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# DÚN NA nGALL



1

D Mac Roibeard  
**Daithi Roberts**  
(Gaoth Dobhair)

2

C Ó Rabhartaigh  
**Conor Rorarty**  
(Naomh Conaill)

5

C Mac Giolla Chomhaill  
**Conor Coyle**  
(Chloich Cheann Fhaola)

8

C Mac Doinnléibhe  
**Kealan Dunleavy**  
(Gleann tSuili)

10

C Ó Raghallaigh  
**Carlos O'Reily**  
(Naomh Micheál)

13

S Mac Rodaigh  
**Jonathan McGroddy**  
(Na Dunaibh)

3

C Ó Tóibín  
**Kieran Tobin (C)**  
(Naomh Adhamhnain)

6

S Ó Gallchóir  
**Jack Gallagher**  
(Gleann tSuili)

11

S Ó Ruanaidh  
**Senan Rooney**  
(Aodh Ruadh)

14

E Ó Máirtín  
**Eoin Martin**  
(Naomh Muire)

4

D Ó Deoráin  
**Dylan Dorrian**  
(Baile na nGalloglach)

7

R Mac Seáin  
**Ryan McShane**  
(Cill Chartha)

9

E Ó Dúllaing  
**Eoin Dowling**  
(Naomh Adhamhnain)

12

C Ó Móra  
**Ciaran Moore**  
(Naomh Adhamhnain)

15

S Ó Manacháin  
**Shane Monaghan**  
(Naomh Colmcille)



1

S Mac Anghail  
**Shea Magill**  
(Cill Shléibhe)

2

P Mac Raine  
**Peter McGrane**  
(Baile Uí Agáin)

5

L Ris  
**Lee Rice**  
(Cill Shléibhe)

8

A Ó Gairbheith  
**Adam Garvey**  
(Cill Shléibhe)

10

M Mac Conmhaoil  
**Michael McConville**  
(Clan na nGael)

13

C Riabhaigh  
**Caolan Reavey**  
(Coilleach Eanach)

# ARD MHACHA

3

R Mac An Gheairr  
**Ryan Shortt**  
(An Chrois Bhán)

6

S Mac Fearaigh  
**Sean McVerry (C)**  
(Baile Úr)

11

C Ó Donnaile  
**Dan McCarthy**  
(Clann Éireann)

14

M Mac Íomhair  
**Mark McKeever**  
(Tullach Sháráin)

4

R Ó Cearnaigh  
**Rory Kearney**  
(Cill Shléibhe)

7

R Frinse  
**Redmond French**  
(Clann Éireann)

9

D Ó Ceallacháin  
**Dara O'Callaghan**  
(Raonaithe na Croise)

12

O Ó Cionga  
**Oisín King**  
(Cill Shléibhe)

15

C Ó Donnaile  
**Ciaran Donnelly**  
(An Céide)

## Fir Ionaid

16 Ryan Graham (Letterkenny Gaels)  
17 Shane Meehan (St Naul's)  
18 Jamie Grant (Termon)  
19 Eric Carr (Naomh Columba)  
20 Eoin de Burca (Gaoth Dobhair)

21 Paul O'Hare (Naomh Columba)  
22 Matthew Coyle (Convoy)  
23 Richard O'Rourke (Four Masters)  
24 Alex McCalmont (Four Masters)

## Fir Ionaid

16 Cathal Doherty (Killeavy)  
17 Rory McCann (Middletown)  
18 Shea Vallely (Madden)  
19 Odhran McKeown (Crossmaglen)  
20 Niall Dummigan (Wolfe Tones)

21 James Walsh (Armagh Harps)  
22 Jack Cunningham (Carrickcruppen)  
23 Darragh McMullen (Madden)  
24 Sean Rocks (Silverbridge)

Réiteoir Anthony Marron (Muineachán)  
Réiteoir ar fuaireachas Paul Faloon (An Dún)

