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ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

THROW IN 12:00pm (ET if required)



Referee: Anthony Marron (Muineachán)
Standby: Joe Corcoran (Fear Manach)
Linesman: Mark Dorrian (Dún na nGall)
Sideline Official: Kieran Eannetta (Tír Eoghain)
Umpires: Peter McGarrell, Jamie King,
John Finlass and Lorcan Woods.

Anthony Marron (Muineachán)

Anthony hails from the Corduff Gaels club in Monaghan and has been refereeing for eight years. He took charge of the 2016 MFC game between Derry and Tyrone. He joined the Ulster Referees Academy in 2013 and has been a member of the National Support Panel for the past three years.



He has refereed at all levels in Monaghan, taking charge of the Junior Championship Final in 2013 and Ulster Senior Club League Final in 2015. To date in Ulster, Anthony has refereed in the Bank of Ireland Dr. McKenna Cup, Ulster Club Championships and Minor Football Championship including the 2016 tie between Derry and Tyrone.

ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI FINAL

THROW IN 2:00pm



Referee: David Coldrick (An Mhí)
Standby: David Gough (An Mhí)
Linesman: Noel Mooney (An Cabhán)
Sideline Official: Sean Laverty (Aontroim)
Umpires: Stephen O'Hare, Seamus McCormack,
Conor Dourneen and James Matthews.

David Coldrick (An Mhí)

David is no stranger to duty in the Ulster Senior Football Championship. He refereed the 2010, 2013 and 2016 Ulster Finals.



He has been on the inter-county panel for some fourteen seasons and has officiated at senior championship games in all four provinces. In 2006, he took charge of his first AIB All-Ireland Club Senior Football Final.

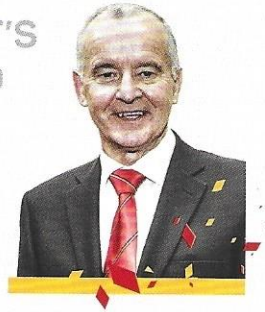
David joined the ranks of All-Ireland Senior Football Championship Final referees in 2007 when he controlled the Kerry and Cork decider. He followed this up in 2010 when he took charge of the Cork and Down decider and 2015 for Dublin v Kerry. The Meath official won Minor and Under-21 Football Championship medals with Kilcloon-Moynalvy and is now a member of the Blackhall Gaels Club.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus an lucht leanúna a tháinig go Páirc Thiarnaigh Naofa inniu ó-n Dún na nGall agus ó Thír Eoghain. Molaim go hard gach duine a chuidigh leis na himreoirí seo thar na mblianta le ullmhú le himirt ag an ardchaighdeán spóirt seo.

Welcome to the 2017 Ulster Senior Football Championship Semi Final between Donegal and Tyrone here in St Tiernach's Park today. This eagerly awaited Semi Final, a repeat of last year's final is sure to provide an entertaining clash in every sense of the word.

Tyrone drew level and edged ahead in the final minutes of last year's encounter with two great scores from Sean Cavanagh and Peter Harte. This year's Division 1 game between the sides gave Donegal two precious league points after a superb display of taking long range scores.

The Minor Semi Final brings together Aontroim and Doire as they seek a place in the Ulster Final as well as the added bonus of an All-Ireland Quarter Final place. Derry maintain their tradition of producing good minor teams and will be tested by an improving Antrim side where Hugh McGettigan and his backroom team have been working patiently to make the break-through at minor grade. My best wishes to both teams.

Today sees another opportunity for a special exhibition skills game at half time. As part of the Ulster GAA's Disability Inclusion Programme there will be schools and community groups representing the participating counties. Today, we have St. Gerard's Belfast and Donegal Dynamoes.

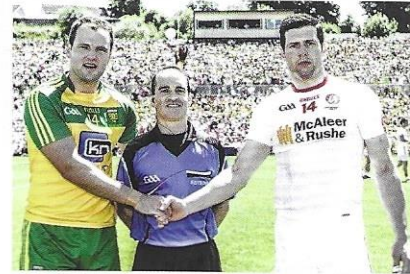
Please join with me in giving them all a special welcome and lots of encouragement as they entertain us in today's half time game. My thanks to all those working with these groups.

I am delighted that AWARE are the nominated Charity Partner for Ulster GAA in 2017. AWARE are doing excellent work in the areas of depression, bipolar disorder, and mental health generally. They aim to help people understand and protect against mental ill-health, and we aim to help them in doing so. Ulster GAA is passionate about doing what it can to help raise awareness of, and reduce the stigma associated with, mental health and I look forward to working with our clubs, counties, and communities in the months and year ahead.

I also wish all four teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked. To you the supporters, your support and attendance is highly valued and we hope you join us again before the 2017 resting place of the Anglo Celt Cup is confirmed. Beir bua,

Micheál Ó hOsáin

Micheál Ó hOsáin
Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh.



Donegal's Michael Murphy, match referee David Caldric and Tyrone's Sean Cavanagh before the Ulster Final 2016.



Amhrán na bhFiann:

Hannah Ferguson is a 21 year old singer from the Watty Grahams Glen Club in Co Derry. Hannah has been competing in Scór for over 10 years and is the current Derry Scór Sinsir Solo Singing champion. Along with numerous county titles in Solo Singing, Ballad Group and Léiriú Stáitse.



Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil
A tá fé gheall ag Éirinn,
buion dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
Fé mhóid bheith saor.
Sean tír ár sinsir feasta
Ní fhagfar fé'n tíorán ná fé'n tráil
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gear ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canáidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

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Please do not bring anything into the stadium that can be used as a weapon or that will cause interference with others. This includes fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, flagpoles, banners. We do not allow alcohol in the ground. We ask you not to climb onto walls, stands and other buildings. Likewise, we ask you to refrain from making unnecessary noise that will annoy other spectators near you. That includes the likes of air horns or radios.

Please do not use foul, abusive or offensive language. There are families and children present. We ask you not to enter the field of play during or after the game for health and safety reasons. Occasionally we may be required to search patrons entering the ground. If you refuse to be searched you may be refused entry. Please do not obstruct gangways or stairwells etc. Also, please do not engage in behaviour that may cause a fire or other dangerous event.

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Children who have become separated from their parents/guardians should be brought to the designated First Aid Points.

SAFETY NOTICE

We have established this policy for health and safety reasons, to avoid serious injury or death. We thank you for your co-operation, and hope you enjoy the match.

CLÁR AN LAE

11.45am	Aontroim amach ar an bPáirc
11.48am	Doire amach ar an bPáirc
11.55am	Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
11.57am	Toss
12.00pm	Tús an Cluiche: Aontroim v Doire
12.32pm	Half Time / Leath Am

*Aontroim to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
Doire to leave the field once Aontroim have cleared the field*

12.33pm	Entertainment / Siamsa
12.43pm	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath
1.15pm	End of Minor Game / Críoch an Chluiche Mionúir

1.33pm Both County Secretaries to present
Team Lists in Referees room

1.39pm	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
1.42pm	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
1.45pm	Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
1.50pm	Toss
1.53pm	Paráid (Dún na nGall closest to the perimeter & Tír Eoghain on the inside)

1.58pm	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.00pm	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain
2.37pm	Half Time / Leath Am

Dún na nGall to leave the field immediately on half time whistle. Tír Eoghain to leave the field once Dún na nGall have cleared the field

2.38pm	Cluichí Exhibition
2.48pm	End of Exhibition Game
2.50pm	Presentation of Medals
2.52pm	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath
3.30pm	End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

* If Extra Time is required in the Minor game, see below

1.25pm	Start of First Period of Extra Time
1.36pm	End of First Period of Extra Time
1.39pm	Start of Second Period of Extra Time
1.50pm	End of Extra Time
1.53pm	Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees room
1.54pm	Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc
1.57pm	Tír Eoghain amach ar an bPáirc
2.00pm	Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
2.05pm	Toss
2.08pm	Paráid (Dún na nGall closest to the perimeter & Tír Eoghain on the inside)

2.13pm	Amhrán na bhFiann
2.15pm	Tús an Cluiche: Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain
2.52pm	Half Time / Leath Am

*Dún na nGall to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
Tír Eoghain to leave the field once Dún na nGall have cleared the field*

2.53pm	Cluichí Exhibition
3.03pm	End of Exhibition Game
3.05pm	Presentation of Medals
3.07pm	Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath
3.45pm	End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

ULSTER GAA DISABILITY INCLUSION GAMES

Donegal Dynamoes

Anthony Donagher
 Brian O'Donnell
 Damien Gallagher
 David Gallagher
 Joe Friel
 John Joe Gettins
 John Meehan
 Kieran Gallagher
 Shane Gorman
 Jack Monaghan



St Gerard's Belfast:

Matthew McCormack
 Gerard McKenna
 Sean Og Turner
 Eamon McGauley
 Ciaran Lynn
 Tristan McMahan
 Gerard Shortt
 Ciaran McQuitty
 Seamus Gallagher
 Shaun Burns



Gaelic Games are among the most exciting and spectacular sports in the world. Ulster GAA, through our 'GAA FOR ALL' programme, provide the opportunity for everyone to play our games.

The aim of the Ulster GAA Disability Inclusion Programme is to work in partnership with other agencies and organisations to enhance the physical health and wellbeing of people with a disability, whilst simultaneously promoting social inclusion through participation.

In Northern Ireland 21% of people have a disability or long term condition which limits their day to day activities. However only 15% of people with a disability take the recommended level of exercise compared to 38% of people who have no disability. (NI Census 2011)

Ulster GAA has developed a GAA FOR ALL coaching resource to support coaches, parents, teachers and volunteers. We hope to enable them to establish sessions that are inclusive, stimulating and fun for children and adults with a disability who would like to play Gaelic games. The coaching cards show various games and activities that will help the participants to improve their

Fundamentals, hurling and football skills while assisting them to play through use of modified games. It also gives guidelines and information to help establish a safe and effective environment. Ulster GAA would like to thank Disability Sport Northern Ireland for their contribution to this booklet.

Ulster GAA also have a provincial wheelchair hurling team who compete in the national wheelchair hurling league and championship annually. Anyone with a physical disability or impairment are encouraged to get in touch to find out more about the sport.

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VALUING THE VOLUNTEER



Eddie Walsh (Sean MacCumhailis)

Eddie Walsh has been an invaluable asset to the Sean MacCumhailis club and the Donegal County Board.



Anyone who has had the fortune of holding possession of a winning half time draw ticket in Seán Mac Cumhaill Park will have met Eddie Walsh when claiming the €100 prize. Indeed if you had the misfortune to meet Eddie before the game you will have purchased the half time draw ticket almost unknown to yourself such is the persuasion Eddie has. He has a unique ability to get out and get on with the job.

He holds the important post of Assistant Club Treasurer for the past number of years and has taken active roles in many forms of fundraising for the Club such as the half time draw at games in Mac Cumhaill Park, the bingo and the lotto. Eddie is also the club coordinator for the Croke Park National Club draw and has continually impressed on our club members to support this initiative as he feels that it is a tremendous fund raiser for clubs in the country.

