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**Lidl Ladies National Football League
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CORCAIGH v DÚN NA NGALL

Réiteoir: Shane Curley (Galway) 12.00pm



**Allianz Football League
Roinn 2 2019 Round 6**



CORCAIGH v DÚN NA NGALL

Réiteoir: David Gough (An Mhí) 2.00pm



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Fearaim fíorchaoin fáilte roimh gach éinne inniú. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine taitneamh

envy our strategic plan games committee who must now draw together all the strands and bring forward their proposals, but I wish them well in their task.

as an ocaid, agus cuirim fáilte spéisialta roimh muintir Dhún na nGall, ár gcúairteoirí inniú. Fáilte fé leith roimh na h-imreoirí, na h-oifigigh, na réiteoirí agus a fhoirne – táim cinnte go mbeidh sár cluichí spóirtúil againn.

We all heard with great sadness over the last few days of the difficult situation facing former Cork footballer Kieran O'Connor and his family, and the generosity of the GAA family and beyond has been extraordinary. Cork GAA will certainly be contributing to the fund, and I would urge anyone who can to attend the fundraising walk starting at Aghada GAA Club on Monday at 2pm. We wish Kieran all the very best in his battle.

We are delighted to welcome you all to Páirc Uí Rinn today for this special and occasion, our second double-header of the year with Cork Ladies' Football.

Finally, and as always, my thanks to our grounds staff, stewards, administrative staff, my fellow County Board officers, our programme editors and all whose unseen efforts are vital for the smooth running of occasions like this. Today is the final home game of a challenging Allianz Leagues season, and I am very grateful indeed for your work. Mile buíochas libh go léir.

We extend a very special welcome to both Donegal teams, our visitors today, and all their travelling supporters, along with our referees and their officials. Today's games are important for both Cork teams, but particularly so for our men's footballers, who will seek to build on their victory over Tipperary two weeks ago as they attempt to maintain their Division 2 status.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the club representatives, and especially the players, who attended our recent club consultation forum at Páirc uí Chaoimh in relation to our county competitions. I don't

Beannachtaí na Féile Pádraig oraibh,
Tracey Ni Chinnéide,
Cathaoirleach



Match Officials

Referee: DAVID GOUGH (AN MHL)
Standby Ref: Seamus Mulvihill (Ciarraí)
Linesman: Padraig O'Sullivan (Ciarraí)
Sideline: Sean Joy (Ciarraí)

CLÁR OIFIGIÚIL FOILSITHE AT CUMANN BUN AN TSABHAIRNE
Front cover photos courtesy of George Hatchell

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Fáilte ón Uachtarán



Cuirim fáilte roimh gach éinne ag Cluiche Lidl Sraith Náisiúnta Roinn 1 idir Corcaigh agus Dún na nGall i bPáirc Uí Rinn. Táimid ag súil

le cluiche bríomhar spórtúil agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as. Táim cinnte go mbeidh sárchomórtas idir na foirne agus go dtabharfaidh sibhse, an lucht féachana, aitheantas cuí don dá fhoireann again iad ag léiriú scileanna ár gcluiche ar an bpáirc imeartha inniu.

This is another big afternoon for the Cork ladies as they once again share a double-bill with their male counterparts. Cork's first outing on the same programme as the men ended in defeat against Tipperary last month, a superb game that was streamed Live on the LGFA Facebook Page. This afternoon's game will also be available Live to our Facebook viewers and we are anticipating an excellent match between two counties who have contested big games in recent times. Cork won the 2017 Lidl National League Division 1 Final meeting between the sides while they met most recently in the 2018 TG4 All-Ireland Senior semi-final, with the Leesiders coming out on top once again.

Donegal, however, are one of the form teams of 2019 and Maxi Curran's team has recorded four wins from four outings in Division 1 to date. Cork, meanwhile, have won two of their four matches and would benefit from the three points on offer this afternoon, as they aim to cement a top-four place as the group stages reach an exciting conclusion. Cork are currently fourth in the Division 1 standings, on six points and three

clear of a group of three teams. It's most certainly a pivotal game in their quest for a semi-final berth.

I would like to thank Lidl for their ongoing #SeriousSupport of our National Leagues, and we are now well into the fourth year of our partnership. They have been truly wonderful sponsors and, if you have not already done so, I would urge you to participate in their 2019 initiative which will see 159 Post-Primary Schools receive jerseys and equipment, and there is still plenty of time to do so. I would also like to thank the diligent work of our CEO Helen O'Rourke and the staff in the LGFA offices who have helped to make afternoons like this a possibility. I would also like to compliment Cork GAA for their assistance in agreeing this double-header.

You can watch this game Live on our Facebook Page but despite our increased levels of coverage, I would urge our supporters to get out in even greater numbers for the remainder of the Lidl League campaign to give our players the encouragement and support that they truly deserve at the various matchday venues.

Finally, I would like to wish the very best of luck to the Cork and Donegal players, their county boards and supporters. I'd also like to pay tribute to the officiating teams and all of the essential volunteers on duty this today. I hope you have a memorable experience.

Míle buíochas.

Máire Ní Icí

Uachtarán, Cumann Peil Gael na mBan.



Match Officials - Lidl Ladies National Football League

Referee: SHANE CURLEY, GALWAY

Umpires: athail Kennely, Alan Kennely, Jack Henneasey, Conor Kennely

Lines People: Andrew Dorgan, Johnny O'Connell

4th Official: Seamus Mulvihill, Kerry

Allianz Football League Roinn 2

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1	Meath	5	4	0	1	78	63	8
2	Fear Manach	5	3	2	0	52	44	8
3	Donegal	5	3	0	2	67	69	6
4	Kildare	5	2	1	2	63	57	5
5	Armagh	5	1	2	2	72	73	4
6	Clare	5	1	1	3	73	76	3
7	Tipperary	5	1	1	3	64	72	3
8	Cork	5	1	1	3	58	73	3

Lidl Ladies National Football League Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Meath	3	2	0	1	48	40	4
Fermanagh	3	1	2	0	27	25	4
Donegal	3	2	0	1	45	45	4
Clare	3	1	1	1	51	45	3
Tipperary	3	1	1	1	40	39	3
Kildare	3	1	1	1	33	32	3
Armagh	3	0	2	1	43	49	2
Cork	3	0	1	2	31	43	1

Buíochas

Many thanks to all those who contributed material for this programme- Treacy Kennedy Chairperson Cork Gaa, Maire Hickey President LGFA, Karen Togher LGFA, Marian Crowley Cork LGFA John Mc Eniff Donegal PRO, Maura Mc Crudden Donegal LGFA PRO, Joe Blake (Cork PRO), Finbarr Mc Carthy (96FM/C103 Sport), Tom Morrison, George Hatchell. Gerry Mc Lauglin Journalist Programme Editor.

