

# ULSTER

# U21

# CHAMPIONSHIPS

Craobh Peile Uladh Faoi 21



# DÚN NA NGALL V

# TÍR EOGHAIN

QUARTER FINAL *REPLAY*

22 MÁRTA | 8.00PM (ET IF NECESSARY)  
AT PÁIRC MAC CUMHAILL

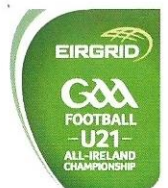


Clár Oifigiúil

Rúnaí Brian Mac Fhionn



FOR MORE #ULSTERU21



# DÚN NA NGALL

## DÚN NA NGALL TEAM

Manager: Declan Bonner



### FÍR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

16. Paddy Byrne, Naomh Columba 17. Colm Kelly, Aodh Ruadh 18. Caolan McGonigle, Bun Crannacha  
19. Cian Mulligan, Gaath Dobhair 20. Adam Neely, An Clochán Liath 21. Brendan McCole, Naomh Náille  
22. Tony McCleneghan (JC), Bun a Phobail 23. Ciaran Gibbons, Gleann tSúilí 24. Christy McLaughlin, Malainn

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Iomlán						

NOTES

# TÍR EOGHAIN

## TÍR EOGHAIN TEAM

Managers: Feargal Logan, Peter Canavan & Brian Doohar



### FÍR IONAID/SUBSTITUTES

16. Conor Treanor, An Baile Nua 17. Eoghan Murray, Taite Riabhach 18. Ciarán McGlinchey, Achadh Uí Araín  
19. Jody McGlone, Achadh Lú 20. Johnny Harkin, Taite Riabhach 21. Ryan Coleman, An Maigh  
22. Pauric Mc Anenly, Aireagal Chiaráin 23. Conan McLernon, Baile na Móna 24. Emmet McNabb, An Droim Mhór

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						
Iomlán						

NOTES

# ULSTER U21 CHAMPIONSHIPS



# SEMI FINALS

WED 29 MARCH | ALL GAMES THROW IN | 8:00PM

TÍR EOGHAIN/DÚN NA NGALL V AN CABHÁN  
BREWSTER PARK

ARD MHACHA V DOIRE  
HEALY PARK

# FINAL

WED 5 APRIL | 8:00PM  
VENUE TBC

Ulster GAA and it's Corporate Partners

**Tughans**  
since 1896



Bank of Ireland

**theGAAstore.com**

**GLENAVON**  
House Hotel

**THE IRISH NEWS**

**LD2** MORE THAN DESIGN

**O Neills**  
THE CHOICE OF CHAMPIONS

**GaelicLife**

**MCSGROUP**  
INTELLIGENT RECRUITMENT SOLUTIONS

**DONNELLY**  
GROUP

**SUBWAY**  
eat fresh.

discover  
northernireland.com

ULSTERGAA.IE/U21FOOTBALL2017



## GAA – EIRGRID ULSTER UNDER 21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER-FINAL REPLAY

DONEGAL .....0-18  
TYRONE .....1-9

BY RYAN FERRY

A superb second half showing helped Donegal see off Tyrone in the Ulster Under 21 Championship quarter-final replay in MacCumhaill Park on Wednesday night.

Declan Bonner's team started the game brightly and were 5-3 ahead when they conceded a soft goal in the 14th minute. The Donegal defence failed to deal with Lee Brennan's free, and Ryan Coleman was on hand to fire to the net.

That goal unsettled Donegal but they regained their composure and posted good points from Cian Mulligan and Jamie Brennan to leave the sides level at the break.

Michael Langan missed a penalty for Donegal at the start of the second half, however the home county got on top and kicked some fine scores to push four points ahead of their opponents.

Tyrone were dogged, but Donegal closed the game out impressively.

The Red Hands finished the game with 13 players, and they could have few complaints as Donegal were the better side over both games, and will now meet Cavan in the Ulster Championship semi-final.

There wasn't much between the sides seven days previously in Omagh, and the replay followed a similar path.

Donegal started brightly and Langan firing over a lovely point after only 17 seconds.

The St Michael's man could have found the net three minutes later, but his shot was blocked by a Tyrone defender, and Niall Friel was off target with the follow-up.

Liam Rafferty equalised for Tyrone, but Donegal were the better team in the first ten minutes and they pushed ahead thanks to frees from Langan and Adam Neely.

The standard of play was good despite a heavy downpour, and Lee

Brennan and Michael McKiernan fired over fine points for Tyrone, while Michael Carroll and Stephen McBreaty did likewise at the other end for Donegal.

Things were going well for Donegal, but in the 14th minute, they gave away a terrible goal.