Maor Líne Maggie Farrelly (An Cabhán)  
Oifigeach Taobhlíne Mark McGeehan (Doire)





**MINOR FOOTBALL  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

**20-04-2019**

**Preliminary Round**

Clones                      Muineachán    1-13                      1-10    An Dún

**27-04-2019**

**Round 1**

Athletic Grounds      Ard Mhacha    0-04                      1-05    Doire

Ballybofey              Dún na nGall    1-08                      1-12    Tír Eoghain

Kingspan Breffni      An Cabhán    2-14                      1-07    Fear Manach

Corrigan Park              Aontroim    1-02                      0-06    Muineachán

**04-05-2019**

**Qualifiers Round 1**

Athletic Grounds      Ard Mhacha    1-14                      1-09    Aontroim

**11-05-2019**

**Round 2 (Throw In 6:00pm)**

Owenbeg                      Doire              V                      An Cabhán

Carrickmore              Tír Eoghain      V                      Muineachán

**Qualifiers Round 2 (Throw In 6:00pm)**

Ballybofey              Dún na nGall    V                      Ard Mhacha

Brewster Park              Fear Manach    V                      An Dún



# McGroddy top scores as Donegal produce a

## Ulster Minor Qualifier

**Tom Comack** reports from MacCumhail Park where Donegal Minors produced a storming display to eventually see off Armagh



**DONEGAL**  
**ARMAGH**

2-18  
2-12

Donegal are looking forward to an Ulster quarter final meeting with Cavan following Saturday evening's six-point win over Armagh in Ballybofey.

Johnny McGroddy hit nine points in a man of the match performance and super sub Shane Monaghan struck two goals in what was a cracking game of football.

Donegal got off to a lively start and led 0-5 to 0-1 after ten minutes with Johnny McGroddy leading the scoring charge with three

points. Carlos O'Reilly and Senan Rooney added the other two points with O'Reilly's strike a chance at a goal.

Rory Kearney, Caolan Reavey and Dara Callaghan posted the Armagh points to keep Kieran McKeever's men in touch.

Eric Carr and Daithi Roberts added points to extend the Donegal lead out to four points by the 20 minute mark as Donegal led 0-7 to 0-3.

Johnny McGroddy was the busiest man on the field while Eoin Dowling, Eoin De Burca, Kealan Dunleavy and Eric

Carr were also playing well.

Armagh were looking very ordinary at this stage in the tie and playing with the wind they were lacking ideas in attack.

But amazingly Donegal did not score again until three minutes into injury time - Paul O'Hare, just on for Senan Rooney, brought the Donegal total to 0-8.

It was all Armagh in the closing ten minutes of the half. They sprang to life after Mark McKeever had the only goal of the half when he got on the end of a long delivery from wing-back Redmond French.

