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Galway

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Although defeated by Dublin in their first Ford League game of 1986, Galway played with a new determination and spirit which I have no doubt will be put on display once again to-day.

Further progress in the League for Donegal is dependant not alone on winning here to-day but also on other results in other places. Whilst keeping our fingers crossed for further advancement, I take this opportunity to thank the loyal Donegal supporters who have been there to urge on their team at both home and away venues.

Next month sees the start of another cycle in our club and county fund-raising drive — Ciste Dhún Na nGall. With full support from our clubs and the continued patronage of a generous Donegal public this venture can put G.A.A. affairs at both club and county level on a firm and progressive footing.

I would like to compliment Bank of Ireland, Ballyshannon, for assisting with the provision of a full-sized scoreboard at these grounds and the local Aodh Ruadh club for once again providing a match programme.

> Micheál Mac Giolla Easbuic, Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chonndae C.L.G.

Our cover photo shows Donegal's Brian Murray and Cavan's Stephen King go highest in a tussle for possession during the recent NFL game at Breffni Park.

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FORD FOOTBALL LEAGUE 1985/'86 STILL ALL TO PLAY FOR

Going into to-day's seventh and final series of matches in the Ford Football League, five of the eight qualifiers are already known, with Down, Monaghan, Derry, Mayo and Meath already through to the play-off stages. To-day, the trio to join them will be decided. Currently nine teams are chasing those lucrative places in the later stages of the Ford League.

Armagh, Kerry and Roscommon are in the hunt for the last spot from Division One. At the same time, both Kerry and Roscommon could find themselves in Division Two, if the results don't go in their favour today. With six points to their credit, a win for Armagh in Roscommon would see them through. But Roscommon have the carrot of at least a playof if they can defeat the northern county.

By beating Kildare in their final match, Kerry would stave-off any fears of relegation and maybe put themselves into a play-off situation, depending on that Armagh-Roscommon result.

Tyrone, playing at home to leaders, Down, and Kildare must win their games today to have any hope of staying in the premier section.

In Division Two, four sides are still hunting for that place behind leaders, Mayo. If Dublin take the points against Cavan in Croke Park today, all arguments would be settled. In the event of an upset there, with Cavan taking the points, then the latter together with Donegal and Cork (home to Mayo) would come into the race.

Wexford are already down to Division Three South, while either Longford or Galway will go to Division Three North.

While Galway and Donegal battle here in Ballyshannon, Longford make the long journey to Wexford for what is another crucial tie in the relegation stakes.

In Division Thre Derry have won the northern section with twelve points from six games, while Laois need only beat Waterford today to win the southern section.

ON THEIR LAST FORD LEAGUE OUTINGS, FEB. 2, 1986

DUBLIN 0-12

GALWAY 0-10

On the same day that Cavan were doing them a good turn by beating Donegal in Breffni Park, Dublin gave themselves a promotion lifeline by taking the points in an anjoyable game against Galway in Ballinasloe.

On the day Galway played with a pride and commitment whihc had not shown itself in the earlier League games during the autumn of 1985. However, despite their best efforts Dublin, in their first game under the new management team of Robbie Kelleher, Brian Mullins and Sean Doherty, were to win the

Before an enthusiastic crowd of 3,500 the game proved a determined but fair contest. The Galway half forward line of Brian O'Donnell, Gay McManus and man of the match, Padraig Kelly, emerged with a lot of credit but Jim Ronayne of Dublin made most of the vital catches at midfield after Galway's Tomas Tierney went off injured.

Galway led by 0-6 to 0-6 at half time and had played with a sense of spirit which raised considerable hope for their spectators. Dublin kicked five points in the opening twelve

minutes of the second half but Galway steaded themselves and had battled back to level terms with nine minutes remaining.

Galway: M. Cooke; L. Wade, J. Fallon, S. McHugh; E. Guerin, V. Daly, G. Daly (0-1); T. Tierney, P. Greaney; B. O'Donnell (0-2), G. McManus, P. Kelly (0-5); S. Glynn, G. Barron (0-1), S. Joyce (0-1). Subs., R. Flaherty (for Guerin); G. Nolan (for Tierney); J. Coleman (for Barrett).

