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DIVISION ONE

MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey

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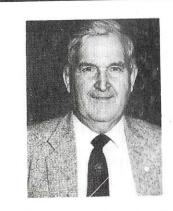
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Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na peileadoirí agus na hoifigich as Ard Mhaca agus lucht leanúna ó gach áird.

I would like to welcome you all here today with a special welcome to Armagh team, officers and supporters. Down through the years Armagh and Donegal games have always produced tough and exciting encounters and I'm sure today's game will be no exception. The last three competitive meetings between these two counties have gone in Armagh's favour and we hope to rectify that today.

Being the first game under the new rules both teams go into today's encounter with a little apprehension. Although many of our experts disagree with the change, we must experiment to try to improve our games.



Donegal's League campaign last season brought us some memorable performance and I hope under new manager, Brian McEniff, that the recent success in Division On continues.

CATHAL O FÁCHTNA Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae, C.L.G

MATCH PROGRAMME

Programme prepared by MacCumhaill GAA Club.

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REITEÓIR

JIM CURRAN (Tír Eoghain)

Jim is from the Ardboe club in Tyrone who were Tyrone senior champions in 1987. He has just completed a very busy Championship season taking in Monaghan v. Antrim Senior Championship as well as Donegal v. Derry Senior Championship semi-final in Ulster and the All-Ireland Minor semi-final between Offaly and Kerry. A very experienced and respected official.



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A decade of rivalry ends today

By Connie Duffy, "Donegal Democrat"

Time was when every Armagh jersey seemed to come with an invincible tag. How Donegal feared the orange and white, it was hard to beat them! But how times have changed and now in the Orchard County there's always respect for the green and gold of Donegal.

As today marks the last meeting of these sides this decade, it's only proper that we look back and see how the record stands. This will be the 21st meeting of the counties in major competition and at the moment Armagh hold a 10—8 lead with two matches drawn.

Our visitors have become League specialists in their own right, but like Donegal they've fostered players from minor level onwards to build their successful teams. One could make many comparisons in both teams on just how players have come through.

Over the '80s Donegal and Armagh have been keen rivals and although the latter has enjoyed more of the success at senior level, they have come to respect and be wary of the young talent in this county. This young talent has over the years matured into today's teams and that's important to remember.

For the record the Donegal v. Armagh games (excluding the Minor League) run as follows:

Senior Football Championship:

1981:	Donegal 0-13,	Armagh 2-15
1982:	Donegal 0-13,	Armagh 1-11
1983:	Donegal 1-10,	Armagh 0-7
1984:	Dongal 0-12,	Armagh 1-13
1987:	Donegal 0-6,	Armagh 1-8
1988:	Donegal 0-8,	Armagh 2-10

McKenna Cup:

1983: Donegal 0-8, Armagh 0-8 Donegal 1-6, Armagh 1-4 (replay)

1984: Donegal 1-8, Armagh 0-8 National Football League:

1988: Donegal 0-9, Armagh 0-10 1989: Donegal____ Armagh___

U-21 Football Championship:

1985: Donegal 0-11, Armagh 1-6 1986: Donegal 2-1, Armagh 0-5 1987: Donegal 1-9, Armagh 1-6

Minor Football Championship:

1981: Donegal 2-7, Armagh 2-8 1982: Donegal 1-9, Armagh 1-8 1983: Donegal 3-8, Armagh 2-14 1984: Donegal 0-7, Armagh 2-2 1985: Donegal 1-8, Armagh 0-8

1987: Donegal 2-5, Armagh 1-8 Donegal 3-5, Armagh 2-10 (repla

If one cared to trace the evolution of today's senior county county side they would find it's beginnings among the early minor sides of the '80s. Take their first meeting with Armagh for example, that day Joyce McMullan and Paul Carr were on the team as they are today. Brian Murray was also on the team but is in the subs. on this occasion. Sylvester Maguire and Declan Bonner are subs. today too, as they were back in '81.

Taking the county side at all grades this decade one will see a nucleus was formed early on and it has developed successfully. It goes to prove that players do come through if given the right conditions. The creation of such conditions must be a top priority in Donegal for the 1990s.

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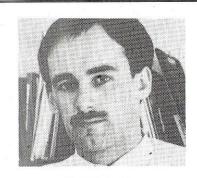
No matter how good or inventive you are, there is only a certain amount you can impart and today's clash between Donegal and Armagh in the 1989-90 National League Division One series is going to be a testing time for the mentors on both sides

The introduction of the new playing rules has not been greeted with any great enthusiasm by Brian McEniff or Paddy Moriarty but being the astute tacticians they are they know they have to make the best of their lot.

