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Foreword

**Ar son Bord na Condae CLG Dhún na nGall,
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anseo inniu go Páirc Athair Uí Thiarnaigh.**

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you here this afternoon to Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon for our final home game of the 2017 Allianz National Football League. I also extend a warm welcome to the Monaghan team, management, officials and supporters and I hope you enjoy your short visit to the north-west.

On behalf of Bord na Condae, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the home club Aodh Ruadh, Béal Átha Seanaidh for hosting today's match and indeed congratulate them on the further development works that have been completed at this excellent venue over the past twelve months.

Today's encounter promises to be another great contest between our respective counties who have met on many occasions in both league and championship over the past 5 – 6 years. I hope that you enjoy the game and may the best team win.

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

Is mise le meas,
Seán Ó Duinnín,
Cathaoirleach.



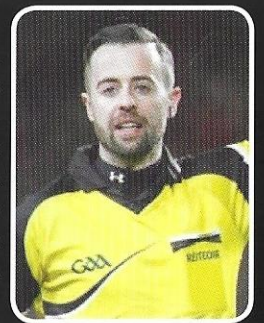
The Man in the Middle Today:

David Gough from the Slane club in Co. Meath is the referee for today's game. His four umpires are father Eugene, brother Stephen, uncle Terry and cousin Dean, who have assisted him with every game since he started.

Gough has played football in his county since the age of 7. He has a Hogan Cup medal with St Pat's of Navan from 2001, a county U21C title with his club, a Trench Cup medal and a Division 2 League title with St Patrick's College in Drumcondra. Gough was introduced to refereeing by Tom Fitzpatrick, the games promotion officer at Drumcondra. After leaving college Gough began a refereeing course in Meath. He began refereeing in late 2007.

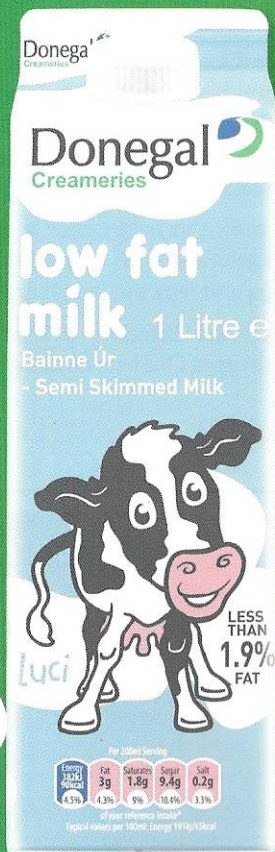
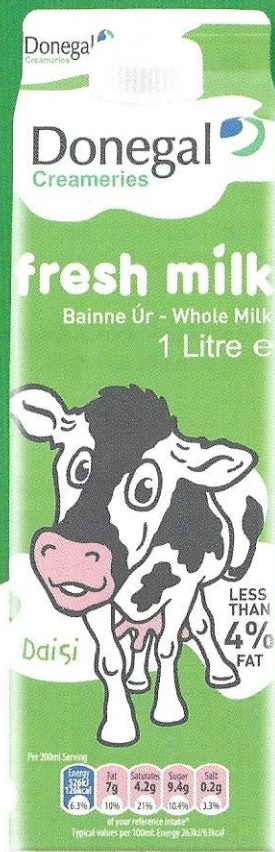
Gough's first competitive inter-county fixture was a 2011 O'Byrne Cup match between Offaly and UCD on a wet Wednesday night in Rhode. He received a high 95 per cent from referee assessor, Joe Moynagh in Louth.

Gough refereed the 2015 All-Ireland Senior semi-final between Dublin and Kerry, the 2013 All-Ireland Under-21 Football Championship final between Galway and Cork, the 2014 National Football League Division 2 final between Donegal and Monaghan, the final of the 2015 O'Byrne Cup between Dublin and Kildare and the 2015 All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Final.



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15 year old Aoife Lennon is a member of the Bunrana 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 League Division One Fixtures

Saturday, March 25 (last night)

Dublin v Roscommon Croke Park

Today - Sunday, March 26, 2017

Cavan v Kerry - Kingspan Breffni Park

Tyrone v Mayo - Healy Park, Omagh

Donegal v Monaghan - Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon

Sunday, April 02, 2017 - 2.00

Monaghan v Dublin - Clones

Mayo v Donegal - Elverys MacHale Park, Castlebar

Kerry v Tyrone - Fitzgerald Stadium

Roscommon v Cavan - Dr Hyde Park

Allianz League Division I

Team	P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts.
Dublin	5	2	3	0	19	7
Donegal	5	3	1	1	12	7
Tyrone	5	3	1	1	11	7
Monaghan	5	3	1	1	6	7
Kerry	5	2	1	2	6	5
Mayo	5	2	0	3	-6	4
Cavan	5	1	1	3	-20	3
Roscommon	5	0	0	5	-28	0



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Glór ar lár: Séamus Mac Géidigh

Le Damien Ó Dónaill, RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta

Tá míonna an tsamhraidh ag druidim linn agus tá an tsraith náisiúnta peile ag teacht chun deiridh. Is beag duine a bheadh ag déanamh ag tús na bliana go mbeadh Dún na nGall ar comhphointí le Baile Átha Cliath, Tír Eoghain agus Muineachán ar bharr na sraithe i Roinn I. Is féidir linn bheith níos dóchasáí.

Chaill Rory Gallagher cuid mhór imreoirí a raibh taithí na mblianta acu ag deireadh na bliana 2016, ach bhog sé ar aghaidh agus tá an fhoireann ag dul ó neart go neart ó shin agus na himreoirí óga ar bheagán taithí ag seasamh sa bhearna bhaoil dá gcontae. Léirigh an cluiche oíche Shathairn seo caite i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill go raibh fir óga ábalta ag teacht i méadaíocht sa Chontae. Bogann an saol mór ar aghaidh, ach tá fear amháin atá á chronú go mór sa bhosca tráchtairreachta ag na cluichí agus is é sin Séamus Mac Géidigh a sciobadh uainn i mí Iúil anuraidh. Is beag a shíl muid gur ar an 2ú lá d'Iúil 2016 i bPáirc Bhreifne i gContae an Chabháin agus Dún na nGall ag imirt in aghaidh Mhuineacháin i gcluiche leathcheannais chúige Uladh, nach gluinfí a ghlór cumhachtach, cruinn, cruthaitheach i mbun tráchtairreachta arís go brách ar RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta. Tá Muineachán ag teacht go Béal Átha Seanaigh inniu agus nach mór an sult a bhainfeadh Séamus as a chuid oibre go háirithe i gcluiche atá chomh tábhachtach.

D'éist mé féin le Séamus agus lena chomhthráchtair Aodh Mac Laifeartaigh an oíche sin anuraidh i bPáirc Bhreifne. Bhí mé féin i láthair sa bhosca tráchtairreachta i bPáirc Bhreifne ag tús na míosa seo den chéad uair riamh agus bhí uaigneas iontach orm an oíche sin, ag smaointiú ar mo laoch craoltóirreachta, mo chomhairleoir, mo bhainisteoir, mo chara a ba cheart a bheith ina sheasamh san áit a raibh mise. Níor chas mé le



duine ar bith riamh i mo shaol a bhí chomh lách, chomh cuidiúil, agus chomh spreagúil ar a dhóigh bheag féin le Séamus agus cronaím go mór é. Níl lá dá dtéann thart, nach mbíonn ceist agam fána choinne ach freagra ní fhaighim.

