



Cluiche Ceannais Peil Dhún na nGall



Pairc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill - De Domhnaigh 17u Mean Fomhair 2000
DONEGAL DEMOCRAT SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

4.00 p.m.

**Craobh Ceannais Sinsear
na Contae**

Naomh Adhamhnán

v

Ard a Rátha

Referee: Seamus McGonagle

2.00 p.m.

**Craobh Ceannais Sinsear
Tacaíochta na Contae**

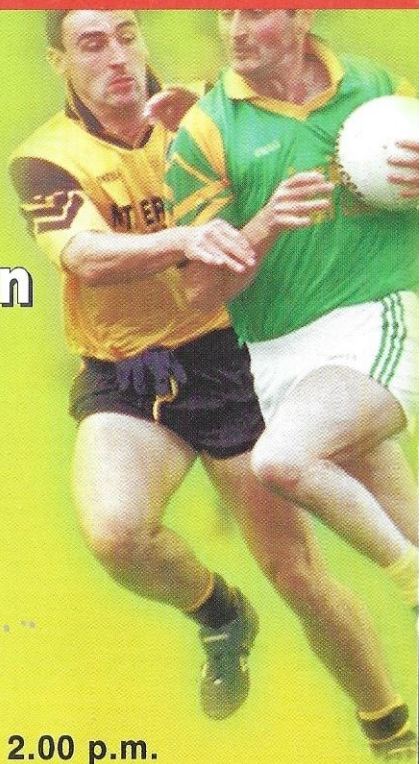
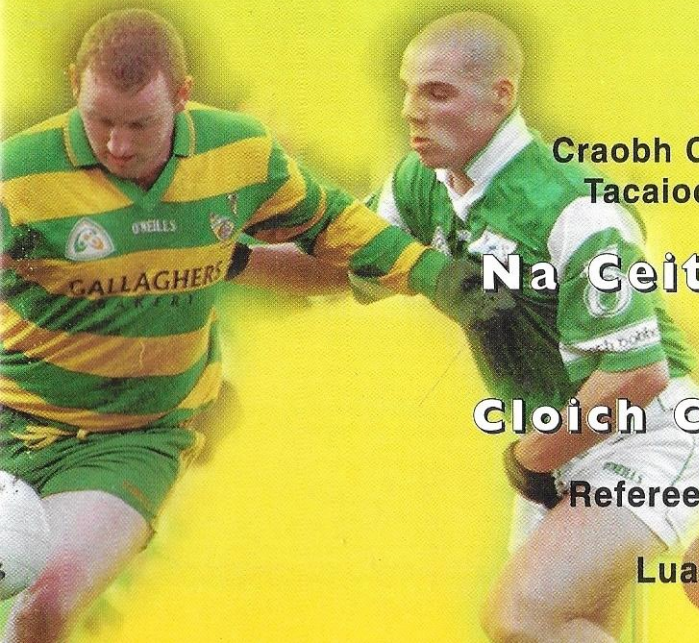
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BUÍOCHAS

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Thanks also to all four clubs for their co-operation, and I wish each team lots of luck in their game. Thanks also to our sponsors and we would ask you to support them when possible.

Mise le meas,
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Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí.

Donegal Democrat

Senior Championship

&

Donegal People's Press

Reserve Championship Finals

on Sunday 17th September

CLAR AN LAE

2.00p.m. Donegal People's Press Senior Reserve Final

Cloughaneely v Na Ceithre Maistri

Referee: Connie O'Gara
Linesmen: Pat Curley & John Carr
Umpires: Charlie Dorrian, Brendan Ward,
Patsy Devlin, Robert O'Donnell

3.15p.m. Presentation of the John Gallagher Cup.

3.30p.m. Introduction of the 1974 & 1975 County Champions
(St. Joseph's).

4.00p.m. Donegal Democrat Senior Final

Ard an Ratha v Naomh Adhamhain.

Referee: Seamus McGonigle
Linesmen: Jimmy White & Bernard Devine.
Umpires: Hugh Sweeney, Jim Brennan,
Austin Wallace & Hugh McGarvey.

4.30p.m. Exhibition of Club Orange Skill winners.

5.15p.m. Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Cup.

5.30p.m. Official Reception for the Jubilee teams and invited guests in
Jackson's Hotel, Ballybofey hosted by the Donegal County
Board and sponsored by "Ark Life".

Focal on Cathaoirleach

Ar son Choiste an Chontae, ta luchair mhor orm failte a chur romhaibh uilig anseo inniu ar la mor na bliana. Ta suil againn go mbeidh cluiche an lae inniu inchurtha le sar-choimhlint na bliana anuraidh idir Naomh Adhmanainagus Aodh Ruadh. Is ocaid stairiuil cluiche an lae inniu o tathar ag cur tus leis an mhilaois ur agus corn ur a bhronnadh. Ta rian na haoise ar an tseanchorn, Corn an Dr Mhic Uidhir, - agus cuirfidh se faoi featsa in larsmalann an Chontae. Ta muid fion bhuioch dar bPatrun, an dr Pilib O buaidhe, Easpag Rath Bhoth as corn ur- Corn an Dr Mhic Uidhir aris, a bhronnadh orainn mar a rinne an dr Antoin Mac Fichilligh, Easpag Rath Bhoth, ina am fein.

Both Clubs in todays final have contrasting records in the Senior Championship roll of Honour. St Eunans have once again become the major force in football in the county following some lean years in the late 80s early nineties, and will be very keen to win the 2 in a row following last years terrific display against Aodh Ruadh. Charlie Mulgrews men have reached the final without yet playing their best football and will be hoping to save it for todays match. Some of the new younger players have added greatly to the side and will be keen to click on the big day. Trying hard not to sound too biased on this one, the Ardara lads have come through to their first decider since 1984 following some great dissappointments in the years since their last meeting with Four Masters in the final. They have made a gradual improvement in every round and will be hoping to take the Dr Maguire back to the parish for the first time

since the victory over Four Masters in 1981. Hopefully regardless of the result, todays match will give the new county management team something to think about in the run up the forthcoming national league.

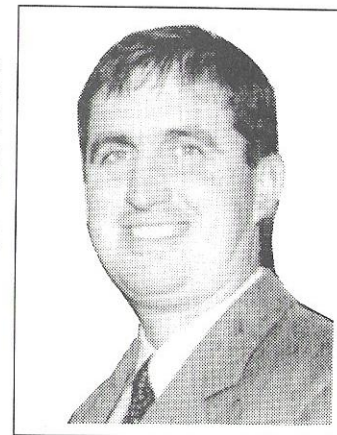
This years championship has seen a new sponsor on Board in the Donegal Democrat, and on behalf of Bord na Chontae, I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the Derry Journal Group and those employed in the Democrat sports department for the major input they have made to this years Championship. The coverage of all games has been unsurpassed and has added a new lease of life to the competition. Hopefully it will be the start of a long and fruitful relationship for both parties. Their initiative in having a sponsored prize of a portable television for the man of the match award is a very welcome addition to todays affair.

The Senior Reserve final sees two new teams to this level of the competition. Both sides having taken some impressive scalps along the way. The Four Masters have been consistent all year and have proven to be well worth their place in todays decider. A number of their successful under age players of recent years making all the difference in their transition to Adult Football. Cloughaneely are coming off a great win over a strong Eunans team and are also backboned by players with County medals in their back pockets, Their 2 Under 21 successes in the past 3 years proving invaluable at this grade as the players "stop off" on their way to senior football. I, m sure whoever has the John Gallagher Cup home this evening will have done so after a tough hours football. The Donegal peoples press have come on board this year as sponsors of the reserve championship and as in the Senior Competition the sponsorship has added greatly to the competitions prestige.

We also honour today the St Josephs Championship winning team SFC winners in 1974/75. Their dominance through the sixties and seventies will long be remembered. We are delighted to be able to honour these former greats and I hope they enjoy the chance to meet up with their old team-mates to reminice of days gone by. special thanks to Ark Life and their local representative Pauric Mc Shea for sponsoring this part of todays programme.

Finally best of luck to all the match officials in todays matches, To the Mc Cumhail's Club for their help and to PRO Paddy Mullan for producing the programme.

Sean Mac Conaill
Cathaoirleach
Bord Na Chontae



Today's Referees

Senior Championship Final

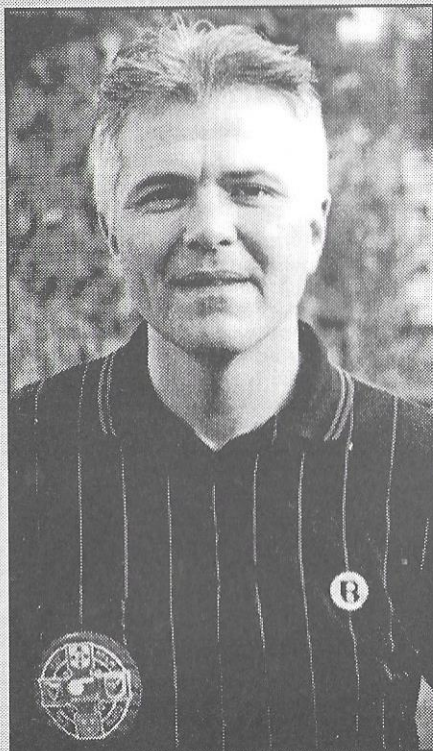
Seamus McGonigle

Aodh Ruadh

Seamus, a Guard based in Castlefin, took up refereeing about five years ago when involved with underaged teams in Lifford. He has progressed through the ranks, refereeing county finals at Intermediate level (2), Junior, Intermediate Reserves and U-21.

He has also refereed an Ulster Minor League Final, Ulster Minor and U-21 Championship.

