

**Clúichí Ceannais Íomána**

**Sinsear agus Sóisearach 2021**

**CLG Dhún na nGall**



Sinsear ag 13.30



**An Clochán Liath**

**V**



**Aodh Ruadh**

Referee : James Callaghan

Standby Referee: James Connors, Linesman: Trevor Maloney

**County Finals - 30ú Deireadh Fómhair**  
**Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill, Leitir Ceanainn**

Sinsear ag 15.30



**Naomh  
Ádhamhnáin**

**V**



**Setanta**

Referee : Aidan McAleer

Standby Referee: Trevor Maloney Linesman: Michael Connolly

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## County Board Chairperson – Mick McGrath

A Chairde,  
ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus na foirne bainistíochta ó na clubanna atá ag ghlacadh páirt i gcluichí ceannais na contae inniu insan iománáíocht shóisearach agus shinsearach.

As Chairman of CLG Dhun na nGall it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here today. A special welcome to the supporters, players and Club Officers of the four clubs involved in today's finals. I look forward to a great tussle between last year's runners-up An Clochán Liath and the 2019 winners Aodh Ruadh who have both reached today's Junior Final. They will have the honour of opening today's event.

There is no favourite for today's Junior final between Aodh Ruadh - long established as a hurling stronghold - and Dungloe who only entered hurling championship in 2020. Congratulations to all who promote hurling in the area and it is fantastic to see a West Donegal team in an adult final for the second year.

Reigning champions CLG Setanta meet Naomh Adhamhnáin once again and the Letterkenny side will be planning to make it third time lucky following defeats in 2019 and 2020.

Club hurling in Donegal has progressed in leaps and bounds over the last few years despite the difficulties arising from Covid -19 restrictions.

Thank you to the Hurling Committee for their part in making this happen.

The light at the end of the Covid tunnel is getting brighter and from last weekend up to a maximum 100% ground capacity can be used. However, there are still supporters in the County who remain nervous about attending games while hurling supporters elsewhere in Ireland and among our diaspora may also want to view Donegal hurling's showpiece games. Recognising this, both of today's finals will be streamed on Donegal GAA TV and a virtual programme is available in addition to the printed version.

Finally, great credit to the Park Committee at Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill. Despite a very congested series of game - this venue has hosted at least two fixtures weekend after weekend - the facilities are in top condition for today's finals. Thank you to today's match Referees - Aidan McAleer and James Callaghan - your umpires and linesmen, for your dedication to our games. To all our sponsors I recognize your support.

*Adh Mór*

**Mick McGrath**



## Hurling Board Chairperson - Manus O'Donnell

A Chairde,

on behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, I would like to give a 'Special Welcome', to the Hurlers, Management, Teams and Supporters of C.L.G. An Clochán Liath, Aodh Ruadh Beal Átha Seanaigh, Naomh Adhamhnain Leitir Ceanainn and Setanta Cuil na gCuirridin, to our 'County Hurling Finals Day'. Every Hurler dreams of playing in a County Hurling Final and today we will witness two great games of Hurling in our County Junior and Senior Finals.

In our Junior Championship we had seven clubs competing and the two finalists are, from the west of the County An Clochán Liath last years beaten finalists, who are hoping to go one better this year and from the south of the County Aodh Ruadh, who were victorious in the 2019 final. Having watched both teams in their respective semi finals, I am in no doubt that we are going to have a very competitive game of Hurling. Both teams have a good mix of young and mature

hurlers and I wish both teams every success today.

Our Senior Championship had six clubs competing and we have a repeat of last years final, with Naomh Adhamhnain Leitir Ceanainn and Setanta Cuil na gCuirridin competing for the 'Corn na Mumha'. The men from the Cathedral Town are hoping to add the Senior Championship Title to their 2021 Senior League title, while the men from 'The Cross' will be hoping to add another Senior Championship title to their 'Roll of Honour'. Naomh Adhamhnain defeated Burt in their semi final and Setanta were victorious against Buncrana. I wish both teams every success today.

Finally, a word of thanks to the officers of the County Board, the Match Officials and the Ground Staff in O'Donnell Park.

*Adh Mór,*

**Manus O'Donnell**



# Today's Officials

## James Callaghan - Junior Final

James is a dual player and dual referee operating out of the Setanta and Red Hughs clubs. He has had the honour of representing Donegal in both underage and senior hurling teams.

James won an u-16 football championship with Red Hughs and as a hurler with Setanta he has a minor championship medal, four senior hurling championship medals and an Ulster championship. He has also won two All-Ireland championship medals while playing with Kilmacud Crokes. James managed the Setanta club to u-14 and Feile county titles and was also referee in last year's Junior Hurling final His favourite Gaelic footballer is Armagh's Kieran McGeeney, while the legendary Ken McGrath of Waterford is his favourite hurler. He likes to let the game flow, his favourite quote being "play the whistle lads".



## Aidan McAleer - Senior Final

The referee for the Senior final between Setanta and St Eunans is Aidan McAleer. Aidan's Club is Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin, Magh and he started his referee-ing career in 2015. He joined the Ulster Referee Academy in 2017, graduating in 2019 and was also called onto the National Support Panel in 2019.

Aidan made his senior inter-county debut in January 2020 when he was the man in the middle for Tyrone versus Louth in the National League.

Aidan is married to Teresa and has three children. He is looking forward to a competitive final today between Setanta and Naomh Ádhamháin. He would like to thank his umpires -Jonathan and Neil Toye, Brian Kelly and Ray Lannon - the standby referee Trevor Maloney and linesman Michael Connolly.



## Ground Regulations

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02. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas- horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in found to be in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground
03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
04. The unauthorized climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in this ground strictly forbidden.
- 05 Unnecessary noise from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion Of nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.
06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object the pitch.
07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.
09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.
10. The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochána.
11. Any person who remains in or obstructs a gangway or circulation area may be ejected from the ground.
12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

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## Dé Sathairn 30ú Deireadh Fómhar 2021

12.15 Gates Open

13.10-13:15 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.

13:15 An Clochán Liath take the field and Proceed to River End goals. An Clochán Liath will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs.

13:17 Aodh Ruadh take the field and Proceed to Clubhouse goals. Aodh Ruadh will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.

13:20 Match Officials out onto pitch

13:25 Toss

13:30 Throw-in County Junior Hurling Final

14:55\* Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Cannon Hurleys

15:00\* Presentation of the Corn O'Maólaín by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

15:10\* Both Naomh Ádhamhnáin and Setanta Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.

