

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



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Naomh Adhamhnáin V Naomh Conaill



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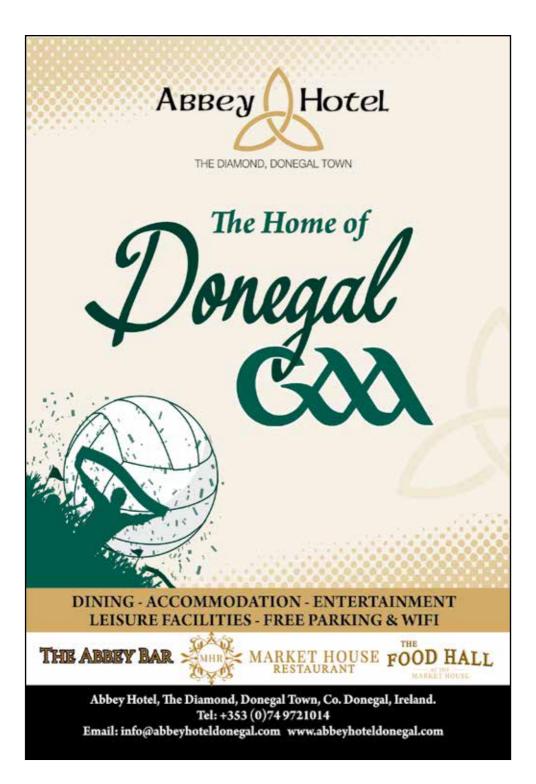






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On behalf of CLG Dhun na nGall it is a great honour for me as County Board Chairman 2018 to welcome you all to Pairc Sean Mac Cumhaill today. I congratulate the Officers, Mentors, you the supporters, but especially the panel of players, from St Eunans and Naomh Conail in today's Senior Reserve Final, and Gaoth Dobhair and Naomh Conaill in the much awaited Senior Football Final.

In the autumn of each year there is careful planning and appointment of voluntary coaching staff into positions of managing our Young Development squads and indeed our Adult squads at both Hurling and Football in Donegal. I thank all of you present here today who have given of your time to the cause of the development and progression of Gaelic Games in our county throughout 2018 and look forward to working with you in 2019.

All of that must be supplemented and supported by first class facilities, and it was an honour for myself. Michael Murphy. Anthony Molloy, and the President of the GAA John Horan to turn the first sods on the building of our new Training Centre in Convoy on August 7th. I recognize and acknowledge that having both Micheal and Anthony present as both great ambassadors to endorse the project, was as good a start as you could get to commence what is a giant step forward for the GAA in Donegal. I have asked our Central Council Delegate for our County Séamus O Domhnaill from CLG Cloughaneely to lead out on a fundraising campaign to assist us deliver on our financial responsibilities, and I ask you all to be aware and support this.

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way of seeing who has contributed.

Today we also welcome and recognize the Senior Champions of 25 years ago, CLG Cill Chartha. I hope you all enjoy yourselves as our guests today, and have a good day out. One person missing today is the match Referee Liam Brown R.I.P. One of the leading Referees in Donegal at that time the Four Masters man was a great reader of the game, and a good friend to myself and many. It's appropriate that his son Marc Referees the Reserve Final today.

We wish all the match Officials good luck in today's Finals, especially Marc Brown and Shaun Mc Laughlin our 2 match Referees. I would like to acknowledge the work that the Sean Mac Cumhaill Club have put in all week in getting today's venue ready for today's Finals.

Today is also the last match programme of our PRO Ed Byrne for a County Final.

Ed concludes his 5 year term as Public Relations Officer at December's County Convention. We all join in thanking the Killybegs member for the work he has voluntary contributed in carrying our message and news to the print and radio media. One of his last tasks is insuring that our many emigrants will have an opportunity to see today's final as it goes out live on TG4.

I think you will all acknowledge the great delivery of the fixtures programme from the County Competions Control Committee. It is not an easy task, but It's recognized that you concluded your fixtures on schedule. Thank you to the very good job done

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure i Leitir Ceanainn as an urraíocht. Ba mhaith liom fosta aitheantas a thabhairt do na coitséalaithe sna cumainn a chuireann a gcuid ama ar fáil go deonach le chinntiú go bhfuil na buachaillí agus na cailíní óga ag foghlaim na scileanna a bhaineann le cluichí s'againne.

