0-1)	Manus Boyle (0-3)
<b>Corcaigh:</b>		
	John Kerins:	
Tony Nation	Tony Davis	John Evans:
Niall Cahalane	Conor Counihan	Denis Walsh:
	Christy Ryan & Danny Culloty:	
Colm O' Neill	Tom Mannix (0-1)	Barry Coffey:
Jimmy Kerrigan (0-1)	John O' Driscoll (0-2)	John Cleary (0-1)

**Sub:** Robert Swaine for Culloty **Referee:** P.J. McGrath (Maigh Eo)

## OTHER GAMES

- Corcaigh beat Dún na nGall by 0-10 to 1-6 in the 1985 Ford Open Draw competition semi-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh.
- Corcaigh also beat Dún na nGall in the 2006 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship quarter-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh (1-11/1-10) and in the 2009 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship quarter-final in Páirc an Chrócaigh but we'd rather not talk about that one!!
- Dún na nGall beat Corcaigh 0-16/1-11 in the All-Ireland semi-final of the glorious year that was 2012.
- Christy Toye and Colm McFadden played in the 2002 League game here. Colm also played in the 2005, 2007, 2012 and 2013 and the two 2015 League games.
- Éamonn McGee has played in Dún na nGall's last nine games against Corcaigh – in the League in 2005, 2007, 2012 and 2013 and twice in 2015: and in the Championship in 2006, 2009 and 2012. Maith Éamonn!!
- Corcaigh beat Dún na nGall in the All-Ireland Minor Football semi-finals of 1985 (2-5/0-9) and 1991 (0-12/1-6).
- Dún na nGall beat Corcaigh in the All-Ireland Junior Football Championship semi-final of 1933 (1-8/2-1). It was played in Páirc an Chrócaigh.
- Dún na nGall and Corcaigh have met three times in the All-Ireland Vocational Schools' Football Championship final. Dún na nGall won in 1985 and 2011; Corcaigh won in 1994. Ryan McHugh, Martin O' Reilly and Patrick McBrearty were on the victorious 2011 Dún na nGall team.





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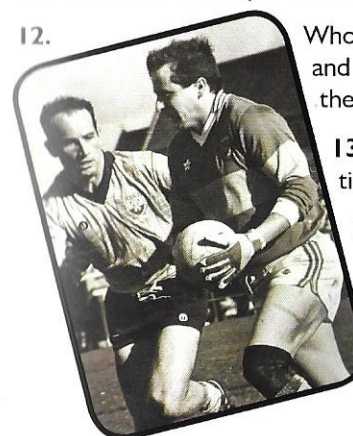
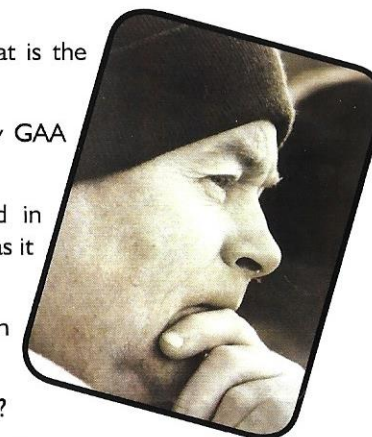
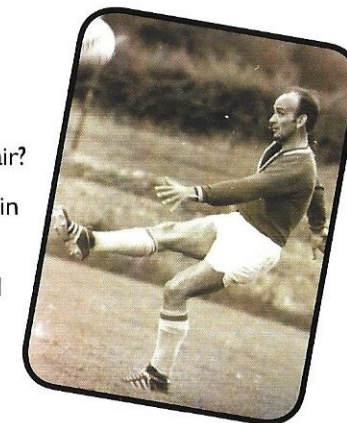
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## So what do you know?

15 tricky questions from Willie Scott - answers on page 26.