Cork GAA Announces Championship Ticket Offers

Cork GAA is pleased to announce that two ticket packages will be available for the opening rounds of the County Senior, Premier Intermediate and Intermediate Hurling and Football Championships. The move follows a review of ticket pricing by a sub-committee of the County Board Executive and it is envisaged that further packages will be rolled out when the county championships resume in August.

A €50 pass can be purchased to cover more than seventy first-round hurling and football games, valid from **March 18th to May 5th** and including replays where necessary, while five weekly passes valid for seven days and covering of each of the five weekends from **April 5th to May 5th** will also be on sale, costing €15 each.

Tickets can be purchased from the County Board offices at Mainport, Monahan Road, Cork (021-4963311), or from one of the following County Board representatives:

Ronan Dwane 086-1701136
Noel O'Callaghan 086-2594421
Joseph Blake 087-9865827

They will also be sold on a date to be confirmed at Páirc Uí Chaoimh.

Commenting on the announcement, County Chairperson Tracey Kennedy said "I'm sure this will come as a very welcome development for those committed GAA fans who like to attend as many of our County Championship games as possible. These packages represent fantastic value for our supporters, and I hope there will be significant uptake. We undertook this review following widespread requests from our patrons, and I hope that they feel that their voices have been heard. I would like to thank the sub-committee members, Diarmuid Gowen, Ronan Dwane, Noel O'Callaghan, Joseph Blake and Kevin O'Donovan for their work on this project, and to wish all our clubs the best of luck for the championship season ahead."



Pictured at the announcement of the ticket offer were: Damien Cahalane (St Finbarrs), Tracey Kennedy (Cork GAA Chairperson) and Paul Kerrigan (Nemo Rangers). Photos courtesy of George Hatchell.

Timothy Noonan

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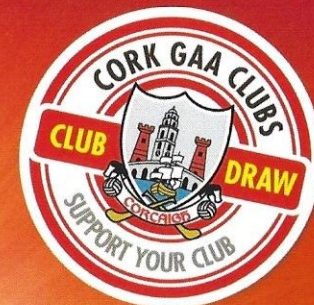
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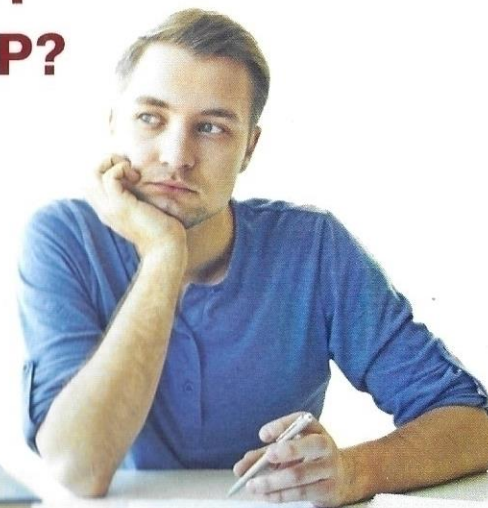
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KIERAN O'CONNOR IS A MAN YOU'D PICK TO GO TO WAR WITH YOU

By Graham Canty - IRISH EXAMINER

The 2010 Cork squad of All-Ireland winners was the tightest captain Graham Canty has known. One of the 100% men was Aghada's Kieran O'Connor. The time has come when he needs our help

I grew up in Bantry in West Cork on our family's farm. My grandmother lived up our boren, 100 yards from our house.

She was a massive influence on me when I was younger. I was only 10 when she passed away. From as young as I can remember she used to mind me and my two brothers when our parents were busy or at work.

Cork goalkeeper Alan Quirke, right, celebrates with team-mates Graham Canty, left, and Kieran O'Connor at the end of the game. GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Final, Down v Cork, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE

She was a brilliant grandmother - warm, gentle and loving. She was a huge role model for me. A person I wanted to copy, who I looked up to because of who she was and how went about her life every day. She worked hard for what was important to her. She was popular and well known in the local community and I loved being referred to as a grandchild of hers when someone was trying to figure out who you were.

The values she displayed when I was

growing up are values which shaped me and which I still consider important.

Fast forward. September 19, 2010, about 5.30pm, I am in the press room in Croke Park after lifting the Sam Maguire 30 minutes before. Do I need to be here? I want to be with the group of people I've just won an All-Ireland with.

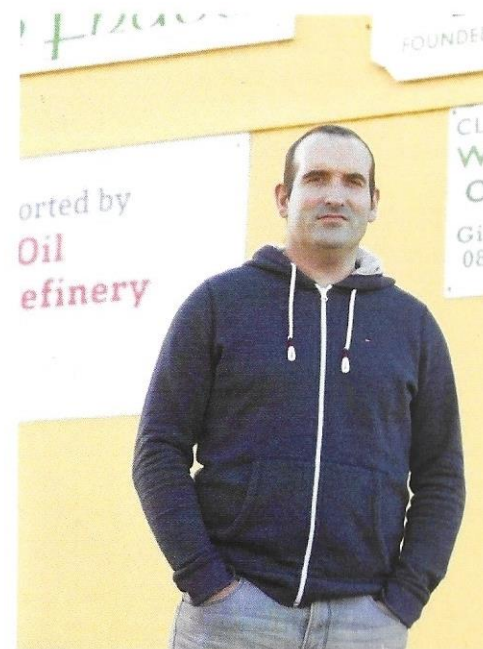
For us, the group was everything. It's often you hear that about any team environment. It's rare that it's actually true. Even the ones perceived to have been successful, with brilliant individual talents.

I often wondered how much more they could have achieved if they got that bit right. I want to share what it looked and felt like for our group.

I never thought I would, but this is for a very specific reason.

Our Cork group was the tightest I've ever known. Of course, like any high performance set up, not everything was perfect but the collective and the way it was moulded from 2004 to 2013 was pretty much bulletproof. It was something which sustained us through good times and bad. Whenever the inevitable doubt and savagery of inter-county football crept in, it was always the collective we fell back on.

We used it as the springboard to savage back. We never really gave anyone a



Former Cork footballer Kieran O'Connor at Aghada GAA pitch, Aghada, Co. Cork. Pic: Larry Cummins

glimpse inside and we didn't care. Our bond was strong. That's what was important to us.

