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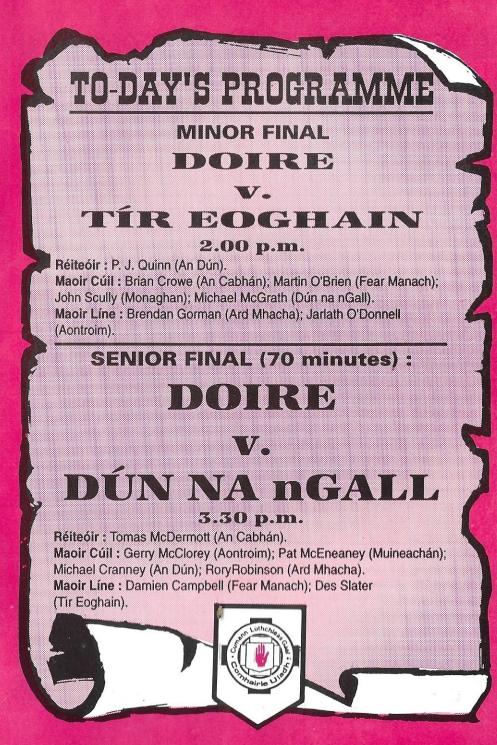
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Club: Killeshandra

No. of years Referee: 8 years at Inter County level

Honours Won: I.F.C. & J.F.C. medals
Refereed: All-Ireland Minor Final 1992
All-Ireland Club Final 1992
All-Ireland Colleges Final 1992

Ulster Under-21 Final

Numerous County Finals in Cavan

1992 Senior Football Championship game,

Derry v. Monaghan and Replay.

1993 USFC Armagh v. Tyrone and Replay.

Tommy is also in charge of next Sunday's Leinster Final in Croke Park between Dublin & Meath.





## P. J. Quinn (Down)

Age: 41
Married with 2 daughters

Club : Saval

No. of years Refereeing: 11

Honours (Playing): 1 Down J.F.C. Medal

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I am pleased to welcome everyone to St. Tighernach's Park, Clones for the greatest event in our provincial calendar – the Ulster Senior Football Final.

Today we have two of the top Senior County sides in the country – Doire and Dún na nGall competing for the provincial honour. This is a repeat of last year's Final when it was admitted and verified by subsequent events that these then were indeed the two best. The winners, Dún na nGall, went on to capture their first All-Ireland Senior title, becoming the third county in Ulster to gain that honour. Since that Donegal's performance in the National Football League has confirmed them as worthy title holders. Their opponents today, Doire, too, have had a high rate of success including a comprehensive first round victory over An Dún – a fixture which would have stood in its own right as a worthy All-Ireland Final.

Hopefully today's winners shall go on to make it a record three in a row of All-Ireland titles for Ulster.

The Minor Finalists of today – Doire and Tir Eoghain have been consistent in producing teams of a high standard in that grade for at least the last two decades. Our province has a strength in depth of County Minor teams – probably being ahead of the other provinces here, so today's winners should be capable of going on to take the All-Ireland crown.

Matching today's game as a topic must be the major developments that have taken place at the Clones ground since last year's Final. The playing surface has been levelled and realigned, high quality seating on a good base and gradient has been installed, new fencing has been erected, new entrances, separating walls and internal roadways have been put in place. The West End embankment and The Hill have been upgraded to await further developments in a later phase of the work. Hopefully a covered stand shall be erected along the north side before next year's Final.

We have as well upgraded facilities this year at Newry and Castleblayney prior to the Championship. Similar work shall be on-going over a number of years at all our major venues mainly in the interest of safety and spectator comfort. The decision with regard to ticket games is both in the interest of spectators and to comply with pending legislation. The income from our games is continually being re-invested in our grounds and games development so that the G.A.A. can keep abreast with standards in other world field sports.

Finally, my thanks to all those who contributed to what should be a fitting climax to the Championship in Clones today – the players, the spectators, the club and County officers, the B.B.C., the press, those who worked at Clones and other venues to have them in top shape for the games, the Rúnaí of Comhairle Uladh and all those too numerous to mention.

Brian Mac Earnain.

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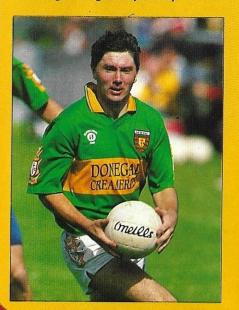
## THE CAPTAINS

## HENRY DOWNEY DERRY CAPTAIN

To captain such a dedicated team supported by thousands of enthusiastic followers is something I feel proud to be involved with. Donegal beat us fair and square last year. I hope we can turn that result around today. The players and fans would deserve an Ulster title.