He is also recognised by his unique Lighting Technician Bib on Match days. Eddie oversees all things when it comes to the floodlights at Mac Cumhaill Park from testing to operation and maintenance and when called upon he ensures that all is in working order. This is a specialist job as it requires regular testing especially in the lead up to winter National League games as well as our own domestic games. A measure of his expertise is that in the 10 years that the floodlighting is in operation in MacCumhaill Park not once has the lights failed. Great credit must go to Eddie for this. Added to this

Eddie would be one of the last people to leave the park after these games, way past the final whistle.

Another vision of Eddie is seen when the Donegal County teams train at MacCumhaill Park he is there well ahead of the appointed starting time of the training to ensure the dressing rooms are open and traffic parking arrangements are in place. Again he is the last person to turn out the lights.

Eddie would also be known from outside the Club environment with his participation in the wider Donegal Supporter's Circle for organising the buses and hotels for the Donegal supporters on away trips and he has also served as Chairman of the Donegal Supporters Club during a period of great success with county teams. His contribution here was immense as raising funds even when your teams are successful is probably one of the most difficult job within our organisation.

A measure of Eddie's commitment, himself along with Eugene Gallagher Club Treasurer decided to treat themselves to a wee vacation and they travelled to New York with the Donegal County Team on their visit to New York over Easter. This was expected to be a few days of relaxing and off duty but not Eddie he was in the middle of helping out at the various fund raising events such as the Golf Classic and auctions that were organised while in New York. That is commitment for you.

Eddie can be called upon at any time for his help and its good GAA members like Eddie that make our Club's tick.

The definition of a volunteer is "the principle of donating time and energy for the benefit of other people in the community or organisation as a social responsibility rather than for any financial reward" Eddie certainly fits into this category and the Sean MacCumhailis Club are delighted that Eddie is being given this recognition.

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MINOR PREVIEW

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ELECTRIC IRELAND ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

EVERYONE will remember the heart-warming celebrations when the Antrim minors edged red hot favourites Donegal in their Ulster Championship quarter-final on May 21. Most neutrals, if they were honest, would admit that they want to see a repeat dose in their semi-final clash against a formidable looking Derry outfit today.

The Saffrons are gunning for their first Ulster Championship Final appearance since 2006, and you have to go all the way back to 1999 to find the last time they came out on the winner's podium. Derry haven't been so starved of trophy success at minor level, winning outright in Ulster in the first year of Damian McErlaine's tenure in 2015.

But while they are gunning for their third Ulster Final appearance on the trot, losing last year's decider to Donegal, they have a new-look side this year. Yet while only five of last year's

starters remain eligible, they are some of Derry's top performers. Oisín McWilliams was a Goliath in midfield in their opening day win over Tyrone, Conor McCluskey shackled Red Hand danger men PT Cunningham and Darragh Canavan, while their captain Pádraig McGrogan is another survivor from last year. McErlaine can also call upon a clean bill of health as wing-back Odhrán Quinn has recovered from a broken hand.

And ominously for Antrim, they aren't shorn of options either. Lorcan McWilliams – twin brother of Oisín – Fergal Mortimer and Mark McGrogan all made positive impacts when sprung from the bench in Derry's 0-18 to 1-14 comeback win over Tyrone, overhauling a three-point deficit at half-time.

A lot of the Antrim and Derry players will be familiar with each other given the crossover at schools' level. Key Saffron players like Tiarnan McAteer and Liam Quinn, for example, helped St Mary's, Magherafelt claim their first-ever MacRory title back in March. They qualified for today's semi-final with a memorable win over Donegal. They didn't make it easy for themselves, shipping a calamitous goal in the first-half and another three-pointer in extra time, but this is an Antrim side without an inferiority complex and they eventually ran out 0-21 to 2-14 victors.

Creggan sharpshooter McAteer kicked four points from play, Ruairí Brolly (son of Joe) iced two crucial extra-time points, while Liam Quinn also starred in attack, landing three points from play and four from the dead ball.

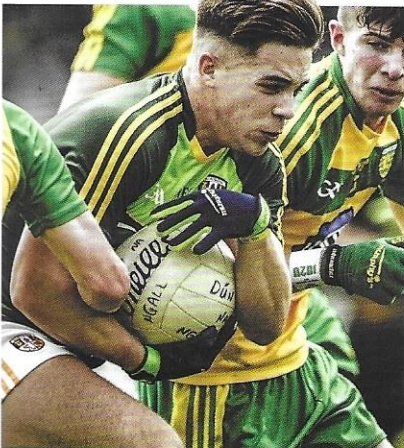


Derry's Mark McGrogan celebrates a late score in Derry's Quarter Final victory over Tyrone.

These two sides have previous. They met in a hotly contested encounter in the Minor League which Derry edged by 0-10 to 1-6. Oakleafers chief McErlaine has been at pains to point out the apparent insignificance of that clash due to the rapid development that goes hand-in-hand with minor teams.

Indeed, Derry came up short in the Minor League Final against Tyrone before exacting revenge in the Ulster Championship. The Oak Leafers showed admirable composure in reeling in the Red Hands and will be determined to string together a 60-minute performance against the Saffrons.

The last time Antrim failed to pick up a win in the Ulster Championship was in 2013. For three years on the trot they overcame Fermanagh in the provincial series, and their surprise win over Donegal is another indication of their progress at this level. However, Derry will have plenty to say about whether they make the significant breakthrough of reaching an Ulster Final – 'neutrals' be warned.



Antrim's Eoghan McCabe protects possession in their Quarter Final victory over Donegal

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Antrim Minor Football Team
 Manager: Hugh McGettigan



FÍR IONAIÐ/SUBSTITUTES

16. Jack McAufield, Naomh Pól 17. Jack Lenehan, Naomh Muire Achadh Gallian 18. Malachi Doherty, Naomh Seosamh
 19. Jamie McCann, Ciceam An Creagán 20. Declan Smyth, Micheal Mac Daibheid 21. Peter Henvey, Naomh Brid
 22. Seanchan Duffin, Naomh Eargnaid 23. Kealan McCann, Ciceam An Creagán 24. Ruairi Brollý, Naomh Brid

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Derry Minor Football Team
 Manager: Damian McErlain



FÍR IONAIÐ/SUBSTITUTES

16. Odhran Lynch, Machaire Fiolta 17. Martin Bradley, Baile na Scríne 18. Callum Brown, Léim an Mhadaidh
 19. Jon Paul Devlin, Baile na Scríne 20. Alex Doherty, An Gleann 21. Tiarnan McHugh, Droim Sorn
 22. Fergal Mortimer, An Chreig Bhán 23. Cormac Murphy, Machaire Fiolta 24. Tiarnan Walsh, An Suaitreach

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CASEMENT PARK - a new modern stadium for the next generation

In Spring 2017 the Ulster GAA lodged its fresh planning application for a new Provincial Stadium at Casement Park, Belfast. The Community Consultation Findings Show:

SUPPORT

95% (2851) support the Casement Park project in principle

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2851



RESPONSE

Response to the PACC 2 consultation was widespread and substantial.

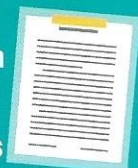
2989

people responded to the PACC 2 consultation:



246

feedback forms from manned public exhibitions



275

feedback forms from unmanned stands and



1041

feedback forms from website.

FEEDBACK POINTERS

92%

agree that the Casement Park project will Deliver Positive Socio-Economic Benefits for West Belfast & Beyond

91%

agree that the Emerging Stadium Design will be a positive on the Quality of Environment

90%

of respondents agreed that PACC2 has enhanced their understanding of the project.

4%

were opposed to the project in principle.

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SEMI-FINALS ULSTER

OVER THE PAST DECADE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The last ten years has seen all nine Ulster counties reach the last four of the Ulster Senior Football Championship. In fact, only Cavan have failed to reach a provincial senior decider in that period.

2016 was unique in that both semi finals required a replay while 2014 is the only other year that a semi final has required a second day out. Today Donegal appear in an Ulster Semi Final for the seventh consecutive year, while today's opponents Tyrone lead the way with four provincial titles in the last decade.. In an interesting twist, the 2017 line up is a repeat of the 2012 pairings.

The full record for the last 10 years reads as follows:

	Played	Won	Drew	Lost
Antrim	2	1	0	1
Armagh	4	1	1	2
Cavan	4	0	1	3
Derry	5	1	0	4
Donegal	8	6	1	1
Down	4	1	0	3
Fermanagh	3	1	0	2
Monaghan	9	5	2	2
Tyrone	7	4	1	2

2016

Donegal	1-11	Monaghan	0-14	Kingspan Breffni
Donegal	0-17	Monaghan	2-10	Kingspan Breffni (R)
Tyrone	0-16	Cavan	3-07	Clones
Tyrone	5-18	Cavan	2-17	Clones (R)

2015

Monaghan	1-20	Fermanagh	0-13	Kingspan Breffni
Donegal	1-09	Derry	0-10	Clones

2014

Donegal	3-16	Antrim	0-12	Clones
Monaghan	0-14	Armagh	0-14	Clones
Monaghan	1-18	Armagh	1-13	Clones (R)

2013

Donegal	0-12	Down	0-09	Kingspan Breffni
Monaghan	1-10	Cavan	0-12	Clones

2012

Down	1-14	Monaghan	1-13	Athletic Grounds
Donegal	0-12	Tyrone	0-10	Clones

2011

Derry	3-14	Armagh	1-11	Clones
Donegal	2-06	Tyrone	0-09	Clones

2010

Tyrone	0-14	Down	0-10	Casement Park
Monaghan	0-21	Fermanagh	2-08	Kingspan Breffni

2009

Tyrone	0-15	Derry	0-07	Casement Park
Antrim	0-13	Cavan	1-07	Clones

2008

Fermanagh	1-11	Derry	1-09	Healy Park
Armagh	1-11	Down	0-10	Clones

2007

Tyrone	2-15	Donegal	1-07	Clones
Monaghan	0-14	Derry	1-09	Casement Park

*Yellow denotes Provincial winners





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COLÁISTE CHOLMCILLE, BALLYSHANNON



The Danske Bank Markey Cup Final was an all-Donegal affair this year with Coláiste Cholmille Ballyshannon overcoming Coláiste na Carraige in a fiercely contested game. It was a fantastic victory for the south west Donegal school who made their mark on the new Ulster Schools' stage.

Winning the Markey Cup was the culmination of the hard work done in promoting Gaelic games in the school, led by Principal Jimmy Keogh, (himself a Hogan Cup winner with Ard Scoil Ris in Dublin), and all the staff in CCBS.

After emerging from a tough all-Donegal group including St Catherine's Killybegs, Rosses Community School, Abbey Vocational and St Columba's Glenties, the Ballyshannon lads progressed to an Ulster quarter-final meeting with Rathmore Belfast. In a tight game throughout, Coláiste Cholmille were particularly thankful to goalkeeper Sean Taylor who made a number of impressive saves to keep the Belfast men at bay. At the other end, Dean Carroll and Oisín Rooney kicked seven points between them and 1-1 from corner forward Dylan Gallagher all contributed to a 1-13 to 1-08 victory.

