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On behalf of Down GAA I wish to extend a warm welcome to both teams, their managements, officials and supporters to Pairc Esler for our first game of the 2016 Allianz Football League Division 1, and a special welcome to the visitors tonight, Donegal.

I would like to wish our new Senior Football team Manager Eamonn Burns and his backroom team all the best tonight and for the season ahead. We are delighted to have a man of the pedigree of Eamonn as our team manager and I would appeal to you all to get behind the players as we begin our new season. I wish to pay tribute to our Supporters Club and our new PRO Fiona for their tremendous work in the production of this programme and for all the work they do in supporting our teams both at home and at away venues.

I also want to welcome and thank our new Sponsors EOS IT Solutions and hope that the commitment they have given to us grows into a rewarding and successful partnership for their business and us as a County. We in Down GAA are truly grateful for their sponsorship and are really proud to have this tremendous blue chip company as our main sponsor.

I would like to wish our competitors from Mayobridge, Ballyholland and Cumann Pheadair Naofa good luck tonight as they represent the county in the Scor na nOg finals in Killarney and I sincerely hope they bring back the All Ireland titles in their respective competitions.

I would also like to thank my fellow officers, stewards and all who continue to volunteer their services to ensure the smooth running of our organization and games which is of the highest standards. Finally I would like to thank you the supporters who always follow us in vast numbers and hope you all enjoy tonight's game.

Is mise

**Sean O Ruanaidh, Cathaoirleach**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE DOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB CHAIRMAN

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here tonight to Pairc Esler to our opening game against Donegal and our new season back in Division 1 after a three year absence. I especially extend a very warm welcome to Rory Gallagher and his Donegal team and their supporters and look forward to an entertaining game. On behalf of Down Supporters Club I would like to take this opportunity to wish Eamon Burns and his backroom team every success in their first season and look forward to the year ahead. I welcome our referee and his officials here tonight to them we

remain indebted as without them we would have no game. I would like to thank our P.R.O. Fiona Murphy, Noel from Apex, our programme co-ordinators Paul Rooney and Seamus McClean, our photographers Brendan Monaghan, Louis McNally, Raphael Mason, Aidan Murphy and Pat O'Hare, our Sponsors for their advertisements and my fellow committee members, their support is gratefully appreciated and without the help of these people this production would not be possible. On a personal note I would like to wish our Scor Na nOg competitors, Ballyholland Set Dancers, Gavin Gribben, Mayobridge

(solo singer) and Cumann Pheadair Naofa (Quiz team) every success today as they participate in the All-Ireland Final in Killarney.

*Padraig Ruiseil*

Down Supporters Club Chairman



## DOWN GAA SUPPORTERS CLUB BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP 2016

- Paid up members will receive a membership card and a Down football fixtures calendar for the new season which includes the senior's Allianz League and Championship fixtures, along with the Under-21s and Minor championship fixtures.
- Members will always get priority when booking overnight and day coaches to away games.
- Members can have their name entered into a draw for Ulster senior/minor football final tickets or All-Ireland senior/minor football final tickets where Down is involved.

One of the Supporters Club committee priorities is to provide comfortable and affordable journeys in a luxury coach to all games.

You can join the membership at all the afternoon Allianz League home games in Pairc Esler, or on the buses to the away games.

### DOWN SUPPORTERS CLUB BUSES TO MONAGHAN AND ROSCOMMON

The Down supporters Club are running a day bus to the Allianz league game against Monaghan next Sunday (7th February) and the bus will leave Castlewellan at 10.15am and Newry at 11.00am. The fare is Adults £15 and U-16s £10.

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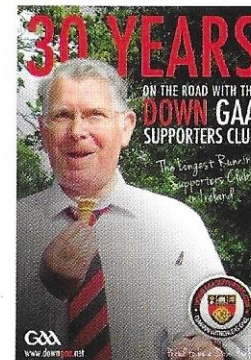
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## '30 YEARS ON THE ROAD' (BOOK NOW ON SALE)

The Down GAA Supporters club are now 30 years on the road. It was back in the spring of 1985 that the idea of a supporters club was conceived by the late Newry showband singer, and cartoonist Jim Gorman, on the way home from Croke Park, after Down lost to Armagh in the National League semi-final. In the autumn of 1985, he set the club up in Mickey McKeown's front room in Newry along with brothers Joe and Frank Hughes. In those days the National League started in late October and finished in March with a long break over Christmas. On the 1st December 1985 the transport manager Frank Hughes put on the very first mini-bus to Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon and the bus was supplied by Anchor Tours Dundalk. Coincidentally Down will travel to Dr Hyde Park on 6th March.



The 60 page book is called "30 Years on the Road" which is dedicated to the late Joe Hughes who gave 26 years of out-standing service to the club until his death in 2011. It covers the 30 year history with loads of photos as well as articles from present committee members Patsy Russell, Brian Greenan, Desi Kennedy, Seamus McClean and John Cookson. Past committee members Patsy O'Connell, Seamus McGeeney, Seamus McCaffrey, John Dillon, Mary Pollard, Emmett Haughian, Tom Mulholland and the late Mark Maginn also contribute to this. There is also articles from P.J. Quinn, Eamonn Cole (snr), Bernadette Lynch, Kate Woods and Karl Sherry's article about Dalsey Mooney--Down supporter and friend to all. The books can be purchased at Down's upcoming home games against Kerry and Dublin as well as on the buses. For further enquiries you can phone Seamus McClean 07873761804. The book is priced at £5

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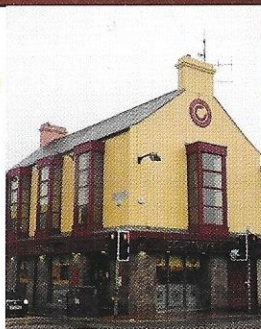
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The game has a 7.00pm throw in and we would ask patrons to get to the ground on time, turnstiles will open from 5.30pm and the Down GAA ticket van will have tickets on sale from 5.00pm.

There will be no parking permitted on the dual carriageway, in the interests of the safety of our patrons we would ask that people attending the game use either the car parks within the centre of Newry or park in the Greenbank Industrial Estate.

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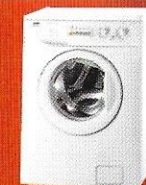
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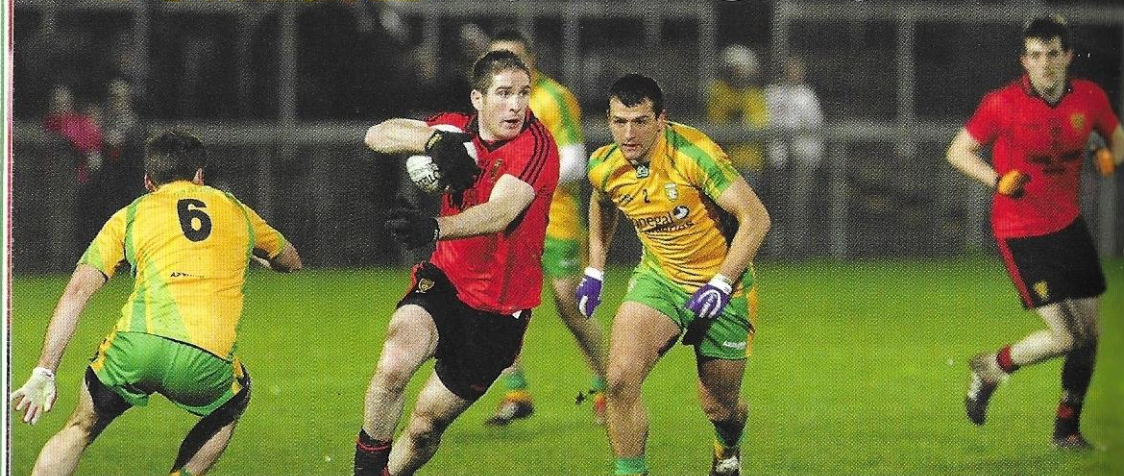


