Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall

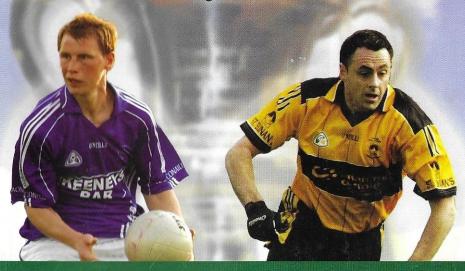


Cluiche Ceannais Craobh na Shinsear na Condae 2009

I bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill, Bealach Féich Dé Domhnaigh, 4ú Deireadh Fòmhair 2009, 3.30 i.n.

Naomh Adhamhnáin V Naomh Conaill

Reiteoir: Padraig Mac Giolla Bhride



Chuiche Ceannais Chraobh Tacaíochta na Condae 1.15 i.n.

Ard an Ratha v An Clochan Liath

Reiteoir: Ciaran Ó Sé Clar Oifigiuil: €5



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Ba mhaith liom mar Chathaoirleach Bord na Chondae Dhun na nGall failte a chúir romhaibh go leir anseo inniú chuig Pairc Sheain Mhic Cumhaill, í mbaile atha Feich, í gcoir chuichi Ceannais Sinsear agus Sinsear Taciocht na Condae.

Our Senior Football Final today is between Naomh Conaill and Naomh Adhamhnain and we welcome both teams, to what we hope will make a very competitive match and a Final to remember. Both clubs continue to work hard in the development of C.L.G. here in Donegal particularly in relation to their facilities and most importantly the coaching and development of young players. This is reaping the awards of many years of hard work for both clubs here today. Our Senior Football Reserve Final will see the meeting of An Clochan Liath and Ard An Ratha. Both these Clubs also strive in their Underage and their facilities and we wish them all the best.

My thanks to the McCumhaill Club Officers, Ground Staff and their many helpers here today who as always have the pitch in great condition and congratulate them on the huge work done in ensuring that everything is in prime condition for both Finals here today.

Thanks to Radio Na Gaeltacht for their continued sponsorship of the Donegal Senior Football Championship.

To Referees Paddy McBride who referees the Senior Final and to Kieran McShea who referees the Reserve Final. Good luck to you both and also to your officials.

We also welcome Four Masters who won the Senior Championship 25 years ago in Centenary year and who will be honoured here today.

I thank members of both Corporate and Club Donegal in 2009. It is proving a major asset in assisting financial support for the County Board. Many thanks to all our Sponsors and we ask you when possible to support all our Sponsors and in particular our main Sponsors the Abbey Hotel and Azzurai in 2009.

In this the 125th Anniversary of the GAA I would like to thank all the Clubs in the County for the promotion of our Games at Club and County level.

Ta suil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus taitneamh as na cluichí anseo inniu agus adh mór ar na foirne go leir ata ag glacadh pairt.

Sean O Ceallaigh, Cathaoirleach Bord na Condae.

Amhrán na bhFiann

Tá Amhrán na bhFiann a cheol inniú ag Cáitríona Solan, in éineacht lena deirfiúr, Bríd. Bhí Cáitríona ina buaiteoir san Amhránaíocht Aonair i SCÓR Sinsir na Contae i mbliana, 2009. Is as fochumann CLG An Chlocháin Leith í, agus tá sí ina múinteoir ceoil i nDún Seachlainn, Co. na Mí. Tá tráidisiún láidir ceoíl i dteaghlach Cháitríona.

Amhrán na bhFiann is being sung today by Caitríona Solan, accompanied by her sister Bríd. Caitríona is the 2009 Dún na nGall winner of SCÓR Sinisir in the Solo Singing category. She is from the Dungloe GAA Club, and is a music teacher in Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath. Caitríona has competed in SCÓR na n Óg and SCÓR Sinsir regularly. There has been a history of traditional music and singing in the family down the years and Caitríona, friends and family can often be seen at music sessions all over the county, and no doubt we will see her competing in SCÓR in the future as well.

Caitriona has also sung Amhrán na bhFiann this year at the Ulster Senior Football Championship 1st round match and several of the All Ireland qualifiers.



Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall **CLAR AN LAE**

County Senior and Senior Reserve Football Finals Sunday 4th October 2009

12.57.pm.

An Clochan Liath take the field and line up for team photograph

1.00.pm.

Ard A' Ratha takes the field and line up for team photograph

1.15.pm

2.30.pm.

2009 Senior Reserve Football Final Ard A' Ratha v An Clochan Liath

Presentation of the Trophy by Sean O Ceallaigh

Cathaoirleach Bhord an Chontae.

2.40.pm.

St. Catherine's Marching Band, Killybegs

2.45.pm.

Introduction of the 1984 County Champions na gCeithre Maistrí

3.08.pm.

Naomh Conaill takes the field and line up for team photograph

3.10.pm.

Naomh Adhamhnáin take the field and line up

for team photograph

3.20.pm

Both teams line up for parade

3.28.pm.

Amhrán na bhFiann

3.30.pm.

2009 RTÉ Raidio na Gaeltachta

DONEGAL SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL Naomh Conaill v Naomh Adhamhnáin

Half Time

St. Catherine's Marching Band, Killybegs.

5.00.pm.

Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH

award sponsored by Ann McGeehin.

5.05 p.m.

Presentation of the Dr Maguire Trophy by Sean O Ceallaigh

Cathaoirleach Bhord an Chontae.

Senior Final Referee:

Paddy McBride.

Linesmen:

Jimmy White, Pat Walsh

Umpires:

John Mc Bride, Francis McGuigan, Kevin Gallagher,

Barry Mc Bride.

Forth Official:

Frankie Doherty.

Senior Reserve Referee: Kieran McShea

Linesmen:

Don Langan & Paddy McKeever

Umpires:

Gary Gallen, Dermott Patton, Liam Crumlish, Andrew McShea

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- 13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

Focail An Eagarthoir

Welcome to McCumhaill Park for the finals of our Senior and Reserve Football Championship. Naomh Adhamhain is appearing in their fifth consecutive final and will be hoping to successfully defend the title they have won for the past two years, They will also be hoping to avenge their defeat by Naomh Conaill in the 2005 decider which went to a replay. Naomh Conaill on the other hand are no strangers either to winning County Championships having won the Senior title in 2005 and the Under 21 A championship in2006, 2007 and 2008.



The curtain raiser today is the Senior Reserve final between Ardara and Dungloe. This is a repeat of the 1995 final in which Dungloe won 0-09 to 0-06

I wish all four teams and Match Officials the best of luck and look forward to an enjoyable afternoon in McCumhaill Park.

Our Senior final today is been shown on T.G 4 and we thank them for doing so and hope viewers wont be disappointed with our show piece.

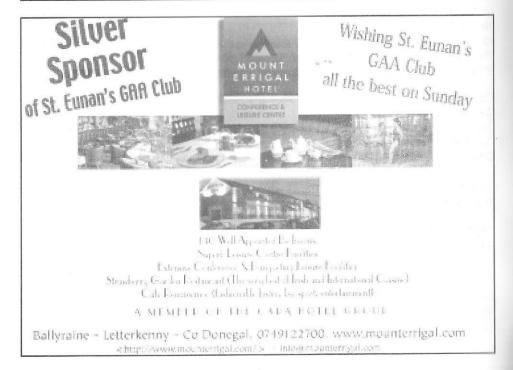
As always big match days mean a lot of hard work for people behind the scenes, there will be upwards of 100 people involve today ensuring that everything possible is been done so that spectators can enjoy both games in safety and comfort. I thank these people who give their time voluntary to do this valuable work and I would appeal to you to co-operate with stewards at all times.

I offer a special word of thanks to all who contributed to this programme, Fr Sean Gallagher, Peter Campbell, Chris McNulty, Frank Craig, Seamus Mac Geidigh, and especially the participating Clubs. I would also like to thank The Donegal Democrat, The Donegal Post and The Donegal News, a special word of thanks to photographers Micheal O'Donnell, Donna McBride and Brian McDaid for contributing a number of other photos.

Thanks to our sponsors R.T.E. Raidio na Gaeltachta and all who booked advertising space in this publication. We ask you to support our sponsors and advertisers.

Finally to all attending the games, I trust you will enjoy the day and that it will live in your memory for years to come.

Seamus O'Domhnaill O.C.P.



Letterkenny For The Snip?

With the continual expansion of Letterkenny as rural communities wither and with the complete domination of St. Eunan's of the Donegal Senior Football scene (fifth final ina-row to-day: a treble - double looming; almost certain to complete the three-in-a-row to-day, as Cork were almost certain a fortnight ago), it is expected that a motion will come before County Convention proposing that the town of Letterkenny be divided into four or five clubs, including a team of non-natives (blowins, adopted sons, whatever) jointly managed by Éamonn O'Boyle and Brendan Kilcovne and jointly captained by Ciarán Ryan and Brendan Devenney. A source close to the motion stated that it was obvious that the establishment of Letterkenny Gaels made St. Eunan's even more powerful and that it was time to revert to Plan B and more radical surgery to save senior football in Donegal. 'If they cannot be dealt with on the field of play, they will have to be dealt with in the Boardroom', dúradh (which is sometimes pronounced 'hooroo'. A point of information!).

Support

The County Finance Committee is believed to support the motion on the grounds that more clubs means more levies and that more levies means more centres of excellence.

ABÚ (Anyone But Unan's) supports the motion, too, arguing that domination breeds arrogance which breeds envy which breeds enmity which breeds bitterness which breeds more negativities than the Coolmore Stud.

An Grianán led the stinging responses to an alleged assertion by a St. Eunan's supporter that 'St. Eunan's was the only show in town'. The dissenting chorus was joined by The Pulse; Letterkenny Golf Club (who won some sort of Shield for handicapped golfers); Letterkenny Rovers (winners of the North-East Donegal-or-one-twentieth- of Ulster Senior, well, whatever, League; the Loreto Convent Christmas Pantomime Committee etc. An Grianán added that, if surgery was needed, they had the best theatre in town, a claim hotly disputed by the Irish Hospitals' Consultants Federation.

Oppositio

An Bord Snip Nua was horrified by the motion since it wants less of everything – less schools, less hospitals, less nurses, fewer (what is the difference between less and fewer?) teachers, fewer farmers, fewer fishermen, less expenses, less V.E.C.s, less assistants to the Ceann Comhairle, less school buses in Glendowan etc. An Bord Snip is actually proposing that St. Eunan's be amalgamated with Letterkenny Gaels, Termon and whatever footballers are still playing in Glenswilly (one St. Eunan's person is reputed to have said 'give us Michael Murphy and Michael Boyle and keep the rest').

Sinn Féin stated that, since they oppose everything, they would oppose this motion, too

Highland Radio was outraged by the motion and to the background music of 'Old Letterkenny Town', 'The Cathal Green Grass of Home', 'Tidy Old Town', 'The Brendan Voyage', 'The Town I love so well', 'I love you just the way you are', etc. Charlie Collins repeated his mantra that it was the most ludicrous and ridiculous decision he ever came across and that it was akin to dividing Highland Radio into ten sub-stations because it was the best radio station in the world according to JNRI, whoever they may be. Rex ludaeorum.

A little-known Letterkenny General Practitioner, a James McDaid, said that in his professional opinion the proposed surgery was medically unnecessary, historically unforgivable, ethically indefensible, morally unjustifiable, logistically unworkable, blatantly illogical, and sociologically unsustainable. He is believed to have got the big words from one of his patients, a Mr. Joseph Brolly, whom he was treating for a sore wrist and spillaneitis (this is confidential doctor-client information so don't yous be talkin' about it outside Mad Cumhaill Park). G.P. McDaid is stated to have said that he may be forced to leave the party (held to celebrate St. Eunan's twelfth championship).

An irate St. Eunan's spokesperson said that the motion was daft, dangerous and dreadful.

If it succeeded, St. Eunan's would counterpropose that Kerry and Kilkenny would each be divided into four, that Burt and Crossmaglen be divided into townland teams and that Dublin be decimated.