That brought them to a semi-final encounter with St Joseph's Donaghmore on a wet and windy afternoon in Garvaghey. A strong first half performance saw the Donegal side edge ahead 0-10 to 0-06 at the break with that trio of Carroll, Gallagher and Rooney all to the fore once again. A goal from Matthew McClay shortly after the restart gave Ballyshannon control but

this game was far from over. Donaghmore recuperated and a trio of points brought them back to within touching distance before they levelled the game when James McCann punished a defensive error. That score rocked Ballyshannon back to life and they finished the game the stronger, with Michael McKenna rounding off a 1-16 to 1-12 win.

That brought about the all-Donegal decider after neighbours Coláiste na Carraige defeated St Patrick's Keady in the other semi-final. And despite losing Matthew McClay in the third minute and then Dylan Gallagher after 18 minutes, both to black cards, Coláiste Cholmille Ballyshannon went on to win their first Markey Cup title at Irvinestown. Gallagher's replacement Seamus Keogh, the Irish U15 soccer captain, rose to the occasion, scoring a point soon after he entered the game, carrying the ball well against the breeze during the second half and setting up both the goals in the last few minutes to kill off Carrick's challenge.

Coláiste Cholmille, Ballyshannon Danske Bank Markey Cup winners 2017

Sean Taylor (Aodh Ruadh)
 Cian McGloin (Aodh Ruadh)
 Cathal McSharry (Gaeil na Meilge)
 Connor Feighney (Gaeil Naomh Molaise)
 Conall Sweeney (Aodh Ruadh)
 Robbie Ryan (Gaeil Naomh Molaise)
 Jason Granaghan (Aodh Ruadh)
 Matthew McClay (Naomh Bríd)
 Dean Carroll (Gaeil Naomh Molaise)
 Ryan McKenna (Aodh Ruadh)
 Shane McGrath (Aodh Ruadh)
 Michael McKenna (Aodh Ruadh)
 Dylan Gallagher (Aodh Ruadh)
 Oisín Rooney (Aodh Ruadh)
 Nathan Boyle (Aodh Ruadh)
 Adam McBarron (Paite Gabha)
 Sean Robinson (Paite Gabha)
 Jakub Machunik (Realt na Mara)
 Jarlath Leonard (Paite Gabha)
 Caelán Drummond (Aodh Ruadh)
 Killian McManus (Gaeil na Meilge)
 Robbie Kelly (Gaeil Naomh Molaise)
 Shane Dorrian (Aodh Ruadh)
 Shane Gillespie (Aodh Ruadh)
 Seamas Keogh (Gaeil Naomh Molaise)
 Gareth Sheerin (Aodh Ruadh)
 Patrick McCaffrey (Aodh Ruadh)
 Oisín Woods (Devenish)
 Paul Diver (Naomh Bríd)



Coláiste Cholmille, Ballyshannon
 Danske Bank Markey Cup winners 2017

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Final Date for Applications: Friday 7 July 2017

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na Dúnaibh, 17-21 July 2017



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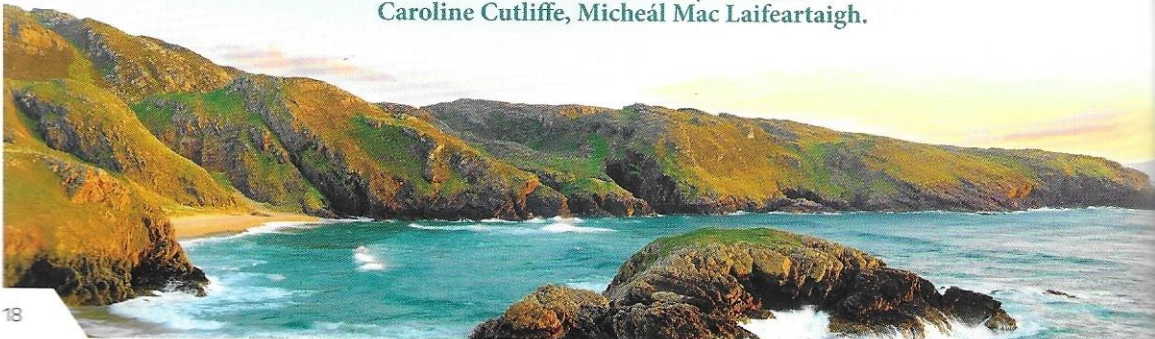
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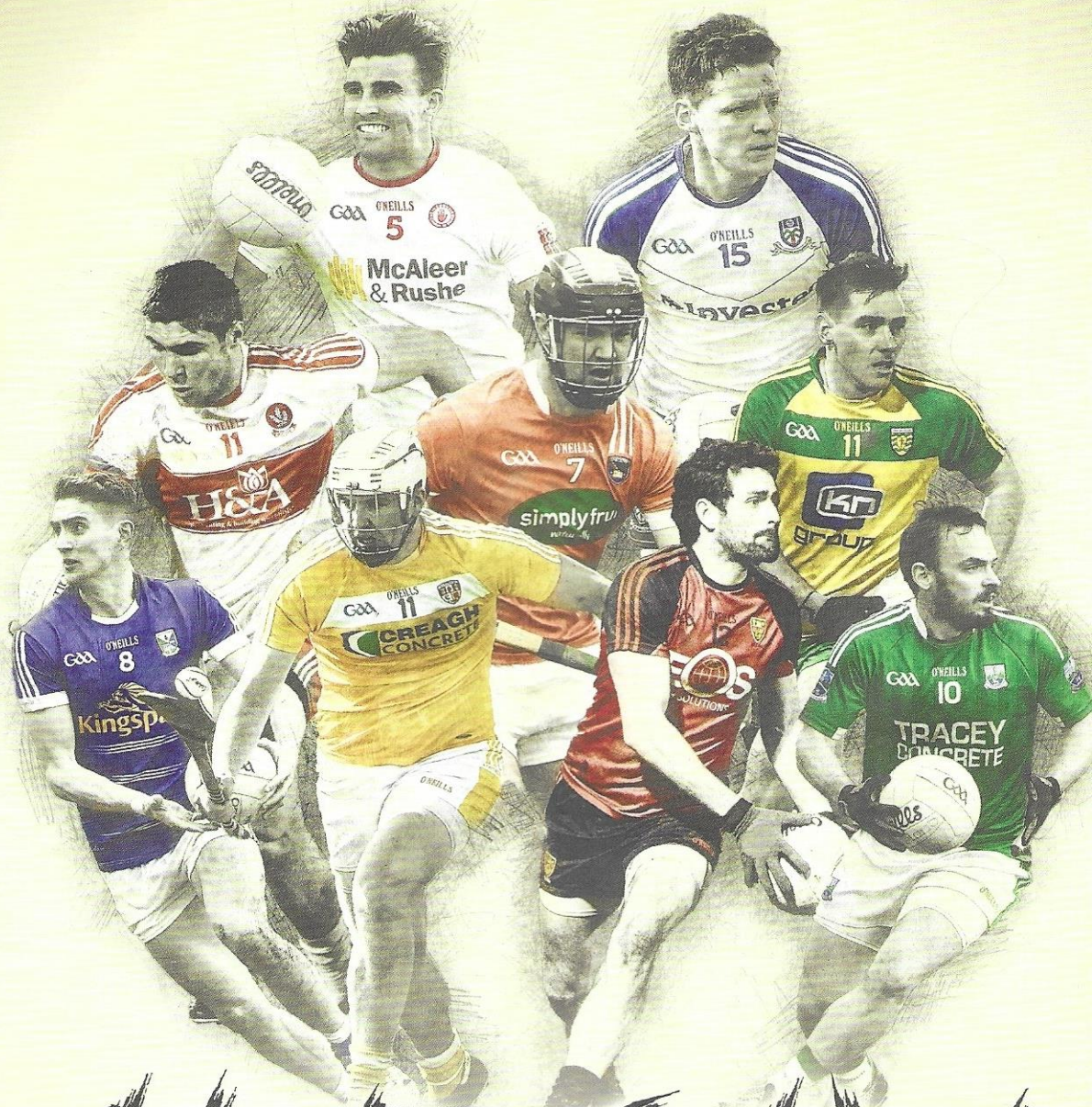
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Semi Final Donegal v Tyrone

When it comes to rivalries in Ulster football, Donegal versus Tyrone might not be the hottest. Certainly, there is more feeling on the terraces when Tyrone take on Derry or Armagh, or when the Orchard county face neighbours Down. Yet, over the last few years, no simmering rivalry has been more pertinent in Ulster than that between the Red Hands and the Tir Chonaill county.

And the fact that Donegal have invariably had the upper hand in recent seasons has only made things more relevant. At the outset of this year's Ulster Senior Football Championship, common wisdom had it that only three teams could feasibly emerge with their hands on the Anglo-Celt Cup.



And the provincial race could really start to come to the boil this afternoon when two of those 'super-powers' clash for the sixth time in seven seasons at Championship level. The first of those clashes, in the semi-final in 2011, saw Jim McGuinness's hungry Donegal outfit unseat the reigning Ulster champions on their way to taking that mantle themselves.

That superiority over their neighbours was sustained over three close matches before Mickey Harte's men finally wrested back control, and the

provincial crown, in Clones on July 17 last term. As was the case in all of the clashes of the counties in the interim, the decider 11 months ago was as tight as a drum for the most part, yet for long periods it looked as if Rory Gallagher's Donegal would come out on top once again.

Leading by four points early in the second half and with Mattie Donnelly black-carded, heartbreak and the back door beckoned for the Red Hands, but when the chips were down their big men stepped up to the plate. They don't come much bigger or better than Sean Cavanagh, who turned in a barnstorming second half, highlighted by a massive point to draw his side level as the clock ticked towards 70 minutes.

Then another 'Mr Reliable' in Peter Harte put forward his own entry for score of the Championship before Kieran McGeary added an insurance point to end six barren years without an Ulster title. Yet the motivation that served Tyrone well last year, that sense of gaining revenge after the previous narrow defeats to Donegal, could serve today's opponents well this time round.



Gallagher's panel might have changed in make-up somewhat from last season, with a number of the old guard that delivered the All-Ireland in 2012 and those four wins on the bounce over the Red Hands having hung up their inter-county boots. But enough of last year's vanquished team remain to have them really fired up for this afternoon's game, while there is no doubting the quality still at Gallagher's disposal.

Men like Frank McGlynn, Neil McGee, Paddy McGrath, Patrick McBrearty and the peerless Michael Murphy have been down this road countless times before, while Ryan and Eoin McHugh are young men with a decent bank of experience to call on. Donegal can approach this game with confidence, safe in the knowledge they have time and again worked out a way to get past Tyrone. Yet, the Red Hands won't carry any fear into Clones either.

