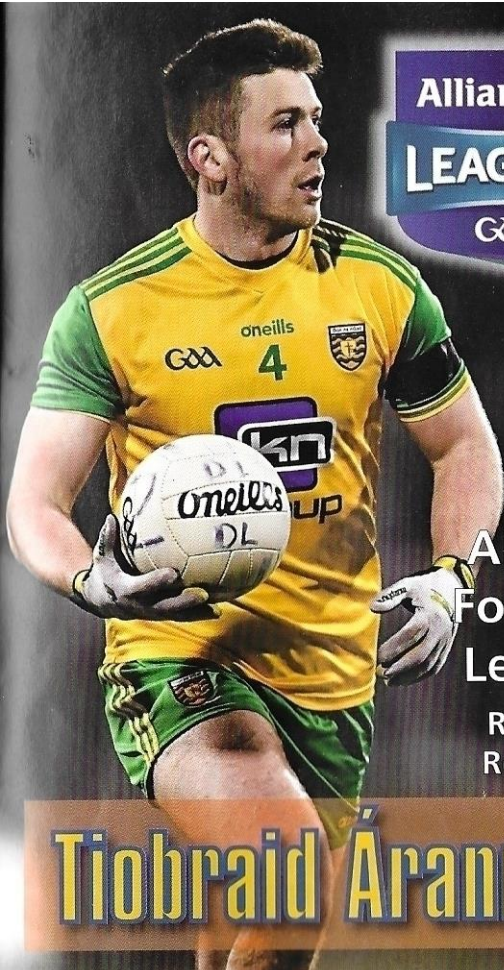


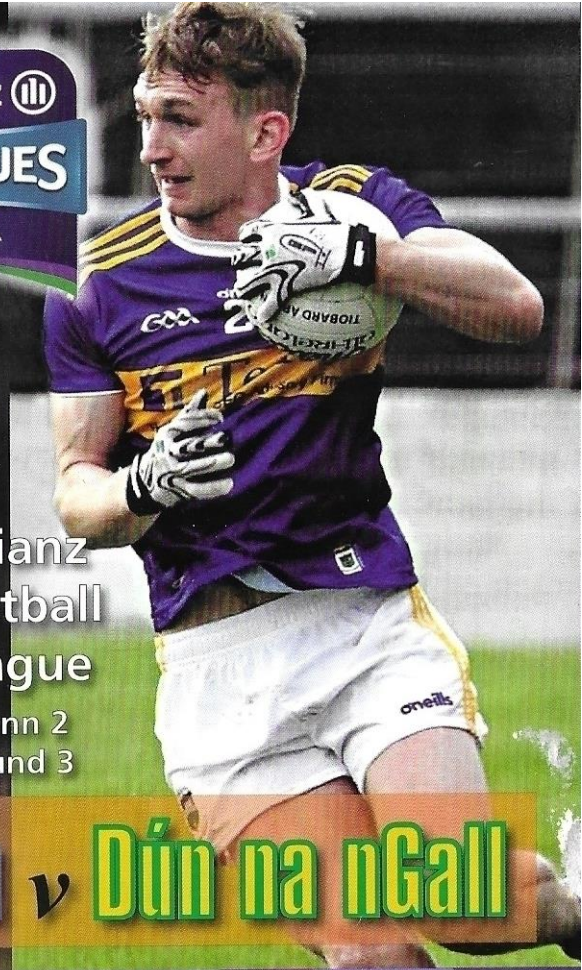
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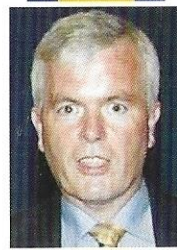
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Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

I WOULD like to extend a warm welcome to all who have travelled here today for this Allianz Football League Division 2 clash between Donegal and Tipperary. A special welcome to the Donegal team, their management, county board officers and supporters.

In a finely balanced Division 2, Donegal arrive in Thurles today topping the table after the first two rounds and are one of the favourites to gain promotion.

Tipperary have had a disappointing start to the year and will be hoping to improve their fortunes today. These two teams last met in Division 2 at the same venue in 2010. This was a very competitive game from which Donegal emerged as victors by the narrowest of margins.

I wish both teams the best of luck and look forward to what promises to be a very entertaining game.

Our referee for today's game is Brendan Cawley and I would like to welcome him and his officials to Thurles.

Semple Stadium is one of the premier venues in the country thanks to the hard working Semple Stadium Management Committee and their staff. Our surroundings for this fixture add to the enjoyment of the game.

There is a lot of good work going on in Tipperary Football at the moment and we have a lot of good people involved. There is always room for anyone who is interested in the promotion and development of football to get active in their club, division or at county level. Many hands make light work and I am appealing to you all to get involved.

The Friends of Tipperary Football have provided great assistance to football in Tipperary since their inception. At the moment they are selling membership that costs €20 per person. Full details can be seen on The Friends of Tipperary Football facebook page. I would urge every Tipperary supporter to join the friends.

