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Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



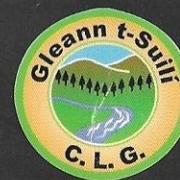
# MICHAEL MURPHY SPORTS & LEISURE

Craobh chomórtais Peil sinsearach na contae, A agus B  
I bPáirc Sheáin MhicCumhaill, Bealach Féich  
Dé Domhnaigh, 16ú Deireadh Fómhair 2016

**SINSEAR A**



**Cill Chartha**  
v  
**Gleann t-Suilí**  
4.00 i.n.



Referee: Shaun McLaughlin  
Stand by: Robbie O'Donnell (Naomh Mhuire)  
Linesman: Seamus McGonigle (Aodh Ruadh) 4th Official Sean Paul Doherty (Urris).



**SINSEAR B**  
**Naomh Adhamhnáin v Gaoth Dobhair**  
1.45 i.n.



Referee: Sean Paul Doherty - Stand By: Mark Dorrian (Fanad Gaels)  
Linesman: Siobhan Coyle (Fanad Gaels) 4th Official Greg McGroary (Four Masters)



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## Fáilte on Cathaoirleach

Ar son Bord na Condae CLG Dhún na nGall, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniu go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey for the Senior B (Reserve) and Senior Football Championship Finals for 2016. I also extend a warm welcome to the players, management, officials and supporters of the competing teams, CLG Ghaoth Dobhair, CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin, CLG Ghleann tSúilí agus CLG Chill Chartha.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the local club Mac Cumhaills for hosting these finals today and also thank Michael Murphy and the team at Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure who came on board this year as the sponsor of all our adult football and hurling championships for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The support of RTÉ Raidió Na Gaeltachta, sponsor of the Senior & Reserve Championships for the previous 14 years must also be acknowledged today as we remember our great friend Séamus Mac Géidigh who passed to his eternal reward so suddenly back in July.

In the curtain raiser, we have Gaoth Dobhair and Naomh Adhamhnáin both hoping to bring home the John Gallagher Cup followed then by Gleann tSúilí and Cill Chartha. We expect a top class game of football between these two great teams with some of the finest players in the county featuring in a very eagerly awaited contest for the Dr. Maguire Cup.

Finally, a warm welcome to the Na Cealla Beaga team of 1991 who will be honoured as the County Champions of 25 years ago before the throw-in of the Senior Final.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as na chluichí agus go mbeidh turas slán sábháilte ag lucht leanúna CLG Ghaoth Dobhair, CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin, CLG Ghleann tSúilí agus CLG Chill Chartha agus iad ag pillleadh na bhaile.



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

## Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil  
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,  
Buíon dár slua  
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn.  
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,  
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Ní fhágfár faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil  
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil  
Le gunnascreách faoi lámhach na bpiléar  
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

## Catriona Solan

Catriona Solan, from CLG An Clochan Liath is the current Donegal county champion in solo singing, this being her 4th time to win the county title. She has an interest in all genres of music but is first and foremost a keen traditional singer and musician. Today, Catriona will be accompanied by her sister Bríd on the guitar for Amhrán na bhFiann.



  
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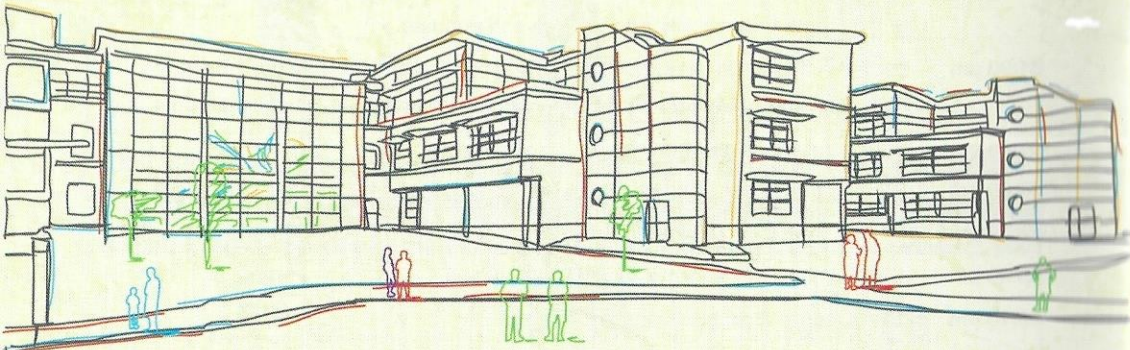
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### Dé Domhnaigh 16ú Deireadh Fómhar 2016

- 01:00 pm** Gates Open
- 01:27 pm** Gaoth Dobhair take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end goals. Gaoth Dobhair will use the Town end dugouts.
- 01:30 pm** Naomh Adhamhnain take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River Finn end goals. Naomh Adhamhnain will use the River Finn end dugouts.
- 01:45 pm** Senior Reserve Final Throw in
- 03:00 pm** Presentation of the Trophy by Sean Dunnion, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
- 03:10 pm** St. Crona's Senior Marching Band, Dungloe
- 03:00 pm** 1991 County Champions assemble in the Stand
- 03:10 pm** 1991 County Champions proceed to the pitch
- 03:15 pm** Introduction of the 1991 County Champions, Na Cealla Beaga
- 03:30 pm** **Start of 1916 Commemoration**
- 03:38 pm** Cill Chartha take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end goals. Cill Chartha will use the Town end dugouts.
- 03:40 pm** Gleann tSúilí take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River Finn end goals. Gleann tSúilí will use the River Finn dugouts.
- 03:50 pm** Both teams line up for Parade
- 03:55 pm** Irish Defence Forces will raise four flags
- 03:58 pm** Amhrán Na bhFiann
- 04:00 pm** **2016 Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Donegal Senior Football Final**
- Half Time** Cill Chartha leave the field first, Gleann tSúilí to wait at centre of pitch.  
St. Crona's Band.  
Go Games Blitz presentation
- 05:30 pm** **Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehin**
- 05:35 pm** Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Trophy by Sean Dunnion, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

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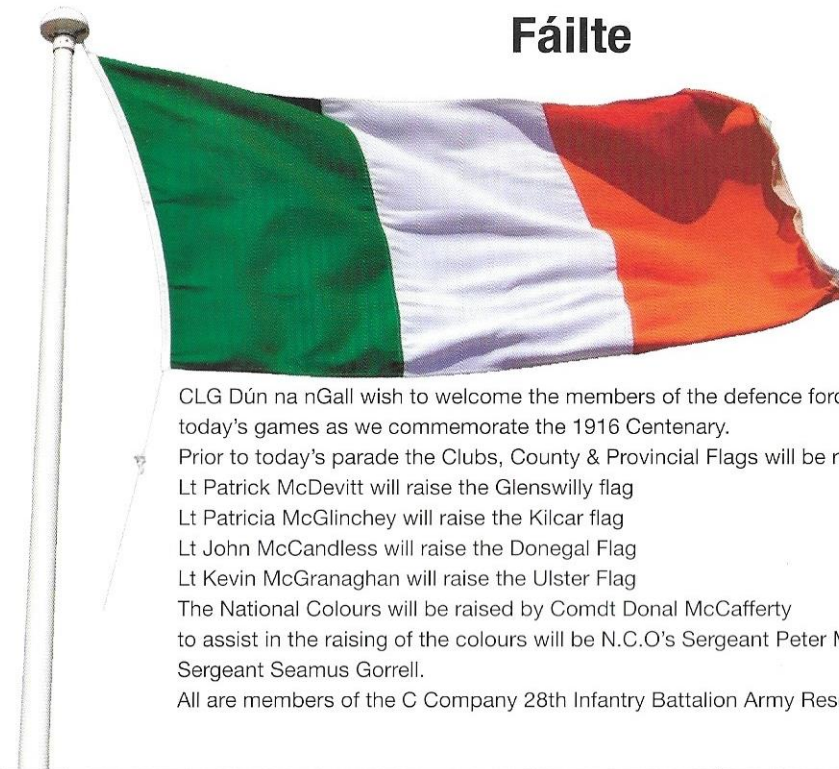


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## Fáilte



CLG Dún na nGall wish to welcome the members of the defence forces to today's games as we commemorate the 1916 Centenary.

Prior to today's parade the Clubs, County & Provincial Flags will be raised by

Lt Patrick McDevitt will raise the Glenswilly flag

Lt Patricia McGlinchey will raise the Kilcar flag

Lt John McCandless will raise the Donegal Flag

Lt Kevin McGranaghan will raise the Ulster Flag

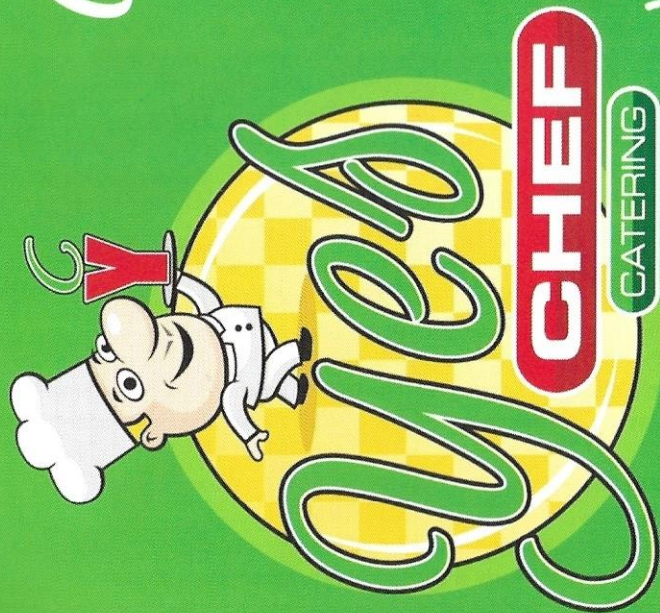
The National Colours will be raised by Comdt Donal McCafferty

to assist in the raising of the colours will be N.C.O's Sergeant Peter McGarrigle & Sergeant Seamus Gorrell.

All are members of the C Company 28th Infantry Battalion Army Reserve.

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## TODAY'S OFFICIALS

### SENIOR REFEREE - Shaun McLaughlin

Shaun is a member of the Malin Club he is married to Mandy, they have 4 children Seanain, Tara, Erin and Conor. This is Shaun's second Donegal senior final his last was in 2010 when Naomh Conaill faced Na Cealla Beaga. Shaun is well known through out the province and is also a member of the National Panel of Referees, this year he was in charge of the Junior All Ireland Final between Kerry and Mayo. Shaun has taken charge of a Ulster U21 final, Ulster Junior Club, and Ulster Minor finals, Donegal U21 final refereed in all divisions of the Donegal leagues. Along with numerous underage finals

Umpires for the day will be his brother **Noel, John McLaughlin(R), Dermot Kenny and Gerry Burke.**

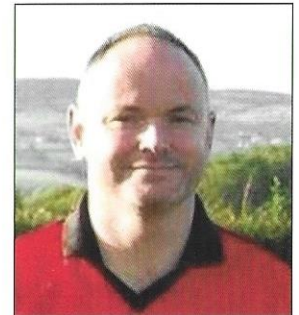


### SENIOR B REFEREE - Sean Paul Doherty

Sean Paul Doherty is from the Urris club . He's a 36 year old Publican married to Annmarie with 3 children Niall, Cora and Saorla . He has refereed numerous underage finals and last years Donegal Junior final .

He is on the Ulster referees panel and has refereed Ulster minor league matches and is doing a Ulster Intermediate club championship match at the end of October .

His four umpires today are **Brian Grant, John Farren, John Friel and Clint Marron.**



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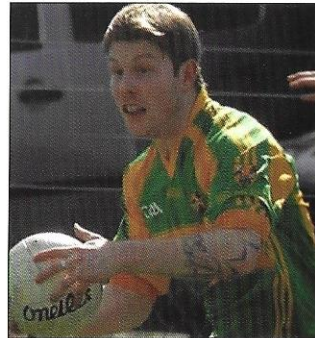
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# THE JURY FOR THE SENIOR COUNTY FINAL

By Frank Craig

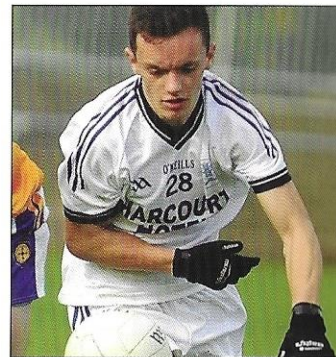
**A**head of Sunday's Donegal SFC club final Post sports editor Frank Craig has been gauging opinion around the county ahead of the big throw-in. Most opinion runs along a similar theme with the majority feeling Glenswilly will make life difficult for favourites Kilcar but that Martin McHugh's men will eventually get the job done. The only man to put his head on the chopping block and tip Michael Canning's outfit was Malin's Damien Harkin with the Post's panel of five backing Kilcar to end their 23-year baron spell on a voting difference of 4-1.

**Gareth Concarr (Ardara):** "It could be a low scoring game to start with as I see Glenswilly going defensive. With the pace Kilcar have shown all year, particularly against Termon and Naomh Conaill, they'd be foolish not to. Glenswilly definitely are a team to be taken seriously. They'll need a few things to go their way though. The weather for one – the game is still a week away and that would be an issue. I think for Kilcar if the pitch was heavy and there was some rain; Glenswilly would love to see a horrible day, I'm sure. People will be writing Glenswilly off and they'll only love that. They've huge experience. They've been written off all year but just look at them now. They have a few players like Neil (Gallagher), (Michael) Murphy, Copper (Gary McFadden), Joe Gibbons, Caolan Kelly, Ciaran Bonner... even someone like Cathal Gallagher will be a player that Kilcar might find hard to handle with his height and power. They'll try to make Ballybofey as small and as tight as possible. If they cut out all the channels and block the whole thing up; the messier it gets the better it'll be for them. If that's what it takes and it gets them the win then they'll not care in the slightest. Kilcar, to be fair, they were seriously impressive all season. Glenswilly definitely have a chance. Over the hour though and if I have to pick a winner I just see Kilcar having that wee bit more energy."



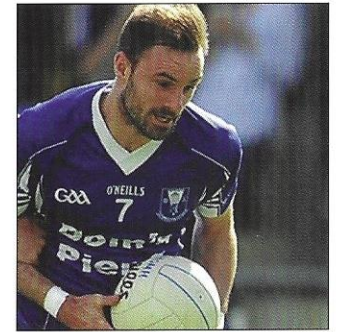
**Verdict: Kilcar.**

**Eoghan McGettigan, Naomh Conaill:** "It's going to be very interesting to see how both sides deal with each other as it's a contrast really in styles. Pace versus power maybe. Both teams' game-changers are all very different types of players. Kilcar like to move the ball quickly out of defence and they work really hard on the turnover. It's probably a matter for Glenswilly to look to close down as much space as possible in Ballybofey and make the field as tight as possible. Glenswilly have been here before and it won't be new to them. But Kilcar have players that have played in huge games for Donegal at most levels so I don't see them bothered by that. It mightn't be pretty and if it's a bad day then it definitely won't. If Kilcar get off to a flier Glenswilly might struggle. But if they can stay with them then it'll be interesting to see how they react. Kilcar are the form side but Glenswilly have won titles before when they've had bother in the league. There will be a big crowd there on the day. Having seen Kilcar up close I just feel they will have too much scoring threat. I don't see Glenswilly being able to keep them out over the course of the 60 minutes. That will take too much energy."