Mick McGrath Chairperson Donegal GAA





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### **CLÁR AN LAE**

### Dé Domhnaigh 21ú Deireadh Fómhar 2018

- 1:00 pm Gates Open
- 1:27 pm Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end goals. Naomh Conaill will use the Town end dugouts.
- 1:30 PM Naomh Adhamhnáin take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River Finn end goals. Naomh Adhamhnáin will use the River Finn end dugouts.
- 1:45 PM Senior Reserve Final Throw in
- 3:00 PM **Presentation of the Trophy by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae**
- 3:10 PM St. Catherine's Band, Killybegs
- 3:00 PM 1993 County Champions assemble in the Stand
- 3:10 PM 1993 County Champions proceed to the pitch
- 3:15 PM Introduction of the 1993 County Champions, Cill Chartha
- 3:38 PM Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end goals. Naomh Conaill will use the Town end dugouts.
- 3:40 PM Gaoth Dobhair take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River Finn end goals. Gaoth Dobhair will use the River Finn dugouts.
- 3:50 PM Both teams line up for Parade
- 3:58 PM Amhrán Na bhFiann
- 4:00 PM 2018 Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Donegal Senior Football Final

Half Time Naomh Conaill leave the field first, Gaoth Dobhair to wait at centre of pitch.

St. Catherine's Band Killybegs.

Go Games Blitz presentation

- 5:30 PM Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehin
- 5:35 PM **Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Trophy** by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae



Two time Scor champion Leah MacInnes is a singer and performer who has sung Amhran Na bhFiann at Donegal national league games. Leah played for the Naomh Conaill Ladies

team which won the Donegal Intermediate championship this year. She was also a member of the U16 and Minor B championship winning teams of 2016.

## Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn, Buíon dár slua Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn. Faoi mhóid bheith saor, Seantír ár sinsir feasta Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil, Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



Gaoth Dobhair's Neil McGee, Ann Mc Geehin sponsor of the **Man of the Match Award** with Glenties Eoin Wade at the Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Donegal GAA Championship final press launch.

Photo Geraldine Diver.

# **Focail an Eagarthoir**

Mar Oifigeach Caidrimh Poiblí, cuirim fáilte romhaibh chuig cluiche an lae inniu agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult as an lá anseo i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill Firstly allow me to welcome you all to MacCumhaill Park for the Senior A&B County Finals and what a day of football lays ahead of us, today the biggest day in the Donegal Sporting Calendar, we look forward to the Senior A&B Football Finals, last year's B finalists return to try lay claim to the title, in no doubt what will be an intresting game as St Eunan's try to wrestle back the Senior B title from 2017 first time winners Naomh Conaill, equally as determined to be crowned 2018 Champions . St Eunans and Naomh Conaill having all ready gone head to head in the group stages earlier in the championship where Noamh Conaill came away with a 1 point victory in Glenties. I wish both the Players, Managers and Backroom team all the very best in todays game.

While last year's defeated Senior finalists Naomh Conaill take on one of Donegal's Old Guard ; Gaoth Dobhair, in a much talked about final. Naomh Conaill seek a 4th title while Gaoth Dobhair look to add to an already impressive 14 titles. The last time the two faced off in a final was 1941 when Gaoth Dobhair left the field as County Champions again by the narrowest of margins. Glenties (As they were known then) 2-03 Gaoth Dobhair 0.10. For many people Gaoth Dobhair's league title win and performance in the Championship so far gives them a slight edge, however Naomh Conaill's experience in recent finals in many eyes gives them a slight edge over their opponents, one thing is for sure 30 plus men will leave every ounce of energy they have on the field of play today to capture the Dr Maguire Cup and become the Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Senior Football Champions. We the spectators are in for a memorable day in MacCumhaill Park

To all the player's and backroom team's from today's three clubs I wish you all the very best in the final The Officials for today's game see Shaun McLaughlin from the Malin Club taking charge of the Senior final while Mark Browne of the Four Masters club takes care of the Senior B final. I wish them and



their umpires all the very best of luck today.

Today our Championship Jubilee team to be honured is th Kicar team of 1993 we welcome the players manager and his backroom team Club Officials from that time, we hope you enjoy your day and the games. We also welcome Mark Browne who is representing the late Liam Browne (RIP) who was the referee on the day.

County Final day requires a lot of work and effort from many people, pre event meetings, steward training, etc over 100 volunteers are helping out here in MacCumhaill park from all areas of the county and further afield, thank you to all those who are here today as Volunteers to play your part in helping make OUR Assocation the best amateur Assocation in the world. My Thanks also to the MacCumhaills Club on having the Park look so well here today. I thank all the members of the Media and Photographers who have have helped out with todays articles / photographs and through out the championship. Thank you to the main sponsor of our Championships Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Letterkenny and all those who booked advertisements in todays programme, I ask all our members and fellow Gaels to please support these buisnesses in any way you can. Finally to all attending today's game I hope you enjoy County Final day 2018.

