

Bank of Ireland 

# Dr McKenna Cup 2018



## Muineachán V Dún na nGall

14ú Eanáir 2018 ar 2:00pm

Páirc Naomh Tighearnach, Cluain Eois

Referee	Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)
Stand By Ref	Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)
Linesman	Ciaran Mooney (An Dún)
Sideline Official	Mícheál Moore (An Dún)



## Muineachán

Bainisteoir:  
Malachy O'Rourke

1  
R Ó Beagáin  
**Rory Beggan**  
(An Bhoth)

2  
D Mac Ardail  
**Damien Mc Ardle**  
(An Bhoth)

3  
P Mac Oirc  
**Paraic Mc Guirk**  
(Séan Mac Diarmada)

4  
B Mac Giolla Cearra  
**Barry Kerr**  
(Craobh Mhairtín)

5  
S Ó Maolduibh  
**James Mealiff**  
(Cluain Eois)

6  
F Ó Ceallaigh  
**Fintan Kelly**  
(Cluain Eois)

7  
F Ó Conghaile  
**Frank Connolly**  
(Tuaim)

8  
D Ó hAodha  
**Darren Hughes**  
(An Bhoth)

9  
C Ó Dufaigh  
**Kieran Duffy**  
(Leachtain)

10  
D Mac an tSaoir  
**Darren Freeman**  
(Naomh Bríd, BÁC)

11  
C Mac Cárthaigh  
**Conor Mc Carthy**  
(An Bhoth)

12  
D Mac an Bhaird  
**Dessie Ward**  
(Beál Átha Beithe)

13  
M Ó Banagáin  
**Michéal Bannigan**  
(Achadh na Muileann)

14  
S Mac Cearáin  
**Jack Mc Carron**  
(Curraichín)

15  
S Mac Liam  
**James Wilson**  
(Tuaim)

### Fir Ionaid

- 16 Shane Garland, *Domhnach Maighean*
- 17 John Mc Carron, *Gaeil Triúcha*
- 18 Colm Lennon, *Béal Átha Beithe*
- 19 Ryan Wylie, *Béal Átha Beithe*
- 20 Owen Coyle, *Leachtain*
- 21 Brian Mc Quaid, *Séan Mac Diarmada*
- 22 Stephen Finnegan, *Domhnach Maighean*
- 23 Aaron Lynch, *Carraig Mhachaire Rois*
- 24 Thomas Kerr, *Béal Átha Beithe*
- 25 Dean Connolly, *Cill Éanna*
- 26 David Garland, *Domhnach Maighean*

## Dún na nGall

Bainisteoir:  
Declan Bonner

1  
P Ó Baoil  
**Peter Boyle**  
(Aodh Ruadh B.A.S)

2  
E B Ó Gallchóir  
**Eoghan Bán Gallagher**  
(Na Ceala Beaga)

3  
S Mac Meanman  
**Stephen McMenamin**  
(Aodh Rua, Cuil Mhic gCuirridín)

4  
É Ó Dochartaigh  
**Eamonn Doherty**  
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

5  
A Mac Leannacháin  
**Tony Mc Cleneghan**  
(Bun a Phobail)

6  
C Mac An Bháird  
**Caolan Ward**  
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

7  
P Ó Duaghail  
**Paul Brennan**  
(Realt na Mara Bundobhráin)

8  
N Ó Maoláin  
**Nathan Mullins**  
(Naomh Uinseann, B.A.C)

9  
A Mac Pháidín  
**Hugh Mc Fadden**  
(Na Cealla Beaga)

10  
C Mac Congail  
**Caolan Mc Gonigle**  
(Bun Crannacha)

11  
O Mac Niallais  
**Odhrán Mac Niallais**  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

12  
M Mac Aodha  
**Mark Mc Hugh**  
(Cill Chartha)

13  
J Ó Braonáin  
**Jamie Brennan**  
(Bun Dobhrain)

14  
N Ó Domhnaill  
**Niall O'Donnell**  
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

15  
J Mac Aoid  
**Jason Mc Gee**  
(Cloich Cheann Fhaola)

### Fir Ionaid

- 16 Sean Patton, *Naomh Adhamhnáin*
- 17 Leo Mc Loone, *Naomh Conaill*
- 18 Darrach O'Connor, *Bun Crannacha*
- 19 Marty Reilly, *Seán Mac Cumhaill*
- 20 Kevin Mc Brearty, *Na Ceithre Máistirí*
- 21 Ryan Mc Hugh, *Cill Chartha*
- 22 Ciaran Mc Ginley, *Cill Chartha*
- 23 Paddy Mc Brearty, *Cill Chartha*
- 24 Brendan Mc Cole, *Naomh Náille*
- 25 Alan Lyons, *Naomh Ultan*
- 26 Gary Merritt, *Baile Na nGalloglach*