1. Name this Donegal star of the past from Gaioth Dobhair?
2. Who won the All Ireland Football Championship in 1916?
3. Which was the first Ulster County to reach an All Ireland Football Championship Final?
4. Which London Hibernians Football Team captain recruited Michael Collins to the Irish Republican Brotherhood?
5. He refereed the 1914 All Ireland Football Championship, took part in the Easter Rising, and was prominent in politics during the war of Independence and the Civil War. Who was he?
6. Donegal keeper Paul Durcan is now in Qatar. What is the name of the GAA club in Doha?
7. Why will "Peter Quinlan" be in the minds of many GAA supporters today?
8. The National Football League was initially played in winter (usually November–March). In what years was it first played?
9. Which GAA stronghold won the 2015 All-Britain Football Championship?
10. Who is this former Donegal player and team manager?
11. Who was the top scorer in the 2015 League overall?
12. Who captained Donegal when they won the 2007 League Final and what was memorable about his appearance when he lifted the trophy?
13. Cork have won the National Football League eight times. In what years did they win their first?
14. When (which years) was the last replay in the final of the National Football League and who won?
15. Can you name these two players - both went on to manage at inter county level after their playing days finished?





# Ulster Scoreboard 2015

## UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mar 11	Derry 2-12	Down 1-11	Celtic Park
Mar 18	Tyrone 0-17	Fermanagh 0-07	Healy Park
Mar 18	Donegal 1-07	Cavan 0-09	Pairc MacCumhaill
Mar 18	Derry 1-08	Monaghan 0-15	Inniskeen
Mar 22	Armagh 2-13	Antrim 1-05	Athletic Grounds
Apr 01	Donegal 4-09	Monaghan 1-05	Healy Park
Apr 01	Tyrone 2-12	Armagh 2-08	Kingspan Breffni Park
Apr 08	Tyrone 1-11	Donegal 0-13	Celtic Park (Final)

## ALL-IRELAND UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Apr 18	Tyrone 0-17	Roscommon 0-12	Markivicz Park
May 02	Tyrone 1-11	Tipperary 0-13	Parnell Park (Final)

## MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

May 17	Donegal 1-11	Tyrone 0-08	Pairc MacCumhaill
May 24	Cavan 2-17	Monaghan 1-08	Kingspan Breffni Park
May 31	Fermanagh 2-09	Antrim 2-11	Brewster Park
May 31	Armagh 0-07	Donegal 2-14	Athletic Grounds
June 07	Derry 2-11	Down 1-07	Celtic Park
June 21	Cavan 1-19	Antrim 1-11	Kingspan Breffni Park
June 27	Derry 0-11	Donegal 0-10	St. Tiernachs Park
July 19	Derry 1-11	Cavan 0-11	St. Tiernachs Park (Final)

## ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Aug 01	Derry 0-12	Longford 2-04	Brewster Park
Aug 01	Kildare 2-14	Cavan 2-12	Navan
Aug 23	Derry 1-06	Kerry 1-11	Croke Park

## Donegal's goalkeeping masterclass

By Peter Campbell, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

**Peter Boyle's elevation to the No. 1 jersey for the opening game of the Allianz National Football League on Saturday night of last weekend against Down at Pairc Esler, Newry, underlined the continuation of a long line of 'keepers who have served the county so well.**

It is a position that Donegal have had few worries about going back to the 1950s. A good number of the custodians (as they were called back in the day) have had a long innings between the posts and in most eras there has been very strong back up personnel.

My earliest memory of Donegal 'keepers goes back to Seamus Hoare, who served Donegal and Ulster from the mid-50s until the late 1960s.

The list after Hoare includes Alan Kane, Daniel McGeehin and Noel McCole who were involved in Donegal first Ulster championship winning sides of 1972 and 1974.

McCole was an ever present for ten years until the arrival of a young Gary Walsh in 1984.

The Aodh Ruadh man went on to become the first Donegal goalkeeping All-Star in 1992.

The mantle was then handed on to Paul Callaghan and Tony Blake before Paul Durcan became the No. 1 in 2004. Durcan and Michael Boyle shared duties for a few years before Durcan became established as the first choice and was rewarded with two All-Stars in the position in 2012 and 2014.

But with Durcan out of the country and Michael Boyle out

injured, for the first time in many a year, the No. 1 jersey was up for grabs this year. An untimely injury to Mark Anthony McGinley in the warm-up for the opening game of the Dr. McKenna Cup against Down in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey on the first Sunday in January opened the door for 18-year-old Danny Rodgers. It also heralded the return to the panel of Peter Boyle, who had played his part in Donegal winning the U-21 Ulster Championship in 2010 as an 18-year-old.