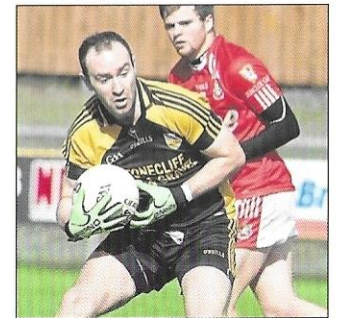
**Verdict: Kilcar.**

**Sean O'Kennedy, Four Masters:** "I think it's the manner in which Kilcar have got to the final is what is making them most people's big favourites. But you can't write off Glenswilly – particularly in a final. The powerhouses they have, they'll believe they have the kind of approach to rattle Kilcar. From what I've been reading their record is very good against them too in championship in recent years. It's two sides with contrasting styles. Kilcar came through a very tough group and the way they took care of Naomh Conaill was even more impressive. I think Glenswilly will look to bring their physicality to the game. They'll look to make that advantage count. They'll have to I think if they want to win. It's very hard to deal with the likes of Michael Murphy and Neil Gallagher if they decide to go direct. It's going to be very interesting. Kilcar like to run the ball and it'll take Glenswilly being defensive and direct when the chances present themselves to counteract that. Styles make matches or so they say. I think it's going to be really tight. They'll need to stop Kilcar starting fast and want to be in the game after half-time. The longer it goes on the more interesting it will become. Experience will count for something then. That said, I just feel Kilcar will have a little too much for them over the course of the whole game. On form, I can't look past Kilcar."



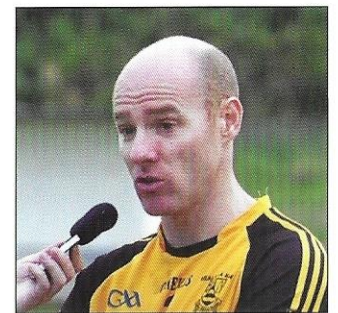
**Verdict: Kilcar.**

**Damien Harkin, Malin:** "Looking at Kilcar, you've got the obvious lads and they've really impressed so far. But they're going to need a different gameplan against Glenswilly as they're not going to allow them the run of MacCumhaill Park like they've maybe been given so far. Against us, you could see the experience and know-how kick in. Their only intention was to get over the line. It will be the exact same against Kilcar – as long as they get over the line, be it by a single point, they'll be happy. That's the kind of game they'll look to make it. I think Naomh Conaill thought they'd take Kilcar on in a shootout and both sides went at it. But Kilcar are a different side under Martin McHugh. That played into Kilcar's hands and their counterattacking gameplan. Glenswilly will be a completely different proposition. I don't see those avenues or that space being there. They will be so much more physical and harder to break down. They really rattle you. That will mean it will be so hard to get balls into Paddy McBrearty and it will also be hard for the McHughs to run at them. It will be that tight the next day. Everything in the build up is pointing to Kilcar being huge favourites. They've looked so well the whole way through so that's understandable. I think it's set up perfectly for Glenswilly to pull the rug out from under their feet. I think people are really underestimating them. I see Glenswilly surprising people and I think they'll win it."



**Verdict: Glenswilly.**

**James Keaney, Bundoran:** Any side with Michael Murphy and Neil Gallagher will always have a chance. But having played Kilcar recently; I knew they were good but I only realised how good from that game. Even with some of their regulars on the bench they beat us quite convincingly. With that pace, they can up it at any stage and find a big score like a goal or two. Glenswilly might look more one-dimensional but when you can have lads like Murphy and Gallagher inside that doesn't mean it's easy to guard against it. Over the course of the game, I just think Kilcar have a lot to them – a lot more firepower and a lot more energy. It's crazy how fast some of those lads are moving, particularly Eoin McHugh. They just get up and down. If Glenswilly pull it off I'll take my hat off to them. If they are still in it with 10 minutes to go then who knows. But I expect Kilcar to get ahead early and stay ahead."



**Verdict: Kilcar.**

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# Scór na nÓg – CLG Dhún na nGall

## Venues & Dates

All Entries to be in by 13th October and need to include registration numbers.

<b>Semi final 1:</b>	Muff on Friday	11th November	7.00pm
<b>Semi final 2:</b>	Glenfinn on Saturday	12th November	6.30pm
<b>Semi final 3:</b>	Donegal Town on Friday	18th November	7.30pm

Two will progress from each category (1st and 2nd) to the county final with the exception of competitions where more than 10 (ten) take part in the same category. In these cases, 3 (three - 1st, 2nd and 3rd) will progress to the county final

<b>County Final:</b>	Glenfinn on Friday	25th November	7.30pm
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One from each category (County champions) will progress to the Ulster semi finals.

**First Ulster Semi Final:** Dáta: 3ú Nollaig 2016 – at Silverbridge, Co. Armagh at 3.00pm

Counties taking part: Ard Mhacha, Aontroim, Fear Manach agus Muneachán  
Donegal will need to provide adjudicators for this semi final.

**Second Ulster Semi Final:** Dáta: 11ú Nollaig 2016 – at Glenuillin, Co. Derry at 3.00pm

Counties taking part: An Cabhán, Doire, **Dún na nGall**, An Dún agus Tír Eoghain

Two will progress from each category to the **Ulster Final** which will take place on the 14th January 2017.

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A meeting of Coiste Scór CLG Dhún na nGall will take place in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Thursday 13th October to finalise entries, the venues that clubs will compete at and adjudicators. All clubs are asked to send a representative to this meeting.

**Note from Coiste Scór Uladh:** Any club hosting an Ulster semi final will receive €650 for the semi final involving 4 counties and €750 for the semi final involving 5 counties. For this the club must provide refreshments, tea and sandwiches, etc to the committee, adjudicators and invited guests. Also required for Ulster semi finals are rooms for adjudicators, rooms for Ulster committee, doormen, invited guests, good stage lighting and ambient heating.

- FREAGRAI:**
1. Ardle McDermott as Beart
  2. Freagara: Maggie Farrelly as club Laragh United (Stradone) An Cabhan ar bú Eanáir 2016 Corn Mhic Cionnaigh idir Fear Manach agus Coláiste Naomh Mhuire i nGarbh Achaidh i gContae Thír Eoghain
  3. The Tom Markham Cup
  4. Pádraig McNamée (Rugadh in Ard Mhacha é ach rime sé an ionadaloicht do Aontroim. Bhl sé sa phost ó 1938 – 1943. Tá na McNamée awards ainmhithe ina onóir).
  5. Marie Hickey (as Ballylinan, Co. Laois)
  6. Corn Uí Dhubhnaigh (O'Duffy Cup)
  7. Raonaithe Nemo (Nemo Rangers)
  8. Freagra: 2010 (19ú Meán Fómhair 2010 Corcaigh 0-16 An Dún 0-15. (Rinne Michael idir Eirinn agus an Astráil i mí Dheireadh Fómhair na bliana sin)
  9. Jimmy Cooney – as Gallimh
  10. UCD



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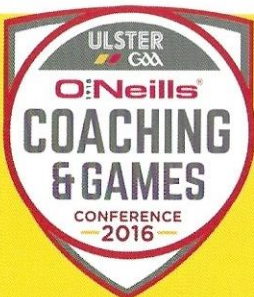
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## Kelly keen to add another championship success

By Frank Craig - DONEGAL POST

You get the impression that Caolan Kelly isn't an individual that gets too excited.

The player – like a lot of his teammates – is looking forward to his fifth SFC final since the Glen's original breakthrough back in 2007, when they were eventually downed by St. Eunan's in the decider. Since then, Glenswilly's strides have been truly phenomenal.

As well as collecting the Dr. Maguire twice, they also won through to an Ulster club final and were only just squeezed out by Ballinderry back in 2013. When Kilcar last scaled the championship mountain in 1993 Glenswilly, as a club, were just over a decade old.

Kelly admits that as a certain chunk of the panel enters their 30s they know the opportunities to build on the legacy they've already created are narrowing. You can't take anything for granted in football. And Kelly doesn't have to look too far for an example of that.

He said: "It's 23 years since Kilcar themselves last won one. I bet if you talked to them players that last did it back in 1993 they wouldn't have believed you if you told them they wouldn't be back in another one for so long.

"As players we definitely do realise that we're not getting any younger. I'm 30 now and the likes of Joe Gibbons, Neil Gallagher, Cathal Gallagher and so on; we know that we need to get as much out of it as we can and this is another opportunity. You can't take anything for granted in football."

There is a real parochialism to Glenswilly. They've had to drag themselves up to the level they are now at. Muscling in on a part of the action that some might have felt didn't belong to them has only tempered their resolve.

It's a group that has come up together and will, inevitably and perhaps unfortunately, depart together. You'd imagine that it's not hard to fabricate or develop a closeness in that type of environment.

Kelly himself calls that togetherness 'clannish'. You get what he means but by the word's very definition, he's well wide of the mark. Over the last few seasons any time the club has opened its doors to the media for various press nights the hospitality at Pairc Naomh Columba has always been excellent.

"It's so important – you have to have those people behind the scenes every night and doing the work that needs to go on now to make a club successful," he added. "We really appreciate it. In rural areas throughout the county most clubs have that tightness that clannishness.

"We're all friends and we all enjoy each other's company. There are lads down in that club that mightn't have ever kicked a football but are part of it in some other really important way. It's a real parish effort."

Kilcar represent a much different kind of challenge for Glenswilly than the one posed by Malin last time out. And while a SFC final appearance is, in a sense, new ground for them; Kelly doesn't see that as any kind of advantage for his side.

He explained: "I don't know... there is so much experience in that Kilcar side already. You think of the big games a lot of those lads have played in. So I don't think there is really an advantage there for us. I was looking at it the last day and I think between senior, minor and U21 maybe 10 or twelve of them might have already played in Croke Park.

"Any wee advantage we can get we'll take. If it works in our favour great. But it's certainly not something we'll be relying upon on the day."





## DUNGLOE BAND

Dungloe band was first formed in 1972 and has been a big part of the town since its formation. Up until recent years it was a Children's band which brought great honour to the town winning many titles from Ulster to All Ireland Fleadh competitions.

In 2013 as part of 'The Gathering' celebrations, quite a number of past members from previous years came together to celebrate the event. Old friendships were renewed and great memories shared during the reunion. Many members from the original band felt they would like to keep the momentum going and ensure the town of Dungloe still held the tradition of having a marching band.

The present Dungloe band is made up from some of those past members going back to 1972 and subsequent years, with a few new younger members also stepping into the ranks. The band is now an inter-generational entity and has had quite a few performances under its belt. e.g. St Patrick's day, Easter Sunday parades, various appearances at festivals and musical events.

We are honoured to play at the GAA County Final as many of our members have a long association with the GAA & various clubs around the County.

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## Bainisteoir fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair

Tá obair mhór déanta ag an fhoireann seo ó chuir muid tús lenár séasúr i mbeál an Earraigh i mbliana. Tá painéal d'imreoirí againn atá iontach díograiseach agus ocras orthu i rith na bliana, agus é mar sprioc acu ó thús na bliana a bheith anseo inniu i bPáirc Sheáin MacCumhaill don chluiche ceannais inniu. Is dea chomhartha don chlub don todhchaí go bhfuil go leor imreoirí óga ag teacht chun foirfeachta againn faoi láthair, agus tá mé cinnte go mbeidh go leor acu ag imirt do fhoireann sinsear peile Ghaoth Dobhair roimh i bhfad. Gabhaim buíochas leis an fhoireann bainistíochta ar fad as a gcuid oibre agus a ndúthracht ar fad ó thús na bliana, go háirithe Mervyn Ó Dónaill atá mar roghnóir ar an fhoireann. Tugaim buíochas d'oifigigh an chlub a thug tacaíocht dúinn i rith na bliana, agus a chinntigh go raibh ach an rud ar fáil dúinn leis an fhoireann seo a ullmhú chomh maith agus a d'féadfadh muid. Tugaim buíochas fosta do urraithe na foirne, O'Donnell Fuels, a bhí fial flaitiúil linn. Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche breá spórtúil anseo inniu agus go bhfaighidh an lucht tacaíochta dílis atá againn luach saothair ag deireadh an lae.

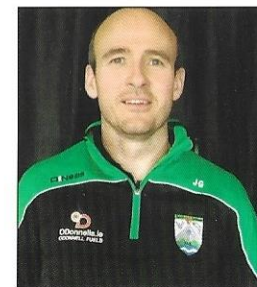
Seosamh Ó Dubhthaigh - *Bainisteoir*



## Captaen fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair

Tá aithne mhaith ag foirne Ghaoth Dobhair agus Naomh Adhamhán ar a chéile le roinnt mhaith blianta agus is iomaí uair a casadh ar a chéile muid i gcraobhacha peile le roinnt blianta. Is onóir mhór é a bheith mar chaptaen ar an fhoireann seo inniu, agus muid i gcluiche ceannais na contaie arís. Sé'n sprioc a bhíonn ag ach an imreoir ach an bhliain ná a bheith ag imirt i bPáirc Sheáin Mac Cumhaill fan am seo bliana, agus tá luchtáir mhór orainne a bheith anseo inniu. Thar ceann na n-imreoirí ar fad, ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil lenár mbainisteoir Joe Duffy as a chuid oibre ar fad leis an fhoireann seo i rith na bliana. Tá meas mór air mar bhainisteoir agus rinne sé sár obair le linn na bliana. Tá muid buíoch fosta don fhoireann bainistíochta ar fad as a gcuid oibre. Ní féidir liom dearmad a dhéanamh dár n-urraithe, agus gabhaim buíochas speisialta le Gavin agus Stephen ó O'Donnell Fuels as an tacaíocht a thug siad dúinn i mbliana. Mar a bhí i gcónaí, bhí tacaíocht ar dóigh againn mar fhoireann i mbliana ónar lucht tacaíochta, agus is cinnte go ngriósann an tacaíocht sin go mór muid agus muid i mbun coimhlinte ar pháirc na himeartha. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh uilig sult as an chluiche agus go mbeidh cluiche breá spórtúil ann.

Séamus Ó Gallachóir - *Captaen*



## Senior B Final Review

GERRY MCLAUGHLIN

"Cad a dheanfadh mac an chait, ach luch a mharu" says the old Gaelic adage. It roughly translates as "like father, like son", and when it comes to marksmanship pedigree, Gaoth Dobhair Senior Reserve captain, James Gallagher is second to none. For his smaller, slither father, the electrifying and elusive Neilly Gallagher was a noted marksman from frees and play, for Donegal teams that won Ulster titles back in 1972 and 1974. But James, who is a bigger version modestly prefers to talk about the team ahead of today's big clash. "Look, county finals don't come around too often, at underage or senior. It has taken me ten years to get back here, so I'm really looking forward to it. "We won it in '06 (senior championship) and it was great. "I was captain at the time and it was a great honour. I never thought I would get that chance. When I started off (playing senior) we sort of struggled. We got a group of boys together and we finally got there. "It is a great boost for the parish. It gives everyone a lift. Boys come home for finals; everyone's together, families and it's a big day out and it's great," said James.

