

Corn Nicky Rackard

Bealtaine 2ú 2015

Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain

Venue O Donnell Park Letterkenny

Throw-in: 1:00pm

Réiteoir: Owen Elliot (Antrim)

Clár Oifigiúil

Páirc Ó Duagh
Árd Stiúrthóir



Dun na nGall

Dathanna: Glas agus Ór
Colours Green & Gold

	1. Dylan O Laibheartaigh Dylan Laverty Sean MacCumhalls	
2. Pauric O Dochartaigh Pauric Doherty Beart	3. Seamus O Donnaille Jamsie O Donnelly Sean MacCumhalls	4. Marcas O Ceallachan Mark Callaghan Setanta
5. Sean Ó Dubhaigh Johnny Downey Beart	6. Seosamh O Baoill Joe Boyle Beart	7. Niall O Cleirigh Niall Cleary Sui An Ron
8. Donail O Cuilin Danny Cullen Setanta	9. Sean MacBheath Sean McVeigh Naomh Adhamhain	
10. Seac O Lochlainn Jack O Loughlin Bun Cranncha	11. Eanna Mac Diarmada Enda McDermott Beart	12. Lee MacEinri Lee Henderson Sean MacCumhalls
13. Ciaran MacMatha Ciaran Mathewson Sean MacCumhalls	14. Ronan MacDiarmada Ronan MacDermott Beart	15. Bearnard O Laifeartaigh Bernard Lafferty Setanta

Tír Eoghaín

Dathanna: Derg agus Ban
Colours Red & White

	1. Seán Ó Doibhin John Devlin Eoghan Rua	
2. Conchúr Mac an Fhail Conor McNally Eoghan Rua	3. Micheál Ó Gomáin Mike O Gorman Naomh Colum Cillie	4. Mairtin O Gruagháin Martin Grogan Éire Og
5. Pádraig MacAodha Padraig McHugh Eoghan Ruadh	6. Diarmuid Ó Beaglaioich Dermot Begley Éire Óg	7. Tiamáin Ó Muireagáin Tiarnan Morgan Eoghan Rua
8. Saerbhraethach Ó Ceallaigh Justin Kelly Éire Óg		9. Aodhán Ó Ceallaigh Aidan Kelly Éire Óg
10. Marcas Cheimhridh Mark Winters Eoghan Rua	11. Damán Ó Cathasaigh Damian Casey Eoghan Rua	12. Cristóir Mac an Chrosáin Chris Cross Naomh Colum Cille
13. Conchor Ó Casthasaigh Conor Grogan Éire Og	14. Seán Og Grogan Séan Óg Grogan Éire Og	15. Gearóid MacGiolla Mhir Gerard Gilmore Na Seamroga

FIR IONAIÐ:

16. Pól Ó Broin, Paul Burns Beart
17. Brendain O Tuairisc, Brendan Tourish Setanta
18. Stephen Doherty, Stiofan O Dochartaigh Naomh Adhamhain
19. Stephen Gillespie Stiophán MacGiolla Easbuic, Beart
20. Chris Kilgannon Críostoi Mac Giolla Ghannáin, Aodh Ruadh
21. Sean Curran Sean O Corrain, Sean MacCumhalls
22. Ciaran Kilgannon, Ciaran MacGiolla Ghannáin Aodh Ruadh
23. Martin McGrath, Martain MacCraith, Beart
24. Donal McLoughlin, Donall MacLochlainn BunCranncha
25. Justin Brown, Justin de Brún, Setanta
26. Paul Sheridan, Pól Sioradáin, Aodh Ruadh

FIR IONAIÐ:

16. Ciarán Beilliú, Ciaran Bellew NaSeamroga
17. Conchúr Ó Casthasaigh, Conor Casey Eoghan Ruadh
18. Conchúr Ó Gallchóir, Conor Gallagher, Na Seamroga
19. Maitiú Ó Maolchraoibhe, Mathew Mulgrew, Eoghan Ruadh
20. Ruairi Ó Doibhilinn, Ruairi Devlin, Eoghan Ruadh
21. Ristead Ó Ceallaigh, Ricky Kelly, Eoghan Ruadh
22. Duibhir Ó Marascal, Duibhir Marshall, Eoghan Ruadh
23. Dara Ó Gruagáin, Darragh Grogan, Éire Óg
24. Aindriú ó Broin, Andrew Byrne Naomh Colum Cille
25. Gabhán Mac Con Midhe, Gavin McNamee, Na Seamr

GAA – NICKY RACKARD CUP FIRST ROUND

Disappointing start for Donegal hurlers

DONEGAL0-11
TYRONE1-12

BY RYAN FERRY

DONEGAL got their Nicky Rackard Cup campaign off to a disappointing start with a four-point defeat to Tyrone at a drenched O'Donnell Park on Saturday afternoon.

