

Bank of Ireland 

Dr McKenna Cup

2019



Dún na nGall V An Cabhán

9ú Eanáir 2019 ar 8.00 i.n.

Páirc Mac Cumhaill

Referee: Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)
Standby: Kieran Eannetta (Tír Eoghain)
Linesman: Joe Corcoran (Fear Manach)
Sideline: John Murphy (Fear Manach)



Dún na nGall

Manager: Declan Bonner

1
Seán Ó Peatáin
Shaun Patton
(*Naomh Adhamhnáin*)

2
Caolán Mac an Bháird
Caolan Ward
(*Naomh Adhamhnáin*)

3
Breandán MacCumhaill
Brendan McCole
(*Naomh Náille*)

4
Conchur Ó Muircheasain
Conor Morrison
(*Naomh Adhamhnáin*)

5
Rian MacAodha
Ryan McHugh
(*Cill Chartha*)

6
Éamon Ó Dochartaigh
Eamon Doherty
(*Naomh Adhamhnáin*)

7
Peadar Ó Mocháin
Peadar Mogan
(*Naomh Náille*)

8
Aodh MacPháidín
Hugh McFadden
(*Na Cealla Beaga*)

9
Deasún MacAoidh
Jason McGee
(*Cloch Cheann Ghaola*)

10
Pól Ó Braonáin
Paul Brennan
(*Bun Dobhráin*)

11
Niall Ó Domhnaill
Niall O Donnell
(*Naomh Adhamhnáin*)

12
Caolán Mac Congail
Caolan McGonagle
(*Bun Crannacha*)

13
Mairtín Ó Raghallaigh
Martin O Reilly
(*Seán MacCumhaill*)

14
Micheál Ó Langáin
Michael Langan
(*Naomh Micheál*)

15
Jamie Ó Braonáin
Jamie Brennan
(*Bun Dobhrain*)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Mark A McGinley** *Naomh Micheál* 22. **Oisín Gallen**, *Sean MacCumhaills*
17. **Tony McCleneghan** *Bun a Phobail* 23. **Paddy Dolan** *Naomh Mhuire Conmhaigh*
18. **Lorcab Connor**, *Na Dunaibh* 24. **John Campbell**, *Buncrannacha*
19. **Martin McElhinney**, *Naomh Micheál* 25. **Colm Kelly**, *Aodh Ruadh BAS*
20. **Shane McGrath**, *Aodh Ruadh BAS* 26. **Ryan McMahon**, *Baile na nGalloglach*
21. **Darragh Mulgrew**, *Darragh Ó Maolcraoibhe*

	Cúil	Cúilini	Seacháí	45	Saor	Ciceanna
1AD Leath						
2AD Leath						

An Cabhán

Manager: Michael Graham

1
Réamonn Ó Gealagáin
Raymond Galligan
(*Leacain*)

2
Dáithi MacPhilib
David Phillips
(*Loch Gamhna*)

3
Padraig Ó Fachina
Padraig Faulkner
(*Dún a Rí*)

4
Iasón MacLochlainn
Jason McLoughlin
(*Gaeil Na Sionainne*)

5
Ciarán Ó Brádaigh
Ciaran Brady
(*Armhach*)

6
Conchúr Múineach
Conor Moynagh
(*Droim Dhúin Éire Óg*)

7
Conchúr Ó Reighill
Conor Rehill
(*Cros ar Loch*)

8
Micheál Ó Héarga
Michael Argue
(*Choill an Chollaigh*)

9
Séamus Ó Gealagáin
James Galligan
(*Leacain*)

10
Pól Ó Gréacháin
Paul Graham
(*Gaeil an Chabháin*)

11
Stiofán MacGabhann
Stephen Smith
(*Cros ar Loch*)

12
Piaras MacGabhann
Pierce Smith
(*An Droim Mór*)

13
Conchúr Ó Brolcháin
Conor Bradley
(*Ramor Aontaithe*)

14
Séamus MacGabhann
James Smith
(*Cros ar Loch*)

15
Conchúr Ó Madáin
Conor Madden
(*Loch Gamhna*)

Fir Ionaid:

16. **Gary O Rourke**, *Béal Atha hÉis* 22. **Jack McKenna** *Leathrach Aontaithe*
17. **Luke Fourtune**, *Gaeil an Chabháin* 23. **Niall Clerkin**, *Searcóg*
18. **Christopher Conroy**, *An Leamhái* 24. **Kevin Tierney**, *Béal Atha hÉis*
19. **Sean O Connor**, *Ceiltigh na Muinchille* 25. **Martin Reilly**, *Coill an Gharraí*
20. **Mark Stuart**, *Cros ar Loch* 26. **Cian Mackey**, *Caisleán Reathain*
21. **Simon Cadden**, *Ramor Aontaithe*