## Próifíl Imreora

**Ainm:** *Criostóir Ó Canainn*

**An t-imreoir is deacra a mharcáil mé riamh:**

*Niall Mac Aoidh*

**An cluiche is mó a thaitin liom:**

*Cluiche ceannais chraobh peile faoi 21 2005*

**An Bia is fearr liom:**

*Stáca agus sceallóga*

**An t-imreoir is fearr ar an fhoireann lenár ngríosadh:**

*Diarmuid Mac Gairbheith*

**Páirc imeartha is fearr liom:**

*Machaire Gathlán*

**Bainisteoir is fearr a bhí agam:**

*Declan Bonner & Seosamh Ó Dubhthaigh*

**Imreoir óg le súil a choinneáil air:**

*Conor Mac Eachmharcaigh*

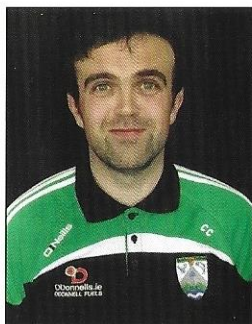
**An rud is fearr faoin CLG:**

*Bród as do phobal agus do pharóiste agus an eagraíocht fréamhaithe ón talamh aníos*

**An t-imreoir is mó a chaitheann am san chitfolcadán i ndiaidh traenáil:** *Shaun Ó Baoill*

**Dá mbainfinn an lotto:** *Rachfainn ar thuras thart ar an domhan.*

**vAn duine is mó a bíonn ag amaidí ar an fhoireann:** *Seosamh Ó Dubhthaigh*



## Valuing the Volunteer - Éamonn Ó Baoill

Tá Éamonn Ó Baoill sáite go domhnain i gcúrsaí CLG Ghaoth Dobhair le tamall agus é ag plé le go leor gnéithe de reachtáil an chumainn. Mar Chathaoirleach ar Bhord na nÓg ón bhliain 2014, tá gnóthaí Bhord na nÓg ar fad faoina chúram, agus tá saothar mór curtha isteach aige ina chuid oibre ag cur chun cinn cúrsaí an chumainn i measc an aos óg sa chumann.

Bhí baint ag Éamonn le fóchoiste a rinne Plean Straitéiseach CLG Ghaoth Dobhair 2016-2020 a chur le chéile, agus tá a lorg le feiceáil ar chuid mhaith dena pointí atá sa phlean sin. Lena chois sin bhí baint aige le ullmhú an doiciméid “Maitheas an Imreora” a cuireadh le chéile anuraidh, a dhirigh go mór mhór ar fhorbairt imreoirí óga agus forbairt a dhéanamh ar chúrsaí cóiteseála sa chumann.

Ba Éamonn a chur siopa éadaigh an chlub ar bun agus tá sé go fóill ag amharc ina dhiaidh, agus é ag déileáil le baill ó lá go lá agus ordaithe a nglacadh aige do gheansaithe peile agus éadach oifigiúil an chlub. Is cinnte gur foinsé tábhachtach maoinithe é sin do Bhord na nÓg, agus tá moladh tuille ag Éamonn as a chuid oibre.

Is beag tráthnóna nach mbíonn Éamonn ag freastal ar chruinnithe nó ar ócáidí sa chlubtheach, bíodh is go bhfuil cónaí air i Leitir Ceanainn, ach níor chur an taisteal isteach riamh ar a chuid oibre don chlub. Go minic bíonn sé ar an chéad duine i láthair ag cruinniú agus ar an duine deireanach ag fágáil.

Is é Éamonn ionadaí Bhord na nÓg ar Choiste Feidhmiúcháin an chumainn, agus tugann sé cuntaisí beachta ag achan chruinniú i gcónaí ar imeachtaí agus ar ghníomhaíochtaí Bhord na nÓg.



## CLG Ghaoth Dobhair - Pen Pics

Ainm	Slí Beatha	Aois	Airde	Meachán
Micheál Ó Rabhartaigh	Mac Léinn	22	6'0	13st 5
Aodh Ó Baoill	Suirbhéir Cainníochta	22	6'2	13st
Jamie Ó Baoill	Mac Léinn	25	5'11	11st
Éamonn Collum	Mac Léinn	18	5'9	11st10
Antoin de Blárach	Múinteoir	23	5'9	12st
Manny Ó Gallachóir	Teicneoir Altireoireachta	36	5'8	12st8
Breandán Mac Géidigh	Fear Poist	30	6'1	12st5
Colin Ó Fearraigh	Leictreoir	31	5'6	13st3
Séamus Mac Suibhne	Díolacháin	30	6'0	14st
Tomás Ó Duibhir	Pluiméir	33	6'1	15st
Seán Ó Donnagáin	Mac Léinn	21	6'3	12st
Keith Mac Suibhne	Díolacháin	35	5'8	10st7
Seán Ó Baoill	Oifigeach Cléireachais	23	6'0	13st7
Ryan Ó Ceallaigh	Mac Léinn	18	5ft9	11st2
Cathal Ó Baoill	Tiománaí Bus	43	5'6	9st
Seaghan Ó Fearraigh	Mac Léinn	18	6'3	13st5
Marc Ó Rabhartaigh	Meicneoir	26	6'1	13st6
Seosamh Ó Fearraigh	Mac Léinn	22	5'10	13st
Conor Ó Baoill	Mac Léinn	18	6'1	12st
John de Brún	Oibrí Beár	18	5'9	11st
Dylan Ó Domhnaill	Mac Léinn	18	6'0	13st
Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde	Mac Léinn	18	6'0	11st5
Odhrán Ó Fearraigh	Mac Léinn	18	6'0	12st
Liam Mac Giolla Bhríde	Mac Léinn	27	6'2	13st7
Diarmuid Mac Gairbheith	Mac Léinn	23	5'11	13st4
Conor MacEachmharcaigh	Mac Léinn	18	6'0	11st6
James Ó Baoill	Mac Léinn	19	6'0	13st
Seosamh P Mac Pháidín	Mac Léinn	21	6'0	14.5st
Pól Ó Maolagáin	Suirbhéir Cainníochta Cairte	25	5'9	12st
Dan Mac Giolla Bhríde	Múinteoir	31	6'4	14st
Seán Mac Gairbheith	Múinteoir	31	5'8	11st
Criostóir Ó Canainn	Oibrí Stórais	30	5'11	14st
Charles John Ó Dochartaigh	Oibrí Tógála	20	6'3	14st5
Criostóir Mac Pháidín	Meicneoir	32	5'11	12st
James Ó Gallachóir	Búistéir	39	5'11	14st
Gavin Mac Suibhne	Mac Léinn	18	6'2	10st7
Seán Ó Dochartaigh	Mac Léinn	23	6'3	14st7
Daniel Mac Lochlainn	Mac Léinn	18	6'0	13st
Proinsias Ó Gallachóir	Mac Léinn	21	5'10	12st

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## Stair CLG Ghaoth Dobhair

Bunaíodh fochumann Ghaoth Dobhair ag cruinniú i dtoigh Mhaighreád Frainc i mBaile Bhraighní roimh Shamhain na bliana 1931. Bhí rath ar an tríú iarracht seo fochumann a bhunú sa pharóiste. Bunaíodh Coiste Contae Dhún na nGall de C.L.G. i mí Dheireadh Fómhair 1905 agus bunaíodh 'The Gweedore Hurling and Football Club' (nó na Gweedore Old Celts) taobh istigh de mhí. Tháinig meath i ndiaidh na bliana 1907, meath a mhair gur athbhunaíodh an Coiste Contae in Earrach na bliana 1919. Bhí dhá fhoireann as pobal Ghaoth Dobhair – Gaoth Dobhair agus na Derrybeg Emmets – ag imirt i gCraobh na bliana 1922 ach is cosúil go dtáinig lag trá eile ansin. Bhíodh peileadóirí as Gaoth Dobhair ag imirt don Chlochán Liath go dtí gur bunaíodh fochumann Ghaoth Dobhair i nGeimhreadh na bliana 1931.



Níorbh fhada go raibh fochumann bríomhar agus foirne láidre ag Gaoth Dobhair. Bhain na Mionúir Craobh na Contae sna blianta 1933 agus 1934. Bhain na Sóisir an Chraobh sa bhliain 1935. Agus bhain Gaoth Dobhair a gcéad Chraobh Shinsireach an bhliain chéanna. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair an tSraith (Corn an 'Democrat') ceithre bliana i ndiaidh a chéile 1936-1939. Idir 1935 agus 1961, ainneoin imirce agus iargúlachta, bhain an fochumann Craobh Shinsireach Dhún na nGall dhá uair déag agus Corn an 'Democrat' ocht n-uair.

I measc na dtoscaí a ba chúis le forlámhas Ghaoth Dobhair bhí an dianchoimhlint a bhí eatarthu féin agus a gcomharsanaí béal dorais, An Clochán Liath (agus bhí dúiche iomlán na Rosann ó Ghaoth Beara go Gaoth Dobhair faoi bhrat an Chlochán Léith go minic). Is iomaí comhrac eipiciúil Craoibhe agus Sraithe a bhí idir Gaoth Dobhair agus An Clochán Liath sna blianta sin.

Is iomaí peileadóir iomráiteach a chaith geansaí ghlas Ghaoth Dobhair i mblianta na glóire. Ba é Hiúdaí Beag Eoghain Éamoinn a ba mhó clú – bhí sé ar an fhoireann a thug Corn an Bhóthair Iarainn go Cúige Uladh den chéad uair riamh sa bhliain 1942 (fuair sé a dhara bonn sa bhliain 1943). Agus bhí fathaigh eile ann – Eoghanáí Hughie agus Tom Diver sna chéad bhlianta; Danny Neddie, Jackie Phadaí Óig agus Jim Nóra ina dhiaidh sin; Hughie Tim, Bernard Coyle agus Micí Rua ansin... B'ábhar speisialta maoite an '4-in-a-row' (Craobh na Sinsear 1944-47) agus an '3-in-a-row' (1953-55). Bhí bliain a nglóire ag mná an phobail nuair a bhain siad Craobh na Contae sa Chamógaíocht shinsireach sa bhliain 1944.

Ba iad na blianta idir 1961 agus 2001 blianta an Ghorta Mhóir. Níor baineadh aon Chraobh Shinsireach le linn na mblianta fada sin.

Ach níor múchadh an lasair i mblianta an dorchadais agus coinníodh ag streachailt go dícheallach in am an anáis. Bhí dlúthbhaint ag Gaoth Dobhair le bunú Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta sa bhliain 1969. Bhain siad an Comórtas Náisiúnta trí huair roimh dheireadh an chéid agus d'fhan dílis dá bhunphrionsabail. Tógadh an Clubtheach breá ag taobh na pháirce agus fosclaíodh go hoifigiúil é sa bhliain 1984. Baineadh Corn an 'Democrat' sna blianta 1970 agus 1973; an Chraobh Idirmheánach sa bhliain 1985 (dícháillíodh Gaoth Dobhair go dtí an grád idirmheánach sa bhliain 1983 i ndiaidh 51 bliain sa Chraobh Shinsireach); an Chraobh Faoi-21 sna blianta 1971, 1984 agus 1991; Craobh na Mionúr sna blianta 1976, 1987 agus 1999; an Chraobh Faoi-16 (1962); an Chraobh Faoi-14 (1967). Bhíothas dílis do Scór Sinsear (Craobh na hÉireann ag Noel Ó Gallchoir 1981) agus do Scór na nÓg. Rinneadh iarrachtaí ócáidíúla leis an iomáint a chothú agus baineadh Craobhacha contae iomána faoi-aois sna nóchaidí.

Chas an rotha le teacht na mílaoise úire. Baineadh an Chraobh Shinsireach sa bhliain 2002 agus arís sa bhliain 2006. Phill Corn an 'Democrat' sna blianta 2003 agus 2006, an Chraobh Faoi-21 sa bhliain 2005, an Chraobh Faoi-16 sa bhliain 2012, Craobh na Mionúr sa bhliain 2014.

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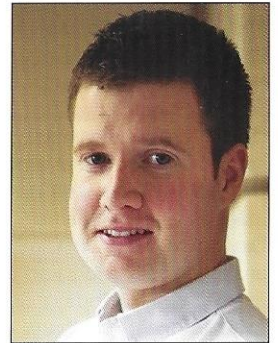
Bliain stairiúil a bhí againn i mbliana agus an tír ag ceiliúradh céad bliain 1916-2016. Bliain stairiúil do Chill Chartha fosta agus iad ar ais sa chluiche ceannais den chéad uair ó bhí 1993 ann agus is suimiúil an rud é gurb iad Martin Mc Hugh agus a dheartháir James atá i mbun bainistíochta corradh is trí bliana is fiche ó bhain siad féin an chraobh do Chill Chartha i 1993. Ní comhtharlúint ar bith gur iad mic na beirte, Mark Mc Hugh, Ryan Mc Hugh agus ansin Mac James, sé sin Eoin Mc Hugh na réaltaí atá ag Cill Chartha i láthair na huaire.

Tá foireann iontach láidir ag Baile an Droichid i mbliana agus a n-áit tuillte acu sa chluiche ceannais i ndiaidh iad an bhua a fháil ar Naomh Conall, Naomh Mícheál, an Tearmann, Bun Dobhráin agus comhscór le foireann Naomh Adhmnán sa chéad chluiche acu. Thug Michael Hegarty siar ar bhóthairín na smaointe an lucht tacaíochta nuair a chur sé an liathróid san eangach in éadan Naomh Conall sa chluiche leath-cheannais. Tá Hegarty ag imirt lán chomh maith i mbliana is a d'imir sé riamh, thiocfadh leat a rá, agus ní óg atá sé ag éirí ach oiread. Caithear clann Mhic Bhriartaigh a lua chomh maith, mar is cinnte go mbeidh Stephen agus Paddy ina ndlúth-pháirt d'fhoireann Chill Chartha agus Dhún na nGall ar aon sna blianta atá amach romhainn.

Dúirt mé go raibh a n-áit tuillte ag Cill Chartha sa chluiche ceannais, ach is beag duine a shíl go mbeadh Gleann tSúilí ina gcuideachta inniu. Bhí droch-chuma ar rudaí daofa ag tús an tséasúir agus bhí Neil Gallagher ina chaillíúint ollmhór acu ach tá Neil ar ais anois, chomh maith le Michael Murphy agus is mór an difear atá déanta ag an bheirt sin le trí chluiche anuas. Níl mórán daoine ag tabhairt seans daofa inniu in éadan Chill Chartha ach beidh plean ag bainisteoirí Ghleann tSúilí inniu le srian a choinneáil ar na himreoirí óga lúfara lasracha atá ag Cill Chartha. Ní fhaca muid mórán den dian-chosaint i gcraobh na bliana seo ach beidh sé le feiceáil go láidir inniu ag Gleann tSúilí agus iad ag iarraidh an chraobh a bhaint ar dhóigh amháin nó ar dhóigh eile. Beidh na teaicicí iontach suimiúil dar liom.