They have an Ulster title to defend, and they are in no mood to relinquish it, having fought so hard to end the drought in 2016. Tyrone didn't have to fight too hard to get their defence off to a winning start against Derry at the end of last month, running out 11-point winners, with 11 different players getting their name on the scoresheet.

And with a perceived weakness in terms of the lack of a reliable scoring forward, the Red Hand following will have been heartened to see so many men raising white flags, while the brilliant Championship debut turned in by Conall McCann in midfield gave more cause for optimism.

That said, nobody did more on the scoring front than Sean Cavanagh, who split the posts seven times, and his enduring class and fitness is imperative if his county are to prevail today and make their presence felt as



the provincial tussles give way to battle on the national stage.

Not that either side will have to run up a huge score to progress to the final, back at St Tiernach's Park on July 16 against either Down or Monaghan. Battles between these two familiar foes tend not to be high-scoring, but rather turn into tactical, technical affairs. For all the excitement of the closing stages last year, it can't be forgotten that the game was far from a classic, although the deep-lying defences employed by both teams meant that the standard of the scores themselves was very high, with a number of long-distance efforts from both sides finding the target.

Which brings us to Michael Murphy, who will relish the opportunity to shoot for goal from out the field. The Tir Chonaill skipper, like Cavanagh, remains his county's talisman, the go-to player when things get tight. They didn't ever get particularly tight in Donegal's Ulster opener against Antrim, with the home side

winning 3-19 to 1-9 in Ballybofey, but Murphy was still the guiding light from his station around midfield.

His class is undimmed and will prove crucial given the smattering of youth being given its head by Gallagher this season. Those young guns showed no fear in the National League, a campaign that included a 0-12 to 0-6 victory over the Red Hands, and it could be that an injection of new blood is exactly what was required after the disappointing end to the 2016 campaign.

THAT IMPETUS COULD WELL SEE THE TIR CHONAILL MEN TODAY OVER THE LINE AND KEEP THEM ON COURSE FOR A FIRST ULSTER CROWN IN THREE YEARS.

BUT IT WILL BE TIGHT, AS IT ALWAYS IS WHEN THESE TWO COUNTIES GO HEAD-TO-HEAD IN CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE. THE RIVALRY IS SIMMERING NICELY.

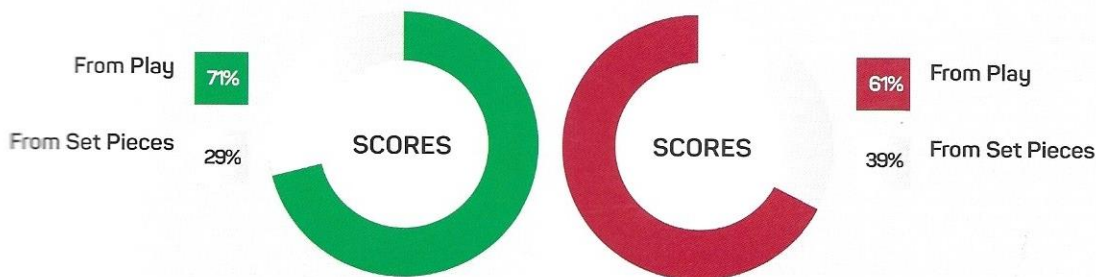


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TOP SCORER



Michael Murphy
1-31 (0-4 from play)



Peter Harte
2-22 (1-04 from play)

THE FACTS

A chess game with the hope that a football match breaks out. Maybe not for the purist but neither set of fans will complain if they come away with a victory.

A very close call but all the signs say Donegal.

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SAVE SMILES



Become Super #SportsParents!

It is widely acknowledged that Parents play a pivotal role in encouraging and supporting their child's participation, success and fun when playing sport. To raise awareness of the important role parents play in our clubs, Ulster GAA are encouraging all our constituent units to join us in supporting Parents in Sport, through our Save our Smiles Campaign which focuses on the positive role that parents play in helping young people reach their full potential.

Children and young people take greater enjoyment from participating in sports if their parents are positively involved. They are also more likely to continue playing the sport for longer and have more opportunities to reach their sporting potential. However, certain types of involvement and behaviours from parents and carers can be challenging, and take away from a child's experience and enjoyment.

Some parents commit a lot of time, money and emotional support to their children's participation in sport, sometimes in an emotionally charged environment they may get carried away, for example on the sidelines of a game. This can lead to parents displaying intimidating, aggressive, threatening or abusive behaviour towards their own or other children, coaches, officials or other parents or spectators. These behaviours can have a negative impact on their children, their teammates and opponents, other parents, coaches, and officials. It can lead to children and young people experiencing higher levels of pre-competitive anxiety and lowered self-esteem and confidence.

GAA Parents are key stakeholders in all Clubs, the contribution they can make to our games and activities is invaluable, particularly at underage level and in the day to day running of the club from

washing team kits through to transporting players, assisting with teams, fundraising and beyond. Therefore it is vital that all of our clubs embrace parental involvement in the club in a positive way and that channels of communication between the club, its volunteers and Parents are working as effectively as possible from the very start. Through offering support to parents to encourage that they engage with their child's GAA activities in a positive way and letting them know that as a club, you are responsive and open to their ideas, you can help to ensure that everyone involved has an enjoyable experience.

Parent in Sport Week takes place on 2nd-8th October 2017 and there are a number of ways in which your club can participate and build on what was a very successful campaign last year.

1. Display promotional posters of the Save our Smiles Campaign in key locations throughout clubrooms, and online through your social media channels.
2. Value parents contribution to your club, encouraging their participation in various appropriate roles within the club.
3. Ensure all parents and carers sign up to your code of behaviour and that all policies and procedures are clearly communicated at the beginning of each year.
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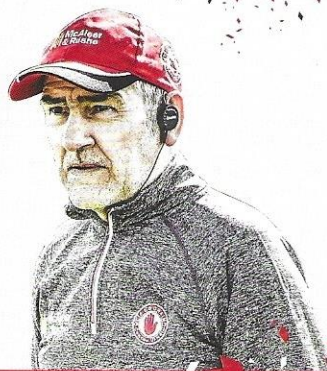
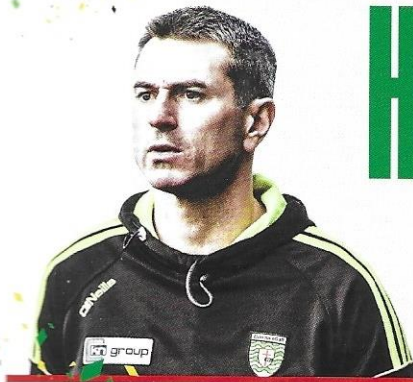


THE MANAGERS



HEAD TO

HEAD



It's a great honour for me this afternoon to lead the Donegal Senior Football team as we strive to reach a seventh provincial final in a row which will be a new record in the history books of Donegal GAA.

This is a huge testament to the players in particular that have been involved over these past 7 years but the enthusiasm and application demonstrated by the new players that have come through from our Minor and Under 21 squads in the past 6 – 9 months must also be acknowledged.

However, we face a formidable challenge from our neighbours Tyrone here today in St. Tiernach's Park in Clones who of course are the reigning Ulster champions.

We have met this afternoon's opponents many times in recent years both in league and championship, building up a very healthy rivalry along the way. Tyrone are a very experienced outfit and after a very comprehensive win over Derry, they pose a massive challenge if we are to reach the 2017 Ulster Final.

From my own perspective, I would like to thank the full squad of players for all the effort and commitment they have shown to date. A word of thanks also to the backroom team, the medical staff, the conditioning coaches, the County Board, our sponsors the KN Group and the MCR Group and the numerous individuals at home and also abroad who have supported Donegal GAA financially so generously these past few months. Finally, to our tremendous supporters, we will endeavour to repay your faith this afternoon.

Rory Gallagher

We have a championship match behind us and now we have to perform in a semi-final. There is a big prize for the winner of this and obviously there is a bit of history between us. Donegal have had the upper hand for a number of years and I suppose we got that rub of the green last year that we didn't get in previous encounters with them.

We won't be depending on that to give us a victory this time, we will have to produce a winning performance this time if we want to do it and that is the big challenge.

I don't think that this year's league game in Ballybofey will have any bearing on today's game. I know what we have learnt from it and I'm sure Donegal will have learnt from it too in their own way. But it's ultimately about what you do with what you learn. That will make the difference. We know things that we could have done better. If we can translate that into a different action, then there's a possibility we could get a different result. It's all a matter of conjecture.

As always, we appreciate the support from all those that assist the team's preparations in every way, our sponsors McAleer & Rushe and O'Neill's Sportswear, our Brand Partners Donnelly Vauxhall, Bank of Ireland, Deep River Rock and of course the ongoing contributions of the Club Tyrone membership, we're grateful for all their help. Thanks also to our supporters who have been turning out in good numbers and been in great voice this year. We will be hoping for more of the same today.

Mickey Harte

CLUB MAITH HELPING CLUBS REACH THEIR POTENTIAL

Club Maith has proven to be an effective way in which clubs have improved themselves. Whether a club is starting from a strong or weak position; clubs who have embraced Club Maith are reaping the rewards of their efforts. When asked what the greatest challenges facing clubs were; clubs replied that volunteer recruitment; financial management; coaching and games; fixtures; and facilities were the top five issues facing our clubs. These issues, among others, will be addressed the new Ulster Strategy, but the good news is that by engaging in Club Maith clubs can help to alleviate some of the burden.

Take volunteer recruitment as an example; every club could do with more hands-on-deck. In this regard Club Maith requires clubs to appoint a Volunteer Recruitment Officer – an additional role I hear you say! However, when utilised correctly, with an appropriate Policy, this role will transform how the club recruit, use, retain, reward and support volunteers in their role. Feedback from clubs who have gone through Club Maith have found it easier to recruit people into positions; volunteer-roles are clearly defined making the club more efficient; roles become more rewarding; and volunteers have more free-time for themselves.

Take club finances; Club Maith will not guarantee a monetary windfall for clubs; but it will require clubs to structure their financial procedures in such a way that ensures costs are well-managed; and clubs have a clear plan for raising funds. Some clubs may be able to avail of grants as a result of being Club Maith accredited. Club Maith can help in



Ulster GAA President Michael Hasson presenting Club Maith Awards to representatives from Killeevy, Peadar O'Dairmin's Forkhill, Butlersbridge, Roger Casements Portlengone, Pomeroy Plunkett's, Beragh Red Knights and Carrickmore St Colmille's.

many ways – unfortunately it will not sort-out issues with fixtures!

There is a huge amount of support for clubs through online resources and templates found on the dedicated Club Maith website. Ulster GAA staff are on-hand to offer any support needed; while a positive development is the greater input of County Officers in a club's application. County Development Officers are tasked with promoting Club Maith in their counties, and clubs are required to have engaged with their County Development Officer in order to make an application.