15.15 Naomh Adhamhnáin take the field and Proceed to River End goals. Naomh Adhamhnáin will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs

15:17 Setanta take the field and Proceed to Clubhouse goals. Setanta will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.

15:20 Match Officials out onto pitch

15:25 Toss

15.28 Amhrán na bhFiann

15:30 Throw-in County Senior Hurling Final

16:55\* Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Cannon Hurleys

17:00\* Presentation of the Munster Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

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## **Trophy Presentation Guidelines**

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the winning captain trophy should lift the trophy directly rather than it being presented to him. Trophies should remain in the presentation area once the captain has completed his speech.

Special attention will be be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

County Boards were advised to retain trophies until a later date after the presentation is completed but CLG Dhún na nGall have decided to allow the winning team to retain Corn Ó'Maólaín and Corn na Mumha. It is expected, however, that the clubs will be sensitive to Covid guidelines in the use, and sharing, of the trophy.

## Niamh Douglas

Niamh Douglas is a member of CLG Malainn. From the age of 10, Niamh has participated in many Scór na nÓg competitions representing her club in both solo singing and ballad group categories. Having progressed from Scór na nÓg to Scór Sinsir, Niamh was crowned county champion in solo singing in February of this year. Niamh is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann in O'Donnell Park today.



## Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil  
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,  
Buíon dár slua  
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn.  
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,  
Seantír ár sinsir feasta  
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil  
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,  
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil  
Le gunnascreach faoi lámhach na bpiléar  
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



**Commentary for today's Junior Hurling final stream will be supplied by Damian Dowds of the Inishowen Independent with co-commentator Andrew Wallace. Highland Radio's Head of Sport Oisin Kelly will commentate the Senior Hurling final with with expert analysis from Donegal County Manager Micky McCann.**



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## Damien Ó'Súilleabháin Captaen, An Clochán Liath

There's great excitement in Dungloe being back in the county final. Unfortunately our maiden season fell short of a fairy tale ending but the lads are determined to go one better this year. The experience of playing the league this year has developed our young team and



on a personal level, I truly enjoyed hurling with them. It's fantastic for supporters to be back, both teams fought hard to earn their place in the final and I've no doubt that both teams will produce a great game. Finally, I would like to wish all involved in the finals the best of luck.

## Rónan Ó'Maolagáin Bainisteoir, An Clochán Liath

It's brilliant to be back where we left off last year and that's in the final again with the hope of going one further this year. The last twelve months has taken a real toll on everyone. But we are back now and I couldn't be more proud of the lads and the work they have put in all year to get here. The two teams have met a few times this year and every time it's been a great battle from both sides which leading to this should be a great battle on the day of the final. I would personally



like to thank my club An Clochán Liath for all the help they have given us all year, with special mention to the chairperson Enda Bonner vice chairperson James O Hagan, Secretary Paddy McGowan and the Treasurer Charlie Ferry with the work that's goes on in the background of the club. Finally, I would like to thank our main sponsors, Vals.ie, HB Tunnelling, Sharkey's Service Station, Top Pizza, Hartnett Hayes Solicitor and O'Donnell's DIY and Garden Centre.

## Enda Bonner Cathaoirleach, An Clochán Liath

Another strange and difficult year for all our clubs with the ongoing pandemic but we are delighted to be through to our second Junior Hurling Final in a row. The game is setting roots in West Donegal, and we can see with the team this year more of our underage hurlers coming through into the ranks of our hurling team and making a big impact.

As a dual club we enjoy all codes and we are very lucky to have furthered our sporting adventures to include a camogie team this year along with our ladies' football teams giving our young and old sports people as much enjoyment of our games as possible on and off the pitch. It all starts in the schools from Leitir to Dungloe, to Annagry to Gaoth Dobhair and their underage club teams whom we owe the success of our hurling team where physical activity and participation in sport is encouraged and helps to develop our young players.

We also see the strides made at the other clubs in the junior ranks with Four



Masters and Letterkenny Gaels having success earlier in the year and we are all hoping for the same to develop further and gain more traction throughout the county. We would like to thank all our parents, supporters,

and sponsors for their contributions to the success of the club.

It's our ambition to win the Junior Hurling Final but we are up against a great team in Aodh Ruadh who we know will give us the game of our lives on Saturday. Want to wish all the management and players on both team the best of luck and to the referee, linesman, and umpires on Saturday. Finally a large thank you to the county board and the hurling board for the work they have put in over the year running these competitions and the underage competitions.

Last weekend our u15, Reserve and Senior footballers qualified for their respective County finals. We wish them all the best against excellent and determined opposition and may the best teams win.



## Burt win six in a row on home ground *(by Damien Dowds)*

**Burt 1-16 Naomh Mura 1-6**

The Donegal Senior Hurling championship final was played, for the first and so far only time, at Hibernian Park in September 1996 and pitted Burt against Naomh Mura.

It was the fifth final between the parish rivals in just six years, but the close match which had been anticipated didn't materialise.

The ageless John O'Brien lined out in goals in what proved to be his last county final appearance, while Paddy Flood, now of St Eunan's, won his fourth SHC medal in the Burt colours.

Despite being without their talismanic centre half back Darren McDermott, who earlier in the year had played for Ulster in the Railway Cup semi-final against Munster in Ennis, Burt had things mostly their own way.

Team captain Andrew Wallace was unerringly accurate from frees and Burt built up an 0-11 to 0-2 lead by half time.

Naomh Mura threatened to make a game of it when Donal Walker (who, incidentally, is the current Burt chairman)

hit the net and reduced the deficit to four points early in the second half.

Wallace hit four unanswered points, and Ray Durack sealed the win – and a sixth championship in a row – for Burt with a goal 12 minutes before the end.

Naomh Mura did gain a measure of revenge when they won the county hurling league final a fortnight later.

In what was typical of the times, the county final had been played after the Ulster club championship.

Burt were nominated as Donegal's representatives, and in a game played six weeks before the county final, lost to Dungannon by 4-15 to 3-7.

Burt: John O'Brien; Liam Burns, Ciaran Dowds, Pearse Callaghan; Fergal Grant, John Martin Wallace, Ivor Dowds; Ronan McLaughlin (0-1), Andrew Wallace (captain, 0-11); Mickey McCann (0-2), Mick McCarthy (0-1), Ray Durack (1-0); Marty Coyle, Eugene Sherry, Paddy Flood (0-1). Subs: Paul O'Brien, Hugo Wallace, Damien Mullan, Niall Campbell and Morgan Hegarty.