Ag 1.45 inniu beidh coimhlint ar dóigh eile againn idir Naomh Adhmnán agus Gaoth Dobhair. Seo dhá fhoireann atá thar a bheith láidir agus tá sár-imreoirí ag an dá fhoireann. Is deas an rud go mbeidh James 'Néilí' Ó Gallchóir ag imirt do Ghaoth Dobhair inniu ar an líne daichead slat. Tá a shaol tugtha ag James d'fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair agus is cinnte go bhfuil craobh eile tuillte aige sula gcrocha sé na buataisí peile in airde. Seo foireann láidir atá ag Naomh Adhmnán chomh maith agus táimid uilig ag súil le coimhlint chruaidh. Is deacair a rá cé acu foireann dairíribh a mbeidh an bhua acu.

Ar deireadh, ba mhaith liom comghairdeas a dhéanamh leis na Dúnaibh ar éirigh leo dhá chorn a bhaint sa chraobh shóisear Dé Domhnaigh seo caite. Tá na Dúnaibh ag dul ó neart go neart agus is deas an rud do chúrsaí peile sa chontae é sin. Threascair an imirce CLG na nDúnaibh go cruaidh le blianta beaga anuas agus is éacht a bhí ann daofa gur éirigh leo an dá chorn a thabhairt leo go leithinis Ros Goill ar an Domhnach seo caite agus go mbeidh siad anois ag imirt sa chraobh idirmheánach ar an bhliain seo chugainn.



## Message from CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin Captain Colin McIntyre

Its a great privilege for me to be captain of this St Eunan's team and I know our players will give their best. A county final is precious no matter what grade it's played at. We have had many a tough battle with Gweedore sides down through the years and no doubt this final will be no different. Judging by the league table we are the top two teams in the division and its fitting that the we are up against each other on Sunday.

On behalf of the lads on the panel I want to thank our team manager Barry Meehan, Coach John Mc Ginley, backroom team David Mc Ginley, Jim Clarke and Andy Mc Govern, physio Nicola and everyone associated with the team for preparing us so well all year to reach today's final.

I also want to thank all our club officers, and Lennon entertainment for coming on board and sponsoring our gear. I want to ask all our supporters to get behind the team as much as possible as we all know today's game is going to be a mammoth task for us as we bid to overcome this strong Gweedore side.



**Colin McIntyre**  
*St Eunans Captain*

## Message from CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin Manager Barry Meehan

The Donegal Senior Football final is always a great occasion. For our club it is great to be a part of this as our Reserve team take on Gaoth Dobhair in the the curtain raiser.

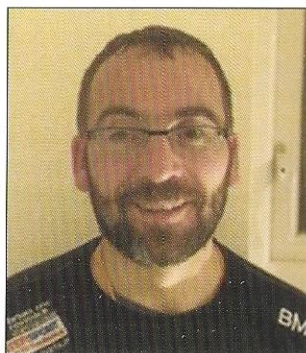
Gaoth Dobhair come into the game of the back of two strong performances against Dungloe and Ardara. Like ourselves, they have a nice blend of youth and experience.

Most of their younger players would've gone into battle with our younger players regularly at underage level in the last few years, while some of the more senior warriors on both teams would've crossed swords at senior level in 2006.

From our own perspective, the reserve team, offers us the opportunity to develop players who will hopefully line out for our senior team in the future. Today gives them the opportunity to compete and be the best they can be when the pressure is on and expectation to deliver is high. Our management and club have every confidence that they will rise to the occasion and perform to their potential.

It takes a lot of commitment and hard work to develop players in a club. For our club this year, it has been very much a team effort with David McGinley, John Ginley, Jim Clarke, Brian McGeehin, Andrew McGovern all to the fore in coaching our senior group.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly for our Club. Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish Glenswilly and Kilcar all the best in the Senior Final.



**Barry Meehan**  
*Manager*

## Naomh Adhamhnáin - Pen Pics

NAME	AGE	HEIGHT	POSITION	HONS
Blake Forkan	26	5ft 11in	Sweeper-keeper	Connacht Junior Championship Winners 2015 (Mayo) All-Ireland Junior Finalists 2015 (Mayo) Philadelphia Senior Winners 2014 (St.Pats)
Ronan Lennon	32	5'10	Defender	Under 21 championship 2003 Senior 2001, runner up 2002 Senior reserve championship 2008,2014 Senior reserve league 2014
Colin Mc Intyre	33	6ft 1in	Full back	Mac Larnon Cup 2000, U-21 championship 03, Senior league 05,07,08. Senior championship 07,08
Gavin Maguire	18	5'9	Corner Back	U14 Feile Division 3 winners, Minor Ulster Championship runner up, U14 County Championship winner, Minor County Championship winners, Junior County Championship winners
Daire Mc Monagle	21	6ft3	Half back	Maclarnon cup ,county u21 championship
Conor Moore	19	6ft1	centre half back	minor championship and a few more underage championships
Colm Flood	23	5'11	Corner Back	U-21 championship 2014 Minor championship 2011
Andrew Doherty	28	6'3	midfield	u13 championship , u14 championship , u16 bun crana cup, 2006 all Ireland colleges 3rd division limavady college , 2007 senior league , 2008 reserve championship , 2014 reserve championship
Daniel Gillespie	20	6'4	Midfield	U12 + U14 County Championship, McLarnon Cup, Reserve County Championship, U21 County Championship
Michael Miller	20	5'9	Centre/Wing Forward	All Ireland Fresher A league and championship double, Ulster Minor championship and league winner All ire MFC finalist
Kieran Sharkey	32	5ft8	forward	5 cships, 5 leagues, u21 cship, mclarnon cup and a swilly inn cup
Mark Forde "Fordy"	23	5ft 10"	Half back	county minor championship 2011, county u21 championship 2014, junior championship 2015
Matthew McColgan	24	6.1half/corner forward		Junior league and championship winner 2015, u-16 B championship winner, northern board winner u12, u14 + u16
Donnacha Gallagher	29	6ft 2	Forward	
David O'Herlihy	35	5'10	Anywhere!	
Aidan Simmons	6"2	22	Goalkeeper	
Dylan Sweeney	20	5'9	Half/Corner back	
Seán Halvey	18	5'7	Back	U21 and reserve championship, Corn Colmcille minor championship, mcguigan cup, u16 league, u16 hurling championship, ulster minor finalist, u15 og sport, u14 league and championship, traynor cup finalist
Sean McGettigan	18	6ft3	midfield	2015 minor champions, 2016 northern board minor champions
Oisín O' Boyle	18	5'8	Forward	northern board u14 league, northern board u14 championship, county u14 league, county u14 championship, northern board u16 league & championship, county u16 league, County Minor championship, northern board minor championship, northern board minor league, Junior B championship
Oisín Toal	18	6ft	corner back	minor county c'ship 2015, u16 county league 2014,u15 óg sport Ulster 2013, Colaiste Ailigh- senior county B title 2015
Brian MacIntyre	17	5 ft 7	half back/half forward	county minor and u14 championships
Donnacha Gallagher	29	6ft 2	Forward	
Brendan Maguire	29	5.10	forward	
Matthew Gallagher		6'4	Goalkeeper	2015 Co.Minor Champions 2016 Northern Champions

## Naomh Adhamhnáin- A Brief History

The GAA was formed in Thurles Co Tipperary in 1884. However its was not until about twenty years later that the Association really became established in Donegal. The first Donegal County Board meeting was formed in 1905 and the first Donegal senior football team fielded on St. Patrick's day 1906 against Derry. It was nearly a decade later that the clubs really established throughout the county.

Letterkenny's first club was formed in 1917 following a meeting in McGovern's public house lower Main street. The club's first playing fields were on the current site of Scoil Colmcille on the convent road. The club established the Gaelic Codein East Donegal until the Black & Tan war reduced their playing numbers to such an extent that they were forced to cease activities in the early 1920's. Letterkenny re-emerged as a real force in the Association in the mid twenties with the formation of two clubs, the geraldines in 1924 and Letterkenny Rovers who won the County Title in 1927.

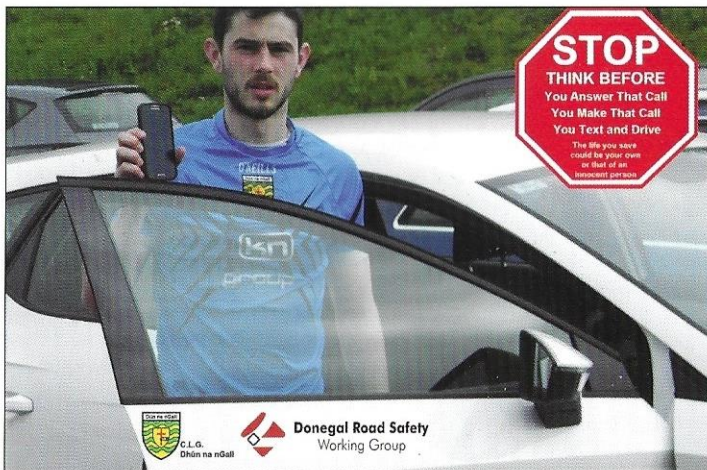
The year 1930 saw the foundation of the present St Eunan's club to embrace and unite all G.A.A people in the town as the Geraldine's and Rovers began to fade from the scene . They first played in Glencar and moved to O'Donnell Park, Sallaghagrane purchased for £300, in May 1937. The first St Eunan's officers and committee formed consisted of: President, Chief Supt, Leahy. Chairman, Supt Patsy Cronin, Secretary Guard Walsh, Treasurer, John Hourihan. Committee John Curran, John Crumlish, Guard

Murphy and Guard Mulcahy. The move to O'Donnell park and the foresight of three of the founding members of the club, John Hourihan, John Crumlish and Johnny Curran played a huge part ensuring the club would grow and prosper into what is today.

The first County Title under the St Eunan's name came in 1948 with a win over Gaoth Dobhair, who were seeking five championships in a row on the day, as Letterkenny men won by 1-07 to 2-01. St Eunan's hold the record of being the only club to have won at least one senior championship in every decade since that 1948 victory.

Wins in 1956,1960,1967,1972,1983,1998,1999,2001 three in a row from '07 to '09, 2012 and 2014 show a stunning mark of consistency and commitment within the club. The club also holds the distinction of having competed in the senior championship every year since its formation in 1930.

As well as successes on the field of play, another proud moment in the club's history came in 1980 when St Eunan's was announced as the winner in their category in the A.I.B All Ireland 'Club of the Year'. On hand that evening to accept the award were club chairman Dr James McDaid, Secretary Frankie Campbell, Oifigeach na Gaeilge Seamus De Faoite, vice Chairman Sean Boyle and his wife Ann, who represented the ladies Committee and executive member Denis Doyle.



## C.L.G. Chill Chartha - Under 10s



Daniel Mc Closkey  
Maurice Cannon  
Colm Harrigan  
Eva Gallagher  
Shane O Shea  
Hugh O'Donnell

Cian Byrne  
Cian Boyle  
Ellie Hegarty  
Ronan Cunningham  
Troy Mc Devitt  
Damion Adhmic

Darragh Byrne  
Lauren Mc Closkey  
Seoirse O'Donnell  
Mia Hennigan  
Liam Mc Laughlin  
Oisín mc Shane

Laina Byrne  
Michael Gallagher  
Daniel Byrne  
Corey O'Donnell  
Ronan Haughey  
Oran Hegarty

## Glenswilly Under 10's



Emmet Brown  
Shay Collum  
Pauric Devine  
Jack Duddy  
Aidan Friel

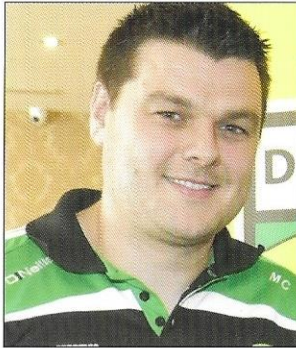
Cadhan Friel  
Connor Kelly  
Adam Lynch  
Patrick McCoormack  
Harry McGlynn

Mikey McLaughlin  
Shay McMonagle  
Owen Scott  
Jamie Spratt  
Shane Tinney

Ryan McGrath  
Mikey Toner  
Patrick Ward  
Shaun McLean  
Oisín Friel

## CLG GLeann t-Suili manager Michael Canning

It is a great honour for me to lead our Gleann tSuili team on County Final day in MacCumhaill Park Ballybofey. Today is a chance for us to showcase ourselves on the biggest day in Donegal Club Football and one we are really looking forward to. In our short history Gleann tSuili first played in senior football in 2006 and today we will contest our fifth county final, bringing home the Dr Maguire on two occasions in 2011 and 2013.



test to date. There is great history and tradition in Cill Chartha and they have always been one of the teams to beat in Donegal if you want to progress in championships. They have had a very good championship campaign to date steamrolling most opponents on their way to be here today. We are going to have to raise our game to another level if we are to compete with this team and we fully appreciate the task that is ahead of us.

My hope for the team is that the work we have done on and off the field over the last nine months will be reflected in our performance today. It is a real changing of the guard in Gleann tSuili at present

with many faces that made up the squad in 2011 and 2013 passing on the responsibility to the next generation who have successfully come through our underage system within the club.

It has been a dramatic and eventful journey to today's final. Not many outsiders gave us a chance following our first round defeat to Ard An Ratha back in May. But there has been great belief within our circle all year and that has played a huge part in getting us here today. To come back from the defeat to Ard An Ratha and go on to beat An Clochan Liath and Realt na Mara showed the character and ambition of the team to get the job done. This was followed with victory in the quarter

final over Sean MacCumhaills and a narrow two point win in the semi final over Malainn.

Our opponents today will no doubt provide us with a very formidable challenge and our biggest

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players and my management team Brendan Walsh and Gary McDaid. Gary McDaid has returned to the management team following a year working with Rory Gallagher and the Donegal Senior team in 2015. I would like to give a special work of thanks to my extended backroom team who have worked tirelessly for the team throughout the year.

I would like to thank our Club Committee, Peter McConnell, Aisling Pat McDaid, Brian Faul and the extended committee for their work and support this season behind the scenes. Our appreciation is also extended to our sponsors for their investment in the team.

Finally and most importantly to the families of our players and management. Commitment from the players and management can only be achieved with strong support and sacrifice from our families. Thanks to all concerned and we look forward to your continued support in the future.

**Michael Canning**  
*Bainisteoir*

**Gach Rath ar Chumann**

**Peile Chill Chartha**



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**IRISHMEN AND IRISHWOMEN:** In the name of God and of the dead generations from which she receives her old tradition of nationhood, Ireland, through us, summons her children to her flag and strikes for her freedom.

Having organised and trained her manhood through her secret revolutionary organisation, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, and through her open military organisations, the Irish Volunteers and the Irish Citizen Army, having patiently perfected her discipline, having resolutely waited for the right moment to reveal itself, she now seizes that moment, and, supported by her exiled children in America and by gallant allies in Europe, but relying in the first on her own strength, she strikes in full confidence of victory.