A former chairman of the Lifford club, he played his underaged football with Aodh Ruadh and De La Salle and played Freshers with UCD. Seamus is 35 and married to Maire. They have one daughter, Caoimhe.



Minor Championship Final

Connie O'Gara

The Naomh Columba club man has been refereeing for five years and is presently chairman of the Referees' Board.

Sunday's Reserves final will be his fifth major final, having refereed Junior B, the '97 Minor final and the U-21 and Minor final for last year.

Connir played for Naomh Columba up until 1990 and has Senior League and Gaeltacht medals as well as Minor and U-21.

Married to Brenda, they have two children, Connie and Stacey.



Big performance needed - Mulgrew

By Ciaran O'Donnell, Donegal Democrat

Last Friday evening en route home from Killybegs, Charlie Mulgrew passed through Ardara. Bedecked in the club's traditional green and gold colours, it was a timely reminder to the St. Eunan's manager that there is talk in the parish of little else but Sunday's showdown with the big guns from Letterkenny.

With four championship victories under his belt in his first season in charge of the senior string, Charlie Mulgrew's priority remains a successful defence of the title earned at the end of a rip-roaring encounter with Aodh Ruadh.

By his own admission, his side's form in the league was not good. When the season began, he was nearing the end of his third and final year as part of the Donegal management set-up, some of the panel were sitting the Leaving Certificate while others were finishing up at third level.

"In the early stages, it was difficult to get teams out. We lost a couple of games we probably shouldn't have, we drew a few games which I felt we should have done better, but there wasn't a huge emphasis on the league. I suppose right through the league campaign, at the back of everyone's mind was the first round meeting with Ballyshannon," he comments.

On another year and in different circumstances, he knows full well that it could have been St. Eunan's who could have been biting the bullet back in July, and free-wheeled away the remainder of the season in the secondary competition.

BEST GAME

"People said that Ballyshannon were very weakened this year, but in the return leg in Ballyshannon, we played our best game in the championship so far - we had to." Casting his thoughts back to the tussle with Naomh Columba, which St. Eunan's won by double scores (0-12 to 0-6), he reckons that if the Glen men had taken their scores, things could have unfolded differently.

"It was only towards the end of the game that we managed to put some daylight between us and them."

Killybegs were the opposition at the penultimate stage and having accounted for a young Cloughaneely side and a hotly fancied Naomh Conaill outfit, they did possess the look of a team which could go all the way once more. While Eunan's never actually looked like losing the game, the victory was nonetheless hard earned.

The manager has introduced a number of new faces - all of them minors or under-21s. Brendan Roache, Rory Cavanagh, Kevin Rafferty, Vernon Gallagher and Conal Dunne have all experienced the championship heat for the first time this year, and to their credit, they have not been found wanting when called upon.

With such a significant injection of youth, the experience level has understandably decreased.

NEW PLAYERS

"From last year's county final, we are missing our centre half back, one of our midfielders and I was centre half forward. There are now three new players in that key diamond area," he points out.

"It is a fairly new team, there are players still finding their feet and it's very much all to do."

While finding the task of managing St. Eunan's difficult, Mulgrew also derives huge enjoyment from all that goes with it. High in his praise for his back room team of Michael Tunney, Pauric McDaid and Mickey The Boy O'Donnell, the executive for their assistance and the Mount Errigal Hotel for their continued sponsorship, he stresses that many have played a part in guiding his team to the biggest hurdle which stands before them.

St. Eunan's have assumed the favourite's tag since qualifying three weeks ago, yet the manager is having none of it.

"So many times this season alone, those in the media, who are supposed to be the experts have got it wrong. The team which believes what they read in the paper is the team which is in big trouble," he declares bluntly.

If, on the other hand, Charlie Mulgrew's players heed him, they will accept that they have won nothing so far this season, and that will not have changed after Sunday if a big performance from all who are part of proceedings is not delivered.

In Mulgrew's straight-talking world, it's that simple.

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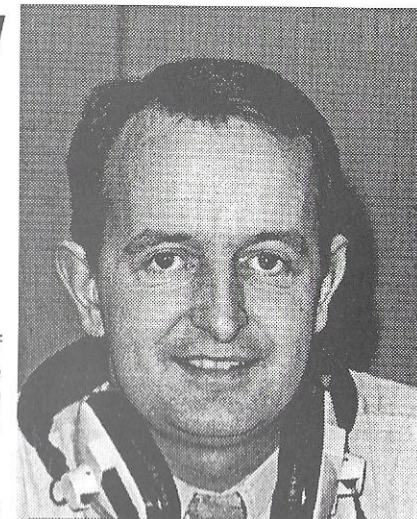
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Wishing St. Eunan's continued success.

Ardara buzzing for Democrat Championship Final



Michael Daly,
Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat

12 months ago Letterkenny was a sea of colour as the county final between the home club St. Eunan's and defending county champions Aodh Ruadh was awaited with eager anticipation.

On Monday last I noticed two St. Eunan's club members making their way around town putting up the black and yellow flags, but somehow I felt there wasn't the same buzz.

It's understandable, their third final in four years, St. Eunan's may well be getting familiar with the whole routine but down in Ardara there was a really discernible buzz.

On Thursday week last I visited and the town was a riot of green and gold colours, every house seemed to have a flag, over at Tom Divers there was a flag out each window and at Damien Diver's Centra the talk was about only one thing, this Sunday at 4p.m.!

Talking to County Chairman John McConnell it would appear Ardara owe their present strength at underage level to fellow south west club Killybegs.

In the early '80s the Ardara minor board was in part born out of frustration at being constantly hammered at youth level by Killybegs.

A minor board was established in 1985 and a quick look at the records for underage football will show that since then Ardara have moved in leaps and bounds to the top of the food chain when it comes to underage success.

More recently though that was thrown back in their face, a regular jibe was that the club could produce great minor, under 21 teams, but nothing at senior level.

The 1998 Gaeltacht title half closed the door on that one, this Sunday's appearance in the county final, could boot it shut forever.

Finally, a word of thanks for the many favourable comments we have received about our championship coverage in the Democrat. As you know we are sponsors this year and hope to continue the link. It's opportune to thank all the clubs and their hard working PROs for all their help and I would appeal to clubs to make a bigger effort now for the remainder of the league, a competition we have a hand in too, the Democrat Cup on offer for the winners of Division 1.

Best wishes to St. Eunan's in the Co. Final from

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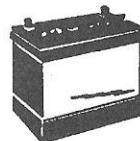
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Ardara and St. Eunan's

- County Final Facts

An tAth Seán Ó Gallchoir

* St Eunan's, Letterkenny, have won the Donegal Senior Football Championship 8 times.

1948 - St. Eunan's 1-7, Gaoth Dobhair 2-1.

1956 - St. Eunan's 0-8, Ballyshannon 1-2.

1960 - St. Eunan's 0-11, Gaoth Dobhair 0-3.

1967 - St. Eunan's 1-13, St. Joseph's 1-9.

1969 - St. Eunan's 0-10, St. Joseph's 1-4.

1972 - St. Eunan's 2-12, Clanna Gael 1-8.

1983 - St. Eunan's 0-8, Ardara 0-3.

1999 - St. Eunan's 1-19, Aodh Ruadh 1-11.

* St. Eunan's have reached the county final on eleven other occasions: 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1955, 1958, 1974, 1997. The 1950 final was not played and the 1997 final was lost following a protest.

* Letterkenny Rovers won the 1927 County Championship and contested the 1926 and 1930 finals.

* Ardara have won the Donegal Senior Football Championship 4 times.

1923 - Ardara 0-3, Ballybofey 0-1.

1926 - Ardara 0-5, Letterkenny Rovers 0-2.

1928 - Ardara 1-4, Killygordon 0-3.

1981 - Ardara 1-7, Four Masters 0-6.

* Ardara have reached the County Final on 5 other occasions: 1936, 1938, 1980, 1983 and 1984.

* Letterkenny and Ardara have met on 2 occasions in the County Final:

1926 - Ardara 0-5, Letterkenny Rovers 0-2.

1983 - St. Eunan's, 0-8, Ardara 0-3.

* Leading the Donegal Senior Football Championship Roll of Honour are:

12 - Gaoth Dobhair and Ballyshannon.

8 - St. Eunan's.

7 - Dungloe and St. Joseph's.

6 - Killybegs and Seán Mac Cumhaills.

5 - Kildar.

4 - Ardara.

* The most recent Championship games between Ardara and St. Eunan's finished as follows:

1999 Quarter Final:

St. Eunan's 1-16, Ardara 1-12.

1987 Quarter Final:

Ardara 3-8, St. Eunan's 2-4.

1983 Final:

St. Eunan's 0-8, Ardara 0-3.

1979 First Round:

Ardara 1-17, St. Eunan's 0-10.

St. Eunan's 0-11, Ardara 1-4.

Ardara 1-9, St. Eunan's 0-5.

1960 Quarter Final:

St. Eunan's 2-10, Ardara 2-6.

1955 Semi Final:

St. Eunan's 2-4, Ardara 2-4.

St. Eunan's 3-8, Ardara 2-4.

1950 Semi Final:

St. Eunan's 3-4, Ardara 1-6.

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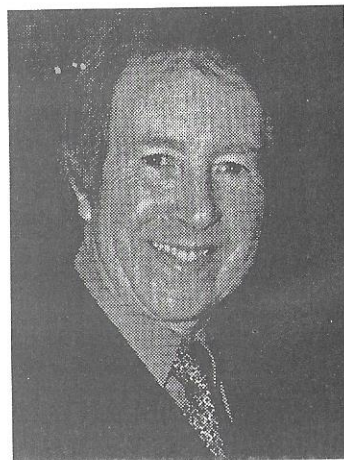
The Diamond, Ardara,
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GIFTS AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Good Luck to the boys on Sunday from
Charlie, Margaret Lynch and Staff.

