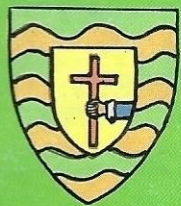


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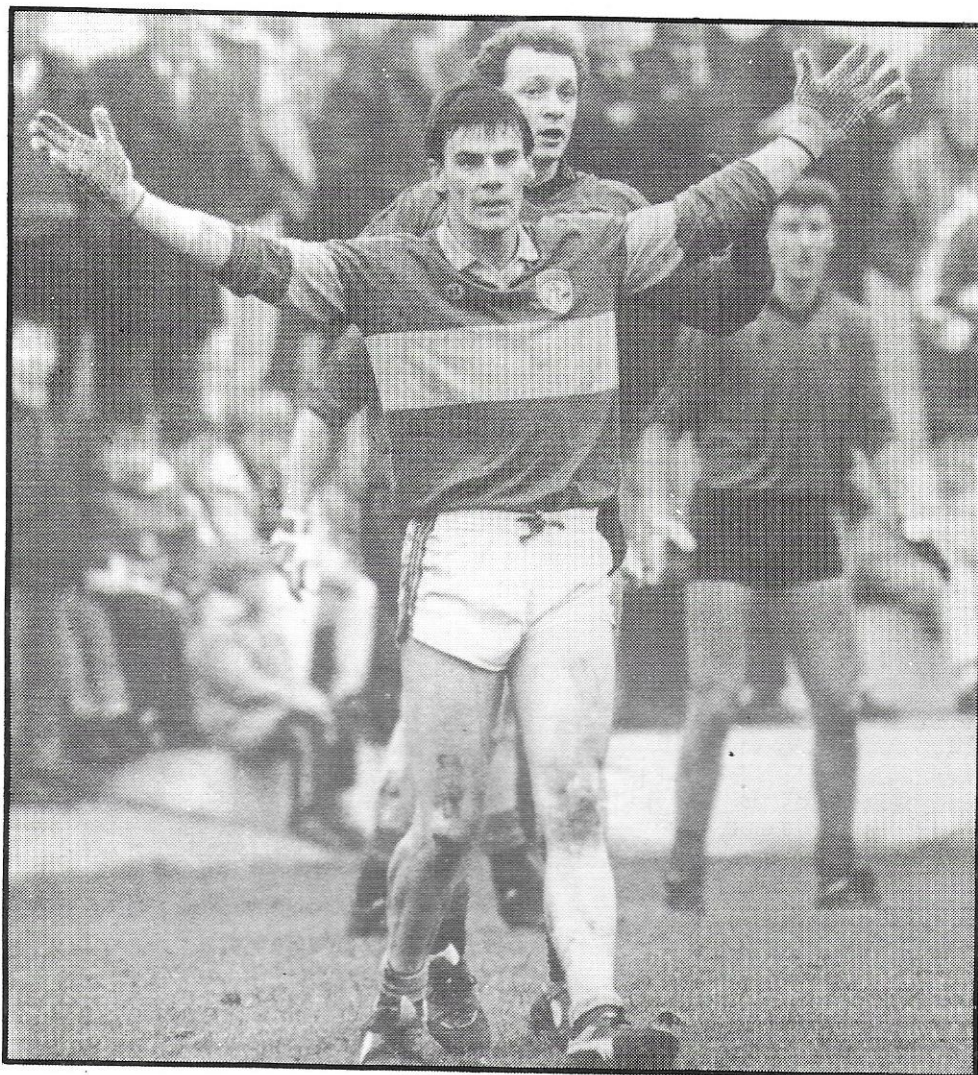
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1988 shall be remembered in the history books as the year Dún na nGall reached the Ulster final and after drawing with Tyrone got soundly beaten in the replay. Played Kerry in Div. I of the N.L. and repeated our victory of '88 in Tralee by defeating them in Ballyshannon. The year of retaining Div. I status, change of senior team manager with Brian McEniff returning to replace Tom Conaghan at the helm after an unpopular election.

P. J. McGowan and Hugh McClafferty also in the hunt. The win in the Ulster Championship in Cavan, Joyce McMullan's superb goals; Gary Maan's breathtaking saves; the Cavan crowd leaving the hill with seven minutes to go; the smile on manager Tom's face as Bart Whelan leapt on top of him at the final whistle. John Joe Doherty's catches against Derry in the semi, the wee man's goal, the media hype for the final. T.V. crews, the draw in Clones, the bitterness of the feeling after the replay, the great support we had. It's all behind us now. Such is sporting memories of 1989.

Once again Kilcar were the team to collect silverware on more counts than one. All-Ireland Gaeltacht champions at junior and senior, creating a unique record; well done. At domestic championship level they defeated my own club Aodh Ruadh in the final in new-look MacCumhail Park, to finish the decade as being declared the club of the '80's; not many will argue with this acclaim.

Surely after some fine club displays in Ulster Club in the '80's the breakthrough is not too far away. Kilcar going down in similar fashion as Killybegs in '88 to the Armagh champions by 1 solitary point.

Sincere thanks to all who sponsored G.A.A. competitions during 1989 and all who contributed towards our County Team Training Fund.

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Every year brings its joy and sadness and the tragic loss of someone dear to you is always so difficult to understand and accept. To all who suffered bereavements in 1988 and 1989 the deepest of sympathy, but a special mention to the Byrne family, Killybegs, Gallagher family, Ballintra, and Doherty family in Downings.

This, being my first year as P.R.O., it has had its moments, glad to say more good ones than bad ones. I've enjoyed the work, and would like to think that I have a good working relationship built up with the press and media and would like to thank them for the support they have given our Association in 1989. We both need each other. A special thanks to all the refs for 'phoning in results on time, to all the club officers who furnished me with material, our advertisers, the four local newspapers 'Donegal Democrat', 'Derry People & Donegal News', 'Donegal Peoples Press' and 'Derry Journal', Radio na Gaeltachta's Pól O Gallchoir, all the photographers, Connie Duffy, Michael Daly, Charlie Joe McGinley, Kevin Sharkey for their journalistic contributions, and a special word of thanks to all the staff of our printers, especially Charlie McGloin who responded above the call of duty to assist and advise me to produce this publication. Finally, I would like to thank the 'Irish Press', 'Irish Independent' and 'Irish News' for their co-operation in printing our club results in their Monday editions which means so much to our emigrants.

Go raibh maith agaibh.

Is mise,

Micheal Mac Craith, Eagarthóir.

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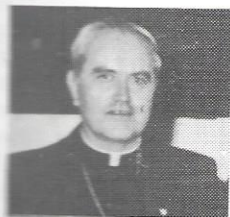
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Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Buncrannaigh



Buncrana, 1988 Junior A champions.

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1988

When the captain of the team, Denis Swift, raised aloft the McCluskey Cup for the Junior 'A' Championship in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, on the first Sunday in September, 1988, Buncrana's All-Ireland had been won. Despite the damp, darkening autumn evening the spirits of the winners were bright and cheery. A long wait was over and even though Buncrana have a Co. Derry Senior Championship to their credit in the 30s, this present team was composed of mainly locals, many of whom were the products of the club's underage policy in the early '80s together with the increased participation in adult Shield and League.

The triumphant cavalcade made its way back to the Inis Eoghan peninsula and the reception at the White Strand, West End, and the GAA headquarters of Padraic O Flaitheartaigh, left no one in doubt of the joy of this success. Yet at the start of '88 no one could have foreseen this night of celebration. While the club was enjoying its usual quota of success at underage, the adult section barely survived in Div. 2 North. The improved employment situation in the local McCarter factory saw a reversal of the emigration trend and work for the men meant that the starting team in the final included six employees of the above firm. Despite the above, it was, and is, always a struggle to field and the Championship

illustrated this most clearly as the club called on 32 players. In addition to those named in team photograph the following toggled out in earlier rounds: Noel Jones, Finian Hegarty, Kevin Logan, Denis Kennedy, Ed. O'Brien, Liam Henderson, Eugene O'Connell, Stephen Doherty and the club officers, Sean Masterson, P. J. Hallinan and John McFadden. The last named played against Ballyshannon and thus completed a second and father and son combination in the success, which is not often matched.

While the Junior A Championship win was the highlight of the year, this was not the only trophy won. The introduction of an early season league by the Inis Eoghain Board which catered for the five local sides was invaluable as a lead up to league and championship. Beating Malin in the final of this competition gave the team the winning feeling and was the springboard to county success. These local derbies were the best possible preparation in that they gave much match practice and allowed the selectors to blood some promising young material. A good start to the Co. League when the team travelled and narrowly defeated St. Michaels, thanks mainly to a Finian Hegarty goal was to prove very important at the end of the season when relegation loomed again.

We would thank most sincerely our sponsors, supporters, transport and all who helped in this historic year.

1989

1989 was a reasonably successful year for the club, as the main ambition of achieving promotion was the natural step forward in building on the Junior A Championship win in 1988.

A good start is half the battle and so it proved as we had some early season wins which were to prove vital in an exciting run in to Division 2 North which mainly featured Termon, Urris, Robert Emmets and Buncrana. At the end of July we led the table with 18 points from 11 games with Emmets on 17, Urris on 16 and Termon (with a game in hand) on 15. A home draw with Termon was compensated with an away draw with Emmets and promotion was virtually assured when Termon defeated Emmets to take top spot. Our final league record of 16 played, 10 won, four drawn and only 2 lost was a tribute to the consistency of the efforts of all concerned.

A good win over Dungloe in the league semi-final in Ballybofey was a bonus but the drawn out nature of the concluding stages of the competition takes away from its importance as the final represented only our second game in two months. It is interesting to note that of the league '89 final lineout, seven members did not figure in the Junior Championship team of '88. Four Masters gave us a taste of what to expect from our venture into senior ranks next year. The standard of fitness and off the ball support left

them that vital step ahead and when we failed to score in a ten minute spell of pressure after half time when some good goalscoring chances went begging, we gave ourselves too big a hill to climb. One attack in which we had three shots at goal blocked ended with a quick counter-attack by Four Masters and a well taken goal midway through the half to leave the score 3-5 to 0-4. This signalled the end of our efforts as Four Masters went on to play with confidence as ours ebbed away. It was our first lesson in senior ranks and greater fitness and dedication will be needed if we are to survive in Div. 1 North or the restructured Div. 11 Senior All County League. Indeed in the interests of improving club standards it is hoped that all clubs will support these proposed changes.

While we failed to retain our Inis Eoghain title when losing narrowly to Urris in a sporting and exciting final early in the year, these games were a great preparation for the league campaign. Urris went on to emulate our Junior A win in the championship and were unlucky to trail us by one point in the league but, hopefully, they will keep Inis Eoghain standards to the forefront next year by achieving that desired promotion spot. The Inis Eoghain season was not without

success as we won the knock-out competition for the Philadelphia Cup run by the Carndonagh Club.

The under-age scene was pretty active as usual with the U-12 'B' team providing the highlight as they only went under to Glenties in a replay having been unlucky not to spring a surprise on the first day. The U-14s also qualified for the county stages while the U-18s won the Minor League but have yet to play in the knock-out county stage.

The work of recent years with these young players can only help to improve the club at adult level and if we are to field a second team as we did some years ago it is to the products of our youth policy that we must look. The work of John McFadden and his underage mentors cannot be praised highly enough. Nowadays with the demands of many sports and activities on our youth and on the adults who help to organise them, the workload in clubs is falling on a dwindling body of personnel. The appointment of a full time officer in some capacity at county level must surely come soon to facilitate and co-ordinate the work of this band of voluntary workers in each club.

I trust that these observations will show that our club tries to think

beyond our parochial boundaries for the good of the county board of which we are all part.

Finally, I would take this opportunity to thank all clubs in our division and championship for their sporting attitude over the last two years and wish them all the best in 1990 when great consideration will have to be given to rule changes.

Rath De oraibh go leir.

Officers elected at the recent AGM held in Oct. 1989 were as follows: Chairman, Danny O'Brien; vice-chairman, John McFadden; secretary, Sean Masterson; assistance secretary, Laurence Hegarty (captain in 1989); treasurers, P. J. McGarrigle; asst. treasurer, Padraig O Flaithbheartaigh; registrar, Danny O'Brien; our Honorary President is Rev. Joseph Carolan, P.P.

A special word of thanks to P. J. Hallinan, who retired from the position of vice-chairman this year. A man of many commitments (with the Youth Club high on his list of priorities), he is currently serving on the Provincial Boxing Council as well as being a regular walker for Rehab at home and abroad. P. J. must have filled every position in the club both on and off the field and I am sure we will have his support as always.

— Danny O'Brien, PRO

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tacaíocht airgid dúinn gach bliain.

Gaelic games continue to be successful in our schools thanks to the work of the dedicated teachers involved.

At senior level St. Columba's, Stranorlar went on to win the Ulster Under 18 individual schools championship. Two competitions were organised this year for first year pupils on a trial basis. This proved very successful and this year it is intended to do the same at U.16 and U.14 level.

At Inter-County level, Tyrone — the eventual All-Ireland winners — defeated our County Team in the Ulster final.

With schools being in a position to purchase subsidised protective headgear, Hurling was re-introduced.

A senior and junior competition were completed. This year Hurling has been introduced into Gweedore Community School and they have entered a team in the junior competition.

Camogie — six teams took part in the competition — an increase of two from the previous year. Cavan defeated Donegal in an Ulster championship.

Handball competitions were introduced for the first time with players from Carrick Vocational School and St. Columba's, Stranorlar going on to represent the County in the Ulster championship.

Those of us involved with the promotion of games in our schools were saddened to learn of the death of Mr. Eddie Gibson (former C.E.O.) during the summer. While in Donegal he was very active in the promotion of games/activities in the Schools. Ar dheis De go rabh a anam.

On behalf of the C.L.C.G. na nGairm Scoileanna, I would like take this opportunity of thanking the various clubs for the use of their pitches and dressing rooms during the year, and the referees who officiated at our matches. A special word of thanks to A.I.B. who continue to give financial support for the promotion of Gaelic games in our Schools.

C.L.C.G. na nGairm Scoil 1988/89 competitions

	Winners	Runners-up
Senior A.	St. Columba's	Gweedore
Senior B.	Loreto Milford	Buncrana Convent
U-16	Killybegs Voc.	Gweedore
U-14	St. Columba's	Abbey Voc.
1st Year A.	St. Columba's	Gweedore
1st Year B.	Milford Voc.	Letterkenny Voc.
Sen. Hurling	Buncrana Convent	Carn
Junior Hurling	Buncrana Convent	Buncrana Voc.
Senior Handball	Carrick Voc.	St. Columba's
Junior Handball	St. Columba's	Carrick Voc.
Camogie — Senior	Stranorlr Voc.	Abbey Voc.
Camogie — Junior	Abbey Voc.	Stranorlar Voc.
Camogie — 1st Year	Buncrana Voc.	Stranorlar Voc.

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DE LA SALLE — Ulster Herald Cup winners



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De La Salle, Ballyshannon, captured their 2nd Ulster Colleges U-16 'B' Championship when they defeated Patrician College, Carrickmacross in Omagh. The final score was 2-5 to 1-7 and the victory brought the Herald Cup back to Ballyshannon for the first time since 1978. For coach and headmaster, Michael McGowan, and his dedicated squad, it was indeed a sweet victory after a long campaign. De La Salle played seven games in the competition and certainly showed commitment and team spirit that would be the envy of many more experienced sides. While winning point scoring hero, Seamus Gallagher, and captain, Donal Buggy (who scored a total of 2-2 from play) were the names mentioned after the game, every man played his part with all seven defenders excelling when Carrickmacross had the advantage of a strong wind in the second half.

Scorers for De La Salle were: Donal Buggy (2-2), Al Travers, Seamus Gallagher and John Muldoon (0-1 each).

The team was: John Downey (Aodh Ruadh); Keith Doherty (do.), Sean Maguire (Melvin Gaels), Declan Kelly (do.); Alan Sheerin (do.), Fergal McGrath (Aodh Ruadh), Anthony McGrath (do.); Donal Buggy (capt., do.), Michael Baird (Pettigo); Gareth Foley (Melvin Gaels), Aaron Phelan (do.), Al Travers (Aodh Ruadh); Barry Ward (do.), John Muldoon (do.), Brian Roper (do.) Subs., Seamus Gallagher (Melvin Gaels) for Michael Baird; Patrick Daly (Bundoran) for Gareth Foley; Eamonn O'Donnell (Aodh Ruadh) for Brian Roper; Eunan McGrath, Sean Gibbons, Christopher Kane, Liam Bagnell, Barry O'Neill, Declan Slevin, Keith Brennan, Niall McCready, James Grimes (all Aodh Ruadh).

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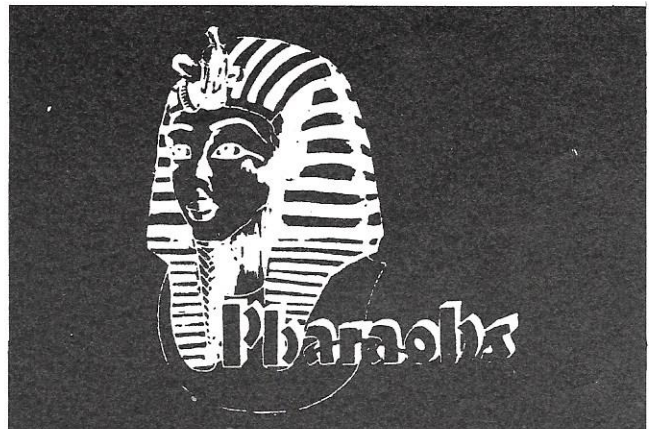
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Glenswilly

1988 has been the most successful year for the club both on and off the field since its formation in 1982.

At under-age level we entered teams in all competitions and it was the under-10s who were most successful, winning the St. Eunan's Cup. One of the u-10 players, Shane Sweeney, received the Skills Award at a competition in Fanad in May.

The junior team were the most successful team this year winning promotion to Division 2 and reaching the Junior 'B' Championship final, Division 3 Shield final and Gaeltacht Championship semi-final. In the league the club won 13 out of 14 matches and had six points to spare over their nearest rivals when the season ended. In the Gaeltacht semi-final Termon proved too strong and had an easy victory of 1-11 to 0-2. The team were rewarded for all their hard work at training when we reached the Championship final in October, but a poor performance on the day let Killybegs in to take the Junior 'B' title with a score of 0-8 to 0-3.

In January we travelled to Downings for the Shield final but again were disappointed despite a good display when Fanad won by 3-6 to 2-6 after extra time.

Off the field the club purchased a new playing pitch which was paid for by a very successful draw when the whole parish and others got behind the club to raise the funds and some money for development.

We had two teams in the senior Scór competition in which the quiz team reached the county semi-final

and also for the first time a team in the junior Scór competition (the novelty act) reached the county final.

In October the annual dinner dance took place with over 350 people in attendance and the following awards were presented: Player of the Year: Gavin O'Brien; Most Improved Player of the Year: Cormac Gallagher; Clubman of the Year: Finbarr Glackin; Young Players of the Year: Patrick McDevitt and P. J. Gallagher.

In November the club was presented with the "Club of the Year" awards at the annual awards in the Highlands

Hotel which is a reflection of the highest effort put in by the committee, players, trainers and all those who helped out with the draw.

The committee for the year was: Chairman: Fr. Patrick Kerr; vice-chairman: Jimmy McGinley; secretary: Roger McDaid; treasurers: Dan McDaid and Jimmy McFadden; team manager: Finbar Glackin; P.R.O.: Brian McHugh; registrar: Liam McGowan; Youth Officer: Gavin O'Brien; Oifigeach na Gaeilge: Phelim Molloy; committee members: Mick Murphy, Hughie McDaid, Shay Farrell.



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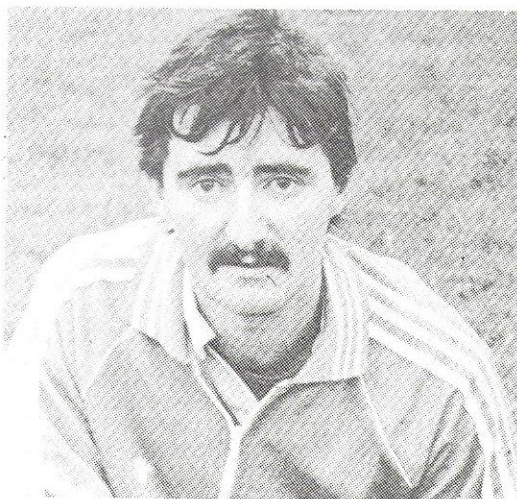
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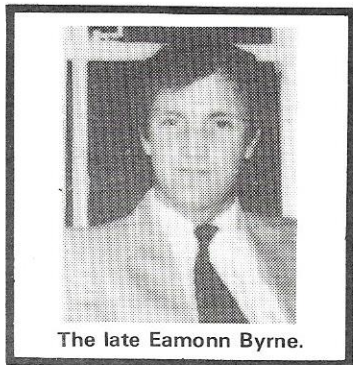
Record breaking year for Killybegs club

1988 was the year in which Killybegs G.A.A. Club achieved many long-cherished dreams, winning a record four County Championships and an all-Ireland under-age title as well as seeing the official dedication of the Padraig MacDaibhid Pairc at Fintra putting the club up among the leaders in terms of off-pitch facilities and playing area.

The roll of title achievements included the County Senior Football Championship (for the first time in 36 years); the Junior B County Football Championship under-16 and under-14 titles and the all-Ireland Feile Peile na nOg Championship, for the second year in succession.

There was too much to celebrate. But there was sadness also for the Club with the deaths of two prominent and hard-working members, Tommy White after a long-fought illness, and Eamonn Byrne, who collapsed on the field of play while captaining Killybegs senior footballers against Aodh Ruadh, at Ballyshannon.

There is no doubt that his unforeseen death at the age of 32 was an inspiration to the team which went on to win the county title against all the odds.



The late Eamonn Byrne.



Killybegs 1988 u-14 team in Ballybofey.

JUNIOR B

On a dark October evening, Killybegs added another first to their bag of winnings when they won the Junior B title by beating Glenswilly by 0-8 to 0-3 at MacCumhaill Park. Killybegs fielded a team combining youth and experience and it proved a winning blend.

That side was captained by Brendan White and managed by Pat Conaghan, Charles Boyle and Billy Broderick.

Again they went into the final as the underdogs against a very experienced Glenswilly side. But their superior fitness after arduous training under team coach Pat Cannon paid off on the day.

Special mention must be made also of 15-year-old Mark Boyle for his splendid display of score-taking and his standard of play generally, which would have done credit to a much more senior player. He performed well beyond his years and showed great maturity and skill.

The victors were justifiably treated to a tumultuous welcome back in Killybegs.

UNDER-14

Another important under-age victory in 1988 was the win by Killybegs Under-14 team over St. Eunan's. We couldn't say it better than Connie Duffy in the "Democrat": "Killybegs collected their fourth county under-14 title . . . when the combined scoring power of two star forwards Declan Boyle and Declan Haughey ripped the gallant St. Eunan's opposition to shreds in a competitive but, eventually, one-sided final at MacCumhaill Park."

It was a historic occasion in more ways than one for Declan Boyle, who collected his third under-14 medal that day.

The team was captained by flame-haired Peter McGinley who will, hopefully, go on to captain many more winning teams in his sporting future with the G.A.A.

Another record was set by the Killybegs under-14 team, which became the first club side ever to win the Feile Peile na nOg title in successive years when they beat St. John's, Belfast, by an impressive 2-7 to 0-4 at Newbridge, Co. Kildare, in July.



Killybegs, Junior B County Championship winners, 1988

When the final whistle was blown the large crowd present, including many Killybegs supporters, stood and acclaimed both teams for one of the finest under-14 displays of football seen at the National Finals of Feile Peile na nOg for many years. After a great game Killybegs had beaten Antrim kingpins St. John's of Belfast.

The victory over St. John's was the pinnacle of a hectic week-end for the Killybegs boys which saw them have four games on Saturday with victories over Kildare teams Ballyna and Na Fianna, Laois champions Portlaoise, and in the semi-final Down champions Rostrevor.

The Killybegs boys, with their brand of football that included high fielding, tight marking, intelligent movement of the ball, accurate shooting and general discipline on and off the field, have given Donegal football a high rating with these displays.

The Donegal champions opened their campaign with an easy victory over their hosts for the week-end, Ballyna, in Johnston Bridge. Moving on to Allenwood games with Na Fianna and Portlaoise were won with ease. As sectional winners the meeting with Down champions Rostrevor brought Killybegs to their third venue of the day, Prosperous. The meeting of the Donegal and Down boys, which was played in a downpour, saw Killybegs playing against the breeze leading by 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

When Rostrevor equalised shortly after the break, Killybegs supporters might have reason to feel anxious, but a powerful display of defending by the six backs limited Rostrevor to very few chances and eventually Killybegs got the vital scores to finish on top by 2-7 to 0-2. This victory put Killybegs into the final for the second successive year and gave them a chance to become the first ever club to win a Feile title in successive years.

The team was excellently prepared and managed by Pat Conaghan and Jimmy White.

UNDER-16

Killybegs Under-16 team were favourites in the final of their Championship against Ballyshannon and it was a confidence that was well rewarded when they took the title 1-10 to 0-6 in what was, despite the scoreline, a closely-contested game.

A goal by Declan Haughey in the dying minutes of the game sealed the win for Killybegs, according to the following week's "Donegal Democrat" which added: "Although they gave everything, Aodh Ruadh were finally forced to bow to Killybegs' superior strength and their excellent score-taking.

The title — the second in five years — was evidence of Killybegs' continuing ability to produce well motivated, highly trained teams in under-age football. The victory was just reward for the dedication and commitment of manager Anthony McBrearty, and trainer Declan McGuinness.

FINTRA PARK

Sunday, May 29, 1988, saw the fulfilment of an ambition by Killybegs G.A.A. club with the official opening of impressive new facilities and the dedication of Pdraig MacDaibhid Memorial Pairc at Fintra. The occasion was marked by an inter-county challenge match between Donegal and Leitrim, following a curtain-raiser between Killybegs and Ballyshannon under-16s.

The opening marked the culmination of many years hard work by committees at Killybegs, supported by local goodwill and an investment of more than £25,000. The result sees the club with facilities among the best in the county. The club produced an excellent souvenir programme to mark the occasion.

Paddy McDevitt's widow, Annie, performed the official opening and, among the V.I.P.s present for the occasion were senior G.A.A. officials from club and county level along with local clergy.

It was a sparkling social occasion with hospitality at the Pairc provided by a hard-working ladies' committee and, later, an excellent dinner and dance in Fintra House Hotel.

DEATHS

While the club experienced one of its most successful seasons ever on the playing field, the year was marked by sadness also with the loss in May of Tommy White, a very dedicated and hard-working club member and, in June, by the death of Eamonn Byrne, suddenly and unexpectedly, while captaining the club's senior team in a league match against Ballyshannon.

Tommy became deeply involved with the G.A.A. in the town as his sons Jimmy, Kevin, Conor and Rory, contributed increasingly to the prestige of the club throughout the '70s and '80s. He served as a referee and held the post of chairman for three years.

Despite the serious illness which eventually claimed his valiant spirit, Tommy White remained active to the last in the sport he loved so well and attended matches up to a few weeks before his death.

Eamonn Byrne died suddenly and unexpectedly while captaining the Killybegs football team in a league match against Ballyshannon on Sunday, June 26th.

His outstanding quality was his quiet dedication to his club and his game. But, his unassuming attitude was belied by the unrelenting professionalism in his approach to his sport. His behaviour on and off the pitch set a worthy highlight for imitation by others, particularly the younger members of the club.

Eamonn's commitment and unpretentious zeal were all the more remarkable when it was remembered that he was a native of Arklow, Co. Wicklow, and that Killybegs was his adopted town and club. In the fifteen years he played here he missed only two games for the club, one through unavoidable absence and the other because of injury.

Adept at football and hurling, he played both for Killybegs as well as playing hurling for the county and, on one occasion also, football.

In Killybegs there was no more committed club member and no player more eager to perform for the club. Always available for training or to travel to matches, he often sacrificed overtime opportunities to give his time and energy to the game he loved and to his colleagues on the team, nor would he accept any compensation.

Fearless on the field of play, he was known as a man who always gave of his best and treated every game as if it was the championship final. Off the pitch Eamonn was a friend to be



Killybegs 1988 u-16 team in Ballybofey.

treasured, always available to help or advise, in his own quiet way, if invited to do so.

The year ended on a note of nostalgia and celebration with the club's annual dinner dance in the Abbey Hotel, Donegal Town, in December. Guests of honour for the occasion were the senior championship winners for both 1952 and 1988.

Several members of the '52 team are still closely connected with the present-day team and indeed some are actively involved in the running of the club.

To mention a few, Willie Cunningham, father of 1988 captain Barry, and Willie's brother, Andy, now residing in Portnoo, whose son John played his part in '88 and also captained the county under-21 team to All-Ireland victory in 1987. One wonders if Jim McHugh, another member of the '52 team and father of Martin and James McHugh, both county players and playing club football with Kilcar, would be rated in the same class as his sons. His colleagues of the '52 team seem to think so.

Let's not forget James O'Callaghan, the man responsible for bringing this team together for this historical occasion, and were all presented with appreciation plaques by Charlie Faulkner, chairman of the County Board, to the applause of four hundred who attended.

Also the reigning county champions, senior and junior (B) received their medals amidst great excitement, with the senior team earning special praise for the relentness training and dedication put in throughout the year. Manager John Joe O'Shea, with his band of selectors and trainer, spent endless hours travelling and coaching for to ensure



Killybegs u-14 All-Ireland winners 1988: Pat Conaghan, manager; Andrew Mullin, David McSharry, Garth Cunningham, Donal Cunningham, Gillian McGuinness, Martin McGuinness, Barry McBrearty, Nigel Rodden, Declan Boyle, Peter McGinley, Brian Conaghan, Brendan McGuinness, Gareth Murphy, Shaun Moore, Kevin Rodden, Paul Callaghan, Declan Haughey, Marcus Munnely, Adrian Callaghan, Dermot Connaghan.



The late Tommy White (extreme left, front) with 1988 Committee members and sponsor, Martin McHugh.

everything would be o.k. for the big occasion and it was only too fitting they should reap the reward.

The club were presented with a cup from the fire brigade in honour of Eamonn Byrne, which will be played for annually.

Also, a presentation was made to

Pat Cannon, manager, and still playing junior football, for his lifesaving effort off the field, taking crewman Florence Nolan aboard after being washed off deck.

All in all, a most successful year which future teams and club officials will have difficulty emulating.



1952 team: Back row, left to right: Prionsias Carr (representing brother Andy in U.S.A.), Hugh O'Donnell, Con McBrearty, Neily Cunningham, Peter O'Donnell, Josie Diver R.I.P., Andy Cunningham, Declan McShane (representing his father, Paddy), Eddie McBrearty, Charlie Faulkner, Co. Board chairman. Front row, left to right: Frank Gillespie, Fr. McCauley, Tommy McHugh, Frankie Daniel Cunningham, Killybegs Club president, James Callaghan, manager of '52 team, Conal McCauley, Sean McGettrick, Patsy McGowan, Killybegs Club chairman. Missing from photo: Charlie Brady.



1988 senior team.

SENIOR

Sunday, August 28, 1989, will be long remembered by the Killybegs Club as the date on which they beat neighbours, Kilcar, at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey, by a margin of just two points to win their first Senior Football County title since 1952.

The final score of 2-10 to 2-8 was the culmination not only of a hard-fought game but of a season of determined effort. The tragic loss of Eamonn Byrne gave an added impetus to the team to win the title and spurred them on to greater effort during the final, when all seemed beyond rescue.

Planning for the game was meticulous, under manager John Joe O'Shea and assistants Brendan Dempsey, Michael Gallagher and Bernard Conaghan. No stone was left

untaken in terms of training, tactical or mental preparation.

It was a well-prepared squad that captain Barry Cunningham led on to the park for the final. But the betting was all on Kilcar. Fitness, of course, was vital, and the fact that no fewer than ten of the Killybegs team that day were under 21 was, undoubtedly, a major factor as well as being, possibly, a record.

But strength of spirit and the will to win proved just as crucial. At the throw-in Killybegs were regarded as the team most likely to come second. And that prophecy of doom seemed to be all too accurate when they found themselves six points down early in the second half.

It was then that the never-say-die attitude and true grit of the young players was most needed and they were not found wanting. It was agreed

by all that their eventual victory was well deserved.

One thing that was never in doubt was the backing of the local community in and around Killybegs. Every house, every shop and office was festooned with bunting. Messages of goodwill flashed from every window to cheer the team on their way to the final. And, on the day, Killybegs was a ghost town. It was one-way traffic only from Killybegs to Ballybofey. Such confidence cannot be denied. And it wasn't.

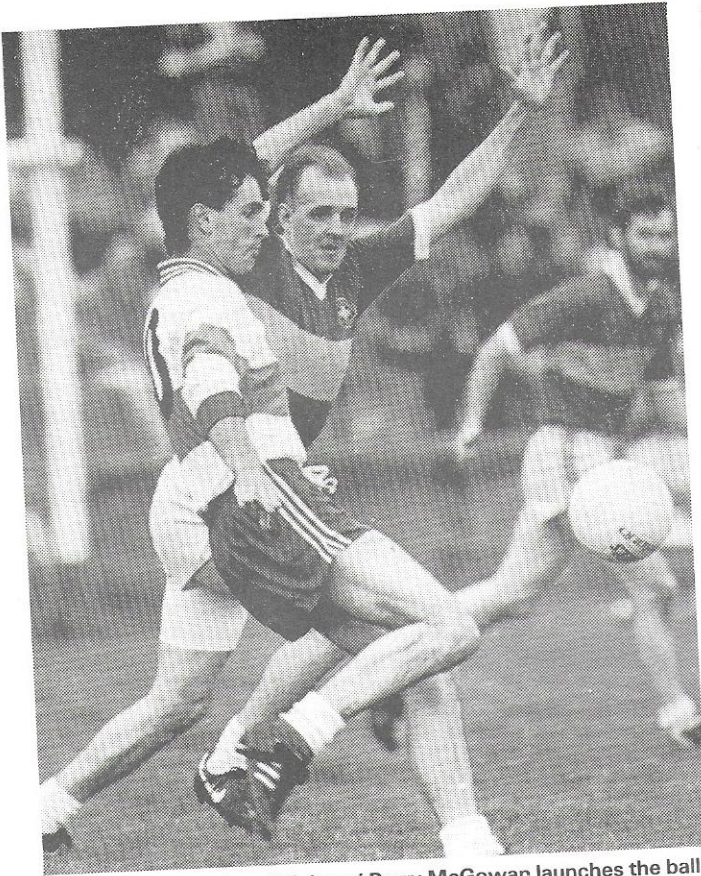
The moment of glory is a bright memory in the folklore of Killybegs. And it shines particularly for those who had been involved in keeping the G.A.A. spirit alive in the town over a long number of barren years, especially at senior level. All their hard work has been justly rewarded.



A section of fans at the 1988 final.

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Action from the 1988 Senior



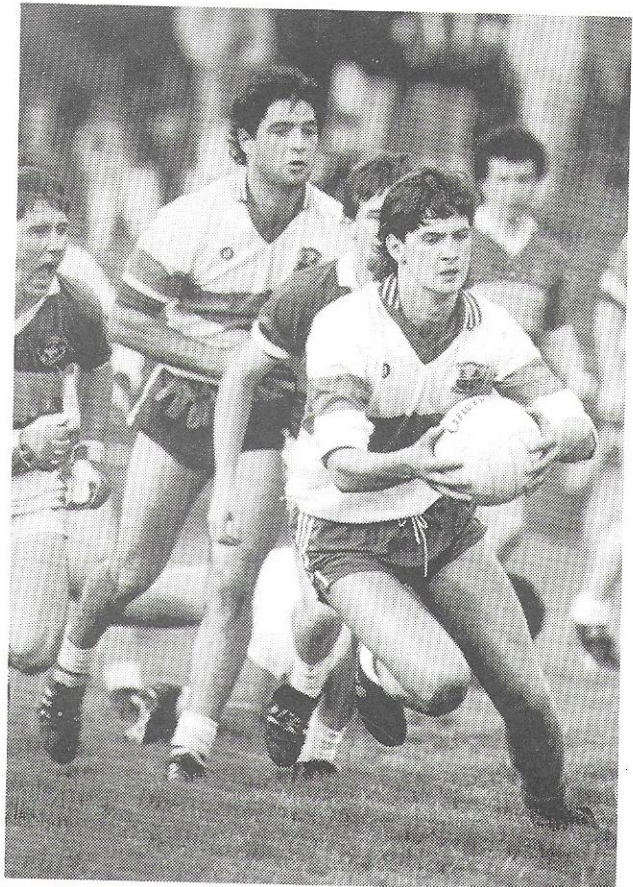
Getting it forward ... Killybegs' Barry McGowan launches the ball goalward as John Carr tries to block. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



Goal ... Martin McHugh (not in picture) blasts the ball past Killybegs goalkeeper, Hugh McFadden, from the penalty spot. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

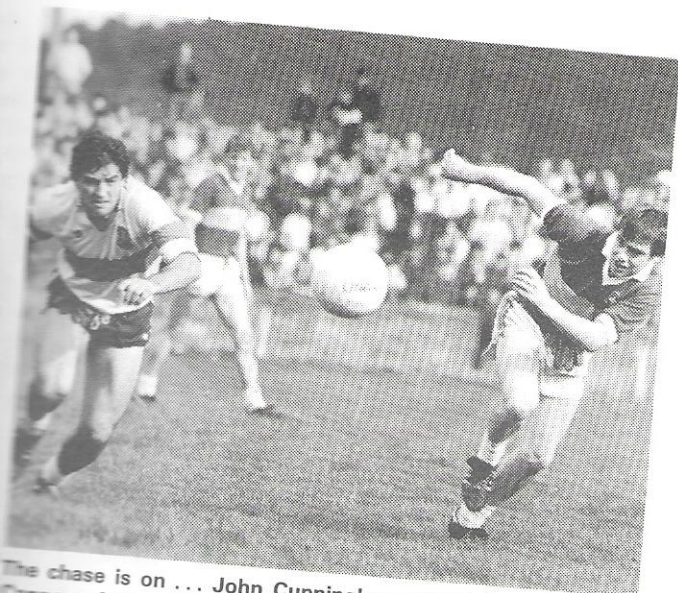


In pursuit ... Kilcar men Neilly Cannon and Mark McShane chase Denis Carberry. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



Conor in control ... Killybegs' Conor White breaks away from Martin McHugh and Neilly Cannon. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

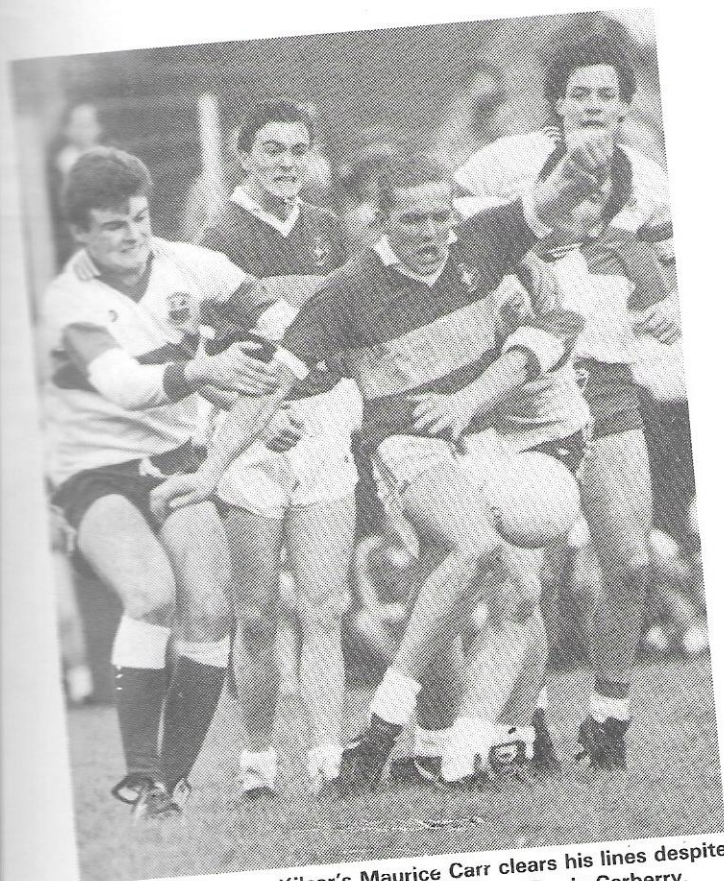
Championship final, Killybegs v. Kilcar



The chase is on ... John Cunningham of Killybegs and Neilly Cannon of Kilcar in a race for the ball. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



Close marking ... Martin McHugh gains possession but Michael Campbell of Killybegs is not too far away. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



Under pressure ... Kilcar's Maurice Carr clears his lines despite the close attentions of John Gallagher and Denis Carberry. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



Loose ball ... Manus Boyle of Killybegs picks up a loose ball after Christy Gillespie had lost possession. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



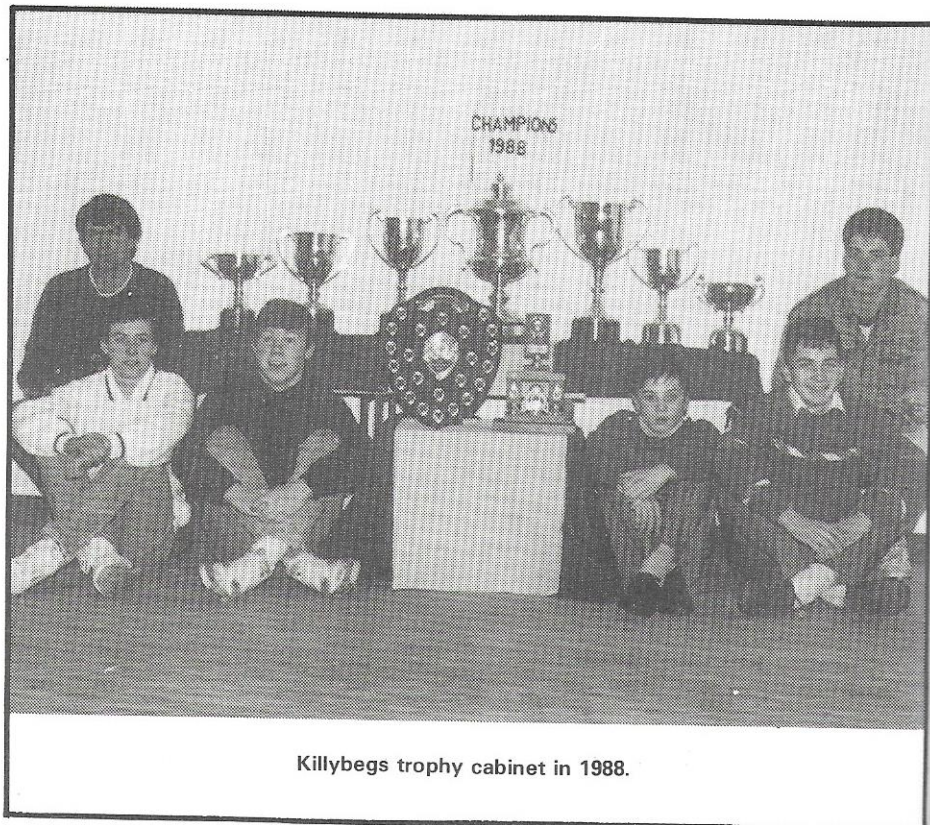
Captain, Barry Cunningham holds aloft the Dr. Maguire Cup.
 (Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



John Cunningham, Barry McGowan and Rory McNelis celebrate their sensational victory.
 (Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



Charlie Tully junior and senior.
 (Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



Killybegs trophy cabinet in 1988.

JOSIE DIVER R.I.P.

The unexpected death at Easter of club vice-president Josie Diver was a sad blow to the members and to the community in general.

The longest-serving member of the club, Josie had been on the committee for 47 years at the time of his death. He was always willing and ready to give of his time and effort to all club activities, whether it meant collecting at the gate, carrying out work at the pitch or helping with the organisational or administrative duties.

E. BYRNE MEMORIAL CUP

The Eamonn Byrne Memorial Cup was presented to the club by his former colleagues in Killybegs Fire Brigade to be contested for by senior teams in the south-west on an annual basis.

The inaugural competition involved the following teams: Naomh Columba, Kílgar, Killybegs, Dunkineely, St. Naul's, Four Masters, Naomh Brid, Aodh Ruadh, Ardara and Naomh Conaill.

The contest was very well run off under the guidance of competition secretary Pat Conaghan.

After a number of exciting and entertaining games, Killybegs and Kílgar came from their respective sections and qualified to meet each other in the final.

The deciding game at MacDaibhid Pairc was eventually claimed by Killybegs at the end of an enthralling game which was not devoid of incident. At the final whistle the margin was just one point with Killybegs on 1-7 to Kílgar's 2-3, an appropriate win in many respects.

It was a very proud captain, Barry McGowan, who stepped up to receive the magnificent trophy from Eamonn Byrne's widow, Gemma. There is every indication that this will become a successful tournament in the local G.A.A. calendar in years to come.

Killybegs won its third Ógspport u-15 football 7-a-side county title in 1989 adding to their two previous successes in 1982 and 1986. The team beat a gallant Aodh Ruadh in the final at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

As county champions we were to represent Donegal in the Ulster finals in Derry but as this took place the day before the Co. Minor Championship the team had to withdraw fearing injuries to vital players on the minor team. The team won the S.W. title defeating N. Columba and Ardara in a round robin tournament at McDevitt Park, Fintra. The participation of only three clubs from eight in the division is a very disappointing outlook on what is a very enjoyable and skilful tournament.

The five divisional champions contested the finals at Ballybofey, the teams being Killybegs, Aodh Ruadh,

Cloughaneely, St. Eunan's and Urris. Victories over St. Eunan's and Cloughaneely was ended by defeat by Aodh Ruadh, who we were to meet in the final. The final was indeed a fine advertisement for under-age football with Killybegs rising to the occasion and defeating the Southern champions in a memorable game.

The cup was presented to team captain Brian Conaghan by Tom Comack (Youth Officer) who should be given great credit for organising and running a smooth county finals in Ballybofey.

The Killybegs panel was as follows: Barry McBrearty, Martin McGuinness, Gareth Murphy, Peter McGinley, Paul Callaghan, Declan Boyle, Declan Haughey, Brian Conaghan (captain), Nigel Rowdan, Adrian Callaghan, Brendan Conaghan, Gillen McGuinness. Team managers: Jimmy White and Pat Conaghan.



Killybegs 1989 u-15 team.



Killybegs captain, Barry McGowan receives the Eamonn Byrne Memorial Cup from his widow, Gemma.

MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP

A performance adequate for the occasion, but strangely lacking in passion, determination, or any great promise, was sufficient to give Killybegs their third county minor football championship title when they ran out easy winners over Four Masters at Fr. Tierney Park, Ballyshannon.

Their superior skill, fitness and teamwork brought their inevitable rewards in a game that bordered on the boring. Sadly their opponents, Four Masters, laid their foundations for success in enthusiasm more than ability and this ultimately led to their downfall. They failed to patch up the cracks that soon appeared once

Killybegs got moving midway through the first half and added to their inability to take scores it just wasn't going to be their day.

Killybegs on the other hand managed to stay just that little bit ahead to make sure they were never really troubled. They controlled the flow of the game without having to produce any magnificent football and appeared content to respond only when their opponents got into a dangerous position.

Four Masters never really posed a serious threat as they lacked the scoring instinct in front of goal which might have given them hope. This is borne out by the fact they failed to register a single score until four minutes from the interval even though they enjoyed whatever little breeze was blowing in the first half.

Killybegs mounted several unsuccessful attacks before a Peter McGinley ball from defence paved the way for Barry Cunningham to open the scoring after eight minutes with a point from play.

Donal Haughey and the rest of the Killybegs defence worked well to keep the Masters response at bay. They contained Four Masters main dangermen, Paul Corley, Kieran Espey and Darren Williamson for the most part.

Killybegs took a big step in the right direction when their forwards pressed the Four Masters defence over the next fifteen minutes. They were rewarded when Ronan Boyle struck over a fine point from play after twelve minutes. The same player left his mark on the proceedings in no uncertain terms two minutes later when he pivoted on one foot to blast home the first goal of the game. A point from Sean Dorrian a minute later gave all

present a good indication that this match was going in one direction only.

Four Masters tried hard but despite several shots at goal they never managed to get a grip on the play. Killybegs almost had a second goal eight minutes from the break when Aidan Byrne narrowly missed a Declan Boyle pass in front of Four Masters goal. Had he connected it almost certainly would have gone it.

The Donegal Town lads finally got on the scoresheet four minutes from the break when Darren Williamson pointed from play following a Kieran Espey free. Andrew McMenamin hit one back in reply for Killybegs but Kieran Espey had the final say with another Donegal point in the last minute to leave the half-time score: Killybegs 1-4, Four Masters 0-2.

Killybegs continued to dominate matters in the third quarter. Barry Cunningham got them off to a good start with a point following the throw-in and when Sean Dorrian blasted a Declan Boyle pass to the back of the net after twelve minutes things looked pretty gloomy for Four Masters.

The responded with the introduction of two subs: Gary Kane for Dermot Mitchell and Dermot Clarke for Jimmy Kerrigan, and slowly but surely things began to move. Paul Corley pointed in the 15th minute but Andrew McMenamin cancelled it out at the other end for the fishermen. This however was to be their last score for nine minutes as Masters mounted their best challenges of the game.

Killybegs half-back Donal Haughey was penalised for fouling his man in front of goal thereby giving referee Cathal Donoghue no option but to award a penalty. Kieran Espey struck it well and his goal in the 20th minute meant their sizeable deficit had been

reduced. As play went from end to end it was Masters once again who failed to make the best use of their possession.

