

**Bank of Ireland** 

# Dr McKenna Cup Semi Final 2018



## Dún na nGall V Ard Mhacha

20ú Eanáir 2018 ar 6:00pm (ET if required,  
Finish on the Day)

Páirc Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich

<b>Referee</b>	Niall McKenna (Muineachán)
<b>Stand By Ref</b>	Conor Dourneen (An Cabhán)
<b>Linesman</b>	Karol Doherty (Aontroim)
<b>Sideline Official</b>	Kieran Eannetta (Tír Eoghain)



## Dún na nGall

Bainisteoir:  
Declan Bonner

1

M A Mac Fhionnghaile  
**Mark Anthony McGinley**  
(Naomh Mícheál)



2

P Ó Braonáinn  
**Paul Brennan**  
(Realt na Mara)

3

S Mac Meanman  
**Stephen McMenamin**  
(Aodh Rua)

4

C Mac an Bháird  
**Caolain Ward**  
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

5

Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh  
**Marty O Reilly**  
(Séan MacCumhails)

6

L Mac Giolla Úain  
**Leo McLoone**  
(Naomh Conaill)

7

A Mac Leannacháin  
**Tony McCleneghan**  
(Bun a Phobail)

8

A Mac Pháidín  
**Hugh McFadden**  
(Na Cealla Beaga)

9

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

10

M Mac Aodha  
**Mark McHugh**  
(Cill Chartha)

11

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

12

C Mac Congail  
**Caolain McGonigle**  
(Bun Crannacha)

13

P Mac Breartaigh  
**Patrick McBrearty**  
(Cill Chartha)

14

J Ó Braonáinn  
**Jamie Brennan**  
(Bun Dobhrain)

15

D Ó Conchubhair  
**Darrach O'Connor**  
(Bun Crannacha)

## Fir Ionaid

- 16 Peter Boyle (Aodh Ruadh)
- 17 Eoghan Ban Gallagher (Na Cealla Beaga)
- 18 Niall O'Donnell (Naomh Adhamhnáin)
- 19 Stephen McBrearty (Cill Chartha)
- 20 Eamonn Doherty (Naomh Adhamhnáin)
- 21 Ciaran McGinley (Cill Chartha)
- 22 Michael Carroll (Gaoth Dobhair)
- 23 Brendan McCole (Naomh Náille)
- 24 Jason McGee (Clioch Cheann Fhaola)
- 25 Ciaran Thompson (Naomh Conaill)
- 26 Daire O Baoill (Gaoth Dobhair)



## Ard Mhacha

1

P Ó Muireasáin  
**Patrick Morrison**  
(Cláirsigh Ard Mhacha)

Bainisteoir:  
Kieran McGeeney

2

S Mac Giolla Fhiondain  
**James McAlinden**  
(Na Sairseiligh)

3

O Ó Lapáin  
**Oisín Lappin**  
(An Machaire)

4

S Mac Oscair  
**James Cosgrove**  
(Cill Shleibhe)

5

S Mac Giolla Rua  
**Joe McElroy**  
(Cláirsigh Ard Mhacha)

6

R Ó Cinnéide  
**Ryan Kennedy**  
(Baile Mhic an Aba)

7

D Mac Cionnaoith  
**Darren McKenna**  
(Dromainn Tí)

8

A Findon  
**Aaron Findon**  
(Naomh Peadar)

9

S Ó Sireadain  
**Stephen Sheridan**  
(Foirceall)

10

R Ó Lapáin  
**Ronan Lappin**  
(An Machaire)

11

A Ó Dufaigh  
**Anthony Duffy**  
(Na Piarasigh Óga)

12

C de Faoite  
**Conor White**  
(Cláirsigh Ard Mhacha)

13

M Mac Stiofain  
**Michael Stevenson**  
(Na Sairseiligh)

14

E Mag Eoghain  
**Eamon McGeown**  
(Na Sairseiligh)

15

O Mac Íomhair  
**Oisín Mac Íomhair**  
(Eanach Mór)

## Fir Ionaid

- 16 Blaine Hughes (Carraig Chrupáin)
- 17 Miceal McKenna (An Ghrainseach)
- 18 Edward English (An Mullach Ban)
- 19 Eoghan McDonnell (An Mullach Ban)
- 20 Connaire Mackin (Sheain Uí Neill)
- 21 Ruairi McCaughley (De Bhulbh Ton)
- 22 Ross McQuillan (Coilleach Eanach)
- 23 Ryan Owens (Clann Éireann)
- 24 Daniel McQuade (Eanach Mor)
- 25 Charles Magill (Pas an Pointe)
- 26 Cahair McGeary (Tailte an Cholaiste)

# 2018 Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup

## 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	Armagh (Q)	3	2	1	0	48	38	+10	5
2	Derry	3	2	0	1	50	53	-3	4
3	Down	3	1	0	2	46	44	+2	2
4	Ulster University	3	0	1	2	40	49	-9	1

## Section C

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Fermanagh (Q)	3	3	0	0	46	37	+9	6
2	Donegal (Q)	3	2	0	1	63	41	+22	4
3	Monaghan	3	1	0	2	51	52	-1	2
4	Queen's University	3	0	0	3	24	54	-30	0

### Sunday 14th January

#### Section B Refixtures

Ard Mhacha 1-15 Doire 0-13

An Dún 1-14 Ollscoil Uladh 0-09

#### Section C Refixture (2.00pm)

Muineachán 0-19 Dún na nGall 4-17

#### Semi Final 1 (2.00pm)

Fear Manach 0-04 Tír Eoghain 0-08

### Saturday 20th January

#### Semi Final 2 (6.00pm)

Dún na nGall V Ard Mhacha

### Sat 17<sup>th</sup> / Sun 18<sup>th</sup> February

#### Final

Tír Eoghain V Winner SF2

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## GAA - DR MCKENNA CUP SEMI-FINAL

# Donegal cruise past Armagh

DONEGAL ..... 0-20  
 ARMAGH ..... 1-10

BY RYAN FERRY

DONEGAL are through to the McKenna Cup Final for the first time since 2010, after they cruised to victory against Armagh in Celtic Park on Saturday evening.