The team photo reproduced here today is of the Donegal senior hurlers from 1996.

The team, drawn exclusively from Burt and Naomh Mura, was the first from the county to win a National Hurling League title. Under the management of Darren McDermott, PJ O'Brien and John O'Brien, Donegal had victories over Tyrone, Monaghan, Longford, Mayo and Sligo for an unbeaten season in Division 4 of the National Hurling League.

Back (l-r): Conal Gallagher (county hurling officer); Ardal McDermott, John Wallace, Darren McDermott, John Boyle, Andrew Wallace, Fergal Grant, Shaun Murphy, Ciaran Dowds, Seamus Doherty, Patrick Carlin (trainer). Front (l-r): John O'Brien; Ivor Dowds, Joe Doherty, Mickey McCann, Dónal Campbell, Paddy Flood, Tom Robinson, Davy Robb, Ray Durack; PJ O'Brien.



An Clochan Liath would like to thank our players, parents, schools, sponsors and supporters for all your support over the years and today at the county final.



Come and play Hurling or Camogie



## One minute with Sean “Superman” O’Donnell Brown, An Clochán Liath

**Favourite Position:** Wing back when I get the chance

**Favourite Pitch:** O’Donnell Park, some surface

**Hobbies:** Gym and a bitta FIFA with the lads

**Childhood hero:** Spiderman

**Best Player you have played with:** Hate to say it but Richie Ryan

**Best Player you have played against:** Dean Harvey - savage hurler and has everything you need as a corner forward

**Best game you have been involved in:** Beating Eunans for the first time in the minors, some buzz.

**Best trainer within your club’s squad:** Damien O’Sullivan, the work horse never misses a session

**Worst trainer within the club’s squad:** Cormac Hartnett, doesn’t know his lefts from his rights

**Best motivator within the squad:** Thomas Hartnett

**Any superstitions:** Have a Monster before every game

**Favourite Song:** Two Johnnies - Junior B All Star

**Favourite Film:** Creed

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Maghery sarrrrr

**Favourite Meal:** Hard to beat a bit of Hillbilllys

**Best advice ever received:** Do the simple things right at pace

**Biggest influence on career:** Tom Hennessey - always there for advice and motivation

**Club Volunteer of note:** Jimmy Sharkey, first man to put his name in for everything

**Song you listen to before big games:** Last Breath, Future

**Most important skill:** Moving the Ball Fast

**Biggest Strength in your game:** Speed

**Area of your game you would like to improve:** Shooting on the run

**Advice for youngsters:** Perfect the basics

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** Jordan Gallagher, will be a handy man to have next year

**Best thing about the GAA:** Brings the lads together for a bitta craic

**Batman/Superman:** cop on, Spiderman

**Up Early/Lie in:** Lie in

**Chinese/Pizza:** Chinese, big ups Kellys

**Instagram:** seanodonnell\_9





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# An Clochán Liath – Player Pen Pics

Joseph Doyle	6ft 3"	Goalkeeper, 19	Student
Joe Green	6ft	Defender, 20	Student
Mark Timoney	5ft11"	Defender, 38	Psychiatric Nurse
Lochlan Ó'Dea	5ft 1"	Defender, 20	Student
Odhran McGonigle	6ft	Defender, 20	Student
Damien O'Sullivan	5ft 10"	Defender, 40	Chartered Engineer
Thomas Hartnett	5ft 11"	Defender, 21	Student
Conor Diver	5ft 9"	Midfield, 18	Student
James McCole	5ft 11"	Midfield, 23	Retail
Brendan Boyle	5ft 11"	Forward, 20	Student
Michael Green	6ft 3"	Forward, 19	Student
Matthew O'Donnell	6ft 2"	Forward, 22	Student
James Hartnett	5ft 8"	Forward, 20	Student
Richie Ryan	6ft 2"	Forward, 29	Garda
Shaun McGee	5ft11"	Forward, 22	Teacher
Harry Noble	5ft 10"	Forward, 21	Student
Mark Young	5ft 10"	Forward, 24	Teacher
Odhran Duffy	5ft 11"	Defender, 19	Apprentice Plumber
Nicholas Wehrley	5ft 11"	Defender, 20	Student
Cormac Hartnett	5ft 11"	Forward, 47	Solciitor
Brendan O'Donnell	6ft	Forward, 18	Apprentice
Chris Boyle	5ft 11"	Defender, 22	Student
John Boyle	5ft 10"	Defneder, 19	Apprentice Fabricator
Martin Mannion	6ft	Forward, 20	Student
Padraig Lawlor	5ft10"	Goalkeeper, 43	Chartered Accountant
Sean O'Donnell	5ft 11"	Defender, 19	Student
Robert Ryan	6ft	Forward, 34	Solicitor





# An Clochán Liath



**Seosamh Ó'Leathlóbhair**  
*Padraig Lawlor*



**Seosamh Ó'Grianna**  
*Joe Green*



**Marcas Ó'Tiomanagh**  
*Mark Timoney*



**Lochlann Ó'Déagha**  
*Lochlann O'Dea*



**Odhrán MacCongail**  
*Odhran McGonagle*



**Damien Ó'Suilleabháin**  
*Damien O'Dullivan*



**Tomás Ó'hAirtneada**  
*Thomas Hartnett*



**Conchubhair Ó'Duibhir**  
*Conor Diver*



**Maitiú Ó'Dónail**  
*James McCole*



**Bréndán Ó'Baoill**  
*Brendan Boyle*



**Micheál Ó'Grianna**  
*Michael Green*



**Maitiú Ó'Domhnaill**  
*Matthew O'Donnell*



**Séamus Ó'hAirtneada**  
*James Hartnett*



**Risteard Ó'Riain**  
*Richie Ryan*



**Seán MacAoidh**  
*Shaun McGee*

FIR IONAD

- 1 Seomsamh Ó'Dubhghaill (Joseph Doyle)
- 17 Harry Noble (Anraí Noble)
- 18 Mark Young (Marcas De Siún)
- 19 Odhran Duffy (Odhran Ó'Dubhaigh)
- 20 Nicholas Wehrley (Nioclás Wehrley)
- 21 Cormac Hartnett (Cormac Ó'hAirtneada)