Enjoy the action.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

BARRY O'BRIEN

Chairman Coiste Peil Thiobraid Árann

Buiochas

Many thanks to all those who contributed material for this programme – Enda O'Sullivan (Tipperary Football PRO), John McEniff (Donegal PRO), contributors Enda O'Sullivan and Andy Fogarty; photographers Bridget Delaney, Enda O'Sullivan and Sportsfile. **GER CORBETT, Programme Editor**

FRONT COVER . . . Eoghan Bán Gallagher (Donegal) and Daire Brennan (Tipperary).

[Photos: Sportsfile and Bridget Delaney]

TIPPERARY HOPING TO GAIN POINTS FROM TOUGH ENCOUNTER

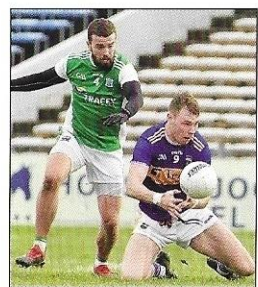
By: ENDA O'SULLIVAN

WHAT'S rare is wonderful goes the old saying but not in the history of clashes between Donegal and Tipperary as, due to the traditional structures of the GAA championships and the geographic location between the two counties, the sides have only met once in the championship.

That game took place in July 2003 when a Brian McEniff managed Donegal overcame the challenge of Tipperary 2-19 to 0-15. The gap between the two sides was not as large as the scoreline suggests as in the 55th minute Donegal led 0-15 to 0-13 when a gold-plated goal chance presented itself to Damien O'Brien but his effort was smothered by Tony Blake in the Donegal goal. That moment shook Donegal to the core and the Ulster men started to play and rattled off 2-6 without reply.

Today's clash promises to be equally as riveting as the 2003 encounter. Donegal's pride was hurt following their relegation from Division One last year and they have started this year's campaign like men possessed, determined to restore their top-flight status in the minimum of time. In their opening game they travelled to Ennis, a notoriously difficult venue to get a result, and came away with a three-point winning margin, 0-13 to 0-16. Last weekend they had to come from behind to secure a late win against Meath after Caolan McGonagle

number of chances and allowed Meath secure a 0-15 to 1-8 win. Last Sunday, despite leading for the majority of the match, they needed a Liam McGrath pointed free to rescue a draw five minutes into stoppage time against Fermanagh.

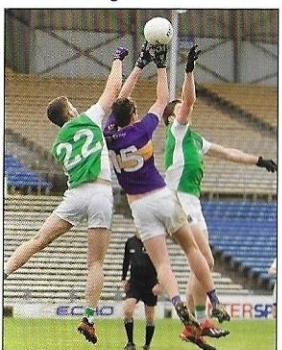


James McMahon (Fermanagh) moves in to challenge Tipperary's Liam Casey during last Sunday's game. [Photo: Enda O'Sullivan]

Liam Kearns' side have been beset by injuries and other absences this year. The retirement of long-serving midfielder George Hannigan coupled with the decision of Robbie Kiely to go travelling have limited selection options. Added to that is a long-injury list that sees a number of players out of today's encounter. Goalkeeper Evan Comerford picked up a groin injury last Sunday while star forward Michael Quinlivan will be out for another five weeks. He is joined on the treatment table by Bill Maher, Paudie Feehan, Paul Maher, Cian O'Connell and Luke Boland while Josh Keane is recovering from illness, however, this has opened the door for others to stake a claim on the starting fifteen. Dáire Brennan has played well in the opening two matches while Kiladangan's Dan O'Meara has shown flashes of his ability.

Donegal manager Declan Bonner, himself an All-Ireland winner with Donegal in 1992, made a shrewd decision last October in adding the experienced Stephen Rochford to his backroom team as they look to progress to and beyond the Super 8s in 2019 and he will pit his wits against the wily Liam Kearns today in what promises to be tight affair in Semple Stadium.

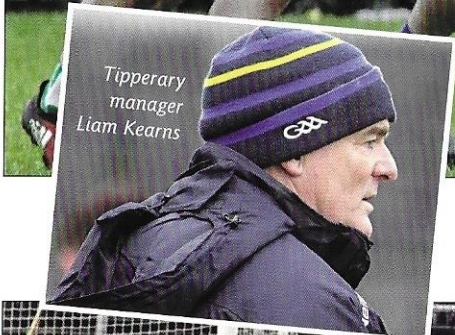
We extend a warm céad míle fáilte to the Donegal team, their management, county board officials and supporters to Semple Stadium for today's match and we wish referee Brendan Cawley and his team of officials the very best of luck.



Tipperary's Jack Kennedy goes high to collect possession during last Sunday's game against Fermanagh. [Photo: Enda O'Sullivan]



Tipperary's Liam Casey holds possession while Kevin O'Halloran fends off Fermanagh's Kane Connor in the Round 2 game at Semple Stadium on Sunday last.