Is féidir linn uilig a rá gur foghlaim muid uaidh, gur spreag sé muid agus gur choinnigh sé i gcónaí ceart muid. Níl cluiche nach mbím aige, nach smaointim ar a bhean agus a theaghlach agus caithfidh mé a rá go bhfuil mé fíorbhuíoch de Dolores, a bhean chéile, a chuireas teachtairreachtaí go minic chugam roimh chluichí ag guí gach ádh orm agus i ndiaidh na gcluichí chomh maith. Is mór an tógáil croí an méid sin. Rinne Séamus gach rud a thiocfadh leis le linn a ama ar an tsaol seo, agus is féidir leis bheith bródúil as an méid a chuir sé i gcrích agus ní beag an méid sin. Tá mé cinnte go bhfuil bród iontach air agus foireann óg Dhún na nGall ag teacht chun cinn, go háirithe Jason Mac Aoidh as Cloich Cheann Fhaola. Casfaidh Dún na nGall ar Mhuineachán inniu den chéad uair ó bhí an samhradh anuraidh ann agus tá súil ag muintir Dhún na nGall go mbeidh an toradh céanna ar an chluiche againn inniu. Ní dhéanfar dearmad ort go deo na ndeor, a Shéamus.

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The business end of the League

Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

We have reached the business end of the Allianz National League and Donegal are in the thick of the action, sitting second from top in the table.

By the time Donegal and Monaghan take to the field today, the Dublin v Roscommon result will be known and, more than likely, Roscommon could be relegated and Dublin well on their way to another league final.

However, there are plenty of permutations still in play and Sunday next, April 2nd, will be a real Super Sunday in GAA.

It could hardly be more exciting with four teams level on seven points after five rounds of games. Donegal and Monaghan have had contrasting fortunes in the league, Donegal suffering their only defeat on the opening day against Kerry while Monaghan went to Castlebar and defeated Mayo. With Mayo also suffering defeat in Castlebar to lowly Cavan last weekend, the Connacht side are in a precarious position and could be fighting for their Division One survival by the time Donegal go to Castlebar next Sunday. It would be helpful

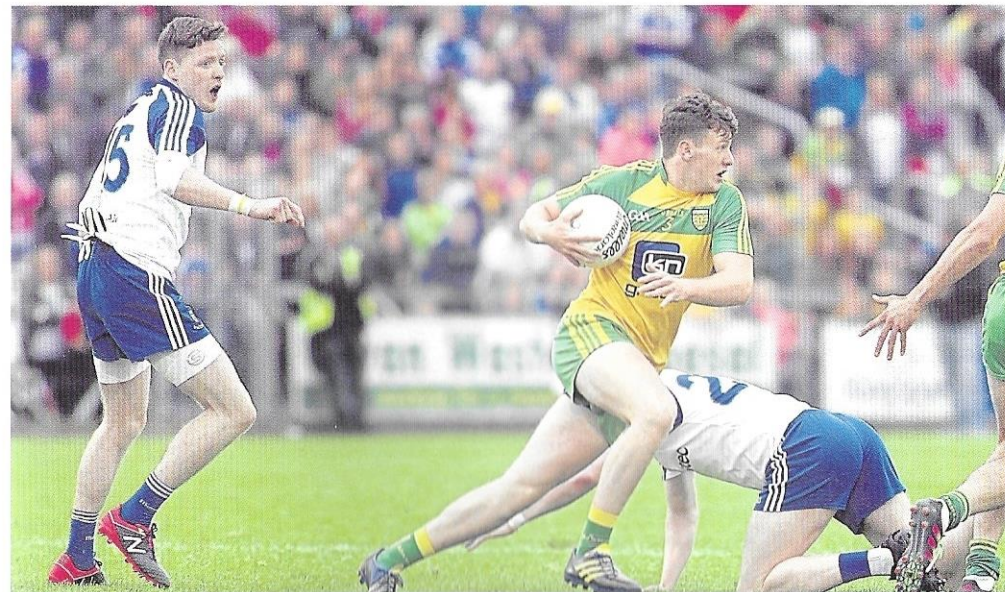
if Mayo could get a win in Omagh today, which would leave them safe and also put another dent in Tyrone's league ambitions.

But for Rory Gallagher and Monaghan manager, Malachy O'Rourke, today is D-Day as regards league final ambitions. Whoever wins today will be in a strong position and with Tyrone also having to travel to Kerry for the final game, nine points may be enough to make the final.

At this stage it would seem that Dublin will secure one of the final spots, and in recent weeks Donegal manager, Rory Gallagher, and some of his senior players have been setting the target on that Croke Park date on 9th April.

It would be great reward for a new bunch of Donegal players who are performing so well while finding their feet in Division One. If they can continue the upward trend of recent wins over Cavan and Tyrone, then that is a real possibility.

The Donegal-Monaghan rivalry of recent years in league and championship is on a par with the Donegal-Tyrone rivalry. The great record here in Fr. Tierney Park will, hopefully, come into play and push Donegal closer to that final date.

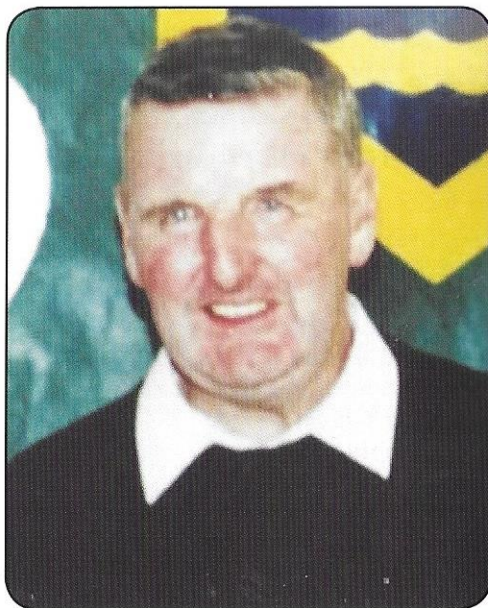


The late Jimmy Gallagher - an Aodh Ruadh institution

Those of you coming through the gates at Fr. Tierney Park today and for the last forty years will notice the absence of a welcoming face.

The community of Ballyshannon laid to rest one of their most popular sons last week with the death of Jimmy Gallagher.

Jimmy's last journey from his house in Erne Street to St. Patrick's Church was marked by a guard of honour by the local Aodh Ruadh club. The journey of a couple of hundred yards was a familiar journey for Jimmy, who was a very regular churchgoer. There was also a minute's silence at Aodh Ruadh's league game against MacCumhaill's on Sunday last. His death came at the end of a lengthy illness, which was borne with fortitude. Prior to his illness, his involvement with the Aodh Ruadh GAA club in the town was legendary.



Secretary, treasurer, shop manager, pitch caretaker, referee, turnstile operator, quizmaster, bingo caller, lotto seller and organiser, whatever job that had to done, Jimmy was available. He was the face of the club at Fr. Tierney Park for years as caretaker. He was the recipient of a number of awards, which he greatly cherished, among them being chosen as the Aodh Ruadh Centenary Club Person when the GAA celebrated 100 years in the county in 2005. Indeed, he was the obvious and unanimous choice to represent the club on that occasion.

The club was his second family, and as Fr. Hugh Hanlon, said at the funeral ceremony, the Aodh Ruadh club could well be described as his first family.

I was told that he ordered Pauric McShea to the line during a local town league game in Fr. Tierney Park back in the 1970s, which would have made him popular on that evening. But Jimmy didn't necessarily court popularity. He was a man who liked punctuality and when there was something to be done, it was not

put off until another time.

His working life was spent as caretaker at Ballyshannon Vocational School and later at Coláiste Cholmcille, but nearly all of his spare time was dedicated to Aodh Ruadh.

It was fitting that his coffin was carried the short journey from his home to St. Patrick's Church alongside a guard of honour.

Requiem Mass was concelebrated by Fr. Hugh Hanlon, Fr. Gerard Hicks (Jimmy's cousin from Liverpool), Fr. Dermot Burke and Fr. Herbie Bromley. Fr. Gerard spoke about his memories of Jimmy when he came to visit Ballyshannon in his youth and the welcome he always received.

