

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Div. 1 - Round 5

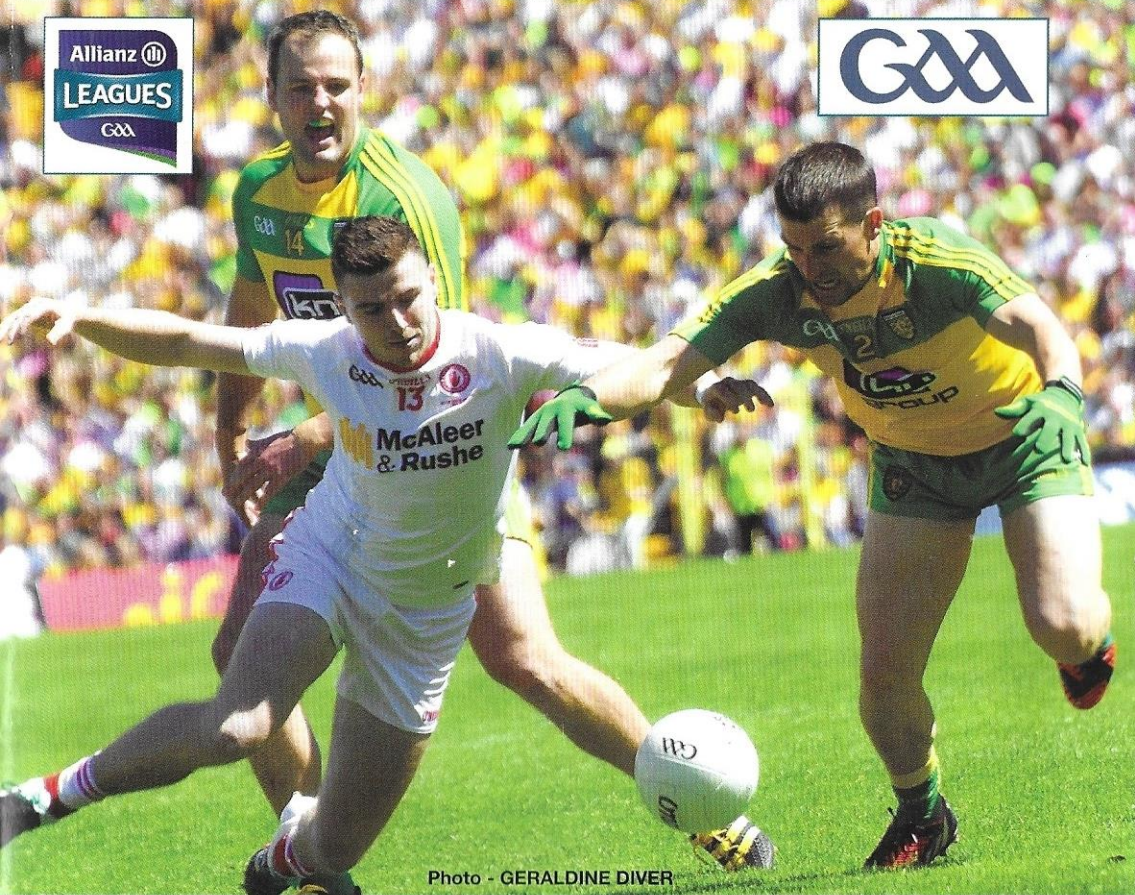
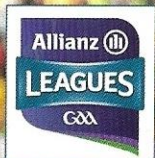


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DÚN NA NGALL



Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain



Dé Sathairn, 18ú Marta 2017 - 7.00 i.n.,
I bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhail, Bealach Féich

Referee: David Colrick - An Mhí

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

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this evening to Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey for this our fifth game of the 2017 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Tyrone panel of players, management, officials and supporters who of course are the reigning Ulster Senior Football Champions.

This promises to be a great game of football between our neighbouring counties who have built up a very healthy and respectful rivalry over the past number of years. Both teams have enjoyed good starts to their respective league campaigns in 2017 so confidence is high in both squads as we do battle for two valuable league points here on our home turf.

On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Title Sponsor, the **KN Group** and our Tier 1 Sponsor, the **MCR Group** as we enter into the second year of our partnership. In particular, I would like to thank Donagh Kelly, CEO of the KN Group and Donall Barrett, Sales Director of the MCR Group for their tremendous co-operation and support over the past 12 months. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Kieran Kennedy, Managing Director of **O'Neill's Irish International Sports Company Ltd** for their generous sponsorship of our county teams for the past number of years. The support of these three companies and all our other numerous sponsors is greatly appreciated.

Finally, I hope that you enjoy this evening's match and may the best team win.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an chluiche agus go mbeidh turas slán sábháilte ag lucht leanúna Thír Eoghain agus Dhún na nGall agus iad ag pilleadh na bhaile.



Is mise le meas,
Seán Ó Duinnín,
Cathaoirleach.

Buíochas

The Seán Mac Cumhails club wish to express their thanks to all who contributed to today's programme and running of events. To all the sponsors and advertisers for taking advertisements out and to our club members who gave up their time in preparing to make today possible by helping man the shops, help with traffic and ensure the game goes off without incident. An event of this magnitude requires a large support base and we thank all those who have helped.

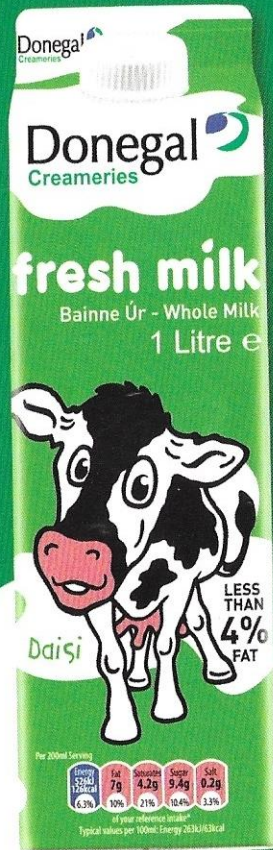
Many thanks go out to all those who contributed the articles in this programme: Peter Campbell (Donegal Democrat), Tom Comack (Donegal Democrat), Frank Craig (Donegal Post), Ryan Ferry (Donegal News), Fr. Seán Gallagher Ed. Byrne (Donegal PRO) and Chris McNulty (Donegal Sport Hub). A special word of praise to Geraldine Diver who has supplied photographs for this programme.

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Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



15 year old Aoife Lennon is a member of the Buncrana GAA Club. Earlier this year she represented her club in Scór na nÓg, winning the county final and also qualified from the Ulster semi final. Cúpla bliain ó shin bhí sí ina ball de ghrúpa a ghlac páirt sa chomórtas Léiriú agus bhí an t ádh orthu dul ar aghaidh go Craobh Ceannais na hÉireann.

