

National Football League Division One



Páirc Seáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Feich DE DOMHNAIGH, 29ú DEIRE FOMHAIR, 1995

3.00 p.m.

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1.15 p.m.

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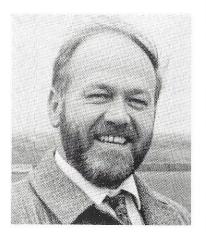
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To-day we have our first home game in the Church & General National Football League and we welcome the players, management and officers of our neighbours, Tir Eoghain.



We had a great start to our National League Campaign two weeks ago in Ennis, with new blood being introduced to the team. Tyrone also had a good start to their campaign, winning at home against Derry and after reaching the All-Ireland final this year they come to Donegal on a high.

Donegal - Tyrone games have always had a special aura attached to them and today's clash will be no different. As Ulster champions, Tyrone are now at the top in Ulster, but if Donegal can repeat their performance of two weeks ago, they can once again reach the heights of the early 90s.

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July, 1994. Ulster Championship semi-final. Donegal 0-10, Tyrone 1-15.

The game proved the end of the road for Donegal's run of Ulster final appearances. It also proved the end of the road for Brian McEniff, Anthony Molloy and Martin McHugh, McHugh being stretchered off with a leg injury before the first half had ended. Tyrone went on to lose the Ulster final to Down, but as we know this year they went all the way in Ulster only failing at the final hurdle in the All-Ireland final to Dublin.

The Donegal and Tyrone teams on their last meeting were:

Donegal: Gary Walsh; John Joe Doherty, Matt Gallagher, Mark Crossan; Noel Hegarty, John Cunningham, Barry McGowan; Anthony Molloy, Brian Murray; James McHugh (0-2), Martin McHugh, Joyce McMullan; Declan Bonner (0-4), Tony Boyle (0-3), Manus Boyle (0-1, free). Subs., John Duffy (27 mins.) for M. McHugh (inj.), Tommy Ryan (48 mins.) for McMullan; Martin Gavigan (52 mins) for Molloy.

Tyrone: Joe Cassidy; Gareth McGirr, Chris Lawn, Fay Devlin; Paul Donnelly, Fergal Logan, Aidan Morris; Ciaran Corr, Plunkett Donaghy (0-2); Adrian Cush (0-3, two frees), Adrian Kilpatrick (0-1), Stephen Lawn (1-0); Eamon McCaffrey (0-1), Peter Canavan (0-6, two frees), Ciaran Loughran (0-1). Subs., Brian Gormley (0-1) for McCaffrey (half-time); Finbar McConnell (65 mins.) for Cassidy; Sean McLaughlin (68 mins.) for Loughran.

Referee: Pat McEneaney (Monaghan)

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National Football League (1994-5), Dr. McKenna Cup & 1995 Senior Football Championship Statistics

An tAth Seán Ó Gallachóir

GAMES PLAYED: 16. (16) John Joe Doherty. National Football League ... 12 (15) Declan Bonner, Manus Boyle, Dr. McKenna Cup 2 John Duffy. Senior Football C'Ship (14) Matt Gallagher, Mark McShane, RECORD: Brian Murray. (13) Tony Boyle, Mark Crossan, Won 9. Lost 7 Gary Walsh. (12) Martin Shovlin. **RESULTS:** (11) Paddy Hegarty. National Football League: (10) John Cunningham, Barry Down 0- 7 Donegal 0- 8 McGowan. Donegal 0-15 Derry 2- 6 (9) Noel Hegarty. Dublin 1- 8 Donegal 0-12 8) James McHugh. Kildare 1-11 Donegal 1- 8 (7) John Bán Gallagher, John Gildea, Donegal 0-8 Laois 0-10 Jim McGuinness. Donegal 0-13 Meath 0-11 (6) Martin Gavigan, Eamonn Donegal 0-10 Kerry 0-14 McMenamin, Eugene Donegal 1- 8 Kerry 1-10 (play-off) McMenamin. Kildare 0-11(play-off) Donegal 1-16 5) Seánie Boyle. Donegal 2-11 Clare 3- 7 (1/4 final) 4) Gerard Kelly, Tommy Ryan. Laois 2- 8 (1/2-final) Donegal 1-14 3) Paul Gallagher, Damien Diver. Donegal 0-8 Derry 0-12 (final) 2) Damien Conlon, James Ruane, Dr. McKenna Cup: Charles O'Donnell. (1) Luke Gavigan, Ollie Reid. Fermanagh 0-12 Donegal 1-10 Monaghan 1-13 Donegal 0- 8

Number of players used: 32.

Top Scorers: 70: Manus Boyle 2-64; 28: John Duffy 0-28; 23: Declan Bonner 1-20.

1995 Railway Cup Final:

Ulster 1-9, Leinster 0-8.
Matt Gallagher, Brian Murray and
Tony Boyle played. Brian McEniff
(manager).

