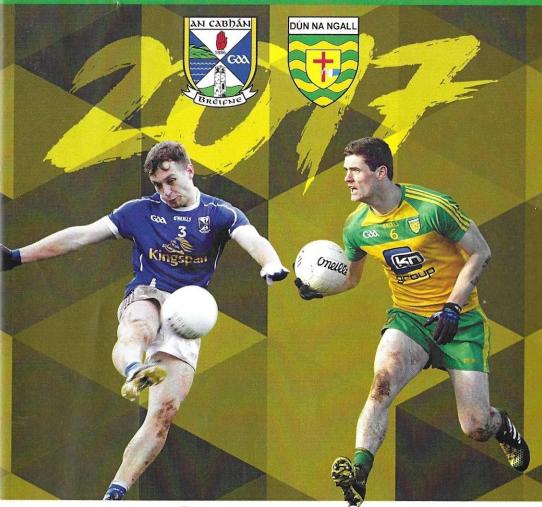
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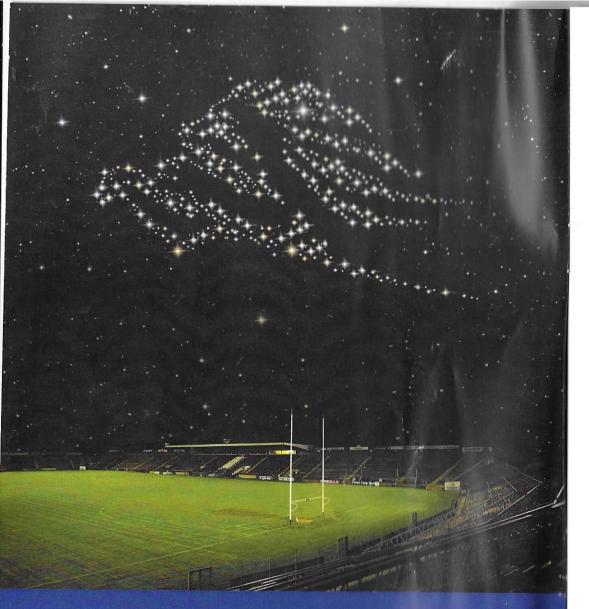
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team, County Board Officers and supporters who generosity and I encourage you all to continue have travelled to Kingspan Breffni today. To our supporting this very valuable fundraiser. I thank senior panel and management team, I wish you our caretaker, grounds men, and all our match good luck and I appeal to our supporters to get day volunteers who ensure that tonight's game behind the team from the throw in and encourage will be enjoyable for all our supporters. Please them to victory.

I wish today's match referee Conor Lane and his important duties. but vital roles you play in the provision of our social initiative that is being run by Cavan GAA fixtures. I would also like to use this opportunity to and chaired by Tom O' Reilly called "Keep the encourage new candidates to consider training to Home Fires Burning". During 2017 Cavan GAA will become referees. As the campaign slogan goes be inviting members from all communities who "Think you can do better? Put your whistle where may feel isolated or may have lost contact with your mouth is". Cavan County Board fully support the GAA to a number of social events. Our first this initiative, full details are available on event will be a pre match reception prior to the www.gaa.ie/referee, in today's match programme Cavan V Kerry Allianz Football League game in or through our office 049 4361032.

I draw your attention to the Club Breifne encourage all clubs to ensure that they have advertisement in today's match programme and I attendees at this event. encourage you to consider becoming a Club Breifne Thanks to Kingspan, our main sponsor for their member for 2017. Club Breifne is a very valuable continued support. The importance of Kingspan source of revenue for Cavan County Board and it and the financial support they provide cannot be enables us to continue our ongoing coaching and overstated. To all our sponsors I thank you development programme and further the sincerely for your ongoing support and I ask all development of our county teams at all grades. GAA people to support our sponsors at County Club Breifne Dublin branch are holding our annual and Club level whenever the opportunity arises. Race Day on the 25th April in Punchestown which we launch this evening at half time and I am sure it Mise le Meas, will once again be a great social occasion. You will Gearóid Ó Brádaigh find details of this event in today's programme. Cáthaoirleach Michael Mooney of Luna and Slieve Rossa Bars in Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Cavan town is our race day sponsor and I thank him Coiste an Chabháin for his most generous sponsorship.