Donegal and Down have shown the high standards that exist in the province at present. It's a great time to be around. The Ulster championship is now the focus of National attention. It has produced open and exciting football. No longer is it referred to as 'typical Ulster championships' or the 'pullers and draggers day out.'

Let's hope that ourselves and Donegal can put the final shine on what has been a glittering championship.





#### MARTIN MCHUGH DONEGAL CAPTAIN

It is indeed an honour for me to captain a Donegal team on this very special day in an Ulster Final.

It is unfortunate for us that we are without a number of key players but I have total faith in their replacements and believe that we have already shown that there is great strength within the panel.

I realise Derry will be starting slight favourites on the day but we have prepared well and will certainly be ready for the big occasion.

## **DOIRE**





Damien McCusker Glen Age 26 H: 6-1 W: 14-0 Civil Servant





Tony Scullion Ballinascreen Age 31 H: 5-11 W: 12-0 Building Worker





Danny Quinn Bellaghy Age 26 H: 5-11 W: 14-0 Teacher





Kieran McKeever Dungiven Age 25 H: 5-11 W: 11-0 Joiner



Gary Coleman Magherafelt Age 21 H: 5-9 W: 11-6 Postman





Henry Downey Lavey Age 26 H: 5-9 W: 12-0 Teacher

**3** 



John McGurk Lavey Age 27 H: 5-6 W: 11-0 Accountant

#### 12

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Brian McGilligan Dungiven Age 29 H: 6-3 W: 14-10 Site Foreman



Anthony Tohill Swatragh Age 21 H: 6-4 Student



Damien Cassidy Bellaghy Age 27 H: 5-9 W: 12-0 Nursing Officer



Damien Barton Newbridge Age 30 H: 6-0 W: 13-0 Teacher

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Brian McCormick Lavey Age 20 H: 6-2 W: 14-0 Student



Enda Gormley Glen Age 26 H: 5-10 W: 13-4 Finance Company Rep.

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Dermot Heaney Castledawson Age 22 H: 6-0 W: 13-10 Store Manager

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Stephen Mulvenna Faughanvale Age 28 H: 5-11 W: 13-0 Chemical Engineer

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## **ENDA GORMLEY (Derry)**



## DÚN NA nGALL

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Gary Walsh Burren Age 28 H: 6-2 W: 14-0 Accountant



Barry McGowan \* Killybegs Age 26 H: 6-1 W: 12-7 Linesman



Matt Gallagher Naomh Brid Age 30 H: 5-11 W: 12-7 Publican/Financial Consultant



John Joe Doherty Naomh Columba Age 25 H: 5-11 W: 12-0 Publican



Martin Shovlin Naomh Ultan Age 31 H: 5-11 W: 12-0 Telecom Technician



Paul Carr Four Masters Age 29 H: 6-1 W: 12-7 Accountant



Mark Crossan St. Eunans Age 22 H: 6-0 W: 12-7 Bank Clerk



Micheal Gallagher Civil Service Age 30 H: 6-3 W: 14-0 Carpenter

> Brian Murray Civil Service Age 29 H: 6-3 W: 14-0

> > Garda



Kilcar
Age 31
H: 5-8
W: 11-7
Marketing Executive



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Joyce McMullan Four Masters

Age 30 H: 5-10

W: 12-0

Insurance Executive

James McHugh Kilcar Age 28 H: 5-8 W: 11-0 Linesman



John Duffy Civil Service Age 23 H: 6-0 W: 13-0 Service Technician

14



Manus Boyle
Killybegs
Age 26
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W: 13-0
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Declan Bonner Na Rossa Age 27 H: 5-11 W: 12-0 Marketing Executive

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May 23	at Castleblayney	Monaghan	2-9	Cavan	0-15
May 23	at Armagh	Armagh	4-8	Fermanagh	1-16
May 30	at Cavan	Monaghan	3-10	Cavan	2-08
May 30	at Newry	Derry	3-11	Down	0-09
June 6	at Ballybofey	Donegal	0-12	Antrim	0-09
June 13	at Armagh	Armagh	0-13	Tyrone	1-10
June 20	at Omagh	Tyrone	0-12	Armagh	2-08
June 20	at Belfast	Derry	0-11	Monaghan	0-09
June 27	at Cavan	Donegal	0-15	Armagh	1-12
July 4	at Cavan	Donegal	2-16	Armagh	1-7