Tipperary manager Liam Kearns



Face in the crowd - Michael Quinlivan



The controversial penalty decision . . . the alleged foot black by John Meagher from Aidan Breen's effort during last Sunday's game against Fermanagh. [Photos: Bridget Delaney]



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(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

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BRENDAN McCOLE
(Naomh Náille)

(4) E. Bán Ó Gallchoir
EOGHAN BÁN GALLAGHER
(Na Cealla Beaga)

(5) C. Mac an Bháird
CAOLAN WARD
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

(6) E. Ó Dochartaigh
EAMONN DOHERTY
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

(7) R. Mac Aodha
RYAN McHUGH
(Cill Chartha)

(8) A. Mac Pháidín (Capt.)
HUGH McFADDEN
(Na Cealla Beaga)

(9) M. Ó Longáin
MICHAEL LANGAN
(Naomh Mícheál)

(10) N. Ó Domhnaill
NIALL O'DONNELL
(Naomh Adhamhnáin)

(11) C. Mac Thomais
CIARAN THOMPSON
(Naomh Conaill)

(12) C. Mac Congail
CAOLAN McGONAGLE
(Bun Crannacha)

(13) M. Ó Raghallaigh
MARTY REILLY
(Seán Mac Cumhaill)

(14) M. Mac Giolla Chainnigh
MARTIN McELHINNEY
(Naomh Mícheál)

(15) S. Ó Braonáin
JAMIE BRENNAN
(Bun Dobhráin)

FIR IONAID

- (16) M.A. Mac Fhionnghaile
Mark Anthony McGinley
(Naomh Mícheál)
- (17) L. Mac Giolla Uain
Leo McLoone
(Naomh Conaill)
- (18) D. Mac Aoidh
Jason McGee
(Cloch Cheann Fhaola)
- (19) S. Mac Meanman
Stephen McMenamin
(Aodh Rua, Cúl na nCuiridín)
- (20) P. Ó Mocháin
Peadar Mogan
(Naomh Náille)
- (21) P. Ó Braonáin
Paul Brennan
(Bun Dobhráin)
- (22) O. Ó Galláin
Oisín Gallen
(Seán Mac Cumhaill)
- (23) E. Mac Aodha
Eoin McHugh
(Cill Chartha)
- (24) L. Ó Conchubhair
Lorcan Connor
(Na Dunaibh)
- (25) C. Ó Duibhir
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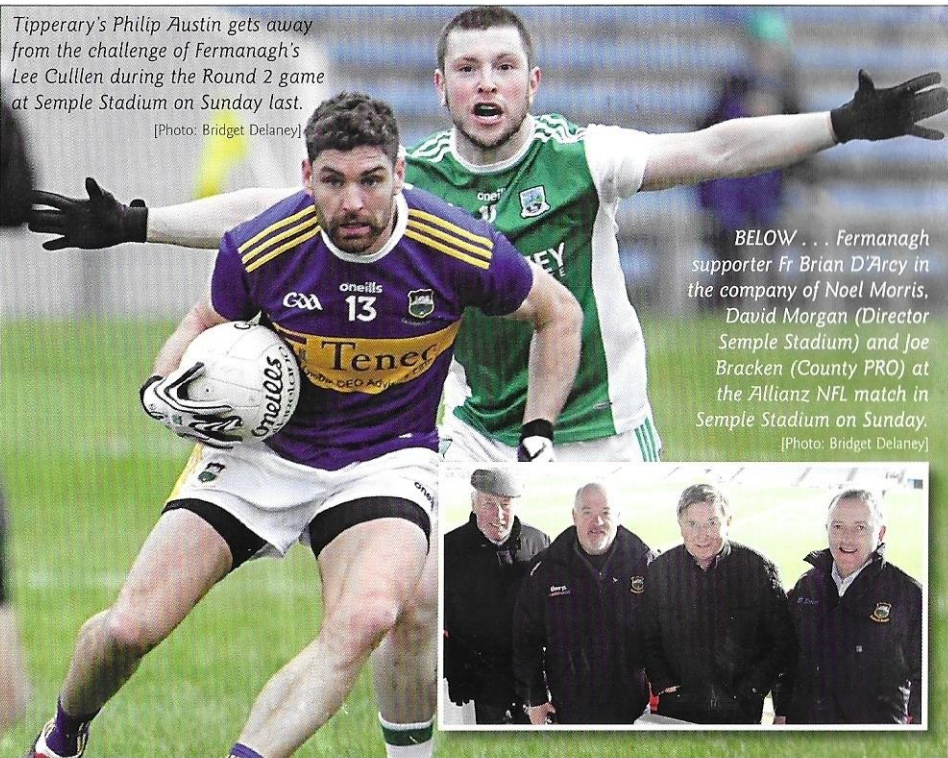
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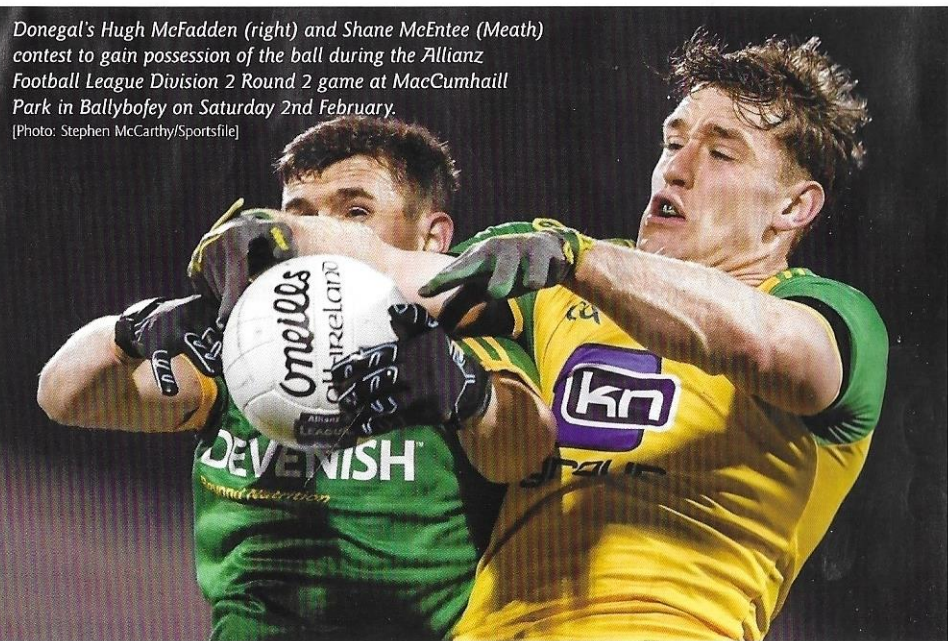