Back in the media room on All-Ireland-winning Sunday, I saw no need to stray from our default position. My answers were going to be accurate but not in any way opening a window into the group or what made us tick. Most importantly, my answers could never be used in any way reduce the possibility of the group's chances next year.

I never actually thought I would have to give anyone else a glimpse behind our curtain. Then the news came through last week. One of our group was in trouble. This time, I'm not sure our collective

will be enough to get him through.

Since 2010, I have seen a lot more discussion on the importance of culture and values in team sports and in work settings. I recognise the importance of it. What I find amazing, in retrospect, is how we managed to cultivate it without really knowing the methodology or name-tagging its values. It all happened organically. I'm not sure if that's lucky or rare. Probably both.

Looking back, there were probably only two values that group lived by from around 2004 to 2013. Hard work and honesty.

Anyone who lasted within the group had them both in spades and loved every minute of it. Anyone who wanted to coast simply found it too difficult to survive in that environment. In that way, no one person was greater than the next. The culture developed where lads craved each other's respect within the group. You earned this respect by displaying and living the twin values which the group held in highest regard. That could be a 100-yard gut-busting run to get the push on the hip of the forward taking the shot. Or it could be helping our backroom team clean up after our session. We were doing it before we ever heard of 'sweeping the sheds'. And it felt right, and not because it worked elsewhere.

Those values suited us because unlike some others, you couldn't bullshit them. You couldn't preach hard work or preach honesty. Talk was cheap. It's fairly clear who is working hard and who is honest when it comes to the delivery side of things. The delivery in the training games

at times was vicious. That's where most of our actual matches were won. And if the intensity wasn't there, it was also where our matches were lost.

We all lived those values. Ok, a small few may have been 95 percent living them at times, usually the younger guys until they matured to a point of understanding the extra bits required, but there was never anyone below what I would say was 90 percent living it. And then there were the exemplars, the 100 percenters, the guys who more than made up for it. They set the direction and strong-armed our culture.

One of the 100 percenters in our group was Kieran O'Connor from Aghada. A man who lived those two values throughout his life, not just when he came into the Cork dressing room. He worked hard, was honest to a fault and would do anything for the group over the course of eight years.

Kieran is a man you would pick to go to war with you.

When I say war, I'm not using it in a metaphorical sense. I mean if there was an actual war, in the trenches akin to World War 1, life and death stuff, I would pick him to stand beside me. Because you knew what you would get from him; he would fight to the death. He would never leave your side. He would have your back. If, in your peripheral vision you saw Kieran had engaged an enemy target, he would take him down or die trying. I am certain of that.

Kieran would do anything for the group. The two values enabled Kieran to deliver time and again for Cork. He was one of

our best man-markers and survived in one-on-one combat with some of the best forwards the game has seen. And that was back when we didn't have a blanket defence to protect him.

Like the rest of our group, Kieran eventually retired from inter-county, gave as much as he had left back to Aghada and started a family with Sinéad. She was there from start to finish through all of those matches, train journeys home, Brazil, Thailand, South Africa, Burlington banquets. Good times and bad. She was as much part of our group as anyone else. Together, they have three beautiful children, a new one appearing each time the group had the opportunity to meet up.

Like us all, the important things in life were now taking over for them when Kieran retired from inter-county.

Then came that news. Kieran was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma, a rare form of bone cancer. Sinéad was three weeks away from giving birth to their third child. The group rallied and got in touch but Kieran wanted us to hold our nerve. For now, he wanted his battle to be more than about just him. The time when he needed help would come. Along with his sister Aishling, they ran a benefit ball last July in aid of breakthrough cancer research. It was a happy occasion. It was great to see Kieran so upbeat. A bit balder and more bloated, as he would say himself but resilient and tough as nails, as he would never say of himself. Inspirational really.

By that stage he had a tumour removed and battled through chemo. He had im-

proved. Baby James had arrived as a brother to Isabelle (7) and Ava (5). He was ready to go back to work.

Then over the past few months, the pain came again in his leg. Something was back. This time, all bets were off. The leg was amputated but the pain had shifted. His back was now sore too. Inter-county footballers know the difference between 'normal pain' and 'not normal pain'. The news was devastating. As of last week, Kieran is now battling cancer for the third time in 18 months. He is in big trouble. He has all of the hard work done. He has had the honesty to face it all head on. This has still not been enough to allow him to deliver for his own group, his family.

If I put myself in Kieran's position or my own wife in Sinéad's position, this would be the most frightened we could ever imagine ourselves to be. The time has come when he needs our help and I don't think the group is enough this time.

We need more.

Any help would be appreciated, more than you could ever know.

Financial support can be provided to support Kieran O'Connor and his family with current living and future medical expenses to beat Ewings Sarcoma. This will include possible travel abroad for additional andurgent medical expertise.

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Cork goalkeeper Alan Quirke, right, celebrates with team-mates Graham Canty, left, and Kieran O'Connor at the end of the game. GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship Final, Down v Cork, Croke Park, Dublin. Picture credit: David Maher / SPORTSFILE

RED FM TO SPONSOR HURLING LEAGUES

The 2019 Red FM Hurling Leagues were launched in Pairc Ui Chaoimh on Monday night in front of a large attendance. Red FM will now sponsor Divisions 1 to 5 of the "Red FM Hurling Leagues". Speaking at the launch Cork GAA Chairperson Tracey Kennedy said "We're absolutely delighted that our partnership with Red FM is not just continuing but expanding – that's absolutely fantastic that they will join us in all our leagues this year. It's a really good fit."

Diarmuid O' Leary Red FM CEO was also in attendance and said "Red FM is delighted to announce the sponsorship of the Hurling Leagues in Cork, it's an honour for us to be involved with the GAA once again and we look forward to working together in 2019 and beyond. We're all about connecting Cork here at Red

FM and feel that this sponsorship brings us a step closer to achieving this by working with each of the clubs in leagues 1 to 5"

Speaking about the enhanced sponsorship agreement, Ruairi O'Hagan, Sports Editor, Cork's Red FM said "We are delighted to be sponsors of all five divisions of the Red FM Hurling Leagues. Our Gaelic Games coverage on the Big Red Bench has been the driving force in our superb listener figures for both our Saturday and Sunday shows, and we look forward to providing more top quality local GAA content over the course of 2019. We would like to wish all the teams in the Red FM Hurling Leagues the very best of luck in their league and championship campaigns this year"

Pictures courtesy of John O' Brien.