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# DOGGED DOWN PUT DONEGAL TO THE SWORD



**Down produced a sterling performance to get the better of 2012 All-Ireland winners Donegal in a fascinating encounter at Páirc Esler on Sunday.**

Niall Madine's first half goal proved to be the difference between the two sides but there were some superb performances from James McCartan's men with the likes of Mark Poland showing great leadership throughout and Peter Turley having an outstanding game in the middle of the field. Down were never behind for the entire 70-plus minutes and fully merited the victory that enabled them to bounce back after the previous week's loss away to Galway. While Down hit just three points in the second half, it was still enough for the entire 70-plus minutes and fully merited the victory that enabled them to bounce back after the previous week's loss away to Galway. Down hit three early wides with the most significant of those coming in the fourth minute when Niall Madine swivelled 25 metres out to hook the ball between the posts but strangely, the umpire behind the goal at the Warrenpoint Road end signalled a wide. However, the home side did open the scoring in the

seventh minute when Conor Garvey picked the ball up on the right touchline and the Mayobridge man produced a superb outside of the boot effort that put Down one point to the good. The game was being played at a frenetic pace but both sides were guilty of fundamental handling errors and that led to a scrappy affair in the opening exchanges. Down should have been given the chance to go for goal in the eighth minute when Conor Lavery was clearly pulled down in the square by Donegal goalkeeper Paul Durkin. However, Tyrone Referee Cathal O'Hagan inexplicably awarded a free out, much to the ire of the sizeable Down support in Páirc Esler. Down did their goal two minutes before the quarter hour from a move that started with full back Benny McArdle. The Annaclone man surged forward through the middle of the field before offloading to Jerome Johnston on the left. His ball across looked to be falling perfectly for Donal O'Hare just outside the square but he missed his kick. However, Madine was on hand to pick the ball up, turn and rifle his shot low past Drukin to make it 1-1 to no score. Donegal got off the mark on 18 minutes when Dermot Molloy hooked over after Down's Ryan Boyle

By Gareth McCullough at Páirc Esler  
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has been dispossessed in midfield, allowing the visitors to surge forward into a scoring position. But Down replied almost instantly, with a direct move involving three players that result in Kevin McKernan pointing from 40 metres following a powerful run from Peter Turley and a neat lay off from Jerome Johnston. With both sides now settled, scoring opportunities were beginning to present themselves more readily and Donegal closed the gap to a goal on 20 minutes when talisman Michael Murphy produced a superb looping point from way out on the right after a break from Rory Kavanagh and Frank McGlynn. Down captain Mark Poland was his side's standout first half performer and he opened his account for the day with a fine score, interception and attempted pass from Christy Toye before playing a clever one-two with Madine before scoring from all of 40 metres to make it 1-3 to 0-2.

A minute before the half hour, strong running from Colm McFadden allowed Molloy to get his second and Donegal's third point of the afternoon to reduce the deficit to a goal once more before O'Hare and Murphy trade frees as the first half entered its final few minutes.

Down knew they needed to increase their lead to more than a goal heading into the second period and they hit two more points in quick succession as the half headed into stoppage time with Poland getting his second from 30 metres and then Madine adding a point to his goal to make it 1-6 to 0-4. However, three minutes over normal time, McFadden replied for Jim McGuinness' men with what was an important free from wide on the right to leave four between the sides at the break. That four-point lead for Down was cut back to two within a couple of minutes of the restart. Just over 30 seconds into the second period when Martin McElhinney scored and less than a minute later, Leo McLoone tapped the ball past Aidan Carr before pointing to make it 1-6 to 0-7.

O'Hare settled Down into the second half with a free from just left of centre on 39 minutes before the excellent Conor Garvey scored his second of the day with a fine effort from out on the right to restore that four-point lead.

As the scoring went one way then the other, Murphy pulled another one back from a '45 on 44 minutes but two poor wides for the Tir Chonaill men in quick succession, one from sub David Walsh and the other from a free by the usually reliable McFadden, meant they spurned the chance to get to within a point as we approached the midway stage of the second half. With Donegal sub Neil Gallagher lucky to only see

yellow for appearing to strike Ryan Boyle, Conor Lavery looked to have found Down's insurance point - the first score from either side in 21 minutes - following a patient passing move but Gallagher scored an excellent point to make it 1-9 to 0-9 going into stoppage time. McFadden converted a free and despite Lavery's black card, McCartan's men held out for a famous win that sends them joint top of Division 2.

### Match Stats

Down: S Harrison; D McCartan, B McArdle, O Costello; R Boyle, A Carr, C Garvey (0-2); P Turley, C Lavery (0-1); K McKernan (0-1), M Poland (0-2), C Maginn; D O'Hare (0-2, both frees), N Madine (1-1), J Johnston  
Subs: R Johnston for J Johnston (56mins), B Coulter for Madine (68mins), P Fitzpatrick for Lavery (70mins - Black Card)

Donegal: P Durkin; E McGee, N McGee, K Lacey; F McGlynn, L McLoone (0-1), A Thompson; R Kavanagh, M McElhinney (0-1); M McHugh, C Toye, O McNelis; C McFadden (0-2, both frees), M Murphy (0-3, 1f, 1'45), D Molloy (0-2)

Subs: P McBrierty for Kavanagh (44mins), D Walsh for McNelis (44mins), N Gallagher (0-1) for Molloy (44mins), D O'Connor for Toye (60mins)

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# HALF TIME QUIZ

## ON THE YEAR 2015

1. Name the five counties that Down defeated in the Allianz League division two in 2015?
2. Name the top scorer for Down in the 2015 Allianz League with 4-29 and also name the Down player who scored 4-03 mostly from the sub bench?
3. Name the two counties who contested the 2015 Allianz League division one final and who were the winners?
4. Name the two counties who contested the 2015 division two final and who were the winners?
5. Name the county who scored six goals in a provincial senior championship final and also name the county who scored seven goals in the 2015 all-Ireland quarter final?
6. Name the player who finished top scorer in the 2015 senior football championship for the third year in a row and who finished second?
7. Name the player who scored 3-04 in one senior championship football game in 2015?
8. Name the player who scored 6-21 in the 2015 senior football championship in 2015?
9. Name the two players from Ulster who won football All-Stars in 2015 and the player who won the footballer of the year award. Also name the player who won the young player of the year?
10. In the international Rules Test Ireland defeated Australia by 3-11-5 (56) to 1-13-7 (52) name the two Irish players who scored the three goals?