NA-NA-NA NA-NA-NA

Despite this opposition, it is rumoured that plans are already being hatched to set up:

NAMA (Naomh Adhamhnán Management Agency), expected to be headed by Mr. Michael McLoone when he retires. It would dispose of the assets of St. Eunan's. The County Board would be expected to sequestrate O' Donnell Park (and the Aura) and make it the County Centre of Excellence, thus putting the Convoy carry-on to bed once and for all. New green field sites for the new clubs would be developed at Kiltoy, Ballaghderg, Glencar and at the Convent Road roundabout.

NABA (Naomh Adhamhnán Boundary Authority), expected to be headed by Mr. Seán Ó Longáin when he retires. It would have the unenviable task of carving up Letterkenny (provided Glenties won't have already done that). One junior said that bloodspill would be as inevitable as at a Gweedore-Dungloe match of yore (of gore?).

NANA (Naomh Adhamhnán Naming Advisership), expected to be headed by Mr. Brian McEniff, if he ever retires. It would put names on the new clubs. There might be a return to the old names – Tírconaill Mental Hospital, Rovers, Geraldines, St. Columba's etc – or a typical G.A.A. trysting with mammon – Tesco Tigers, Pramerica Panthers, Courtyard Cougars, Mount Errigal Moose (or Mousse?) etc.

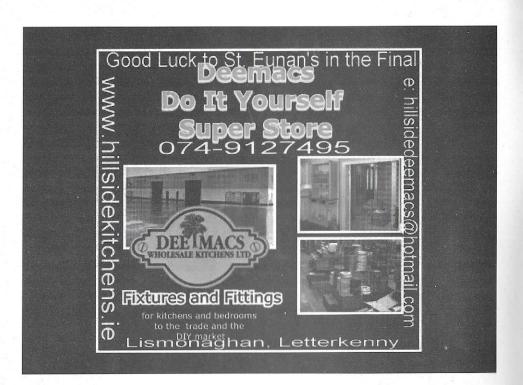
NASA (Naomh Adhamhnán Support Association), is not expected to be headed by Mr. Brian McIvor. It would offer counselling to all victims of the abuse of the great institution known as St. Eunan's.

NADA (Naomh Adhamhnán Disputes Arbitrator), expected to be headed by Banshee Moon, one of the Lismoonaghan Moons, with a typical HSE overstaff of 1500, thus becoming Letterkenny's main employer, with a conflict-resolution remit to solve all disputes arising from the motion. NADA would be funded by Peace and Reconciliation XI, XII, XIII, XIV...

Frank-Einstein

So, when Frankie hoists his electronic 4 or 5 near the end of today's final, it could be interpreted as a veiled reference to the number of clubs in Letterkenny in 2010... And as Rory and Conal and Kevin and Big John etc give their all for St. Eunan's to-day, it could be that they would be facing one another in the 2010 final... As Einstein said, all will evolve, relatively...

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Today's Referees

SENIOR FINAL

Paddy McBride (Na Dunaibh)

The Downings native and club man first started refereeing ten years ago, and has since established himself as one of the top referees at county level and for a number of years was a member of the provincial panel.

During his playing career Paddy won a county medal as a member of the Downings team that lifted their first ever County Junior title in 1977 when they overcame Glenfin by a single point (2-08 to 1-10) in a thrilling final.

Paddy has refereed numerous county finals including last years Intermediate Final.



He has also been very active at club level serving as Chairman, Secretary and P.R.O. When not refereeing Paddy likes to keep fit by doing some road running including competing in last years Dublin City marathon which he done in aid of the Children Hospital in Crumlin and come April next year he hopes to run the London marathon in aid of the Irish Heart Foundation.

SENIOR RESERVE FINAL

Kieran McShea (Sean McCumhaills)

Kieran is a native of Ballyshannon, but has been attached to the Sean McCumhaills G.A.A. club for many years.

A former player and senior team manager, Kieran has refereed numerous League and Championship Finals including the Intermediate Final in 2006, the Minor A Final of 2007 and last year among the many games he refereed was the Under 21A final and the Minor B Final. Having started refereeing in 2000, he is one of busiest referees in the County averaging over thirty competitive games per year.



Late last year he travelled to New York to referee a game between the New York Police and Transport Gaels from Ireland. Married to Cathy, Kieran is the local manager of Bus Eireann and lives in Stranorlar.



2009 SENIOR RESERVE **FOOTBALL FINAL**





AN CLOCHAN LIATH



ARD AN RATHA

An Clochan Liath

2.

Alan Mac Ruairi

5.

Deasun Mac Grianne

Des Greene

10.

Criostoir Mac Daibhid

Christopher McDevitt

13.

Breandan Mac Aoidh

Brendan McGee

Donal O Cnaimhsi

Sean Mac a Bhaird

Stiofan O Ceanainn

(Stephen Cannon)

(Daniel Bonner)

(John Ward)

Fir Ionaid:

Alan Rodgers

Criostoir Mac Fhlionn Christopher McGlynn

Dealgan O Domhnaill Declan O'Donnell

6.

Stiofan O Gallochoir Stephen Gallagher

Stiofan O'Dochartaigh

Stephen Doherty 7.

Gearoid Breathnach Gerard Walsh

Pol Mac Gairbhith

Paul McGarvey

11.

Antoin O Baoill Tony Boyle

14.

Tomas O Braonain

Thomas Brennan

Manus O Braonain (Manus Brennan)

Deasun O Gallochoir (Dessie Gallagher)

21. Dealgan O Procpeir (Declan Proctor)

12.

Breandan Mac Gairbhith Brendan McGarvey

15.

Seosamh Mac Suibhne

Joe Sweeney

Sean O Maolmhuaidh (Shane Molloy)

Micheal O Conghaile (Michael Connolly)

Micheal O Baoill (Michael Boyle)

Donal Mac Ruairi

Donal Rodgers

Ard á Ratha

2. Máirtín Ó hIarrain

Marty Herron

5. Deasún Ó Briain Dessie O'Brien

Éanna O Gallchóir Enda Gallagher

3. Nicolás Mac Uimhir

Nicholas Maguire

Pádraig Ó Gallchóir Paddy Gallagher

Caomhín Ó Breisleáin Kevin Breslin

> 7. Ciarán Ó Gallchoir

Ciarán Gallagher

Proinsias Ó Duibhir Francis Diver

10. Stiofán Mac Cathmhaoil Stephen McCahill

13.

Cathal McGill

Cathal Mac a' Ghoill

11. Nollaig Ó Gallchóir Noel Gallagher

14.

Seán Ó Baoil Jonathan Boyle Barra Ó Briain Barry O'Brien

> 12. Marcus Ó Caiside Mark Cassidy

15. Ciarán Ó Breisleáin

Kieran Breslin

Fir Ionaid:

16 Caolán Ó Gallchóir Kealan Gallagher Stiofán Ó Baoill

Stephen Boyle Seán Mac a' Ghoill

Johnny McGill Ciarán Ó hÉinacháin Kieran Hennighan

20 Pól Ó Fuaruisge Paul Watters

Niall Ó Domhnaill Niall O'Donnell

22 Darren Mac Uimhir Darren Maguire 23 Mairtin Mac Seáin Matin McShane

Pauric Mac a' Ghoill Pauric McGill

Éamonn Ó Breisleáin Eamonn Breslin

26 Críostóir Ó Seibhleáin Christopher Shovlin 27 Conchúr Ó Tonraigh Conor Tonnry Dónal Ó Seibhleáin

Daniel Shovlin Proinsias Ó Creag Frank Craig

Player Profile: Benny McGarvey, An Clochan Liath

Name:

Benny McGarvey

Age: 23

Occupation:

Regional Deputy Loss Preventation

Manager

Position: Forward

Favourite Ground:

McCumhaill Park



Favourite Player: Sean Cavanagh

Married / Single: Married to Sandra

Favourite Other Sports: Boxing

Person you would most like to meet:

Chervrl Cole

Biggest Influence in Football:

My Grandfather

Player Profile: Christopher Mc Glynn, An Clochan Liath

Name:

Christopher McG-

lynn Age: 17

Occupation: Stu-

dent

Position: Goal-

keeper



Favourite Ground: O'Donnell Park Favourite Player: Sean Cavanagh

Favourite other Sport: Soccer

Person you would most like to meet:

Steven Gerard

Biggest influence in football:

My family and Coaches.

Player Profile: Donal Rodgers, An Clochan Liath

Name:

Donal Rodgers

Age: 22

Occupation: Stu-

dent

Position: Midfield

Favourite Player:

Philip Jordan



Favourite Ground:

Rosses Park

Favourite Other Sport:

Soccer

Person you would most like to meet:

Alan Shearer

Biggest influence in football:

My family.

Player Profile: Dessie O'Brien, Ard á Ratha

Name:

Dessie O'Brien

Career highlight:

Playing for Sligo Vocational Schools

Best player played with: Johnny

Herron

Favourite food:

Steak and mash



Favourite WAG:

Chervl Cole

Best trainer: Kevin Byrne

Worst trainer:

Cathal McGill

Biggest moaner: Mark Cassidy

Dream four dinner date guests:

Rachel mc Adams, Hilary Duff, Megan

Fox, Eva Longoria

If I was Taoiseach I would...

Take a 90% pay cut

Player Profile: Jonathan Boyle, Ard á Ratha

Name:

Jonathan Boyle

Career highlight:

Winning 2 Senior Championships with Ardara & representing AIB in a GAA tour of Australia/New Zealand

Best player played with: David Diver

Favourite food:

Cream Crackers & Marmalade

Favourite WAG: Chervl Cole Best trainer: Francis Diver

Worst trainer: Stephen Gildea (When

Champions league is on)

Biggest moaner: Mark (Tyrone from

Corrie) Cassidy.

Dream four dinner date guests: 4 members of Girls Aloud minus the

Ginger one

If I was Taoiseach I would...

be looking in the job section

Player Profile: Nicolas Maguire, Ard á Ratha

Name:

Nicholas Maguire

Career highlight: Captaining Ardara

minors to the league title in 2004

Best player played with: Declan Gallagher

Favourite food: Chinese

Favourite WAG: Alex Curran

Best trainer: Noel McCabe

Worst trainer: Marty Herron

Biggest moaner: Mark Cassidy

Dream four dinner date guests:

Roger Federer, Richard Dawkins, Stephen

Fry and Billy Connolly

If I was Taoiseach I would...

Start a reform of the banks in Ireland

Pen-pictures C.L.G. An Clochan Liath

Name	- Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight	
Christopher McGlynn	17	Student	Goalkeeper	6ft 2	12st 7lb	
Alan Rodgers	26	Painter/Decorator	Defender	5ft 10	12st.	
Declan O' Donnell	18	Student	Defender	5ft 11	12st 6lb	
Stephen Doherty	22	Army Soldier	Defender	6ft 2	13st	
Des Greene	35	Bricklayer	Defender	5ft 11	11st 2lb	
Stephen Gallagher	28	Engineer	Defender	5ft 11	13st 4lb	
John Ward	32	Plasterer	Defender	5 ft 9	11st 6lb	
Gerard Walsh	17	Student	Defender	5ft 10	10st 9lb	
Shane Molloy	24	Construction Worker	Defender	6 ft 2	12st	
Dessie Gallagher	35	Joiner	Defender	5ft 8	12st	1
Manus Brennan	31	Construction Worker	Defender	5ft 10	13st 5lb	
Declan Proctor	17	Student	Defender	5 ft 10	11st	
Michael Connolly	17	Student	Defender	6ft	11st	
Paul McGarvey	24	Butcher	Midfield	6 ft	15st 6lb	
Donal Rodgers	22	Student	Midfield	5 ft 11	13st 9	
Thomas Brennan	33	Factory Worker	Midfield	6 ft 2	13st 9lb	
Christopher McDevitt	19	Garage Worker	Forward	5ft 11	11st	
Tony Boyle	39	Sales Rep	Forward	6 ft	14st	
Stephen Cannon	19	Student	Forward	6 ft1	3st	
Brendan McGee	33	Hardware Shop Assistant	Forward	5 ft 9	12st 5lb.	
Benny McGarvey	23	Plumber	Forward	6 ft	12 st 10 lb	
Joe Sweeney	18	Student	Forward	5 ft 8	11st	
Daniel Bonner	17	Student	Forward	6ft	12st 3lb	
Michael Boyle	17	Student	Forward	5 ft 10	11st 6lb	

Pen-pictures C.L.G. Ard á Ratha

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Name	Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight	Honors
Darren Maguire	29	Builder	Midfield	6'2	14st	U16,U18 county championships, two senior championships, two senior league titles, one All Ireland gaeltacht title, minor and reserve player of year
Martin McShane	36	Lorry driver	Half back	5'10	13st	One ulster minor league, two senior championships, two senior league championships, one All Ireland gaeltacht, one intermediate championship, two division two titles, one junior B championship.
Johnny McGill	25	Surveyor	Half Forward	6'1	13st	One senior league, one senior championship. U16 Buncrana Cup
Noel Gallagher	22	Student	Half Forward	5'11	12st	U12, U14, U16 championships, U12,14,16 league titles, and one All Ireland senior gaeltacht title.