Teams participating in the Division 1 Red FM Hurling League along with Diarmuid O' Leary Red FM CEO and Joseph Blake Cork GAA PRO

Donegal Player Profile

RÓISÍN 'YANKEE' FRIEL



Club: An Tearnann

Position: Full Forward

Honours: 2 Ulster Senior Championships, 2 lidl division two league, Intermediate All Ireland, 2 Ulster club championship, 1 Club All- Ireland

Best Sporting Moment: Winning Club All-Ireland with Termon

Best player you have ever played with? Geraldine Mclaughlin

Any superstitions: Have to roll my socks down at least once before game starts

What has been the best advice you have received?

Christy Mcaff before club final - "Kill or be Killed" or Harriet Mcaff after club final "Mind the purses"





Corcaigh



SuperValu



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16 CAOIMHE MOORE Kanturk	20 LIBBY COPPINGER St. Colum's	24 LAURA CLEARY Éire Óg	28 DOIREANN O'SULLIVAN Mourneabbey
17 MARIE AMBROSE St. Valentines	21 MEABH CAHALANE Éire Óg	25 LISA CROWLEY Éire Óg	29 CHLOE COLLINS Dromtariffe
18 SARAH LEAHY Aghada	22 MÁIRE O'CALLAGHAN Mourneabbey	26 EIMEAR MEANEY Mourneabbey	30 EMMA SPILLANE Bantry Blues
19 CLARE O'SHEA Beara	23 RHONA NÍ BHUACHALLA Naomh Fionnbarra	27 CIARA O'SULLIVAN Mourneabbey	

Manager: Ephie Fitzgerald
Mentors: James Masters
Mentors: Michael Twohig
Mentors: Jo Shirkie

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 Nemo Rangers
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 Kildorrery

Dún na nGall



FIR IONAID

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17 KANESHIA MCKINNEY St Eunans	20 ANNA FLANAGAN St. Eunans	23 LAUREN CARR Fanad Gaels
18 SINEAD MCGINTY Glenfin	21 SHANNON MCLAUGHLIN Termon	

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Mentors: Gary Walsh
Mentors: Nadine Friel
Physio: Sara Herron

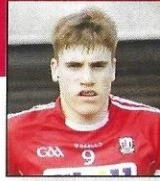
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 Glenswilly
 Glenfin

Mentors: Johnny McGinley
Mentors: Alan O'Connell
Mentors: Marie McColgan

Glenswilly
 St Eunans
 Red Hughs



Corcaigh



Captaen na Foirne:
Ian Mac Uidhir
Barra Naofa



FIR IONAID

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Mark White
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Eire Og | 25 DAMIEN DE GAOR
Damien Gore
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Peter Murphy
Bandon | 20 CIAN Ó CADHLA
Cian Kiely
Ballincollig | 23 SEÁN Ó BANÁIN
Sean White
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Kevin O'Driscoll
Tadhg MacCarthaigh | 24 SEÁN POWTER
Sean Powter
Douglas | |



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Manager

Maor Fóirne Eamonn Ó Ciarubháin
Roghnóir Seán Ó hAodha
Roghnóir Gearóid Ó hAllúráin
Medic Dr Conchur O Murchu + Dr. Aodhán Ó Ceilleachair, Colin Ó Liathain
Maor Uisce/Camán Pdraig Ó Donnabháin, Gearóid Ó Caollaí

Dún na nGall



Captaen na Foirne:
Micheál Ó Murchú



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Gaoth Dobhair |
| 17 ODHRAN MAC PHAIDIN O FEARAIGH
Odhran Mc Fadde Ferry
Gaoth Dobhair | 20 ÉAMONN Ó DOCHARTAIGH
Eamonn Doherty
Naomh Adhamhnáin | 23 PÁDRAIG MAC CRAITH
Paddy Mc Grath
Ard an Ratha | 26 PROINSIAS MAC FHLOINN
Frank Mc Glynn
Gleann Fhinne |
| 18 NIALL MAC AOIDH
Neil Mc Gee
Gaoth Dobhair | 21 EOIN MAC AODHA
Eoin Mc Hugh
Cill Chartha | 24 MÍCHEÁL Ó CEARBHAILL
Michael Carroll
Gaoth Dobhair | |



Declan Bonner
Manager

BAINISTEOIR Deaglán Mac Cnáimhsí
ROGHNÓIR (1) Pól Mac Congail
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MAOR UISCE/CAMÁN Gearóid Ó Baoill
MAOR UISCE/CAMÁN Aindriú Mac Samhradháin

MAOR FÓIRNE Carl de Léis
MEDIC Dr. Caoimhín Ó Móráin
KITMAN Bara Mac Giolla Bhríde

Cork Player Profile

KEVIN CROWLEY



Position : Corner Back

Club : Millstreet

Height : 5ft11"

Inter-County Debut: McGrath Cup 2014

Honours Won :

2 Munster U21 FC, 3 Duhallow U14 Titles, U14 Feile B, 2 Duhallow U16 Titles, 2 Duhallow Minor Titles, 2 Duhallow U21 Titles, VEC All-Ireland, Schools County and Munster football and hurling title. County Junior A Football Championship 2014.

Kevin first start playing football at home in the Garden. The Biggest influence on his football career has been his father. The sporting event he would most like to attend is the El Classico. To date his favourite moment in sport has been Leicester winning the Premiership League.

Favourite Venue: Croke Park.

The sportsperson he would most like to meet is LeBron James.

Toughest player to mark in training is Paul Kerrigan.

Favourite holiday destination: South of France.

Favourite Food: Pizza.

Favourite Drink: Milk.

Favourite Music: Hip Hop.

