



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



Cluiche Ceannais Sinsear B - 1.45 in



Naomh Adhamhnáin
V
Cill Chartha



Cluiche Ceannais Sinsear A - 4.00 in



Gaoth Dobhair
V
Naomh Conaill



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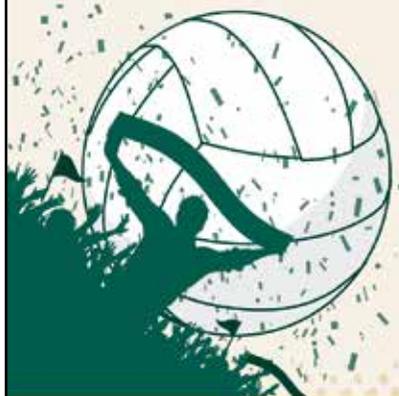
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On behalf of CLG Dhun na nGall it is a great honour for me as County Board Chairman 2019 to welcome you all to Pairc Sean Mac Cumhaill today. I congratulate the Officers, Mentors, you the supporters, but especially the panel of players, from St Eunans and Kilcar in today's Senior Reserve Final, and Gaoth Dobhair and Naomh Conaill in the much awaited Senior Football Final.

Phase 2 of our Centre of Excellence is nearly complete and CLG Dhún na nGall are looking forward to it being commissioned in November. Since Michael Murphy, Anthony Molloy and GAA President John Horan and I turned the first sods last year a lot of hard work has gone into getting this project complete and great praise is due to our Development Officer David McLoone. It is a fine development of which CLG Dhun na nGall are justly proud but there is more to come and Phase 3 will soon be coming off the drawing board. Financing the Centre has not been easy. A lot of effort has gone in over the last year to help fund this, the



future of Donegal Football but it will take a major injection of capital to pay off the existing debt and fund the next Phase. Club Donegal, underpinned by a very hard-working core committee, has just launched our WINAHOUSINDUBLIN draw. With a four bed-roomed semi-detached house in Dublin, worth €450,000, the major prize it is a very attractive venture and one we hope will go well.

Today we also welcome and recognise two groups of footballers. As is traditional, the jubilee team from 1994, Aodh Ruadh, will be our guests on the day and introduced to the crowd at 3.15 before the senior finalists take to the field. Sadly missing will be Liam Brown of Four Master, RIP, the match referee in 1994. Also welcomed today as guests of the County Board are the Donegal Masters team who done themselves, their clubs and the county proud last month when they defeated reigning champions Dublin to win the All-Ireland title. They will take to the pitch at half-time in the Senior Final and I am sure the crowd will give them a warm and well deserved welcome. Maith sibh.

The referee's today are Enda McFeely in the Senior game and Pat Barrett in the Reserve final. I wish them and their officials well. The Sean MacCumhails club, as always, have today's venue in top shape for the final and I would like to acknowledge the great work they put in throughout the season, year after year ensure Páirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill is always the best that it can be,

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure i Leitir Ceanainn as an urraíocht. Ba mhaith liom fosta aitheantas a thabhairt do na coitséalaithe sna cumainn a chuireann a gcuid ama ar fáil go deonach le chinntiú go bhfuil na buachaillí agus na cailíní óga ag foghlaim na scileanna a bhaineann le cluichí s'againne.

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- 01:00 PM** **Gates Open**
- 01:27 PM** Cill Chartha take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to town end goals. Naomh Conaill will use the town end dugouts.
- 01:30 PM** Naomh Ádhamhnáin take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to river Finn end goals. Naomh Ádhamhnáin will use the river Finn end dugouts.
- 01:45 PM** Senior Reserve Final Throw in
- 03:00 PM** Presentation of the Trophy by Mick Mc Grath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
- 03:10 PM** Keadue Band
- 03:00 PM** 1994 County Champions assemble in the Stand
- 03:10 PM** 1994 County Champions proceed to the pitch
- 03:15 PM** Introduction of the 1994 County Champions, Aodh Ruadh
- 03:38 PM** Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to town end goals. Naomh Conaill will use the town end dugouts.
- 03:40 PM** Gaoth Dobhair take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to river Finn end goals. Gaoth Dobhair will use the river Finn dugouts.
- 03:50 PM** Both teams line up for Parade
- 03:58 PM** Amhrán Na bhFiann
- 04:00 PM** **2019 Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Donegal Senior Football Final**
- Half Time** Naomh Conaill leave the field first, Gaoth Dobhair to wait at centre of pitch.
Keadue Band.
Go Games Blitz presentation
Introduction of the Masters Team – All Ireland Winners
- 05:30 PM** Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehan
- 05:35 PM** Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Trophy by Mick Mc Grath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

Go Games Blitz Presentation

Half time in the Senior final will see some of the stars of tomorrow grace the hallowed turf of Páirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill when under ten players from the competing finalists - CLG Naomh Conaill and CLG Ghaoth Dobhair – exhibit their skills in the ten minute break between the halves. The young girls and boys playing are:

Naomh Conaill: Finn Coughlan, Oisín Bonner, Eabha Molloy, Corey Bonner, Aidan McGeehan, Joe Brown, Eoghan Quinn, Donnacha Malone, Ciaran Boyle, Sean Óg McLoone, Jamie Boyce, Keilan Doherty, Jayden Spratt, Danielle Campbell, Caitriona Dewhirst, Tadhg McGlynn, Saoirse McDermott, Ella Browne, Oisín McDermott,

Caoimhe Boyle, Jayden Boylan, Katie Furey

Gaoth Dobhair: Adam Mac Ghiolla Bhríde, Aiden Ó'Dochartaigh, Alex Mac Iomhar, Caomhán Mac Suibhne, Cian Ó'hEifearnáin, Colmán Mac Cumhaill, Darragh Ó'Rabhartaigh, Dylan Ó'Gallachóir, Fachtna Ó'Brian, Fiachra Ferriter, Fionn Mac Grianna, Fionnán Ó'Baoill, Gavin Ó'Fearraigh, Jaiden Mac Pháidín, Jamie Mac Aoidh, Jayden Ó'Baoill, John Joe Mac Ghiolla Bhríde, Lochrann Mistéal, Maitiú Ó'Gallachóir, Marc Mac Pháidín, Nathan Ó'Gallachóir, Óran Ó'Cearnaigh, Pádraig Ó'Gallachóir, Rónán Mac Suibhne, Ronán Nathan, Ruadhán Ó'Baoill, Tarlagh Mac Aoidh, Zach Ó'Colla

Catriona Uí Dhochartaigh

Caitriona Uí Dhochartaigh (Solan) from CLG An Clochán Liath is a former Ulster and five-time county champion in solo singing in Scór and was Ulster Champion in 2017. A teacher of music and English in the Abbey Vocational School in Donegal town she has a huge interest in many genres from sean-nós to musical theatre.



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Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



Third All-Ireland Masters title for Donegal

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Donegal Masters created their own little bit of history on Saturday 21st September when they defeated Dublin to lift the Mick Loftus Cup in the All-Ireland Masters final.

It was a third success over Dublin also as their other wins also came with defeats over the Sky Blues in 2002 and 2003.

The final was played at St Faithleach's GAA Club, Ballyleague, Co Roscommon and they overcame the reigning champions with a performance that was worthy of any All-Ireland final.



In very difficult conditions, driving wind and rain, Donegal had the elements in their backs in the opening half but could only manage four points while Dublin looked like a good side as they trailed by just two points at the break.

But Donegal were a different team when they faced the elements as they completely outplayed the Dubs. They built a lead of four points with time almost up - 0-8 to 0-4. Dublin did rally with three late points but Donegal broke for Michael Sticky Ward to hit the final point, which allowed 50-year-old Charlie Doherty and Packie McGrath (joint captains) lift the Mick Loftus Cup.

There was plenty to admire, and much of it was in defence where Barry Monaghan was head and shoulders above all on the field. The full-back line held a Dublin side that had hit 1-19 in the semi-final win over Tyrone to just one point apiece and no Dublin player scored more than one point.

Up front Michael Sticky Ward was ably assisted by the roving Johnny McCafferty while John Haran was again a tower of strength in the middle of the field.

It was a dream for four years and there was heartbreak of semi-final defeats in 2017 and 2018 (after a replay) before this bunch of players reached the pinnacle.

The final score was 0-9 to 0-7 and the winning Donegal team and panel was:

DONEGAL: Gerry McGill; Charlie Doherty, Donal Martin, Packie McGrath; Kerry Ryan, Sean McDaid, Barry Monaghan (0-2); John Haran, Charlie Bonner; Peter McHugh, Brian McLaughlin (0-1), Johnny McCafferty (0-1); Seamus Friel, Peter Devlin, Michael Ward (0-5,4f). Subs (roll on): Mark Cannon, John McFadden, Paul Gallagher, Liam McGroarty, Adrian Doherty, Seamus Ferry, Vincent Kennedy, John A McMullan, Barry Dowds, Maurice McBride, Dermot McColgan, Charlie Gallagher, Michael Canning, Benny Cassidy, Micheal McLaughlin, Sean Boyce, Gary Gillen, David Murray, Dermot Slevin, PJ Gallagher, Gary McGinty, Ross Brady, Paul McGonigle, Stephen McGonigle, Brian McCabe, Eamonn Doherty - Manager: Val Murray. Assistants: Liam Breen. Selectors Aidan Murray, David McShane. PhysioP Ronan Steed.





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Enda McFeely – Referee Senior Club Championship Final



Refereeing out of the Naomh Mhuire club Convoy, Enda McFeely started officiating in 2012 and joined the Ulster academy in 2013 also graduating from the academy in 2015. He has previously taken charge of under 17 Ulster minor league and championship games and under 20 championship as well as Ulster club senior and intermediate league and championship.

Today will be his tenth final having previously refereed the 2014 minor B final, the 2015 junior B final, 2016 Ulster senior league final, 2016 minor A final, 2017 senior Gaeltacht final, 2017 Scottish junior and senior finals in Glasgow, 2017 senior championship final and 2018 intermediate championship final.

His umpires for today are Dessie Mc Feely, Joe O'Donnell, Brendan Kelly and Aaron Foy. He would like to thank his wife Emer for all her support, his son Shane and the rest of his team who have officiated throughout the year and anyone else who has assisted him. Having refereed these evenly matched teams already this year, a tough, exciting and competitive game should be in store. Finally, Enda would like to wish all four teams and officials all the best today here in pairc Sean Mac Cumhaill.

Pat Barrett – Referee Senior B Club Championship Final



Pat Barrett is a 53 year old father of three, married for 24 years to Dymrna English, and took up refereeing three years ago. Pat played for Milford for 17 years (1983-2000), his last game being their victory over Glenswilly in the 2000 Junior final. He also captained Milford to their first adult title, a Junior championship following defeat of Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh in 1990.

Pat also managed the Milford u21s team to a B county title in 1996 and served as assistant manager to Sean Paul Barrett with the Senior team for two years (2013-15). An avid participant and follower of sport all of his life Pat demonstrated his love of by finishing runner up in the 1991 RTE Sports quiz “Know Your Sport”.

Today's Officials

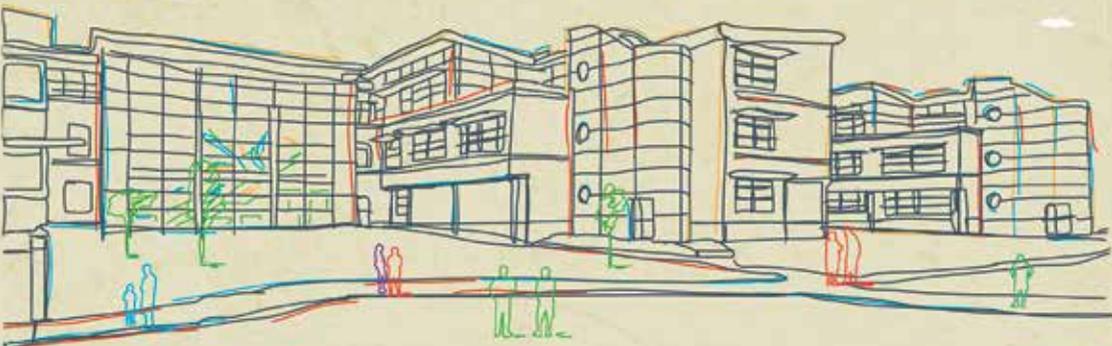
Senior Referee: Enda McFeely
Senior B Referee: Pat Barrett

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- Scór na nÓg & Scór Sinsear le idir 75% agus 80% de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt iontu (Scór na nÓg – 75% agus Scór Sinsir 50%)
- Bhí ceolchoirm Scór againn i mblíana Chun ceiliúradh a dhéanamh ar chomóradh 50 bliain
- Tráth na gGeist Bord atá 100% i nGaeilge (Idir 30% agus 50% de na clubanna pairteach)
- Tugann an Bord Contae roinnt scoláireachtaí achán bhliain do na mic léinn sin atá ag freastal ar an nGaeltacht
- Bailiúchán na Teanga: I mblíana ghlac 15 club páirt agus thóg said €7,500
- Ghlac 12 chlub páirt i mblíana i Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha i gcomhair le Glór na nGael
- Reáchtáiltear Cúrsa Cuimhneacháin Sheamuis de Faoite sna Dúnaibh atá urraithe ag Comhairle Uladh an CLG ar feadh seachtaine achán bhliain le Dún na nGall ag cuir ábhar ar fáil don cheolchoirm agus don chéilí chomh maith le pearsanra a sholáthar do léachtaí, srl.
- Achán bhliain bronfar Gradam Chultúrtha - club Gaeltachta, Gradam Chultúrtha - club lasmuigh den Ghaeltacht agus Gradam Aonartha Cultúrtha

Donegal GAA is very proud of the fact that we take part in all aspects relating to Culture, Language and Heritage. Included in the events we take part in every year are the following.