We declare the right of the people of Ireland to the ownership of Ireland, and to the unfettered control of Irish destinies, to be sovereign and indefeasible. The long usurpation of that right by a foreign people and government has not extinguished the right, nor can it ever be extinguished except by the destruction of the Irish people. In every generation the Irish people have asserted their right to national freedom and sovereignty; six times during the past three hundred years they have asserted it in arms. Standing on that fundamental right and again asserting it in arms in the face of the world, we hereby proclaim the Irish Republic as a Sovereign Independent State, and we pledge our lives and the lives of our comrades-in-arms to the cause of its freedom, of its welfare, and of its exaltation among the nations.

The Irish Republic is entitled to, and hereby claims, the allegiance of every Irishman and Irishwoman. The Republic guarantees religious and civil liberty, equal rights and equal opportunities to all its citizens, and declares its resolve to pursue the happiness and prosperity of the whole nation and of all its parts, cherishing all the children of the nation equally, and oblivious of the differences carefully fostered by an alien government, which have divided a minority from the majority in the past.

Until our arms have brought the opportune moment for the establishment of a permanent National Government, representative of the whole people of Ireland and elected by the suffrages of all her men and women, the Provisional Government, hereby constituted, will administer the civil and military affairs of the Republic in trust for the people.

We place the cause of the Irish Republic under the protection of the Most High God, Whose blessing we invoke upon our arms, and we pray that no one who serves that cause will dishonour it by cowardice, inhumanity, or rapine. In this supreme hour the Irish nation must, by its valour and discipline and by the readiness of its children to sacrifice themselves for the common good, prove itself worthy of the august destiny to which it is called.

Signed on Behalf of the Provisional Government,

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**1916 LEADERS IN DONEGAL**

Donegal played host to several of the 1916 leading figures of the 1916 Rising, Pádraig Pearse, Thomas McDonagh, Joseph Mary Plunkett, Roger Casement and Willie Pearse all visited Donegal in the years preceding the rising. Roger Casement visited Donegal in 1912 it was for his love of the language that he visited the County visiting Inishowen, Fanad Tory Island, Falcarragh, Gortahork, and Glenties.

Padraig Pearse also spent time in Donegal before the Easter Rising, his association with Donegal, from 1905 when he represented Niall MacGiolla Bhríde, Cresslough on appeal to the court of the Kings Bench in Dublin. MacGiolla Bhríde had been summons for using a cart without his name and address not being in legible characters (His name and address were in the Irish Language ) Pearse went on to visit Donegal on several occasions including a visit to the Irish College in Cloughaneely. Pearse again returned to Donegal to visit Gweedore, The Rosses, Dungloe, Glenties, Ardara, Carrick, Kilcar, Killybegs, Croagh, Inver and Donegal Town.

Thomas McDonagh visited Donegal and addressed a meeting on Cruckaughrim Hill Ballyliffen, in Inishowen.

Willie Pearse also visited Donegal as a Sculptor and, with his father, was involved in the construction of St Eunans Cathedral in Letterkenny. The two men carved the marble railing, the caps, annulets, bases, and capitals. They were also responsible for carving the pulpit of the Donegal Masters out of Sicilian Marble, which is Situated on the right at the front of the main altar. As a child Willie spend a year in Fanad attending Ballydesken National School.







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## CLG Gleann tSúilí - history

What a fantastic occasion it is for the players, management and supporters of Glenswilly Gaa Club to once again be here in Pairc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill in Ballybofoey on County Final Day. It is an amazing achievement for this group of players to be taking part today in their fifth Senior final in nine years.

Glenswilly Club is located in the centre of County Donegal on the outskirts of Letterkenny. This area is contained within the Letterkenny and Stranorlor electoral areas and covers part of the Donegal Gaeltacht area. C.L.G. Gleann t-Súilí is in a rural area with Glendowan and Glenswilly national schools being the local schools and Churchill being the only village.

The club, founded in 1982 has had proud successes both on and off the pitch. The club moved down to its current location at Pairc Naomh Columba in Foxhall around 1995. We now have a large clubhouse, dressing rooms, a flood lit Prunty pitch, gym and a large multipurpose community hall which caters for all kinds of social events such as indoor sports, plays, concerts and dancing.

C.L.G Gleann t-Súilí has teams representing the club at all age levels and their successes are a

great reflection of all the work that is put in at underage level in the club. Our Ladies teams have had success down the years and 2014 saw a return of Ladies football once again in the Glen. Our third team is going from strength to strength and the Reserves only last year picked up the Championship. The club continues to attract players back to the club, getting people involved again in the life of the club and local community as well as developing younger players before moving on to the Reserve and Senior squads.

The club's first senior championship final appearance took place back in 2007 in only the club's 2nd year at Senior Championship level. St. Eunans proved much too strong for us on that day. The club have moved on a lot from their defeat that day and tasted victory in 2011 when we

met St Michaels and won our first ever Senior championship title, followed by our second title defeating Killybegs in the 2013 final and capped off the club's finest year to date with a run all the way to the Ulster Club Final where we were narrowly beaten by Ballinderry Shamrocks. The team were again runner-up in the 2014 final.

*Best wishes to the Glenswilly Senior team in  
the final from all at*

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## Q & A with Eamon Ward

Team: *Glenswilly*

Occupation: *Vet*

**Q:** If you were throwing a party, which celebrities would you invite?

**A:** *Halle Berry and Mickey Harte*

**Q:** What is the best sick note excuse you've ever heard?

**A:** *Footing peats*

**Q:** What's your manager's favourite saying?

**A:** *There's another great score with your left foot Ward.*

**Q:** What is your least favourite training drill?

**A:** *Warm-up – sorry Lee!*

**Q:** Best dresser?

**A:** *Neil Gallagher.*

**Q:** Who is the joker in the team?

**A:** *Leon 'hamstrings' Kelly*

**Q:** What is your favourite food?

**A:** *Turkey and ham dinner in Arena 7*

**Q:** Favourite drink?

**A:** *Strawberry flavoured Yazoo*

**Q:** Favourite dessert?

**A:** *Eileen Gibbon's rice pudding*

**Q:** What is the best sports book you're read?

**A:** *Mugsy by Eoin Mulligan*

**Q:** What team-mate has the biggest bag of toiletries

**A:** *Cathal Gallagher – two combs, shampoo and lots of hair gel.*

**Q:** Who is your favourite GAA player of all time?

**A:** *Conor McManus*



**Q:** Facebook of Twitter?

**A:** *Twitter #onelifetwoclubs*

**Q:** Who is your favourite comedian?

**A:** *Gary 'Copper' McFadden*

**Q:** What music are you listening to?

**A:** *To Win Just Once by The Sawdoctors*

**Q:** Favourite film of all time?

**A:** *Million Dollar Baby*

**Q:** What is last film you went to see in cinema?

**A:** *Can't remember it's that long ago*

**Q:** Biggest influence on your career?

**A:** *Clontibret underage coach Sean Hughes*

**Q:** If you weren't playing GAA, what other sport would you play?

**A:** *Badminton*

**Q:** What annoys you?

**A:** *Losing the last sprint*

**Q:** Who is your sporting hero?

**A:** *Roy Keane*

**Q:** The toughest opponent you have faced?

**A:** *Michael Murphy in training*

**Q:** Which county apart from your own would you like to do well?

**A:** *Monaghan as it's my home county*

**Q:** What is your favourite sporting memory?

**A:** *First senior county final win with Clontibret in 2006*

## CLG GLeann t-Suili - Pen Pics

NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
James Gallagher	Engineer	36	6"1	13
Eamon Ward	Vet	35	6'1	13.5
Joe Gibbons	Store man	31	6'0	12.5
Aidan McDevitt	Carpenter	29	5'11	12.5
Neil Gallagher	Engineer	33	6'3	15.0
Ciaran Bonner	Builder	31	6'1	13.0
Gary McFadden	Retail Manager	29	6'2	13.5
Caolán Kelly	Teacher	30	5'11	13.5
Darren McGinley	Technical engineer	30	5'8	12.0
Kealan McFadden	Post Master	26	5'7	11
Michael Murphy	Sports retailer	27	6'2	14.0
Brian Farrelly	Retail assistant	24	6'0	12.5
Cathal Gallagher	Carpenter	30	6'1	12.5
Leon Kelly	Store man	24	6'3	13.5
Ryan Diver	Defence Forces	22	5'11	12.5
Oisin Crawford	Technical engineer	21	5'10	12.5
Cormac Callaghan	Student	20	5'8	11.0
Paddy McFadden	Factory Worker	32	5'11	12.5
Ciaran Gibbons	Student	19	6'2	13
Padraig Boyle	Factory worker	19	5'8	12.0
Patrick McConnell	Engineer	31	5'9	13.5
Charlie Bonner	Steel worker	41	6'1	14.0
Frank Carberry	Quantity surveyor	27	6'1	13.5
Gerard McGrenra	Builder	41	6'4	14.0
Christopher McMonagle	Engineer	23	6'2	14.5
Conor Boyce	Student	18	5'11	13
Shaun Burke	Engineer	31	6'1	12.5
Ethan Sweeney	Student	19	5'9	13.0
Caoimhin Marley	Student	19	6'2	13.5

**Good Luck to Glenswilly  
in the County Final**

from

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*Best of luck to CLG Chill Chartha*

## Kilcar - the long journey back to the big time

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Two years ago I was planning for this day to happen. Michael Hegarty (or so I thought) was coming to the twilight of his career and Kilcar were looking good to get to the county final.

The song - '21 years is a mighty long time' - made famous by his cousin, Dermot Hegarty, was going to be my headline, but they went and blew it! My headline was for the dustbin.

Now, two years later, Hegarty is going better than ever and Kilcar have reached their day of destiny. ('23 years is a mighty long time' just doesn't have the same ring to it!)

It seems that Hegarty likes to go out on a high. He was man of the match in his last game in the Ulster championship, the 2011 final. A knee injury was troubling him and he was happy to get his Ulster medal.

A championship medal in Donegal has eluded him. He knows that there will not be many more chances, but his value to the team in their run to a first final in 23 years is unquantifiable. Four points from play against Termon in the first half and that first goal against Naomh Conaill to get them going in the semi-final looks even better when viewed again on YouTube; he is in full flight as he takes the ball from Ryan McHugh and fires home an unstoppable shot.

The team went on to play champagne football and the parish are on a high once more.

With just one National School, they are one of the smaller parishes in the county, but since the mid 1970s they have been to the fore. A three in-a-row U-21 Championship run was the start of something special.

Sean McGinley lifted the Dr. Maguire in 1980, and they played in six finals between that and their last success in 1993, winning three and losing three. In the scheme of things, it was a good return, but they had some good players laced through those teams.

However, compared to the present team, there was little comparison. Those teams of the '70, '80s and '90s had a gritty edge to them; defenders of the calibre of Charlie McGroarty, John Quinn, John Carr and Din McBrearty took few prisoners. You wonder how that quartet would manage with the black card in today's game.

That was a time when the balance of power in the GAA world lay in the south and south-west. Between 1980 and 1999, the Dr. Maguire was only once won by a club outside of this area (St. Eunan's in 1983).

Kilcar won three of their five Donegal titles in the 1980s with their greatest performance in the 1980 final, defeating Ardara 1-13 to 0-8.

Their last win, in 1993, came as underdogs against neighbours, Killybegs, who were going for a three in-a-row. The heading in the Donegal Democrat in the preview was a clever one by then Sports Editor, Michael Daly - 'If anyone can, Kilcar can'. Daly, like most observers, fancied Killybegs, but the headline covered his bets. And he was able to follow it up the following week with 'If anyone can, Kilcar can - and they did'.

They are one of the best supported clubs in the county and no matter what the opposition in Towney, you will see their faithful supporters out in big numbers. Those supporters also travel in big numbers to all their away club games, and on many occasions they outnumber the home support at those games.

They have tasted success at underage level in recent years (minor and U-21) and now they feel they have a team that can bridge that senior gap.

There have been many changes since that 1993 win. The night before that final an 'Up for the Match' was hosted in Kilcar House with the famous Sean Campbell playing the Des Cahill role. And among those interviewed were many of the team that were lining out the next day. You couldn't imagine that happening nowadays!

Sean McGinley was the first Kilcar man to lift the Dr. Maguire (there was no final played in 1925 when Kilcar were declared the winners in a very controversial year). Sean's son, Ciaran, is captain on Sunday and can join the select band of Kilcar men to lift the cup.



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Eamon Ward



**Aiden Mac Daibheid**  
Aiden Mc Devitt



**Ciaran Giobain**  
Ciarran Gibbons



**Ciaran O Caimhsi**  
Ciaran Bonner



**Seosamh Mac Giobain**  
Joe Gibbons



**Niall O Gallachoir**  
Neil Gallagher



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Caolan Kelly



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Oisin Crawford



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**Gearoid Mac Phaidin**  
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Fir Ionaid

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| 17 Darrean Mac Fionnaile     | Darren Mc Ginley      | 24 Rian O Diabhair        | Ryan Diver         |
| 18 Caoimhin O'Mearthaile     | Caoimhin Marley       | 25 Leon O Ceallaigh       | Leon Kelly         |
| 19 Sean De Burca             | Shaun Burke           | 26 Cathal O Caimhsi       | Charlie Bonner     |
| 20 Criostoir Mac             | Christopher McMonagle | 27 Padraig Mac Phaidin    | Patrick Mc Fadden  |
| 21 Padraig Ó Baoill          | Patrick Boyle         | 28 Padraig Mac Connell    | Patrick Mc Connell |
| 22 Éatán Mac Suibhne         | Ethan Sweeney         | 30 Frainc Ó Cairbre       | Frank Carberry     |

Manager: Michael Canning

Captain: Gary McFadden

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# CLG Chill Chartha



**Eamon Mac Fhionnghaile**  
Eamonn McGinley



**Stiofan Ó Seibhleáin**  
Stephen Shovlin



**Pádraig Mac Giolla Chearra**  
Pauric Carr



**Conchur Mac Seáin**  
Conor McShane



**Pádraig Ó Gallchóir**  
Patrick Gallagher



**Marcus Mac Aoidh**  
Mark McHugh



**Rian Mac Aoidh**  
Ryan McHugh



**Ciaran Mac Fhionnghaile**  
Ciaran McGinley



**Micheál Ó hÉigearthaigh**  
Michael Hegarty



**Conchur Ó Dochartaigh**  
Conor Doherty



**Stiofán Mac Briartaigh**  
Stephen McBrearty



**Eoghan Mac Aoidh**  
Eoin McHugh



**Maitiú Mac Giolla Aon**  
Matthew McClean



**Pádraig Mac Briartaigh**  
Patrick McBrearty



**Aindriú Mac Giolla Aon**  
Andrew McClean

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| 17 Marc Mac Suibhne          | Mark Sweeney    | 24 Diarmuid Mac Fhionnghaile | Dermot McGinley  |
| 18 Cormac Ó Cannáin          | Cormac Cannon   | 25 Pádraig Mac Seáin         | Pauric McShane   |
| 19 Aodhán Mac Fhionnghaile   | Aodhán McGinley | 26 Séamus Mac Cuinneagáin    | James Cunningham |
| 20 Donal Ó Laoighin          | Daniel Lyons    | 27. Rian MacFhionnghaile     | Ryan McGinley    |
| 21 Dara Ó Domhnaill          | Dara O Donnell  | 28 Barra Ó Seibhleáin        | Barry Shovlin    |
| 22 Ashley Mac Giolla Chearra | Ashley Carr     |                              |                  |

Bainisteoir:

Ronan McLaughlin

Captain:

Martin Donaghey

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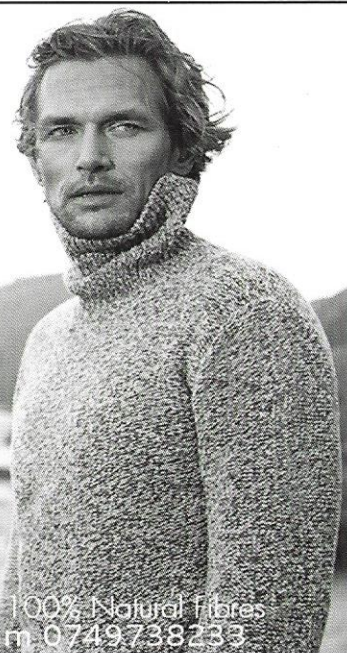
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## Message from CLG Chill Chartha Chairman Déaglán Ó Galláchoir

Mar Chathaoirleach ar CLG Chill Chartha gabhaim comhghairdeas le foirne Chill Chartha agus Gleann tSúilí as ucht bheith i Cluiche Ceannais Craobh Sinsir Peile na Contae inniú.