#### (for the Murray Cup)

May 16	at Armagh	Fermanagh	1-12	Cavan	0-10
May 23	at Castleblayney	Cavan	2-17	Monaghan	0-13
May 30	at Newry	Derry	1-07	Down	0-09
June 6	at Ballybofey	Donegal	1-09	Antrim	1-05
June 13	at Armagh	Tyrone	2-14	Fermanagh	2-03
June 20	at Belfast	Derry	1-14	Cavan	1-08
June 27	at Cavan	Tyrone	2-14	Donegal	0-12
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March 21	at Armagh	Armagh	1-11	Managhan	0-09
March 21	at Belfast	Down	0-14	Monaghan Antrim	0-12
March 21	at Enniskillen	Cavan	1-10	Fermanagh	0-07
March 21	at Ballybofey	Derry	1-09	Donegal	0-06
March 28	at Dungannon	Tyrone	1-11	Armagh	0-11
April 18	at Ballinascreen	Derry	1-17	Tyrone	1-04
April 18	at Cavan	Cavan	0-10	Down	0-10
April 24	at Newry	Cavan	0-08	Down	0-10
May 9	at Armagh	Derry	2-06	Down	0-07

#### UNDER-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP (for The Irish News Cup)

March 27	at Omagh	Tyrone	2-15	Monaghan	0-07
March 27	at Belfast	Derry	1-13	Antrim	1-03
March 27	at Armagh	Cavan	1-08	Armagh	0-06
March 27	at Ballyshannon	Donegal	2-09	Fermanagh	1-10
April 3	at Newry	Down	0-09	Tyrone	2-03
April 3	at Ballinascreen	Derry	2-03	Ćavan	0-04
April 17	at Omagh	Down	3-14	Tyrone	1-17
April 24	at Ballybofey	Donegal	1-15	Down	0-15
May 16	at Armagh	Derry	1-09	Down	1-08

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### THE MANAGERS

Quote from Brian McEniff (Donegal):-

"I would like to congratulate St. Tighearnach's Park, Clones and the Ulster Council and I hope Clones will house as many Ulster Finals as it has in the past. I wish both teams a good game to-day and hopefully it will be a three-in-a-row for an Ulster team to win the All-Ireland.

"I would like to thank the Donegal supporters for the support they have given us over the last number of years and particularly the last enjoyable 12 months, and hopefully we will be able to give them more enjoyment over the next number of years."





Quote from Eamonn Coleman (Derry):"For the second year in succession
we meet our North West neighbours,
Donegal, in the Ulster Final. It should
be a great game between the two top

teams in the province.

"Our players have put in over 70 training sessions. Sometimes they trained four nights per week and there were few absentees – even the injured ones came along.

"No manager could ask for a more dedicated bunch of players. If ever a team deserved success they do.

"Last year Donegal did Ulster proud. We look forward to a great game with the Champions today. May the best team win and keep Sam in Ulster."

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## The Best Two

by Michael McGeary Sunday Life

How appropriate that the two best teams in Ulster by some distance should contest today's senior provincial decider.

Without question this has been one of the truly great Ulster championships. All-Ireland champions Donegal plagued by one injury crisis after another defiantly holding onto their crown so far.

In contrast injury free Derry have come storming through signalling their championship intent from day one when they overwhelmed Down by 11 points in Newry.

It is a measure of their considerable strength in depth that they were able to cope admirably with the loss of the suspended Kieran McKeever and replace two Bank of Ireland All Stars Dermot McNicholl and Tony Scullion in the process.

For me the Monaghan and Derry game must rank as one of the best matches in the entire championship. The latter eventually won scoring 19 points over the 70 minutes, but Monaghan too contributed enormously to an absorbing and above all sporting game.

Against Antrim in their championship opener the Ulster and All Ireland champions were vulnerable, but they survived.

With defeat staring them in the face against Armagh in a dramatic championship semi-final, John Duffy's spectacular introduction saved the day.

Taking no chances in the replay they effectively booked their final place with a blistering opening spell producing football of the highest quality.

They are now back in their fifth successive Ulster Final and who would bet against them coming up trumps again perhaps even retaining the Sam Maguire.

Derry though have other ideas. They are convinced they can make the long overdue breakthrough both at Ulster and national level.

