

## FORD-G.A.A. OPEN DRAW



Fr. Tierney Park,
Ballyshannon
SUNDAY, MARCH 10th, 1985

## DONEGAL

## WICKLOW

3.00 p.m. (Extra time, if necessary)

REFEREE: KEVIN CASSIDY (Derry)

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## FÁILTE

The Aodh Ruadh G.A.A. Club joins with Donegal County Board C.L.G. in extending a cead mile failte to the Wicklow team and their supporters. A special mention is also in order for those who braved last Sunday's inclement weather conditions to come and cheer Donegal to victory over Laois.

The game was not a good one but the important thing is that Donegal won and made it into the hat on Monday night for the first round draw. Continued progress in the competition can only help the team in their preparation for the Ulster Championship campaign this summer.

The idea of an Open Draw competition is an excellent one but it has been downgraded in a number of ways this year. Firstly, four counties — Down, Dublin, Kildare and Offaly — have pulled out of the football competition. Secondly, those teams involved in the final stages of the National Football League were excluded from last Monday night's draw.

One of the main ideas of an Open Draw competition is to give lower class opposition a chance to meet some of the top teams. The benefits are two fold. The experience is invaluable and the revenue gained if the match is at home is a big help.

However, by excluding such bignames as Tyrone, Armagh, Down and Monaghan, the lower class teams are still playing the same level of opposition and nothing has changed.

The third downgrading has occurred in the timing of the draws and fixtures. The draw for this first round was last Monday night which gives very little time for proper preparations to be made for such a game. Why wasn't the first round draw made on the same night that the preliminary round draw was made?

The Open Draw competition can prove to be a very valuable one but unless it is given a better status and not treated as another "mickey mouse" competition then it is doomed to failure.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who advertised in this programme and those who have contributed articles to it. A special word of praise is in order for the management and staff of the "Donegal Democrat" who have printed this and last week's programme at very short notice.

Gerard McDermott, Aodh Ruadh P.R.O. *Programme Editor.* 

COVER PHOTO: Action from the Donegal v Louth Div. 2 play-off at Clones.

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#### HOW THEY DID LAST SUNDAY

#### **DONEGAL BEAT LAOIS**

**DONEGAL 0-8** 

Donegal reached the first round proper of the Ford GAA Open Draw Competition when they scored an unconvincing win over Laois at Fr. Tierney Park last Sunday.

The match was played in wet and windy conditions and the going was very tough. As a result the football was scrappy.

Although Donegal fell behind to an early point from Laois' Gerry Browne they soon levelled matters thanks to a free by Martin McHugh after Sylvester Maguire had been fouled.

McHugh hit two wides from further free kicks before in the 12th minute Michael Gallagher beat two men and passed to Leslie McGettigan who pointed from close range.

Gerry Lalor pulled Laois level but a brilliant move in the 19th minute saw Donegal level. Michael Gallagher started the move and Eunan Gallagher and Michael Lafferty were involved before Leslie McGettigan shot the ball between the posts.

Joyce McMullan had two great chances of a goal but one was brilliantly saved by Martin Conroy at the expense of a point, and the other blocked by Paddy Dunne. Laois then reduced the arrears through Sean Dempsey.

Sylvester Maguire pointed after a lovely pass from Michael Lafferty in the 27th minute and then seconds later Donal Reid scored a magnificent point after soloing the ball from inside his own half.

Laois scored a point just on the half-time whistle to leave the socre at 0-6 to 0-4 in favour of Donegal.

Donegal had played the first half against a very strong breeze but hopes that they would do even better with its advantage were unfounded. They struggled to gain the firm grip they had on the game in the last ten minutes of the first half and Laois had the better of the exchanges.

Joyce McMullan stretched Donegal's lead in the 3rd minute of the second half when he pointed a free from out near the sideline.

Donegal then had to endure quite a considerable amount of pressure from Laois and Martin Griffin made one important save when he stopped a Sean Dempsey shot on the line.

Laois missed chance after chance and had they a place kicker of some repute Donegal could have been in deep trouble.

However, when Martin McHugh struck over

LAOIS 0-4

his second point of the game in the 26th minute to give Donegal a four point lead, the Laois heads dropped and Donegal held on to advance to the next round.

Gary Walsh, playing his first full championship match, in goals had a very good debut and distributed the ball well. Another newcomer, Eunan Gallagher, played very well on the 'forty', particularly in the first half and Leslie McGettigan, the third newcomer, also had a fine hour, and scored two well taken points.