- Scór na nÓg & Scór Sinsear with approx 75% participation in Scó@ na nÓg and approx 50% participation in Scór Sonsir
- This year we held a special Scór Concert to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of Scór
- Tráth na gCesit Bord - A Quiz that is 100% in the Irish language (30% to 50% of clubs participate)
- The County Board gives a number of scholarships every year to students who attend the Gaeltacht
- The St. Patrick's Day Irish language collection raised €7,500 this year with 15 clubs taking part
- 12 clubs participated this year in Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha in conjunction with Glór na nGael
- The Irish language course in Downings which is sponsored by the Ulster Council of the GAA is run for a week each year with Donegal providing scór acts for the concert, music for the banquet and the céilí as well as providing personnel for lectures, etc. In addition to this many of the teachers and organizing committee are from Donegal
- Each year, Donegal GAA gives out a Cultural Award for Gaeltacht Club, Cultural Award for Non Gaeltacht Club and an Individual Cultural Award

Scór na nÓg: Ulster semi finals on the 8th and the 14th December with the Ulster final on the 4th January 2020

Donegal Semi final dates:

8 th November:	Beart	7.00pm
10 th November:	Droim a' Róin	4.00pm
15 th November:	Gleann Fhinne	7.00pm
24 th November:	County final in Doneyloop	4.00pm

Closing date for entry for clubs is the 24th October with details of categories and choice of venue.

Please also note that entries must include the names of the competitors and their GAA registration numbers

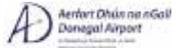
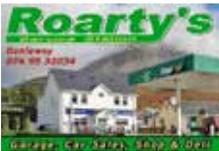
- All competitors must be U17 on the 1st January 2020
- Clubs must go to the nearest venue in order to avoid overcrowding at one semi final and too little at another semi final.



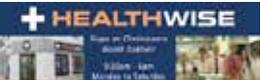
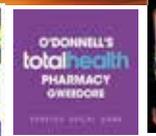
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Experienced Naomh Conaill still get nerves

BY RYAN FERRY - DONEGAL NEWS

Naomh Conaill know all about the run up to county final day, but they will still have awoken to butterflies in their stomachs today. Sixteen teams started out in the Senior Championship, but only two remain and Naomh Conaill are one of those. This is their eighth final since 2009, and some players have lined out in all of those. The blue and white bunting was brought out again and the flags set out in the usual places.

Naomh Conaill manager Martin Regan has now led his team to four county finals, but he still found the last few days long as the big game approached. "It doesn't get any easier and there is still a lot of pressure and nerves on county final day. You want to perform to the best of your ability and get the win on the day, so it comes with its own pressures too. It's a tough two weeks waiting about for a final, and trying to look after your own team, and get your homework done as well. We'll be glad to get to the field on Sunday and see where we are."

Naomh Conaill's experienced warriors such as Anthony Thompson, Eoin Waide, and Leo McLoone are well known throughout the county and further afield. However, Regan is full of praise for his young stars like Kieran Gallagher, Charlie McGuinness, and Eoghan McGettigan, who have nailed down starting berths this year, and become leaders in their own right. "Kieran is only 21 and he has the build of a senior inter-county player already. He was away in America during the summer but since he has come back to us he has been brilliant".



As for his young full-forward, "Charlie has really blossomed as a player over the last 18 months. He has been on the senior panel for the last three or four years, but the effort that man has put in at training and the gym, and outside kicking balls and doing runs, you couldn't have asked any more from him. He has made that full-forward position his own this year, so he has really kicked things on".

A recent addition to Declan Bonner's panel "Eoghan McGettigan missed a couple of years through injury, but he is really at the top of his game now. He is a marked man every day he goes out and he gets a lot of special attention but he is an exceptional talent, and he is one of the best talents we have in Donegal. We have some great players coming through and he is right up there, so hopefully he can show what he can do on Sunday."

Gaoth Dobhair went where no other Donegal team had gone previously in winning an official Ulster Club Championship last season, and they are still on the crest of a wave from that success. Regan says it would be a massive victory if his side could dethrone the provincial champions.

"It would be huge especially considering the opposition. We're up against the Ulster champions and we're under no illusions about the task ahead of us. If we were to get a result against the Ulster champions it would be absolutely massive. Out of all the finals, this is probably the one where we have been biggest underdogs, so it would be huge for the team if we could win.

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Senior Championship Final 1994

AODH RUADH 2-10 • NAOMH COLUMBA 1-10

The 1994 Donegal Senior Championship final produced the best second half of football excitement in living memory with a valiant Naomh Columba recovering an eight point half-time deficit via a goal and six unanswered points, to lead by a point with 15 minutes still to play. Despite this superb recovery by the Glen men, it was Aodh Ruadh, who had been equally masterful in the first half, who discovered they not only had youth, but perhaps more critically, character within their side. Thanks to that tremendous character they arrested a potentially disastrous scoring famine - 27 minutes without a score - to draw level through a Val Murray free. There were 11 minutes left when Aodh Ruadh gifted the lead to Naomh Columba yet again, Paul O'Donnell, an influential half-time sub, pointing.



In seven minutes of excruciating tension, Aodh Ruadh rediscovered their first half flair. Val Murray levelled from a '45'. He didn't merely point the effort but struck the ball so true that it was still travelling upwards when fielded by Glen fans on the high bank behind the goals. It was the kick of a confident man. Now Glen were looking down the barrel of a gun. With five minutes left on the clock, Aodh Ruadh earned their second penalty. Damien Conlon, who had a wonderful hour, supplied the through ball to John Duffy, who in turn released Barry Ward. Ward, like Brian Roper in the first half, headed directly for goal and was sandwiched by two defenders who gave away the penalty. Murray again stepped up and after a delay for a booking on Noel Hegarty, the Ballyshannon barman slotted the ball, cool as you like, again to Doherty's right and the corner of the net.

It was a killer blow in any terms and although Glen had time to retrieve the three points lead, they looked emotionally and physically drained from their earlier Herculean efforts. It was over, both sides traded irrelevant points. Murray, quiet in general play, had done the things other players dream about, scoring two penalties in a county final. It was a drama befitting a county final and without the marvellous efforts of the valiant Naomh Columba there would have been a mass exodus by the 4,000 spectators long before Barry Ward hoisted over the final score in the 62nd minute.

Aodh Ruadh started well and were five points up after 10 minutes. Damien Conlon on 15 seconds and three minutes later Val Murray dispatched his first penalty to Kevin Doherty's net after Maguire and Cullen had put the lightning quick Roper through only to be fouled. Liam Brown whistled 19 frees in the first 19 minutes, 10 to Naomh Columba, but they remained scoreless. Ciaran Keon added a point before Paddy Hegarty opened the Glen men's account. Conlon added another and then set up John Duffy. Martin McGlynn had the best score of the game and Aodh Ruadh's dominance saw Charles O'Donnell and Barry Ward, just on the field, add to their tally. And but for a great save from Kevin Doherty from Charles O'Donnell, it would have been worse. Just before the break Pauric Gillespie had the first of his six points as Aodh Ruadh led 1-7 to 0-2 at the break.

It was a different story in the second half. Inside eight minutes Naomh Columba had halved the deficit. After 15 minutes they were ahead in one of the great transformations. Pauric Gillespie, only 19, displayed calmness beyond his years to stroke over some magnificent frees. Eugene Doherty, Gillespie and Seamus Carr added further and suddenly the gap was down to three - 1-7 to 0-7. Paddy Hegarty won a free for Gillespie to cut the lead to two and then came the Glen goal, a piece of good fortune as a Paul O'Donnell centre was misjudged by Aodh Ruadh's Paul Kane and Eugene Doherty dived to fist to an empty net. The roar behind the Finn goals where the bulk of Naomh Columba's young support had gathered, was making the hairs stand on the necks as they were in the lead for the first time.

Then 27 minutes after their last score, Aodh Ruadh finally found the range, that man Murray hitting a vital free to leave it level again with 11 minutes left. Naomh Columba went ahead a minute later through Paul O'Donnell. Murray, from a '45', tied things up again as tension mounted. Then with five minutes left came the vital second penalty and Murray again remained ice-cool to put three points between the sides. A minute from the end of normal time Noel Hegarty was hauled down 13m out and Pauric Gillespie pointed but two minutes into added time Brian Roper set up Barry Ward for the final score.

AODH RUADH: Paul Kane; Donagh Keon, Eamonn O'Donnell, Ciaran Keon (0-1); Martin McGlynn (0-1), Gavin Bourke, Diarmuid Keon; Sylvester Maguire, Charles O'Donnell (0-1); Brian Roper, Damien Conlon (0-2), Malachy Cullen; John Duffy (0-1), Donal Buggy, Val Murray (2-2,f,'45',two pens). Subs: Barry Ward (0-2) for Cullen 20; Shane McGee for Buggy 47; Paul O'Loughlin for E O'Donnell inj 56. Rest of panel: David Greene, Anthony McGrath, Niall McCready, Ciaran Tinney, Shane McGee, Gary Brennan, Thomas Cassidy, Joe Doherty (also asst manager).

NAOMH COLUMBA: Kevin Doherty; Eunan McIntyre, John Joe Doherty, Patrick Cunningham; Noel McGinley, Dessie Cunningham, Conal Cunningham; Conal Gavigan, Damien Gillespie; Eugene Doherty (1-1), Martin Gillespie, Pauric Gillespie (0-6,5f); Seamus Carr (0-1), Paddy Hegarty (0-1),

Noel Hegarty. Sub: Paul O'Donnell (0-1) for M Gillespie ht. REFEREE: Liam Brown (Four Masters)



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hÉireann agus ní bheidh aon rud eile maith go leor daofa i mbliana ach sin a bhaint amach. Ach sin í an chontúirt agus sin b'fhéidir buntaiste amháin atá ag Naomh Conaill inniu, go mbeidh Gaoth Dobhair iontach múiníneach ag dul isteach sa chluiche seo. Fágann sé cluiche suimiúil amach romhainn inniu.

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Aodh Ruadh 1994 - a new - look team

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Aodh Ruadh had bridged a 35-year gap in 1986 when they took Dr Maguire back to the Erne town. The title was retained the following year but after that the team began to break up. Then came the 1994 success, built on a number of strong underage minor teams – Val Murray and Diarmaid Keon came through from 1985; Donagh Keon 1987; Damien Conlon, Ciaran Keon and John Duffy from 1988; Charles O'Donnell and Gavin Bourke from 1990 and Donal Buggy, Brian Roper, Eamonn O'Donnell, Gary Brennan, Anthony McGrath, Barry Ward and Niall McCreeady from 1992. All these teams were nurtured by Josie Boyle, with various assistants (including Sylvester Maguire when recuperating from a broken leg in 1990). Here's a look at the Aodh Ruadh 1994 panel:

Paul Kane: Goalkeeping was in the genes as his uncle Alan was between posts when Donegal won Ulster for first time in 1972. Like his uncle, not tall for a 'keeper, but brave and a good shotstopper. An insulation fabricator.

Donagh Keon: One of three brothers on the team, remains living in local area and still a big supporter. Runs his own milk supplier business.

Eamonn O'Donnell: One of the young members of that team, O'Donnell played Co minor and Co U-21. Member of the famous bakery family, originally from Ardara. Still baking.

Ciaran Keon: What a loss his death was to his family and the club. 10 years this year. His memory as a teak tough defender lives on. Played county minor and U-21. Went on to manage the senior side and had success at All-Ireland sevens.

Martin McGlynn: How looks can deceive. Looked innocent, but there was a hard edge, built in his native Leitrim. A Hogan Cup winner with St Mels, and an important cog in a young Aodh Ruadh side.

Gavin Bourke: A gifted footballer, Bourke could and probably should have played at county senior level. But his work as an Air Corps pilot intervened. Back living in the club area again.

Diarmaid Keon: Another Keon brother, who should really have played senior county football. Won Ulster minor in '85; Ulster and All-Ireland U-21 in '87; Sigerson with UCG. Recently served as club chairman. An auctioneer in Ballyshannon.

