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### EIRGRID ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP FIRST ROUND

### AN CABHÁN V DÚN NA NGALL 2.00PM (Extra time & finish on day if required)



Referee
Paul McKeever (Aontroim)
Standby
Darren O'Hare (An Dún)

Linesman Kevin Faloon (Ard Mhacha) Sideline Official

Colm McDonald (Aontroim)

### Umpires

Patrick O'Boyle, Damian O'Boyle, Sean Doherty and Phelim McCloskey

### PAUL MCKEEVER (AONTROIM)

Paul hails from the Roger Casements club in Antrim and has been refereeing since 2012. He joined the Ulster Referees Academy in 2014 and has been a member of the National Support Panel for the past two years.

He represented Antrim at Minor and Under 21 Level and was part of the Antrim minor team beaten in the Ulster Final by Tyrone in 1997.

In his own county, Paul has refereed numerous underage finals as well as the Antrim Minor Football Championship Final in his first year refereeing. On the provincial stage, Paul has refereed in the Ulster Club Championships. He took chargeof the 2017 Ulster MFC game between Fear Manach and Muineachán.

### **ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP QUARTER FINAL**

### DOIRE v DÚN NA NGALL 4.00PM (Extra time if necessary)



Referee:
Maurice Deegan (Laois)
Standby:
Niall Cullen (Fear Manach)

Linesman:
Paul Faloon (An Dún)
Sideline Official:
Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

Umpires: Kevin O'Brien, John Flynn, Brian Harding and Tomas Moore

### **MAURICE DEEGAN (LAOIS)**

Maurice is a member of the Stradbally GAA club in Laois and brings with him plenty of big match experience. Maurice has now been the man in the middle for three All-Ireland Senior Football Finals after taking charge of the replay in 2016 between Dublin and Mayo.

This was in addition to the 2012 Final between Donegal and Mayo and 2008 where Tyrone defeated Kerry. He has also refereed three Ulster Finals, firstly the 2008 replay, followed by 2011 and 2014. He took charge of the 2017 USFC Quarter Final between Derry and Tyrone at this venue. He walked into history in 2005 as the first Laois man to referee an All-Ireland Minor Final. That year he also controlled All-Ireland finals at Intermediate Club and Under 21 levels.

### REAMHFHOCAL PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na foirne agus an lucht leanúna a tháinig go Páirc na gCeilteach inniu ó Dhoire agus ó Dhún na nGall. 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 2018 Ulster Senior Football Championship. We face into a much more condensed format this year with the Ulster Final scheduled for 24th June. 8 games over a six week period as our players, officials and spectators enjoy another championship season.

This final Quarter Final fixture sees Derry and Donegal meet here in Celtic Park Derry. Changes are to be introduced to the Ulster Senior Football Championship format from 2020 as decided by the Ulster Competitions Control Committee recently. Nine counties will be included in the draw for the 2019 Ulster Championship. The two counties which are drawn to play in the Preliminary Round will not feature in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2020 and 2021 Championships. Seven counties will be included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2021 Championship and from the 2022 draw onwards just five counties will be included in the draw for the Preliminary Round game.

Both counties will be disappointed with their league campaign. Donegal were relegated to Division 2 while Derry were relegated to Division 4. Donegal took the opportunity to put the league campaign behind them a fortnight ago as they disposed of Cavan comfortably in Ballybofev in the Preliminary Round.

It is also a day for the stars of the future to enjoy the admiration of their parents and spectators in today's arena. Cumann na mBunscol children will display their skills at half time while we also have an Eirgrid Ulster GAA Football Under 20 Championship game between Donegal and Cavan to look forward to.

I welcome the Derry 1993 team here today. They collected the Sam Maguire twenty five years ago and it is great that so many of them are here today to celebrate that memorable triumph. I hope you all enjoy your day and we look forward to formally recognising you at this year's Ulster Final.

In Ulster, we have an extremely competitive inter-county championship and as evidenced today again, every team can take to the field in a given game with a well grounded hope of success in that fixture. It is testament to our county panels that such a focus and drive underpins their participation and their quest for success.

In 2018, Cancer Focus has been chosen as the charity for Ulster GAA. Cancer Focus is a local cancer charity working since 1969 to reduce the impact of cancer on people's lives. They provide care and support services for cancer patients and their families.

I acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Doire GAA personnel involved in hosting today's games. Everyone plays their part; supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council.

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.

Finally, to you the supporters. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you to join us again at some stage over the summer before the 2018 winners of the Ulster Senior Football Champions will be confirmed.

Michael Ohosey

Micheal Ó hÓsain Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh



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### One Minute with Michael Murphy



### Amhrán na bhFiann

Amhrán na bhFiann will be led this afternoon by Aoife Molloy (14). Aoife has been participating in Scór for three years. She is the current Scór na nÓg Amhránaíocht Aonair champion. Aoife is a member of Watty Graham's G.A.C. and plays camogie. She attends Saint Patrick's College, Maghera.

### **CLÁR AN LAE SUNDAY 27TH MAY**



Karl McKaigue and Shaun Patton pictured at the USFC Launch

1.39pm An Cabhán amach ar an bPáirc 1.42pm Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc 1.50pm Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

1.52pm Toss

2.00pm Tús an Cluiche: An Cabhán V Dún na nGall

2.32pm Half Time / Leath Am

An Cabhán to leave the field immediately

on half time whistle

Dún na nGall to leave the field once An Cabhán have cleared the field

2.33pm Entertainment/Siamsa

2.42pm Start of Second Half/Tús an dara leath 3.15pm End of Game / Críoch an Chluiche (If Extra Time is required in the Under 20 Game, see right)

3.33pm Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees room

3.39pm Doire amach ar an bPáirc

3.42pm Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc

3.45pm Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

3.46pm Cancer Focus Launch

3.50pm Toss

3.53pm Paráid (Doire closest to the perimeter & Dún na nGall on the inside)

3.58pm Amhrán na bhFiann

4.00pm Tús an Cluiche: Doire V Dún na nGall

4.37pm Half Time / Leath Am

Doire to leave the field immediately on

half time whistle

Dún na nGall to leave the field once Doire have cleared the field

4.38pm Cluichí Exhibition

4.48pm End of Exhibition Game

4.50pm Presentation of Medals

4.52pm Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath

5.30pm End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir\* (If Extra Time is required in the Under 20 game)

If the senior game finishes level, there will be two periods of ten minutes each way played. If still level, a replay will take place.

3.25pm Start of First Period of Extra Time 3.36pm End of First Period of Extra Time 3.39pm Start of Second Period of Extra Time

3.50pm End of Extra Time

3.53pm Both County Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees room

3.54pm Doire amach ar an bPáirc

3.57pm Dún na nGall amach ar an bPáirc

4.00pm Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc

4.01pm Cancer Focus Launch 4.05pm Toss

4.08pm Paraid

4.13pm Amhrán na bhFiann

4.15pm Tús an Cluiche: Doire V Dún na nGall

4.52pm Half Time / Leath Am 4.53pm Cluichí Exhibition 5.03pm End of Exhibition Game

5.05pm Presentation of Medals 5.07pm Start of Second Half / Tús an dara leath

5.45pm End of Senior Game / Críoch an Chluiche Shinsir

If the Under 20 game is still level after extra time, two periods of five minutes each way. If still level, free taking competition will ensue as outlined on page 29.

### 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 tiorán ná fé'n tráil

Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,

Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil

Le guna screach fé lámhach na bpiléar Seo libh canaídh Amhrán na bhFiann.

Doire

### **CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL**



### Dún na nGall



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1.	EDDIE KILMARTIN	ST PATRICK'S & ST JOSEPH'S PS GLENULLIN
2.	AARON BRADLEY	ST JOHN'S PS SWATRAGH
3.	MARC MCGURK	ST BRIGID'S PS MAYOGALL
4.	FEARGAL LOGAN	ST COLUMBA'S PS STRAW
5.	BEN BELL	SPIRES INTEGRATED MAGHERAFELT
6.	JAMES O'NEILL	ST MARY'S PS GREENLOUGH
7.	CHARLIE KEALEY	ST TREA'S PS BALLYMAGUIGAN
8.	JAMES SARGENT	ST BRIGID'S PS MAYOGALL
9.	OISIN MCMULLAN	ST PATRICK'S PS GLEN
10.	DARA MCCAULEY	TERMONCANICE PS
11.	TIERNAN MCFEELY	FAUGHANVALE PS
12.	OWEN O'KANE	SPIRES INTEGRATED PS MAGHERAFELT
13.	JOE MCNICHOLL	ST PATRICK'S & ST JOSEPH'S PS GLENULLIN
14.	OISIN DOHERTY	ANAHORISH PS
15.	ODHRAN MCKENNA	HOLY FAMILY PS MAGHERAFELT
16.	FIONN O'SULLIVAN	ST MARY'S PS BELLAGHY
17.	DECLAN MCKEEVER	STTREA'S PS BALLYMAGUIGAN
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	KILMACRENNAN MS
CIARAN MAC G BHÉIN	FANAD NS
	ADDH RUA/NUALA NS
EOGHAN Ó CEALLAIGH	GAELSCOIL ÉIRNE
	ST MACARTANS BUNDORAN
CONAL Ó CIANAIGH	SCOIL NA CARRAIGE
DÁIRE MCCOLGAN	SCOIL IOSAGÁIN
	RAPHOE
SEAN MCLAUGHLIN	SCOIL IOSAGÁIN
	WHITECASTLE NS
DISIN SHEERIN	NEWTONCUNNINGHAM NS
ODHRAN BOYLE	BELCRUIT NS
	SCOIL PHÁDRAIG DOBHAIR

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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.