But beware of false impressions! These sides know nothing short of an impressive victory, cricket score or not, will suffice today. This year's league will be the most competitive for some time and a poor start could mean a team will be in trouble for the remainder of the season.

So far Donegal have shown an amazing aptitude for adapting to these new rules. It suits their short passing running style, a style many have suggested should flourish in the new scenario. Likewise Armagh's no nonsense but classy footballers are more than capable of extracting the best of what's on offer and using it to their advantage.

For a team which has flirted more with gloom than glory in recent years when it came to meeting Armagh, there is an antazing amount of optimism about Donegal's chances this season. Much of the favourable comment follows their Ulster Championship campaign and no doubt the fact that the majority of that side are in action today strengthens that belief.



Connie Duffy

Certainly manager Brian McEniff has thought out all options carefully, no doubt calling on the experience of mentors Anthony Harkin, Naul McCole and Seamus Bonner in the process. He has learned from his break from managerial duties and this appears to be reflected in the new-look panel. Even with the new rules he has stamped his own individual style on the squad so hopefully they will repay him with the success the county deserves.

Donegal-Armagh clashes have a certain magic about them which marks them as one of the highlights of the home game. The extra football generated by the new rules will give the attendance much more in the way of entertainment and even though both sides are nearly at full strength, the element of the unknown will give this game that extra bit of appeal.

For the player too this is a very important game. They, like the referee, will need time to settle in and adjust to the changes. Given time the rules should blend in to the game and even though many feel they won't help, they should at least be given a chance.

At any rate they highlight the fact that there are many unanswered questions in relation to the playing rules of the game. This new search for solutions should provide some fascinating games as the season progresses and at least after today's match those of us in MacCumhaill Park might have a better idea what they're about.

A GREAT DAY FOR DONEGAL G.A.A.

Sunday, April 22, 1956, was a great day for the G.A.A. in Donegal. It saw the realisation of a dream that started eight years earlier, and also the first visit ever to the most northerly county of the tradition-steeped Kerry footballers. It was the occasion of the official opening of what has long been regarded as the premier county ground, MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

It was away back in 1946 that the idea that Ballybofey-Stranorlar should have a top class Gaelic ground was mooted, and the idea was quickly translated into concrete form. A parks committee was formed, with Paddy McNulty, Paddy Murphy and Ben Griffin, chairman, treasurer and secretary respectively. Those three were to play a big part in the campaign that culminated in the proud opening of the park in the presence of a very distinguished attendance.

The first practical step was the purchase of suitable ground, and a piece of land was got quickly enough. But it was not until the railway track adjoining the ground became disused that the committee really got cracking with their plans.

By the time that the official opening date came around, much time, effort, and over £5,000 (a lot of money then) had been spent on the project.

PATRIOT'S NAME

There was little difference of opinions about what the new park should be called Sean MacCumhaill, Twin Towns patriot, and life-long advoctate of and worker for the G.A.A. who had died at a comparatively young age in 1949, was an obvious man to be commemorated. So it became the MacCumhaill Park.

Stranorlar identified itself equally with Ballybofey in the provision of the ground, and indeed, its location is appropriately situated almost in the shadow of the bridge that marks the dividing line between the towns.

It was to be a historic event, and the park's committee was determined that the ceremony and the first football match to be played on the officiallyopened pitch would both be worthy of the occasion.

Kerry had never exhibited their abundant skills in Donegal, and so it was decided that the champions should be invited to grace the day. The request was enthusiastically answered in the affirmative and Kerry in fact fielded twelve of the players who had figured in the All-Ireland final the previous September.

It is worth recalling the men who worked so long and hard to create another first-class ground for the Gaelic games. They were: Rev. V. Chambers, C.C., Stranorlar, chairman; Paddy Murphy, secretary; Paddy McNulty, Ben Griffin, Joe Doherty, Denis O'Kane, Paddy Laverty, Charles J. Bonar, Denis O'Flanagan, Liam Thompson, E. J. McDevitt, J. C. T. MacDonagh, Joe Quinn, Seamus Quigley, Tom McGlynn, Harry Reid, Hugh Mulrine, Tom Shanaghan, Cathal Hannigan and B. Carroll.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITION

The Gaelic Athletic Association marked its recognition of the Twin Towns initiative when the President of the Association, Mr. Seamus MacFearain, agreed to perform the opening ceremony and unveil a plaque to Sean MacCumhaill. Also present were the then Minister for Local

Government, Pa O'Donnell, the Ulster Council chairman, Mr. Sean Gilheaney, and the Donegal G.A.A. county chairman, Frank Muldoon.