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Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Section A

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Donegal	2	2	0	0	41	21	+20	4
2	Cavan	2	2	0	0	30	15	+15	4
3	Down	2	0	0	2	22	33	-11	0
4	Queen's University Belfast	2	0	0	2	14	38	-24	0

Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Section B

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Armagh	2	2	0	0	62	23	+39	4
2	Monaghan	2	1	1	0	40	32	+8	3
3	St Mary's University	2	0	1	1	27	52	-25	1
4	Antrim	2	0	0	2	28	50	-22	0

Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Section C

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	Tyrone	2	2	0	0	40	23	+17	4
2	Derry	2	1	0	1	28	33	-5	2
3	Fermanagh	2	0	1	1	25	29	-4	1
4	Ulster University	2	0	1	1	24	32	-8	1

13th Jan (Sun) Semi Finals

Section A Winner V Section B Winner

Best Runner Up V Section C Winner

19th (Sat) / 20th (Sun) Final

GAA – DR MCKENNA CUP SECTION A

Donegal cruise past Cavan



Hugh McFadden on the ball for Donegal.

DONEGAL 1-20
 CAVAN 1-12

BY RYAN FERRY

MICHAEL Langan produced an exhibition of score-taking as Donegal cruised past 14-man Cavan in Mac-Cumhail Park on Wednesday.

It was a lovely calm January night, but the red mist came over Cavan corner-back David Phillips in the seventh minute and he received his marching orders.

It was always going to be a tall order for the Breffni men from there and while they battled well for periods in the first half, they just couldn't handle the in-form Langan who posted six points from play.

Donegal led by 0-10 to 0-6 at the break, and they were never in any danger of surrendering that lead in the second period.

Jamie Brennan's 58th minute goal put Declan Bonner's team into a ten-point lead, and while Kevin Tierney did cut that deficit with a late three-pointer for the visitors, there was only ever going to be one winner.

Donegal's victory sees them top Section A, and they now advance to the semi-finals of the McKenna Cup, where they will face Armagh as they did last year.

Both teams came into the game on the back of wins in their opening two games, and Donegal knew that a win or a draw would see them top the section and automatically advance to the semi-finals.

Ryan McHugh made a welcome return to Donegal colours after a long lay-off with concussion.

The Kilcar man hadn't played a competitive match since Donegal were beaten by Tyrone in the Super 8s last August, but he showed no ill

effects from that injury as he teed up Langan to send over a booming effort after two minutes.

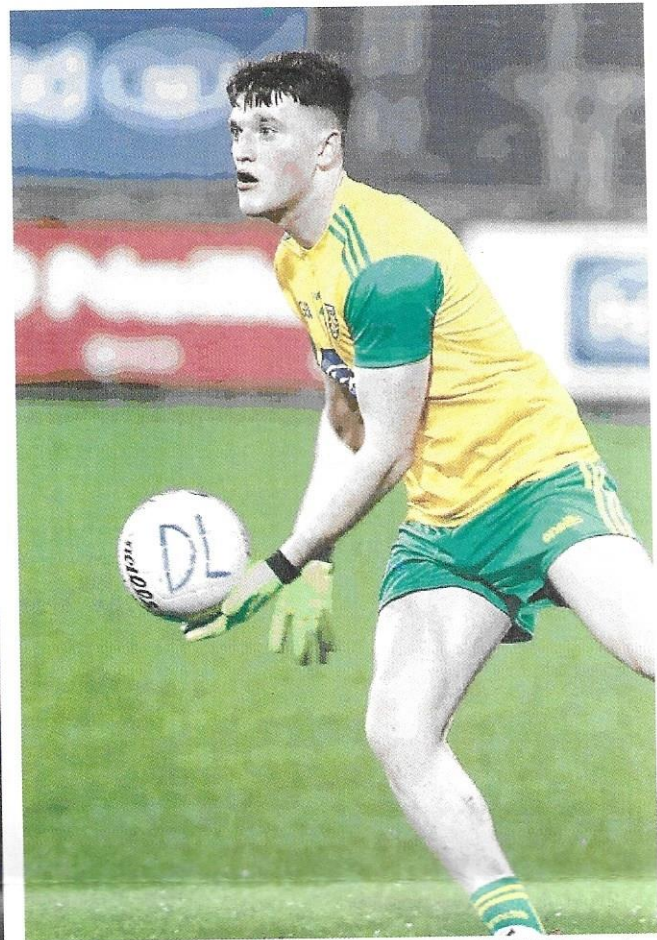
Cavan spurned an early goal chance when Conor Madden fired wide after some hesitant defending, but the same player did get them off the mark in the fourth minute.