- 22 Brendan O'Donnell (Breandáin Ó'Domhnaill)
- 23 Chris Boyle (Cristir Ó'Baoill)
- 24 John Boyle (Seán Ó'Baoill)
- 25 Martin Mannion (Mairtín Ó'Mainnín)
- 27 Sean O'Donnell (Seán Ó'Domhnaill)
- 28 Robert Ryan (Roibeárd Ó'Riain)

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*Peter Horan*



**Stiofán Mac Aindriú**  
*Stephen Connolly*



**Damien Ó'Cleirigh**  
*Damien Cleary*



**Caelam Ó'Droma**  
*Caelan Drummond*



**Breandáin Mac Giolla Easpaig**  
*Brendan Gillespie*



**Concobhar Mac an Fhile**  
*Conor McNeely*



**Gearóid Ó'Sirin**  
*Gareth Sheerin*



**Ciarán Kilgannon**  
*Ciaran Kilgannon*



**Senan Ó'Runaidh**  
*Senan Rooney*



**Riain Iarsach**  
*Ryan Ayres*



**Oisín Ó'Runaidh**  
*Oisín Rooney*



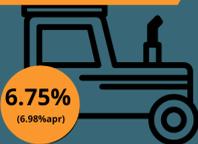
**Padraig Ó'Caiside**  
*Patrick Cassidy*

FIR IONAD

- 16 Eugene Drummond (Eoghan Ó'Droma)
- 17 Martin Larkin (Miaitín Lorcáin)
- 18 Kieran Kelly (Ciarán Ó'Ceallaigh)
- 19 Rory Cullen (Ruairí Ó'Cuilín)
- 20 Daniel Downey (Donal Mac Giolla Domhnaigh)
- 21 Pauric Keenaghan (Pairic Keenaghan)

- 22 Brian Patton (Brian Ó'Peatáin)
- 23 Gary Loughlin (Gearoid Ó'Lochlainn)
- 24 Rossa McCosker (Rossa McCosker)
- 25 Adam Rami (Adam Rami)

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# Aodh Ruadh – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Occupation
Ryan O'Brien	5ft 11"	31	Goalkeeper	Plumber
Peter Horan	5ft 2"	40	Corner Back	Plumber
Rory Cullen	5ft 3"	27	Forward	Factory Worker
Patrick Cassidy	6ft 2"	23	Corner Forward	Accountant
Oisín Rooney	6ft 3"	23	Midfield	Financial Services
Damien Cleary	6ft 2"	30	Half Back	Care Worker
Daniel Downey	5ft 11"	29	Corner Forward	Consultant
Ciaran Kilgannon	6ft 0"	30	Centre Forward	Plumber
Caelan Drummond	6ft 0"	23	Wing Half Back	Student
Kieran Kelly	5ft 9"	23	Corner Forward	Machine Driver
Conor Kennedy	5ft 11"	24	Corner Back	Plumber
Gary Loughlin	5ft 10"	31	Half-Forward	Plumber
Stephen Connolly	5ft 10"	23	Wing Back	Student
Eugene Drummond	5ft 10"	24	Centre Back	Farmer
Ryan Ayres	5ft 9"	22	Corner Forward	Defence Forces
Pauric Keenaghan	5ft 10"	21	Full Back	
Rossa McCosker	5ft 9"	24	Corner Back	Engineer
Adam Rani	5ft 10"	19	Wing Half Back	Plumber
Martin Larkin	5ft 9"	28	Forward	Plumber
Senan Rooney	5ft 11"	19	Half Forward	Student
Brendan Gillespie	6ft 0"	23	Midfield	Engineer
Jack Matthews	5ft 11"	28	Full Back	Barber
Conor McNeely	6ft 1"	26	Midfield	HGV Operator
Gareth Sheerin	5ft 10"	23	Wing Forward	Customer Assistant

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## Chairperson - William Doogan

As Chairman of the Aodh Ruadh Club, it is a great honour to have our Senior Men in today's Junior Hurling final. It is two years since we last won this competition. Indeed, we have met Dungloe on several occasions over last year, I am sure it will be close battle again today.

Massive praise to John and his management team. They have shown huge dedication and effort to get the lads to the final. Without the support from families, girlfriends and wives the management and lads would not be able to give such so much time and commitment. The club would like to extend our thanks to you all.

The Senior hurling team is the lighthouse team within any club, but without the huge work that happens through our



Juvenile Hurling Bord we would not have the players coming through to our senior teams. There has been a small but very dedicated group of people over the last 25 years plus keeping underage hurling

alive in Aodh Ruadh.

Without the hard work of our underage managers, coaches and a vibrant Juvenile set up the senior panel would never exist. I am also extremely grateful to the hard work and all our volunteers and club officers; without these people the club would not function.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors of the club, to our Uachtaran Owen Roe O Neill for his huge support and sponsorship to the senior hurling team over the last number of years. Without these financial supports from local business, clubs would not survive. Wishing both teams and all today's officials the very best of luck!



## Manager: John Rooney

Aodh Ruadh are delighted to be back in the Junior Hurling Championship Final. I am very proud to manage this squad and am really grateful to them for all the hard work they've put in this year.

I want to thank Barry O'Neill for all the support and help he has given me with the lads again this year. Thanks to the Club Executive William, Lisa and Sabrina for their support.



Many thanks to our sponsor Owen Roe's Bar for coming on board again this year.

Best of luck to all the teams and officials here today, hopefully County Final Day will be a great day's hurling on the birthday

of the late Billy Finn a tireless worker for hurling in Aodh Ruadh, Donegal in general and further afield.

## Captain: Ciaran Kilgannon

To be the captain of the Aodh Ruadh hurling team this year has been an absolute privilege. It's a great honour for me to be the captain of this great bunch of players especially on the county final day.

We have trained very hard this year after the disappointment of being beaten in the semi-final last year. All the lads have put in a massive effort and should be proud of the work they put in.

We set out our stall at the start of the year to get to the county final again after last year's disappointment at the same stage and thankfully we have achieved that



goal. It's where every club player throughout the country wants to be.

I would like to thank the club and our friends and family for their continued support. I would also

like to thank our team manager John Rooney along with Barry O'Neill for the commitment and dedication over the last few years to keep hurling alive in Ballyshannon. A special thanks to all who have travelled today to watch the final.

Finally to everyone involved in the final, players, management and officials I wish you all the best of luck and we are looking forward to a real tough contest.