Sylvester Maguire: Captain and soul of team. Still talks a great game and involved at all levels. Maguire's football career was interrupted by a broken leg in 1989 (in a charity game and I think it was a collision with 'keeper Paul Kane). He has the an All-Ireland medal from 1992 and has five Donegal senior medals! Went on to manage at all levels; referee, umpire, whatever you want. Was Co player of Year in '94. A character on and off the field. Never uses two words where he can use 10!

Charles O'Donnell: The red-haired O'Donnell was a permanent fixture at midfield. Played county football at all levels. Went on to manage in Ballyshannon and Bundoran. Living in England now.

Brian Roper: Apart from Sylvester Maguire, probably the best known of the Aodh Ruadh panel since that time. Went on to play 169 times for Donegal, a record at the time. A bundle of energy and his competitive spirit, despite his size, made him a fan's favourite. Unlucky not to win an Ulster medal. Won Railway Cup medals

Damien Conlon: One of the many players who came through the Josie Boyle School of Coaching at the club. Played at Co minor and U-21 and after his displays in 1994 was called into the Donegal senior squad. Back coaching now at underage. A teacher in Coláiste Cholmille.

Malachy Cullen: A player who could play in defence or attack, Cullen could be described nowadays as the biggest employer in the Ballyshannon area. Runs the local Social Welfare office! These days he's involved more with Devenish as he married into the Treacy family in Garrison. Ballyshannon's loss was Devenish's gain.

John Duffy: For some he remains the most talented player ever to pull on a Ballyshannon jersey. Could do anything with the ball. Whether he made the full use of those talents also provides a counter argument. Won championships in London with Tir Chonaill Gaels and was in the backroom team with Jim McGuinness when Donegal reached the All-Ireland final in 2014.

Donal Buggy: One of the most impressive minors for Donegal when he was just 17, winning Ulster in 1991. A freetaker and mostly involved at centre-forward. Won championships in Cavan with Cavan Gaels and Wexford with Killanerin, where he now lives and is involved in

coaching. Was Donegal's first coach in 1994. Presently Director of Services with the Irish Cancer Society.

Val Murray: The only one of the Murray family that remains with the club. Val was a clinical finisher. Went on to captain Aodh Ruadh to success four years later. Made a huge contribution on and off the field, as player, manager and now referee. This year he managed the All-Ireland winning Donegal Masters.

Barry Ward: Ward was just out of minor in '94, but made a huge contribution. Could play anywhere from midfield to full-forward and went on to play a huge part for the club. Won Sigerson with Queens. Is presently joint senior team manager.

Shane McGee: One of the big men on that Aodh Ruadh side, McGee had a basketball background and a laid-back attitude that belied a competitive edge. Made a telling contribution in many games. Spent most of his working life as a Garda in Letterkenny.

Paul O'Loughlin: The Fermanagh man in the Ballyshannon colours. O'Loughlin added a physical and athletic advantage. He played at all levels for Fermanagh before crossing the border. Was involved also with Donegal Ladies teams. Now living in Derry.

David Greene: A very young understudy to Paul Kane, Greene went on to win two All-Ireland Vocational School medals with Donegal as well as an Ulster minor title. Nowadays is a Garda based in Cavan.

Anthony McGrath: A member of the Donegal Ulster minor winning team of 1981, McGrath went on to win Ulster U-21 along with a number of that 1994 Aodh Ruadh team. Afterwards he was based in Belfast where he managed Queen's in the Dr McKenna Cup and was involved with Declan Bonner with Donegal in recent times at minor, U-21 and senior level.

Niall McCreeady: A county minor in 1994, McCreeady went on to win Ulster U-21 and become a regular county senior corner back. Ever present with Aodh Ruadh and made a comeback of sorts with the reserves this year. Won Railway Cup medals in 2003, 2004. Is also a club referee.

Ciaran Tinney: One of the most stylish players to put on the Aodh Ruadh jersey, Tinney was a great defender who played county minor and U-21. Regarded as one of the best man markers of his time. Now living in Galway, his son Eoghan played for the Galway minors in 2018.

Gary Brennan: A member of the Ulster club winning minor team of 1992, Gary was part of the back-up in a strong squad. Could play anywhere in the front line. A paramedic, spent some time in Dubai.

Thomas Cassidy: A man who played with three clubs in south of Donegal. Played his underage football with Four Masters and won a Co U-21 title with the Donegal town men. Also played with Bundoran. A member of An Garda Síochana.

Joe Doherty: A Mayo import, Joe Doherty's arrival in Ballyshannon as a garda was a boost for Aodh Ruadh. Played at all levels for Mayo, winning a Connacht minor title. Played mainly in the full-forward line. But he also had a role on the line as assistant manager. Now a Superintendent in Ballina.

Conor Carney: A great servant of the club, Carney was part of the panel when they won 1987 Donegal title. Had a wealth of experience of great use to a young team. A former club secretary. Recently retired as Principal of St Joseph's NS on the Rock, Ballyshannon.

Sean Boyle: The manager had seen it all as a player and manager. Was part of the Donegal and Ulster winning St Joseph's team of 1975 and continued to play his part with Aodh Ruadh well into his 30s. Won county medals in 1986 and 1987, scoring two goals in '87 final against Kilarc. Bar manager in Holyrood





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Kevin Mills

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health issues, anxiety, depression, loneliness, relationship and sexuality issues, alcohol and drug misuse, gambling, discrimination and bullying to name but a few. The Donegal GAA Health and Wellbeing Committee in partnership with our statutory and voluntary sectors aim to ensure that the health and well-being of members, clubs, and communities is at the core of all GAA activity. This is achieved by providing clubs, their members and non-members with access to appropriate information, guidance and support to develop and lead out on the health and wellbeing agenda. Furthermore the committee assists clubs identify what they are already doing well, identify areas where they can or would like to improve, and empower them to ensure that everyone who engages with their club benefits from the experience in a health-enhancing way, be they players, officers, coaches, parents, supporters, or members of their local community.



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and non-members through your commitment and volunteerism at every level of the organisation that provide a strong foundation of friendship, association, connection and most importantly the resilience to manage the ups and downs that life throws at us. The Donegal Health and Wellbeing Youth Conference was held in LYIT, Letterkenny last Saturday October 12th and was a tremendous success with Jason Quigley, Irish Professional boxer and former Sean MacCumhail's footballer, the special guest. Members of the Donegal senior ladies' and men's panels also attended and a highlight was a moving address by Eoghan Ban Gallagher revealing how he dealt mentally with the severe injury that curtailed his County football campaign in 2019. Topics discussed in youth work shops on the day included: balancing sport and study; mental health wellbeing; injury prevention; alcohol and other drugs; nutrition and diet; and road safety. Adult workshops covered topics which included the Samaritans and the GAA; responding to critical incidents and a Jigsaw workshop on “One Good Coach”. Kevin Mills Chairperson Donegal GAA Health & Wellbeing Committee



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Le cúpla bliain anuas, tá dul chun cinn maith déanta chun an iománaíochta thabhairt chun tosaigh ag na foirne faoi aoissan fho-chumann. Ghlacann an club páirt i Scór na nÓg agus i Scór Sinsir achan bhliain agus d'éirigh linn Craobh nahÉireann a bhaint in 2017 sa rannóg Léiriú Stáitse. Tá feabhas maith tagtha ar na haiseanna atá againni Machaire Gathlán. Tá clubtheachbreáann ina bhfuil ceithre sheomra feistis, halla spóirt, giomnásiam, agus beár. Bíonn cuid mhór imeachtaí á reáchtáil sa chlubtheach idir thraenáil, bingo, circuits, cruinnithe, ranganna damhsa gaelach, srl. Tá dhá pháirc imeartha again faoi láthair agus tá plean forbartha cúig bliana againn chun aiseanna breise a chuir ar fáil cosúil le seastáin, tuilsoilse, aiseannatraenála agus giomnásiamúr. Tá muid ag guí gach rath ar ghasúraí Ghaoth Dobhair agus go mbeidh taispeántas maithpeile ó na foirne inniu.



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Gaoth Dobhair – Path to the Final

Gaoth Dobhair have been slowly but surely building as they go along. The first day out on September 8th, the nearly stuttered in Machaire Gathlán against Naomh Ádhamhnáin when it took a goal from Odhran MacNiallis late in the second half to rescue a point against St Eunans. A gritty 1-8 to 1-3 win at The Bridge put them back on track and a comfortable 2-19 to 0-7 win albeit against an injury-stricken Ard an Ratha sounded warning bells to all opposition as the quarterfinal's loomed.

Cruising home, eight points clear, against Realt na Mara in the semi-final they were very nearly dumped out of the championship when a spirited revival saw the Seasideers close the deficit to bring the game to extra time. They blitzed the Bundoran men in first half of extra time and while Realt na Mara again came strong in the final minutes this time Gaoth Dobhair had the experience and wherewithal to hold out. The semi-final meeting against a Cill Chartha side unbeaten in League and Championship until them provided the acid test of Gaoth Dobhair's credentials. Goals at crucial times proved vital. Odhrán MacNiallis strike in the first half left the game evenly balanced going into the break and Daire O'Baoill's screamer at the start of the second half put the champions in the ascendancy and Kilcar playing catch-up. As a resilient Cill Chartha mounted a strong comeback, Kevin Cassidy's three-pointer put a major damper on their ambitions and Gaoth Dobhair competently managed the end-game. Their five games' results were:

Gaoth Dobhair 1-3 Naomh Ádhamhnáin 0-6
Naomh Micheál 1-3 Gaoth Dobhair 1-8
Ard an Ratha 0-7 Gaoth Dobhair 2-19
Gaoth Dobhair 2-20 Realt na Mara 2-17 (AET)
Cill Chartha 0-12 Gaoth Dobhair 3-8

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A word from Naomh Conaill Chairman – David Kelch

Firstly, it is great to be back here in MacCumhaill Park on Donegal GAA Senior County Final Day. This is a special occasion in the Donegal Football year and I must acknowledge the hard work by the MacCumhalls club and the county board to bring this day to fruition. The Naomh Conaill senior team's dedication to reach their third final in a row, having lost the previous two, is a massive credit to them for all the hard work and commitment they have shown in their pursuit to bring the Dr. Maguire back to Glenties & Fintown. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Martin, Michael & Shay and all the backroom team on guiding the team back to the final today. I am in no doubt that they will leave no stone unturned in their quest to get over the line. We should also praise the wives, girlfriends and families for the sacrifices they make to allow the players & management team to represent the club.

The Naomh Conaill supporters should be revelling in the golden generation of players we have at the moment plus the new and upcoming talents that have seamlessly bedded into the team. This could not be achieved without all the great work that has gone on in the club at underage down through the years. For this we are immensely thankful to all our coaches in the club. Since winning our first senior county title in 2005, we will be appearing in our 8th county final in the past 15



years. That level of consistency is truly remarkable and is a huge credit to all involved in the club.

Our opponents today, Gaoth Dobhair, who we also faced in last year's decider, will again provide a tough test. They showed their worth last year with a remarkable run to the All-Ireland Club semi-final. I wish the Gaoth Dobhair club good luck on the day and may the team who performs best come out on top. Every GAA club survives on the hard work of the members of the executive and all the volunteers that help to keep the club going. Naomh Conaill is no exception. I as chairman, and the club, are truly grateful and thankful for your continued help and support throughout the past year.

I must thank our senior team sponsor, The Harcourt Hotel, plus all our other sponsors this past year who have supported the club and our underage teams so well. Down through the years Naomh Conaill has been truly blessed to have such continued great support from our sponsors and to them we are truly grateful for their continued support. Finally, I wish to thank our supporters who will come out in numbers to support the Naomh Conaill team. Let's all get behind Martin, Ciaran and all the team to bring the Dr Maguire back to the club.

Ádh Mór ar na foirne uilgí inniu.

A word from Naomh Conaill Captain - Ciaran Thompson

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill players, I would like to give a warm welcome to supporters of both Naomh Conaill and Gaoth Dobhair and all neutral spectators who are attending here today. County Final day is a huge occasion in the GAA calendar and one that we are immensely proud to be involved in.

A repeat of last year's final is of huge testament to both teams, the hard work and dedication from players and the backroom teams must be commended. Additionally, the



brilliant work being carried out at underage level within the two clubs must be noted and a huge thanks to all involved throughout the last number of years.

We have built up a very healthy rivalry with Gaoth Dobhair in recent years and hopefully this will continue in good spirit here today.

Finally, to all supporters and spectators at today's games, I hope you enjoy this special occasion.