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The Officers on duty reserve the right to remove you from the ground is you do not comply with these simple regulations. Our intention is simply to ensure that all our supporters can enjoy the match.

### **FIRST AID**

First Aid is provided at today's venue with ambulances located at the corner of Stanleys Walk and at he corner between Brandywell Terrace and Bluebell Hill.

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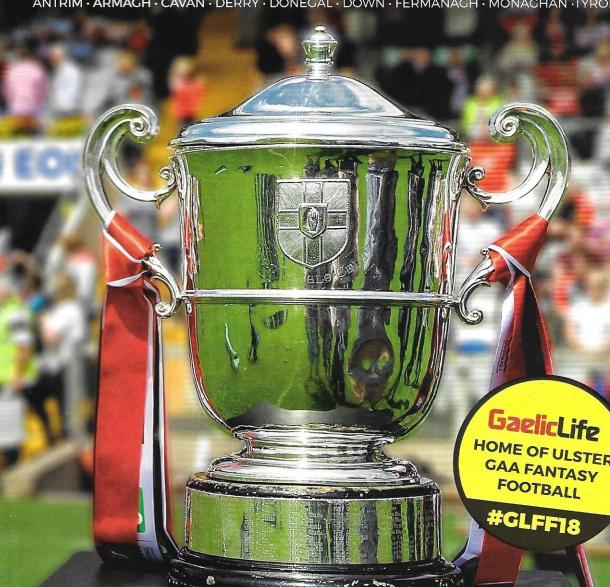
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# **EAMONN KING**FAUGHANVALE GAC

A familiar tale in many GAA clubs is the one about the poorly attended convention, or "Annual General Meeting" as is now the modern title. St Mary's Faughanvale had one such meeting in the early noughties, when much was promised, but no-one wanted to grasp the nettle and take "the chair". Conversations needed to be had. Enter Sean O'Neill, a club trustee, and former player, manager and Chair himself.

The conversation took place in the kitchen of the clubhouse, with Eamonn King, "ah sure you'll take it for a couple of weeks, to get the year going". Eamonn who like so many, got involved with the club as his children were playing, and he was only too willing to volunteer his services to help out, and little did he think then of the contribution he would make.

A surge in participation from young girls and ladies in the Faughanvale parish led to the formation of the club's first ladies team, led by Eamonn King, who was determined that if his girls were going to play Gaelic Games, they would be wearing the green and white of Faughanvale. Part of the commitment was to be the clubs delegate to the County Committee for ladies football, and before long, Eamonn would find himself as Chair of Derry Ladies County Committee.

When the committee at Faughanvale launched the club's plan to develop the grounds at John McLaughlin Park, culminating in the official opening in June 2009, there was no greater driving force than the Club Chairman. During the time of development, the club raised over £500,000, and the new generation of gaels in the parish had playing facilities that were the envy of the county. Fielding teams from age 6, both boys and girls, and a series of social fundraising initiatives ensured that everyone had a part to play. Like most clubs, were no



volunteer is turned away, such is the man's infectious, and as some referees can lay claim to, a sometimes over excited personality, many people who believed they had no part to play, are now seen an integral, and valued volunteers.

As his own initial involvement with the club was due to the participation of his children, the club are now seen as an extended arm of his own family. It had been rumoured that revolving doors were to be fitted at the family home, and with a kettle that is seldom off the boil, it is quite easy to see why the unassuming volunteer is both known and respected in GAA circles.

When the club hosted a Gala Dinner to celebrate their 85th anniversary earlier this year, Eamonn found himself not to be in best of health. On the night, duties were passed to vice-chairman, Sean O'Neill, but sitting quietly at the back of the room was the man who was determined not to miss out on the birthday party of his club. Not there because he had to be, but because he wanted to be. The standing ovation he received on the night epitomised the esteem in which he is held.

In a sad week, when St Mary's laid to rest one of their most loyal, dedicated and popular gaels, James O'Hara, another facet of our association comes to the fore, as club comes together as community, to support one another when it's needed most. The GAA is family to Eamonn King, and he is one of our most valued volunteers. Go raibh maith agat Eamonn.

# MINOR PREVIEW BY NIALL MCCOY GAELIC LIFE

### GaelicLife

CAVAN and Donegal have been two of the most dominant forces at Ulster U-21 level over the past decade – but who can translate that success to the new Under 20 grade today?

Since 2010, either Cavan or Donegal (or both) have appeared in every Ulster Final bar 2016 when Monaghan defeated Tyrone, so one heavyweight is going to drop out of the race at Celtic Park. The location is rather fitting for the Derry management, who no doubt are in the crowd here somewhere making notes on their potential opponents on June 3rd.

The Tir Chonaill men have a number of injury worries ahead of today's encounter. Enda McCormick is only out a protective boot last week while the highly-rated Jason McGee is also rated doubtful. Brian Diver is a long-term absentee following a cruciate injury while Ronan Docherty (hand) is another man that may miss out.

Still, manager Gary McDaid will have a very talented squad to select from and one back-boned by the 2016 minor side that reached the All-Ireland semi-final. "We do have a very good team. We have the 2016 minor team that got to the All-Ireland semi-final," said selector Francie Friel.

"The group last year got beat in the first round, but that was just one of those games of football when they got badly caught by Antrim. "They had a good team, and we should have something in between now.

"Not all the players from that 2016 team are back this year. There are some of the minors from last year on it, and some from the U-17 team as well. It's not just all the 2016 team".

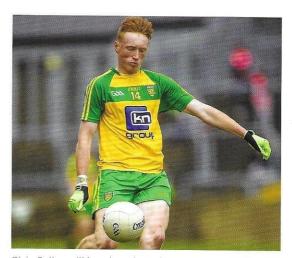
Cavan, meanwhile, are managed by Kevin Downes and he has a very notable figure in his backroom team in the form of Martin Clarke. The Breffni minors reached the All-Ireland semi-final last year and a number of those will feature today, including Luke Fortune who will captain the side.

"We've seven or eight of last year's minors. They gained an awful lot of big-game experience and you can see that at training. They bring a lot of confidence they bring and they're well used to the big day," said Downes.

The former Westmeath, Cavan and London coach also explained how Clarke got involved in a backroom team that also includes Crosserlough clubman Jimmy Higgins. "It literally was just a phone call and we asked him if he'd like to come on board. Thankfully he said yes, he's a great addition, he's passing on his knowledge not just to the players but to the management team, he's been a great boost."

There is a quirk to this fixture as it will be played after the other three quarter-finals despite being a first round clash. Regardless of where it is slotted in, it's sure to be an excellent tussle between two counties who really seem to have their heads screwed on when it comes to underage football.

Unlike at Under 17 level, there is no real form guide to go on and even the management teams will be unsure of how their players will react seeing as they have been devoid of competitive football. Donegal, even with their injury concerns, do seem to have an awful lot of talent to call on though and that should be enough to set up a date with the Oakleafers.



Oisin Gallen will be a key player for Donegal today

### **ULSTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

### **FORMAT TO CHANGE FROM 2020**

Changes are to be introduced to the Ulster Senior Football Championship from 2020. The Ulster GAA Competitions Control Committee have decided that from that year teams which play in the Preliminary Round will be exempt from playing in the province's opening fixture for two years. The change will mean that just five counties will be included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2022 Championship and the championships thereafter.

Ulster GAA Provincial Secretary Brian McAvoy explained the rationale for the change saying; "For many years the draw for the Ulster Championship has been conducted on the basis that all nine counties entered the bowl at the outset and the first two teams drawn played in the Preliminary Round. There was a time when the draw worked on a two-year cycle and there were indeed occasions when a county had to play in the Preliminary Round for four consecutive years."