Mark Boyle had Killybegs last point in the 26th minute but despite their best efforts Four Masters could only return points from Martin Quinn and Kieran Espey.

Killybegs never had to rise to the game to any great heights due to Masters' inability to hit the right form on the day. As a result the game never reached the heights one might have expected in a county minor final.

Had Killybegs failed to win this one it would have been the first time in ten years the club had failed to secure one of the county underage titles.

Referee Cathal Donoghue had a good game but was a bit too strict at times. He could have played a little more advantage but still did a good job.

Killybegs: James Lowney, Brian Conaghan, Stephen Burke, James Patrick Cunningham, Darren Cunningham, Peter McGinley (0-1), Donal Haughey, Barry Cunningham (0-1), Timmy Bray, Andrew McMenamin (0-2), Mark Boyle (0-1), Sean Dorrian (1-1), Ronan Boyle (1-1), Declan Boyle, Aidan Byrne. Subs: Declan Haughey for Aidan Byrne; Paul Kinsella for Ronan Boyle; Damien McGuinness for Paul Kinsella.

Four Masters: Rory Dunleavy, Mark Sweeney, Brian Gallagher, Mark McGrory, Jimmy Kerrigan, Hugo Sweeney, Dermot Gildea, Sean Cassidy, Charlie Sheridan, Dermot Mitchell, Paul Corley (0-1), Kieran Espey (1-2), Mark Quinn (0-1), Darren Williamson (0-1), Paul McKeown. Subs: Michael Bryson for Mark McGrory; Gary Moore for Dermot Mitchell; Dermot Clarke for Jimmy Kerrigan.



The Killybegs u-18 team that played Donegal in Ballyshannon in 1989.

ROCKFIELD N.S. — I.N.T.O. 7-a-side champs



Rockfield N.S. Front, l. to r., Brendan Boyle, Gavin Rogers, Niall Rogers (capt.), Jamie McCauley, Matthew Hughes and John McCauley. Back, from left: Tom McLoughlin, Sean Perry, Willie Rogers (coach), Ryan McGloin and Frank McGloin.

The footballers of Gort Na Carraige N.S., (Rockfield), Ballyshannon, created their own little bit of history in 1989 when the 2-teacher school captured the I.N.T.O. 7-a-side title, defeating St. Fionan's N.S., Cloughaneely, in the final.

This competition, which has an age limit of 12 years, was in its second year, and had been won in 1988 by St. Joseph's N.S., Ballyshannon.

The men from Rockfield — they had a panel of just 15 boys to pick from — won their way through to the final stages when they competed against Bundoran, Ballintra, Laghey, St. Joseph's (Ballyshannon) and Crevy.

They defeated St. Joseph's in the Divisional final and then St. Peter's N.S. (Mountcharles).

The final stages were held in a blitz in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, on Corpus Christi.

Excellent coached by Willie Rogers Rockfield won their section and the right to meet St. Fionan's in the final. The final was a nail-biting affair with both teams playing very well. The scoring power of Matthew Hughes proved Rockfield's trump card and they ended deserving winners and earned the right to represent Donegal in the Ulster finals.

The final score was 8-6 to 5-5

The I.N.T.O. Shield and medals were presented to Rockfield captain, Niall Rogers, by Cumann na mBunscoil secretary, Pauric Daly.

Accompanied by teachers, Nuala Slevin and Frank

O'Donnell, we travelled to Breffni Park, Cavan, for the Ulster finals and this very talented panel came up against teams from Monaghan, Fermanagh and Cavan in their section. They defeated the Cavan representatives but were defeated by Fermanagh and Monaghan.

Two of the panel — Matthew Hughes and Sean Perry — were selected on the Ulster panel and they had the honour of playing in Croke Park on All-Ireland semi-final day, August 13th when Tyrone and Mayo met.

When one considers that this panel was drawn from a 2-teacher school of 60 pupils and with only 15 boys to choose from, only then can their achievements be truly appreciated. They had competed against schools with up to 900 pupils in Donegal and had come through with flying colours.

At the end of the year they reached the final of the Cumann na mBunscoil 2-teacher County final but were defeated by an older and strong Loughanure team in the final.

Credit is due to their headmaster, 'Big Frank' O'Donnell and coach, Willie Rogers for their work with the boys.

The full panel was: Niall Rogers, Sean Perry, Ryan McGloin, Gavin Rogers, Frank McGloin, Tom McLoughlin, Jamie McCauley, Matthew Hughes, Brendan Boyle and John McCauley.

Tir Conaill Gaels, 1989—A year of great change

The year for the Gaels began in earnest, I suppose, with the A.G.M., which was held in the Irish Centre, Salisbury Road, on 29th January, 1989. The meeting was well attended by 50 members and the need for change seemed to be the dominant theme throughout. Indeed, this was borne out by the election of officers, which, with the exception of the honorary positions, placed a new person in every single position on the new executive.

The executive committee elected was as follows: President, Eddie McGinty (Glenfin); Vice Presidents, Tony O'Byrne, (Kilcar), Danny Keeney (Frosses); Chairman, Seamus Mohan (Frosses); Vice-Chairman, Frank Glynn (Clare); Secretary, Niall Erskine (Killybegs); Asst. Secretary, Eugene Mulgrew (Letterkenny); Treasurer, Seamus Murphy (Dunkineely); Asst. Treasurer, P. J. McGinley (Glencolmcille); Social Secretary, Rosaleen Doherty (Annagry); PRO, Eddie Doyle; Delegates to Co. Board, Danny Tully (Dunkineely), P. J. McGinley (Glencolmcille).

The meeting also elected a new senior team manager in P. J. McGinley and Peter Burke retained his job as junior team manager.

The annual dinner dance was held on the 25th February in the Grosvenor Rooms, Willesden. The large crowd of 350 greeted with great applause the very popular selections of Brendan McCready as Player of the Year and Peter Burke as Clubman of the Year. Indeed some of the applause was, no doubt, intended for the two special guests who presented the awards, Donegal U-21 manager, P. J. McGowan, and the irrepressible former Gaels stalwart, Mick McGrath. The night itself in the social context, was a great success and proved conclusively, in my view, that the Gaels have the largest potential support this side of the Irish sea.

At the end of February the new manager and executive met with the players. P. J. outlined his plans for the forthcoming season. He demanded that all players attend training regularly and that they be on time. He also spoke generally on the dedication required to be successful. For the benefit of any new players, McGinley pointed out that no player would be played on the Gaels senior team unless he has transferred to the club. He gave any player who was in doubt until Easter Sunday to transfer. The meeting then decided to travel to Glencolmcille in June to play in the All-Ireland Gaeltacht Championship.

If the AGM saw many changes at committee level, the early league and cup games in March and April certainly saw many new faces in the first team panel. The arrival of the O'Conaill brothers, Des and Nigel; the Rosses duo of Joe Neely (Dungloe) and Cormac McGarvey (Naomh Mhuire); the Cloughaneely duo, John Kelly and Terence Gallagher, and, of course, the man from Tyrone, Colm McGlennon. Along with the emergence of Paul (Rocky) Carr from retirement, Gaels supporters could have been forgiven for thinking, perhaps, that they had come to the wrong match on occasions. Inevitably, with nearly half the team being new to the Gaels, their form was somewhat erratic. Easy wins over the Wembley Gaels and Tara's coupled with narrow defeats against Garryowen and Parnells.

Most of the club activity in May was geared towards the trip to Glen. It was decided to have 'A Night at the Races' and this was duly run on May 19th at St. Stephen's Catholic Club, Shepherds Bush. It was a reasonable success, raising for the club approx. £1,400, thanks mainly to the generosity of everyone who sponsored the races, bought the horses and turned out on the night. It's success was also helped by the manger of St. Stephen's, Mr. Joe Davenport; his lovely wife, Mary, and indeed all the St. Stephen's committee, for their hospitality and for free use of the hall. The money raised meant that the club could pay for all the expenses incurred on the Glen trip apart from the flight costs which the players, to their credit, paid themselves.

The Gaels arrived in Glen on Thursday night, 1st June. There was an air of keen anticipation in the camp regarding the following evening's clash with Donegal Gaeltacht champions, Kilcar. The unavailability of our top scorer at the time, Nigel O'Conaill, and Jimmy McBride, who also was unable to make the trip, was partly offset by the signing in the previous week of Matthew McGlennon. All day Friday the tension was at most times unbearable, broken only by Paul Brennan's complaints about his name being omitted from the panel printed in the Donegal Democrat.

Finally, the time came and both teams were on the pitch. While we waited for the game to commence, in truth one shuddered at what might be the outcome. The Gaels, who to all intents and purposes, had played together for only four or five matches, facing what was probably considered the most consistent team in Donegal

in the '80s. Indeed the first half seemed to confirm my worst fears with Kilcar pinning the Gaels into their own half for most of the period. On the resumption, however, the Gaels started to settle down and in many ways started to outplay and indeed outfight Kilcar. Indeed, the Gaels could possibly have won the game in the dying minutes having clawed their way back to within a point of Kilcar. But it was not to be and due to a below par performance from the Gaels team as a whole, Kilcar won through to the next round.

I think the Gaels can take pride from the fact that although they played Kilcar at their freshest, they came closest to beating the eventual deserving winners of the tournament. Of course the tournament was not only about football and for the rest of the weekend our party enjoyed themselves to the fullest degree. Indeed the club must thank particularly, Noel Carr, who had to put up with the most bizarre behaviour at the strangest of hours in the centre where we were staying. Indeed, Noel, you must possess the proverbial 'patience of a saint'. My memories of the weekend include Paddy O'Kane's singing of 'The Sash' in Sean Ogs; Steven Campbell's version of 'I Got a Brand New B.M.W.'; S.J.'s long and eventually successful search through the fields and backroads of Glen for a party which we were supposed to go to, in the early hours of Sunday morning, and finally, hearing that Tommy McFadden had managed to listen to the last ten minutes of the game via a telephone held to a radio in Kilcar.

The Gaels next outing was the first round of the Senior Championship against Garryowen at Ruislip, Sunday, 17th June. With the Gaels junior team annihilating Garryowen (2-21 to 0-3) in their junior clash, the omens looked good for an important senior victory. Yet again it was not to be, the Gaels although they had at times an embarrassing amount of possession, squandered chance after chance and having missed a penalty and a goal chance in the dying seconds, eventually went out of the competition 0-9 to 0-8. Football can be a cruel game and without doubt that was probably the cruelest result in London last year.

The following week, however, the players and the management, to their credit, pulled themselves together to defeat the Kingdom in an important League game. The Gaels went on since that to win all their remaining

League games while the Kingdom have gone on to win the London Championship and the Championship of Britain. Indeed, following an excellent Gaels victory over the Towers in a classic, high scoring match, the weekly Irish people, The Irish World, proclaimed 'that the Gaels are the best footballing side in London at the moment.'

Our junior team, unfortunately, also were defeated in the semi-final of the Reserve Championship by the Round Towers despite the best efforts of Marty Kelly (Donegal), James Gallagher (Naomh Mhuire), Brendan Vaughan (Carrigart) and Sean Durcan (Muff).

We were visited by two clubs from Donegal during the year. The first was Ardara who came over at Easter. The second was Red Hughs who visited us

in October. Both weekends were very enjoyable and we would like to take this opportunity to thank both clubs for making the trips and to assure them that they are welcome to come again at any time. If any other club in Donegal or indeed anywhere are considering making a trip to London, drop us a line and we will assist you in any way that we can.

Looking forward to the '90s, Tir Conaill Gaels are probably in a better position than any other club in London to win championship glory. The underage teams are well looked after by the Minor Board, consisting of Paddy Burke, Pam, Patsy McGovern, Michael McGlynn, Tony Delargey. The U-12s, in particular, having narrowly lost this year's final, should see championship glory within the next couple of years.

The reserve team suffered this year, one feels, from too many changes in personnel. However, with a steady panel of London based players, the Gaels will certainly fear no one in the reserve championship having won the competition in 1988.

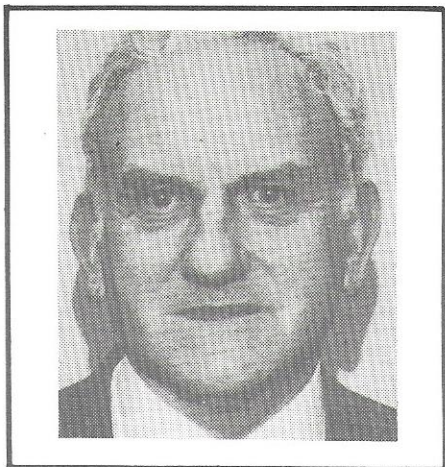
At senior level, The Gaels, with an average age of 24, and with an increasing number of players becoming available, the '90s should see the club regain the Senior Championship which has eluded them since the heady days of 1983. The team and management, undoubtedly, has the raw talent and determination to achieve it, perhaps all that is required now is that proverbial 'piece of luck' and a forward who can consistently convert possession into scores.



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"Glasnost" agus Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

le Séamus de Faoite, Oifigeach na Gaeilge



Ba é Micheál Ó Ciosóig a bheartaigh agus a ghriosaigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael sár iarracht agus eagraíocht a dhéanamh in eadán thionchar na nGall. Sheasaigh sé go daingean leis an traidisiún agus leis an chultúr Gaelach agus le gach rud dar bhain leis agus ba é a mhúnlaigh é mar eagrais armtha ar son athbheochan an Ghaelachais. Bhí tacaíocht iomlán aige ó Mhuiris Ó Daibhin agus ón Dr. Ó Crocaigh san obair seo. Is féidir linne mar sin a mhaíomh go cóir agus gan aon amhras a bheith orainn faoi gur bunaíodh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael lenár gcultúr agus ár gcluichí fhéin a fhorbairt agus a chaomhnú.

Bhí mothú láidir i gconaí taobh istigh den chumann fá chursaí cultúra. Sheas an cumann go dílis agus go daingean ar seo i rith na mblianta ó bunaíodh é.

Ba amach as an ghluaiseacht a beartaíodh Conradh na Gaeilge a bhunú sa bhliain 1893. Amach as fosta a tháinig ceannairí 1916. Bhí tionchar an-mhór aige fosta ar athbheochain ré órga na litríochta i dtús na bhfichidí. Thig linn glacagh leis comh maith go raibh tionchar an-mhór ag an chumann ar bhaint amach an tsaoire atá againn inniu, agus tá seo uilig againn de bharr an dearcadh fad-bhreathnaitheach a bhí ag Ó Ciosóig, Ó Daibhin, An Crocadh agus daoine eile.

Caidé mar a nochtaíodh an mothú láidir seo agus ath-mhuscailt na Gaeilge? Bhí spéis i gconaí ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael san chultúr ó bunaíodh an cumann i 1884. Rinneadh sár obair anuas tríd na blianta ó shoin. Thig le cuid mhór againn cuimhneamh go dtéarn Comhairle Uladh a ngnoithú uilig tré mheán na Gaeilge ar feadh blianta fada. Tá sé mar aidhm daingean ag Cumann Lúthchleas Gael comhoibriú leis na h-eagraisí Gaeilge leis an teanga a ghríosadh agus a laidriú imeasc na mbaill agus a lucht leanúna chomh maith.

Thig linne i dTír Chonaill bheith an-mhórtasach as ár néachtaí agus sílim gur Oifigigí Bhord na Contae na h-Oifigigí is fearr sa tír. Tá siad i gconaí chun tosaigh le dul chun cinn na Gaeilge.

Imeasc na seoda a fágadh mar oidhreacht againn ó laethe an tseansaol Ceilteach, tá an teanga agus an ceol. Creidim gur iad seo an

oidhreacht is luachmhar den iomlán 'Sna sean laethanta, d'imir an teang agus an ceol páirt mhór i saol na ndaoine. I gcroiclí an tsean tsaol, b' an teanga, an ceol agus an fhilíocht ceangailte go dlúth le chéile agus b' ard mheas ar na filí oifrideach.

Tá an ghaeilge, ceol, damhsa agus traidisiúin eile beo go fóill faoin tuairt 'Sna bailte móra agus 'sna cathracha tá saothrú an chultúra ag dul i laghad Maireann an dúchas fíor ina lá áiteanna 'sna ceanntair tuaithe agus thig liom a rá nach bhfuil paróiste Éirinn ná dtig léi mórtas a dhéanamh as cúpla seanchaí nó cúpla ceoltóir leanamh ar aghaidh leis an seán traidisiún.

Caithfear dul i mbun oibre go dúthrachtach lenár mbarrsamha náisiúnta. Caithfidh said seasamh go h-ardcheannasach i ngach treo. Ní thig linn amhras a tharraingt ar a bprionsabail — níl áit againn fadóir choinne an teagasc lagspreosach atá ag dul i bhfeidhm go mór sa tír seo — go gcaithfidh fir agus mná na h-Éireann dearmad a dhéanamh de am a chuaigh thart agus a bheith freagrach as saol an lae inniu. Faiseal atáthar ag iarraidh a mhúscailt sna daoine ar eagla go mbéidh siad sear aimseartha, nó nach mbéidh an dúchun cinn ceart iontu. Caithfidh muid ár súile a fhoscailt den fhirinne agus tuigbheal nach gciallaíonn Éireann Saor — Éireann na nAisiún. Mar a dúirt mé go minic roimhe seo, 's maireachtáil na Gaeilge atá i gceist agus ní hé a hathbheochan. Seo a dualgas atá orainn mar sin, go maifidh ár náisiúntacht in Éirinn. Tá an dualgas seo mór, ach caithfear é a dhéanamh.

Má dhéanann muid seo, beidh "Glasnost" éifeachtach laistigh de Chumann Lúthchleas Gael i gconaí



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Cuid de na hoifigigí &rl, as an C.L.C.G. Condaetha Uladh a bhain taitheamh as an cúrsa seachtain sna Dúnaibh.

St. Eunan's '89



St. Eunan's, 1989. Front row, from left: Mary Kiely, Mary Winston, Charlie McAteer (secretary), Charlie Faulkner, Sean Boyle, Hughie McGovern. Back row, from left: Mr. Farren, Michael O'Hern, Brendan McGlynn, Barney McGonagle, Joseph Gallagher, Hughie Kelly, Frankie Campbell, Martin McIntyre, Paddy McGeehan, Reggie McAuley, Joe Kelly, Jim Ferry, Patch Crossan and Dr. James McDaid. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)



COUNTY CHAMPIONS: A jubilant U-14 St. Eunan's team pictured as they receive the county championship trophy from Minor Board secretary, Mr. Eugene Boyle.

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COISTE MIONÚR AN IAR-THUAISCIRT, 1989

Imrítear an Chraobh seo ar Déardaoin Deascabhála agus ar Fhéile Chríost gach bliain. Tig Gaoth Dobhair, Cloich Cheannfhaola agus Naomh Mícheál le chéile in ionad amháin Déardaoin Deascabhála; Na Dúnaibh, An Tearmann, Baile na nGallóglach agus Gaeil Fhánada in ionad eile. Téann dhá fhoireann as gach ionad ar aghaidh go dtí na sabhtai ceannais. Sna Dúnaibh a bhí siad i mbliana. Rinne Na Dúnaibh an-segné ar an lá agus bhain Cloich Cheannfhaola an Chraobh.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-12A

Getting four clubs to enter the 'A' competitions at Under-12 and Under-14 levels without compulsion is extremely difficult and is proving to be quite a problem in the North West. Milford had beaten Cloughaneely twice in the preliminary stages of the 1988 competition but were no match for the Cloughaneely boys in a surprisingly one-sided final. Abiding memory of the final is the diminutive Denis Gallagher always hot on the heels of Gary Helferty until Jimmy O'Donnell decided it was time for him to go.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-12B

Bhí An Tearmann i bhfad chun tseigh ag leath-ama sa chluiche ceannais seo sna Dúnaibh ach rinne Naomh Mícheál iarracht an-mhór sa dara leath agus ní raibh mórán idir na foireann ag deireadh an chluiche. Tomás O'Cuinn, Darren Mac Gib agus Marc Alcorn laochra an Tearmainn. Bhí an mi-ach ar an Tearmann i gcluiche leath-cheannais an chontae in éadan Naomh Conall.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-13

A brilliant opening half by Cloughaneely swept aside a gallant Termon side on the beautiful last day of September in Páirc Naomh Mícheál in the U-13 final. John and Michael McGee, Neil Collins, Christopher Smyth and Noel Doogan were outstanding in a great all-round display. James Cullen shone for Termon. Josie Mulhern was the hero in a surprisingly easy victory over Aodh Rua in the quarter-final of the County Championship. The magnificent county final victory over St. Eunan's was achieved by a combination of grit, courage, determination, fitness and footballing ability. Noel Doogan and Christopher Smyth scored 1-1 each. Seosamh Kelly and Hugo McFadden managed.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-14A

Bhí fadhbanna leis an chomórtas seo. Cuireadh An Tearmann isteach ann in éadan a dtola agus bhí siad ró-lag. Tharraing Baile na nGallóglach amach as. Ach ní raibh fadhbanna ar bith ag foireann an-láidir Chloich Cheannfhaola faoi cheannas Sheáin Mhic Aoidh. D'imir Cloich Cheannfhaola i ngach ceann de dheich gcomórtaisí na roinne i mbliana.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-14B

St. Michael's won their first Divisional Under-14 title and went on to win the first underage County Championship to come to the Creeslough-Dunfanagh area since 1967. St. Michael's, managed by Séamus Friel and Tommy McGinley, beat Downings in the Divisional final and again in the County final. The well-balanced St. Michael's fifteen had outstanding players in Shane McFadden, Frank Ferry (captain) and Brian McLaughlin who scored 4-4 in as county final in which he should not have played since his hand was in plaster up to the previous day.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-15

Níor imir in Ógspórt (7-an-taobh) na bliana seo ach ceithre fhoireann — Gaeil Fhánada, Naomh Mícheál, Na Dúnaibh agus Cloich cheannfhaola. Fuair Cloich Cheannfhaola an bhuaidh ar Na Dúnaibh sa chluiche ceannais. Sna Dúnaibh a himríodh na cluichí. Bhí Seán Ó Buaidhe, Pádraig Ó hEarcáin agus Pádraig Bán Ó Gallchóir ar na himreoir a b'fhearr ar fhoireann Chloich Cheannfhaola.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-16

Cloich Cheannfhaola almost brought off the shock of the season when they went to Magheragallon to face hot favourites, Gweedore, in the Divisional final. Gweedore squeezed home by a point. Co. U-16 stars, Paul Diver and Sean Diver were Gweedore's best players in this competition.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-17

Thug Gaoth Dobhair taispeántas breá sa chluiche ceannais in éadan an fhoireann is fearr a bhí ag Gaeil Fhánada ó thoisigh Comórtaisí an Iar-Thuaiscirt. Is imreoirí breátha iad Mícheál Ó Siail, Ciarán Mac Cearráin, Seán Ó Dorraidhin agus Clann Mhac a' tSaoir agus sheasaigh siad an fód go daingean do bhunadh Fhánada. Ach bhí Gaoth Dobhair ró-láidir agus thug Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Noel Rua Mac

Giolla Bhríde, Pól agus Seán Ó Duibhir, Seoirse Ó Dochartaigh agus Adrian Mac Fhionnghaile ard-thaispeántaisí.

AN CHRAOBH FAOI-18

In many ways it was the best ever North West Minor Championship. Sixteen well-contested games were played thanks to the excellent co-operation of managers Jody Doohan, Kevin Boyle, Mícheál Doherty, Séamus Durcan, Brendan McAteer and Michael Crossan. The fancied Milford team 'blew' it in Downings. Gweedore nearly 'blew' it in Fanad but fought back and went on to beat Cloughaneely in the final.

TRÁTH NA gCEIST

Bhí oíche mhór sa Lagoon ag 'Tráth na gCeiste' na mBunscoileanna. Bhain S.N. an Chaisil (Fánaid) an comórtas ina raibh ard-chaighdeán. Chríochnaigh An Caiseal sa dara áit i gCraobh an Chontae.

BUÍOCHAS

The 'Lagoon' in Termon has become the unofficial headquarters of the North West Minor Board. The kindness and generosity of Johnny and Sheila McCafferty are deeply appreciated.

SUPERLEAGUES

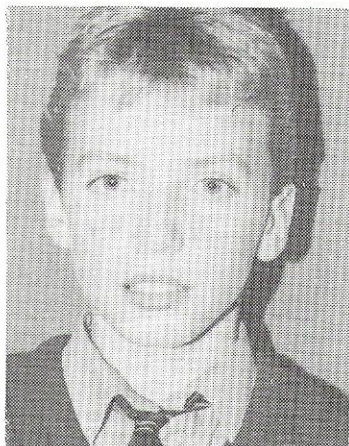
Bhuail an t-Oirthear foireann faoi-18 an Iar-Thuaiscirt ach chuaigh Foireann Faoi-16 na Roinne fhad le cluiche ceannais an 'Superleague'. Bhuail an t-Iar-Dheisceart iad 2-11/3-6 — sár-thaispeántas ó fhoireann Sheosaimh Uí Dhuibhir.

B'sheo í: Eunan Doherty (NM); Hugh Cannon (BNnG), Pádraig Ferry (GD), Josie Doohan (CC); Sean McCabe (GD), Paul Diver (GD), Denis Ferry (NM); Georgie Doherty (GD), Sean Diver (GD); Kevin Gallagher (ND); John Connors (ND), Anthony Sharkey (CC); John McAteer (GF), Adrian McGinley (GD), Ciarán Rodgers (CC).

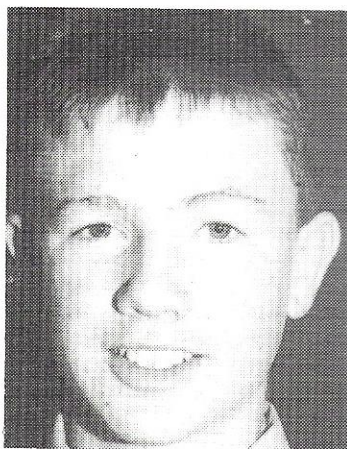
MÍCHEÁL DOHERTY, R.I.P.

If Nettie Gibson's well-deserved 'Club Person of the Year' award brought joy to the North-West, the tragic death of Mícheál Doherty of Downings, a member of the 1988 Superleague-winning North West U-16 team and a son of our first Treasurer, brought great grief and devastation. Suaimhneas síoraí dá anam uasal.

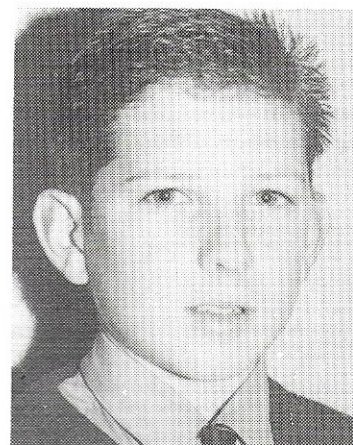
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Brian McLaughlin, St. Michael's.



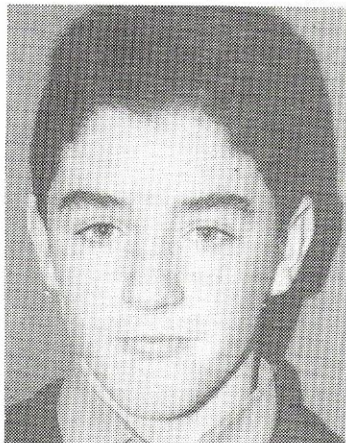
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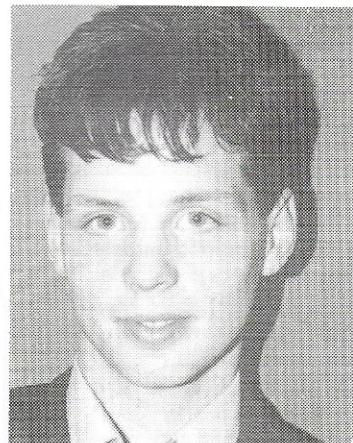
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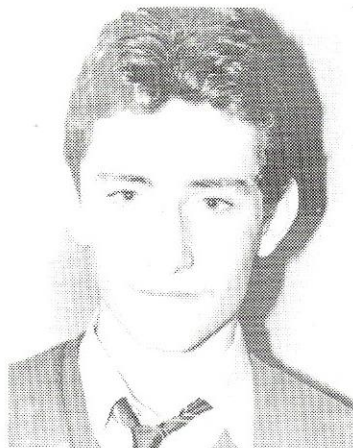
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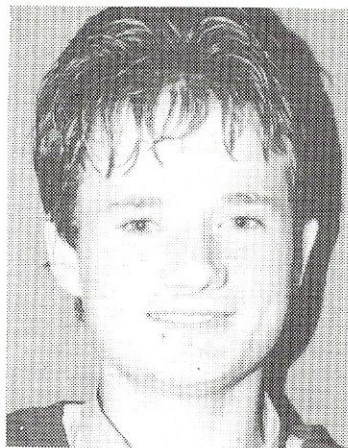
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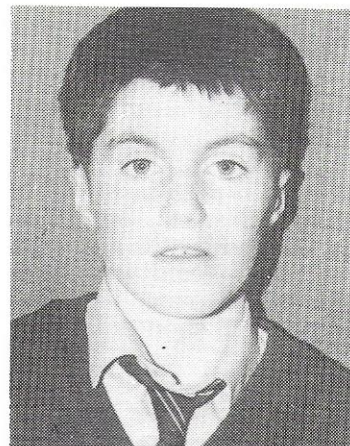
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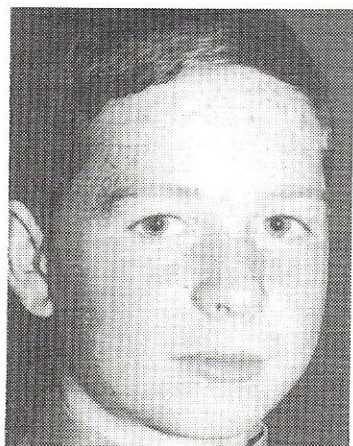
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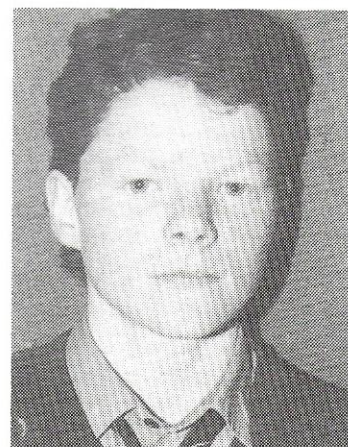
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Bernard McGinley, St. Michael's.



John McGee, Cloughaneely.



Neil McFadden, St. Michael's.

CURAIDH AN IAR-THUAISCIRT 1982 - 1989

Bliain	FAOI-10	FAOI-12A	FAOI-12B	FAOI-13	FAOI-14A	FAOI-14B
1982	—	Gaoth Dobhair	—	—	Na Dunaibh	—
1983	Gaoth Dobhair	Baile na nGalloglach	—	Gaoth Dobhair	—	—
1984	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	—	—	Gaoth Dobhair	—
1985	Na Dunaibh	Gaoth Dobhair	—	Gaoth Dobhair	Baile na nGalloglach	—
1986	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Na Dunaibh	N. Micheal	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	—
1987	An Tearmann	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Na Dunaibh	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Na Dunaibh	An Tearmann
1988	An Tearmann	Cloich Cheannfhaola	An Tearmann	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Cloich Cheannfhaola	An Tearmann
1989	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Cloich Cheannfhaola	An Tearmann	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Cloich Cheannfhaola	N. Micheal

Bliain	FAOI-15 Ogsport	FAOI-16	FAOI-18	FAOI-18 SRAITH	FAOI-17
1982	An Tearmann	Gaoth Dobhair	An Tearmann	Gaoth Dobhair/Cloich Cheannfhaola	—
1983	An Tearmann	An Tearmann	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair/An Tearmann	—
1984	Gaoth Dobhair	An Tearmann	An Tearmann	Cloich Cheannfhaola/An Tearmann	—
1985	N. Micheal	Gaoth Dobhair	An Tearmann	An Tearmann	—
1986	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Gaoth Dobhair	Na Dunaibh	Gaoth Dobhair	—
1987	Gaoth Dobhair	Baile na nGalloglach	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	—
1988	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	—
1989	Cloich Cheannfhaola	Gaoth Dobhair	Gaoth Dobhair	—	Gaoth Dobhair

OIFIGH CHOISE MIONUR AN IAR-THUAISCIRT 1982-1989

Bliain	Cathaoirleach	Runai/O.C.P.	Cisteoir	Clairitheoir
1982	Eoghan Mac Fhionnghaile	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Micheal O Dochartaigh	Sean Mac Fhionnghaile
1983	Eoghan Mac Fhionnghaile	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	An Rúnaí
1984	Conall Mac Uidhir	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	An Rúnaí
1985	Peadraig Mac Fhionnghaile	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	An Rúnaí
1986	Aodh Mac Laifearthaigh	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	Liam O Fril
1987	Cathal Mac Phaidin	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	Liam O Fril
1988	Criostoir Mac Eachmharcaigh	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	Liam O Fril
1989	Sean O Siadhail	An tAth. Sean O Gallchoir	Brian Mac Fhionnghaile	Sean O Dorraidhin

CLUICHI CEANNAIS AN IAR-THUAISCIRT 1989

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Faoi-12A	Cloich Cheannfhaola Baile na nGalloglach	5-4 0-0	Na Dunaibh Séamus O Donaill
Faoi-12B	An Tearmann Naomh Micheal	5-7 3-6	Na Dunaibh An tAth. S. O Gallchoir
Faoi-13	Cloich Cheannfhaola An Tearmann	8-9 2-1	Dun Fionnachaidh E. Mac Giolla Bhríde
Faoi-14A	Cloich Cheannfhaola Gaoth Dobhair	6-12 1-3	Dun Fionnachaidh T. Mac Fhionnghaile
Faoi-14B	Naomh Micheal Na Dunaibh	4-8 0-6	An Fal Carrach E. Mac Giolla Bhríde
Faoi-15 Ogsport	Cloich Cheannfhaola Na Dunaibh	4-8 1-6	Na Dunaibh An tAth. S. O Gallchoir
Faoi-16	Gaoth Dobhair Cloich Cheannfhaola	4-8 2-4	Na Dunaibh An tAth. S. O Gallchoir
Faoi-17	Gaoth Dobhair Gaeil Fhanada	1-15 2-5	Dun Fionnachaidh An tAth S. O Gallchoir
Faoi-18	Gaoth Dobhair Cloich Cheannfhaola	1-13 2-5	Dun Fionnachaidh T. Mac Fhionnghaile

KEVIN SHARKEY looks at . . .

The Footballing Eighties

More than most, Donegal folk have good reason to look back at the decade just passed with pride, satisfaction and a little bit of nostalgia. After all, the 1980s was the decade in which we won our first ever All-Ireland title with that memorable under-21 success of 1982. Before the decade closed we had added another three National titles to a growing collection with two Vocational Schools titles being brought back to the county in '84 and '85 and then a second under-21 success being recorded in 1987.

Although we still await the fruits of these underage successes to fully manifest themselves at senior championship level, the 'eighties will nonetheless be remembered as the decade when we took our rightful place among the 'Big Boys' by gaining promotion to the First Division of the National League for the first time in the county's history.

These were the highlights of the 'Eighties. But in a decade when Donegal was launched onto the National footballing map in a bigger way than ever before, they were in no way the only achievements during these progressive years in the history of Donegal football.

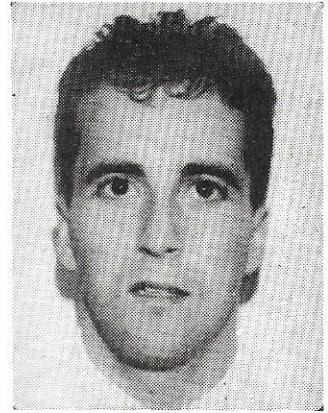
Yet the first two years of the decade hardly gave rise for much confidence

among the footballing fraternity in the county with all intercounty teams failing to make any impact of note either at Provincial or National level. It didn't look too encouraging as they looked forward to '82. But suddenly things were about to change and it would never be quite the same again.

The first title of what would prove to be a historical year in the annals of Donegal G.A.A. was the Ulster Minor League title which was won for the first time since 1963. Then the long-awaited breakthrough. After coming through Ulster without too much difficulty, the county under-21 side accounted for Laois in the All-Ireland semi-final of '82 — before mastering Roscommon by 0-8 to 0-5 in the final.

Under the management of Tom Conaghan, this team included in its ranks one Martin McHugh. The county and the country would hear much more about the 'wee man' from Kilcar for the rest of the decade.

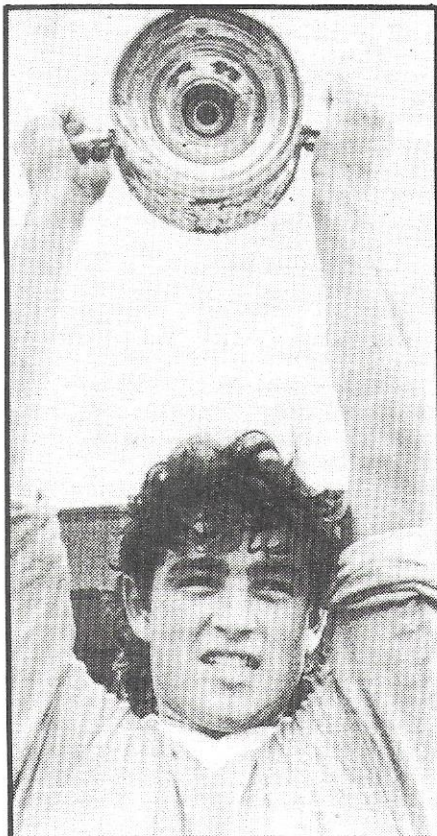
The following years brought the Anglo Celt Cup into the county for only the third time. When Michael



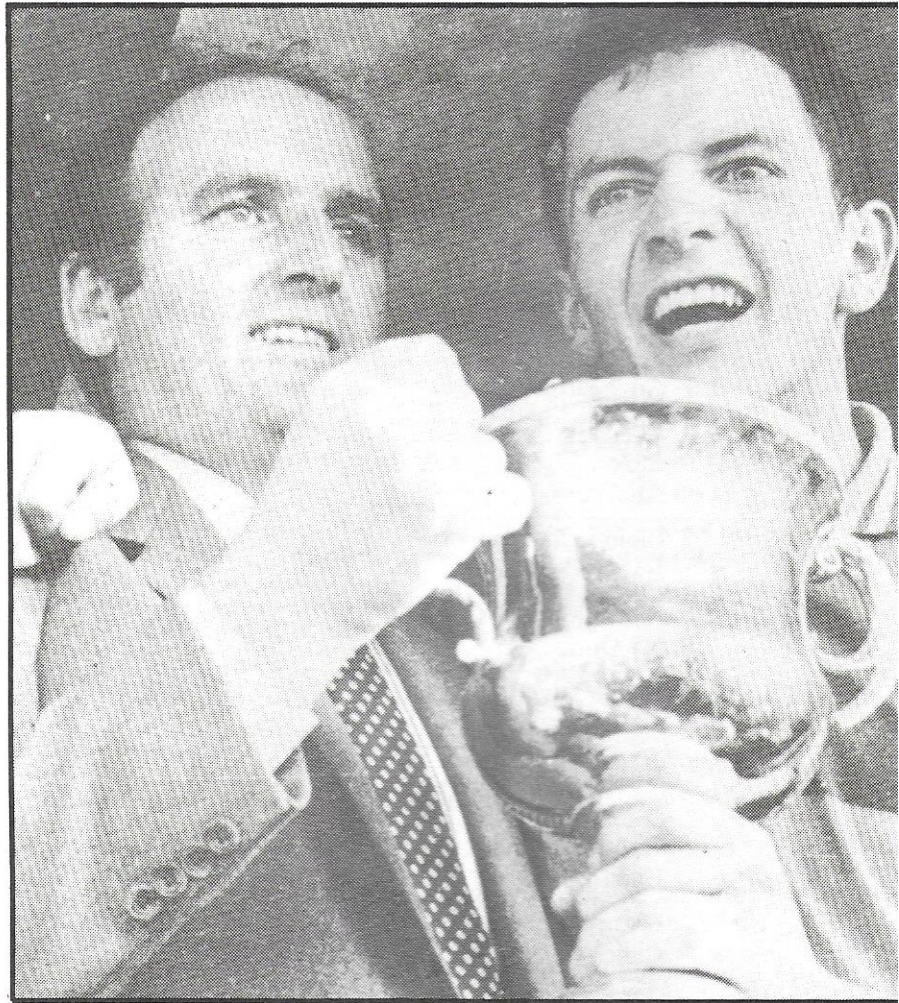
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Lafferty hoisted the Ulster Championship trophy above his head in Clones that July day, there was firm belief in the county that this team could go all the way. However, in the All-Ireland semi-final against Galway, the old Croke Park bogey would strike once again and kill off our All-Ireland ambitions. No thanks to you Val Darragh!

George Orwell has his own reasons for looking towards 1984. In the Donegal G.A.A., however, the reasons were much simpler. It was the Centenary Year of the Association and every



John Cunningham with '87 under-21 title.
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Tom Conaghan and Brian Tuohy with Donegal's first All-Ireland—the U-21 in 1982.



Michael Lafferty lifting Ulster title - '83.

wanted to win something. It was the County Vocational Schools team that would bring this county the glory it wanted when, under the guidance of P. J. McGowan, they became the first-ever Donegal inter-county team to win a National title at Headquarters.

The sight of Ardara's Patrick Gallagher holding the cup aloft on the Croke Park platform is the one which we still wait to see being repeated by a Donegal senior team captain.

The success did not end there during the Centenary Year. The minor team picked up another Ulster Minor League title and significantly the county senior team gained promotion from the Third to the Second Division.

In 1985, the Vocational Schools team retained their All-Ireland crown and in a very good year for minor football in the county, both the Provincial League and Championship titles ended back in the county. Again, though, there would be no All-Ireland glory for our minor team, which was as well prepared by Jimmy White.

The senior team continued to make headway. First by reaching the semi-final stages of the Open Draw before

losing by the narrowest of margins to Cork (0-10 to 1-6) and then when they surprised everyone by winning the McKenna Cup. McEniff's experimental team had come up trumps!

The following year, 1986, failed to provide many truly memorable moments and the only inter-county success of that year was another Ulster title for the Vocational Schools team.

When P. J. McGowan took over as county under-21 team manager the local footballing public suddenly became expectant again. His record with the V.S. team was to become the yardstick by which his performance would be measured, so he had to deliver. And he did.

1987 was the year, and after a mighty effort in the All-Ireland semi-final against Laois, his side needed a second bite at the cherry against Kerry in the final. (Thanks Manus for making that second bite possible!) before John Cunningham followed in the footsteps of Brian Tuohy to captain his county to success at u-21 level.

Apart from anything else, the victory was sweet revenge for the manager,

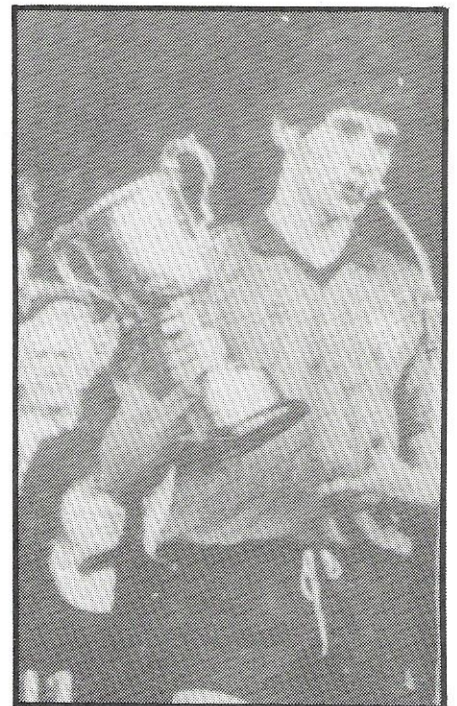


P. J. McGowan.

who had seen his V.S. team lose to their Kerry counterparts earlier in the same year after bringing them to yet another All-Ireland final. No prizes then for selecting 'Donegal Manager of the Decade'.

Midway through his three-year managerial term Donegal senior team manager Tom Conaghan brought his team to the First Division for the first time. It was something which he committed himself to achieving when he took over as team boss and more than that, he did it his way!

After that, there was little reason to cheer where our inter-county teams were concerned. Still, it was a decade that brought us along the road that we've been wanting to go. Here's hoping that in the '90's we reach our destination.



Patrick Gallagher lifting the '84 Vocational All-Ireland in Croke Park.

County U-14 B title for St. Michael's

The signs were favourable within the St. Michael's Club that 1989 could be a successful year at U-14 level. Two years earlier the boys who would be carrying our banner had beaten Gweedore on the double in the U-12 grade — a feat hitherto regarded as well nigh impossible. As events turned out a talented team fully justified the optimism of their mentors. The shouts of joy that came from the large contingent of St. Michael's supporters at the final whistle of the U-14 B Championship final against Downings in Letterkenny showed their relief that the club had at last won another championship title. Saturday, 2nd September, is a date that will be remembered as the day the trophy famine that had lasted six years ended in style. Right through the campaign this team showed flair, commitment and courage and turned in displays that would earn respect for any club.

They were never really extended on their triumphant march through the North West. The quarter final against Four Masters was to prove the acid test of the team's character. To offset the loss of towering midfielder, Shane McFadden, who had gone to Medjugorge, the other players upped their workrate and the clinical finishing of Brian McLaughlin did the rest.

A very fine Glenswilly team were our semi-final opponents but after a fairly even first half, St. Michael's eventually pulled away to win comfortably. Playing on the '40', captain, Frank

Ferry, showed touches that would remind one of Sean Purcell, and the way the players used the open spaces was a delight to watch. And so to the final, where our opponents were neighbours, Downings. By now managers Tommy McGinley and Seamus Friel had the team at peak fitness and nothing was being left to chance. This was to be the moment of truth. It was the Rosguill boys, however, who were first to settle as they knocked over two delightful points in the opening minutes. We needed a score to steady the nerves and an Eamonn Sweeney goal was the tonic the team required. From that point onwards, the team went from strength to strength. The final score was St. Michael's 7-8, Downings 2-4.

Each of the 18 players who saw action on final day played a hero's part. Robert McElhinney was faultless between the posts and in front of him, Daniel McColgan, Neil Toye and Bernard McGinley defended doggedly and also managed to find a man with their clearances. Neil McFadden emerged as an attacking half back in the classic mould, while Manus McCarry and Stephen Byrne never put a foot wrong. Our two big midfielders roamed the field in search of work, Dom Johnson often helping out in defence and Shane McFadden driving forward to set up scores or take them himself. Half forwards, Frank Ferry, Edmond Carr and Mark Sheridan mesmerised the opposition with their

vast array of skills, while cornermen Eamonn Sweeney and Declan Rodden were always in the thick of the fray. Full forward Brian McLaughlin will certainly remember the county final. He was a doubtful starter up to the morning of the game, as his arm was encased in plaster. There was no way this gifted 12-year-old was going to miss out on the big one, so he decided to act as his own medical adviser. He cut off the plaster and then proceeded to give the Downings defence a good roasting. His personal tally of 4 speaks for itself. Gary Carey, Martin McFadden and Shaun McFadden were introduced as substitutes and all played their part.

Let us hope that in years to come these players will grace many a GA field and bring further honours to St. Michael's.

For record purposes, St. Michael's lined out as follows on final day: Robert McElhinney; Daniel McColgan; Neil Toye, Bernard McGinley; Manus McCarry, Stephen Byrne, Neil McFadden; Shane McFadden, Dom Johnson; Frank Ferry (capt.), Edmond Carr, Mark Sheridan; Eamonn Sweeney, Brian McLaughlin, Declan Rodden. Subs., Gary Carey (for Byrne), Martin McFadden (for Declan Rodden), Shaun McFadden (for Manus McCarry), Pat Gallagher and Kieran Rodden (not used). James Callaghan played in the semi-final and Pat Warren played in the quarter-final.



St. Michael's, 1989 U-14B county champions.

BURT G.A.A CLUB 1989

1989 has been quite a year for Burt on the playing fields, retaining several titles at underage and senior level, and breaking new frontiers by appearing in their first ever junior football final.

After finishing well up the league table in previous years, Burt started this year's Division 3 North League in the cold spring as serious contenders. Indeed, the team had a successful campaign with only two defeats on the way, notching up some great away wins over Red Hughs, Convoy, Glenfin and, in a memorable team performance, defeated Gweedore in Magheragallon. This form carried the team through to a semi-final place against Ardara. This game, played in Donegal Town on the morning of the Donegal-Kerry game, was perhaps the most disappointing of Burt's year. Burt led from the throw in, but did not convert their lion's share of possession, although lady luck seemed to desert them as the ball repeatedly struck the posts, crossbar and the sidenetting. As the game entered the final minute, Burt led by a point when Ardara stole inside for a goal and an unexpected victory. However, at the time of going to press, Burt footballers await the Shield final against Naomh Chonaill and a chance for some reward for the year's effort.

The minor footballers achieved a unique hat-trick by retaining the Inishowen U-18 Championship, defeating a strong Carndonagh outfit on the way, and in the final swamped Buncrana to lift the McLochlann Cup for the third year in succession. However, the team were most unlucky to lose out by the narrowest of margins to Gweedore, in a controversial quarter-final in Letterkenny. The disappointment of not going further was only added to at a later date when Gweedore decided not to participate in the semi-final.

The U-16 footballers were also victorious in Inishowen, beating old rivals, Carn, in the final. In the underage hurling front, Burt U-12 hurlers became the Donegal champions after an unusual lapse of several years. This great little team reached the final after a terrific semi-final battle with arch-rivals, Naomh Mhuire, in a very exciting and skilful game in Newtown. After a slow start in the final, against Setanta, the skills of the Burt lads overcame the gallant Crossroads challenge, and so victory to the best Burt underage team for several years. Well done, boys.