The park was blessed by the parish priest of Stranorlar, Rev. T. W. Gallagher.

So it was a day with a festive, joyous atmosphere, and not even the steady, drizzling rain that left the big crowd soaked could dampen spirits.

The match itself provided a fitting finale for all the careful preparation and planning that was culminating on that April Sunday.

Donegal had decided to recruit "guest" players to strengthen the county side against their formidable opponents, so they included four of the top players in Ulster at the time — Jim McKeever, Roddy Gribben and Sean Young, all of Derry, and Frank Donnelly of Tyrone.

Kerry were anxious to mark their first ever visit to Donegal with a victory, and also to illustrate the standards of southern football. Donegal were equally wishful to uphold Ulster standards and baptise the new county ground with a debut win.

So it proved a fine, open and entertaining game, with both sides attacking at every opportunity and both defences coping well with dangerous

Kerry moved with an easy early rhythm, and were not flattered by an interval lead of two points, 0-6 to 0-4. But in the second half the home lot found more than they had in the first half-hour and they hit back to shock their glamorous opponents to a four points defeat.

FIRST SCORE

Frankie Donnelly had the honour of scoring the first point in competition on the new ground, but Tom Moriarty quickly hit back with a beautifully taken '50'. O'Sullivan and McAuliffe then put Kerry two points in front, but the home team were not going to allow them to

run away with it, and S. McCormick brought the margin closer. P. Sheehy and O'Donnell exchanged points before Sheehy pointed twice again. Just on the interval McCormick was on target once more to leave the home lot two points behind at the half-way mark.

Moriarty again illustrated his deadly '50' technique in the first minute of the second half, but Frankie Donnelly kept Donegal in touch with a neat point. Then Donegal went ahead for the first time since the opening score of the game. Gribben and Sean O'Donnell combined well before Gribben gave to Donnelly, who, having already scored the first point, then had the satisfaction of striking the first goal on MacCumhaill Park, a lovely grounder that flashed past Mahoney.

Moriarty swiftly riposted with a point, but Gribben and McCormick stretched the Donegal lead before Sheehy reduced it again to a single

point.

But the final flurry came from the home team, and especially sharp-shooter Ballyshannon's McCormick, who sent over three points in quick succession to give Donegal a four points margin at the end.

It was a fine game, on a memorable day, and a great occasion in the history

of G.A.A. in Donegal.

The teams that day were as follows: Kerry: D. Mahoney, C. Kinneally, E. Roche, M. Palmer, F. Murphy, T. Lyons, D. Dillon, T. Moriarty, D. O'Shea, P. Sheehy, J. J. Sheehan, R. Buckley, T. Costello, G. O'Sullivan, D. McAuliffe.

Donegal Selected: S. Hoare (St. McDermott Eunan's). J. (Ballyshannon), P. English (St. Eunan's), P. Dawson (St. Eunan's), J. Boyle (Dungloe), J. Carroll (St. Eunan's), P. McGeehin (St. Eunan's), J. McKeever (Derry), F. Brennan (Ardara), S. O'Donnell (Dungloe), R. Gribben (Derry), S. McCormick (Ballyshannon), P. Carr (Gweedore), F. Donnelly (Tyrone), S. Young (Derry).

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GARY WALSH

(Aodh Ruadh)

BRIAN TUOHY
JIM GALLAGHER
(Aodh Ruadh)

(Civil Service)

MATT GALLAGHER
(Naomh Brid)

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DONAL REID
PAUL CARR
MARTIN SHOVLIN
(Red Hughs)

(St. Eunans)

(Naomh Ultan)

8 **ANTHONY MOLLOY**

(Ardara)

MARTIN GAVIGAN

(Ardara)

10 12 **GERRY CURRAN CHARLIE MULGREW** JOYCE McMULLAN (Aodh Ruadh) (St. Eunans) (Four Masters) 13 15 MANUS BOYLE MARTY CARLIN MARTIN McHUGH (Killybegs) (Red Hughs) (Kilcar)

SUBS: 16, Danny Gallagher (Dungloe), 17, Sylvester Maguire (Aodh Ruadh), 18, Luke Gavigan (Ardara), 19, Declan Bonner (Na Rossa), 20, Brian Murray (Civil Service), 21, Diarmaid Keon (Aodh Ruadh), 22, Barry McGowan (Killybegs), 23, James McHugh (Kilcar), 24, Mark McShane (Kilcar).