Ba mhaith liom fáilte mór Breifneach a cur roimh Our Youth Board's half time draw is very our Academy Squads. I wish to thank all our l extend a warm welcome to the Donegal football ticket sellers and you our patrons for your co-operate with them as they carry out their very

Kingspan Breffni on Sunday 26th March and I



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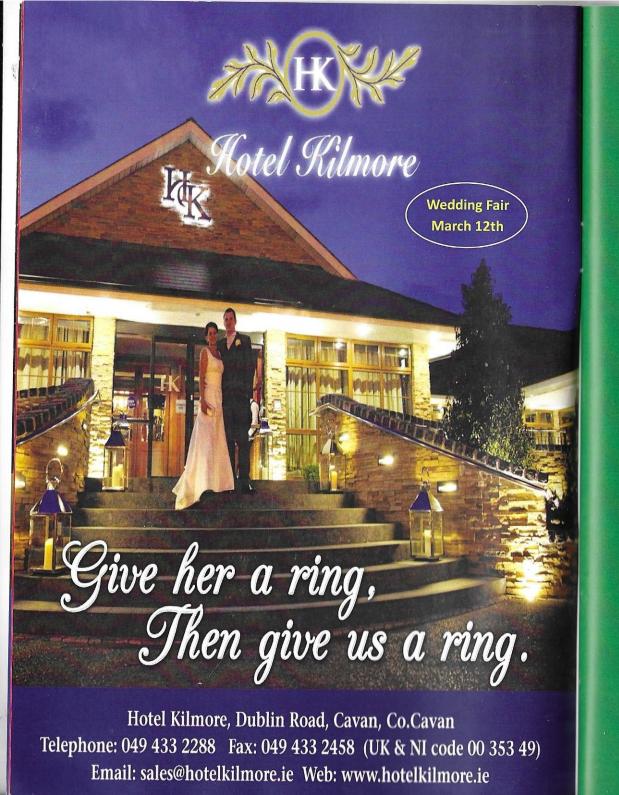
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Amhrán na bhFiann will be sung this evening by Kevin Meehan (Highstool Prophets) a current Cavan Gaels player and former Cavan senior and U21 player and a member of the successful Highstool Prophets band.



Mascots:

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Aidan O'Brien, age 11 years, goes to Scoil Bhride NS and plays with Mountnugent. His favourite Cavan player is Dara McVeety.

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2 Tuesday 7th March

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Respectful History between Cavan and Donegal GAA Supporters

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Games between Cavan and Donegal are always very interesting regardless of the competition or age level. Over the years a special bond of friendship has been formed between Cavan and Donegal people. Many from the Breffni county have in the past and still do go to Donegal on holidays. They find it a hospitable county to visit coupled with what is stunningly beautiful scenery.

Donegal people too in the past and currently also use our county towns as a stop off point when travelling to and from Dublin. The Martin McHugh factor also plays an important role in the comradery between both counties. Shortly after a very successful inter-county football career the Wee Man from Kilcar took on the managerial roll in Cavan and helped the county to Ulster championship success in 1997. Amazingly that is 20 years ago this year.

Gaelic football is really the common denominator for the people from both counties and memorable encounters have taken place between Cavan and Donegal over a long period of time. Two games in particular spring to mind, the 1983 Ulster final and the 1992 Ulster championship first round game in Cavan. In 1983 Donegal beat Cavan in the Ulster decider in Clones. On the day Martin McHugh scored 0-7 for the winners while Derek McDonnell recorded 1-2 for Cavan. Who will ever forget Damien O'Reilly's spectacular point against Donegal in 1992, a game that ended in a draw? However, the least said about the replay in Ballybofey the better from a Cavan perspective but it was the year that Donegal went on to win their first ever Sam Maguire cup.

When first revealed, Division 1 of this year's Allianz football league, looked like the division was divided into two groups, a top four group and a bottom four group. Dublin, Tyrone, Kerry and Mayo were seen as the elite four with Roscommon, Monaghan, Donegal and Cavan in the bottom four. The teams in that lower group were all seen as contenders for relegation.