And so to the senior hurlers, who defended their title heroically against old rivals, Setanta, and serious new contenders, Aodh Ruadh. It took four

long, tough battles to shake off Setanta in the semi-final stages in some of the best games between the two clubs in recent years. The decisive match came in O'Donnell Park, when Burt finally won through.

In the final stood Aodh Ruadh. On paper it was mis-match of the year, but on the field what a different story. Burt had to pull out all the stops to take the lead in the last few minutes. Perhaps, the greater experience told in the end, but Burt held out to defeat the most gallant of Aodh Ruadh teams.

But back to the junior footballers who determined to go for the C'ship. The preliminary round matches against Dungloe led to a play-off in Letterkenny, both teams having taken advantage of their home soil in the previous matches. Burt had a good victory and so proceeded to the 1st round proper against Naomh Conaill. Again this resulted in a play-off in Letterkenny where once again Burt were victors, in a terrific team performance, beating one of the best junior teams in the county. Next came Pettigo in the quarter final in Glenfin. Burt converted their superior possession to win by five points. MacCumhail's provided the semi-final opposition but on the day they were on the wrong end of a 3-17 to 0-5 scoreline by a rampant Burt side.

And so to the final, where Burt had to be considered favourites, considering their league and championship form. The final

opponents were Gweedore, whom Burt had already defeated in Magheragallon and so looked to repeat the performance.

However, on the day it all went so wrong, a vastly fitter Gweedore side took control of the game and inflicted a disappointing defeat on the young Burt side. Although not taking away from Gweedore's deserved victory, Burt contributed to their own defeat by teams that don't train, don't win. However, it was a good achievement reaching the final and the team's performance this year, as well as the fact that the average age was 21, argues well for the future.

Our fund-raising projects have gone well this year, with our weekly bingo being an enjoyable function for locals. We would like to thank all our supporters both financial and team and look forward to next year with anticipation. On behalf of the club, we would like to congratulate all the Burt teams who have competed in 1989; to all team helpers and regular supporters who travel anywhere in any weather to cheer on Burt teams; to the hardworking bingo committee, thank you very much. To the Burt referee Austin Wallace, who always turns up thanks to all team managers, well done and its good to see Danny Dowds get some rewards in 1989 for his dedicated work over the years with his underage and junior teams. We await 1990 with some anticipation.

— Donal Campbell, PR



Burt, Junior B Championship finalists.



Burt senior hurlers, who retained the Senior Hurling Championship.

NA ROSSA — 1989

After spending three years in the Second Division, Na Rosa were again promoted to the First Division in 1989. Na Rosa, indeed, could be well up the First Division table only for they threw away some silly points at the beginning of the League. It now looks as if it could be a 3-way play-off between themselves, N. Conaill and Killybegs to see who stays up in this most competitive division of the League, Division One South.

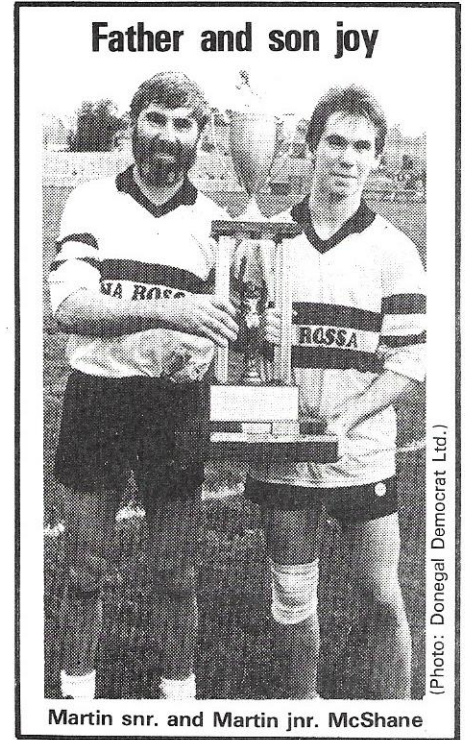
However, apart from the League, Na Rosa had a great achievement in 1989 in winning the Intermediate Football Championship for the very first time. They did reach the intermediate final before, in 1983, but were beaten by Glenfin by two points. There were nine survivors of the 1983 team on the winning team of 1989. It is interesting to note that five of the newcomers on the 1989 team were all reserves on the 1983 team, namely the four wing backs, John Boyle, Charlie Bonner, Pat McCahill and Michael Gallagher, and midfielder, Eamonn O'Donnell. These lads were all teenagers in 1983 and through serving their apprenticeship on the Na Rosa 2nd team, who competed at junior level from 1984 to 1986, and by dedication to Gaelic football, these lads all played a big part in winning the intermediate Championship for Na Rosa in 1989. Let's hope that the five teenagers who were reserves on the

1989 team, namely Martin Bonner, Aidan Bonner, Domnick Bonner, Paddy McDyre and Tony McKelvey will go on to win a Championship for Na Rosa as well.

Of course, the other newcomer on the 1989 team was young Martin McShane whom I'm sure we'll be hearing a lot more of in the future. Indeed it must be a unique achievement in Donegal football that a father and son played together on a Championship winning team — namely the two Martin McShanes and also that four brothers played together on a Championship winning team — namely the four Bonner brothers.

Great credit must go to player-manager, Declan Bonner, on achieving this great victory as he really pulled a master stroke in the final by switching half-back, Pat McCahill, to corner forward as McCahill got what turned out to be the deciding goal with just ten minutes left. Great credit is also due to former manager, Patsy Hanlon, who took the team back to the First Division after an absence of three years.

It is fitting also to think of the players who couldn't be a part of this historic victory because of emigration — namely Gerry McHugh (New York), Hughie Melly, Ray Melly, Daniel McCready, Cormac Cannon and Conal Anthony Gallagher (England). It's also at a time like this that one thinks of the



Martin snr. and Martin jnr. McShane

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man who did so much work in starting Na Rosa as a football club — namely Hugo Trimble, who had an untimely death in 1984. Hugo would have been a proud man to see Na Rosa lift the Intermediate title. I'm sure he would be happy to see the club that he founded go from strength to strength and long may it remain so.



1989 Intermediate champions, Na Rosa

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GAOTH DOBHAIR SNA HOCHTÓIDÍ

Tá mudi indiaidh deich mbliana eile a chaitheamh ins na 'doldrums' agus tá sé ocht mbliana is fiche ó bhain muid Craobh Sinsear na Condae sa bhliain 1961. Mar sin fhéin bhain an fho-chumann go leor craibheanna peile ins na hochtóidí agus cailleadh go leo cluichí ceannais fosta.

1980

Seo an bhliain ina ndeachaidh Gaoth Dobhair sios go Roinn 2 den tsraith. Ba iad na bainisteoirí foirne a bhí an bhliain sin ann nó Peadar Ó Dochartaigh, Pól Ó Gallchóir, Aodh Mac Phaidín, Jimí Mhicí Ó Gallchóir agus Seán Ó Duibhir (E). Fosta, bhí foireann iomanaíocht ag Gaoth Dobhair.

1981

Sa bhliain seo tháinig Seán Mac Fhionnghaile isteach mar bhainisteoir foirne ar an fhoireann sinsear agus fuair siad ardú céime go Roinn 1 faoi na stiúr. Bhunaigh sé Sraith na Paróiste arís le peil a chur chun cinn sa pharóiste agus bhain an foireann as Doirí Beaga-An Charraic an sraith. Ba é Pat Ó Gallchóir a bhí mar bhainisteoir soisear. Rinne Noel Ó Gallchóir eacht mhór nuair a bhain sé Scór na hÉireann sa chomórtas aithriseoireacht agus rinne a dhearthóir an tAth. Seán Ó Gallchóir amhlaidh i 1982.

1982

Rinne an fho-chumann each mhór nuair a d'fhoscail siad an club theach úr i 1982. Bhí fiacha de £90,000 orthu nuair a fosclaíodh an club theach ach le obair dhiograsach na noifigeach agus na mbaill le blianta beaga anuas beidh na fiacha seo glanta i 1990. Ar thaobh na peile de, bhí Gaoth Dobhair sa Chluiche Ceannais Soisear A ach bhuail Na Rossa iad leis an scór 3-4 in

aghaidh 2-6. Bhí an comórtas naisiúnta de Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta ar siúl i nGaoth Dobhair an bhliain sin ach níor éirí leis na foirne aitiúil sa chomórtas. Bhí Liam Mac Aoidh ar fhoireann Mionúir na Condae a bhain Sraith Uladh an bhliain sin.

1983

Bhí an comórtas naisiúnta de Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta i nGaoth Dobhair arís an bhliain seo, le cuidiú leis an fho-chumann cuid dena fiacha móra a bhí orthu a ghalandh. Ó thaobh na peile de, níor éirí leo an iarradh seo ach oiread. Ba é Owenie Beag Mac Giolla Bhríde a bhí mar bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann sinsear i 1982 agus 1983 agus ba é Pat Ó Gallchóir a bhí mar bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann soisear. Bhí an foireann ag imirt sa Chraobh Idir Mheánach an bhliain seo ach bhuail Cloichcheannfhaola iad sa chéad bhabhta. Chuaigh Gaoth Dobhair síos ó Roinn 1 i 1982 go Roinn 2 agus ansin síos go Roinn 3 i 1983. Chaill Gaoth Dobhair an Cluiche Ceannais Craoibhe faoi 14 in aghaidh Naomh Adhamhnáin leis an scór 1-11 in aghaidh 0-3 agus bhuail Ard a' Rátha na mionúir sa chraobh faoi 18 leis an scór 1-3 in aghaidh 0-2.

1984

I 1984 bhí Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile mar bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann sinsear agus ar an fhoireann faoi 21. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair an craobh faoi 21 an bhliain sin nuair a bhuail said Ard a' Rátha leis an scór 3-1 in aghaidh 0-9. D'imir an foireann sinsear sa chraobh soisear A an bhliain sin ach bhuail Naomh Naul iad le pointe sa chluiche leath cheannais. Fuair foireann na sinsear ardú céime ó Roinn 3 go Roinn

2 i 1984 ach bhuail an Tearmann iad i gcluiche ceannais na sraithe. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair sciath Roinn 3 fosta. Bhain Gairmscoltacha Thír Chonaill Craobh na hÉireann agus ar an fhoireann sin bhí Éamonn Mac Niallais, Brian Mór Ó Gallchóir, Cornelius Mac Phaidín agus Brian Mac Giolla Chomhaill as Gaoth Dobhair. Bhí Brian Mór Ó Gallchóir agus Éamonn Mac Niallais ar fhoireann mionúir Thír Chonaill a bhain Sraith Chuige Uladh.

1985

Faoi stiúr Sheosamh Ó Duibhir bhain Gaoth Dobhair a gcéad chraobh Condae faoi 12 nuair a bhuail siad Béal Átha Seanaidh leis an scór 6-3 in aghaidh 4-8, agus an bhliain ceanna bhain siad an craobh faoi 13 Féile na nGael in aghaidh Chairn Domhnaigh leis an scór 2-9 in aghaidh 0-5, agus rinne siad gnóithe maith i gCorcaigh ag Féile na nGael, áit ar bhain Pádraig Ó Gallchóir an comórtas cic pionóis. Do'n dara bliain as a chéile bhí an foireann faoi 21 i gcraobh ceannais na condae ach theip orthu in aghaidh Bhéal Átha Seanaidh leis an scór 1-13 in aghaidh 0-8. Bhí Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile i gceannas ar an fhoireann faoi-21 agus ar an fhoireann sinsear. Níor éirí leo ardú céime a fháil go Roinn 1 ach d'éirí leo an Chraobh Idir Mheánach a bhaint indiaidh athimirt sa cluiche ceannais in aghaidh Naomh Naul leis an scór 2-8 in aghaidh 0-5. Bhí Breandán Ó Baoill ar fhoireann mionúir Thír Chonaill a bhain Sraith Uladh. Bhí Breandan ar fhoireann Gairm Scoltacha Thír Chonaill fosta a bhain Craobh na hÉireann.

1986

Socraíodh an bhliain seo go mbeadh dhá fhoireann ag Gaoth Dobhair sa tsraith úr. Cé nár éirí le Gaoth Dobhair ardú céime a bhaint amach, glacadh isteach i Roinn 1 iad agus bhí an dara foireann ag Gaoth Dobhair ag imirt i Roinn 3 ó thuaidh. Bhí Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile i gceannas ar fhoireann na sinsear agus bhí Proinsias Ó Maonaigh mar chomhairleoir leis níos moille sa bhliain. Bhí Dónal Ó Breisleáin, Éamonn Mac Gairbheith agus Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde (D) i gceannas foireann Roinn 3. Lean Seosamh Ó Duibhir ar aghaidh leis na lads óga agus bhain said craobh faoi 14 na condae in aghaidh Chairn Domhnaigh leis an scór 1-10 in aghaidh 0-4. Chail Gaoth Dobhair an craobh faoi 13 sa chluiche ceannais in aghaidh Na Cealla Beaga leis an scór 2-9 in aghaidh 0-5. Chaill Gaoth Dobhair an

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Cúl: Cathal Mac Aodha agus Pádraig Mac a' Ghoill (Árd a' Rátha), Eoghan Ó Baoill, Dónall Mac Giolla Easbuic, Seán Mac Suibhne, Dónall Mac Fhionnghaile agus Maitiú Ó Cnámhsí. Tús: Seán Ó Cailín as Ard a' Rátha, Aodh Ó Dunlop, Jimí Mac Giolla Choill, Proinsias Ó Maonaigh, Seán Ó Dúgáin (as láthair an oíche sin), Simon Ó Gallchóir agus Seán Ó Duibhir.

cluiche ceannais craoibhe faoi 16 in aghaidh Bheál Átha Seanaigh leis an scór 2-7 in aghaidh 1-7. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair craobh soisear B in aghaidh Bheál Átha Seanaigh tar éis athimirt agus bhain an foireann ceanna an scór i Roinn 3. Bhí imreoirí as Gaoth Dobhair ar fhoireann mionúir an Iar Thuaiscirt a bhain an Super League, ba é sin Micheál Ó Dochartaigh, Brian Mac Giolla Bhríde agus Dónal Ó Breisleáin.

1987

I gceannas ar an fhoireann sinsear bhí Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile, Proinsias Ó Maonaigh agus P. J. Dudley agus i gceannas ar an fhoireann soisear bhí Dónal, Eoghan agus Éamonn arís. Bhain foireann na soisear craobh ceannais na condáe de

Chomórtas Peile na Gaeltachta ach bhuaileadh iad i gcluiche ceannais buiséar na hÉireann den chomórtas sin i mBéal an Mhuirthead i gCo. Mhaigheo le pointe amháin. Bheadh an corn leo an lá se muna mbeadh a lán dena himreoirí a bhí ar an fhoireann i '86 ar an fhoireann sinsear an bhliain seo. Ó thaobh an aos óig de, bhí bliain mhaith acu, bhain siad an corn faoi 15 Óg Spórt seachtar a taobh, agus bhí Seosamh Ó Duibhir agus Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile i gceannas. Bhain na mionúir craobh na condáe don chéad uair ó bhí ann leis an scór Gaoth Dobhair 1-9 in aghaidh Naomh Adhamhnáin 0-7, agus bhain an foireann céanna sraith mionúir na condáe faoi bhainisteoirí foirne Éamonn Mac Gairbheith, Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde (D) agus Aodh Mac Grianna.

1988

Bhain an fho-chumann an corn faoi 15 Óg Sport don dara bliain as a chéile agus b'íad na bainisteoirí ceanna a bhí orthu. Níor bhain an fho-chumann aon chorn an bhliain seo. Bhí Dónal Ó Breisleáin ina bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann soisear, agus ar an fhoireann sinsear bhí Éamonn Mac Gairbheith, Proinsias Ó Maonaigh agus Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile. Nuair a ba cheart do fhoireann maith a bheith ag an fho-chumann siocar dhá fhoireann a bheith acu le cupla bliain anuas, chur an imirce isteach go mór orthu cosúil le clubanna eile sa tír. Ag damhsa cheann bliana an fho-chumann an bhliain sin, bhí comóradh caoga bliain acu don fhoireann a bhain Craobh na Condáe sa bhliain 1938.

1989

Bhí Dónal Ó Breisleáin mar bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann soisear, agus ar fhoireann na sinsear bhí Éamonn Mac Gairbheith, Proinsias Ó Maonaigh agus Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde (D). Bhain foireann na soisear craobh soisear B na condáe leis an scór Gaoth Dobhair 1-11 in aghaidh Burt 0-5. Bhí Pádraig Ó Gallchóir agus Noel Rua Mac Giolla Bhríde ar fhoireann mionúir na condáe. D'imir Pól Ó Duibhir agus Seán Ó Duibhir do faoi 16 na condáe.

Beidh fhoireann Aontroma ag tabhairt a naghaidh ar Ghaoth Dobhair ag tús mhí na Nollag. Beidh coacháil acu Dé Sathairn don aos óg agus daoine fasta na condáe agus Dé Domhnaigh imreoidh siad Tír Chonaill i gcluiche dubhshláine.

Níl anseo ach coimriú goirid ar an méid a tharla le linn na hochtóidí san fho-chumann, curtha le chéile ag Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile, Cathaoirleach an fho-chumann i mbliana.



Foireann Iománaíocht Gaoth Dobhair, 1980.



Gaoth Dobhair, 1989 Junior B county champions.

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RED HUGHS

The importance of under-age football cannot be emphasised enough, a game that was so much enjoyed by our fore-fathers and played to such a high esteem, cannot and will not be forgotten. With so much stress and strain on the youth of today and by living in this rat-race world, some form of leisure activity is very necessary. Playing Gaelic football gives a child a certain fulfilment that's intriguing to watch. It helps to exercise the body, stimulate the mind, discipline oneself, to grow into an adult that can handle almost anything that may cross their path on their way to adulthood. Playing Gaelic football helps a child see a situation, make a judgement and act accordingly. The youth of today will grow into the adults of tomorrow, thus the young footballer of our club will grow into the county prospects of tomorrow and, who knows, may well help bring the Sam Maguire to Donegal.

Our U-12 team of today is: Michael Crawford, Michael Temple, Karl Scanlon, Stephen Bradley, Pauric Temple, Barry Gallagher, Warren Scanlon, Shane Rowan, Erin Rowan, Martin Muldoon, Lee Scanlon, Stephen Porter, Martin Wilson, Paul Andrew Ewing, Stephen Coyle, Sean Sweeney, Mark McMenamin, Joseph Doherty, Damien Maguire.

The above team were beaten in the championship by MacCumhail's, but as the season progressed their performances improved and they qualified for the divisional semi-finals where they were narrowly beaten by Naomh Baithin.

At under age level the club had a very busy year competing in all competitions from under-10 to under-18. Our under-10 footballers were runners up in Glenfin in the U-10 blitz, beaten by a single point by the home club. The Red Hughs also ran a very successful Donal Reid Shield for U-10s. Sean Sweeney's team defeated Warren Scanlon's team in a very close fought final. Forty boys under the age of ten took part in this competition.

Dromore National School were the winners of the Paddy Bradley Memorial Cup, defeating Sessiaghoneill in the final. This competition is organised and run by the club between the five national schools in our end of the parish.

Our U-14s were our most successful underage team reaching the Eastern divisional final. Beaten in the final by Glenswilly, they put up a great performance. The highlight of the year for all our underage players was our annual trip to Croke Park for the All-Ireland semi-final, this year the boys

saw Mayo beat Tyrone. 35 boys made the trip and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Since the Red Hughs club began its youth policy three years ago, it has gone from strength to strength, and so much so that everyone involved looks forward to the challenge of the coming years.

The U-21 Championship got underway in Townawilly after a good victory over Killybegs. Our hopes were high of doing well in the competition. But, carrying many injuries from previous games, our team put up a brave performance, but in the end it wasn't enough to stop Naomh Columba turning out winner.

SCOR

Off the field the club was involved in senior Scor in the MacCumhail's Centre and a great night of entertainment was had. The representatives of our club were Joe Gallen, recitation; Teresa Muldoon, solo singing; Muldoon sisters, instrumental music, and our quiz team added to a memorable night.

RED HUGHS LOOK FORWARD TO THE 90s

As Red Hughs look forward to the nineties, it is time to reflect back over the 1980s. Since our club was reformed in 1980, we have experienced our share of success and disappointment. Although our ultimate goal of a Senior Championship success has evaded us, we did contest the senior final of 1986. The memory

of that day must surely be the highlight of the 1980s for our club. The decade began with the winning of the Junior Championship in '81 and Intermediate Championship in '82; the club's ambition was fulfilled in 1984 when we gained promotion to Division 1 of the League. The club also won the Shield in 1985. We can also look forward to a League semi-final in the present season. So as Red Hughs begin the 1990s everybody at the club looks forward to continued success.

SENIOR TEAM

For the Red Hughs senior team the season was probably not much different from that of any other club, a mixture of exciting victories and disappointing defeats. In the League the team competed in Div. 1 North and had the distinction of winning all of their first eight League games. The highlight of these victories were undoubtedly victories away to neighbours, St. Eunans and MacCumhail's. With such a good start to the League much was expected of the team in the Senior Championship. However, with the success of the county team in the Ulster Championship, the first round had been postponed several times, and in the intervening time the team suffered the same loss as many other teams, i.e., the loss of several key players due to emigration.

In the first round the club were drawn against Naomh Brid with the first round in Ballintra. The victory that was expected by most, however, did not happen as a more determined



PRESENTATION....Mrs. Kitty Callaghan presents the George Callaghan Memorial Cup to Red Hughs captain, Donal Reid.

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Naomh Brid team ran out easy winners on their cramped and hilly pitch. Between the first and return legs, the club organised the George Callaghan Tournament, in memory of our late chairman. On the evening after the defeat in the Championship, the club met neighbours, MacCumhailis, who were fresh from a victory over Gweedore the previous day.

However, determined to make amends for their defeat by Naomh Brid, the team ran out 3-7 to 1-8 victors. The following Thursday evening, the club met near neighbours, Glenfin, in the final. The game turned out to be one of the most exciting for some time, as play swung from end to end, as both teams used the space created by the 13-a-side game on a large pitch to good effect. As time ticked away the large crowd grew more excited as it became obvious that the result would not be determined until the final whistle.

At the end, however, Red Hughs ran out winners by 3-9 to 2-7 and had the honour of becoming the first holders of the George Callaghan Memorial Cup. The Red Hughs team that night was: Stephen Doherty, Liam McCaugan, Cathal Doherty, Gerard Kelly, Anthony McDaid, Lyndon Gillespie, Donal Reid, Marty Carlin, Brendan Quinn, Eamonn Kelly, Ollie Reid, Paul Campbell, Chris Gillespie. Subs., Louis Browne, Stephen Browne, Joseph Carlin, Hugh Gillespie, Pat Gallen.

Refreshed after this victory and with renewed confidence the Senior team went on to defeat Naomh Brid in both the return leg and subsequent play-off. In the next round, the club met Four Masters; in a game that swung from apparent victory to near defeat, the team rallied to force a draw. Expectations were still high for a

victory in the replay. However, the second game became just as close as the first and a the final whistle, our opponents held on for a one point victory. After the defeat in the Championship the senior team's attention returned to the League. The impetus gained before the break for the Championship, however, was lost, and the senior team lost four of their remaining six games, but still had enough points to qualify for the League play-off — the first time in the club's history to do so. At the time of going to press the senior team are awaiting their semi-final League game and have the prospect of either a League or Shield final yet to play.

RED HUGHS

League Div. III North was a mixed bag of fortunes for manager, Damien 'Dodger' Gamble, some victories and some defeats. We eventually finished in the top half of the table despite leaving to field weakened teams for various week-day fixtures, players being unavailable due to work commitments.

Almost 40 players were used during the season and it was difficult to get a settled side. Some of our promising young players impressed in early games and were called into the senior panel. Emigration took its toll, too, as more young players departed. By Championship time Damien Gamble had a fairly settled side, boosted by the return after injury of Aaron Doherty and Brendan 'Breffni' Brady.

Preliminary round victory home and away over Robert Emmets let us in a 1st round marathon v Kilcar. The away game saw us snatch a last minute point for a draw. At home Kilcar gave us some of our own medicine, equalising with a last minute goal. Two

draws, what next? Off to Ballyshannon where we finally overcame a gallant Kilcar. A facile victory over Malin next and we were in a semi-final v Gweedore. After a one point defeat in a stirring game we were left to ponder what might have been.

Semi-final team and subs were as follows: John O'Meara, Lawrence Kelly, Michael Gallagher, Patrick McGowan, Gerard Kelly, Brendan Brady, Frankie Kelly, Josie Gallen, Aaron Doherty, Barry O'Meara, Tony Gallagher, Mark Campbell, Kieran Bradley, Sean G. Kelly, Marty Callaghan, S. Callaghan, C. McConnell, A. O'Loughlin, A. Scanlon, J. Marley, T. C. Catterson, T. Callaghan.

Thanks to Damien Gamble for his hard work with the junior panel.

Before concluding this look back at the year's activities, we should remember the various players who have brought honour to the club by their selection on numerous other teams throughout the season.

Pride of place must go to Donal Reid and Marty Carlin for their selection on the county senior team throughout the season and a special congratulations to Donal Reid on his selection as 'Irish Independent' man of the match in the Ulster final and for his selection on the Ulster panel which won the Railway Cup in October.

Congratulations is also due to Oliver Reid and Gerald Kelly who played for the county minor team throughout the season.

Other players who brought honour to the club for their actions on the playing field are Cathal Doherty, captain of the St. Columba's College, which won the Co. Secondary Schools Championship, and his fellow club members, Brendan Quinn and Gerald Kelly.



Red Hughs junior team, 1989.

CLUB NA gCEITHRE MAISTIR C.L.C.G.

Achievements like winning a county final, two divisional finals, beaten in the senior county semi-final by the eventual winners; to fulfill all our fixtures at senior, junior and underage level we can look back on 1989 with a certain amount of satisfaction.

How good it is to see two adult teams field every Sunday when most other clubs are hit by emigration. Great credit must go to the respective managers, namely Sean Dunnion snr. and Paddy Brogan. The junior team have just completed their programme while our seniors are in the League final.

Our development of Tirchonail Park continues, work is now almost complete on laying the new surface and it is hoped to sow the grass seed in early spring. It is our intention then to start work on building new toilets, scoreboard and fencing. To date this project has cost £80,000 and I am glad to say that the club does not owe one penny; for this we can thank the generous response of the local community, our friends throughout Ireland and abroad.

Our dinner dance at the beginning of the year was a big success. Our thanks to AIB, Donegal, who were sponsors of the various presentations that were made. I would like also to thank Mr. Billy Browne of the Atlantic Cafe, who sponsored a set of jerseys for the club.

1989 proved to be one of the most successful at underage level for a number of years, the winning of the Co. U-12 Championship being the highlight. For the past two seasons this group of boys showed great promise at the many coaching sessions organised at club level and also in the U-10 competition in our Division. Winning a county title at the youngest grade of football in the county is a great boost to all involved and, hopefully, they will add to this in the years ahead.

The U-14 team were defeated in the Co. quarter-final 'B' competition by the outright winners. Again with great credit for their displays during the year and their turnout at training sessions.

Our U-16 side were defeated in the last few minutes of the Divisional final. This side has a number of very promising players, a number of whom were rewarded with selection on the Co. U-16 panel.

The minor side reached the Co. final but came off second best to a very good Killybegs side. This team has had a very successful run in all the underage grades for the past seven years and we hope to see them make a big impact on the club adult sides in



Barry and Don Monaghan show their proud father, Donal, the U-12 County Championship trophy.

the future.

As in any walk of life success does not just come without a lot of time and effort. The club are very fortunate to have people like Connie Bennett, Frank O'Donnell, Gerry Molloy and Walter Espey (football), Kieran Twomey, Tommy Brennan and Liam Mullin (hurling) and Mary Walsh (hurling), and many others who, one way or another, made a contribution in assisting our youth.

CAMOGIE

The club was involved in League and Championship competition at U-16 and Intermediate level. In the U-16 League they had mixed fortunes; they won their home matches but lost their away fixtures thus failing to qualify for the play-off.

In the Championship they were defeated by the eventual winners.

In the Intermediate League they drew with Naomh Conaill and lost to Glenfin.

They were also defeated by Glenfin in the Championship.

On the hurling field, no teams were entered in competition but at present a squad of young hurlers are being coached by Liam Mullin, Ciaran Twomey and county star, Tommy Brennan. These sessions take place in Townawilly every Sunday morning and, hopefully, this will bear fruit in the future.

U-12, 1989: Seamus Breslin, Gareth Brogan, Niall Bryson, Adrian Carr, Joel Carr, Aiden Cassidy, Emmett

Cassidy, Cathal Cassidy, Niall Cassidy, Jonathan Callaghan, Sean Durca, Lee Gorman, Shane Griffin, Dav Hand, Pauric McCabe, Owen McGe Eamonn McGettigan, Ro McGettigan, Damien McGinley, Ga McGinty, Padhraic McGlynn, Bar Monaghan, Don Monaghan, Bar O'Donnell, Dermot O'Donnell, Ro O'Donnell, David Murray, Vince Murray, Pauric Quinn.

Club officers for 1989: President, J. Mulhern; Chairman, John Cassidy; Secretary, Cathal McGonigle; Treasurer, Gerry Timoney.

The following donated to the Club training fund through the For Masters Club: Tommy McGroart Diamond; John McDyre, Star Ba Main St.; Abbey Hotel, The Diamond Hyland Central Hotel, do.; Se McCafferty, Tirchonail Bar; Jo O'Rourke, Foodland; Liam Mullin Castle St.; Jimmy Vaughan, Main St. Eamonn Duffy, Errigal Grill; The O Castle Bar; National Hotel (Hugh Cassidy), Main St.; Vincent Bush Ballydevitt; James Cassidy, Main St. Terry Woods, Main St.; Seamu Caldwell, Main St.; Bank of Ireland Ulster Bank; McCormack & Lynch butchers; Atlantic Cafe, Main St.; M T., Bridge St.; Frank Muldoon Doonan; Peter McGinty Ltd., Mai St.; Gerry Caldwell, Main St. Southern Dixie, Quay St.; Ron Dunleavy, The Glebe; Michael Kelly The Glebe; Colm Harvey, Clar; Gerr Timoney, Doonan; Cathal McGonigle Ballyboyle; Cassidy Bros., building contractors.



Four Masters, Donegal Town, 1989 Division 2 League champions.

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FOUR MASTERS DINNER DANCE— Committee members and award winners with guest, Charlie Faulkner.

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Four Masters, U-12A champions, 1989.

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Comortaisí Peile na Gaeltachta 1989 i Ghleann Cholm Chille

Le John James McLaughlin, P.R.O., Naomh Columba

Ba é seo blian an stariúil do Fó-Chumann Naomh Columba mar gur reachtúil siad Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta don dara huair, agus go hairithe an 21ú ceann.

Ba é 1978 an tam deireanach a bhí an comortas 'san paróiste, agus deireadh gur é an comortás i bfearr a reachtúil o bunaíodh é i 1969. Ach i mbliana, fuair an Club an moladh as na ceithre hairde don tír mar an doigh a rith siad imeachtaí iomlan an deireadh seachtaine, agus cairdúil agus a bhí bunadh na háite agus go hairithe na mna tí. Bhí obair chruaidh agus socraithe tabhaíochta le deanamh don comortás agus fagadh iad le fo-coiste speisialta den club ar a raibh Proinseas Mac Cuinneagain mar Cathaoirleach agus Sile Nic Roigh mar Runai Cunta, tá moladh mór tuille do Sile as ucht an obair a rinne sí. Bá coiste eifeachta é agus comh maith, fuair siad an taçaíocht ó oifighig an club agus na baill.

I mbliana bhí mealladh speisialta as dhá foireann úr san comortas, siad sin

Gael Thír Chonaill agus Sabbath O hAnluin as Londain. Comh maith thug siad morán lucht tachaíocht leo agus go hairithe bunadh na haite a ghlac laetha saoire luath.

Cuireadh tús leis na cómortaisí ar an Aoine le banna ceol Cill Cartha i lathair nuair a casadh Cill Cartha ar Gael Thír Chonaill i gcluichi an cruaidh a bhí an buaidh ag Cill Cartha. Bhí an onóir ag Uachtaran an Fho Chumainn Séan Ó hÉinne an liathroid a chaiteadh isteach, ag tús an cluiche seo.

Ba é san Ostain Ghleann Cholmchille a bhí lár ionaid an Comortas agus is ann a bhí príomhimeachtaí na feilli agus comh maith bhí imeachtaí eile, ceol agus craic ar fud na Paroisti gó leir.

Maidin Dé Sathairn a cuireadh tús i gceart leis na comortaisí nuair a thosaigh na Cluichi ar 11 r.n. Thug sé fhoireann déag pairt sna comortaisí. Comh mhaith bhí comortaisí liathroid laimhe agus ní thig linn dearmaid a dheanadh do comortas Cailin Gaeltach agus comhghairdeas a dheanamh lenar

chailin fhein, Déibhre Ní Churraighín as Teileann a roghnaíodh mar Chailín Gaelach.

Ar an Luain bhí preas ocóid san ostain agus bhí an morán daoine tabhaíochta i lathair, Aire na Gaeltachta, Donnadh Ó Gallachóir, Oifigh Poblachta, Údarás na Gaeltachta, Radio na Gaeltachta, Comhairle Chonndae Dhún na nGall, Cumann Luthchleas Gael, na Sagairt agus go hairithe Bord Solathair Aibhleis mar príomh mhuirraí don Comortas.

Ag Pairc na n Gael chas Cill Cartha ar Naomh Columba, agus ba e seo ceann de na clúiche a bfearr a chonaímuid le fada an lá. Bhí mhi adh ar Naomh Columba nuair a gortaidheadh Pádraigh Ó hÉigearthaigh agus beigear do an pairc a fhágail. Fuair Cill Cartha an buaidh. Comhghairdeas le Cill Cartha mar lá ocáid an stairuill daoife an bheirt a bhaint.

Chuir sin deireach le comortas Peile na Gaeltachta don 21ú blian. Deireadh seachtain a thug gach duine sult agus sasamh as go hairithe an aimsir bréa. Tá súil agam gur chuir sé tús le cairdeachas eadrainn, a mhairse le blianta fada, agus go mbeidh sibh uilig arais i nGleann Colm Cille gan mhoill arís.



PRESENTATION: Naomh Columba captain, John Joe Doherty receives the Democrat Cup from Co. Board secretary, Bart Whelan. (Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Last May will be remembered with sorrow in the Parish of Glencolumbkille and surrounding parishes, when Francis Cunningham passed away to his eternal reward.

Affectionately known locally as "Francie Beag", he was a member of a family having a long and outstanding tradition with the Gaelic Athletic Association.

In the early 'sixties with Naomh Columba having no senior team Francie played with neighbours Cill Cartha. Though small in stature for a centrefield player, Francie took on the biggest and best in the county at the time and usually came out on top. A bundle of energy who never knew the word defeat. He always played his heart out and was an inspiration to his team-mates.

Francie's career was short, as he emigrated to U.S.A. after his marriage and unfortunately had not the honour to play for his native parish Glencolumbkille.

Though he was one of the most ardent supporters since his return to Ireland some thirteen years ago, he was always renowned for his honest assessment of players after a match.

His death had a shattering effect on his colleagues in the local club and especially those who were close friends are aware of the values of this good man whom all mourn.

THE MEN RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PAIRC NA nGAEL

To his wife, Bernie, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends the club extends deepest sympathy.

Another sad and untimely death during the year was that of Ann Gillespie, beloved wife of Paddy "Beag".

Since Ann came to Glencolumbkille some twenty years ago she earned the respect of the community both young and old. She was a perfect lady and caring wife and mother.

Her death at an early age was indeed a severe blow to her family. The attendance at the wake and funeral was one of the largest seen in the area for years. All officers of the County Board and delegates from most of the clubs in the county were in attendance.

To her husband Paddy Beag, sons Damien, Pauric and Aidan; daughters Sharon, Mairead and Sinead; brothers, sisters, relatives and friends, deepest sympathy is extended. Ar dheis Dé danam.

NAOMH COLUMBA CLUB OFFICERS 1989

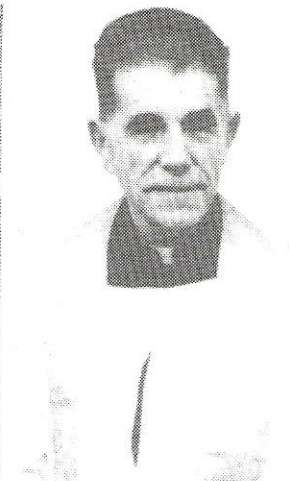
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Sean Ó hÍghne



Liam Ó Cuinneagáin R.I.P.



An t-Ath. Mac Daidhir R.I.P.



Lá stairiúil in nGleanncholmille 1978. Foscailt oifigiúil na seomraí feistithe Naomh Columba. Ar cúl: Aire na Gaeltachta Donnacadh O Gallachoir, An Canonach Séamus Mac Daidhir, Conal O Murcadh, Uacht., C.L.C.G.; An tAthair Micheal Mac Grain; Rev. Scott Harte; Padraib Beag Mac Giolla Easbuic. Tosach: Damien Mac Giolla Easbuic, Pauric Mac Giolla Easbuic, Sineid Nic Giolla Easbuic.

Scor 1988/89

Mar is gnathach le roinnt blianta anois thug pobal Ghleanncholmille an-tacaíocht do Chomortaisi Scor na bliana seo ('88/'89). Tionoladh na comortaisi aitiúil de Scor na nOg i Halla Muire agus bhain an scaifte mor a bhi i lathair sult agus sasamh as an oíche siamsaíochta idir ceol damhsa, aithriseoireacht, dramaíocht agus trath na gCeist. Bhi iomaitheoiri on cheantar pairteach i ngach ceann des na hocht comortaisi agus ghlac na buaiteoiri páirt ins na babhtai ceannais reigiunach ins na Cealla Beaga ina dhiaidh sin. Bhain na damhseoiri seit Craobh na Contae i mBeal Atha Feich agus gabhaimid buíochas le Elie Uí Bhrolachain as ucht an toiliunt iontach a thug si don fhoireann.

I Scor na Sinsear bhi iomaitheoiri o Chraobh Chumann Naomh Columba

pairteach i se chomortas. Ba mhór an t-onoir don Chumann gur tionoladh na babhtai leath Cheannais agus na ceannais reigiunach anseo in Ostan Ghleanncholmille, ait a bhi lan go doras agus gach duine ag baint sult as na himeachtaí. Don triú bliain indiaidh a cheile bhi an bua againn sa Chomortas Nuachleasaíochta.

Ta moladh mór tultte ag an choiste aitiúil de bharr an obair a dheanann siad ag eagra na comortaisi gach blian agus an dicheall a dheanamh siad chun suim na ndaoine a mhuscaílt san ghe seo d'imeachtaí Chumann Luthchleas Gael.

Coiste Aitiúil Scor: Gearoid MacGiolla Easpuig, Sean Ailis, Anna Bn Ailis, Seamus J. Mac Fhionnghaile, Edie Ni Bhrolachain, Nora Mhic Seain, Paddy Beag Mac Giolla Easpuig, Eibhlin Mhic Daibheid.



DEIRBHILE NI CHURRAIGHIN CAILIN GAELACH 1989

Rugadh Deirbhile mar "Chailin Gaelach '88" ag Comortaisi Peile na Gaeltacha i nGleanncholmille i Mi Meitheamh. Is an t-úrban agus ta si ag teagasc i Scoil Neill Uachtair na Cealla Beaga. Ta si ina runai ar Chomortas Ríochta Theilinn agus to si páirteach i gcomortaisi dramaíochta, ceoil, uacht agus teanga.

Handball

The Handball Club was very active this season with two teams participating in the County League and the County Championships. While there was no measure of success at senior level the under-age once again dominated this year's competitions taking all competitions bar under-12 single and the minor singles and doubles i.e. 11 of the 12 competitions.

County Winners

U-12 Doubles: Manus O'Donnell/Gerard Cannon. U-13 Singles: Conal Cunningham. U-13 Doubles: Derek Hegarty/John Kelly. U-14 Singles: Michael Byrne. U-14 Doubles: Pauric Gillespie/Michael O'Byrne. U-15 Singles: Ciaran Cannon. U-15 Doubles: Kevin McGinley/Andrew Heekin. U-16 Singles: Ciaran Cunnea. U-16 Doubles: Patrick Cunningham/Conal Gillespie. Minor Singles: Michael Cannon. Minor Doubles: Sean Cannon/Gerard O'Byrne.

In the Ulster Championships, Tyrone once again proved the stumbling block. However, special acknowledgements must go to Kevin McGarvey, John Doherty and Paul McGuire who proved themselves to be worthy county representatives when requested as last minute substitutes.

The club also represented the county in the Ulster Colleges Championships and the Ulster section of the Community Games.

A six week introductory course for girls was run in the early Summer. It was well attended and some very promising lady handballers should come forth from this group.

The club hosted this year's Gaeltachta competitions — both the county and All-Ireland.

Hugh Cunningham and Francis Walshe were the club's representatives in the All-Ireland competition, which was won by Cloughaneely's Francis Boyle and Bernie McCallion.

An tOireachtas, Gleann Cholm Cille 1989

Tá pobail Ghaeltachta Thír Chonaill scartha go maith óna chéile thart ar chósta an chontae atá suas le trí chéad míle ar fad, agus pobal amháin istigh i gceartlár na tíre sa Cruacha Gorma. Tá sé furasta a thuiscint na deacrachtaí atá ann leis na pobail seo a snaidhmeadh le chéile sa tslí go mbeadh a saibhreas cultúrtha ag láidriú agus i dteagmháil le chéile agus le Gaeltachtaí eile na tíre. Cé is moite de seo tá iarrachtaí láidre ar síul in achán cheann acu, ó Ghleann Cholm Cille san iardheiscirt go Fanaid ó thuaidh, le croí spiorad na Gaeilge a choinneáil

Coiste Áitiúil an Oireachtais



Tosach ó chlé: Prinsín Ní Chuinneagáin, Aisling Ní Aodha, Maedbh Uí Ghairbhle, Deirbhile Ní Churraighín, Eibhlín Fhionnaighle (Rúnaí), Caitlín Bn. Mhic Fhionnaighle, Áine Ní Chuinneagáin.
Cúl ó chlé: Pádraig Mac Giolla Easbuic, Brian Ó Baoill, Seán Séamas Mac Lochlainn (Cisteoir), Liam Ó Cuinneagáin, Pádraig Beirne, Eoghan Ó Curraoin, Proinsias Mac Cuinneagáin (Cathaoirleach), Noel Mac Giolla Chearra.

beo bríomhar. Is féidir a rá, áfach, go bhfuil deacrachtaí níos mó ag na pobail beaga an spiorad seo a chaomhnú ná mar atá ag na Gaeltachtaí móra eile ar fud na tíre agus ba é seo an fáth a roghnaíodh ceantair Ghleann Cholm Cille mar ionad an Oireachtais i mbliana. Ba é an aidhm a bhí ag Oireachtas na bliana seo ná ardú meánmain a thabhairt do na pócaí beaga Gaeltachta uilig atá faoi bhrú agus is cinnte gurab é sin a tharla.

Bhí Oireachtas bríomhar spreagúil i mbliana a chur iontas orthu síúd uilig a shíl go raibh an Ghaeilge ar a blianta dheiridh i bpobail mar an lardheiscirt. Bhí sé soiléir ó tosaíodh an ullmhúchán don Fhéile go raibh a gcroí istigh sa chultúr ag bunadh na háite agus glac na daoine faoi go dúthrachtach. Rinneadh iarracht faoi leith imeachtaí a bhí fóirstineach don timpeallacht a eagrú agus cuireadh tús le seo le taispeántas de bhannaí ceoil an chontae agus ansin le ceolchoirm den chuid is fearr de cheol traidisiúnta chúige Uladh. Níor cuireadh stop go maidin le fidiléirí na háite agus le damhsa agus spraoi ó na céadta daoine óga a tháinig go dtí an tOireachtas don chéad uair ariamh. Bhí an oiread sin déagóirí ann ó achán chearn den tír gur baisteadh 'deireach seachtaine na ndaoine óga' ar an chéad chúpla lá. Is féidir a rá nach dochar a bhí ann sin mar i gcónaí bhí locht le fáil ar an Fhéile mar ócáid do shean-Ghaeilgeoirí na tíre agus ní mar sin a bhí i mbliana.

Bhí comórtaisí na deireadh seachtaine chomh maith agus a bhí ariamh le scoraíochtaí agus comórtaisí ceoil agus damhsa. Is deas gur ó thuaidh a d'imigh go leor de na duaiseanna, go speisialta chuig Phobal Scoil Ghaoth Dobhair, ach ar ndóigh tá sé mar thraidisiún anois go éiríonn leo thar barr, is cuma cén áit sa tír atá an tOireachtas lonnaithe.

Tháinig lucht freastail an Oireachtais

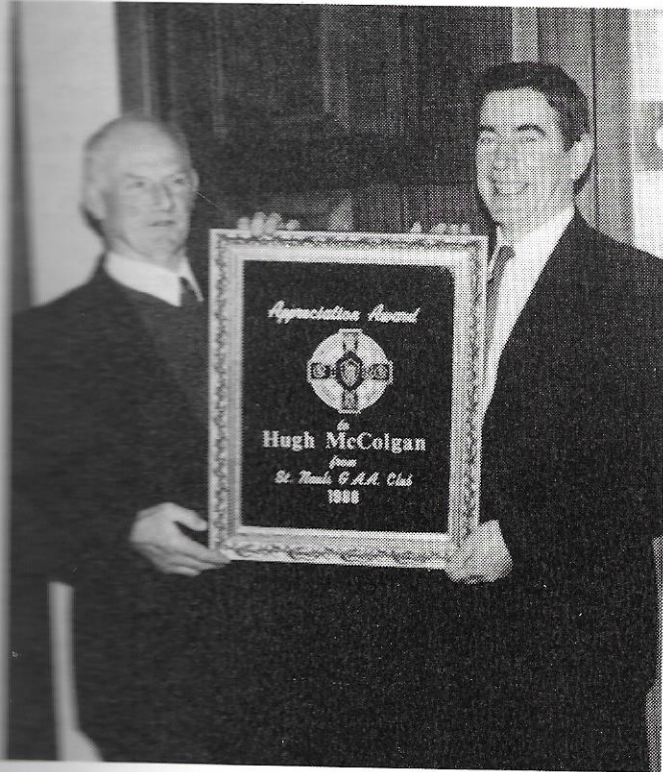
i mbliana ó chuile chóirméil den agus go speisialta ón taobh ó thuaidh bhí sé pléisiúrtha canúint Chúige Uladh a chluinstin chomh forleathan ag a chéad deireadh seachtaine agus r canúintí eile.

Idir an dá dheireadh seachtaine b imeachtaí den scoith ar síul le Tur seandálaíochta ar Ghleann Cholm Cille le Míchéal Ó hOireachtaigh, Ollamh ó Roinn seandálaíochta i gColáiste r hOllscoile i mBaile Átha Cliath. B dráma speisialta curtha le chéile do Chlachán i nGleann Cholm Cille bunaithe ar na tréimhsí staire atá r tithe éagsúla ag cuir i láthair. Tugad aitheantas ar dóigh do aisteoirí na háit nuair a thug Uachtarán na hÉireann, a Dr. Ó hIorghile cuairt ar an drámáíoch tar éis an lá a chaitheamh le páistí n háite i gceolchoirm a bhí i Hall Mhuire. Nocht an tUachtarán lea cuimhneachán an Oireachtas sul a fhág sé an Gleann. I rith na seachtain chomh maith bhí seó faisin de earr Thír Chonaill agus le mír speisialta d dhéantúisí áitfúla.

Cuireadh tús le deireadh seachtain na Gaeltachta ar an Déardaoin le sear nós na mban in Óstán Ghleann Cholm Cille agus ón Aoine ar aghaidh bh comórtaisí scéalaíochta amhránaíochta agus agallamh beirte. Níor fágadh Teileann nó Mín an Aoir gan duaiseanna mar is tríur ón n háiteanna cóngarach sin a bhain a amhránaíocht agus an scéalaíocht Brian Ó Baoill agus Eoghan Ó Curraighéan, agus Pádraig Mac Giolla Easbuic.

Is cinnte nach bhfeicfidh ceantair Ghleann Cholm Cille a leithéid de deic lá arís agus an tOireachtas agus má a dúirt Uachtarán an Oireachtas, ar Dr. Sean Ó hEochaidh ina aitheasc ag an oscailt oifigiúil, be é an lá mhó é dor áit ó tháinig Colm Cille trasna bhainn Ghlinne ach níl mise gan dóchas nach bhfeicfear a leithéid arís againn roim deireadh an chéid.

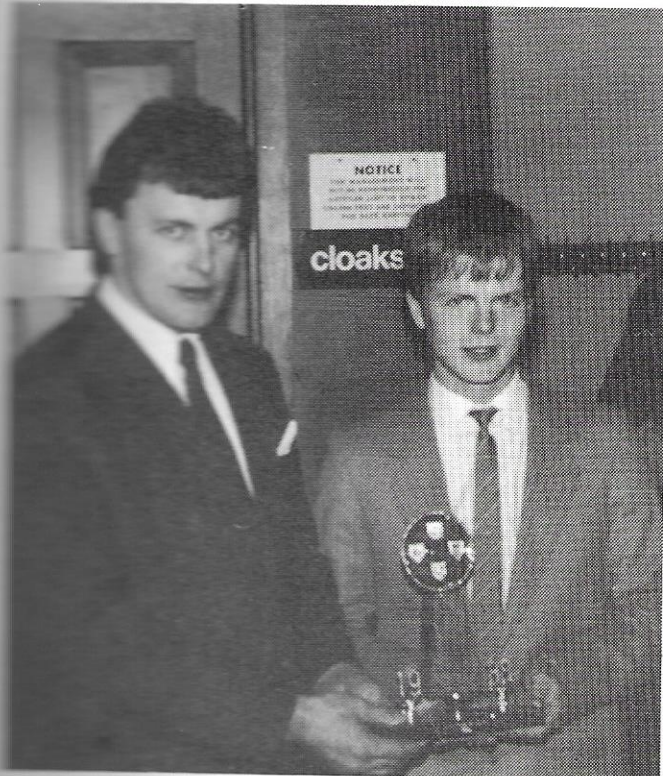
ST. NAUL'S DINNER DANCE 1989



An appreciation award to Hugh McColgan (left) for years of dedication to St. Naul's, being presented by Central Council delegate, Micheal Gillespie.