Pen-pictures C.L.G. Ard á Ratha

Name	Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight	Honors
Ciaran Hennighan	18	Student	Back	5'11	11st	U12 and U13 county championships
Jonathan Boyle	30	AIB Employee	Full Forward	6'1	15st	U14, 16 and U21 county championships, two senior county championships, two league titles and two All Ireland gaeltacht titles.
Patrick Gallagher	25	nsurance claims hand	ler Full back	5'11	13st	All Ireland vocational schools title, two senior championships, two senior leagues, one Buncrana cup title
Francis Diver	31	IT professional	Midfield	6'3	13st	U14, U16 and U21 county championships, two senior county championships, two senior league titles and two All-Ireland gaeltacht titles.
Niall O'Donnell	32	Accountant	Back	6'2	13st	U16, u18 and two U21 championships.
Paul Watters	18	Student		5'9	12st	U10, U12 and U16 league titles, U16 player of the year
Pauric McGill	18	Student	Midfield	6'4	14st	Ulster U12 title, U14 title and minor player of the year.
Eamon Breslin	18	Student	Corner back	5,9	11st	U14 and U16 titles
Enda Gallagher	26	Machinery supplier	Goalkeeper	6'3	15st	U12 and U16 titles
Keelan Gallagher	17	Student	Goalkeeper	5'9	12st	U12 and U14 titles
Daniel Shovlin	18	Student	Corner forward	6'1	11st	U10, U12 and U14 titles
Marty Herron	27	Joiner	Half back	5'11	12st	U16 and U18 county titles
Barry O'Brien	29	AIB project manager	Midfield	6'1	13st	U16 and U18 county championships and Munster colleges cup
Stephen McCahill	18	Student	Corner forward	6'1	12st	U12 and U13 county championships, one Buncrana cup and one Ulster voactional school runners up medal.
Cathal McGill	25	Factory worker	Wing forward	6'0	12 st	U16 and U18 league titles and one junior b
Dessie O'Brien	26	Computer technican	Centre half back	6'0	13st	U16 county championship and U14 league title
Mark Cassidy	31	Factory worker	Half forward	5'9	13st	U12, U13,U14, U16 and U18 divisional titles, one reserve shield and one junior B championship.
Frank Craig	28	Journalist	Forward	5'9	13 st	U16 and U18 county championships, one schools county title.
Kieran Gallagher	22	Quantity surveyor	Half forward	5'11	11st	U12,U14,U16 county championships, U16 county league, U15 gaeltacht title, senior gaeltacht title and one All Ireland gaeltacht title.
Christy Shovlin	18	Construction worker	Forward	5'9	13st	U12 and U13 county championships and one junior B title
Kevin Breslin	18	Student	Back	5'10	11st	U12 and U14 regional titles and one junior B.
Noel McCabe	22	Builder	Half forward	5'8	10st	one minor league title and one junior B championship.
Nicholas Maguire	22	Baker	Corner back	5'9	11st	one county championship, on senior league title and one minor league title.
Stephen Boyle	21	Plasterer	Half back	5'11	13st	U16 and U18 league titles, one All Ireland

Reserve Championship - Path to the Final

Preliminary Round 1st Leg			
Gaoth Dobhair	1-14	0-03	Malin
Preliminary Round 2nd Leg		0 00	Walli
Malin	5-10	0-09	Gaoth Dobhair
Preliminary Round Playoff		0 00	Guotii Dobilali
Gaoth Dobhair	0-17	1-07	Malin
			Widili
1st Round 1st Leg			
Cloughaneely	1-07	0-13	Kilcar
Aodh Ruadh	2-11	1-11	St Michaels
St Eunans	1-04	1-18	Four Masters
Termon	2-04	2-08	Glenfin
Gaoth Dobhair	0-07	2-05	Killybegs
Naomh Conaill	2-13	1-03	Buncrana
Glenswilly	1-06	0-10	Ardara
Dungloe	0-11	1-04	Sean McCumhaills
1st Round 2nd leg			
Killybegs	1-12	0-06	Gaoth Dobhair
Buncrana	0-04	5-11	Naomh Conaill
St Michaels	2-09	3-09	Aodh Ruadh
Kilcar	1-03	1-05	Cloughaneely
Ardara	1-11	1-03	Glenswilly
Four Masters	1-10	0-09	St Eunans
Glenfin	0-11	1-05	Termon
Sean McCumhaills	0-07	0-12	Dungloe
		28	3
1st Round Playoff			
Kilcar	3-09	2-09.	Cloughaneely
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Quarter Finals			
Aodh Ruadh	1-08	0-11	Dungloe
Four Masters	0-14	1-05	Glenfin
Killybegs	0-06	0-07	Kilcar
Ardara	0-14	1-05	Naomh
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Quarter Final Replay			
Dungloe	1-14	1-05	Aodh Ruadh
Semi Finals			
Ardara	1.10	0.00	
5,000,000 E F	1-13	0-09	Kilcar
Dungloe	2-13	1-08	Glenfin
Final			
Ardara			Dungioe

Senior Reserve Roll of Honour 1990-2009

1990	Aodh Ruadh	4-06	0-06	Gaoth Dobhair
1991	Kilcar	1-08	2-04	Killybegs
1992	St Eunans	1-10	0-08	Kilcar
1993	Gaoth Dobhair	1-07	0-05	Aodh Ruadh
1994	Kilcar	1-13	1-04	Killybegs
1995	Dungloe	0-09	0-06	Ardara
1996	St Eunans	1-09	0-04	Aodh Ruadh
1997	Naomh Columba	0-08	0-05	Aodh Ruadh
1998	*Aodh Ruadh	1-10	1-05	Naomh Columba
1999	Aodh Ruadh	1-05	0-07	St Eunans
2000	* Four Masters	0-12	1-03	Cloughaneely
2001	Four Masters	1-09	0-06	St Eunans
2002	Aodh Ruadh	1-10	0-10	Killybegs
2003	Gaoth Dobhair	1-10	1-06	Naomh Conaill
2004	Sean McCumhaills	2-06	1-05	St Eunans
2005	Naomh Columba	0-07	0-03	Sean McCumhaills
2006	Gaoth Dobhair	1-09	0-06	
2007	* Gaoth Dobhair	2-08	0-05	Naomh Conaill
2008	St Eunans	2-09	1-09	St Eunans
		2 03	1-09	Dungloe

^{* =} Replay

Sportstar Nominations News

The closing date for the receipt of nominations for the 2009 Donegal Sportstar Awards is Friday, November 27th.

Last year's overall winner was the World Kickboxing Champion Tommy McCafferty from Letterkenny. There are over 20 categories including the best team, Hall of Fame, Appreciation, Special Achievement and Professional Achievement sections.

Secondary and primary school successes are also recognised by the Donegal Sports Star committee. Nominations should include one page of text detailing the achievements along with a minimum of two photos and video footage if available.

Completed nominations should be either posted to Paul McDaid, Post Office, Ramelton or emailed to donegalsportsstar@eircom.net.

The 34th awards ceremony which takes place at end of January.

Cé acu den da Naomh ??

Tá lúchair ar RTE Raidió na Gaeltachta a bheith ag déanamh urraíocht arís i mbliana ar chraobh Sinsear Peile Dhún na nGall. Tá an pheil ghaelach go háirithe sna contaetha Gaeltachta thar a bheith tábhachtach dár gcraoladh agus mar stáisiún náisiúnta tugann muid an deis dár bpobal éisteachta aithne agus eolas a fháil ar na cluichí sraithe agus contae ar an chósta thiar ó Mhálainn go Corcaigh , Na Déise agus Contae na Mí.

I mbliana tá an da fhoireann is fearr sa Chontae ó thús an chéid seo sa chluiche ceannais. Nach iontach an bhaicle peileadóirí a tháinig chun cinn fá cheantar na nGleanntach ó thús an chéid seo. Tá Naomh Conaill i gcluiche ceannais contae achan bhliain ó 2003, ag baint dhá chraobh mionúir, craobh sinsear agus trí chraobh faoi 21 le trí bliana.



Ní raibh sa chuid is mó acu ach déagoirí in 2005 nuair a fuair siad an bhuaidh san athimirt ar Naomh Adhamhnán, ach tá go leor taithí acu ó shin agus ceathrar acu ar phainéal na contae i mbliana.

B'fhéidir go dtáinig siad gan mhothú ar Naomh Adhamhnán in 2005 ach is cinnte go mbeidh foireann Leitir Ceanainn níos réidhe an Domhnach seo.

Mar sin is cinnte gur cheart go mbeadh ceann de na chuichí ceannais is suimiúla le roinnt blianta againn i mbliana le himreoirí thar a bheith cumasach ar an da thaobh. Beidh caiftín Naomh Adhamhnán Brendán Ó Duibheananigh ag imirt i gcluiche ceannais contae don 10ú uair, éacht ann féin, fear a bhfuil seirbhís iontach tugtha aige dá chumann, dá chontae agus dá thír.

Ar an pháirc chomh maith beidh an bainisteoir Séamus Mac Aonghusa, fear a bhí ar phainéal Dhún na nGall in 1992, agus a bhfuil seirbhís iontach tugtha aige dá chumann agus dá Chontae agus do Cholaistí triú leibhéal ar fud na tíre.

Lá mór a bheas ann daofasan agus do gach duine a bhfuil baint acu leis an chluiche ceannais agus guíonn muidinne in RTE RnaG gach rath orthu uilig.

Seamus McGeididh

Irish News Ulster GAA Club and Volunteer Conference



The third Irish News Ulster GAA Club and Volunteer conference will take place on Saturday 14th November in the Armagh City Hotel. The Irish News will once again act as Conference Partner in Ulster GAA's flagship non-games event which is focused at supporting club, volunteer and community development right across Ulster's nine Counties. The Ulster Council now supports over 250,000 volunteers working in 580 constituent GAA clubs and approximately 600 constituent educational units across the Province. The theme of this year's conference is

"Stronger Clubs, Better Communities; the legacy of the GAA's 125th Anniversary Year" The event is the third of its kind following the outstanding success of the 2007 and 2008 Conferences. The conference will include a range of workshops, keynotes and discussion forums facilitated by leading GAA officials. Keynote speakers attending will be GAA President, Christy Cooney, Ulster GAA President Tom Daly and former GAA President and Community Leader Peter Quinn. This year the master of ceremonies is BBC Championship presenter Austin O'Callaghan.

There will be nine conference workshops this year, including:

- Physical Development in the GAA Club
- Structured Giving Self Fundraising in the Club
- Child Protection in the GAA
- Insurance in the Club
- Enhancing Scor and Club Cultural Activities
- ICT in the GAA E-mail and new Membership system
- The GAA Development Plan
- Communicating the GAA message at Club level
- National GAA Volunteer Programme

The Conference will also see the launch of a new Confederation of Ulster Council's which will formally link the Ulster GAA with Ulster Councils for Ladies Gaelic Football, Camogie, Handball and Rounders in order to promote a holistic approach the development of Gaelic Games Community.

Player Profile: Conal Dunne, Naomh Adhamhnáin

Name:

Conall Dunne

Age:26

Position: Centre Half Forward Height: 5' 11"

Marital Status:

Single

Honours: 3 Senior Championships, 4

Leagues:

1 Uni Championship

Occupation: Chartered Accountant

Favourite Ground: Pairc Uí Dhomhnaill

Most Difficult Opponent:

Adrian McClafferty

Biggest Influence on your career:

Parents

Favourite Player Past or Present:

Past: Brendan Devenney!