> Ed Byrne PRO



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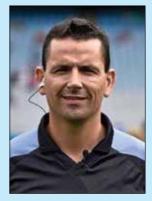




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## Shaun McLaughlin Senior Club Championship Referee

The man in the middle today is Shaun McLaughlin, a member of Malin GAA club who works as a Garda stationed in Buncrana. This will be his 3rd County Senior Final. He officiated at the 2010 and 2016 Senior Finals along with finals at other grades. In 2016 Shaun referred the All Ireland Junior Final between Kerry and Mayo. Accompanying Shaun today are his Umpires – Noel McLaughlin, Gerry Burke, Liam Skelly and Leo Devanney. Shaun is very grateful and appreciative of the umpires he has worked with who have steadfastly accompanied hikm over the years. While taking charge of a county final is the pinacle in any referee's career it is bittersweet for Shaun today as he remembers his good friend Shaun Rustards who umpired with him throughout the country before sadly losing his life in 2017.



Married to Mandy and has four children Seanain, Tara, Erin and Conor.



## **Marc Browne Senior B Club Championship Referee**

Marc is a member of the Ceithre Máistiri Club in Donegal Town. This is Marc's 5th year refereeing after taking up the whistle in 2013. Marc has taken charge of the Intermediate B final and Junior B finals as well as various underage finals in football and Hurling.

As a player Marc won u12.13,14 and a Minor County Title. Marc was a part of the Ceithre Máistirí U14 1993 Féile All Ireland Finalist team. Marc also has a Junior Medal with Cardinal O'Donnells club in Belfast.

Marc lives in Donegal with wife Geraldine and has 3 Children Shay, Lucy, and Fynn.

Marc wishes to thank his wife Geraldine and his family for all the support given over the years, he also would like to



mention his thanks to Lee Jordan, Pat Walsh, Shane Toolan, and Michelle Bennett Adair for all the help over the years, to all his umpires over the years who have travelled the county with him, today Marc's umpires are Greg McGroary, Peter Wyatt, Lee Jordan and Owen Doherty. Finally Marc would like to wish both Naomh Conaill and St Eunan's the very best of luck in today's final is what is expected to be an exciting and entertaining game where the best team will prevail.

## **Today's Oficials**

Senior Referee's Senior Referee : Shaun McLaughlin Stand By Referee : Seamus McGonagle Linesman: Enda McFeely

### Senior B Referee : Marc Brown Stand by Referee : Val Murray Linesman : Aidan McAleer 4th Official : Leo Devenney

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# Cúrsaí Scór

This is an important year for Scór as it celebrates 50 years and for this reason, it is important that as many clubs as possible take part in this year's competitions in both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir.



Donegal dates and venues for semi finals and final of Scór na nÓg

Dáta	Ionad/Venue	Am/Time	Host Club	
10th November	Beart	7.00pm	Beart	
11th November	Drimarone	3.00pm	Naomh Naille	
18th November	Ramelton	3.00pm	Baile na nGalloglach	
County final in amharclann Ghaoth Dobhar 25th November at 3.00pm.				
List and order of Competitions:				
1. Rince Foirne - Céilí or Figure Dancing (4, 6 or 8 per team)				
2. Amhránaíocht Aonair - Solo Singing (One competitor per club)				
3. Aithriseoireacht/Scéalaíocht - Recitation/Storytelling (One competitor per club)				
4. Bailéad Ghrúpa - Ballad Group (3, 4 or 5 per group)				
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on the GAA website or alternatively type Leabhar Rialacha Scór

into Google for all relevant information and rules relating to Scór.

A club may enter only one group or competitor as the case may be in many of the specific Scór disciplines, but must take part in at least one such event in the initial round within a county.

### MOL AN ÓIGE AGUS TIOCFAIDH SÍ.

Is mise le meas

### Fergus Mac Aoidh

Oifigeach Chultúrtha & Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall



# 'Ginger' ready to take Gaoth Dobhair to orbit again

By Chris McNulty (Donegal Sport Hub)

Christopher McFadden's early years with Gaoth Dobhair promised the world, but it wasn't long before their earth stopped spinning.

He was a tender 20 in 2006 when Gaoth Dobhair were kings. Stephen Cassidy's goal ignited the bonfires from Dunlewey. A Division 1 League crown, won against Glenfin that winter in Letterkenny, followed and the world was their oyster.

It was 11 years - until last year - before Gaoth Dobhair were back even in a semifinal and it has taken 'til now for them to cross the penultimate fence.

"Maybe the working hard part didn't come after '06," McFadden says.

"We dropped off.

"There was a good crop coming in in 2006, but for some reason, it didn't happen for us. You can't take it for granted and you have to work hard at it."

"You take it for granted at times. I've always said that I won't leave the spot unless I see someone who can take it. I can see this year with the intensity in training that boys are fighting so hard. Boys there haven't missed sessions all year and mightn't even get a game."

The Cnoc an Stollaire mechanic spent a couple of years in Australia from 2008, but 'Ginger' been an ever-present in the Gaoth Dobhair rearguard since returning.

"The crop we have now, it's exciting," McFadden says.