Naomh Conaill – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Stephen McGrath	30	6ft 1"	13 St 7lb	Claims Assessor
Kevin McGettigan	23	5ft 10"	11 St	Student
AJ Gallagher	29	6ft	12St 3lb	Safety Instructor
Ultan Doherty	21	6ft	12St 7lb	Student
Anthony Thompson	33	6ft	13St 7lb	Engineer
Eoin Waide	31	5ft 11"	12 St	Ground Worker
Leo McLoone	30	6ft 1"	14 St	Teacher
Ciaran Thompson	24	6ft 2"	14 St	Student
Marty Boyle	35	6ft 1"	12 St	Machine Operator
Dermot Molloy	28	6ft	14 St	Construction
Ethan O'Donnell	22	6ft	11St 7lb	Student
Brendan McDyer	32	5ft 10"	11 St	Wind Turbine Technician
Eoghan McGettigan	21	5ft 11"	10St 7lb	Student
Charles McGuinness	22	6ft 3"	14St	Student
John O Malley	26	5ft 10"	12St 7lb	Student
Jaic McKelvey	21	5ft 10"	12st	Student
Jordan ODonnell	18	6ft 2"	12St 3lb	Student
Tony Byrne	20	6ft 2"	14St 7lb	Mink Farmer
Eunan Doherty	26	5ft 10"	12st 10lb	Accounts Assistant
Kieran Gallagher	21	6ft 4"	15 St	Student
Nathan Byrne	18	6ft 3"	13st	Student
Seamus Corcoran	29	6ft	13St 7lb	Garda
Daragh Gallagher	31	6ft	13st 5lb	Device Technician
Logan Quinn	21	5ft 10"	11St 10lb	Student
Aaron Thompson	36	5ft 8"	12St 4lb	Landscaper
Stephen Molloy	30	5ft 10"	11st	Sales Rep
Paul McGuinness	20	6ft 1"	12st	Student
Hughie Gallagher	26	5ft 11"	12st	NCT Technician
Odhran Doherty	18	5ft 10"	11 St	Student
Johnny Bonner	35	6ft 2"	13st	Construction
Sean Roarty	18	6ft 1"	12St	Student
Shane McDevitt	20	5'8"	9st	Student



Naomh Conaill



Stiofan Mac Craith
Stephen McGrath



Ultan O Dochartaigh
Ultan Doherty



Antoin O Gallchoir
AJ Gallagher



Caomhin Mac Eiteagain
Kevin McGettigan



Ethain O Domhnaill
Ethan O Donnell



Antoin Mac Tomais
Anthony Thompson



Eoin Mac Uaid
Eoin Waide



Ciaran Mac Tomais
Ciaran Thompson



Leo Mac Giolla Uain
Leo McLoone



Brendan Mac Duibhir
Brendan McDyer



Eoghan Mac Eiteagain
Eoghan McGettigan



Adhamhain O Dochartaigh
Eunan Doherty



Jeaic Mac Ceallbhui
Jeaic McKelvey



Cathal Mac Aonghusa
Charles McGuinness



Ciaran O Gallchoir
Kieran Gallagher

FIR IONAD

16. Jordan O Domhnaill Jordan O Donnell
17. Mairtin O Baoill Marty Boyle
18. Seamus O Corcorain Seamus Corcoran
19. Daire O Gallchoir Dara Gallagher
20. Nathan O Beirne Nathan Byrne
21. Stiofan O Luaigh Stephen Molloy
22. Aaron Mac Tomais Aaron Thompson
23. Diarmaid O Luaigh Dermot Molloy
24. Pol Mac Aonghusa Paul McGuinness
25. Sean O Maille John O Malley

26. Aodh O Gallchoir Hughie Gallagher
27. Odhran O Dochartaigh Odhran Doherty
28. Sean O Cnaimhsi Johnny Bonner
29. Sean Mac Daibhead Shane McDervitt
30. Logan O Cuirne Logan Quinn
31. Sean O Rabhartaigh Sean Roarty

Bainisteoir:
Martin Regan, MichaelMcLaughlin, Shay Murrin,
Michael O Donnell, David Gallagher, Brian McGuigan

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Gaoth Dobhair



Cristóir Mac Suibhne



Gary Mac Pháidín



Niall Mac Aoidh



Cristóir Mac Pháidín



Niall Ó Frighil



Donal Mac Giolla Bhríde



Dáire Ó Baoill



Mícheál Ó Cearbhaill



Éamonn Mac Aoidh



Ódhran Mac Pháidín Ó Fearraigh



Ódhrán Mac Niallais



Naoise Ó Baoill



Cian Ó Maolagáin



Caoimhín Ó Casaide



Éamonn Ó Colm

FIR IONAD

- 16. Gavin Mac Suibhne
- 17. Peadar Mac Aoidh
- 18. Seaghan Ó Fearraigh
- 19. James Ó Baoill
- 20. Kieran Mac Giolla Easpaig
- 21. Gavin Mac Giolla Bhríde
- 22. Ethán Ó hEarcáin
- 23. Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde
- 24. Ryan Ó Ceallaigh
- 25. Seán Ó Baoill

- 26. Seán Ó Dochartaigh
- 27. Rónán Mac Niallais
- 28. Conor Ó Baoill
- 29. Charles John Ó Dochartaigh
- 30. Eoin de Búrca
- 31. Cathal Mac Giolla Easbuic

BAINISTEOIR: Mervyn Ó Domhnaill
 ROGHNÓIRÍ: Mícheál Ó Baoill, John Bosco Ó Gall-chóir & Máirtín Ó Colla

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Gaoth Dobhair – Player Pen Pics

Name	Occupation	Age	Height	Weight
Criostóir Mac Suibhne	Oifigeach Forbartha	33	6' 0"	13st 8lbs
Gary Mac Pháidín	Múinteoir	22	5' 11"	12st
Niall Mac Aoidh	Poler	33	6'2"	14st
Criostóir Mac Pháidín	Meicneoir	35	5'11"	80kg
Niall Ó Frighil	Scoláire	23	5'9"	77kg
Donal Mac Giolla Bhríde	Bainisteoir Beár	34	6' 4"	85kg
Dáire Ó Baoill	Cúntóir Riachtanais Speisialta	21	6' 0"	87kg
Míchéal Ó Cearbhaill	Leictreoir	21	6' 2"	88kg
Éamonn Mac Aoidh	Oibrí Oifige	30	6'1"	86kg
Odhrán Mac Pháidín Ó Fearraigh	Saighdiúir	21	5'11"	12.5st
Odhrán Mac Niallais	Meicneoir	27	6'1"	13st
Naoise Ó Baoill	Scoláire	22	5'5"	9.5st
Cian Ó Maolagáin	Múinteoir	23	5' 9"	12.5st
Caoimhín Ó Casaide	Múinteoir	38	6'0"	15st
Éamonn Ó Colm	Scoláire	21	5'10"	79kg
Gavin Mac Suibhne	Scoláire	20	6'2"	11st 5lbs
Peadar Mac Aoidh	Garda	30	6'5"	16st
Seaghan Ó Fearraigh	Tioncharaí shóisialta	21	5'9"	12.5st
James Ó Baoill	Múinteoir	22	6'0"	80KG
Ciarán Mac Giolla Easpaig	Teagascóir Giom	23	6'2"	88kg
Gavin Mac Giolla Bhríde	Suirbhéir	23	6'4"	15st
Ethán Ó hEarcáin	Scoláire	19	6'1"	73kg
Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde	Scoláire	21	6'0"	11st 7lbs
Ryan Ó Ceallaigh	Scoláire	21	5'10"	70kg
Seán Ó Baoill	Oifigeach Cléireachais	26	6'0"	14st
Seán Ó Dochartaigh	Múinteoir	6'4"		96kg
Rónán Mac Niallais	Múinteoir	35	6'4"	95kg
Conor Ó Baoill	Scoláire	21	6'0"	76kg
Cathal Seán Ó Dochartaigh	Oibrí Tógála	23	6'3"	15st
Eoin de Búrca	Scoláire	17	6'0"	73kg
Cathal Mac Giolla Easbuic	Scoláire	18	5'10"	68kg





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Thar cheann CLG Ghaoth Dobhair agus lucht tacaíochta ár gclub tá lúcháir mhór orm go bhfuil muid ar ais sa Chluiche Ceannais den Chraobh Sinsir, don dara bliain as a chéile. Chuaigh an club ar aistear iontach anuraidh agus chríochnaigh muid suas céim amháin ó Pháirc an Chrócaigh. Thóg na buanna stairiúla, a bhain an fhoireann sinsear seo amach ar an pháirc, ár gcroithe sa pharóiste.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a thógáil chun buíochas a ghabhail leis na himreoirí a chuireann iarracht mhór isteach ó cheann ceann na bliana agus gan á ndóigrais, dílseacht, cumas agus obair chrua, ní bheadh muid anseo inniu. Tá buíochas mór tuillte ag an bhainisteoir Mervyn Ó Domhnaill chomh maith. Tá 3 bliana caite ag Mervyn anois leis an fhoireann seo agus tá saothair mhór curtha isteach aige féin agus an fhoireann tacaíochta. Tá an-chuid oibre déanta ag an club ar a struchtúr faoi aois le corradh agus deich mbliana anuas. Bhí Mervyn ar ndóighe páirteach sa tógáil seo ag bainistiú foirne ó f10 aníos agus tá toradh an infheistíocht sin le feiceáil anois. Tá tionchar dearfach Micheál Boyle amhlaidh chomh maith agus tá muid faoina chomaoin i dtaca leis an ard chaighdeán traenáil agus oiliúint a chuireann sé ar fáil.



Tá muid an ádhúil sa chlub mar go bhfuil tacaíocht dhílis léirithe ó na bainisteoirí, na himreoirí, na meantóirí, na hollúnaithe, na tuismitheoirí agus an lucht leanúnach CLG Ghaoth Dobhair sa bhaile agus ar ndóighe iad siúd as baile. Is dul chun cinn an-dearfach atá ann go mbeidh an cluiche á chraoladh beo ar TG4 agus is féidir leis an lucht tacaíochta an chluiche a fheiceáil cibé cearn den domhan ina bhfuil siad ina gconáí.

Buíochas do Choiste Feidhmiúchán an chlub a chinntíonn go bhfuil gach rud in ord agus eagar ar ndóighe tá buíochas ar leith tuillte ag ár n-urraithe fosta as an chomhoibriú agus tacaíocht a chuireann siad ar fáil, a chinntíonn agus a chuimsíonn fás agus forbairt leanúnach ár gclub. Go raibh míle, míle maith agaibh go léir.

Tá cluiche dúshlánach romhainn inniu in éadan fhoireann shinsear Naomh Conaill agus tá aird agus suntas le tabhairt gur foireann iad le taithí mhór agus imreoirí cumasacha acu ag an leibhéal seo. Tá mé ag súil go mbeidh cluiche den chéadscóth agus sárphheil den chaighdeán is airde ar taispeáint inniu.

Guím gach rath ar Oifigigh Bhord an Chontae atá i gceannais imeachtaí an lae inniu, na réiteoirí agus a bhfoirne feidhme agus ar an dá fhoireann.

Piaras Mac Giolla Chomhail

Niall Ó Frighil - Captaen Ghaoth Dobhair

Tá sé ina onóir mó dom a bheith mar chaptaen ar fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair agus muid sa chluiche ceannais de chraobh sinsear don dara bliain as a chéile. Tá go leor stair ag an gclub agus imríonn an pheil ghaelach ról lárnach sa pharóiste. Tá dhá bhliain crua curtha isteach ag na himreoirí tar éis an bliain stairiúil a bhí againn anuraidh nuair a d'éirigh linn craobh peile chlubanna Uladh a bhaint don chéad uair. Níor éirigh le Gaoth Dobhair an craobh a bhaint dhá bhliain as a chéile ó bhí 1954/55 ann agus bheadh sé ina onóir iontach dúinn uilig mar imreoirí é seo a bhaint amach don chlub arís. Tá dúshlán mhór romhainn inniu i gcoinne Naomh Conaill atá sa chluiche ceannais don tríú bliain as a chéile.

Ní raibh cluiche ar bith éasca againn sa chraobh go dtí seo, bhí muid istigh sa "group of death" le Naomh Adhamhnán, Naomh Mícheál agus Ard an Rátha. Thug Réalt na Mara scanrú dúinn sa chluiche ceathrú ceannais ach d'éirigh linn muid fhéin a thógáil arís don cluiche leathcheannais i



n-éadan Cill Chartha. Ó tharla go raibh séasúr fada againn anuraidh ghlac sé tamall dúinn fáil isteach sna cluichí ag tús an chraobh ach de réir a chéile thoisigh muid ag feabhsú le gach cluiche agus tá muid ag súil go bhfuil muid ag leibhéal maith ag dul isteach sa chluiche ceannais inniu.

Tá sé deas go bhfuil cúpla imreoir óg taca isteach ar an phainéal i mbliana tar éis na bhliana mhaith a bhí ag na foirne faoi aois sa chlub le tamall anuas. Ba mhaith liom bhuíochas mór a thabhairt don fhoireann bainistíocht atá againn, chuir siad isteach chuid mhór ama i mbliana arís agus gan iad ní bheadh muid anseo inniu agus chomh maith le sin do gach duine a chuidigh linn ar dhóigh a bith i bliana, tá muid uilig an-bhuíoch, go raibh maith agaibh. Buíochas mór fosta do lucht tacaíocht Ghaoth Dobhair a leanann muid ar fud an chontae do gach cluiche.