Although Club Maith will prove a valuable assurance-mark when applying for funding; the real value of Club Maith for your Club is the journey which it takes your Club on. This is something accredited clubs can testify to; with improvements being seen in many aspects of club life. Increasingly we are seeing those clubs which have been on the Club Maith journey realising their

potential both on and off the field. Once accredited, the award lasts for 3 years, after which time the club are required to re-apply. Feedback from clubs who have been re-accredited say the process is much easier the second-time round, as much of the groundwork has already been undertaken.

60 clubs in total have completed the process and currently there are 29 clubs that remain accredited across Ulster. It is hoped more clubs will get across the line in the coming months with a further 100+ clubs registered with Ulster GAA and are currently going through the process.

It is appreciated that the process can take up to a year to complete, and clubs are encouraged to begin the process by logging onto the Club Maith website <http://ulster.gaa.ie/club-maith/> or email Fionntan.odowd.ulster@gaa.ie for more information.

WE HAVE MET THIS AFTERNOON'S OPONENTS MANY TIMES
IN THE RECENT YEARS BOTH IN LEAGUE AND CHAMPIONSHIP,
BUILDING UP A VERY HEALTHY RIVALRY ALONG THE WAY.

Donegal Manager, Rory Gallagher

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DONEGAL PEN PICS



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Donegal Senior Football Team
 Manager: Rory Gallagher



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Tyrone Senior Football Team
Manager: Mickey Harte
Assistant Manager: Gavin Devlin



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22. Darren McCurry, Éadan na dTorc 23. Justin McMahon, An Ómaigh 24. Cathal McShane, E. R. Uí Néill
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Cathal McCarron	29	6ft	13st 12
Cathal McShane	21	6ft 2	12st 10
Colm Cavanagh	29	6ft 4	14st
Conall McCann	24	6ft 2	12st 2
Connor McAliskey	25	5ft 10	12st 8
Conor Meyler	22	5ft 11	12st 8
Darren McCurry	24	5ft 10	12st 8
David Mulgrew	19	6ft	12st 2
Declan McClure	23	6ft 3	14st
Frank Burns	22	6ft	13st 5
Harry Loughran	23	6ft 1	13st
Hugh Pat McGeary	24	6ft	13st 1
Justin McMahan	31	6ft 2	13st 5
Kieran McGeary	22	5ft 11	12st 8
Lee Brennan	20	5ft 9	11st 2

Ainm	Aois	Airde	Meáchan
Mark Bradley	23	5ft 7	11st 2
Matthew Donnelly	26	6ft	13st 12
Michael Cassidy	23	6ft 1	13st
Michael O'Neill	28	6ft 2	13st 12
Niall Morgan	25	6ft 1	13st 1
Niall Sludden	24	5ft 11	12st 11
Padraig Hampsey	23	6ft 1	13st 12
Padraig McNulty	25	6ft 4	14st
Peter Harte	26	5ft 11	12st 13
Richard Donnelly	24	6ft 2	14st
Ronan McHugh	21	6ft 1	12st 9
Ronan McNabb	27	5ft 11	12st 8
Ronan McNamee	25	6ft 1	13st 12
Ronan O'Neill	24	5ft 10	12st 4
Rory Brennan	23	6ft	12st 10
Sean Cavanagh	34	6ft 2	14st 2
Tiernan McCann	25	6ft 1	12st 13

I DON'T THINK THAT THIS YEAR'S LEAGUE GAME IN BALLYBOFEY WILL HAVE ANY BEARING ON TODAY'S GAME.

Tyrone Manager, Mickey Harte

FÉILE PEILE NA NÓG

23RD - 25TH JUNE 2017

For GAA followers who pencil in important dates in their calendar the weekend of 23rd June would be high on their agenda because of the Ulster Senior Football Semi-Final scheduled for that time.

Now, that weekend promises to be even more exciting as the John West Féile na nÓg 2017 is hosted by Cavan, Fermanagh and Monaghan with 160 boys teams and 92 girls teams involved. The Feile Peil na nÓg is a club festival of football for Under 14 years of age with teams travelling from all over Ireland, England, Scotland and the USA.

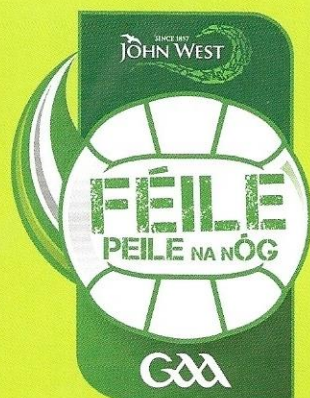
For many of these young people the strangers they meet for the first time will become lifetime friends.

The sheer size of this festival is illustrated by the numbers arriving for the weekend: with over 6,000 players, 1,000 mentors, Parents and Family members all here to play football in the clubs of Cavan, Monaghan and Fermanagh.

We also have host clubs in Armagh, Tyrone and Leitrim.

The National Féile committee chaired by Martin Skelly is responsible for the organisation of the tournament, but there is a local committee set up by Ulster Council GAA and chaired by the Vice President Oliver Galligan. They are charged with installing the structures in place on the ground and will organise the day to day running with the help of a Committee whose Secretary is Jimmy Darragh, ably assisted by a multitude of volunteers.

The host Clubs do an enormous amount of work to make this event a success and this weekend gives them the opportunity not only to showcase their young players of the future, but to show to all our visitors Ulster hospitality at its best. Ideas will be exchanged, songs will be sung, games will be played but most importantly contacts and friendships will be forged which will last a lifetime.



John West Féile na nÓg gives you the chance to come out and show your support to your club and the players of the future - don't forget the dates!

The finals will take place on Sunday 25th June at the following venues, so come along and show your support:

- Kingspan Breffni Park, Cavan
- St Tiernachs Park, Clones
- Brewster Park, Enniskillen
- Derrygonnelly
- Kingscourt
- Inniskeen
- Castleblayney
- Lisnaskea

The full list of fixtures can be viewed on www.ulster.gaa.ie



ONE MINUTE WITH

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Club: St Michaels

Áit is fearr ar an pháir - Favourite Position: Centre Forward

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr - Favourite Pitch: Croke Park

Caithimh aimsire - Hobbies: No time for Hobbies

Laoch d'óige - Childhood hero: Peter Schmeichel

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis - Best Player you have played with: Colm McFadden & Christy Toyne

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan - Best Player you have played against: Diarmuid Connolly

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann - Best game you have been involved in: 2016 Ulster Semi Final replay

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann - Best trainer within the squad: Paddy McGrath

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann - Worst trainer within the squad: Kieran Gillespie (Hasn't trained in a year)

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann - Best motivator within the squad: Michael Murphy

Aon phisreog - Any superstitions: Too Many

An t-amhrán is fearr leat - Favourite Song: Angels by Robbie Williams

An scannán is fearr leat - Favourite Film: Godfather

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire - Favourite Holiday Destination: Budapest

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire - Favourite Meal: Lasagne and Coleslaw

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú - Best advice ever received: Always believe in yourself

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir - Biggest influence on career: My Parents

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub - Club Volunteer of note: Tommy McGinley

An t-amhrán a n-éistean tú leis roimh chluichí - Song you listen to before big games: Calling

An scil is tábhachtaí - Most important skill: Kicking

An bua peile is mó atá agat - Biggest Strength in your game: Kicking

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú - Area of your game you would like to improve: Improve weak foot Kicking

Comhairle do dhaoine óga - Advice for youngsters: Listen to your Coaches and work hard

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí - Young Player within your club to look out for: Michael Langan

An rud is fearr fán CLG - Best thing about the GAA: Sense of Community, friendships made

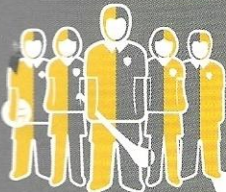
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In 2016 15,000 GAA members took part in Ulster GAA Health and Wellbeing initiatives.



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The Ulster GAA web-site receives approximately 35,000 hits per month

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In 2016 approximately 20,000 games were organised and played within the Province of Ulster.

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As a grassroots community based not for profit organisation, Ulster GAA reinvests approx 85% of its income to grassroots development at County and Club level.

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of sports attendances on the island of Ireland comes from the GAA

42%

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VALUING THE VOLUNTEER



Patsy Connolly (Aghyaran)

Patsy Connolly, a stand alone genuine Aghyaran Gael and a die hard Tyrone supporter. One of Aghyaran's finest sons, the legendary Patsy Connolly, is the Tyrone Fan under the spotlight this week.

They say every club has one. The Committee member, the grass cutter, the ticket seller, the manager, the pitch liner, the general go to person and in Patsy Connolly you have a man that fills all these roles. Patsy is normally the first person you see once you arrive at Michael Dolan Park in Aghyaran with a warm welcome and hearty smile.

The quiet gentle giant from North Tyrone has been involved with the St Davog's from almost day one. When the Club was formed in 1956 Patsy's mother Eileen Connolly donated a field to the club so they could train and play matches. For the first year of the club, Connolly's Field was the centre of GAA activity in the Aghyaran area.

Patsy, the eldest of 3 children was only just past 3 years old when his father Paddy Connolly sadly passed away and from day one the GAA always played such a vital role in the Connolly household.

He made his debut for Aghyaran in the 1963/64 season as a young 17 year old lining out at corner forward. Patsy soon made his mark and went on to line out at centre field alongside his great friend Brendan Dolan (RIP) for the next 20 years. He went on to win two West Tyrone League titles in 1965 and 1969 and was a sub on the 1981 Intermediate side who clinched the Championship title beating Coalisland in the Final.

After his playing days ended Patsy was still a pivotal figure in the Aghyaran club holding down the role of Club Treasurer for 15 years as well as Social Club Centre Secretary.

Working alongside his lifelong friends Michael McSorley (Mickey) and Michael Dolan, who the Pitch and Grounds are named after, they spearheaded the fundraising for a much needed Community Centre and Social Club.

A bachelor and pioneer all his life, Patsy likes nothing more than to watch his beloved Tyrone and when near neighbour Willie John Dolan was the Tyrone Team sponsor Patsy was so proud to wear the Tyrone Jersey. He liked nothing more than to have the banter with his Donegal neighbours especially when Tyrone won the three "Sam Maguire" titles.

Two weeks before the 2005 All-Ireland Final Patsy fell and broke his ankle and he sadly wasn't able to make it to the game but it wasn't for the want of trying. The locals also refer to Patsy as the 'Ticket Seller Sat Nav' because any club or good cause organisation who arrive in Aghyaran to sell tickets, Patsy is only too willing to show them where to go and point out the best ticket selling houses.

A TRUE AND SINCERE TYRONE GAELE AND A FRIEND TO SO MANY, PATSY CONNOLLY SUMS UP ALL THERE IS TO SAY ABOUT THE REAL LIFE GAA VOLUNTEER.