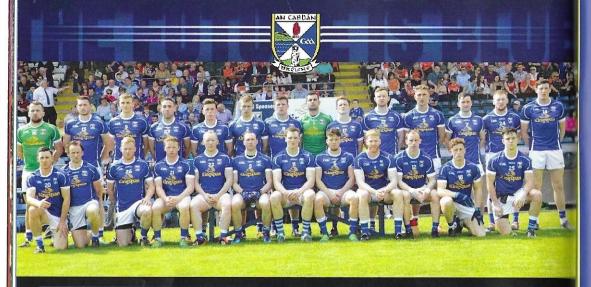
Monaghan however have started the new season well and currently top of division 1. Tyrone and Cavan have still to play their round three game with the postponement of their fixture in Omagh last Sunday due to a waterlogged pitch. Cavan do have that game in hand but are currently in the relegation zone with Roscommon. The Rossies have lost their opening three games while Cavan took a point away from Monaghan when they met in round two in Castleblayney. After losing to Kerry, Donegal have beaten Roscommon and got an excellent draw against Dublin last Sunday. The 2012 All-Ireland winners are now without question a team in transition due to the number of players they have lost through retirement since winning their second All-Ireland title five years ago. Even fast forward two years, to 2014, only three seasons ago, Donegal were beaten by Kerry in the All-Ireland final that year. Only six of that team were in the frame against Dublin last weekend. Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Ryan McHugh, Frank McGlynn, Michael Murphy and Darrach O'Connor who came on as a second half substitute. Some of the players no longer available to Rory Gallagher from 2014 include the likes of Paul Durcan, Eamonn McGee, Anthony Thompson, Karl Lacey, Neil Gallagher Odhrán McNeilis, Rory Kavanagh, Leo McLoone, Colm McFadden, David Walsh and Christy Toye. That is a staggering eleven players who have lined out with distension in the Donegal jersey in recent years.

Rory Gallagher is doing very well integrating young players into the team and getting results, with the one point against Dublin on Sunday last very encouraging. Team rebuilding is where Donegal are right now. All games from here on in will be a real test of character for what is a relatively young side.

Cavan deserve their place in division 1 having come through promotion to get here. Mattie McGleenan will hope that the team can consolidate their position in the division in preparation for the upcoming championship. Cavan still have tough games to play. After Donegal this evening it's back to Omagh next Sunday for the re-fixed game with Tyrone. A week later another away game is waiting for Cavan as they travel to Castlebar to take on Mayo. Kerry are visitors to Kingspan Breffni Park on March 26th followed by an away fixture to Roscommon in the final league game of the season.

The respectful friendships that exists between Cavan and Donegal followers will go out the window for 70 minutes this evening. It will be all about the two league points on offer. The team that lose tonight are in serious danger of relegation. A Donegal win and they go top of division 1 while a Cavan victory would take them to mid-table. This is a hard game to call but you get the feeling that home advantage might just swing it in Cavan's favour.

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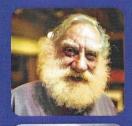


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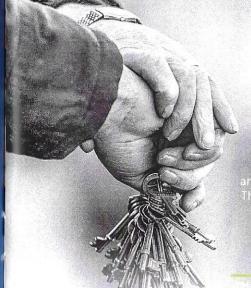