Some of the two will be disappointed come this evening, but we should be in for one of the great Ulster senior finals.

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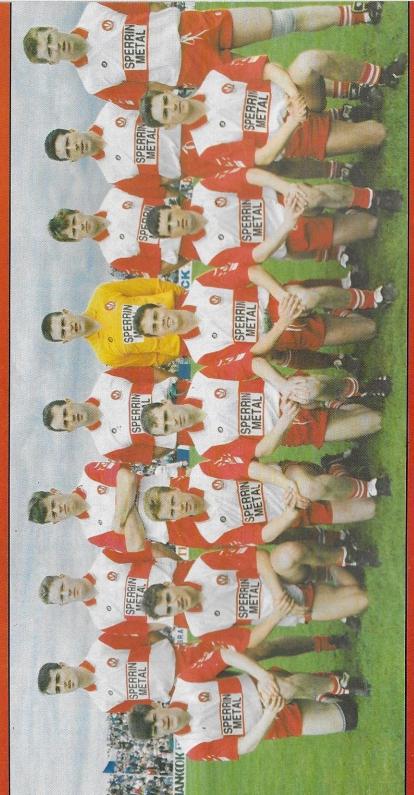
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A. Ó Scollain

**Tony Scullion** 

Ballinascreen

G. Ó Colmain

Gary Coleman

Magherafelt

Dathanna: Bán agus Dearg

> D. Mac Oscair Damien McCusker Glen

C. Mac Iomhair Kieran McKeever Dungiven

S. Mac Uirc John McGurk Lavey

> A. Ó Tuathail **Anthony Tohill** Swatragh

10 B. Mac Cormaic **Brian McCormick** Lavey S. Ó Maoilmheanna

Steven Mulvenna Faughanvale

D. Ó Cuinn **Danny Quinn** Bellaghy

6 E. Ó Domhnaigh **Henry Downey** Lavey

> B. Mac Giollagain Brian McGilligan Dungiven

12 D. Ó Bartuin D. Ó Casaide **Damien Barton** Damien Cassidy Newbridge Bellaghy 14 15

> E. Ó Gormaile **Enda Gormley** Glen

FIR IONAID: 16, Don Kelly (Ballinascreen); 17, Karl Diamond (Bellaghy); 18, Dermot McNicholl (Glenullin); 19, Joe Brolly (Dungiven); 20, Fergal McCusker (Glen); 21, Richard Ferris (Drumsurn); 22, Hugh Tohill (Swatragh); 23, Paddy Barton (Newbridge); 24, Dermot O'Neill (Ballinascreen).

D. Ó hEanaigh

**Dermot Heaney** 

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S. S. Ó Dochartaigh John Joe Doherty Naomh Columba

5 M. Mac an Chrossain Mark Crossan St. Eunans

> B. Ó Muiri **Brian Murray** Civil Service

10 S. Mac Aoidh James McHugh Kilcar

13 D. Ó Cnaimsi Declan Bonner Na Rossa O -/

M. Ó Gallchóir Matt Gallagher Naomh Brid

6 P. Mac Giolla Cheara Paul Carr Four Masters

11 M. Mac Aoidh Martin McHugh Kilcar

14 M. Ó Baoill Manus Boyle Killybeas 0-7

B. Mac Gabhann Barry McGowan Killybegs

M. Ó Sheibhlean Martin Shovlin Naomh Ultan

M. Ó Gallchoir Michael Gallagher Civil Service

> 12 S. Mac Maoláin Joyce McMullan Four Masters

> > S. Ó Dufaigh John Duffy O-/ Civil Service

FIR IONAID: 16, Paul Callaghan (Burt); 17, Declan Boyle (Killybegs); 18, Martin Gavigan (Ardara); 19, Anthony Molloy (Ardara); 20, Donal Reid (Red Hughs); 21, Mark McShane (Kilcar); 22, Tommy Ryan (Termon); 23, Jim McGuinness (Naomh Conaill); 24, Barry Cunningham (Killybegs).

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: Manus Boyle, Joyce McMullan, Martin Shovlin, Martin McHugh, Mark McShane, Michael Gallagher. Joe Doherty, Mark Crossan, Gary Walsh, Brian Murray, Declan Boyle, Declan

## Field of Dreams

by Kieran Cunningham, 98FM,

This field is in Glencolmcille in south-west Donegal. Beside the sea, it's known as the Warren, and behind the top goals lies a rabbit warren. They've even made excursions onto the pitch and many a dash up the wing has been stopped by a strategically placed rabbit hole.