Answers to half-time quiz on page 50



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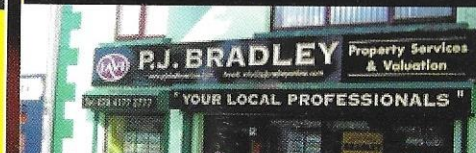
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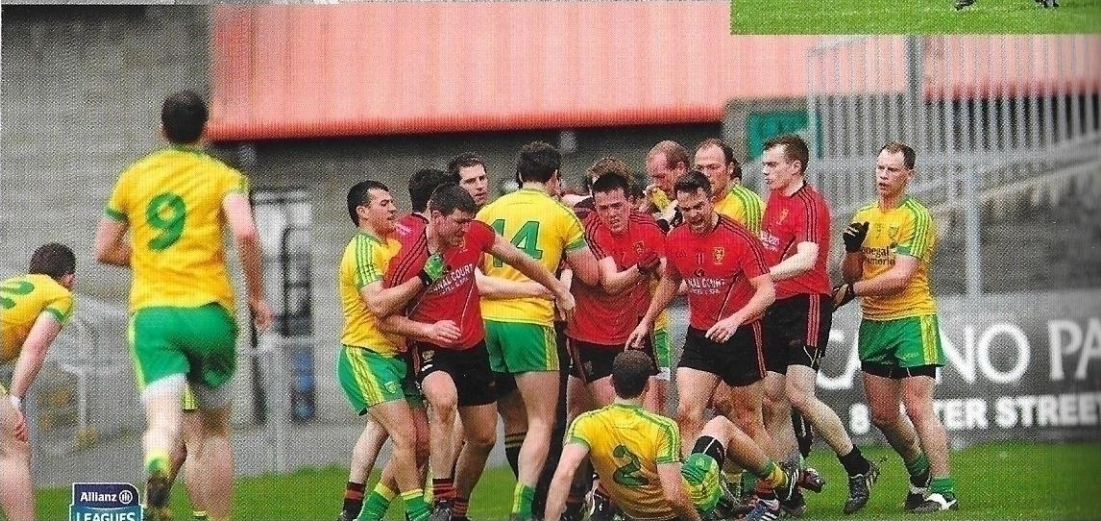
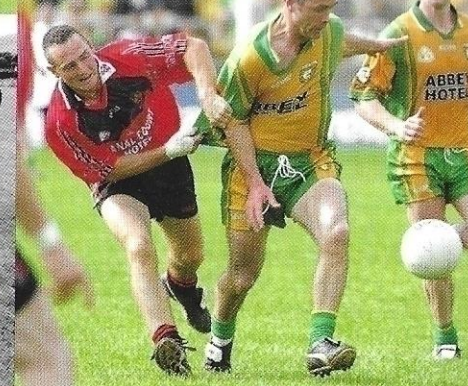
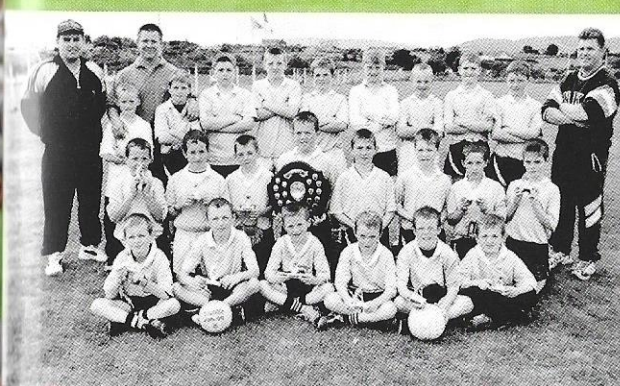
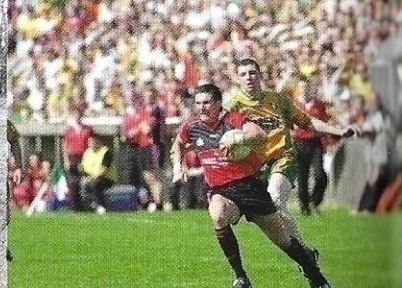
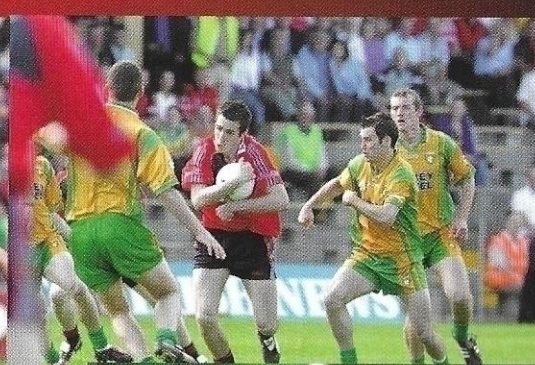
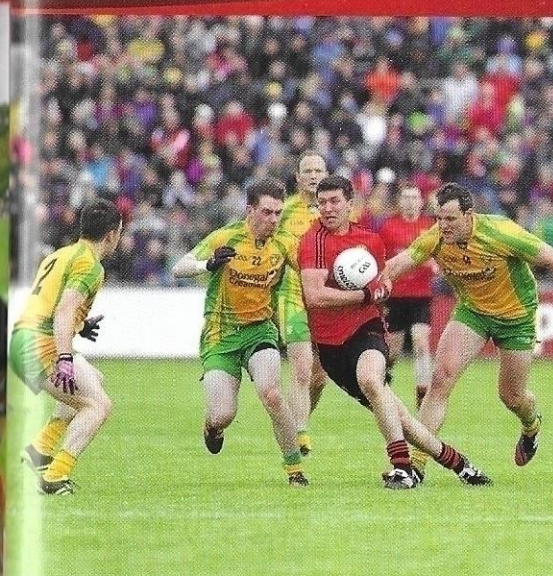
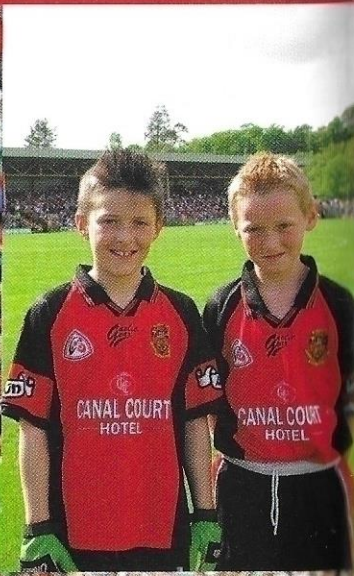
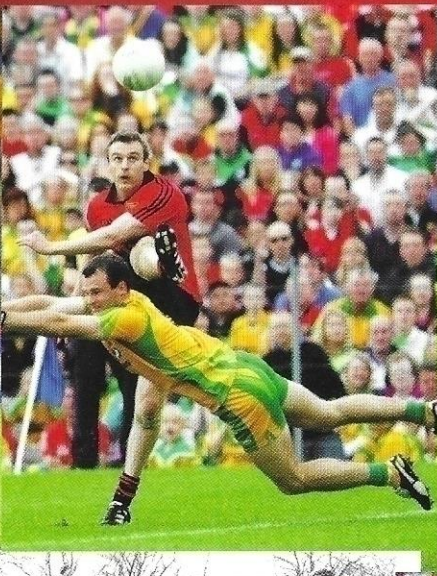
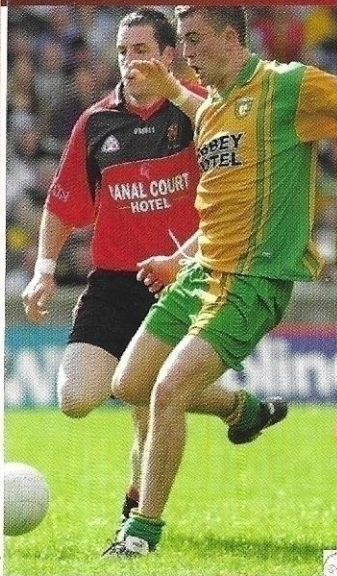
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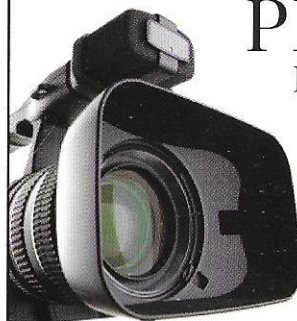