Afterwards Jimmy was laid to rest in the Abbey Cemetery.

He is survived by his brother Michael; sisters Antoinette and Marian; brother-in-law John; sister-in-law Margaret; nephews and nieces and a large circle of friends
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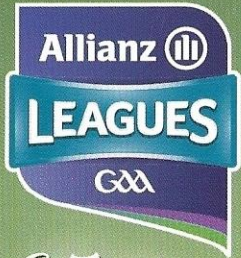
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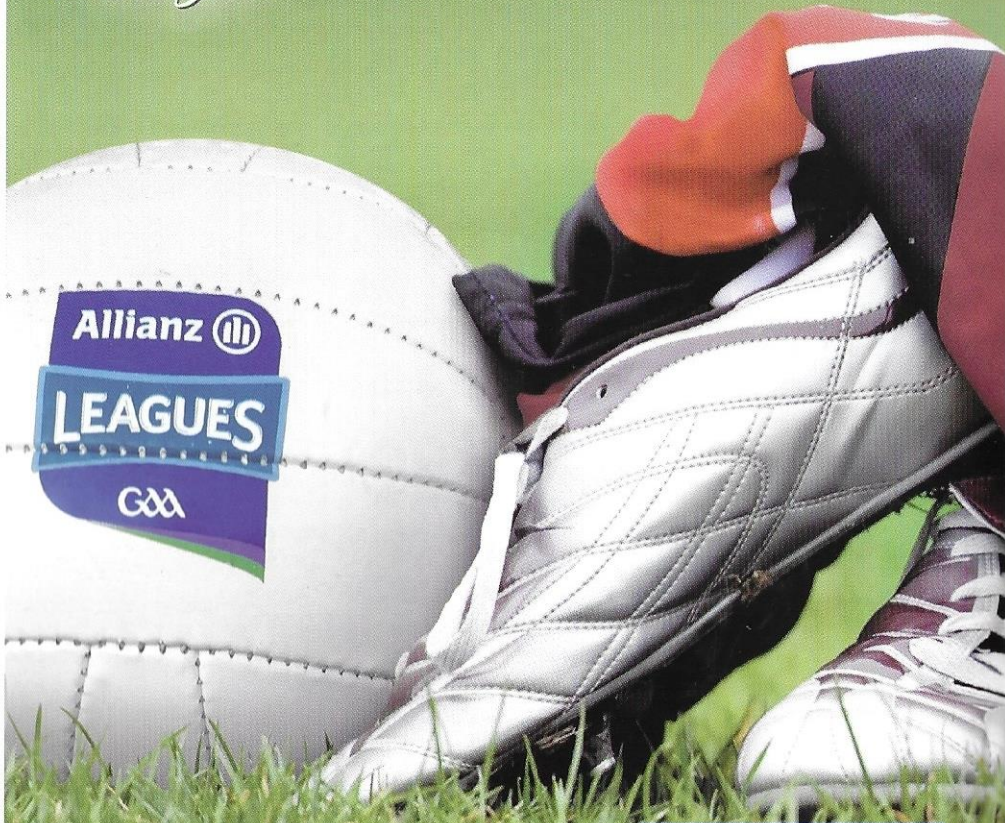
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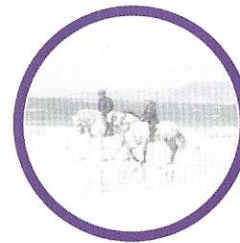
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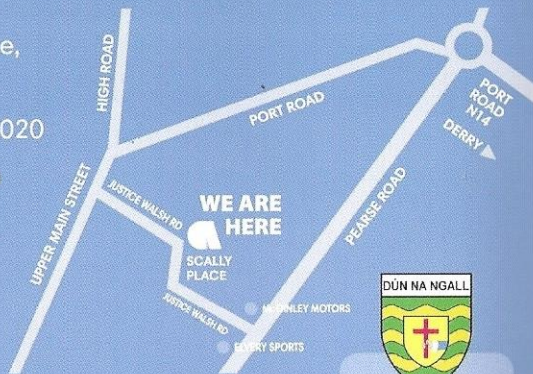


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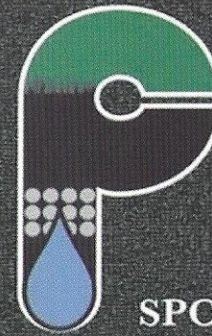
  

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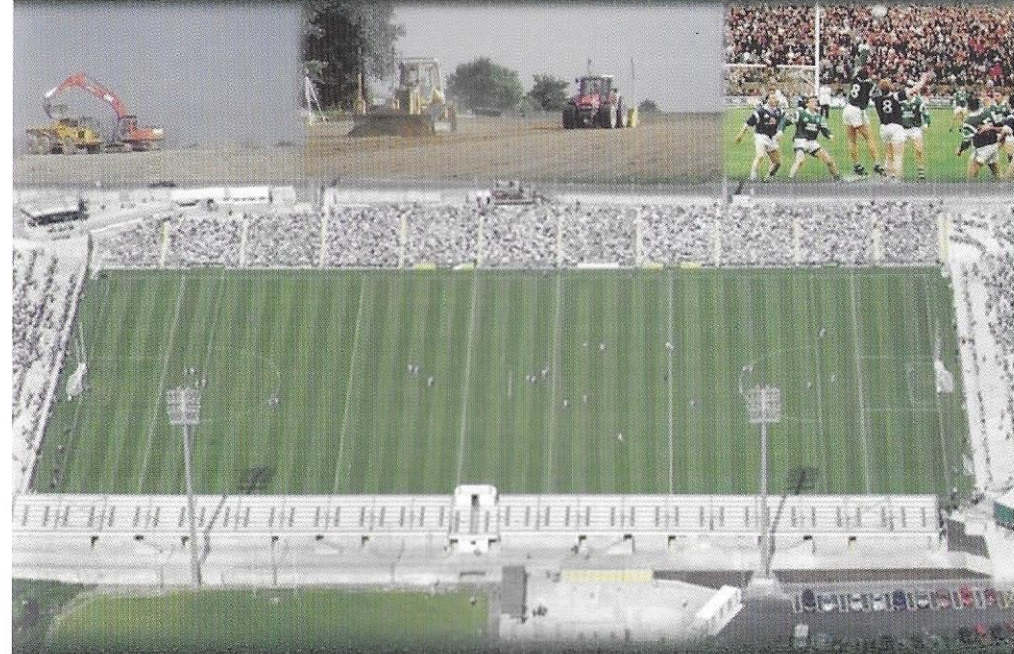


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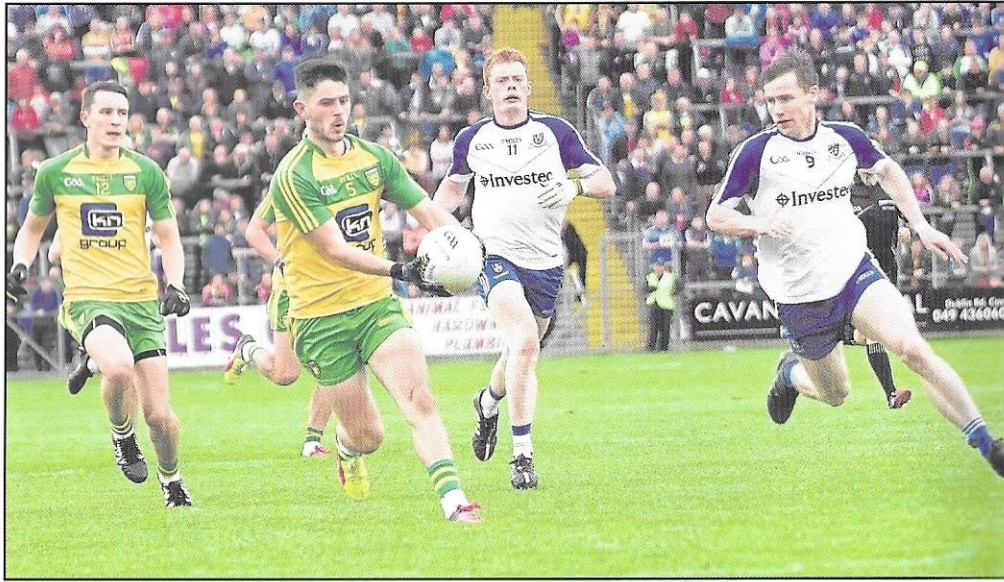
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Quiz with Willie Scott