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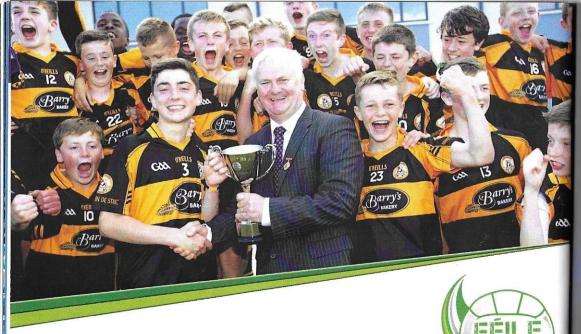
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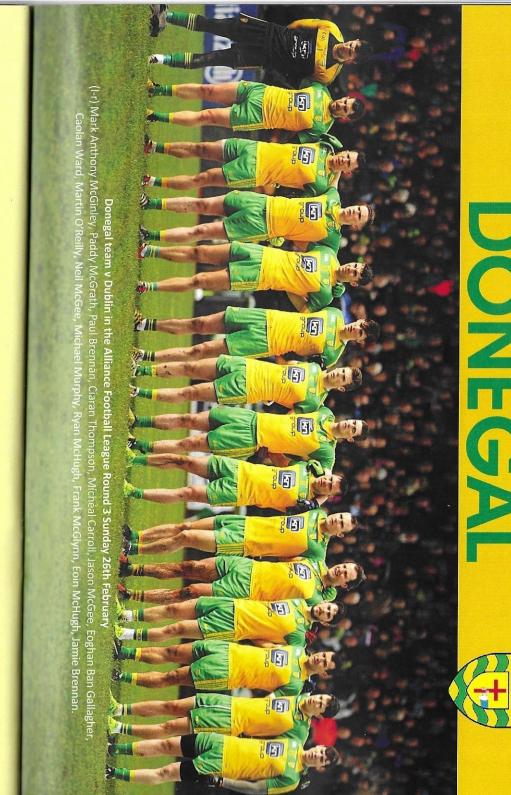




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As well as this, opportunities are available to GAA clubs to take part in the Joe McDonagh Foundation, in conjunction with Glór na nGael.

Seachtain na Gaeilge can be the perfect opportunity to start with activities in the foundation and I ask you all to make a special effort to celebrate the festival and the Irish language from 1 - 17 March 2017.

I wish you the very best with your efforts and I look forward to a wide range of Irish and bilingual events in GAA clubs all around Ireland and the world in March 2017.



Beir bua, agus míle buíochas, Aogán Ó Fearghail Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael

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Scór Update

Senior Scór County Finals took place on last night 3rd March in Killeshandra Community Centre.

Well done to all who took part

The Table Quiz takes place at 8pm on Thursday March 30th in Hotel Kilmore. Tables of four with no entry fee.

It is hoped that all clubs will take part.

GAA Gaeltacht Scholarships.

Interviews will be held in Hotel Kilmore on Saturday April 29th between 10am and 1pm for students wishing to avail of a scholarship.

Further information from Co. Cultural Officer
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MATCH REPORT Bank of Ireland McKenna Cup v Donegal - Sun 15th Jan 2017, MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey Donegal 1-6 Cavan 2-14

Cavan travelled to Ballybofey following the first round victory over Tyrone to take on a youthful Donegal side and came away with a victory following a strong second half performance.

Cavan started brightly scoring three points in eight minutes without reply from Martin Reilly and two free from Sean Johnston. Donegal evened it up with a goal from Ethan O'Donnell. It remained close for the remainder of the half with both sides trading scores to leave it all square at the break 1-2 to 0-5. Cavan's scores from Ciaran Brady and a Niall McDermott free. Cavan by now we're coming to terms with the Donegal defence and a strong second half saw the Breffni lads score 2-9 and run out convincing winners. The Cavan goals from Rory Dunne and Paul O'Connor. Cavan play Ulster University in round 3 on Wednesday night in Kingspan Breffni.

Scorers for Cavan: Sean Johnston (0-4f), Rory Dunne (1-0), Paul O'Connor (1-0), Padraig Faulkner (0-3), Niall McDermott (0-1f), Martin Reilly, Ciarán Brady, Turloc Mooney, Gerard Smith, Killian Clarke, Christopher Conroy (0-1 each). Scorers for Donegal: Ethan O'Donnell (1-0), Adam Neely (0-2, 1f), Conor Morrison (0-2, 1f), Michael Carroll (0-1), Jason McGee (0-1f).

CAVAN: James Farrelly (Kingscourt), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Padraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Ciarán Brady (Arvagh), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Gerard Smith (Lavey), John McCutcheon (Cootehill Celtic), Tomas Corr (Denn), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt), Turloc Mooney (Redhills), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Shane Tierney (Lavey), Niall McKiernan (Lacken), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Niall McDermott (Ballinagh) for Dillon (18m), Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Corr (29m), Rory Dunne (Redhills) for Tierney (HT), Christopher Conroy (Lavey) for McKiernan (50m), Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for Mooney (57m), Joshua Hayes (Cootehill Celtic) for Smith (65m).