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Allianz National Football League Div 1 Round 5 *Clár an Lae*

- 18:00 Warm up for both teams on adjoining training area behind Lower Dressing Rooms.
- 18:40 Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc
- 18:42 Dun Na nGall amach ar an bpáirc
- 18:45 Oifigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 18:55 Toss
- 18:58 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 19:00 Tús an chluiche
- 19:37* Leath-am
Tír Eoghain to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
Dun Na nGall to leave the field once Tír Eoghain have cleared the tunnel
- 19:52 Tús an dara leath
- 20:30* Críoch an chluiche

Match Regulation Arrangements

Warm Up takes place on adjoining training area at Lower Dressing Rooms

Dressing Rooms

Dún Na nGall: Lower Dressing Rooms

Tír Eoghain: Top Dressing Rooms

Team	Warm Up Area /Seating Area on Sideline	Bibs	Colour
Dun Na nGall	Town End Goal	Maor Foirne	Yellow
		Maor Uisce	Yellow
Tír Eoghain	River End Goal	Maor Foirne	Red
		Maor Uisce	Red

Allianz Football League Roinn 1



Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Tyrone	4	3	1	0	61	44	7
2	Dublin	4	2	2	0	58	39	6
3	Donegal	4	2	1	1	66	60	5
4	Monaghan	4	2	1	1	45	46	5
5	Mayo	4	2	0	2	56	60	4
6	Kerry	4	2	0	2	71	65	4
7	Cavan	4	0	1	3	41	63	1
8	Roscommon	4	0	0	4	57	78	0



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Rory reflects

By Ryan Ferry (Donegal News)

DONEGAL manager Rory Gallagher admits that he still harbours regrets from last year's Ulster Final which Donegal lost to Tyrone.

Gallagher's side had the better of the first half, and looked well positioned to go on and collect the Anglo Celt Cup.

However, they were pegged back, and late scores from Sean Cavanagh, Peter Harte, and Kieran McGeary saw Tyrone get their hands on the silverware.

"Listen, every tight game you lose there are regrets, absolutely," said Gallagher.

"We as a group, over the last two years, we'd be very disappointed to have lost two Ulster finals.

"We'd be very disappointed going back to 2016, we were in a very strong position. Having not started the game that well, to go 0-7 to 0-4 up at half-time and get the first score of the second-half, we were very disappointed we didn't push on."

Both counties have changed personnel in recent times, but they have clashed frequently at underage level, and a fierce rivalry is developing.

It's often said that the teams play a similar style of football, and can cancel each other out, but Gallagher didn't agree with that assessment.

"Look, there are a lot of similar types of footballers in both sides. There is a lot of pace in both outfits. We still feel there are big differences.

"We've our own identity. We're not sure how it'll work out on the night. It could be a shoot out or it could be a drab affair. We'll have to wait and see.

"I think we've a few lighter players than them. They've that wee bit more experience too. If you look at our inside players, they'd be a good bit different than theirs. They play their sweeper from Colm Cavanagh, that would be a good bit different from the template we have."

It has been well documented that Donegal are now in transition, but the season has started brightly for Gallagher and his side.

They have five points from three games, and the young players he has blooded, have all settled in well to senior football.

"We're very pleased. We think the signs in training are very good. We see them competing.

"We see the likes of Jamie Brennan being marked by Paddy McGrath. We see Caolan Ward making Paddy McBrearty; we can see those lads competing at that level. You can see the effort and commitment that is there.

"They've adjusted to the level required for county football. Some of them have been there a while. Some aren't long in the door. That's pleasing.

"But they have to do it consistently and they've got to do it when things aren't going their way. That's the road that is in front of them."

Tyrone come to Ballybofey today as Division 1 league leaders, and they will be looking to get one over on Donegal.

The sides could meet in the Ulster Championship semi-final if they both win their respective last eight encounters, and Gallagher believes that both counties will be trying to lay down a marker.

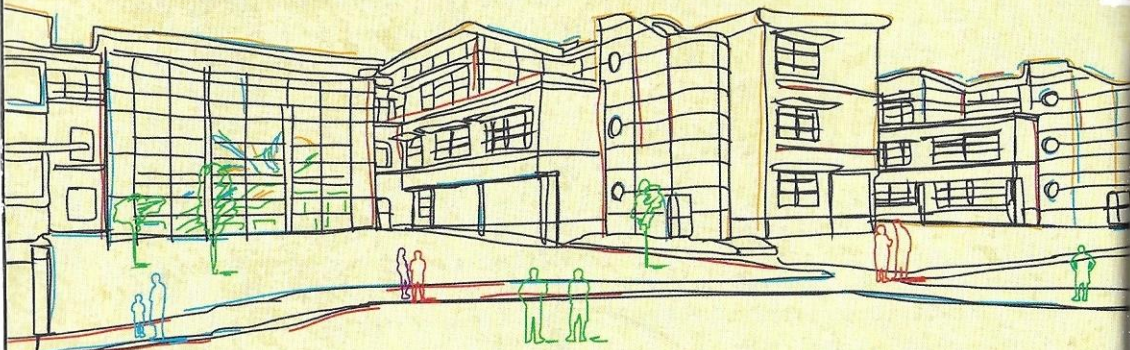
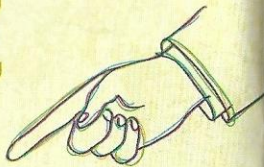
"I think both sides will go into it like that. They'll know there could be a potential clash down the line. We played each other in the league in 2015, in 2013, we know what's ahead.

"But at the minute... people talk about holding back for championship but I can't see ourselves, Tyrone or any side we play thinking like that.

"Two points are the most important thing along with getting the momentum that comes with another win."



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"Home"

by CHRIS McNULTY - Donegal Daily & Donegal Sport Hub

WHEN JIM MCGUINNESS took over as the Donegal manager, he set about addressing the county's home form as one of his first priorities.

Derry, Antrim and Down had left Ballybofey with Championship victories in the previous three years and Sean MacCumhail's old magic had waned.

That 1-15 to 2-10 loss against Down, after extra time, in May 2010, was Donegal's last defeat in Ballybofey in either League or Championship football.

Since Down left Sean MacCumhail Park that evening, seven years ago now, Donegal have gone unbeaten in 16 League and Championship matches at the venue.

A 2013 Dr McKenna Cup defeat to Monaghan did blot the copybook, but the personnel included on that afternoon – with Donegal fielding an under-21 team – mean it can be scratched from the record.

McGuinness's stated preference was for Donegal to play in Ballybofey as much as they could and Rory Gallagher recently outlined similar views.

"We very much enjoy the connection with the supporters and the way they get behind you in Ballybofey," Gallagher said. "It's a big help to us. That might be a small thing, but to the players who love playing football and love playing for Donegal, getting to Ballybofey is something special.