Boyle was part of Jim McGuinness's senior panel in his first season in 2011 and indeed was between the posts for Donegal's opening league match under McGuinness - a draw with Sligo under the lights in Ballybofey.

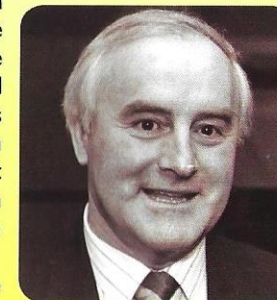
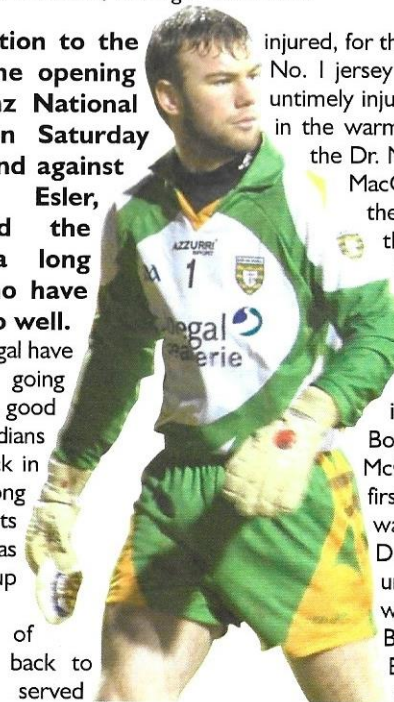
But after that, Paul Durcan returned and Michael Boyle was No. 2 and Peter Boyle

went down the pecking order.

But the unusual circumstances this year saw him called back to the panel and the circle was completed last weekend when Boyle, although not named in the match programme, was wearing the No. 1 jersey again as Donegal opened their 2016 league campaign with an impressive win over Down in Newry.

It was an impressive return for the 'keeper, who made a fantastic save from a Donal O'Hare penalty in the first half and overall gave a very competent display.

Boyle is just one in a long line of very competent goalkeepers who have served Donegal so well. At 24, he has the opportunity to build on a call up to the senior panel and put down a marker to be a challenger for the jersey for the coming years.



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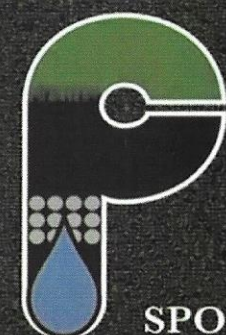
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**Quiz Answers:** 1. (Neilly Gallagher); 2. It was the second of four in a row! Wexford; 3. Antrim (1911); 4. Sam Maguire; 5. Harry Boland; 6. Oryx na hÉireann; 7. Fr. Peter Quinn, may he rest in peace, won All Ireland Medals for Mayo in 1950 and 1951 using "Peter Quinlan" as a playing name. There was at that time a ban on clerics playing Inter County Football. The Rev. Quinn's Funeral Mass takes place in Ballina at 2.30 this afternoon; 8. 1925-26; 9. Kilkenny; 10. (PJ McGowan); 11. Sean Quigley, Fermanagh 4-49 (61 points). Colm O'Neill, Cork 5-40 (55 points) was top in Div.1 and second overall; 12. Neil Gallagher. He had a black eye and his head was bandaged; 13. 1951-1952; 14. 1992-1993 (Dublin 0-10 Donegal 0-6); 15. (Tommy Carr/Charlie Mulgrew)