Total:

Donegal 1-12

Donegal 0-8

Donegal 8-169 (193).

(players who started or came on as subs)

Senior Football Championship:

Down 0- 9

Monaghan 1-14

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The 'old' and the 'new'

Today's game is particularly significant for two Donegal players, for entirely different reasons.

Sean McEwen from Letterkenny was just finishing his national school education when his defensive partner for today's game, Martin Shovlin, made his debut for Donegal eleven years ago.

by: Charlie Joe McGinley

The lionhearted Dunkineely player is playing his 100th competitive game for Donegal today. McEwen, a chemical engineering student at Queens University, Belfast, is wearing the green and gold jersey for the first time on home soil at senior level.

"Martin Shovlin has been a great servant to Donegal down through the years and probably one of the easiest players to work with. His attitude is as good as it was when he first played for the county eleven years ago. It has been a pleasure working with him" said Donegal team manager P. J. McGowan.

Shovlin made his inter county debut in a national league match for Donegal on November 11, 1984 against Mayo in Ballyshannon (Donegal won 1-13 to 1-5). Since then his appearances include sixty nine league matches and twenty one championship.

He was on the Donegal Ulster Championship

winning teams of 1990 and 1992 but missed the All-Ireland final because of a last minute neck injury.

He joins Martin McHugh (138), Donal Reid (135), Matt Gallagher and Joyce McMullan (129) and Anthony Molloy (123) as Donegal's elite list of players who have made over 100 appearances for the county.

Few players have given so much to Donegal football as Martin Shovlin. His experience will be invaluable to a rookie such as Sean McEwen who impressed everyone with his performances for the county U-21 side this season. "Sean had a good debut away in Clare a fortnight ago but it won't be that easy for him in all games. However he is a good player who is capable of making things happen for himself", the Donegal manager said.

Last season it was Donegal's away form which kept them in the hunt with victories over Down, Dublin and Meath but their home form was poor losing to Kildare and Kerry.

Tyrone who were promoted from Division Two last met Doengal in the Ulster championship in the summer of 1994, where a wonderful second half performance, particularly from Peter Canavan resulted in Brian McEniff's resignation.

Shovlin and McEwen will be just two of the Donegal defenders hoping to put one over on Tyrone on this occasion.

Clann Chonaill agus Clann Eoghain i gComhlint

le: Séamus de Faoite (Oifigeach na Gaeilge)

Caithfear cuimhniú go raibh Tír Eoghain ábalta agus ró-ábalta ag foireann na Contae seo go mion minic le caoga bliain anuas. Bhí an bhua acu i ngrád na mionúr i gcluiche ceannais peile na hÉireann i 1947 agus arís i 1948. Bhí an bhua ag an bhfoireann sinsear i gcluiche ceannais Chúige Uladh i 1956, 1957 agus arís i 1973. Nuair a thráchtar ar fhoireann Thír Eoghain, tagann ainmneacha mar Jody O'Neill, Iggy Jones, Jim and Eddie Devlin, Thady Turbett, Frankie Donnelly and Patsy Develin i mo chuimhne. Bhí siad mar fhórsa a bhí deacair a chloí agus thig gach duine a n-ábaltacht agus a scil ar pháirc na himeartha. Ba deacair láimh an uachtair a fháil orthu.

I maith is cuimhin linne cluiche ceannais Uladh na bliana 1989. Chothromaigh siad an scór leis an chic deireannach den liathróid agus bhí an bhua go fíor acu orainn leis an scór 2-13 go 0-7 ar an Domhnach 23 Iúil.

Admháim go raibh tréimhse lom ag Tír Eoghain sa pheil sinsear le roinnt blianta ach mar sin féin bhí sé le haithne go raibh siad ag dul i neart ó bhliain go bliain. Thaispeáin siad seo go soiléir i mbliana nuair a d'éirigh leo cluiche ceannais Chúige Uladh a bhua agus a dhul ar aghaidh chuig an chluiche ceannais. Thig a rá go raibh siad mí-ádhúil nár éirigh leo "Sam" a thabhairt aduaidh den cúigiú bliain as a chéile.

Bhí baint agam féin le Tír Eoghain dáta blianta ó shin. Chaith mé seal blianta mar Rúnaí ar chlub an Athair Rocks i gCóra Críche (Cookstown). Ag an am sin, fear as Co. Liathroma a bhí mar Chathaoirleach agus as Doire an Cisteoir. Is féidir a rá go raibh baill an Choiste gnó as gach ard.

Is cinnte go bhfuil an dá Chlann i gcoimhlint inniu ach ní thig dearmad a dhéanamh ar na cuntais stairiúla agus déarfainn nach eisceacht ar bith a bheith i gcluiche an lae inniu. Tá Clann Eoghain maith gan dabht, ach 'sé mo bharúil go mbeidh láimh an uachtair ag Clann Chonaill sa chluiche seo.