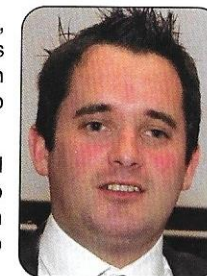
"There is no point hiding the fact that myself and the players prefer playing games in Ballybofey.

"We are one of the very few counties who play home games at three different venues, but we do prefer Ballybofey. It's the pitch, the surroundings, everything really – and it's where the big Championship games are played.

"A great starting point for any team is home form. You always get a bigger crowd following you for home games so it's nice to keep up the bargain at our end by producing something they can be proud of."

Donegal have developed Ballybofey into something of a fortress and with Tyrone in town tonight, protecting that unbeaten record was important for Donegal when they drew here with Dublin a couple of weeks ago.

"We enjoy playing in MacCumhail Park – it's our number one pitch," Frank McGlynn noted.



"When you come here, it has a different feeling about it. Players looking forward to playing here and we're proud of the record we have in Ballybofey."

Given that his men are preparing for a home game, against Antrim, this summer in the Ulster Championship, Gallagher would like to maximise their use of the Ballybofey venue.

However, the Donegal manager acknowledges the practice of O'Donnell Park and Fr Tierney Park, which will welcome Monaghan next week, being allowed to stage games.

In the first League game in the McGuinness era, a late Neil McGee goal secured a draw against Sligo that appeared unlikely for long periods. Just where that narrative would've gone otherwise is anyone's guess, but it certainly was an important moment in the tale.

There were others, too, like the win over Armagh in 2012 that was a winner-takes-all relegation battle and, of course, the Championship wins over Antrim, Derry and Tyrone twice have added muscle to Ballybofey's biceps.

Gallagher has good memories of Ballybofey from his own playing days. It was here where he lobbed Tony Blake in June 2000 as Fermanagh scored a 1-12 to 0-13 win that was their first Championship win over Donegal since 1936.

In those days, teams feared coming to Ballybofey and the growing record suggests that those days are here again.

It is unlikely to happen, but there is an argument to be made, surely, for all of Donegal's senior games to be played in Ballybofey.

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2.	8-3-1931	Tír Eoghain	2-2	Dún na nGall	1-2	Dún Geanainn
3.	27-11-1933	Dún na nGall	5-4	Tír Eoghain	2-4	Béal Átha Seanaidh
4.	14-1-1934	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún na nGall	1-3	An Ómaigh
5.	12-10-1936	Dún na nGall	2-5	Tír Eoghain	2-4	An Ómaigh
6.	9-11-1936	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	1-3	An Clochán Liath
7.	22-10-1937	Dún na nGall	1-6	Tír Eoghain	1-3	An Ómaigh
8.	7-11-1937	Dún na nGall	2-9	Tír Eoghain	2-4	Ard a' Rátha
9.	25-11-1946	Dún na nGall	1-7	Tír Eoghain	1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
10.	20-10-1947	Dún na nGall	3-3	Tír Eoghain	3-3	An Ómaigh
11.	17-9-1948	Tír Eoghain	1-7	Dún na nGall	0-8	Bun Dobhráin
12.	17-10-1949	Dún na nGall	3-6	Tír Eoghain	2-7	An Ómaigh
13.	9-10-1950	Dún na nGall	0-6	Tír Eoghain	1-2	Leitir Ceanainn
14.	7-10-1951	Dún na nGall	4-7	Tír Eoghain	3-3	An Ómaigh
15.	7-12-1951	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	1-6	Na Cearna
16.	22-9-1952	Dún na nGall	1-5	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Machaire Gáthláin
17.	9-10-1953	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	2-6	Dún Geanainn
18.	15-10-1954	Tír Eoghain	2-8	Dún na nGall	1-8	Bealach Féich
19.	28-10-1955	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún na nGall	0-7	Oileán an Ghuail
20.	19-10-1956	Tír Eoghain	4-7	Dún na nGall	0-6	Dún na nGall
21.	15-11-1957	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	1-7	Pomeroiy
22.	24-10-1958	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
23.	24-2-1963	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	0-5	Na Cearna
24.	17-10-1965	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	1-9	Leitir Ceanainn
25.	13-11-1966	Dún na nGall	1-8	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún Geanainn
26.	1-11-1970	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Dún Geanainn
27.	31-10-1971	Tír Eoghain	2-8	Dún na nGall	0-8	Bealach Féich
28.	29-10-1972	Tír Eoghain	1-9	Dún na nGall	1-9	An Ómaigh
29.	30-11-1986	Tír Eoghain	1-6	Dún na nGall	0-9	Bealach Féich
30.	29-10-1995	Dún na nGall	0-16	Tír Eoghain	0-7	Bealach Féich
31.	27-10-1996	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	2-6	An Ómaigh
32.	14-2-1999	Tír Eoghain	0-12	Dún na nGall	0-11	An Ómaigh
33.	13-2-2000	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
34.	11-2-2001	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-10	An Ómaigh
35.	3-3-2002	Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Bealach Féich
36.	2-3-2003	Tír Eoghain	1-14	Dún na nGall	0-10	Oileán an Ghuail
37.	6-2-2005	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
38.	10-3-2007	Dún na nGall	2-11	Tír Eoghain	1-8	An Ómaigh
39.	30-3-2008	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Éadan na dTorc
40.	21-3-2009	Dún na nGall	0-11	Tír Eoghain	0-8	Bealach Féich
41.	19-2-2011	Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-6	An Ómaigh
42.	3-3-2013	Tír Eoghain	1-13	Dún na nGall	0-12	An Ómaigh
43.	29-3-2015	Dún na nGall	1-13	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich

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Tír Eoghain won 17

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Dún na nGall and Tír Eoghain had relegation on their minds when they met in the sixth round of the 2015 League here in Bealach Féich on March 29. Both had four points going into the game. Dún na nGall gave their best performance of the year and Tír Eoghain played very poorly as a Michael Murphy – inspired Dún na nGall won by 1-13 to 0-6 after leading by 1-9 to 0-3 at half-time. Dún na nGall went on to reach the League semi-final (beaten by Corcaigh) and Tír Eoghain were relegated.

Dún na nGall:

Éamonn Doherty
Frank McGlynn (0-1)

Neil Gallagher

Martin O'Reilly
Patrick McBreaty (0-1)

Michael Boyle
Neil McGee (0-1)
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Tír Eoghain:

Aidan McCrory
Ronan McNabb

Tiernan McCann
Darren McCurry (0-1)

Niall Morgan:

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Colm Cavanagh Pádraig McNulty:

Mattie Donnelly
Conor Clarke

Cathal McCarron:
Peter Harte (0-2):

Rónán O' Neill (0-1):
Connor McAliskey (0-1).