"In my Annual Report to the Ulster Convention in January I highlighted the fact that Ulster was the only province that operated a 'straight' draw and that each of the other provinces had some 'conditions' attached to their Football Championship Draw.

"This in itself was not a valid reason for change but a close study showed how the Championship draw 'favoured' some counties over others when it came to Preliminary Round appearances. Cavan for example have played in the Preliminary Round on seven occasions since the millennium, while Derry have been drawn to play in it on just two occasions.

YEAR GAME WINNER 2018 DONEGAL CAVAN DONEGAL 2017 MONAGHAN V FERMANAGH MONAGHAN **FERMANAGH** 2016 ANTRIM 2014 DOWN **DRAW TYRONE** 2013 ARMAGH CAVAN 2012 CAVAN V DONEGAL DONEGAL 2011 ANTRIM DONEGAL 2010 ARMAGH DERRY V **ARMAGH** 2009 FERMANAGH DOWN FERMANAGH 2008 ANTRIM V CAVAN CAVAN 2007 DOWN nown CAVAN V 2006 CAVAN V DOWN DOWN 2005 FERMANAGH V ARMAGH ARMAGH 2004 TYRONE TYRONE V 2003 MONAGHAN V ARMAGH ARMAGH 2002 CAVAN V DONEGAL DONEGAL DRAW 2001 FERMANAGH V DONEGAL **FERMANAGH** 2000 FERMANAGH V MONAGHAN FERMANAGH

"While some may validly argue that this is just the luck of the draw, the statistics paint a picture which shows that teams which contest the Preliminary Round have a very poor record when it comes to actually winning the Ulster title. On only four occasions has a team that played in the Preliminary Round gone on to win the Ulster title; Cavan in 1945, Armagh in 2005 and Donegal in 2011 and 2012."

The decision of the Ulster Competitions Control Committee is not retrospective, so nine counties will be included in the draw for the 2019 Ulster Championship. The two counties which are drawn to play in the Preliminary Round will not feature in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2020 and 2021 Championships. Seven counties will be included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2021 Championship and from the 2022 draw onwards just five counties will be included in the draw for the Preliminary Round game.

Brian McAvoy said; "It will come as no surprise that counties prefer not to be playing in the Preliminary Round and while some counties will in all probability continue to be 'favoured' by the draw more than others, this change will hopefully add some measure of equilibrium to the statistics. While there is no ideal figure, a two-year exemption strikes the correct balance as a one-year exemption was unlikely to bring about much meaningful change, while a three-year exemption would result in just three counties being in the Preliminary Round draw and this would significantly increase the prospect of repeat pairings."

	PLAYED	WON
ANTRIM	3	0
ARMAGH	4	3
CAVAN	6	2
DERRY	2	0
DONEGAL	5	4
DOWN	4	2
FERMANAGH	6	4
MONAGHAN	3	1
TYRONE	3	2













## AN CABHÁN CAVAN

Manager: Kevin Downes





16. Gary O'Rourke Béal Átha hÉis 17. Gavin Daly Caisleán Reathain 18. Cian Madden Loch Gamhna 19. Danny Ellis Ármhach 20. Eoghan Cooney Leathrach Aontaithe 21. Oisin Pierson Naomh Eoin 22. Luke Gilsenan Coill an Chollaigh 23. Jack McKenna Leathrach Aontaithe 24. Shane McVeety Cros ar Loch

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





























## DONEGAL Manager: Gary McDaid



### **DÚN NA NGALL/SUBSTITUTES**

- Matthew Gallagher Naomh Adhamhnain 17. Ryan Cunningham Na Cealla Beaga
- 18. Colin McFadden Naomh Micheal 19. Stephen Carr Gleann Fhinne
- 20. Timmy Govorov Realt Na Mara 21. Ronan Docherty Baile na nGalloglach
- 22. Enda McCormick An Tearmainn 23. Lanty Molloy Naomh Columba
- 24. Odhran Shiels Gaeil Fhannada













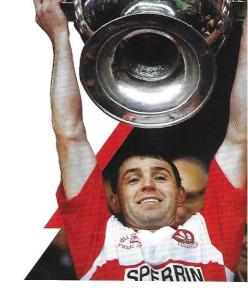
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LE DERMOT MCPEAKE



Dé Céadaoin 15 Bealtaine 2013, agus 'Ó dhearcán go crann darach,' mar shluán don ócáid, tháinig 200 aoi le chéile chun scéal "125 bliain de stair an CLG i nDoire" a fháil.

Agus paráid na gcaptaen ag siúl isteach sa seomra taispeántais i gColáiste Mhig Aoidh, fuair an lucht féachana léargas ar stair iomlán bheo an CLG i nDoire.

Rinne Seán Mellon – garmhac le Tommy – ionadaíocht ar Peter McCallion, captaen ar fhoireann Dhoire a bhain Craobh Uladh san iomáint i 1903.

Tháinig na cuimhní ina rabhartaí. Pat Keenan, nach maireann, a bhí mar chaptaen ar fhoireann Dhoire a bhain an tSraith Náisiúnta den chéad uair i 1947, agus ba dhlúthchara leis, Roddy Gribbin, a rinne ionadaíocht ar a shonsa.

Caithear comhthéacs na mblianta a tháinig roimh 1947 a shoiléiriú sula mbíonn tuiscint cheart ann ar an méid a baineadh amach.

Thug an staraí ó CLG Uladh, Dónal Mac an Ailín, deartháir Chormaic, míniú ar na deacrachtaí a bhí roimh an CLG i nDoire. An Stát agus an Eaglais ba chúis le go leor de na deacrachtaí seo, agus iad caite isteach le saol corraitheach polaitiúil na hÉireann ag tús an 20ú haois.

Ba dhúslánach dheacair saol an CLG a eagrú i nDoire go dtí go luath sna 30í. I measc na ndaoine a chuir ruaig ar an fhrustrachas seo, bhí Paddy McFlynn as Machaire Fíolta, agus nuair luaigh Mac an Ailín a ainm, tugadh bualadh mór bos dó.

Léiriú a bhí ann gur thuig an lucht éisteachta a thábhachtaí agus a bhí iar-Uachtarán an CLG i stair an chontae. Ar nós Gribbin agus fir 1947, uair na cinniúna a bhí ann.

'Nuair a bhíonn tuiscint agat ar an am a chuaigh thart, bíonn tuiscint agat ar an áit ina bhfuil tú. Nuair a bhíonn tuiscint agat ar an áit ina bhfuil, is féidir leat an bealach chun tosaigh a lorg.'

Seo an méid a bhí le rá ag uachtarán CLG ag an am, Liam Ó Néill, agus é ag oscailt imeachtaí an tráthnóna.

D'éist a raibh i láthair le maithe an CLG i nDoire, idir Adrian McGuickan, Peter Stevenson agus Henry Downey.

Bhí Stevenson lárnach i saol na hiomána agus na peile i nDoire ar feadh na mbliana ach luaigh sé an tionchar a bhí ag fear eile ar an scéal;

'Chuir Sean O'Connell go mór leis an scéal ar fad. Tá moladh mór agus a áit sa táin tuillte aige.' B'oiriúnach gurbh é Adrian McGuickan a rinne ionadaíocht ar O'Connell ar an oíche. Bhí O'Connell ina chaptaen ar fhoireann an chontae i 1970 i gCluiche Leathcheannais na hÉireann i 1970, agus d'imir sé sa chluiche ceannais i 1958, agus bhí sé mar bhainisteoir ar mhionúir Dhoire a bhain Craobh na hÉireann i 1965.

Ba léir an meas ollmhór atá ag Stevenson agus eile ar O'Connell.

Tá saol an teaghlaigh agus an CLG fite fuaite fríd a chéile. Léiríodh físeán d'athair Mark Lynch, Mickey, agus é ag cuidiú le O'Connell cúl iontach a aimsiú i gcluiche leathcheannais na hÉireann i 1975. Tháinig na naisc chun solais.

Naisc iad a seo a spreag Henry Downey ábhar ionspioráide a roinnt leis an lucht éisteacht, ábhar nach raibh go hiomlán soiléir roimhe:

'Bhí rómánsaíocht agus gáifeacht ag baint leis na foirne sin sna seachtóidí. Rug siad greim ar ár samhlaíocht' a dúirt Downey maidir le Sam Maguire a bhaint i 1993.

'Rinne muid cinneadh iarracht a dhéanamh Craobh na hÉireann a bhaint mar ghrúpa – agus bhain muid' arsa fear Leamhaigh.