Tipperary's Philip Austin gets away from the challenge of Fermanagh's Lee Culllen during the Round 2 game at Semple Stadium on Sunday last.

[Photo: Bridget Delaney]

BELOW . . . Fermanagh supporter Fr Brian D'Arcy in the company of Noel Morris, David Morgan (Director Semple Stadium) and Joe Bracken (County PRO) at the Allianz NFL match in Semple Stadium on Sunday.

[Photo: Bridget Delaney]

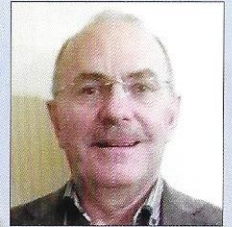


Donegal's Hugh McFadden (right) and Shane McEntee (Meath) contest to gain possession of the ball during the Allianz Football League Division 2 Round 2 game at MacCumhail Park in Ballybofey on Saturday 2nd February.

[Photo: Stephen McCarthy/Sportsfile]

Friends of TIPPERARY FOOTBALL

By: ANDY FOGARTY PRO



THE Friends of Tipperary Football two main fundraisers during the year are the Membership of the "Friends" and our annual Golf Classic. Both of these fundraisers raise valuable money which goes to covering some of the huge costs involved in the preparation of all Tipperary inter-county football teams, i.e. Senior, U20 and Minor, and to supporting the Development Squads in the county which is very important in ensuring we can compete at the highest level going forward.

All our inter-county football teams have made great strides and have enjoyed great success over the past number of years. Great work is being done to ensure all Tipperary inter-county football teams can compete at the highest level and bring success to the county. We are very grateful for the support we get from our supporters.

At the moment we are promoting the Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football for 2019. You can join and become a member for just €20, and membership enters each supporter into the follow draws:

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Plus, all members will receive an exclusive car sticker.

You can join the Membership of the Friends of Tipperary Football by contacting any of the Divisional Coordinators, their contact details are listed below or by joining the "Friends" website at <http://www.friendsoftipperaryfootball.com/join>.

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We appeal to all supporters and to all Tipperary people to join and become a Member of the Friends of Tipperary Football. For just €20 you could win one of the above prizes but above all you can play a huge part in helping all Tipperary football teams to compete at the highest level and be in with a chance to bring success to the Premier County. We appreciate and thank everyone who has already joined this year's Membership.



Liam McGrath
(Tipperary)

Fermanagh's
Tiarnan Daly
moves in to
challenge
Liam Boland
(Tipperary).



Tipperary's Jimmy Feehan bursts through the challenge of two Fermanagh players during the Round 2 game at Semple Stadium on Sunday last.

[Photos: Enda O'Sullivan]



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Careless concessions costly for

TIPPERARY 3-9
DONEGAL 0-13

BY RYAN FERRY

DONEGAL fell to their first defeat of the league campaign, as they were left to rue the concession of three soft goals as they lost out to Tipperary in Semple Stadium on Sunday.