# Down v Donegal Snippets

- \* Down's last Allianz League home game against Donegal was on the 16th March 2014 and Down won by 1-09 to 0-10. After a seven point defeat against Galway the week before, Down got their promotion hopes back on track with a hard fought two point victory in Pairc Esler. In the 13th minute a good move involving Benny McArdle, Jerome Johnston and Donal O'Hare was finished by Niall Madine to the net, from close range through a crowded goalmouth. Down led 1-06 to 0-05 at the break, and in the second half Donegal were unable to get enough scores to win, Michael Murphy and Colm McFadden were held to five points between them. Every Down player played their heart out.
- \* Down's last away Allianz league game was in February 2013 and Donegal won 0-12 to 0-07. Down started off well and lead by 0-05 to 0-02 after 32 minutes, then the All-Ireland champions scored nine points in a row to go into the driving seat and finished five point winners. Donal O'Hare scored five of the Down points.
- \* Down and Donegal have met on 19 occasions in the Allianz Football League and at present Down lead 10 - 8, with one drawn game which was in Newry October 1990 with Peter Withnell scoring the equaliser in the last minute.
- \* The first occasion they met in the league was in Ballybofey in April 1931 and Donegal won by 4-07 to 0-02.
- \* Donegal won the Allianz League in 2007, they defeated Mayo in the final by 0-13 to 0-10.
- \* In the 1990s they lost three league finals to Dublin 1993 as well as to Derry in 1995 and 1996.
- \* Eamonn Burns is the new manager of the Down senior team, he played on the 1991 and the 1994 All-Ireland winning teams. Other Down managers since the year 2000 were Peter McGrath, Paddy O'Rourke, Ross Carr, James McCartan and Jim McCorry.
- \* Rory Gallagher is in his second year in charge of Donegal. Other Donegal managers since the year 2000 were Declan Bonner, Mickey Moran, Brian McEniff, Brian McIver, John Joe Doherty and Jimmy McGuinness.



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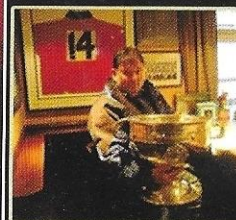
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# SOUTH DOWN SCÓR SINSIR 2016

Despite the disappointing response from clubs for the adult competitions, the first rounds in South Down were highly entertaining events which took place in Burren Community Centre on Friday 22nd January and St Patrick's Primary School Hilltown on Sunday 24th January.

Jimmie Cousins of the Clonduff Club acted as Fear an Tí in both venues – a minute's silence was observed in both venues for all those who lost loved ones since the last Scór event.

The following clubs will be represented in the South Down Finals in Mayobridge Community Centre on Sunday 31st January commencing 6pm:

**Ceili Dancing:** Cumann Pheadar Naofa, Mayobridge

**Solo Singing:** Colleen Walls (Clonduff Handball), Jennifer McGovern (Burren), Mary Catherine Murray (Clonduff Camogie), Matthew McGrath (Rostrevor), Rosemary Breen (Longstone), Paul Gribben (Clonduff Football)

**Recitation:** Declan McConaghy (Glenn), Eileen McCusker (Clonduff), Hugh Rogers (Longstone), Clare McCartan (Atticall), Michael McNally (Rostrevor), Gillian Fitzpatrick (Mayobridge)

**Instrumental Music:** Clonduff

**Leiriú Stáitse:** Rostrevor

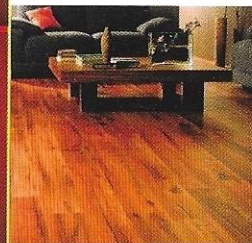
**Ballad Group:** Clonduff, Glasdrumman

**Set Dancing:** Mayobridge

The South Down Table Quiz will take place in St Peter's Club Warrenpoint on Friday 5th February commencing 7.30pm.

The South Down Scór Committee send their best wishes to the three Down clubs – Gavin Gribben (Mayobridge) in Solo Singing, Ballyholland Set Dancers, Cumann Pheadar Naofa Quiz team – who all qualified for the All Ireland Scór na nÓg Finals which takes place in Killarney on Saturday 30th January.

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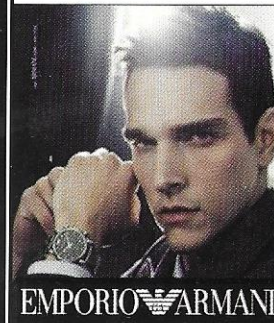
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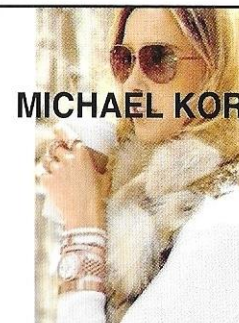