The local club is Naomh Columba. They have two county men, John Joe Doherty and Noel Hegarty. there were others before them, men like Finian Ward, Padraig Carr and Michael Oliver McIntyre.

JJ picked up a serious pelvic injury at the end of 1991. Six months of inactivity followed and he put on weight. Cavan at Breffni came and went and JJ was a spectator. Then he started to work. Down to the sandy banks behind the Warren on his own. Home and not able to sleep with the pain. Back again the next evening. Not fit to sleep. But he kept pushing and working and he broke the thing. He won his place back on the panel but the defence were playing well and it didn't look like he would make an appearance. Then, the week before the All-Ireland final, Martin Shovlin pulled a neck muscle and had to pull out. JJ found out at half past one, two hours before the throw in, that he was playing. More than that, he was to go straight into the half back line in a straight swap for Shovlin. It was a vote of confidence in JJ and he grabbed it with both hands, having a great game.

The week before the All-Ireland semi-final against Meath in 1990, JJ had had to withdraw through injury. What goes around comes round. Back to the Warren and others like it, Kentucky, Sandfield, Fintra, Towney... The fields where the work that won Sam Maguire was started. The fields of dreams.

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The playing of the All-Ireland Finals in Croke Park without the music of the Artane Boys' Band would be unthinkable. The Band has missed only two Finals since the turn of the century – the 1938 All-Ireland Hurling Final in Killarney (when the Cusack Stand was being built) and the 1947 All-Ireland Football Final (played in New York's Polo Grounds).

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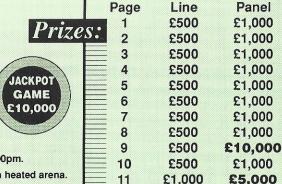
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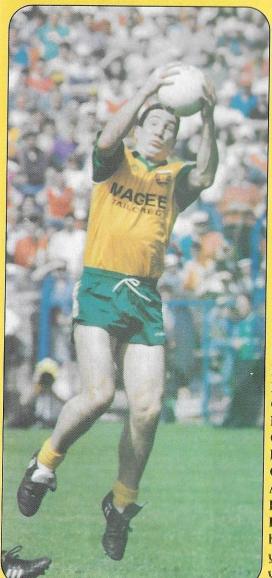
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## DONAL REID (Donegal)



Name: Donal Reid.

Club: Red Hughs, Killygordon. Club Colours: Red & Black.

Weight: 121/2 st. Height: 5' 11".

Age: 31. Honours:

All-Ireland U-21 medal. Senior All-Ireland medal. Ulster C'Ship U-21 medal, 3 Ulster Senior C'Ship medals,

2 Railway Cup medals,

2 McKenna Cup medals,

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First Senior County Game: 1982 v. Louth, Dundalk.

Most Memorable Moment: Watching Anthony Molloy

lifting the Sam Maguire Cup. **Most Difficult Opponent:** 

Kieran Duff.

Biggest Influence on Career:

Brian McEniff.

Occupation: Marketing Manager, Donegal Creameries.

Car: V.W. Golf GTi.

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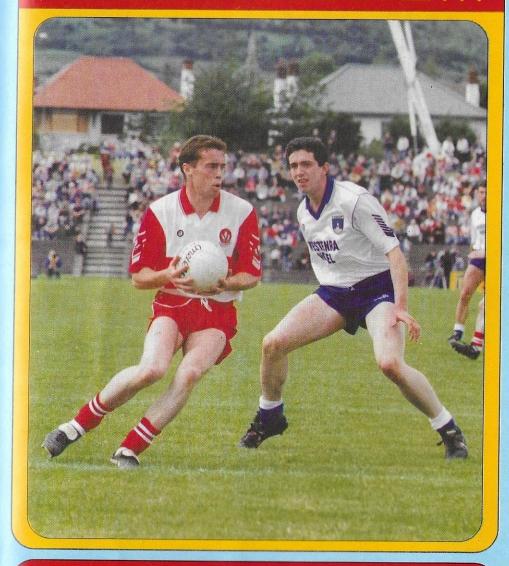
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Gary Coleman gets the upper hand on Gregory Flanagan of Monaghan.