The Doneal team and scorers was: Gary Walsh; Corney Carr, Martin Griffin, Des Newton; Donal Reid (0-1), Brendan Dunleavy, Michael Carr; Anthony Molloy, Michael Lafferty; Joyce McMullan (0-2), Eunan Gallagher, Michael Gallagher; Martin McHugh (0-2), Sylvester Maguire (0-1), Leslie McGettigan (0-2). Sub., Matt Gallagher for E. Gallagher.

## Comprehensive win for Wicklow

Wicklow 2-11

Leitrim 1-7

Wicklow reached the first round when they scored a very comprehensive win over Leitrim at Aughrim last Sunday in the preliminary round.

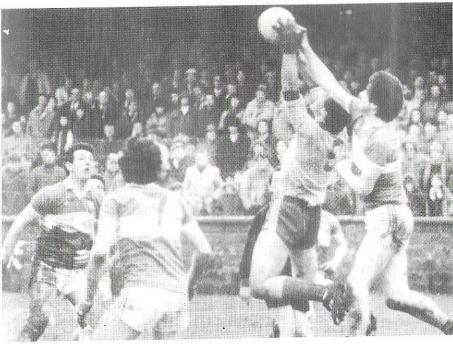
They led by 1-6 to 0-3 at half-time and when Dickie Doran scored his second goal eight minutes into the second half Leitrim's fate was sealed

Conditions were bad with the driving rain and soggy conditions hindering good football but Wicklow dominated the game throughout with their delightful teamwork and constructive play which was in stark contrast to their National Football League defeat by Leitrim some weeks ago which condemned them to Division Four next season.

Con Murphy, Pat Baker and Ashley O'Sullivan combined in some delightful Wicklow forward movements while Pat O'Byrne played well at midfield and Owen Doyle and Nick O'Neill were the stars in defence.

Wicklow scorers were D. Doran (2-1), C. Murphy (0-5), P. Baker (0-4), A. O'Sullivan (0-1)

## ACTION FROM LAST SUNDAY



MICHAEL LAFFERTY wins possession in this midfield encounter.



SYLVESTER MAGUIRE attempts to dispossess a Laois defender watched by LESLIE McGETTIGAN.

## QUIZ

- 1—Who captained Donegal to win last year's Ulster Minor League title?
- 2—What cup is presented for the Ulster Under-21 Football Championship?
- 3—Name the two counties who never won an Ulster U-21 Championship?
- 4—After what famous Irishman is the G.A.A. pitch at Crossmaglen called?
- 5—Name the Wicklowman who was National G.A.A. President.
- 6—Name the Wicklowman who played for Ireland against the Combined Universities in 1957.
- 7—This Wicklowman played in goals for Leinster for a number of years. He was rewarded with a winner's medal in 1962. What is his name?
- 8—Who played in goals for Donegal in their 1972 Ulster Senior final victory?
- 9—Who did they play in that 1972 Final.
- 10—Who captained Kildare to win the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship in 1919?
- 11—Two Donegal Colleges yesterday contested the McLarnon Ulster Colleges final. Name them.
- 12—Name the Four Masters official who was chairman of the Donegal Co. Board in 1956, '57 and '58, and secretary in 1974 and 1975.
- 13—Who was treasurer of Donegal Co. Board from 1969 to 1976, and again in 1980?
- 14—What county won the 1983 All-Ireland Vocational Football Championship?

- 15—Name the Kildareman who won the world 60 x 30 singles handball championship in 1984.
- 16—Name the famous Kilkenny All-Ireland hurler who played hurling for Donegal in the early
- 17—What member of the Kerry All-Ireland winning teams of 1969 and '70 played for Donegal football team in the early '60s?
- 18—Who refereed the 1983 Ulster Senior Football Final between Donegal and Cavan?
- 19—What counties did the following Railway Cup players of the '50s play for: (a) Jim Rogers; (b) Cathal O'Leary; (c) Kieran Denver; (d) Willie Casey; (e) Stephen White?
- 20—What College has won the McRory Cup the greatest number of times?
- 21—How many times have Antrim won the All-Ireland Senior Camogie Championship?
- 22—What club has won the Donegal Senior League, Division I, from 1981 to 1984 inclusive (4in-a-row)?
- 23—What club won the Donegal Minor Football Championship in 1984?
- 24—Where and when was the first inter-county minor hurling game played?
- 25—The leading scorer in last year's Centenary Cup football was Ray McCarron. What county did he play for?

Quiz compiled by P. J. Buggy. Remember 40dh Ruadh Quiz takes place each Tuesday night. See "Donegal Democrat" for details.