1. In what year was the Monaghan County Board first formed?
2. Which famous Monaghan man became Secretary of Comhairle Uladh in 1913?
3. By 1938 Monaghan had won eleven Ulster Senior Championship. How many years passed before they won their next one?
4. Who won the first Dr McKenna Cup competition in 1927, and who did they beat in the final?
5. In which year was St. Tiernach's Park, Clones opened?
6. In 1923 Donegal won the Ulster Hurling Championship. How else did they make history?
7. When was Fr. Tierney Park officially opened?
8. Who won the first official Ulster Club Championship?
9. Count the All Stars won by Nudie Hughes, Martin McHugh, Paddy Linden, Neil McGee, Michael Murphy, Conor McManus?
10. In which year did Dick Clerkin make his Monaghan debut?



Answers: 1. 1887; 2. Eoin O'Duffy; 3. 41 years (in 1979 defeating Donegal); 4. Monaghan defeated Donegal; 5. 1944; 6. As one of the first two teams to wear numbers on their jerseys when they met Limerick in the All-Ireland semi-final; 7. 1954; 8. St. Josephs {beating Castleblayney 3-6 to 1-8}; 9. 3+2+1+3+2+2=13; 10. 1999 (against Cavan)

Destination Donegal for Rory the Rover

By Gerry McLaughlin, Freelance Journalist

In 2003 Donegal went all the way to the All-Ireland semi-final and they had a pretty formidable forward line.

Brian Roper, John Gildea, Christy Toye, Adrian Sweeney and Brendan Devenney were top operators in the early Noughties.

But can you imagine how much better they would have been if one Rory Gallagher had been added to their number?

The hugely gifted Gallagher scored one of the greatest goals ever seen in Ballybofey when he showed great chutzpah to chip Tony Blake with inch perfect precision in 2000.

But had he been born around 600 metres further north, then Gallagher would have been eligible to line out for Donegal.

And, had he ever been working around Bundoran for any length of time then he would certainly have received some overtures from Brian McEniff.

Gallagher told this writer a few years ago that Donegal were a team he always admired for their ball handling skills and running style and were a big part of his childhood.

But the connection does not end there as Rory briefly taught in Coláiste Cholmcille in the early Noughties when he was a student in Sligo IT.

Gallagher won a Sigerson Cup medal along with fellow Belleek man Dara McGrath in 2002 and that began his other great Donegal

connection with his then mentor Martin McHugh.

In more recent years Rory has been training Kilcar at senior and underage level.

At present, he is manager of SuperValu in Killybegs and has been living there for around seven years, so the Donegal roots are very deep.

And his native Erne Gaels have fielded several Donegal players, one of them Liam MacLaughlin from Cloghore captained the Ernesiders to a NFL quarter-final against Galway in 1980.

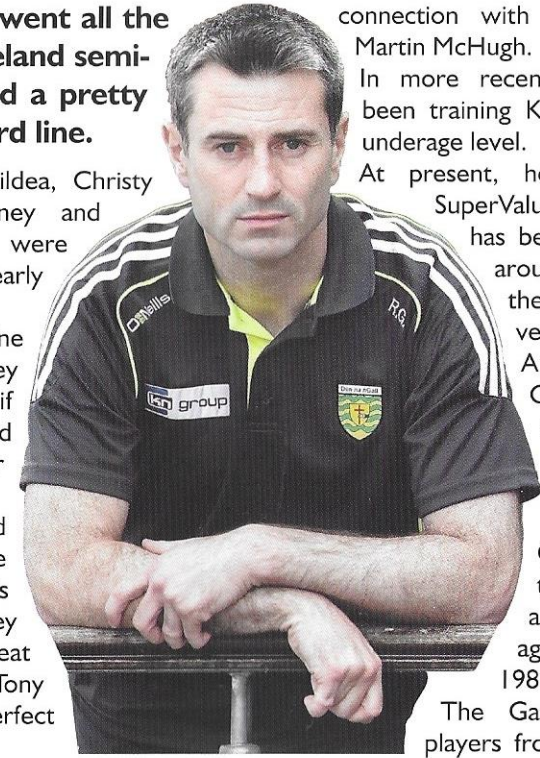
The Gaels uniquely pick players from Fermanagh and Donegal in that twilight zone around Belleek.

Almost half of Rory's native village is in Donegal and there is even more interest in the fortunes of Tir Conaill since Rory first became involved in 2011.

Of course Rory has also been involved in neighbouring Sligo and, as mentioned, won a Sigerson medal when Martin McHugh was trainer and Michael Breslin, a Glencolmcille native, was manager.

So while he may be a Fermanagh native, there are deep Donegal connections to Rory and he would dearly love cement that relationship with an Ulster title.

Although it is very early days, he and his young team are surely on the right road for a Belleek man, with Destination Donegal in his Erne heart.



Donegal Dún na nGall

Bainisteoir: Ruairí Ó Gallachóir



1
MARC ANTAINE MAG FHIONNAILE
MARK ANTHONY MCGINLEY
NAOMH MICHEAL

2
PÁDRAIG MAC CRAITH
PADDY MC GRATH
ARD AN RATHA

3
NIALL MAC AOIDH
NEIL MC GEE
GAOTH DOBHAIR

4
PROINSIAS MAC FHLOINN
FRANK MCGLYNN
GLEANN FHHINNE

5
MAIRTÍN Ó RAGHALLAIGH
MARTIN O'REILLY
SEÁN MACCUMHAILL

6
EOGHAN BÁN Ó GALLCHÓIR
EOGHAN BAN GALLAGHER
NA CEALLA BEAGA

7
PÓL Ó BRAONÁIN
PAUL BRENNAN
REAL NA MARA, BUN DOBHRÁIN

8
MÍCHEÁL Ó CEARRBHAIL
MÍCHEÁL CARROLL
GAOTH DOBHAIR

9
CIARÁN MAC THOMÁIS
CIARAN THOMPSON
NAOMH CONAILL

10
JAMIE Ó BRAONÁIN
JAMIE BRENNAN
REALT NA MARA BUN DOBHRÁIN

11
ÉOIN MACAODHA
EOIN MCHUGH
CILL CHARTHA

12
RIAIN MACAODHA
RYAN MCHUGH
CILL CHARTHA

13
PÁDRAIG MACBREARTAIGH
PATRICK MCBREARTY
CILL CHARTHA

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MÍCHEÁL Ó MURCHÚ
MICHAEL MURPHY
GLEANN SÚILI

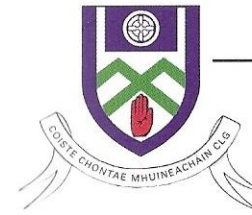
15
AODH MACPHÁIDÍN
HUGH MCFADDEN
NA CEALLA BEAGA

SUBSTITUTES:

16. Peadar Ó Baoill, Peter Boyle, Aodh Ruadh BAS; 17. Ciaran Mac Giolla Easpaig, Ciaran Gillespie, Gaoth Dobhair; 18. Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh, Eamonn Doherty, Naomh Adhamhnáin; 19. Karl de Léis, Karl Lacey, Na Ceithre Máistir; 20. Breandán Mac Comhail, Brendan McCole, Naomh Naille; 21. Mícheál Ó Longáin, Michael Langan, Naomh Micheál; 22. Cian Ó Maolagáin, Cian Mulligan, Gaoth Dobhair; 23. Marc MacAodha, Mark McHugh, Cill Chartha; 24. Máirtín Mac Giolla Chainnigh, Martin McElhinney, Naomh Micheál; 25. Stiofán MacBreartaigh, Stephen McBrearty, Cill Chartha; 26. Conchúr Ó Giobúin, Conor Gibbons, Naomh Adhamhnáin.