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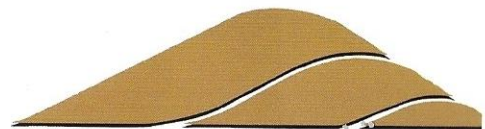
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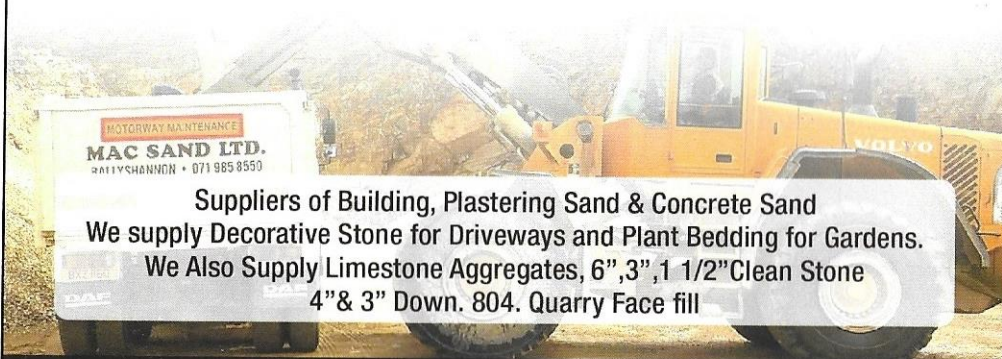
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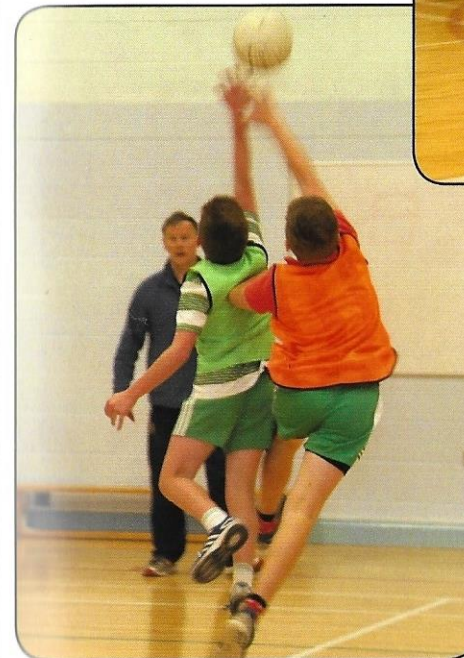
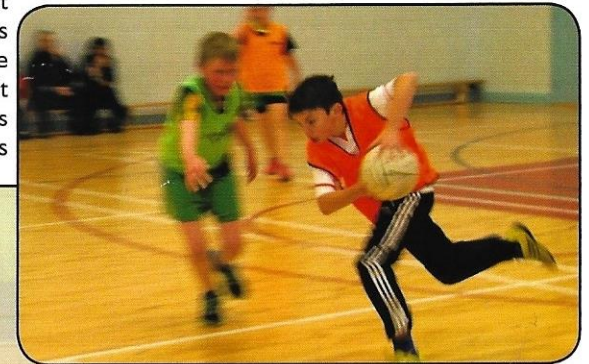
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## MAC NIALLAIS NAILS CORK



■ HIGH THERE: Donegal skipper Michael Murphy gets to the ball ahead of Cork's Anthony O'Sullivan during yesterday's clash in Ballyshannon  
Picture: Margaret McLaughlin

Winning Rory O'Donnell every success in 2010 - Donegal for him

**A**S massacres go, this was one of the Gaelic football equivalent of Little Big Horn. And the Cork radio man summed it up best when he said wearily; "We would have needed Lazarus and all of his first cousins to get out of this one".

Donegal were calm, controlled, clinical and, at times, majestic as they simply overwhelmed a tepid Cork side in Fr Tierney Park, Ballyshannon, yesterday. In a fine team display, Odhran Mac Niallais was simply superb, and capped a great individual display with an individual tally of 1-4.

Frank McGlynn, Michael Murphy, Martin O'Reilly and Eoin McHugh made a physically powerful Cork side look like novices for long periods of this procession in the park. Once again, the Rebels showed their soft centre.



They failed to score from play for a full 59 minutes and failed to score for a full 36 minutes. And they repeatedly took the wrong option in front of goals.

In contrast, Donegal probed and prodded like a dentist before drilling home their advantage with aplomb.

A strong opening half display into the breeze by Donegal was the foundation for this valuable victory at icy Ballyshannon.

This was a clever and composed display from Rory Gallagher's troops, but some elementary errors, and some very poor marking from a disappointing Cork side, helped them.