DONEGAL: Dylan Doherty, Conor Morrison, Stephen McMenamin, Danny Monagle, Ciaran Gillespie, Ethan O'Donnell, Ciaran Gibbons, Tony McCleneghan, Michael Carroll, Daire Ó Baoill, Michael Langan, Niall O'Donnell, Conor Doherty, Gavin McBride, Adam Neely.

Subs: Brena McCole for Gillespie (18m), Jason McGee for McBride (42m).

Man of the Match: Sean Johnston (Cavan)

Referee: Barry Cassidy (Derry)



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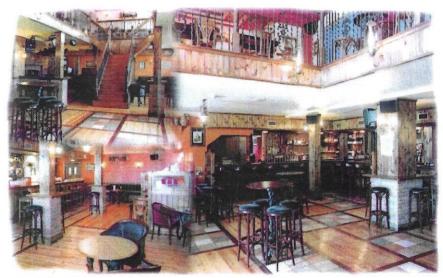
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Match Report Cavan v Donegal Sunday 20th May, 2012

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The curtain fell on another Ulster Championship for Cavan last Sunday in Kingspan Brefffni Park as reigning champions Donegal proved too strong and too smart for Terry Hyland's young team. Cavan supporters among the 12,847 strong crowd came hoping for a competitive performance and to avoid a tanking - they got that, just about, and there were signs of progress. Positives? There were a couple. Avoiding a demoralising trouncing was important and there were a handful of eye-catching displays; Eugene Keating delivered a revelatory performance at full-forward, kicking 0-5 from play on the All-Star full-back Neil McGee, while newcomers like Jason McLoughlin, Killian Clarke and Jack Brady showed that they 're not out of their depth at this level. Cavan worked hard and to a game plan but at times they coughed up possession too cheaply, possession that they struggled to win in the first place, and that and some wayward shooting - a dozen wides over the 70 minutes tells its own story cost the hosts dearly. Donegal's power was crucial too. They could break the tackle where Cavan often couldn't, and that was vital.

But Cavan began brilliantly. After Rory Kavanagh-who got the better of Gearoid McKiernan, who battled away despite not being fully fit and did better at wing-forward later on - kicked the opening point, Brendan Fitzpatrick latched onto a break from Keating two minutes in and sent a delicate chip over Paul Durcan, which agonisingly bounced on the bar and was cleared. They made light of that however and McLoughlin and Jack Brady - two teenagers who were in their first senior starts, league or championship - combined, with the latter curling over a sweet point.

David Givney followed up with a great strike of his own after good work from Damien Reilly and Brady and when Keating pumped his fist to the crowd after firing over a fantastic point from almost 50 metres on the touchline, suddenly it appeared as if the shock might be on. The champions, however, had other ideas. They hit back with two quick-tire points, the second a great score from Mark McHugh, and although Keating kicked his second, out-fielding McGee and curling in with the left, the full-back got on the end of the next move at the other end to level it up and from there on, Donegal accelerated off in to the distance.

A decent man-marking job by Padraic O'Reilly, Colm McFadden was central to a lot of Donegal's best work, his free taking and ability to win and distribute the ball was crucial. He kicked a good free to edge Donegal in front and when Kavanagh landed another point and Leo McLoone drove over a great score, the visitors were suddenly three to the good. The next score was the most important of the match. Mark McKeever was caught napping when Keating made a strange decision with a lineball in the right corner - Donegal broke at pace and within seconds, McBrearty was fouled in the square. McFadden despatched the penalty to the top corner of the net and Cavan, having competed well, were six down.

From the next attack, the luckless "Bud" Fitzpatrick saw an excellent effort from a tricky angle come off the inside of the upright and somehow stay out. It just wasn't going Cavan's way and they went in, having delivered a huge effort, down by more than double scores. Such are the cruelties of football at this level.

Donegal made no mistake in the third quarter, hounding the Cavan forwards and pouncing on the breaks. While Tom Corr made a difference around the middle, Cavan were second best in too many battles and were let down by poor shooting. In contrast, Donegal were razor sharp in attack. McFadden kicked an excellent point on the resumption and McHugh squeezed in a wonderful score himself from an extremely tight angle to open an eight-point gap and while Cavan hit back through Givney, Neil Gallagher galloped through for a good point to make it 1-11 to 0-6.