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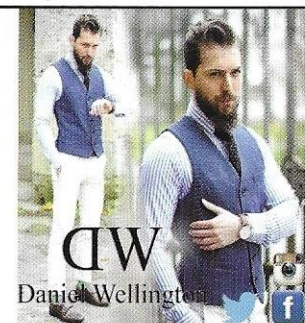
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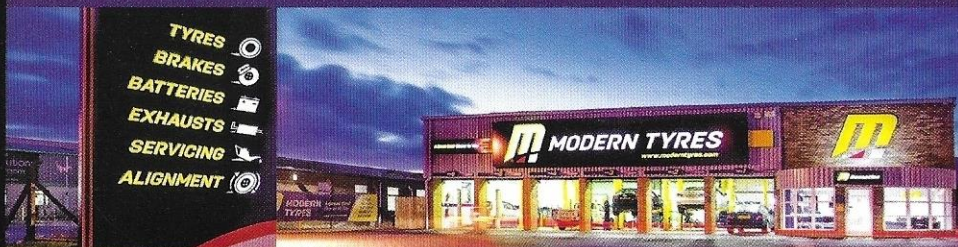
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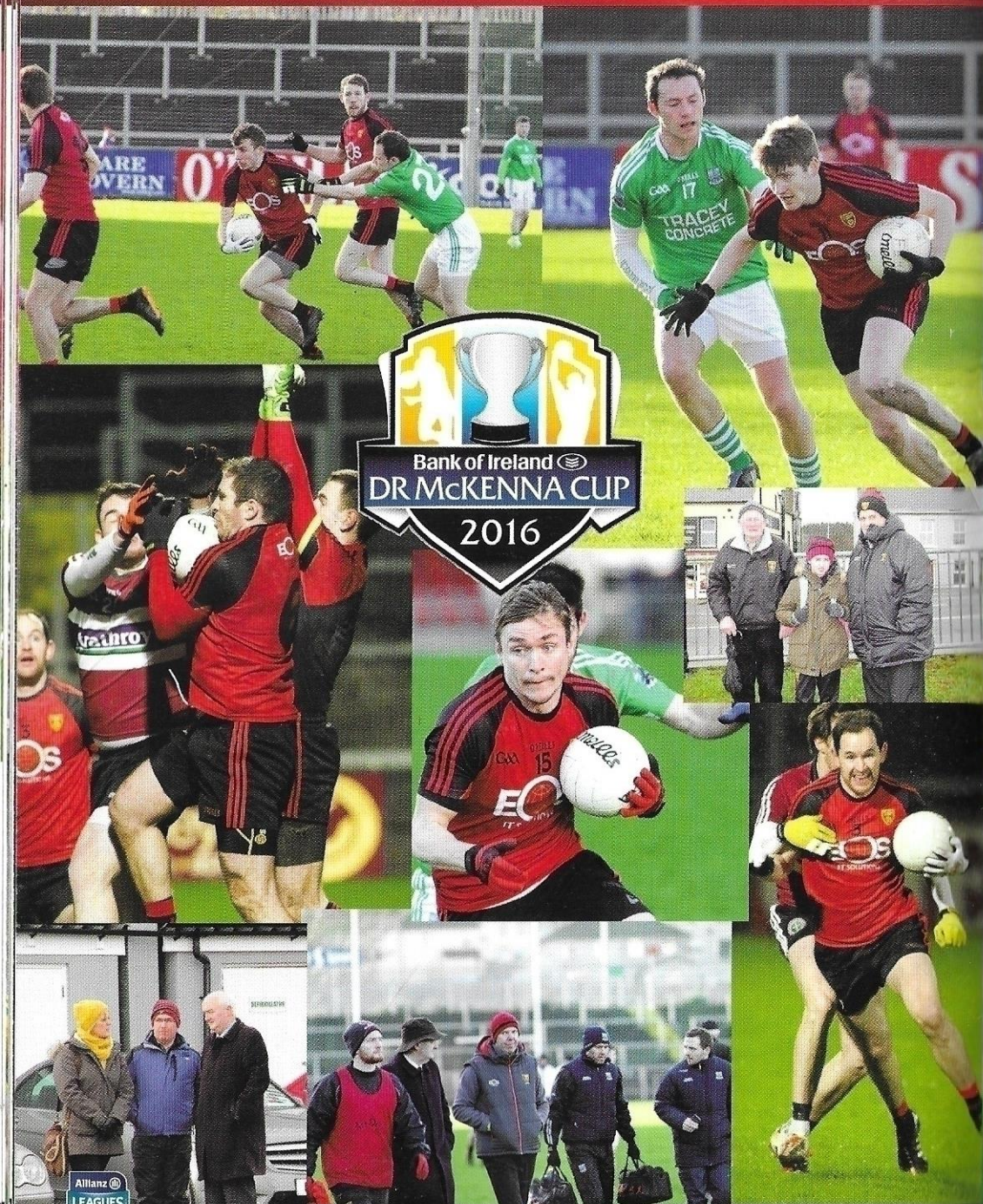
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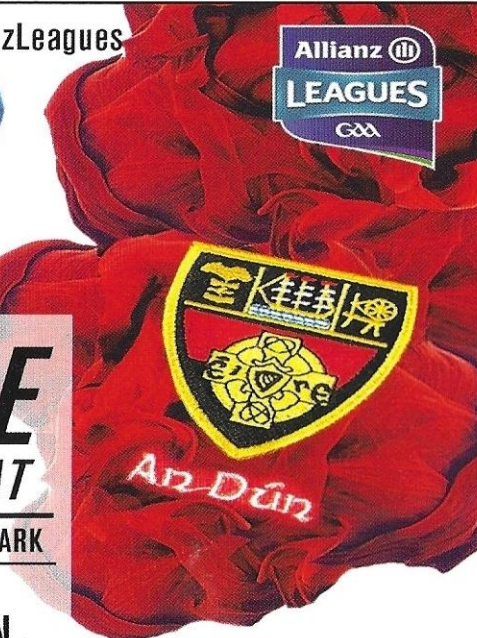
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Ideal candidates are young people that are either still playing or have recently retired from our games. At first glance a lot of people might well ask, "Who would be a referee", but it is a role that quite apart from being essential to the future of our games, has many benefits and rewards.

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- ☐ Stay involved with the game as an alternative to playing
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- ☐ Have the ability to remain calm
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We would appeal to your club to consider who within your ranks might be interested and capable of making a real difference to the standard of our games. It is not such a daunting task as young referees are primarily appointed to underage games where they can progress as they feel comfortable and there is a full support network in place for them.

The training takes place over three sessions. The first session shall be in the Burrendale Hotel on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm. The second session is taken online via the Croke Park website. The third session shall be on **Friday 19th February at 7.30pm** in the Burrendale Hotel.

We ask that your club actively seeks out and encourages new people to come forward take up the whistle. We would also ask that your club also uses its social media to see if someone you haven't thought of might come forward.

*Please forward the names, ages and contact details of those wishing to receive training as new referees to myself as soon as you can to [Seamus O'Hanlon, Secretary.referees.down@gaa.ie](mailto:Seamus.O'Hanlon,Secretary.referees.down@gaa.ie)*

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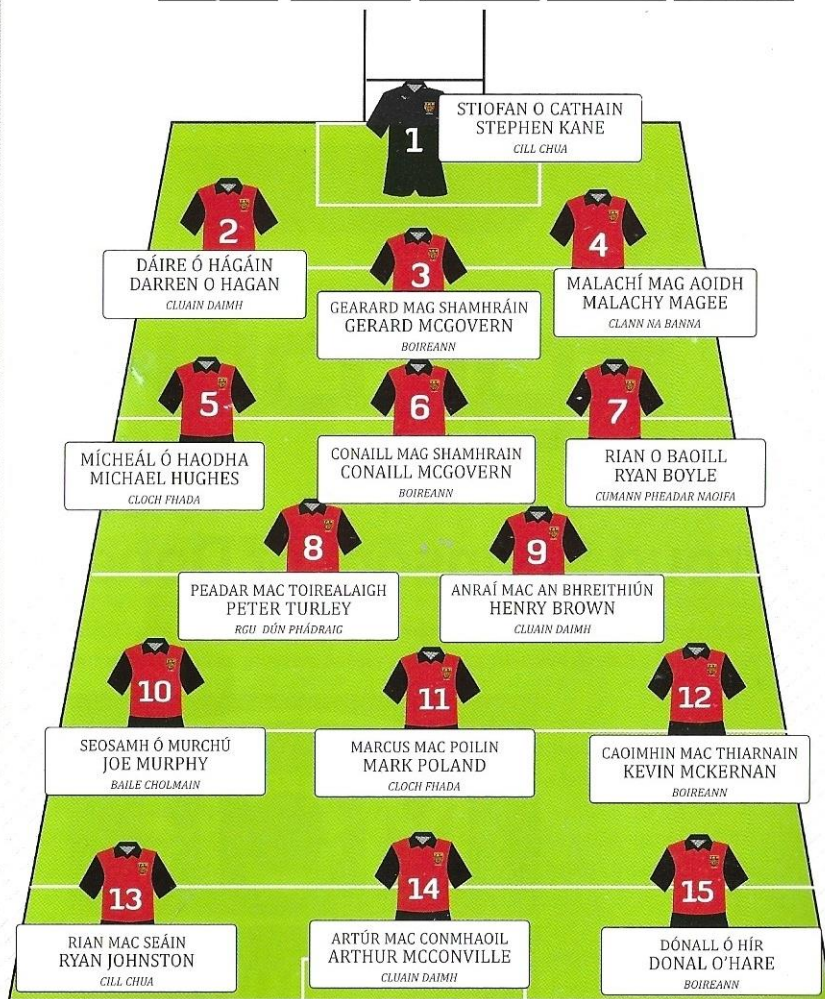
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The action gets underway on Saturday, January 30 as reigning league and All-Ireland champions Dublin take on Kerry under the lights at Croke Park. The game is live on Setanta Ireland from 7pm.

The other live match on the opening weekend sees **Down face Donegal on Setanta 1 also from 7pm**. In total Setanta Sports will broadcast seventeen live games across this season's Allianz Leagues with eleven football games to be shown as well as 6 hurling matches.

All-Ireland winners Flynn and Moran were also announced today as ambassadors for Setanta's GAA coverage this league season.

Speaking ahead of the event in Dublin, Brian Quinn, Marketing Operations Director at Setanta Sports, commented; "Our Allianz Leagues coverage has become a mainstay of our spring schedule and we're delighted to be the first place you can see top class, live league action each weekend."