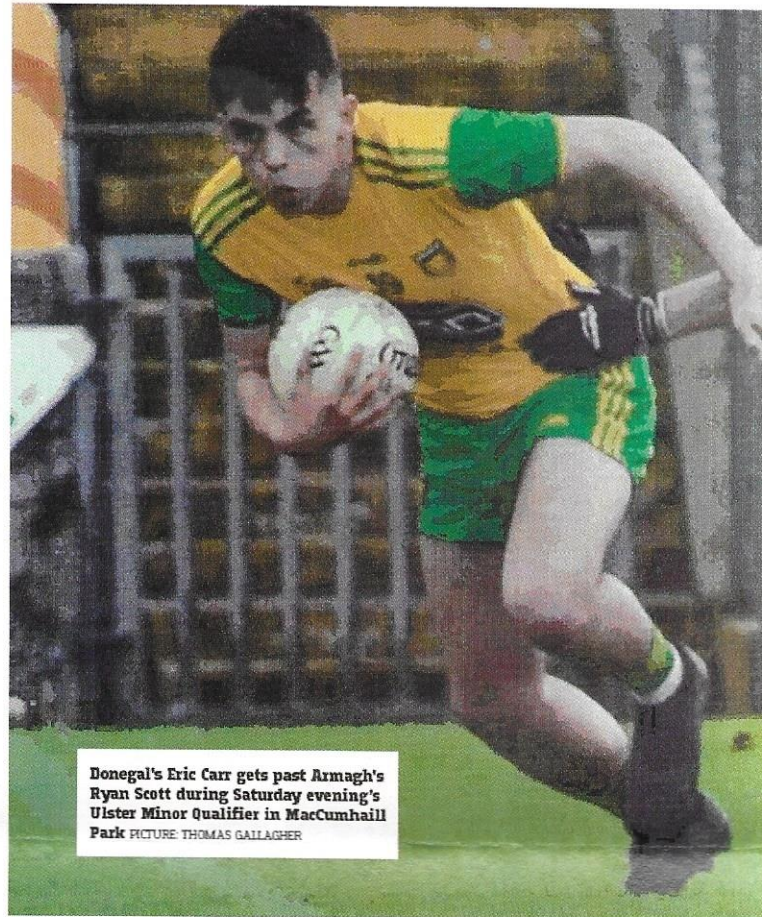
That was on 24 minutes and with Donegal rocked, Callaghan, Reavey and Oisín King all raised white flags to open up a two point lead by the half hour mark.

O'Hare, who replaced the injured Rooney, made it a one-point game on the stroke of half-time to leave the score Armagh 1-6, Donegal 0-8 at half-time.

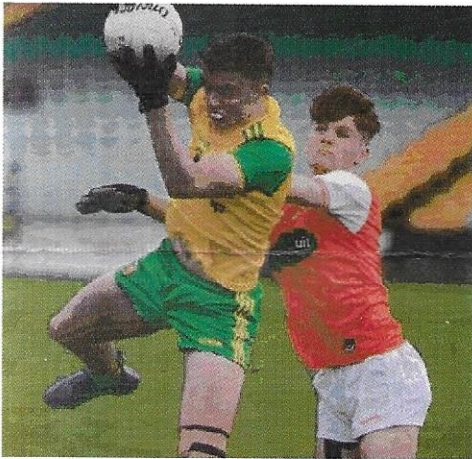
McGroddy had the scoreboard clicking once more within 13 seconds of the restart as Donegal tied up the game.

But Donegal were reeling four minutes later when Rory Kearney - who had a fine game following Ciaran Moore - polished off a good Armagh move to hit the roof of the Donegal net from 14 metres.

Armagh were ahead once more, 2-6 to 0-9 and when McKeever quickly added a point Armagh were four in



Donegal's Eric Carr gets past Armagh's Ryan Scott during Saturday evening's Ulster Minor Qualifier in MacCumhail Park. PICTURE: THOMAS GALLAGHER



Eoin de Burca gathers a high ball against Armagh's Oisín King during Saturday evening's game in Ballybofey. PICTURE: THOMAS GALLAGHER

front.

**Credit**

Donegal to their credit did not panic and with McGroddy chipping in with three more points and Eric Carr also landing a fine score, Donegal had the margin back to one by

the 40th minute. And with Callaghan and McGroddy trading points, the margin was still one at the three quarter mark.

Armagh went three up again in the early minutes of the fourth quarter but a super Donegal goal from Monaghan

with his first touch after coming on tied up the game with ten minutes remaining.

And while Armagh went ahead again through Reavey, Donegal were simply not going to give up and thanks to late points from man of the match McGroddy and a

# Donegal manager Gary Duffy delighted with the

**TOM COMACK**  
at MacCumhail Park, Ballybofey

Donegal manager Gary Duffy was very proud of his young charges and very happy with the character shown in the second half.

Donegal came from four points down early in the second period after being hit with a second Armagh goal.

"We asked for character in the dressing room at half-time and we got it in the second half," insisted the Donegal boss afterwards.