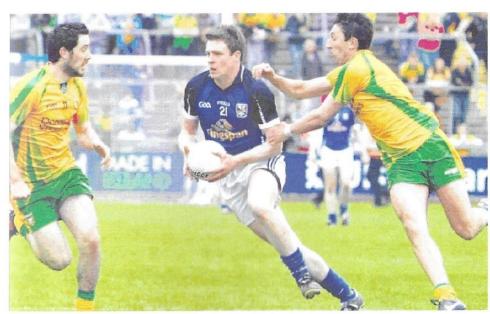
Cavan kicked five wides in that third quarter and were reliant on Keating for a scoring threat. The Cuchulainn's man sent over a good score in the 45th minute to cut the gap but McLoone immediately replied. With 12 minutes to go, Cavan were thrown a lifeline when Givney was fouled in the square and McDermott coolly side-footed home the resulting penalty. But again, Donegal -who, in all honesty, probably had another gear had they needed to accelerate were able to hit back immediately with points from McFadden (two frees). McKiernan curled in a good score at the other end and Keating added another but McFadden responded once again and while Keating had the final say, Donegal never looked like they were in danger. Referee Cormac Reilly, who had a middling game, blew it up almost a minute early for reasons unknown but, being honest, it made little difference by that point. Donegal were through, Cavan were out and the score line was cosmetic.

The match shows new manager Terry Hyland exactly where his charges are at. Seventy-four players have now debuted in the blue jersey in the Ulster and All Ireland SFC since 2001 and more new faces will be expected to get their chance under this management team. The only hope is that the players are given time and that expectation levels are realistic enough to ensure that in a season or two, we're ready to take on and beat the Donegal's of this world.

Cavan: J Reilly, K. Clarke, P. O'Reilly (capt), K. Meehan, J. Mcloughlin, D. Reilly, M. McKeever, D. Glvney (0-2), G. McKiernan (0-1): F. Flanagan, R. Flanagan, R. Maloney-Derham, J. Brady (0-1), E. Keating (0-5), B. Fitzpatrick. T. Corr for Maloney-Derham (h-t), N. McDermott (1-1. 1f, 1 pen) for Fitzpatrick (h-t), N. Smith for Flanagan (39), K. Tierney for McKeever (55), R. Galligan for Brady (66). Donegal: P. Durcan, P.McGrath, N. McGee (0-1), Declan Walsh, A. Thompson, K. Lacey, F. McGlynn (0-1), R. Kavanagh (capt,0-3), N. Gallagher (0-1): R. Bradley, M. McHugh (0-2), David Walsh, P. McBrearty, C. McFadden 1-6 (5f, -1 pen), L. McLoone (0-2)

Subs: M. O'Reilly for Bradley (24), M. McElhinney for David Walsh (66), D. Molloy for Gallagher (69).

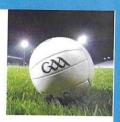
Referee: Cormac Reilly (Meath)



Tomás Corr takes on Rory Kavanagh and Mark McHugh







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Upcoming Fixtures:

Eirgrid Ulster U21 Football Championship Qtr. Final

8pm Wednesday 15th March Fermanagh v Cavan Brewster Park, Enniskillen

Ulster Minor & U17 Football Leagues (Minor 12pm, U17 1.30pm)

Round 1 Saturday 18th March Armagh v Cavan Athletic Grounds

Round 2 Saturday 25th March Cavan v Down

Kingspan Breffni

Round 3 Saturday 1st April Cavan v Monaghan Kingspan Breffni

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Convincing win for Donegal

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BY RYAN FERRY

DONEGAL's new-look team delivered a glimpse of their potential on Saturday night, as they emphatically saw off 14-man Cavan in Kingspan Breffni Park.

Rory Gallagher's side played with great pace and urgency in the opening 15 minutes and raced into a five-point lead.

However, they lost their way towards the end of the half, and Cavan reduced their deficit to just two points at half-time.

Mattie McGleenan's side were still in the mix, but they knew they would face an arduous task in the second half after Killian Clarke was dismissed for a rash tackle just before the interval.

Donegal were reinvigorated when they returned to the fray, and a fine team goal from Eoin McHugh left them in a commanding position.