Maith sibh

Oráid Mervyn – Bainisteoir Gaoth Dobhair

Tá onóir mhór orm foireann peil Ghaoth Dobhair a threorú go dtí an ócáid iontach seo inniu, cluiche ceannais na contae anseo i pPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBéal Átha Feich. Is ionann le chéile cluiche ceannais an lae inniu agus cluiche ceannais na bliana anuraidh. Tá muid ag súil go mór leis an cluiche agus tá súil agam go gcoinneoidimid ar seasamh ag barr gcúrsaí peile i nDún na nGall. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an obair chrua uilig atá curtha isteach ag an fhoireann seo le trí bhliain anuas le feiceáil ina gcuid imirt inniu.

Turas suimiúil a thug anseo muid go dtín lá seo inniu. Tháinig muid fríd ‘An Group of death’ mar a tugadh air trí bhliain i ndiaidh a chéile agus tá cuid mhór ag sin le déanamh leis an chreidiúint atá againn uilig mar fhoireann agus mar banaistíochta iontu agus ionainn féin. Níl dabht ar bith nach go bhfuil dúshlán crua romhainn inniu i bhfoirm an fhreasúra Naomh Conaill. Foireann den scoth atá iontu agus d’imir siad go maith sa chraobh go dtí seo. Beidh orainn ár gcluiche a thabhairt go leibhéal eile le lámh an uachtar a fháil orthu anseo inniu.

Ba mhaith liom an ócáid seo a ghlacadh le mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl dona h-imreoirí agus do mo fhoireann bainistíochta uilig a chur isteach obair iontach go háirithe i ndiaidh an séasúir fhada a chuir muid isteach anuraidh. Rinne siad cinnte go raibh achan iarracht déanta le muid a bheith anseo inniu, go raibh míle maith agaibh uilig as bhur gcuid ama.

Mo bhuíochas fósta do choiste an chlub as a gcuid tacaíocht i rith na bliana.

Míle buíochas d’ár gcuid urraíthe uilig as a dtacaíocht fósta. Buíochas mór tuillte ag teachlaigh na n-imreoirí agus an fhoireann bainistíocht as a dtuiscint i rith na bliana. Agus ar deireadh mo mhíle buíochas do



mhuitir Ghaoth Dobhair a thug tacacíocht agus cuidiú ar doigh dúinn. Tá súil againn go mbeidh ábhar ceiliúradh agaibh ag deireadh an lae.

It is a great honour for me to lead our Gaoth Dobhair team to this County final day in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey. Today is a repeat of last year’s County Final and we

are looking forward to the game and hopefully maintaining our position at the top of the table of Donegal Club Football. I hope that the team will step up to the mark today and that the hard work we have put in over the past three years, will be clear to see.

It has been an eventful journey towards today’s final. We overcame the “Group of Death”, three years in a row and a lot of that is down to the great belief that we as a team and management had in ourselves. I have no doubt that our opponents today, Naomh Chonaill, will provide us with a challenge. They have a good championship campaign to date and today we will have to raise our game to the next level if we want to compete with them and we fully appreciate the task ahead of us today.

Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, my management team and my backroom team who have worked so hard especially after our long season last year, their time & effort has been invaluable. Thank you to our club committee for their support this season. Thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support. Thank you to the families of the players and management. Their continuous support and encouragement is greatly appreciated. And finally the people of Gaoth Dobhair. Thank you all for your continued support. We hope we can deliver today.

A Word From Martin Regan - Naomh Conaill Manager

Thar ceann imreoirí agus lucht bainistíochta C.L.G Naomh Conaill ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach duine anseo inniu chuig ócáid speisialta seo.

It is a huge honour for me to lead Naomh Conaill on this special day in the Donegal GAA calendar. We have been very lucky to be involved on County Final day the last two years and despite things not going our way on the day, its is still a great occasion to be involved in.

While we lost last years final comprehensively to Gweedore, it was a little comforting to see them go on to win the Ulster Championship. Gweedore had a superb year last year and have really raised the bar for other clubs in Donegal. They have set huge standards and it is now up to other clubs to try and reach the



standards they have set. On behalf of the players and management, I would like to thank the committee members in Naomh Conaill for their support and backing, not just this year but over the last number of years.

To the Naomh Conaill supporters, whether league or championship, there has not been a game where we haven't heard your support for us.

To all our sponsors who have so kindly donated to us throughout the year and to our families who have made huge sacrifices to allow us prepare as best we can for this and all games throughout the year - thank you.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche bríomhar, spórtúil again, go mbainfidh sibh uiligsult as agus go dté sibh slán abhaile.



Bomaite Le Gary Mac Pháidín, CLG Ghaoth Dobhair

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Áit is fearr ar an pháirc: Aon áit sa line tosaigh.

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr: Machaire Gathlan

Caithimh aimsire: Ag amharc ar an 'Great British bake off'.

Laoch d'óige: Steven Gerrard, Cass, Neil McGee

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis: Odhrán Mac Niallais

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan: Ag marcáil Niall O Donnell nó Jamie Brennan

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann: Cluiche ceathrú ceannais craobh Uladh mionúr- Dún na nGall vs Tír Eoghain 2015 - nó cluiche ceannas faoi 21 Gaoth Dobhair vs Aodh Ruadh, Béal Átha Seanaidh 2017

Aon Club Eile is fearr leat: Cloich Cheann Fhaola

An traenálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann: Gavin Mac Giolla Bhríde (God loves a trier)

An traenálaí is measa ar an fhoireann: Mícheál Ó Cearbhaill (always skips shooting practice)

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann: Kieran Gillespie (cúpla bliain deacair aige le gortaithe, níor chaith sé a chuid bréagáin as an phram, rinne sé an 'rehab' agus tháinig sé ar ais)

Aon phiseog: Súi in aice le Dáire Ó Baoill ar an bhus chuig cluichí as baile.

An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Ordinary man/ Joxer goes to Stuttgart- Christy Moore

An scannán is fearr leat: Scannáin Rocky / Sully

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire: Londain

An béile is fearr leat: Granny's stew

An chomhairle is fearr a fuair tú: Hand it off to a shooter.

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir: Tom Beag agus Breandán Ó Baoill

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub: Eamonn 'Bobo' McGee . Dhéanann se obair den chead scoth don chlub agus don pharóiste

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí: Stronger- London Grammar

An scil is tábhachtaí: Pas láimhe

An bua peile is mó atá agat: Craobh Peile Chlubanna Uladh 2018

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú: Ní bheadh iomrá orm ó thaobh ag glacadh scóranna!

Comhairle do dhaoine óga: Bain sult as, fán páirteach agus dhéanfaidh tú cairde buan fad saol.

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa toadhcháí: Eamonn Mac Aoidh - new half forward the scene

An rud is fearr fán CLG: Bheireann sé daoine le chéile.

Cuntas Twitter: Garymcfadden18



Fo-cumainn Naomh Conaill-A Brief History

Founded in 1921 the club has served the Glenties, Fintown and Edeninfagh areas very well since then. The club caters for underage groups from 6 years of age right up to U-18, U21 and Seniors. There is also a very active Ladies' branch covering underage and adult teams.

In the early days it was senior players who were mostly catered for. While teams did contest County Finals in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's no trophies were ever won. It would be 1965 that we saw another team reach a senior final again only to lose out in a replay to a very good St Josephs (Bundoran/Ballyshannon) team. Indeed, having won the Junior Championship the previous year hopes were high in this senior final but it was not to be. In the following years there was some success at the under-age and Intermediate levels but it would be forty years before we reached another senior final. In 2005 a very young side reached the final against St Eunan's and after a replay the DrMaguire Cup came to the Parish for the first time. At this time a string of U21 teams came to the fore, playing in 8 consecutive finals between 2006 and 2013 winning five in all.

We next reached a Senior Final in 2009 but lost out to St Eunan's. In 2010 we regained the DrMaguire Cup at the expense of Na Cealla Beaga and went to the final of the Ulster Club Championship only to go down to a powerful Crossmaglen team. We lost out in the 2012 final to St Eunan's but when we renewed acquaintance in the 2015 Final the Boys in Blue came out on top. That year too we won the Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta - Naisiunta for the first time when it was played in Ardara and we retained the title in 2016 when the final was played in Co.Corcaigh.

We were back in the Senior Championship final again in 2017 with St. Eunan's. This time out they revenged for the 2015 defeat. We qualified for the final once again in 2018 with Gaoth Dobhair as opposition. The last time these sides met at this stage of the competition was in 1941 when the Magheragallan men were victorious. That trend was to be continued and Gaoth Dobhair went on to win Ulster and then advanced to the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship only to be beaten by Corofin.

We have competed at all levels in the underage competitions and have had much success. This is all possible because of the hard work put in by a lot of people in the club. It is due to them that we are here today competing for the premier GAA trophy in the County.

Naomh Conaill - Path to the Final

Naomh Conaill progressed to the semi-final stage largely under the radar. They safely, smoothly and securely negotiated their way through the Group stages with efficient home victories against Na Cealla Beaga and Sean MacCumhaill. In the opening game, newly promoted Killybegs got a foretaste of the standards they will need to meet in Division 1 in 2020. There were only six points difference at the final whistle but the Glenties side were reasonably comfortable throughout. At Páirc na Rosann Naomh Conaill's victory over an out-of-sorts An Clochán Liath was never in doubt but a Sean MacCumhaill's side that needed to win, and hope Dungloe done them a favour, proved doughty opposition but Naomh Conaill's craft and experience seen them through.

Neighbours Glenfin never relented in their quarter-final battle in Páirc Naomh Columba in Glenswilly, matching the Glenties men throughout the first half and leading 0-5 to 0-2 at one stage until a Charles McGuinness goal ignited a Naomh Conaill recovery. It proved a vital score and while Gleann Fhinne pulled the scores back to level pegging briefly in the second period the experience of the Division 1 side came to the fore as they reeled off six points in succession. Their opponents in the semi-final, Naomh Ádhamhnáin, were always going to present a formidable hurdle. In a fascinating game, the Glenties men had the better of the first half but an Eoin McGeehin goal for Eunans early in the second half put the Letterkenny men back in poll position and they led by two heading up the final few furlongs. A resilient Naomh Conaill, however, battled back and an Eoghan McGettigan free in added time saw them through to this year's final and a chance to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of Gaioth Dobhair. Their five matches went as follows:

Naomh Conaill 1-15 Na Cealla Beaga 1-9

An Clochán Liath 1-3 Naomh Conaill 2-16

Naomh Conaill 0-12 Sean MacCumhaill 0-9

Gleann Fhinne 0-13 Naomh Conaill 1-14

Naomh Ádhamhnáin 1-11 Naomh Conaill 0-15



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From the staff and management at The Thatch

Gaoth Dobhair - in search of sweet 16

By Chris McNulty Sports Editor of the Donegal Daily/Donegal Sport Hub websites

GAOTH DOBHAIR have been kings of Donegal 15 times - more than any other club. Their history and their tradition are as important as their present and their future. They know where they've come from and who has gone before them.



Jimmy Mhicí Gallagher was 90 last year. He has been alive for all 15 of the Championship wins, watching 11 of them in the flesh. "We can't forget the likes of Hiúdaí Beag, Jackie Gallagher, Danny Gillespie, Jim McFadden, the Coyles, Willie Gallagher, Antoin Rodgers, Neilly Gallagher, Donald Breslin, Eoghanai Beag..."

The class of now went to the top of his list last winter. Tears streamed down Jimmy Mhicí's cheeks as Gaoth Dobhair followed Donegal with Ulster glory. He stood among the hoards as the Seamus McFerran Cup returned to Magheragallon. A new chapter in the story. "The best of the lot," he said that night. "They go to the top." Now, they go again in search of their latest - gunning to make it sweet 16.

Eamon McGee has been here before. In 2014, he was part of the Donegal team that shocked red-hot favourites Dublin in an All-Ireland semi-final. That defeat, five years ago, remains Dublin's last in Championship football. Donegal, though, saw the roof cave in when they succumbed to Kerry in the final. The one that got away still bugs McGee - and he wants to make sure Gaoth Dobhair don't make the same mistake against Naomh Conaill, who appear in their eighth final since 2005. "We have to be careful," McGee says. "It's a special day. We're getting greedy now, us older lads who want as many county medals as possible. We didn't get enough earlier

in our career. "Looking back, we mightn't have treated the Kerry team with enough respect. If we ever think about doing that to Naomh Conaill - who've been the most consistent team in Donegal this decade - or even think about a tiny bit of disrespect, they'll turn us over. "There is a real danger

that this hurt will drive them on and the hurt will put them through the wall to make sure they don't lose. We have to find the level that won us Ulster and got us on that run last year. That's a challenge in itself."