Good luck to Aodh Ruadh Team



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# One minute with Oisín Rooney, Aodh Ruadh

**Favourite Position:** Full forward

**Favourite Pitch:** Fr Tierney Park

**Hobbies:** Don't have time for many outside GAA.

**Childhood hero:** Henry Shefflin and Joe Canning

**Best Player you have played with:** Danny Cullen

**Best Player you have played against:** Jack O'Loughlin was always tough to play against underage.

**Best game you have been involved in:** 2015 U21 All Ireland C Final (v Tyrone)

**Best trainer within your club's squad:** Conor McNeely

**Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Probably myself, liable to miss the odd session with being involved with the footballers too

**Best motivator within the squad:** Damien Cleary

**Any superstitions:** None

**Favourite Song:** Primadonna - Marina and the Diamonds

**Favourite Film:** Stepbrothers

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Ski-ing in Norway

**Favourite Meal:** Spice Bag and Curry Sauce

**Best advice ever received:** Practice twice as much on your weaker side

**Biggest influence on career:** Family

**Club Volunteer of note:** Better say my father, John Rooney. He has done a serious amount of work for hurling in the club.

**Song you listen to before big games:** None in particular, anything by Juice WRLD or Trippie Redd

**Most important skill:** Catching/First touch

**Biggest Strength in your game:** High Fielding

**Area of your game you would like to improve:** Fitness

**Advice for youngsters:** Try get pucking against a wall for at least 10 minutes a day and be comfortable striking off both sides

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** Aaron Cullen

**Best thing about the GAA:** Sense of community

**Batman/Superman:** Batman

**Up Early/Lie in:** Lie in

**Chinese/Pizza:** Chinese

**Twitter Account:** @OisínRooney14

**Instagram:** oisínrooney98



# Setanta Should Prevail

## Preview from Gerry McLaughlin - Donegal Post

This is a clash between the power and panache of multi-talented Setanta and the flying pace of a younger St Eunan's side who have been the Finn Valley men's chief rivals in recent years.

And the lively Letterkenny lads have been beaten in three finals in recent years and must surely be learning from that salty experience.

Sean McVeigh is their inspiring captain and also one of their dual players.

But they have at least four more dual players who could add some real weigh to their challenge.

I am talking about Conor Parke, Niall O'Donnell, Shane O'Donnell and Conor O'Donnell (Snr).

Football is the priority and that is a pity from a hurling viewpoint as you want all your big guns against Setanta.

But Eunan's also have Brian McIntyre (strange why he is not making the Eunan's senior football team), Kevin Kealy, Conor O;Grady, Matt Ahern, Conor McVeigh and the multi gifted marksman Daire O'Maoileidigh.



Eunan's are a much younger side against a vastly experienced Setanta who are driven by veterans Danny Cullen and ace marksman Declan Coulter.

Add in the experienced Michael Donoghue, Niall Cleary, Richie Kee and Mark Callaghan and this

is a most solid nucleus.

But they also have some explosive younger talent in Bernard Lafferty, Gerard Gilmore, Oisin Marley and Ruairi Campbell and Kevin Campbell remains a might option on the bench

Setanta are rightly firm favourites and look to have loads of power and panache all over the park.

It would be a major upset if Eunan's were to prevail, but the odds would be a lot shorter if they had the afore mentioned four dual stars.

Eunan's need a good start badly as they have been chasing the game in the recent finals between these sides.

If they do start well we could be in for a bit of a battle.....for a while.

But it is hard to look past Setanta!

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## Conor O'Grady - Captaen Naomh Ádhamhnáin



It is both a huge honour and a privilege for me as captain of St. Eunan's to lead this team out for the County Final today.

We meet familiar opponents, Setanta, whom we have met in the knockout stages of the championship plenty of times in the last number of years. We know each time we come up against them it will be a great battle,

and expect today to be no different. It has been a strange year and we are delighted to get the opportunity to challenge the reigning champions after all the uncertainty these past few months.

The effort and commitment shown by this group of players and management over the last number of years has been second to none. This year we hope to go one step further and bring the Donegal Senior Hurling Championship back to Letterkenny for the first time since 1972.

## Eugene Organ - Bainisteoir Naomh Ádhamhnáin



A chairde, it's a great honour for me to be involved with this St. Eunan's team heading into the Donegal senior hurling final once

again. My role may be different this year, but the buzz and anticipation are still the same. This year has again thrown up many challenges as we continue to live with the pandemic that has in some way impacted on every person involved today. Once again, the courage and resilience of the GAA and hurling community is on display simply due to the fact that today's hurling finals are going ahead.

I wish to thank my backroom team of Paddy Flood, Ronnie Hylands, Matthew McColgan, and Ronan Steed for all their help and support throughout the year. I would like to thank our chairman John Haran, secretary Charlie McAteer

and treasurer Conal Dunne for their help and support also. To Vincent and Andy McGlynn our thanks for having our training facilities at their very best. I have no doubt that as ever O'Donnell Park will be in pristine condition for the final.

To my squad of players and their families I wish to say that I will be forever grateful for your sacrifices and efforts throughout the year. My admiration and respect for this group cannot be put into words. A special mention to my dual players who have the privilege of playing in both hurling and football county finals this year, a tremendous achievement.

Finally, I want to wish the referees and officials the very best during the game as we all look forward to an open and free flowing game of hurling

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# Stair - Naomh Ádhamhnáin

Bunaíodh Cumann Naomh Adhamhnáin i Leitir Ceanainn sa bhliain 1930. The black and amber jerseys have had great success over the years in Gaelic football, hurling, ladies football and camogie, winning senior championships in all codes. We have been Donegal senior football champions on 16 occasions (most recently 2014), senior hurling champions 8 times (1972), ladies football winners 13 times (2005, along with 4 Ulster titles between 1993 and 1998) and camogie champions 8 times (2000). Our club has had All Ireland football winners with Donegal in 1992 (Paul Carr, Charlie Mulgrew and Mark Crossan) and 2012 (Rory Kavanagh and Kevin Rafferty). Our underage teams have performed strongly in recent years winning numerous championships and leagues all codes.

After an absence of almost two decades hurling was restarted in St. Eunan's in the 1990's. We won the Donegal junior championship in 2000 and intermediate championship in 2001. The following year we made our most first appearance in the senior hurling championship final since 1972, losing out to the great Burt team of that era. In this decade new young players from our juvenile teams have combined with our veterans to bring us to a new level. The main focus

has been on juvenile development, with many years of hard work by dedicated coaches leading to county victories at various levels. Our teams are backboned by many duai players, a trend that can be seen in recent years in the most successful clubs nationwide. Our underage hurling successes have brought us the point where we are consistently challenging for the Donegal senior hurling championship. 2020 will be our third senior final in four years. Our camogie coaches are continuing to develop their young players.