Is fada an bóthar nach mbíonn casadh ann, ach mar a dúirt Frank Kearney, nach maireann: "Ar aghaidh linn"



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## **ULSTER SCHOOLS** ST. PATRICK'S COLLEGE





St. Patrick's College in Dungiven first opened its doors to students in 1962. Over the years St. Patrick's have had regular successes, providing players for county teams in Hurling, Football and Camogie.

Players such as Sean Moore, Anthony Burke, Eugene McCaul, Seamus McCloskey, Joey Chivers, Fintan McCloskey, Alfie Dallas, Joe Irwin and Plunkett Murphy were star performers before Brian McGilligan, Kieran McKeever, Richard Ferris and Eugene Kelly won All-Ireland medals with Derry in 1993. In 1991, St. Patrick's stormed to the All-Ireland Vocational Schools final before losing by the minimum to an excellent Killorglin team. In 2006 another strong U16 team suffered a narrow defeat in a thrilling game with eventual All-Ireland champions St. Columban's Kilkeel.

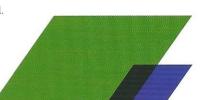
The move into Ulster Schools in 2016 has seen St. Patricks continue to compete successfully in all codes. These past two years has seen the school collect several Ulster Schools titles. The Rehill and Br Mallon cups in hurling and the Nolan, Ennis and Nagle Cups in football. During this period the school also won its first Ulster Colleges All-Star award with year 12 student Sean Kelly winning the goalkeeping position in hurling while the girls achieved their first Ulster Ladies' school title in football this year.

As part of the Roe Valley Learning community, the school has also been able to enter a combined team which is aimed at further developing the sporting talents of our pupils. Gleann na Ro competed in the B level of Ulster Schools this year including in the prestigious MacLarnon Cup.

The school and pupils have been fortunate to have a group of hard working and committed.coaches who have given so much to the GAA over the years include Sean O'Connell, Eugene McElhinney, Liam Hinphey, Fintan McCloskey, Charlie McCartney, Liam Begley, Susan McCloskey, Ita Henry and Sarah Ann McNicholl.

Today the current coaches of Mervin McMullan, Michael O'Callaghan and Mairead Green continue to build on proud school sporting tradition. They are ably assisted by past pupil and All-Ireland winner Richard Ferris through his coaching role in the local council.

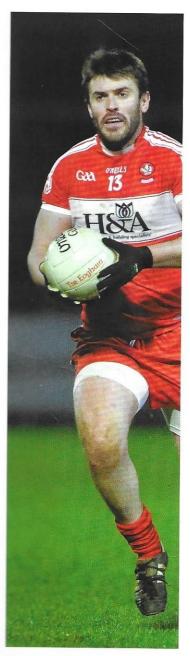
The staff and pupils of St Patrick's College Dungiven would also like to thank the parents, clubs and the many local businesses who have helped the school by sponsoring and promoting our various school teams in boys and girls Gaelic, Camogie and Hurling throughout the years.



## **SENIOR PREVIEW:**

### **DONEGAL V DERRY**

BY PAUL MCCONVILLE
THE IRISH NEWS



Mark Lynch on the move.

DONEGAL'S victory over Derry in the 2011 Ulster final not only bridged a 19-year gap since the last time the Anglo-Celt headed for the Hills, but it marked a significant turning point in the fortunes of both counties.

The stories of the north-west neighbours have diverged dramatically since then. Just three years previously, Derry had been crowned National League champions. 2008 was also the last year the Oak Leafers scored an Ulster Championship win over Donegal, raiding a now resolute Ballybofey with a two-point win, thanks largely to ten points from the boot of Paddy Bradley.

But Donegal have had their number ever since. Their 2009 meeting in the third round of the All-Ireland qualifiers went to extra-time before Donegal, inspired by a 19-year-old Michael Murphy, prevailed by a single point.

That kicked off a sequence of wins which included that Ulster Final victory two years later and has coincided with the rise and fall of the respective counties. For Donegal, they followed up that 2011 Ulster triumph by retaining the Anglo Celt the following year and added another provincial title in 2014.

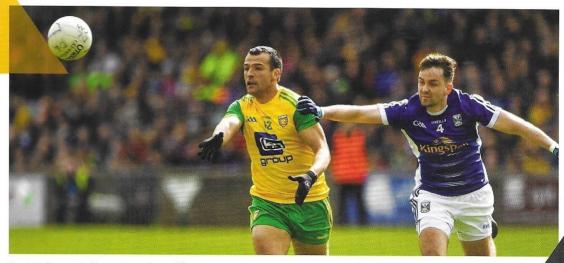
That starkly shows the task facing Derry today, and that's before you consider that Donegal have reached two All-Ireland Finals in that period too, winning one. And while Donegal have won three Ulster titles since 2011, Derry have only managed to win one match in the Ulster Championship in the six years which followed.

Derry can hold out some semblance of hope based the most recent Ulster Championship meeting between these sides three years ago. Donegal had just ruthlessly dispatched Armagh in the previous round but were decidedly flat against their neighbours for their semi-final meeting in Clones.

In a low-scoring affair, the Tir Chonaill men managed to bag a two-point win, but only after withstanding a late rally from the Oak Leafers. The reigning Ulster champions had looked in complete control throughout and looked to have settled the matter with a characteristic third-quarter surge, culminating in Marty O'Reilly's 45th minute goal which opened up a five-point gap. But their inability to pull away from Brian McIver's side left the door open for Derry and when first Benny Heron and then Ciaran McFaul scored points to make it a two-point game going into the last five minutes, the underdogs sniffed an upset.

However, the closing minutes of the game became scrappy and were marred by ill-tempered flare-ups which resulted in a couple of black cards for Derry and spelt the end of their Ulster title dream for the that year.

Donegal will go into today's game with the advantage of a Preliminary Round loosener under their belts. It gave them the opportunity of putting a disappointing National League campaign behind them. Although even though they were relegated from Division One in Declan Bonner's first season in charge, the new Donegal boss will have learned a lot from his players and they executed a perfect gameplan against Cavan in Ballybofey.



Frank McGlynn gets his pass away from Niall Murray.

Although goals from Ryan McHugh and Cian Mulligan gave a comprehensive look to the scoreboard, it was the long range kicking of young stars Michael Langan and Ciaran Thompson which proved decisive and will continue to prove potent weapons against the tight defences they are likely to face this summer.

Derry will also be looking to recover from relegation in the National League and their rookie boss Damian McErlain will be hoping for a response from his young squad. The immediate challenge of halting a potent Donegal attack seems a daunting one, especially considering they were Division Three's most generous defence in the National League. However, they will have been strengthened in that department by the return of the Slaughtneil contingent with Brendan Rogers, Paul McNeill and the McKaigue brothers, Chrissy and Karl, adding much needed experience to the back six.

Despite suffering relegation to Division Four, Derry were also Division Three's top scorers, but they simply can't afford to get involved in an old-fashioned shoot out with today's opponents. Michael Murphy, Paddy McBrearty and Ryan McHugh can all do serious damage while Langan and Thompson have proved capable of supporting the scoring cast.

Emmet Bradley was one of the few Derry players to emerge from the League campaign with any credit and his form will be crucial today. Not only is he capable of dominating in the middle of the park, his accuracy from placed balls and eye for a goal will give Donegal's back line something to think about. Slaughtneil's Shane McGuigan also gives Derry added options in attack while it remains to be seen how the experience of relative veterans Mark Lynch and James Kielt is utilised by McErlain.

Even with home advantage, however, Derry start as huge underdogs and the work done in the weeks since their last-day League defeat to Sligo will determine how close they can get to Donegal. They are shorn of much of the experience that was in the team three years ago when they ran a good Tir Chonaill side mighty close but the chance for a new crop of Oak Leafers to make a name for themselves is a strong motivation.

### LAST FIVE CHAMPIONSHIP MEETINGS

2015 ULSTER SFC SEMI-FINAL Donegal 1-09 Derry 0-10

2014 ULSTER SFC QUARTER-FINAL Derry **0-11** Donegal **1-11** 

2012 ULSTER SFC QUARTER-FINAL Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-9

2011 ULSTER SFC FINAL Donegal 1-11 Derry 0-8

2009 ALL-IRELAND QUALIFIERS ROUND 3
Donegal **2-13** Derry **0-18** (AET)

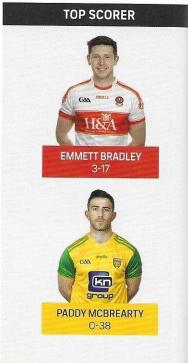
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SUN 20TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 4.00PM







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SUN 24TH JUNE 2.00PM

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SAT 26TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 7.00PM











SUN 27TH MAY SFC QUARTER FINAL 4,00PM



DOIRE V DÚN NA NGALL



SUN 13TH MAY SFC FIRST ROUND 4.00PM





DÚN NA NGALL 2-20 V AN CABHÁN 1-15



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### **ULSTER GAA**

### **PUT REFEREE HEALTH TOP OF AGENDA**

In February 2018, Ulster GAA held their free referee health checks at a specially arranged mobile clinic at the Tyrone GAA Centre in Garvaghey.