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## Section A

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Tyrone (Q)	3	3	0	0	79	38	+41	6
2	St Mary's University	3	1	0	2	46	49	-3	2
3	Antrim	3	1	0	2	54	72	-18	2
4	Cavan	3	1	0	2	42	62	-20	2

## Section B

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Derry	2	2	0	0	37	35	+2	4
2	Armagh	2	1	1	0	30	25	+5	3
3	Ulster University	2	0	1	1	31	32	-1	1
4	Down	2	0	0	2	29	35	-6	0

## Section C

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Fermanagh (Q)	3	3	0	0	46	37	+9	6
2	Donegal	2	1	0	1	34	22	+12	2
3	Monaghan	2	1	0	1	32	23	+9	2
4	Queen's University	3	0	0	3	24	54	-30	0

### Sunday 14th January 2018

#### Section B Refixtures (2.00pm)

Ard Mhacha V Doire

An Dún V Ollscoil Uladh

#### Section C Refixture (2.00pm)

Muineachán V Dún na nGall

#### Semi Final 1 (2.00pm)

Fear Manach V Tír Eoghain

### Wednesday 17th January 2018

#### Semi Final 2 (8.00pm)

Section B Winner V Best Runner Up

### Sunday 21th January 2018

#### FINAL (2.00pm)

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## GAA - DR MCKENNA CUP SECTION C

# Strong Donegal team

MONAGHAN ..... 0-19  
 DONEGAL ..... 4-17

BY RYAN FERRY

DONEGAL cantered through to the semi-finals of the Dr McKenna Cup after they hammered Monaghan in Clones on Sunday.

Declan Bonner lined out a strong team, and while they struggled defensively in the first half, they still led by 2-9 to 0-10 at half-time with Odhrán MacNiallais and Ryan McHugh scoring the goals.

Man of the Match Patrick McBrearty and Jamie Brennan added three-pointers in the second period, while Monaghan missed two penalties.

The result was good enough to see Donegal finish as the best runners-up from the three sections, and they advance to the semi-finals of the pre-season competition for the first time in eight years.

Donegal came into the game off a disappointing defeat to Fermanagh, but they knew that a win in Clones would secure them a spot in Wednesday night's semi-final.

The Kilcar contingent of Mark McHugh, Patrick McBrearty, and Ryan McHugh all made their first appearance of the season from the start, while Leo McLoone was also in from the off at centre half-back.

McBrearty kicked the first score of the afternoon from a free, but Jack McCarron quickly cancelled that out.

Donegal swooped for a well-worked goal in the seventh minute. Nathan Mullins carried possession forward before finding Caolan McGonagle, who slipped inside to MacNiallais. The Gaoth Dobhair man steadied himself with a dummy and then fired to the net.

Bonner's side could have had another goal two minutes later when MacNiallais intercepted Shane Garland's short kick-out but McBrearty's pick-up let him down at the crucial time.

James Wilson replied for Monaghan before McBrearty and Darach O'Connor slotted over for the visitors.

The Farney county hit back with three on the trot from Conor McCarthy, James Mealiff, and Micheal Bannigan (free) as Donegal struggled to win their own kick-outs.

There was a fast pace to the game, and Mark McHugh and Jack McCarron (free) exchanged scores, and then McCarthy levelled proceedings.

McBrearty nudged Bonner's team back in front after Darren Hughes had made a good block from MacNiallais, but two more efforts from the lively McCarron saw the lead change hands.

However, Donegal finished the half strongly and they scored a second goal in the 28th minute.

Paul Brennan failed to hold MacNiallais' pass, but the ball broke to Jamie Brennan who slipped inside to Ryan McHugh, and the 2016 All-Star palmed to the net.