We are strongly represented on all county teams and our fine pitch at O'Donnell Park hosts many intercounty matches. Most home games for Donegal hurling teams and many hurling and camogie championship finals are now played in Letterkenny. St. Eunan's players play major roles on our county's teams at all ages. It was a proud moment for us this year when Seán McVeigh captained Donegal to our Allianz National Hurling League Division 3A win, with many club colleagues by his side. Our young club players have been to the forefront of Donegal hurling teams playing in top level competitions lately. We look forward to contributing further to Donegal playing hurling at a high level.



## 1 Minute with Brian MacIntyre

**Favourite Position:** Full Forward

**Favourite Pitch:** O'Donnell Park

**Hobbies:** Playstation/Golf

**Childhood hero:** Tommy Walsh / Eddie Blake

**Best Player you have played with:** Adie Gaffey

**Best Player you have played against:** Jack O'Loughlin

**Best game you have been involved in:** U16 County Hurling Final v Buncrana 2014 - the feeling at the final whistle will never be forgotten

**Best trainer within your club's squad:** Legend, great attitude

**Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Colm Flood - focuses too much on looking good in that Donegal tank-top

**Best motivator within the squad:** Sean McVeigh

**Any superstitions:** Drink three protein shakes the morning of a game

**Favourite Song:** Letterkenny Town

**Favourite Film:** Happy Gilmore

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Coventry, lovely place

**Favourite Meal:** Pat's Piazza

**Best advice ever received:** "Hard work can beat talent when talent does not work hard enough". One of many pieces of inspiration from Eddie Brennan.

**Biggest influence on career:** Father/family

**Club Volunteer of note:** Anne Forde

**Song you listen to before big games:** Green and Red of Mayo

**Most important skill:** Being able to strike off both sides

**Biggest Strength in your game:** Fitness

**Area of your game you would like to improve:**  
Catching

**Advice for youngsters:** Enjoy every minute you're playing and always listen to, and learn from, your coaches

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** John Kealy/Eunan O'Donnell

**Best thing about the GAA:** Community Spirit

**Batman/Superman:** Batman

**Instagram/Smachat:** Instagram

**Up Early/Lie in:** Lie in

**Chinese/Pizza:** Piazza

**Playstation/X-Box:** Playstation

**Twitter Account:** @BrianMacIntyre

**Instagram Account:** None



# St Eunans – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Profession
Cian Hennessy	5ft 10"	28	Goalkeeper	Health Care Worker
Brian McIntyre	5ft 8"	22	Half Back	Network Planner
Adie Gaffey	5ft 10"	42	Full Back	Special Needs Assistant
Nigel Flood	5ft 11"	23	Corner Back	Student
Ryan Hilferty	6ft 1"	22	Midfield	Student
Steven Doherty	6ft 1"	24	Half Back	Sales Administrator
Conor O'Grady	6ft 0"	24	Half Forward	Secondary Teacher
Colm Flood	5ft 11"	28	Half Back	Electronic Engineer
Cormac Finn	6ft 0"	20	Corner Forward	Student
Seán Halvey	5ft 8"	23	Corner Back	Data Scientist
Seán McVeigh	6ft 0"	31	Midfield	Sports Scientist
Brendan Horgan	6ft 3"	21	Half Back	Student
Eugene Organ	6ft 0"	41	Full Forward	Garda
Kevin Kealy	6ft 1"	23	Corner Forward	Primary School Teacher
Daire McBride	5ft 10"	21	Goalkeeper	Student Nurse
Russell Forde	5ft 11"	19	Half Forward	Student
Thomas Crossan	5ft 11"	18	Half Forward	Student
Matt Ahern	5ft 9"	25	Corner Forward	Barber
John MacIntyre	5ft 10"	24	Full Back	Secondary Teacher
Conor McVeigh	6ft 2"	28	Full Back	Hospital Attendant
Eoin Scanlon	5ft 10"	29	Half Forward	Accountant
Gavin Forde	5ft 11"	19	Half Forward	Student
Paul O'Donnell	6ft 1"	19	Half Forward	Student
Daire Ó'Maoiléidigh	5ft 9"	31	Full Forward	Carpenter
Shane Maguire	5ft 11"	21	Corner Back	Student
Eunan O'Donnell	5ft 10"	52	Corner Forward	Civil Engineer
Eoin Boyle	6ft 0"	28	Corner Forward	Farmer
Oisín Randles	6ft 1"	20	Half Back	Student
John Ireland	5ft 9"	28	Half Forward	Accountant



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# Naomh Adhamhnain



**Cian ÓhAonghusa**  
*Cian Hennessy*



**Sean Ó'hEalbhaigh**  
*Sean Halvey*



**Conchur Mac an Bheatha**  
*Conor McVeigh*



**Nigel Mac An Tuile**  
*Nigel Flood*



**Colm Ó'Maoltuile**  
*Colm Flood*



**Stiofán Ó'Dochartaigh**  
*Steven Doherty*



**Brian Mac an tSaoir**  
*Brian MacIntyre*



**Seán Mac an Bheatha**  
*Sean McVeigh*



**Rian Ó'hilfearthaigh**  
*Ryan Hilferty*



**Conchur Ó'Grádaigh**  
*Conor O'Grady*



**Caoimhín Ó'Ceallaigh**  
*Kevin Kealy*



**Ruiséal Mac an Átha**  
*Russell Forde*



**Gormac Ó'Finne**  
*Cormac Finn*



**Daire Ó'Maoiléidigh**  
*Daire O'Maoiléidigh*



**Matiú Ó'hEarain**  
*Matt Ahern*

**FIR IONAD**

- 16 Daire McBride (Daire Mac Giolla Bhríde)
- 17 Oisín Randles (Oisín Mac Raghnaill)
- 18 Paul O'Donnell (Pól Ó'Domhnaill)
- 19 John MacIntyre (Seán Mac an tSaoir)
- 20 Adie Gaffey (Aodhán Ó'Gafaigh)
- 21 Thomas Crossan (Tomás Ó'Crossain)
- 22 Eugene Organ (Aodh Ó'hÓrgain)