Ray Durack's men started brightly, but Damian Casey's goal in the 13th minute gave Tyrone the lead, and the home side were always playing catch-up from that moment on.

Tyrone led by a point at the break and they extended that advantage in the second half, mainly thanks to Casey's free-taking as Donegal struggled to get scores into the wind.

Donegal's misery was compounded in the 68th minute when Joe Boyle received his marching orders after picking up a second yellow card.

The sides were clashing for the third time in a month as they faced each other twice in a play-off, as Donegal eventually won the right to play in Division 2B of the Allianz NHL next year.

There was little to separate the teams in those games and another close encounter was expected.

Mattie Lennon's Tyrone came out of the blocks quickly and Sean Óg

Grogan registered their first point after only eight seconds.

Jack O'Loughlin relied with a point after gathering Sean McVeigh's long ball forward, and Lee Henderson added a free after he was fouled by Padraig McHugh.

Donegal were the better side in the first ten minutes, and Henderson landed a 70 metre free after McVeigh was fouled.

Tyrone responded well and two quickfire frees from Casey levelled proceedings, before they scored the only goal of the game in the 13th minute.

Justin Kelly found Casey, and the Tyrone captain turned Padraig Doherty before drilling the sliotar past Dylan Lavery at his near post.

The Red Hands were the hungrier side and Conor Grogan extended their lead moments later.

Donegal were lethargic despite having the wind at their backs, but McVeigh did get their first score in 13 minutes, although Casey soon cancelled that out with a fine point from the sideline.

Durack's men finished the half

strongly and they added four points in succession to draw level.

Henderson (free) and Joe Boyle both raised white flags, while Ciaran Matthewson helped himself to a brace of points.

However, Tyrone had the final say of the first half with Casey scoring a free, and they led by a point at half-time.

Tyrone employed a two-man full-forward line of Casey and Conor Grogan, and Donegal struggled to contain the lively duo.

Grogan collected an Aidan Kelly pass to get the second half scoring underway, and Casey tagged on a free.

The impressive Justin Kelly was dictating affairs from the middle of the field, and he pointed twice to push Tyrone five ahead.

Three Henderson frees reduced the deficit, and the Donegal defence started to get on top of their opponents.

With just two points separating the teams with five minutes remaining, the next score was always going to be crucial and it was Tyrone who got it.

McVeigh was adjudged to have fouled Chris Cross, and Casey held his nerve to make it a three-point game.

The Tyrone captain followed that score up with another free after Mark Callaghan passed the ball illegally.

Donegal needed a goal to get back into things, but their cause wasn't helped when Boyle picked up his second yellow card of the game.

The home side launched a number of late balls in on top of the Tyrone full-back line but they dealt with that threat well.

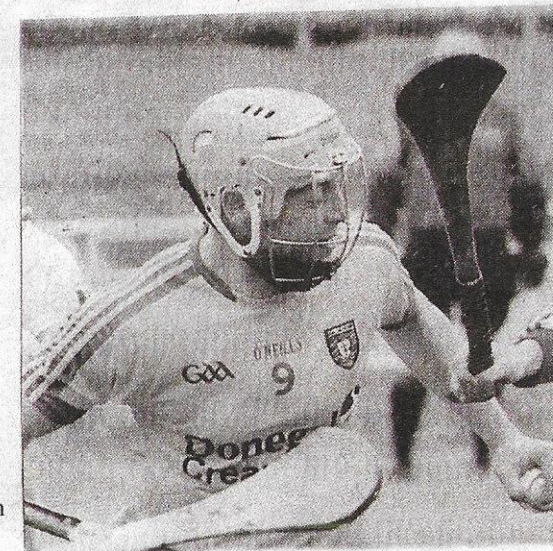
When McVeigh did get a shot away, it was the influential Casey who was in the last line of defence to stop his effort.

The referee's final whistle blew moments later, and while Donegal do have a second chance next week, they will have to improve considerably if they are going to stay in the competition.

Donegal: Dylan Lavery; Padraig Doherty, Jamsie Donnelly, Mark Callaghan; Johnny Downey, Joe Boyle (0-1), Niall Cleary; Danny Cullen, Sean McVeigh (0-1); Jack O'Loughlin (0-1), Enda McDermott, Lee Henderson (0-6, 6fs); Ciaran Matthewson (0-2), Ronan McDermott, Bernard Lafferty. Sub: Stephen Gillespie for Lafferty (57 mins).

Tyrone: John Devlin; Conor McNally, Mike O'Gorman, Martin Grogan; Padraig McHugh, Dermot Begley, Tiarnan Morgan; Justin Kelly (0-2), Aidan Kelly; Mark Winters, Damian Casey (1-7, 6fs), Chris Cross; Conor Grogan (0-2), Sean Óg Grogan (0-1), Gerard Gilmore. Sub: Matthew Mulgrew for Gilmore (53 mins).

Ref: Owen Elliot (Antrim)



Sean McVeigh in possession for Donegal