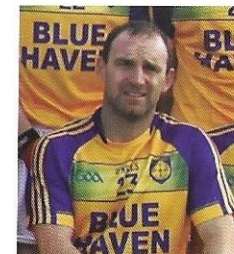
Being in the unique position of both Chairman and player I have seen first-hand the level of dedication needed to get a team through to this stage of the competition. Best of luck to both teams and I hope for a great game of football.

On behalf of CLG Chill Chartha, I would like to thank Martin and his backroom team of James, Paddy, Ian and Aaron for all their time and commitment during the year. I want to thank the players for all the hard work they have put in to get us here today and let them know that as a club we are very proud of them.

I would also like to thank the Executive Members and all the volunteers who have supported and helped CLG Chill Chartha at all levels this year. Without your time and effort, the club would not be where it is today.

Kilcar has a very proud tradition of GAA with a history of strong representation on county teams of all ages. However it has been 23 years since our senior team were last in the county final. That has been a long wait but during that time our supporters have been incredibly patient and loyal. They have followed us to every corner of the county, from Toney to Malin head. As a player, I know how much your enthusiastic support drives us on.

As Chairman, your continued personal and financial support allows our club to prosper. So a huge thank you to you all.



Go raibh maith agat  
Déaglán Ó Galláchoir

## A Message from CLG Chill Chartha Captain Ciaran McGinley

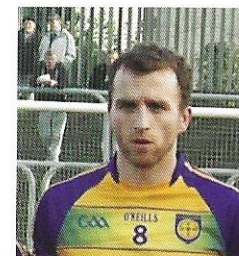
Ar son imreoirí agus bainistíocht C.L.G. Chill Chartha cuirim céad míle fáilte romhaibh anseo inniu go Páirc Seán Mhic Cumhaill i gcoir Cluiche Ceannais Craobh Sinsir Peile na Contae.

It is a great honour to captain this Kilcar team and to lead them out in our first county final since 1993.

Today, we face a huge challenge from Gleann tSúilí, a challenge which we are all looking forward to. Gleann tSúilí are a great team and deserve great credit on making their fourth county final appearance in six years. I hope you all enjoy the game which I'm sure will be a great competitive game of football.

I would like to thank our management team for the work they have put in throughout the year, their professionalism and hard work over the year has been fantastic.

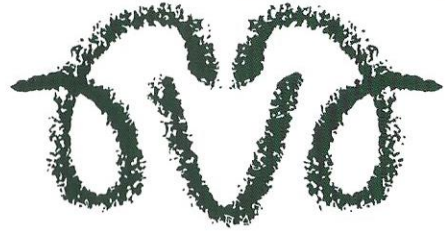
I would like to thank everyone involved with the club for their support. To all of our sponsors, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. And to our supporters, who I know will travel today in great numbers, your support over the years has been a great help to us all and I hope that today we can finally bridge that gap and return home with The Dr. Maguire Cup.



Go Raibh Maith Agat.

Ciaran McGinley - Captaen, C.L.G. Chill Chartha

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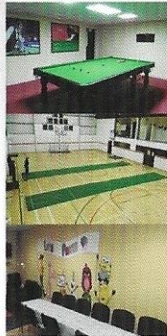


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## Player Profile

Name: Mark Sweeney  
D.O.B: 21/07/1988  
Q. Club: A. CLG Chill Chartha  
Q. Occupation: A. Operations Manager  
Q. Who always seem to carry an injury on training nights?  
A. Patrick "cricket" Gallagher, he always uses his age as an excuse!  
Q. What is the best reason to miss training that you have heard?  
A. Up late feeding the baby - Glen Mc Brearty  
Q. What's your manager's best saying?  
A. "Did Seanie Boyle sleep in again??"  
Q. Who is the worst trainer in the squad?  
A. Michael Hegarty pre season  
Q. Who is the best trainer in the squad?  
A. Dara O'Donnell, loves any form of running!  
Q. What are your hobbies?  
A. Cinema, making tea, drinking tea!  
Q. What is your favourite holiday destination?  
A. Lanzarote  
Q. What is your favourite pitch to play on apart from your home club?  
A. Mc Cool Park  
Q. Who is the young player in your club to watch out for?  
A. Oran Doogan  
Q. What is the best thing about the GAA?  
A. Playing for your club  
Q. Which team-mate has the biggest bag of toiletries?  
A. James Cunningham - some great essentials from Killard Farmhouse  
Q. Who is your favourite GAA player of all time?  
A. Oisín McConville  
Q. Favourite form of social media?  
A. Facebook / Twitter

Q. Who is your favourite Actor / Actress?

A. Adam Sandler

Q. What music are you listening to at the moment?

A. Gareth O'Donnell + Trevor McBrearty followed by Paul Dan

Q. What's your favourite film of all time?

A. War of the Buttons

Q. Other than GAA, how else do you stay fit?

A. Gym & Astro turf soccer

Q. Biggest influence on career?

A. Family and friends

Q. If you weren't a GAA player, what sport would you be playing?

A. Soccer

Q. If you had to coach an underage team what advice would you give them?

A. Work hard, listen and most importantly enjoy it

Q. What is the best about being part of your club?  
A. It's a small close club, and you play with the best friends.

Q. Name the toughest opponent you have faced?

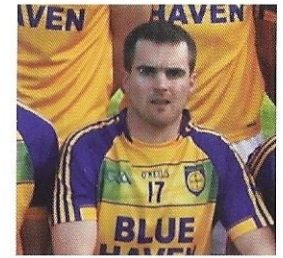
A. Ciaran Mc Ginley / Paucic Carr

Q. Which county apart from your own do you secretly like to do well and why?

A. Kerry - they play great football!

Q. What is your favourite sporting memory?

A. Donegal winning All Ireland in 2012



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## CLG Chill Chartha - Pen Pics

NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
Eamonn McGinley	Garda	29	6.3	15.5
Stephen Shovlin	Net Maker	31	5.10	12.0
Conor McShane	Fire Officer	36	5.10	13.5
Pauric Carr	Factory Worker	24	5.11	12.0
Patrick Gallagher	Yarn Storeman	35	5.10	11.5
Mark McHugh	Sales Acc. Manager	26	5.10	12.5
Ryan McHugh	Student	22	5.10	11.5
Ciaran McGinley	Gym Instructor	27	6.2	13.5
Michael Hegarty	Company Rep.	37	5.11	13.0
Conor Doherty	Student	19	5.9	11.0
Stephen McBrearty	Student	20	6.0	13.0
Eoin McHugh	Student	21	5.10	11.5
Darragh O'Donnell	Engineer	24	5.9	12.0
Patrick McBrearty	Student	23	6.1	13.5
Andrew McClean	Student	20	5.8	11.0
Glen McBrearty	Sales Rep.	33	6.0	13.5
Mark Sweeney	Operations Manager	28	5.8	11.5
Cormac Cannon	Student	20	6.0	11.5
Aiden McGinley	Student	21	6.0	12.0
Daniels Lyons	Student	18	5.10	11.0
Matthew McClean	Student	22	5.10	12.0
Ashley Carr	Construction	28	5.8	11.5
Declan Gallagher	Office Admin.	36	5.8	11.0
Dermot McGinley	Primary Teacher	24	6.2	11.5
Pauric McShane	Student	18	5.11	11.0
James Cunningham	Sales Rep.	34	5.10	12.0
Ryan McGinley	Factory Worker	23	5.10	11.0
Barry Shovlin	Electrician	27	6.1	13.5

### Valuing the Volunteer

C.L.G.Chill Chartha would like to acknowledge and thank the many outstanding volunteers (past and present) who have helped to bring pride and success to our club.

We appreciate your continual support and we hope you are rewarded today with success in the county final.

**NI NEART GO CUR LE CHEILE**

## A message from CLG Chill Chartha Bainisteoir Mairtín Mac Aoidh

Is mór an onóir dom a bheith ina bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann Chill Chartha seo. D'oibrigh agus d'oilte na n-imreoirí seo go dian i rith na bliana. I am honoured to be the manager of this Kilcar team. This group of players have trained and worked very hard all year to reach the county final. As a club, we have tried to emulate clubs like Glenswilly who are contesting their fifth county final.

I would like to thank all our sponsors for their support during the year.

I would like to thank all the people in the club who have helped throughout the year with the teams' preparation.

Thanks to the Mac Cumhalls club and the county board for their organisation during the year.

Club county final day is a big occasion in any county and it should get the recognition it deserves in the GAA calendar.

I would like to wish the match officials all the best on the day.

I hope both clubs, their supporters and all spectators have an enjoyable day.



**Mairtín Mac Aoidh**  
*Bainisteoir*

*Best wishes to all the Cill Chartha Players & Management Team in the County Final from Nicola and all the team at*

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## History - C.L.G. Chill Chartha

D'imir foireann as Chill Chartha don chead uair i 1924 cé go raibh cluichí gaelacha a imirt roimh sin

I 1925 buaigh Cill Chartha Craobh an Contae de bharr éagmhaise.

I 1933 agus 1935 buaigh an chumann Straith Sinsir an Chontae ach de bharr imirce ní raibh an chumann an-láidir i rith na tríochaidí.

I rith na dachaidí, ach go h-airaithe i rith an chogaidh, ní raibh an chumann ábalta foirne láidir a chur chun na páirce de bharr easpa córais iompar.

I 1948 tháinig feabhas ag ghnóthaí eacnamaíochta agus d'éirigh leo an chluiche ceannais de Craobh Sóisear an Chontae a bhaint amach ach fuair Na Dúnaibh an lámh in uachtar orthu. (3-5 le 1-3)

I 1959 bhuaidh siad Sraith Sinsir na Contae nuair a bhuaidh siad ar An Chlochán Liath ins an cluiche ceannais. Fuair Séan Mac Cumhaill an lámh in uachtar orthu i gcluiche ceannais Craobh Sinsir na Contae.

Bhí siad ins an cluiche ceannais den Craobh arís i 1963 ach fuair Séan Mhic Chumhaill an buaidh orthu. (1-6 le 0-4)

I 1964 d'éirigh le foireann na Mionúr Craobh an Chontae a bhaint don chéad uair agus bhí brí úr le feiceáil ins an chlub. Cill Chartha 2-7 Na Ceithre Maistrí 2-4

I 1968 rinneadh atheagrú ar an chlub arís agus thosaigh siad ag imirt i Craobh Sóisear an Chontae.

Bhí an Pháirc in aice na trá, i dTamhnaigh a bhí a úsáid ó na fícheadaí maith le leor, gidh go raibh sé goirid.

Fuair Mícheál Óg Mac Pháidín, Teachta Dála agus Seanadóir, bás i 1958 agus go luath i 1959 tionóladh cruinniú sa pharóiste agus piocadh coiste sa bhaile agus i gcéin le éacht éigin a dhéanamh i gcuimhne Mhichíl Óig. Ceannaíodh píosáí talaimh in aice na h-abhna ó fheirmeoirí Thamhnaigh agus bronnadh ar an chlub iad.

Tugadh Páirc Chuimhneacháin Mhicheál Óig Mhic Pháidín air agus osclaíodh é i Mí Lúnasa 1964 le cluiche in éadan an Chlochán Liath

Bhí an pháirc seo a úsáid go dtí 1984 nuair a tógadh agus fosclaíodh an páirc úr atá ar shuíomh na páirc a bhí in aice na trá.

Bhí tús ciúin go leor leis na seachtóidí agus ní raibh leidiú ar bith a thabhairt faoin ré órga a bhí le teacht.

Bhain an chlub, a bhí ag imirt sa roinn Sóisear, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Dhún na nGall sa bhliain 1970.

Bhain an club an Craobh Sóisear ar Chontae i 1971 agus Craobh faoi-21 i 1972, 1973 agus 1974.

Bhain siad Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (Dhún na nGall) i 1975.

D'éirigh leo Sraith Sinsir an Chontae a bhaint i 1975 agus i 1979.

Ag deireadh na seachtóidí cuireadh tús le obair ar an pháirc úr. Fósclaíodh an pháirc úr ar 5ú Lúnasa 1984 agus bhí baill an chlub ag ceiliúradh an ócáid stairiúil seo.

I 1980 rinne an foireann sinsir éacht nuair a bhain siad Craobh Sinsir na Contae. Bá iontach an lá sin don chlub. Gan aon dabht ba seo an éacht ba mhó riamh ar pháirc na himeartha agus thug sé seo misneach don chumann agus don fhoireann óg seo.

Bhain siad an Craobh arís i 1985, 1989 agus 1993 agus bualadh orthu ins na cluiche ceannais i 1982, 1987 agus 1988.

Bhain siad Srath Sinsir an Chontae i 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984 agus 1987.

I gComórtais Peile na Gaeltachta bhain siad an Craobh Contae agus an Chraobh Náisiúnta Sinsir i 1987 agus i 1989 bhain siad an Craobh Sinsir agus an Craobh Sóisear Contae agus an Craobh Sinsir agus Sóisear Náisiúnta i Gleanncolmcille.

Bhí an foireann Sóisear ag imirt ins an Craobh Idirmheánach agus bhí siad ins an cluiche ceannais i 1984 nuair a bualadh orthu.