Favourite Film: Coach Carter,

In ten years time I hope to be: Not injured

Donegal Player Profile

MICHAEL MURPHY



Club: Glenswilly

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Favourite Pitch: Glenswilly

Hobbies: Golf

Childhood hero:

Brendan Devenney

Best Player you have played with: Gerard McGrenra

Best Player you have played against: Lee Gildea (Annual Married v Singles game)

Best game you have been involved in: 2011 All Ireland Quarter Final Kildare v Donegal

Best trainer within the squad: Paddy McGrath

Worst trainer within the squad: Eoghan Ban Gallagher

Best motivator within the squad: Hugh McFadden

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Destination Donegal

Favourite Film: Mike Bassett

England Manager

Favourite Holiday Destination: New York

Favourite Meal: Steak & Chips

Best advice ever received: Kick the High Ball in Low

Biggest influence on career: Parents

Club Volunteer of note: To many to mention its a Club Effor

Song you listen to before big games: Destination Donegal

Most important skill: Kicking

Biggest Strength in your game: Agility

Area of your game you would like to improve: Speed

Advice for youngsters: Listen to your coach, kick with both feet

Young Player within your club to look out for: Neil Gallagher

Best thing about the GAA: Making lifelong friends

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Mon, March 18th

SFC Div P.R. Avondhu v Muskerry at 4.15pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn
 SFC Div Round 1 Imokilly v Duhallow at 6pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn
 SFC Div Round 1 Seandun v Beara at 3pm @ Dunmanway
 SFC Div Round 1 CIT v Carbery at 3pm @ Brinny

Thurs, March 21st

SFC Div Round 1 UCC v Avondhu / Muskerry at 7.30pm @
 Pairc Ui Rinn

Tues, March 26th

SHC Div Round 1 UCC v CIT at 6.30pm @ Pairc Ui Chaoimh 4G
 SHC Div Round 1 Duhallow v Muskerry at 8pm @ Pairc Ui
 Chaoimh 4G
 SHC Div Round 1 Carrigdhoun v Imokilly at 6.30pm @ Pairc Ui
 Rinn
 SHC Div Round 1 Avondhu v Carbery at 8pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn

Thurs, March 28th

SFC Div Round 2 Seandun / Beara v UCC / Avondhu / Muskerry
 at 6.30pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn (prov)
 SFC Div Round 2 CIT / Carbery v Imokilly / Duhallow at 8pm @
 Pairc Ui Rinn (prov)

Tues, April 2nd

SHC Div Round 2 UCC / CIT v Duhallow / Muskerry at 6.30pm @
 Pairc Ui Rinn (prov)
 SHC Div Round 2 Carrigdhoun / Imokilly v Avondhu / Carbery at
 8pm @ Pairc Ui Rinn (prov)

Interview with Damien Diver, ex County Star and Donegal mentor with Rory Gallagher with Donegal in 2017



by Gerry McLaughlin

"Put them under pressure" was one of ex Republic of Ireland boss Jack Charlton's great mantras. And that is the theme from ex Ardara and Donegal great Damien Diver as Tir Conaill prepares for the long trip south to Cork. Promotion is still in Donegal's hands in the tightest of divisions. That means they will need to win both final games to have a shout at getting back to the top flight. But they will also need the benefit of the older heads to take two precious away points.

Damien stated "It is still a learning process for this young team and sometimes when experienced players like Michael Murphy and Leo McLoone come into the squad, they strengthen it, just like against Armagh the last night. It is a good boost physically but also mentally and younger players can express themselves better when the older heads are around them. The young players know that they can go at it better knowing the older lads have their back and there is less apprehension."

So will there be some more old hands coming back for Cork?

"It is a long journey home if you don't win. If they are fit to play they will be played, but we don't know what is going on behind the scenes. It is very important to get points, the fact we lost one of our home games makes it a bit more difficult so we need to beat Cork."

Damien added:

"Cork are always phenomenal athletes and always strong and if you give them the leeway they could just devour you. But they just don't like it hard and intense and close and our boys need to get in their faces. Having said that I am sure that Ian Maguire, James Loughrey and Co will have something to say about that."

So can Donegal go up?

"They certainly have the potential to do so and then Kildare are another very unpredictable team. They could come up here like racehorses and run you into the ground. We have two big tests really in those final few games and you would not want to take Kildare lightly either. On the other side you could run over the top of them. Both counties have the athletes and the footballers. But if you get in Kildare's faces they can also be found wanting when the going gets tough."

And Donegal still has a huge panel.

"We lost to Fermanagh but were missing quite an amount of experienced players, the Gaoth Dobhair lads are all back now as well so there is still great potential. You have to be optimistic going in to the end of the league and the championship. There is still a lot to play for and we could get a good run in a championship as well. As long as Donegal keeps their opponent by Lee "under pressure".

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Charleville Captain first winner for 2019

The honour of been the first recipient of the 96FM/C103 GAA Sports Star award in association with the Rochestown Park Hotel winner for 2019, the 16th year of these very prestigious awards went to Daniel O'Flynn Captain of the Charleville Intermediate hurlers Cork and Munster Champions.

Daniel who displayed outstanding leadership throughout a wonderful campaign was delighted to be honoured, even if they did not capture the ultimate award.

"It softens the blow somewhat for losing the All-Ireland Final and I am delighted to be honoured, I have seen some great players receiving this award over the years and I am thrilled to be here today, and my thanks to the Rochestown Park Hotel and 96FM/C103 for this wonderful accolade."

"It's fair to say that it is an acknowledgement of what Charleville as a club has achieved in the last 12 months and we are looking forward to senior hurling in 2019."

County Board Officer Des Cullinane, also congratulated Daniel, "It is only fitting when you consider what Charleville have achieve that you as Captain be recognised for your part in a dramatic and brilliant campaign, it

should not be forgotten and we also acknowledge the wonderful support for these awards from 96FM/C103 and the Rochestown Park Hotel both outstanding supporters of Cork GAA, which we really appreciate."

In a nice little touch Daniel's fiancée is Emer Watson who herself was a monthly award recipient for her part in Milford's All-Ireland Camogie success in recent years.

Tom Tobin RPH and Isabel Keane 96FM also congratulated Daniel and wished him and Charleville continued success in the coming season.

Charleville Officers along with family members were in attendance as was Richard Murphy Irish Officer Cork County Board, Pearse Murphy Treasurer Munster Council and the 2018 January winner, along with Louise Cashell Cork Independent.

The 2020 gala banquet will be held on the 31st January and we are delighted that the guest of honour on the night will be GAA President John Horan.

Finbarr Mc Carthy
96FM/C103



Daniel O'Flynn Charleville Captain January award winner.

MORE DIRECT CORK PROSPERED UNDER THE LIGHTS OF PAIRC UÍ RINN IN 2003

By Tom Morrisson

Indeed one could only admire the courage and bravery of all concerned. There were many moments of sheer drama and excitement before the Leesiders pulled away to win by 3-8 to 0-10. Brendan Jer O Sullivan, who netted from a penalty, Colin Corkery and Eoin Sexton played important roles in this success. Brendan Devenney was Donegal's top scorer with four points and He got through a lot of valuable work at full forward.