Subs: Sean Fox, Seán Cavanagh (0-1), P.J. Lavery, Conall McCann, Ryan McKenna, Peter Hughes.

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From the shores of Lough Neagh to the Atlantic shore we brought them in our psychological warfare, from Garvaghy to the gravel road that led from Andy McNelis' tin shop to Machaire Gáthláin, from Errigal Ciarán to Errigal, from the bushes and steeples to the wild Atlantic Way, through Pluck and Creeslough... And, after all that, we still couldn't beat them... 1-5 each... Mind you, the journey of some of our own (Big Frank, Patsy Brogan, the Natch, Wickham and McGettrick, Frankie Brennan, Andy Carr) through the winding ways of Gweebarra was no picnic... Tír Eoghain led by 1-2 to 0-4 at half-time and stretched their lead to 1-5 to 0-4 before Dún na nGall fought back and equalised with three minutes to go.

Dún na nGall:

Peadar McGeehan
Hughie Tim Boyle

Frankie Brennan (1-0)
Paddy Coyle

Charlie Campbell:

Frank O'Donnell
Patsy Brogan

Tom Wickham (0-1)

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F. Fee
J. Devlin (1-0)

F. Maguire:

O. Slane:
L. Campbell:

I. Jones:
J.J. Hagan.

1957 – INTO THE MOUNTAINS

They got their own back, of course (don't they always!). Brought us all the way to the shores of the Lough – Dungannon 1953, Coalisland 1955 and, famously, Pomeroy 1957! Where is Pomeroy indeed?! Cá bhfuil Cabhán a' Chaorthainn? Agus cé hé Renardine?! It was a thriller on the hilltop. They won, of course. They were always going to win in Pomeroy in November. (We've gone all civil of late, hosting one another in the posh adjacent towns of Ballybofey and Omagh...)

Tír Eoghain swept into a 1-2/0-0 lead within five minutes and, driven by Jody O' Neill, led by 1-4 to 0-3 at half-time. Dún na nGall kept plugging away but Frankie Donnelly's frees kept Tír Eoghain in front and they won by 1-10 to 1-7.

Tír Eoghain:

B. McSorley
J.J. Hagan

Mick Cushenan

Iggy Jones
Des Ryan (1-0)

Thady Turbett

Jim Devlin
Eddie Devlin

Mick McIlkenny
P. McElroy

Jody O' Neill:

P. Corey
P. Devlin

Frank Donnelly (0-8):
T. Fox (0-2).

Dún na nGall:

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Michael Ronaghan

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Jackie McDermott (0-2)

Seán McHugh

Frank White
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Jackie Reilly (0-2)
Dom Murray

Noel O'Donnell
Peadar McGeehin

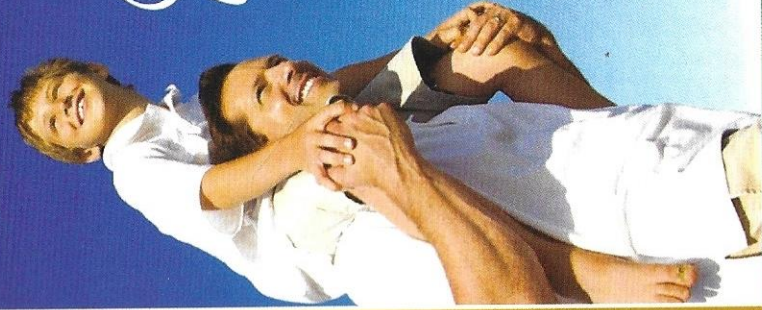
Seán O' Donnell (0-1)
Liam Kelly.

Subs: P.J. Flood, Donal Boyle.

Referee: Mick Higgins.

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...And so the ancient rivalry continues. Twenty seven times we have met them at senior level this century (they lead 13-12 with two draws). We thought we had seen them off with our championship victories over them in 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2015. And then came 2016. And we congratulate them and welcome them as Ulster champions. We were flattered by the exuberance of their celebration in Clones last July...And we look forward to their detyronement!



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The great recent Donegal-Tyrone rivalry

By Peter Campbell, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

The great recent rivalry between Donegal and Tyrone has seen Donegal in the ascendancy until last year's Ulster Championship final when Sean Cavanagh and Peter Harte struck late to deny Donegal a fourth Ulster title in six years.



was tough back then and sometimes brutal. Gaoth Dobhair's Neilly Gallagher was the victim of an off-the-ball attack which left him in Letterkenny hospital and Tyrone dethroned the Ulster champions and went on to take home the Anglo Celt.

Donegal were on a great run against the Red Hands and were appearing in a record sixth Ulster final in-a-row. It just seemed that the counties were doomed to meet nearly every year.

A year later they were drawn against each other again in the first round and such was the bitterness between the sides that Donegal toggled out in Ballybofey, took the bus to Omagh, defeated Tyrone and got on the bus back to Ballybofey again. Donegal would go on to take their second Ulster title in three years.

2017 is no different. They have already met in the Dr. McKenna Cup, albeit Donegal were fielding their U-21 side (and a weakened U-21 team at that) when going down heavily to Tyrone in Healy Park, Omagh in January.

After that three year battle, Donegal and Tyrone didn't have too many meetings in the championship, which was probably a good thing. There was a meeting in 1980 when Tyrone proved too strong in Irvinestown and in 1989 when Stephen Conway rescued a draw in the Ulster final and the Red Hands went on to win the replay.

Tonight's meeting may not be the last time they will cross swords this year. They are on course to meet again in the Ulster Championship at the semi-final stage, although you won't get either side talking about that game until they get the quarter-final obstacles out of the way first. Donegal are at home to Antrim in that first encounter while Tyrone travel to Celtic Park to take on Derry.

The Peter Canavan powered Tyrone were also too good in an Ulster semi-final in 1994 as the post-All-Ireland winning Donegal side were coming to the end of their reign. Tyrone's star began to rise in the new millennium and they finally got their hands on Sam Maguire, but Donegal were not really in the picture.

If Donegal and Tyrone are successful in their opening games, then Clones on Sunday, 18th June at 2 p.m. will be another date with destiny.

The rivalry will continue!

The clashes were intermittent. Until the recent past when Jim McGuinness took over the reins in 2010. It then seemed that Donegal and Tyrone (McGuinness and Harte) were on the same pathway.

But for those Donegal and Tyrone supporters of a certain age, thoughts will go back to the early 1970s when the rivalry was just as sharp (and bitter). Donegal defeated Tyrone in the Ulster final of 1972 on a dank day in Clones to get their hands on the Anglo Celt Cup for the very first time.

Tonight Donegal have a new-look team who will be getting their first big test against the Red Hands. It seems they have become the benchmark for each other.