CHARLIE BENNETT

Chairman of Donegal
County Council.



Good Luck to both teams taking part to-day and may the Best team win

Player Profile.

Kevin Winston.

(St. Eunan's.)

Age: 22

Height: 6'

Weight: 13st

Occupation: ESB Technician

Marital Status: Single

Favourite Grounds:
McCumhaill Park

Toughest Opponent:
Them all

Childhood Hero:
Mikey Sheehy

Favourite Other Sports:
Soccer Hockey and Darts

Most Memorable Game:
1995 County Minor Final

Biggest Influence on Career:
My father, Joe 'Dodo' Winston

Biggest Disappointment:
None.

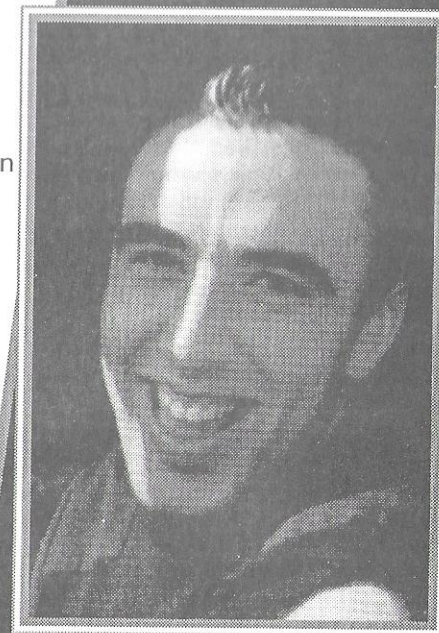
Young Player for the Future:
Conal Dunne.

Favourite Film:
American Pie.

Favourite Film Star:
Nicole Kidman

**Favourite Method
of Relaxation:**
Sauna and Jucuzzi

Your Hopes for the Future:
To win today's final and
hopefully many more with St.
Eunan's.



BIG DECISION AHEAD

by **CLIONA FOLEY** (*Irish Independent*).

CONGRATS to all involved in today's county final, invariably a red-letter day for players, clubs, fans and County Boards alike.

You're here for the thrills and spills and the pride of your parish but you might also take time out to consider the upcoming Special Football Congress which takes place in Dublin's City West Hotel on October 7, which may have serious repercussions for days like this.

Anyone who's ever seen Monty Python's 'Life of Brian' will remember the famous 'splitters' sketch, involving five or six factions of the 'Peoples' Front of Judea'.

The bottom line was that even though they all had different names and hated each others' guts, they were all actually all fighting for the same cause.

That hilarious parody springs to mind everytime the GAA try to revamp the All Ireland Football Championship.

Last year something called the 'FDC' came up with proposals (essentially a round-robin system which would replace the now-dwindling N.League and extend the Championship) which were shot down.

Now we've got a body called the 'Intercounty Schedule Work Group' and their alternative involves a 'back-door' (BD) system, whereby the beaten first rounders in each province go back into an open-draw.

The winners of that will meet the beaten provincial semi-finalists and the winners of that then progress to meet the beaten provincial finalists.

Whoever eventually emerges will meet the provincial champions in All Ireland quarter-finals and away we go.

Bob's your uncle, we're told, or at least a very close relative.

There'll be 29 extra games, the players won't be training for just one game and we fans will have at least a second day out. Sure it'll be only mighty!

Fine, except that the new FDC proposals fail to address one of its two original opponents. Last time out the main anti-FDC faction was the Provincial Councils. Their Championships are huge money earners and they wouldn't countenance losing them. The second faction was the pro-club lobby who asked, quite realistically, where do our games fit in here?

The GAA, very cleverly, has got the Provincial Council rump onside now by retaining their Championships but have they answered the misgivings of the club faction?

You could realistically argue that this new system has the potential to cause even more havoc with domestic fixtures.

They're now suggesting keeping the League and extending the Championship. That means more dates for county games and more demands by county managers for exclusive access to your best club players.

The FDC are giving a concession; there'll be no replays but extra-time in any games on the Back-Door side of the draw.

But they're still talking about 'regular' matches on Saturdays and Bank Holidays, dates which are often used for the burgeoning club schedule, especially in dual counties.

If life were ideal, things would be simple and this, or any other system, would work perfectly.

County Boards would simply insist that clubs keep to schedule.

and throw them out if they didn't but most don't and some counties and clubs are plain farcical.

If an intercounty player is off his grub for a day, some clubs will look for a postponement and often get it! In other counties they suspend their entire domestic championship while in pursuit of the All Ireland.

Basically three agendas (club, county (manager) and County Board) battle for supremacy in the fixtures schedule and you can double the trouble if it's a dual county.

Donegal have made a fair fist of keeping to their SFC fixtures this summer but remember, you unfortunately took an early shower in Ulster. There was no need for replay dates or postponements.

Kilkenny are a shining example. They play top club games right through the All Ireland series, with no exceptions. They risked players getting injured a fortnight before the All Ireland final and still won it.

But the Noresiders are a rare exception and elsewhere most County Boards find it difficult to remain strong in the face of bullying by either the clubs or intercounty managements Unless you, the members of the clubs who make up the Donegal County Board, are willing to support your officers and abide steadfastly by these latest rules and schedules, this latest proposal could be problematic.

It's now time for you, and your club, to decide on which side of this particular fence you are sitting.

The views expressed are the those of the Author & not necessarily those of the Donegal County Board.

Best wishes to St. Eunan's from

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St. Eunan's Path to the Senior Championship

First Round, 1st Leg:

St. Eunan's 2-16 Aodh Ruadh 0-9

First Round, 2nd Leg:

Aodh Ruadh 0-9 St. Eunan's 2-9

Quarter-Final

St. Eunan's 0-12 N. Columba 0-6

Semi-Final

St. Eunan's 0-14 Killybegs 0-10

Ardara Path to the Senior Championship

First Round, 1st Leg:

St. Naul's 0-13 Ardara 0-12

First Round, 2nd Leg:

Ardara 0-8 St. Naul's 0-6

First Round, Play off:

Ardara 1-9 St. Naul's 0-4

Quarter-Final

Ardara 1-10 Four Master's 1-6

Semi-Final

Ardara 0-11 Gweedore 1-6

Player Profile.

Peter McHugh

Age: 22

Height: 5' 8".

Weight: 11 st.

Position: Centre Forward.

Married / Single: Single.

Occupation: Engineer.

Honours:

U-14 and 2 U-21 Club Championships. 1 All-Ireland Voc. 1 Ulster Minor League and Championship. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht and 1 Hastings Cup.

Toughest Opponent:

Ted Breslin.

Favourite Ground:

Croke Park.

Favourite Player:

Seamus Moynihan.

Most memorable game seen:

1992 All-Ireland Final.

Most memorable game played in:

Vocational School All-Ireland Final.

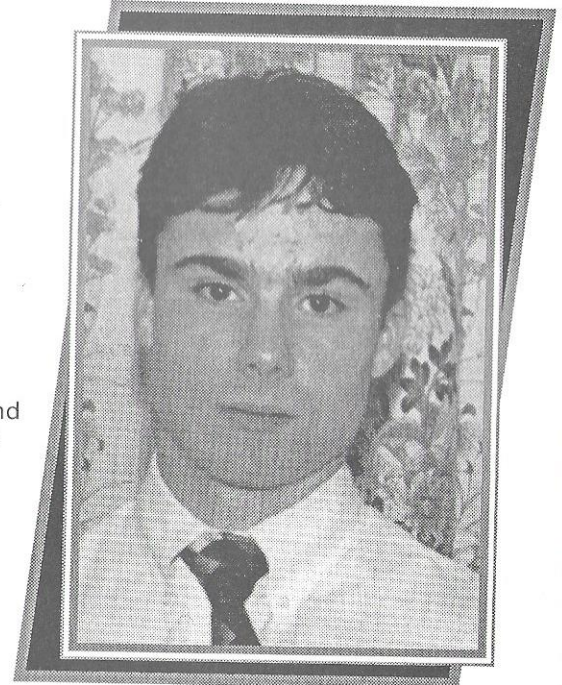
Biggest influence on your career: My father, Paddy.

Biggest disappointment: Losing the All-Ireland Minor semi-final.

Boyhood Heroes: Jimmy Brennan, Patrick Gallagher and Anthony Molloy

Favourite other sports: Soccer and Pool.

Ways of improving the game: 13 a side.



PÍOSA TAISPEÁNTAIS NA BLIANA

- *Le Seamus de Faoite*
(*Oifigeach na Gaeilge*)

Glactar leis anois gurb é Craobh na Contae i ngrád ar bith, cuid suntais na peile nó na hiománaíochta. Tá seo fíor, go speisialta maidir le Craobh Ceannais Sinsear Peile na Contae. Inniu i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, rachfaidh dhá cheann de phríomh fhoirne na contae i gcoimhlint le chéile le seilbh a fháil ar Chorn an Doctúir Mag Uidhir.

Tá sé tuillte ag Naomh Adhamhnáin, Leitir Ceanainn agus Ard a' Rátha a bheith sa chluiche ceannais, ach caithfear a rá chomh maith go dtiocfadh lena gcéilí imeartha na Cealla Beaga agus Gaoth Dobhair a n-áiteanna a bheith acu inniu. Cibé ar bith cruthaíonn sé go bhfuil an pheil ag leibhéal sinsir breá cothrom faoi láthair agus le cúpla bliain anuas agus measaim gur rud maith é seo.