CAVAN 2-7 DONEGAL 0-7

Donegal hopes of gaining promotion to Division One for the first time were dashed at Breffni Park when they lost by six points to a much more committed Cavan side.

It was a pathetic performance by Donegal considering hat they had so much to play for. The home side were enthusiastic and determined, much quicker to the ball in most instances and far more decisive and organised in their approach.

Donegal started badly with Cavan scoring an early goal and then adding a second in the 17th minute to make Donegal's task next to impossible.

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DONEGAL'S N.F.L. RECORD 1985/'86

Donegal 3-6 Wexford 3-3 October 13, 1985, at Wexford Park, Wexford.

Team and scorers: Gary Walsh; Brendan McGready, Sean Bonner, Des Newton; Eunan Gallagher (0-1), Brendan Dunleavy, Tommy McDermott; Michael Lafferty, Brian Murray; Marty Carlin (1-1), Donal Reid (1-0), Martin McHugh (0-1); Declan Bonner (1-1), Charlie Mulgrew (0-2), Seamus Meehan. Sub., Sylvester Maquire for Carlin.

Donegal 0-14 Mayo 1-11 October 26, 1985, at Ballyshannon.

Team and scorers: Gary Walsh; Brendan McGready, Sean Bonner, Des Newton; Michael Carr, Brendan Dunleavy, Tommy McDermott; Brian Murray (0-3), Michael Lafferty; Martin McHugh (0-1), Donal Reid (0-3), Marty Carlin (0-3); Declan Bonner, Charlie Mulgrew (0-1), Pauric Gallagher (0-3). Subs., Sulvester Maguire for McGready; John Cunningham for McHugh; John Farren for Carlin.

Donegal 2-4 Cork 1-6 November 10, 1985, at Fermoy.

Team and scorers: Bosco Gallagher; Brendan McGready, Sean Bonner, Des Newton; Michael Carr (0-1), Brendan Dunleavy, Paul Carr; Michael Lafferty, Brian Murray; Sylvester Maguire (0-1), Donal Reid (0-1), Marty Carlin; Declan, Bonner (0-1), Charlie Mulgrew (1-0), Pauric Gallagher. Subs., Joyce McMullan (1-0) for P. Gallagher; Eunan Gallagher for P. Carr; Tommy McDermott for McGready.

Donegal 0-8. Dublin 0-15 November 24, 1985, at Croke Park, Dublin.

Team and scorers: Bosco Gallagher; Brendan McGready, Sean Bonner, Des Newton; Michael Carr, Brendan Dunleavy, Tommy McDermott; Brian Murray, Michael Lafferty (0-1); Sylvester Maguire (0-1), Donal Reid, Marty Carlin (0-3); Declan Bonner; Charlie Mulgrew, Joyce McMullan /0-1). Subs., John Farren for D. Bonner; Eunan Gallagher (0-1) for Carr; Pauric Gallagher (0-1) for Mulgrew.

Donegal 1-11 Longford 0-5 December 1, 1985, at Ballybofey.

Team and scorers: Bosco Gallagher; Des Newton, Sean Bonner, Tommy McDermott; Eunan Gallagher, Brendan Dunleavy, Michael Carr; Joyce McMullan, Michael Lafferty; Sylvester Maguire, Donal Reid (0-2), Marty Carlin (0-6); Martin McHugh (1-2), Charlie Mulgrew (0-1), Declan Bonner. Sub., Martin Griffin for Bonner.

Donegal 0-7 Cavan 2-7 February 2, 1986, at Breffni Park, Cavan.

Team and scorers: Bosco Gallagher; John Cunningham, Des Newton, Tommy McDermott; Michael Carr, Brendan Dunleavy, Eunan Gallagher; Barry Cunningham (0-1), Paul Carr; Martin McHugh (0-27, Donal Reid (0-1), Martin Carlin (0-2); Declan Bonner, Charlie Mulgrew (0-1), Pauric Gallagher. Subs., Brian Murray for Bonner; Sylvester Maguire for Paul Carr; Anthony Molloy for Maguire.