This annual initiative offers the opportunity for all referees on the provincial panel to avail of a full screening health check free of charge.

Speaking at the clinic, Ulster GAA President Michael Hasson said: "The health and wellbeing of all our members is very important and we continue to promote healthy living and lifestyles to our membership, especially players and officials, who are obviously the most active".

"The focus of our games is usually on the players but recent research has shown that some referees are covering similar distances to players in our top games.

A referee needs to run the length and breadth of the pitch throughout a full game so these checks are essential".

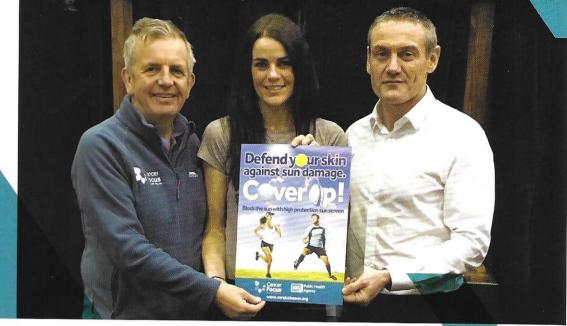
"These health checks give our referees a clear picture of their medical position at the start of the new season and the opportunity to get any health concerns checked out".

The mobile clinic health checks were facilitated by the team from 3fivetwoGroup.



Pictured from the left are: Conor McGourty (Ulster GAA Player Welfare Officer), Jim O'Rourke (Ulster Referees Secretary), Jim Murray (Ulster Referees Chairman), Niall McKenna (Referee), Stephen Donnelly (Ulster Games Administration Manager) and Michael Hasson (Ulster GAA President) pictured with Kerry & Frances from 3fivetwo Group at the Ulster Referees Health Checks.





Gerry McElwee, Head of Cancer Prevention at Cancer Focus, is pictured supporting the work of Ulster GAA's Health and Wellbeing programmes with Maura McMenamin and Ciaran McLaughlin, Ulster GAA.

## CANCER FOCUS TEAMS UP WITH ULSTER GAA

Established in 1969 to reduce the impact of cancer in our community, Cancer Focus NI has enjoyed a long-standing and fruitful partnership with Ulster GAA over the years, which it is looking forward to developing over the next 12 months.

The charity, which began life as the Ulster Cancer Foundation, is striving towards a future where we can eliminate cancer, and in the meantime, envision a future where cancer is a manageable disease with a greatly reduced impact on our society.

Based at Eglantine Avenue in Belfast, Cancer Focus NI provides care and support services for cancer patients and their families across Northern Ireland, funds cancer research and offers programmes to raise awareness of cancer and how to prevent it. Campaigning for improvements in the diagnosis of cancer and cancer treatments is also another important strand of our work.

Our 'Keeping Well' programme delivers a range of services right into the heart of communities across. Northern Ireland, including schools, sports venues and shopping centres while our three "Keeping Well" vans provide health checks, information and support to groups and individuals.

Cancer Focus NI started its partnership with the Ulster Council over a decade ago, through health awareness training days for Ulster Council coaches. Since 2008, the Championship has been used as a vehicle for skin cancer awareness, where we have distributed sunscreen and information at games. In 2010 we launched the smoke-free Ulster Championship and in 2017, we were selected as Ulster GAA's cancer services provider.

Also last year Ulster GAA was one of our pilot groups for the 2017 UV Index Monitor programme as part of our "Care in the Sun" campaign. We hope to extend this programme with Ulster GAA in 2018. We also sit as a partner alongside Ulster GAA and others on the Farm Families programme, which has been well received by GAA clubs, particularly in rural areas.

As we approach Cancer Focus NI's 50th anniversary, we hope this partnership with Ulster GAA is well supported by the community. We look forward to continuing to work hand-in-hand with Ulster GAA to raise awareness and vital funds.





### **DERRY PEN PICS:**

Name	Club	Age	Height	Weight
Ben McKinless	Ballinderry Shamrocks	20	6ft 2	15st
Oran Hartin	Limavady Wolfhounds	19	6ft 2	14St
Oran Hartin	St Marys Banagher	32	6ft 1	15st
Chrissy McKaigue	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	29	6ft	12st 5
Padraig Cassidy	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	23	6ft	12st 6
Jack Doherty	Watty Grahams, Glen	20	6ft	12st
Niall Toner	Erins Own Lavey	23	5ft 7	13st
Michael McEvoy	O'Donovan Rossa, Magherafelt	21	6ft	12st 4
Shane McGuigan	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	21	5ft 11	12st
Peter Hagan	St Marys Banagher	21	5ft 8	11st
Kevin Johnston	St Canices Dungiven	26	6ft 1	12st 6
Brendan Rodgers	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	24	6ft 2	12st 2
Sean L McGoldrick	Eoghan Rua, Coleriane	30	5ft10	13st
Paul McNeill	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	21	5ft 8	11st8
Carlus McWilliams	St Colms Ballinascreen	28	5ft 11	12st 8
James Kielt	Kilrea Pearse	28	6ft3	14st

Name	Club	Age	Height	Weight
Conor McAtamney	Michael Davitts Swatragh	24	6ft 1	13st
Padraig McGrogan	Sean O'Learys Newbridge	18	6ft	11st 10
Liam McGoldrick	Eoghan Rua, Coleriane	24	5ft 11	12st 3
Karl McKaigue	Robert Emmetts Slaughtneil	25	5ft 8	12st
Benny Heron	St Colms, Ballinascreen	27	5ft 10	12st7
Terence O'Brien	Loup	23	5ft11	13st
Conor McCluskey	O'Donovan Rossa, Magherafelt	19	5ft 10	11st
Emmett Bradley	Watty Grahams, Glen	25	6ft 1	12st 6
Enda Lynn	Oliver Plunketts, Greenlough	30	5ft 8	11st 8
Jordan Curran	St Marys Faughanvale	21	6ft	13st
Patrick Coney	Loup	20	5ft 8	8st
Ruairi Mooney	Eoghan Rua, Coleriane	22	5ft 11	12st









## DOIRE DERRY

Manager: Damian McErlain























### DONEGAL

## Manager: Declan Bonner



### **DÚN NA NGALL/SUBSTITUTES**

- 16. Mark Anthony McGinley Naomh Mícheál 17. Stephen McMenamin Aodh Rua, Cuil Mhic gCuirridín
- 18. Eamonn Doherty Naomh Adhamhnáin 🙌 Mark McHugh Cill Chartha 20. Daire Ó Baoill Gaoth
- Dobhair 21. Caolan McGonagle Bun Crannacha 22. Odhrán Mac Niallais Gaoth Dobhair
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- 25. Cian Mulligan Gaoth Dobhair 26. Darrach O'Connor Bun Cranncha

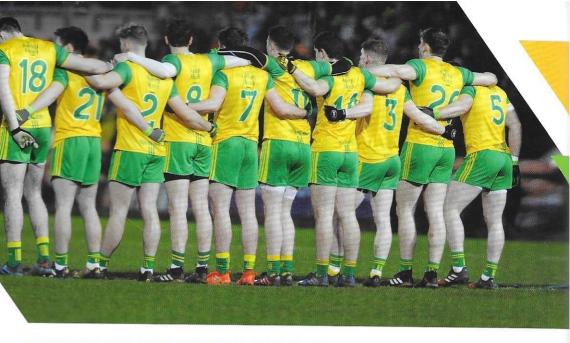








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## **DONEGAL PEN PICS:**

Name	Club	Age	Height	Weight
Paddy McGrath	Ard an Rátha	28	5ft 10	13st
Caolan McGonagle	Bun Cranncha	21	6ft 3	14st
Darach O'Connor	Bun Cranncha	21	5ft 7	12st
Patrick McBrearty	Cill Chartha	23	6ft 0	15st
Ryan McHugh	Cill Chartha	22	5ft 9	11st
Jamie Brennan	Réalt na Mara	20	5ft 9	13st
Mark McHugh	Cill Chartha	26	5ft 10	12st
Neil McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	31	6ft 2	14st
Frank McGlynn	Gleann Fhinne	30	5ft 10	13st
Michael Murphy	Gleann tSúilí	27	6ft 2	15st
Martin O'Reilly	Seán Mac Cumhaill	24	5ft 10	12st
Eoghan Bán Gallagher	Na Cealla Beaga	21	5ft 11	13st
Hugh McFadden	Na Cealla Beaga	23	6ft 3	14st
Caolan Ward	Naomh Adhamhnáin	24	6ft 3	13st
Eamon Doherty	Naomh Adhamhnáin	26	6ft 0	14st
Mark Anthony McGinley	Naomh Micheál	_27	6ft 1	14st
Martin McElhinney	Naomh Micheál	28	6ft 1	13ct