Tipp had the ball in the net for the first time after only two minutes, but Donegal responded well to that setback, and led by 0-10 to 1-4 at half-time.

They could have been even further in front, but Jamie Brennan missed a penalty.

The second half was underwhelming but Donegal still appeared to be in control heading into the final quarter.

However, they then pressed the self-destruct button, and costly mistakes saw them concede two further goals.

Donegal could only muster three points themselves in the second half, and they could have no complaints about their defeat.

Donegal came into the game as Division 2 leaders, but they wanted an improved display from their win over Meath when they were fortunate to collect the two league points.

Dedan Bonner made five changes from that game, with Shaun Patton, Tony McClenaghan, Stephen McMenamin, Jason McGee, and Oisín Gallen coming into the team.

It was Gallen's first league appearance but he showed no sign of nerves and kicked a mark after 33 seconds.

That was a good start for Donegal, but they gave away a goal moments later.

Jack Kennedy was allowed to canter forward and he released Steven O'Brien who drove through the heart of the Donegal defence and finished to the net with aplomb.

Tipp had a rookie goalkeeper in Michael O'Reilly between the sticks and he was jittery from the get-go.

He overcooked two kick-outs and then punched Ciaran Thompson's sideline kick over the bar when it looked like the ball might drop into the net.

Donegal had a significant wind at their backs and Michael Langan registered a point after a '45' was taken quickly, and Niall O'Donnell also dissected the posts.

Tipperary wing-forward



Donegal's Ciaran Thompson under pressure from Tipperary's Liam Casey in Semple Stadium.

Philip Austin started to cause problems and he registered two points from play.

Donegal did post scores from Langan and Thompson (free) in reply, but they were still struggling to get into their stride.

Conor Sweeney levelled proceedings with a free in the 20th minute, but Bonner's men responded well and Jamie Brennan landed a brace.

Ciaran Thompson pushed Donegal three in front with a great point from play, but the visitors then conceded a soft score as Brian Fox was able to cruise through the middle and point.

Bonner's men had a chance to put daylight between the teams in the 32nd minute when they won a penalty.

Ciaran Thompson was off target with his shot and while Caolan McGonagle couldn't hold the dropping ball,

Hugh McFadden collected the break and was fouled.

Jamie Brennan took responsibility but his poor spot-kick was comfortably saved by O'Reilly.

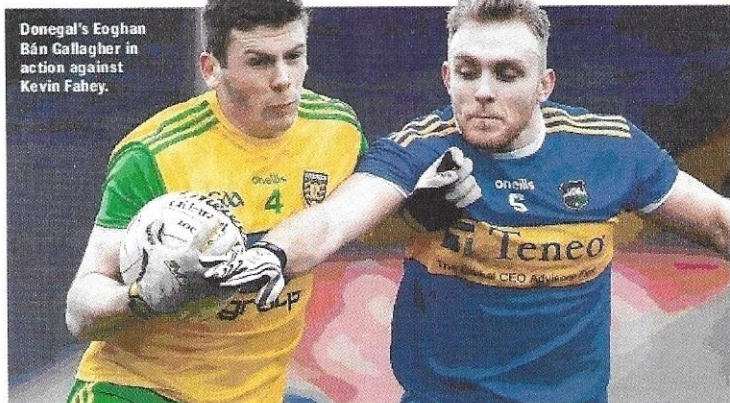
That was a blow for the away side, but Gallen did fist over a late point and Donegal led by three at half-time.

The wind picked up in the second half, and while Donegal controlled possession,

they couldn't add to their scoring tally.

Bonner's side did create a goal chance in the 42nd minute when Ryan McHugh raced through the middle, and passed to Niall O'Donnell. However, the St Eunan's man's pass back to McHugh was intercepted and an excellent opportunity passed by.

Tipp missed three chances themselves to score points, and the third quarter was dull and lifeless.



Donegal's Eoghan Bán Gallagher in action against Kevin Fahey.



Jason McGee escapes a challenge from Emmett Moloney.

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Donegal in Tipperary

THE GAME AT A GLANCE

WITH RYAN FERRY IN SEMPLE STADIUM

MAN OF THE MATCH

Steven O'Brien (Tipperary) O'Brien was part of the Tipperary hurling panel for two years, but he is now back with the footballers, and he was outstanding on Sunday. He set the tempo for his team, was a huge outlet on kick-outs and finished with a personal tally of 1-1.

THE WHISTLER

Brendan Cawley's big call was the penalty to Donegal, and that appeared to be the correct decision. The Kildare official also gave the visitors some soft frees in the second half.

TURNING POINT

Donegal were in control of the game until they conceded a sloppy goal from a defensive mix-up in the 54th minute. That brought Tipperary back into contention, and the home side kicked on from there.