Monaghan Muineachán

Bainisteoir: Maoileachlainn Ó Ruairc



1
RUAIRÍ Ó BEAGÁIN
RORY BEGGAN
AN BHOTh

2
FIONÁIN Ó CEALLAIGH
FINTAN KELLY
CLUAIN EOIS

3
AINDREAS WYLIE
DREW WYLIE (C)
BEAL ÁTHA BEITHE

4
RIAN WYLIE
RYAN WYLIE
BEAL ÁTHA BEITHE

5
RIAN MAC GIOLLA EASPAIG
RYAN MC ANESPIE
SCAIRBH NA GCAORACH

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NIALL MAC ADAIM
NEIL MC ADAM
NA CLAIRSIGH MHUINEACHÁIN

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CARL Ó CONAILL
KARL O'CONNELL
TIGH THALAINN

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KIERAN HUGHES
AN BHOTh

10
DEASÚN MAC AN BHAIRD
DESSIE WARD
BÉAL ÁTHA BEITHE

11
SEÁN Ó CIARA
SHANE CAREY
AH BHOTh

12
GABHÁN Ó DUAGÁIN
GAVIN DOOGAN
MACHAIRE CLUAIN

13
CIARÁN Ó DUFÁIGH
KIERAN DUFFY
LEACHTAIN

14
SEÁN MAC CEARÁIN
JACK MC CARRON
CURRAICHÍN

15
CONCHUR MAC MAGHNÚIS
CONOR MC MANUS
CLUAIN TIOBRAID

SUBSTITUTES:

16. Conor Forde, Conchur Mac Giollamhá, An Bhoth; 17. Owen Coyle, Eoin Mac Giolla Comhail, Leachtain; 18. Karl Mc Quaid, Carl Mac Uaid, Scairbh Na Gcaorach; 19. Vincent Corey, Uinseann Ó Comhraí, Cluain Tiobraid; 20. James Mealiff, Seamús Ó Maoldhuibh, Cluain Eois; 21. Brian Greenan, Brian Ó Grianáin, Cluain Tiobraid; 22. Thomas Kerr, Tomás Mac Giolla Cearra, Béal Átha Beithe; 23. Owen Duffy, Eoin Ó Dufaigh, Leachtain; 24. Conor Mc Carthy, Conchur Mac Cárthaigh, An Bhoth; 25. Stephen Gollgoly, Stiofán Mac An Ghallólaigh, Carraig Mhachaire Rois; 26. Micheal Bannigan, Mícheál Ó Banagáin, Achadh Na Muileann.

DONEGAL-MONAGHAN STATS

with Fr. Seán

Dún na nGall have won the last six League matches that they have played in Béal Átha Seanaidh. Their last League defeat in Fr. Tierney Park was on March 8, 2009 when Baile Átha Cliath them 0-13/1-8. Since then:

2010	Dún na nGall	3-11	Laois	0-5
2011	Dún na nGall	1-17	Aontroim	1-8
2012	Dún na nGall	0-17	Maigh Eo	1-7
2014	Dún na nGall	1-19	Lú	3-7
2015	Dún na nGall	0-12	Corcaigh	0-11
2016	Dún na nGall	2-14	Corcaigh	1-7

The one present Dún na nGall player who played in all six matches is Michael Murphy. Dún na nGall have played 22 League matches in Béal Átha Seanaidh this century. They won 14, lost 7, drew one (against Liatroim!! 2006). So they have won 63.6% of their games here: about 70% in Bealach Féich and 20% in Leitir Ceanainn since 2000.

Dún na nGall v Muineachán

Today's match seems to be the twenty-third League clash between Dún na nGall and Muineachán:

12 Nov 1950	Muineachán	3-3	Dún na nGall	1-5
19 Sept 1954	Dún na nGall	3-1	Muineachán	1-3
5 Dec 1954	Dún na nGall	2-4	Muineachán	1-4
9 Oct 1955	Muineachán	3-12	Dún na nGall	0-10
30 Sept 1956	Muineachán	4-6	Dún na nGall	2-9
20 Oct 1957	Dún na nGall	2-6	Muineachán	1-8
5 Oct 1958	Dún na nGall	0-7	Muineachán	0-5
21 Mar 1971	Muineachán	2-7	Dún na nGall	1-6
6 Feb 1972	Dún na nGall	1-7	Muineachán	0-10
4 Feb 1973	Dún na nGall	3-7	Muineachán	0-5
3 Feb 1974	Dún na nGall	1-11	Muineachán	1-6
8 Dec 1974	Dún na nGall	1-6	Muineachán	0-7
14 Nov 1982	Dún na nGall	1-7	Muineachán	1-5
6 Nov 1983	Muineachán	1-9	Dún na nGall	0-8
25 Nov 1984	Muineachán	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-7
13 Mar 1988	Muineachán	1-5	Dún na nGall	0-4
12 Feb 1989	Dún na nGall	1-6	Muineachán	0-5
15 Feb 2004	Dún na nGall	3-6	Muineachán	1-11
2 Mar 2014	Dún na nGall	2-11	Muineachán	0-10
27 Apr 2014	Muineachán	1-16	Dún na nGall	1-10
8 Mar 2015	Muineachán	0-9	Dún na nGall	1-4
3 Apr 2016	Muineachán	1-10	Dún na nGall	1-9

**Dún na nGall won 11 / Muineachán won 10
Drawn 1 (1972)**

Sixth Time Here

Five of the Dún na nGall v Muineachán League matches have been played in Béal Átha Seanaidh:

1956	Muineachán	4-6	Dún na nGall	2-9
1958	Dún na nGall	0-7	Muineachán	0-5
1982	Dún na nGall	1-7	Muineachán	1-5
1989	Dún na nGall	1-6	Muineachán	0-5
2004	Dún na nGall	3-6	Muineachán	1-11

So, Muineachán haven't played in the League here since 2004 and haven't won in the League here since 1956.

1956

Muineachán were on the crest of a wave when they came to Béal Átha Seanaidh on September 30, 1956. They had just won the All-Ireland Junior Football Championship (Home) final and were firm favourites against Dún na nGall. They justified their favouritism. They led by 3-5 to 1-1 at half-time and an early second half goal increased their lead to thirteen points. A stirring Dún na nGall comeback followed but Muineachán held on to win by 4-6/2-9.

Dún na nGall:

Seán McHugh
 Brian Cotter Colm Toland Michael Ronaghan
 Hughie Tim Boyle Jackie McDermott Noel O'Donnell
 Joe Carroll (capt) Michael J. Gallagher:

Seán O'Donnell Jim 'Cookie' Boyle Seán McCormick
 James McGettigan Jim Gallagher Dom Murray

Sub: Frankie Brennan

Muineachán:

Des McFadden:
 Thady McNally Ollie O'Rourke Brendan Hamill
 Denis McGuigan John Rice Denis Ward
 Joey Byrne Séamus McElroy:

Gerry Curran Ted Duffy Noel Ward
 Gerry Brennan Tommy Moyna Hughie McKearney

Referee: T. P. O'Reilly.

2004

Muineachán's last League visit to Béal Átha Seanaidh (2004) was a memorable match!

Dún na nGall scored 1-2 in the final minutes to wipe out a four-point deficit and win by a point. 'Seventh commandment violated', cried The Follower!