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Ciaran Thompson	Naomh Conaill	22	6ft 1	14st
Cian Mulligan	Gaoth Dobhair	20	5ft11	12st
Paul Brennan	Realt na Mara	26	6ft	13st
Conor Morrison	Naomh Adhamhnain	20	5ft11	12st
Brendan McCole	Naomh Naille	19	5ft11	13st
Conor Morrision	Naomh Adhamhnain	22	6ft	12st
Tony McClenaghan	Bun na Phobail	22	6ft 2	14st
Ciaran McGinley	Cill Chartha	29	6ft 2	14st
Jamie Brennan	Realt na Mara	22	5ft 9	12st
Leo McLoone	Naomh Conaill	29	6ft	14st
Niall O'Donnell	Naomh Adhamhnain	19	5ft 9	13st
Michael Langan	Naomh Micheal	21	6ft 2	14st
Stephen McMenamin	Aodh Rua	21	6ft	13st
Stephen McBrearty	Cill Chartha	22	6ft	14st
Shaun Patton	Naomh Adhamhnain	22	6ft	13st
Odhran MacNaillais	Gaoith Dobhair	26	6ft	13st
Nathan Mullins	Naomh Ceangail	28	6ft 1	13st

# IRISH LANGUAGE - DÚN NA NGALL CLG DHÚN NA NGALL Ó'N TÚS GO DTÍ NA 1980Í

Bunaíodh an chéad Bhord Contae Dhún na nGall i 1905. Bhí an chead cruinniú i dTamhnach an tSalainn. B'iad seo a leanas a bhí mar príomh oifigí ag an chead cruinniú oifigiúil de CLG Dhún na nGall. Cathaoirleach – An Dr. Mag Uidhir, Rúnaí – A. Mac Duibhir agus E. Mac Phaidín, Cisteoir – J. Ó Dubhda agus C. O Buaigh.

Bhí an chéad cluiche peile in éidean Doire an 17ú Márta 1906. Chomh maith le sin, i 1906, bhain an contae a chead corn mhór - craobhchomórtais Iomána Sinsearach Uladh nuair a bhuail Dún na nGall Aontroma sa chluiche ceannais ag Bóthar Moss, ar scór 5-15 go 0-1. Ta sé suimiúil gur bhain Dún na nGall craobh sinsear Uladh san iománaíocht trí uair ins na blianta 1906, 1923 agus 1932.

I gcúrsaí peil chaill Dún na nGall sa chluiche ceannais i 1933 de Chraobhchomórtas Peile Sóisearach Uile-Éireann go Maigh Eo (2-15 go 2-2). Bhí an bua ag Tiobraid Arainn ar Dhún na nGall i gcluiche leathcheannais mionúir na hÉireann i 1935 i bPáirc an Chrócaigh 3-3 go 2-3. Ní raibh Dún na nGall ar ais i bPáirc an Chrócaigh arís go dtí an Domhnach an 6ú Aibreán 1952. Ba é an ócáid babhta leath cheannais den Sraith Peile Náisiúnta in éidean Corcaigh.

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In sna seascaidí tháinig Dún na nGall chun cinn mar fhórsa peile ag baint cluichí chun a gcumas gan amhras a mheaitseáil. Ar an drochuair do Dhún na nGall, b'iad na 60í ré orga an Dúin a bhí ag cur béime ar an gcéim náisiúnta, agus b'iad an Dún an chéad fhoireann as na sé chondae chun craobhchomórtais shinsearacha na hÉireann a bhaint i 1960, 1961 agus 1968. Go hiontach, ní bhfuair Dún na nGall fhad le cluiche ceannais i bpeil sinsearach Uladh go dtí 1963, agus ina dhiaidh sin i 1966, Ar an dá ócáid bhí an bua ag an Dún.

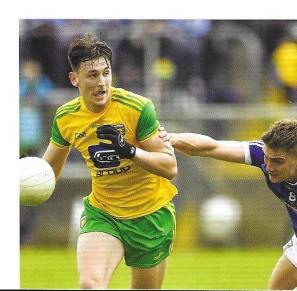
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Tháinig an chontae chun tosaigh sa pheil in Uladh sna 1970í, agus bhain Dún na nGall a chéad Chraobh Peile Sinsearach Uladh i 1972. Bhuail Uíbh Fhailí Dún na nGall i gcluiche leath cheannais Peile Sinsearach Uile-Éireann ar an mbealach chun an dara teideal i ndiaidh a chéile de chuid na hÉireann.

Lean an dara teideal cúige do Dhún na nGall sa bhliain 1974. Chaill siad amach go Gaillimh, i gcluiche leathcheannais Craobh Peile Sinsearach Uile-Éireann. I 1979 fuair Dún na nGall fhad le Chluiche Ceannais Uladh ach chaill siad amoach go Muineachán.

Bhain Dún na nGall an tríú teideal cúige i 1983. Arís, ar an drochuair chaill siad amach go Gaillimh sa chluiche leathcheannais i gCraobhchomórtais Peile Sinsearach Uile-Éireann.

I 1982 agus arís i 1987, bhain Dún na nGall Craobh Peile Uile-Éireann faoi 21. Bhí na gnóthachtálacha seo thar a bheith tairbheach sna blianta a bhí le theacht do Dhún na nGall chun dul i ngleic ag leibhéal Náisiúnta sa pheil sinsearach.



# UNDER 20 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINISH ON THE DAY PROTOCOL

Ard Chomhairle instructed at their meeting on February 23rd 2018, that relevant games that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as follows:

- PHASE 1: Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)
- PHASE 2: If teams are still level, an additional two periods of five minutes each way will be played.
- There shall be a maximum time space of five minutes between the end of the first phase of Extra Time and the beginning of the second phase.
- The Half Time interval in the second phase of Extra time should not exceed five minutes.
- For the purposes of Riail 2.6 (a) (f) "Players in Extra Time" Rules of Specification T.O Cuid II, Phase 2 of Extra Time shall be considered an extension of the initial "Extra Time" provision rather than as a new period of Extra Time (e.g. a team reduced to 14 players because of a sending off during the playing of the first phase of Extra Time must start Phase II with only 14 players etc.)
- PHASE 3: If still level, a "Free taking competition" to decide the outcome:
  - Each team will nominate 5 free takers for the competition and indicate to the referee in which order (1 to 5) the free takers will take the frees
  - The 5 players above must be chosen from players who have participated in the game, either in normal time or in Extra Time.
  - Players who receive a red card in Hurling or Football, and players who receive a black card in Football, in normal time or Extra Time are not permitted to participate in the free-taking competition.
  - The Referee will decide which end the free taking competition should be played into.
  - He will toss a coin in the presence of the two captains to see which team will have the option of going 1st.
  - The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the competition is being played into.