TALKING POINT

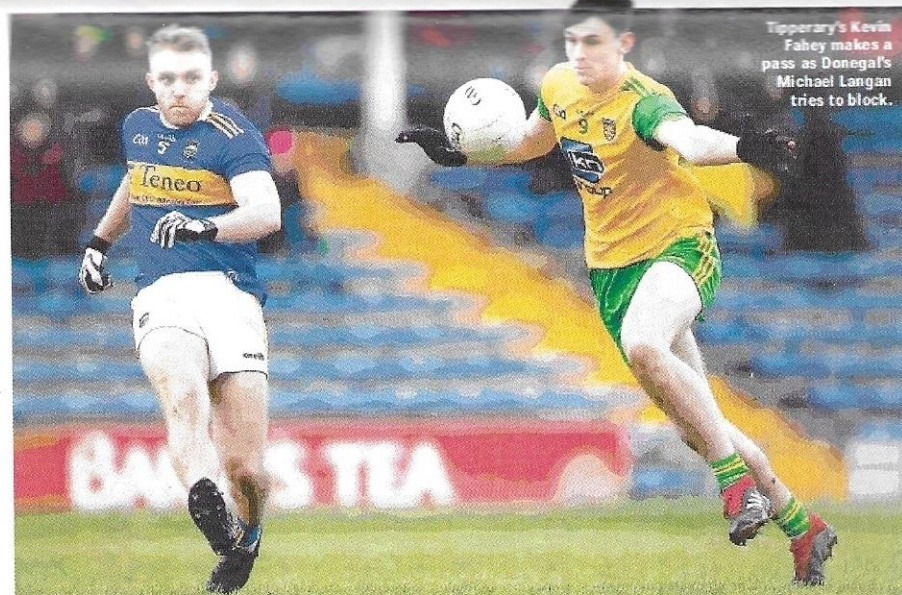
Donegal will be very disappointed with this performance, as they were in a strong position and had the chances to kill off the game. However, there have been signs of defensive problems in the previous two league games, and they came to fruition once again in Semple Stadium and were punished. Declan Bonner's side were also toothless in attack in the second half, and that is something that they will have to correct quickly. A win would have left them in a very strong position in Division 2, but they are still in contention for promotion in a highly competitive league. There is no game next week, so they have two weeks to ready themselves for Rory Gallagher and Fermanagh in O'Donnell Park.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Donegal have no game next weekend and they will return to action on February 24 when they take on Fermanagh in O'Donnell Park.



Tipperary's Daire Brennan is closed down by Donegal's Caoimhe McGonagle.



Tipperary's Kevin Fahey makes a pass as Donegal's Michael Langan tries to block.

Langan landed the first score of the second half in the 50th minute after Leo McLoone was fouled.

The home side weren't offering too much from an attacking sense, but they brought themselves right back into contention when they scored their second goal in the 54th minute.

Liam McGrath undercooked his free from 40 metres and there appeared to be little danger. However, Shaun Patton and Hugh McFadden both went to collect and got in each other's way, and the ball ended up in the net.

Gallen hit back with a great point for Donegal, but Liam Boland quickly cancelled that out.

Thompson (free) and Fox traded points, but Tipp had the momentum heading into the final five minutes.

They swooped for a third goal in the 65th minute when Eoin McHugh's pass to Leo McLoone was intercepted, and Donegal found themselves over run at the back, with Liam Casey slipping through for a goal.

Casey added a point moments later, and Tipp could have had a fourth goal but Conor Sweeney's shot was saved by Patton and the ball went over the bar.

The outstanding O'Brien added another point late on, and Donegal couldn't muster up any more scores in a disappointing conclusion to the game.

Tipperary were deserving winners, and Donegal will have to improve if they are to win promotion back to Division 2.

TEAMS

Tipperary: Michael O'Reilly; Alan Campbell, John Meagher, Emmet Moloney; Kevin Fahey, Daire Brennan, Jimmy Feehan; Steven O'Brien (1-1), Jack Kennedy; Philip Austin (0-2), Liam Casey (1-1), Brian Fox (0-2); Kevin O'Halloran, Conor Sweeney (0-2, 1f), Liam McGrath. Subs: Liam Boland (0-1) for O'Halloran (52 mins), Colm O'Shaughnessy for Feehan (59 mins), Conal Kennedy for J. Kennedy (66 mins), Dan O'Meara for Fox (72 mins), Paddy Codd for Fahey (74 mins).

Donegal: Shaun Patton; Eoghan 'Ban' Gallagher, Brendan McCole, Caolan Ward, Stephen McMenamin, Tony McClenaghan, Ryan McHugh; Hugh McFadden (1-0, og), Jason McGee; Ciaran Thompson (0-4, 2fs, 1 sideline) Caolan McGonagle, Michael Langan (0-3, 1f); Oisín Gallen (0-3, 1m), Jamie Brennan (0-2), Niall O'Donnell (0-1). Subs: Leo McLoone for McGee (45 mins), Eoin McHugh for McClenaghan (52 mins), Martin McElhinney for Gallen (65 mins), Paul Brennan for McMenamin (70 mins)

Referee: Brendan Cawley (Kildare).