But it is the clash between the sides in the first round the following year in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, that was much talked about. Football



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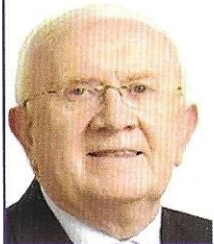


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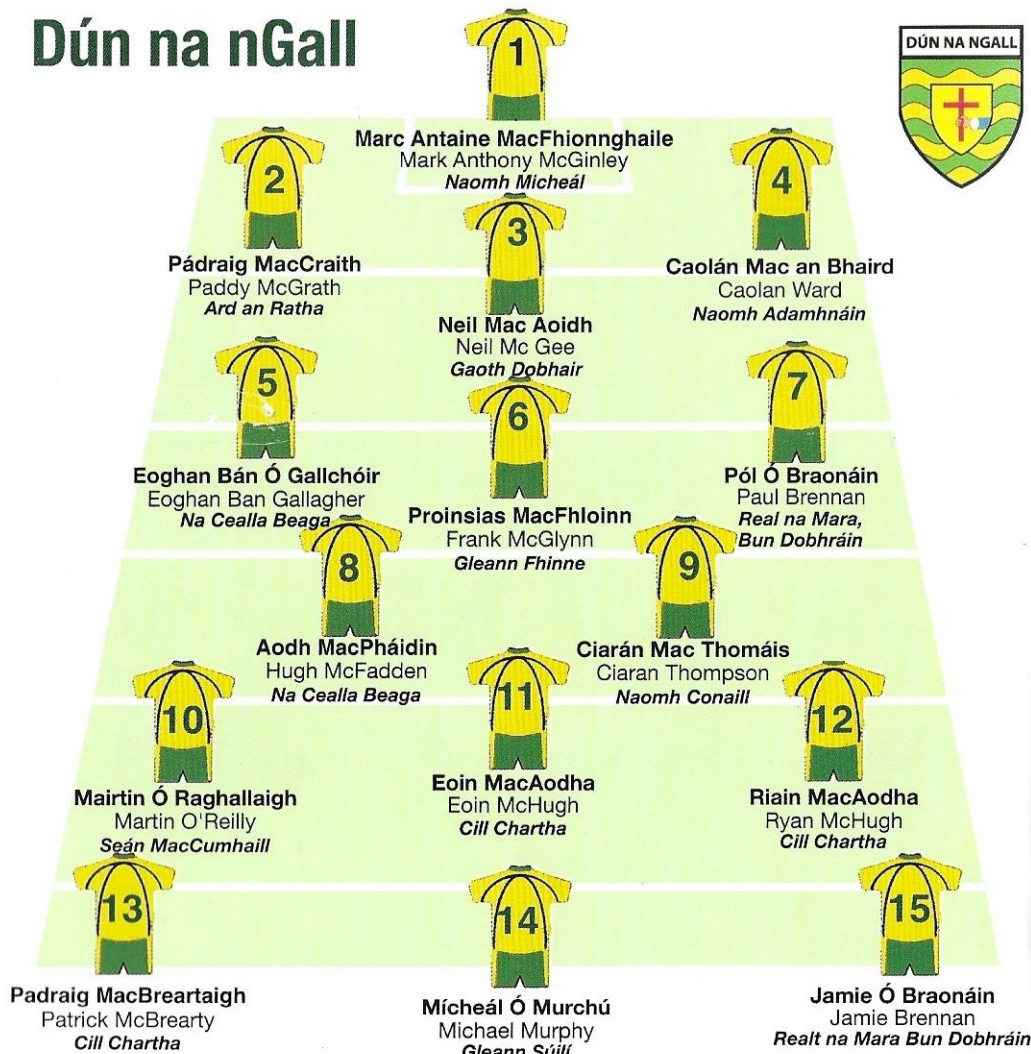
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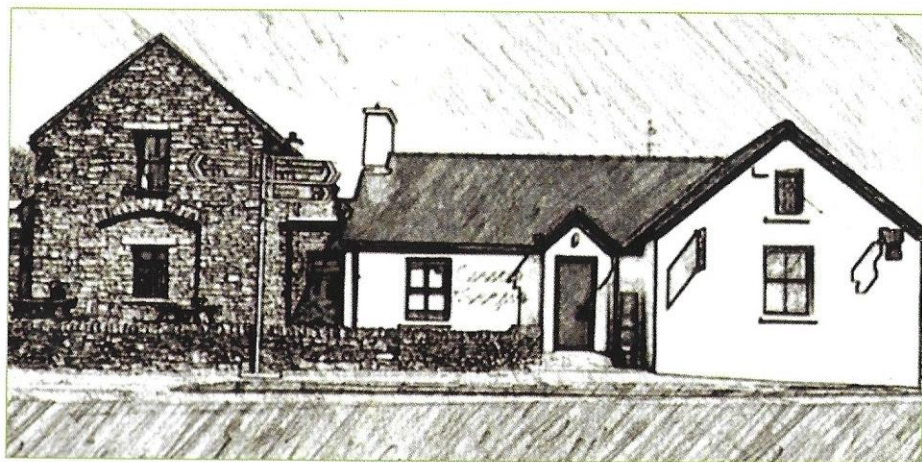
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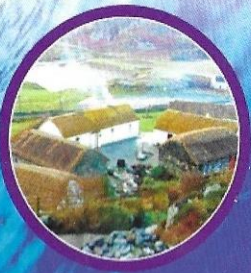
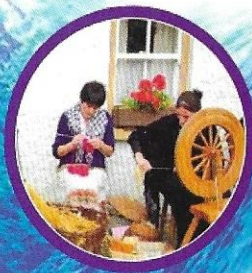
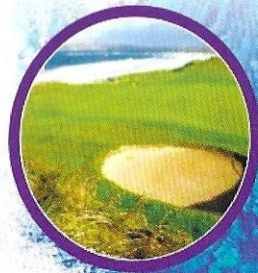
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Martin maintains the long line of MacCumhails men to play for the county

BY TOM COMACK (Donegal Democrat/Peoples Press)

When it comes to local knowledge, none of the 30-plus players who will see action in tonight's clash will know MacCumhaill Park better than Donegal's Martin O'Reilly.

Martin grew up kicking a ball around the hallowed sod of Donegal's number one ground from as soon as he could put one foot in front of the other.

Only last Sunday, he kicked six points here - a fairly regular occurrence - for MacCumhails in a club league game against Termon. The only MacCumhails man in the current Donegal squad, he continues a long line of players from the club that have worn the green and gold with distinction over the last five decades.

In the 1960's, a golden era for MacCumhails, the McFeely brothers, Brendan and Frankie, were first choice. Brendan played in defence and mostly manned the left corner of the last line, although he was equally at home at left half-back. Frankie, the younger of the two, played all of his football in the middle of the field and was recognised in the era of the great Mick O'Connell, one of the best midfielders in the game at the time.