What rule would you

change in Gaelic Football:None

Biggest disappointment: McClafferty's Wardrobe!

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unite Other Chart(a)

Favourite Other Sport(s): Hockey

Favourite Sports Star(s): F

Fernando Torres

Who would you

Most like to Meet ?: McGowan's psychologist Mark

Favourite Food & Drink:
T Bone Steak and Red Wine

Favourite Film:

Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Actor & Actress:

Ricky Gervais

Favourite TV show(s): Extras

Favourite singer / Band:

particular

Favourite Holiday Destination:

The Alps Skiing

Player Profile: Jim McGuinness, Naomh Conaill

Players Name: Jim Mc Guinness

Age: 36

Height: 6'3"
Weight: 14st 4lbs
Position: Midfield

Occupation: Sport Psychologist

Honours:

- Winner of International Compromised Rules Series with Ireland v. Australia 1998
- All-Ireland Senior Football championship Medal Winner with Co. Donegal 1992
- Ulster Senior Football championship Medal Winner with Co. Donegal 1992
- All-Ireland Inter-provincial Railway Cup Medal Winner with Ulster 2000



- All-Ireland Intervarsity Sigerson Cup Medal winner 1998 with Tralee Institute of Technology
- All-Ireland Intervarsity Sigerson Cup Medal winner 1999 with Tralee Institute of Technology
- All-Ireland Intervarsity Sigerson Cup Medal winner 2001 with University of Ulster at Jordanstown
- Donegal Intermediate senior club football championship 1990
- Senior club first division Football League with Naomh Chonnaill GAA club 2002
- Donegal senior club football championship medal winner 2005

Player Profile: Marty Boyle, Naomh Conaill

Name:

Marty Boyle

Age:

25 today (4th October)

Height: 6'1"

Weight: 11 stone

Occupation:

Construction Manager, (anybody give me a

job)

Favourite Position: Anywhere from 5 to 15!!

As long as I'm on!

Favourite Player: Paul Galvin/Anthony Thompson

Favourite Other Sport: Pool? (is that a sport)

Biggest Influence on your career:

All my family, Martin Regan, Hugh & John Molloy, Cathal Corey, Jim McGuinness, John Gildea & Paddy Campbell. Better mention my girlfriend too!! Thanks to all.



Gaelic Football Heroes:

Martin McHugh, Jim McGuinness, John Gildea.

Favourite Ground: Davy Brennan Memorial Park (Glenties)

Toughest Opponent: Eoin Waide

Young Player of the Future: John O'Malley,

Jack McKelvey, Jack Boyle

Favourite Film: Pulp Fiction, American

Gangster

Favourite Actor: Denzel Washington,

Samuel L Jackson

Person you would most like to meet:

Stephen Gerard

Ambition: To win another 2 senior

championship medals and go on and manage

the team to another 2!!!

Player Profile: Mark McGowan, Naomh Adhamhnáin

Name:

Mark McGowan

Age: 21

Position: Wing Back

Height: 5' 10"
Marital Status:

Single

Honours: U-12, 2 x U-13, Buncrana Cup.

Minor League +
Championship, Ulster

Colleges All-Star, 2 Senior Championships, 2

Senior Leagues
Occupation:

n: Student

Favourite Ground: O'Donnell Park

Most Difficult Opponent: Ronan McLaughlin

Biggest Influence on your career:

My Family



Favourite Player Past or Present: What rule would you change in Gaelic Football: None

Biggest disappointment:

Losing All-Ireland minor Semi-final to Kerry

Favourite Other Sport(s): Soccer
Favourite Sports Star(s): Joey Barton
Who would you Most like to Meet ?:

Jimmy Bullard

Favourite Food & Drink:

Steak and Milk

Favourite Film: The Departed Favourite Actor & Actress:

Ciaran Grene and Cillian Morrison!

Favourite TV show(s): The In-betweeners

Favourite singer / Band: Passion Pit

Favourite Holiday Destination:

Cape Cod

Pen-pictures CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin

Name	Age	Occupation	Position	Height	Weight
Damien Martin	29	Loss Prevention	Goalkeeper	6' 2"	15 st
Eddie Brennan	29	Teacher	Full Back	5'9"	13 st
Kieran Ryan	33	SNA	Full Back / Half Back	6'	12.5 st
Brian McDermott	33	Teacher	Corner Back	5' 9"	11.5 st
Damien McClafferty	27	Computer Technician	Corner Back	5' 10"	12 st
Adrian McClafferty	31	Computer Programmer	Half Back	5' 10"	12.5 st
Ciaran Greene	22	Student	Half Back / Forward	5' 11"	11 st
Michael Martin	27	Factory Operative	Full Back	6'	13 st
Paul Thornton	21	Student	Half Back	5' 9"	11st
Eamonn Doherty	19	Student	Half Back	6'	11.5st
James Bradley	19	Student	Half Back	5' 11"	11st
Mark McGowan	21	5' 10"	Half Back / Half Forward	Student	10.5st
Kevin Rafferty	28	Student	Midfield	6' 3"	13.5st
John Haran	32	Teacher	Midfield	6' 3"	14st
Rory Kavanagh	27	Teacher	Midfield / Half Forward	6' 2"	13st
Brendan Devenney	32	Sales Representative	Full Forward	5' 11"	13st
Conall Dunne	26	Accountant	Half Forward	5' 11"	12.5st
Kieran Sharkey	25	Accountant	Half Forward	5' 9"	11st
David McGinley	31	Teacher	Forward	6' 2"	12st
Paddy McGowan	19	Student	Forward ,	6'	13st
Kevin Winston	31	Electrician	Forward	6'	13.5st
Ross Wherity	21	Student	Forward	6' 4"	12st
John Carr	21	Student	Goalkeeper	5' 10"	11st
Conor Gibbons	17	Student	Forward	5' 11"	10.5st
Ciaran Greaney	17	Student	Half Back	6' 1"	11st
Austin Marren	24	Garda	Forward	6'	11.5st
Cillian Morrison	17	Student	Forward	6'	11st
Paddy Rafferty	25	Factory Worker	Forward	5' 10"	11st
Michael Mulhern	18	Student	Forward	5' 9"	11st
Peter Devine	17	Student	Back	5' 11"	11st
Conal McGinley	17	Student	Back	6' 1"	11.5st
Niall McClafferty	24	Commisioning Engineer	Back	5' 10"	12st
Michael O'Malley	21	Student	Back	5' 11"	12st

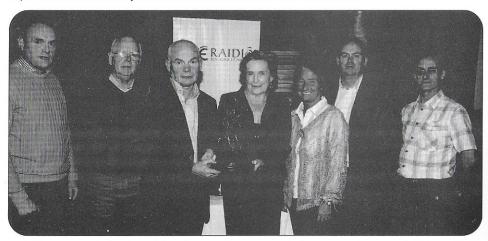
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Name	Ag	e Occupation	Position	Height	Weight	Honors
Stephen McGrath	20) Unemployed	Goalkeeper	6'2G	12.5st	2 /U12, 1 Bunc cup, 1M.C/ship 1M/L & 3 U.21 C/ship
Stephen Molloy	20	Sales Rep	Defender	5'10	10.5st	2 /U age titles, M/Div & M/L & 3 U 21 C/ship
Michael O'Malley	21	Student	Defender	5'11	12st 11lb	U /12b C/ship, M .C/ship & 3 U21 C/ship
Dermot Ward	20	Student	Defender	5'6	10.5st	U/12b C/ship, & 3 U21 C/ship
Johnny Bonner	26	Builder	Defender	6'0	13st	1 league, 1 C/ship
John McKenna	24	Building Surveyor	Defender	5'11	12st	Og sport, U/15 Gaeltacht, Bun cup, 1leagu & Senior C/ship
Hugh McDevitt	23	Electrician	Defender	6'3	13st	2 M/C/ship 2 U.21 C/ship, 1Sen C/ship
Cathal Ellis	17	Student	Defender	6'1	13st	Bun Cup, M/ league U.21 C/ship, County Minor 08 & 09
Eoin Wade	21	Student	Defender	5'10	12st	U./ 12 A & B, U/15 Gaeltacht, U14 feile, 2 M/C/ship 1 M/league, 3 U/21 C/ship, 1 Sen.C/ship & Ulster M/league & C/ship
Anthony Thompson	23	Student	Defender	6'0	Student	1 Sen C/ship, 2 U.21 C/ship, 2 M/ C/ship, 1 M / league, 2 U.15 Gaeltacht, U.14 feile, U.12 A C/ship, 1 All Ireland National league.
Martin Regan	24	Teacher	Midfield	6'0	13.5st	U/15 Og sport, U/15 Gaeltacht, Bun cup, Sen/ league, Sen/C/ship
Conal McLoone	37	Butcher	Goalkeeper	6'1	15st	2 league medals
Ciaran Boyle	19	Student	Defender	5'11	12.5st	2 U/ 12 C/ship, U/ 15 Og sport, Bun Cup, M/L & C/ship & 3 U/C/ship
A J Gallagher	19	Student	Forward	5'11	11st	U/ 12B C/ship, M/L & U/21 C/ship
Dermot Brick Molloy	18	Student6'0	Forward	6'0	13.5st	2 U/12 C/ship, 1 Bun Cup, 1 M/L, 1 U/21 C/ship & County Minor 08 & 09
Conal McNelis	23	Teacher	Forward	5'10	11.5st	1 Sen/C/ship, 2 U 21 C/ships, 2 M C/ship, 1 M/L, 2 U.15 Gaeltacht, U/14 feile, U/12 A championship
Dominic Bonner	24	Carpenter	Defender	5'11	12.5st	1 Sen/ C/ship, 1 U/21 C/ship, 1 M/Cship, Sen/League
Dara Gallagher	21	Student	Forward	6' 0"	13st	U/17 compromise rules, 3 U/ 21 C/ships, 2 M,/C/ships 1 Sen.C/ship, 1 Ulster M/L & C/ship, 1 Bun.Cup 2 U/12 C/ships.
Johnny McLoone	30	Butcher	Forward	6'0"	12st	1Sen/ league, 1 Sen.C/ship, 1 National League, 1 Ulster M C/ship& League C/ship, 1 Ulster Voc & 1 All Ireland Voc
.eo McLoone	20	Student	Forward	6'1	13st2lb	1 Sen. C/ship, 3 U 21 C/ships, 1 M/L & C/ship, U15 Og sport, 2 U.12 c/ship
eon Thompson	24	Student	Forward	5'8	11.5st	1 Sen/ league & C/ship, 1 U 21 C/ship, 1 M.C/ship, 1 National league
im McGuinness	36	Sport Psychologist	Midfield	6'3	14.4st	See Profile
larty Boyle	25	Construction Manager	Defender	6'1	1 1st	1 Sen. league & 1 Sen.C/ship
lichael McLoone	29	Butcher	Forward	5'10	11.5st	1 Sen.C/ship, 1 Sen. league
earnus Corcoran	19	Student	Forward	6'0	12.5st	2 U/12 C/ships U.15 Og sport, 1 M/L, 3 U. 21 C/ships, County minor 07 & 08
homas Donoghue	24	Sales Rep	Defender	6'0	12st	1 Sen.league & C/ship, 1 National League
ohn Timoney	33	Sales Rep	Defender	5'10	12st	1Gaeltacht, 1 Sen.league & C/ship
rendan McDyer	22	Construction	Forward	5'9	10.5st	1 Sen C/ship, 3 U. 21 C/ships, 2 M. C/ship, 1 M/ league, 2 U15 Gaeltacht, U. 14 feile & U. 12 A championship

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MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

Once again a man of the match award will be presented to a player in the Senior Final today. C.L.G Dhun na nGall would like to thank the family of the late Peader McGeehan for presenting this magnificent perpetual trophy to the Board. For many years Peader was a stalward of the St.Eunans club. He was part of the first St Eunans side to win the senior championship in 1948 and went on to won further titles in 1956 and 1960. He also represented the County with distinction between 1949 and 1959.



DID YOU KNOW

That Rounders is one of the four official GAA sports. Along with Gaelic Football, Hurling and Handball, Rounders was included in the original GAA charter back in 1884.