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#### Saturday, March 12

Down v Dublin - 7pm, Live on Setanta Sports 1

#### Saturday, March 26

Dublin v Donegal - 7pm, Live on Setanta Ireland Tyrone v Armagh - 7pm, Live on Setanta Sports 1

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#### Saturday, February 13

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#### Saturday, March 12

Cork v Kilkenny - 7pm, Live on Setanta Ireland





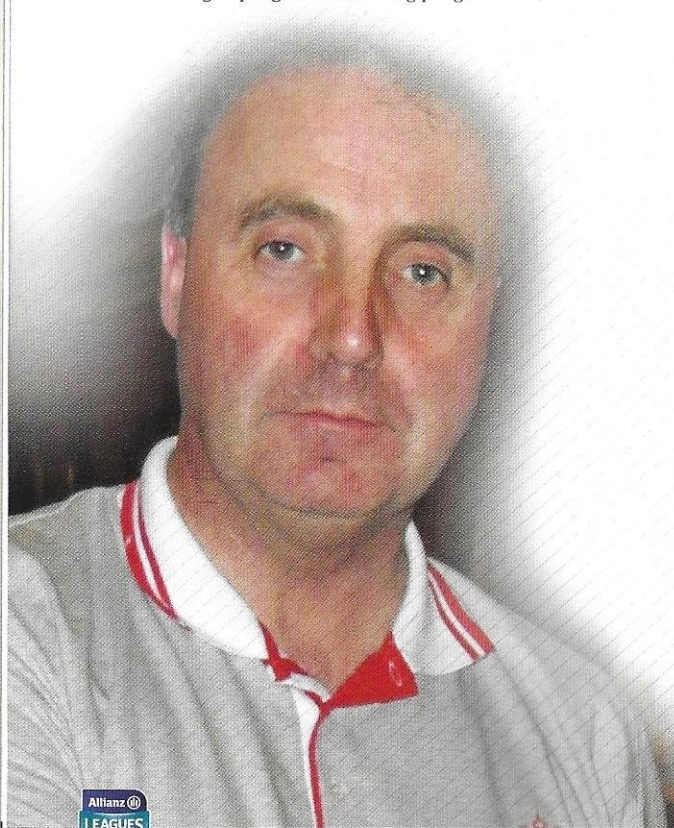
The Down GAA supporters club lost two of their former committee members recently with the death of Mark Maginn (age 56) on the 13th January and Barney McPolin who died on the 21th October 2015. Mark was a former St John's player and he had a great passion for Down football over the years, and he got great satisfaction with the Down All-Ireland wins in 1991 and 1994. In his younger days he would listen to the RTE radio football commentaries from Michael O'Hehir and Micheal O'Muircheartaigh. He would often impersonate Micheal O' Muircheartaigh, he was so good it was hard to tell the difference. The best player he watched in Croke Park was Matt Connor Offaly.

Mark joined the Down supporters club in 2002 until 2011 and served as assistant secretary in 2007. He helped with selling advertising in the Allianz League programme, selling programmes,

helping with the fundraising and the buses etc.

Barney McPolin joined the supporters club in 1987 and served until the 1995. He organised a supporter's bus starting in Rostrevor via Warrenpoint and on to the Mall Newry. He also had a lot of passion for Down football and attended all five of Down's All-Ireland wins. He played club football with his home parish Clonduff.

The Down Supporters club extend deepest sympathy to Mark's mother Sadie, along with his brothers Owen, Patrick and Dermot, sisters Collette and Yvonne. Also to Barney McPolin's wife Eileen, son Sean and daughter Ciara.



The first Donegal County Board was formed in 1905 with its first football game being against Derry on 17 March 1906



The county came to the fore of Ulster football in the 1970s, winning their first Ulster Senior Football Championship in 1972. The win coincided with the county's first All Star—in the form of Brian McEniff—in the second year of the award's existence. Reigning All-Ireland champions Offaly defeated the Ulster champions in the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final on the way to their second consecutive All-Ireland title



Donegal's greatest footballing accomplishment yet was realised on 20 September 1992 when they defeated the highly fancied Dublin by a score line of 0-18 to 0-14 to take the Sam Maguire Cup for the first time. Brian McEniff, serving in his second spell as Donegal manager, pulled the strings. Man of the Match Manus Boyle scored 0-9 (four from play), while Gary Walsh pulled off a great save from Vinny Murphy at the end



On 22 July 2012, Donegal retained the Ulster title for the first time in its history with a 2-18 to 0-13 victory over Down. On 5 August 2012, they defeated Kerry. The first ever Championship meeting between the sides at senior level, it was only the second time in history that Kerry had been defeated at this stage. Ahead of their next match against Cork, nobody outside the county gave Donegal a chance, and Cork went into the game as heavy favourites to win the title itself (even though this was only the semi-final).



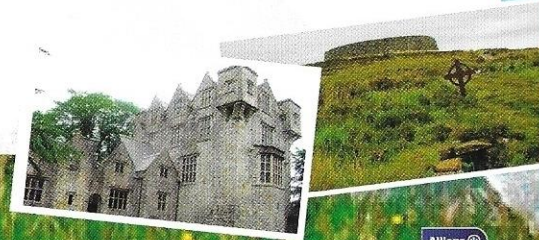
Donegal endeavoured to swat aside a lacklustre Cork side with ease and progressed to their first title decider since 1992. Tyrone's Mickey Harte, attempting to analyse the game for the BBC, expressed his shock: "To be honest, I could not see that coming. Donegal annihilated Cork, there is no other word for it." Martin McHugh, a member of the successful 1992 side, said it was the best ever performance by any Donegal team including his own. Donegal emerged victorious from the 2012 All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final on 23 September 2012 to take the Sam Maguire Cup for the second time, with early goals from Michael Murphy and Colm McFadden.



In terms of size and area, it is the largest county in Ulster and the fourth largest county in all of Ireland. Uniquely, County Donegal shares a border with only one other county in the Republic of Ireland - County Leitrim. The greater part of its land border is shared with three counties of the North - County's Derry, Tyrone and Fermanagh.