- Frees will be taken by each of the five players from a
  position of their choosing on the 65m line (Hurling) or
  from approximately the centre of the line marking the
  semi-circle (33m) in Football. Frees in football may be
  taken from the hands or off the ground.
- In Hurling, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II –Rules of Set Play Riail 2.5 (a) and (b) and Rules of Foul Play 4.24, 4.25 and 4.27.
   Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- In football, frees shall be taken in accordance with the provisions of T.O 2017 Cuid II Rules of Set Play - Rule 2.5 and Rules of Foul Play 4.23, 4.24 and 4.26. Breaches of these provisions will render frees null and void and they cannot be retaken.
- Frees will be taken for points only, with no goalkeeper / defenders facing the free-takers.
- Only the players involved in the free taking competition, as well as the Referee Linesmen and two umpires are permitted on the pitch – in football all players (9) to be at midfield and behind the semi-circle being used for the free kicks; in hurling all players (9) to be on or around the 45m line behind the 65 from which the frees are being taken
- All other players, managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the free-taking competition is taking place.
- The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their 5 frees.
- If still level then sudden death frees to be taken using the same 5 players in order (i.e. first sudden death free is taken by the player who took the first free for each side, 2nd sudden death free if required to be taken by the player who took the 2nd free and so on).
- If a player scores in sudden death and his direct opponent misses, the game is awarded to the team of the player who has scored.
- The sudden death element will continue until such time as there is a definite outcome (i.e. returning to the first player(s) and repeating the sequence again if required)



# 1 MINUTE WITH SHANE MCGUIGAN

Club: Robert Emmets Slaughtneil

Favourite Position: Centre Half Back

Favourite Pitch: The Pit

Hobbies: Love to spend time

Childhood hero: Bernard Brogan

Best Player you have played with:

Best Player you have played against: Diarmuid Connolly

Best game you have been involved in: All-Ireland Semi Final Vs St. Vincent's

Best trainer within the squad:

Worst trainer within the squad:

Best motivator within the squad:

Any superstitions:

Favourite Song:

Favourite Film:

Straight Outta Compton

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** 

Favourite Meal: Lasagne

Best advice ever received:

Biggest influence on career:

The aul pair

Club Volunteer of note:

Song you listen to before big games:

Imagine Dragons- It's Time

Most important skill:

Biggest Strength in your game:

Area of your game you would like to improve:

Advice for voungsters:

Young Player within your club to look out for:

Being able to play alongside





### MOSES ALCORN ST. MICHAEL'S GAA CLUB

When it comes to GAA Club volunteers St. Michael's Moses Alcorn is right up there with the many members of the association that give so much time to the promotion of the sport.

In the rural hinterland of Creeslough and Dunfanaghy in North Donegal, Moses is renowned for his dedication to a variety roles that has helped develop the St. Michael's Club into one of the top senior teams in the county.

Colm McFadden, Christy Toye, Martin McElhinney and now young Michael Langan are names that so readily spring to mind when the name of St. Michael's is mentioned around the county and the country. But, Moses Alcorn is one of those unsung heroes behind the scenes that has kept the club vibrant from a financial, administrative and public relations perspective.

Moses has previously served as Secretary at the 'The Bridge' and is the current PRO. A quiet, unassuming individual he carried out his secretarial duties in an efficient and professional manner. Moses has a natural ability to get on with people and a personality that has made him a very popular member of club for close on 30 years.

It is perhaps as PRO that the Hornhead man is best known. That is a role that he has fulfilled for many years with great distinction. Getting the news of club affairs out to the media at underage and senior level is a thing that is taken for granted at St. Michael's. Every week there is the club notes with news of the senior and reserve teams, the bingo and the lotto. Then there's the Minor Board with updates on girls' football and everything from U8s up to U16s.



As a result of his work for the club Moses Alcorn is a past winner of the St. Michael's Clubperson of the Year. Past and present executive committee members have regularly acknowledged the integral part that Moses has played in the various stages of club development from a Junior Intermediate and now Senior football in Donegal.

His public relations role is not just confined to GAA in the local community. Moses also promotes all aspects of life in Creeslough, Dunfanaghy and Falcarragh in his weekly reports for the locally based Tirconaill Tribune newspaper

Right across the country there are so many great people working voluntarily for GAA Clubs and don't seek any recognition for that service. Moses Alcorn certainly fits into that category. He ticks all the 'Club Volunteer' boxes when it comes to giving so much of his spare time to a variety of roles at the St. Michael's Club.

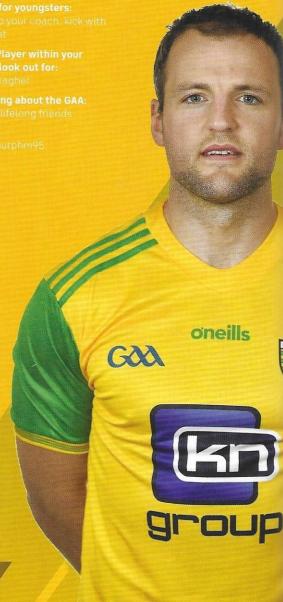
Moses doesn't court the limelight, preferring to work behind the scenes. He is part of a dedicated team that works so hard off the field for the good of GAA in Creeslough and Dunfanaghy.



# 1 MINUTE WITH MICHAEL MURPHY

Club Volunteer of note:





### 2017

USFC QF Derry 0-11 Tyrone 0-22
AIQ R1A Waterford 0-13 Derry 1-17
AIQ R2A Mayo 2-21 Derry 1-13 AET

### 2016

USFC QF Derry 0-12 Tyrone 3-14
AIQ R1A Derry 1-18 Louth 2-10
AIQ R2A Derry 1-14 Meath 1-11
AIQ R3A Cavan 0-18 Derry 1-17
AIQ R4A Derry 2-17 Tipperary 1-21

### 2015

USFC QF Derry 0-12 Down 0-11
USFC SF Derry 0-10 Donegal 1-09
AIQ R2B Derry 1-16 Wexford 0-10
AIQ R3B Galway 1-11 Derry 0-08

### 2014

**USFC QF** Derry 0-11 Donegal 1-11 **AIQ R1A** Derry 2-14 Longford 2-16

### **2013**

 USFC QF
 Derry 1-15 Down 2-17

 AIQ R1
 Derry 0-15 Sligo 0-08

 AIQ R2
 Derry 0-13 Down 1-05

 AIQ R3
 Derry 0-20 Caven 1-22 (AET)

### 2012

USFC QF Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-09 AIQ R1 Longford 0-17 Derry 2-08

### 2011

USFC QF Derry 1-18 Fermanagh 1-10
USFC SF Derry 3-14 Armagh 1-11
USFC F Derry 0-08 Donegal 1-11
AIQ R4 Kildare 0-19 Derry 0-13

### 2010

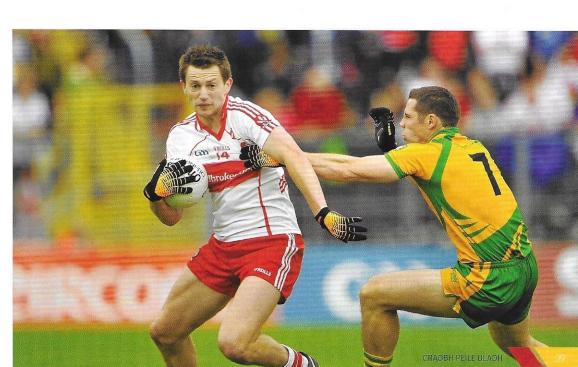
USFC R1 Derry 1-07 Armagh 1-10
AIQ R1 Carlow 2-09 Derry 1-18
AIQ R2 Westmeath 1-07 Derry 0-13
AIQ R3 Derry 1-09 Kildare 2-17

### 2009

USFC QF Derry 1-10 Monaghan 0-10
USFC SF Tyrone 0-15 Derry 0-07
AIQ R2 Monaghan 0-20 Derry 3-16
AIQ R3 Donegal 2-13 Derry 0-18
(AET)

### 2008

USFC QF Donegal 1-12 Derry 1-14
USFC SF Fermanagh 1-11 Derry 1-09
AIQ R1 Monaghan 1-13 Derry 1-12



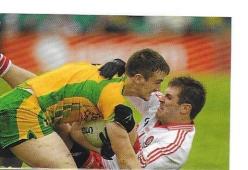


# LOOKING BACK DONEGAL V DERRY 2012

This clash was a repeat of the 2011 Ulster Final, where Donegal had comfortably dispatched the Oak Leaf men. Many expected Derry to put up a much sterner account of themselves this time, but that failed to materialise as Donegal marched on towards back-to-back provincial titles...

Colm McFadden and Paddy Bradley traded early frees as both sides started the game nervously. The home side had opened a 0-5 to 0-4 lead by the half hour when Leo McLoone finished to the net after a surging run by McFadden. That helped open a five-point advantage by half time, and in truth put an end to any aspirations Derry had of causing an upset.

McFadden added to his tally with a further major after the restart and Donegal moved into cruise control. David Walsh and Michael Murphy tagged on further points for the hosts with only Paddy Bradley offering any resistance with a couple of frees. Patrick McBrearty almost grabbed a third goal for Donegal when he struck the upright late on, while Mark Lynch saw a late effort brilliantly saved by Paul Durcan



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DONEGAL	2-13	0-09	DERRY
F McGlynn	0-1	0-1	SL McGoldrick
A Thompson	0-1	0-1	M Lynch
M Murphy	0-3	0-6	Paddy Bradley
N Gallagher	0-1	0-1	Eoin Bradley
D Walsh	0-1		
R Bradley	0-1		
P McBrearty	0 - 2		
C McFadden	1-3		
L McLoone	1-0		

At: Clones / Attendance: 20, 268 / Referee: Eddie Kinsella (Laois)

### DONEGAL

Donegal: P Durcan; P McGrath, N McGee, F McGlynn (0-1); E McGee, K Lacey, A Thompson (0-1); M Murphy (0-3), N Gallagher (0-1); D Walsh (0-1), M McHugh, R Bradley (0-1); P McBrearty (0-2), C McFadden (1-3), L McLoone (1-0). Subs: S Griffin, D Molloy, M McElhiney.