McGee was in his mid-teens in 2002 when Gaoth Dobhair ended a 41-year Championship famine from 1961. They won again in 2006, but weren't back in a final again until last year. "You have to appreciate these days," says Michael Carroll, one of Gaoth Dobhair's new batch making waves. "There was a barren spell before 2002 and you don't appreciate it until you chat to older lads in the club. We've had a lot of big days since we came into senior so hopefully we can keep it going. We had a very good underage team with Tom Beag (Gillespie) and it's come to fruition now at senior level." Daire Ó Baoill believes the semi-final draw against Kilcar was just what Gaoth Dobhair needed to shape and sharpen them for the final. He says: "We've been well warned by the older boys that it doesn't come around too often and we could go ten years before we're in another one." Odhrán Mac Niallais stepped away from inter-county football for 2019, but remains Gaoth Dobhair's ace. "I'm always happy when I see the ball in Mac Niallais' hands," as Jimmy Mhicí put it last year. "He can handle it on and he gets away. He's a brilliant footballer."

1 Minute with Charles McGuinness

Ainm/name: Charles McGuinness

Club: Naomh Conaill

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc / Favourite Position: Full Forward

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr / Favourite Pitch: Davey Brennan Memorial Park

Caithimh aimsire / Hobbies: Music, Netflix

Laoch d'óige / Childhood hero: Kieran McGeeney

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir túleis / Best Player you have played with: Anthony Thompson, Marty Boyle

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir túina éadan / Best Player you have played against: Ultan Doherty

An cluiche is fearr ar imir túann / Best game you have been involved in: Donegal Reserve Final 2017

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann / Best trainer within the squad: Eunan Doherty

An treanálaí measa ar an fhoireann / Worst trainer within the squad: Nathan Byrne -great man for excuses, sore big toe the best yet

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann / Best motivator within the squad: Leo McLoone, Brendy McDyer

Aon phisreog / Any superstitions: None

An t-amhrán is fearr leat / Favourite Song: Daft Punk -One more time

An scannán is fearr leat / Favourite Film: Straight Outta Compton

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire / Favourite Holiday Destination: Anywhere with Sun

An béile is fearr leat / Favourite Meal: Muriels Chicken and Bacon Casserole or McGuinness Fish and Chips

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú / Best advice ever received: Try turn your weakness into your strength

An tionchar is mórt mar imreoir / Biggest influence on career: Uncle Jim

Oibrídeonach ar leith sa chlub / Club Volunteer of note: Shanky

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann túleis roimh chluichí / Song you listen to before big games: None

An scil is tábhachtaí / Most important skill: Able to use both hands and feet when on the ball

An bua peile is móotáagat / Biggest Strength in your game: Kicking

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú / Area of your game you would like to improve: Speed

Comhairle do dhaoine óga / Advice for youngsters: Enjoy playing the game and concentrate on improving each day

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomráir sa todchaí / Young Player within your club to look out for: Mark McDevitt, Finbar Roarty

An rud is fearr fán CLG / Best thing about the GAA: The people you meet and the friendships you make

Batman / Superman - Batman

Instagram / Snapchat - Snapchat

Up Early / Lie in - Lie in

X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing - Both

Socks / No Socks - Socks

Chinese / Pizza - Pizza

Playstation / X-Box - Playstation



MESSAGE ÓN CATHAOIRLEACH - CATHAL MACGRIANNA

Seo lá mór do Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall. Lá na gcluichí Ceannais Sinsir idir foirne Ghaoth Dobhair agus Naomh Conaill agus idir Naomh Adhamhnáin agus Cill Chartha sa chluiche Sinsir B. Tá lúcháir mhór orainn i gClub Naomh Adhamhnáin go bhfuil muid anseo inniu sa Chluiche Ceannais Sinsir B don ceathrú bliain i ndiaidh a chéile.

Caitheadh mé aitheantas mór a thabhairt do oifigi Bhord na Contae atá ag eagrú an lá seo. Tá moladh mór tuille acu as ansár obair atá a dhéanamh acu ag ullmhú fá choinne lá mór mar seo. Caitheadh mé moladh a thabhairt do na meáin uilig i nDún na nGall atá ag cuidiú go mór le cursaí Lúthchleas Gael sa Chontae.

We are proud of the achievement of our Senior B Team in reaching this year's County Final for the fourth successive year. In St. Eunan's, we appreciate the great effort our Senior B Team has made to be here today. There are endless hours of training and coaching notwithstanding sacrifices made. I want to thank the Senior B team management led by Micheál Martin and supported by David O' Herlihy, Richard Thornton and Peter Devine for the professional preparation



undertaken for the County Championship and today's final. They were also supported by Adrian Shields and Vincent Mc Glynn. Vincent and Adrian are always there to support our club and teams.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our club secretary Charlie Mc Ateer, our treasurer Niall Doherty, the coaches and team managers of the many age groups involved with our club

in Gaelic Football, Hurling and Camogie. Thanks also to the various companies and individuals who give financial support to our club, without them we would not survive. In recent days, we were able to host county semi-finals and finals in O' Donnell Park and we are always pleased to welcome various teams and supporters to the park. We are proud of the developments that have taken place in recent times to our club house and grounds. I would like to thank all the people of Donegal and further afield who helped us in our major fundraising draw which took place last Easter Sunday. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir ar son bhur dtacaíocht. Ádh mór ar na foirne uilig inniu.

A WORD FROM THE MANAGER – MICK MARTIN

It's an honour to manage St Eunan's on any county final day. I would like to thank the players and management for their hard work all year that has helped to put us in this position. We are expecting a tough game as usual and to all the players, I would just like to them to go out and enjoy the experience. After all, the reason why we play football is to be here on days like today. We have a very young squad and they've worked so hard all year so here's hoping we can get over the line this afternoon.

Getting a chance to be involved in these games is always something special and it's been something



that we've all been really looking forward to in the build-up over the last few weeks. A lot of people work tirelessly behind the scenes at our club enabling us to compete in championships year after year. It's important we acknowledge and thank them. None of us would be here if it wasn't for the support of our families and partners. We're eternally grateful for that and, rest assured, it doesn't get taken-for-granted. Lastly, I'd like to wish the supporters, officials and Kilcar players and

management all the best today. We've had some great games with them in the past and hopefully today will be no different.

A MESSAGE FROM THE CAPTAIN – CONOR HARLEY

On behalf of the St Eunan's Reserve panel and management, I extend a warm welcome to everyone attending today's game in MacCumhail Park. I want to take this opportunity to thank a number of people who have dedicated countless hours throughout the year to help us be here today. Firstly, a massive thank you to our manager Mick Martin. Mick has gained a high level of experience in club football over the years and has used this to mentor a lot of young players who recently entered senior football. To our coaches Richard Thornton and David O'Herlihy who have shown huge commitment to training and preparation, I want to say thanks from each member of the squad. I also want to thank Adrian Shields and everyone behind the scenes who have provided us with kits, footballs and equipment at training and on match days. Finally, I want to say thanks to Máire and Cathal Greene and everyone at the Mount Errigal Hotel who have worked day and night to provide us with food



throughout the year.

On a personal note, it's an honour to captain St Eunan's on the day of the County Final. This year's reserve team has worked tirelessly all year to build on the success of 2018. With youth still a strong element to the squad, we have added a good mix of experience which has helped bring us back here again today. I

look forward to seeing every black and amber supporter in the stand and terrace and your support will be key to us. Every final is a big day and today we face another tough challenge from a strong Kilcar team who showed great resilience in our league encounter earlier in the year. In the semi-final they showed great character to overcome a strong Naomh Conaill side and we will be expecting them to bring that level of performance to Ballybofey today. We would like to wish the referee and the officials all the very best and we hope you enjoy the match.

Brief History, Naomh Ádhamhnáin/St Eunans

One of the strongholds of Gaelic football in County Donegal, Naomh Ádhamhnáin have won the second most Donegal Senior Football Championship behind Gaioth Dobhair who have won 15, at the time of writing. Today, the Reserves are targeting their seventh county title under the managerial guidance of long-term club servant, Mick Martin.

Considered Donegal's most prolific club, they are renowned for their conveyor belt-like consistency in producing players of senior inter-county quality, including numerous All-Ireland winners such as Charlie Mulgrew, Kevin Rafferty and Rory Kavanagh.

Also renowned for their success at minor level, they have won 19 minor football championships, with three minor championship wins and four final appearances in the four years from 2015 to 2018, they have toured abroad, particularly the United States in 1969 and 1998 as well as Glasgow in 1977. In 1980 they received an All-Ireland Club of the Year Award at a ceremony in Ballsbridge, Dublin.

The club was founded in 1930 and has made superb inroads in developing Gaelic games that cater for underage boys' and girls' teams as well as involving itself in An Scór and running a highly-attended Sunday Morning Academy. The quality of the playing fields, clubhouse and general facilities are ever-improving at O'Donnell Park and twice in the last three years, they have run very successful Super House Draws. The club continues to encourage the participation of its members in all aspects of club activities and to uphold the values that go with it. More information about the club can be obtained via the club's social media outlets.



Quality is remembered when price is forgotten”

1 Minute with Eddie Blake, Naomh Ádhamháin

Favourite Position: Half Back

Favourite Position: Full-forward

Favourite Pitch: O'Donnell Park

Hobbies: Gaelic, Gym, Running

Childhood hero: Ciaran Greene had trials for every club but didn't make it.... such a shame

Best Player you have played with: The one and only big Kevin Rafferty. He's an absolute legend at St Eunan's

Best Player you have played against: Honestly I'd have to say Stephen Molloy from Naomh Conaill; he's a torture!

Best game you have been involved in: I particularly loved my first Championship win in the final against Dungloe

Best trainer within the squad: That simply has to be myself.

Worst trainer within the squad: Michael Miller loves being late and loves talking too much during drills.

Best motivator within the squad: Oisín O'Boyle probably thinks he is but I'd say Conor Harley; he has a great attitude and is a very good lad.

Any superstitions: Not really, to be honest.

Favourite Song: Anything by Coldplay.

Favourite Film: The Shawshank Redemption.

Favourite Holiday Destination: It's hard to beat a week in Tenerife.

Favourite Meal: Steak with all the trimmings.

Best advice ever received: "Stop shooting from stupid angles, ya clown" from the lovely Mick Martin.

Biggest influence on career: At underage, Eunan McIntyre and Michael Tunney were great managers.

Club Volunteer of note: The man, the myth, the legend Adrian Shields!

Song you listen to before big games: Anything R'N'B; DMX Tupac all that sort of stuff.

Most important skill: Being able to but the ball over the black spot.

Biggest Strength in your game: Winning the ball.

Area of your game you would like to improve: Putting the ball over the black spot.

Advice for youngsters: Don't eat yellow snow!

Young Player within your club to look out for: There are so many at the minute to be honest but in my opinion young Conor "Duck" O'Donnell has all the attributes to be a big name in Donegal.

Best thing about the GAA: In St Eunan's, it's like being part of a family.

Batman or Superman: Superman.

Instagram or Snapchat: Snapchat.

Up Early / Lie in: Up early.

X Factor or Strictly Come Dancing: X Factor.

Socks or No Socks: Socks.

Chinese or Pizza: Pizza.

Playstation or X-Box: PlayStation.

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Good Luck

to the Naomh Conaill Senior Team
in the County Final!

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Best of luck to Cill Chartha in the Final

A Century of Championships

Bundoran emerged victorious a century ago at the Brandywell

By Michael McHugh (Editor, Donegal Post)



The Donegal GAA senior football championship celebrates a significant milestone this year - the 2019 senior final between Naomh Conaill and Gaoth Dobhair marks a century of endeavour for tens of thousands of Donegal Gaels who have graced the fields of Dún na nGall in pursuit of the ultimate accolade of Donegal's best Gaelic football team. There had been an earlier county board set up in 1905 but it eventually faded away for a multiplicity of reasons; the two rival GAA boards of West and East Donegal failing to find common ground after an initial two year spurt of activity in both football and hurling. The geographical landscape and distances involved were not conducive either. And so it was that 1919 heralded the real birth of the county Donegal GAA championship. Match reports were thin on the ground a century ago and there can be a bit of 'Sherlock Holmes' detective work involved in trying to ascertain how things developed. And it must also be said that objections to teams and their composition appear commonplace at that time.

St Stephen's Day game postponed

Divisional championships in 1919 had been run off despite many obstacles and challenges; the southern resort town of Bundoran had also successfully hosted the Ulster GAA Championship semi final of 1919 between Donegal and Cavan. The 1919 county final was set to be held on St Stephen's Day between Bundoran and Killygordon. Apart from the seasonal inclement winter weather, there was the significant distraction of the War of Independence with the British, which was pivotal to both GAA activity and its re-emergence in the county at that time.

The scheduled final, not surprisingly, was postponed until January 4, 1920 and was to be played in Ballybofey provided suitable grounds could be found. What happened that day we are not exactly sure or even if the game was postponed again to later in the month, but the game was won on the day by Killygordon. It was played according to a GAA history of the Twin Towns, in a show field opposite Drumboe Avenue, with Killygordon winning ten points to seven. However a report of that game has yet to surface. It appears Bundoran objected to the composition of their opponent's team. They believed their appeal to the Ulster Council would be upheld but in the interests of the game they agreed to a replay instead of a pyrrhic board room victory. A report in the Donegal Democrat (itself celebrating its own centenary this year), confirms the objection by Bundoran was based on Killygordon fielding "a few illegal players" and the county board had ordered a replay.