ARD MHACHA

	1	
	Brendan Tierney	
	(Silverbridge)	
2	3	4
LEO McGEARY	GARETH O'NEILL	BRIAN CANAVAN
(Collegeland)	(Killeavy)	(Carrickcruppin)
5	6	7
MARTIN McQUILLAN	JOHN TONER	AIDAN SHORTT
(St. Patricks)	(Armagh Harps)	(Crossmaglen Rangers)
8		9
MARK GRIMLEY		NIALL SMYTH
(Armagh Harps)		(Forkhill)
10	11	12
DECLAN CANAVAN	JOHN GRIMLEY	DAMIEN HORISH

(Armagh Harps)

14

KIERAN McGURK

(Sarsfields)

(Eire Og)

15

JIM McCONVILLE

(Crossmaglen Rangers)

(Carrickcruppin)

13

SHANE SKELTON

(Sarsfields)

SUBS: 16, John Rafferty (St. Galls), 17, Martin Lennon (Derrynoose), 18, Noel Marley (Mullabrack), 19, Padraig O'Neill (Killeavy), 20, Ollie Reel (Silverbridge), 21, Jarleth Burns (Silverbridge), 22, Benny O'Kane (Armagh Harps), 23, Kieran McGeeney (Mullaban).

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GREAT DAY FOR BURT

Today will be the first time in the history of the Burt G.A.A. Club that a junior football team have ever contested a Donegal county final. This has been a great year for the club's senior players, having already regained the senior hurling championship and league, our junior footballers are looking good for a Division 3

semi-final place.

The junior football team has only been restarted in Burt four years ago, mainly thanks to the dedicated work of team manager Danny Dowds. Although they didn't achieve much initial success, they strived to fulfill each fixture. With underage football flourishing in Inishowen in the '80's the nucleus of this team have been playing together for almost a decade. This team have had triumphs in Inishowen championships and leagues at all age groups. Many of the squad are dual players and are holders of Donegal senior hurling medals.

Burt are hoping for a victory today which would be a deserved reward for several years of hard work by both players and manager. A win today would be a good incentive for the young players of Burt, who are at present also enjoying success.

The Burt G.A.A. club has existed in North East Donegal long before the G.A.A. was officially founded in Thurles in 1884. Our national games were played with much enthusiasm and success, especially on the hurling fields. One team in particular, "The Burt Hibernians", a legend nowadays, competed and beat Antrim in the Ulster S.H.C. final of 1906. Many of today's team are related to that legendary team. One interesting fact about Burt G.A.A. Club which perhaps is not well known in Donegal, is that Burt were Derry senior football and hurling champions in 1931 before they withdrew from the Derry competitions to compete in Donegal.

THE RULE CHANGES

Many people attending today's game will be unfamiliar with the new rules. They are in detail:

1. DURATION: Games to be played in four quarters of fifteen minutes each, with a change over period of not more than one minute, and a ten minute (half-time) interval.

2. KICK-OUT

(a) All kick-outs to be taken from the hands from within the small rectangle. The player taking the kick-out may play the ball more than once before any other player touches it, but may not take it into his hands, after the original kick has been taken. The player taking the kick-out, if other than the goalkeeper, may not play the ball to the goalkeeper. Infringement: 45m kick.

(b) All players shall be outside the 13m line until the ball has been kicked, except the goalkeeper who shall remain inside the small rectangle, and/or the player taking the kick, if other than the goalkeeper.

- (i) Member of the team taking the kick-out: Throw-in on the 20m line opposite to where he stood. (ii) Member of the opposition: Free kick, from the hands, on the 20m line, opposite to where

(c) All kick-outs to be taken on receipt of an appropriate signal (whistle) from the referee.

3. FREE-KICKS (not including penalties)

(a) A player who is fouled shall have the option of taking the kick from his hands, or the ground, at the point where the foul occurred, or alternatively leaving it for another player to take from the ground on receipt of an appropriate signal (whistle) from the referee.

(b) A team which is awarded a free, as a result of a Category D offence, shall have the option of

taking the free from the hands, or from the ground, at the point where the foul occurred on

receipt of an appropriate signal (whistle) from the referee.

(c) Teeing up the ball, i.e., kicking a divot or creating any form of elevated platform for the purpose of taking a free kick from the ground shall be prohibited. Infringement: (penalty for advancing beyond point where the free is to be taken or teeing up

the ball): Throw-in where the offence occurred. 4. SIDELINE KICK:

To be taken from the hands where the ball crossed the line on receipt of an appropriate signal (whistle) from the referee.