Jamie Brennan and Bannigan (free) traded points, but Donegal hit the last three scores of the half, with McBrearty notching two frees, and Ryan McHugh lofting over from distance, and the away side led by five at the break.

Monaghan were granted a wonderful opportunity to pull back their deficit when they were awarded a penalty just 15 seconds after the restart.

McCarron was pulled down by Donegal goalkeeper Shaun Patton, but the Monaghan full-forward fired his spot-kick well wide.

O'Connor punished Monaghan down at the other end, but Mealiff had another goal opportunity which he drilled over.

McCarron scored another free for Malachy O'Rourke's team., but Donegal soon got on top with McBrearty converting two placed balls.

The Kilcar ace then added a goal to his collection when he got on the end of MacNiallais' excellent pass, and Garland couldn't keep out his powerful effort.

McBrearty slotted over a sixth free, before Patton made a good stop with his feet from Darren Hughes.

Donegal were the fitter side, and when they broke at pace Monaghan couldn't keep up. They blitzed through their opponents again in the 51st minute with McBrearty and Martin O'Reilly combining, before Jamie Brennan crashed to the net.

O'Connor added another score to Donegal's tally, before Monaghan hit three in succession with McCarron (free), Bannigan, and Neil McAdam all on target.

Jamie Brennan curled over for Bonner's side as the jizz went out of the contest, and Bannigan and MacNiallais swapped placed balls.

McCarron (2) and Jamie Brennan both added to their tallies, before Monaghan won another penalty deep into injury-time when Patton fouled McCarthy.

Bannigan saw his effort expertly saved by Patton, and while they recycled the ball to Owen Duffy, who pointed, it was nothing more than a consolation, as Donegal march on to the last four.

## TEAMS

Monaghan: Shane Garland; Damien McArdle, Paraic McGuirk, Barry Kerr; James Mealiff (0-2), Fintan Kelly, Frank Connolly; Darren Hughes, Kieran Duffy; Darren Freeman, Conor McCarthy (0-2), Dessie Ward; Michéal Bannigan (0-4, 3fs), Jack McCarron (0-8, 4fs), James Wilson (0-1). Subs: John McCarron and Neil McAdam for McArdle and K.Duffy (47 mins), Karl O'Connell and Owen Duffy (0-1) for Freeman and Mealiff (56 mins), Thomas Kerr for Wilson (65 mins), Stephen Finnegan for Connolly (69 mins).

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Paul Brennan, Stephen McMenamin, Caolan Ward; Tony McClenaghan, Leo McLoone, Ryan McHugh (1-1); Hugh McFadden, Nathan Mullins; Caolan McGonagle, Odhrán MacNiallais (1-1 1f), Mark McHugh (0-1); Jamie Brennan (1-3, 1f), Patrick McBrearty (1-8, 6fs), Darach O'Connor (0-3). Subs: Jason McGee for McFadden (Half-time), Martin O'Reilly for M.McHugh (50 mins), Ciaran McGinley and Brendan McCole for Mullins and R.McHugh (53 mins), Stephen McBrearty for P.McBrearty (57 mins), Eamonn Doherty for McClenaghan (64 mins).

Referee: Joe McQuillan (Cavan).

## THE GAME AT A GLANCE

WITH RYAN FERRY IN CLONES

### MAN OF THE MATCH

Patrick McBrearty: McBrearty was making his first appearance of the year but he carried on from where he left off in 2017 with a tally of 1-8. With no sweeper in front of him, the Kilcar ace won almost every ball that came his way, and while he wasn't at full tilt, he was still moving well for January. Odhrán MacNiallais and Jamie Brennan were also effective for Donegal.

### THE WHISTLER

Joe McQuillan awarded two penalties to Monaghan and Donegal could have little complaints about either decision.

### TURNING POINT

Monaghan played at a good tempo in the first half with the wind behind them, but Donegal really took control of proceedings when Ryan McHugh palmed to the net in the 28th minute, and they never looked back after that.

### TALKING POINT

Donegal manager Declan Bonner showed his desire to reach the last four of the McKenna Cup by naming a strong team including Ryan McHugh and Patrick McBrearty. Things are starting to come together ahead of the National Football League