The Rebels looked hesitant in

**Division One**

Donegal.....2-14  
Cork.....1-7

**From Gerry Maguire  
in Ballyshannon**

possession and took some very poor options in front of the posts in that wind-assisted opening half.

Their kick-outs from goalkeeper Brendan O'Connell were little short of disastrous in that opening half as Donegal repeatedly gobbled up possession.

Frank McGlynn was orchestrating matters from centre-back while Michael Murphy was very prominent at midfield.

It was left to the O'Driscoll brothers, Ian Maguire, and the nifty Donal Og Hodnett to carry the fight to Tir Chonaill.

And Hodnett led the charge with a superbly-struck goal in the 19th minute to counter Donegal's early surge.

It looked like the home side was going to annihilate their opposition when they raced into a 1-4 to 0-0 lead by the 15th minute.

Martin O'Reilly scored a peach of a goal when he played a clever one-two with the impressive Eoin

McHugh before sliding the ball low past Cork goalkeeper O'Connell.

This followed some well-struck opening efforts from Paddy McBrearty, Ciaran Thompson and a truly monster effort from Michael Murphy beyond the 45-metre line.

Cork hit back with a brilliant strike from Donal Og Hodnett who hit a cracking goal for the Rebels in the 19th minute.

That signalled a mini-revival as Daniel Goulding filleted the Donegal lead to a mere point as the home side's lead was whittled to a mere point, 1-4 to 1-3.

But Donegal stretched their legs and points from Mac Niallais, Anthony Thompson and Ciaran Thompson pushed them to a half-time lead of 1-9 to 1-3.

The second half was a complete stroll in the park for the winners as Mac Niallais and McBrearty continued to torture Cork with Mac Niallais drilling home the final goal in the 53rd after a superb six-man move.

Pleased Donegal manager **Rory Gallagher (left)** paid tribute to his charges and the substitutes who came on.

"This is a good victory for us," he said.

"We had a good start, but lost our way a little midway through the first half, but then came back very well towards half time.

"I was concerned about us having a seven-point lead that was wiped out and they could have had a sniff of another goal or two.

"But I was really pleased with how we finished out the first half, there was some great maturity and some great kicking, from Odhran in particular. It was a great position to be in, leading by six points at half-time playing into the breeze.

### MATCH STATS

**Donegal:** P Boyle; E Doherty, N McGee, E McGee; R McHugh, F McGlynn (0-1), A Thompson (0-2); O Mac Niallais (1-4), M Murphy (0-1 free); P McGrath, C Thompson (0-2) E McHugh; P McBrearty (0-4, 0-2 frees), H McFadden M O'Reilly (1-0).

**Subs:** R Kavanagh for C Thompson (black card 38), L McLoone for M Reilly (52), M McElhinney for N McGee (54), E Ban Gallagher for E Doherty (60), N Gallagher for H McFadden (54), M Carroll for E McHugh (59).

**Black card:** C Thompson (37)

**Cork:** B O'Connell, C O'Driscoll, J O'Sullivan, K Crowley; T Clancy, B O'Driscoll (0-1), R Deane; I Maguire, M Collins (0-1); A O'Sullivan, P Kerrigan, D Og Hodnett (1-0); D Goulding (0-5, 0-3 frees) P Kelleher, B Hurley.

**Subs:** B Daly for K Crowley (half-time) D O'Connor for R Deane (50), C O'Hanlon for I Maguire (53), C O'Neill for B Hurley (57), D McKeon for D Goulding (59).

**Yellow cards:** P Kelleher (27) M Collins (30), P Kerrigan (32)

**Referee:** J McQuillan (Cavan)

Gallagher threw on veteran Rory Kavanagh after U21 star Ciaran Thompson was red-carded just after half-time.

"Rory came on and showed up very well and Mark McHugh is back in the squad and is working hard to get back to full fitness," he added.

Meanwhile, rueful Cork selector Eamon Ryan admitted that they had endured a crushing defeat.

"We did play pretty well against Mayo last week, but this was a lot more than a wake up call.

"It was a real hammering. We came back pretty well in the first half after a poor start and brought them back to a point, but were not able to match them in any department for the rest of the game. It is a pretty devastating defeat."







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