Cathal McGroarty (left), receiving his Player of the Year award from county captain, Anthony Molloy.



Sean Campbell (right), receiving his Young Player of the Year award from Anthony Molloy.



Micheal Gillespie, guest of honour, presenting John Breslin with his award for Clubperson of the Year for 1988.

A year to remember for Urris

1989 will go down in the history of the Urris club as the year when hard work was truly rewarded with major success. Activities both on and off the field proved very enjoyable and the added bonus came in the shape of several county titles and many divisional honours. The year also saw the club take possession of a new pitch and club premises at Straid, just outside Clonmany, which is situated right in the centre of the parish. All in all, this must surely have been the most successful year in the history of Urris G.A.A.

During the winter most interest focuses on the Scor competitions and as usual Urris took several of the Inis Eoghain titles in Scor na nOg which is hosted by the club in Ballyliffin.

Assistance here came from Geraldine Harvey and Grainne Walsh among others. Scor Sinsear provided great entertainment for many club members with five acts going through to the county finals. Dancing, singing, instrumental music, recitation and novelty act were our finalists and Danny McCarron in singing and Lorna Coyle, Ann Kearney and Brendan

Donaghy in music duly became county champions. Danny was to go on to the Ulster finals, just one step from the All-Ireland finals, before going out. Definitely the best year ever for the club in Scor.

It was during the winter also that Urris G.A.A. took a giant step forward which guarantees its existence for many years to come. After many years of effort to acquire a suitable pitch, a field and house at Straid were purchased. Immediately a sub-committee was formed under the guidance of one of the club's most senior figures, Mattie Kemmy, ably assisted by his good friend, Charlie Farren, and the pitch was laid out speedily with the result that all our home games for the year were played there. The house was converted into changing rooms and a meeting room and at present building of showers and toilets is going on. No more changing in cars for clubs visiting Urris!

But the real test of progress in any club comes on the playing field. 1989 provided a very positive answer to the question for Urris. Pride of place must go to the Tirnasligo National School

who once again captured the Championship under the guidance of John Friel. Having survived a narrow defeat from Keelogs School in the quarter-finals they had an easier task in the semi-finals against Meenaclady School and Gaoth Dobhair. John is involved in many levels and in so many ways has helped the organisation but without doubt his greatest joy is to watch his charges take on and beat the teams from the "strong" parts of the county. In the space of a few years Tirnasligo School is establishing a formidable tradition with a second to none in the county competitions.

Teams were fielded at all levels in Inis Eoghain and all performed satisfactorily. The under-16 team continued the club's proud tradition when they captured the divisional title. Our young hurlers met with success but enjoyed their

Ronan Doherty and Kevin were our representatives on the under-16 hurling team, while Declan Doherty and Lavery played for the county side.



With the growth of Gaelic football in the Eoghain in recent years it became apparent that a divisional competition was required so the Inis Eoghain League Championship was initiated in 1988. Worthy champions in the first year were Buncrana. Early in Spring this year Urris set about bringing the trophy to Clonmany. A great run of results including a replay which Burt gained passage to the final against the champions, Buncrana. On a dreary, wet evening in Clonmany the two teams served up a remarkably skilful and sporting game. Fortunes swayed this way and that throughout but when Urris faced the breeze and slope and went in errors in the second half it looked likely that the cup would spend another year in Buncrana. It was then that the Urris team showed that they really were special for they rose up and through sheer determination wrested victory from the jaws of defeat. The main contributor in a splendid team effort that day was John Farren.

With the Inis Eoghain Championship in the bag team manager John Friel turned his attentions to the League. A long campaign proved most enjoyable and it was only the loss of several points to neighbouring Inis Eoghain clubs that prevented a top two finish. Third place was not bad but the real

value of the league was the opportunity to blood a number of new players who have come through from the juvenile ranks and to establish a solid team spirit. One and all were agreed that this was by far the most enjoyable league campaign in recent times.

Finally it was time for the premier competition of the year, the County Championship. The draw was a tough one with a preliminary round against Killybegs. Having won through in a playoff, the next hurdle was the men from Glencolmcille. An away win in this round paved the way for a place in the semi-final against Ardara. A good win in this game which was played at Glenfin and there we were contesting the County Junior 'A' final for the first time since 1979. The big day out in Ballybofey where we faced the men of Kilcar got off to a disastrous start with the loss of our great-hearted player manager, John Friel, but Danny Kelly rallied the troops and eventually the business was done. It was just as well because the meal in the Strand Hotel in Ballyliffin was booked in advance! Now there's confidence for you!

Years come and years go, and some will always be better than others, but it will be a long time before Urris G.A.A. forgets 1989 and you can bet that every time he thinks of it Michael

Farren will remember not only the games but the great part he had in the club's triumphs. So many others played their part that it would take too long to list them here but chairman Danny Friel and secretary Edward McLaughlin can review the year with pride, as can Oifigeach na Gaeilge, Maureen Wright Friel, who ran ranganna during the winter.

There were a few other notable events that took place off the field including the marriage of one of the club's and Donegal's most faithful sons, Colm O Tuathlain, to Maura Sloyan from Dublin, and the 'pilgrimage' made by a good friend of ours, John 'Danny' Doherty to spin the big wheel in the Lottery. John, just like any good Urris man, came home with a winning score.

As you can see it would be a mean-minded man indeed who could quibble with such a wonderful year but now our thoughts must turn to the year ahead when the foundations which were so ably laid this year must be built upon. The challenge will be met with much confidence after a year that proved that the effort really is worthwhile and if the trophies are fewer and farther between sure what matter, won't 1989 always remain a year to remember.

Niall O Riada, P.R.O.

Urris, 1989 Junior Champions



The Urris team were: John Friel, Paddy O'Donnell, Danny Kelly, Seamus Ivers, Joe McLaughlin, John Canny, Michael Farren, Pat Doherty, Colm Doherty, Neil Kearney, John Friel, John Farren, Des Kemmy, Gerard Friel, Neil McLaughlin. Subs.: Michael Noone McLaughlin, Brendan Donaghey, John McGilloway, Declan Doherty, Patrick Doherty, Brian Doherty, Conal Doogan, Charlie Doherty, John Harkin.

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NAOMH CHONAILL 1989 HISTORY

A LOOKBACK AT 1988

In terms of success on the playing fields, the continuing developments at the club grounds and the ability to get things done in the club, 1988 was a very good year for Naomh Chonail. It was a year that saw three pieces of silverware coming to the town following the success of the U-14s winning the Co. 'B' Championship, the Camogie team winning the Intermediate Championship and then 'the icing on the cake,' the intermediate team winning the Div. 2 League to make them a senior team after a ten year absence. It was a year that saw us getting two players on county teams, Conal McLoone at U-16 level and Pat Ward and senior level. Indeed, it was a year that saw a great resurgence of GAA enthusiasm in Glenties.

1989

1989 proved to be somewhat of an anti-climax compared to the previous year. The senior team were relegated in the League, although they were rather unlucky, particularly in some of their later games when they were beaten by very small margins. However, they also had some awful setbacks at home most notably against Aush Ruadh and Na Rossa when they squandered half-time leads. On the positive front, club teams did reasonably well, capturing the Intermediate Camogie Championship for the second year in succession; the U-12 'B' Championship and Scoil Mhuire winning the National Schools title. At the time of writing this article the junior team were shortly to play in the Div. 3 League semi-final.

By Michael Quinn (PRO)

SENIOR TEAM

The seniors, under managers Hughie Molloy and Patsy Furey, played their first competitive game against Kilcar in Towney in Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta. Here they were unlucky to get beaten by four points with the final score 2-10 to 3-3. Their first game in the League was against Naomh Brid in Glenties where they collected their first brace of points, beating the visitors 2-7 to 0-6, but, alas, inconsistent form throughout the year heralded their fall from the top flight.

In the Championship they were drawn against near neighbours, Ardara. The first leg at Glenties was a very close game, but by no means the predicted classic. At the final whistle Ardara emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins with the final score, N. Chonail 1-8, Ardara 0-12. In the return game, the following week in Kentucky, Ardara proved to be the superior outfit on the day and beat the visitors convincingly by 1-15 to 1-7, the goal in the closing stages coming too late to be of any significance.

Although starved of success, their games against top opposition will, no doubt, stand them in good stead in 1990. During the year Michael Gallagher joined his clubmate, Pat Ward, among the hallowed ranks of the county senior team where both of them proved to be very good ambassadors for the club, putting in some memorable performances.

JUNIOR TEAM

The juniors, like the seniors, played their first game in the Gaeltacht competition. This was against Fanad Gaels in Traigh-a-Locha and they were defeated 1-9 to 0-3. Their form improved considerably after this and they had a tremendous league campaign, losing only three games out of 18 and so ensuring them first place in Div. 3 South. This qualified them for the Div. 3 semi-final v St. Eunans on Nov. 12th.

In the preliminary round of the Junior 'B' Championship they were paired against Naomh Baithin. Glenties managed to overcome them, firstly in Carrigans and then in Glenties, winning 0-11 to 2-4 and 1-8 to 1-6 at the respective venues, and so progressed to the first round where they met Burt. For the first leg game they made the long journey away on a Tuesday evening. Naomh Chonail played some very disappointing football on this occasion and were easily beaten. The return match at home was a different story with the Glenties lads having improved immensely from the first game and despite some unsavoury play from the visitors, the boys in blue won with six points to spare and so forced a play-off in O'Donnell Park. In this game they played some commendable football in the first half and led at the interval by 0-8 to 0-5. The fact that N. Chonail could only add a further two points (frees) tells its own story of the team's total collapse in the second period. Two goals in the last quarter and sustained pressure on the defence met with no reply from a disheartened Glenties side who went on to get



1988 Division 2 League champions, Naomh Chonail

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1989 Division 3 Shield champions, Naomh Conaill

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1989 U-12B county champions, Naomh Conaill.

beaten 2-13 to 0-10 and so exited from this year's championship. Manager: Leo McLoone.

MINOR BOARD ACTIVITIES

The Minor Board enjoyed a reasonably successful year overall. The Board staged an U-14 parish league at the beginning of the year; played host to St. Michael's Club, Lissan, in August, and staged a parish blitz as part of the Harvest Festival in September as well as participating in the various underage competitions. The highlight of the year was winning

the U-12 'B' and National Schools Co. Championship.

U-10

The U-10s, under Dave Moore, had indoor coaching sessions during the winter months with the main emphasis being on the basic skills and disciplines required for Gaelic football. As the weather improved the coaching took place at the field and although they failed to win any games in the competition it ensured the young boys future participation and involvement in the GAA.

U-12, CO. 'B' CHAMPIONS

The U-12s were entered in the 'B' competition this year under manager Michael Quinn, Cormac Gallagher and Jimmy O'Donnell, and with the great commitment the youngsters gave they managed to emulate the success of the U-14s the previous year in winning the Co. Championship.

In the S.W. Division the team had mixed fortunes. They inflicted heavy defeats on Fintown; N. Mhuire, Kilca and Na Rossa at home but the latter three easily overcame the Glenties boys at their respective home venues

Despite this, the team reached the divisional final in Ardara, the opponents, Kilcar. Urged on by a large support, N. Chonaill had a decisive victory of 5-11 to 1-1.

The following Monday all roads led to Glenties for the Co. quarter-final against N. Baithin. Again, N. Chonaill, showing some tremendous football, finished easy winners by 6-8 to 1-3. The semi-final a fortnight later against Termon in Ballybofey was a very exciting and tense encounter with the winning score coming in the last minute of the game from a well struck penalty goal from John Brennan. Final score, N. Chonaill 3-3, Termon 2-3.

The stage was set for the final against the Irishwomen champions, Buncrana, on 9th July in O'Donnell Park. The tension was very much evident on the field. The team as a whole never seemed to settle and had Buncrana been able to convert their chances in the early stages there would have been a lot of remorse in the Glenties camp. As the game progressed it was evident that neither side was going to stamp their authority on the proceedings and at the end, the score of 2-3 each was a fair result.

The replay had been set for 23rd July but this coincided with the Ulster final replay so it took place on 30th July at the same venue. One notable difference from the first game was that the team were in a far more relaxed frame of mind and although the first half was fairly close, a brilliant spell came in the second half secured victory. Final score: 3-9 to 2-3.

After the game, chairman of the Co.

Minor Board, Mr. Pat Connaghan, presented the cup to captain, Joe Byrne, amidst scenes of great excitement among the players, mentors, proud parents and supporters. The very large cavalcade of cars on the journey home was a fitting tribute to an excellent little team.

U-13s

The U-13s were paired against near neighbours, Ardara, in the championship. The first game in Glenties was a pretty close affair with Ardara having four points to spare at the finish. The second game at Sandfield was no contest, however, as Ardara trounced the visitors and so ended that campaign. Managers: M. Quinn and J. O'Donnell.

U-14s

The U-14s were also placed in the 'B' competition and it was thought that their prospects in this grade were worthy of optimism. However, these thoughts were proven to be unfounded. Due to the general lack of interest by clubs in the division to this grade they only had to play two games before they reached the final. These were against Kilcar in Towney where they lost 6-3 to 2-4 and at home to N. Mhuire whom they defeated 3-10 to 0-2. The final in Ardara against Kilcar was, unfortunately, marred by controversy. Final score, Kilcar 1-4, N. Chonaill 0-5. They had a chance to redeem themselves in the Co. quarter-final but came up against a strong Glenswilly outfit and lost 4-5 to 0-2.

Managers: Brendan O'Donnell and M. Quinn.

U-16

Playing with the nucleus of the previous year's U-14 'B' champions, the opposition in the S.W. division proved much too strong for this young outfit. Although all fixtures were fulfilled their best result was a draw at home to Naomh Mhuire. The team shouldn't feel despondent, however, as 1990 could have better prospects in store for them. Manager: John Molloy.

U-17 and 18

The minors under the guidance of Leo McLoone, met N. Mhuire in the first round and had a five point winning margin, both at home and away. In the S.W. divisional semi-final in Ardara, N. Chonaill drew with Dungloe, the equaliser coming from a Conal McLoone free with two minutes remaining. In the replay at the same venue, they were totally outclassed. The final score of 3-8 to 0-2 reflected the Rosses side's total dominance of the proceedings.

In the U-17 Minor League (13-a-side), N. Chonaill played three games. The first was away to Naomh Mhuire whom they defeated 3-7 to 2-4. In the other games against Ardara and Killybegs, heavy defeats were inflicted on Glenties.

Three players — Conal McLoone, Patrick Roarty and John Gildea — were successful in making the county minor team and the Vocational Schools team.



Scoil Mhuire (5/6/7 teacher school), 1989 county champions.



1989 Intermediate Camogie champions. Naomh Conaill.

Pauric Brennan and Matthew Mannering were picked for the South West divisional side.

CUMANN NA mBUNSCOIL

Due to the amalgamation of the two schools in the town, the newly formed Scoil Mhuire had to upgrade to the 5/6/7 teacher category (the 2nd highest category) in the National Schools Championships.

The first game was against Annagry N.S. in Dungloe whom they beat convincingly by 5-5 to 2-1, and thus qualified for the divisional final against Carrick N.S., whom they also beat easily.

Their next game was against Clonmany N.S. in the Co. semi-final. Played in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, Scoil Mhuire won in impressive style by 6-9 to 2-1 in a game that saw great individual performances and deadly accurate shooting by the Glenties boys.

In the final at the R.T.C. grounds, Letterkenny, they defeated Derrybeg N.S. by 2-3 to 0-6. The foundations for victory were laid in the first half when Scoil Mhuire scored two goals, the first, a long range shot by John Doherty and the second, a superbly taken effort from corner forward Declan Bonner. Derrybeg finished off very strongly and a combination of stern defensive play and good fortune ensured a Glenties win. The close confines of the RTC grounds along with the stronger physical presence of the Gweedore team certainly curtailed the effectiveness of the Glenties players. However, in a fine team effort,

Gary O'Donnell, Joe Byrne, Neil Boyle, John Doherty, Charles Boyle and Paul Hegarty, who made two memorable saves, stood out.

The team captain, Neil Boyle, was presented with a Shield by Cumann na mBunscoil secretary, Pauric Daly and all members received medals.

Managers: Paddy McDyre and Michael Quinn.

CAMOGIE

The Camogie team, who go about their business in their own quiet and unobstructive way, are to be highly commended for winning the Co. Intermediate Championship for the second year running.

In the semi-final they had a resounding win over Fahan in Glenties, beating them 11-0 to 0-0. In a thrilling final against Glenfin, the Glenties ladies took on the strong opposition and gained victory by 3-1 to 2-1. Great credit for this must go to team coach, Anita Doherty; Fr. Con Cunningham, for his unflinching help to the team, and all the team members for the great commitment they showed all year.

PARK DEVELOPMENT

The recent development at our grounds at Church Road, under the auspices of the Park Committee, commenced in 1988 with the construction of a new training field and provision for extra parking space. A roadway has also been made around the main pitch. A new wire mesh fence is to be erected in favour of the perimeter wall also. It is hoped to

continue with further developments finance becomes available.

HANDBALL

Handball is a sport that has always been fairly active in Glenties down through the years and this year certainly was no exception. The annual under-age league at the beginning of the year in the club's alley proved to be a tremendous success with a large number of eager youngsters participating under the watchful eye of the main organiser, Dave Moore. After many weeks of exciting play the eventual pairing in the final were Keir McNamee and Joe Byrne and after a keenly fought contest the older Keir pipped Joe.

With the growing interest of the sport among the young in the area, the very successful adult team and the club having the advantage of an alley handball will certainly continue to flourish in Glenties.

1989 OFFICER BOARD

President, Fr. Con Cunningham; chairman, Danny Boyle; vice chairman, Michael Glynn; secretary, Patsy Gallagher; asst. sec., Terence Craig; treasurer, Jack O'Donnell; asst. treasurer, Rosaleen Campbell; PRC Michael Quinn; Oifigeach na Gaeilge Curachar Boyle; Minor Board chairman, Dave Moore; Minor Board vice-chairman, Jimmy O'Donnell; Minor Board secretary, Brenda O'Donnell; Minor Board asst. secretary, Patsy Furey.

Termon in the late '80's

By DENIS McGRENRA

1988 and 1989 were two very different years in the club's history and will be remembered for activities both on and off the playing field for years to come.

Early 1988 the adult team brought glory to the club by winning the county Junior Gaeltacht final for the first time ever. The team then went on to represent the county in the All-Ireland Finals in Galway. Although the team gave a very good account of themselves on the playing field they were beaten by Rathcarn from Co. Meath, who went on to win the All-Ireland title.

The junior team competed in Division II North of the League and ended up in second place to Downings. They were knocked out of the Championship after four very exciting games with Urris in the first round.

1988 was one of the most successful years for under-age teams. In early September 1988 Termon won their first ever under-age championship when the under-12s beat Kilcar in a very pulsating final. On the following Sunday, Termon were back in

Ballybofey to play the under-14 B final against Glenties. Eight of the previous Sunday's under-12 team were in action. The team were unfortunate to give away two penalty goals early in the first half. This setback, coupled with the fact that they lost their star



Cutting the first sods for Termon's new dressing rooms are: (left to right): Patrick McGrenra, Charles Cullen, Kevin McCafferty and Denis McGrenra.

midfield player Adrian Brady before half-time, made their task very difficult indeed. Although the team played very well they were beaten by the strong Glenties side by 2-8 to 1-4. These two under-age teams were coached and managed by Charles Cullen, Patrick McGrenra and Benny Trearty.

In December 1988 the club celebrated its 25th anniversary. A function was held in the Termon chapel, which was attended by a large number of past and present club players and officials. A very enjoyable night was held in the Lagoon Lounge, Termon. The main attraction of the night was Jack O'Shea, the great Kerry midfielder and his wife Mary as guests of the club. Jack was also on hand the next morning to present the under-12s and under-14s with their well-deserved medals.

The development of the football field and the building of dressing rooms got under way in late 1988. At the date the work in the field is complete a new bridge has been erected and the roof is on the dressing rooms. It is hoped to have all this work completed for the beginning of the 1990 season.



The Termon team and manager with Gaeltacht Cup at their dinner dance in 1989.



Termon u-12B team — 1989 North West champions.



History has been made! Holding key positions in Termon G.A.A. Minor Board are: left: Carmel (secretary), Netty Gibson (chair), and Margaret Alcorn (treasurer).



Naomi Cullen (centre) with U-12B cup. On her left her twin brother James, and on her right brother Tomás.

The building committee is as follows — Michael McBride, John McGinty, James Boyle, Christy and Kevin McCafferty, Denis McGrenra, Hughie McDaid and John Joe McGettigan.

In 1989 Termon again competed in Division 2 North and improved on their previous years results by topping the league. It was once again left to under-age teams to lift the trophies and this they did. Under-10s won a North West blitz and the under-12s went on to play in the county semi-final where they were beaten by a last minute penalty goal by Glenties who went on to win the county final.

Tommy Ryan was a fine ambassador for club when he played for his county in the Ulster Championship of 1989; keep up the good work Tommy. Pride of place in the club for 1989 must go to Netty Gibson who won the competition for Donegal club person of the year and represented Donegal at a reception in Burlington Hotel in Dublin.

The club was very sad to lose the team manager of three years, Michael McBride, who has gone to work in England. As well as being a good team manager he was a great club man and was never found wanting when it came to fund-raising or any other type of voluntary work. The club wish him a speedy return.

The club officials for 1988 and 1989 were: President, Gerry McGrenra; chairman, Denis McGrenra; secretary, John Joe McGettigan; treasurer, Hughie McDaid; P.R.O., Denis

McGrenra; team manager, Michael McBride.

A FIRST FOR TERMON LADIES

In 1974 Breid Murray was secretary of the Termon G.A.A. club and at that time was the first lady secretary in Co. Donegal. Termon ladies came to the fore again in 1986 when Netty Gibson, Carmel Brady and Margaret Alcorn made up the executive of the first Termon minor board and again they were the first ladies in the county to do so.

1988 saw the Termon club really giving their women an important role when Niamh Cullen while playing at centre half back for the under-12s captained the team to a county final as well as being a first for Donegal. It was also a first for Ireland, so well done Niamh. In 1989 Termon women had another first when Netty Gibson represented the county as Donegal club person of the year.

So Termon approach the 1990's

with new dressing rooms, a remodelled field, a new manager, and hopefully a few new ideas.

Lament for "Old Bridge" at Burn Road

By Netty Gibson

Farewell to thee footbridge, you served us so well,
When oft o'er your frame, Lurgy waters did swell,
So seldom you creaked, without quiver or groan,
Despite teams thundering o'er you, with many's a moan.

You always stood firm there, through seasons of the year,
And on your lofty towers, echoed many's a cheer,
You've shouldered many teams from Inishowen to the West,
But we know, you always thought Termon "The Best"!!

Lurgy waters was grateful for y shelter out there,
Oblivious to criticisms and n needing repair,
And the children who oft on y hand-bar did play,
When in danger you whispered " must stay away."

I feel you look sadly at your rival there,
And think that for you now, no lo we'll care,
It's much wider by three and cars now pass through,
But never fear dear old footbrid we'll ne'er forget you.

Observe, now the waters that f 'neath you so fair,
When oft rival teams, its sources share,
Take pleasure in being Monar without bearing a load,
You'll always be "Our King" out th at "Burn Road".



GAA CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR: Netty Gibson of Termon G.F.C., receives the award for Donegal Club Person of the Year from Dick Hickey (left), chief executive, Ciba Geigy Ireland Ltd., and John Dowling (right), President of the GAA. The Ciba Geigy GAA Clubman of the Years Awards were presented at a dinner in the Burlington Hotel, Dublin, and Netty is the first lady to receive one.

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Na Cluichí Gaelacha i Rann na Feirste (1924-1960)

le Pádraig Ó Baoighill

Níl fhios agam an raibh scrathóg muice, stocáí chocháin nó steafóg chall le Seán agus Pádraig Ó Grianna an chéad lá a tháinig siad anoir as a Stacarnaigh. Cibé ar bith, dá réir na scéalta bhí cluichí Gaelacha a n-imirt i Rann-na-Feirste i bhfad siar. Bhí an iomáin chun cinn i dTír Chonaill i bhfad sul ar thoisigh an pheil. Bhí cluichí a n-imirt ins na Bearta, Ard a Rátha, Inbhear, Cloch Cheannfhaola agus na Rosa ins an ochtú céad déag. Níor cuireadh C.L.C.G. ar bun i dTír Chonaill go dtí 1906 agus an bhliain chéanna sin bhuaigh Tír Chonaill craobh shinsireach iomána Uladh. Ghread Doire iad ins an chéad chluiche peile contae a d'imir siad Lá Fhéile Pádraig 1906. Níor imir siad i gCraobh Chluiche Uladh sa pheil go dtí 1919.

Chuala mé an sean dream i Rann na Feirste ag caint ar iomáin a bheith ar an Tráigh Bhán agus ar an Oitir Mhór thart fa céad bliain ó shoin. Bhí seo le rá ag Seosamh Mac Grianna in alt a scríobh sé don iris "An Camán" 18-6-1932 agus é ag iarraidh tacaíochta d'Aonach Thailteann:

"Agus ansin tá seanchas againn fan t-seaniománaíocht a bhí againn in Éirinn nuair a bhíodh na camáin leath láimhe acu, tá corradh agus céad bliain ó shoin. *Bhí cleachtadh acu lá mór iománaíochta a dhéanamh Lá Fhéile Pádraig, le camáin leathláimhe, sa cheantar arb as mise*".

Tá sé spéisiúil gur ar an iomáin a bhí trácht ag Seosamh ansin nó ba é an Seosamh Mac Grianna céanna a thug i gcuideachta daoine eile an pheil Gaelach go

Rann-na-Feirste an chéad lá ariamh. Bhí sé i ndiaidh seal a chaitheamh i gColáiste Adhamhnáin Leitir Ceanainn, Coláiste Cholmcille, Doire agus Coláiste Phádraig, Dromconrach i mBaile Átha Cliath agus nuair a tháinig sé ag teagasc go S.N. Rann-na-Feirste thart fa 1924 thoisigh sé ar an pheil Ghaelach leis na gasúraí.

Sula dtáinig an pheil Ghaelach bhí peileadóirí maithe ar an bhaile a bhí anonn agus anall go hAlbain agus a bhí ag imirt sacar thall agus i bhfus. Hiudaí Aodha John, John Eoghain Mhóir, Peadar agus Dóinidh Tharlaigh Phaidí, Donnchadh Frainc Bhig, Dóinidh Phaidí Fheilimidh, agus go leor eile.

Tá mé ag meas gur bhain cuid acu seo féacháil as a chluiche úr nó bhí a gcáil mar pheileadóirí maithe ar fud na mbailte ach ba baiclé níos óige a bhfuair "Iolann Fionn" greim orthu ins na fichidí agus a chuaigh a thraenáil ar léana an Chairn Bhuí ar an Phoинte — Micí agus Hiudaí Jimí Hiudaí, Clann Dhonnchaidh Phaidí Sheáinín, Condaí, Peadar agus an scríbhneoir Eoghan Ó Dónaill, Joe Dhonnchaidh Eoghainín, Micí Eoghain Dhónaill Ned, Joe agus Hiudaí Johnny Shéimisín, Antoin Beag, Neidí Bhidí, Pádraig Dhónaill, Din Phaidí Dhónaill Ned, Clann Dóinidh Dhonnchaidh, Hiudaí Mhicí Hiudaí, Donnchadh Eoghain Mhóir, Neidí agus Hiudaí Phaidí Éamoinn, Din Phaidí Mhicí Ruairí agus go leor eile. D'imir siad seo ar a Phoинte ineadar Ghaoth Dobhair a raibh Hiudaí Beag Ó Gallchóir ag imirt daofa. Bhí sé an óg an t-am sin ach ins na blianta ina dhiaidh sin bhí a ainm le bheith ar fud na

h-Éireann nuair a bhí sé ag imirt ar fhoireann Uladh a bhuaigh Craobh Chluiche an Bhotha Larainn den chéad uair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh 1942.

Lean Hiudaí Beag ag imirt go raibh sé ag tarraingt ar an dá scór. Bhí mé féin ag imirt leis a fhoireann na bPiarsach gu bhuanar dhá Chraobh 1951 agus 1952 i nGlasú agus bhí mé leis Londain ar fhoireann Contae Ghlasú 1952 nuair a d'imríod Londain i gCraobh Chluiche sois na h-Éireann. Hiudaí a bhí ina chaiftin ar an fhoireann sin agus tháinig sé 'na bhaile le craobh nua dhó a bhaint le Gaoth Dobhair ina dhiaidh sin — seal fada ó bhí sé ag imirt agus bearad air in aghaidh Rann-na-Feirste ar an Phoинte dtús na dtriotheid. Smaointeoid domhain ariamh a bhí i Joe Fheidhlimidh agus an módh traenála a bhí aige an t-am sin ag dhul faoi chanbhass ar an Phoинte agus cleachtadh go dian le barr feabhais aiclíochta a bhaint amach, b'ionchurtha é leis an oiliúint tiomsaitheach (collective training) a bhí ann ins na dachaid agus na caogaidí a thug Corr Mhic Uidhir go Co. an Chabháin. Ní ró-bhuíoch a bhí cuid de sheandhaoine an bhaile dó a gcuid mac a thabhairt leis ag imirt peile nuair a mheas siad gur cheart daofa a bheith ag cróigeadh mónadh ná ag leasú phrátáí ach bhí Mac Grianna roimh an am i gcúrsaí spóirt chomh maith le scríbhneoireacht.

Bhí ceangal i gcónaí idir Lú agus Rann na Feirste ó aimsir an Athair Uí Mhuirí. Ar dhaoine eile a d'imir le Rann na Feirste bhí cisteoir na Coláiste Pádraig Ó Néill agus fear darbh ainm Ó



RANN-NA-FEIRSTE 1960/'61.

Coglaigh as Dún Dealgan. Bhí Seamus Ó Searcaigh as Annagare a maith baint aige leis an Coláiste in tús an ghníomhach le CLAC i Rann Léire Co. Lú mar a bhí ar Rinaí eile de chuid na Coláiste, Pádraig Ó Fachtna.

Bhí an pheil Ghaelach go láidir ar na Rusa i dtús na dachadaí mar a cuireadh ar bun foireann Naomh Crón 1940. Bhí Seamus suisir ag Annagaire a ghlac páirt i gcomórtas soisiarach agus is cuimhneach liom Owney Bheamh a bhí an t-am sin i gColáiste Mhuire Dún Dealgan, Eoghan Beag Mac Eachmharcaigh agus Brendan Ó Míocháin ag tús d'Annagaire in aghaidh léire is d'igh liom ar thráigh Annagare. Bhí Ó Dónaill, Mac Eachmharcaigh, Willie Franc Chonail ag imirt ina dhiaidh sin do Bheamh Naomh Crón agus bhí cuid mhór do stócaí a bhaile ag tús achan tráthnóna ar an Oitir Mhór. Ba as seo a tháinig an Bheamh a chuir tús leis na cluiche nua idir an baile agus an Coláiste.

Bhí cluiche mór idir Coláiste Bheamh agus Rann-na-Feirste i 1943 agus an chéad lá bhí siad cothrom. Bhí an athimirt ar chluiche chomh maith agus a chonacthas ar an

Oitir Mhór ariamh. Bhí an choimhlint idir an dá dhream tíoránta ach glan. Bhí scaifte mór i láthair ó na bailte maguaird ar fad. Le neart a ndúthrachta chuaigh cúpla fear de bharráocht isteach ar foireann na coláiste sul a dtug cuid de mhuintir an bhaile faidear é. Chuir fear na fideoige cúrsaí i gceart agus lean an cluiche ar aghaidh. Bhuaigh Rann-na-Feirste le cúpla pointe. Ó mo chuimhne anois ba seo an foireann a bhí ag Rann-na-Feirste don chluiche iomráiteach sin: Conal Ó Duibheannaigh, Eoghain Mac Eachmharcaigh, Peadar Ó Baoighill, Feidhlimidh Ó Baoighill, Seosamh Ó Baoighill, Peadar Ó Dufaigh, Ned Mac Giolla Easboic, Pádraig Ó Dónaill, Liam Ó Duibheannaigh, Peadar Ó Duibheannaigh, Muiris Mac Giolla Easboic, Antoin Mac Fhionnghaile, Eoghan Ó Dónaill, Pádraig Mac Fhionnghaile, Dónal Ó Gallchóir. Bhí imreoirí eile ag Rann-na-Feirste an t-am sin ach níl mé cinnte an raibh siad ann an oíche sin, Aodh Mac Ruairí, Pat Óg Ó Dónaill, Dónal agus Cathal Ó Colla, Paidí Dóinidh, Hiudaí Phaidí Éamoinn, Franc Shusan, Seán Ó Duilehir agus Jeaic Mac Clossaí. Bhí imreoir contae darbh ainm Mac Aonghusa ag a Choláiste a bhí doiligh a mharcáil ach d'imir Willie Franc cluiche maith in aghaidh.

Is cuimhneach liom cailíní a bhaile a bheith ag imirt camógaíochta ar an Oitir Mhór an t-am seo fosta agus ba ghnáthach liom féin, Dinny Dhónail Dhonnchaidh agus daoine eile a bheith ag dul don iomáin. Faraor ní raigh foireann iomána ar bith sa cheantar san am. Bhí cleasan lúth coitianta. Bhícleas na slise ann, seort Rounders na h-aimsire seo. Ba reathaí mór Muiris Chit. Bhí a dhriofúr Treasa agus Aodh Mac Ruairí a' rothaíocht. Bhí Feidhlimidh Ó Baoill a bocsaíl, bhí Franc Mháire a coraíocht agus ina lá bhí Michael Rua maith ag an bhata.

I gclós na scoile i Rann-na-Feirste clós a bhí garbh agus cumhang go leor san am bhí gasúraí i gcónaí ag imirt le liathróid bheag. Ní raibh an t-airgead ann am a chogaidh le liathróid mhór a cheannach. Ach ba na cluichí idir na bailte fearainn ar a bhaile a chothaigh spiorad na peile i ndairribh in óige na h-áite. Bhínn féin, Paidí Hiudaí Aodha, Paidí Dhonnchaidh, Dónal Bhell agus go leor eile ag imirt ar a Bháinsigh agus ar an Oitir Mhór. B'iomáí cluiche a d'imir mé féin Francie Agnes, Eoin Ó Dónaill, Séan Mór Ó Duibheannaigh agus Owney Pheadair Néill ar Pháirc Pheadar Néill. Is cuimhneach liom cluichí a bheith amuigh ar Pháirc Doinidh Hughie ag taobh na locha agus Pádraig Mac Suibhne a bhí ag imirt do Naomh Crón a bheith ag imirt ann. Bhíomar ag imirt de shíor ar Pháirc Tharlaigh Phaidí, ar Pháirc Johnny Dhónail Róise, ar Pháirc a Dochartaigh níos moille agus bhí cluichí go leor ar Pháirc Hiudaí Aodha Sheáin i mbarr a bhaile, Páirc Din Phádraic i Loch na nDeorann agus an áit a raibh na cluichí a ba fhíochmhaire ar fad ar an Cheann Trá. Bhí mise Niall Ó Dónaill, Feda Ó Dónaill agus Donnchadh Ó Grianna ag imirt le Tóin a Bhaile. Bhí Eoghan Ó Gallchóir, Séan Ó Dónaill, Clann Mhic Ruairí ag muintir na n-Acraí agus an tráthnóna seo bhí Antoin Beag, Donnchadh Eoghain Mhóir

agus Hiudaí Phaidí Éamoinn den t-sean dream acu. Ba bhreá an peileadóir Antoin Beag agus ba láidir righin an peileadóir Donnchadh Eoghain Mhóir. Cé go raibh sé anonn in aois bhí sé ábalta an cluiche a imirt ó thús go deireadh.

Bhuaigh Tóin a Bhaile an chéad chluiche ach chomh fada agus is cuimhin liom sa dara cluiche fuair Hiudaí Phaidí Éamoinn tharainn go bhfuair sé báire ins an bhomaite deireannach leis an chluiche a bhaint. Ba sin an ola ar a chroí agus ba mhinic a thrácht sé ar an tráthnóna sin ina dhiaidh sin. Bhí go leor cluichí eile le Carraig a Choill a raibh foireann láidir acu — Na Dochartaigh, Donnchadh Ó Duibheannaigh a d'imir don Chlochán Liath ina dhiaidh sin, Pádraig Ó Duibheannaigh agus go leor eile. Ansin bhí Lár agus Barr a Bhaile, Loch an nDeorann — Brianidh Rua Ó Dónaill, John Phat Ó Dónaill agus a gcuid óglaigh féin. Ba sin an saol, furmhór ghasúraí an bhaile páirteach go rialta ar a ndóigh féin ins na cluichí Gaelacha. Ba ó na gasúraí a bhí ag imirt ins na cluichí sin ar pháirceanna beaga an bhaile a tháinig an chéad fhoireann a chláraigh le C.L.C.G. i dtír Chonaill in 1960.

Ach muna raibh siad cláraithe go h-oifigiúil go dtí sin bhí foireann dá gcuid féin agus a gcuid comhdhála agus cruinnithe féin acu ó thús na gcaogaidí— Naomh Bríd. Na Piarasaigh a bhí i gceist ar tús ach h-áthraíodh seo.

Bhí Pádraig Mac Phaidín ina Uachtarán ar an chumann seo, Donnchadh Ó Dónaill ina Rúnaí agus Donnchadh Ó Grianna ina Chisteoir. Roimhe seo bhí Dónal Dhonnchaidh i mbun airgid tamall. Gorm agus bán an dath a bhí acu agus an chéad uair a d'imir siadins na dathanna sin i dtús na gcaogaidí ba i sean teach Johnny Dhónail Róise a ghléas siad. Briainidh Rua Ó Dónaill a bhí ina chaiftín ar an fhoireann na blianta sin agus mhairséal siad síos go Páirc Johnny Dhónail Róise leis an choláiste a imirt. Ba

seo páirc portaigh a cheannaigh Coláiste Bhríde ó Tharlach Bhrianidh Óig agus a chóirigh Briainidh Dhonnchaidh. I 1960 d'fhágamar an sean teach céanna leis an chéad chluiche oifigiúil ar an bhaile a imirt leis na Gleanntaí i gCraobh Chomórtas soisir na contae.

Bhí an imirce tréan ins na caogaidí agus bhí imreoirí ón bhaile ag imirt thar lear. Bhí Donncha Ó Duibheannaigh, Donncha Ó Grianna agus Brian Ó Oónaill ag imirt do Éire Óg i nGlasú agus blianta ina dhiaidh sin bhí Ó Duibheannaigh Ó Grianna, agus Dinny Phaidí Ó Gallchóir a d'imir do Gaoth Dobhair ag imirt do fhoireann Young Ireland i Leeds. Bhí cisteoir C.L.C.G. Rann-na-Feirste Antoin Ó Dochartaigh agus a dheartháir Séamas Ó Dochartaigh atá anois ina bhainisteoir ar Naoimh Muire ag imirt do chumann John F. Kennedy i Leeds. Bhí Séan Mac Gairbheith ag imirt i nGlasú ag gach leibhéal go dtí le goirid agus tá baint aige le C.L.C.G. sa chathair sin go fóill.

B'ioma sin cluiche a bhí againn le Coláiste Bhríde ins an caogaidí agus le Coláiste Mhaolmhaodhóg Béal Feirste agus Coláiste Cholm Cille nuair a bhí siad thíos fa Cháisc. Thar na blianta bhí cluichí le Croich Shlí, Dobhar, Anagaire, Mullach Dubh agus Ceann Caslach. Ba as Mullach Dubh agus Ceann Caslach a bhí na fir le theacht ins na seascaidí a choinnigh an fhoireann ag gabháil nuair a bhí mórán de mhuintir

Rann-na-Feirste thar lear. Séan Mac Suibhne, R.I.P., Conal Ó Dúgáin, Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Séamus Ó Baoighill, Rúnaí agus caiftín na foirne i lár na seascaidí. Bhuaigh craobh na contae, Séamas Ó Searcaigh, Séamas Mac Suibhne, Muiris Ó Dónaill agus mórán eile. Ba na cluichí sin a thug an cleachtadh dár gcuid fear ar gcumas féin a sheasamh i gcomórtais contae na seascaidí

Seo foireann ó mhion tuairisc chumann Naomh Bríd an ama sin a chríochnaigh cothrom le Coláiste Bhríde 1.2 Lúnasa 1957. Pádraig Mac Gairbheith, Niall Ó Dónaill, Donncha Ó Grianna, Séan Mac Ruairí, P. Mac Aodha, A. Ó Dochartaigh, Donncha Ó Duibheannaigh, Aodh Mac Fhionnlaoidh, Brian "Feda" Ó Dónaill, Pádraig Ó Baoighill, Séan Mac Gairbheith, Pádraig Mac Grianna, Dónal Ó Baoighill. Fa Cháisc na bliana sin bhí an bhuaidh ag an fhoireann seo a Coláiste Maolmhaodhóg. Pádraig Mac Gairbheith, Pádraig Mac Aodha, Sean P. Ó Dónaill, Antoin Ó Dochartaigh, Eoghan Ó Gallchóir, Aodh Ó Baoighill, Donnchadh Ó Duibheannaigh, Brian Rua Ó Dónaill, Séan Mac Gairbheith, Dónal Ó Grianna, Pádraig Ó Grianna, Feda Ó Dónaill, Séamus Ó Dochartaigh.

Tá mórán eile imreoirí a bhí ag imirt na blianta sin, Séan Gonn Ó Dónaill, Donncha Ó Dónaill, Donnchadh Ó Gallchóir, Pádraig agus Michael Ó Grianna, Séamas Mac Ruairí a bhí ina chathaoirleach ar an chlub ar feadh i bhfad



C.L.C.G. Éire Óg
Glascú 1956 le himreoirí
ó Rann na Feirste ina
measc:—
Donnchadh Ó Dónaill,
Pádraig Ó Grianna agus
Donnchadh Ó Grianna.

C.L.G. CHILL CHARTHA — THE EIGHTIES

Is buaiteoirí Craobh Sinnsear na Condae do 1989 iad Cill Chartha. Sin an ónóir is airde sa Chondae. Bhí sé ina bhliain iontach sásúil don fhochumann seo, ag deireadh treimhse deich mbliain ó 1979 anall.

Cuireadh na síolta don treimhse órga seo i bhfad siar — b'fhéidir sa bhliain 1960 leis an sreath sinsearach nó sa bhliain 1964 leis an craobh mionúrach nó go mór mhór leis an craobh seoisearach sa bhliain 1971 mar go bhfuil a bhformhór de na daoine a d'imir an lá sin go beo bríomhar agus ag obair go dícheallach ar son an fhochumainn san am i lathair.

Tá cuid díobhtha ag imirt go fóill mar shampla — Séamús Ó Gallachóir, Seán Mac Fhionngaile, Donal Mac Giolla Easbuic, Mícheal A. Ó Domhnaill agus Pádraig Ó Canainn. Tá neart taithí ag Aodhan Ó h-Eigheartaigh, Mícheál Ó Domhnaill (Baile Mhic Phaidín), Proinsias Ó Coilín agus Pádraig Ó h-Eochaidh ar bhainisteoireacht foirne faoi aois agus sinsearach. Tá tréimhse fada cáite ag Proinsias Mac Giolla Cearra leis an fheadóg agus tá Aodh O Sealbhain ag déanamh obair íonta maith ag an réiteoireacht san am i lathair.

Tá sár chliú ar Mhíchéal Mac Giolla Easbuic sa bhaile agus i gcéin i riarúchán bord an Chondae, Comórtáisi Peile na Gaeltachta, cursaí scór 7rl. Tá treimhse fada cáite ag Seán Mac Fhionngaile, Mícheál Ó Beirne, Aodhan Ó h-Eigheartaigh, iar-meoirí 1971 i gcúrsaí riarúchán an fhochumainn. Na baill eile den foireann sin (1971) ta siad as baile nó gníomhach sa bhaile i gnoithí an fhó-chumainn.

Spreag na daoine atá luaite thuas na daoine, óg agus sean, agus tuigtear an seanfhocal ansin — "Ní neart go cuir le chéile" — mar go bhfuil siad ag cuir le chéile go fóill agus beidh go cionn fada an lá.

Bhain siad an craobh faoi 21 triúr de bhlianta in dhiaidh a chéile — 1972, 1973, 1974, agus cheap a lán daoine go mbeadh foireann breá sinsearach san dream seo, go h-airithe mar gur bhain said sreath sinsearach an chondae i 1975 faoi bhainistíocht Mhíchéal Mac Giolla Easbuic.

Ach ghlac sé tamall chun cinn críonna a chuir ar ghuailne óga agus níor tharla tada go dtí 1979, tús an treimhse seo, nuair a bhain siad an sreath sinsearach arís.

Sa bhliain 1980 do bhí foireann maith faoi-21 ag Cill Chartha agus dháil siad an cluiche ceannais sa chraobh in aghaidh Ard a Rátha. Na h-imreoirí uilig a d'imir sa chluiche sin tá siad ag imirt go fóill cé go bhfuil cuidle duine imithe thar saíle.



Scoil Naisiunta Cill Cartha, 1974. Front, l. to r., Vernon Hegarty, Frankie Doogan, James McHugh, Pat Hegarty, Frankie Doogan, Cornelius Diver, Frankie O'Donnell. Middle row: James Carr, Charlie Cannon, Pádraig Bourne, Gerald Shovlin, Martin McHugh, Maurice Carr, Alan Erskine, Christy Gillespie. Back row: John Hegarty, Pat Diver, Peter Hegarty, Sean McHugh, James McFadden, John Doogan, Paul O'Donnell.



Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuig, county chairman, presenting the cup to senior captain, Sean McGinley, 1980.



Kilcar, Co. senior champions, 1980. Front row, l. to r., John Doogan, Aodh Cannon, Charlie O'Donnell, Michael Carr, Danny Gillespie, Sean McGinley, Francis Cannon, Charlie McGroarty, John Quinn, Timothy O'Driscoll, Michael Doherty. Back row: Martin McHugh, Francis Gallagher, Michael McFadden, Tommy McFadden, Denis McBrearty, Maurice Carr, Peter Conroy, John O'Donnell, Christy Gillespie, John Carr.

Sa bhliain céanna thosaigh Mairtín Mac Aoidh ag imirt ar an foireann sinsearach agus is aige a bhí súil ghéar fá choinne na cúaillí agus ba é an toradh leis an bhliain sin, na craobh sinsearach an Condae don dara uair i stair an Fho-Chumainn. Ba é Aodhan Ó h-Eigheartaigh a bhí mar bhainisteoir ar an foireann seo.

Bhain Cill Chartha an sreath sa bhliain 1981 ar Pháirc na nGael, An Chaisil, in aghaidh Aodh Rua Bhéal Atha Séanaigh.

Arís i 1982 bhain siad an clúiche ceannais sa chraobh amach ach bhí an mí-ádh orthu cailliúnt le pointe amháin in aghaidh Na Ceithre Maistrí ar Pháirc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill. Ach bhaineadar an sciath agus an sreath sa bhliain ceanna ag tabhairt griosú maith do na Ceithre Maistrí i bpáirc Mhic Daibhid i Fionntrá san clúiche deireannach chun Muintir Bháile Dhún na nGall a chuir san dara h-áit.

Bhí an bua san sreath arís i 1983 agus 1984 agus an sciath sna blianta 1981 agus 1983. Ba cheart go mbeadh cupla comórtas craoibhe eile buaite acu sna blianta sin ach ní raibh an t-ádh leofa agus bhí orthú fanacht go dtí 1985 chun an craobh a bhain arís le Séamús Ó Gallachóir mar bhainisteoir/imreoir.

Shílfeha gur ghlac siad scríste arís i gcóir cúpla bliain ach bhí foireann iontach láidir ag Aodh Rua Bhéal Atha Seannaigh agus bhí coimhlint gear eatortha féin agus Cill Chartha i gcóir sreath agus Craobh.

Sa bhliain 1986 bhain Aodh Rua an clúiche leath-cheannais sa chraobh in aghaidh Cill Chartha. Arís sa bhliain 1987 bhuaill Aodh Rua ar Cill Chartha sa chluiche ceannais ach bhain Cill Chartha an sreath le pointe amháin in aghaidh Aodh Rua.

Sa bhliain 1988, bhain Na Cealla Beaga in aghaidh Cill Chartha le cúpla póinte a fuair siad in am breise arís sa clúiche ceannais craoibhe. Bhí neart daoine ag rá go raibh an foireann seo i gCill Chartha críochnaithe, ró-aosta anois, ach bhí Mairtín Mac Aoidh mar bhainisteoir/imreoir agus threoraigh sé an foireann seo chun an craobh sinsearach a bhaint i 1989. Bhí meascann dén óg is aosta san fhoireann seo agus deirtear anois, nach bhfuil siad críochnaithe go fóill.

Thóg muintir Cill Chartha an-suim i gComórtais Peile na Gaeltachta sna blianta deireannach den treimhse seo.

Bhain siad Comórtais Peile Na Gaeltachta Dhún na nGall sna blianta 1987 agus arís i 1989, agus craobh comórtas na h-Éireann sna blianta ceanna. Reachtaileadh Comórtas craobh na h-Éireann i mBéal Atha Mhuirthid i gCondae Mhuigheo i 1987 agus ansin chuaigh Cill Chartha chuig an Ceathrún Rua sa bhliain 1988.