Cork:

Kevin O Dwyer, Noel O Donovan, Alan O Connor, Anthony Lynch, Sean Levis, Eoin Sexton, Noel O Leary, Nicholas Murphy, Graham Canty, Jim O Donoghue, Brendan J O Sullivan, John Miskella, James O Shea, Michael O Croinin, Colin Crowley
Subs: Sean O Brien, Tom Kenny, Derek Kavanagh, Paudie Kissane, Michael Galvin, Colin Corkery

Donegal:

Gerard Mc Gill, Noel McGinley, Eamonn Reddin, Niall McCready, Ray Sweeney, Barry Monaghan, Kevin Cassidy, James Ruane, Jim Mc Guinness, Dessie Mc Namara, Brian Roper, Michael Hegarty, Paul Mc Gonigle, Brendan Devenney, Shane Carr.
Subs: Tony Blake, Peter Mc Ginley, Damien Diver, Brian Mc Laughlin, Eamonn Sweeney, John Mc Cafferty.



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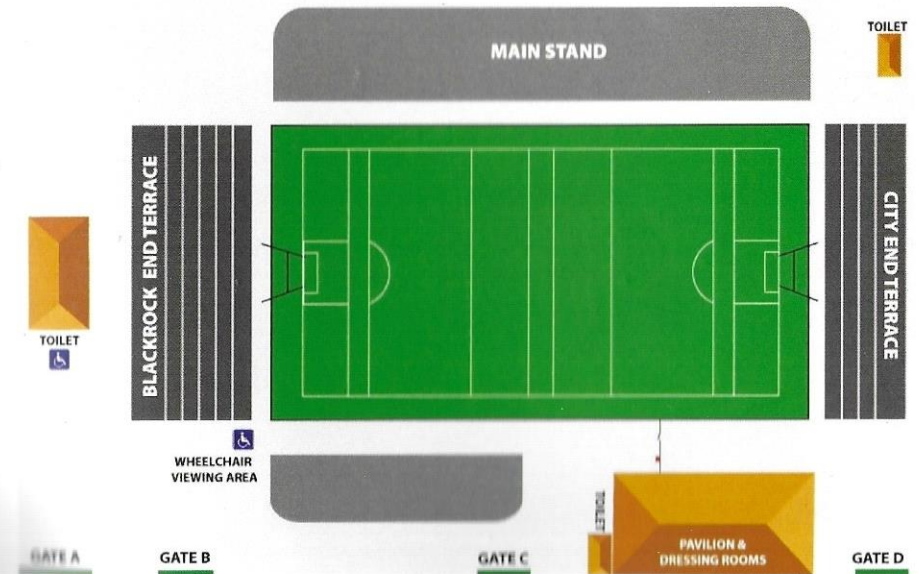


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ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

Donegal up their game

The arrival of Dáire Ó Baoill plus a persistence that was admirable saw Donegal come through to get better of Cork

CORK 1-19
DONEGAL 1-12

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Donegal are still in the hunt for promotion after a great second half performance saw them defeat Cork in Pairc Ui Rinn on Saturday.

It was a very good display from Donegal, who were the better side and but for a number of poor wides, they would have won more easily.

But they were made fight and when the game was there for the taking, they stood up and took some great scores. Cork were not helped

by using their subs too early and they ended up with just 23 men on the field.

In a cracking first half it was close until the final minutes when Cork hit 1-2 in the final few minutes to lead by 1-8 to 0-6 at the break.

In a very open contest with refreshingly attacking football, Donegal gave as good as they got until those final few minutes of the half. Indeed, Donegal, if they had taken their chances, would have been ahead.

They could have had a goal from the throw-in as Caolan McGonagle and Hugh McFadden combined to put Jamie Brennan in on goal. Brennan went for goal but it went just over but Michael Murphy was waiting on the edge of the square for a tap in goal.

Mark Collins levelled for Cork before Ryan McHugh found Michael Murphy who was fouled. The free was moved on and Murphy tapped it over.

Michael Hurley, twice, levelled with Osin Gallen getting the other Donegal point to leave it 0-3 each after seven minutes.

Donegal had chances with Caolan McGonagle lacking composure when put through while Caolan Ward had an effort that was too high and short.

Cork then took a three point lead by the 22nd minute. The first came after a wayward Caolan McGonagle pass which was punished by Ruairi Deane. When a Hugh McFadden effort for a point dropped short, Eoghan McSweeney found the range at the other end. Then Niall O'Donnell was wide after a great run by Eoghan Ban Gallagher and again Cork came forward for Luke Connolly to point a free.

Donegal responded to be level by the 33rd minute. Jamie Brennan persisted to win a free for Michael Murphy to point.

Then a great move from the back finished with Leo McLoone releasing Ciaran Thompson to score,

while a minute later Michael Murphy and Niall O'Donnell combined to set up Caolan Ward to level.