Tá daoine éigin a shíleann faoi láthair go bhfuil an chosúlacht air nach mbíonn foireann rathúil contae againn go ceann tamall maith eile agus b'fhéidir gur sin mar a bheidh. Mar sin fhéin, sílim gur féidir dul i mbannaí ar thoradh ádhúil laistigh d'am ghairid mar gheall ar an am uilig agus an fuinneamh atáthar a thabhairt den pheil agus iománaíocht faoi anois. Sin uilig ráite, tá ár n-intinn dírithe inniu ar chluiche Craoibhe Sinsir na Contae agus is lá mór an lá inniu den pheil i nDún na nGall.

Dhéanfaidh Naomh Adhamhnáin agus Ard a'Rátha a ndícheall agus táim ag súil le cluiche ar dóigh. Is mór an chreidiúint an tríocha lomaithoir agus na fir ionaid d'ár gcluiche naisiúnta. Dhéanfaidh siad uilig sár iarracht an onóir agus an ghlóir atá tuillte acu a thabhairt go dtí a gceantar dúchais féin. Ba mhaith leo go mbeifidh ábalta curaidh na contae a thabhairt orthu go speisialta i mbliana an mhílaois nua. Níl dabht ar bith agam, ní miste cé acu den dhá fhoireann a mbeidh an bhua acu, gur ag an pheil Ghaelach a racaidh an chlu agus an cháil agus go bhfeicfidh an t-aos óg é san am atá le teacht, mar shampla d'ard-chhaighdean ár gcluichí.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh na buaitheoirí creidiúnach go leor seasamh le traidisiún atá buan dearfach. Tá páirt thábhachtach le himirt ag an traidisiún sa pheil Ghaelacht. Tá traidisiún ag Naomh Adhamhnáin agus Ard a' Rátha a thig leo a thabhairt tríd chomhlint ar bith. Chonaic mé seo ag tarlú ó am go chéile agus creidim go bhfuil sé fíor. Ní bhuaitear cluichí ar traidisiún amháin, ach mar sin féin is páirt thábhachtach é.

Go mbeidh an bhua ag an dhá fhoireann sa deireadh.

Player Profile.

Tony Blake

(St. Eunan's.)

Age: 28

Height: 6' 2"

Weight: 14st

Occupation:
Civil Engineer Technician.

Marital Status:
Single (so far)

Favourite Grounds:
Páirc Uí Caoimh

Toughest Opponent:
Peter Canavan

Childhood Hero: My Father,
Eunan 'Busty' Blake

Favourite Other Sports:
Soccer & Golf

Most Memorable Game:
Railway Cup Final 2000

Biggest Influence on Career: My Father, Eunan 'Busty' Blake

Biggest Disappointment: 1998 Ulster Final

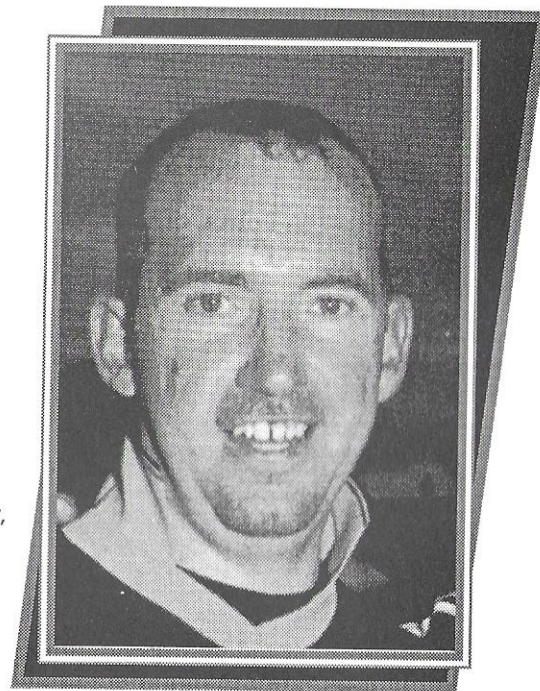
Young Player for the Future: Rory Kavanagh

Favourite Film: Rudy

Favourite Film Star: Demi Moore

Favourite Method of Relaxation: Sleeping

Your Hopes for the Future: To win an Ulster title with club and county.



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PLAYER PROFILES

Tony Blake: 28. Civil Engineering Technician. 6'2". 14.5st. Senior C'ship 99, 2 London and British Championships, 1U21, 1 League, Railway Cup

Peter McGeehin: 31. R and D Engineer. 5'11". 12st. Senior C'ship 99, League 98 & 99

Maurice McGeehin (Mossy): 26. Industrial Engineer. 6'2". 14st. 2 Senior C'ship (1 Limerick), League 98 & 99

Brian McDermott (Barney): 24. Woodwork Teacher. 5'9". 12st. Senior 2 Minor, 1 U21, 1 U16 2 U14 C'ships, League 98 & 99

Jonathon Scanlon: 24. Clerical Officer. 6'. 13st. Senior C'ship 99, 2 Minor 1 U21 C'ships, League 98 & 99

Brendan Kilcoyne: 29. Bank Official. 6'1". 13st. 4 County C'ships (2 Sligo) 6 League C'ship's (4 Sligo).

Paul Crampsie: 27. Postman. 6'3". 15st. U 12, U21 Junior & Senior C'ships, League 99

John Harran: 23. Student. 6'4". 14st. U 14, U 16, U 18 & Senior C'ship, League 98 & 99, Hogan Cup '94, Connacht Junior C'ship, Connacht Senior C'ship B.

Barry Tinney: 28. Store Manager. 5'9". 12.5st. County Minor & U21 Capt., U14, 2 U18, U21 C'ship, League 98 & 99.

Mark Crossan: 29. Bank Official. 5'11". 12.5st. All-Ireland '92, 1 U21, 1 Ulster C'ship, Senior C'ship 99, Railway Cup, League 98 & 99

Brendan Devenney: 24. Sales Rep., 5'11". 13.5st. 1 U 18, Junior & Senior C'ships, Div. 4 & Div 1 Leagues (2), Railway Cup

Damien Daly: 24. Student. 5'9". 11st.

1 U14, 2 U18, 1 U21, C'ships, League

Shane Sullivan: 23. Student. 6'3". 14st.

1 U21, 2 Minor, Sen. Reserve & Senior C'ships, Trench Cup, League 99

Kevin Winston: 23. ESB Technician. 6'. 13.5st.

County Minor '94-'96, U14, U16, 3 U18, U21 & Senior C'ships, League 98 & 99

Terrance Gallagher: 31. FAS Supervisor. 5'9". 11st.

3 Lonon & British C'ships, 2 McLarnon Cup, Donegal League & C'ship U14, 16 & Minor.

Vernon Gallagher: 20. Bar Manager & Car Valeting. 6'4". 14st.

Divisional U12 14 16 18, County Under 16, 21 Player

Shane O' Donnell: 22. Student. 6'. 13st. Ulster Minor C'ship, County U12, 14, 16, 18 & 21 C'ships.

Brendan Roche: 20. Student. 5'11". 12st. County U21 player.

Kevin Rafferty: Trainee Manager

Rory Kavanagh: 18. Student. 6' 1". 11st.

McLarnon Cup, County Minor Player

Damien McClafferty: 18. Student. 5'8". 11st.

McLarnon Cup, County Minor Player

Conal Dunne: 17. Student. 5'9". 11st.

Ted Webb Winner, County Minor Panel

Kieran Doherty: 19. Soldier. 6'11st.

Divisional U12 14 16 18,

Bosco Gallagher:

Eamon Harran: 19. 6'3". 12st.

County U12 & 13, Division 1 Reserve League, County U 16 and Minor Player

ARDARA SENIOR TEAM

- 1
C. O'Curraighin
(Conor Curran)
- 2
S. De Faoite
(Sean Whyte)
- 3
E. O'Dochartaigh
(Eamon Doherty)
- 4
C. O'Beirn
(Kevin Byrne)
- 5
D. O'Dhuibhir
(Damien Diver)
- 6
M. Mac Sheain
(Martin McShane)
- 7
M. O'Dochartaigh
(Michael Doherty)
- 8
B. O'Baoill
(Brendan Boyle)
- 9
P. O'Dhuibhir
(Francis Diver)
- 10
F. O'hEinne
(Fergal Heena)
- 11
P. Mac Aodha
(Peter McHugh)
- 12
C. O'Dochartaigh
(Conal Doherty)
- 13
S. O'Luachaire
(Don Early)
- 14
S. O'Baoill
(Jonathon Boyle)
- 15
P. O'Gallachóir
(Patrick Gallagher)

Fir Ionad: 16, Stiofain Mac Giolla De (Stephen Gildea); 17, Seosamh O'Dochartaigh (Joseph Doherty); 18, Seamus O'Braonainn (Jimmy Brennan); 19, Darren Mac Guibhir (Darren Maguire); 20, Adrian O'Chunninghan (Adrian Cunningham); 21, Tadgh O'Breisleainn (Ted Breslin); 22, Aodh O'Braonainn (Aodh Brennan); 23, Maitiu De Faoite (Matthew Whyte); 24, Lee O'Fuairisce (Lee Watters); 25, Pdraig O'Seibhleain (Pdraig O'Shovlin).