## DONEGAL

#### GREEN AND GOLD

**GARY WALSH** (Aodh Ruadh) TOMMY McDERMOTT MARTIN GRIFFIN DES NEWTON (Aodh Ruadh) (MacCumhaills) (Urris) 5 6 DONAL REID **BRENDAN DUNLEAVY** MICHAEL CARR (Red Hughs) (MacCumhaills) (Kilcar) MICHAEL LAFFERTY ANTHONY MOLLOY (MacCumhaills) (Ardara) 10 11 12 SYLVESTER MAGUIRE **EUNAN GALLAGHER** MICHAEL GALLAGHER (Aodh Ruadh) (Aodh Ruadh) (N. Columba) 13 14 15 MARTIN McHUGH SEAMUS BONNER LESLIE McGETTIGAN (Kilcar) (Civil Service) (St. Eunan's)

Subs: 16, Martin Shovlin (N. Ultan); 17, Cornelius Carr (Four Masters); 18, Michael Kelly (Four Masters); 19, Matt Gallagher (N. Brid); 20, Joyce McMullan (Four Masters); 21, Pauric Farragher (Four Masters); 22, Seanie McEniff (Bundoran); 23, Barry Cunningham (Killybegs); 24, Brian Murray (Aodh Ruadh).

FIRST HALF	GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	45's
DONEGAL	-			
WICKLOW				

## WICKLOW

#### **BLUE AND GOLD**

	1 <b>RONNIE PHILIPS</b> (St. Patricks)	
2	3	4
NICK O'NEILL (Stratford)	<b>DENIS KILBRIDE</b> (Carnew)	BILLY KENNY (Baltinglass)
5	6	7
MICK O'TOOLE	OWEN DOYLE	BILLY BYRNE
(Kiltegan)	(Avondale)	(Avondale)
8		9
GARY HURLEY		PAT O'BYRNE
(Ballymoney)		(Aughrim)
10	11	12
ASHLEY O'SULLIVAN	PAT BAKER	DICKIE DORAN
ASHLEY O'SULLIVAN (Oliver Plunketts)	PAT BAKER (Avondale)	<b>DICKIE DORAN</b> (Tinahely)
(Oliver Plunketts)	(Avondale)	(Tinahely)
(Oliver Plunketts) 13	(Avondale) 14	(Tinahely) 15

Subs.: 16, Pat Lanigan (Tinahely); 17, Patrick Murphy (Tinahely); 18, Bob Boothman (Blessington); 19, Kevin O'Brien (Baltinglass); 20, Martin Shannon (Blessington); 21, Vincent Balfe (Lacken); 22, Kevin Baker (Avondale).

SECOND HALF	GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	45's
DONEGAL				
WICKLOW				

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## SEAMUS BONNER — GOAL KING

By P. J. Buggy

Seamus Bonner's two goals against Louth in Clones recently, ensured that Donegal will remain in Division 2 of the National League, for the next year.

Scoring goals is nothing new to Bonner and one remembers many vital goals scored by the Donegal Town man throughout his brilliant career. One recalls, in particular, vital penalty goals against Down in the 1974 Ulster final and Cavan in the 1983 decider. These scores changed the course of the game, on each occasion.

Seamus is the only Donegal man to win three Ulster senior championship medals. He played at midfield in '72, centre half forward in '74 and full forward in '83. He also played on the "forty" in the 1979 defeat. In 1975 he won his only McKenna Cup medal partnering Martin Griffin at midfield. He played Railway Cup football for Ulster on a number of occasions but success eluded him in this competition.

While many feel that Seamus should have

been an All-Star selection, particularly in 1974, he gained well deserved recognition by his selection as All-Star replacement in 1975. Another great honour was bestowed on him in centenary year when he was selected as full forward on the Donegal Team of the Century, the only current player to be selected on the team.

At club level Seamus played for Four Masters, Donegal, until the mid-seventies, when he threw in his lot with Civil Service of Dublin. He failed to win a Donegal senior championship medal but had the honour of captaining Civil Service to win the Dublin seniro championship in 1981.

Seamus now starts another year with Donegal and, while some of his speed has gone with the passing years, he still retains his great fielding ability and his scoring touch is ever present. He lines out at full forward today and we all look forward to seeing his unique style of full forward play and hopefully a few more vital scores.



GOLDEN GOAL — Seamus Bonner cracks home the first of his two goals against Louth in the recent N.F.L. Division 2 play-off.