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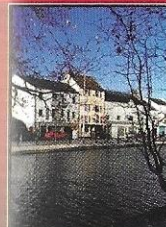
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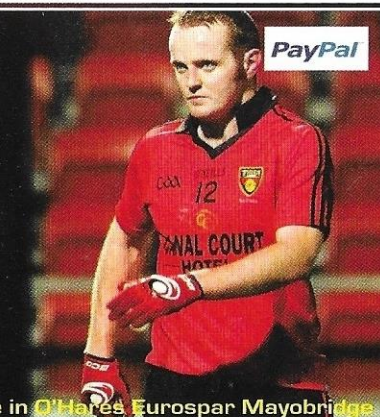
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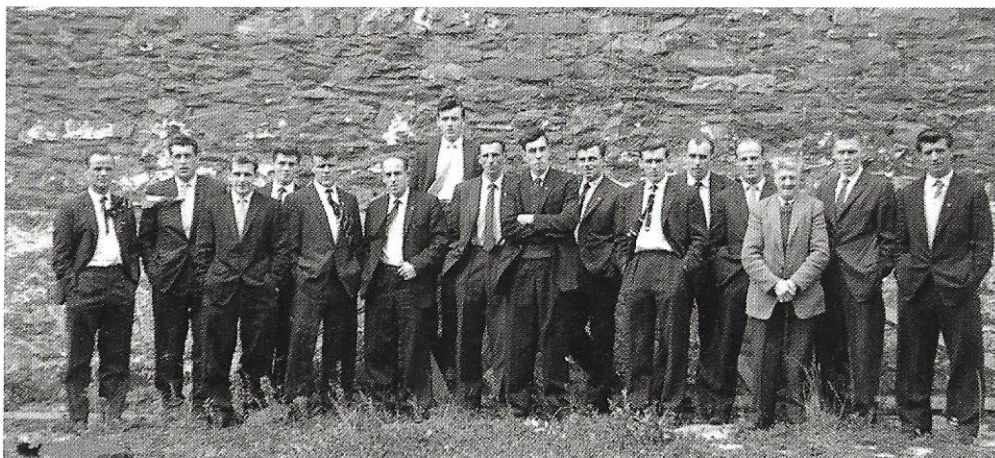
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3. Name the player who scored a record 3-09 against Monaghan in a Ulster senior football championship game in 2002?
4. Name Down's four National League winning captains, also name Donegal's winning captain in 2007?
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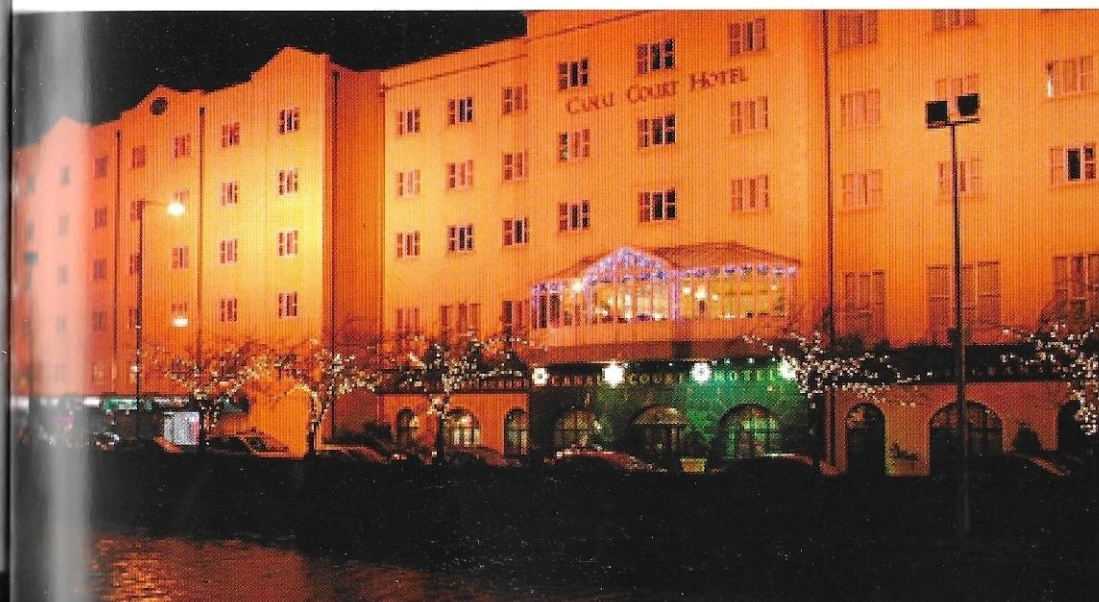


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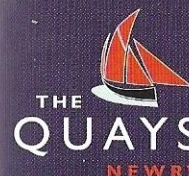
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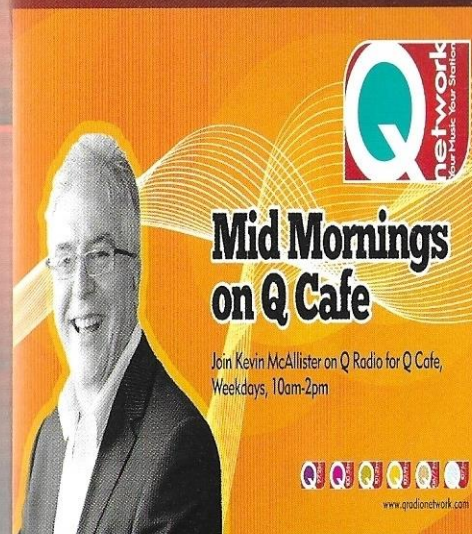


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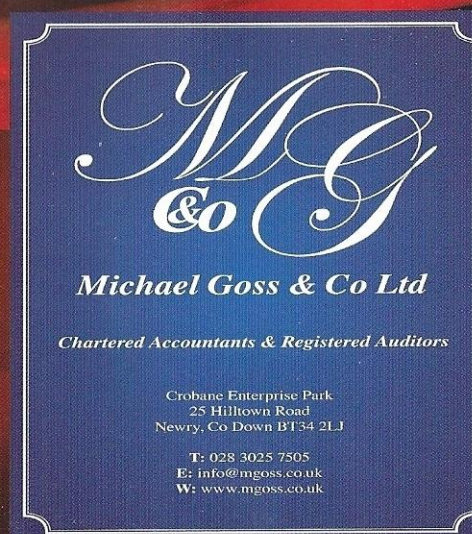
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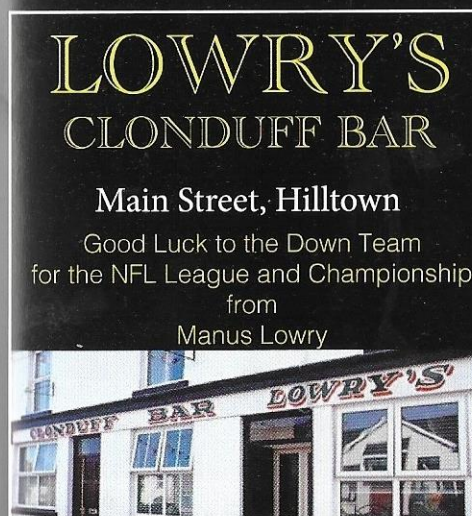
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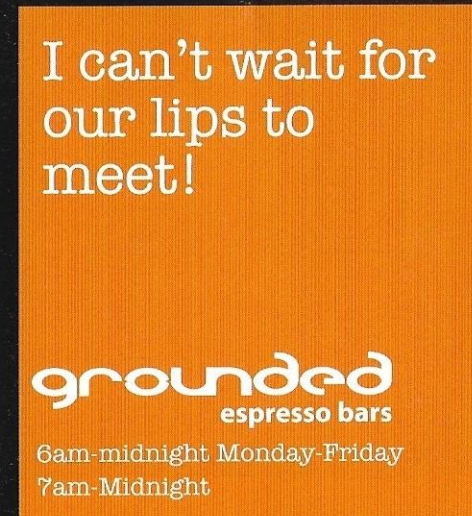
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| Name               | Club           | Season                  | League app inc sub | League scores |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Brendan McArdle    | Annaclone      | 8 <sup>th</sup> season  | 43                 | 0-03          |
| Cathal Doyle       | Ballymartin    | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Joe Murphy         | Ballyholland   | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Luke Howard        | Bryansford     | 5 <sup>th</sup> season  | 26                 | 0-1           |
| Conor Maginn       | Bryansford     | 7 <sup>th</sup> season  | 39                 | 5-19          |
| David McKibben     | Bryansford     | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 2                  | -             |
| Shay McArdle       | Burren         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 1                  | -             |
| Gerard McGovern    | Burren         | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Conaill McGovern   | Burren         | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 6                  | 0-03          |
| Mark McKay         | Burren         | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Kevin McKernan     | Burren         | 10 <sup>th</sup> season | 54                 | 1-28          |
| Donal O'Hare       | Burren         | 5 <sup>th</sup> season  | 23                 | 7-97          |
| Donal McKeever     | Carryduff      | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Michael Cunningham | Castlewellan   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 4                  | -             |
| Sean Dornan        | Castlewellan   | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Malachy Magee      | Clann Na Banna | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 1                  | -             |
| Henry Brown        | Clonduff       | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -                  | -             |
| Aidan Carr         | Clonduff       | 11 <sup>th</sup> season | 49                 | 4-65          |
| Arthur McConville  | Clonduff       | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 14                 | 4-09          |
| Darren O'Hagan     | Clonduff       | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 9                  | 0-1           |
| Ryan Boyle         | CPN            | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 18                 | 0-02          |
| Ryan Mallon        | CPN            | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 11                 | 0-05          |
| Gerald Collins     | Downpatrick    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 5                  | 0-01          |
| Peter Turley       | Downpatrick    | 7 <sup>th</sup> season  | 27                 | -             |
| Packie Downey      | Drumgath       | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 3                  | 0-02          |
| Connaire Harrison  | Glasdrumman    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 6                  | 1-04          |
| Paul Devlin        | Kilcoo         | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 11                 | 1-20          |
| Jerome Johnson     | Kilcoo         | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 16                 | 0-12          |
| Ryan Johnson       | Kilcoo         | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 8                  | 0-02          |