"We asked them did they want to leave it behind them and was this going to be the end of their county minor championship careers.

"They did come out with an early response with that

Johnny McGroddy point. But we were punched again when they scored their second goal.

"The goal knocked us back on the rocks but we knew the longer we stayed in the game we would have the legs to finish it. That is the one thing we knew - that our fitness levels are right up there and that we could get over the line and it ended up a comfortable enough win in the end."

Donegal got off to a lightning start and led by four points after ten minutes. But they allowed Armagh back into the game and Donegal were a point down at half-time. A Mark McKeever goal kick-started the Armagh challenge.

"We got off to a great start

but then we froze again and that is something we are going to have to look at and address," Duffy added.

"We went four up at one stage and had the chance to go five, six points up. But Armagh clawed us back and when they scored their first goal we seemed to panic.

"We told them at half-time there was no point in panicking and it was a matter of keep chipping away at the points.

"In the second half when they got the second goal we did not panic and we kept chipping away at the points. And our subs made a big difference when they came on."

Duffy used his bench well with Jamie Grant, Paul

O'Hare, Shane Monaghan and Richard O'Rourke all playing well. Shane Monaghan scored two goals.

"The subs really added to the team. Jamie Grant played really well. Shane Monaghan made a huge impact with his two goals. He is a chip off the old block, his uncle Brendan (Devenney) must be having a word with him.

"He scored a goal with his first touch. He is a real poacher and that's what he does. The timing of his introduction was perfect. He is one of those players that may be better coming off the bench than starting because he is hungry when he gets on."

Johnny McGroddy kicked nine points and set up Shane

Monaghan for one of his two goals in Donegal's win over Armagh.

The Downings teenager was overall in sparking form and was a real livewire in the Donegal attack until he was substituted deep in injury time.

"It was a good day for me alright but the boys out the field did the work," McGroddy insisted afterwards.

"Shane Monaghan came on and made a big impact and scored two goals. For the first goal, the Armagh defender was unlucky to drop the ball and I picked it up.

I was of two minds what to do with it and then I spotted Shane was loose and I laid it out to him and he finished it

well. "He is a class forward and real poacher and he also scored our second goal."

McGroddy kicked two of Donegal's opening scores as they raced into an early 0-3 to 0-1 lead.

"We got off to a great start and Armagh as we knew they would, came back at us.