SCORERS

Thirteen players have shared in Donegal N.F.L. total of 5-49 but no player has managed to score in each of the six games played to date. Donal Reid, Charlie Mulgrew and Marty Carlin have scored in five with Martin McHugh on the mark in four.

Donegal scorers to date have been:

- 1-15 Marty Carlin.
- 1-7 Donal Reid
- 1-6 Martin McHugh
- 1-5 Charlie Mulgrew
- 1-2 Declan Bonner
- 1-1 Joyce McMullan
- 0-4 Pauric Gallagher
- 0-3 Brian Murray
- 0-2 Eunan Gallagher, Sylvester Maguire
- 0-1 Michael Carr, Michael Lafferty, Barry Cunningham.

DÚN NA nGALL

Dathanna: Glas agus Óir

1

G. Ó BREATHNACH (Gary Walsh)

T. MacDIARMADA (Tommy McDermott)

D. Ó NÚTAIN (Des Newton) C. Ó CIANAIGH (Kieran Keeney)

A. Ó GALLCHOIR (Eunan Gallagher)

B. MacDUINSHLÉIBHE (Brendan Dunleavy) A. Mac an tSAOIR (Eunan McIntyre)

A. Ó MAOLMHUAIDH (Anthony Molloy)

S. MacMAOLÁIN (Joyce McMullan)

D. Ó RIADA (Donal Reid)

11 C. Ó MAOLCHRAOIBHE (Charlie Mulgrew) 12 S. Mac UIDHIR (Slyvester Maguire)

13 S. Ó MIÓCHÁIN (Seamus Meehan)

14
P. Ó GALLCHÓIR
(Pauric Gallagher)

15 M. Mac AOIDH (Martin McHugh)

Fior Ionaid: (To be announced).

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GAILLIMH

Dathanna: Marún is Bán.

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M. Mac CUAG (Martin Cooke)

L. Mac UAID (Liam Wade)

3 S. Ó FALLÚIN (John Fallon)

S. MacAODHA (Seamus McHugh)

5 E. Ó GÉARÁIN (Enda Guerin)

B. Ó DÁLAIGH (Val Daly) G. Ó DÁLAIGH (Gerry Daly)

T. Ó TIARNAIGH (Tomas Tierney) M. Ó TIARNAIGH (Matt Tierney)

10 B. Ó DONAIL (Brian O'Donnell)

G. Mac MÁNASA (Gay McManus)

P. Ó CEALLAIGH (Padraig Kelly)

13 S. Ó COLMÁIN (John Coleman)

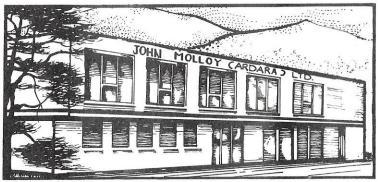
P. Ó GRÁINNE (Peter Greaney) 15 M. Ó BRAONÁIN (Michael Brennan)

Fir lonaid: (To be announced).

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TOMMY McDERMOTT

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The McDermotts of Ballyshannon are a famous footballing family and 23 year old Tommy McDermott is the representative of the present generation of McDermotts on the Donegal senior side.

His granduncle, Terry, played for Donegal in the 1930s and was on the Donegal team which won the Ulster Junior title in 1930 and his grandfather, John, is a former chairman of the Donegal Co. Board and he also played for the Donegal senior team.

His father, Jackie, played in goals for Donegal on the 1952 and 1954 Ulster Junior championship winning teams and was also on the last Aodh Ruadh team to win a senior football championship in 1951.

At present Tommy is the captain of the Aodh Ruadh senior team and it is his ambition to lead his team to that elusive S.F.C. title this

Success is nothing new to Tommy at this stage as from his earliest days he was a winner. He enjoyed a lot of success at under-age level with both club and school. In 1980 he was a very prominent member of the De La Salle team which won the All-Ireland Colleges senior B. He also won minor titles with Ballyshannon and two under-21 county titles as well.