Bhain Cill Chartha an Comórtais Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta arís i 1990 agus 1991, sé sin trí mbliana anois as a chéile. Bhain an foireann Sinsir Craobh Sinsir an Chontae arís i 1993 nuair a fuair siad an lámh in uachtar ar Na Cealla Beaga agus bhain an foireann Sóisear an Craobh comh maith nuair a bhuail siad Gaeil Fhánada ins an cluiche ceannais.

I 1998 bhain na Mionúr Craobh an Chontae in athimirt in éadan Na gCeithre Maistrí. (4-3 le 0-11).

I 1999 bhain an fhoireann Sinsir An Craobh Contae de Chomórtais Peile na Gaeltachta agus bhí deireadh seachtaine tharr bharr acu i Rinn Ua gCuanach, Port Láirge.

Ag tús an cheid úr bhain an foireann sóisear Craobh Sóisear na Contae agus bhain an



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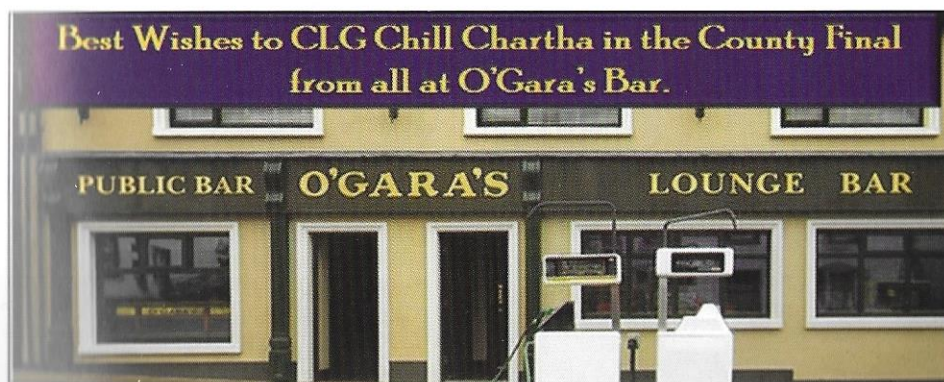
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Don chéad uair riamh bhí Comórtasí Naisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta i gCill Chartha i 2004. Deireadh seachtaine iontach a bhí ann don chlub.

Cé go raibh a lán oibre a dheanamh le foirne faoi aois tháinig lag trá ar cumas na foirne sinsir agus ó 1999 go 2010.

Ach bhí biseach ag teacht.

I 2008 bhain an foireann sinsir Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta, Craobh Sinsir Dún na nGall agus Craobh na hEireann

Ins an bhliain 2010 bhain an foireann mionúr Craobh na Contae in éadan Cloich Cheannfhaola (0-7 le 1-3), agus bhain an foireann faoi-21 Craobh na Contae i 2011 in éadan Naomh Conaill, (3-9 le 2-10).

Bhain an foireann mionúr craobh na contae arís i 2012 in éadan Naomh Adhamhnán, (2-11 le 2-4) agus rinne an foireann faoi 21 amhlaidh i 2013 in éadan Naomh Conaill, (1-10 le 1-8).

Bhain an foireann sinsir Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta, Sinsir, Dún na nGall agus Na hEireann i 2014. Bhain siad an Democrat Cup, Srath Sinsir na Contae, ins an bhliain 2014 chomh maith.

D'eirigh leis an foireann sinsear an cluiche leathcheannais dé Craobh Sinsir na Contae a bhaint amach i 2015 ach bhí Naomh Conaill níos fearr ná iad ar an lá. (4-10 le 0-11)

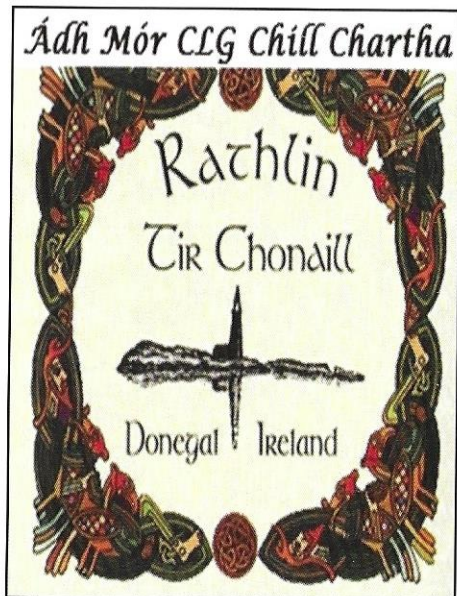
Tháinig athrú ar sin i mbhliana agus bhí an bua acu ar Naomh Conaill ins an cluiche leathcheannais. (5-10 le 1-11).

Tá siad anois ins an cluiche ceannais in éadan Gleann tSúilí. Ádh mór orthu.

Tógadh páirc úr traenála i 2014/2016 ins an ait a bhíodh Páirc Micheál Óg Mac Pháidín agus is cinnte go mbheadh an Coiste a cheannaigh ná píosáí talún sin, rinne páirc peile astú agus a bhronn é ar an club é i 1964, fíor bródúil as anois.

Fuair an club deontas dé €90,000 ón Roinn Iompair Turasoireachta agus Spóirt don obair seo.

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## Séamus Mac Géidigh (1961-2016)

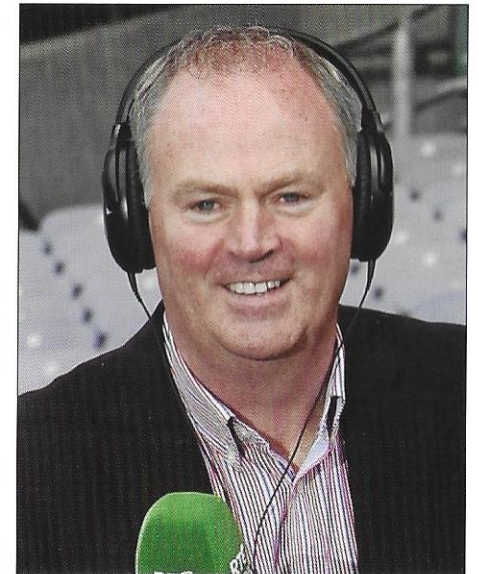
Beidh bearnaí mhór sa bhocsa tráchtairachta ag cluiche ceannais shinsireach Dhún na nGall na bliana seo. Ní chluinfear an guth gealgháireach Gaeilge a bhí le cluinistín bliain i ndiaidh na bliana ó bhí 1994 ann feasta. Ní bhainfidh na hiriseoirí sult as comhrá caoin agus gáire chroíúil fhear na Gaeltachta níos mó. Ní chluinfidh pobal na Gaeilge an tráchtairacht chruinn, líofa, anamúil, dhearfach, neamhchlaonta, bhinn, dhíocasach feasta.

Óir thit tost tobann tubaisteach an bháis ar Shéamus Mac Géidigh ar an chéad Luan do mhí na súl buí ar mhalaigh mionshléibhe ina bhaile fearainn dúchasach féin ar an Ardaí Bheag. Cloíodh an té a shíl muid a bheith dochloíte. Le agadh ar lár an té a shíl muid a bheith do-leagtha. Ciúiníodh an glór a shíl muid a bheith bíthbhuan. Beidh cumhaidh ar uisce shioraí na Finne agus ar choillidh ársa Dhroim Bó nuair a shonróidh siad uathu guth Gaeilge na gcluichí Gaelacha in Ultaibh.

Chuaigh Séamus Mac Géidigh i mbun na tráchtairachta nuair a bhog Pól Ó Gallchóir go Gaillimh sa bhliain 1994. Cothrom an lae seo, ba é a chuir síos ar bhuaidheannaí na gCealla agus Bhéal Átha Seanaidh agus Naomh Adhamhnáin i gclapsholas an chéid. Ba é a thug buaidh éachtach Ard a' Rátha chun beatha ag tús na mílaoise úire, le cois buaidheannaí thior-stairiúla na nGleanntach agus Ghleann tSúilí agus buaidh chnapánach na gCeithre Máistrí. Ba é a chraobhscaoil aiséirí Ghaoth Dobhair agus forlámhas Leitir Ceanainn. Rinne sé an t-iomlán go humhal, uasal, cumasach, profisiúnta, soiléir, eolach... Ba é Aodh Mac Laifortaigh a chomhghleacaí agus a chara dhílis sna blianta deireannacha. D'aimsigh Séamus Gaeilgeoirí i ngach fóchumann, bíodh siad binbhéalach nó snagarnach. Bhainfeadh sé Gaeilge as cloch. Crothnóimid go mílteanach é agus guímid gach rath ar a chomharba chumasach, Damien Ó Dónaill.

Ní de thairbhe a chuid tráchtairachta amháin atá Cumann Lúthchleas Gael faoi chomaoin ag

Séamus Mac Géidigh. Tá siad faoi chomaoin mhór aige fosta de thairbhe na hurraíochta a rinne RTE/Raidió na Gaeltachta ar an Chraobh Shinsireach ó 2002 go dtí 2015. Ba é Séamus a ba cheanntsioicair leis an urraíocht sin i mblianta na géarbhroide eacnamaíochta. Is ceart agus is cóir go bhfuil Gradam Shéamuis Mhic Géidigh á bhronnadh ar scoith-imreoir na Craoibhe agus is cuí gur ar imreoir Gaeltachta a bhronnfar é an chéad bhliain seo.



Ar an lá speisialta seo cuimhníonn pobal Chumann Lúthchleas Gael i nDún na nGall go muirneach ar bhean chéile dhílis Shéamuis, Dolores: ar a thriúr clainne – Éadaoin, Dónall agus Póilín; ar a dheirfiúr Anne agus a dheartháir Micheál agus ar foireann Raidió na Gaeltachta. Go gneasaí a gneácha.

Agus guímid go bhfuil Séamus é féin i gcuibhrinn ghlasa na Glóire.

## GAA – MICHAEL MURPHY SPORTS & LEISURE SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

BY RYAN FERRY (DONEGAL NEWS)

ON May 15 at 5pm, who would have predicted that the final pairing of the Donegal Senior Championship would be Glenswilly against Kilcar?

Glenswilly had been beaten in their opening group game by Ardara, while Kilcar were fortunate to secure a draw against St Eunan's.

That put both teams under pressure going into the second round of fixtures and they knew that they needed to deliver big performances or else they would face elimination from the championship before the knock-out stages.

However, the two clubs showed their championship credentials by producing the goods when it mattered to keep their hopes alive.

Kilcar signalled their intent by hammering St Michael's, while Glenswilly recorded a hard-fought victory over Dungloe.

The second round of group games also supplied one of the results of the championship, as Termon defeated Gaoth Dobhair by 1-11 to 0-9 at the Burn Road.

There was still plenty to play for in every group on the final day of the group stages.

Gaoth Dobhair were the first big fallers as they failed to defeat Naomh Conaill, while in Group B, three early goals set St Eunan's up for victory over St Michael's at the Bridge, and the Letterkenny men progressed to the last eight, alongside Kilcar.

Sean MacCumhaill's also made it through to the quarter-finals after defeating Naomh Muire in a game that saw six red cards brandished.

> However, the real drama on the final day came in Group A. Glenswilly defeated Bundoran comfortably to advance, and Dungloe and Ardara battled it out in Rosses Park to progress with them.

Tony Boyle's Dungloe were in pole position as the game entered injury-time, when Ardara were awarded a penalty.

If Gareth Concarr had scored, Ardara were through, but Ciaran Sharkey saved brilliantly and Dungloe prevailed at their expense, with the Pearse Memorial Park outfit resigned to the Relegation Play-Offs instead.

Glenswilly saw off MacCumhaill's in the quarter-final, while Kilcar were easy winners against Termon, despite a feisty opening.

Dungloe were expected to make it through to the last four and things were going to plan as they established an early six-point lead against Malin.

However, the Inishowen men produced a magnificent second half performance to reach the last four.

A large crowd went to MacCumhaill Park to see Naomh Conaill defeat St Eunan's in the remaining quarter-final, with Daragh Gallagher scoring a crucial second half goal.

Malin were attempting to reach their first ever senior final when they took on Glenswilly in the semi, and they battled well, with the McLaughlins – Christy, Stephen, and Brendan – all catching the eye.

However, Glenswilly's experience helped them grind out a tough win.

Kilcar delivered a coming-of-age performance as they defeated Naomh Conaill in the second semi-final.

Michael Hegarty, Conor Doherty, Eoin McHugh (2), and Patrick McBrearty scored goals as Kilcar were fantastic on their way to winning on a scoreline of 5-10 to 1-11.

That leaves us with the novel final pairing of Kilcar and Glenswilly in the final. But will it be Ciaran McGinley or Gary McFadden who holds the Dr Maguire Cup aloft at 5.30pm today?

## GRADAM SHÉAMUIS MHC GÉIDIGH

Ba tráthnóna Dé Luain, 4 Iúil 2016, an tráthnóna a ba dhorcha i saol Chlann Mhic Géidigh, as an Ailt, An Ardaí Bheag, Gort a Choirce. Ba sin an tráthnóna a tháinig an droch scéal chugainn gan choinne go raibh an fathach fir Séamus Mac Géidigh imithe uainn. Ba tráthnóna dorcha a bhí ann do phobal RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta idir foireann agus lucht éisteachta agus do phobal na Gaeltachta agus Gaeilge ar fud na tíre.

Bhí scéala báis Shéamuis deacair a chreidbheáil ag an am agus baineann sé stangadh asainn go fóill nuair a smaoiníonn muid nach bhfeicfidh muid Séamus ina bheatha arís. Le ráithe anuas, is iomaí deor silte, is iomaí scéal inste faoi Shéamus agus tá corr gháire déanta fosta. Cé nach bhfuil an fear é féin ina bheatha níos mó, tá sé linn i spiorad agus níl dabht ar bith ach go bhfuil sé ag tabhairt tacaíochta dúinne sa Raidió Ioanstan ar aghaidh agus an obair a dtug sé féin fuoi le díograis a chur i gcríoch agus freastal ar a phobal dílis. Is beag a shíl muid go mbeadh clár raidió in ómós do Shéamus á chraoladh nó gradam ina onóir le bronnadh. Ní raibh duine ar bith ag iarraidh gur mar sin a bheadh.....ach níl smacht againn ar caidé atá romhainn agus iarrtar orainn glacadh le toil Dé. Imíonn na daoine maithe uainn ró-luath.

Bhí sé de phribhléid agus de phléisiúr ag a chuid comhghleacaithe in RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta, go háirithe i nDoirí Beaga a bheith ag obair leis le boagnach 30 bliain anuas. Is iad na focail 'umhlaocht' 'uaiseleacht' 'gnaíúlacht' agus 'daonnacht' is mó a úsáideadh le cur síos ar Shéamus. Is annamh go luaitear na tréithe sin uilig le haon duine amháin, ach ba dhuine as an ngnáth a bhí i Séamus Mac Géidigh.