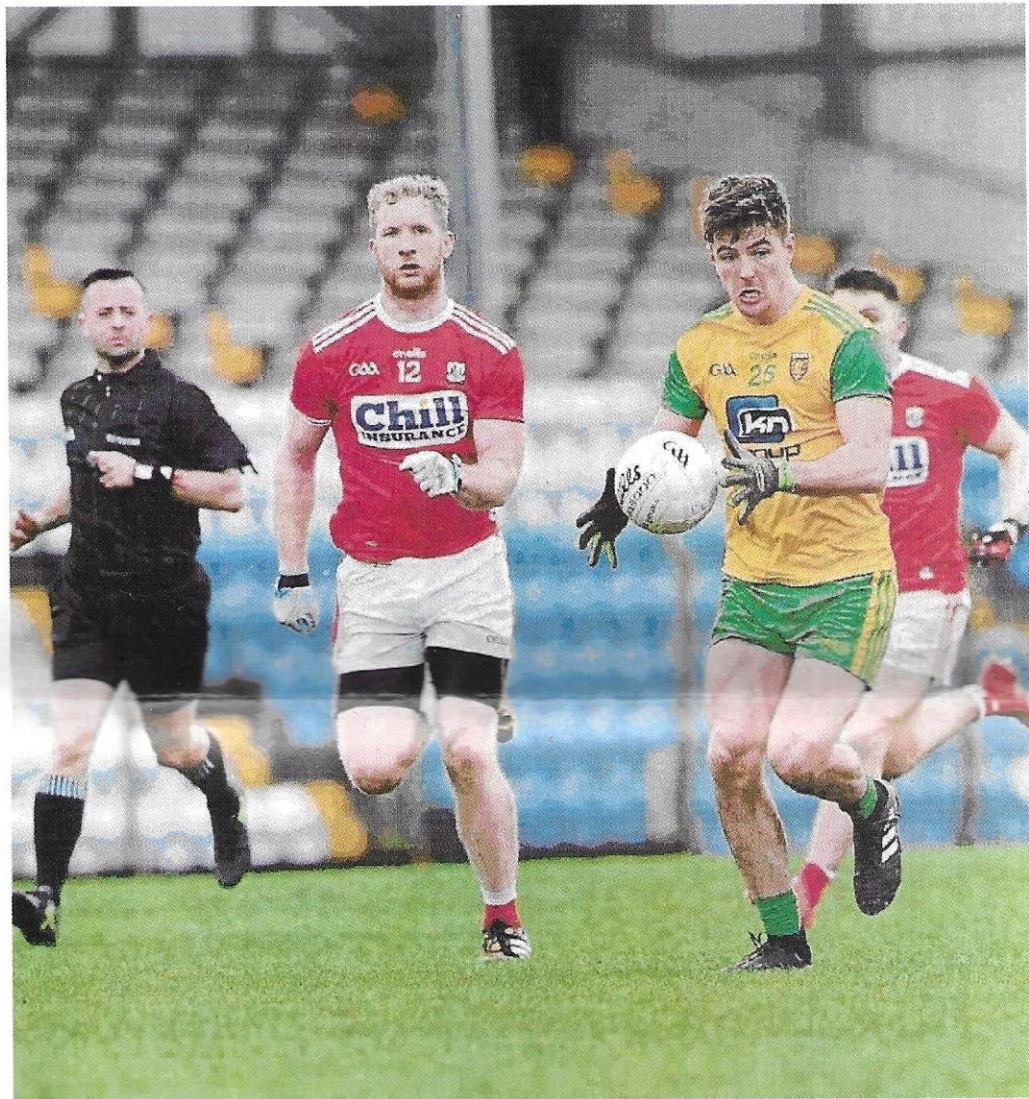
But then Donegal were hit by that late first half Cork rally. Ruairi Deane did the damage, cutting the Donegal defence wide open. His shot was brilliantly saved by Shaun Patton but the ball rebounded and seemed to be going out for a '45' but Mattie Taylor was alert to follow up and first time to the net.

Eoghan McSweeney quickly added a point while Jamie Brennan was wide from a good position at the other end. And then just before the half-time whistle McSweeney added another to leave Cork five clear facing into the wind in the second half.

Cork increased the margin to six inside a minute of the restart when Mark Collins punished a poor kick-out but Dáire Ó Baoill, in after 23 minutes of the first half, hit back and Michael Murphy showed his skill to dummy and kick a great point with his left.

It could have been better as Ciaran Thompson and Osin Gallen hit two bad wides.

They were made pay



10
Donegal's wides tally - five in each half

when Luke Connolly converted a free but Ryan McHugh found space to cut the lead and Jamie Brennan won a free for Murphy to

leave just three between them after 47 minutes.

Murphy pointed a '45' and Jamie Brennan hit a great point from distance to leave

the minimum between them. However, from the kick-out Donegal left Luke Connolly all alone to take his score.

But Donegal responded again with Niall O'Donnell finding the range. They got back on terms on 57 minutes when Stephen McMenamin won a free for Murphy to point and leave it 0-14 to 1-11.

They then went ahead thanks to a wonder ball from Dáire Ó Baoill who found Hugh McFadden in space going through the middle and he fired over on the run.

Cork got back on terms after a free on the 45m line was moved on for dissent and it made it easy for Luke Connolly.

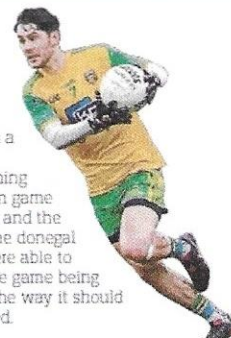
Ryan McHugh and Jamie Brennan had wides while Ciaran Thompson made a great intercept at the other end, before Niall O'Donnell

Man of the Match

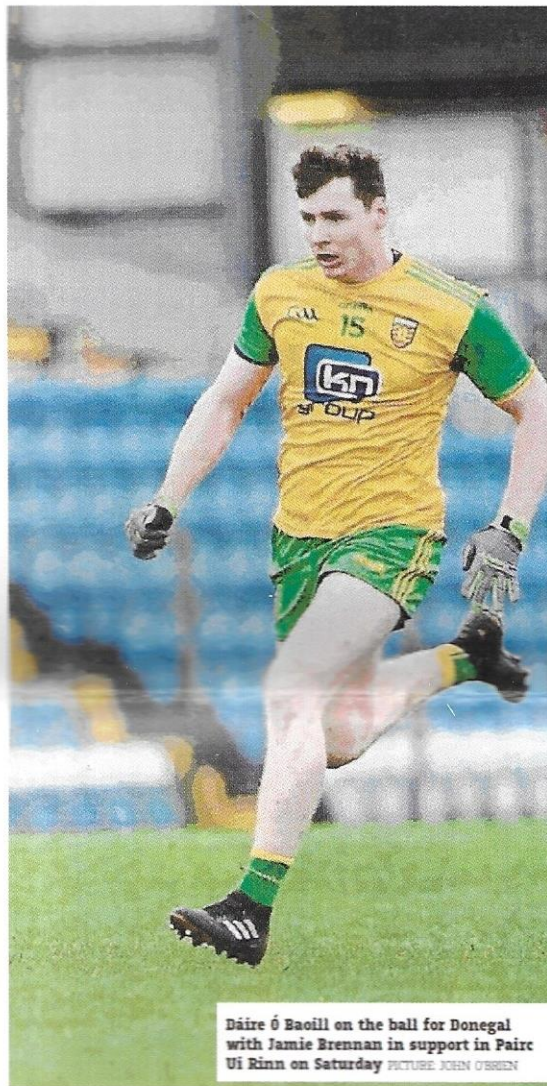
RYAN MCHUGH DONEGAL

It was a measure of the Donegal display that a number of players were in line for the award. Dáire Ó Baoill was an influential figure, as were Michael Murphy and Hugh McFadden, while Niall O'Donnell put in his best performance to date in a Donegal jersey. Ó Baoill, with one great pass and a block at the back, ran Ryan McHugh the closest, but the Kiltcar man's energy from start to finish makes him the obvious choice. He was willing to break the tackle every time he got the ball and was the main reason Donegal came out on the

right side of the result. In a very entertaining and open game McHugh and the rest of the donegal team were able to enjoy the game being played the way it should be played.



in second half to win



Dáire Ó Baoill on the ball for Donegal with Jamie Brennan in support in Pair Uí Rinn on Saturday PICTURE: JOHN O'BRIEN

swung over the lead point with his left. Hugh McFadden fielded the kick-out and Dáire Ó Baoill set up O'Donnell to push Donegal two ahead with a minute of normal time left.