Rounders is a bat and ball game and is not that dis-similar to baseball. Indeed it is now generally accepted that Baseball is derived from Rounders in some form or other, as it has been played in this islands for a couple of hundred years now and was probably brought over to America by the early settlers. Rounders can and is played by all age groups, from National school children all the way up to and including senior level. There are also mixed teams, and both boys and girls, men and women can play on the same team. As Rounders is a limited contact sport it is perfect for both recreational and competitive play. It also draws on a different set of skills than the conventional GAA games and is very good for developing hand eye coordination.

Rounders is played all over the country and is strongest in counties Carlow, Cavan, Derry, Dublin, Laois, Limerick, Mayo, Monaghan and Wexford. It is played extensively in Nationals Schools and is also one of the sports promoted by The Community Games.

The Rounders Council of Ireland (Comhairle Cluiche Corr na hEireann), are based in Croke Park, and further information called be found at rounders.gaa.ie

The 25th Anniversary Celebrations

1984 Senior Football Championship Four Masters 0-09 - 1-02 Ardara

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Four Masters winning the Donegal Senior Football Championship in 1984, which at the time was their second championship in three years having won the title two years previous in 1982. In the Centenary Year of the G.A.A. Four Masters claimed their third Senior Championship having won the first-ever title way back in 1924.

The game itself finished on a final score of Four Masters 0.09 Ardara 1.02 on Sunday August 26th 1984. Kieran Keeney, a current prominent member of Four Masters, scored the only goal on the day but Tom Conaghan's men prevailed to win their second Championship in three years. The Donegal Democrat of August 31st 1984 reported that the win was "yet another triumph for careful planning, thorough preparation and shrewd tactics for manager Tom Conaghan with his backroom team of Donal Monaghan, John Cassidy and Michael Lafferty".

The report goes on "Michael Kelly played the game of his life, the full-back line of Gerry Breslin, Diarmuid Mc Gettigan and Peter Callaghan held the dangerous Ardara forwards in check while the half-back line of Sean Boyle, Corny Carr and Michael Mc Brearty were solid, Carr in particular doing a very good marking job on Connie Molloy. In midfield, Joyce Mc Mullin and Jim Mc Laughlin outshone the Ardara duo of Anthony Molloy and Anthony Harkin. Mc Mullin came into his own when it mattered, with his performance in the last 15 minutes killing off Ardara".

Moving to the forwards "Seamus Meehan, Pascal Brogan and P.J. Dooley were very effective, P.J. Dooley crowning his performance with the last score of the game. Jack Mc Groarty was very dangerous causing quite a few problems, as did full-forward Pauric Farragher. Declan McIntyre only played the first half and was replaced by Larry Walsh who played very well".

Ardara were first out of the traps with a Patrick Gallagher point and Kieran Keeney goal. Keeney had another goal-bound effort expertly tipped over by Kelly, which proved to be a turning point even at that early stage. Ardara would only register one further point as Four Masters found new life with Jack Mc Groarty scoring four points, P.J. Dooley contributing three points and Larry Walsh registering two more. In between times, Kelly again denied Ardara in the 52nd minute, tipping a goal destined shot on to the cross bar with Paul Brennan's rebound effort going wide.

Four Masters celebrated in The Hyland Central Hotel later that evening with tributes led from the floor by the then Chairman, Mr. Michael Cooney (R.I.P.) and completed by Willie Joe Cunningham (R.I.P.), President of the Donegal Association in New York.

Four Masters

Michael Kelly, Gerry Breslin, Diarmuid Mc Gettigan (Captain), Peter Callaghan, Sean Boyle, Corny Carr, Michael McBrearty, Joyce Mc Mullin, Pascal Brogan Seamus Meehan Jim Mc Laughlin, P.J. Dooley (0-03, Jack McGroarty (0-04), Pauric Farragher, Declan McIntyre,

Subs: Larry Walsh (0-02) for D.McIntyre. P.J. Mc Garrigle, , Martin Gillen, Eamonn Gorrell, Brendan Martin, Paul Duncan, John Williamson and Enda Nolan.

Ardara

Patsy Harkin, Thomas Maguire, Martin Sweeney, Niall Campbell, Noel Watters, Lanty Molloy, Paul Brennan, Anthony Molloy, Anthony Harkin, Jimmy Caffrey, Connie Molloy, Patrick Gallagher, (0-02) Gerard McNelis, Kieran Keeney (1-0). John McGill.

Subs: Luke Gavigan for McNelis, Eamon Cunningham for Anthony Harkin

Referee: Francie Haughey Lifford

Four Masters Officials

Manager - Tom Conaghan,

Mentors - Donal Monaghan & Michael Lafferty,

Physio - John Cassidy

Chairman - Michael Cooney (R.I.P.),

Secretary - Peter Campbell,

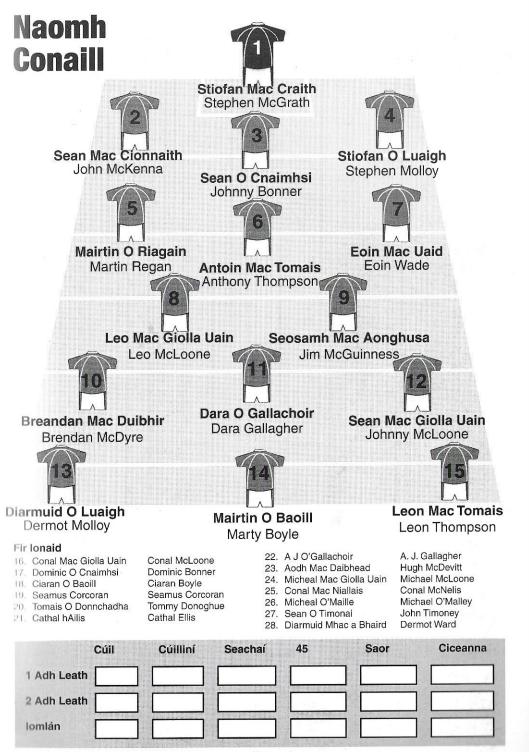
Treasurer - Gerald Timoney



Back from left: Seamus Meehan, Cornelius Carr, Gerry Breslin, Michael Kelly, Pascal Brogan, Pauric Farragher, Michael Mc Brearty Front from left: Sean Boyle, Peter Callaghan, Diarmuid Mc Gettigan, Joyce Mc Mullin, James Mc Laughlin, P.J. Dooley, Jack Mc Groarty, Declan Mc Intyre



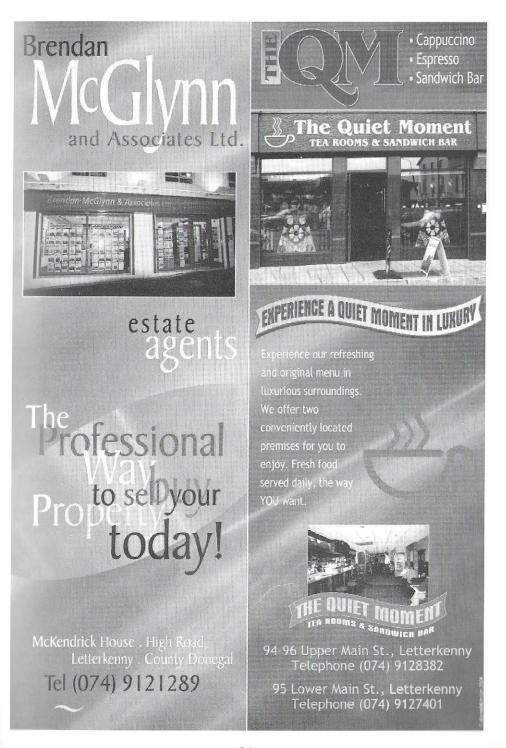
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Iomlán



Naomh Adhamhnáin



RESERVE FINAL REVIEW

By Frank Craig - The Donegal Post

Today's curtain raiser to the senior final will add another dimension to proceedings as four of the county's most prominent GAA parishes descend on Mac-Cumhaill Park.

Given Naomh Conaill and St Eunan's silverware assault on a variety of fronts, the powers that be have decided to replace the minor decider with the senior reserve showpiece instead.

Ardara manager John McBrearty feels that being thrust into the spotlight at the eleventh hour has only served to give the contest a more attractive gloss, and that the chance to experience such an atmosphere will also act as extra in-

centive for both sides today. "I think it's a great idea and I'm sure that both teams will bring plenty of colour and voice to the occasion," explains John.

"It will also give the overall setting an extra boost as both teams would have a very good and loyal support. It's also great that both sides will get the chance to experience all the hype that usually goes hand in hand with county final day."

While the occasion may well be unique to the reserve final itself, a number of McBrearty's men have previously sampled the ultimate adulation for themselves.

Ardara go into today's encounter backed by considerable experience, with many of their squad having already tasted senior success in 2000 and 2004.

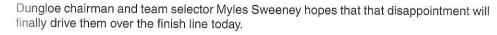
Between them Jonathan Boyle, Darren Maguire, Martin McShane, Patrick Gallagher, Francis Diver, Nicholas Maguire and Johnny McGill have amassed an impressive haul of eleven medals; experience McBrearty feels could be vital if and when the chips are down today.

"It's an impressive statistic but at the same time we do have a good mixture of minor and U21 players and its those lads that will get the most out of the occasion.

"You'd always hope that a number of them will progress on to the senior set-up each year and a win on Sunday would go along way in aiding their development.

"But I expect to see a very determined Dungloe side that will still have fresh memories of last year's final defeat. They are at the top of the league and they'll be going all out at the weekend."

Dungloe suffered championship heartbreak last year when a last-gasp Dualtach Molloy goal cruelly snatched the victors' trophy from their grasp.



"Tony (Boyle) has been carrying a knock so we'll have to see how he goes, but the likes of Tommy Brennan and Stephen Gallagher would also have a lot of experience at senior level.

"The younger lads like Gerard Walsh have also been playing their part. In terms of the overall squad we'd have a good mixture which is a healthy sign.

"We have a good few lads from last year's minor league winning side that we hope will benefit from this kind of experience and go on to play senior.

"The key for us is to maintain a strong flow of underage players and the reserve side is crucial as it helps introduce them to the physical side of adult football.

"Retaining players around the sixteen to nineteen year old bracket is getting harder but if these lads are contesting finals and hopefully winning medals it makes it that bit more easier.

"Being beaten in last year's final was really tough on a side that had put in a huge effort. We did manage to take the league title which was a consolation but we really would love to put that right on Sunday."

Some went on higher things, Can you spot them ?????



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A Word From The Naomh Adhamhnáin Manager

Good afternoon and welcome to McCumhaill Park for the Donegal Senior Football final. County Final day is one of the great occassions in the Donegal GAA calender. Today is no different with St. Eunans and Glenties contesting the final. Both clubs are steeped in the proud traditions of Donegal GAA and both have built up a keen rivalry in recent times in both League and Championship.



As a Mayo man it is a great honour for me to be manager of St.Eunans. Since moving to Letterkenny and getting involved with St. Eunans I have been humbled by the warm welcome given to me by the club and I know how much this team means to them.

In my role as manager I am lucky to have the support of a tremendous management team. I would like to thank Barry Meehan, Ciaran O'Donnell and Mickey Mulhern for their efforts, enthusiasm and expertise in the development and preparation of this team. Also I thank our physio, Noelle Sweeney and Dr.Jimmy Mc Daid for keeping our players on the field and off the treatment table; Vincent McGlynn for his help with our training facilities and Michael McGeehin for his input this year. To our sponsor Brian McCormick thank you for your continued support.

Today for the St. Eunans players I hope that they perform to their ability I wish them every success today. Both teams are in the final on merit. Unfortunately there can only be one winner. Finally I wish both sets of supporters an enjoyable afternoon. To the St. Eunans supporters thank you for your support throughout the year.

Eamon O'Boyle

A Word from Naomh Adhamhnáin Captain

On behalf of the St. Eunan's club, I would like to give a warm welcome to the Naomh Conaill team, management and supporters. Every game we play against Glenties is always keenly contested and I expect no different today with the biggest prize on the Donegal club scene on offer for the winners. Both teams bring a great blend of youth and experience, the teams you see today are a result of the massive work being carried out by both clubs at underage level and I would like to commend all the coaches involved in both clubs for that.