It was at u-21 level that McDermott really made the breakthrough as he was on the historic Donegal team which won the All-Ireland u-21 title in 1982.

Along with many of that team McDermott was promoted to the senior team and his success story continued with the Ulster senior



championship success in 1983. His performances that year - including his never to be forgotten man to man job on Nudie Hughes of Monaghan - earned him an All-Star nomination.

McDermott won a Railway Cup medal in 1984, has starred for Sligo R.T.C., Waterford R.T.C and the Advanced Colleges.

In the past two years McDermott has consolidated his position on the Donegal team as a corner back. His main attributes are his ability to read a game and his dedication to training. At 23 he still has to reach his peak and if he continues his present progress he should turn out to be one of the greats of Donegal football.

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SEAN MEADE — The Galway Connection

While many people will remember the fact that Letterkenny man Paul McGettigan played for both Donegal and Galway in recent years, few know that Sean Meade, that sterling centre half back on Galway's famous three-ina-row teams, played at full-back for Donegal in their unsuccessful first round championship game against Antrim in 1969. At that stage Sean, who was in the winter of a most illustrious career, had moved to Ballyshannon to work in the E.S.B. and answered the call to help his adopted county.

Sean's career at inter-county level commenced in 1953 when he first represented Galway minor footballers. The following year, he represented his native county in both football and hurling, but success at under-age level eluded him. When Galway won the senior football All-Ireland in 1956, he was on the verge of the county panel but considered too inexperienced and lost out.

His first major achievement at national level was the winning of a junior football All-Ireland in 1958, when Galway defeated Meath. In 1959 Sean was at full-back on the Galway senior football team that won the Connacht title but went down to a Mick O'Connell captained Kerry in the All-Ireland final. During the late fifties and early sixties Sean played senior hurling with Galway, who then competed in

the Munster championship, and also represented Connacht in Railway Cup hurling. These were lean days for Galway and Connacht hurlers and with the success of his county's footballers, Sean was forced to opt for football only at inter-county level.

The success of Galway's famous three-ina-row team of the '64, '65 and '66 is well known and Sean starred at centre half back in all three victories, with the '64 victory over Kerry being particularly sweet.

During this successful period in Galway football history, Galway and Sean Meade also won two Ground Tournaments and two National Leagues (Home). He played his last game for Galway in New York in 1967, when he lined out at full-back.

He had a most successful and enjoyable career and has few regrets. He missed out on Railway Cup success, during a period when Ulster dominated the competition. However, his biggest regret is that he never won a senior championship, hurling or football, with his home club Ballinasloe or St. Joseph's (Ballyshannon-Bundoran) with whom he played for a year.

Sean still lives in Ballyshannon with his wife, Mary, and family and looks forward to Sunday's game with great enthusiasm.

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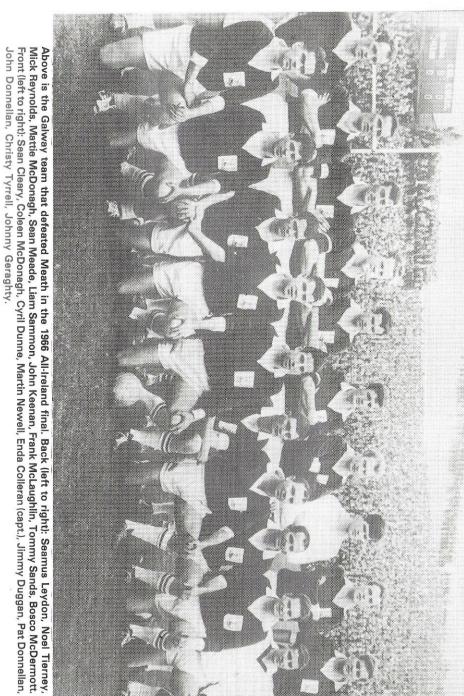
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