Infringement: (penalty for advancing beyond the point where the kick is to be taken): Throw-in where the ball crossed the line.

5. HAND PASS

There must be a definite striking action.

Two-handed: The striking hand (open/closed) must not be in contact with the ball immediately before delivering the strike.

One-handed: the ball must be tossed and struck with the same hand (open/closed).

A throw is defined as follows:

- (a) When the ball is held in both hands and played away by releasing it from both hands
- (b) When the ball is held in one hand and played away directly without being struck, by that hand. Infringement: (Category D offence): Free kick from where the offence occurred.

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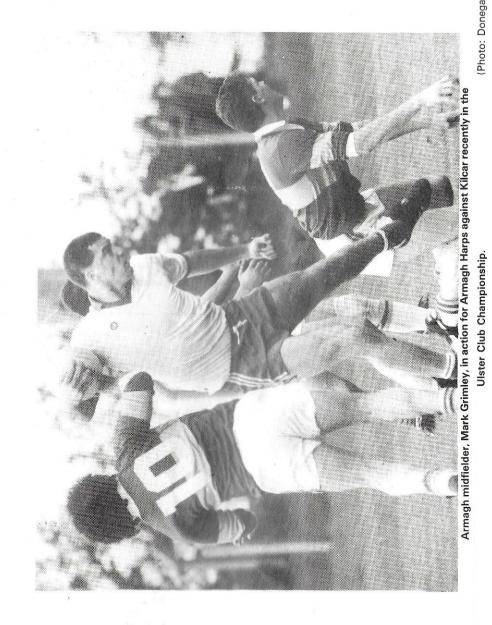
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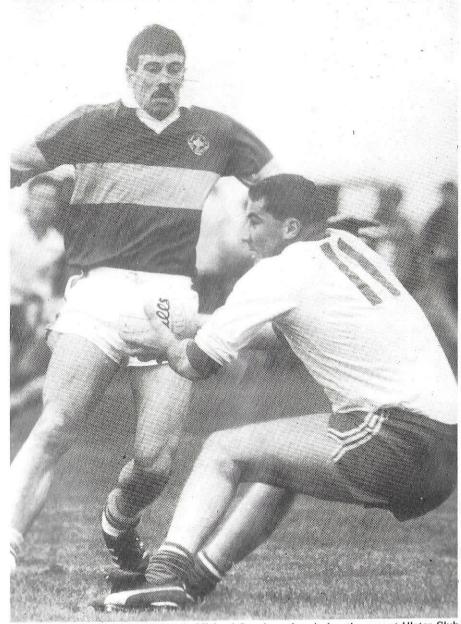
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Armagh's John Grimley and Kilcar's Michael Carr in action during the recent Ulster Club Championship match betwen Armagh Harps and Kilcar. , (Photo: Donegal Democratic

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2 Paul Callaghan	3 John Friel	4 PATRICK CARLIN
5	6	7
John Harkin	Liam McKinney	SEAMUS CRAIG
8 Eugene Sherry	,	9 IVOR DOWDS
10	11	12
Brendan Porter	GERRY WALSH	Donal Campbell
13	14	15
Gary McLaughlin	Adrian Lyons	Liam Burns

SUBS: 16, Dermot Brown; 17, Andrew McDermott; 18, Henry Doyle; 19, Peter McGonagle; 20, Joe McKinney; 21, Peter Doyle; 22, Andrew Wallace; 23, Leonard McLaughlin; 24, Terence Burns; 25, Rankin McDermott.

GAOTH DOBHAII



	1 Adrian McGinley	
2	3	4
Michael Ferry	Vincent Breslin	Sean Hi(
5	6	7
Gerry Gallagher	DONAL DIVER	Sean Cur
8 Connie Galla (GHER	9 Paul Diver
10	11	12
SEAN DIVER	Padraig Gallagher	Mici dohi
13	14	15
Georgie Doherty	Tony o'donnell	Ferdia dohi

SUBS: 16, Sean Gallagher; 17, Eoin Ferry; 18, Ronan McGarvey; 19, Declan F 20, Francie Carroll; 21, Sean Diver; 22, Brian McGee; 23, Joseph Gallagher; 24, I Bonner; 25, Cathal Sweeney 26, Padraig McGarvey; 27, Eamonn Boyle; 28, Co McCool; 29, Robert McDowell; 30, John Bosco Gallagher.

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