Minister of State at the Dept. of Gaeltacht, Mr. Denis Gallagher, T.D., presents the All-Ireland senior Gaeltacht Cup to Kilcar captain, John Doogan.

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Captain, John Doogan, with the All-Ireland Gaeltacht cup.

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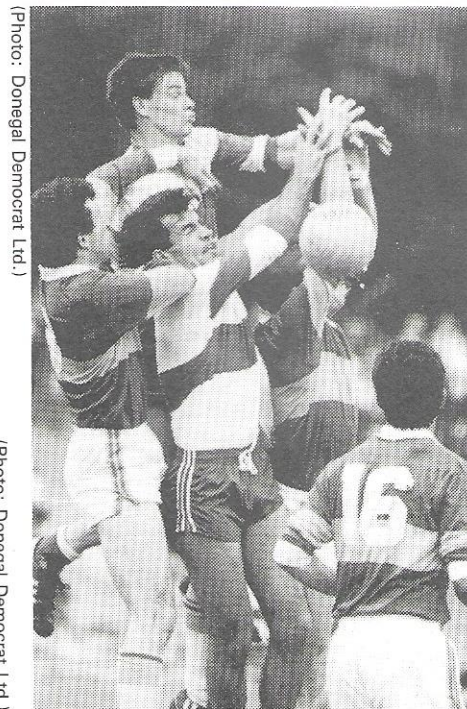


Kilcar, county finalists, 1988.

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James McHugh speeds past the Aodh Ruadh defence in the '89 final.

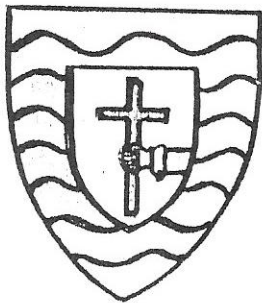


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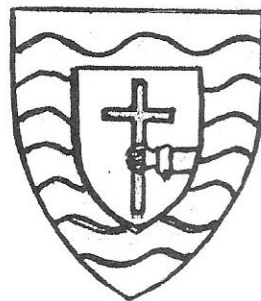
Action from '89 senior final.

KILCAR — THE



Back row, l. to r., Maurice Hegarty (team physio), Neilly Byrnes, Mark McShane, John O'Donnell, Roger McShane, Michael McFadden, Gerard McBrearty, Bill Vaughan, James Hegarty (manager), Christy Gillespie, Michael Carr and Ian Hegarty (assistant manager). Front row, l. to r., Seamus Gallagher, Enda McHugh, James Hegarty, Michael Carr, Christy Gillespie, Roger McShane, John O'Donnell, Maurice Hegarty (team physio), Neilly Byrnes, Mark McShane, Michael McFadden, Gerard McBrearty, Bill Vaughan, James Hegarty (manager), Christy Gillespie, Michael Carr and Ian Hegarty (assistant manager).

TEAM OF THE '80s

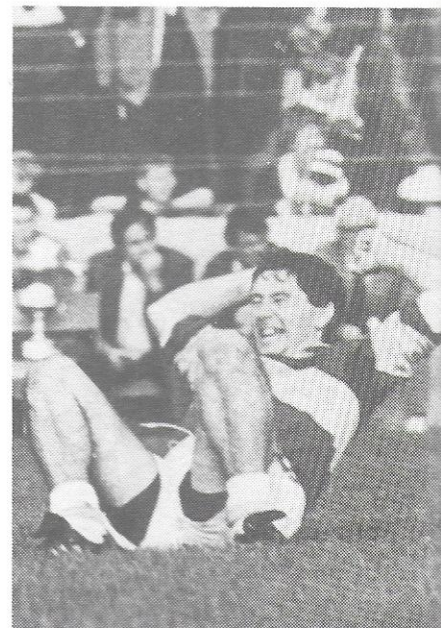
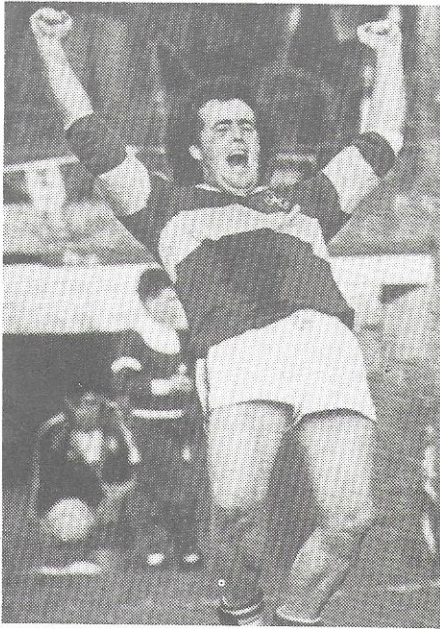


Martin McHugh, John Doogan (capt.), Maurice Carr, Michael
Walley, James McHugh, Neilly Cannon, Sean McGinley and
John Carr. Missing from photo are James Carr and Danny
Gillespie.

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The tension is unbearable with one minute to go in the '89 senior championship final.



The final whistle brings joy to all.

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Team and supporters in joyous mood after receiving the '89 championship trophy.

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Junior All-Ireland Gaeltacht Champions

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Bualadh orthú sa chluiche ceannais an deireadh seachtaine. Cincíse úd le dhá phoinnte in aghaidh foireann ó Iarthar Chorcaigh (Muscraí) a bhí curtha le chéile ó thriúr nó ceathrar foirne soisearach lé Seán Ó Drioscóill ar an duine ba chailúila ar an fhoireann.

Ní raibh cead ag Mairtín Mac Aoidh imirt sna cluichi seo mar go raibh Dún na nBall ag glacadh páirt i gCraobh sinsearach Uladh an Domhnach ina dhiaidh sin. I 1989 bhí na comórtaisí ar siúl i nGleann Cholm Cille, ní raibh foireann Mhúscaí le feiceáil agus bhain Cill Chartha craobh na h-Eireann sa chomórtas arís.

Cinnte, tá cliú agus cáil bainnte amach ag imreoirí Chill Chartha ar fud na tíre agus tá sár mholadh fána choinne seo ag dul dó na daoine uilig a chuidigh i rith an ré órga seo le deich mbliana anuas. Tá árd mholadh ag dul chuig na cathaoirí agus bainisteoirí a threoraigh an paróiste beag seo go h-éifeachtach leis na blianta.

Tá triúr foireann ag Cill Chartha ag imirt i gcomórtaisí do dhaoine fásta i nDún na nGall san am í latháir.

Ciallónn sé sin go bhfuil tuairimís seasca imreoirí ag dul ar an pháirc ar gach Domhnach. Is doiche nach bhfuil mórán fó chumainn eile sa tír ag déanamh a leithid.



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Donegal Junior Gaeltacht Cup



Kilcar Seniors, 1959. Front row, l. to r., James Ward, Josie Gillespie, Joseph Boyle, Connell McShane, Jimmy Cunningham, Cathal McLaughlin. Middle row: Packie Haughey, Seamus McNulty, Proinsias Carr, Mickey Haughey, Big Frank O'Donnell, Sean Doogan, John James Lyons, Sean O'Donnell. Back row: Connie Cunningham, Jimmy Doogan, Aodh O'Donnell, Paddy O'Donnell, Eamonn Browne, Gerry Breslin, Dan Cunningham.

Tá an dara foireann ag déanamh go sár mhaith i roinn a dó den sreath — D'árdaigh siad ó roinn a trí sa bhliain 1982. Sa bhliain 1989, bhain siad comórtaisí Peile na Gaeltachta Dhún na nGall agus ansin rud a chuir iontas ar a lán daoine bhaineadar craobh na h-Eireann soisear de comórtaisí Peile na Gaeltachta in aghaidh Rosmuc Na Gaillimhe.

Ansin chuaigh siad chuig an cluiche ceannais san craobh sóisear ach chailladar in aghaidh Urris. Tá árd mholadh ag dul chuig an bainisteoir Mícheál Ó Domhnaill (Baile Mhic Phaidín) as an obair iontach a rinne sé i mbliana leis an foireann seo.

Buachailli óga ar bith atá ag feabhsú — is féidir leo neart peile a fháil agus ansin a bheith abalta fa choinne an céim is aoirde, sé sin ón foireann

sóisearach go dtí an foireann sinsearach.

Tá árd mholadh ag dul do na daoine a eagraíonn na foirne soisearach mar déanann siad an-mhórán oibre agus ní cloistear futhú.

Tá sár obair a dhéanamh ag Bord na mionúir faoi stiúradh Phádraig Ó h-Eochaidh. Níl an lion daoine mór go leor ag Cill Chartha chun foireann láidir faoi aois a chuir amach, ach mar sin fhéin tá an treanáil agus cuidiú ag dul ar aghaidh faoi stiúrá Chathail Uí Dhomhnaill agus Alan Ó h-Eascaín.

Tá coiste páirce láidir i gCill Chartha agus rinneadh an-dul chun cinn ins na hochtmhadaí.

1. Rinneadh páirc úr atá chomh maith lena bhfuil sa tír.
2. Tógadh agus rinneadh leathnú ar

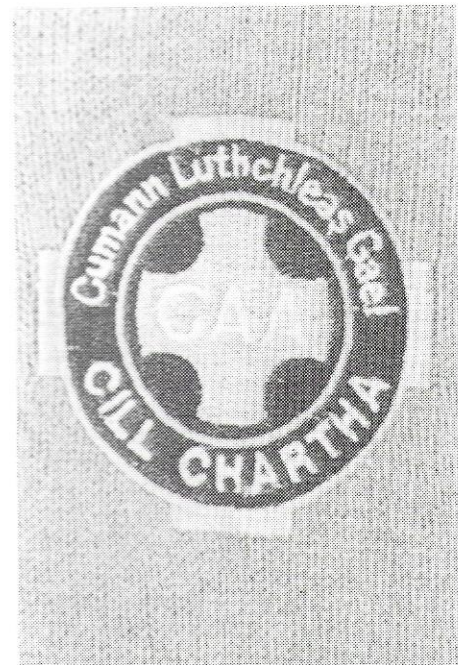
sheomraí feisteis.

3. Thóg coiste na mná seomra tae.
4. Cóiríodh damaiste mór na stoirme.
5. Rinneadh leathnú ar an cárchlós.
6. Rinneadh bealach úr isteach.
7. Anois tá láidriú a dhéanamh sa dara páirc cois na habhna.

Ta súim agus speis ag gach duine sa chlub ó thaobh gach gné den obair agus tá súil againn go gcuideoidh an bunchloch agus an tradisiún atá a leagadh síos anois leis an chumann ins na blianta atá amach romhain.

TÁBLA GAISCE 1979 GO 1989

Bliain	Bua Sinsear	Comórtaisí Peile Na Gaeltachta Sinsear/Soisear	Dara h-áit (Runners-up)
1979	Sreath	—	—
1980	Craobh	—	—
1981	Sreath agus Sciath	—	—
1982	Sreath	Sinsear Condae	Craobh Sinsear
1983	Sreath agus Sciath	—	—
1984	Sreath	—	Craobh Idirmhéanach
1985	Craobh agus Sciath	—	Sreath Sinsear
1986	—	—	—
1987	Sreath	Sinsear Condae agus Uile Éireann	Craobh Sinsear
1988	—	Dara h-áit Sinsear na h-Eireann	Craobh Sinsear
1989	Craobh	Sinsear agus Soisear Condae agus Uile Éireann.	—



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ANURAI DH bhí a mbuaireamh fhéin ag an chuid is mó de na foirne san chonndae le imirce agus níor éalaigh na Dúnaibh ach oiread. Bhí muid ag brath go mór ar na peileadóirí a bhí ar an fhoireann mionúir a shroich cluiche ceannais na condae in '86. Ach mó léan! Bhí an amháin anuraidh a raibh an chloigean déag acu thar farráige. Caithfear cur suas le h-imirce.

Bhí an foireann lag go leor ag tús na sraithe anuraidh agus is soiléir sin ó na torthaí. Ins an chluiche in éadán Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill fuair muid gríosáil cheart—bhí suas le fiche pointe le spáráil acu. Ina dhiaidh sin is eile níor chaill muid uchtach agus bhisigh rudaí de réir a chéile. Chuir muid uchtach agus bhisigh rudaí de réir a chéile. Chuir muid críoch leis an sraith go bríomhar—san tríú áit i Roinn I ó thuaidh. D'oscail seo an doras dúinn isteach i Roinn I na Conndae—istigh leis na gunnaí móra!

Thiocfaí a rá nach ró-fhurasta an 'draw' a fuair muid san chraobh ach ní dócha go bhfuil a leithéad de rud ann agus 'draw' furasta san chraobh.

Tharraing muid Aodh Rua, Bhéal Átha Seanaigh—bhí siad againn san bhaile

san chéad chluiche. Bhí cupla rud a bheadh fábharach dúinn—bhí muid deacair a bhuaileadh san bhaile agus ní raibh mórán aithne acu orainn sa mhéid nach mbeadh fhios acu caidé le bheith ag súil leis. Fuair muid an bhua orthu i gcluiche a bhí cruaidh spórtúil agus foscailte. Níor imir muid go ró-mhaith an Domhnach 'na dhiaidh sin i mBéal Átha Seanaigh. Imríodh an tríú cluiche in Leitir Ceanainn agus fuair Aodh Rua an bhua le trí phoinnte. Cé gur thaispeáin ár bpeileadóirí óga spiorad agus teacht aniar bhí sé soiléir nach raibh go leor tosaithe againn leis an mianach ceart. Bhí na deacrachtaí céanna ag Aodh Rua ins na cluichí in éadan na Dúnaibh agus a bhí le feiceáil i gcluiche ceannais na Conndae—easpa spiorad agus diobháil treoir.

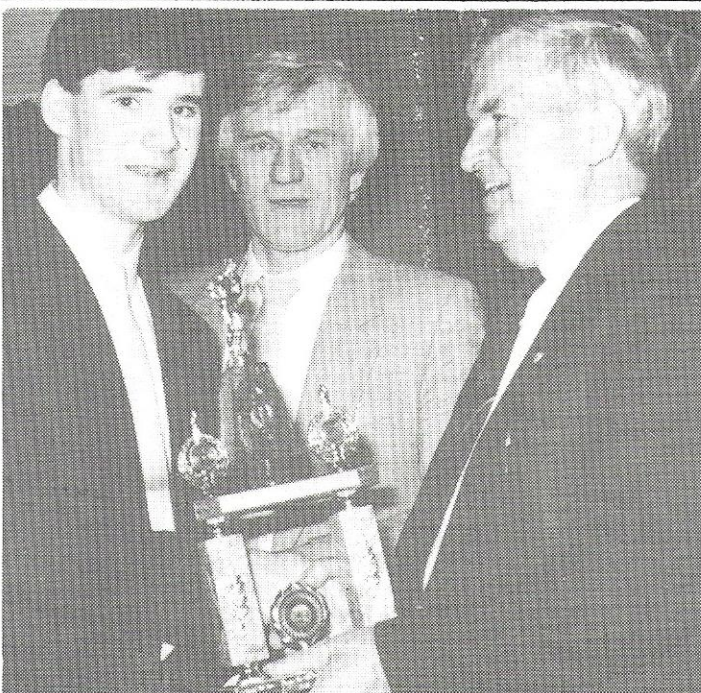
Don bhlian '90 tá muid dóchasach—foireann óg ach anaspiorad ionnta. Tá muid ag súil go mbeidh Bubbles agus Con ar ais don bhlian seo. Tá'n meascán fíorthábhachtach—an óige agus an sean lámh. Fuair Proinsias Ó Buidhe trofaí 'peileadóir na bliana' agus fuair Aindrias Mac Laifeartaigh trofaí 'pheileadóir óg' na bliana—tuillte go mór acu beirt.

Ach níl ansin ach leath de scéal na bliana anuraidh. Ar an chéad lá de Mheitheamh a tharla an tubaiste a chloí muid uilig agus a d'fhág an ceann ar agus an club, ach go h-áirithe, faoi scamall go ceann fada go leor. Bá seo an lá a báitheadh Dónall Mac Giolla Bhríde agus Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh—iad ar a mbealach a iascaireacht bradáin. Roinnt blianta ó shin bhí Dónall ar an fhoireann Sóisear, bá sin sul ar imigh sé go Sasana. Is cinnte go mbeadh sé ar an fhoireann 'Reserve' i mbliana. Bhí Mícheál a' tarraingt ar sheacht mbliana déag agus níl amhras ar bith na go raibh blianta fada peile amach roimhe. Is beag a shíl muid nuair a d'imir sé san líne lán chúl, i Machaire Gathlán, ar an ochtú lá fichead de Bhealtaine go mbeadh muid ar a thórramh an Domhnach 'na dhiaidh sin. Ghoill an tubaiste seo go mór orainn uilig. Go ndéanfaidh Dia trácaire orthu beirt.

CÚRSA GAEILGE

Bhí seachtain mhór Gaeilge ag an chlub ag deireadh an tSamhraidh. Séamus Dé Faoite a rinne sár-obair mar stiúrthóir agus fuair sé cuidiú agus tacaíocht mhór ó oifigigh an chlub Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh, Peigí Bn. Ryder agus Pádraig Ó Bródláigh. Bhí oifigigh na conndae agus oifigigh Chomhairle Uladh de C.L.G. i láthair. Ina measc seo bhí dhá iar-uachtarán de

Downings GAA Presentations



Kevin Kelly receives the Young Player of the Year award.



Paddy McBride receives the Downings Player of the Year award.

chuid C.L.G.; b'iad seo Alf O Muiri agus Pádraig Mac Fhloinn. Bhí craic, comhrá agus cuideachta achan óiche ar feadh na seachtaine. Bhain achan nduine a bhí ar an chúrsa sult agus pléisiúir as agus tá súil againn go ndéanfaidh Séamus cúrsa eile a eagrú don bhliain seo chugainn.

G.A.A. CENTRE:

'Seachtain na Gaeilge' provided G.A.A. officials, both Donegal and Ulster Council, with an opportunity to view the G.A.A. Centre first hand. Needless to say they were extremely impressed with the fine building and important facilities being provided to the community by the G.A.A. Club. The centre is now in constant use and its activities in the capable hands of a very efficient organizing committee: John McBride, Heather McBride and Kevin McShane.

FAOI-AOIS:

Níl neamart ar bith a dhéanamh in aos óg na nDúnaibh. Anuraidh bhí foirne againn ó faoi-10 go faoi-18. Is eagla liom nach raibh mórán den ádh orainn ar pháirc na h-imeartha, taobh

amuigh den fhoireann faoi-14 agus nach iadsan a rinne an gaisce. Shroich siad cluiche ceannais na conndae san ghrád B. Ach tháinig siad aníos i gcoinne foireann iontach láidir san chluiche ceannais—bá sin ár gcomharsan Naomh Mícheál. Comhghárdeachas le Pádraig Mac Giolla Bhríde agus Tarlach Ó Dochartaigh a rinne scoith na h-oibre leis na gasraí óga seo. Caithfear comhghárdeachas a dhéanamh fosta le bainisteoir na bhfoireann eile a thraenáil agus a d'obair go dícheallach leis na foirne a bhí faona gcúram. B'iad sin: Donnchadh Mac Giolla Bhríde, Pádraig Ó Bródlaiigh, Caoimhín Mac a' Bháird, Séamus Ó h-Oireachtaigh, Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh.

An foireann faoi-14: Eoin Mac Aoidh, S. Ó Siall, Seaghán Ó h-Oireachtaigh, C. Ó Móráin, D. Mac Laifeartaigh, S. Mac Giolla Bhríde, S. Mac Laifeartaigh, S. Mac Laifeartaigh, A. Mac Pháidín, S. Mac G. Chearra, P. Mac G. Bhríde, P. Mac Aoidh, S. Ó Dochartaigh, M. Ó Bródlaiigh.

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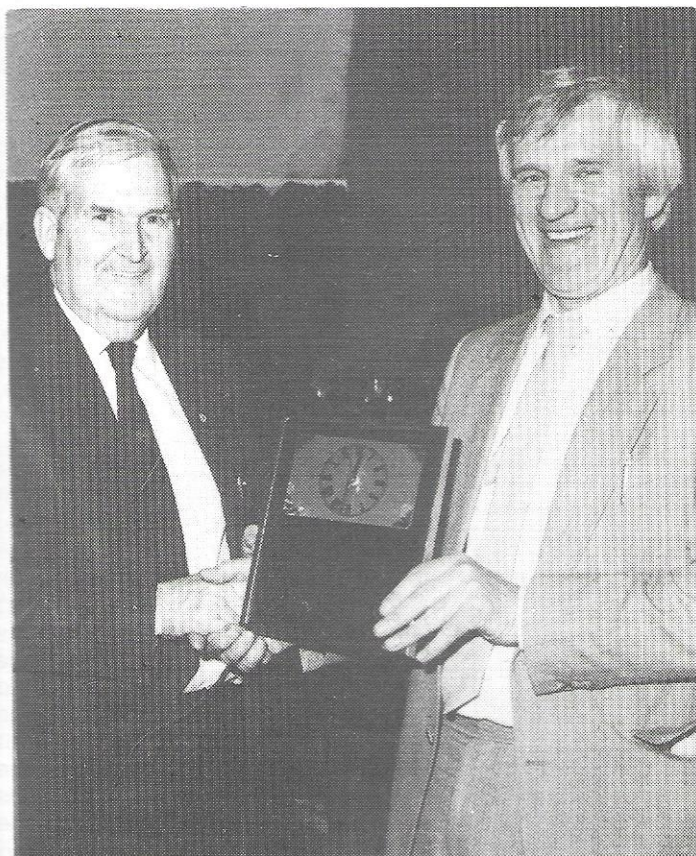
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Scór sna blianta a chuaigh thart bá seo an chéad bhliain a chuir an club fó-choiste ar bun chun gnoithí Scór a reachtáil go h-éifeachtach. Ar an chóiste seo bhí: Peigí Bn. Ryder, Pádraig Ó Bródlaiigh agus Aodh Mac Laifeartaí. Rinneadh Scór áitiúil a reachtáil agus ar an oíche seo san Ionad bhí an halla lán go doras. Le S. Dé Faoite mar mholtóir bhí an-oíche idir ceol, damhsa agus aisteoireacht.

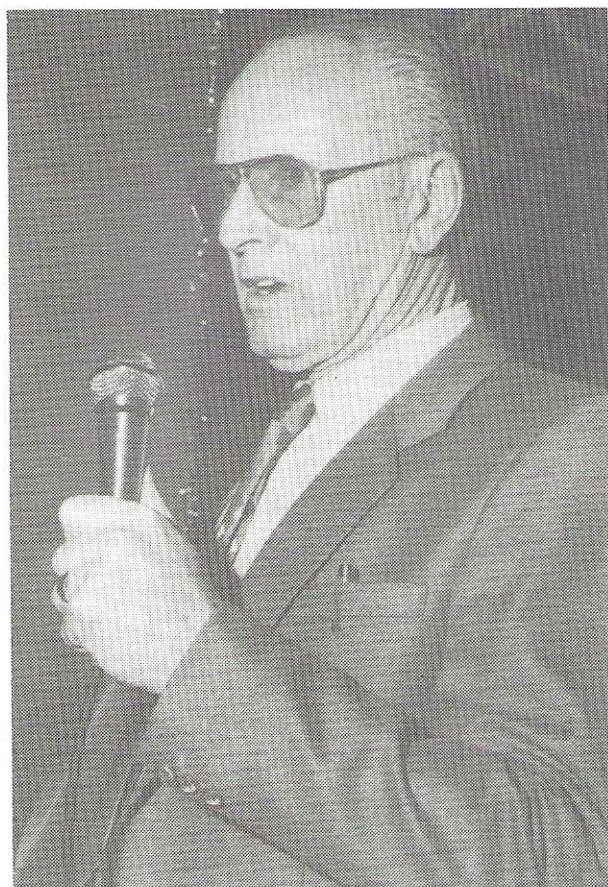
Tá an chreidiúint ag dul dó na scoltacha áitiúla—Scoil N. Bríd, Na Dúnaibh; Scoil Eoin Baiste, Carraig Airt, agus Scoil Cholmcille, Duibhlinn Riabhach; agus dó na múinteoirí, dár ndóigh, as ucht an obair dhícheallach a rinne siad le go mbainfí sult as an oíche. Amach as seo uilig shroich an club an babhta ceannais in dhá chomórtas de chuid Scór—Grúp Bhailéid agus Amhránaíocht Aonair.

Bhí D. Ó Cuilinn, M. Ó Gallchóir, A. Ó Maonaigh, Sorcha Ní Cholbhell agus Aifric M. Breathnach san ghrúpa bailéid. Rinne J. Ní Ladlaoi an choimhlint san Amhránaíocht Aonair.

Tá an club fíor bhuíoch dó Siún Ní Raghallaigh oide óg scoile i nDuibhlinn Riabhach a d'ullmhaigh na páistí seo dó Scór.



Charlie Faulkner, chairman, Donegal Co. Board, presents a clock to Michael Doherty, chairman of Downings GAA Club, on behalf of the Board.



Jack McFadden, ex-N.T. and founding member of Downings G.A.A. Club, addressing the recent Golden Jubilee celebrations.

HANDBALL 2 (The Sequel)

FOR Donegal handball the two years since the last Yearbook has been curious, even bewildering at times, but nonetheless exciting. We entered the 1988 Ulster Championship full of enthusiasm. Although we were still seeking our first Ulster senior 40 x 20 title, with players of the calibre of Dave Mulhern, Peadar Curran and Francis Boyle, we were confident of taking on the best in Ulster. It, therefore, was a surprise, to say the least, that all Donegal entries failed to get past the semi-final stages. It was clear that while we had highly talented players they required greater experience at inter-county level.

In April '88 the Co. Board decided to seek players from other counties interested in coming to the county. However, as far as the rest of the province was concerned, Donegal handball courts lay somewhere between Derry and New York and more likely closer to the latter.

The break came when Cloughaneely's Francis Boyle and Bernie McCallion won the All-Ireland Gaeltacht competition. Tyrone accepted an invitation to send its top four novice players to take part in the

inaugural Donegal invitational tournament in June. This in turn led to the participation by Brandywell (Derry) and Brackey (Tyrone) in the Donegal League as well as return competition in Tyrone earlier this year.

A SENIOR TITLE AT LAST

The 1989 Ulster Championships looked like repeating the previous season's disappointment when two of our entries, Bernie McCallion and Anthony Reilly, were forced to withdraw through injury and were followed by the defeat of our remaining entries (Dave Mulhern in the quarter-finals and Francis Boyle in the semi-final).

One month later the four were back in action again in the Ulster doubles first round against Derry and it was there that the first signs of what was to come emerged, Mulhern and Reilly defeated their opponents 21-4, 21-7 followed by Boyle and McCallion defeating theirs 21-1, 21-5. In the quarter-finals Tyrone and Cavan were dismissed in a similar fashion. The Antrim sides who provided the opposition in the semi-finals were the

favourites and second favourites to take the Championship, but someone had reckoned without Donegal, for not only was the county to get to the final but the opposition was going to be a Donegal side as well. The honours list tells the final outcome but what it does not show is that the closest match of the competition was that final, Boyle and McCallion winning after a decider.

THE OIREACHTAS COMPETITION

For most people that was the highlight of the year, but for me it was to be the Oireachtas tournament and what was to be Donegal's finest hour (or 3).

Even though we had won the Ulster title and followed it up with second-in-a-row in the All Ireland Gaeltacht, the County Board felt that the county was capable of more. The Oireachtas Handball Tournament in Glencolumbkille provided the opportunity to test that capability and so a challenge was issued to the Ulster Handball Council to select a team consisting of the best five in Ulster to take on a Donegal five. The competition to be played over one singles match of two games and two doubles matches of three games each, a total of eight.

The Ulster team was as follows — Paddy Roberts, Antrim, 1989 Ulster Singles champion; Paddy McGuirk, Antrim, No. 1 Antrim doubles player; Sean McGuire, Tyrone, with Coyle, Tyrone's No. 1 doubles team; Packie Coyle, Tyrone, as partner above; Eugene Donaghey, Tyrone, hotly tipped for this year's Ulster title.

Donegal team — Peadar Curran, Cloughaneely, No. 2 Donegal singles player this year; Bernie McCallion, Cloughaneely, No. 1 player in the county for a decade; Francis Boyle, Cloughaneely, the 1989 Donegal Handballer of the Year; Dave Mulhern, Glienties, the most skilled player in the county; Anthony Reilly, Glienties, with Mulhern, a near perfect partnership.

Peadar Curran led off for Donegal in the unenviable position of taking on Ulster's Paddy Roberts. What happened next stunned the spectators to silence. Curran was having the game of his life, chasing, covering and putting his opponent under extreme pressure. He built up a 7-nil lead right from the start and you could see the smiles on the faces of his teammates extend with every point. (This was the No. 1 Ulster singles player and Donegal had the top Ulster doubles teams in its side). Curran won the first game 26-12 and proceeded to take the second by a margin of 6 points, 17-11, never trailing at any stage in either

HANDBALL HONOURS LIST 1989

CO. CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Novice Singles	Francis Boyle	Cloughaneely
Doubles	Dave Mulhern/Anthony Reilly	Glienties
Master Singles	Brendan Temple	MacCumhaills
Doubles	Brendan Temple/Eamonn McDonnell	"Combined"
G. Master Singles	Noel Confrey	Glienties
Minor Singles	Michael Cunningham	N. Columba
Doubles	Sean Cannon/Gerard Byrne	N. Columba
Boys U-16 Singles	Ciaran Cunnea	N. Columba
Doubles	Patrick Cunningham/Conal Gillespie	N. Columba
U-15 Singles	Ciaran Cannon	N. Columba
Doubles	Kevin McGinley/Andrew Heekin	N. Columba
U-14 Singles	Michael Byrne	N. Columba
Doubles	Pauric Gillespie/Michael O'Byrne	N. Columba
U-13 Singles	Conal Cunningham	N. Columba
Doubles	John Kelly/Derek Hegarty	N. Columba
U-12 Singles	Thomas Walshe	Cloughaneely
Doubles	Gerard Cannon/Manus O'Donnell	N. Columba
Girls U-16 Singles	Marie Fitzgerald	Cloughaneely
Doubles	Anne Doherty/Joanne Greene	N. Mura
U-14 Singles	Paula Barrett	
Doubles	Elizabeth McBride/Olivia Kelly	Cloughaneely
U-12 Singles	Mary Doherty	N. Mura
Doubles	Donna Doherty/Yvonne Doherty	N. Mura

ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mens Novice Doubles	Francis Boyle/Bernie McCallion	Cloughaneely
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OTHER COMPETITIONS

Donegal League	Cloughaneely	
All Ireland Gaeltacht	Francis Boyle/Bernie McCallion	Cloughaneely
Co. National Schools	Carrick N.S.	
Oireachtas 'Mens'	Donegal	
Oireachtas 'Womens'	Una Mulgrew, Belfast	
Handballer of 1989	Francis Boyle	Cloughaneely

game.

Curran's performance, easily the best by a Donegal player this year, fired up the rest of the Donegal team. Boyle and McCallion got off to a flying start taking the first game 18-11, slipped in the second losing by a single point 16-17, but recovered to take the third 19-14 and therefore all that remained for Reilly and Mulhern to do was to take one of the remaining three games to clinch the Oireachtas Cup for Donegal. This they did taking the first game 28-14.

Senior handball may have held the spotlight this past season but there were other areas of achievement within the sport, i.e., the spread of the game at underage level, particularly around the MacCumhails/Ballybofey area; the influx of adults taking up the game in Glenfin.

Other areas need urgent attention. The effect of emigration on some clubs has been horrific. Ladies handball is practically non-existent — only one registered player in the county. If the game is to progress in Donegal then it shall require the interest and involvement of the whole GAA organisation together with the

Handball Board to come up with a programme to develop the sport in the coming years. Otherwise this sport is liable to have disappeared by the time the next Yearbook appears.

HANDBALL PLAYER PROFILE **BERNIE McCALLION,** Cloughaneely

Our finest player to wear a Donegal jersey. Throughout Ulster he is still the topic of conversation for his performance in the 60 x 30 alley during the seventies. Starting with an U-16 Ulster title in 1969, and with the exception of 1971, '74 and '76 he was to take at least one Ulster title for every Championship during the following decade. The early '80s were quiet years in his career, possibly due to a combination of the changeover to the 40 x 20 court, his junior ranking allowing him only a limited competition within the county. However, his fortunes began to change with the winning of an All-Ireland Gaeltacht title in 1988. Despite illness and injury over the next year, he won the Donegal Invitation Tournament, successfully defended the All Ireland Doubles title

and, 20 years after winning his first Ulster Championship, he was once again to mount the podium to collect his title — 13 in all.

The list: 1969 — Ulster U-16 Doubles, 60 x 30 softball.

1970 — Ulster Minors Doubles, 60 x 30 softball.

1972 — Ulster U-21 Singles, 60 x 30 softball.

1973 — Ulster U-21 Singles, 60 x 30 softball.

1975 — Ulster Junior Singles, 60 x 30 softball; Ulster Junior Doubles, 60 x 30 softball.

1977 — Ulster Junior Singles, 60 x 30 softball; Ulster Junior, 60 x 30 softball; Ulster Junior Doubles, 60 x 30 hardball.

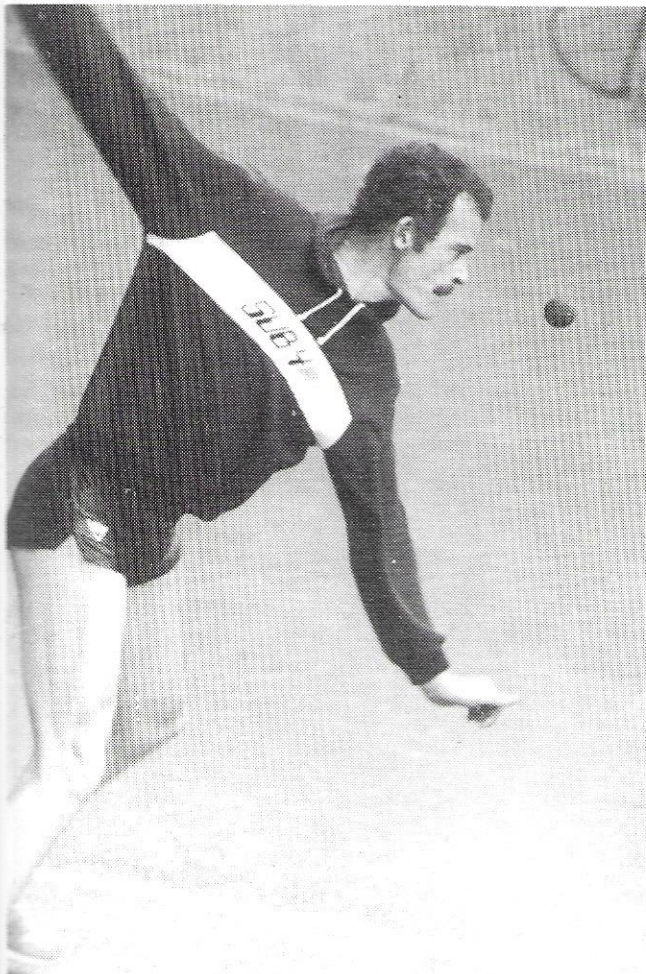
1978 — Ulster Junior Singles, 60 x 30 softball; Ulster Junior Doubles, 60 x 30 softball.

1979 — Ulster Junior Doubles, 60 x 30 softball.

1988 — All Ireland Gaeltacht Doubles, 40 x 20; Donegal Invitational Tournament.

1989 — All Ireland Gaeltacht Doubles, 40 x 20; Ulster Novice Doubles, 40 x 20.

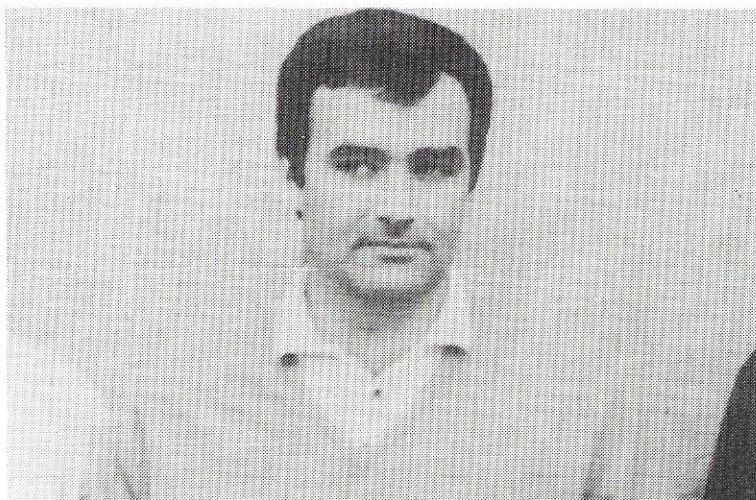
By Francie Walsh, Handball PRO



Paddy Murray (MacCumhails), demonstrates service technique.



Bernie McCallion, Cloughaneely.



Francis Boyle, Cloughaneely.

ARDARA ON THE MOVE



1989 county U-16 champions, Ardara.

1989 had many highs and lows for the club but for those who travelled to Towney on a fine August evening to witness the Co. U-16 final between arch rivals, Killybegs, and our determined bunch of footballers will treasure their memories for many years to come. Killybegs held all the aces with years of success behind their multi-talented side, virtually unbeatable since U-10 grade and forming the backbone of the county U-16 side. The local side had already suffered many disappointments at their hands including several divisional final defeats but the gap was narrowing and if preparation, determination and will to win were any guideline, then they would not give up too easily. On an ideal evening for football both sides turned in an outstanding performance of all that is good in our national game and with time almost up Ardara, still a point down, made one last assault to pull it out of the fire, a sideline kick taken smartly, a goalmouth scramble, and the unbelievable happened as midfielder, Stephen McGinley, shot to the net. There was only time for a kick out after this as it seemed all of Ardara converged on the lovely green sward of Towney to salute their heroes.

On the night, Ardara had many heroes, Damien Diver was elusive as ever; Shaun Whyte and Niall O'Donnell belied their thirteen years with masterly displays at corner back; Shaun Gildea was a tower of strength at full back; half backs, Adrian Cunningham and Michael Doherty were the springboard for many attacks; midfielders Kieran Lynch and

Stephen McGinley made immense contributions; half forwards Moore, Shovlin and O'Donnell linked well with the inside men, Don Early, Adrian Whelan and Gabriel Cannon to get the vital scores that won the day. Not forgetting goalkeeper, Malachy Gallagher, and substitute, Martin McCabe, who also made an important contribution.

Perhaps the happiest man at Towney was main motivator, John McConnell, whose countless hours of coaching and training had at last borne fruit. Team managers, John D. Earley, Pat O'Donnell and Luke Gavigan also put in a great effort preparing the side for this important breakthrough. Ardara's last triumph at this level was 25 years ago when Patsy Gildea captained the side to victory in 1964.

1989 proved to be Ardara's best year ever in underage football since the Divisional Boards were re-introduced.

The youngest team, the U-10s, retained their Divisional title when they defeated Killybegs in the final at Towney. Fine displays in this grade came from Brian Boyle, Mark Whyte, Kevin Byrne, Brendan Boyle, James Doherty, Martin Bennett and Eamonn Diver.

The U-12 team also had a great season, winning all their group matches before defeating Dungloe in the final after a great second half comeback. They accounted for Robert Emmets in the quarter-final but luck deserted them in Fintra when they went down by four points to the

eventual winners, Four Masters, in the semi-final. The U-12B team also won their section with some sterling displays. The U-13 Championship also saw a Divisional title come our way with victories over Glenties, Naomh Columba and Dungloe in the final. In the county semi-final against St. Eunan's they put up a fine display before being edged out by 0-10 to 0-5. Shaun Whyte and Niall O'Donnell were outstanding for this team. The U-14 team reached the the Divisional semi-final before bowing out and our minor side made their exit at the first hurdle. The U-21 team had a victory over Buncrana before bowing out to a strong St. Eunan's side.

The schoolboys of St. Mary's N.S. also brought honour to their school when they won the 3/4 teacher schools competition when they defeated Kerrykeel in the final.

The senior side looked capable of going all the way in this season's championship. First round victories over Naomh Conaill saw them paired with championship experts, Aodh Rua, at Fintra but they saw their hopes blown away on a day when gale force wind dictated the result. Improved League form saw them reach the league semi-final where they opposed Glenfin.

The junior team, operating in Div. 3, had an impressive year, just dropping six points out of 36 to qualify for a League semi-final place. In the Junior A Championship they had two superb wins over a very experienced St. Eunan's side before bowing out to a vastly experienced Urris side who went on to win the competition.

Once again we were well represented on county sides with Anthony Molloy just seconds away from captaining Donegal to Ulster final success. Martin Gavigan has established himself as an automatic choice with some inspiring displays. Adrian Brennan played Minor League for Donegal and Kieran Lynch captained the U-16 team which included Adrian Cunningham and Damien Diver. Anthony Molloy also collected his first Railway Cup medal when Ulster defeated Munster in the Railway Cup final in Pairc Ui Choimh.

On the cultural side we had our share of success with Stephen Slowey winning the recitation section in Scor na nOg. Our ceili dancers and question time team also reached the county final.

In the senior Scor our question time team claimed county honours and were unluckily defeated in the Ulster semi-final on a tie-break question.

One of the many social events of the year were the weddings of our popular secretary, Edward Molloy, and registrar, Thomas Boyle.

At Divisional Board level John McConnell and Pauric Brennan kept the flag flying for the club and at senior level Bart Whelan and Paddy McGill, O.S., remain in office for another term.

A well organised Club Draw was an outstanding success and without the efforts of Charlie Bennett, who motivated the sellers to greater efforts, the result would have been different.

As we look forward to a new decade the club affairs look to be in good hands and with underage football starting to flourish the 1990s should have much more success in store if the effort is maintained.



1989 South-West U-10 champions, Ardara.



1989 South-West U-12 champions, Ardara.



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Ardara, who were awarded the Division 3 League title following their successful appeal.

Second county football title for St. Mary's National School, Ardara

There was great euphoria in St. Mary's N.S., Ardara, and in the town of Ardara generally when the County Primary Schools duck had finally been broken in June 1987. That was a historic day in McDevitt Park, Fintra, when St. Mary's, appearing in a County Primary Schools Gaelic football final for the first time ever, accounted for arch rivals St. Eunan's National School, Laghey, on a scoreline of 3-7 to 1-8. Not only had the final defeats of Brackey N.S. and Meentinadea N.S. earlier in the 'eighties been avenged, but the kingpins of the county scene, going for what would have been a historic hat-trick for them, had been overhauled and defeated in the process. The winning of the county title took a little while in coming but it was a sweet success when it finally arrived.

There were only two games involved in the winning of that county title in

1987 — the semi-final and the final. St. Mary's had come through the South-West Division unopposed with Fintra N.S. failing to turn out in the divisional final for whatever reason. The semi-final against Sessiaghoneill N.S., Ballybofey, played in Townawilly, was a relatively easy affair with the Eastern champions simply unable to match the firepower of the St. Mary's boys.

It is interesting to note at this juncture that, in 1987, St. Mary's had one easy game and one hard game, whereas in 1989 it was a case of doubling up, with two easy games in the division and then somewhat tougher matches in the county semi-final and county final, both of those latter games being played in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny.

After St. Mary's success in 1987 the two brightest stars on the team, Damien Diver and John Earley, were both honoured by the Co. Donegal

selection committee when they were picked to play on the Co. Donegal Primary Schools gaelic football team which played a series of representative matches against Co. Leitrim in the Fr. Tierney Memorial Park, Ballyshannon that year. Just to emphasise the sheer commitment and dedication of John and Damien, both travelled to play for their native county on the day they made their Confirmation in the Church of the Holy Family, Ardara. Needless to say, both acquitted themselves very well and played like the stars that both of them are. John and Damien would more than hold their own in any company of their own age. It was felt that, if a county title was going to come to the school at all it would surely come when they were in 6th class. The prophecies were correct and their inclusion on the County Primary Schools Gaelic football team was the icing on the cake.



St. Mary's National School, Ardara, Gaelic football team, County Primary Schools Gaelic Football Champions, 1989: Back row (left to right): John Paul M. Kennedy, Karl McGill, Brendan Boyle, Kevin Byrne, John Boyle, Alan McHugh, Mark Whyte. Middle row: Diver, David Hennigan, Darren Boyle, Jackie McHugh (captain), Mark Cassidy, Francis Gallagher. Standing at extreme right of front row: Donal Byrne. Extreme back: James A. Boyle, N.T. Trophies (left to right): Ardara Parish Primary Schools League Cup - 1977, 1978 and 1979; Fr. Luke Boyle Cup, Ardara Parish Primary Schools' League Cup - 1983, 1985, 1986; Co. Donegal Primary Schools Gaelic Football Championship Trophy 1987; Co. Donegal Primary Schools G.A.A. Quiz Trophy 1988; Co. Donegal Primary Schools Gaelic Football Championship Trophy 1989.

NAOMH ULTAN

DUNKINEELY



Action from the Intermediate final



O'Donnell Motors present Martin Shovlin with a new set of jerseys for the final.



Naomh Ultan, 1989 Intermediate finalists.

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Cloughaneely celebrates U-13 County Champions as blazing bonfires welcomes them home

Ar páirc an imirt ní raibh an t-ádh orainn leis na foirne sinsear agus soiséar ar chor ar bith, cé go ndéan na bainisteoirí Máirtín Ó Coilleán, Seosamh Mac Gairbhgh, Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh (Seán) agus Pádraig Mac Meánman a ndícheall.

Leis an foireann sinsear sa chéad sraith caith muid na pointe a shíl muid a raibh simplí ar shiúl i dtús na bliana agus ansin níos moille na bliana bhuaíl muid foirneacha níos laidreacha — ach in ndeireadh thiar thall ní raibh muid abálta fanacht suas sa sraith.

Ansin ins an Craobh Chondae bhí muid in éadan ar ceann de na foirneacha is laidir san chondae agus chruthaigh siad sin nuair a chuaigh

siad ar aghaidh agus bhain siad craobh na chondae.

Ins an chéad cluiche i gCill Chártha bhí tréan don imirt ag Cloicheannaola ach ní raibh muid inann na scóranna a ghlacadh agus comh maith le sin thug muid ar shiúl cioc pionóis. Ag deire an lae bualadh muid le ceithre pointe.

San dara cluiche i bPáirc Cloicheannaola bhí an imirt uilig againn ach thárla an sceal céanna — ní raibh muid inann na scóranna a glacadh agus chaill muid arís le ceithre pointe.

I gCorn Comórtas Péile na Gaeltachta bhuaíl muid an Clochán Liath sa chéad buaite leis an scór — Cloicheannaola 2-7, Clochán Liath 0-4.

Ansin d'imir muid Ghlean Fhinne agus ag deire an cluiche bhí an dá fhoireann ar có-scór. San ath-imirt thuas in Ghleann Fhinne Luan Cásca bhí sár chluiche ann ach bualadh muid le pointe amháin. I gCorn Cathal Mhic Grianna d'imir muid Naomh Muire agus bhuaíl siad muid leis an scór Naomh Muire 3-9, Cloicheannaola 3-8.

I gcás an foireann soiséar críochnaigh siad leath bhealach suas an sraith agus i gCraobh na Chondae bhuaíl ár gcomharsanaí Gaoth Dobhair muid agus chuaigh siad ar aghaidh agus bhain siad Craobh Soiséar na chondae go maith.



Cloughaneely under 13 North West Divisional winners and under 13 County Championship winners 1989.

Back Row L-R: John Martin Mulligan, Michael McGee, Ciaran Monagle, Tomas Walsh, Ciaran Meehan, Josie Mulhern, John McGee.

Front L-R: Owenie Coyle, Brendan Kelly, Johnny McFadden, Aidran Doohan, Christopher Smythe (Captain), Noel Duggan, Mark Boylan, Denis Gallagher.

One must admit that on the playing fields our seniors, juniors, or under 21 collected no trophies and I suppose one of the factors are that due to no employment for men in the parish which then causes emigration in large numbers. During the early part of the year we lost a number of senior players and that left us taking from our junior squad and left them very weak. Times Paddy McMeninam wondered where he was going to get players for a Sunday. In the first month of the year we lost Johnny Kelly who had just managed to make his mark on the county senior team, to be followed by Terance Gallagher, Packie Doohan, Seamus Doohan, Gregg McClafferty, Seamus McGee, Michael McGarvey, Joe Kelly all of whom went to London.

But one must not forget that this year no doubt was a historic year for Cloich Ceannfhoala Bord na nÓg and the under age teams and the managers. Sheer hard work in all age groups for the past number of seasons and at the end of the day this year we had many honours. Here in the North West Division they held ten competitions and Cloich Ceannfhoala was the only club in the North West to take part in all competitions. We appeared in seven divisional finals and went on record to win five divisional finals and this credit is due to Bórd na nÓg chairman Seosamh Kelly, Aodh O Cuirreann, Hugo McFadden, Joe Kelly (John), Kevin Boyle.