"Looking back, I came in at 20 and we had the likes of James Gallagher, Stephen Cassidy and Sean Diver - powerful players. The problem was that we didn't have a lot of youth coming up.

"That crop of boys are a different breed. It'll be there for them for the next ten years if they want it.

"These boys coming through are only playing seniors maybe two years. Three years ago, we were in a reserve final and a few of them played in that. You could say, if we don't win it that we have loads of time, but that's not the way to look at it now."

Their 12 years since their last SFC win have seemed like an eternity.

It has felt like a different Gaoth Dobhair this time.

A new Gaoth Dobhair.

"We bought into a lot and we've tried to move things forward," McFadden agrees.

"Every team has a set-up. You need it. This idea of man-to-man just won't work anymore. You have to reduce the amount of scores you'll concede and try get as much as you can going forward. It suits Gaoth Dobhair's game.

"We have men with pace in abundance. Glenties have much the same set-up. They'll sit back and try to hit us on the counter."

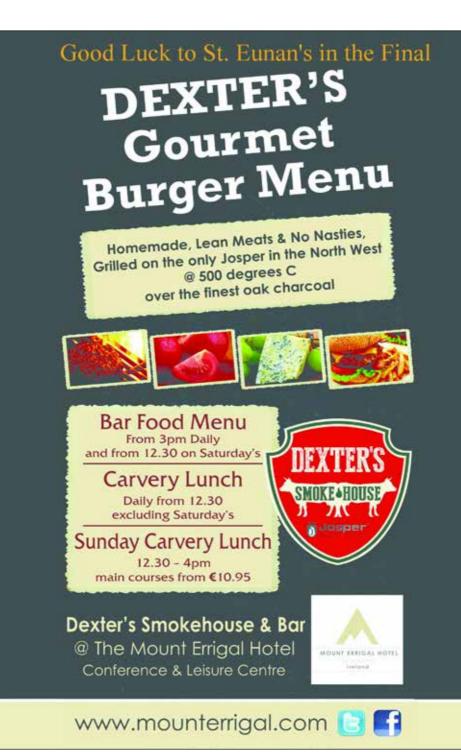
McFadden is content to let his team-mates take care of the attacking business, noting with a wry smile: "if I get up to the half-way line I just retreat."

The significance of being back in a final is certainly not lost on him.

He cane feel the hands of history calling and the controls of the destiny are in the palm of the 15 who'll walk behind the band on Sunday.

McFadden says: "The parish has waited a long, long time. People there are just craving one more. Hopefully we go down that road with the Cup on Sunday night."

Once more, they're ready to go into orbit again.



# Kilcar deny Killybegs the three in-a-row with 1993 championship win

By Peter Campbell (Sports Editor, Donegal Democrat)

### If anyone can, Kilcar can (and they did)!

That was the headline on the back page of the Donegal Democrat on the

last week of September 1993 when Kilcar pulled off a shock win over neighbours Killybegs in the senior championship final in MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

The headline was prompted by the local derby nature of the final and after Killybegs had dominated the Donegal championship in the previous two years with a team that had so many talented players.

The final scoreline was Kilcar 0-12, Killybegs 0-10. Killybegs were going for the three ina-row and would go on to win two more titles in the 1990s (1995 and 1996) and were the team to beat at that time.

Kilcar had been crowned team of the 1980s after winning titles in 1980, 1985 and 1989. But it was their loss to rivals Killybegs in 1988 which proved the big motivating factor. Killybegs won that game with a late, late goal and now they were meeting again in a county final.

Wee Gallagher (Seamus Gallagher) was at the helm for Kilcar and they had been boosted by the arrival of a former Galway minor and U-21 player, Padraic Howley, who was to prove a matchwinner with 0-5 in the final.

The Democrat report said there were in excess of 4,000 in MacCumhaill Park and lauded the display of Michael Carr, who was supposed to have had his best days behind him, but he held All-Ireland winning man of the match from a year earlier, Manus Boyle, to two points from play.

There were other great performances also, not least the McHugh brothers and Roger McShane along with his brother, Mark, who was the Kilcar player who picked up the Dr. Maguire Cup as captain. Older brother, Roger, picked off four second half points despite the attentions of Killybegs' centre half-back John Razda Cunningham.

Killybegs got a boost before throw-in when word came through that Sligo Rovers gave Declan Boyle the go ahead to play and he started at corner forward.

The sides were level four times in the opening half with Killybegs a point to the good at the break, 0-6 to 0-5. But it could have been Kilcar ahead, but for David Meehan's agility, who saved from Martin McHugh in first half added time.

Frees by Roger McShane and Padraic Howley had Kilcar ahead early in

the second half. James McHugh doubled the lead but Killybegs got it back to one point on four occasions before the end of the game.

There was plenty of tension in the final ten minutes with Conal 'Flipper' Gallagher flicking a Mark Boyle centre to the net but a 'square ball' was signalled - the second time Gallagher had been denied.