The Laverty brothers, Harry and Bernard, also played championship football in the green and gold in the 1960s too. Bernard played at half-back and Harry in the half and the full-forward line. John Dan McMenamin and Tommy McMenamin were other MacCumhails men who wore the Donegal shirt in the '60s.

Andy Curran, from Castlefinn, whose Donegal career straddled the '60s and the '70s, was a MacCumhails player all through his Donegal playing days.

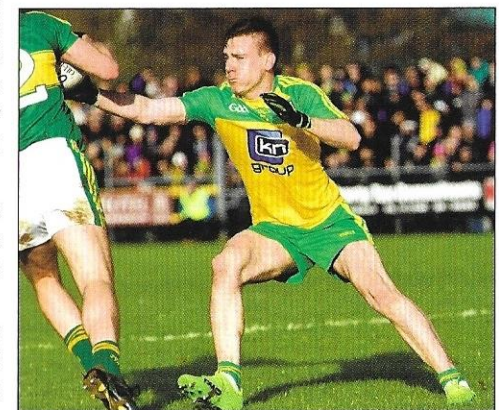
Michael Lafferty, Martin Griffin and Brendan Dunleavy, all MacCumhails players, straddled the '70s and the '80s. Lafferty played at

midfield and centre half back and was captain of the 1983 Donegal Ulster Championship winning team. Griffin, who also featured at midfield but was better known as a soaring full-back, and Dunleavy, a half-back, were also on that '83 Ulster winning team. Michael Lafferty is also an Ulster Championship winner from '74.

Former county chairman PJ McGowan, also a MacCumhails club member, is an Ulster medal winner from '74. He saw action in the Ulster Final when introduced from the bench. Frankie McFeely and Andy Curran were members of the 1972 Donegal winning Ulster Championship team - the county's first.

Along with Martin O'Reilly, they are members of MacCumhails' exclusive club of Ulster Championship medal winners. Martin won his Celtic Cross in 2014. Tom Prendergast, a double All-Ireland winner with Kerry, also wore the white and green of MacCumhails and also played one championship season with Donegal - 1964.

Prendergast, also a four time Munster Championship winner with the Kingdom, won one of his three National League medals with Cork. The much travelled Prendergast also played with Wicklow.



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Donegal Jigsaw Presentation

The Seán Mac Cumhail's Club welcomed representatives from Jigsaw Donegal to the Villa Rose Hotel on Thursday the 9th of March to present a talk to an assembly of various representatives from the many local community groups and further afield.

The talk, titled "Supporting Young People's Mental Health" was organised by the Seán Mac Cumhail's club Minor Board and Club's Child Protection Officer Maureen Mc Glinchey and all those in attendance would certainly have left with a better appreciation and skillset in how to help identify any issues a young person may encounter and how to properly guide them to the appropriate help.

Minor board Chairman P.J Mc Gowan opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance and offered some background in his role in helping set up the group and acknowledged Maureen's commitment to ensuring the club continually watches out for the welfare of our players. P.J welcomed Sean Mc Grory, Project Leader of Jigsaw Donegal and thanked him for accepting the offer to come and discuss what the group's aims and objectives are.

Sean gave a rundown on Jigsaw. Jigsaw Donegal is a free and confidential support service for young people's mental health and wellbeing (aged 15 - 25) living in county Donegal. 1-in-3 young people experience mental health distress, our aim is to help them meet the demands of life. Jigsaw ensures that when young people in Donegal are

struggling, they are there to give them the support they need, when and where they need it.

Sean gave an extremely informative talk and presentation to the audience. He thanked the club for inviting Jigsaw and allowing them to demonstrate the services they offer to the young people of Donegal and nationally. The talk put an emphasis on how young people are vulnerable to many of the same stresses that adults can encounter.

The "MyWee5" concept was discussed about how like your physical health, mental health also needs to be looked after, everyone has mental health, it's just not a stigma. Karen Duggan, Youth and Community Engagement Worker with Jigsaw was also present and both herself and Sean answered questions after the talk.

On the night, our club also distributed small wallet-sized cards bearing the Club and Jigsaw's logo and important contact numbers for Jigsaw, Alcoholics Anonymous, Pieta House and Child line to name a few. Thanks to Mickey McMahon who took charge of this. These cards will be distributed to our teams and we hope this small initiative can make a big difference.

Last year our Minor Footballers displayed the Jigsaw logo on their gear and we hope to continue our good relationship with Jigsaw in the future. For more information on Jigsaw Donegal please visit our website on www.jigsaw.ie/donegal or call us on 074 97 26920.

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Sean McGrory, Project Leader of Jigsaw Donegal and Karen Duggan, Youth and Community Engagement Worker, Jigsaw Donegal pictured along with Club Minor footballer Conor Lillis



Sean McGrory, Project Leader of Jigsaw Donegal pictured along with Seán MacCumhail's Club Chairman Terry O'Reilly and Club Child Protection, Health and Wellbeing Officer Maureen McGlinchey

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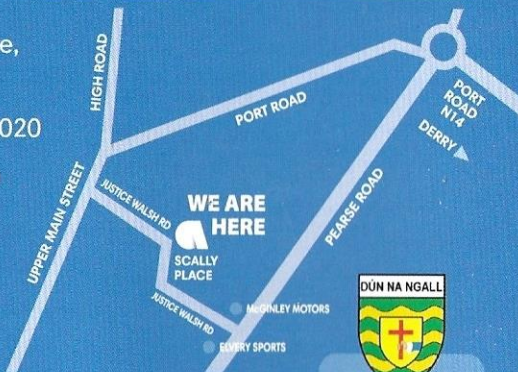
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Ward relishing Tyrone tussle

By Frank Craig - Donegal Post

Caolan Ward – like a lot of Donegal’s new faces – has literally hit the ground running.

The lightning-heeled St. Eunan’s man breaks at a ferocious speed. And while Ciaran Thompson is rightly picking up the plaudits at one end of the field for his scoring exploits, Ward deserves just as much praise down the other side for his adventurous approach.

The surprising thing is that at 24 years of age, the Carlow IT student has only been given his chance to shine now. What appears obvious though is that he’s determined to make up for lost time.

He says he’s enjoying his football. Strangely, he reveals that he’s also enjoying his training. He explains: “The way the side is built or put together... there is a lot of pace in every line. It would be a crime if we didn’t use our legs. That’s what punches holes. We’d be playing within ourselves if we didn’t look to use that to our advantage.

“We’ve worked on that. Richard Thornton has come in and we’ve put in a lot of yards. It’s been really enjoyable so far. It’s all been really positive. It’s about having options off the shoulder, left and right.” “I think we showed that against Cavan at various stages when we were slicing through. That quickness from defence to attack, that counter, it’s very effective if the support is there. Support is the key.