Everyone has their part to play in making this a great day. Both sets of teams and supporters are here to win, but there is great respect on both sides, as there should be, both for the good of the game and for the young people here to watch their local heroes. I'm sure both teams hope to serve up a cracking game of football for you all

Brendan Devenney

A Word from the Naomh Conaill Managers

It is great to be involved on county final day. I have enjoyed every part of the journey to get here. I am very proud of the players and no matter what the result, we know that our preparation, commitment and dedication from every single player and member of the backroom staff has been flawless. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous work done by the previous managers Hughie and John Molloy and thank our committee and supporters for the way they have backed the team all year. On behalf of the team, our thoughts are with A J Gallagher, a member of todays panel. Our thoughts are also with A J father Joe and all the Gallagher and McDyer families at this sad time.



Cathal Corey.

I feel greatly honoured to be involved with this group of Naomh Conaill players, and to be back in the county final for the first time since 2005. I am indebted to every player in the squad for the commitment levels they have shown throughout the year, which has culminated in reaching today's final. I would also like to pay tribute to Cathal and all the members of the backroom team for the time, work and effort they have put in during this long, but exciting season. Being in Ballybofey on county final day is a very special experience for any team. Hopefully today's game can do justice to this great occasion.



Jim McGuinness.

A Word from the Naomh Conaill Captain

At the start of the year when Cathal came into us, the general consensus of the team was that we wanted to make it to the semi-final. I suppose in the first round against Buncrana their challenge was weak on both occasions due to the emigration and injury of a lot of their players. The quarter final was a massive tie for us and a place in recent years where we got knocked out of the championship. We were very focussed for the Ardara games, there was a lot of tension in the games and a lot of mistakes by both sides but also great heart and commitment and we were delighted to squeeze through against a good Ardara side. The semi final against Kilcar was another tricky



lie and we knew they would throw everything at us, which they did in the first half, but we hung in there and I think the games against Ardara stood to us and we played probably the best half of football that has been played this year in the championship. Its great to be involved on county final day, and the experience is always good, regardless of the result. We're still a fairly young side and we're up against probably one of the top three teams in Ulster at the minute. We have achieved our aim for this year but we believe that on the day anything can happen and we'll be there or thereabouts come 5 o'clock on Sunday!!!

Anthony Thompson

SWEET SIXTEEN

by Fr. Sean

It seems that the 2009 S.F.C. final is the sixteenth S.F.C. meeting of Naomh Adhamhnán and Naomh Conall/Na Gleanntaí.

1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	1939 1944 1965 1974 1995	Na Gleanntaí N. Adhamhnán Na Gleanntaí N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán	1-13 2-8 1-10 2-9 1-14 0-7	N. Adhamhnán Na Gleanntaí N. Adhamhnán Na Gleanntaí N. Conall N. Adhamhnán	2-2 2-5 1-9 1-8 0-10 0-6	First round Semi-final Semi-final Semi-final Quarter-final
6. 7. 8. 9.	1999 1999 1999 2001	N. Conall N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán	3-7 2-10 1-9	N. Conall N. Conall N. Conall	1-3 1-10 2-5	First round Semi-final
10. 11. 12.	2002 2005 2005	N. Adhamhnán N. Conall N. Conall	0-9 1-5 0-10	N. Conall N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán	0-6 0-8 1-5 1-8	Quarter final Final
13. 14. 15. 16.	2007 2007 2007 2009	N. Conall N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán N. Adhamhnán	5-6 1-14 2-7 ?	N. Adhamhnán N. Conall N. Conall N. Conall	0-5 1-6 ?	First round

N. Adhamhnán won: 9

N. Conall won: 5

Draw:1

Na Gleanntaí - Sixth Final - One Title

1.	1922	Caisleán na Finne	beat	Na Gleanntaí	
2.	1941	Gaoth Dobhair	0-10	Na Gleanntaí	2-3
3.	1942	Béal Átha Seanaidh	2-8	Na Gleanntaí	1-4
4.	1965	N. losef	1-7	Na Gleanntaí	0-10
	1965	N. losef	1-11	Na Gleanntaí	0-10
5.	2005	N. Conall	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	8-0
	2005	N. Conall	0-10	N. Adhamhnán	1-5
6.	2009				

Naomh Adhamhnán – Twenty Seventh Final – Eleven Titles

1.	1944	Gaoth Dobhair	4-10	N. Adhamhnán	3-4
2.	1946	Gaoth Dobhair	0-7	N. Adhamhnán	0-6
3.	1947	Gaoth Dobhair	1-9	N. Adhamhnán	0-3
4.	1948	N. Adhamhnán	1-7	Gaoth Dobhair	2-1
5.	1949	Gaoth Dobhair	2-12	N. Adhamhnán	3-4
6.	1950	N. Adhamhnán	V	Dún na nGall	Not played
7.	1951	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-6	N. Adhamhnán	1-5
8.	1952	Na Cealla Beaga	0-9	N. Adhamhnán	1-5
9.	1955	Gaoth Dobhair	1-7	N. Adhamhnán	1-4
10.	1956	N. Adhamhnán	0-8	Béal Átha Seanaidh	1-2
11.	1958	An Clochán Liath	1-6	N. Adhamhnán	0-9
		An Clochán Liath	2-6	N. Adhamhnán	2-5
12.	1960	N. Adhamhnán	0-11	Gaoth Dobhair	0-3
13.	1967	N. Adhamhnán	1-10	N. losef	0-13
		N. Adhamhnán	1-13	N. losef	1-9
14.	1969	N. Adhamhnán	0-10	N. losef	1-4
15.	1972	N. Adhamhnán	2-12	Clanna Gael	1-8
16.	1974	N. losef	1-8	N. Adhamhnán	1-3
17.	1983	N. Adhamhnán	8-0	Ard a' Rátha	0-3
18.	1997	Aodh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	2-7	N. Adhamhnán	1-11 AGÓID
19.	1999	N. Adhamhnán	1-19	Aodh Ruadh, B.Á.S.	1-11
20.	2000	Ard a' Rátha	1-9	N. Adhamhnán	0-7
21.	2001	N. Adhamhnán	1-10	Na Ceithre Máistrí	0-8
22.	2002	Gaoth Dobhair	1-11	N. Adhamhnán	0-10
23.	2005	N. Conall	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	0-8
		N. Conall	0-10	N. Adhamhnán	1-5
24.	2006	Gaoth Dobhair	1-5	N. Adhamhnán	0-6
25.	2007	N. Adhamhnán	0-12	Gleann tSúilí	1-3
26.	2008	N. Adhamhnán	2-13	An Tearmann	1-8
27.	2009				

Can you name this young footballer??



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Roll of Honour - 1920-2008

- 14 Gaoth Dobhair: 1935, 1938, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1961, 2002, 2006.
- 12 Béal Átha Seanaidh: 1929, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1951, 1986, 1987, 1994, 1997, 1998.
- 11 Naomh Adhamhnán: 1948, 1956, 1960, 1967, 1969, 1972, 1983, 1999, 2001, 2007, 2008.
- 7 An Clochán Liath: 1930, 1931, 1933, 1936, 1940, 1957, 1958.
- 7 Naomh Iósaef: 1965, 1968, 1970, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976.
- 6 Ard a' Rátha: 1923, 1926, 1928, 1981, 2000, 2004.
- 6 Na Cealla Beaga: 1952, 1988, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1996.
- 6 Seán Mac Cumhaill: 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1971, 1977.
- 5 Cill Chartha: 1925, 1980, 1985, 1989, 1993.
- Bun Dobhráin: 1920, 1934, 1979.
 Na Ceithre Máistrí: 1982, 1984, 2003.
- 2 Naomh Columba: 1978, 1990.
- 1 Baile Dhún na nGall: 1924.
- 1 Caisleán na Finne: 1922.
- 1 Naomh Conall: 2005.
- Ruagairí Leitir Ceanainn: 1927.

(16 winning clubs)

FIVE-IN-A-ROW

- Last year was the first time that N. Adhamhnán retained the Senior Football Championship.
- N. Adhamhnán reached 7 finals in-a-row 1946-1952 but the 1950 final was not played.
 Thus, the present team is the first N. Adhamhnán team to play in five successive finals.
- N. Adhamhnán reached 4 finals in-a-row in 1944-1949 and 1999-2002.
- Gaoth Dobhair 1944-1949 and N. losef 1965-1970 reached six finals in-a-row. Gaoth Dobhair are the only team to play in six finals in-a-row since the 1966 N. losef final was not played.
- An Clochán Liath reached five-in-a-row 1930-34.
- Gaoth Dobhair (1944-47) and N. losef (1973-76) are the only two teams to win 4-in-a-row.
- N. Adhamhnán today are trying to emulate the 3-in-a-row-winning teams of Gaoth Dobhair (1953-4-5) and Seán Mac Cumhaill (1962-3-4)
- Brendan Devenney will be playing in the County S.F.C. final for the tenth time (excluding replay) to-day, equalling the achievement of Peadar McGeehin, Brian McEniff and Séamie Granaghan but still one short of Danny Gillespie's eleven appearances. Brendan Devenney's scoring in County finals reads thus:

1	1997	1-7	6	2005	0-3
2	1999	0-14	7	2006	-
3	2000	0-4	8	2007	0-4
4	2001	1-2	9	2008	0-3
5	2002	0-3	10	2009	

Senior Football Championship - Path to the Final

Preliminary Round 1st Leg. Gaoth Dobhair	2-13	1-08	Malin
Preliminary Round 2nd Leg. Malin	0-06	0-15	Gaoth Dobhair
1st Round 1st Leg Cloughaneely Aodh Ruadh St Eunans Termon Gaoth Dobhair Naomh Conaill Glenswilly Dungloe	0-06 0-13 2-11 2-11 2-10 2-18 0-11 0-14	0-12 0-15 1-05 4-08 1-08 3-07 0-13 1-04	Kilcar St Micheals Four Masters Glenfin Kilcar Buncrana Ardara Sean McCumhaills
1st Round 2nd Leg Killybegs Buncrana St Micheals Kilcar Ardara Four Masters Glenfin Sean McCumhaills	0-07 0-07 0-11 1-09 0-11 0-06 0-10 1-09	0-07 2-14 0-06 0-08 0-10 1-12 0-10 0-12	Gaoth Dobhair Naomh Conaill Aodh Ruadh Cloughaneely Glenswilly St Eunans Termon Dungloe
Quarter-Finals Dungloe Glenfin Kilcar Ardara Quarter-final replay Naomh Conaill	1-13 1-06 1-13 1-08	2-07 1-09 1-11 0-11	St Michaels St Eunans Gaoth Dobhair Naomh Conail Ardara A.E.T
Semi-Finals Naomh Conaill St Eunans Final	2-15 1-17	1-08 2-07	Kilcar Dungloe
Naomh Conaill			St Eunans

C.L.G. Naomh Conaill History

When the Gaelic Athletic Association was formed in the parish of Inniskeel in 1921 few would have believed at their first meeting that it would be into the new millennium before the club would enjoy the most successful period in the history of the club on and off the field. Off the field the club has made great strides in ground development with the completion of a new clubhouse, playing field and training pitch all achieved by 2005 to insure that club had top class facilities as good as any club in the county.

None of this would of being possible if were not for the hard working members who traveled the county selling tickets to raise funds for these projects and grants from the National Lottery. This ground development would prove crucial to the success the club would have on the field. On the field a Co U12 title in the 1998 would be the springboard to the success in the new millennium. The first major success came in 2002 when the club won the senior league for the first time beating St Eunans in the final in Ballybofey 0-13 to 0-09 with John Molloy as manager and this was a big breakthrough for the club at the time. In 2003 and 2004 saw Martin Regan manage a very talented and skillful minor team to back to back minor championships beating Buncrana in the final in 2003 1-11 to 2-5 and in 2004 they were up against Kilcar and after drawing the first day they won the replay 0-8 to 0-6 and these 2 championship successes would prove vital the following year as a lot of this team would go on to play a big part in the most famous day in the clubs history in 2005.