Brendan Devenney scored 3-1.

Adrian Sweeney got a straight red and Niall McCready was sent off for two yellow cards. Jason Hughes and Paul Finlay were also sent off.

Dún na nGall tried a new goalkeeper, to take over from Tony Blake. Yes, it was Paul Durcan's debut, the first of his 137 games. Brian McEniff and Colm Coyle were the 2004 managers.

Dún na nGall:

Paul Durcan:
 Éamonn McGee Raymond Sweeney Niall McCready
 Shane Carr Barry Monaghan Kevin Cassidy
 John Gildea (0-1) Paul McGonigle

Christy Toye (0-1) Michael Hegarty Brian Roper
 Colm A. McFadden Adrian Sweeney (0-2) Brendan Devenney (3-1).

Subs (used): Noel McGinley, John Haran, Brendan Boyle, Stephen McDermott (0-1), Barry Dunnington.

Muineachán:

Paul McElroy:
 JP Mone James Coyle Edmund Lennon
 Dermot Duffy (0-1) J Conlon Vinny Corry

Jason Hughes Eoin Lennon
 Dick Clerkin Paul Finlay (0-3) Damien Freeman (1-4)
 Thomas Freeman (0-1) Raymond Ronaghan G McQuaid

Sub: Dessie Mone (0-2)

The First Time - 1950

It appears that the first League meeting of the two counties was in the Dr. Lagan Cup final of 1950 in Irvinestown. On that day, my native Gaoth Dobhair had five players on the Dún na nGall team – Hughie Tim Boyle, Barney Coyle, and three from my own townland Cotteen – the Gallagher brothers, Míci Rua and Willie, and Antoin Rodgers. The three are still alive and well.

At centre half-back was the great, legendary Jim 'the Natch' Gallagher from Ballyshannon who passed away before Christmas 2013, God rest his soul. Ballyshannon's other great Gallagher, Red Jack, was top-of-the-left while two of St. Eunan's all-time greats, Peadar McGeehin and Joe Carroll, wore the number 7 and 8 jerseys respectively. Ardara's still-alive-and-well Frankie Brennan was at right-half forward with the two famous 'blow-ins', McGettrick and Wickham, in the full-forward line. Charlie Campbell from Dungloe took over from Michael Mellett between the posts and Donegal's Jack McMullan and Bundoran's Séamus Kane completed the fifteen:

Dún na nGall:

Charlie Campbell
 Jack McMullan Hughie Tim Boyle Barney Coyle
 Séamus Kane Jim Gallagher (0-1) Peadar McGeehan
 Joe Carroll Michael J Gallagher
 Frankie Brennan Willie Gallagher (1-1) Antoin Rodgers
 Seán McGettrick (0-2) Tom Wickham Jack Gallagher (0-2)

Muineachán:

J. Duffy
 P. McQuaid Ollie O'Rourke M. McCaffrey
 B. Duffy J. Rice (capt) (1-0) M. Moyna
 B. McKiernan (0-1) Hughie McKearney (0-1)
 M. McCormack (1-0) T. Moyna B. Shortt
 T. Clarke (1-0) E. McDonald P. O' Rourke (0-1)

It was a marvellous Dún na nGall performance and they were a bit unlucky that two softish goals gave Muineachán their one and only Dr. Lagan Cup final success. The teams were level 1-2/1-2 at half-time but Muineachán were ahead by 3-3 to 1-5 at full-time (though the 'Democrat' score-by-score account credited Dún na nGall with 1-6!).

Aodh Ruadh

This will be the first time that a Dún na nGall – Muineachán League match in Béal Átha Seanaidh will feature no one from the Aodh Ruadh club:

1956 Seán McHugh, Jackie McDermott, Seán McCormick, Jim Gallagher.
 1958 Jim Gallagher, Jackie McDermott.
 1982 Tommy McDermott, Brian Tuohy.
 1989 Gary Walsh, Brian Tuohy, Brian Murray.
 2004 Niall McCready, Brian Roper.

Ryan McHugh

- Ryan McHugh has played in all the 24 League games that Donegal have played since 30 March 2014.
- Frank McGlynn plays his 149th game for Dún na nGall to-day; Neil McGee his 156th and Michael Murphy his 122nd.

Today's is Neil McGee's 77th League game, Frank McGlynn's 70th and Michael Murphy's 60th.

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McFadden shootouts in training a huge

influence on Thompson -FRANK CRAIG, DONEGAL POST

Ciaran Thompson reveals that retired Tir Chonaill legend Colm McFadden was a huge influence on him as he initially looked to find his feet in the senior ranks.

In the last two seasons, both men were on the periphery of things, but for very different reasons. Thompson was attempting to break into Rory Gallagher's plans while McFadden's time at the top was winding down.

The indirect plus for Thompson was that McFadden had more time, more opportunity to offer advice at training. Thompson was determined to soak it all up.

Good natured but highly competitive shooting practices after training is prominent at most levels in GAA. But to have a tutor of the calibre of McFadden, Donegal's all-time record scorer with a tally of 25-434, was gold for the young and eager Glenties lad.

McFadden sought the dry sanctuary of the press box last Saturday night in MacCumhaill Park as Donegal impressively downed Tyrone in the latest round of the NFL. He couldn't contain

his admiration for the quality of Thompson's three first-half strikes. Indeed, his third, the pick of the bunch with the outside of the left, drew a particularly audible seal of approval from the St. Michael's scoring maestro.

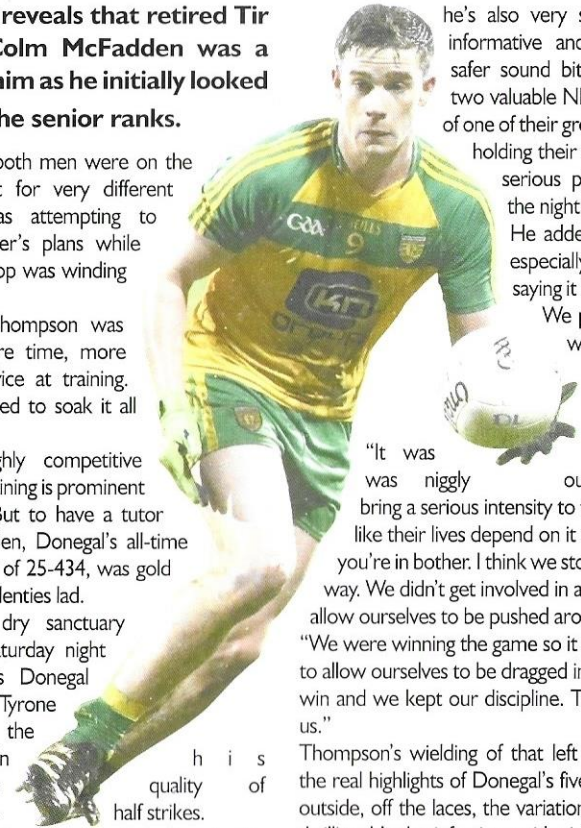
When that acclamation was relayed to Thompson afterwards, the player explained just how influential McFadden has been on him.

He said: "Colm was superb to me. He was a serious example and someone to learn from. I looked up to him for so long - before I ever came into the senior panel. The last couple of years he's been a serious help to me.

"After training, we'd have kicking contests and that really brought me on. He was deadly. I have serious respect for him and will always appreciate that help. He's a Donegal legend, a hero of mine. I hope he's enjoying his retirement. I might win the odd kicking contest now he's gone!

"I love kicking about. People say it's putting in 'work' but I just like taking time after training or before it and do that extra bit. A lot of lads are doing that and I'm no different."

Thompson is a confident individual on the pitch, but



he's also very self-assured off it. He's informative and avoids delivering the safer sound bites. As well as securing two valuable NFL points at the expense of one of their great rivals, he explains that holding their own in the face of some serious physical duress was also the night's big plus.