“It’s not perfection but we can see progress. That’s what is encouraging. We’ll keep working hard to see where it takes us.”

Victory over Cavan last time out propels Donegal out to five points from their four outings so far. Tyrone – one of the side’s real foes – are next up this afternoon in Ballybofey.

That’s always an eagerly anticipated fixture for both sets of supporters. Newspaper coverage over the last week leaves you in no doubt of that. It’s refreshing though to hear a player admit that

it’s not “just another game” for him and that he can’t wait for it to come around either.

“It’s all new to me – playing Tyrone,” he added. “I’m really looking forward to it. These are the big games and that’s what comes week in, week out in Division 1. It’s a huge challenge again in Ballybofey.

“Tyrone and Donegal is always competitive. We know we’ll have to lift it another notch again there. It’s the chance to take another two points and that’s how we’ll approach it. It’s another step for us as we look to build towards championship.

“It’s now that the season really begins to pick up.”

Donegal are still very much a work in progress and no one is getting carried away with what has been an encouraging start to the season. Ward agrees that there has been plenty of areas that needed to be ironed out before today’s encounter with the Red Hand.

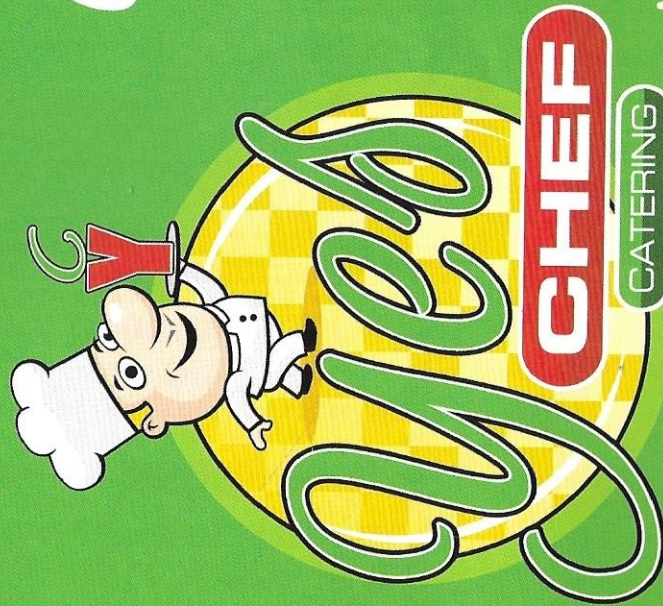
He said: “There was a couple of games that we targeted – games we definitely needed to win if we were to stay in this division. To come up the road to Breffni, after putting up a performance against the Dubs, it would have been a blow to not find some sort of improvement again.

“So, to put back to back performances together and to get points on the board in each, yeah, we can be pleased with how it’s progressing. Again, don’t get me wrong, there is a lot more in us.”

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A selection of photographs from our age friendly day on the 26th February and of course the visit of SAM to the County.

Thanks is due to Seamus O'Donail Central Council delegate and John Costello CEO of Dublin County Board for arranging to have the Sam Maguire cup present.

A big thanks to all the clubs who were represented on the day, to the members' of the 1992 All Ireland champions, manager Brian McEniff and County selector and County Chairman in 1992 Naul McCole.

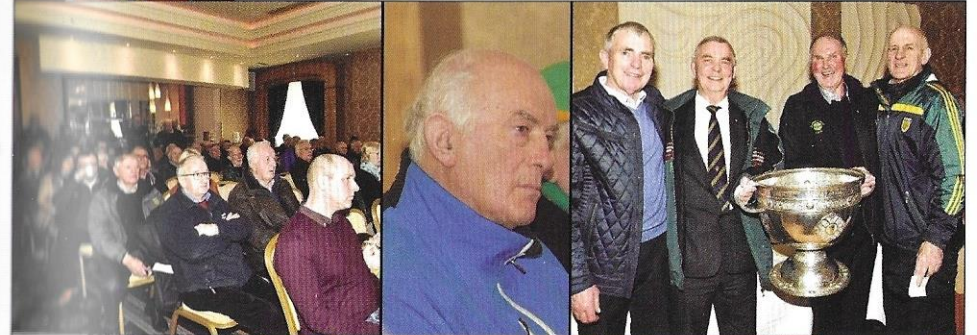
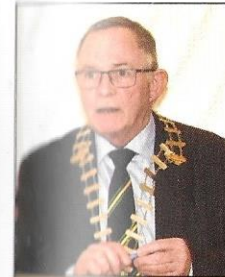
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To Grainne Hines and Mary McGowan from Age friendly.

On behalf of the County Health & Wellbeing committee we thank you all for making the day such a great success.

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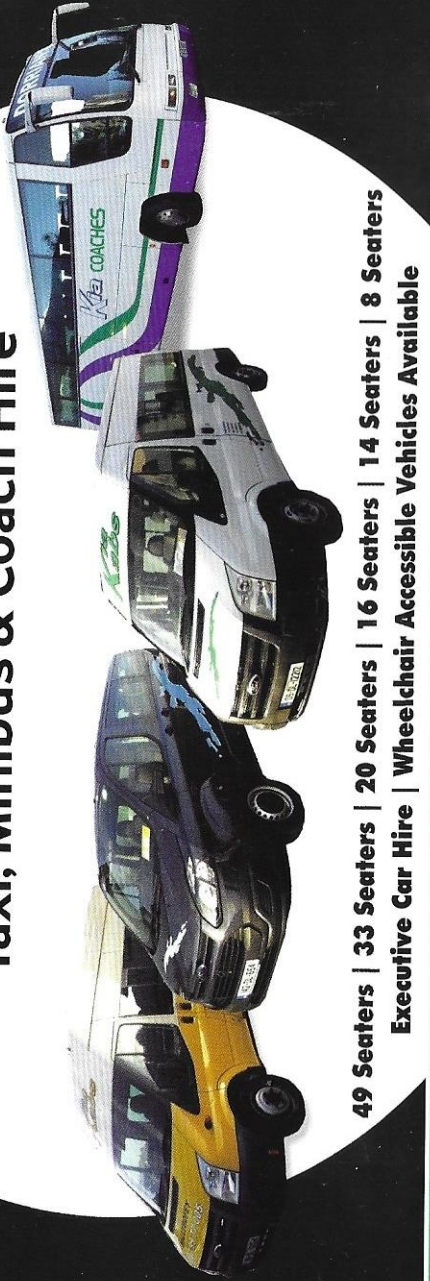