Killybegs fired everything at the Kilcar men, but they held out to take home the spoils.

**KILCAR:** Paddy Sweeney; Michael Carr, Enda McHugh, John O'Donnell; Declan McShane, James Carr, Kevin Lyons; Christy Gillespie, Mark McShane; David Cannon (0-1), Martin McHugh (0-1), Michael Molloy; Roger McShane (0-4,2f), James McHugh (0-1), Padraic Howley (0-5,4f). Subs., Neilly Byrne for Declan McShane; Noel McDevitt for Michael Carr inj.

**KILLYBEGS:** David Meehan; Francis Murray, Denis Carbery, Peter McGinley (0-1); Paul Callaghan, John Cunningham, Declan Boyle (0-1); John Ban Gallagher, Barry McGowan (0-1); Mark Boyle, Conor White (0-1,f), Tony Hegarty; Manus Boyle (0-6,4f), Jimmy White, Conal Gallagher. Subs., Paul Rowan for Hegarty; Paul Carbery for Callaghan.

**REFEREE:** Liam Brown (Four Masters)



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Damien Ó Dónaill - RTÉ Raidió na Gaeltachta

Tá an lá mór tagtha inár mullach aríst agus lá ina mbíonn muid uilig ag súil go mór leis sa chontae, sin an Cluiche Ceannais i bPáirc Mhic Cumhaill. Níl aon dabht ach go bhfuil an dá fhoireann is fearr i mbliana sa Chluiche Ceannais agus nuair a chraol RTÉ RnaG an tarraingt den chraobh ag tús na bliana, tarraingíodh an dá fhoireann seo sa ghrúpa le chéile. 'Grúpa an Bháis' mar a baisteadh air an lá sin i Siopa Michael Murphy Sports i Leitir Ceanainn. Is deas liom a rá fosta go bhfuil dhá fhoireann Gaeltachta sa Chluiche Ceannais aríst i mbliana agus Gaoth Dobhair ag súil go mbeidh an corn leo ar ais go Gleanntáin Ghlas Ghaoth Dobhair den chead uair le dhá bhliain déag. Tréimhse fada de chumann chomh mór le CLG Ghaoth Dobhair ach tá foireann chomh láidir acu anois ná mar a bhí riamh thiocfadh leat a rá agus suas le deichniúr acu a d'imir dá gContae ag léibhéil faoi 20 nó Sinsir. Is beag Cumann sa tír gur féidir

agus tá a fhios agam go mbeidh muintir Ghaoth Dobhair agus Naomh Conaill ar fud an domhain ag tabhairt cluas le héisteacht don raidió nó súil á chaitheamh acu ar TG4 inniu agus an cluiche ar fáil ar na meáin Ghaeilge daofa, dhá chumann a bhfuil an pheil go smior iontu.

Ar deireadh ba mhaith liom ard mholadh a thabhairt do Choiste Riaracháin na gCluichí i nDún na nGall i mbliana as mar a chuaigh socruithe na gcluichí. Ní raibh muid dímhaoin ó bhí tús mí Mheán an Fhómhair. corradh is 8 seachtainí gach Satharn agus Domhnach le cluichí craoibhe. Beidh sos coicíse ag buaiteoirí an chluiche lena n-áird a dhíriú ar Chraobh Uladh agus tá mé iontach dóchasach go rachaidh buaiteoirí an lae inniu go Cluiche Ceannais Uladh.

Go mbeidh an lá leis an fhoireann is fearr tráthnóna inniu.

leofa sin a rá.

I ndeireadh na dála ní féidir ach cúigear déag a chur chun páirce agus beidh Naomh Conaill iad féin dóchasach go maith inniu. Tá imreoirí contae acu féin agus scoth na n-imreoirí aige sin. Tá rud eile ag Naomh Conaill, sé sin taithí le blianta beaga anuas i gcluichí móra agus tá an chraobh bainte ag an mhór chuid d'fhoireann Naomh Conaill chomh maith.

Tá mé ag súil le sárchoimhlint tráthnóna inniu



## Kilcar Jubilee team 1993

The Kilcar championship winning team of 1993 will be honoured before today's final 25 years after the final where they defeated favourites and a very talented Killybegs side that were going for 3 in a row winning on a score line of 0-12 to 0-10 to secure a deserved victory and secured their third championship in seven years in fact this side were very unlucky not to reach an Ulster Final when they were controversially beaten by eventual winners Errigal Ciaran in the semi-final replay. On route to the title they had to overcome four matches against St Eunans, in Towney they defeated the Letterkenny men by 2-13 to 0-07 with the goals from Martin McHugh and James Carr, in the return leg it was Eunans who won 1-08 to 0-07 in the first replay it finished Kilcar 0-12 St Eunans 2-06 while in the second replay n Ballybofey a James Carr goal was the difference in a 1-07 to 0-07 win. In the guarter final they defeated Naomh Conaill 1-14 to 0-10 with Padraig Howley scoring 1-06. In the semi-final they came from being behind at half time to beat Glenfin 3-10 to 2-06 with goals from John O'Donnell, James Carr and Padraig Howley. During the campaign they scored 7-75 with Padriag Howley scoring 2-21 to finish top scorer.