In 2005 the club reached the Holy Grail in winning their first ever Senior championship after previously losing finals in 1921,1941 and 1965. At the start of the year few in the county would have given this team much hope of winning the Dr Maguire but with Hughie Molloy as manager they began the year competing in Div 1B of the league. They overcame Malin in the 1st round and then had a 0-16 to 0-6 victory over Naomh Columba in the quarter final before going on to beat Four Masters 1-10 to 2-5 in the semi final to set up a epic tussle with today's opponents St Eunans. The 2 games against St Eunans turned boys into men. The first day finished level 1-5 to 0-8 and the replay will long live in the memory of all Naomh Conaill supporters and players and when referee Jimmy White blew the final whistle with Naomh Conaill leading 0-10 to 1-5 it sparked scenes never seen before in Mac Cumhaill Park. It was really memorable moment for all the supporters who have followed the team for years and years with little success and former officers and players who have put so much into the club it was a thrill that will never be forgotten seeing captain Paddy Campbell lift the cup.

The new millennium also saw the formation of ladies football in the club and this has been a great sucess, bringing home silverware at various age levels and involving new people in the club. Naomh Conaill GAA Club is very proud of its achievements and hopefully the club can continue to grow stronger and attract more people to promote the ethos of our national game in the parish.

How many do you recognise??



Donegal Under-21 1987 All Ireland Champions

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County Finals 1980 - 2009

1980	Kilcar	1-13	0-08	Ardara
1981	Ardara	1-07	0-06	Four Masters
1982	Four Masters	1-04	0-06	Kilcar
1983	St Eunans	0-08	0-03	Ardara
1984	Four Masters	0-09	1-02	Ardara
1985	Kilcar	0-09	0-07	Four Masters
1986	Aodh Ruadh B.A.S	1-08	0-06	Red Hughs K.G.
1987	Aodh Ruadh B.A.S.	2-10	1-07	Kilcar
1988	Killybegs	2-10	2-08	Kilcar
1989	Kilcar	1-09	0-09	Aodh Ruadh B.A.S
1990	Naomh Columba	0-10	0-09	Killybegs
1991	Killybegs	2-07	0-11	Red Hughs K.G.
1992	Killybegs	0-12	0-09	Naomh Columba
1993	Kilcar	0-12	0-10	Killybegs
1994	Aodh Ruadh B.A.S.	2-10	1-10	Naomh Columba
1995	Killybegs	0-10	1-06	Naomh Columba
1996	Killybegs	1-08	1-07	Naomh Columba
1997	*Aodh Ruadh B.A.S	2-07	1-11	St Eunans
1998	Aodh Ruadh B.A.S	1-11	0-11	Naomh Columba
1999	St Eunans	1-19	1-11	Aodh Ruadh
2000	Ardara	1-09	0-07	St Eunans
2001	St Eunans	1-10	0-08	Four Masters
2002	Gaoth Dobhair	1-11	0-10	St Eunans
2003	Four Masters	0-15	0-09	Termon
2004	Ardara	1-09	0-04	Sean McCumhaills
2005	**Naomh Conail	0-10	1-05	St Eunans
2006	Gaoth Dobhair	1-05	0-06	St Eunans
2007	St Eunans	0-12	1-03	Glenswilly
2008	St Eunans	2-13	1-08	Termon
2009	Naomh Conail			St Eunans
*	Match awarded to Aodh Ruadh on an objection.			

Can you name this young footballer??



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Replay

CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin 2009

This will be our 25th time taking part in a County Senior Football Final and 2nd against Naomh Conaill in 5 years. It will also be our 5th County Senior Final in a row and 10th in 13 years – a tremendous testament to the determination of the players and management to come back year after year and show the desire and hunger to be there on the biggest day of all in Donegal Club football. It's hard to believe that last year was the first time the Black and Amber has ever managed to win back-to-back Senior Championships. Of course winning is all that matters on Final day and like Glenties, our supporters will be hoping to bring Dr. Maguire home once again.

The recent league match at O'Donnell Park was a very close affair with a late Rory Kavanagh point grabbing a draw for us. Both Naomh Conaill and ourselves having been doing great work at underage level over the last number of years and that is probably the reason we both find ourselves in today's final. As a club we at St. Eunan's enjoyed a terrific year both on and off the pitch in 2008 winning all 3 Men's Championships we entered (Senior, Senior Reserve and Junior B) with the Pafferty's having a member of each starting 15 in Kevin, Paddy and the veteran, Dwyer. We also added the Minor title, the U-12 and nlso the U-13 titles. We also had successes in Scór, Girls U-12 Football and Hurling in 2008 as we strive not only to have good football teams but also to partake in all aspects of the Association.

It was always going to be difficult to emulate those successes in 2009 but so far it's been a very good year with the Seniors taking centre stage today, the Junior B team will defend their title next week against Downings. The Senior Reserve and Junior A teams bowed out in the first round of their respective championships while the Minor Boys are in their County Final (where they could yet meet Naomh Conaill), The U-16 Boys lost to Cloughaneely in their County Final with the U-14's (managed by Senior star John Haran) losing their County semi-final and the U-12's were defeated by who else... Naomh Conaill in their County Final. Our U-10 Boys, who were undefeated through their blitzes recently look part in the Desi Hill tournament in Beliast, where they met Naomh Conaill in the final (15 Ulster teams and 1 team from Dublin took part) with a last minute goal giving our lads the victory. Our underage Hurling teams have a Iso been to the fore in 2009 with our U-16's moeting Burt in the County Final and our U-12's losing narrowly to Aodh Rua in their semi-final.

More success has followed in Scór and Culmann na mBunscoil in 2009 and hopefully Dr. Maguire will continue to take refuge in the silhadow of St. Eunan's Cathedral in to 2010.

By Paul McGovern PRO

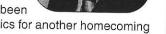
Can the 'Young Guns' repeat the 2005 experience?

Despite the fact that most of the young guns of Naomh Conaill have senior championship medals in their pockets since 2005, they are still referred to as the young cubs heading for the Lion's Den today in MacCumhaill Park.

Even Leo McLoone played a part in 2005 though if today's rules applied in 2005, he would have been a spectator as he was just sixteen. U-16s are no longer allowed to turn out at senior level.

When they were celebrating the 2005 success the following Christmas in the Blue Haven, any thoughts that it would be another four years before they were back in the final would have been laughed at. Leo McLoone snr. was already working on the lyrics for another homecoming

song!



The progress, though, has been steady with success at U-21 level keeping the club to the forefront and it was no surprise when the cream came to the top again this year.

Under the watchful eye of Jim McGuinness and Cathal Corey, this young Naomh Conaill team have progressed further this year and their tough encounters with Ardara in the quarter-final will have helped provide them with an insight into what will be needed this afternoon.

Back in 2005 there was the guiding hand of Paddy Campbell and John Gildea in pivotal roles - maybe the principal reason for their success. Now they will need others to step up to the mark and in the likes of Johnny Bonner, Johnny McLoone and Marty Boyle, Naomh Conaill have two unsung heroes who put team first. Bonner was a rock against Ardara, revelling in the local derby atmosphere, and he will need to repeat that in today's final.

Marty Boyle is one of the best utility players around the county, filling in where needed in defence or attack. You won't see him that much on the ball, but few players will put in more tackles or cover as much ground. McLoone has been part of the Naomh Conaill setup for longer than we can remember and is still only turning 30.

Along with veteran McGuinness, these are the players who the young guns will look to for guidance in today's big game. The likes of Dara Gallagher, Eoin Waide and the Thompsons have been around long enough to take responsibility while Leo McLoone, while still only 20, has played in pivotal roles for club and county. There are others like Michael O'Malley, Stephen Molloy, Cathal Ellis and Dermot Molloy who are still on a learning curve while Seamus Corcoran has been prolific, especially in recent matches when used as an impact substitute.

Much will depend on how the 'young guns' react to the big-day experience. Back in 2005, the then even younger 'young-guns' played with abandon - just as you would expect from 16-18 year-olds. If they can repeat that sort of performance then there might be reason to be celebrating this evening and even up to Christmas time once more.

> By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

Late Tommy Boyle 1920 – 2009 President of Ardara GAA Club 1997 - 2009

We have good reason in South West Donegal to remember Tommy Boyle, a successful businessman who, with his comrades, laboured tirelessly to preserve and promote gaelic culture and especially Gaelic Games. His enthusiasm for all things Irish and in particular Gaelic Football was infectious and God help any youth who within sight or earshot of Tommy who attempted to play a 'foreign' game.

Beginning in 1940 he played senior football for Ardara for a decade and a half and as an inter-county player between 1948 and '52.

Between 1944 and 1970 he held the positions of Club

Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman. They were years of scant resources and one example of this is that on the Saturday before a match Tommy would send Leo Gallagher with his van around the carpenter workshops of Ardara collecting sawdust to line the field for the match on Sunday.

On the death of Padraig S. Mac a' Ghoill in 1997 he was elected President of Fó-chumann Ard a' Rátha, a position he held until his passing.

Tommy, along with many of his generation has been an inspiration to those who followed. The excellent facilities we now have in Páirc an Phiarsaigh is evidence of that.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dhilís.

Coaching News

Tuesday 6th October: Gaelic Start, this is an Ulster Council indoor practical workshop for coaches & teachers working with 6 to 10 year olds in Glenfin G.A.A. hall next Tuesday from 7.30 to 9.30.

Total Under Age Coaching Programme:

Youth:

This all day practical programme takes place in Glenswilly G.A.A. club on Saturday 10th October. Programme as follows,

1) Junior / Nursery: 5 & 6 years 10.00 am to 11.00 am

11.15 am to 12.15 am 7 & 8 years

2) Juvenille: 9 & 10 years 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm 11 & 12 years 2.15 pm to 3.15 pm

> 13 & 14 years 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm 15 & 16 years 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm (incorporating minors also)

This programme will educate Coaches on what coaching sessions should incorporate at each stage of a young players development, the correct practices at the relevant age, the Importance of fundamentils, the proper techniques in learning the basic skills, etc.. All juvenile coaches, impending coaches, parents and teachers should ensure they attend some part of the above programme, (relevant to age). Admission is free, a 3 part DVD govering all of the days programme will be available in due course at the nominal fee of 20 euro.



SPECIAL GAA SCHEDULE TO BE BROADCAST ON TG4

GAA 125 on TG4 - Sunday 1st November

Another first for TG4 - a full day and night of Gaelic Games themed programming as the channel celebrates the 125th GAA Birthday in style

As the country's biggest sporting organisation prepares to mark the 125th Anniversary of its foundation on 1 November TG4 has unveiled a special GAA programme schedule to mark the occasion. The station has dedicated most of its schedule on that day to Gaelic Games with viewers getting the opportunity to see live GAA action as well as a mouth-watering wide range of GAA-themed content in other programme types including documentaries, profiles and music.

TG4 GAA SCHEDULE - Sunday 1st November 2009

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 Top 50 GAA Peil

 2:00pm
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4:10pm Top 50 GAA Iomaint

5:15pm Micheál O'Hehir

6:15pm Laochra Gael: Cormac McAnallen

7:20pm Laoch GAA 125

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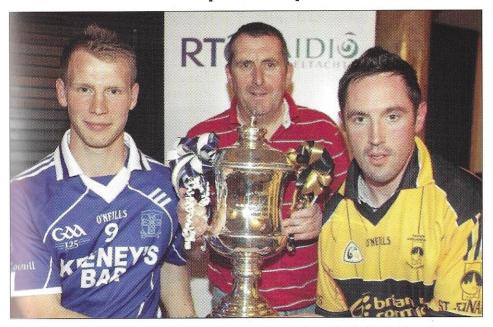
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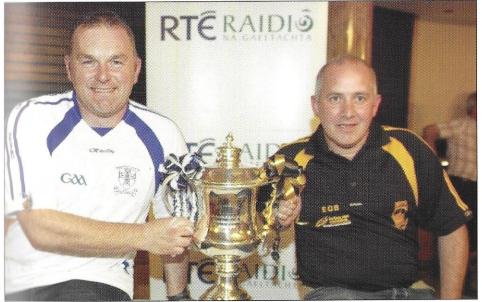


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Senior Championship Final 2009



Naomh Conaill Captain Antony Thompson, Referee Paddy MacBride & Naomh Adhamhnáin Captain Brendan Devenney



Naomh Conaill Manager Cathal Corey & Naomh Adhamhnáin Manager Eamon O Boyle

Golden Memories From 1959

Last Saturday evening, the Sean MacCumhaills Club honoured their historic team of 1959 that won their first Donegal Senior Football Championship. Chris McNulty of the Donegal News spoke to Brendan McFeely, left half-back on that team.