He added: "It was a big victory, especially in Ballybofey. We keep saying it but we love playing here.

We played well in spells. But when we needed to dig deep and grind it out, we were able to do that too.

"It was a very pleasing win. It was niggly out there at times. Tyrone bring a serious intensity to their efforts. They tackle like their lives depend on it and if you get bottled up you're in bother. I think we stood up to that in the right way. We didn't get involved in a nasty way but we didn't allow ourselves to be pushed around either.

"We were winning the game so it would have been foolish to allow ourselves to be dragged into that stuff. We got the win and we kept our discipline. That's the two pluses for us."

Thompson's wielding of that left wand has been one of the real highlights of Donegal's five outings to date. Inside, outside, off the laces, the variation on how he swings it is thrilling. It's also infectious with eight different contributors weighing in on the side's 12-point total against the Red Hands.

"We've a panel full of fantastic footballers that are all capable of putting the ball over the bar," he said. "If you're looking to take the same three or four players into play all the time for that you get predictable.

"It's great to see everyone has that confidence to have a go. It makes things so much more difficult for the opposition. If you're in that scoring zone, and the time is there to get a shot off, Rory is telling us to go for it."

Monaghan are next up today in Fr. Tierney Park. Coming off the back of such a high-profile win could leave Donegal vulnerable as the plaudits continue to pile in. Thompson though insists they won't let that affect them.

He continued: "It's another big game. It's another Ulster side so it'll be very competitive. We want to win every game we go out in. We're at home in Ballyshannon so again we have to make that count."



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TRANSITION is not a popular word in the GAA vocabulary

By Ryan Ferry (Donegal News)

It generally leads to uncertainty, and a few quiet years where the main concern is trying to tread water, and not lose too much ground. For successful counties, it often means vacating their seat at the top table, as they look to build a team that can compete again in a couple of years time.

As transitional periods go, the start of Donegal's new era has been surprisingly good, and has led to a feel-good factor around the county.

Nine members of last year's squad are no longer involved, and when you add in that Patrick McBrearty has missed more or less three-and-a-half matches, their return of seven points from five games has been astonishing.

Initial expectations have been surpassed, and Rory Gallagher's side are not destined for Division 2 as many had predicted.

Gallagher and his management team must take a huge chunk of the praise for how Donegal have performed this spring.

They've gambled with a young panel, and have placed their trust in the new players.

History tells us that it's not easy to build new teams after enjoying success.

Armagh excelled during the noughties, but despite an All-Ireland winning minor team in 2009, they have been well off the pace come the business end of the season.

Cork are another prime example. The Rebels won the All-Ireland title in 2010, but a few years after, most of their elder players moved on and they entered a 'transitional period'.

They enjoyed relative success at underage level in recent times capturing four of the last five Munster Under 21 titles.

However, they have found it very difficult to transfer that form into senior football.

Last season, they were beaten by Tipperary, while there hasn't been any great improvement on Leeside in 2017 either, and they could fall to the third tier of the NFL, unless they raise their game in the final two rounds of fixtures.

It's not easy to replace a team of winners, but it's been a case of so far so good for Donegal.

Now at this point, it is wise to err on the side of

caution. It's only the league and while Donegal are in fine physical shape, most counties will be aiming to peak later in the summer.

The wet weather certainly helped them against Dublin and Tyrone, and there hasn't been much pressure on Gallagher's side either – that will change when championship ball comes around.

However, the signs have been encouraging. The new players who have been blooded are hungry to nail down a starting berth, and they have shown that they won't be bullied.

After years of debate, Michael Murphy has played the last four games at midfield, and the big Glenswilly man has been integral to the early season form.

The defence have raised its game considerably since the start of the campaign, and are not giving up many scores.

Another aspect of the Donegal team this spring has been their running power, and there is so much speed in the side now it's frightening.

The likes of Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher and Caolan Ward were waiting on their opportunities and have taken them with both hands. They bring strength and pace, and like all the Donegal players, seem happy to be in possession.

Others are certainly taking on more responsibility. Players such as Hugh McFadden, Eoin McHugh, and Ciaran Thompson have been shooting on sight, and while they won't score them all, you can't win matches unless you're brave enough to shoot at the posts.

Today's match will be a good barometer of where Donegal are at, as they meet another team who are going through transition, albeit a few steps further ahead.

Monaghan manager Malachy O'Rourke has been subtly moving players on, and introducing youth into his team over the last two years. It will be another tough encounter in Ballyshannon, but Donegal will fancy their chances.

Donegal people are hopeful that they are witnessing the start of a bright new dawn, and while considerable patience is required, the future appears promising.

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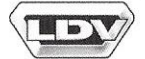
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Malachy O'Rourke has been so good for Monaghan

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

Fermanagh man Rory Gallagher may be working wonders with new look Donegal in the current Allianz League, but in the case of Monaghan manager, Malachy O'Rourke, also a son of the Erne County, he has been there, done that, wore the T-Shirt.

It is an understatement to say the Derrylin native has worked wonders with the men from the stony grey soil of Monaghan.

There was little wonder either last autumn when he was offered another three year term.

Malachy O'Rourke had been good for Monaghan football in the previous four seasons.

When he took over the reins, at the end of 2012, Monaghan were in Division Three of the Allianz Football League.

They had just five wins from 19 games in the previous two seasons, and in the eyes of most observers they were all washed up and going nowhere fast.

Roll on to July 2013 and Monaghan were celebrating a first Ulster Senior Championship success in 25 years.

And Donegal followers here this afternoon in Fr Tierney Park won't need reminding that they defeated high flying Donegal, the reigning Ulster and All-Ireland champions in the final.

They were provincial champions again in 2015 with Donegal again left to lick their wounds.

Monaghan, under O'Rourke's stewardship, also won successive promotions to the top, capturing Division Three and Division Two League titles on the way.

His management skills were well known

to Monaghan officials when they decided to cross the county boundary, to appoint a Fermanagh man to the top job in the county. After all four years earlier he had masterminded one of the biggest upsets in the history of the Ulster Championship, when Fermanagh ended Monaghan's Ulster dream in the 2008 provincial quarter-final.

Monaghan were beaten Ulster finalists the previous year and also gave Kerry a run for their money in the All-Ireland quarter-final. They were hot favourites for Ulster.

Fermanagh then took the scalp of Derry, to qualify for the Erne County's first Ulster final in 63 years. Derry had been the second favourites after they had beaten Donegal, the 2007 National League champions, It took two games to decide the 2008 Ulster final before Armagh finally saw off O'Rourke and Fermanagh.

It was at club level that Malachy O'Rourke, a Sigerson Cup winner with St Mary's College in 1989, first cut his management teeth.

And from very early it became apparent that he had that something special when it came to managing footballers.

His first club was Tyholland in Monaghan. That was in 2001 and before he departed, two years later, Tyholland, were playing senior league football for the first time in the club's history.

He also bridged a 68 year barren history with Derry club Loup, to win the Derry championship and a first ever Ulster club title.

And in 2006, having won a number of Tyrone championships with Errigal Ciaran as a player, he also managed the Red Hand club to a Tyrone championship crown.

So it is no wonder that he was on Monaghan's radar. It seems it was a very wise choice.