In truth, it was an experimental Armagh selection, with barely a recognisable name among them.

However despite that, they caused Donegal trouble in the opening exchanges with their aerial deliveries into the full-forward line, and the imposing Eamon McGeown netted a goal.

Declan Bonner's side raised their game in the second quarter with Patrick McBrearty on song, and the sides were level at the break.

Donegal's superior experience and fitness came to the fore in the second half, and they registered 11 points.

However, they were still guilty of some poor play, and Bonner has a few issues ahead of the team's first National League game in Kerry next week.

The victory over Armagh puts Donegal through to the McKenna Cup Final against Tyrone on February 17/18.

That was supposed to be a free weekend, meaning Bonner's side will line out in eight successive weeks without a break.

Donegal were initially meant to have home advantage for the semi-final, but it was postponed on Wednesday night, and the Ulster Council elected to move the game to Derry on the morning of the match.



Armagh's Aaron Findon has his shot blocked down Donegal's by Jason McGee.

Bonner's team was considerably different to the side that lined out in their previous outing against Monaghan, with Ryan and Mårk McHugh, Hugh McFadden, Odhrán MacNiallais, and Jamie Brennan all missing out.

Armagh made a fast start to the match with Michael Stevenson ('45') and McGeown kicking points.

Patrick McBrearty drew Donegal level with a quickfire brace, but Armagh were causing problems with their route one approach, and powerful full-forward McGeown kicked a second point.

Donegal could have had a goal in the 13th minute when Martin O'Reilly found McBrearty with a brilliant pass over the top, but his chipped effort was off target.

Bonner's side would rue that miss when seconds later, the Orchard county hit the net.

It came from another long ball with McGeown out-muscling Stephen McMenamin.

McGeown's first effort was expertly saved by Mark Anthony McGinley, but he made no mistake at the second time of asking.

McBrearty and Oisín Mac Iomhair traded points, before Donegal got on top and kicked the next five scores.

They started to dominate Patrick Morrison's kick-outs, and were able to cut through their opponents at will.

McBrearty missed another goal chance, but did kick two points, while Darach O'Connor, Nathan Mullins, and Ciaran Thompson were all on target.

Stevenson got a much needed score for Armagh in the 27th minute, but McBrearty quickly swung over his sixth of the evening.

However, Donegal finished the first half poorly, and the sides were level at the break after a fine point from Stephen Sheridan.

McBrearty and Conor White exchanged points after the resumption, before both sides were guilty of some poor wides.

The conditions were difficult, but Donegal did establish a lead with McBrearty (free) and Niall O'Donnell dissecting the posts.

Mullins and Stephen McBrearty added points as Armagh's challenge started to fade.

O'Connor tagged on a brace, while O'Donnell and the impressive Stephen McBrearty (2) also left their mark on proceedings.

Edward English and McGeown (free) notched late consolation points for Armagh, but they were well beaten on the day and Niall O'Donnell concluded the scoring and a comfortable evening with a last-gasp point.

It was a good workout for Donegal, but they will face a much stiffer test next week when they travel to Fitzgerald Stadium for the start of the NFL against Kerry.

## MAN OF THE MATCH

Nathan Mullins: The St Vincent's clubman has been one of the big success stories of the McKenna Cup campaign, and he was excellent again in Derry. He can drive through tackles, and do the unglamorous work in the middle, while he also chipped in with two fine points. It's still early days, but Mullins does look to be a real find for Donegal. Patrick McBrearty was also in the running for man-of-the-match

## TEAMS

Donegal: Mark Anthony McGinley; Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher, Stephen McMenamin, Caolan Ward; Eamonn Doherty, Paul Brennan, Tony McClenaghan; Jason McGee, Nathan Mullins (0-2); Caolan McGonagle, Ciaran Thompson (0-1), Leo McLoone; Darach O'Connor (0-3, 1f), Patrick McBrearty (0-8, 3fs), Martin O'Reilly. Subs: Niall O'Donnell (0-3) for McClenaghan (34 mins), Ciaran McGinley for McMenamin (Half-time), Stephen McBrearty (0-3) for Thompson (42 mins), Kevin McBrearty for McGee (56 mins), Dáire Ó Baoill for O'Reilly (65 mins), Brendan McCole for P.McBrearty (68 mins).

Armagh: Patrick Morrison; James McAliden, Oisín Lappin, James Cosgrave; Joe McElroy, Ryan Kennedy, Darren McKenna; Aaron Findon, Stephen Sheridan (0-1); Ronan Lappin, Anthony Duffy, Conor White (0-1); Michael Stevenson (0-3, 1 '45'), Eamon McGeown (1-3, 1f), Oisín MacIomhair (0-1). Subs: Ross McQuillan and Ryan Owen for Cosgrave and Sheridan (Half-time), Edward English (0-1) and Cahair McGeary for McKenna and White (51 mins), Daniel McQuade for R.Lappin (56 mins), Simon McCoy for Mac Iomhair (61 mins).

Referee: Niall McKenna (Monaghan).

There have also been signs that Stephen McBrearty is ready to start fulfilling his potential.