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## **Fact and Figures**

- Derry won their first U.S.F.C. Title in 1958 defeating Down on a scoreline of 1-11 to 2-4.
- Donegal's team manager Brian McEniff was the County's first All-Star Award Winner back in 1972. He was selected at right half back.
- R.T.E. viewing figures for 1992 give the audience of the All-Ireland Football Final as 770,000.
- ☑ Derry P.R.O. Bernie Mullan was the winner of the U.G.A.A.W.A. 'Communication Award' for 1992.
- 5 members of the Donegal U-21 All-Ireland winning team in 1982 were also members of the All-Ireland Senior winning team in 1992. They were: M. Gallagher, A. Molloy, D. Reid, M. McHugh and J. McMullan.
- □ Derry and Donegal have met on thirteen occasions in the U.S.F.C. with the scoreline reading as follows: Derry 8 Donegal 5.
- Derry will be today, aiming to prevent Donegal from taking over their mantle as the last county to successfully defend their Ulster Title. This they achieved in 1975, 76.
- Donegal won their first U.S.F.C. in 1972 defeating Tyrone 2-13 to 1-11.
- $^{\mbox{\tiny LSF}}$  Derry will be today contesting their 12th Ulster Senior Championship Final, having previously won 4.
- Donegal were the 8th Ulster County to contest an All-Ireland Football Final, but only the third to gain a victory.
- In this the year of draws in the U.S.F.C. it is interesting to note that both of today's finalists have played in drawn Ulster Finals, Derry in 1976 and Donegal twice in 1974 and 1989.
- Derry made their own piece of G.A.A. history in 1956 when they played Galway in the first Gaelic Football Match ever to be played in Wembley Stadium, England.
- Donegal's victory over Dublin in last year's All-Ireland Football Final was the first time that the reigning Ulster Champions defeated Dublin in the All-Ireland series.
- 3 Donegal teams have won the Derry Senior Football Championship. They are Clann Chonaill (1914), Buncrana (1930) and Burt (1931).
- Donegal will be today contesting their 9th Ulster Senior Football Final, having previously won 5.
- $^{\mbox{\tiny LSP}}$  The 1919 Donegal County Football Final was played in the Brandywell in Derry.

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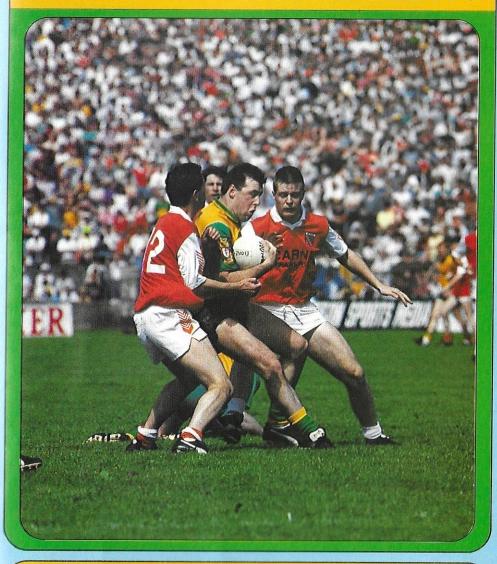
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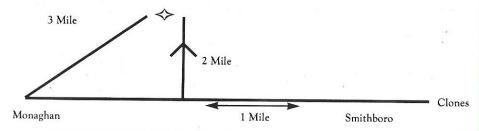
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### More Records for Martin McHugh and Joyce McMullan

An tAth Seán Ó Gallahóir

John Hannigan (St. Evnan's) played 27 Championship games for Donegal in sixteen successive campaigns (1958-1973). Séamus Bonnar (Four Masters-Civil Service) also played 27 Championship games in 13 campaigns (1972-81, 1983-85) Their joint record for Donegal Championship appearances seemed to be safe but it has been broken this year.

Martin McHugh and Joyce McMullan both played in their 29th Championship match in the replay against Armagh. Donal Reid played his 28th Championship match in the first game against Armagh.And so all three

have overtaken Hannigan and Bonnar.

The leading appearances table going into the 1993 Ulster Final reads: 29 – M. McHugh, J. McMullan; 28 – D. Reid; 27 – J. Hannigan, S. Bonnar; 26 – A. Molloy; 25 – G. Walsh, Séamus Hore, Seán Ferriter, Pádraig McShea; 24 – Matt Gallagher. Gary Walsh has played in Donegal's last 21 Championship games.

Congratulations to the Ulster Council on the New Development at St. Tighearnach's Park, Clones, and Best Wishes to the Two Teams.