Gaining a firm footing

This final replay was played in Ballyshannon St. Patrick's Day 1920 with the game ending in a draw, at 0-9 points apiece; a valiant Killygordon clawing back a seven point deficit after the interval. A point was described as a minor; a goal, a major. Another significant factor is the games were 13-a-side. As for the Ballyshannon replay we are told: "The game was a real Irish one, and the best of good feeling prevailed among the players and spectators. It is pleasing to note that Gaelic football has at last gained a firm footing in County Donegal, and that the games of the foreign era are being washed off the slate.

"While there is a suggestion that the 2nd replay will be played in Carrick, it ends up being played in the Brandywell in

Derry on May 2nd. Ironically, it was the first and only county championship final played outside the county. Despite the summer date the third game is played in "very unfavourable weather conditions". The author of the Derry Journal final report noted: "The teams, though they adopt totally different methods, are good exponents of the Gaelic code and are very well balanced. "The reporter's sympathy is mainly extended to the Killygordon men who had "all the luck of the game against them"; having to contend with a strong breeze against them in the first half and a downpour just before the interval. However the team from the south of the county have the upper hand and win on a scoreline of 2-4 to 1-2 .

The Seaside's held a celebration dance in Carroll's Assembly Room, dancing to the dulcet tones of Connolly String Band and received their gold medals and Cup on May 21st - there was an objection by Killygordon but nothing came of it. The final teams listed in the Derry Journal report, the only match report that has survived to my knowledge of the second replayed final, gave the following team list. First names have been added, if known. The winning Bundoran team photo has some additional names including the hugely influential GAA official Edward Daly, whose association with Donegal GAA goes back to the founding of the first county board in 1905. Another example is Bundoran's Redmond Carty who played in the drawn replay final in Ballyshannon and is pictured, but is not listed in the 2nd Brandywell replay. That final, despite its many twists and turns, is the clarion call for a county championship, that a century later, is still going strong. Today we can look back at those pioneers of the championship with the same pride that we salute the finalists of today.

BUNDORAN: Michael Murray, Joseph Murray, Joseph McManus, Michael McHugh, Hugh Ryan (captain), T. Leydon, Alo Carroll, James Cassidy, Frank Meehan, Patrick McHugh, Jim Carroll, Paddy Rooney, Michael Gilvarry.

KILLYGORDON: Bernard Devine, James McGowan, John McNulty, Paddy Hannigan, Paddy McNulty, M. O'Hagan, Henry McGowan, B.Coyle, Tommy Maxwell, Charles Doherty, Paddy McAteer, Joseph Maxwell, B. Doherty.

REFEREE: J. McLoughlin (Derry)



St Patrick's Bundoran, County Champions 1919 / 1920

Back Row: H.Gilmartin, Redmond Carty, Joseph McManus, T Leydon, Edward Daly, Center: T. Fitzpatrick, Michael McHugh, Michael Murray, Patrick McHugh, Michael Gilvarry. Frontrow: James Cassidy, Joseph Murray, HughRyan(capt.), Jim Carroll, Paddy Rooney



Naomh Ádhamhnáin Development Squad seeking the Double-Double

TWELVE MONTHS AGO, it was Mick Martin who captained St Eunan's to victory in the Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Senior B Championship final. The Letterkenny side had overcome **Naomh** Conaill in the decider in Ballybofey, 3-13 to 0-10 to win the trophy and this year Martin is manager. The then 32-year-old was the elder statesman for the youthful St Eunan's starting side as they enjoyed a win over Naomh Conaill that looked more comfortable in the end. Three late goals really put the gloss on it for the team managed by David O'Herlihy, who were 12-point winners in the end.

"Today was a great experience for them," Martin said that day. "We spoke all week about wanting to come up to Ballybofey and doing ourselves justice – showing people what we are capable of. Thankfully we managed that. "It's a first class set-up. People might be surprised how much work goes into it. We don't call it a reserve team, we call it development. There's a lot of exciting young players coming through and although there's no guarantees, they're a great bunch of young fellas and they will have some great days ahead of them."



Two years ago, albeit with a side that bears little resemblance to this year's, St Eunan's blew a seven-point lead to lose out to Naomh Conaill on a 1-13 to 2-8 scoreline as the Senior B Championship trophy made its way through Fintown to Glenties for the first time. St Eunan's are looking for seventh title at that bracket today. Martin was captain of the St Eunan's seniors when they won the 2012 Senior Championship, at Naomh Conaill's expense. Last year, the St Eunan's class of 2018 were averaging an age of just 21 for most of this year, as they romped to victory in the All-County Football League Division 1 Reserve with a 100% record. The side managed by David O'Herlihy, assisted by the wily Charlie Mulglew and trained by Richard Thornton, averaged 22 points a game over their 18 outings.

This year, Martin's second string overcame Gaoth Dobhair 4-8 to 0-10 in Magheragallon on opening day, before wins over Ardara in Letterkenny, 3-20 to 1-6 and then St Michael's at the Bridge, 2-9 to 1-4. Victories followed over Termon 1-11 to 0-3 and Glenfin, 4-11 to 1-11, to seal a final berth against Kilcar today. And with the league title in the bag St Eunan's are looking for the double-double.

Best of Luck to Kilcar from

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Brighten up your day



Naomh Ádhamhnáin



Eoin O Boyle
Eoin Ó Baoill



Anthony Gallagher
Anton Ó Gallachóir



Dara Toal
Dara Ó'Tuatháil



Thomas Grant
Tomás Ó'Grainn



Kevin Keely
Caoimhín Ó'Caolaigh



Oisín Toal
Oisín Ó'Tuatháil



Oisín O Boyle
Oisín Ó Baoill



Padraig McGettigan
Pádraig Mac Éiteagáin



Michael McGroary
Micheál Mac Ruair



Michael Miller
Micheál O'Miolúir



Sean Breen
Sean Mac Braoin



Conor Harley
Conchúr O hEarlaigh (Captain)



Lee McMonagle
Lea Mac Mionghaile



Ronan McGeehin
Ronán Mac Gaoithín



Eddie Blake
Eámon De Bláca

FIR IONAD

16. Niall Forde Niall MacGiollarnáth
17. Oisín Winston Oisín Mac Gaoithín
18. Jordan O'Dowd Geordán Ó Dabhda
19. Conor O'Donnell Conchúr Ó Dómhnaill
20. Jake Whelan Sean Ó'Faoláin
21. Donal Higgins Donal Ó'hEigeáin

22. Oisín McGarvey Oisín MacGearbhaigh
23. Dylan Duggan Diolúin O'Dugáin
24. Shane O'Donnell Sean Ó Dómhnaill

Managers: Michael Martin, Micheál Ó'Máirtín

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Eoin Ó Donnell
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Patrick Gallagher
Pádraig Ó Gallachóir



Cormac Ó Léime



Kenny Doogan
Cainneach Ó Dubhgháin



Ryan O'Donnell
Ríán Ó Dómhnaill



Daniel Lyons
Dónal Ó Laighin



Dylan O'Gara
Diollíún Ó Gadhra



Jason Campbell
Deasún Ó Cóilín



Cormac Cannon
Cormac Ó Ceannain



Noel Hegarty
Nollaig Ó h-Eigheartaigh



Darragh O'Donnell
Dara Ó Dómhnaill



Eoin Cormack
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Shane Gillespie
Seán Mac Giolla Easpaig



Pauric Sweeney
Padraig Mac Suibhne



Gerard McBrearty
Gearóid Mac Briartaigh

FIR IONAD

16. Cillian O Malley Cillian Ó Máille
17. Glenn McBrearty Glenn Mac Briartaigh
18. Martin Byrne Máirtín Ó Béirne
19. Liam Gavigan Liam Ó Gaibheacháin
20. Darragh Rowan Dara Ó Ruáin
21. David Byrne Daithí Ó Béirne
22. Seanie Boyle Seanie Ó Baoil
23. Gary Reilly Gearóid Ó Rathallaigh

24. Stephen Shovlin Stiofán Ó Seibhleáin
25. Matthew Cunningham Maitiú Mac Cuinneagáin

Managers:
John Carr, Sean Mac Giolla Chearra,
Neilly Byrne, Neill O'Beirne,
Patrick McShane, Pádraig Mac Sean

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Kilcar – Player Pen Pics

Name	Occupation	Age	Height	Position
Eoin O'Donnell Eoin Ó Dómhnaill	OGT	22	5 10	Goalkeeper
Patrick Gallagher Pádraig Ó Gallachóir	Factory Storeman	38	5 10	Defender
Cormac Ó Léime	Student	19	5 10	Defender
Kenny Doogan Cainneach Ó Dubhgáin	OGT	19	5 9	Defender
Ryan O'Donnell Rían Ó Dómhnaill	SNG Sports	19	5 9	Defender
Daniel Lyons Dónal Ó Laighin	Student	21	5 10	Defender
Dylan O'Gara Diolliún Ó Gadhra	Student	18	5 9	Defender
Jason Campbell Deasún Ó Cóilín	QS	23	6 7	Midfield
Cormac Cannon Cormac Ó Ceannain	Marketing	23	6 0	Midfield
Noel Hegarty Nollaig Ó h-Eigheartaigh	Bus Driver	33	6 0	Forward
Darragh O'Donnell Dara Ó Dómhnaill	Engineer	25	5 8	Forward
Eoin Cormack Eoin Cormac	Student	18	5 10	Forward
Shane Gillespie Seán Mac Giolla Easpáig	SNG Sports	20	6 0	Forward
Pauric Sweeney Padraig Mac Suibhne	Sales	33	5 10	Forward
Gerard McBrearty Gearóid Mac Briartaigh	Warehouse	39	5 7	Forward
Cillian O Malley Cillian Ó Máille	Yarn Engineer	20	5 8	Forward
Glenn McBrearty Mac Briartaigh	SNG Sports	36	6 0	Forward
Martin Byrne Máirtín Ó Béirne	Electrician	23	5 8	Defender
Liam Gavigan Liam Ó Gaibheacháin	Student	18	6 0	Forward
Darragh Rowan Dara Ó Ruáin	Factory worker	18	5 7	Forward
David Byrne Daithí Ó Béirne	Student	19	5 6	Forward
Seanie Boyle Seanie Ó Baoil	Student	17	5 8	Forward
Gary Reilly Gearóid Ó Rathallaigh	Maintenance Tech	39	5 10	Forward
Stephen Shovlin Stiofán Ó Seibhleáin	Farmer	34	5 8	Midfield
Matthew Cunningham Maitiú Mac Cuinneagáin	Plumber	18	5 11	Forward



Captain's Say – Pauric Sweeney

Is mór an ónóir dom a bheith i mo chaptaen ar fhoireann sóisir CLG Chill Chartha, go háirithe inniu agus muid anseo fá choinne Chluiche Ceannais na Contae. Ba mhaith liom fearadh na fáilte a chur roimh ár lucht tacaíochta atá anseo inniu agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult as an lá mhór peile.



reserve football at some stage in their football career with the club. We played St Eunan's last year and I see five to six players of that team have moved on to play with their senior team this year. St Eunan's are a great reserve team and have been so for the past number of years and it is great to get the chance to play them in the final today.

CLG Chill Chartha is a proud club and it is an honour for us to be representing the club here today. We would like to thank our management teams and club officials for the commitment that they have given to the club all year. Reserve football is a good start for any young player hoping to play senior football for their club as it gives them an experience of playing a good standard of football. Reserve football is an important aspect in the development of all young players coming through the ranks and many of our current senior players have played

We have a great mix of youth and experience in our side. The young players have been the driving force behind the team this year and have kept us older lads on our toes. I would like to pay tribute to our vice-captain Noel Hegarty who is a great leader both on and off the field.

Fá dheireadh, ba mhaith liom buíochas speisialta a ghabháil lenár gcuid urraitheoirí agus lenár lucht tacaíochta as an tacaíocht a thug said dúinn i gcaitheamh na bliana.

Focal beag ó Chathaoirleach CLG Chill Chartha – Sean MacGiolla Chearra

Is rud speisialta é a bheith i gcluiche Ceannais Peile na Condae in aon grad agus ba mhaith liom buíochás a ghabháil Néil Ó Beirn agus Pdraig Mac Seain a bhí liom ag bainistiú an fhoireann seo. Is beag a shíl muid go mbhéadh muid anseo inniú ag imirt ins an cluiche ceannáis, Craobh na bhfoirne Tacaíochta, in eadan curaidh na bhliana 2018, Naomh Adhamhnáin.



championship winning most of their games by large margins. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors who have given generously to our club over the years and we do appreciate their support. Behind the scenes there are many volunteers whose work goes unnoticed and I wish to acknowledge their contribution to our club. A big Míle Buíochas to each and everyone.