But the icing for the cake was when our team that won the under 12 championship 1988 arrived back to Cloughaneely this year on Sunday 21st October 1989 as county under 13 champions and what a welcome those boys got when they arrived and no doubt they deserved it after defeating St. Eunans in the County Final. They won the North West Divisional final by defeating Termon by the score Cloughaneely 9-8 Termon 2-1. Then the following Saturday they travelled to O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny where they defeated Aodh Rua by the score Cloich Ceannfhoala 6-7 Aodh Rua (Ballyshannon) 0-2 and again seven days later at the same venue they trounced Muff by the score Cloich Ceannfhoala 5-11 Muff 0-0. And that left us in the County final to play St. Eunans and everyone in Cloich Ceannfhoala knew that this would be no simple contest and to add further the Cloich Ceannfhoala boys had to field in the final without midfielder Neil Collins and this left St. Eunans confident but they did not realise that those Cloich Ceannfhoala lads were in peak fitness and were determined to bring the County Championships plack back down through the Gap to spend a year in Cloich Ceannfhoala. In what was a ding doing game throughout and Cloich Ceannfhoala showing some



Cloughaneely under 10 that won the North West under 10 Blitz that was played in 1989.
Back Row L-R: Dermot Cannon, Tommy Coyle, Steve McGee, Josie Friel, Shaun Gallagher, Gary Trearty, James McHugh, Anthony Sweeney, Seamus O'Donnell.
Front Row L-R: Joseph Gallagher, John Paul Gallagher, James Gallagher, Charley McGinley, Brendan Sharkey, Liam Doohan, Barry Feeney, Denis Boyle, Liam Coyle.

great pass moves the turning point in the game was when the Cloich Ceannfhoala keeper made a glorious save from a perfectly taken penalty and won the day by doubles scores Cloich Ceannfhoala 2-2 St. Eunans 1-1. One must congratulate every playing member of the team and sub of this team as they had done Cloich Ceannfhoala proud on the day when the final whistle was blown. And we could never be allowed to forget the two managers Hugo McFadden (trainer) and Seosamh Kelly (chairman Bord na nÓg) who worked tirelessly with the boys and had them in peak condition and their own plan of play and also the vital charges they made on the day. Also we must mention our great supporters who travelled throughout the year and also the parents who made sure the players turned out for training. Larry Smythe our photographer and of course the team themselves. Tomas Walsh, John Martin Mulligan, John McGee, Aidrian Doohan, Michael McGee, Ciaran McMonagle, Joseph Mulhern, Brendan Kelly, Johnny McFadden, Denis Gallagher, Mark Boylan, Noel Duggan, Christopher Smythe (Capt.), Owenie Coyle.

The club had 2 under 10 teams that took part in the under 10 Blitz and then went on to the Blitz in Downings and went on to win the competition undefeated under their manager Hugo McFadden. Cloich Ceannfhoala under 12A won the North West Divisional final that was played in Downings when they defeated Milford by the score Cloich Ceannfhoala 5-4 Milford 0-0.

Our under 12B took part in all their game and gained lots of experience and all those boys are under 12 again next year and will be the back bone of the A team.

The under 16s were narrowly defeated by Gweedore in Maghergallon in the North West final Gweedore 2-5 Cloich Ceannfhoala 2-4 and as two teams advanced to the

quarterfinal Kevin Boyle and his lads were too weak for a much stronger Ardara side.

Cloughaneely under 14A team went through to the North West Divisional final where they played Gweedore in Dunfanaghy. Gweedore was no match for the Cloughaneely boy who were superb on that particular evening. The final score was Cloich Ceannfhoala 6-12 Gweedore 1-3. Afterwards Fr. Sean O Gallachoir presented the Cup that was sponsored by Smokie Joe to team captain Sean McGee. They then went on to the quarter-final where they played Aodh Rua (Ballyshannon) in Glenties at half-time they were getting beat by six points and in the second half they made a dramatic comeback and won the contest Cloich Ceannfhoala 2-10 Aodh Rua (Ballyshannon) 2-9. Then the following Saturday they travelled to Dungloe where they were easily beaten by a better Sean McCumhalls side.

Our Minors went through to the divisional final of the North West against Gweedore, where the score was Cloughaneely 2-5 Gweedore 1-13. Much thanks must be given to Martin Gallagher who trained these boys but didn't get full-co-operation for training.

During the year the club held their annual dinner dance which was a very successful night and must thank the club chairman Josie Doohan for his organisation. Our guest for the weekend was Colm McAlarney from Down and on the Saturday Colm spent the day in the Gym at the Pobail Scoil coaching our underage and seniors.

Through the year the club lost three of its great gaels who passed away Danny McGee who was a member of the great 1938-'39 team that won the county championship and also played for the county. Neil Coyle also a member of the 1938-39 championship team and Owen McGee who played for many years and who was club chairman 1974-'75. Go ndeanaidh Dia Trocaire Orthu.

On the 20th August the club

celebrated 50 years and 30 years anniversary teams that were County Champions 1939-1959. There were seven of the eight alive members of the 1939 team and they were presented with scrolls: Denis McGee, Denis Ferry, Mossie Coyle, Aaron Kelly, Frank McGinley, Thaig McGee.

The members present of the 1959 team were: Peter McGinley, Eddie Doohan, Paddy Carr, Paddy Kelly, Paddy Galvin, Packie Doolan, Rory McMonagle, Neil McGinley, Tony Kelly, Brian McGinley, Donal McGinley, Eugene McCabe, Owen Collam (Ban).

Also present at the function were County Chairman Charlie Faulkner and Mrs. Faulkner and County P.R.O. Mick McGrath.

Later on in October the club had the pleasure of having two County Board members at our meeting chairman Charlie Faulkner and Development Officer Connie Maguire.

On the (Sunday) 29th October the club held a local parish Scór that gave the children a chance to prepare for the County Scór and the club thank ex-Cloughaneely couple Paddy and Madge Grady who did the adjudicating.

At this point we must thank our main sponsors during the year. E.S.B., Eugene Green (Goodahts), Pádraigh Ó Ceallaigh, Lordan McGill, and Udaras na Gaeltachta. But most of all we must thank our Ciste Committee those people who worked rigorous throughout the year in the collection of Ciste money and are never seen on the ground and especially our subscribers both home and away and our great supporters especially at under age.

**Aodh Mac Créadaigh,
P.R.O.**

Tá Bord Na nÓg bunaithe ag an chlub seo faoi scáth an fhó-chumainn ó bhí mí Eanáir 1987. Chonacthas go raibh feidhm le Bord mar seo le freastal cheart a dhéanamh ar na h-imreoirí óga sa pharóiste, le foirne a eagrah agus a phiocadh sna h-aois ghrúpa ó F-10 go F-18 le páirt a ghlacadh i gcomórtais agus le áis chaitheamh aimsire a chur ar fáil.

Ag éirí as sin toghadh bainisteoirí foirne dona foirne faoi aois. Eagraidh traenáil faoi dhíon sa seomra glacaíochta sa phobalscoil i rith míonna dorcha an Gheimhridh. Cuireadh mionbhus thart leis na h-imreoirí ón cheann thiar den pharóiste a thabhairt chuig traenáil ar pháirc na h-imirthe i rith an Earraigh agus an tSamhraidh.

I mbliana bhí deich (10) foirne faoi aois againn a ghlac páirt i gcomórtais peile an Iar-Thuaiscirt. Chuaigh seacht gcinn de na foirne sin tríd go cluichí

ceannais na Roinne. Bhí an bhua ag cúig cinn de na foirne sin — siad sin na foirne F-10, F-12A, F13, F1Aa agus F-15.

Chuaigh an fhoireann F-13 ar aghaidh gur bhua siad craobh na Contae.

Anuraidh (1988) bhua an fhoireann F-12A craobh na Contae.

Le dhá bhliain táimid ag reachtail dhá fhoireann F-12 (A agus B) agus F14 (A agus B). Bheir seo deis dona imreoirí leaga chuichí a fháil agus feabhas a chur ar a scileanna.

Léiriú é sin uilig go bhfuil ag éirí go geal le Bord-na-nÓg.

Ar mbealachas ó chroí dona bainisteoirí foirne uilig a d'obair go dícheallach.

Comhghairdeachas le Seosamh Ó Ceallaigh agus Aodh Mac Pháidín a d'amharc i ndiaidh an fhoireann F-13, a rinne éacht, agus a thug craobh na Contae go dtí an pharóiste.

Buíochas fosta donár lucht

tacaíochta, go h-áirithe na tuismitheoirí a d'fhreastal ar chluichí ar fud na Contae. Thug siad uchtach don óige nuair a bhí feidhm leis.

Chá dtig dearmad a dhéanamh do na daoine sa phobal a rinne urraíocht agus a thug síntiús, agus iad sin a iocann isteach sa chrannchur míosúil.

Chuidigh sibh uilig le obair Bhórd-Na-nÓg agus tá an luath saothair le feiceáil.

Iarraimid tacaíocht na mbunscoileanna arís, le cur leis an dubhshraithe maith atá leagtha. Is as a thiochfas.

Níl amhras ar bith na go bhfuil ceachtanna le foghlaim ag fó-chumainn eile sa chontae ón méid atá a dhéanamh ag an bhord seo lenár gcluiche Náisiúnta a néartú sa chontae.

“Ar scáth a chéile a mhairimid.”

**Aodh Ó Cuireáin,
Rúnaí,
Bord Na nÓg.**



Members of the 1959 Junior Championship team also club officials.

Back Row L-R: Paddy Carr, Owenie Collum, John Kelly (Selector), Tony Kelly, Donal McGinley, Packie Doohan, Charlie Faulkner (Co. Chairman), Eddie Doohan (Capt.), Fr. John McGlynn, Eugene McCabe, Mick McGrath (Co. P.R.O.), John Keyes, Eugene Greene.

Centre Row L-R: Brian McGinley, Peter McGinley, Rory McMonagle, Paddy Kelly, Paddy Galvin, Neil McGinley, Hugh McCready (Club P.R.O.).

Front Row L-R: Fr. Martin Doohan, Connie Hanlon (Parks Committee), Paddy McMenamin (Club Secretary) and Josie Doohan (Club Chairman).



Members of the 1939 Junior Championship team at the presentation dinner with their scrolls. Back Row L-R: Co. Chairman Charlie Faulkner, Fr. John McGlynn P.P., (Club President), Mick McGrath (Co. P.R.O.), Josie Doohan (Club Chairman).

Front Row L-R: Mossie Coyle, Ciaran Kelly, Denis Ferry, Denis McGee, Frank McGinley (Capt.) and Tadhg McGee.



Members of the senior panel and club officials at the clubs annual dinner dance. Also front row centre guest for the week-end former Down midfielder Colm MacAlarney.

Dearcadh Siar ar Chumann Lúthchleas Gael

Pádraig S. Mac a'Ghoill

Nuair a chruinnigh Coisde fear thart ar thabla (atá ansin go foill) i seomra ar an dara urlar in Óstan Uí hAodha i nDurlas Eile ar an chead lá de Shamhna, 1884 ba é an aidhm a bhí acu na na cluichí Gaelacha a shabhal ar a mbasgadh agus iad a fhorbairt do'n ghlún sin agus na glunta bhí le theacht sa dóigh go bhfeadfadh siad caitheamh aimsire sult agus pleisiúr a bhaint astu. Comh maith le sin, ba h-íad na cluichí sin, ar gcluichí féin, ar gcultúr féin agus na cinn a bfearr a dóig dar meoin ar ndearfadh agus a tháinig aniar chugainn ó thús aimsire. Tháinig an mheath ar an spiorad naisiúnta i ndhiaidh an Ghorta, imirce agus dhá Eirí Amach agus bhí gear-ghá le h-aithbheachaint agus léi eagrás éigin i dhioighbhail le stád a chur leis an mheath seo.

AN BORRADH ÚR

Tháinig reachtar fear le chéile ag an chead chruinniú, (deir daoine go rabh tuilleadh ann) agus b'íad sin a bhunaigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael agus orthu sin bhí Mícheál Ó Ciosóig, muinteoir as Co. an Chlair a rabh scoil aige i bPlás Gardinéir i mBaile Átha Cliath, agus a bhí tógtha go mór le iomanaíocht, Muiris Ó Daimhín, as Charraig na Suíre, an duine ba shine de ceathar dearthair a rabh cliú agus cáil orthu mar Lúthchleasacht idir-naisiúnta, agus is doiche gur Muiris ba chionntaigh leis an fhocal 'Lúthchleas' a bheith in ainm an Chumainn ó shoin agus abhí ina chead Uachtarán. I lathair fosta bhí S. Ó Breacain, saor-cluiche ar Teampall Mór agus lúthchleasaí agus ball de'n "Bharthreachas Poblachtanach", Seán de Paoir as Portlairge, san Bhraithreachas fosta agus ina Thuaraiseoir ar "The Leinster Leader", Seán Mac Aoidh as Beal Feirsde, ina thuaraiseoir ar an "Cork Examiner". Bhí an bheirt seo ansúil le bolscaireacht a thabhairt do'n chumann. Bhí beirt eile i lathair mar a bhí Seosamh Ó Riain as Durlas Eile, dlíodóir agus Seoirse Mac Cathraigh, ball de na péas as Co. Chiarraí acht a bhí ar obair sa Teampall Mór. Cha rabh baint a bith aigsean leis an Chumann ina dhiaidh sin.

FÁS AGUS FORBAIRT AN CHUMAINN

Chuir sé iontas ar mhórán daoine an dóigh a spreag an cumann úr, daoine óga na hÉireann agus bunaíodh faoi chumann ar fud na tíre go mór mhór sa leath ó dheas. Agus thoisigh an bunadh óg ag glordh páirt sna comortaisí, peile, camaíochta agus lúthchleasa fa do réir na rialacha úra a leagadh síos go mór mhór faoi threoir Uí Dhamhain. Bhí spiorad úr agus misneach le mothú sa tír siocar. Mar bhí ag eirí le gluaiseacht

'Féin Rialachas Cogadh na Talmhan' agus a rabh a bhaint ag Lúthchleasaíochta Éireannacha i Sasana, san Oileán Úr, ag Luimneach, caitheadh meathainte, caitheadh an Oird agus duinalaíocht. Bhain an Cumann barr-buaidhe amach nuair a ghlac an t-Ard Easbog Uí Chroic, Patrúnacht an Chumainn,—sa mhéid go rabh tionchar agus dea mhéin na h-Eaglaise. Taobh thiar de'n Chumann anoir agus comh maith thug Mac Daibhíd agus Pairneil a dtacaíocht do'n eagraíocht úr—bhí na treoraí móra naisiúnta ar a dtuobh anois.

AN BRISEADH

Déirigh Ó Ciosóig as an Rúnaíocht siocar gur cuireadh ina leith go rabh sé ag caitheadh barraíoch ama ar eagraíocht. Tharla sin sa bhliain 1886. an bhliain ina dhiaidh sin, ag comhdháil na Samhna 1887 deirigh Ó Daimhín as an Uachtaranacht siocar an ghreim agus an eifeacht a bhí ag na políticeoirí ar an Chumann acht ag Comhdháil i Mí Eanáir 1888 le cuidiú an Dochtúir Uí Chroic, Muiris Ó Daimhín agus Mícheál Mac Daibhid, agus tháinig Ó Daimhín arais mar Uachtarán arís acht char fhan sé i bhfad siocar an chailliúint airgid a bhí ar an Turas ó Meiriceá ag deireadh 1888 ag peileadoirí agus iomanaithoirí na tíre seo leis na cluichí a laidriú ansin. Ca rabh an fhaidhb seo saraithe go dtáinig 'An Scoilt' a rabh baint ag Parnell leis agus scoilt seo an cumann ina dhá chuid go deireadh na h-Aoise sin. Bhí an cumann seasmhach le Parnell acht d'fhág an t-eachta seo an cumann lag fáil go leor.

FÁS AGUS BORRADH

'Sna chead bhlianta den 20ú aois tháinig an mheadú ar uimhir 'na b'faoi chumann ar fud na h-Éireann—fiú amháin bunaíodh Coisde Condae i nDún na nGall. Cuireadh órd agus eagar ar na Craobh chomairláisí peile, iomanaíochta, lúthchleasa. Chiannaigh Proinsias Ó Duinnín, Pairc an Chrocaigh 1908 agus cheannaigh An Cumann uaidh í sa bhliain 1913 Dabhari, Eirí Amach na Casga 1916 agus Cogadh na Saoirse 1919-21. Agus An Cogadh Cathardha bhí mórán de na fíor óga, pairteach, ca rabh an dul chun cinn a dhéanamh ba cheart go dtí 1924 nuair a cuireadh treoir agus eagar agus críoch leis na cumantaistí, a bhí in aimhreidh go dtí sin. Cuireadh tús ar doigh ar na comartaisí áitiúla agus idir-chondae agus a bhuíochas sin do'n chumann a thug le chéile fíor óga na tíre, ba chuma ce'n taobh ar ár throid siad, no'n ce'n dearcadh bhí acu, le chéile ar na páirceanna imeartha agus ar na coisidí arís.

IUBAILLE ORDHA

Sa bhliain 1934 comoradh Iubaille Ordha an Chumann agus an ndoighe bhí mórán daoine ag amarch siar ar an obair

a rinneadh le leath-chéad bliain roimhe sin,—Cluiche Tailteann, Cluichí Coirn an Bhóthair Iarainn, an fás a tháinig ar uimhir na b'faoi-chumann, an meadú a tháinig ar an tinneamh ag na cluichí, an feabhas a tháinig ar an leagan amach ar na Coisidí Condae agus Coisde Faoi-Chumann agus fiú amháin Coisidí Ceanntair. Agus an uimhir páirc a ceannaíodh 'sna blianta deirneacha sin.

COMORADH CÉAD BLIAN 1984

Rinneadh an ócáid mór seo a cheileabhadh, ag achan choisde, achan bhall, achan eagraíoch agus rinneadh a mhór de'n dul chun cinn le céad blian. Tugadh aitheantas dóibh rud a rinneacht ar shon an Chumainn, agus moladh an obair a rinn C.L.G. do'n naisiún, don chultúr, do'n Ghaeilg agus do'n togail meánama a thug sé do mhuintir na hÉireann le céad blian.

Sa leath-lead bliain deirneach seo cha rabh na deacartaí na faidhbeanna ceanna ansin as bhí le 50 blian roimhe sin. Bhí an chuid cabaideala fá'n 'Ban' agus cuis aighneis agus spairne bhí ann acht cuireadh deireadh leis 1971. Comh maith le sin, de bharr tuairsce Coimisiúin, an bhliain cheanna rinneadh athrú ar leagan amach an chumainn, faoi-chumann agus coisidí sa dóigh go mbeadh said abálta feidhmiú ma's eifeachtaigh i saol an lae inniu. Bunaíodh comortaisí Scór le freastal ar thaobh srealta an chumainn—go mór mhór, do cheoltoirí, damhsoirí, buíonnta ceoil, nua chleasa, do'n bunadh óg agus na mná, go mór mhór i rith an Gheimhridh. Chuidigh an forbairt seo C.L.G. a leathnú agus dearcadh eile a thabhairt de dhaoine ar obair an Chumainn.

Da mbeadh na daoine a bhunaigh Cumann Lúthchleas Gael beo inniu is cinnte go gcuirfeadh sé iontas orthú an t-antú a tháinig le céad blian. Chuirfeadh sonradh 'sna ceadta míle daoine, sa chumann, na comortaisí do'n aos óg, an uimhir cluichí atá a n-imirt ar fud na h-Éireann agus i dtíortha eile, a bhfuil dé phairceanna le cluichí a imirt orthá agus pionnúir liathróid láimhe sa tír; na mílte ag na cluichí Domhnach agus Dalach, seomraí feistigh, lár ionaid caidrimh, an cleachtú, agus traeneal, coirin, sciathanna agus bainn. Silim go gcuirfeadh sé iontas orthu.

B'féidir go mbeadh diomhaidh ó ar Mícheál Ó Ciosóig go rabh níos mó de na fíor óga ag imirt peile na iomanaíocht. Bheadh iontas ar Mhuiris Ó Daimhín caidé'n fáth nach bhfuil níos mó comortaisí Lúthchleasa ag an Chumann. Bheadh an Dochtúir Ó Croic an sásta leis an fhorbairt a tháinig ar an chluichí liathróid láimhe a rabh an oireadh ceana aige féin air agus dCiosoig—chuirfeadh sé ceist ar féin, "Cé'n fáth nar smaoitigh mé ar chamógaíocht do na cailíní".

Acht sílim go mbeadh siad sásta go rabh toradh fiúntach ar a gcuid oibre.

Following the County Teams from the '50's to the '80's

My first introduction to county football was one Sunday morning in the late '50's when I was approached by my old friend, Gerry McKeown, outside Clar Chapel after 9 o'clock Mass, to take a load to a match in Ballybay. Donegal and Down were playing in, as far as I can remember, a replay of the McKenna Cup Final. My most vivid memory of that game was the stormer of a match played from beginning to end by the one and only P. J. Flood. Neither Dan or James McCarten could do anything to stop this big powerful man from getting through on that day when, in fact, he scored a point from play from all of 60 yards, to the delight of all the Donegal supporters. I have always admired him as an excellent sportsman and very fine footballer indeed. Anyway, that was my first taste of the game and if I remember correctly, Charlie Faulkner, today's county chairman, was also one of my load on that day, and from that day forward I have not missed a county or club match if I could help it. We always had a very cheery crowd

By Danny McMenamín

travelling to the matches and Gerry McKeown was the leader of the pack in most cases. We discussed football in and out, there and back, the Press Men, Team Managers and Selectors all got a touch — every man had his own opinion and expressed it very clearly indeed. The topic of conversation would change on occasions, however — Gerry McKeown was a great man for getting the political arguments started about Mr. Cosgrave and Mr. Fitzgerald and he hasn't changed to this day.

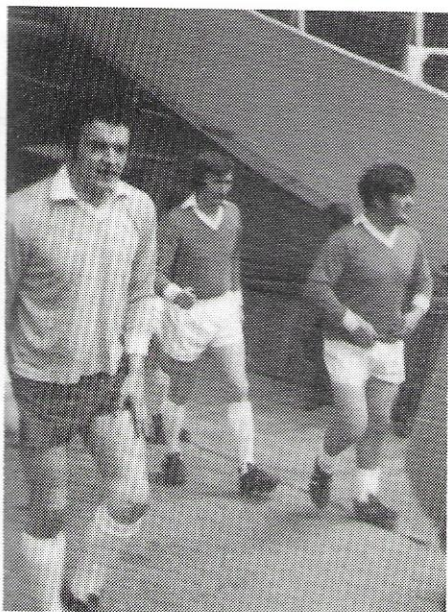
Unfortunately, our trips to Croke Park have not come up very often but when they do, we make sure to make the most of our trip to Dublin on the Saturday and stay overnight. It was in the early '60's when we first travelled for the National League Final against Kerry. We arrived at The Dergvale in Gardiner Place where we expected to get bed and breakfast but were unfortunately not booked in and were, therefore, turned away. Luckily we got

booked into the Parkway Hotel next door owned by Mr. Heffernan and better known to us all as Stokes'. Many's a droll story could be told of our stay there that night and the happenings of the next morning but I don't think I should attempt to put it in print or Mick McGrath will have my life. Just ask Bernie McGrath, who now lives in Letterkenny, Danny Martin or Gerry McKeown the next time you meet them and they will fill you in with the details. We obviously had left our mark in Stokes' that weekend as the next time I rang up to book us in he asked me "Are you the noisy crowd from Donegal?", which I of course denied. However, when he saw the fifteen familiar faces arrive again he realised his mistake but fortunately let us stay.

This great atmosphere carried on throughout the '60's, '70's and right up into the '80's when the Donegal county team was doing extremely well and as all Donegal supporters will agree, we have the best supporting county in the country. That is without



Group of Donegal supporters before leaving for Dublin for the 1983 All-Ireland semi-final against Galway.



Seamus Bonner coming out of the dug-out at Wembley in 1972.

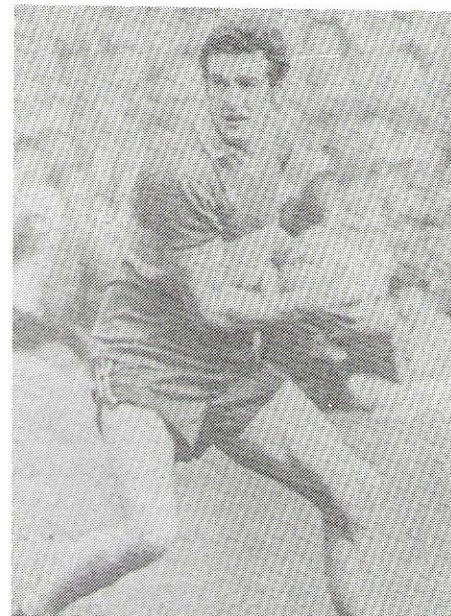
Mickey Lafferty, Pauric McShea, Brian McEniff, Brendan Dunleavy, Martin McHugh, Donal Monaghan, Joyce McMullin and, of course, Seamus Bonner, but more about him later.

I would now like to say a few words about Mr. John Bonner, his wife Cissie, and sons Liam, Sean and Seamus. They came to live from the Glen outside Ballybofey to our part of the country, namely Finabanes, some time in the early '50's. It was not very long before I became acquainted with them and from that day to this we have been great pals. As it turned out, I am proud to say that Seamus turned out to be one of the greatest footballers Donegal ever put on the field. He began his football career with a small club called Drumbar which he ran with big Patsy Brogan, Jackie McMullin and other loyal and dedicated G.A.A. men. With this club he played under-age and then junior football.

However, Seamus continued to play brilliant football for the Four Masters and by this time had got himself a job in a local garage in Donegal. Seamus was not to stop there, however. He successfully applied for the Garda Siochana and subsequently moved to Dublin, where he now holds the post of Public Service Vehicles Inspector. On his departure to Dublin he transferred from the Four Masters club to join the Civil Service for which he still plays today. The man in charge in Dublin at that time was none other than the great Kieran McCreedy, Liaison Officer for the County Board. Kieran looked after all the Donegal footballers and especially the lads who were playing for the county team. I now quote a few words that he said at an A.G.M. of the Civil Service some years ago:

"As everybody knows, big Seamus is a household name throughout the lengths of the land and is one of the most exciting players I have seen in a long long time. He combines immaculate fielding with a shattering burst of speed and his shot for goals would put many a cannonball to shame . . ."

Kieran did not stop there, mind you. He mentioned another few very popular Donegal fellas as well. I was looking through a few old newspapers the other night and noticed that Bonner stole the headlines for Donegal on many an occasion — in fact, Micheal O'Haire had a paragraph about the "Penalty King Big Bonner", and Micheal O'Muircheartaigh talked about the "Veteran and Civil Service Captain". Seamus was also away with the All Stars on two occasions as a replacement. He is the only player I know in the county to have received four Ulster medals, the first of which



Seamus in action on the field against Cavan in 1974.

a doubt. However, Gerry found himself a nice wife and settled down so the pattern slightly changed. It was not very long though till we were joined by as droll a character in Edmund Brennan who is now a member of the gang travelling to the matches. I must say this much for Edmund — he is the most enjoyable and knowledgeable man I have ever met. He knows every player in the country as well as the county, at all ages. He can also turn the stories away from football now and then as he is a good man at the politics like McKeown. As most of you will be aware, the late Joe Brennan was his uncle, which proves he did not lick his old tricks off the wall. His usual tactic was to sing Fianna Fail's praises in front of John Joe Mulhern and that really got the argument going full swing. Everything helped to make our long trips around the country shorter and definitely entertaining. John Joe, by the way, is always the first man to book his seat and never misses a game at home or away, despite his age. Full praises are due to him for his loyalty and dedication to county football over the years

At this point I would also like to pay tribute to Mr. Frank Muldoon, a former secretary of the County Board, for his assistance and contribution to county football in the '70's. We will always remember him for his help to the supporters during the trip to Wembley in 1972.

It is an awful pity that Donegal have never won an All-Ireland title with the great players that they had in the '60's, '70's and '80's. I will name but a few — Sean Ferriter, John Hannigan, Sean O'Donnell, Martin Griffin,

he was awarded after the 1972 Ulster Final against Tyrone, which was a ding-dong game between two well-matched sides. This is a very fine achievement indeed. He also captained the Civil Service team when they won the Championship a few years ago, which was the first time since 1945 when they were then captained by Mr. Jack Lynch, the referee on that day being the now Minister John Wilson. Seamus played for the county team under several managers, including John Hannigan and Sean O'Donnell, and the present manager, Brian McEniff. When he finally decided in 1985 that he was going to step down from playing county football after three decades of the sport, he totally astonished the then and now manager, Brian McEniff.

To back-pedal a little, if I am allowed, when Seamus came to Dublin it was not long before a very nice lady took his eye and I am glad to say that this lady is now his lovely wife Cathy. They have a very nice daughter, Annette, and three sons, Enda, Kevin and, of course, Seamus, who I am fully convinced will follow in his father's footsteps. Who knows, history may repeat itself.

However, after all his experience at county football level, I feel it is right and fitting that he should be back now at this present day assisting the county manager, Brian McEniff, also kindly assisted by Noel McCole and Anthony Harkin.

To conclude, I wish Brian McEniff and his helpers the very best of luck in 1990 and assurance of the continuation of the mighty Donegal support.

Danny McMenamin.

AODH RUADH IN '89

By Peter Campbell, P.R.O.

The Club's U-14 and U-18 hurlers also reached the Co. final.

1988 RECORD

In 1988 the club's senior team relinquished the Co. Championship but won the Minor and U-21 Co. titles. They also won the Co. U-16 Camogie title and were runners-up at U-14 Hurling and U-16 Football.

In the Club's local leagues the James Likely U-10 Trophy was won by Stephen Ward; the U-12 O'Donnell Bakery Shield by K. J. Graham and the Bakery Cup U-14 competition by Anthony McGrath.

1989

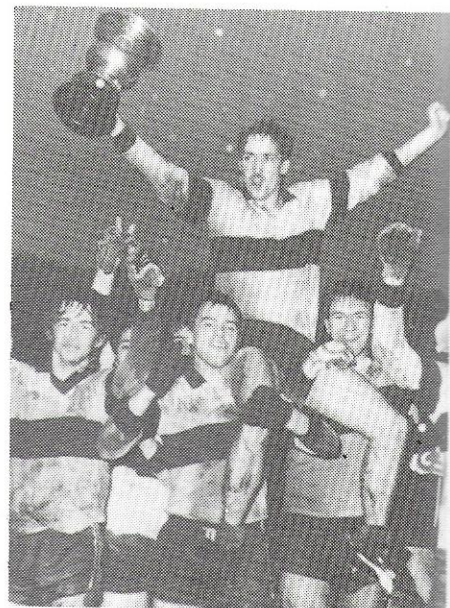
1989 was a year of many highlights in the Ballyshannon club, the biggest being the retention of the U-21 Football Championship and the winning of the U-17 Minor League. Other memorable moments were reaching the Senior Football and Hurling finals only to lose; the winning of the U-16 Camogie title and winning of Divisional Championships at U-10, U-12, U-13, U-14, U-15 and U-16 and Minor League in football.

The U-14 Camogie team have also reached the county final.

SENIOR TEAM

The senior team, under new manager, Sean Slevin jnr., improved greatly as the year progressed. After a reasonably good start to the League, summer holiday work deprived the team of a number of players, and as they struggled in the first round of the Championship against Downings, hopes of advancing to the final stages were not good. After getting over the Downings hurdle, after replay, the panel began to become strengthened by the gradual return of our migrant players. With a goal barrage late in the first half, Ardara were sidestepped and only Killybegs stood between Aodh Ruadh and a final appearance. Four more goals in Towney Park were enough to see them in the final. While the final result is now history it remains that this young senior team — 10 of the squad are U-21 — have a great future if they can stay together.

The League campaign is still unfinished as we go to press. The final game against Kilcar was abandoned when we were well in command. The



Malachy Cullen, the Aodh Ruadh captain, is held aloft after winning the 1988 U-21 Championship. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

match was ordered to be replayed and as yet this game has not gone ahead. The result is vital to Aodh Ruadh because a win would give us a lifeline with a play-off against Na Rossa to decide who stays in Div. 1.



The victorious Aodh Ruadh U-21 team. Front, from left: Denis Daly, James Malone, Eamonn McShea, Val Murray, Ciaran Gallagher, Diarmaid Keon, Ciaran Keon, Damian Conlon, Paul Rafferty, Paul Kane. Back row: Mark Crawford, Michael McLoone, Billy Cleary, Michael McGee, Charles O'Donnell, John Forkin, Paul Bannon, Alan Sweeny, John Duffy Donagh Keon, Liam Travers, Willie Slevin, Peter Duffy, Paul McWeeney, Gavin Bourke, Barry Rogers, P. J. Daly and manager, Sylvester Maguire. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

The panel for the Co. final was: Gary Walsh (capt.), Joe Curran, Diarmaid Keon, Michael McGee, Ciaran Keon, Ciaran Tinney, Conor Boyle, Sylvester Maguire, Brian Tuohy, Gerry Curran, Eunan Doyle, Eunan Gallagher, Brendan Martin, Damian Conlon, Donagh Keon, Sean Boyle, James Malone, John Duffy, Val Murray, Thomas Gallagher, Malachy Cullen, Colm Keon, Paul Kane, Peter Duffy, Conor Carney.

JUNIORS

The Juniors were in the very strong Division Two in the League and although they competed well in all their matches they failed to gain any points. In the Junior Championship they had a rare old battle with Convoy. In the first leg, Convoy won by 1-8 to 1-5 but in the return leg at Fr. Tierney Park the home side won by 3-8 to 1-9. In the play-off in Townawilly, Convoy came out on top but only by two points, 2-5 to 2-3.

The junior team was managed by Teddy Kane and Jim Kane.

U-21

The undoubted highlight of the club year was the retention of the U-21 Championship under manager, Sylvester Maguire. The Championship was very fragmented with the early rounds played in May and the final was not played until October 15th.

The campaign began with probably the toughest match against Dungloe. Played in Ardara, it ended 1-9 each,

but we won through in a tight replay in Fintra by 2-2 to 1-4 — the narrowest of margins. The quarter-final against Naomh Brid in Townawilly was a little more comfortable with a winning scoreline of 4-15 to 1-5. In the semi-final against Glenfin, played in the last week of May, we were convincing winners 7-15 to 1-5. The wait for the final was worthwhile as we met and defeated a gallant Naomh Columba side in MacCumhaill Park by 3-10 to 2-5.

The U-21 panel was: Paul Kane, Mark Crawford, Ciaran Keon, Michael McGee, John Forkin, Damien Conlon, Val Murray, Donagh Keon, Diarmaid Keon (capt.), John Duffy, Willie Slevin, Paul Bannon, Peter Duffy, Michael Cleary, Denis Daly, Paul McWeeney, Billy Cleary, James Malone, Alan Sweeney, Gavin Bourke, Charlie O'Donnell, P. J. Daly, Barry Rafferty, Michael McLoone, Ciaran Gallagher, Pauric O'Donnell, Liam Travers, Donal McGowan, Barry Rogers.

CAMOGIE

1989 was another successful year for Camogie in the Aodh Ruadh club with the U-16s retaining their Co. Championship under manager, Alan Kane, defeating Glenfin in the final. The team played 9 games and won all nine. The panel was: Denise O'Reilly, Ann Kennedy, Moya Ferguson, Marita Maguire, Emer Hogan, Sinead Donagher, Frances Kane, Grainne Buggy (capt.), Catherine Gallagher,

Aisling Hannigan, Andrea Barrett, Nollaig McNelis, Edel Sheerin, Nuala Flood, Sinead Lynch, Orla Bannon, Catherine Mulligan, Bregeen McWeeney, Andrea Whelan.

Moya Ferguson received the Aodh Ruadh Player of the Team award. Frances Kane won the Player of the Match award for her performance in the U-16 Co. final.

The following girls have played at Co. Minor in 1989: Frances Kane, Marita Maguire, Grainne Buggy, Catherine Gallagher, Emer Hogan.

Frances Kane and Marita Maguire have played for the county in the National Junior Camogie League.

The 14 team have also reached the Co. final which has yet to be played. Under manager, Frances Kane, assisted by Sinead Donagher, the panel is: Andrea Whelan, Catherine Mulligan, Cara Hoey, Donna Keenaghan, Sally Lawrence, Sarah Lang, Edel Sheerin (capt.), Laura Daly, Annette Bannon, Elaine McFadden, Judith Egan, Siobhan Dolan, Breege McFadden, Denise Melaniff, Denise Ward, Maria Conlon, Gemma O'Connell, Orla Bannon, Brid McFadden.

U-10

Coached by Michael Shannon, assisted by Josie Boyle, the U-10s of 1989 retained the Divisional Championship in fine style. In fact the team went through the year unbeaten winning all six games played. They defeated St. Nauls in the Divisional



The Aodh Ruadh U-16 Camogie team, county champions. Back, l. to r., Eimear Keon, Andrea Barrett, Frances Kane, Marita Maguire, Grainne Buggy, Ashling Hannigan, Catherine Gallagher, Sinead Lynch, Orla Bannan, Alan Kane (manager). Front, l. to r., Catherine Mulligan, Nollaig McNelis, Denise O'Reilly, Moya Ferguson, Edel Sheerin, Anne Kennedy, Andrea Whelan, Eimear Hogan. Team mascot, Pauric Kane.

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The Aodh Ruadh U-10 team which defeated St. Nauls to win the Divisional title. Back row, from left: Kevin Melly, Patrick Farrell, John McCauley, Mark Boyle, Paul Rafferty, Martin McGarrigle, Sean Campbell, Martin Gallagher, Pauric Kelly, Colin Gallagher, Shane Campbell, Rory McGee. Front: John Kelly, Christy Coughlan, Darren McGuinness, Gareth Blake, Gavin Rogers (capt.), Paul Maguire, Anthony Coughlan, Barry O'Donnell, Liam Kane, John Larkin.

final in Townawilly and at the end of the season they entertained and defeated a strong team from Drumcliffe (Co. Sligo).

The 1989 U-10 panel, captained by Gavin Rogers, was: Martin McGarrigle, Anthony Coughlan, Martin Gallagher, Pauric Kelly, Christy Coughlan, Mark Boyle, Liam Kane, Gavin Rogers (capt.), Paul Rafferty, Darren McGuinness, Colin Gallagher, Gareth Blake, John McCauley, Barry O'Donnell, Shane Ward, Rory McGee, Sean Campbell, Kevin Melly, Paul Maguire, John Kelly, Patrick Farrell, John Larkin.

In the local U-10 Summer League, Gareth Blake led his team to capture the Jim Likely Trophy, defeating Martin Gallagher's team in the final.

During the year also Josie Boyle held coaching sessions for younger players and this culminated in a Merit League final between teams captained by Stephen Cunningham and Paul Downey.

U-12

The U-12 team, managed by Jim Kane, had a disappointing end to what was a very active year. Their disappointment came when they were defeated by Muff in the Co. quarter-final. The defeat was all the more disappointing when Four Masters — whom we had beaten in the Divisional final — went on to defeat Muff to win the Co. final. The team played 14 games, won 12, drew 1 and lost 1.

The U-12 panel was: Sean Maguire, David Hoey, Niall Rogers, James McCauley, Patrick McGrath, Keith

Mannion (capt.), Stephen Ward, John Gillespie, Kenneth McGurran, Sean Perry, Michael Ward, Charlie Kane, Barry Travers, Kevin Rose, Robert Reynolds, James Shannon, Matthew Hughes, Tom McLaughlin, Ryan McGloin, Gavin Rogers, Gerard Ferguson, Shane Calpin.

U-13

The U-13 footballers also won the Divisional Final when they defeated Naomh Brid but they were well beaten by Cloughaneely in the Co. semi-final in Letterkenny. The team played 10 matches, winning 7 and losing 4.



U-14 captain, Barry Ward, receiving the Kevin Conaghan Memorial Cup from Tom Conaghan.

The panel was: Sean Maguire, Stephen Ward, Kerry Ryan, James McCauley, Niall Rogers, Patrick McGrath, Kenneth Neilan, Keith Mannion, John Gillespie, Cormac O'Connell (capt.), Declan McGrath, Sean Perry, Kenneth McGurran, Charlie Kane, Michael Ward, James Shannon, Barry Travers, Frank McGloin, Ryan McGloin, Tom McLaughlin, David Hoey.

U-14

Managed by Willie Rogers, this squad again won the Divisional title but then went down narrowly to Cloughaneely in county quarter-final.

The season will be remembered for three memorable games against a Bundoran team that had won the U-12 C'ship two years previous. Captain Barry Ward led his team to two wins and one draw in these three games.

This team also captured the prestigious Kevin Conaghan Memorial Trophy when they defeated Four Masters in the final. The team played twelve games, winning 9, losing 2 and drawing 1.

The panel was: Paul Roper, Ciaran Barron, David Neillon, Kenneth Neillon, David Downey, Cormac O'Connell, Ciaran McLean, Niall McCready, Barry Ward (capt.), Michael Joe O'Connor, David O'Donnell, Niall Rogers, K. J. Graham, Glenn Matthews, Herman McNelis, Kerry Ryan, Pol Whoriskey, D. McGrath.

U-15 ÓGSPORT

Josie Boyle was in charge of this team who again won the Div. title and in the Co. finals defeated Killybegs in the early rounds but lost out to them in the final. As Killybegs could not attend the Ulster competition, the Aodh Ruadh team represented Donegal and did well only being beaten in the semi-final. The panel was: John Downey (capt.), Donal Buggy, Gary Brennan, Anthony McGrath, Niall McCready, Barry Ward, John Muldoon, Brian Roper, Eamonn O'Donnell, Ciaran McLean, Christopher Kane.



Aodh Ruadh U-14 team, winners of Divisional Championship and Kevin Conaghan Memorial Trophy. Back row, l. to r., Herman McNelis, Mickey Joe O'Connor, David O'Donnell, David Nealon, Glen Matthews, David Downey, Ciaran McLean, Paul Whoriskey, Ciaran Barron. Front, l. to r., Niall Rogers, Declan McGrath, K. J. Graham, Barry Ward (capt.), Paul Roper, Kerry Ryan, Niall McCready, Cormac O'Connell, Kenneth Nealon.

U-16

This team won the the Divisional title against a very strong Four Masters team, only to lose the Co. quarter final to eventual winners, Ardara, by one point. The team played 11 games, winning 10 and losing 1. Donal Buggy, John Downey, Al Travers and Raphael McGee were selected on Co. U-16 panel.

Under manager, P. J. Buggy, assisted by Pat McGrath, the panel was: Al Travers (capt.), John Downey, Donal Buggy, Raphael McGee, Barry Sweeney, Thomas McGrath, Anthony McGrath, Niall McCready, Diarmuid Drummond, Christy Kane, Barry Ward, Ciaran McLean, Gerard Gallagher, Sean O'Mahony, Eamonn O'Donnell, Brian Roper, Fergal McGrath, John Muldoon, Keith Brennan, Gary Brennan and Dallas O'Connor.

U-17

The winning of the U-17 13-a-side Minor League was one of the finest achievements of the year because on the way this team beat the two

strongest teams in the county, Killybegs and Gweedore. Under manager, P. J. Buggy, and trainer, Josie Boyle, the team had little opposition in the Division having to play only one game to advance. In the Co. quarter-final they had a magnificent tussle with Killybegs with the sides level at full time and they came good in the second period of extra time. In the Co. semi-final in Fintra against Gweedore extra time was also played, this time Aodh Ruadh going down narrowly, but they were successful in appealing against an overage player on the Gaoth Dobhair team and were awarded the game.

The final was also in Fintra against MacCumhaills. After a very nervous start, the team struggled and were headed at half time by 1-5 to 1-3. Powered by Gavin Bourke and Charles O'Donnell, the team took command in the second half and ran out winners by 2-11 to 1-5, the highlight being a delightful goal from Donal Buggy when he returned a kick-out over the goalkeeper's head.

The team for the final was: John Downey, Liam Travers, Martin Gillespie, Thomas McGrath, Shane McGee, Michael McLoone, Gavin Bourke, Charles O'Donnell (captain), P. J. Daly, Donal Buggy, Anthony O'Reilly, Al Travers, Barry Rogers. Subs., Raphael McGee for Anthony O'Reilly; Anthony McGrath for Al Travers; Gareth McShea, Gerard Gallagher, Brian Roper, Eamonn O'Donnell, Diarmuid Drummond, Sean O'Mahoney and Barry Sweeney.

U-18

Josie Boyle was in charge of the minors and they won a Minor League at Div. level early in the year. In the Championship they fell to Four Masters who went on to reach the county final. Gavin Bourke, Barry Rafferty and Charlie O'Donnell were on the county minor panel. The panel was similar to the U-17 panel with the following additions: Paul Kane, Kieran Gallagher, Barry Rafferty, Frankie O'Donnell, Eamonn McShea, Donal McGowan, James Duffy, Alan Sweeney and Anton McGloin.



The victorious Aodh Ruadh team who won the U-17 Minor League. Back row, l. to r., Brian Roper, Eamonn O'Donnell, Gareth McShea, Diarmuid Drummond, Sean O'Mahoney, Liam Travers, Shane McGee, Michael McLoone, Raphael McGee, Gerard Gallagher, Barry Sweeney. Front row: Gavin Bourke, Donal Buggy, Barry Rogers, Anthony O'Reilly, Martin Gillespie, Thomas McGrath, Charles O'Donnell (capt.), P. J. Daly, Al Travers, John Downey and Anthony McGrath.

HURLING

The fact that the club contested five hurling finals in 1989 — Co Senior, Minor, U-14, Community Games and Fermanagh League — reflects the amazing progress that the Hurling Committee have achieved over the last few years.

The year started on a high note when Galway All-Star hurler, Peter Finnerty, was our guest of honour at the Club's dinner dance and he brought the McCarthy Cup to Donegal — the first time the trophy was on Donegal soil.

The senior team came within three minutes of lifting the Co. title only for two late Burt goals to deny them.

Again in the Fermanagh League final Aodh Ruadh were unfortunate to lose to Donagh by two points.

The senior team played 14 games, winning 7 and losing 7.

Under team manager, Sean O'Rourke, the senior panel was: Pat Butler, Joe Drummond, Sean O'Rourke, Jimmy O'Connell, Kevin Quinn, Tommy Brennan (capt.), Mark Sheerin, Mickey Dolan, James Malone, Sylvester Maguire, Mickey Dunne, Seamus Gallagher, Gerry McGurran, Conal Gallagher, Thomas Gallagher, Damien Conlon, Eamonn McShea, Mickey McCafferty, John Larkin, Willie O'Donnell, Ciaran Twomey, Gerry Cullen, Tom Daly, Kerry Ryan, Mick Coyne, Seamus Grimes, Gerry Sheerin, Jimmy O'Connell, Gerard Egan, Donal McGowan, Teddy Kane, Edward McNulty, Joe Flannery, Paucic Sheerin, Michael McGee, John Sheerin, Lorcan Dillon, Mick Dineen, Eoin Rua O'Neill, Billy Finn.

The U-14 hurling team defeated Setanta to win the Co. Community



Pictured with the McCarthy Cup at the Club dinner dance. From left: Billy Finn, Tom Daly, Sylvester Maguire, Mickey McCafferty, John Larkin, Peter Finnerty (Galway All-Star hurler), Pat Butler, Mick Rhatigan, Seamus Gallagher, Michael McGee, Damien Conlon, Shane O'Neill and Willie O'Donnell.

Games title. They defeated Cavan in the Ulster semi-final and only failed to Antrim in the final. In the Championship we defeated Pettigo in the Divisional final and Gweedore in the Co. semi-final. We met the strong Naomh Mura team in the final and had to settle for second best.

The U-14 panel was: Dessie Byrne, Ken Neilan, David Neilan, Shane McGrath, Kerry Ryan, Glen Matthews, Niall McCready, Cormac O'Connell (capt.), Eugene Kelly, Ollie Flaherty, David Downey, Timmy Gallagher, Cathal Byrne, Barry Ward, Thomas Gallagher, Brendan Casey, J. P. Fox, Christy Coughlin, John Larkin, Niall Ryan, Anthony Coughlin, Michael Begley, Eddie Grimes, Mark Killilea, Martin Gilmore, K. J. Graham, Des Downey, Jason Gaughan, Chris McKeen, Nigel Coughlin, Aaron Coyle, Sean Maguire.

The U-16 team lost the Div. final to Pettigo, losing the first leg in Pettigo and earning a draw in the return. At county level Donal Buggy and Barry Sweeney were part of the Donegal side defeated in the Special B Hurling Championship by eventual winners, Tyrone.

The U-16 panel was: Christy Kane, Ken Neilan, Raphael McGee, Kerry Ryan, David Downey, David Neilan, Niall McCready, Barry Sweeny (capt), Anthony McGrath, James Grimes, Barry O'Neill, Cormac O'Connell, Glen Matthews, K. J. Graham, Ollie Flaherty, Donal Buggy, Eugene Kelly, Seamus O'Donnell, Shane McGrath.

The U-18 hurlers reached the county final after three games with Setanta, winning the play-off in Fintra. They met and were beaten by a strong Naomh Mura team in the final.

The minor panel was: James Grimes, Shane O'Neill, Barry Sweeny, Ciaran O'Rourke, Gerry Sheerin, Eamonn McShea, Eoin O'Donnell, Eoin Roe O'Neill (capt.), Cathal Riordan, Barry McAndrews, Ciaran Gallagher, Dermot McAndrews, Patrick Begley, Ciaran Twomey, Raphael McGee, David Neilan, Liam Bagnell, Barry O'Neill, Declan Stevin, David Downey, Glen Matthews, Donal Buggy, Keith Brennan, Shane McGrath, Niall McCready, Christy Kane, Fergal McGrath, Anthony McGrath.



The Aodh Ruadh senior hurling team who were defeated in the county final. Front, l. to r., Damien Conlon, Tom Daly, Kevin Quinn, Tommy Brennan, Pat Butler, Sean O'Rourke, Willie O'Donnell, Thomas Gallagher, Joe Drummond, Michael McCafferty, Seamus Galalgher. Back row: Billy Finn (secretary/selector), Gerry McGurran, Sylvester Maguire, Jimmy O'Connell, James Malone, John Larkin, Conal Gallagher, Mark Sheerin, Ciaran Twomey, Michael Dolan, Gerry Cullen, Carl Duggan (selector). Sitting in front: Mickey Dunne. (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

SCHOOLS

The winning of the Herald Cup by De La Salle was the high point in the schools' involvement. Captained by Donal Buggy, this team brought the Herald Cup back to Ballyshannon after a lapse of 11 years. They defeated Patrician College, Carrickmacross by 2-5 to 1-7 in the final. The De La Salle senior team reached the semi-final stage.