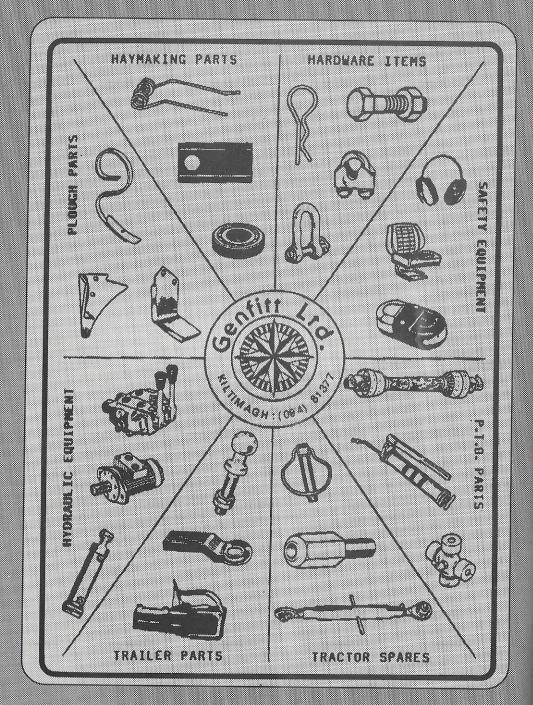
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#### DEICH MBLIANA Ó SHIN

le Pól Ó Gallchóir, Raidió na Gaeltachta

Tá peileadóirí Thír Chonaill ar ais i bPáirc Chluain Eois don cúigiú bliain as a chéile, agus iad ag lorg na Craoibhe don seú uair. Ba ar an pháirc seo deich mbliana ó shin a bhain na Conallaigh an triú Craobh Cúige.

In 1983, bhuail siad Ard Mhacha agus Muineachán sna réamhbhabhtaí agus b'iad peileadóirí an Chabháin a bhí ina gcoinne sa chluiche ceannais. Trí phoinnte a bhí le spáráil ag McEniff agus a chuid feara an lá sin. Ghlac seisear déag Conallach páirt san choimhlint sin i gCluain Eois deich mbliana ó shin, ach níl ach triúr acu sin linn go fóill – Antoin Ó Luag, Donal Reid agus Seoighe Mac Maoláin. Bhí beirt eile den fhoireann ag imirt an bhliain sin ach chaill siad an cluiche ceannais – Máirtin Mac Aodha agus Maitíos Ó Gallchóir.

Bhí beirt, atá mar roghnóirí ag Tír Chonaill, ag imirt an lá sin. Bhí Mícheál Ó Laifeartaigh ag imirt mar leath chúlaí i lár slí agus bhí Séamus Ó Cnáimhsí ar imeall na

cearnóige.

D'imir Ó Cnáimhsí a chéad chluiche Craoibhe do na Conallaigh i lár páirce in 1972 i gcoinne an Dúin agus bhí sé ar an fhoireann ar feadh trí bliana déag go dtí 1985, seachas briseadh beag in 1984. D'imir Ó Laifeartaigh a chéad chluiche Craoibhe bliain níos moille in 1973 agus aisteach go leor, roghnaíodh é i lár páirce fosta, agus bhí Séamus Ó Cnáimhsí ar an daichead slat. Bhí Mícheál ar fhoireann Thír Chonaill go dtí 1986.

Cé gur fada an tréimhse bliain agus fiche ón chéad Chraobh sin a bhain na Conallaigh, is iomaí nasc atá idir an fhoireann sin agus foireann an lae inniu.

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## THE MINORS



The Derry Minor Team which defeated Cavan in the Semi-Final.



The Tyrone Minor Team which defeated Donegal in the Semi-Final.

## Mimor Focus

by John Campbell (Belfast Telegraph)

Finishing is a skill which is frequently conspicuous by its absence is major matches. There is nothing the paying customer enjoys more than a well-taken score, especially from play after a flowing movement.

Well, no-one can accuse either the Derry or Tyrone Minors of having any deficiencies when it comes to putting the ball either under or over the bar.

Indeed, some of the finishing from both sides during their championship campaign to date has been hugely impressive. Derry showed against Cavan in their semi-final that they possess quality forwards and the contribution from Ronan Rocks in particular helped to establish the platform for his team's victory.

Ronan McGuckin and Kevin Ryan too are pleased with the knack of being able to convert half chances – a quality essential for achieving success especially in championship football.