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PÁDRAIG HAMPSEY

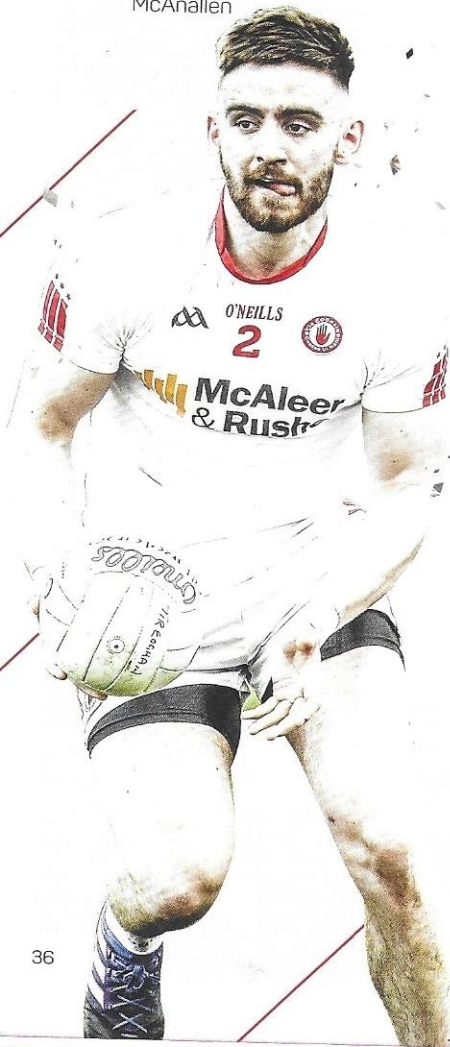
Club: Coalisland Na Fianna

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc:
Favourite Position: Midfield

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr:
Favourite Pitch: Fr Peter Campbell Park

Caithimh aimsire:
Hobbies: Football/Boxing

Laoch d'óige:
Childhood hero: Cormac McAnallen



An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis:
Best Player you have played with: Peter Harte/ Stephen McNally/ Peter Donnelly

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan: **Best Player you have played against:** Cillian O'Connor (Mayo) / Eoin McCusker (Dromore)

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann:
Best game you have been involved in: U21 All Ireland Final 2015

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann: **Best trainer within the squad:** Peter Harte

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann: **Worst trainer within the squad:** Michael Cassidy (Never off the physio bed)

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann: **Best motivator within the squad:** Horse or Pete Donnelly

Aon phisreog: **Any superstitions:** Magpies/ New shoes on the table

An t-amhrán is fearr leat:
Favourite Song: Ed Sheeran- Barcelona

An scannán is fearr leat:
Favourite Film: The Patriot

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire:
Favourite Holiday Destination: New York

An béile is fearr leat:
Favourite Meal: Mummy's Chicken Curry

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú:
Best advice ever received: The good days will always cancel out the bad days

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir:
Biggest influence on career: My father

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub:
Club Volunteer of note: Turlough Wylie

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí: **Song you listen to before big games:** X Gon' give it to ya

An scil is tábhachtaí:
Most important skill: Kill the ball/first touch

An bua peile is mó atá agat:
Biggest Strength in your game: Strength

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú:
Area of your game you would like to improve: Shooting

Comhairle do dhaoine óga:
Advice for youngsters: Never get complacent, there is always room for improvement

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí: **Young Player within your club to look out for:** Brendan Sheeran

An rud is fearr fán CLG:
Best thing about the GAA: The close knit community

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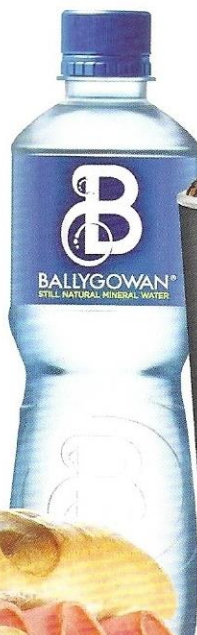
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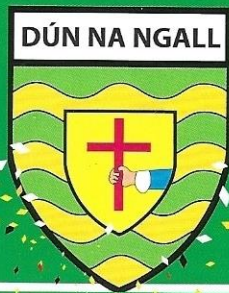
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GAELTACHT DHÚN NA nGALL



In Iarthuaisceart, Iardheisceart agus Iár Chontae Dhún na nGall atá an dara ceantar Gaeltachta is fairsinge in Éirinn. Tá radharcra aoibhinn anseo - sliabh agus mám, loch agus gleann, muir agus tuath. Tá uisce glé glan na Farraige Móire ag tuile agus ag trá ar a cósta creagach agus ar a cuanta agus a hinbhir - dúiche faoi shíth agus faoi shonas le saibhreas oidhreachta agus béaloidis na Gaeilge. Dúiche í ina bhfuil saibhreas cultúir as cuimse agus tuiscint láidir ar a bhféiniúlacht ar leith ag an bpobal a mhaireann inti. Gaeltacht Dhún na nGall - Tá éagsúlacht san áit sainiúil seo. Aimsigh duit féin an bheatha atá fós anseo sa mheasca de chultúr na gCeilteach agus na nGael...

Is í an Ghaeilge gnáth-theanga na muintire a mhaireann agus

a shaothraíonn anseo i gcoillár chultúir dhúchais Dhún na nGall. Stórchiste den chuid is fearr dár n-oidhreacht Ghaelach - ceol, amhráin agus rince atá anseo. Ach tá an dúiche féin ina seoid fine ag clanna Gael - tránna glana fothainiúla, oileáin ársa mhara Reachlainn Uí Bhírn, Thoraigh agus Ghabhla; sléibhte mar An Earagail agus páirceanna foraoise, agus locha agus aibhneacha breaclána.

RADHARCRA AGUS RÚNDACHT

Ó Chionn Fhánaide go ceantar Ghleann Fhinne agus Baile na Finne, ó Ghaoth Dobhair go Gleann Cholm Cille, ón Clochán Liath go dtí na Dúnaibh tá Gaeltacht Dhún na nGall lán go barra de radharcanna breátha agus de chúilíní rúnda le haimsíú. Tá lóistín den scoth ar fáil ar gach aon leibhéal agus caighdeán. Tá

sárluach ar airgead saoire anseo thar aon áit eile in Éirinn in óstáin phríobháideacha, tithe aíochta, sráideanna saoire, páirceanna campála agus carabhán, brúnna agus tithe saoire.

Ach is áit chun gníomhaíochta í freisin. Déan do rogha féin as an raidhse, Iár-ionaid chaitheamh aimsire, iascach ar na farraigí móra nó intire, páirceanna eachtraíochta, marcaíocht, dreapadóireacht sléibhe, siúlóid, rothaíocht, turasóireacht, galf, agus ag deireadh an lae ceap do shuaimhneas i dtábhairne ceoil nó i dtoglann sítheach.

Tá seo uilig anseo fá do choinne. Agus anois, tá Aerfort Dhún na nGall ar tinneall chun tú a thabhairt anseo go ceartlár na Gaeltachta ar eiltí réamhcheaptha ó Bhaile Átha Cliath agus ó Ghlaschú.

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THESE FIERCEST OF ULSTER RIVALS MEET TODAY FOR THE SEVENTH TIME IN THE LAST 10 YEARS AND FOLLOWS ON FROM LAST YEAR'S MEMORABLE ULSTER FINAL ENCOUNTER.

Both counties have seen a massive overhaul of their squad in recent times with a number of players from the previous encounters now residing abroad. Former Donegal players such as Ross Wherity (New York), Ryan Bradley (Abu Dhabi), Paul Durcan (Qatar), Kevin McMenamin (England) and Tyrone's Owen Mulligan (England) are amongst those no longer living in Ireland. We look back at those memorable encounters below.

1 Tyrone 0-13 Donegal 0-11 2016 Ulster Final in Clones

Late points from Sean Cavanagh, Peter Harte and Kieran McGeary swung this tie in favour of Tyrone who won their first Ulster title since 2010. This tense and intriguing battle kept the sell-out crowd in Clones on the edge of their seats to the very end with those late scores bringing Tyrone back from the brink. Donegal had looked the more likely winners throughout with Ryan McHugh scoring three beauties from long range in the first half. They led by one as the game entered stoppage time before Tyrone's late burst saw them lift the Anglo Celt.

Tyrone scorers: S Cavanagh 0-3; P Harte, N Morgan 0-2 each; R Brennan, C McCarron, D McCurry, K McGeary, C McShane, N Sludden 0-1 each.

Donegal scorers: P McBrearty, R McHugh 0-3 each; O MacNiallais, M Murphy 0-2 each; C Toye 0-1.

2 Donegal 1-13 Tyrone 1-10 2015 Ulster Preliminary Round in Ballybofey

Martin McElhinney's goal just before the break turned out to be the defining score of another enthralling encounter in wet conditions at Ballybofey. Going into the game as firm favourites, that score edged Donegal ahead at the break but they needed three Michael Murphy frees towards the end to finally pull clear. Tyrone had netted first through Darren McCurry and two points from Conor McAliskey had levelled the sides with 13 minutes remaining. Yet Donegal held firm and had the accuracy of captain Murphy to thank for making it through.

Donegal scorers: M McElhinney 1-2; M Murphy 0-3; C Toye, C McFadden, P McBrearty 0-2 each; F McGlynn, K Lacey 0-1 each.

Tyrone scorers: S Cavanagh 0-4; D McCurry 1-0; C McAliskey 0-3; Justin McMahan, M Donnelly, R McNamee 0-1 each.

3 Donegal 2-10 Tyrone 0-10 2013 Ulster Quarter Final in Ballybofey

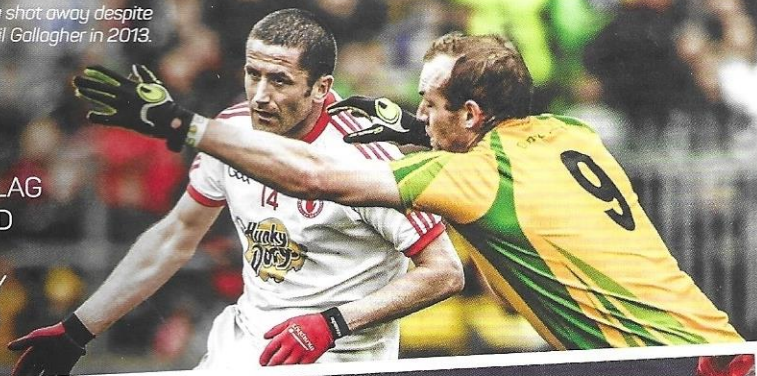
Colm McFadden and Ross Wherity raised the green flag for the reigning All-Ireland champions as they cruised into an Ulster semi-final by dispatching of a disappointing Tyrone in style. The Red Hands could have no cause for complaint as they were left to rue their wastefulness in front of goal, while their hosts outscored them 1-4 to 0-1 in the closing 20 minutes. Points from Justin McMahan and Sean Cavanagh had levelled the scores after 40 minutes, but there was no coming back from Wherity's goal 10 minutes later as Donegal progressed.