Ardara	Cuil	Cúilliní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
lomlán					

ST. EUNAN'S SENIOR TEAM

- 1
A. De Bláca
(Tony Blake)
- 2
B. Roache
(Brendan Roche)
- 3
M. Ó Crosaín
(Mark Crossan)
- 4
S. Ó Scanlaín
(Jonathon Scanlon)
- 5
D. Ó Daláigh
(Damien Daly)
- 6
M. Mac Gaothaín
(Maurice McGeehin)
- 7
T. Ó Gallachóir
(Terrance Gallagher)
- 8
S. Ó Harruín
(John Harran)
- 9
P. Ó Craimhsí
(Paul Crampsie)
- 10
S. Ó Suilleabhaín
(Shane O'Sullivan)
- 11
B. Ó Deabhannaigh
(Brendan Devenney)
- 12
R. Caomhnach
(Rory Kavanagh)
- 13
B. Mac Giolla Chaoín
(Brendan Kilcoyne)
- 14
C. Raifeartaigh
(Kevin Rafferty)
- 15
C. Mac Uinstoín
(Kevin Winston)

Fir Ionad: 16, B. O'Gallachóir (Bosco Gallagher); 17, C.ÓDochartaigh (Kevin Doherty); 18, P. Mac Gaothaín (Peter McGeehin); 19, B. Mac Diarmada (Brian McDermott); 20, B. Ó Tionnaigh (Barry Tinney); 21, C. O'Doinn (Conal Dunne); 22, S. O Domhnaill (Shane O'Donnell); 23, V. Ó Gallichóir (Vernon Gallagher); 24, M. (Martin Temple); 25, B. O Treabhair (Eamon Harran); 26, D. MacLaifeartaigh (Damien McClafferty).

St. Eunan's	Cuil	Cúilliní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
lomlán					

Ardara Seniors

- Conor Curran:** 24. Student. Goalkeeper. 6'1". 14st. U-16, U-18, 2 U 21 Championships, Hastings Cup Winner, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. One of Ardara's consistent performers. Made a brilliant save in the closing minutes of the County Semi-final.
- Sean White:** 24. Construction Worker. Corner Back. 5'10". 12.5st. 1 U-16, 1 Minor, and 2 U-21 Championships. 1 Ted Webb and 1 Co. Minor. Brother of Matthew.
- Eamon Doherty:** 26. Publican. Full Back. 6'2". 12.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18 and 2 U-21 Club Championships. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. 2 Cumann Na mBunscoil Titles with St. Mary's N.S. Ardara. Member of the Donegal Senior Panel and Captain of the Ardara Team today.
- Joseph Doherty:** 27. Secondary Teacher. Corner Back. 6'. 12st. 2 Cumann na mBunscoil titles with St. Mary's N.S. Ardara. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 Reserve/Senior Shield. The Daddy of the Doherty Brothers.
- Kevin Byrne:** 21. Engineer. Half Back. 6'. 13st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18 Club Championship, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. Missed the quarter final due to fishing commitments - tenacious tackler.
- Brendan Boyle:** 18. Student. Half Back. 6'1". 13.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, Club Championships. County U-21 Minor Player. All-Ireland Freshers/Intermediate with Sligo I.T. Captain of Donegal Minor team this year. Played with the Irish U-16 Team that toured Australia in 1999. Brother of Jonathon.
- Martin McShane:** 27. Factory Worker. Half Back. 5'8". 12.5st. 2 Div. 2 Leagues, 1 Intermediate and 1 Ulster Minor in 1991.
- Adrian Cunningham:** 26. E.S.B. Employee. Half Back. 5'10". 13st. 1 U-16. 1 U-18, 1 U-21 Club Championships. Making a comeback to the Senior Team this year.
- Michael Doherty:** 25. P.E. Teacher. Half Back/Half Forward. 5'10" 12st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 2 U-21 Club Championships. 2 Cumann na mBunscoil medals. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. Was a member of the Donegal Senior team in 1997.
- Ted Breslin:** 35. Office Manager. Corner Back. 5'10". 12.5st. 1 U-21 Championship, 1 Senior League, 1 Senior Gaeltacht, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 2 Co. Sheild Medals. Was a member of the Donegal Senior Squad in 1984. One of Ardara's greatest players, has been an inspiration to the younger players.
- Fergal Heena:** 20. Factory Worker. Forward. 5'11". 11st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 1 All-Ireland Medal. A Co. Minor in 1998. Can score from play and a reliable free taker.
- Matthew Whyte:** 18. Student. Half Forward. 5'10". 13.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. 1st year on the Senior Panel.
- Patrick Gallagher:** 35. Sales Rep. with Sam Spudz. Half Forward. 6'. 13.5st. 1 U-18, 1 U-21, 1 Senior League. 1 Senior Gaeltacht, 1 All-Ireland Voc. Schools, 1 All Ireland Gaeltacht. He holds an unique record as the first Donegal player to captain Donegal to victory in the All-Ireland Vocational School in 1985 in Croke Park. He was also on the Ardara team that played in their last Co. Final in 1984.

- Jimmy "Bear" Brennan:** 36. Sales Rep. Midfield. 6'. 14st. 1 Minor, 1 U-21 Senior League, 1 Senior Gaeltacht, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 All-Ireland Schools in 1985. Was a member of the Ardara Senior Panel when they la contested the Co. Final in 1984.
- Aodh Brennan:** 23. Plasterer. Half Back/Half Forward. 5'10". 14st. 2 U-21 Club Championships, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 All-Ireland Vocation Schools, 1 Ulster Minor Championship, 2 Cumann na mBunscoil title Played for the Donegal U-21 team in 1998.
- Damien Diver:** 26. Shop Manager/Quality Service. Half Back/Midfield. 5'10". 12.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18 and 2 U-21 Club Championships. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 Ulster U-21, 1 Ulster Minor, 2 Cumann na mBunscoil titles. Has been a player with the Donegal Senior team for the past number of years.
- Pat Shovlin:** 23. Student. Goalkeeper. 5'7" 12st. 1 U-16 and 1 Minor Club Championship.
- Jonathon Boyle:** 23. Forward. Student. 6'1". 13.5st. 1 U-18, 1 U21 and All-Ireland Gaeltacht. Brother of Brendan. Top scorer this year. Father John who is a mentor on the team, played on the 1981 Ardara winning team.
- Lee Watters:** 17. Student in Magee College. Half Forward/Half Back. 6'1". 11.5st. 1 U16, 1 Minor Championship, was a Co. Minor in 2000. First year of the Senior panel and comes from a strong football family.
- Stephen Gildea:** 22. Net maker with Swan Nets. 5'9". 10.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 2 U21 Club Championships, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. His father Patsy was Goalkeeper in the 1981 Ardara Championship team and his uncle Cona Aidan also played on the team.
- Darren Maguire:** 20. Factory Worker. Midfield/Half Forward. 6'. 12st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18 and 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. First year on the Senior Panel.
- Francis Diver:** 23. I.T. Consultant. Midfield. 6'2". 13st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 2 U-21 Club Championships, 1 Reserve Shield. First year on the Senior Panel. Son of great Columba Diver. Cousin of the Whytes, Don Early and Damien Diver.
- Conal Doherty:** 24. Student of Tourism. Half Forward. 5'10". 12.5st. 1 U-14, 1 U-16, 1 U-18, 2 U-21 Club Championships. 2 All-Ireland Vocational School. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht. Youngest of the 4 Doherty brothers and the joker on the team. Scorer of 6 points in the Co. semi-final.
- Peter McHugh:** 24. Construction Project Manager. Corner Forward. 5'8". 12st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18 and 2 U-21 Club Championship. 2 All-Ireland Voc. School, 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 Hastings Cup. Former Co. U-21 player.
- Don Early:** 25. Sales manager with Gallaghers Bakery. Corner Forward. 5'8". 12.5st. 1 U-16, 1 U-18, and 2 U21 Club Championships. 1 All-Ireland Gaeltacht, 1 Ulster Vocational Schools. 2 Cumann na mBunscoil medals.
- John Boyle:** Launderette Owner. Team Selector. 5'2". 15st. Won an U-16 Championship in 1968, a Minor in 1969 and 1970. Won the Junior League and Championship in 1970, a Junior Championship in 1967 and a Senior Championship with Ardara in 1981. He also won 3 Shields and 3 Gaeltacht medals with the club also. Played for Donegal minors, U-21 and Senior in 1970 and also received Donegal Senior Player of the Year. Played in Full Back on all three teams.
- Anthony Harkin:** Trainer. Teacher in Milford Vocational School. Trainer of the Team. Trained Donegal Senior Team to All-Ireland Glory in 1992. Won a Senior Championship with Ardara in 1981 at Midfield. Won an All-Ireland Club Championship with Thomond College on the same side as Pat Spillane and Brian Talty. Played for many years for the Ardara Senior Team.

Deserving recipients of honour - St. Joseph's

By Michael McHugh (Donegal Democrat)

One of the county's best known club sides of the sixties and seventies - St. Joseph's - combining the talents of Bundoran and Ballyshannon could be said to be the "Busby babes" of their time.

Their first championship success in 1965, was followed by another success in 1968. 1970 saw their third title before taking four in a row between 1973 and 1976. Not a bad innings over such a relatively short career which spanned from 1963 until 1976.

Four league championships in that time, two other county final defeats and the final of 1966 which was never played, all add to the pedigree of a combination who influenced the course of Donegal football more than most in those decades. They won every single competition they ever played in, at least once, and that more than any other statistic sums up this very special team.

Before the Ulster Club championship became an officially recognised competition they won the title in 1966, 1967, runners up in 1968 - ironically the same year they won the All-Ireland club championship and later when it became an official competition, they again took the coveted crown in 1975 after being defeated in the 1973 decider.

Today the St. Joseph's winning teams of 1974 and 1975 are being honoured. 1975 was also an important year for Joseph's - taking their first official, Ulster Club Championship title by defeating Castleblaney Faughs of Monaghan - a feat that to date, a quarter of a century later, has yet to be repeated by any other Donegal Club side.