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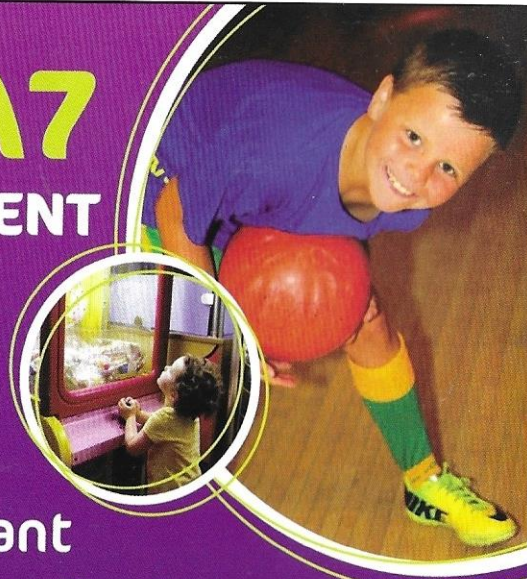
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ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION ONE - Round 5

Donegal produce one of their best halves of football in first half against Tyrone

RYAN MCHUGH AGAIN OUTSTANDING

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Donegal were much too strong for Tyrone in the wind and rain in MacCum-haill Park to go joint top of the league.

Donegal.....0-12
Tyrone.....0-6

Rory Gallagher's side were on top from the start and a very good second quarter had them in control. Ciaran Thompson again hit three points and they also introduced a number of U-21s to make their debut.

They again started without Patrick McBrearty and they also were without Caolan Ward, who had picked up an injury at training on Thursday night.

However, they produced one of their best ever halves of football in the driving rain to lead 0-9 to 0-4 at the break.

In a week where the U-21s drew against Tyrone on Wednesday night last and are due to meet again this Wednesday night in Ballybofey, this was laying down a marker for a young Donegal side. Donegal



started with three U-21s and used four more from the bench.

Cian Mulligan and Brendan McCole made their senior league debuts with both doing very well and Mulligan contributed a great point. Thankfully, it seemed all came through unscathed with Declan Bonner holding his breath.

Before an attendance of 8,570, Donegal dominated the possession stakes throughout the opening half but the sides were level at 0-4 each after 19 minutes thanks to a quick burst of scoring from Peter Harte.

Sean Cavanagh had opened the scoring from a free, but two magnificent Ciaran Thompson points had Donegal in front. Frank McGlynn and Eoin McHugh also hit the target either side of a Rory Brennan point for Tyrone.

But in the second quarter Donegal took charge. Ryan McHugh was almost in for a goal, but had to settle for a point before Michael Murphy

converted a 46m free.

Even corner-back Paddy McGrath got in on the scoring, getting his second ever point for Donegal. Hugh McFadden also hit a long range effort before Ciaran Thompson brought the curtain down on the first half scoring with a magnificent effort with the outside of his left.

Sean Cavanagh had a point after 14 seconds of the restart but the game became fractious and there was a stoppage of a few minutes as both sides squared up to each other. Michael Murphy had been yellow carded in the opening half and at times it seemed as if Tyrone were targeting him and Ryan McHugh for special attention.

There was a mighty roar from the Donegal supporters when Justin McMahon was withdrawn after he picked up a yellow card. Those supporters remembered how McMahon had mauled Murphy when the sides met in the championship at the same venue a few years ago.

When it settled Donegal sub Cian Mulligan landed a great score and Ryan McHugh added another with little

back lift.

The game took another twist in the 55th minute when Paddy McGrath was black carded after a tussle with Peter Harte.

Scores were precious in the difficult conditions but Hugh McFadden pushed Donegal seven clear, 0-12 to 0-5 with 57 minutes gone.

There was a brief scare near the end when a Donegal kick-out was blocked but Martin O'Reilly got back to save the day.

The win keeps Donegal great record in Ballybofey intact, their 17th game on the trot at the venue without defeat.

Donegal are now level at the top of Division One with Dublin, Tyrone and Monaghan on seven points. Donegal have Monaghan at home in Ballyshannon on Sunday next while they complete their programme away to Mayo in Castlebar the following Sunday. Tyrone's last two games are home to Mayo and away to Kerry, while Dublin have Roscommon at home and Monaghan away for their final two games. A league final is almost in Donegal's own hands!

Eoin McHugh: Was involved in quite amount and got a good point. Probably takes the ball into traffic a little too much. 7

Ryan McHugh: My man of the match, McHugh hit two points but his work in general play was excellent. 8

Mark McHugh: In for Paddy McGrath after his black card, McHugh didn't do much wrong. 6

Stephen McBrearty: Not on long enough to rate.

MATCH FACTS

DONEGAL: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGrath (0-1), Neil McGee, Eamonn Doherty; Eoghan Ban Gallagher; Frank McGlynn (0-1), Paul Brennan; Michael Murphy (0-1,f), Ciaran Thompson (0-3); Martin O'Reilly, Eoin McHugh (0-1), Ryan McHugh (0-2); Michael Carroll, Hugh McFadden (0-2), Jamie Brennan. Subs., Cian Mulligan 0-1 for McGlynn ht; Mark McHugh for McGrath, bcard 56; Martin McElhinney for McFadden 65; Michael Langan for P Brennan 65; Brendan McCole for J Brennan 70; Stephen McBrearty for E McHugh 75

TYRONE: Mickey O'Neill; Cathal McShane, Ronan McNamee, Cathal McCarron; Tiernan McCann, Justin McMahon, Rory Brennan (0-1); Colm Cavanagh, Declan McClure; Niall Sludden, Kieran McGeary, Peter Harte (0-2,f); Mark Bradley, Sean Cavanagh (0-3,2f), Mattie Donnelly. Subs., Pdraig Hampsey for McClure; Conor Meyler for McShane, both ht; Aidan McCrory for J McMahon 44; Ronan O'Neill for Brennan 53; Jonathan Monroe for McCarron 59

REFEREE: David Coldrick (Meath)

WIDES: Donegal 9 (4 in first half). Tyrone 12 (5 in first half)

FREES: Donegal 19 (6). Tyrone 11 (7)

45s: Donegal 0. Tyrone 1

YELLOW CARDS: Donegal Michael Murphy 30; Paul Brennan 44; Martin McElhinney 60; Michael Carroll 73

Tyrone: Justin McMahon 43; Cathal McCarron 44; Conor Meyler 51; Ronan McNamee 60; Mark Bradley 68; Ronan O'Neill 77

BLACK CARDS: Donegal Paddy McGrath 55. Tyrone 0

MAN OF THE MATCH

All the candidates were on the Donegal side with Ciaran Thompson, Michael Murphy, Paddy McGrath, Frank McGlynn and Ryan McHugh outstanding. Ryan McHugh gets the award for the consistency in his performance, both as a defender and scorer of two points.

REF WATCH

Not a great night at the office for David Coldrick, who allowed the game to drift away from him. The stoppage at the start of the second half was very badly handled when an official of his experience should do better.