Both the Vocational School and the Sacred Heart Secondary School competed in the Co. Vocational Schools Championship and Liam Travers was on the Co. Vocational School team. The Voc. School also reached the Co. final in senior and junior camogie. Credit is due to Michael McGowan, Gerry Breslin, Tom Cullen, Seamus O'Donnell, Billy Finn, Larry Carolan and John Irwin for their involvement.

On the National School scene both Rockfield and St. Joseph's reached their respective county finals only to

lose. Rockfield succeeded St. Joseph's in winning the I.N.T.O. Co. 7-a-side competition. Credit is due to Frank O'Donnell, Conor Carney and Tony Ryan for their schools' involvement.

ROUNDERS

For the fourth successive year Rounders was promoted in the Club under the expert guidance of Frances Crowe. Coaching was held twice weekly and U-13 and U-15 girls and U-13 boys teams were fielded in Community Games. All three qualified for Ulster finals. St. Catherine's N.S. team took part in the Cumann na mBunscoil competitions. A Town League involving 55 players was also organised with Fiona Hunter's team winning.

SCOR

In Scor na nOg Kathleen Noctor in solo singing and ballad group of Sorcha McNelis, Dervla Brennan, Brid

Finnegan, Aisling Lynch and Kathleen Noctor were successful at county level. Kathleen Noctor in the solo singing went all the way to the All-Ireland final. Credit for the club's participation must go Pat McGee and Margaret McGinley. In the 1989-'90 Scor na nOg the set dancers — Bridin McNulty, Anne McNulty, Maria Conlon, Orla Brennan, Karen Lynch, Clare Campbell, Emma O'Flaherty, Sinead Buggy — have won through to the Ulster semi-final.

CLUB OFFICERS IN '89

The Club's officers in 1989 were: Patron, Rev. R. Munster; President, Phil McLoone; Vice-President, Sean Slevin snr.; Chairman, John Keon; Vice-Chairman, John Travers; Secretary, Peter Conlon; Asst. Sec., Eunan Doyle; Treasurer, Jack Grimes; asst. Treasurer, John Larkin; PRO, Peter Campbell; Bord na nOg chairman, Phonsie Travers; Hurling Board chairman, Pat Butler.

Steady progress in developing G.A.A. facilities

During 1989 very definite progress was made in improving the facilities for those who play and support Gaelic games in Ballyshannon. Throughout the 1980s a central point in the development of Gaelic games in Ballyshannon has been the emphasis on providing for players and supporters facilities and amenities to match the best available for other sports in other areas. The major achievement in this regard was the official opening of the new dressing rooms and GAA Shop by the President of the Ulster Council, Fr. Dan Gallogley, in February of '89. The new facilities, located beside the existing club room and changing facilities are well placed to serve the playing fields at both the Fr. Tierney Park and Munday's Field. Speakers at the official opening ceremony were Fr. Dan Gallogley, Proinnsias Ó Cuinneagáin, Treasurer, Co. Board; Pat Cope Gallagher, T.D., Minister of State; Jimmy McKelvey, Vice-Chairman, Co. Board; Tom Daly, Secretary, Fr. Tierney Park Committee, and John Keon, Aodh Ruadh Club Chairman.

As 1989 came to a close the Park Committee in the club was working actively on plans for a small GAA Centre, integrated with the existing facilities and to include a 40' x 20' indoor handball/racquetball court, club social room, broadcasting facilities and additional spectator toilet facilities.

The club's policy of acting as a



Pictured at the opening of the Club's dressing rooms during the year, from left, Sean Slevin, John Keon, Tom Daly, Rev. Dan Gallogley, President, Ulster Council, who performed the opening; Pat the Cope Gallagher, T.D.; Jimmy McKelvey, Fr. Ramon Munster and Sean McEniff, Co. Clr.

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catalyst in generating some employment in the area continued during the year also with five local men employed under a Social Employment Scheme.

As the new decade commences the club is committed to continuing its work in improving and developing

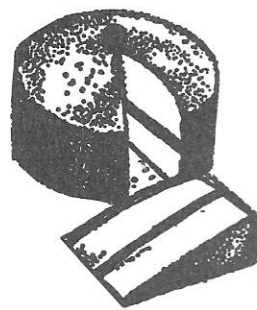
recreational amenities for its large membership, for the local schools and for community events generally. The assistance received from every quarter in the past is appreciated, particularly the unstinting work of individual members of the club and its committees.



Aodh Ruadh Senior team on county final day. Front row, l. to r., mascots Niall Campbell and Anthony Boyle, Brian Tuohy, Joe Curran, Malachy Cullen, Gerry Curran, Thomas Gallagher. Middle row: Sean Boyle, Paul Kane, Colm Keon, Eunan Doyle, Donagh Keon, Damian Conlon, Gary Walsh, Ciaran Keon, Michael McGee, Ciaran Tinney. Back row: Conor Carney, Sylvester Maguire, Peter Duffy, James Malone, John Duffy, Val Murray, Conor Boyle, Brendan Martin, Eunan Gallagher, Diarmaid Keon.

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DUNGLOE

The Dungloe G.A.A. club would like to think that the revival that got under way in the early 1980's has continued. Maybe things have slowed down or eased off over the last two years but there would be a number of reasons for this. One would be that it is nearly impossible to retain the winning streak of the mid-80s when the first team went 20 games without defeat and in doing so won promotion to Division II, an All-Ireland Junior Gaeltacht, and an Intermediate Championship. But the high hopes the club had were severely dented by the curse of emigration.

Other clubs may talk about losing players through emigration but very few would have been as hard hit as our club. From a panel of 30 players that brought success to the club in 1986, 18 of the panel have emigrated and that would not be counting the younger players that would not have been included in that panel but who played senior football for the club since 1986 and who have since emigrated.

This year alone we have lost players of the calibre of John Sweeney, Joe Neely, John Connors, Shaun McCole, Charlie Gallagher, Tony Boyle, Denis O'Donnell and Kevin O'Brien. We live in hope that some of these players might return in the near future and envy the clubs that have only a few personnel changes from year to year.

When one considers the turnover of players in our club over the past few years the winning of 11 out of 12 games in Division II South senior league campaign this year is no mean achievement. But the results would not have been possible but for the hard work that had been done at underage level in the preceding years. The club will be indebted to people like Michael O'Donnell, Gerard P. Boyle and Naul McCole who started these young players off at school level. This work was carried on by men like Hughie McGee, Cathal McCole, Hudie Walsh, the two Jimmy O'Donnells, Liam Reilly, Tom Comack, John A. Doherty, Patsy Boyle, Gerry Hannon and Sean Ward, and indeed the club is still reaping the reward for the great work done by Fr. Eamonn Crossan while he was with the club. Through the efforts of these men the club have been able to field two adult teams this year although at times this was not easy. The senior team got promotion from Division II, the second team was knocked out of the Junior B Championship by Burt after a third game, the under-21s were defeated by the narrowest of margins after a replay by the eventual u-21 county champions Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon.

At under-age this year we have not been as successful as years gone by in terms of trophies but in terms of giving young lads the chance of playing Gaelic football this year is very compatible with previous years. Well in excess of 100 young players played for the club. They all might not make footballers but we in the club always think they all deserve the chance to play our national game.

On the county front the club had Cornelius Brennan and Dermot Cannon involved in the county under-16s. Jim Bonner represented the club at minor level. At under-21 level the club had three representatives: Danny Gallagher, Peter Dillon and Tony Boyle, while at senior level John Connors, Danny Gallagher and Peter Dillon have worn the county jersey this year.

On the culture side the club took part in Scor na nÓg and Scor Sinsir this year again. We were again represented in an Ulster final when our question time team of Declan McCole, Joe Joe Boyle and Charlie Gallagher competed with distinction in the Ulster

Final of Scor na nÓg. The club also ran very successful ceili classes last winter.

The club's main source of income is the monthly draw which is run in conjunction with the County Council.

The club is grateful to all the people who support our draw and would like to say a special word of thanks to our draw co-ordinator Joe Byrne for all his work throughout the year. The club is also indebted to our very efficient treasurer, Rose Doherty, who year after year keeps the club in the black.

This year again the club were able to continue the work in the football field and its surroundings. Here again it was the money from our monthly draw that helped us continue these improvements. The club is also fortunate in getting money from the Lottery fund for the ground improvements; this was due mainly to the efforts of Pat the Cope Gallagher T.D. The Dungloe club have far reaching plans for their pitch in the years to come and with the continued support of the people in the club are we hope to achieve them.



Dungloe senior team: Back row (left to right): John Connors, Liam Reilly (manager), Myle Sweeney, Michael Boyle, Pat Ward, Jimmy Sharkey, Paddy Bán Boyle, Peter McGee, Brenda McCole, Peter Dillon. Front row (l. to r.): Jim Bonner, Shaun McCole, Danny Boyle, Gerry Harron (capt.), Brendan Boyle, Marty Boyle, Paddy Bonner.



Dungloe second team: Back row (l. to r.): Sean Ward (asst. manager), Kevin Joyce, Tom Comack, Pat Forker, John G. Ward, Paul Gallagher, Hudie Walsh, Eugene McGonagle, Paddy Gallagher, John Murray (sub 'keeper). Front row (l. to r.): Pete McGee (selector), Seamus Boyle, Michael Doherty, Paul McGee, Shaun Kavanagh, Declan McCole, Cornelius Brennan, P. O'Donnell, Patsy Boyle (manager).

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Naomh Mura, Fahan-Inch Island

1989 has been another busy year for Naomh Mura. The club fielded teams in camogie, handball and hurling. Following a very successful club A.G.M. in November, it is hoped to field under-age Gaelic football teams in 1990 and there is also a possibility that the club will field adult hurling and football teams in 1990.

Highlight of the year was Joseph Craig's victory in the Ulster Féile na nGael Poc Fada competition. He also came second in the National Finals in Croke Park. Joseph Doherty, Donna Doherty and Eibhne Doherty represented the local St. Mura's N.S. at the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. mini sevens in Croke Park on All-Ireland Hurling Final day, and Raymond Doherty and David Robb took part in the first series of games on All-Ireland hurling semi-final day. This was a great honour for the children, their parents, their school and their club.

The club retained their hurling county titles at under-14 and under-16 level. This was the club's fifth success in a row at under-14 level and the third success in a row at under-16 level. The under-14s defeated Aodh Ruadh in the county final. They also represented Donegal at the National Finals of Féile na nGael. The host club was Seir Kieran's of Clareen — Ger Coughlan and Joe Dooley's club. They also won the Inishowen under-14 championship and the North-West 9-a-side blitz hosted by Aodh Ruadh. The under-16 hurlers defeated Pettigo in the county final and also won the Inishowen Championship. The under-12s lost to Burt in the Inishowen final and to Setanta in the under-12 Championship semi-final.

The club fielded three camogie teams — under-12, under-14 and intermediate, with the under-12s losing the county final to Glenfin. The club also took part in the County Handball Championships, winning the ladies under-12 and under-16 singles and doubles titles.

The local school, St. Mura's N.S., won the county Roinn 1 hurling titles and the I.N.T.O. 7's Donegal and Ulster titles. The camogie team won the Donegal I.N.T.O. 7's title and lost to Dromore, Killygordon in the Bunscoil camogie final. The school also fielded teams in girls Gaelic football, girls rounders, boys rounders and boys and girls handball.

Successful Naomh Mura teams in 1989:

Under-14 Hurling: Joe Craig, Patrick Boyle, Paul Brown, Donal Doherty, Oliver Green, Raymond Doherty, Patrick Porter, Patrick McGrory, David Robb, Sean Boyle, John Long, Patrick Hegarty, Joseph

Doherty, Sean Craig, Eunan Green, Simon McGrory, Patrick Stewart, Shea O'Gorman, Drew O'Gorman, Shaun Craig, Shaun Murphy, Jonathan Hegarty, Philip McGrory, Barry Boyle, James Hegarty, Fergal Craig.

Under-16 Hurling: Seamus Doherty, Donal Walker, Simon Robinson, John Boyle, Brian McIvor, Kieran Toner, Bernard Hegarty, Cathal Doherty, Paul McGrath, Benny Green, Adrian Robinson, Jason Doherty, Joe Craig, Patrick Boyle, Paul Brown, Donal Doherty, Oliver Green, Raymond Doherty, Patrick Porter, Patrick McGrory, David Robb, Sean Boyle, John Long, Joseph Doherty, Sean Craig, Philip and Simon McGrory.

I.N.T.O. 7's and U-12 Camogie: Yvonne Doherty, Tina Robinson, Mary Claire Doherty, Leona Robinson, Eithne Doherty, Donna Doherty, Denise Doherty, Martina Boyle, Janet McIvor, Theresa Boyle, Pauline Boyle, Donna Craig, Judie Lynch, Paula Doherty, Michelle Doherty, Gabriel Green, Carmel Boyle and Louise Robinson.

I.N.T.O. 7's - Hurling: Eunan Green, Joseph Doherty, Simon McGrory, David Robb, Ray Doherty, Barry Boyle, Sean Craig, Philip McGrory, James Hegarty, Shaun Murphy, Patrick Stewart.

Bunscoil Hurling: Oliver Green, Raymond Doherty, Patrick Porter, Patrick McGrory, David Robb, Sean Boyle, John Long, Patrick Hegarty, Joseph Doherty, Sean Craig, Eunan Green, Simon McGrory, Patrick Stewart, Drew O'Gorman, Shaun Craig, Jonathan Hegarty, Barry Boyle, Philip McGrory, Shea O'Gorman, Shaun Murphy, Fergal Craig, James Hegarty, Ronan Coyle, Owen Hegarty, Paul Doherty, Joseph Doherty.

Bord an Mionúr Iomána Tuarascail Bhliantúil

1989 has been another busy year for all involved in the promotion and development of under-age hurling.

Highlight of the year was Joseph Craig's victory in the Ulster Féile na nGael Poc Fada competition. He also finished second in the National Final in Croke Park.

The county under-12 championship was retained by Burt, defeating Setanta in an exciting final by 7-3 to 3-1. The under-12 league has still to be completed. Naomh Mura defeated Aodh Ruadh in the under-14 final by 14-11 to 0-0. The Féile na nGael 'A' competition was won by Naomh

Mura, who defeated Burt in the final and qualified to represent Donegal in Division III of the National Finals. This was the first time a team from Donegal had competed in Division III. Naomh Mura travelled to the Seir Kieran's club in Offaly, playing three games, winning one, drawing one and losing one. Setanta, winners of the county Féile 'B' competition, travelled to Ballyfin in Co. Laois and represented Donegal in Division IV.

Naomh Mura defeated Pettigo in the under-16 county championship final by 10-9 to 1-1. The minor championship has still to be completed. Six schools took part in the Bunscoil competitions. Scoil Naomh Mura defeated Scoil Naomh Aonghus in the Roinn 1 final. Dromore N.S. played Stranorlar N.S. in the Roinn II final and Carndonagh defeated Urris in the Roinn III final. Scoil Naomh Mura won the county final of the I.N.T.O./G.A.A. Mini Sevens. In the Ulster finals they defeated teams from Antrim, Armagh and Monaghan to win the Ulster finals. Joseph Doherty, Ray Doherty and David Robb were selected on the Ulster team, which played in the mini-sevens on All-Ireland semi-final day in Croke Park. Joseph Doherty also played in the mini sevens on All-Ireland Final Day. A small number of secondary schools fielded hurling teams during 1989. This is an area which needs to be developed if this work being done by the clubs is to improve.

On behalf of Bord na Mionúr, Iomána, I would like to thank the following: the Co. Board, the Minor Board, the Referees Board, the clubs, team mentors, players, their parents and the local press for all their help in making 1989 another successful year in under-age hurling. We do, however, need to improve in our organisation and development of the game, as the talent is there in the county. It is up to all of us to make it, achieve its full potential. Finally, I would like to thank our cathaoirleach Seamus Mac Cormaic for all his help.

Le buíochas,

Manus Ó Dónaill (runaí).

Results of under-age hurling in 1989:
Under-12 Championship: Winners: Burt; runners-up: Setanta.

Under-14 Championship: Winners: Naomh Mura; runners-up: Aodh Ruadh.

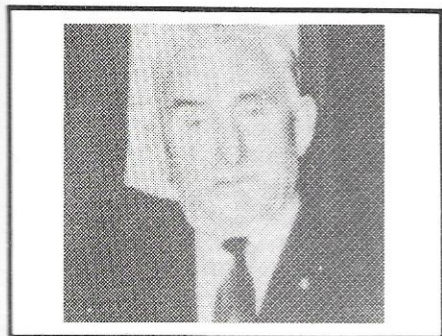
Under-14 Féile na nGael 'A': Winners: Naomh Mura; runners-up: Burt.

Under-14 Féile na nGael 'B': Winners: Setanta; runners-up: Sean MacCumhaills.

Under-16 Championship: Winners: Naomh Mura; runners-up: Pettigo.

Tanatallon G.A.A. Club

By PADRÁIG Mac a GHOILL



The history of the Tanatallon G.A.A. Club goes back to the early years of this century when the first County Board was formed in Tamhnach an tSalainn — the Plain of the Salt — with Seamus McManus as chairman. At that time Gaelic football was unknown in South West or South Donegal but hurling or “caman” as it was called, was widely played, and although not having organised competition the game was played in almost every townland in South West Donegal.

From 1905 onwards when the County Board was formed, and up to 1908 championships were played in which we know from oral records that Tanatallon played teams in the South and South West of the county and also Burt in the East of the county, and Brackey (Ardara) in the county championships of these years.

It was not again until the early '20's that a club was formed and it concentrated at this time on football. On Sunday, November 2nd, 1924, the Tanatallon, as now known, was formed and the following were appointed as officers: President: Peter Cassidy; secretary: Garda F. J. McMahon; assistant secretary: Brian McRoary; treasurers: John Tierney and Patrick Keeney; committee: William McGinty, Michael Mulhern, Michael Doyle, George Dunleavy (junr.), Denis O'Hagan, Peter Brennan, Alex Morgan, Patrick Coyle, Patrick Monaghan, Anthony Dunleavy, Phil McGroarty, Garda B. Byrne, Sergt. C. J. Callan, John Coulter, George Gallagher, Joe Coyle, John Coyle.

On the following Sunday a friendly match was played by the Tanatallon team against Carrick with Tony Conwell as referee. The result was Tanatallon 1-1, Carrick 1-2.

Tanatallon team: John McGroarty, Garda F. J. McMahon, Paddy Coyle, Denis O'Hagan, Paddy Cunningham, James Meehan, Charles Breslin, Paddy Conaghan, Garda P. Kiernan, Paddy O'Brien, John Maguire, Michael McGroarty, John Harvey.

This game was played in Carrick but a friendly game on the previous Sunday ended in a draw — played in Tanatallon.

On December 7th, 1924, at a meeting of South West League (which was the Championship of the Southern part of County Donegal), held in Wood's, Ballyshannon, Sean O Casaide, O.S., Ardara, presiding, Tanatallon was drawn at home against Kilcar on 21st December, 1924, with J. McDevitt as referee; Ardara v. Tanatallon, 28th Dec., 1924, J. O'Donoghue ref.; Ballyshannon v. Tanatallon, 1st January, 1925, F. O'Hara ref.

At the following County Board meeting held in Donegal Town, Tanatallon was represented by Garda F. J. McMahon, and it was agreed at a subsequent meeting held on January 18th, Joe McDevitt, vice-chairman, presiding, that Tanatallon would play Donegal with J. Cassidy as referee.

At the annual County Convention held in Wood's, Ballyshannon, on January 6th, 1925, Tanatallon was represented by Michael Boyle.

The next meeting of the South West District League was held in Tanatallon with B. F. Flanagan representing the local club, and Tanatallon were drawn at home against Ardara on 17th March and away to Donegal on 22nd March, and home to Donegal on 5th April. Kilcar were the eventual winners of this section of the league and afterwards the county championship of 1924/25.

HANDBALL

A very well contested and well attended handball tournament was held in O'Doherty's alley, Tanatallon, on 4th May, 1930, and the following are the results of the doubles: **Round 1:** J. G. Kelly and Garda Purcell (Killybegs) lost to Harry Reid and Jim Toye (Ballybofey); Sergt. Mellett (Dunkineely) and Jim Meehan (Tanatallon) lost to Leon and Stephen Bergin (Sligo); Seamus Dunleavy and Mickey Gallagher (Tanatallon) lost to John J. McHugh and Manus Boyle (Tanatallon); R. Gallagher and W. Lawne (Donegal) lost to Dan Sheerin and Joe Brennan (Tanatallon); John Sheerin and J. Canny (Dunkineely) lost to Brian McRory and George Dunleavy (Tanatallon). **Round 2:** Harry Reid and Jim Toye (Ballybofey) lost to Leon and Stephen Bergin (Sligo); Dan Sheerin and Joe Brennan (Tanatallon) lost to Brian McRory and George Dunleavy (Tanatallon). **Bye:** John J. McHugh and Manus Boyle

(Tanatallon). **Semi-final:** John J. McHugh and Manus Boyle (Tanatallon) lost to Leon and Stephen Bergin (Sligo). **Final:** Brian McRory and George Dunleavy lost to Leon and Stephen Bergin.

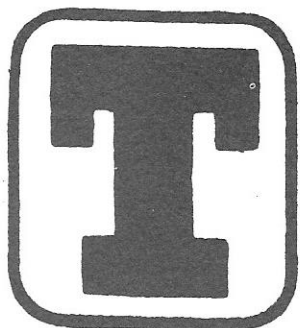
In the singles of the Co. Donegal Handball Championship held at O'Doherty's Alley, Tanatallon, on 27th July, 1930, between Dreenan (Ballybofey) and Tanatallon, the results were as follows: **Round 1:** P. J. Clifford (T.) defeated M. McMenamin (D.) 21-13; Manus O'Boyle (T.) defeated John J. McHugh (T.) 21-16; Michael Mulhern (T.) defeated Sergt. Mellett (T.) 21-16; Dan Sheerin (T.) defeated T. McGlynn (D.) 21-15; George Dunleavy (T.) defeated A. McMahon (D.) 21-7; Harry Reid (D.) defeated Jim Dunleavy (T.) 21-6; Peter Martin (D.) defeated Pat Toye (D.) 21-16; John Sheerin (T.) defeated Sean Dunleavy (T.) 21-16; Felix McGlinchey (D.) defeated Jack O'Sullivan (T.) 21-6; Mickey Gallagher (T.) defeated Brian McRory 21-19. **Round 2:** Harry Reid (D.) defeated P. J. Clifford (T.) 21-10; Manus O'Boyle (T.) defeated John Sheerin (T.) 21-18; Michael Mulhern (T.) defeated George Dunleavy (T.) 21-19; Michael Gallagher (T.) defeated Peter Martin (D.) 21-9; Felix McGlinchey (D.) defeated Dan Sheerin (T.) 21-15. **Round 3:** Harry Reid (D.) defeated Felix McGlinchey (T.) 21-12; Michael Gallagher (T.) defeated Manus O'Boyle (T.) 21-15; Michael Mulhern (T.) a bye. **Semi-final:** Harry Reid (D.) defeated Michael Mulhern (T.) 21-12. **Final:** Harry Reid (D.) defeated Michael Gallagher (T.) 21-6.

At the conclusion of the championships Manus O'Boyle presented medals to the finalists.

At a meeting of the Donegal County Council held in Lifford on 26th August, 1930, it was resolved that the Dispensary District of Mountcharles (in which a medical appointment was being made) would in future be designated “Tanatallon” (Tamhnach an tSalainn) as the electoral district had been officially known since the founding of the State. The G.A.A. at the time used the Irish form of the name for the club, Irish dancing classes and ceilidhe.

At a meeting of the County Board held in Tanatallon on 22nd February, 1931, Bro. Lucien, Ballyshannon, presiding, the following county handball committee was formed: Manus O'Boyle (Tanatallon), Kevin Sweeney (Dungloe), Michael Walsh (Letterkenney), Michael McGinty (Ballybofey), P. J. McHugh (Ardara), Sean Conaghan (Glenties), James Meehan (Frosses), S. Connolly (Milford), P. Clancy (Drumbarron), Frosses, Bro. Lucien (Ballyshannon), and Aidan Sweeney (Ballyshannon).

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Ulster Colleges title for PCC, Falcarragh

The years 1987 and 1988 were lean years for PCC, Falcarragh, footballing teams. Hopes were not high for 1989 either. The McLarnon Cup (U-18½), 'Ulster Herald' Cup (U-16½) and Loch an Iúir Cup (U-14½) competitions saw some reasonable performances by PCC teams but they did not reach the semi-finals of any one of the three competitions. It was a most pleasant surprise, therefore, when the PCC U-13½ team beat all opposition to win Corn Cholm Cille (Ulster Colleges Grade B).

PCC beat De La Salle, Ballyshannon (4-4 to 2-2); St. Eunan's, Letterkenny (4-8 to 2-2); Our Lady's, Castleblaney (8-5 to 3-1) and C.B.S., Glengormley (5-7 to 1-4) on their way to the final.

The final was against St. Columb's, Derry, in Castlefinn, on May 26. PCC fought back from 5-4 to 4-1 down to draw — PCC 6-1, St. Columb's 5-4.

The replay was in Castlefinn again on May 31. PCC won by 2-5 to 1-5. Eugene Quinn was the referee.

PCC drew on players from four clubs — there were three from Downings, one from St. Michael's, one from Naomh Muire and ten from Cloughaneely. The team manager was Charlie McGeever. The defence played well in all games with John McGee, James Gallagher, Bernard McGinley and goalkeeper Cathal Dubh Gallagher most consistent. Shane Clafferty was often the man-of-the-match at midfield. Mícheál Bradley and

Christopher Smyth did most of the scoring.

The PCC team in the final replay was: Cathal Dubh Gallagher (Meenalaragh); Ciaran Meehan (Falcarragh), James Gallagher (Meenlaragh), Bernard McGinley (Creelough); John McGee, Joe Mangan (Keeldrum), John McGeedy (Magheraroarty); Shane McClafferty (Downings 0-1) and Neil Collins (Falcarragh); Brendan Kelly (Ballyconnell), Cathal Bán Gallagher (Meenderry), Paul McDaid (Annagry); Mícheál Bradley (Downings 0-4), Stephen Carr (Downings), Christopher Smyth (Killult, 2-0). Sub., Josie Mulhern (Falcarragh).

— Seán Ó Gallchóir



PCC, winners of Corn Cholm Cille, 1989. Front (left to right): Brendan Kelly, Christopher Smyth, James Gallagher, Shane McClafferty, Neil Collins, Mícheál Bradley, Ciarán Meehan, Pearse Coll, Bernard McGinley. Back, from left: Charlie McGeever, Adrian Gallagher, Cathal Dubh Gallagher, Paul McDaid, Ownie McFadden, John McGeedy, Seán Donovan, Stephen Carr, Joe Mangan, Josie Mulhern, John McGee, Carl Diver, Cathal Bán Gallagher.

Round-up in Brief

1989 will be remembered for a variety of reasons, such as Donegal's exploits in the provincial championship, the re-emergence of Urris in winning the junior championship after a ten year lapse, and the thoroughly entertaining underage competitions. But it was the achievements of the Kilcar club that caught the imagination of the entire county.

Six appearances in the senior championship final (three wins and three defeats) during the decade, have quite rightly earned them the team of the '80's tag. Having lost at the final hurdle in '87 and '88 to Aodh Ruadh and Killybegs respectively, doubts surrounded the ability of the Gaeltacht team to recapture the Dr. Maguire Cup.

September 24th, and a moment of magic by Roger McShane sent their avid band of supporters into hysterics. McShane's goal in the dying minutes was a just reward for their persistence over the years. Defeat for them was hard to swallow, but they revelled in triumph.

The air of relief that surrounded MacCumhaill Park that day could have reached Kilcar itself! Kilcar were back with a vengeance. The victory in the senior Gaeltacht championship laid the foundation for their success. The success of their junior team in the

corresponding competition was also a factor.

With players such as Martin McHugh, his brother James, the McShanes, Christy Gillespie, James Carr and Gerard McBrearty, what is there to stop this team from achieving great heights in the '90's. Time will tell.

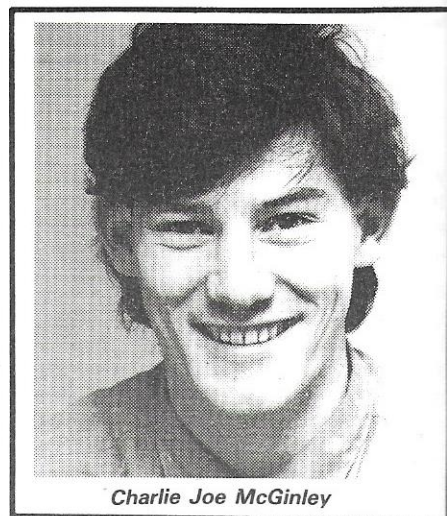
Na Rossa could be a team to watch out for in the '90's. Their victory in the final of the intermediate championship could be the confidence boost this young side require. The Bonners, Declan, Michael, Sean and Donal, are talented players who relish the big occasion.

17-year-old Martin McShane junr. is also a player for the future.

Inishowen-based side, Urris, more renowned for their hurling prowess than football, were convincing in their defeat of Kilcar's juniors in the championship. It is good to see a side from the peninsula capturing a major trophy.

Seven appearances in the under-21 final have brought distinction to the Aodh Ruadh club during the decade. They were most impressive in their defeat of Naomh Columba to win the title in 1989. The footballing school academy that brings such success to the club is something a lot of teams/clubs should consider.

Killybegs captured the minor championship. With players such as



Charlie Joe McGinley

Mark Boyle, Declan Haughey and Barry Cunningham junr., one can envisage a county final in a few years time with the same players prominent. Remember it was the domination of this competition in '84 and '85 that laid the foundations for their success in the senior championship in 1988.

One hopes that the new decade will see a fast, attacking blend of football within the county. With competition from other codes it is vital that the entertainment value of the game does not falter. If it does it could prove decisive. Only the clubs can put that right.

— Charlie Joe McGinley

DONEGAL LEAGUE TABLES 1989

DIVISION 1 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Glenfin	14	9	3	2	21
Red Hughs	14	10	0	4	20
Downings	14	9	1	4	19
MacCumhaills	14	7	3	4	17
Gweedore	14	7	0	7	14
Cloughaneely	14	5	2	7	12
St. Eunans	14	3	2	9	8
N. Mhuire	14	0	1	13	1

DIVISION 2 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Termon	16	12	2	2	26
Buncrana	16	10	4	2	24
Urris	16	10	3	3	23
R. Emmets	16	8	2	6	18
Carndonagh	16	6	3	7	15
St. Michaels	16	6	2	8	14
Glenswilly	16	5	2	9	12
Milford	16	4	0	12	8
Fanad Gaels	16	2	2	12	6

DIVISION 3 NORTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
St. Eunans	20	18	0	2	36
Burt	20	17	1	2	35
Glenfin	20	15	2	3	32
Gweedore	20	12	0	8	24
Red Hughs	20	11	1	8	23
N. Baithin	20	9	1	10	19
Cloughaneely	20	6	2	12	14
Malin	20	6	0	14	12
Convoy	20	5	1	14	11
R. Emmets	20	4	3	13	11
Lifford	20	1	1	18	3

DIVISION 1 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Kilcar	14	10	3	1	23
Ardara	14	7	3	4	17
N. Columba	14	7	1	6	15
Killybegs	14	6	3	5	15
Na Rossa	14	6	2	6	14
Aodh Ruadh	14	5	2	7	12
N. Conaill	14	5	2	7	12
N. Brid	14	2	0	12	4

DIVISION 2 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Dungloe	12	11	0	1	22
Four Masters	12	10	0	2	20
St. Nauls	12	6	1	5	13
N. Ultan	12	5	2	5	12
Bundoran	12	4	2	6	10
Kilcar	12	3	1	8	7
Aodh Ruadh	12	0	0	12	0

DIVISION 3 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Pts
N. Conaill	18	15	0	3	30
Ardara	18	14	2	2	30
N. Columba	18	11	3	4	25
St. Nauls	18	10	2	6	22
Pettigo	18	6	2	10	14
N. Colmcille	18	6	1	11	13
F. Masters	18	6	0	12	12
Kilcar	18	5	2	11	12
Killybegs	18	5	2	11	12
Dungloe	18	5	0	13	10

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Conaghan; Clones; Critics; Change!

By Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

1989, in Senior Football Championship terms, will as far as Donegal GAA fans are concerned, be remembered as the year the county side won many admirers, entertained thousands and won nothing with their short-passing, sometimes mesmerising, moretimes naive style of football.

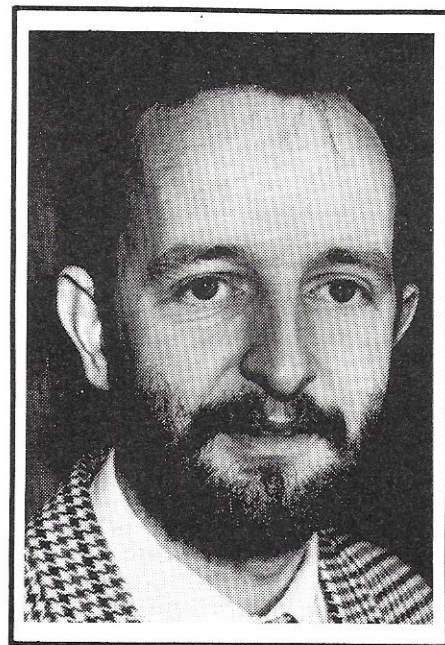
Paul Desmond, in a **Sunday Tribune** preview of the October 22nd, 1989, Donegal v. Armagh NFL game, adverted to the fact that Donegal had retained Division One League status, drawn in an Ulster final, and had still dumped their manager, Tom Conaghan, in preference for new (?) man, Brian McEniff.

A fair enough point that begs the question why?

There are many people in Donegal who would criticise Tom Conaghan's lack of public relations flair, his abrupt and at times abrasive manner with news media, his controversy laden early days as manager when he cracked down on discipline, or what he perceived as the lack of it. These

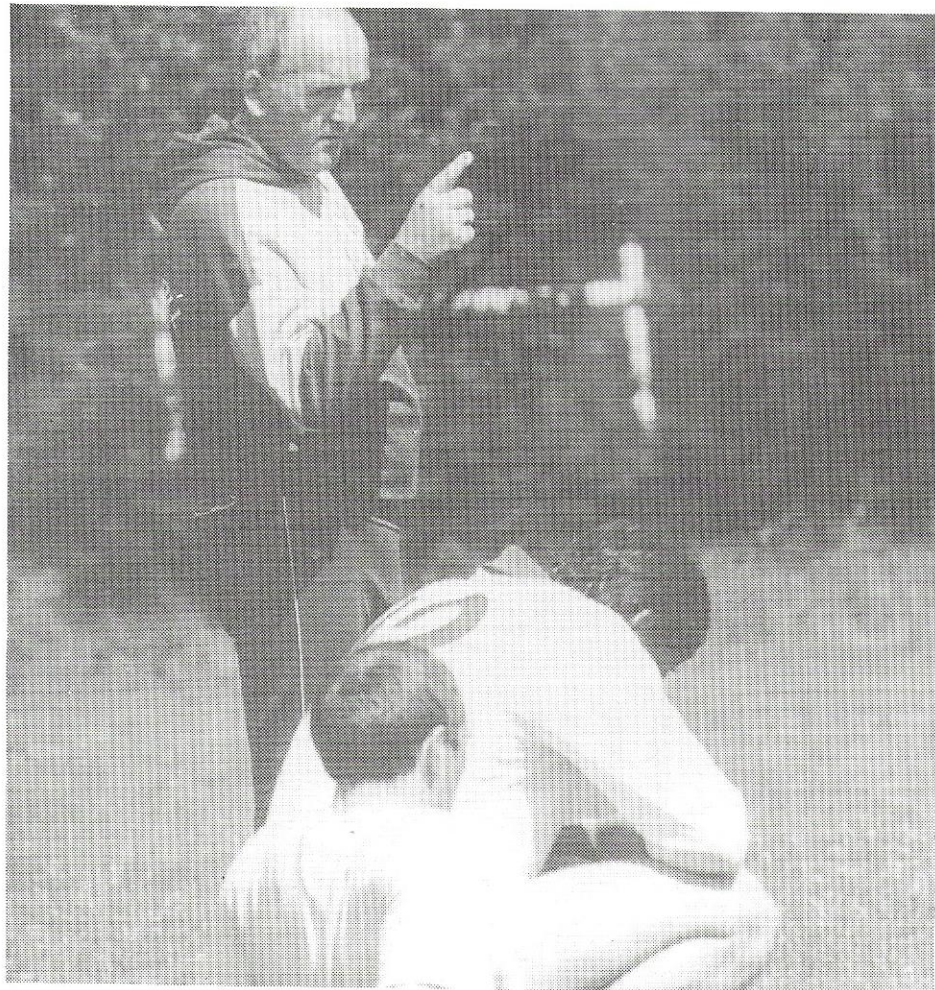
criticisms (proor contra) were minor matters, handy to throw out in the course of a pub discussion by the people who actually hated Tom Conaghan, the people who thought you hated him and knocked him in a sycophantic bid to always be heard say the right thing in company. However, there were those who admired him and defended his bid to straighten out the player-power syndrome that has, in the past, bedevilled potentially good Donegal teams.

Tom Conaghan generated intense feelings, some good, some bad. There were very few people who were blasé. When it came to Tom, you either loved or loathed his style, his way — there was no middle ground. His admirers

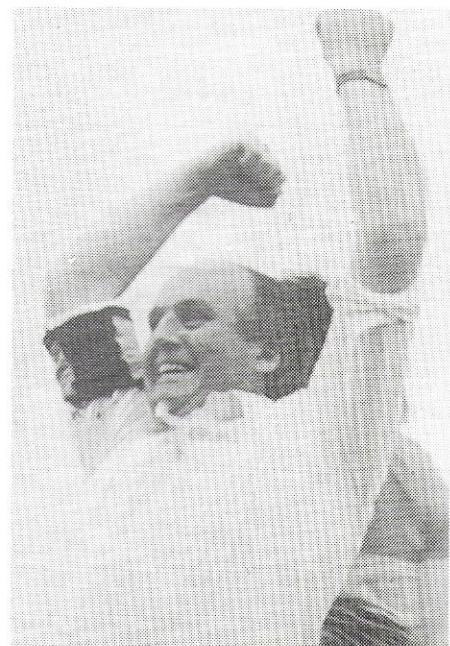


presumed that everything written about him (by the Donegal Democrat in particular) was an attempt to get at him — his detractors hoped everything written about him was just that.

But Tom did achieve success. He managed a Donegal side that won a place, for the first time ever, in Division One of the League, a side that eventually reached an Ulster final. At best he received only grudging praise from a considerable body of opinion who, privately, one felt, wanted to see him fall.



Tom Conaghan points the way at training



The joy of victory in Cavan

JIBES

Even in the good days some of the jibes at Conaghan's management style were cheap, were personal, more of the jibes were pure Parish Pump politics based on commercial resentment that the panel were nearly always fed and watered after training in one of the hotels in Conaghan's hometown of Donegal Town. That type of petty snapping at Tom, always verbal, rarely if ever to his face, was typical of the hassle he received. I doubt if the steaks are counted in Tyrone or Mayo. Tom seemed to be able for that type of hassle. He appeared as a tough man who would take no messing.

But behind the hype, behind the arguments in favour or opposed to his way, there was a genuine expectation that Donegal had the players to do well. Tom knew he had to win an Ulster title. There were two All-Ireland under 21 winning teams to base a team on — the '82 and '87 men — who by their victories showed Donegal were capable of winning at All-Ireland level. At least that was (and still is) the popular assumption. In other counties where under 21 titles are not as rare that assumption is not held with the same conviction.

However, in Donegal, from the day he took over, the heat was on Tom Conaghan, the man whose main claim to fame at that time was the fact that he had managed the first ever Donegal side to win an All-Ireland under 21 title.

ARMAGH BOGEY

Twice in '87 and '88, his side faltered at the first championship hurdle, Armagh providing the stumbling block. Tom defended his position, spoke about good performances in the National Football League — Division One status achieved and maintained. But this record was not to be good enough and entering the last year of his three-year term, Tom Conaghan was under a lot of pressure. Even his loyal fans were growing impatient, certainly his critics had lots of ammunition prepared. There was a serious question mark over Donegal's ability to win at championship level against a team whose fitness preparation had caught up with the high standards that were part and parcel of Donegal's winter schedule never mind the expected burst that one traditionally gets in the build up to the championship.

So it was, at Breffni Park, last May, that Tom brought his side, aiming to exonerate past sins and defeat a buoyant Cavan side who had lost a National League semi-final by only one

point. Cavan confidence could be smelt at Wattle Bridge as Donegal's doubting fans made their way into the Clones cauldron.

There were those who travelled full of hope and good wishes for Tom and Donegal. Equally there were others who were there to see a manager rather than a team fail. But Tom's side cancelled the wake and sighed a huge bellow of relief.

A no-nonsense workmanlike approach saw Donegal win through this one even though the sides were level at half time. The collective scoring of Tommy Ryan, Martin McHugh and two-goal man Joyce McMullan made the difference in the 3-12 to 0-14 game, although it was a combined team effort that won the day.

MYTH EXPLODED

Beating Cavan was, for Tom Conaghan and his Donegal side a huge achievement. A side under his guidance had finally made it past the first round. It has always been the black-spot; on the big day Donegal could not do it, was the jibe — not under Tom. That myth was exploded.

Donegal went to Clones to play Derry in the semi-final. Everyone was

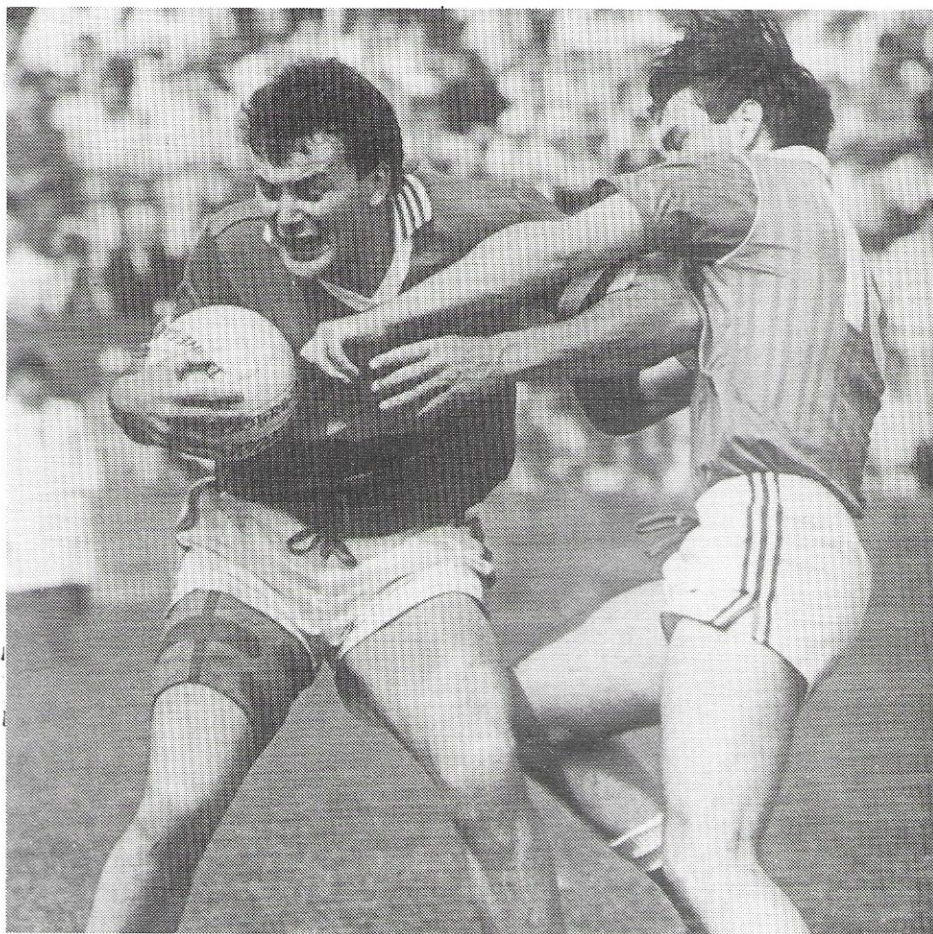
having a tentative look beyond Ulster. Mayo looked likely to come out of Connacht and the unhealthy disrespect there is for Connacht football had many talking about a day in September. The talking was not however, too loud at this stage, and just as well. Derry proved stern opposition.

However, it was an unusual game in that Donegal were by far the better side on the day but overplaying the ball and an inability to take scores when they presented themselves kept the opposition in the game for far too long.

Certainly Donegal played the more attractive football, but would it win a final?

CLONES

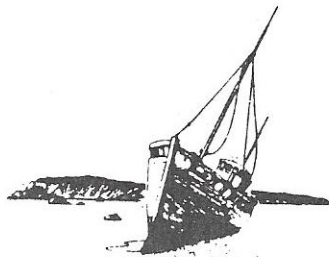
By Ulster final day, another boiling Sunday in Clones, Donegal had managed to line out the same unchanged side in their three championship outings. It appeared a strength at the time, but injury problems eventually exposed a fatal flaw in the Donegal side. Apart from the first 15 and two of the subs, the panel was weak. By the final replay the lack of depth in reserve was exposed.



Anthony Molloy in determined mood in Breffni Park

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The fact that Tyrone boss Donal Donnelly had already used 20 players by the time his side reached the Ulster final on July 16th was an indication of the strength and depth of the Tyrone panel. The same indications did not pertain as far as Donegal were concerned. Playing a fast, very demanding style of football they had managed to come through their two games using the same first 15 and only two substitutes, Brendan Dunleavy and Leslie McGettigan.

The Donegal fullback line had always been the source of doubt and full-back John Connor's lack of height against the skillful Eugene McKenna was a worry for Donegal supporters. Should Connors get into difficulty in the replay Conaghan had one suitable replacement, Brendan Dunleavy.

However, Dunleavy got a last minute call-up for the replay when John Joe Doherty cried off, having failed to shake off an injury sustained in the drawn final.

Even then if he wanted to make changes, Conaghan's choice was already limited by Doherty's injury. As it happens a series of players played poorly in the replay. The men brought in did their best but one felt the panel did not do justice to the pool of talent within the county.

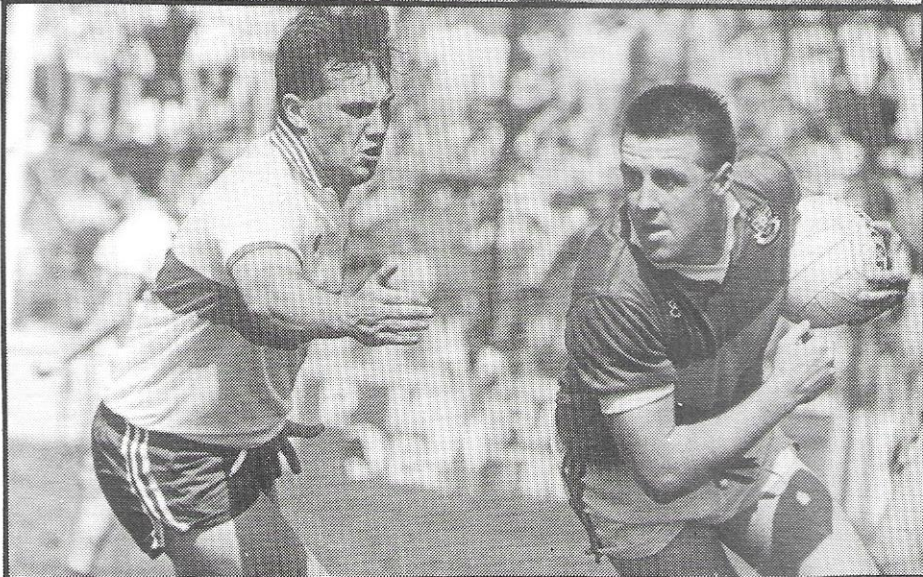
Because of Conaghan's method — total commitment to training as many as three times a week was mandatory from early March — many players, who would have done well in Clones were gone from the panel. Others refused to have anything to do with him. Other players were approached but for their own reasons decided against the invitation to join the panel.

There were other players who Conaghan obviously did not rate.

Whilst some of them stayed with the panel during the winter getting little or no county football, others got fed up and dropped out.

Conaghan didn't want to operate an open panel. He worked with the group he had and got tremendous returns from those players. Players who were not rated by his critics gave Conaghan their all and frankly, surprised the fence sitters.

Marty Carlin and Brian Murray show Derry the way in the Ulster semi-final and the look of this young Donegal fan after the final replay says it all.



But no amount of commitment was going to turn the tide in the Ulster final replay. Under pressure due to injuries and because certain key players suffered a loss of form or were singled out and marked out of the game by Tyrone, it was quite clear that Conaghan could have done with some of the talented but difficult to handle players who had left him, been dropped or never bothered to turn up after he invited them to join his panel.

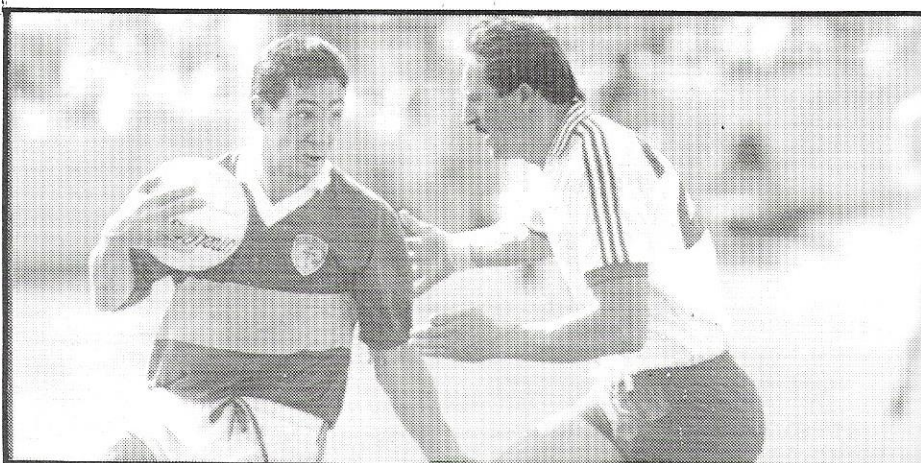
Donegal got by for some time with the players available to the manager but the weaknesses finally caught up with the side. Most observers failed to see/failed to point out that his panel was weak. Those who did were told it was too late to bring in new faces. Perhaps it was. Tom Conaghan ended up in a corner and not even an officially declared amnesty would have made any difference. He had to make do. Tyrone hammered Donegal by 2-13 to 0-7 on yet another blistering hot Sunday in Clones.