Donegal scorers: C McFadden 1-3; R Wherity 1-0, M Murphy 0-3; P McBrearty 0-2; R Kavanagh, David Walsh 0-1 each.

Tyrone scorers: M Donnelly, S Cavanagh 0-2 each; N Morgan, J McMahan, C Cavanagh, S O'Neill, C McAliskey, K Coney 0-1 each.

Stephen O'Neill gets a shot away despite the best efforts of Neil Gallagher in 2013.

COLM MCFADDEN AND ROSS WHERITY RAISED THE GREEN FLAG FOR THE REIGNING ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS AS THEY CRUISED INTO AN ULSTER SEMI-FINAL BY DISPATCHING A DISAPPOINTING TYRONE IN STYLE.



DÚN NA NGALL

Donegal Senior Team

Manager: Jim McGuinness



Reserves/Substitutes
 16. Michael Boyle, An Tearmann 17. Frank McGlynn, Gleann Fhinné 18. Dermot Molloy, Naomh Conaill
 19. Darragh McGee, Gaeth Dobhair 20. Jason Hector, Na Cealla Beaga 21. Neil Gallagher, Gleann Súil
 22. Lisa McCloskey, Naomh Conaill 23. Michael Hegarty, Cill Chartha 24. Daniel McLaughlin, Naomh Míchéil
 25. David Walsh, Naomh Conaill 26. Stephen Griffin, Naomh Naile

TÍR EOGHAIN

Tyrone Senior Team

Manager: Mickey Harte



Fir Ionaid/Substitutes
 16. John Devine, Aireagal Chiaráin 17. Aidan Cassidy, Cochar 18. Colm Cavanagh, An Mhaigh 19. Kyle Coney, Ard Bú
 20. Cathal McCarron, An Droim Mhór 21. Damian McCaul, Dornmhach Mór 22. Aidan McCrory, Aireagal Chiaráin
 23. Tommy McGuigan, Ard Bú 24. Justin McMahon, An Ornaigh 25. Owen Mulligan, An Chloinn Mhór
 26. Sean O'Neill, An Droim Mhór

The 2011 team line outs.

4 Donegal 0-12 Tyrone 0-10 2012 Ulster Semi Final in Clones

Five unanswered points in the last 20 minutes saw Donegal pull away from their neighbours Tyrone, but they had goalkeeper Paul Durcan to thank after a point blank save in stoppage time kept the Red Hands at bay. Martin Penrose had picked up on a loose ball on the 21 and blasted a shot at Durcan's goal, where the Donegal netminders outstretched leg turned the ball around the post. Had that effort found the net it would have been harsh on Donegal who had impressed to pull clear late on with points from Murphy and McFadden.

Donegal scorers: M Murphy, C McFadden 0-3 each; R Kavanagh 0-2; R Bradley, K Lacey, P McBrearty, M McHugh 0-1 each.

Tyrone scorers: Stephen O'Neill, J McMahon 0-2 each; C Clarke, C Gormley, D Carlin, Sean O'Neill, Mark Donnelly, M Penrose 0-1 each.

5 Donegal 2-06 Tyrone 0-09 2011 Ulster Semi Final in Clones

For the first time in 13 years neither Armagh nor Tyrone would take home provincial honours as Donegal found the net twice in the closing 15 minutes to reach their first Ulster Final since 2006. Dermot Molloy's 72nd minute goal capped a dogged display from Donegal who showed great character to claw their way back from an early 0-6 to 0-1 deficit. Owen Mulligan, Philip Jordan and Brian Doohair had helped Tyrone into that early lead, but they also hit six wides in that early spell, profligacy that would come back to haunt them.

Donegal scorers: C McFadden 1-1; D Molloy 1-0; M Murphy 0-2; K Cassidy, K Rafferty and P McBrearty 0-1 each.

Tyrone scorers: S O'Neill, S Cavanagh 0-2 each; P Jordan, B Doohair, C Mulligan, M Penrose and P Harte 0-1 each.

6 Tyrone 2-15 Donegal 1-07 2007 Ulster Semi Final in Clones

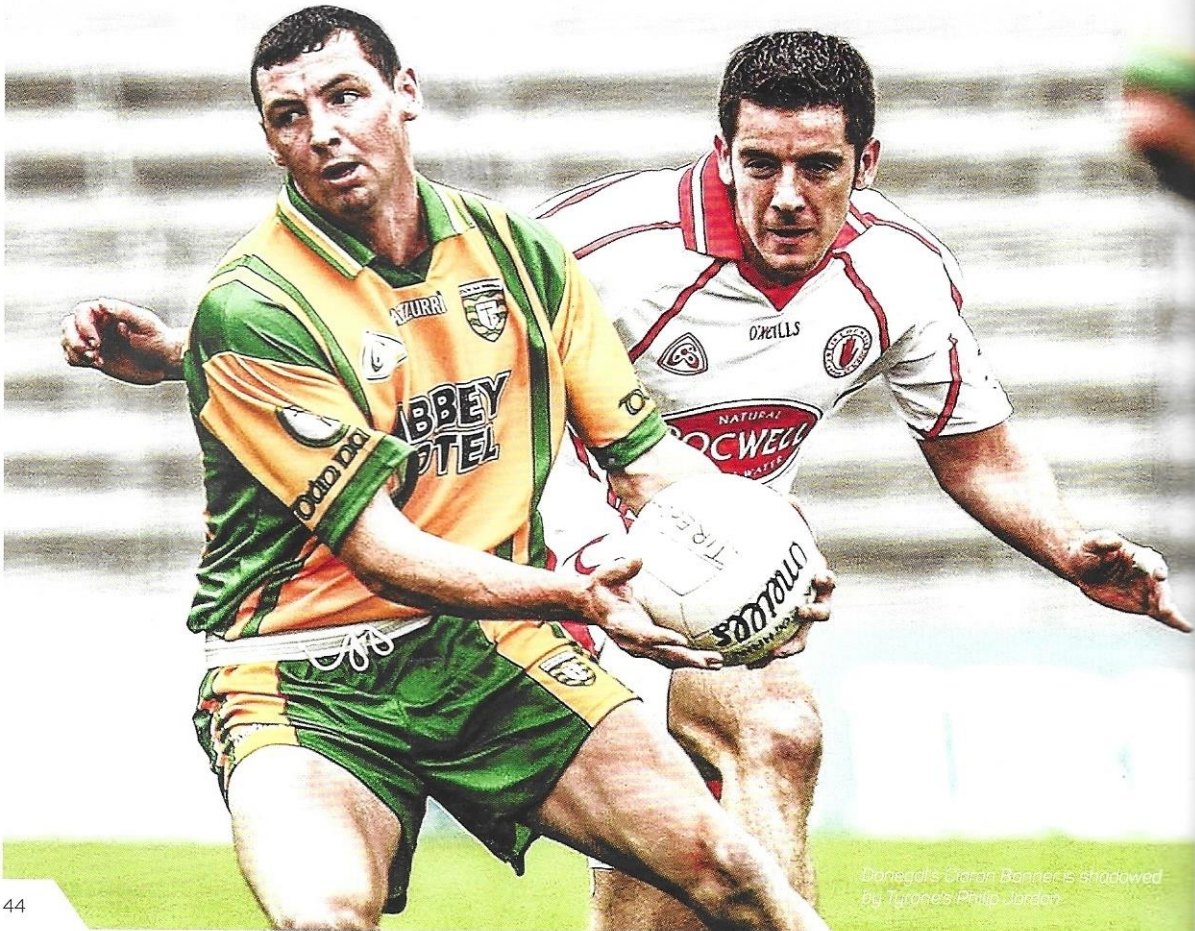
Tyrone outclassed Donegal to set up an intriguing Ulster Final clash with Monaghan. Yet things had started so well for Donegal, with Kevin Cassidy finding the net early on to open up a three-point lead. The turning point came for the Red Hands when John Devine saved a Colm McFadden penalty before Colm McCullagh netted a penalty at the other end to turn the game on its head, with captain Brian Dooher in inspired form. That burst gave Tyrone their own three-point lead at the break and their lead was further extended when Raymond Mulgrew blasted a superb second half goal.

Tyrone scorers: B Dooher 0-5; R Mulgrew, C McCullagh 1-1 each; O Mulligan 0-3; S O'Neill 0-2; S Cavanagh, D Harte, K Hughes 0-1 each.

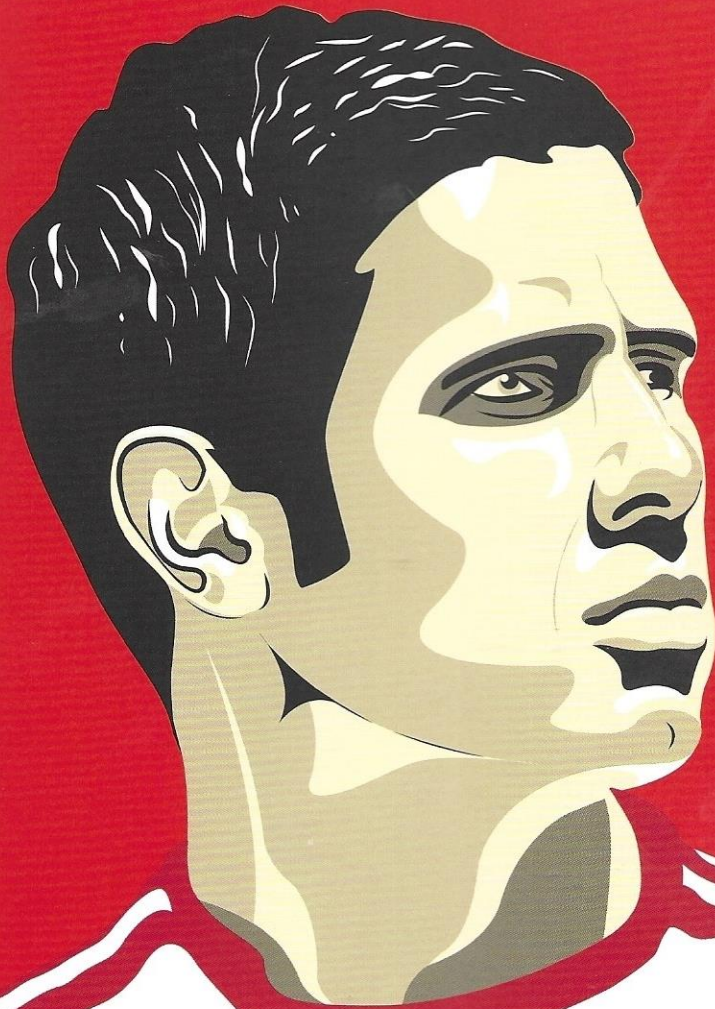
Donegal scorers: K Cassidy 1-0; C Bonner, B Devenney 0-2 each; R Kavanagh, C McFadden, K McMenamin 0-1 each.

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Celebrations have been a common theme for St Ciaran's Ballygawley over the past number of months. The school are celebrating their 50th anniversary this year after first opening their doors in 1967 and to top things off, both boys and girls senior football sides in the school brought home their respective Ulster titles back in March.