No single team has so dominated the Donegal Senior championship since the demise of this lethal combination.

Indeed, so smoothly did the name of Joseph's pass the lips of the footballing faithful in Donegal, that a victory against them was considered a major achievement in itself, and a real feather in the cap.

1974

Having regained the championship in 1973 - defeating MacCumhaill's by two points, the '74 campaign again saw them get to the final where they beat old rivals St. Eunan's by 1-8 to 1-3, despite the winners going down to 14 men. The faces may have changed, but it was a "rain lashed and windswept MacCumhaill Park" that greeted the '74 finalists.

The report of the game indicated a miserable day for football with the elements, the sodden pitch and the greasy ball all militating against good football. The fact that the game was not played until mid-November did not help matters weather wise and was due to the success of the county team in

taking their second senior Ulster crown. "Centre half back and captain Declan O'Carroll was the star of a generally sound St. Joseph's defence, in which Pauric McShea, Ray Sheerin, Brian McEniff and Philip McLoone also gave good performances. Teddy Kane at midfield gave his best display of the season and not far behind him was Peter Barry. Martin Carney, Seamie Granaghan Thomas Quinn and Billy Gavigan were the most impressive up front according to the Donegal Democrat report of the final.

The 1974 Joseph's county final winning team and scorers included: Alan Kane, Niall McQuillan, Pauric McShea, Ray Sheerin, Brian McEniff, Declan O'Carroll (capt.), Philip McLoone (RIP), Teddy Kane, Peter Barry, Martin Carney (0-3), Seamie Granaghan (0-4), Sean Gallagher (0-1), Billy Gavigan, Thomas Quinn (1-0), Kieran Blake.

Others players named on the panel for the game were; P.J. McGuinness, Ken Fox, Michael Melly, Michael Pat Daly, Pascal Williamson.

1975

The following year St. Joseph's opponents in the final were MacCumhaills and for the third year running they took the coveted title.

Although they won 1-11 to 1-5 with the game a done deal by the third quarter, the match report says their opponents, MacCumhaills never gave up.

"Although the issue was beyond doubt from the third quarter on, at least interest was maintained until the final whistle with the challenger putting up a magnificent do or die struggle that kept the excitement going.

"Played before an estimated 3,000 spectators, the game was remarkable for the wonderful spirit of sportsmanship in which it was played and throughout the hour there was not one untoward incident on or off the field.

"Deservedly winners St. Joseph's once again proved that when the chips are down they have the class of which champions are made and it was a joy to see how when they were a goal and a point in arrears after 24 minutes, the prospect of defeat welded them into a superb fighting machine in which there was not one weak link, moving all the time as a team, anticipating each others moves and always on the ready to take advantage of slips by the opposition", the match final report read.

The team in the 1975 final was: Alan Kane, Niall McQuillan, Pauric McShea, Ray Sheerin, Brian McEniff, Declan O'Carroll, Philip McLoone, Martin Carney, Peter Barry, Seamie Granaghan, Thomas Quinn, Sean Gallagher, Billy Gavigan, Teddy Kane (Capt), Peter Long. Sub: Sean Boyle.

Joseph's manager that year was the late Brendan McHugh who saw his team go all the way until defeat by Roscommon Gaels in the All-Ireland Club championship semi-final.

Despite the precocious talent that has emerged in Donegal over the past quarter century, no club team has emanated the success of St. Joseph's and that is as good a reason as any, why the southern combination are deserving recipients of honour this Sunday. These great players and the wisdom of men like Jim Gallagher and Sean Slevin have made St. Joseph's a special team in the County Champions Hall of Fame.

St. Eunan's, pictured before the quarter final win, over N. Columba



Ardara, pictured before the quarter final win over Four Masters



Player Profile

Damien Dunnion

Age: 29

Height: 5' 11"

Weight: 13 st.

Occupation: Van Salesman

Marital Status: Engaged to Alison, Getting married next April.

Honours Won: Intermediate Championship & Division 2 in 1996.

Favourite Position: Anywhere in the full-forward line.

Favourite Grounds: Tirchonaill Park, Mac Cumhaill Park.

Favourite Other Sports: Playing soccer and darts and watching most others.

Childhood Hero: No real childhood hero but I've supported Leeds Utd. since I was four or five years old.

Most Memorable Game: Winning the Intermediate Championship Replay in 1996. It was my first major winners medal after years of trying.

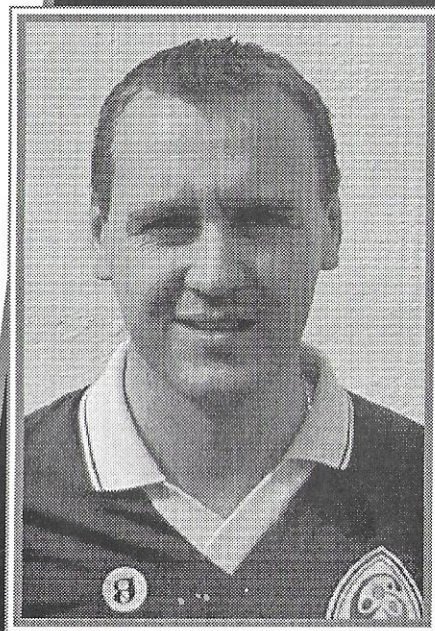
Biggest Influence on Career: My father Sean. He always encouraged myself, my brother Sean and sister Denise to play as much as possible. Denise still plays for the County Ladies.

Biggest Disappointment: The Intermediate Championship final in 1996. We were leading by six points going into injury time when Carndonagh scored two goals. I was gutted but fortunately we won the replay.

Favourite Film Star: Robert de Niro, Morgan Freeman.

Favourite Food / Drink: It's hard to beat a pint of Guinness.
Your Hopes for the Future: To stay injury-free and play for another few years. Maybe then coach an underage team in the club.

Young Player for the Future: It has to be my cousin Barry Dunnion. He has got the talent, commitment and modesty it takes to be the very best.



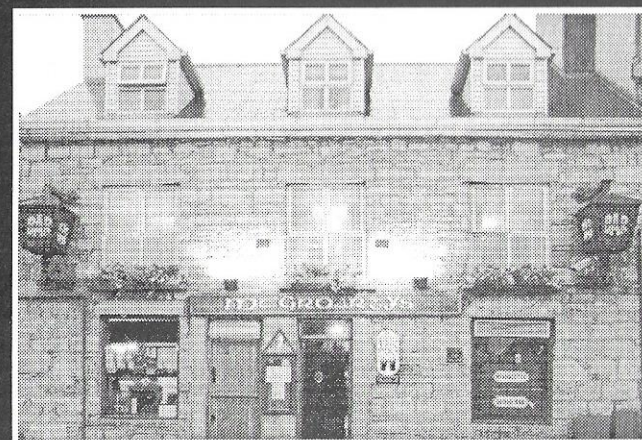
Four Masters Path to the Senior Reserve Final

First Round			
Glenfin	1.6	Four Master's	1.11
Four Master's	4.10	Glenfin	0.9
Quarter-Final			
Four Master's	0.16	St. Naul's	1.6
Semi-Final			
Four Master's	1.11	Dungloe	1.6

Cloughaneely Path to the Senior Reserve Final

First Round, 1st Leg:			
Killybegs	0-11	Cloughaneely	0-12
First Round, 2nd Leg:			
Cloughaneely	1-10	Killybegs	0-8
Quarter-Final			
Cloughaneely	5-15	N. Mhuire	0-7
Semi-Final			
Cloughaneely	0-9	St. Eunan's	0-8

Wishing the Four Masters The Best of Luck in Sunday's Final



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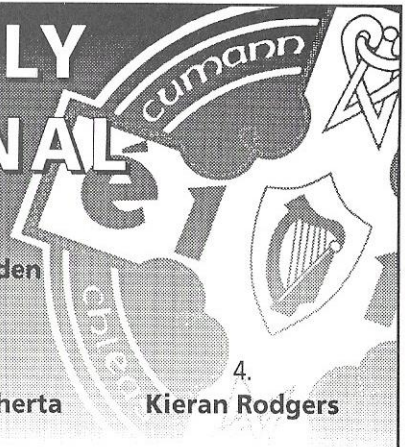
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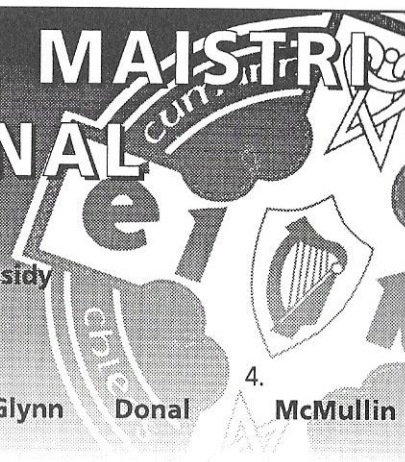


1. Joseph Rodden
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3. Ultan Ó Flatherta
4. Kieran Rodgers
5. Cathal Gallagher (Óg)
6. James Harkin
7. Kevin Scanlon (Capt.)
8. George Montgomery
9. John Cannon
10. Cathal Gallagher
11. James Gallagher
12. Joseph Boyce
13. Eugene Mulligan
14. Ownie McFadden
15. Kieran Gallagher

Subs.: 16., Danny McNulty; 17., Dessie Doohan (Dan); 18., Thomas McCafferty; 19., Danny Doohan; 20., Kieran McFadden; 21., Joe Ferry; 22., Stephen Doohan; 23., Joseph Sharkey; 24., Joe Kelly; 25., Joe Casey; 26., Denis Doohan; 27., Seán Boylan; 28., Mark Boylan; 29., Paul Gallagher.