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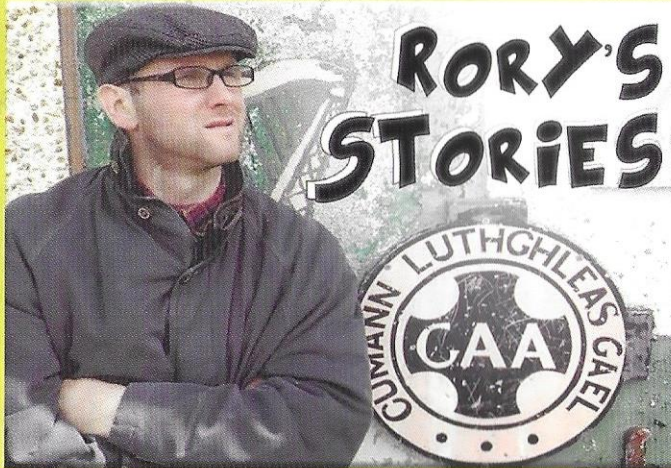
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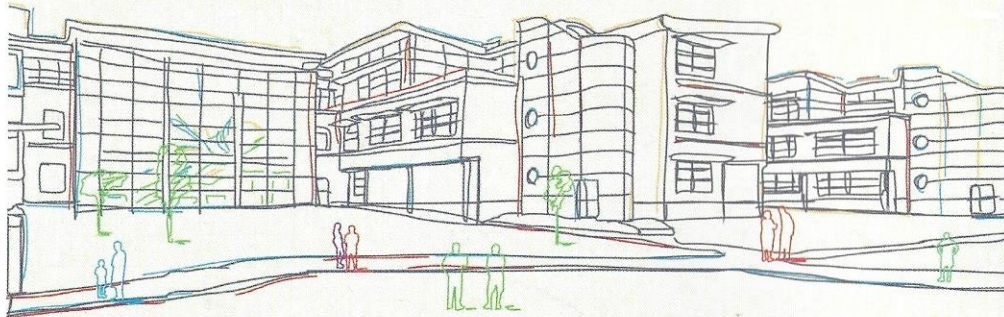
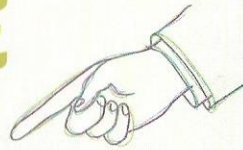
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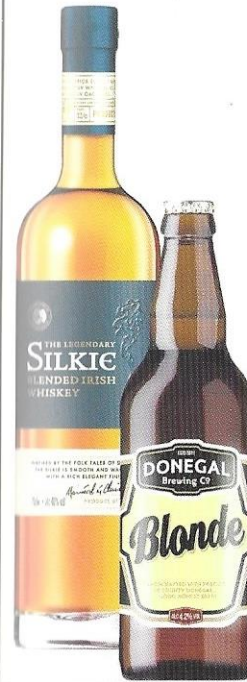


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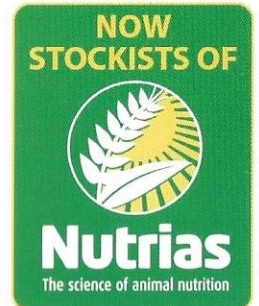
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ALLIANZ NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, DIVISION ONE - Round 6

Donegal get caught napping in final minutes as Monaghan get a share with McManus penalty

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A 69th minute penalty by Conor McManus gave Monaghan a share of the spoils in Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon after Donegal looked like winners.

DONEGAL..... 1-11
MONAGHAN..... 1-11

It was one that got away from Donegal. They had all the possession in the second half but couldn't get the gap past three points. They also hit nine second half wides to go along with the seven they hit in the first half. Apart from the penalty, Monaghan only managed two points but the goal proved crucial.

Indeed, their sharp-shooter, Conor McManus, was largely anonymous, but when he was presented with the penalty chance, he was clinical.

The large attendance of 6,575 were treated to a close contest but there were plenty of mistakes. It seemed as if the ground con-

ditions, which were championship like, caused the players plenty of problems. It was a huge contrast from the wind and rain of the previous weekend.

STAR

Jack McCarron was the Monaghan star of the first half, hitting six points, as Monaghan had a one point advantage at the break, 0-9 to 1-5.

McCarron had the opening two points before Donegal hit back with a great goal. Ryan McHugh and Eoghan Ban Gallagher were the creators and Michael Carroll rattled it home. Donegal kept their noses in front until midway through the half when debut boy Michael Bannigan levelled matters for Monaghan and McCarron and Owen Duffy put them two ahead.

But points from Eoin McHugh and Michael Murphy (free) had Donegal level again before McCarron

finished the half as he started, firing over his second point from play.

Monaghan had lost half-back Ryan McAnespie to injury after eight minutes and they also lost Dessie Ward on the stroke of half-time, black carded for hauling Ryan McHugh to the ground.

Just before that Donegal had a half goal chance when Ryan McHugh cut through on the left, and his cross was met by Eoin McHugh, but he was stretching and didn't get enough power to get it past the Monaghan 'keeper.

GREAT START

Donegal had the wind advantage in the second half and they had two points on the board on 36 seconds, Michael Murphy and Ciaran Thompson on target.

Scores were hard to come by but Murphy and substitute Patrick McBrearty stretched the Donegal lead to three by the 50th minute. Monaghan lost Owen Duffy to a black card in the 51st minute and they had to wait until the 55th minute for their first point of the half, Shane Carey pointing.

Conor McManus pointed a free seconds later to cut the lead to one, but almost immediately Patrick McBrearty stretched it to two once again.

When Michael Murphy pointed a free on 66 minutes to put Donegal 1-11 to 0-11 in front, it seemed Donegal were on their way, as Monaghan didn't appear to have much of a threat. Kieran Gillespie had come in at half-time for Neil McGee and kept Jack McCarron scoreless.

Donegal had lost Ryan McHugh to an ankle injury with ten minutes of normal time left.

But then came a late Monaghan surge and a ball was played across the goal and Martin McElhinney pushed Darren Hughes. Referee David Gough pointed to the spot and black carded McElhinney.

It was a disappointing end for Donegal, who still had two chances in added time to get the victory. Patrick McBrearty swung one wide while Michael Murphy went for a point from a 65m free, but it tailed off to the right in the wind.

MATCH FACTS

DONEGAL: Mark Anthony McGinley; Paddy McGrath, Neil McGee, Eamonn Doherty; Ryan McHugh, Eoghan Ban Gallagher, Paul Brennan; Michael Murphy (0-7, 4f), Ciaran Thompson (0-1); Michael Carroll (1-0), Martin O'Reilly, Eoin McHugh (0-1); Jamie Brennan, Hugh McFadden, Cian Mulligan.

Subs., Mark McHugh for P Brennan 33; Kieran Gillespie for McGee ht; Patrick McBrearty (0-2) for J Brennan 43; Karl Lacey for Mulligan 50; Martin McElhinney for R McHugh 60; Michael Langan for Thompson 63

MONAGHAN: Rory Beggan; Fintan Kelly, Drew Wylie, Ryan Wylie; Ryan McAnespie, Neil McAdam, Karl O'Connell; Darren Hughes, Kieran Hughes (0-1); Dessie Ward, Owen Duffy (0-1), Gavin Doogan; Michael Bannigan (0-1), Jack McCarron (0-6, 4f), Conor McManus (1-1, pen, f).

Subs., Shane Carey (0-1) for McAnespie 8; Conor McCarthy for Ward, bcard 40; Dermot Malone for Bannigan ht; Vinny Corey for McAdam 46; James Mealiff for O Duffy, bcard 53; Thomas Kerr for Doogan 68

REFEREE: David Gough (Meath)

ATTENDANCE: 6,575

FREES: Donegal 19 (11 in first half). Monaghan 11 (8)

WIDES: Donegal 16 (7). Monaghan 10 (5)

YELLOW CARDS: Donegal: Cian Mulligan, Neil McGee, Michael Langan.

Monaghan: Neil McAdam, Fintan Kelly, Thomas Kerr

BLACK CARDS: Donegal: Martin McElhinney.

Monaghan: Dessie Ward, Owen Duffy

REF WATCH

Meath official David Gough was very sharp on off the ball tugs, while allowing plenty of aggression close to the ball. Both sides got some soft frees.

Man of the match

Not an easy choice, but award goes to Ryan McHugh, who was the biggest influence on the game until being forced off. It may not be a coincidence that Donegal were caught when the Kilcar man was in the dugout.