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DONEGAL PLAYER RATINGS

SHAUN PATTON: The Letterkenny man will be disappointed with the second goal and he should have been more commanding. There wasn't much he could do about the other goals, while his kick-outs were decent even though he was blown up for taking one when the ball was rolling in the first half. 6

EOGHAN 'BAN' GALLAGHER: Gallagher had a couple of good darts up the field but didn't influence the game like he normally does. The Killybegs man is still a bit off full fitness. 6.5

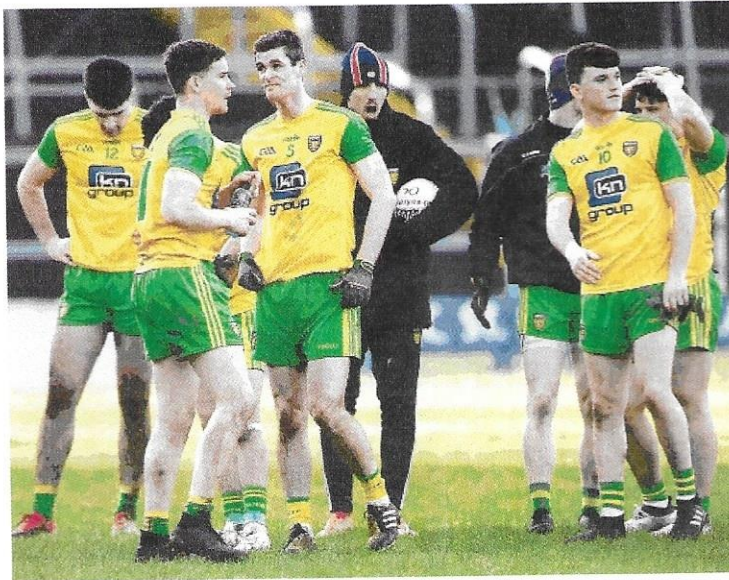
BRENDAN MCCOLE: The St Nau's defender had a good first half and kept the dangerous Conor Sweeney scoreless from play. However, Sweeney got the better of the duel in the second half, and McCole misjudged a couple of balls in to the full-forward line. 6

CAOLAN WARD: Ward was one of Donegal's better players on the day and he nullified Liam McGrath's influence on the game. He had one loose pass in the first half that went over the sideline, but he did have a couple of good interceptions. 7

STEPHEN MCMENAMIN: The Red Hugh's defender was in for his first start of the season and he had a solid outing. He didn't attack as much as he did against Meath, but he did get forward to win a free in the second half. His tackling was a bit over zealous at times, and he gave away a few frees. 6.5

TONY MCCLLENAGHAN: The Moville man hasn't featured much this year but was in from the start on Sunday, and looked to block up the middle sector after Tipp got through for their first goal. He picked up a few breaks but didn't get on the ball much before he was replaced in the 52nd minute. 6.5

RYAN MCHUGH: McHugh was paired up against



Donegal players look dejected following the Allianz Football League Division 2 match against Tipperary.

Brian Fox, who proved to be an elusive opponent, and kicked two points. The Kilcar man's distribution was good, and he created a goal chance with a fine break, but he didn't influence proceedings like he might have. 6.5

HUGH MCFADDEN: McFadden will be kicking himself over the Tipp's second goal and it proved to be a costly mistake. The Killybegs man did have a goo second half other than that and did well in the aerial exchanges. 6.5

JASON MCGEE: McGee lost Steven O'Brien for Tipp's early goal and he struggled to contain his opponent. The Cloughaneely man was unlucky with

one chance off his left foot, but he was another that wasn't as effective in an attacking sense as he could have been. 6

CIARAN THOMPSON: Thompson had a fantastic first half and was one of the best players on the pitch. However, he was only on the fringes of the game in the second half, and Tipp cut down on the space they afforded him. 7

CAOLAN MCGONAGLE: McGonagle had a great outing against Meath, but he wasn't able to back that up on Sunday. The Buncrana man dropped one kick-out that he should have caught in the first half, and he didn't get into attacking positions. 6

MICHAEL LANGAN: The St Michael's man kicked two good points from play in the first half, but he snapped at a couple of efforts in the second period when Donegal needed scores. 6

OISIN CALLEN: It was a disappointing day for Donegal, but the performance of Oisín Callen was a positive. The young Sean MacCumhaill's forward looked at home at senior intercounty level, and posted three excellent points. Callen is still eligible for the Under 20s, and while he might not see a huge amount of game time for Donegal this year, he definitely is one for the future. 7.5