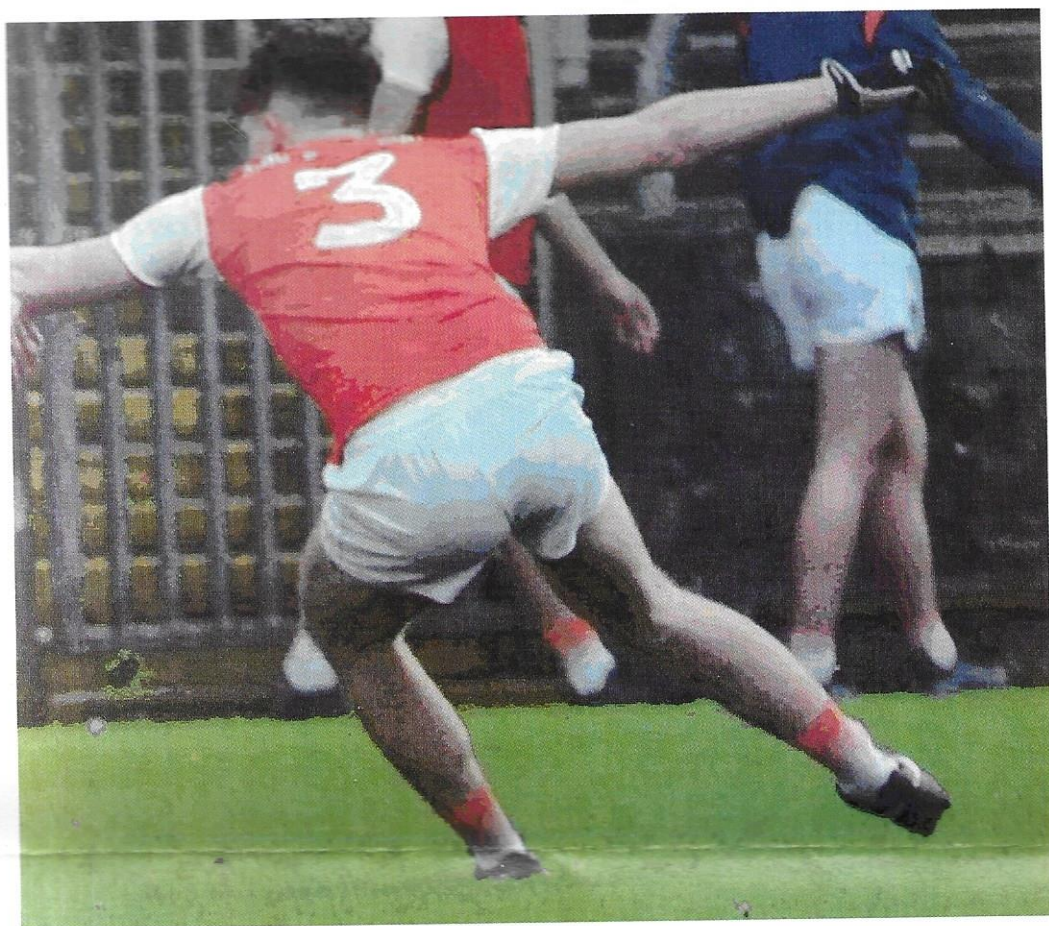
"They got a goal and tagged on a few points and we found ourselves a point down at half-time.

"We regrouped at half-time and got back into the game in the second half after they scored a second goal and finished the game well.

Donegal's busy run of fixtures shows no sign of easing up.



# thrilling win over Armagh



second goal from Monahan sealed the win.

Donegal now face Cavan in the quarter-final next weekend.

Armagh finished what was not a dirty game with 12 players after the second half sendings off of Lee Rice, Rory

Kearney and Mark McKeever.

**DONEGAL:** Daithí Roberts (0-2, 21); Conor Rcarty, Kieran Tobin, Dylan Dorrian; Conor Coyle, Jack Gallagher; Eoin De Burca; Kealan Dunleavy, Eoin Dowling (0-1); Carlos O'Reilly (0-2); Senan Rooney (0-1), Ryan McShane;

Johnny McGroddy (0-9, 31), Eric Carr (0-2), Claran Moore.  
Subs: Jamie Grant for C Coyle 17; Paul O'Hare (0-1) for S Rooney 30 Inj; Shane Monaghan (2-0) for E Carr 50; Richard O'Rourke for C O'Reilly

**ARMAGH:** Shea Magill; Peter McGrane, Ryan Short, Rory Kearney (1-1); Lee Rice, Sean McVerry, Redmond French;

Adam Garvey, Dara O'Callaghan (0-3, 31); Michael McConville, Dan McCarthy, Oisín King (0-1, 11); Caoilan Reavey (0-3), Mark McKeever (1-2, 11), Claran Donnelly.  
Subs: Niall Dummigan for C Donnelly 23; James Walsh (0-1) for R Short 45; Shane Valley for O King; Sean Rocks (0-1) for C Reavey 62

**REFEREE:** Anthony Marron (Monaghan).

## character shown by his team

Fresh from big games against Tyrone and Armagh, Saturday evening's impressive win sets up a meeting in the Ulster quarter-finals against Cavan this weekend.

That game will be on Sunday evening in Breffni Park at 6pm.

Donegal's Johnny McGroddy gathers a pass as Armagh's Rory Kearney closes in during Saturday evening's