DUN NA nGALL 0 -16

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SUBS: 16, Gary Walsh, 17, Damien Diver, 18, Brian Murray, 19, John Duffy, 20, Ollie Reid, 21, Charlie O'Donnell, 22, Martin Coll, 23, Noel McGinley, 24, Patrick Cunningham, 25, Barry Ward, 26, Damien Conlon

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| 13 G. O Cavlain GERARD CAVLAN | | B. Go | 14 B. Gormaile BRIAN GORMLEY | | 15 D. Gormaile DAMIEN GORMLEY | |
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(5) (6) (7) Eugene Browne Conor Dullaghan Gerard Gallen

(8) (9) Kieran Kelly Noel Ewing

(10) (11) (12)
Aiden Kelly Mark Sweeney Joe Coyle
(13) (14) (15)
Gary McLaughlin Damien Doherty Damien Browne

Subs: (16) Stephen Collins; (17) Oisin Brady; (18) Brendan O'Brien; (19) Shaun McConnell; (20) Gary Kelly; (21) Patrick Ewing; (22) Kieran McGuire; (23) James Carlin; (24) Rory O'Donnell; (25) David Porter.

Team Managers: Samuel Patterson, Paddy Kelly.

NAOMH ULTAN

Colours: Black/Amber.

(1)

Declan Murrin

(2) (3) (4)
Eoin Brosnan Michael Boyle Joe McGinley

(5) (6) (7)
Martin Shovlin Aiden Gallagher Damien Quigley

(8) (9)
Aiden Duddy Pauric Fisher

(10) (11) (12)
Toirealach McGinley Clement Diver Colin McNicholas

(13) (14) (15)
Declan Erskine Niall Gallagher John Mullin

Subs: (16) Dermot McNern; (17) Adrian Ward; (18) Peter Byrne; (19) Paul Breslin; (20) Jason Gillespie; (21) Kieran Meehan; (22) Matthew Gallagher; (23) Gary McNern.

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Good luck to the Donegal team.

by: Frank Rodgers

It has been the proverbial baptism of fire for Tyrone in Division One of the National Football League.

Round 1 a fortnight ago and a tussle with the N.F.L. champions, Derry in Omagh.... Round 2 today and a clash with the runners-up, Donegal in Ballybofey! There's not much tougher than that.... and the toughtest part could be today's visit to Ballybofey!

Yes — a visit to Ballybofey!... a rare experience for a Tyrone senior team in recent years. Just think about it — how often have we had a Donegal v Tyrone clash in MacCumhaill Park in either the Senior Championship or the National League? Not for an age, so today's is all the more special for that.

Their National League paths just haven't crossed for years — with Tyrone generally labouring in the lower Divisions while Donegal rubbed shoulders with big names in Division One. In the championship the last one was that famous.... or infalus.... one away back in 1973 when Donegal stepped out in defence of the Ulster title they had won the previous July — their first — at Tyrone's expense. Not surprisingly, then, it was a jam-packed MacCumhaill Park and in controversial circumstances, Tyrone came out of it with

two points to spare on a score of 0-12 to 1-7... and went on to win the Ulster title that year. Then the following year Donegal travelled to the new Omagh pitch and gained ample revenge with a 1-9 to 0-8 victory.

That's Donegal v Tyrone and Ballybofey.... but that's a generation ago! Today its a different game.... well near enough.... played on different pitches... in a GAA scenario that has charged in a multitude of ways.

However, the rivalries are the same and the Tyrone team that lines out to day will be just as determined to win as that of twenty years ago.... or forty years ago for that matter. Interestingly enough it was just over forty years ago that the first ever big Donegal v Tyrone meeting took place in Ballybofey. To be exact it was on June 6th 1953 in the first round of the championship... and Tyrone won it by 0-12 to 0-7!

So, while most counties dread their visits it has to be said that Ballybofey has been a fairly happy hunting ground for Tyrone.

The big one in 1953 by 0-12 to 0-7.... the even bigger one in 1973 by 0-12 to 1-7... so why not 1995 in today's N.F.L. Division One encounter?....

..... Yes why not another win for Tyrone.....?

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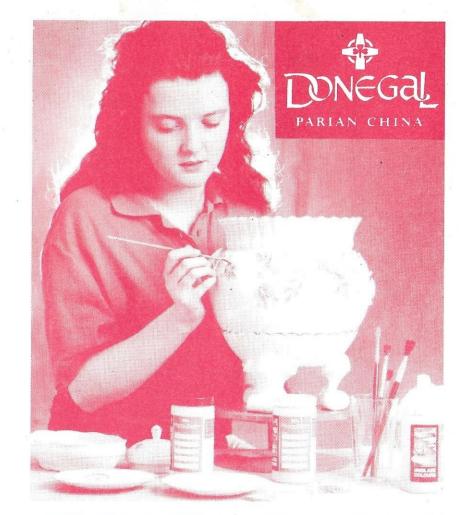
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