Lee Brennan's free dropped short, and three Donegal players rose to collect the ball. However, they could only clear as far as Coleman on the edge of the square and he fired into the net.

Tyrone got on top, but unlike the first game, they were wasteful with their chances and Donegal levelled through Langan (free) in the 20th minute.

However, Feargal Logan's team were playing with much more hunger and urgency than their opponents, and they powered in front thanks to points from Rafferty and Coleman.

Tyrone were going to be hard to catch if they established a lead, but crucially Donegal hit late points through Mulligan and Jamie Brennan to level matters before half-time.

Bonner had stern words for his team at the interval, and they started the second half with more determination, and Langan pointed two early frees.

Danny Rodgers punched a Liam Rafferty shot over his own crossbar, before Donegal won a penalty from the next play.

Langan superbly fielded Rodgers' kick-out and the Gaoth Dobhair men linked up with Mulligan and Kieran Gillespie involved, before Carroll was brought down.

Langan took responsibility but his tame effort was saved by Tyrone goalkeeper Benny Gallon.

That should have handed the impetus back to Logan's team.

However, Donegal kept their composure and a wonderful individual point from Jamie Brennan and a Langan free put three points between the counties for the first time over the two encounters.

Ben O'Donnell responded with a good score for Tyrone, but Donegal had their tails up at that stage, and added nice points from Jamie Brennan and Carroll.

The Red Hands were dogged and they didn't cave in, and scores from David Mulgrew and Emmet McNabb kept them in touch.

Yet, Donegal just had that extra bit of guile and experience about them, and Mulligan pushed their lead back out to three points.

Subsequently, Tyrone had Michael McKiernan dismissed as he picked up a black card to add to the yellow he had received earlier in the match.

Donegal closed out the game in style with Langan (free), Dáire Ó Baoill, and Caolan McGonagle all getting scores.

Tyrone's misery was compounded late on when Nathan Donnelly was shown a straight red card, and their season is now over.

Donegal live to fight another day, and they will take on Cavan in the Ulster Championship semi-final next Wednesday.

**Donegal:** Danny Rodgers; Stephen McMenamin, Brendan McCole, Conor Morrison; Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher, Dáire Ó Baoill (0-1), Cian Mulligan (0-2); Michael Carroll (0-2), Tony McClenaghan; Christy McLaughlin, Adam Neely (0-1, 1f), Niall Friel; Stephen McBreaty (0-1, 1f), Michael Langan (0-7, 6fs), Jamie Brennan (0-3). Subs: Caolan McGonagle (0-1) for Neely (20 mins), Kieran Gillespie and Ethan O'Donnell for Friel and McLaughlin (Half-time), Christian Bonner for McClenaghan (56 mins), Rory Carr for Carroll (61 mins), Danny Monagle for Mulligan (63 mins).

**Tyrone:** Benny Gallon; Niall Kelly, Peter Teague, Conor Shields; Liam Rafferty (0-3), Michael McKernan (0-1), Feargal Meenagh; Ben O'Connell (0-1); Con Kilpatrick; Michael O'Neill, David Mulgrew (0-1), Nathan Donnelly; Lee Brennan (0-1, 1f), Ryan Coleman (1-1), Paul Donaghy. Subs: Conan McLernon and Emmet McNabb (0-1) for Coleman and O'Neill (42 mins), Patrick McGirr and Johnny Harkin for Rafferty and Kilpatrick (48 mins), Ciaran McGlinchey for Teague (50 mins Black Card), Brian Kennedy for Donaghy (56 mins).

**Referee:** Martin McNally (Monaghan).

### MAN OF THE MATCH

Cian Mulligan: There were a number of good performers in green and gold. Dáire Ó Baoill put in another good shift for his team, and Michael Langan scored seven points, while Jamie Brennan and Michael Carroll delivered big displays in the second half. However, the nod goes to Cian Mulligan, who was terrific throughout the game. The Gaoth Dobhair clubman was only fit for a cameo appearance in last week's encounter, but he was a huge addition to the Donegal starting line-up on Wednesday. He scored two points and was involved in everything his team did well.

### TURNING POINT

Donegal could have crumbled once Michael Langan missed a penalty in the 37th minute. That was the first chance to put some daylight between the sides, and they may have felt it wasn't going to be their day. However, Tyrone couldn't kick on following Benny Gallon's save, and two quickfire points from Jamie Brennan and Carroll left Donegal in a commanding position and they never looked like losing from that moment on.

### THE WHISTLER

Martin McNally must have watched the Donegal - Tyrone senior match at the weekend, and decided that he was going to control proceedings, not the players. He dished out yellow cards early on, and kept a strict grip on the match. The Monaghan official awarded Donegal a penalty, and sent off two Tyrone players, but Feargal Logan couldn't have any complaints about those decisions.