|                  |               |                         |    |       |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|----|-------|
| Stephen Kane     | Kilcoo        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 7  | -     |
| Darragh O'Hanlon | Kilcoo        | 3 <sup>rd</sup> season  | 11 | 0-05  |
| Jonny Flynn      | Loughinisland | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -  | -     |
| Kieran Gordon    | Loughinisland | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 1  | -     |
| Michael Hughes   | Longstone     | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -  | -     |
| Mark Poland      | Longstone     | 9 <sup>th</sup> season  | 47 | 3-51  |
| Brendan Coulter  | Mayobridge    | 15 <sup>th</sup> season | 86 | 17-85 |
| Damian Turley    | Meath Hill    | 5 <sup>th</sup> season  | 18 | 0-01  |
| Caolan Mooney    | Rostrevor     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> season  | 7  | 1-05  |
| Niall Madine     | Saval         | 4 <sup>th</sup> season  | 13 | 1-08  |
| Gareth Johnston  | Tullylish     | 1 <sup>st</sup> season  | -  | -     |
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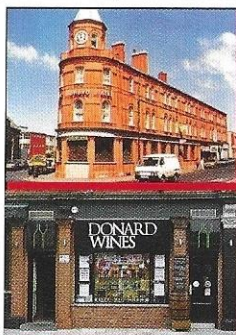
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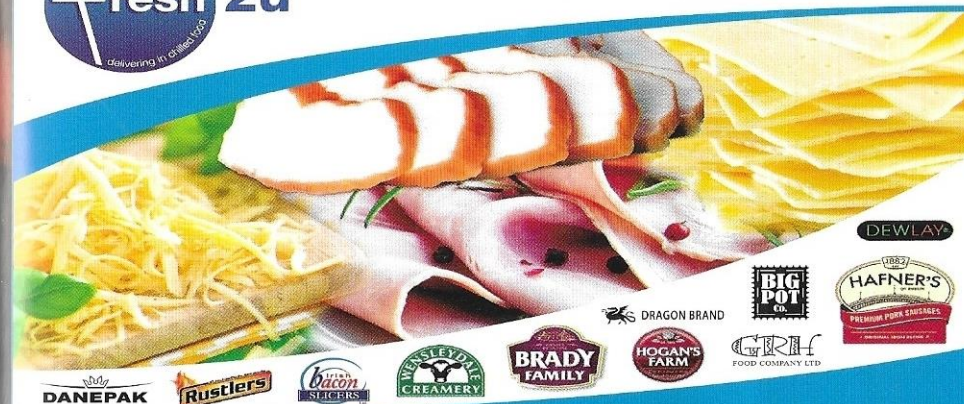
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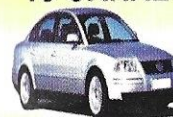


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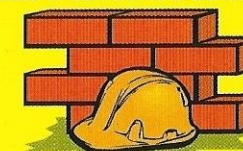


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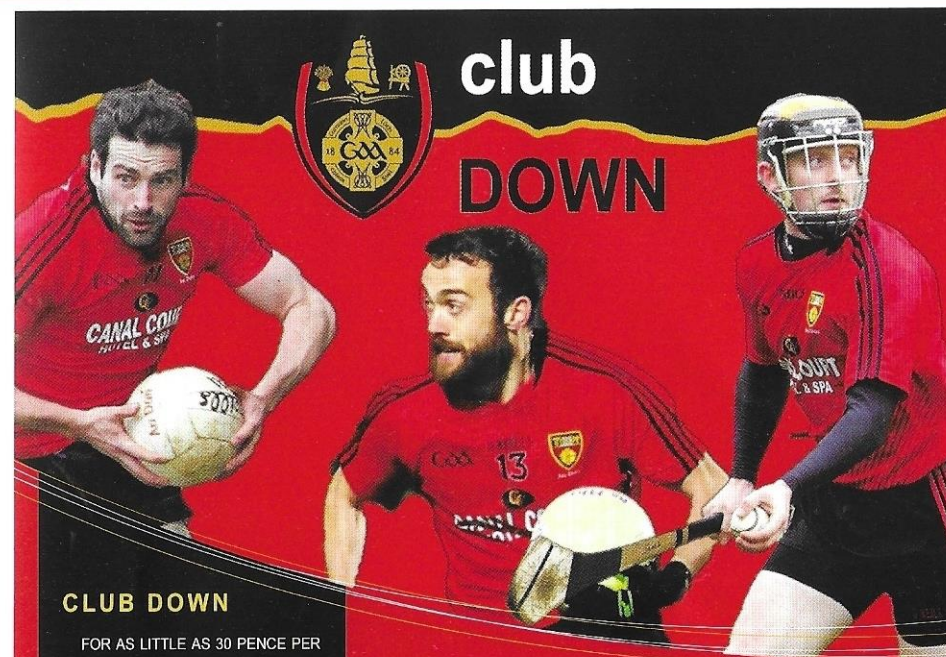
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1. Paddy O'Hara (Antrim 1956/57), (Fermanagh 1958/59), (Donegal early 1960s), (Derry 1963), (Down 1964/65) and (Armagh 1965/66)
2. Brian McEniff 1972, Karl Lacey has won his four All-Stars in 2006, 2009, 2011 and 2012. (Neil McGee has three All-Stars)
3. Rory Gallagher Fermanagh, now Donegal manager
4. Kevin Mussen 1960, Paddy Doherty 1962, Joe Lennon 1968 and Mark Turley 1983. (Neil Gallagher was Donegal captain in 2007)
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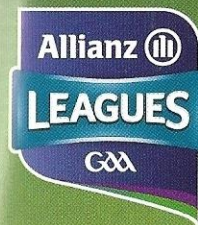
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1. Kildare, Cavan, Galway, Westmeath and Laois
2. Donal O'Hare was Down's top scorer in the 2015 league with 4-29 and Arthur McConville scored 4-03
3. Dublin and Cork contested the Allianz League division one final, which Dublin won by 1-21 to 2-07
4. Down and Roscommon contested the division two final which Roscommon won by 1-17 to 0-15
5. Mayo scored six goals against Sligo in the Connacht final and Kerry scored seven against Kildare in the All-Ireland quarter final
6. Cillian O'Connor was top scorer for the third year in a row with 3-34 and Sean Quigley was second with 2-36
7. Aidan O'Shea scored 3-04 against Sligo
8. Bernard Brogan scored 6-21 in the championship and 6-20 of it was from play
9. The two players from Ulster who won All-Stars were Mattie Donnelly and Conor McManus. The footballer of the year was Jack McCaffrey and the young player was Diarmuid O'Connor Mayo
10. Aidan O'Shea scored twice and Conor McManus.



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