### DERRY

Derry: B Gillis; J McCamley, C McKaigue, SL McGoldrick (0-1); B McGoldrick, M Craig, E Scullion; J Diver, M Friel; G O'Kane, M Lynch (0-1), E Lynn; C Gilligan, Paddy Bradley (0-6), E McGuckian, Subs: M Donaghy, Patsy Bradley, C Kielt, Eoin Bradley (0-1), Emmet Bradley.



### **DAMIAN MCERLAIN**

### DERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM MANAGER

Today marks the start of our championship campaign. Like all teams throughout Ireland everything we have done up until now is about preparation for summer games. The Ulster Championship is special and it doesn't come much tougher than a derby game against our neighbours from Donegal.

We are quite aware that the task ahead of us. We have seen in Donegal's recent victory over Cavan just how impressive they can be. Declan Bonner, like ourselves, has taken the opportunity this year to blood young players at the highest level. We have previous experience of facing those players from 2015 but senior football is a different ball game entirely. Both sides will seek to mix youth with experience today and be competitive in so doing.

During the past 8 weeks all our efforts have been focused on today. I cannot commend our players highly enough for their attitude and efforts during that time. I would be delighted to see that effort and commitment rewarded today. It would be nothing less thanthey deserve.

My sincere thanks to our main sponsors, H&A Mechanical Services, and also to our many other sponsors, who continue to support our County unequivocally. The volunteer members of Club Derry continue to give the time selflessly for the betterment of Gaelic games in our county, epitomised by the tremendous success of the second "Man Of Sperrin" event last weekend. I would also like to thank our medical and backroom teams for all their assistance this year to date. This is a team game on and off the pitch.

On behalf of the squad, I would like to thank all those who have supported us in any way this year so far. It is greatly appreciated. We hope to hear your vocal support today as there is nothing better than a real championship atmosphere in Celtic Park.

Enjoy the game and safe home. Go raibh maith agat

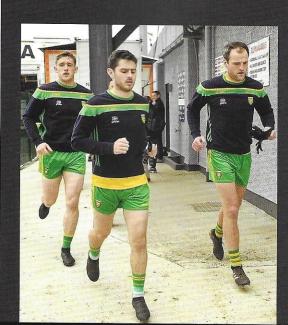
### **DECLAN BONNER**DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM MANAGER

It's a great honour for me this afternoon to lead the Donegal Senior Football Team as we strive to reach an Ulster Semi Final.

However, we face a formidable challenge from our neighbours Derry here today in Celtic Park which makes for a very interesting contest today.

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 this season. 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 Abbey Hotel and the numerous individuals at home here in Ireland and also abroad who have supported Donegal GAA financially so generously these past few months.

Finally, I must also mention our tremendous supporters who follow us all over the country whatever the weather. We will endeavour to repay your support this afternoon.









## **ULSTER SCHOOLS**

### **CARNDONAGH CS**

"Knock and the door shall be opened, seek and you shall find."

It took 45 years of knocking on the door and seeking for Carndonagh Community School to get their hands of an Ulster Schools Gaelic football title. Those 45 years since the school was established in 1973 had seen huge efforts being made by numerous teachers to raise the standard of Gaelic football in the school - men like Colm Toland, Joe McLaughlin, Des Newton, PJ McGarry and Tony Foley had worked year after year, nurturing, cajoling and training boys and girls from first to fifth year. County titles were plentiful at various stages, but an Ulster title always seemed a step too far. The U16 team of 1996 coached by Joe Higgins, John Farren and Colm Toland lost out to a last-minute goal by St. Comhghall's, Lisnaskea in the Ulster Final. That's as close as it got until 2018.

This year's senior panel has some exceptional footballers including U20 county panellists Conor O'Donnell (Carn) and Ciaran (JR) Doherty (Malin), U17 players Johnny Toye (Muff) and Anthony (BM) Doherty (Carn). Other notables include Luke Mullins (Urris), grandson of former All-star and Derry manager Brian Mullins, and Oisin McGonigle (Malin) who is already an established senior player with his club. Stylish forwards like Lee McLaughlin (Carn) and Oisin Hession (Urris) caused havoc for defences that they came up against this season.

The fixtures within the county had gone well for CCS as they beat Falcarragh, Milford and Gweedore, and drew with St. Columba's who had won the Ulster U16 title the previous year. Qualification into Ulster resulted in CCS facing St Malachy's Belfast at the quarter final stage. The Carn boys went on a scoring spree at Owenbeg, defeating their Antrim opponents on a scoreline of 5-19 to 1-06. The semifinal at the same venue pitted CCS





against a very valiant St Joseph's of Donaghmore, Tyrone. Early defensive blunders by the Carn back line were compensated for by a very active and accurate forward line; Final Score CCS 1-18 St Joseph's 5-04.

An all Donegal Markey Cup Final was played in O'Donnell Park Letterkenny and the huge crowd was entertained by two teams who put a great emphasis on attacking football. Defenders marked man to man, no blankets here! All of Inishowen rejoiced as Johnny Toye scored a pivotal goal ten minutes from time. Oisin McGonigle accepted the cup on behalf of all Gaels on the peninsula. This was one of the greatest days for CCS Gaelic Football.

Ladies football is also making great strides in the school thanks to the efforts of Maria McLaughlin and Denise McCarron. Hopefully this win will be the first of many and will give a great boost to younger coaches in the school, like Conor McDonough who helped manage this year's victorious team, Conor Doherty and Sean McKenna. Keep up the good work folks!



# THE PAST DECADE

USFC QF Donegal 3-19 Antrim 1-09 USFC SF Tyrone 1-21 Donegal 1-12

AIQ R2A Donegal 0-12 Longford 0-07 AIQ R3A Meath 1-14 Donegal 1-15

AIQ R4A Donegal 0-14 Galway 4-17

### USFC QF

Donegal 2-12 Fermanagh 0-11

USFC SF Monaghan O-14 Donegal 1-11

Donegal O-17 Monaghan 2-10

### **USFC FINAL**

Tyrone O-13 Donegal O-11

AIQ R4B Cork 1-15 Donegal O-21 AI OF 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 OF Mayo 2-13 Donegal O-11

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 AI SF

Donegal 1-12 Armagh 1-11 Donegal 3-14 Dublin O-17

Al FINAL Kerry 2-09 Donegal 0-12

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 O-08 Donegal O-14 AI OF Mayo 4-17 Donegal 1-10

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 OF AI SF

Donegal 1-12 Kerry 1-10 Donegal O-16 Cork 1-11 Al FINAL Donegal 2-11 Mayo 0-13

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 O-08

Dublin 0-08 Donegal 0-06

### 2010

AIQ R1

USFC QF Donegal 2-10 Down 1-15 Armagh 2-14 Donegal O-11

AIQ R1

USFC QF Antrim 1-10 Donegal 0-12 Donegal 2-13 Carlow 1-06

AIQ R2

Donegal O-13 Clare 1-07 Donegal 2-13 Derry O-18 AET

AIQ R3 AIQ R4 AI OF

Donegal O-14 Galway O-13 Cork 1-27 Donegal 2-10

USFC QF AIQ R1

Donegal 1-12 Derry 1-14 Donegal 3-11 Roscommon

AIQ R2 0-16

Donegal O-15 Monaghan

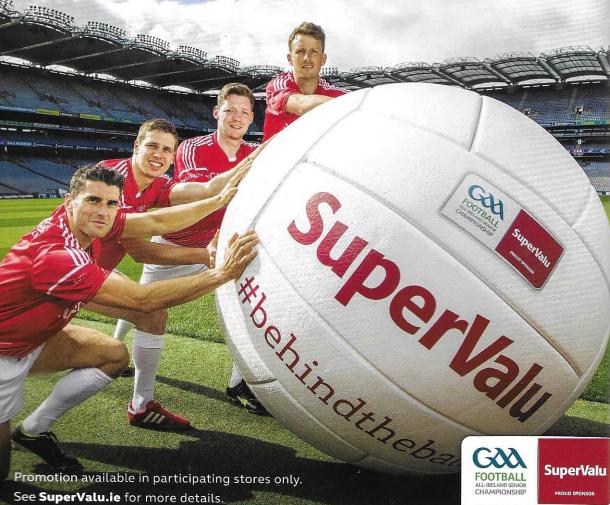


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