Cloughaneely	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
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NA CEITHRE MAISTRÍ RESERVE FINAL



1. Martin Cassidy
2. Martin Gillespie (capt.)
3. Pauric McGlynn
4. Donal McMullin
5. Kevin Callaghan
6. Joyce McMullin
7. Peter Donaghy
8. Niall Cassidy
9. James McMullin
10. Brendan Cassidy
11. Aaron Slevin
12. Rory McGowan
13. Sean Durcan
14. Barry Dunnion
15. Damien Dunnion

Subs.: 16., Kevin Molloy; 17., Aidan Cassidy; 18., Karl Lacey; 19., James Doherty; 20., Conor Reid; 21., Kieran Keeney; 22., Barry O'Donnell; 23., Pauric Quinn; 24., Ronan Sweeney; 25., Emlyn Hughes; 26., David Murray; 27., Paul McGinty;

Four Masters	Cuil	Cúillíní	Seachtai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
lomlán					

Na Ceithre Máistrí

PLAYER PROFILES

Donal Mc Mullin: (33) 5' 10", 12 stone, Captain, Corner Back, Magee & Co. Employee, Div. 2 '89, '96, Intermediate C'ship '96.

Martin Cassidy: (16) 6' 0", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Student, Under 14 & Under 16 C'ship Medals.

Martin Gillespie: (31) 5' 7", 12 stone, Corner Back, Builder, Reserve player of the year 1992. Intermediate C'ship and Division 2 Medals in '96.

Pauric Mc Glynn: (22) 5' 10", 11 stone, Full Back, Student, Under 12, 14, 18, 21B C'ship Medals.

Kevin Callaghan: (18) 6' 1", 13 stone, Half Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals.

Joyce Mc Mullin: (37) 5' 10", 12 stone, Centre half back, Manager First Active, All-Ireland U.21 Medal '82, Ulster Senior C'ship '83, '90, '92, All-Ireland Senior C'ship '92, Senior C'ship '82, 84, Under 21 C'ship '79, Intermediate C'ship '96, Div. 2 '81, '89, '96, Railway Cup '90, All Star '90.

Peter Donaghy: (34) 5' 11", 13 stone, Half Back, Civil Engineer Donegal County Council, Junior C'ship medal with Fermanagh in New York.

James Mc Mullin: (16) 6' 3", 13 stone, Midfield, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals.

Niall Cassidy: (23) 6' 2", 12 stone, Midfield, Teacher, Under 12, 14, 18 C'ship Medals, Intermediate Reserve '96.

Aaron Slevin: (20) 6' 0", 12 stone, Half Forward, Student, British University Championship.

Rory Mc Gowan: (18) 5' 10", 11 stone, Half Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals.

Barry Dunnion: (17) 5' 7", 9 stone, Corner Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Captain of the Ted Webb C'ship winning team in 1999. Played with the County Minors this year.

Damien Dunnion: (29) 5' 10", 13 stone, Forward, Van Salesman, Intermediate C'ship and Division 2 Medals in '96. Senior Player of the Year in 1996.

Sean Durcan: (23) 6' 1", 13 stone, Full Forward, Quantity Surveyor, All-Ireland Div. 2 Colleges Medal, Trench Cup, Under 21B C'ship '95, Inter. Res. C'ship '95, Intermediate C'ship & Division 2 Medals in 1996.

Brendan Cassidy: (24) 5' 10", 11 stone, Half Forward, Civil Engineer, U.15, U.21B C'ship Medals, Inter. Reserve C'ship '95. Intermediate C'ship and Division 2 Medals in 1996.

David Murray: (23) 5' 10", 11 stone, Goalkeeper, Sales Assistant, U.12, U.21B, Intermediate Reserve C'ship '95 '96 Medals.

Gary Mc Ginty: (22) 5' 10", 12 stone, Half Forward, Company Representative, U.12, U.13, U.14, U.15, U.21B, Intermediate Reserve C'ship '96 Medals.

Aidan Cassidy: (23) 5' 9", 13 stone, Corner Back, Supervalu Employee, U.12, Inter. Res. C'ship Medals.

Conor Reid: (32) 6' 2", 14 stone, Midfield, Civil Servant, Intermediate Reserve C'ship '95, Intermediate C'ship and Division 2 Medals in '96.

Emlyn Hughes: (20) 6' 3", 13 stone, Full Forward, Student, Under 14, 16, 18 Longford C'ship Medals. Under 18 Donegal C'ship & Under 21 Dublin C'ship Medals.

James Doherty: (18) 6' 1", 12 stone, Half Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 Football C'ship medals. Under 12B, 14B, 16B, 18A & Intermediate Hurling C'ship Medals.

Kevin Molloy: (17) 5' 8", 11 stone, Corner Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Ted Webb C'ship in 1999.

Kieran Keeney: (48) 5' 11", 12 stone, Forward, Telecom Technician, Ulster Senior C'ship 1974 & 1983. Donegal Senior C'ship with Ardara in 1981. Donegal Minor C'ship medals with Ardara in 1969 and 1970.

Ronan Sweeney: (18) 5' 9", 11 stone, Half Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals.

Karl Lacey: (16) 5' 9", 9 stone, Corner Back, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals. Ted Webb C'ship in 1999.

Pauric Quinn: (22) 6' 1", 10 stone, Forward, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 18 C'ship Medals. Intermediate C'ship & Division 2 Medals in 1996.

Paul Mc Ginty: (19) 6' 0", 12 stone, Goalkeeper, Student, Under 12, 13, 14, 16 C'ship Medals.

Joe Lacey: (39) Manager, Heineken Rep., Div. 2 '89, Under 17 Laois C'ship medal. Intermediate C'ship & Division 2 Medals in 1996.



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Best of luck to Four Masters from all at Biddy's O'Barnes

Masters look to add their name to the winners' list

By: Diarmaid Doherty

Donegal People's Press

It's now ten years since the first ever Senior Reserve football Championship was staged in Donegal and since 1990, the competition has served up plenty of excitement, thrills and spills.

Today's final between Four Masters and Cloughaneely brings together two clubs who have never before reached this stage of the competition.

Aodh Ruadh are the club that have enjoyed the most success at this level with three championship wins over the ten years.

Kilcar and St. Eunan's have two Senior Reserve Championships under their belts with Glen, Dungloe and Gweedore winning one title each.

Judging by their progress to today's final, this could well be Four Masters' year. Their form in the League this year has been very impressive with eight victories out of their 13 games so far.

However it has been their championship displays that has undoubtedly been most pleasing.

The Donegal Town club began their campaign way back on the first weekend in July when they travelled for a first round, first leg meeting with Glenfin and won by five points, 1-11 to 1-6.

They booked their place in the quarter final of the Donegal People's Press, Senior Reserve Championship with an emphatic 4-10 to 0-9 win and went on to beat St. Naul's in the next round by 0-16 to 1-6.

That victory set up a daunting semi final tie with a highly fancied Dungloe team in Ardara.

As expected this was a very close game but the pace and power of this Four Masters side was all too evident as they produced a strong second half display to come through by 1-11 to 1-6.

Their all important goal in this tie came from leading marksman, Sean Durkin who along with fellow forward, Damien Dunnion, has been the team's top scorer in this year's championship.

Another man to watch will be Damien's cousin, Barry Dunnion. Young Barry was part of Anthony Molloy's county minor set up last year and playing at corner forward, he has caught the eye.

Team manager, Joe Lacey will also have been pleased by the performances of team captain, Donal McMullin at corner back and of course Donal's cousin Joyce who will more than likely line out at centre half back today.

Both men will have a huge part to play in today's final as will the likes of Niall Cassidy, Benny Cassidy and Martin Gillespie.

It's a massive game for the club whose last big final was back in 1996 when they beat Carndonagh in the replayed Intermediate Final.

Joe Lacey was part of the team that tasted victory on the big occasion that year. Can he guide his men to a similar feat from the sideline today?

Cloughaneely Senior Reserves

PLAYER PROFILES

Sean Boylan: Goalkeeper. 15. 6'2". 13 st. Student.

Joseph Rodden: Goalkeeper. 17. 6'3". 12 st. Student.

Denis Doohan: Forward. 27. 6'3". 13 st. Accountant.

Ciaran Rodgers: Corner back. 25. 6'1". 12.5 st. Teacher.

Ultan Faherty: Full back. 27. 6'. 13.5 st. Office manager.

Donal Curran: Corner back. 17. 5'11". 11 st. Student.

Cathal Og Gallagher: Wing back. 17. 5'11". 11.5 st. Student.

James Harkin: Centre back. 29. 5'11". 12 st. Electrician.

Kevin Scanlon (capt.): Wing back. 23. 6'1". 13 st. ESB worker.

George Montgomery: Midfielder. 28. 6'2". 14 st. Cloth cutter.

John Cannon: Midfield. 20. 6'4". 14.5 st. Student.

Cathal Gallagher: Wing forward. 24. 5'11". 11.5 st. Teacher.

James Gallagher: Centre forward. 21. 6'7". 12.5 st.

Professional footballer.

Mark Boylan: Wing forward. 24. 5'11". 11.5 st. Electrician.

Ciaran Gallagher: Corner forward. 18. 5'9". 11 st. Student.

Owenie McFadden: Full forward. 30. 6'1". 13.5 st. ESB worker.

Eugene Mulligan: Corner forward. 25. 5'10". 11st. Teacher.

Joseph Boyce: Forward. 18. 6'. 12 st. Student.

Denis Doohan: Forward. 35. 5'10" 12.5 st. Eircom employee.

Danny Doohan: Defender. 20. 5'11". 13 st. Student.

Danny McNulty: Forward. 24. 5'10". 13.5 st. Electrician.