**Kilcar:** Paddy Sweeney; Michael Carr, Enda McHugh, John O'Donnell; Declan McShane, James Carr, Kevin Lyons; Christy Gillespie, Mark McShane; David Cannon (0-01), Martin McHugh (0-01), Michael Molloy; Roger McShane (0-04), James McHugh (0-01), Padraig Howley (0-05). Subs: Neilly Byrne for Declan McShane and Noel McDevitt for Michael Carr. Also on panel: Bill Vaughan, Michael McShane, Gerard McBrearty, Dermot Sweeney, Finlay McIvor, Stephen Byrne, Raymond Carr, Kieran O'Donnell, Seamus Gallagher, Declan McDevitt and Seamus Cunningham

**Killybegs:** David Meehan; Francis Murray, Denis Carbery, Peter McGinley (0-01); Paul Callaghan, John Cunningham, Declan Boyle (0-01); John Ban Gallagher, Barry McGowan (0-01); Mark Boyle, Conor White

(0-01), Tony Hegarty; Manus Boyle (0-06), Jimmy White, Conal Gallagher Subs: Paul Rowan for Tony Hegarty and Paul Carbery for Paul Callaghan.





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## **Donegal Health & Wellbeing Youth Conference**

The Donegal Health & Wellbeing committee in conjunction with the County Youth board held a very successful Youth Conference Titled "YOUTH MATTERS" on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October in the Villa Rose Hotel Ballybofey.

Over 160 youth delegates from the 40 clubs in the county attended.

The day began with an introduction by the Chairperson of the County Health & Wellbeing committee Kevin Mills who gave an overview of how the conference came about and it was in the planning stage from May of last year.

The County Chairman Mick McGrath then addressed the delegates and said that this was one of his aims when he became Chairman of the County Board that we would organise a youth conference where youth can have a voice

in the GAA. He said our youth is our future and it is very important that we as an association listen to our youth and be very mindful of the challenges facing the youth of today. He said that one of the challenges facing the organisation was to address why so many youth were lost to the GAA between the ages of 12 and 16.

Collette Coady Health & wellbeing administrator in Croke Park then spoke about her role in Croke Park and said that Donegal Health & Wellbeing committee are leading the way in Health & wellbeing as this is the first conference to be held outside Croke Park.

The guest speaker Jason Black then took the stage and showed a clip of his achievements on reaching the summit.

He then gave an inspirational talk about his own person journey in life from a young boy at school and the many challenges he faced at that time.

### He revealed how sport literally saved his life.

During his talk there was complete silence in the room. He commended the GAA for leading the way on health & Wellbeing.

He urged the young delegates not to suffer in

silence and to make a positive difference in each other's lives.

Delegates then broke into selected groups for the following workshops which was selected through a consultation survey conducted by the Donegal Health & Wellbeing committee

 Balancing the Demands of Study & Sport Presented by Gary Duffy (County Under 17 manager)

- 2 Mental health Karen Doogan (Jigsaw)
- 3 Nutrition & Diet Ronan Doherty Nutrition's with County Senior Team
- 4 Alcohol & Other Drugs Paula Leonard (Donegal Alcohol Forum)

Each delegate had an opportunity to attend two of the four workshops and feedback was presented at the end of the workshops.

The day concluded with an open forum with the following panel guests:

Declan Bonner County Football Manager, Michael Murphy, Jamie Brennan, Eoghan Ban Gallagher Peadar Mogan, (senior Football Team) Nicola McLaughlin Roisin Friel ladies County Team. Great interaction took place between the panel and youth delegates.

This was our first conference and like everything else it can be built on but the health & Wellbeing committee are well UNITY pleased with this first venture.

However the success of the conference is down to the delegates that attended plus all the special guests who give of their time freely to attend on the day.

A special thanks and congratulations must also go to Charlie Collins who acted as MC for the day and his input into the discussion etc. and his interaction between the panel and the delegates made this day the success it was.







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# **Ceithre Chraobh Déag**

 Bunaíodh fóchumann Ghaoth Dobhair sa bhliain 1931. Bhain said Craobh Mionúr Dhún na nGall sna blianta 1933 agus 1934. Bhain said an Chraobh Shinsireach sa bhliain 1935. Bhuail siad Ruagairí na Rosann agus An Clochán Liath san Iarthar; Cúil na gCuirdín sa chluiche leathcheannais agus Bun Dobhrán sa chluiche ceannais. Ba é Eoghanaí Hughie Mac Pháidín Iaoch mór na bliana. Deirtear gur scóráil sé fiche pointe in éadan an Chlocháin Léith i Machaire Gáthlán.