Bhí croí Shéamuis i gcultúr agus in oidhreacht na tíre seo agus bhí áit speisialta aige ina chroí do chúrsaí spóirt. Is mar gheall air sin a shocraigh RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta gradam Shéamuis a bhronnadh ar Imreoir na Bliana i gCraobh Shinsir Peile Dhún na nGall, atá urraithe ag Siopa Spóirt Micheal Murphy i mbliana. Bronnfar an gradam ar laoch na himeartha agus tá súil agam gur onóir mhór agus thar aon ní eile, ábhar bróid a bheas ann don bhuaiteoir glacadh leis an chéad ghradam in ómós do laoch eile atá ar lár.

In Irish, the term fathach fir is used to describe a person who is out of the ordinary, a man amongst men, and such was Séamus Mac Géidigh, a gifted broadcaster with RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta and manager of the Doirí Beaga

studio in Donegal. Séamus passed away suddenly on 4 July at the age of 54.



Edel Ní Chuireáin, Ceannaire of RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta, and Aogán Ó Fearghail, GAA President, pictured in the RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta studio in Doirí Beaga in Donegal today where Aogán launched a special player award in memory of Séamus Mac Géidigh today on the Barrscéalta programme.

He was a highly-respected journalist and broadcaster, but it is as a passionate, unbiased and informed Gaelic games commentator that most listeners will remember Séamus, who was described as 'the Donegal voice of Gaelic Games commentary'.

Gradam Shéamuis Mhic Géidigh -RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta will be presented to the best Player of the Michael Murphy Senior Football Championship in Donegal in memory of our colleague.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Edel Ní Chuireáin  
Ceannaire  
RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta  
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## Donegal Stars to battle it out

BY CHRIS MCNULTY (Donegal Sport Hub)

FOR AN HOUR this afternoon, they will be sworn enemies as they draw the battle lines with Dr Maguire on the line, having sat in the same trenches as comrades so often.

Think of Glenswilly: Murphy. Big Neil. Mention Kilcar: McHughs. McBreartys. Hegarty. All of them were never on the same side, but they were all intertwined at some point. Today, some of them – maybe even just one of them – will likely hold the wand that will conjure the magic and take Donegal football's most cherished prize to Towney or Foxhall. Michael Murphy has done it before at this level. He almost single-handedly landed Glenswilly's first ever SFC title in 2011 when they defeated St Michael's. Two years later, Murphy found himself at the centre of a storm as the Donegal final was set for a day after he was to captain Ireland in the International Rules series against Australia. Murphy led Ireland to a win at Breffni Park. He went out on Sean MacCumhail Park's sod the following day and delivered another magical hour. His display turned Killybegs blood as Glenswilly savoured the day again. "It wasn't as easy thing for the club; they might have thought I was turning my back on the them slightly," Murphy told reporters that day. "But it was never the case. It was about just getting the head down. Two games in two games: it is football, is it what you love.

"To play for Ireland and your club in a county final in two days – you would take it every day. People doubted us within the county but we proved ourselves today." Murphy and Gallagher have an almost-telepathic understanding on the field. They've done it so often for Donegal and with Glenswilly they are even more central to the cause. Gallagher's return this year from injury has coincided of the revival of a Glenswilly side that looked doomed. Writing them off could be a dangerous exercise.

But what of Kilcar? Eoin McHugh only made his Championship debut for Donegal this summer against Fermanagh. That fact was even scarcely believable on the day given that Donegal had seen and heard so much about the latest flying terrier to come out of Bavin. 'The Mark McHugh role' has become part of the GAA's lexicon since 2012 and the elder statesman of the McHugh trilogy, although he's only 26, is back in wonderful form again. His leadership on the park has been a key part of Kilcar's march to the final, their first in 23 years.

Euan McHugh seems a shoo-in for an All-Star, even if Donegal's early exit, albeit at the quarter-final stage, may work against him. One of the country's, never mind the county's most talented artists, many will earmark him as Kilcar's key man. Can that be the case when the imposing, deadly figure of McBrearty looms upon the edge of the square. Those eleven points for Donegal against Cork in the All-Ireland qualifier remain to the front of the mind. On his day, he can be lethal and he's been consistent right through Kilcar's run, showing maturity, ruthlessness and a sense of responsibility that comes with being a leading light, even in a team of stars.

Then there's Hegarty. The old wizard has lost none of the grace and none of the poise. He has the look of a man who could play football forever. He came back for Donegal in 2011 to win Ulster, but missed the capture of Sam a year later. He was coming on the scene in the late 90s when memories of Kilcar's last hour of glory was still fresh in the mind. As Kilcar and Glenswilly can testify, different years bring different stories, different tales and different heroes, though we can say with certainty that one of the county stars will shine brighter than others today. Who is the question. Therein lies the wonder of what will grip us once the O'Neill's leaves the hands of Sean McLaughlin.

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## Jubilee Teams 1991

Na Cealla Beaga : Dun na nGall Senior Championship Champions 1991 and Division 1 Winners.

While the Na Cealla Beaga victory on Sunday the 8th of September 1991 was the club's third senior championship success (1952, 1988 being the previous ones), nonetheless the hard fought victory over a very talented and determined Red Hughs side was the catalyst to a very successful decade for the club. By the nineties end, the club had won four senior championships and four Division one titles accompanied by a raft of titles at underage levels. The Ninety One panel, while

most of the players had experienced Senior success in 1988, also saw championship final introductions for a number of new young players who were to contribute greatly to the 91 campaign and to future success's for the club both on and off the field. These were Barry Cunningham(Stut),Declan and Mark Boyle, Darren Cunningham, Stephen Burke and Peter Mc Ginley. Due to the demands of fishing and consequent unavailability of some senior players, all of these young players were also to prove vital to the winning of the Division title and eventual progress to the Ulster Club Senior Final in 1991.

The 1991 championship campaign itself started with an away narrow one point (courtesy of a late Manus Boyle score) victory over Ardara in Kentucky. However the second leg in Fintra was not as close, as victory was secured with a 5-7 to 0-11 score line. The quarter Final saw us paired with Glenfin with the team recording a unexpected relatively easy win on a 2-16 to 0-6 score line.

The semi final saw Naomh Columba as the opponents with a lot on the line given that this pairing was a repeat of the previous year's

county final which the men from Glen had snatched with a one point victory. However on this occasion with notable performances from John Ban, Barry Cunningham and Conor White, Na Cealla Beaga won 2-16 to 1-6, a result which was celebrated in the Harbour, Lone Star, The James Joyce and Squeakys.

The Final saw us pitted against a Red Hughs side who had certainly erased any doubts about their ability or determination by defeating Four Masters(after two draws and a playoff), Kilcar and MacCumhail on their way to the Final. While many outside the club had us down as red hot

favourites, we were not convinced and so it proved as Red Hughs pushed us all the way as we won even more narrowly than the 2-7 to 0-11 score line might suggest.

Our reserves(see picture) also made it to the 1991 County Final only to be beaten by Kilcar although a lot of them had already won reserve championship medals in the double championship success of 1988. Indeed most of the younger players pictured in the reserve team would go on to win Senior Championship medals in either 1992,1995 or 1996.

To the Champions of 1991 on behalf of the club we both thank and salute you for the honour you brought to our club by your double winning exploits and then historic Ulster Final appearance.

Finally, Na Cealla Beaga GAA Club would like thank the County Committee and Management Committee for your kind invitation and for honouring our 1991 Champions today on the biggest day of the year for all Donegal Gaels. Focal Scur.

While delving through old newspapers, yearbooks and programmes in order to pen this short tribute, I was struck by the change in the

### — TABLES —

#### O'DONNELL'S HONEYCRUST LEAGUE DIVISION 1.

	P	W	L	D	Pts
Killybegs .....	18	13	2	3	28
Kilcar .....	18	13	0	5	26
N. Columba .....	18	13	0	5	26
A. Ruadh .....	18	9	3	6	21
McCools .....	18	8	2	8	18
Glenfin .....	18	8	2	8	18
Ardara .....	18	6	3	9	15
Gweedore .....	18	5	3	10	13
Four Masters .....	18	5	2	11	12
Downings .....	18	1	1	16	3

fixture environment since 1991 and the way in which club competitions are catered for and the room afforded to them .In 1991 The Championship Final was played on the 8th of September and the 18 game league divisions were completed by the 2nd of November. In case anyone thinks that this was perhaps the result of the county teams being knocked out early; this was not the case. The County Senior team were involved until they were beaten by Down in the Ulster Final played on the 28th July and the County Minors won the Ulster Final and thus were involved until they were beaten by Cork in Late August, yet still the County Final was played on the first weekend of September.

To best illustrate how this was achieved and by way of example;Red Hughs played in 1991 six championship matches in total on 9th June, 23rd June, 7th July, 14th July, 17th August and 8th September. The ties played on the 7th July v Four Masters & 14th July v Kilcar were played between the Ulster Semi Final and Final despite plenty of county players being involved. It is also apparent that the mixing of club championship and county games doesn't appear to have hindered county success in this period as



*Dennis Carbery  
Killybegs captain*

Donegal reached five Ulster finals in a row winning two Ulster championships and One All Ireland.

Barry Mc Gowan, John Cunningham, Manus Boyle, Barry Cunningham all of whom were playing for the county had this sample schedule of games. 20th October Ulster Club v Dungiven; 27th October N.F.L. v Antrim; 3rd November Div.1 League Final v Naomh Columba; 10th November N.F.L. v Longford; 17th November Ulster Club v Downpatrick.

The purpose of demonstrating is not to say that the current fixture schedules are totally wrong or that past schedules was totally the right way to go, we will all have different opinions about that. This might however demonstrate that totally condensing club championships is not the only option available when planning for a county to be successful. As for burnout? Does players playing on numerous consecutive weekends on a continual basis for present the greatest danger of burnout? Or does excessive training, travelling or meetings required of players by club,college or county managers allied to and to some extent caused by a intermittent playing schedule present a much greater risk?



**Na Cealla Beaga reserve team beaten finalists 1991**



**Back Row L-R:** Left to right officials Peter Hughes Milford. Red Hughs Capt Lyndon Gillespie, Cathal Donoghue Naomh Columba, Dennis Carbery Na Cealla Beaga, Pat Walsh (Realt Na Mara Bundoran)



**Senior Championship Final 1991; Na Cealla Beaga Line out**

**Back Row L-R:** Jimmy White, Barry Cunningham, Manus Boyle, Michael Campbell, Conal Gallagher, Conor White, John Ban Gallagher, Declan Boyle, Barry Mc Gowan, Kevin White.

**Middle Row L-R:** John Cunningham, Stephen Burke, Tony Hegarty, Barry Cunningham, John McGuinness, David Meehan, Denis Carbery (Captain), Paul Carberry, Darren Cunningham.

**Front Row L-R:** Mark Boyle, Rory McNelis, John T Murrin, Peter McGinley.

## Killybegs the 1991 Champions

By Tom Comack, Donegal Democrat/Peoples Press

Killybegs in the late 1980s and the first half of the 1990s were one of the top teams in Donegal and recognised as one of best club teams in the history of Donegal football. Between 1988 and 1996 they won five of the eight championships out of seven final appearances.

The team was littered with household names, not only in Donegal but at right around the country. Barry McGowan, John Cunningham, John 'Ban' Gallagher, Barry Cunningham, Manus Boyle and Conor White were All-Ireland U-21 medal holders by the time they won the first of their five championships in 1988.

David Meehan, Stephen Burke, Mark Boyle and Barry Cunningham jnr had worn the Donegal jersey in the Ulster Minor Championship and also played U-21 football for Donegal. And Barry McGowan, Manus Boyle, Barry Cunningham and John Cunningham went on to win All-Ireland senior medals in 1992.

In 1988, they defeated neighbours, Kilcar, for only the club's second championship as they bridged a 36 year gap.

They lost the 1990 final to Naomh Columba before bouncing back to claim the number one prize again. In 1991, they defeated Red Hugh's in the final.

And in the words of Jimmy White, the then player manager they were 'lucky' to overcome the men from the Cross in the final. Killybegs defeated Red Hugh's 2-11 to 2-9 in the decider.

"We were lucky enough to win that final. We had gone into the final as the hot favourites but Red Hugh's had a very good team at the time and they were very unlucky not to win a championship in those years," said Jimmy White, who had taken over from John Joe O'Shea at the beginning of 1991.

Kerryman John Joe O'Shea, a teacher at Killybegs Vocational School, had masterminded the 1988 success after a number of years of great success at underage level.

"I was just thinking the other day how things have changed since 1991, when you look at the large numbers in managements and backroom teams nowadays. "In '91, I was player manager. I had no selectors and Michael Gallagher trained the team." As Donegal champions, Killybegs defeated Dungiven, the Derry champions and the Down champions, Downpatrick, on their way to an Ulster final. In the provincial decider they lost out narrowly on capturing an Ulster club title.

"We had a good run in Ulster. Dungiven were a good side. They had Kieran and Emmett McKeever, Brian McGilligan, Joe Brolly, who all

went on to win All-Ireland medals with Derry in 1993.

"That game was in Ballinascreen. We played Barry Breen and Conor Deegan's Downpatrick in Newcastle, in the semi-final to qualify for the final. In the provincial decider in Healy Park, Omagh, Killybegs were pipped by a Eugene 'Nudie' Hughes powered Castleblaney Faughs. The Monaghan champions won that game by two points, 0-8 to 0-6. Tony Hegarty had a chance for a late dramatic goal for Killybegs, but drove inches wide. "It was disappointing to lose the final but overall we had a great run and when you take into account that five of the starting 15, a third of the team, were on the high seas for most of the Ulster campaign, it illustrates just how talented a squad of players they were."

Denis Carberry, Conor White, David Meehan, Rory McNelis and Rory McNelis were the five fishermen. One of the other highlights from 1991 for Jimmy White was the emergence of two young stars of the future who went on to play for Donegal at U-21 and at senior level and one of them for Glasgow Celtic, Derry City, Sligo Rovers and Finn Harps.

"Declan Boyle and Peter McGinley broke into the team in 1991. They were only 17 at the time.

"Declan broke into the team at the start of the championship and played in all our championship games right through Donegal and Ulster.

"Peter didn't play in any of the games in Donegal but he played in the three games in Ulster. And he went on to be one of our top players for over a decade."

Killybegs with, by and large, the same squad went on after '91 to contest four of the next five Donegal finals, winning three of the them.

They were champions again in '92 - they defeated Naomh Columba in the final - and put titles back-to-back in '95 and '96. They defeated Naomh Columba in both. Kilcar, in 1993, was the final that they lost.

The 1991 final team and scorers was: David Meehan; Paul Carberry, Denis Carberry (c), John Cunningham; Darren Cunningham, Barry McGowan, Michael Campbell; Barry Cunningham (0-1), John Ban Gallagher; Declan Boyle, Conal Gallagher (0-1), Mark Boyle; Conor White (1-1), Manus Boyle (0-4), Rory McNelis (1-0). Subs: Tony Hegarty for Rory McNelis; Jimmy White for B Cunningham.

The rest of the squad was: Kevin White, John McGuinness, John Baker Boyle, Stephen Burke, Barry Cunningham Jnr, John T Murrin, Peter McGinley, Ian Cunningham, Paul Feet Murrin, Fintan Gallagher, Colm Cunningham.

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