Ciaran McFadden: Defender. 18. 5'11". 11 st. Student.

Tomas McCafferty: Midfielder. 26. 5'11". 11.5 st. Shop manager.

Joe Casey: Forward. 28. 6'. 12 st. Care worker.

Joseph Ferry: Midfielder. 24. 6'1". 13 st. Carpenter.

Paul Gallagher: Defender. 20. 5'10". 11.5 st. Student.

Seosamh O Ceallaigh: Midfielder. 25. 6'1". 13 st. Writer/author.

Stephen Doohan: Forward. 22. 6'. 11.5 st. Student.

Joseph Sharkey: Forward. 16. 6'. 12 st. Student.

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Cloughaneely can add another trophy

By: Tom Comack

(Donegal Peoples Press)

With the U21 A championship trophy tucked away in the trophy cabinet, hopes are high in Cloughaneely that the Donegal Peoples Press senior reserve championship is destined to join it on the top shelf.

Today's team backboned by up to seven of the double U21 A championship winning side, are having a great year, unbeaten in league and championship action since the start of the season. The only blemish on otherwise flawless league campaign was a draw with Bundoran.

And while Josie Doohan's (Kildrum) charges have been most impressive on their way to winning the division two reserve league title, it is their championship form that has fuelled a high degree of optimism in the club.

So far they have made light of the fact that they are operating in division, as division one sides Killybegs, Naomh Mhuire and St. Eunan's have found out. In the first round first leg tie they came away from Fintra with a narrow but thoroughly deserved one point victory over Killybegs. They had it much easier in the second leg emerging with five points to spare over the Fishermen on home soil.

In the quarter final played in Magheragallen, Naomh Mhuire simply were no match for a bang in form Cloughaneely outfit, who posted a 5-10 while they only conceded 0-8 on their way to victory.

It was in the semi final that they produced their best performance as they shocked last years defeated finalists St. Eunan's. In a keenly contested tie in Davy Brennan Memorial Park, Glenties, the Cloughaneely boys held on for a narrow but deserved one point win. Cloughaneely 0-9, St. Eunan's 0-8.

Despite the fact that Four Master's too are a first division outfit, hopes remain high that Kevin Scanlon and Co. can add another big scalp on their way to winning the clubs first adult trophy in over forty one years.

Cloughaneely won the last of their three junior titles in 1959 having previously put titles back to back in 1938,'39.

Regardless of the outcome to days game it would appear that over a decade of hard work at underage level is about to reap rich rewards for the North West club.



Player Profile.

Kieran Scanlon

(Capt)
Wing Back

Age: 22

Height: 6' 1".

Weight: 13 st.

Occupation: E.S.B. Storeman

Marital Status: Single (very)

Honours Won: U-13 (2)
1989/90. U-21 (1) 1998

Favourite Player:
Sean Og de Paor.

**Most Difficult
Opponent:**
Peter Canavan.

Favourite Group:
Clonmanny Marching
Band.

Fav. Singer:

Tomas McCaffery singing the Galway Shawl.

Favourite Food: Chicken.

Favourite Drink: Heineken

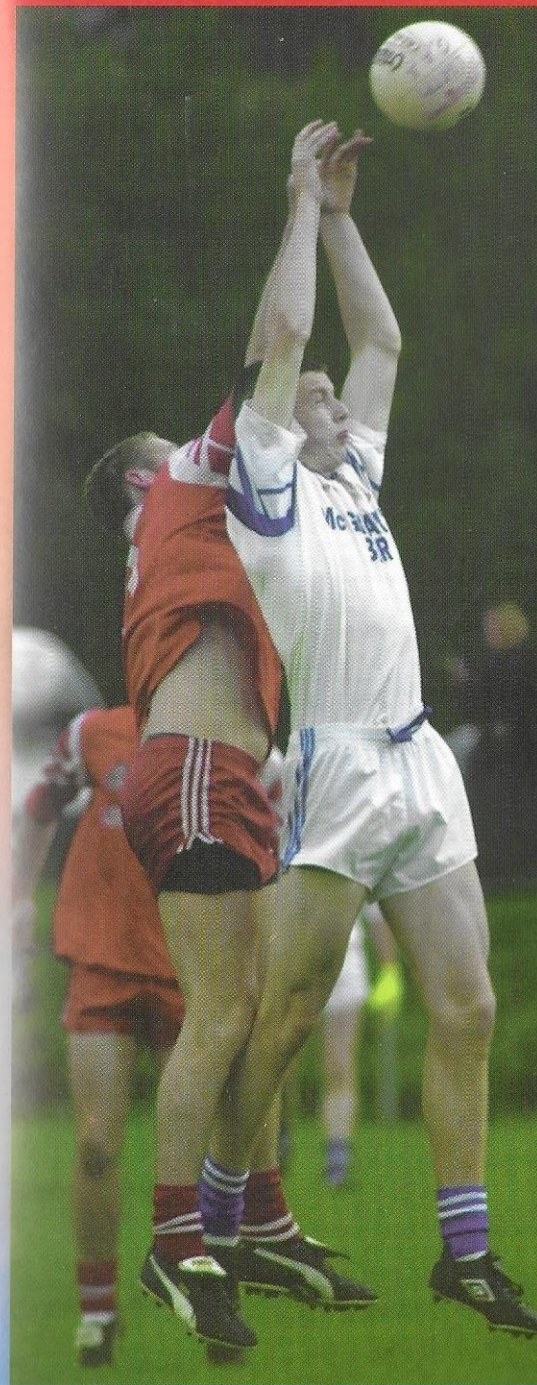
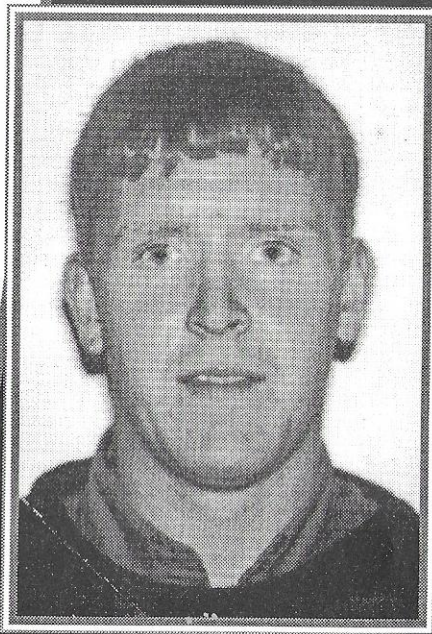
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Fav. Actor / Actress: Vinnie Jones / Sharon Stone.

Fav. Film: Basic Instinct.

Biggest influence on career: My mother Brídín.



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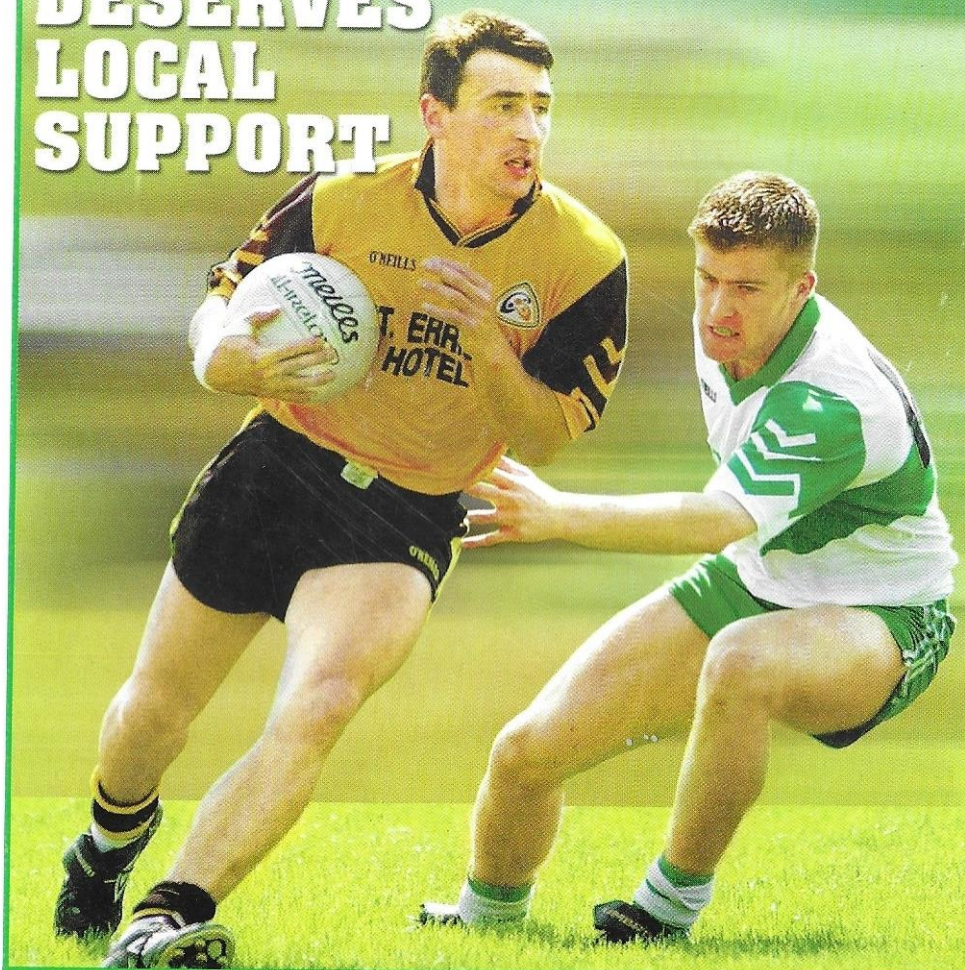
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