It was the performance of the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup winning side that really caught the eye though. Appearing in their first final of the St Patrick's Day curtain-raiser, the Ballygawley boys rose to the occasion, playing an exciting brand of attacking football that helped to see off Our Lady's Castleblayney, 1-19 to 2-10. Indeed, their lovely attacking style almost brought the ultimate reward of All-Ireland glory, but they agonisingly fell short after extra time to Ballinrobe Community School of Mayo in the Croke Park decider.

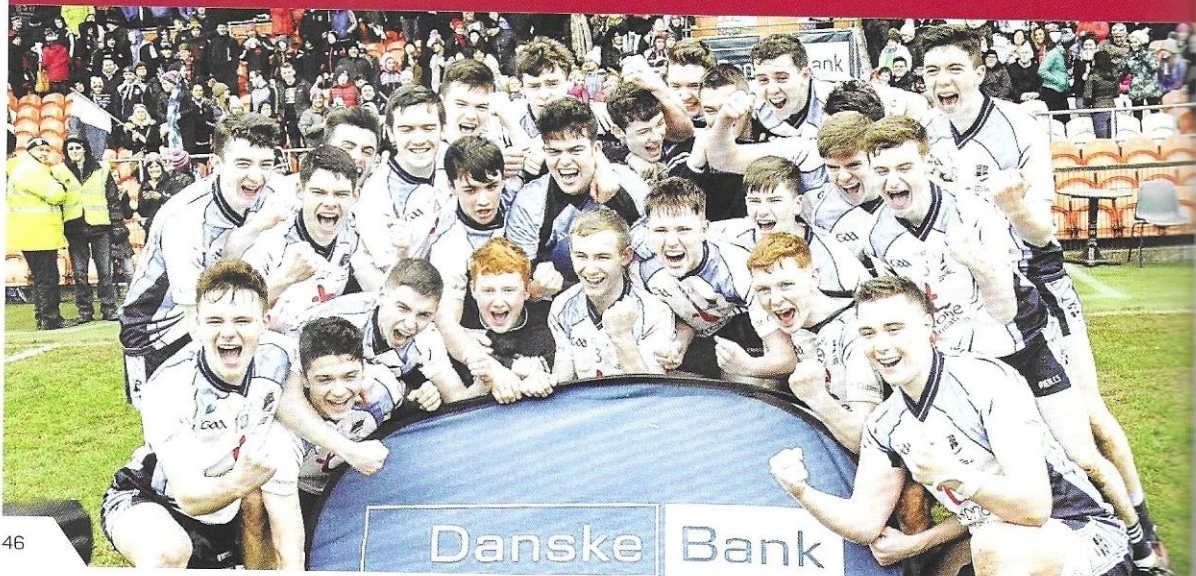
A first victory in the MacLarnon Cup opens a new chapter for a school that has a proud and successful football history. Having garnered five All-Ireland titles under the old Vocational Schools sector, further success under the Ulster Schools banner will surely follow. The school has always had a great relationship with all its feeder clubs and is complimenting the coaching work being done at club level to help produce quality players year on year.

Competing year in, year out, requires an enormous effort from a large number of people around the school. In recent years staff such as Gerry Cunningham, Barry McManus, Fiontann Devlin and Brendan Trainor have all been involved with teams and are carrying on that 'can do' ethos passed on from years gone by. Current Tyrone senior manager Mickey Harte was part of that history which helped to set the bar high, and he was ably assisted

by others like Robbie Hasson, Martin McElkennon and Pascal Canavan during the 90s. The school have also been fortunate to benefit from the generosity of numerous sponsors over the years, including current sponsor Tyrone Fabrication.

St Ciaran's has also contributed massively to the success of Tyrone GAA over the years, with many past pupils representing the county at Minor, U21 and Senior level. Seven past All-Ireland winners have passed through the school, and more recently the school provided half a dozen players who were the backbone of the Tyrone U17 side who collected the Ulster title last week.

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2016

USFC QF Donegal 2-12 Fermanagh 0-11
 USFC SF Monaghan 0-14 Donegal 1-11
 USFC SF R Donegal 0-17 Monaghan 2-10
 USFC FINAL Tyrone 0-13 Donegal 0-11
 AIQ R4B Cork 1-15 Donegal 0-21
 AI QF Dublin 1-15 Donegal 1-10

2015

USFC R1 Donegal 1-13 Tyrone 1-10
 USFC QF Armagh 0-08 Donegal 2-11
 USFC SF Derry 0-10 Donegal 1-09
 USFC FINAL Monaghan 0-11 Donegal 0-10
 AIQ R4B Donegal 3-12 Galway 0-11
 AI QF Mayo 2-13 Donegal 0-11

2014

USFC QF Derry 0-11 Donegal 1-11
 USFC SF Donegal 3-16 Antrim 0-12
 USFC FINAL Donegal 0-15 Monaghan 1-09
 AI QF Donegal 1-12 Armagh 1-11
 AI SF Donegal 3-14 Dublin 0-17
 AI FINAL Kerry 2-09 Donegal 0-12

2013

USFC QF Donegal 2-10 Tyrone 0-10
 USFC SF Donegal 0-12 Down 0-09
 USFC FINAL Monaghan 0-13 Donegal 0-07
 AIQ R4 Laois 0-08 Donegal 0-14
 AI QF Mayo 4-17 Donegal 1-10

2012

USFC R1 Cavan 1-10 Donegal 1-16
 USFC QF Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-09
 USFC SF Donegal 0-12 Tyrone 0-10
 USFC FINAL Donegal 2-18 Down 0-13
 AI QF Donegal 1-12 Kerry 1-10
 AI SF Donegal 0-16 Cork 1-11
 AI FINAL Donegal 2-11 Mayo 0-13

2011

USFC R1 Donegal 1-10 Antrim 0-07
 USFC QF Cavan 1-08 Donegal 2-14
 USFC SF Donegal 2-06 Tyrone 0-09
 USFC FINAL Donegal 1-11 Derry 0-08
 AI QF Donegal 1-12 Kildare 0-14 AET
 AI SF Dublin 0-08 Donegal 0-06

2010

USFC QF Donegal 2-10 Down 1-15
 AIQ R1 Armagh 2-14 Donegal 0-11

2009

USFC QF Antrim 1-10 Donegal 0-12
 AIQ R1 Donegal 2-13 Carlow 1-06
 AIQ R2 Donegal 0-13 Clare 1-07
 AIQ R3 Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-18 AET
 AIQ R4 Donegal 0-14 Galway 0-13
 AI QF Cork 1-27 Donegal 2-10

2008

USFC QF Donegal 1-12 Derry 1-14
 AIQ R1 Donegal 3-11 Roscommon 1-09
 AIQ R2 Donegal 0-15 Monaghan 0-16

2007

USFC QF Donegal 1-09 Armagh 1-08
 USFC SF Tyrone 2-15 Donegal 1-07
 AIQ R1 Leitrim 1-12 Donegal 1-14 AET
 AIQ R2 Westmeath 1-08 Donegal 1-13
 AIQ R3 Monaghan 2-12 Donegal 1-07





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2016

USFC QF Derry 0-12 Tyrone 3-14
 USFC SF Tyrone 0-16 Cavan 3-07
 USFC SF R Cavan 2-17 Tyrone 5-18
 USFC FINAL Tyrone 0-13 Donegal 0-11
 AI QF Mayo 0-13 Tyrone 0-12

2015

USFC R1 Donegal 1-13 Tyrone 1-10
 AIQ R1B Tyrone 1-14 Limerick 0-08
 AIQ R2B Tyrone 1-10 Meath 0-11
 AIQ R3B Tipperary 0-07 Tyrone 0-19
 AIQ R4B Sligo 0-14 Tyrone 0-21
 AI QF Monaghan 0-14 Tyrone 0-18
 AI SF Kerry 0-18 Tyrone 1-11

2014

USFC R1 Tyrone 2-11 Down 3-08
 USFC R1R Down 0-12 Tyrone 3-11
 USFC R2 Tyrone 0-14 Monaghan 1-12
 AIQ R1B Louth 0-10 Tyrone 2-21
 AIQ R2B Tyrone 0-10 Armagh 0-13

2013

USFC QF Tyrone 0-10 Donegal 2-10
 AI R1 Offaly 0-08 Donegal 1-27
 AI R2 Roscommon 1-07 Tyrone 0-12
 AI R3 Kildare 0-12 Tyrone 1-11
 AI R4 Meath 2-09 Tyrone 0-17
 AI QF Monaghan 0-12 Tyrone 0-14
 AI SF Mayo 1-16 Tyrone 0-13

2012

USFC QF Tyrone 0-19 Armagh 1-13
 USFC SF Donegal 0-12 Tyrone 0-10
 AI R2 Roscommon 0-08 Tyrone 1-16
 AI R3 Kerry 1-16 Tyrone 1-06

2011

USFC QF Tyrone 1-13 Monaghan 1-11
 USFC SF Tyrone 0-09 Donegal 2-06
 AI R2 Longford 0-15 Tyrone 1-17
 AI R3 Tyrone 2-13 Armagh 0-13
 AI R4 Tyrone 3-19 Roscommon 1-14
 AI QF Dublin 0-22 Tyrone 0-15

2010

USFC QF Antrim 1-13 Tyrone 2-14
 USFC SF Tyrone 0-14 Down 0-10
 USFC FINAL Tyrone 1-14 Monaghan 0-07
 AI QF Tyrone 0-13 Dublin 1-15

2009

USFC QF Tyrone 2-10 Armagh 1-10
 USFC SF Tyrone 0-15 Derry 0-07
 USFC FINAL Tyrone 1-18 Antrim 0-15
 AI QF Tyrone 0-16 Kildare 1-11
 AI SF Cork 1-13 Tyrone 0-11

2008

USFC QF Tyrone 2-08 Down 2-08
 USFC QF R Down 1-19 Tyrone 0-21
 AIQ R1 Louth 1-10 Tyrone 1-18
 AIQ R2 Tyrone 0-14 Westmeath 1-07
 AIQ R3 Tyrone 0-13 Mayo 1-09
 AI QF Dublin 1-08 Tyrone 3-14
 AI SF Wexford 1-14 Tyrone 0-23
 AI FINAL Kerry 0-14 Tyrone 1-15

2007

USFC QF Fermanagh 1-09 Tyrone 1-13
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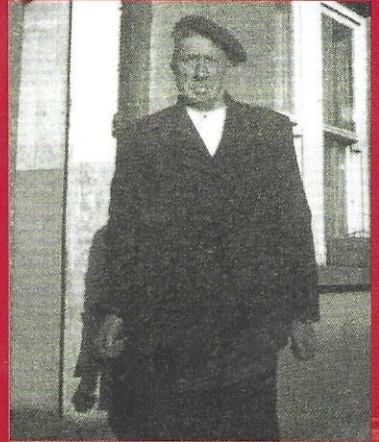


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