- 23 Eoin Scanlon (Eoin Ó'Scanlain)
- 24 John Ireland (Seán Mac Eireann)
- 25 Eoin Boyle (Eoin Ó'Baóil)
- 26 Eunan O'Donnell ((Adhamhnáin Ó'Domhnaill)
- 27 Shane Maguire (Seán Mag Uidhir)
- 28 Brendan Horgan (Breandán Ó'hOrgain)
- 29 Gavin Forde (Gabháin Mac an Atha)



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**Ciárán Beiliú**  
*Ciaran Bellew*



**Denim Ó'Rudhain**  
*Denim Rowan*



**Micheál Ó'Donnchadha**  
*Michael Donoghue*



**Marcas Ó'Ceallachán**  
*Mark Callaghan*



**Seán Ó'Gaillín**  
*Shane Gallen*



**Doónall Ó'Cuilín**  
*Danny Cullen*



**Niall Ó'Cléirigh**  
*Niall Cleary*



**Conchubar Mac Éiteagáin**  
*Conor McGettigan*



**Richeard Mac Aodha**  
*Richard Kee*



**Josh Mag Aoidh**  
*Josh McGee*



**Déaglán Ó'Coltair**  
*Decky Coulter*



**Gearoid Mac Giolla Mhuire**  
*Gerard Gilmore*



**Bearnard Ó'Laifeartaigh**  
*Barney Lafferty*



**Oisín Ó'Marley**  
*Oisín Marley*



**Ruará Mac Cathmhaoil**  
*Ruari Campbell*

## FIR IONAD

- 17 Kevin Campbell (Caoimhín MacCathmhaoil)
- 18 Dean Harvey (Dean Ó'hAirmhí)
- 19 Simon McMenamin (Simón MacMeanman)
- 20 Brendan Tourish (Breandán Ó'Tuairis)
- 21 Jamie O'Reilly (Seamus Ó'Raghallaigh)
- 22 Ryan O'Callaghan (Riain Ó'Callacháin)

- 23 Ryan Coyle (Riain Ó'Coill)
- 24 Davin Flynn (Davin Ó'Floinn)
- 25 Justy McBride (Justy Mac Giolla Bhríde)
- 26 Steven McBride (Stiofán Mac Giolla Bhríde)
- 27 Alan McConnell (Aláin Mac Conaill)
- 28 Pauric Moss (Padraig Ó'Maolmna)



# Setanta – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position
Ciaran Bellew,	5ft 11"	32	Goalkeeper
Denim Rowan,	5ft 8"	27	Defender
Mark Callaghan,	5ft 8"	25	Defender
Michael Donoghue,	6ft 0"	30	Defender
Shane Gallen,	5ft 9"	27	Defender
Danny Cullen,	6ft 0"	33	Defender
Niall Cleary,	6ft 1"	31	Defender
Conor McGettigan,	6ft 4"	22	Midfield
Richie Kee,	5ft 5"	29	Midfield
Josh McGee,	6ft 2"	20	Forward
Declan Coulter,	6ft 0"	35	Forward
Gerard Gilmore,	5ft 11"	28	Forward
Bernard Lafferty,	5ft 8"	26	Forward
Oisín Marley,	6ft 2"	18	Forward
Ruairi Campbell,	5ft 8"	19	Forward
Kevin Campbell	5ft 11"	35	Forward
Dean Harvey,	5ft 8"	19	Forward
Simon McMenamin,	6ft 0"	39	Defender
Brendan Tourish,	5ft 7"	30	Defender
Jamie O'Reilly,	5ft 8"	29	Defender
Ryan Callaghan,	5ft 10"	17	Defender
Ryan Coyle,	5ft 11"	17	Forward
Davin Flynn,	5ft 9"	29	Forward
Justin McBride,	5ft 11"	23	Defender
Steven McBride,	6ft 1"	20	Defender
Alan McConnell,	5ft 5"	26	Defender
Pauric Moss,	5ft 11"	20	Forward
Caolan McClintock,	5ft 7"	17	Forward
Conor Gallen,	5ft 9"	27	Forward
Tommy Lee Scully,	5ft 9"	19	Defender
Reece Brennan,	6ft 0"	28	Forward
Gregory O'Leary,	5ft 9"	26	Defender

## Simon McMenamin - Cathaoirleach Setanta



As always, Setanta hurling club are privileged and honoured to be involved on the county final day. Today we come up against a brilliant St Eunans team who have really brought the game on in recent years and are a massive credit to themselves

and their club. It's going to be tough but as recent years have shown, it's going to be a great game between two committed sides. We'd like to thank the St Eunans club for hosting today's games and their ground staff who have done wonderful work with what is easily one of the best pitches in the country.

2021 has been a momentous year for the Setanta hurling club. A very new and eager committee have stepped forward for the next chapter in our story, great people who want to put their names besides those who have proceeded them in the application of the goals of which the GAA is founded on. We have started

work on the redevelopment of our dressing rooms and additional facilities which although a long time in planning are now beginning to take shape. I would like to thank all committee members before me for sowing the seeds of this many years ago and we will see the fruits of their labour in the coming years. I would also like to thank anyone who has supported us in the past and future to the implementation of our club's plans as every little bit of help adds up and can't be thanked enough.

I'd like to thank the Donegal county board for giving all teams an abundance of games between league and championship as it's showing the standard of the county team is rising as a result with their many recent successes in recent years and more clubs playing than ever. New rivalries are forming and old ones rekindled which bodes well for everyone involved in the game for the future.

Finally best of luck to Gary, his management team and all the players for their Herculean efforts this year and commitment to the club.

## Declan Coulter - Captaen Setanta



Is mór an ónair dom le bheidh mar chaptaen an fhoireann iontach seo.

It is indeed my honour and privilege to captain the team into the 2021 County Final. We meet our good rivals St.

Eunan's again, the fourth time

in 5 years. We have prepared for another huge battle and we will certainly need to be at our best to win.

We have trained hard from March and the players deserve huge credit for their dedication and sacrifice to date. We have prepared well for this championship and a massive thank you must go to Gary and his backroom team, Ollie, Mark, Ciaran and David.

We look forward to a hard, sporting game against St. Eunan's and hearing our fantastic supporters in full voice.

Ar ar gcumas atá sé. Setanta Abú.

## Gary McGettigan - Bainisteoir Setanta



It's a great honour for me to be managing this Setanta senior team.