#### (1) 1935 v Bun Dobhráin 2-8/0-3 Sna Gleanntaí

Charlie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Tadhg Ó Duibhir, Tóm Ó Duibhir, Hiúdaí Mac Giolla Bhríde, Hiúdaí Ó Gallachóir, Eoghan Ó Baoill, Míchéal Ó Closcaigh, Con Mac Lochlainn, Jimmy Ó Baoill, Hughie Dunlop, Jimmy Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Francie Mac Fhlaithbheartaigh, Owenie Mac Pháidín, Pádraig Ó Colla agus Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig.

2. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair Craobh an Iarthair I 1938 nuair a bhuail siad An Clochán Liath I nDún Fionnachaidh (idir 6000 agus 7000 I láthair, deirtear). Bhuail siad Naomh Adhamhnán sa chluiche leath-cheannais ar an láthair cheanna agus bhuail siad Ard an Rátha "in the best game that has ever been witnessed in the concluding bout of the Dr. Maguire Cup since the competition was inaugurated". B'iad Jackie Phaddy Óig agus Hiúdaí Beag na laochra.

### (2) 1938 v Ard an Rátha 1-7/0-5 Sna Gleanntaí

Jimmy Mac Comhaill, Tom Ó Duibhir, Jackie Ó Gallachóir, Dan Mac Fhionnghaile, Eoghan Ó Baoill, Hiúdaí Ó Gallachóir, John Mac Suibhne, Pádraig Ó Colla, Pádraig Mac Giolla Easpaig, Hughie Mac Suibhne, Jimmy Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Hughie Ó Rabhartaigh, Dónal Ó Breisleáin, Hughie Dunlop agus John Ó Dúgáin.

3. Bhuail Gaoth Dobhair An Clochán Liath agus na Crones agus Eoghan Rua (An Fál Carrach/Dún Fionnachaidh/An Craosloch) san Iarthar sa bhliain 1941. Bhuail siad Rockhill (foireann an Airm) sa chluiche leath-cheannais agus na Gleanntaí I gcluiche milltineach ceannais ar an Chlochán Liath. Fuair Jackie ocht bpointe an lá sin.

### (3) 1941 v Na Gleanntaí 0-10/2-3 An Clochán Liath

Jimmy Mac Comhaill, Tom Ó Duibhir, Jackie Ó Gallachóir, Neilly Mac Aodha, Eoghan Mór Ó Baoill, Dan Mac Fhionnghaile, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Pádraig Mac Giolla Easpaig, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig, Tommy Ó Dufaigh, Dónall Ó Breisleáin, Brianí Ó Duibhir, Hughie Ó Rabhartaigh, Hughie Mac Suibhne agus Charlie Ó Fríl.

4-7 Rinne Gaoth Dobhair an 4-in-a-row idir 1944 agus 1947. Ghread siad Naomh Adhamhnán 4-10/3-4 I 1944. Fuair siad cúl sa bhomaite dheireannach in éadan Bhéal Átha Seanaidh leis an chluiche ceannais a chothromú I 1945 agus bhain siad athimirt iontach 4-5/1-6 (Hiúdaí Beag 2-3 sa dara leath). B'éigean réiteoir a thabhairt as Maigh Eo an lá sin. Bhuail Gaoth Dobhair Naomh Adhamhnán 0-7/0-6 I Leitir Ceanainn I gcluiche ceannais na bliana 1946. Seán Mac Cumhaill a bhí I mbhun na fídeoige. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair a gceathrú Craobh as-a-chéile ar a bhfód dúchais féin I Machaire Gáthlán I 1947 nuair a bhuail siad Naomh Adhamhnán arís 1-9/0-3.

### (4) 1944 v N. Adhamhnán 4-10/3-4 sna Gleanntaí

Eddie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Danny Ó Dónaill, Jackie Ó Gallachóir, John Mac Suibhne, Hiúdaí Ó Gallachóir, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Francie Ó Maonaigh, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig, Eoghan Mór Ó Baoill, Paddy Ó Duibhir, Seosamh Mac Con Midhe, Antoin Mac Ruairí, Séamus Diamond, Jim Mac Pháidín agus Pádraig Ó Fríl.

### (5) 1945 v Béeal Átha Seanaidh 4-5/1-6 Leitir Ceanainn

Eddie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Hughie Tim Ó Baoill, Jackie Ó Gallchóir, Jimmy Mac Giolla Bhríde (Butty), Francie Ó Maonaigh, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Eoghan Mór Ó Baoill, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig, Jim Mac Pháidín, Séamus Diamond, Hiúdaí Ó Gallchóir, Antoin Mac Ruairí, Willie Ó Gallchóir, Paddy Ó Duibhir agus Hughie Dunlop.