JAMIE BRENNAN: The Bundoran clubman had a quiet game in Thurles. He did land two points in quick succession, but Tipperary handled him well. Brennan also stepped up to take the penalty, but his shot lacked conviction and was easily stopped. 6

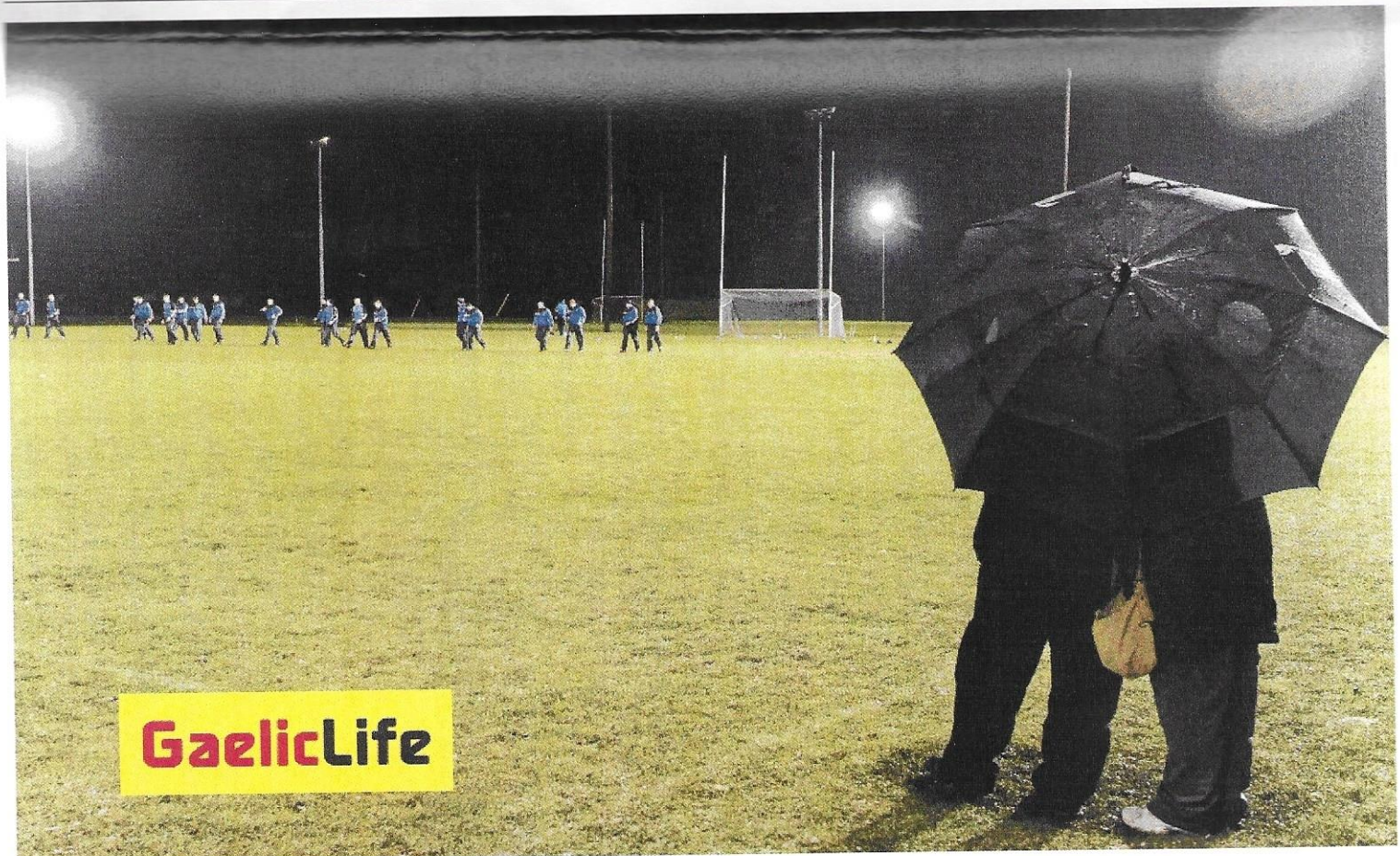
NIALL O'DONNELL: O'Donnell started well and saw a lot of ball in the first half, but didn't always make best use of it, and he dropped two shots into the goalkeeper's arms when he had the wind at his back. He did kick a good point, but should have done better when presented with a goal chance in the second half. 6

LEO MCLOONE: McLoone made a good impression when he first came on and his hard running earned a free which Michael Langan converted. However, he drifted out of the game after that and wasn't able to punch any more holes in the Tipp defence. 6.5

EOIN MCHUGH: McHugh won't want to see footage of Tipp's third goal any time soon, as his sloppy free led to their attack. The Kilcar clubman was on for the last 20 minutes but didn't get to utilise his pace. 6

MARTIN MCELHINNEY: Not on long enough for assessment.

PAUL BRENNAN: Not on long enough for assessment.



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