THEY'LL always be hailed in the Twin Towns as being the first. The team that broke the mould. The team that laid the platform for an era of greatness. The team that brought the Dr Maguire to the shores of the Finn for the first time.

Tomorrow night in the splendid new social centre at Sean MacCumhaill Park, the Sean MacCumhaills team of 1959, which defeated Kilcar in the County Final in Donegal Town will be honoured by the club with a reunion function.

Gerry McGranaghan and Billy Quinn will fly over from England, while Mick Whelan will make his way from Dublin to join with old team-mates to recall the year they etched their way into the annals of Donegal GAA history.

One third of the '59 team has already gone to their eternal rest and tomorrow night will also be a chance to remember the great Harry Laverty, Andy Gallen, Gerry Griffin, Paddy Finnerty and Liam Doherty.

Fifty years have passed since that fateful day, September 6th 1959, and yet the memories are still as fresh for Brendan McFeely, who lined out alongside Tom Mannion and Paddy Finnerty in a 'vigilant and sometimes resourceful half-back line' according to the match report.

"I recall the final and the build up to it as well," McFeely, a retired vet, recalled this week.

"The system was that you had to come out of your Division to get through in the Championship. We were in the East and we had to play each team home at away.

"We had one of the big ones, in St Eunan's who over a five or six year period before that had won a couple of Championships. Beating them was a huge thing. We did it first in 1957 and again in 1959. Nearly every time we played them it went to a play off, so we knew them very well. Kilcar had an impressive build-up to the final - they beat both Dungloe and Gaoth Dobhair so they were hot favourites as a result."

And yet they were stung by MacCumhaills, who blitzed the Towney side in the opening half-hour to lead 2-5 to 0-0 at the break.

The match report read: "MacCumhaills started in impressive manner and within three minutes they were a goal up when Des Griffin finished a slick movement by punching the ball to the net past Kilcar cul baire Michael Hegarty."

Ten minutes before the break MacCumhaills struck for goal number two, as described in the report: "In the 20th minute, Harry Laverty took a 45 yard free and he sent the ball through but it was saved, before Eddie McMenamin slid through to punch it to the net."

Although Kilcar staged a commendable comeback after the break, MacCumhaills weren't to be denied.

"I don't think they were ever close enough to worry us," said McFeely.

"We were told at half-time that this couldn't last for another half-an-hour. At least they did make a show of it, but from what I remember they didn't have us worried during the second-half.

Travelling up and down from the capital outlined their commitment. Brendan went onto play for Donegal - as did his brother Frankie - with whom he won the Dr McKenna Cup and the Dr Lagan Cup as well as playing in the 1963 and '66 Ulster finals.

He went on to win a three-in-a-row with MacCumhaills between 1962 and 1964. Key to the glory era, and particularly the team that set the ball rolling in '59 were men like Gerry Griffin, who also was the team's manager, and the Laverty brothers Harry, John, Mickey and Bernard.

"There were no wild weaknesses on the team," said McFeely, who is delighted that the club have taken the decision to honour the team.

"I think it's brilliant the work Dan McCool and Eugene Gallagher are doing. The opportunites to meet get scarcer and it's nice that the men are making the effort to attend. Some of us would meet every so often, but Billy Quinn and Mick Whelan, for example, I haven't seen since 1959.

"It'll be great to meet up again."

The Sean MacCumhaills team that won the County Senior Championship in 1959 was: Gerry McGranaghan; Gerry Griffin, John Laverty, Michael Whelan; Paddy Finnerty, Tom Mannion, Brendan McFeely; Bernard Laverty, Liam Doherty; Harry Laverty, Andy Gallen, Des Griffin; Mick Laverty, Eddie McMenamin, Billy Quinn.



St Eunan's - the old dogs for the hard road

THE BLACK and amber flag of St Eunan's flies atop Sean MacCumhaill Park this afternoon for the 10th County Final Sunday in the last 13 years.

When St Eunan's won the 1997 County Final against Aodh Ruadh - a Championship that was infamously lost in the boardroom - Adrian McClafferty, Brian McDermott, John Haran, Brendan Devenney and David McGinley were among those to line out for the Letterkenny team.



This afternoon that quintet will all be bidding to get in on the

act again. It's been a long road since that saga of '97 for many of the Eunan's players.

In that time, St Eunan's have played nine County Finals. They've won five finals and lost four. They have four winners medals and four runner-up medals.

Brian Cody, another man who knows all about guiding black and amber clad teams to big success, always talks about 'hunger' - that burning desire to get back to the top, year in, year out.

"I would still think there is no question mark whatsoever over our hunger. Hunger won't beat us. We will be as hungry as any other team out there," Cody said in the lead-up to Kilkenny's recent All Ireland Hurling Final win over Tipperary.

The hunger of St Eunan's has been questioned over time, but according to Brendan Devenney, the team's enigmatic captain, their desire is still as red raw as ever - particular for those guys, who the captain admits 'mightn't experience too many more of these.'

"You're always chasing goals and you have to have that hunger," he said.

"There is a real hunger in the club, a real drive in the club that comes from the togetherness in the team.

"Of all the teams I've played GAA with nothing comes close to St Eunan's this past few seasons. We went through the mill and the pain of losing finals as a team and to come back to raise the bar it showed the character. This season we're steadily building."

One thing key to St Eunan's is that while they know what it takes to win a County Final they also know what it takes to lose one - and what the pain and dejection of a Final defeat brings with it. The losses of 2000, 2002, 2007 and 2008 carry painful memories for the old guard.

"Losing that final and the final the following year ('06) were heartbreaking for the whole team," John Haran, the powerful piston that drives the St Eunan's engine, recalls.

"2007 was a big test of character and we came through it with flying colours. To win again last year was great – the monkey was well and truly off our backs. Now people are talking about the possibility of three in a row. We don't want to lose on Sunday."

While a changing of the guard, and a fresh injection of young blood into the Eunan's team, is imminent with the likes of Cillian Morrisson, Conor Gibbons and company

knocking on the door, there remains a constant from 1997 that will oversee the transformation.

"You have to have the conveyor belt of talent," says Devenney. "You see clubs who have dropped off and they are clubs who wouldn't have had underage success.

"We have the likes of Mark McGowan, Ross Wherity and wee Cillian has started playing and Eamon Doherty, all boys I would expect to be County players. They are all super players."

At 22, Ciaran Greene has already played in four finals, winning two and lost two. Four years ago, at 18, he suffered the painful defeat to today's opponents. He senses the palpable ambition that lingers in the St Eunan's dressing room.

He warned: "There's no doubt about it - we have the hunger. We want big things

BY CHRIS MCNULTY
(Donegal News)

Did you know that

Glenties in its original Irish form "Na Gleanntai" means The Glens. The town is situated where two glens converge into one and just up stream from the meeting of two rivers. Both rivers are renowned for fishing.

Glenties lies at the North West edge of the Blue Stack Mountains and a few kilometres from the sea. It is surrounded by mountains on three of its four sides. Only on its western side does the valley widen out as it get closer to the Atlantic Ocean.

All around the glens and mountains are scenic walks and drives which tempt the visitor into exploration by car, bicycle or foot. Along the rugged coast are bays, beaches and beautiful coastal scenery.

The Town has been described as an oasis by many people who visit. It is the trees and bushes that give the town its appearances as the visitor approaches the town, through or over the almost treeless mountains

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"GOOD LUCK TO JIM, CATHAL AND THE BOYS IN THE FINAL"

Glenties lost was St Eunans gain

Cardinal Patrick Joseph O'Donnell was born in Glenties, in 1856. He was ordained a priest on 29 June 1880, He was educated in the High School, Letterkenny, the Catholic University, Dublin (1873-'75) and St Patrick's College, Maynooth. He was ordained to the priesthood on the 29th June, 1880. In that same year he was appointed to the staff of St Patrick's College, Maynooth, holding the chairs of Dogmatic and Moral Theology. In 1884 he became dean of the revived post-graduate Dunboyne Institute and in 1885 was awarded his STD. From his desk in Maynooth he poured out a continuous stream of articles on moral theology and canon law.

He became Bishop of Raphoe on 26 February 1888. When he was the youngest in the world at the time and was consecrated by Cardinal Logue on 3 April in Letterkenny. With superior qualities of mind and body, he was a benign figure who was yet gifted with sharp political acumen. He had the most distinguished episcopate, locally and nationally. He undertook and completed prodigious building projects: a superbly-sited neo-gothic (with Romanesque details) cathedral, overlooked by a house for bishop and clergy (1891-1901); St Eunan's Diocesan College (1906); the Presentation Monastery and Loreto schools and an extension to Loreto Convent, all in Letterkenny.

He was appointed coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh on 14 January 1922 and succeeded Cardinal Michael Logue on 19 November 1924. On 14 December 1925, Pope Plus XI made Bishop O'Donnell a Cardinal.

SCÓR

SCÓR na nÓg is up and running for the new season. We would encourage all clubs to take part as it is the 40th Anniversary of SCÓR competitions this year, 2009, and of course the 125th Anniversary of Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

The dates for this years SCÓR na nÓg have been provisionally arranged for the week end of the 23rd, 24th, 25th of October, and the Final on Saturday 14th of November. Dates to be confirmed at next County Committee meeting.

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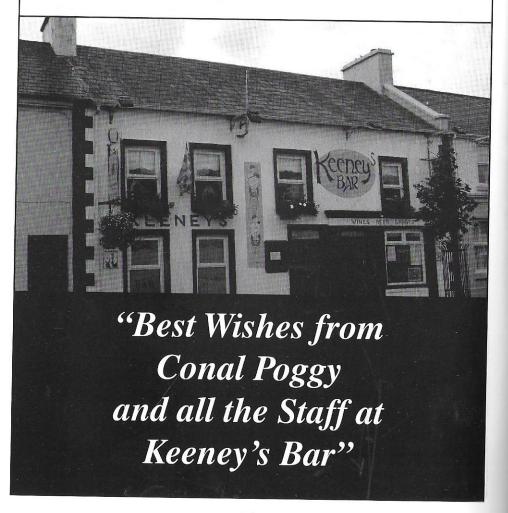


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Swine Flu (Influenza A (H1N1)

The spread of Swine Flu is a concern at this time, and given the role the Association plays in Irish society, it is vital that all members and volunteers take adequate steps to contain the spread of the virus among local clubs and communities.

There are some simple steps everyone can take to stop the spread of Swine Flu:

- Use a tissue to catch coughs or sneezes
- Bin the tissue straight away
- Wash your hands well and often.

Following these steps will help stop the flu and all respiratory illness from spreading to others.

If you or anyone in your club feels they have the flu:

- Check the symptoms on the HSE website at www.hse.ie or by calling the 24-hour Flu Information Line on 1800 941100.
- Contact your GP by telephone don't go to the surgery or to A&E, as this places other people at risk of infection.
- Your GP will decide if you need testing or treatment.

The vast majority of people who get this flu are able to recover at home without needing anti-viral treatment - following simple home-care advice.

Informative posters detailing simple precautions are available from the HSE and it is recommended that clubs display these posters anywhere large groups are likely to assemble on your club's grounds.

For further information:

- www.swineflu.ie
- Freefone 24-hour HSE Flu helpdesk on 1800 941100

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Cunningham, Paddy Hegarly, Barry McGowan. Front L-R: Dermot Keon, Paul Carr, John Cunningham, Luke Gavigan, Dermot Ward, Manus Boyle, Thomas Maguire

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Mc Iteman (Aodh Ruadh), Tommy McDermott (Aodh Ruadh). Front 1-8; Sean Bonner (Na Rossa), Vincent Furey (Naomh Conail), Seamie Meehan (Four Masters') Brian Tuohy (Aodh Ruadh), John Farren (Urns), Matt Gallagher (Naomh Brid), Joyce McMullan (Four Masters')

Back L-H: Anthony Molloy, Sylvester Maguire (Aodh Ruadh), Pauric McDaid (St. Eunan's), Paschal Eunan's), Thomas Cleary (Aodh Ruadh), Paul Carr (St. Eunan's), Jimmy Kennedy (St. Eunan's), Paschal McTiograe (Aodh Puladh), Paul Carr (St. Eunan's), Paschal

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