Our reserve teams have won the Senior Reserve Championship on three occasions 1991, 1994 and 2011 and it is great to be back in MacCumhaill Park again this year challenging for another title. St. Eunan's will provide a tough challenge as they have dominated this year's

Guím gach ráth ar na fórne ar fad atá ag glacadh páirt anseo inniú, Gaoth Dobhair agus Naomh Conaill ins na Sinsir agus Naomh Ádhamhnán agus muid féin ins na Sinsir Tacaíochta.

Bainigí sult as na cluichí.

A few words from the Reserve Manager, John Carr

Reaching a county final is always a special occasion and this will be our first reserve final since we defeated Four Masters in 2011. It is also the 25th anniversary of the 1994 reserve winning side (we won our other reserve title in 1991) while we were defeated by today's opponents in the 1992 decider. I would like to thank my fellow managers Neily Byrne and Patrick McShane and the players for their work in getting to today's final which will be a first final

for most of the younger player and indeed some of the more senior players on the panel and we hope they enjoy the unique occasion of county final day. This afternoon we face a formidable outfit in league champions and holders St Eunan's and we look forward to a good game of football, thanks to all our sponsors and supporters for their contained support and to all those behind the scenes for their work over the season.



ÁDH MÓR CILL CHARTHA

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Kilcar will “play football ... and see what happens”

Tom Comack

It is Kilcar's reserves and not the seniors that are flying the club colours in today's Michael Murphy Senior Reserve Championship final in MacCumhaill Park. Cill Chartha have a three man management team of club chairman John Carr, Patrick McShane and Neilly Byrne. Pauric Sweeney is the team captain. Sweeney and Gerard McBrearty are the only survivors from the last Senior Reserve winning team.



That was in 2011, a team that included Ryan and Eoin McHugh and Matthew McClean. “We didn't think at the start of the year we would be in a Reserve county final. It's just great now to be flying the flag for the club,” said the captain. “It's unbelievable. At the start of the year we would have been well down the pecking order.”

Kilcar topped their group in the group stages with wins over Termon, Bundoran and Malin. And they maintained the winning run with a four point quarter-final win over Glenswilly before overcoming a fancied Naomh Conaill in the semi-final. The won that game 2-10 to 2-9.

“Glenties were the hot favourites but our boys dug deep and played well, especially the younger players.” Owen Cormack, Dylan O'Gara and Shane Gillespie are the young players and are the real driving force this year in the team. Captain Sweeney and Gerard McBrearty (captain in 2011) bring a wealth of championship experience to the team. (McBrearty has been toiling with the club since 1997).

The final is a repeat of last years semi-final, won well by St Eunans on their way to winning the championship

outright. The O'Donnell Park club are the benchmark when it comes to the Senior Reserve Championship. They are managed by Mick Martin, a senior championship winner with the club. Manager Martin can call on senior players Lee McMonagle, Jordan O'Dowd, Michael Miller and Conor O'Donnell (junior), who all featured regularly with the seniors in this season's league. McMonagle

scored the winning goal in the 2012 senior final. He is happy with preparations and the way the season has gone so far. “We have been training with the seniors all year, and the training has been good,” he said. “We have a very young team. I'm the third oldest in the team at 25, and that probably shows how young the team are. And though St Eunans are a young side most of the starting 15 having played in and won underage and minor championships - “they may be young in age, but they are experienced in the heads, and their feet are well planted.”

They may be underdogs but Kilcar are in the final on merit and all Kilcar followers will be hoping Pauric Sweeney and company will find the character and spirit that saw them put Naomh Conaill to the sword last time out. “Every man is enjoying it and really looking forward to the final” said Sweeney, who admitted his side were the underdogs. But he also insisted anything can happen on the day. “We will go out and play football. I know Eunans are a good footballing team and sure we will see what happens.”

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Best Wishes to Kilcar Reserves in the Final

1 Bomaite le Nollaig Ó h-Eigheartaigh (Noel Hegarty), Cill Chartha

Favourite Position: Half Back

Favourite Pitch: Towney

Hobbies: Model Making

Childhood hero: Maurice Fitzgerald

Best Player you have played with: Mickey Hegarty

Best Player you have played against: Aiden Gallagher

Best game you have been involved in: County Minor Final

Best trainer within the squad: Eoin O'Donnell

Worst trainer within the squad: Cormac Cannon (haven't seen him all year!)

Best motivator within the squad: Jayo

Any superstitions: Don't be early

Favourite Song: Cut the Grass

Favourite Film: Toy Story 3

Favourite Holiday Destination: Majorca

Favourite Meal: Pasta Chicken

Best advice ever received: Seamus Ban and Kevin Lyons would always say "Nail"

Biggest influence on career: Family

Club Volunteer of note: Mary Football

Song you listen to before big games: None as Paucic Sweeney is talking!

Most important skill: Ball Control

Biggest Strength in your game: Fitness

Area of your game you would like to improve: Finished Article

Advice for youngsters: Practice, Practice, Practice

Young Player within your club to look out for:

Mark Byrne

Best thing about the GAA: The Craic

Batman/Superman: Spiderman

Instagram/Snapchat: Snapchat

Up Early/Lie in: Lie in

X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing: X Factor

Socks / No Socks: No Socks

Chinese/Pizza: Chinese



Stair, Cill Chartha

Cé nar ghlac Cill Chartha páirt in imeachtaí Chumann Luthcleas Gael go dtí 1924 bhí cluichí gaelacha a imirt roimh sin. Ní raibh cumann peile ar bith eagraithe sa Pharóiste roimh 1920. Bhí sacar a imirt ins an Pharóiste roimh 1920 ach tairis na Black and Tans teacht anseo thosaigh na gasúr óga ag imirt peil ghaelach de bharr athbheochaint náisiúnachas sa cheanntar. Nuair a d'imirt foireann Chill Chartha ar an trá i gCaiseal, Gleanncholmille don chhead uair i 1924, ba ar trí charr a dtarraingt ag capaill an córas iompar a bhí acu. I 1925 buaigh Cill Chartha Craobh Sinsir an Contae I 1933 agus 1935 buaigh an chumann Straith Sinsir an Chontae ach de bharr imirce ní raibh an chumann an-láidir i rith na tríochaidí.

I rith na dachaidí, ach go h-airaithe i rith an chogaidh, ní raibh an chumann ábalta foirne láidir a chur chun na páirce de bharr easpa córais iompar. I 1948 tháinig feabhas ag ghnóthaí eacnamaíochta agus d'éirigh leo an chuiche ceannais de Craobh Soisear an Chontae a bhaint amach ach fuair Na Dúnaibh an lámh in uachtar orthu. Bhí an chlub an lag ag tús na gcaogaidí ach rinneadh iarracht mór i 1951 chun an chlub a atheagrú. I 1953 bhí foireann mionúr ag imirt faoin ainm An Charraig agus bhí siad comh maith agus a bhí ins an Chontae. Bhí biseach ag teacht ar ghnóthaí eacnamaíochta ins an Pharóiste comh maith mar go raibh Gaeltarra Éireann agus comhlucht foraoiseachta ag cur fostaíocht ar fáil. I 1959 bhuaidh siad Sraith Sinsir na Contae nuair a bhuaidh siad ar An Chlochán Liath ins an chuiche ceannais. Fuair Séan Mac Cumhaill an lámh in uachtar orthu i gcluiche ceannais Craobh Sinsir na Contae. Bhí siad ins an chuiche ceannais den Craobh arís i 1963 ach fuair Séan Mhic Chumhaill an buaidh orthu. I 1964 d'éirigh le foireann na Mionúr Craobh an Chontae a bhaint don chéad uair agus bhí brí úr le feiceáil ins an chlub. I 1968 rinneadh atheagrú ar an chlub arís agus thosaigh siad ag imirt i Craobh Soisear na Contae.

Bhí an Pháirc in aice na trá, i dThamhnaigh a bhí a úsáid ó na fichedaidí maith le leor, gidh go raibh sé goirid, agus bhí neart scríofa faoin suíomh álainn agus an radharc álainn i mbá Thamhnaigh leis na "Grandstands" ar gach taobh. Bhí grinneall gainimhe aige a bhí i gcónaí tirim agus bhí sé réasúnta réidh Roimh na fichedaidí chuir muintir na h-áite clocha móra amach i gcoinne na taoide agus líon sé suas an spás le gaineamh na trá. Tógadh balla stroighne cois na h-abhann i 1950/51 sa dóigh nach mbeadh briseadh agus réabadh a dhéanamh ar an talamh. Ag deireadh na gcoaghadáil agus ag tús na seascaidí, bhí mórán leoraithe agus tarracóirí ag tógáil gairbhéil agus gainimhe ón trá. Mar gheall ar seo bhí an taoide ag ithe gióta indhiadh gióta den talamh go dtí nach raibh fágtha ach tuairim dhá dtrian den gnáth pháirc imeartha. Ní raibh sé sásúil i gcóir cluichí do dhaoine fásta gi go raibh sé measartha maith do na buachaillí óga.

Ceannaidh piosaí talaimh in aice na h-abhna ó fheirmeoirí Thamhnaigh agus bronnadh ar an chlub iad. Tugadh Páirc Chuimhneacháin Mhicheáil Óig Mhic Phaidín air agus osclaíodh é i Mí Lúnasa 1964

Bhí an pháirc seo a úsáid go dtí 1984 nuair a tógadh agus fosclaíodh an páirc úr atá ar shuíomh na páirc a bhí in aice na trá. Bhí tús ciúin go leor leis na seachtoidí agus ní raibh leidiú ar bith a thabhairt faoin ré órga a bhí le teacht. Bhain an chlub, a bhí ag imirt sa roinne Soisear, Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta Dhún na nGall sa bhliain 1970. Bhain an club an Craobh Soisear na Contae i 1971, Craobh faoi-21 i 1972, 1973 agus 1974. Bhí fear óg darbh ainm Mícheál Mac Giolla Chearra ag imirt leis na foirne faoi-21 agus bheadh cliú agus cáil air níos moille. Bháin sé bonn Craobh Uladh ag imirt le Dún na nGall i 1974. Bhain siad Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta (Dhún na nGall) i 1975. D'éirigh leo Sraith Sinsir na Contae a bhaint i 1975 agus i 1979.

Ag deireadh na seachtoidí cuireadh tús le obair ar an pháirc úr. Bhí na cluichí ar fad a imirt ar Pháirc Cuimhneachain Mhicheáil Óig Mhic Phaidín ach bhí páirc eile a dhíth ar an chlub. I 1980 rinne an foireann síochánta nuair a bhain siad Craobh Sinsir na Contae. Bá iontach an lá sin don chlub. Bhí laoch nua eile le feiscint an lá ud, sé sin Máirtín Beag Mac Aoidh. Ní raibh sé ach ocht mbhlána déag d'aois ag an am. Gan aon dabht ba seo an éacht ba mhó riamh ar pháirc na himeartha agus thug sé seo misneach don chumann agus don foireann óg seo. O Tús na naochtaí tá athrú mór tagtha ar na aiseanna ata a chur ar fáil ag an chlub. Seomraí feistis nua, Car clós nua agus bóthar nua. Comh maith le sin tá obair a dhéanamh ar ná páirceanna imeartha agus ar an timpeallacht agus is cinnte go bhfuil na h-aiseanna seo comh maith is atá sa tír. I 2017 Fóscáíodh an pháirc úr Traenála ar an suíomh Páirc Chuimhneacháin Mhicheáil Óig Mhic Phaidín. Béidh Comórtais Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta ar siúl i gCill Chartha sa bhliain 2024 agus tá ar intinn againn athrú mór a chur ar a gcuid áiseann roimhe sin, idir pairceanna agus foirgneamh.

Rolla Onóra

Craobh Sinsir Dhún na nGall (6) 2018, 1993, 1989, 1985, 1980 agus 1925
Sraith Sinsir Dhún na nGall 2019, (14 ina iomlán)
Craobh Sinsir Tacaíochta Dhún na nGall (3)
Sraith Sinsir Tacaíochta Dhún na nGall (1)
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Six Coaching Workshops starting November 4th

Games Development Manager Aaron Kyles has organised a series of six coaching workshops for youth and adult coaches commencing on November 4th with a Roger Keenan (Ulster GAA) workshop on handling and passing. Currently six have been agreed from November 4th until February 4th and more will follow.

Aaron is currently in discussions about the February to April schedule and is working based on the preferences from club coaches as revealed by the recent survey completed by clubs. The first six workshops are:

Date	Topic	Leader	Time and venue
Nov 4	Handling and Passing	Roger Keenan Ulster GAA	Aura Centre, 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Nov 20	Hurling Skills Workshop	Martin Fogarty, Croke Park	Aura Centre, 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Dec 4	Skill Development	Gareth Thornton, UlsterGAA	Aura Centre, 7.00 – 10.00 pm
Dec 14	Strength and Conditioning	Joe O'Connor, IT Tralee	LYIT, 11.00 am – 1.00 pm
Jan 20	Planning the Club Season	Eoin McNicholl, Ulster GAA	TBC
Feb 3	Tackling and Ecasion	Gary Mallon, Ulster GAA	TBC

More details on these courses, and additional ones as they are arranged, can always be found on DonegalGAA.ie



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