The defeat was all the harder to take because Donegal had the first game won when Tyrone were awarded a dubious free which Stephen Conway pointed to give Tyrone a draw.

Add to that the fact that at least five of the most talented footballers in Donegal were in Clones watching the two games from the terraces. No one seems prepared to answer the questions why — the players and the former manager have divergent views when it comes to that answer — perhaps the question will never be answered.



Michael Gallagher and Tyrone's Harry McClure stretch to the limit



Action against Tyrone in the 1989 Ulster final drawn game in Clones

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Michael Gallagher shows the art of high fielding

Joyce McMullan speeds away from Tyrone's Kevin McCabe



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They came from far and near to Clones for the Ulster final. This group includes a section from the Tir Conaill Gaels Club in London

The Royal Liver National Football League campaign

(1988-'89 season)

On October 23rd, 1988, at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh, Donegal made history when they met Armagh to play their first ever game in Division One of the National Football League, writes Michael Daly, Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat.

The milestone, but not the result will be recalled by most GAA followers, Donegal losing narrowly, 0-9 to 0-10. Despite defeat it was a spirited performance.

The history making side was: Gary Walsh; John Joe Doherty, Brendan Dunleavy, Cathal Campbell; Donal Reid, Brian Tuohy, Martin Shovelin; Martin Gavigan, Anthony Molloy; Marty Carlin, Brian Murray, Pat Ward; Seamus Carr, Charlie Mulgrew, Martin McHugh. Subs used were John Connors for Dunleavy; Tommy Ryan for Ward. The remainder of the panel was: James McHugh, Johnny Kelly, Brian Lafferty, Joe Lacey, Michael Kelly, Paddy Gavigan, Corney Carr, Eugene McMenamin, Joyce McMullan.

By November 6th, when Donegal played and defeated Meath at MacCumhail Park (0-15 to 1-6) there was one change in the panel, Noel Carr of Naomh Columba joining his brother Seamus, while Eugene McMenamin was dropped.

The victory over Meath, reigning League and All-Ireland champions, was indeed impressive. Donegal outclassed, outplayed and outwitted the champions who blamed their loss of form on their busy schedule. Liam Hayes predicted Meath would not win any game before Christmas as interest was very, very low.

Martin McHugh with nine points, Brian Murray with three, were the key men in attack while Martin Gavigan's determination was also a crucial element in this success.

TO TRALEE

With the Meath scalp tucked up neatly, Donegal travelled optimistically to Tralee to meet the Princes of Football. Donegal switched two players, Brian Murray was placed at full forward and Marty Carlin moved to Murray's centre-half forward position. Cheered on by some 800 Donegal supporters who had enlivened an otherwise dull November weekend in Tralee, Donegal stayed with the hosts, the half-time scoreline reading 0-5 each.

Again thanks to superb commitment Donegal eased into the lead. Despite the best efforts of Jack O'Shea and company, playing in the Munster blue, Donegal were not to be denied — four

of the six forwards, Murray (1-2), Carlin (0-2) McHugh (0-5) and S. Carr (0-1) getting on the scoresheet.

The two victories gave vent to feelings of unwarranted optimism and Down brought Donegal back to reality at the Fr. Tierney Park on December 4th when they won by four points, 2-12 to 1-11.

Donegal led for most of the hour but conceded two heartbreaking second half goals which ensured a Down victory. Cloughaneely's Johnny Kelly made his debut, replacing Pat Ward and scoring a point. Paddy Gavigan came on for the injured Tommy Ryan.

The league table at Christmas was as follows:

	P	W	L	D	Pts.
Derry	4	3	0	1	6
Dublin	4	3	0	1	6
Armagh	4	2	0	2	4
Donegal	4	2	0	2	4
Down	4	2	0	2	4
Monaghan	4	2	0	2	4
Kerry	4	2	0	2	4
Meath	4	0	0	4	0

The second half of the league saw Donegal travel to Drumsurn on Feb. 5th. Without the services of the injured Martin McHugh Donegal lost by two points, 0-10 to 1-5 and put themselves in the relegation zone.

Donegal's bad record against Ulster



The Donegal team that played Derry in Drumsurn

sides was causing concern. Since September 1986 when Tom Conaghan took over Donegal had played 13 competitive games against Ulster sides. They won two and drew two of these.

McMULLAN ON

The Derry game saw Joyce McMullan playing for the first time in Division One. He replaced Pat Ward and managed to score a point. James McHugh in for his injured brother Martin, was replaced by Noel Carr whilst Brendan Dunleavy got another run, replacing Cathal Campbell.

A week later against Monaghan at the Fr. Tierney Park in Ballyshannon Donegal were under considerable pressure. Monaghan, Ulster champions in '88 were hardly setting the world on fire but they gave Donegal a stiff test. Donegal emerged with a four point win, 1-6 to 0-5. It was the first win over Monaghan in seven years and certainly encouraged Donegal supporters.

It saw the introduction of Michael Gallagher at centre-half forward — the big Glenties man scoring two points.

And so to Croke Park on February 26th and an encounter with the mighty Dubs. Paul Bealin and Jim Ronayne dictated matters at midfield and whilst Donegal played some nice football the absence of economy against Dublin's direct style was to result in an inevitable defeat — 1-10 to 0-9.

Thanks however, to Kerry's victory over Monaghan Donegal were assured of another season in the top flight.

In the shadow of the Hogan Stand Tom Conaghan spoke of his satisfaction at this achievement: "We set out to stay in Division One and we made it."

Interesting to note that Donegal used 23 of their 25 man panel during the campaign, the exceptions were Corny Carr and Michael Kelly, who stayed with the panel throughout. The for against record for the season was 4-65 (77 points) scored by Donegal; 4-64 (76) conceded.

The Division One Table ended as follows:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dublin	7	5	0	2	6-79	3-49	10
Kerry	7	5	0	2	7-55	4-61	10
Derry	7	4	1	2	4-47	2-47	9
Armagh	7	4	0	3	4-45	2-65	8
Down	7	3	1	3	8-55	6-64	7
Donegal	7	3	0	4	4-65	4-64	6
Monaghan	7	1	0	6	5-50	10-70	2

No way through....Dublin's Ciaran Walsh finds his patch blocked by Brian Murray and Tommy Ryan in Croke Park



The drawn Dr. McKenna game v. Down in Ballyshannon



Marty Carlin doesn't muck about in the replay in Rostrevor





Anthony Molloy clears his lines against Derry in Drumsurn

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



Michael Gallagher and Martin Gavigan blocking Monaghan's 1st Division hopes in Ballyshannon.



Urris celebrate with the Junior A Championship.

Elizabeth Doherty receives Carndonagh's Clubperson of the Year from P. J. McGowan. Also in the picture is chairman, P. H. Doherty and secretary, William McDermott.



Scoil Cholmille have the right man behind them.



Head the ball.

AN RAILWAY CUP

Le Pól Ó Gallchóir

Níl sé ach ceart ag an tráth seo gur cheart dúinn súil a chaitheamh siar ar an Railway Cup le deich mbliana anuas, agus ar mar a d'éirigh leis na Conallaigh sa chomórtas seo — deich mbliana in ar cuireadh go leor leasuithe i bhfeidhm, agus inár íslíodh go mór stádas an chomórtais. Bhain Cúige Uladh an comórtas ceithre huairé sna hochtóidí, agus bhí ionadaíocht ag na Conallaigh gach bliain acu sin. Chomh maith le sin, tá Brian Mc Eniff as Bun Dobhráin ina bhainisteoir ar an fhoireann ó 1982, fear a bhain dhá bhonn ag tús na seachtóidí.

Sa bhliain 1980, ní raibh acu ionadaí amháin againn ar an fhoireann a bhuaill Cúige Mumhan sa chluiche ceannais le ceithre phoinnte. Ba é sin Finín Mac a Bháird, a d'imir sa choirneál ar chlé mar chosatóir — a dhara bonn Cúige as a chéile. Bhain Cúige Mumhan an comórtas an dá bhliain dár gceann. Bhí McEniff indiaidh bainistíocht na foirne a thógáil ó Sheán Ó Néill, agus in 1983, bhuaill muid Cúige Laighean sa chluiche ceannais, indiaidh am breise. An bhliain sin, bhí peileadóir amháin as Tír Chonaill ar an fhoireann — fear óg as Baile an Droichid, a bhí indiaidh Craobh na hÉireann a bhaint, agus a raibh gradaim níos airde i ndán dó. Bhí Máirtín Mac Aodha ag imirt sa choirneál ar chlé — agus bhí sé ar an fhoireann arís an bhliain dár gceann, bliain an chéid, i gcuideachta Mhícheáil Mhic Giolla Chearra, Mícheál Ó Laifearthaigh agus Tomás Mac



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**Brian Mac Con Duibh
Bainisteoir 1982-19—**

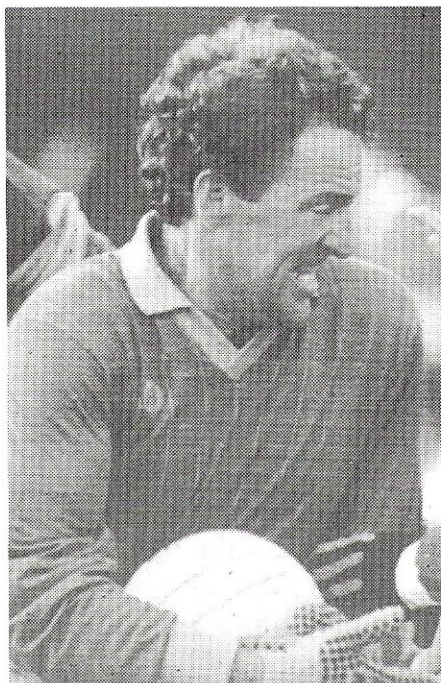
Diarmada, nuair a bhain siad an comórtas. Bhuaill siad Cúige Chonnachta sa chluiche ceannais le cúig phoinnte.

Sna blianta a lean, bhí peileadóirí Chúige Laighean in uachtar. Bhain siad an corn ceithre bliana as a chéile o 1985 go dtí 1988, ach arís, bhain na hUltaigh comórtas deireannach na nochtóidí. Bhí triúr ionadaithe ag na Conalaligh an bhliain sin — arís fear Bhaile an Droichid, a ainmníodh mar sár imreoir Chúige Uladh an bhliain chéanna chomh maith le Seoighe Mac Maoláin agus Antoin Ó Ludhóg. Ina iomláine, tá bonn cúige bainte ag seachtar Conallach sna h-ochtóidí — gan Brian McEniff a chuir san áireamh a bhí ina bhainisteoir ar thrí fhoireann a bhí cathréimeach.

Tháinig athruithe móra ar an chomórtas le deich mbliana anuas. Bhíodh an Railway Cup ar siúl i gcónaí ag tús na bliana — na cluichí leath cheannais i Mí Feabhra agus an cluiche ceannais Lá Fhéile Phádraig. Bhí an comórtas ar siúl i bPáirc an Chrócaigh in 1980, ach socraíodh ansin a dhul timpeall na tíre. Bhí an cluiche ceannais in Inis, an Tulach Mhór, Baile an Chabháin agus ar ais go hInis i mbliain an chéid — an chéad bhliain ar h-imríodh na cluichí ar fad thar an deireadh seachtaine amháin. Bhí an comórtas ar ais sa cheannáras in '85

agus san chuid eile de an h-ochtóidí, lean camchuairt na tíre. Ba sa bhliain 1987 a d'fhág an Railway Cup slán go Féil Pádraig, agus imrítear an comórtas anois i Mí Deireadh Fómhair. Mar gheall ar seo, níl an seasamh céanna ag an chomórtas sna meáin chumarsáide ná imeasc an phobail. Is cosúil go bhfuil go leor comórtais eile ar siúl — go háirithe an Chraobh agus an Sraith Náisiúnta agus nach bhfuil an t-am ag daoine an t-aitheantas a thabhairt don chomórtas seo a bhíodh aige.

Tá deich mbliana eile romhainn anois. Má éiríonn linn go maith sna blianta sin mar a d'éirigh sna h-ochtóidí sa Railway Cup, beidh muid bréa sásta. Ach tá an leibheál sástachta as an chomórtas an-íseál. Tá pobal an chontae cíocrach. Bhlás siad an chéad Chraobh Uladh in 1972, agus níor imir siad ar an triú Domhnach go fóill. Bhlás siad an chéad Chraobh uile Éireann faoi bhliain agus fiche in '82, agus ceapadh go raibh an síol curtha. Bhí, ach níor bhláthaigh sé go h-iomlán go fóill. Beidh níos mó measa ar an Railway Cup sa chontae agus i gCúige Uladh má éiríonn níos fearr leis na contaetha éagsúla sa Chraobh. Ach ar ndóigh, níl aon chinnteacht ann go mbeidh comórtas na gCúigí againn i gceann deich mbliana eile. Tá gach seans nach mbeidh.



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**Finín Mac a Bháird
1979, 1980**



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**Máirtín Mac Aodha
1983, 1984, 1989.**

BUNDORAN G.A.A. CLUB

Early records of the GAA show that in 1891 hurling was played on the three miles of beach at Tullan Strand at the rear of the Great Northern Hotel. As the game developed into smaller confines, the local club moved up to Gorman's Field on way to Tullan Strand. A fine dry sand surface measuring 160 yds. by 100 yds. Ironically, the Club 90 years later rented the same field from Mrs. Patricia Monaghan (formerly Rooney), to run its Town League and U-16 League during the very wet weather in early season of 1989. The local correspondent reported a 17-a-side hurling game in Gorman's field against Manorhamilton, which Bundoran won 4 pts to 2 pts. Included in the Bundoran side were the two Auckinleck brothers who went to very high in the British Army and fought against Rommel in the North African campaign.

The Bundoran GAA Football Club was formed in 1916 by local teacher, Master Daly, and was originally called Bundoran Sinn Fein. In its early days the club was engaged in hurling and football and won two hurling championships in 1919 and 1922. A feature of the hurling team at the time was the contribution of the Sadlier brothers, three members of the Church of Ireland, who resided in Kinelough. The first Senior Championship success in football was in 1920 when the famous Killygordon Red Hughs was the opposition but it took a replay in the Brandywell Park, in Derry, before the championship was decided. During

the 1920s the club contested three county semi-finals.

The 1930s brought a new bunch of players on the scene who contested three county finals, winning in 1934 against Dungloe, having lost to the same team in 1933. This Bundoran side, like that of the 1920s, contested three semi-finals in the 1930s against Gweedore, Milford and Ardara without success.

The 1940s saw the fading of the senior team and in 1946 they were regraded to junior. In 1947 they contested one Junior Championship but were unsuccessful. In the 1950s there emerged a new young team and in the early years this team won the Connolly Cup, Junior League but were defeated in the Junior Championship finals in 1954 and 1957.

The 1960s-70s could probably be called the golden era of the club with success in the Junior League and Championship in 1960. In conjunction with neighbours, Ballyshannon, Minor Championships were won in 1961, 1963 and 1964. St. Joseph's senior team was formed in 1964 — an amalgamation of the senior teams of Bundoran and Aodh Ruadh. From its inception to its demise in 1977, the St. Joseph's team won eight Senior Championships, Seven Senior League titles, three Ulster Club Championships and one All-Ireland Club Championship. Without doubt this famous St. Joseph's side contributed enormously to the rise in football standards throughout the county during this era and formed the nucleus

of the very successful Donegal teams of the same era.

In 1966 and 1970 Bundoran won the Junior Championship and League, with success in the Intermediate Championship in 1977 and winners of the Senior League also in 1977. 1979 saw the club winning its first Senior Championship in forty five years with a team of veterans who were aptly known as "Dad's Army", although the actual team had only five players over the age of 30. In 1980 the club travelled to the U.S.A. and Canada and the trip was a huge success.

As the 1940s senior team faded, so the same could be said of the 1980s senior team, and the team was relegated to Div. II of the Senior League. The highlight of the 1980s was without doubt the winning of the U-12A Championship — no mean feat with all the team coming from the one National School. The latter years has seen the introduction of many young players to our senior team and if these players can be kept in the area the future of the club will be secure.

The Bundoran Club bought their playing park in 1938 and was a well recognised county ground at the time. No major improvements took place until 1972 when new dressing rooms were built and in 1978 the grounds were completely enclosed. At present the club has ambitious plans to buy some adjoining land to provide a training area and to cater for underage games.

— Brendan McHugh, PRO



Michael McNulty
honoured by
Bundoran C.L.G.

The sterling service given by Mr. Michael McNulty to Bundoran GAA Club was recognised at Bundoran's hugely successful annual dinner dance in the Holyrood Hotel where Michael received the Clubman of the Year award. Pictured left after he received the award are, (back, L-R), Ray Flaherty, treasurer; Philip McGlynn, secretary; Brendan McHugh, Brian McEniff, Jim Carr, vice-chairman; Seamie Granaghan. Front, Mr. McNulty and his wife.

Every picture tells a story!



This picture of Naomh Mhuire's football team appeared in the '82 Yearbook. Most of the team referred to as "promising", "a team for the future" were students in '82. What is their present employment and football status?

Back row (left to right): Antóin Ó Dochartaigh (ever present!).

Charlie Yank Boyle: 1982: Factory worker; 1989: Fruit merchant; still playing.

Frankie McFadden: 1982: Student; 1989: New York bricklayer; plays occasionally in New York.

John Boyle: 1982: Student; 1989: Dublin teacher; plays occasionally in Dublin.

Noel Sharkey: 1982: Baker; 1989: Leeds construction worker; no longer plays.

Michael McFadden: 1982: Student;

1989: London construction worker; plays occasionally.

Paul Reynolds: 1982: Student; 1989: Donegal-Dublin bus driver; no longer playing.

Paddy 'Ban' Gallagher: 1982: Student; 1989: London construction worker; no longer plays.

John Paul McBride: 1982: Student; 1989: London construction worker; no longer plays.

Brian Boyle: 1982: Club official; 1989: No longer involved.

Front row (left to right):

Hughie McCafferty: 1982: Student; 1989: Factory worker; still plays.

Daniel Gallagher: 1982: Student; 1989: Dundalk teacher; injured.

Eoin Bonner and Cormac McGarvey: 1982: Students; 1989: London construction workers; Tirconnaill Gaels senior players.

Sean McFadden: 1982: Student; 1989: Leeds construction worker; plays occasionally in Leeds.

Frankie 'Pat' Gallagher: 1982: Student; 1989: Factory worker; still playing.

John Gallagher: 1982: Construction worker in Donegal; 1989: Construction worker in Birmingham; plays in Birmingham.

Paddy Devenney: 1982: Barman; 1989: Bar proprietor; retired.

Sean Boyle: 1982: Paint salesman; 1989: Paint salesman; injured.

Peadar O'Donnell: 1982: Club official; 1989: No longer involved.

They no longer stand united. Yet does anyone stand indicted!!!

Sadly the same comments apply to every Naomh Mhuire photograph taken since 1982.

Sure at least they're all working!

LOUGHANAURE NATIONAL SCHOOL

ROINN 5, 7-A-SIDE, 1988

Loughanure National School emerged from O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, on Saturday, 30th April, 1988, as the 1988 Roinn 5 County Champions.

Dooley was the venue for their first match of the competition on Saturday, 13th February, but the opponents, Edeninfagh, failed to play. Loughanure were awarded the points.

Over a week later on Sunday, 21st February, they travelled to Glenties for the Divisional final against Meenaneary. After a well played match, Loughanure emerged as winners.

They were now to meet Ballyvaughan on the same pitch for the county semi-final on Sunday, 23rd April. Both teams were in excellent form and put on a great display but Loughanure got the upper hand and beat them 7-5 to 4-1.

This, of course, meant that there was only one more game to be played, the county final and O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, was to be the venue on Sunday, 30th April. Glenties were the opponents but Loughanure proved to be too strong and after the final whistle they emerged as the 1988 Roinn 5 County Champions.

The team's coach for 1988 was Eugene Greene of Loughanure who was mostly responsible for their success.

ROINN 5, 7-A-SIDE, 1989

After beating Glenties in the 1988 final, the Loughanure team were looking forward to the 1989 event.

They fielded the team on Sunday, 2nd April at Carrickfin Park for their first match of the competition against Meenaneary, whom they met in the 1988 divisional final, were their opponents. After a well played match Loughanure came out on top. The referee was John Anthony Doherty of Dungloe.

One week later they travelled to Fintra Park for the return match against Meenaneary but as happened the previous week, they defeated them once more. Denis Ellis was the referee.

They were now through to the county semi-final against Carrisheen.

Letterkenny was the venue on 30th April and Loughanure sailed through and won by 4-5 to 0-2. Joe Winston was referee.

The county final was their next step once again on Saturday, 1st July and Rockfield was the opposing team.

O'Donnell Park was the venue once more with Pauric Daly as referee.

Loughanure put on a great display and after the final whistle were the 1989 Roinn 5 County Champions. The final score was Loughanure 15-5, Rockfield 7-3. That was two in a row. For the second year in a row, Eugene Greene, coach had led them to victory.

CORN NA ROSANN

During the 1989 county competition, Loughanure also won the Corn na Rosann competition. This was organised and played between the Rosses National Schools. The final was very close and ended with only two points between the teams, with Loughanure defeating Ranafast.

Loughanure managed to win six out of seven of their games during the competition.

8th March they beat Ranafast; 15th March they beat Meenagowan; 5th April, they beat Annagry; 12th April, they beat Acres; 19th April, they beat Dungloe, and 25th April, they beat Belcruit. Keadue was the only team who defeated them on 22nd March.

John Anthony Doherty of Dungloe was the referee for the final in Carrickfin Park on Sunday, 7th May.

Loughanure also won the League trophy for being the team with the most wins during the competition.

They received a cup and trophy which was sponsored by Dr. Bonner of Dungloe.

Overall they had a brilliant two years with two county titles and the Corn na Rosann to their credit.



Loughanure National School. Back row, l. to r., Seamus Ferry, Fergus McCafferty, Cornelius Callaghan, Eugene McCafferty, Frankie Mulholland. Front row, l. to r., Maurice McBride, Kevin Callaghan, Cathal O'Donnell, Edward McBride.

ULSTER TITLE BRINGS FRESH HOPE FOR DONEGAL HURLING

By *CONNIE DUFFY, Donegal Democrat*

If ambition was fettered by the restrictive chains of history, the Donegal hurling scene would be as flat as a pancake. Yes and the county would not be in the unique position of being the current Ulster Junior Championship title holders. Thankfully the relentless pursuit of new horizons by a few dedicated gael's the hurling fraternity have once again sailed into uncharted territory.

Imagine, Ulster champions. It's the only major title that came to a county team in 1989 yet if you asked the majority of G.A.A. supporters in Donegal about it there's very few that could give you an informed answer. The county hurlers have heard the jibes about their game but they know they have the genuine right to feel proud of their achievements.

You don't become Ulster champions just by chance! It demanded a performance level that hadn't been previously attained since a county side last won the title back in 1972 although special mention must also go to the side of 1983 who were defeated in the final. True their success didn't cause any major ripples on the consciousness of the sporting world, but it did leave an indelible imprint on an up and coming new generation of county hurlers who will undoubtedly carry Donegal hurling into a new and, hopefully, more successful era in the nineties. If their National Hurling League form to date is any guide then it seems that old adage — success breeds success is very true.

To gauge the remarkable progress of the county hurlers in 1989 one must first look back to 1988 to see where they were coming from. They played six games and lost them all — two friendlies against Derry club side, Na Magha; N.H.L. games against Leitrim, Sligo and Fermanagh and an Ulster J.H.C. first round tie with Cavan. In that season 40 players were used of which 25 are still members of the county panel, three have emigrated and eight have retired or are unavailable due to work or study commitments and four are playing other codes.

With only three clubs actively involved in senior hurling within the county one can imagine the mountain team manager, Manus O'Donnell, had to climb in 1989. Indeed it was thought there would be very little hurling in the county in 1989 but then thanks to Aodh Ruadh and Setanta's participation in the Fermanagh League and the Burt v Setanta county senior hurling championship taking four games to complete, there was, in fact, more club hurling played in 1989 than in the previous two years.

The big breakthrough at county level came in the semi-final of the Ulster J.H.C. Fermanagh provided the opposition and having already defeated Donegal in the League and in a friendly to open St. Joseph's Park, Ederney, earlier in the summer, the Erne county side fancied their chances. They didn't bargain for a youthful, stubborn Donegal side that handed them a lesson in the finer points of the game to run out worthy winners. With only a bare panel of 17 to call from, every player had to give his best, and this they did.

Just for the record the side that day against Fermanagh was: Seamus Craig; Paul Craig, Sean Farrell, Kevin

McGrath; Gary McLaughlin, Ciaran Doherty, Seamus Grant; Sean Ewing, Fergal Grant; Liam Burns, John O'Brien, John Friel; P. J. O'Brien, Eugene Sherry, Michael Greene; Eamonn Farrell and Manus O'Donnell.

Next up was the mighty Monaghan, who were going for their third Ulster title in a row at this level. Their 3-12 to 0-9 hammering of the Farney men at Brewster Park, Enniskillen, on Sunday, June 11th was in a word — brilliant. Not since their memorable victory 18 years ago has a Donegal side recorded a more meritorious success or given a more wholehearted performance. This, their fifth success in the competition, was not alone a win of substance, it was also triumph over adversity as the county side had been going through a lean spell up to this.

The team that day was: Seamus Craig; Kieran Doherty, Sean Farrell, John McDermott; Sean Irwin, Anthony McDaid, Fergal Grant; Joe Carlin (0-2), Darren McDermott; P. J. O'Brien (0-1), Sylvester Maguire (0-1), Seamus Grant; John O'Brien (0-7), Eugene Sherry (3-1), John Friel. Subs., Ivor Dowds for John Friel; Donal Campbell, Paul Craig, Gary McLaughlin, Kevin McGrath, Frankie McDermott, Michael Green, Seamus Callaghan, Manus O'Donnell, Sean Ewing, Eamonn Farrell, Liam Burns, Tommy Brennan and Terence McDaid.

Eamonn Farrell of Setanta was the only survivor of the last side to win this title. He played at right half-forward on that occasion but missed the 1989 final due to injury. A few members of the side had also played in the 1985 final at Pearse Park, Ballybay, where they came out on the wrong side of a 2-11 to 2-6 scoreline. The survivors from that day who played in the 1989 decider included Kieran Doherty and John O'Brien while Eamonn Farrell and Thomas Brennan who played in '83 were on the bench in '89. Sean Ewing, who was also a sub in '83, was a sub. again in '89 but another sub. in '83, Eugene Sherry, held down the full-forward's berth this time.

But these hurlers knew that while outsiders may turn the odds in the sport into a mathematical obscenity every once in a while the chances of causing an upset against the mighty Tipperary in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship semi-final in Ballyshannon on Sunday, July 9th, were stacked against them. And so it was as the mighty Tipp, full of stars of the past and a few from their future, no doubt, steamrolled their way through the county side to record an easy 3-15 to 0-1 victory. What the Donegal lads lacked in experience they more than made up for with commitment and dedication. Again for the record the scorer of the county's only point on the day was talented Burt star, Darren McDermott — the first he had ever scored for the county!

So then an end to a hectic but rewarding summer on the Championship font. The real challenge comes in 1990 — the retention of the Ulster title which must be a priority for the squad.

The upsurge in fortunes has continued through the 1989-'90 National Hurling games to date and apart from a shaky start, losing to Sligo with a makeshift team, the side have gone on to hammer Longford and Leitrim while drawing with Cavan. Their fine run has renewed



DONEGAL 1989 Ulster Junior Hurling champions.

enthusiasm within the squad and with crucial games against Tyrone, Louth and Fermanagh to come their future in Division Four is in their own hands. Certainly at this stage promotion is not an impossible dream.

Over confidence? It's very difficult to avoid being

sucked in by the view that there is a mood of change, a breeze of freshness about the current county hurling side and with a more positive attitude both at official and supporters levels, these lads might just put hurling back in the spotlight next year.

Under 21s reach Ulster semi-final

But for a consistent free-taker Donegal might have progressed further than the semi-final of the Ulster Under-21 Championship. In their first outing they accounted for a talented Derry side by three points — Donegal 0-9, Derry 0-6.

The side was: Danny Gallagher, Maurice McBride, Paul Carbery, Enda McHugh; Declan O'Donnell, Michael Gallagher, Diarmaid Keon; Peter Dillon, John Joe Doherty; Val Murray (0-2), Tony Boyle (0-2), Noel Hegarty; John Duffy (0-2), Mark McShane

(0-1), Sean Dunnion (0-2). Subs: Frank Ward for Dunnion, Denis Nolan, Mark Crossan, John Farren, David Breslin, Sean Furey, Patrick Farren, Joey Griffin (not used).

However by April Donegal were out of this competition, defeated by Down by one point, 1-5 to 0-7. Frank Ward again came on as a sub and Donal Breslin replaced Val Murray in the second half. The side was otherwise the same as against Derry. Scorers were: Noel Hegarty (0-2), John Duffy, Mark McShane, Val Murray and Tony Boyle (0-1 each).

COUNTY MINORS MAKE EARLY EXIT

After a disappointing Minor League campaign, in which they failed to win a single match, expectations for Donegal's minors were not high in 1989.

And such pessimism proved accurate as they bowed out meekly of the Ulster Championship, losing 2-14 to 2-9 at the hands of a strong and uncompromising Cavan side who punished basic errors and unnecessary fouling.

Frees given away were punished by the accurate Gerard Gill and Cavan's second goal in extra time at the end of the first half sounded the death knell for Sean Ward's aspirations in '89. Donegal trailed 2-8 to 1-4 at the break and even the huge efforts of substitute Aidan Walsh at midfield was to matter little as Cavan held out for a facile win.

The Donegal side and scorers were: Damien Bradley, Barry Tinney, Stephen Burke, Gavin Bourke, Jim Bonner, Barry Cunningham, Seamus Craig, Sean Cassidy, John Gildea (0-1), Pdraig Gallagher (0-4), Ollie Reid (0-2), Mark Boyle, Noel McBride, Leo Gill (1-1), Sean Boyle (1-1). Subs.: A. Walsh for Cassidy; Cassidy for McBride.

Naomh Brid Club 1989

The Naomh Brid club were awarded cultural club of the year on the 25th November 1988 at the annual County G.A.A. Dinner Ceili in Glenties. The club was well represented at the ceili and Michael Gallagher accepted the plaque on behalf of the club. It was awarded for their achievements in Scor na nOg and Scor Sinsear.

Activity in that year included Irish dancing, Irish language classes, also ceili classes and ceili mor. The Naomh Brid ceili band was formed and they played all over the county. The county final of Scor Sinsear was held in Ballybofey on Sunday, March 18th, 1989. Naomh Brid took part in the ceili dancing and instrumental music. The dancers were narrowly defeated by three points. Those taking part were Ann Britton, Pauline McGee, Ann McGrory, Avril Walsh, Ann Marie Mullaney, Kathleen Gallagher, Mary McGroarty and Ann Walsh. The instrumental musicians were Collette McAree, Brendan Travers and Ann McGrory.

NAOMH BRID ROUNDERS

The highlight of the 1989 rounders season for Naomh Brid was the

Bunscoile competition held in Ballintra on June 17th, 1989. Two Naomh Brid teams, St. Ernan's, Ballintra, and St. Eunan's National Schools, came first and second respectively in the competition. In all six teams took part. They were: St. Macartan's School, Bundoran, St. Catherine's School, Ballyshannon, Naomh Mhuire, Fahan, St. Ernan's School, Ballintra, and two teams from St. Eunan's School, Laghey.

Over a few short years it is apparent how quickly the sport is developing. The competition was keen and the level of play was quite good. Ballintra squeezed by a strong Naomh Mhuire side 10-8 to meet their clubmates Laghey in the final.

Laghey proved to be the strongest side and defeated Ballintra 16-3. Referees on that day were Francis Crowe, Ann Britton, Mary McCann, Agatha Masterson and Diane Doherty.

Medals were presented to both teams by Francis Crowe and the Shield was presented to Sinead Sweeney, captain of the Laghey side.

St. Eunan's, Laghey: S. Sweeney (capt.), Y. Gallagher, S. Masterson, M. Gallagher, A. Gallagher, R. Masterson,

S. McGrory, G. Gallagher, R. Masterson. Subs.: C. McGroarty, F. McDaid, B. Gallagher.

St. Eunan's, Ballintra: R. Cleary (capt.), L. Gallagher, K. Cox, A. McGarrigle, V. Walls, B. McNamee, O. Gallagher, N. Wilson, B. Doherty. Subs.: T. Patton, J. O'Shea, N. Gallagher.

BORD NA nOG

While no major success was gained by the underage teams this year it was a successful year for off the field achievements. In 1987 the Bord na nOg committee was reestablished after an abortive attempt a few years earlier.

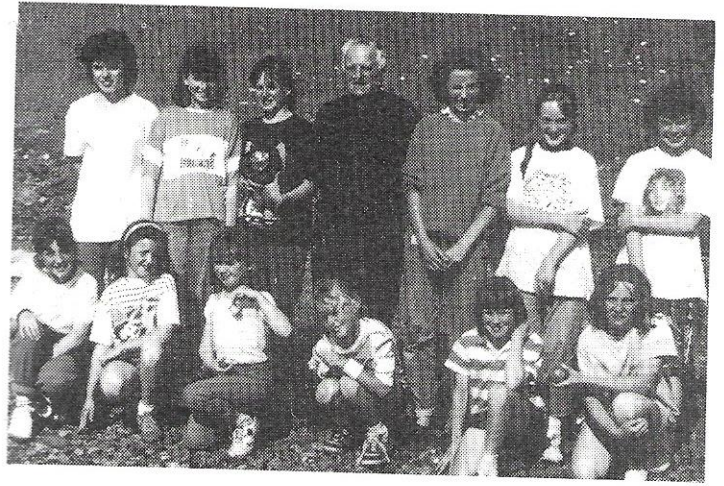
The committee was faced with the all too common problems of raising funds. One of the ideas which was suggested at that time was a Fashion Show. With the help of all the committee a Fashion Show was staged. It has gone on from success to success and this year proved to be no different. As the name indicates, it should interest the ladies more than gentlemen, but it was surprising to see the amount of men who attended — even Charlie himself was there!



Naomh Brid dancers at the Scor finals in the Butt Hall, Ballybofey.



Left: Michael Gallagher accepts the Club Culture Award 1988 from the County Board vice-chairman, Jimmy McCalvey.



Right: 1985 Bunscoile champions—Laghey with Rev. Fr. A. McCauley.

PAURIC GALLAGHER

R.I.P.



The late Pauric Gallagher in action in the 1982 U-21 All-Ireland final.

“FRIENDS”

Pauric started out like many kids, kicking around the roads and fields of his native Ballintra, leading a small ragged band of friends constantly in search of some kind of excitement. Looking back to those early days one can recollect vividly that he was never very far from a football, constantly punting it around in front of him in imitation of his favourite stars, and I am sure it was this early attachment to the ball that was to develop and nurture the classic skills which were to delight followers of both soccer and Gaelic football, in later years. Pauric and his three brothers, Matt, Declan and Dermot, were always going to have certain unique qualities which would endear them to everyone, after all they were “Tommy and Mary Jo’s” boys and any native of the parish of Drumholm will be able to testify to the special qualities these two people possess. Even as a youngster Pauric found it easy to relate to people, young or old, his broad grin easily creasing his round face topped by an unruly mop of mousey brown hair, into an enchanting mask of friendship. The great thing about those early ties was that they were never lost or broken and even when he left Ballintra to go to College and make new ties he did not forget the folks at home. This closeness with his native parish may be appreciated more fully when one considers his dedication in later years when living in Limerick and later Dublin he would travel down whenever humanely possible to line out for Naomh Brid, and this long before the club successes of 1986 and 1987.

Pauric’s very existence was very much enmeshed in sport, his interest was avid and his knowledge prodigious. One of the things which made him such a good player was his extraordinary vision. He was always looking about four moves ahead of the rest of us, and I am sure that our lack of footballing vision was often a source of unmitigating frustration for him. He was always very competitive, he didn’t like losing but he was never a sore loser; as soon as the game was over that was it. Some of our best times were spent after the games while partaking of mild refreshment! Someone would inevitably end up the brunt of his sharp wit and humour, and as soon as that started it would initiate a verbal free for all with everyone slugging each other off all in the cause of good fun and a bit of crack. It was all very much a part of the culture which developed in Naomh Brid in the eighties and whether it was win or lose, good or bad, it was certainly close and intimate. Never was this closeness more evident than in the Gallagher household. Pauric was a master at stirring things up. Many a time while watching a game on TV he might slyly wink over at you before making some outrageous point or statement which would precipitate quickly from a sporting discussion into an all out war, very often young Rocky ending up on the floor with his three older sittings on top, in an effort to sort out the finer points of the argument, and Tommy using his cap to great effect in an attempt to add weight to his own points of view!

Very often when lads grow up, get steady girlfriends and eventually get married it is natural for the old bonds to weaken and people end up going their separate roads through life but happily the exact opposite happened among the tight circle of friends in and around Ballintra. All that happened was the gang got bigger and the usual sequence of events when out at night was for the lads to hive off to a corner to talk football while the girls spent the night talking about whatever girls talk about when their men’s backs are turned?

There is no doubt that Pauric’s loss has had a profound effect on the people who were close to him, but considering his relatively short stay with us, he accomplished a lot, both on and off the field. This reminds me of a quote by Peter Coe which Pauric often referred to and went as follows: “The most important aspect of endurance is endurance in sport, simply staying in the sport long enough to realise your full potential.” I wonder now had he been allowed enough time to realise his full potential or was there more to come, who knows? What is for sure is that although his physical presence may be gone he will never be forgotten, and when one catches a glimpse of his pretty little two year old daughter, Karla, with her sparkling eyes and cheeky dimples we can take heart from the fact that he lives on and one can easily picture in your mind’s eye that little ragged kid with those same sparkling eyes and cheeky dimples kicking a ball around the roads of Ballintra twenty odd years ago.

Goodbye for now — Your friends from Naomh Brid
— SEAN MCGEE

GARY WALSH IS "DONEGAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR"

The popular choice for "Player of the Year" in Donegal in 1989 was county and Aodh Ruadh goalkeeper, Gary Walsh.

Gary, who has been a regular on the county team since 1984, was a unanimous choice with his fine displays in the Ulster Championship and National League. His shot-stopping ability is widely acknowledged and in the current National League campaign under the new rules, Gary has only conceded one goal in four games, the lowest by any goalkeeper in all four divisions. It was a major surprise when he was omitted from the Ulster Railway Cup panel for the 1989 series.

He has captained Donegal at Minor and U-21 level.

Gary made his Championship debut when he replaced Noel McCole in the Championship game against Armagh in 1984 and has only missed one Championship game since then.

He won an Ulster Minor League medal with Donegal in 1982; was substitute goalkeeper on the 1983 Ulster Senior Championship-winning team, and won a Dr. McKenna Cup medal in 1985.

He has won two Senior Championship medals with Aodh Ruadh; and Championship medals at U-21, U-18, U-16 and U-12. He also won a Trench Cup medal with the Regional College, Sligo.

A Certified Accountant employed by the Larry Goodman controlled Anglo Irish Beef Processors, Gary now works in Newry, Co. Down.

A feature of his commitment in 1989 was his willingness to travel considerable distances to make squad training sessions, often at great personal inconveniences to himself.

When training for the championship was at its height Walsh was starting his day at 7 a.m. to make the county team sessions in Townawilly but the big hearted Ballyshannon man was unperturbed.

In goal he displayed a remarkable coolness throughout the championship and had little difficulty in finding defenders with his clearances, the majority of which he punched out to his corner backs in particular.

However, his forte has long been acknowledged. It is, of course the incredible lengths he gets into his ground kickouts, a talent which hasn't been seen much since the new experimental rules came into vogue.



Player of the Year: Gary Walsh

After some initial difficulties Gary seems to have mastered the kick-out from the hand and is finding his defenders with ever-increasing consistency as the season progresses.

However, it is his aforementioned ability to stop the seemingly unstoppable that has garnered so many admirers. In particular, his point blank saves against Cavan in the first round of the championship catapulted him into the limelight.

A fan of the Northern Ireland

goalkeeping great, Pat Jennings, Gary works hard at his game. He may make it all seem so simple when he pulls off a save that stretches the powers of description but the red-haired net-minder has studied the form and has practised his technique over and over again.

Gary is the present Aodh Ruadh team captain. At 24 years of age he looked destined to play between the posts for Donegal for a long time to come.

The Donegal Connection



(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Mrs. Bonnar, mother of the three Tipperary hurlers, with some of the trophies won by her family, in her home in Cashel, Co. Tipperary.



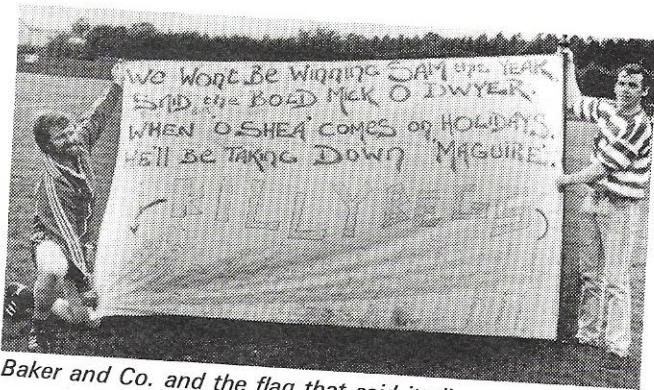
Colm, Cormac and Conal Bonnar, the three brothers who won All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals with Tipperary in 1989. Their proud mother, Maureen, a native speaker from Glenfin and father, Pearse, originally from Killygordon, worked in Dublin and Limerick before eventually settling in Cashel.

Moments to Remember



(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Now I know why there is wire around the pitch—so we can't get out!



Baker and Co. and the flag that said it all.



(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Who are magic?



Why did they leave us behind!

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

Moments to Remember



When I grow up....

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



A noisy County Final fan

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)



(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

All in club and county hope to see Sylvie doing this—soon.



MacCumhalls v. Aghyaran: Take that look off your face.

(Photo: Donegal Democrat Ltd.)

The late Terry McDermott

The death of Terry McDermott has created a void in GAA circles in Ballyshannon and throughout County Donegal.

Terry, (86), who passed away on New Year's Eve, was one of the Association's most colourful characters. His connections with the GAA started in the 1920s and continued in every decade and through to the 1980s.

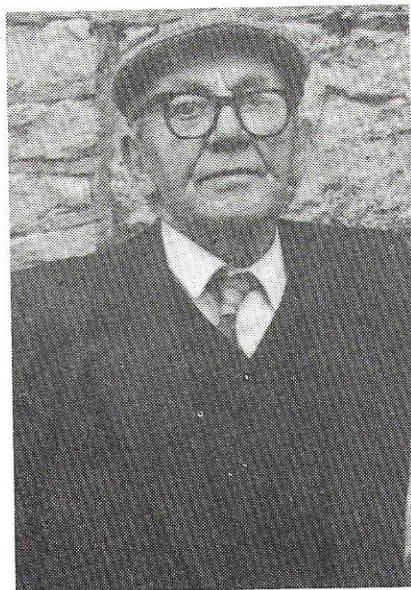
A prominent Donegal gaelic footballer in the 1920s and '30s, he also played with distinction in counties Kildare, Louth, Roscommon where with Donegal he also won club championship medals.

He played Senior Championship with Donegal in 1925, '29, '31 and '32. He also played on the Donegal Junior Championship side which lost the All-Ireland Junior Football final to Mayo in 1933.

At club level his honours were varied. He won Senior Club Championships with Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon, in 1929, 1932 (captain) and 1937. A member of the Irish Army, he also played on numerous Army football teams.

Following his footballing feats Terry remained committed to the GAA in Ballyshannon in particular. He worked at the Fr. Tierney Park in 1954 prior to its official opening and from that time was groundsman up until the early 1980s. He was a Trustee of the Fr. Tierney Park.

Over a year ago Terry along with several former county players attended a special gathering in Ballyshannon. Terry's sharp memory enthralled the players and those who attended the function organised by Central Council delegate Micheal Gillespie.



The late Terry McDermott



● OLD PLAYERS MEET ●

Central Council delegate Micheal Mac Giolla Easbuic in co-operation with Tom Daly in Ballyshannon arranged a very pleasant social get-together for County players of former years, in Melly's Pub, Ballyshannon.

Seated l. to r., John Browne (Carrick), Joe Lawne (Donegal Town), Pete Clancy (Bundoran), Terry McDermott (Ballyshannon), J.P. McGinley (Cill Cartha), Mick Melly (Ballyshannon).

Standing (l. to r.): John McGinley (Kilcar and Ballyshannon), Micheal MacGilla Easbuic, Jackie McDermott, Valerie McWeeney, Paul McWeeney (daughter and grandson of Joe Lawne), Tom Daly and Michael Daly.

(Photo: Donegal Democrat)

ROLL OF HONOUR 1989

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Kilcar 1-9

Aodh Ruadh (B.A.S.) 0-9

Referee

Thomas McBrearty

Club

St. Nauls

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Na Rossa 0-5

Naomh Ultan, Dunkineely 0-5

Na Rossa 3-8

Naomh Ultan (Dunkineely) 2-8 (replay)

Mick McGrath

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Aodh Ruadh

Aodh Ruadh

MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Killybegs 2-7

Four Masters 1-5

Cathal Donoghue

N. Columba

U-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Aodh Ruadh (B.A.S.) 3-11

Naomh Columba 2-5

Frank Dooley

MacCumhailis

JUNIOR 'A' CHAMPIONSHIP

Urris 3-7

Kilcar 1-6

Peter Hughes

Milford

JUNIOR 'B' CHAMPIONSHIP

Gweedore 1-11

Burt 0-5

Jack Furey

Naomh Ultan

U-16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ardara 1-8

Killybegs 0-9

John Carr

Kilcar

U-17 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Aodh Ruadh (B.A.S.) 2-11

MacCumhailis 1-5

John Carr

Kilcar

U-14 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Eunans 1-7

MacCumhailis 0-5

J. A. Doherty

Dungloe

U-14 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

St. Michael's, Durfanaghy 7-8

Downings 2-4

Mick McGrath

Aodh Ruadh

U-13 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Cloughaneely 2-2

St. Eunans 1-1

Eugene Gallagher

MacCumhailis

U-12 'A' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Four Masters 1-5

Walt 2-0

Ciaran McGlynn

Glenfin

U-12 'B' FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Naomh Conaill 2-3

Buncrana 2-3

Naomh Conaill 3-9

Buncrana 2-3 (replay)

Ciaran McGlynn

Ciaran McGlynn

Glenfin

Glenfin

Óg Spórt Gael U-15 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Killybegs 6-11

Aodh Ruadh 2-7

Tom Comack

Dungloe

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Ardara 1-10

Kilcar 1-7

Mick McGrath

Aodh Ruadh

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Four Masters 5-10

Buncrana 0-4

Fr. Sean Gallagher

Cloughaneely

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION 3

St. Eunans 0-9

Ardara 0-4

(Ardara awarded game after protest)

Liam Browne

Four Masters

SENIOR SHIELD FINAL DIVISION 1

Red Hughs 0-15

Glenfin 0-7

Noel Kane

Robt. Emmets

SHIELD FINAL DIVISION 2

Dungloe 2-8

Tamoon 0-3

Owenie McBride

Gweedore

SHIELD FINAL DIVISION 3

Naomh Conaill 2-8

Burt 1-6

Eugene Quinn

Red Hughs

DIVISIONAL MINOR FOOTBALL SUPER LEAGUE

An t-Iar Dheisceart 1-8

An t-Oirthear 0-8

DIVISIONAL JUVENILE FOOTBALL SUPER LEAGUE

An t-Iar Dheisceart 2-11

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MARTIN McHUGH — 1989 Ulster Footballer of the Year



Above, Martin McHugh receives his award from Dominic McClement (Ulster Herald) and below some of the Donegal guests along with Micheal O Muircheartaigh.



DONEGAL G.A.A. AWARDS 1989



Winners and guests at this year's annual Dinner and Ceili Mor, which was held in the Highlands Hotel, Glenties. Back row (left to right) Micheal Gillespie, Central Council; Paddy McGill, Vice President; Most Rev. Dr. Seamus Hegarty, Bishop of Raphoe and Association President; Brian McLarnon, Vice-President of the Ulster Council; Michael Feeney, Secretary, Ulster Council; Charlie Faulkner, Co. Chairman; Seamus de Faoite, Oifigeach na Gaeilge; Jimmy McKelvey, Co. Vice-Chairman; and Bart Whelan, Co. Secretary. Front row (left to right), Mick McGrath (Referee of the Year); Danny O'Brien, Buncrana (Club of the Year); Christine Curran, Naomh Columba (Culture Award, Gaeltacht); Angela Sherry, on behalf of her brother, Eugene (Hurler of the Year); Rosemary Gallagher (Camogie Player of the Year); Anne Marie Sheerin, St. Nauls (Culture Award, non-Gaeltacht); Gary Walsh (Player of the Year), and Francie Boyle (Handballer of the Year). (Photo: Donegal Democrat)

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