The Breffni county were then dealt a huge blow when they were reduced to 14 men in the seventh minute, after the referee adjudged that David Phillips' tackle on Jamie Brennan warranted a straight red card.

There was no lasting damage to Brennan and the Bundoran man registered two points from play before the Cavan defence got re-organised.

It was a big task for Mickey Graham's team to play with a man less for over an hour but they weren't unduly bothered by that prospect.

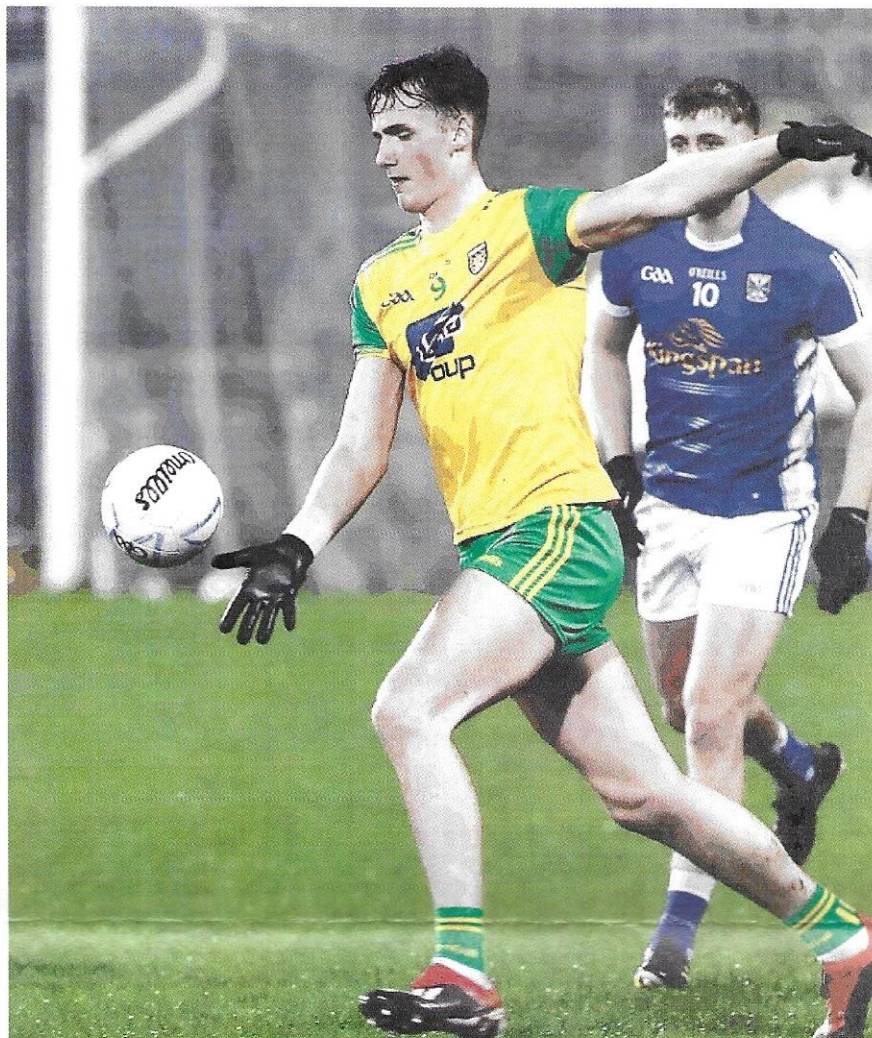
Pierce Smith kicked a good point from play before Raymond Galligan



Ryan McHugh, Donegal defending against Cavan.



Niall O'Donnell, Donegal in action against Cavan.



Jason McGee gets the pass away against Cavan.

The Game at a Glance

MAN OF THE MATCH

Michael Langan picked up the Man of the Match award after the game and he was a deserving recipient. He registered nine points in total, and some of the scores he landed from play were sublime. Jamie Brennan pushed him hard, and the Bundoran man also had a fine outing.

TURNING POINT

Cavan were always going to be up against it when David Phillips was sent off after seven minutes. It's not easy playing with 14 men at any time, but particularly in early January when players are trying to build up their fitness. The Breffni men battled hard throughout but Donegal were always going to be too strong with the numerical advantage.