The final quarter belonged to Ciaran Thompson, who registered four points as the visitors collected their second win of the league campaign.

Buoyed by an impressive draw with All-Ireland champions Dublin six days earlier, Donegal arrived in Cavan in a confident mood and they started brightly.

Michael Murphy converted a free in the sixth minute after Ryan McHugh was fouled, and the Glenswilly man tagged on another three minutes later after Frank McGlynn was brought down.

Donegal were much sharper than their opponents in the early exchanges and they had great joy when competing for Cavan's kick-outs.

Donegal's Eoghan Ban Gallagher in action against Cavan's Fergal Reilly and Ciaran Brady.



back into the match. It was a similar story on Saturday as Cavan gradually clawed their way

back into contention. Sean Johnston scored a free, after he himself had been fouled, but Ryan McHugh did cancel that out with a su-

per left-footed effort.

Cavan didn't panic and they registered scores from Johnston (free) and Conor Madden.

However, they were reduced to 14 men when Killian Clarke was shown a straight red card for a dangerous tackle on Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher.

That challenge led to a scuffle in the middle of the field, and Donegal's young players showed that they wouldn't back down easily when it came to pushing and shoving.

McGleenan's men had the final say of the half when Gearoid McKiernan notched a free, and Donegal really should have been further than just two points ahead at the break.

When the action got back underway, Gallagher's charges had more intensity in their play.

Hugh McFadden landed a great point before Donegal swooped for a goal in the 37th minute.

Raymond Galligan's poor kick-out was seized upon by Michael Murphy and Donegal broke quickly.

Caolan Ward, Jamie Brennan and Jason McGee were all involved before the ball was sent inside to Eoin McHugh and he hammered into the top corner.

Cavan didn't cave in and they replied with a free from Johnston, before Gearoid McKieran fired over an excellent individual point.

Jamie Brennan looked lively for Donegal after his introduction at halftime, and he posted a good score in the 46th minute, although Ciaran Brady quickly cancelled that out.

Cian Mackey spurned a good opportunity to score a free for Cavan, and the home side also squandered a goal chance when Niall Clerkin fired into the side-netting.

Those misses killed off the Cavan challenge and Donegal pushed on again, with Thompson rising to the

The Naomh Conaill man curled over three brilliant scores in the space of six minutes, while Brennan also notched his second point of the night.

Dara McVeety and Murphy (free) exchanged scores, before Madden lofted over a good point.

The game was long over as a contest heading into the closing exchanges, and Cavan ended with only 13 players on the pitch after Mackey was black-carded, and McGleenan had used all his subs.

Cavan did score a brace of points

from McVeety and McKiernan late on, but Donegal also kept the scoreboard going with fine efforts from Brennan and Mark McHugh.

Conor Lane's full-time whistle declared Donegal as convincing victors and they now should retain their Division 1 status with minimum fuss.

Cavan: Raymond Galligan; Fergal Reilly, Padraig Faulkner, Killian Brady; Ciaran Brady (0-1), Dara McVeety (0-2), Gerard Smith; Killian Clarke, Tomas Corr; Niall Clerkin, Conor Madden (0-2), Martin Reilly; Michael Argue, Gearoid McKiernan (0-3, 1f), Sean Johnston (0-3, 3fs). Subs: Rory Dunne for Corr (15 mins), Niall Murray and Stephen Murray for K.Brady and Arque (Half-time), Cian Mackey for Johnston (45 mins), Joe Dillon for F.Reilly (57 mins), John McCutcheon for C.Brady (59 mins).

Donegal: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Caolan Ward; Ryan McHugh (0-1), Martin O'Reilly, Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher; Jason McGee, Michael Murphy (0-3, 3fs); Michael Carroll, Frank McGlynn (0-1) Ciaran Thompson (0-5,1f); Darach O'Connor, Hugh McFadden (0-1), Eoin McHugh (1-1). Subs: Jamie Brennan (0-3) for O'Connor (Half-time), Daniel McLaughlin for Carroll (48 mins), Michael Langan for McGee (50 mins), Eamonn Doherty for McFadden (56 mins), Mark McHugh (0-1) for E.McHugh (65 mins), Paul Brennan for Gallagher (68 mins).

Referee: Conor Lane (Cork).