I have only been involved with Setanta since 2017 and I've been very lucky to have been involved in county finals each year, 3 as a player and now this is my 2nd year as manager.

Even though it's a different experience as the manager it doesn't take away from the excitement a final brings.

Thankfully supporters are allowed back at this year's final as the atmosphere last year just wasn't the same.

Setanta have a real dedicated band of supporters and their support today will be greatly

appreciated by the players.

I would like to thank the club committee for all their help throughout the year and also my back room team who have been a great support to me in my 2 years in management.

Similar to last year this has been a difficult season with lockdowns and restrictions but the players have done everything that has been asked of them.

We are under no illusion of the massive task that lays ahead today. St Eunan's have been knocking on the door this last few years and will provide formidable opposition. There is never much between the teams and I'd imagine that when the final whistle goes there won't be more than a point or 2 between the teams, hopefully in our favour!

## 1 Minute with Denim Rowan Setenta

**Favourite Position:** Wing Back

**Favourite Pitch:** O'Donnell Park

**Hobbies:** Golf and the gym

**Childhood hero:** Tommy Walsh

**Best Player you have played with:** Danny Cullen

**Best Player you have played against:** Ciaran Matthewson

**Best game you have been involved in:** County Final 2019

**Best trainer within your club's squad:** Declan Coulter

**Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Ciaran Bellew

**Best motivator within the squad:** Kevin Campbell

**Any superstitions:** New boots don't go on the kitchen table

**Favourite Song:** We do what we want (Alan Fitz)

**Favourite Film:** Wolf of Wall Street

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Ibiza

**Favourite Meal:** Fish and chip, Curry Dip

**Best advice ever received:** Hard work beats talent

**Biggest influence on career:** My late granny - she was a great GAA woman

**Club Volunteer of note:** Kate Cullen has been there year in and year out since I started

**Song you listen to before big games:** 50 Cent, Many Men

**Most important skill:** Communication

**Biggest Strength in your game:** Speed and aggression

**Area of your game you would like to improve:** High fielding

**Advice for youngsters:** Work hard, play smart

**Young Player within your club to look out for:** Mark Wilkinson

**Best thing about the GAA:** Making memories with the lads you grew up with

**Batman/Superman:** Batman

**Up Early/Lie in:** Up early

**Chinese/Pizza:** Pizza

**Twitter Account:** not applicable

**Instagram Account:** not applicable

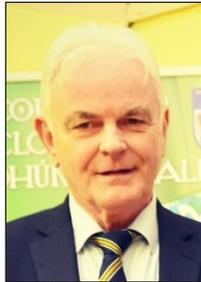


# Iománaíocht - an sport is sine sa tír - forbhreathnú gairid ar Dhún na nGall *(Fergus MacAoidh, CLG Dhún na nGall)*

B'iad Beart a bhain an chead craobh contae san iománaíocht anseo i nDún na nGall sa bhliain 1905. Sa bhliain 1906, bhain an contae a chead corn mhór - craobhchomórtais Iomána Sinsearach Uladh nuair a bhuail Dún na nGall Aontroma sa chluiche ceannais. Ba é seo an bhliain cheanna a bhain foireann d'ainm Sinn Féin Bun Dobhráin craobh na contae. Tá sé suimiúil gur bhain Dún na nGall craobh sinsear Uladh san iománaíocht ar thrí ócáid ins na blianta 1906, 1923 agus 1932.

Bhain Dún na nGall Corn Lory Meagher sa bhliain 2011. Ba é Dún na nGall an chead chontae a bhain Corn Nicolas Mhic Riocáird (Nickey Rackard) ar thrí ócáid i 2013, 2018 agus 2020. Chuidigh seo go mór le athbheocháin iománaíochta sa chontae. Bhí i gcónaí agus tá go foill daoine in achán cluba d'obair chomh dian dícheallach chun an spórt a choinneal beo. Tá buíochas agus creidmheas mór tuillte ag na daoine sin a d'fhan leis nuair nach raibh an spórt a imirt chomh forleathan agus atá anois.

Bhí suim i gcónaí san iománaíocht i nDún na nGall agus thar na blianta bhí cuid mhór clubanna a d'imir an chluiche Gaelach is sinne sa tír. Mar is eol dúinn, is é an pheil Ghaelach an príomhsport i nDún na nGall agus thar na blianta mar thoradh air seo bhí níos lú daoine óga ag roghnú iománaíocht a imirt. San am i láthair, tá athbheochan insan iománaíocht le clubanna ag imirt sa Chraobh Sinsearach agus Sóisearach. Le cois sin, tá feabhas suntasach sa chaighdeán agus tá i bhfad níos mó suim anois san iománaíocht ag leibheal club agus contae.



Is é corn na Mumha (The Munster Cup) an corn a bhronnfar ar an fhoireann a bhaineas an chraobh sinsear san iománaíocht i nDún na nGall. Tá 39 craobh sinsear bainte ag Beart agus 16 bainte ag Setanta. Tá an dá chlub seo i bhfad chun tosaigh ar na clubanna eile ó thaobh an méid atá bainte acu ach tá feabhas ag teacht ar na forine eile sa chontae

atá le feiceál bliain indiaidh bliain. Is iad Setanta rogha na gcoitiantacha sa chluiche ceannais sinsear inniú agus cé nar bhain Naomh Adhamhnaín sa chraobh soiséar ó 2000 agus sinsear ó'n bhliain 1972 tá feabhas le feiceál orthú achán bhliain. Is é seo an tríú bliain indiaidh a chéile dóibh theacht aníos in éidean Setanta sa chluiche ceannais. Is cinnte go mbeidh cluiche de ard chaighdeán againn inniú agus tá sé deacair a rá cé acu de na forine a bhéas mar sheampainí ag deireadh an lae.

Sa chluiche ceannais soisear inniú tá an Chlochán Liath agus Aodh Roadh Béal Atha Seannaidh. Is é seo an dara bliain as a chéile do'n Chlochán Liath a bheith sa chluiche ceannais shóisearach. Is eacht oll-



mhór é seo do chlub nár thosaigh ag imirt iománaíocht faoi aois go dtí ocht mbliain ó shin agus nár chuir foireann sinsear chun páirce go dtí anuraidh. Bhí iománaíocht i mBéal Atha Seannaidh i bhfad siar fríd na blianta agus bhain siad an chraobh sinsear ar thrí ócáid ins na 20í. Is cinnte go mbeidh cluiche maith ann ach deacair a rá cé acu a bhéas an bua.



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