THE WHISTLER

Sean Hurson's big decision was to send off Phillips. It was early in the game and the player wasn't happy, but if the referee adjudged it to be a dangerous tackle then he didn't have much choice. A couple of other players were lucky to escape black cards on the night, while the new experimental rules had little bearing on proceedings.

TALKING POINT

Donegal manager Declan Bonner will be happy with how the group stages of the Dr McKenna Cup have gone, as his largely inexperienced side picked up three comfortable wins. They racked up decent scorelines in all games, and appear to be in good shape, although there is room for improvement in defence particularly. It may have been a different story if Cavan had their full quantity for the entire match, and Donegal are sure to get a much stiffer test on Sunday when they take on an Armagh team, who have started the new campaign in super form.

WHAT'S NEXT

Donegal will take on Armagh in the Dr McKenna Cup semi-final in Healy Park, Omagh on Sunday at 2pm.

launched over a free.

The Breffni men were then level by the 17th minute when the impressive Madden dissected the posts.

Declan Bonner was not impressed with how his Donegal side had dropped their intensity, but Langan did kick their first point in 12 minutes with an expertly executed free.

The home side soon started to dominate proceedings and Niall O'Donnell curled over a great score, and Langan soon did likewise.

It could have been even better for Donegal, but Brendan McCole saw his goal chance saved by Galligan.

Bonner's men stuck to their task and the in-form Langan boomed over a brace as Donegal opened up a five point lead by the 30th minute.

Cavan went 15 minutes without a score before Madden curled over, but the corner-forward was fighting a lonely battle up top by himself for the most part.

Langan and Paul Graham exchanged points and Donegal led comfortably by four at the break.

It was a huge challenge for Cavan to claw back that deficit with a man less.

Martin McElhinney was making his 100th appearance in the green and gold of Donegal and he landed the first point after the restart.

Jamie Brennan and Pierce Smith (free) then swapped points, before Ryan McHugh produced his custom-

ary drop of the shoulder and drove past his marker before pointing.

Pierce Smith drove over another point from play for Cavan, and they could have had a goal in the 49th minute when Claran Brady charged through the middle and Shaun Patton had to produce an excellent save to keep out the wing-back's shot.

Raymond Galligan did convert the resulting '45', and that instance wasn't the only time when Donegal looked open at the back.

However for the most part, Bonner's team were controlling the game and they were able to pick off scores at their leisure.

The accurate Langan added two more frees, and O'Donnell lofted over, while Jamie Brennan grabbed 1-1 in quick succession. He left his marker for dead to create his goal opportunity and then produced a cool finish into the top corner much to the delight of the home support.

Cian Mackey responded with a free, but Donegal hit back with scores from Langan (free) and the energetic Oisín Gallen.

The home defence would have been annoyed to concede a late goal to Kevin Tierney after they failed to deal with a long ball in, and Martin Reilly also drilled over the bar.

Gallen and Luke Fortune traded points at the death.

However, the game was long over as a contest at that stage.

Bonner's side came through their section with three victories from three games, and they will hope to keep their winning streak going when they travel to Healy Park to face Armagh on Sunday.

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Caoilan Ward, Brendan McCole, Conor Morrison; Paul Brennan, Eamonn Doherty, Ryan McHugh (0-1); Hugh McFadden, Jason McGee; Caoilan McGonagle, Niall O'Donnell (0-3), Martin McElhinney (0-1), Martin O'Reilly, Michael Langan (0-9, 5fs), Jamie Brennan (1-4). Subs: Peadar Mogan for P. Brennan (47 mins), John Campbell for O'Reilly (52 mins), Oisín Gallen (0-2) for McElhinney (56 mins), Lorcan Connor for J. Brennan (60 mins), Paddy Dolan for McHugh (63 mins).

Cavan: Raymond Galligan (0-2, 1 '45', 1f); David Phillips, Pádraig Faulkner, Jason McLoughlin; Claran Brady, Martin Reilly (0-1), Conor Rehill; Michael Argue, James Galligan; Paul Graham (0-1), Stephen Smith, Pierce Smith (0-3, 1f); Conor Bradley, James Smith, Conor Madden (0-3). Subs: Conor Moynagh for Faulkner (15 mins), Luke Fortune (0-1) for J. Smith (Half-time), Niall Clerkin for J. Galligan (45 mins), Cian Mackey (0-1, 1f) for P. Smith (50 mins), Kevin Tierney (1-0) for S. Smith (51 mins).

Referee: Sean Hurson (Tyrone).