Cork were reduced to 14 when Ian Maguire went off injured and all subs were used. And it went all wrong for the Rebels as Mark Collins was sent off on a second yellow and Luke Connolly had to go off injured.

Donegal took advantage with Dáire Ó Baoill pointing after being through on goal. He was almost closed down but somehow squirmed and hooked the ball over. Then Niall O'Donnell intercepted the kick-out to set up Jamie

Brennan for a goal with five of the six minutes of added time played.

And they could have added a second goal when Ryan McHugh got through but he opted to take a point with just the 'keeper to beat. The goal might have been a good option to help Donegal's score difference.

Nonetheless, the seven point win puts Donegal back in the mix, even if score difference is needed. No matter what, with Fermanagh being defeated, it is down to the wire next week. If Fermanagh don't win away to Meath then Donegal will only need a draw at home to Kildare to make it back to Division One.



HOW THEY LINED OUT

SCORERS

Cork: Luke Connolly 0-4,3f; Mattie Taylor 1-0; Eoghan McSweeney 0-3; Michael Hurley, Mark Collins 0-2 each; Ruairi Deane 0-1

Donegal: Michael Murphy 0-6,4f,45; Jamie Brennan 1-2; Niall O'Donnell 0-3; Dáire Ó Baoill, Ryan McHugh 0-2 each; Caolan Ward, Oisín Gallen, Ciaran Thompson, Hugh McFadden 0-1 each.

TEAMS

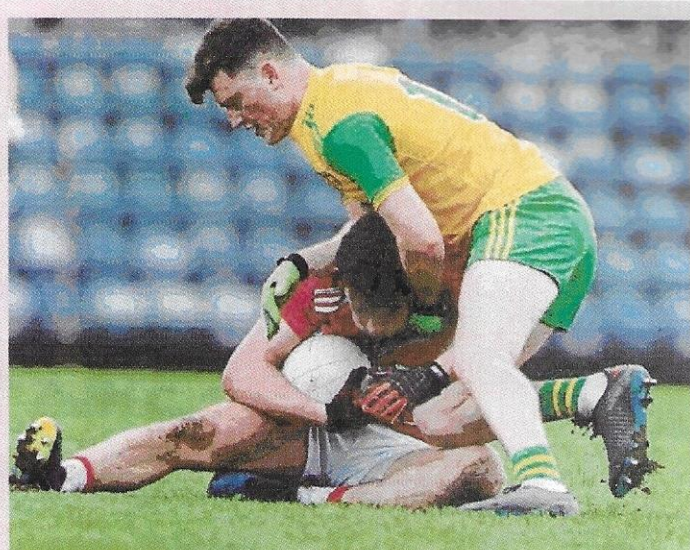
CORK: Micheal Martin; Sam Ryan, Kevin Flahiva, Conor Dennehy; Kevin Crowley, Thomas Clancy, Mattie Taylor; Ian Maguire, Cillian O'Hanlon; Eoghan McSweeney, Luke Connolly, Ruairi Deane; Michael Hurley, Mark Collins, Paul Kerrigan. Subs: Mark White for M Martin 42; Ronan O'Toole for Kerrigan, Kevin O'Driscoll for Taylor, both 57; Cian Kiely for Dennehy 62; Sean Powter for Crowley 66

DONEGAL: Shaun Patton; Stephen McMenamin, Eamonn Doherty, Eoghan Bán Gallagher; Caolan Ward, Leo McLoone, Ryan McHugh; Hugh McFadden, Caolan McGonagle; Niall O'Donnell, Ciaran Thompson, Paul Brennan; Oisín Gallen, Michael Murphy, Jamie Brennan. Subs: Dáire Ó Baoill for P Brennan 23; Paddy McGrath for C Ward 1st; Eoin McHugh for Gallen 73; Neil McGee for E Doherty 75

REFEREE: David Gough (Meath)



Hugh McFadden fends off a Cork tackle PICTURE: JOHN O'BRIEN



Niall O'Donnell gets up close and personal with his Cork opponent PICTURE: JOHN O'BRIEN

MARKSMAN

How the Donegal players fared in Cork

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SHAUN PATTON: One or two kick-outs went astray. A shade unlucky for the goal as he made a great stop initially. 6.5

STEPHEN MCMENAMIN: A commanding performance from the Red Hughs man who is beginning to make a defensive berth his own. 7

EAMONN DOHERTY: Did a reasonable marking job on Luke Connolly but otherwise was on the fringes. 6.5

EOGHAN BAN GALLAGHER: Put in a very good shift. Not all of his runs came to fruition but he never shirked his responsibilities. 7

CAOLAN WARD: Hit a point and could have had another. Had trouble early with Hurley but did better when released to the half-back line. 6.5

LEO MCLOONE: Another very strong performance from the Naomh Conaill man. Got caught a little for

pace for the Cork goal, but otherwise one of Donegal's top performers. 7.5

RYAN MCHUGH: Involved from start to finish. Was one of the Donegal men to stand out. 8.5

HUGH MCEADDEN: A big 70+ minutes from the Killybegs man, who covered a lot of the field and got forward more than usual. 8

CAOLAN MCGONAGLE: Did very well in breaking ball for Donegal, but also had a few misplaced passes. 6.5

NIALL O'DONNELL: Niall's best display in a Donegal shirt. Got caught in possession early on but worked his way into the game and was magnificent in the second half. 8

CIARAN THOMPSON: A much improved display. Thompson was involved in a great intercept near the end and also kicked a good point. 7

PAUL BRENNAN: In after the late withdrawal of Michael Langan, Brennan

picked up a yellow card and was replaced before half-time. 6

OISIN GALLEN: Worked really hard and got on a lot of ball. Kicked a good point and will be happy with his display. 7

MICHAEL MURPHY: Scored one magnificent point with his left and was impeccable from placed balls. 8

JAMIE BRENNAN: Hit 1-2 and it could have been 2-4. Missed two good points off his left. Will have to get lessons off Murphy. 7.5

DÁIRE Ó BAOILL: In for his first start, the Gaoh Dobhair man put in a massive display. Apart from his two points, his pass for McFadden's point was the highlight of the game. 8.5

PADDY MCGRATH: In for his 100th game for Donegal, the Ardara man looked at home and made a number of timely interceptions. 7

EOIN MCHUGH AND NEIL MCGEE: Not on long enough to rate.