## FOCUS ON FRANKIE McFEELY

When historic events in Donegal G.A.A. are recalled one name which will always be mentioned is Frankie McFeely, the former MacCumhaills, Donegal and Ulster player. On the 30th July 1972, Frankie led Donegal to their first Ulster Championship victory and brought the Anglo Celt Cup to the shores of Tirconail for the first time.

This victory over Tyrone in the Ulster final ended ten frustrating years for Frankie in intercounty championship football. He had played in the 1963 and '66 finals without success and saw a number of fine Donegal sides fail to reach their full potential in the '60s. He had some consolation when he won Lagan Cup medals in 1963, '66 and '67 and McKenna Cup medals in 1963 and '65. He also won an Ulster U-21 medal when he partnered Mick McLoughlin from Carndonagh in the 1963 final. In that year he won his only Railway Cup medal as left half forward.

He had great success at club and colleges level also, winning three county championships and four county league medals with his home club MacCumhaills. He attended St. Columb's College, Derry, and later U.C.D., with whom he won a Sigerson Cup medal. Frankie was honoured by the Combined Universities in 1963.

Today, Frankie lives in Dublin, where he runs his own accountancy practice.

#### RECOGNITION

Donegal's good record at Ballyshannon this season, where they have won their last four three games, while losing four and only winning one and drawing one at other venues, is gaining recognition at national level.

In his preview of last Sunday's game in the "Sunday Press", G.A.A. correspondent Martin Breheny wrote: "Few teams beat Donegal at Ballyshannon. I doubt if Laois will be one of them."

And on the sports round-up on RTE radio on Sunday evening Jimmy Magee referred to Donegal maintaining their good record at Ballyshannon.

The last time Donegal lost at the Fr. Tierney Park was in April '83 when they were beaten by Monaghan in the McKenna Cup semi-final. However, it should be pointed out though that since then they have only played four games at the venue — in March last year when they beat Armagh in the McKenna Cup and the three matches this seaason, Mayo, Wexford and Laois.



Pictured at the unveiling of a plaque at the Fr. Tierney Park on 25th March, 1984, were (left) Micheál Mac Giolla Easpaig, chairman, Donegal County Board C.L.G., and Phil Smith, President, Ulster Council C.L.G. The plaque commemorated G.A.A. Centenary Year, the 75th Anniversary of the Aodh Ruadh G.A.A. Club, Ballyshannon, and the opening of new facilities at the Fr. Tierney Park.

## TODAY'S FIXTURES

National Football League quarter final: Croke Park: Down v Roscommon (P. Kavanagh, Meath).

National Hurling League quarter finals: Thurles: (2.00), Dublin v Limerick (G. Ryan, Tipperary); (3.15) Clare v Kilkenny (J. J. Landers, Waterford).

N.H.L. Div. 3 Play-off
Athleague: Longford v Mayo (T. Healy, Roscommon).

Ford-GAA Open Draw Football Markievicz Park: Sligo v Meath (S. Prior, Leitrim).

Ballyshannon: Donegal v Wicklow (K. Cassidy, Derry).

Dr. Cullen Park: Carlow v Kerry (T. Maher, Laois).

Pearse Park: Longford v Wexford (J. Kearney, Roscommon).

Limerick: Limerick v Derry (M. Griffin, Clare).

Callan: Kilkenny v Mayo (P. Lonergan, Tipperary).

Paric Ui Chaoimh: Cork v Cavan (T. Sugrue, Kerry).

Irvinestown: Fermanagh v Clare (J. Furey, Donegal).

Walsh Park: Waterford v Louth (D. Roche, Wexford).

Clonmel: Tipperary v Galway (L. Shanahan, Limerick).

N.B.: Above games all at 3.00 and extra time to be played if necessary.

The second round of the Open Draw Championship takes place on March 31. The quarter-finals take place on April 14, semi-finals on April 21, and the final on May 5.

#### RESULTS

Last Sunday's results in the Ford-GAA Open Draw Championship Preliminary Round were: Kerry 0-11, Westmeath 0-1; Meath 2-7, Antrim 1-8; Donegal 0-8, Laois 0-4; Wicklow 2-11, Leitrim 1-7.

#### WIN £25

You could win £25 in the Aodh Ruadh Park Committee's match programme draw if the number on the front of this programme corresponds with the number which will be announced at half-time during the Donegal v Wicklow game.

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The winning number in last Sunday's programme draw was 605 and winner can still claim his prize by presenting the winning programme at the Committee Room after the game today.

#### PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE

There are a number of copies of previous programmes dublished by the Aodh Ruadh Park Committee available at the Aodh Ruadh shop which is situated on the stand side of the ground.

They include Donegal v Laois, Ford GAA Open Draw (1985), and Donegal v Armagh, McKenna Cup (1984).

Both programmes are priced at 50p.

#### QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Seamus Ward of Glenfin, 2. The "Irish News" Cup. 3, Cavan and Armagh. 4, Oliver Plunkett. 5, Hugh Byrne (1961-1964). 6, Gerry O'Reilly, 7, Andy Phillips, 8, Alan Kane of Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon, 9, Tyrone, 10, Larry Stanley. 11, St. Eunan's, Letterkenny, and Falcarragh Community School. 12, Frank Muldoon. 13, The late P. J. Ryan (St. Eunan's). 14, Wicklow. 15, Tommy O'Rourke, 16, Sean Clohessy, (he won All-Ireland Senior Hurling medals in 1958 & 1963). 17, Tom Prendergast, who played for MacCumhaill's club while based in Donegal. 18, John Gough of Antrim. 19, (a) Wicklow; (b) Dublin; (c) Down; (d) Mayo; (e) Louth. 20, St. Colman's, Newry, (14). (St. Patrick's, Cavan, have 11 titles). 21, Six times (1945, 1946, 1947, 1956, 1967 & 1979). 22, Kilcar. 23, Killybegs; (they also won the unofficial Ulster title). 24, It was played at The Thatch, Whitehall, Dublin, on 14th August, 1904, between Limerick and Dublin, 25, Monaghan.

### **THROW-INS**

## WON SEVEN N.F.L. MEDALS

Two players have won seven National Football League medals. The late Jackie Carney of Mayo won his in the 30s. Present Kerry team manager, Mick O'Dwyer won his in 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1972 and 1973. John Doyle of Tipperary holds the National Hurling League record with eleven medals won in 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964 and 1965.

#### FINIAN'S DUBLIN MEDALS

Finian Ward of Naomh Columba, Glencolmcille, whose career at inter-county level has been terminated by injury, has won many honours in the game. Very few know that he had the rare distinction of winning Dublin U-21 championships in both hurling and football. He won his hurling medal in 1973 and his football medal in 1974, both with Erins Hope, while studying in St. Patrick's Training College.

## WICKLOW'S ALL-IRELAND WINNERS

While Wicklow never won a Senior All-Ireland Football Championship, two native sons of Wicklow, Joe and John Timmons played on the winning Dublin teams of 1958 and 1963. Joe played at left full back on the '58 team, while the late John partnered Des Foley at midfield on the '63 winning side. One of the highest scores ever recorded in a Railway Cup match was John Timmons' 1-10 for Leinster against Munster in the 1962 semi-final, at Tullamore.

## TINAHELY BRIDGE THE GAP

In Centenary year, Tinahely bridged a 64 year gap, when they won the Wicklow Senior Football Championship. In the final, at Aughrim, they defeated Valleymount by 1-15 to 2-2. Pat Murphy was awarded the man-of-the-match trophy.

## Colm Coyle— A Donegal link

While Donegal fans have been busy over the past few years following their successful senior and U-21 teams, there has been little interest in the progress of Colm Coyle, the flying Meath half-forward. Donegal's interest in this fine player stems from the fact that he is son of former Donegal player Paddy Coyle and nephew of the late great Barney Coyle of Gweedore. Colm first came to notice as a fine centre-half back on the Meath team which won the 1980 Leinster Minor Football Championship. He has yet to win a Leinster senior medal but had some compensation in Centenary year when he played right-half forward in the Royal County's Centenary Cup football win. He also wore the No. 10 jersey for Leinster in their recent Railway Cup victory over Ulster. Colm has a great future ahead of him and Gweedore and Donegal will look on with interest.

#### FIRST WINNERS

Laois were the first winners of the National Football League. They defeated Dublin 2-1 to 1-0 in the 1926-27 final to earn this title.

#### NO ALL-STAR!

A Wicklow player has yet to be honoured with a full All-Star award. However, Moses Coffey won a deserved call-up as an All-Star replacement in 1982. Moses had served Wicklow for many years and had played for Leinster on a number of occasions. He played in a number of positions for his native county, but spent most of his long career at midfield. Wicklow won promotion to Division Three in the 1980/'81 League season. They went on to win the Special League Cup final by defeating Warwickshire in the final. Much of the credit for this victory goes to Moses Coffey who had a sterling game at centre half back in that match.

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