Derry's markmanship is matched by their resolve and this was adequately proved in their match against Down when they staged a dramatic reversal in adverse conditions.

But if Derry's ability to create and convert chances has been a feature of their march in the championship up until now, then Tyrone's forward power, depth of character and resilience have been no less praiseworthy. They opened their programme by overwhelming Fermanagh and don't forget the Erne lads had triumphed over all Ireland finalists Armagh in their first game!

Naturally, this sent Fermanagh into battle against Tyrone on something of a high but by half-time the Red Hand outfit were well on their way into the next round. And there they came up against the Donegal side intent on capturing the first leg of a double success in Cavan where their seniors were also engaged against Armagh.

In the event donegal were not so much beaten by Tyrone as humbled by them. The shooting skills of Peter O'Kane and Gerard Eavan in particular proved far too much for a beleaguered Donegal defence who were only too glad to hear the final whistle.

Not only did Cavan and O'Kane underline their finishing skills but the creativity of Mark Rogers, the drive of Enda Cushnahan and the pace of Barry O'Hare and Colm O'Brian completely unhinged Donegal's structure.

It was a Tyrone success carved from adversity as only hours before the match the players learned with shock of the tragic death of squad member Arthur Mallon. It says much for the Tyrone temperment that they were able to overcome this trauma and put themselves in polo position for the title.

Which brings us to today's contest – and it has all the makings of the proverbial cracker. Two superbly fit, fast, committed sides go into action seeking the Tyrone so tamely vacated by Armagh – and may the best team win.





Dathanna : Bán agus Dearg

P. Mac Thaidhg
Padralg McKeague
Slaughtneil

2 S. Ó Locard Seán Lockhart Banagher

5 C. Ó Scollain Cathal Scullion Bellaghy

> 8 M. Ó Diamóin Mark Diamond Bellaghy

10 G. Biggs Gary Biggs Banagher

13 C. Ó Rian Kevin Ryan An Lub 3 S. Ó Donghaile Sean Donnelly Ballinderry

6 M. Ó Brolchain Martin Bradley An Lub

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11 S. Mac Eocháin Sean McGuckian Swatragh

14 R. Mac Eocháin Ronan McGucklan Ballinderry M. Mac Giolla Bhride Johnny McBride An Lub

7 C. Ó Lochlainn Colm O'Loughlin Swatragh

9 P. Ó Neill Patrick O'Neill Greenlough

> 12 R. Mac Concharraighe Ronan Rocks An Lub

> > 15 D. Ó hOsáin Damlen Hasson Glenullin

Fir Ionald: 16, Mark Kearns (Bellaghy); 17, Gareth O'Neill (Greenlough); 18, Louis McPeake (Bellaghy); 19, Alden McPeake (Greenlough); 20, Sean Doherty (Bellaghy); 21, Michael McCormick (Lavey); 22, Gabriel Deviln (Ballinderry); 23, Tony Gray (Faughanvale); 24, John McVey (An Lub).



Dathanna : Bán agus Dearg



## Tír Eoghain

1 E. Mac an Ghallóglaigh Eamon Gallogly Drumquin

2 S. Ó Catháin Seán O'Kane Killyclogher

5 Breandán Mac Sithigh Brendan Sheehy (Capt.) Cookstown

8
P. Mac Cathmhaoil
Peter Campbell
Coalisland

10 B. Ó hÍr Barry O'Hare Cookstown

C. Ó Brian
Colm O'Brien
Dromore

3
B. Mac Donnchaidh
Barry Donaghey
Dromore

6 D. Mac Thaidhg Damlen Teague Clonoe

> 9 Brian Ó Dúchair **Brian Dooher** Aghabrack

11 E. Ó Cosnacháin Enda Cushnahan Derrylaughan

14 M. Mac Ruairí Mark Rodgers Dungannon 12 G. Ó Cathaláin Gerard Cavlan Dungannon

D. Mac an Ghirr

**Declan McGirr** 

Omagh

L. Mac Pháidin

Liam Patterson

Drumquin

15 P. Ó Catháin Peter O'Kane Killyclogher

Fir ionaid: 16, Sean Corr (Clonoe); 17, Mark Donnelly (Fintona); 18, Sean Douglas; 19, Conor McCarron (Aghaloo); 20, Gerard McCarroll; 21, Cathal McNamee; 22, Claran McRory (Dungannon); 23, Justin Murray (Moy); 24, Damian Woods (Coalisland).

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