### (6) 1946 v N. Adhamhnán 0-7/0-6 Leitir Ceanainn

Jimmy Mac Comhaill, John Ó Gallchóir, Jackie Ó Gallchóir, Jimmy Mac Giolla Bhríde, Hughie Ó Baoill, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Paddy Ó Duibhir, Eoghan Mór Ó Baoill, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig, Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Hiúdaí Ó Gallchóir, Willie Ó Gallchóir, Hughie Dunlop, Micheál Ó Gallchóir agus Aodh (Tood) Ó Gallchóir.

### (7) 1947 v N. Adhamhnán 1-9/0-3 Machaire Gáthlán

Eddie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Hughie Ó Baoill, Jackie Ó Gallchóir, John Ó Dúgáin, Conall Mac Giolla Bhríde, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Paddy Ó Duibhir, Aodh (Tood) Ó Gallchóir, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig, Jim Mac Pháidín, Willie Ó Gallchóir, Antoin Mac Ruairí, Micheál Ó Gallchóir, Don Ó Colla agus Hiúdaí Ó Gallchóir.

8. Bhuail Gaoth Dobhair Naomh Adhamhnán I gcluiche ceannais iontach ar na Gleanntáí I 1949 ach ba é an cluiche leath-cheannais a chríochnaigh cothrom in éadan Ard a'Rátha ar an Dumhaigh is mó a thabhaigh caint agus clú an bhliain sin.

### (8) 1949 v N. Adhamhnán 2-12/3-4 sna Gleanntaí

Neilly Ó Maolagáin, Aodh Ó Fríl, Jackie Ó Gallchóir, Bernard Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Hughie T Ó Baoill, Séamus Ó Cearnaigh, Paddy Mac Aoidh, Danny Mac Giolla Easpaig agus Micheál Ó Gallchóir, Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Joey Ó Gallchóir, Antoin Mac Ruairí, Micheál Mac Giolla Chearra, Jimmy Ó Colla agus Hiúdaí Ó Gallchóir.

9-11 Rinne Gaoth Dobhair an 3-in-a-row idir 1953 – 1955. Ní raibh le spáráil acu ach pointe in éadan Charn Domhnach I 1953 (Paddy Coyle R.I.P 2018 go ndéanaí Dia a mhaith air, I measc na Laoch). Ba I 1954 a bhain Gaoth Dobhair a gcéad cluiche ceannais I mBealach Féich – bhuail siad Baile Dhún nan Gall agus I 1955 bhuail siad Naomh Adhamhnán ar na Gleanntaí sa chluiche ceannais, cé go mba an choimhlint iontach leis An Clochán Liath thiar buaicphointe na bliana.

### (9) 1953 v Carn Domhnach 1-5/1-4 Leitir Ceanainn

Eddie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Seán (Stout) Ó Gallchóir, Nonnie Ó Gallchóir, Bernard Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Pádraig Mac Aoidh, Pádraig Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Charlie Ó Cnáimhsí, Hughie Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Micheál Ó Gallchóir, Cormac Ó Breisleáin, Antoin Mac Ruairí, Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Micheál Mac Giolla Chearra, Connie Mac Giolla Bhríde (Mór) agus Paddy Mac Giolla Chearra.

### (10) 1954 v Dún nan Gall 3-6/05 Bealach Féich

Joe Ó Baoill, Seán Ó Gallchóir, Nonnie Ó Gallchóir, Bernard Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Pádraig Mac Aoidh, Hughie T. Ó Baoill, Charlie Ó Cnáimhsí, Hughie Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Connie Mac Giolla Bhríde, Cormac Ó Breisleáin, Willie Ó Gallchóir, Pádraig Ó Gallchóir, Pádraig mac Giolla Chomhaill, Pádraig Mac Giolla Chearra agus Antoin Mac Ruairí.

### (11) 1955 v N. Adhamhnán 1-7/1-4 sna Gleanntaí

Thady Ó Gallchóir, Seán Ó Gallchóir, Nonnie Ó Gallchóir, Bernard Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Pádraig Mac Aoidh, Packie Mac Giolla Easpaig, Charlie Ó Cnáimhsí, Connie Mór Mac Giolla Bhríde, Micheál Ó Gallchóir, Liam Ó hIcí, Hughie T. Ó Baoill, Antoin mac Ruairí, Pádraig Mac Giolla Chomhaill, Pádraig Mac giolla Chearra agus Pádraig Ó Gallchóir.

12. Den chéad uair riamh casadh Gaoth Dobhair agus an An Clochán Liath ar a chéile I gcluiche ceannais an chontae ar an 10ú Meán Fómhair 1961 I Leitir Ceannainn. Bhain Gaoth Dobhair 2-5/0-6. Ach is iad pointí Jackie Coyle in éadan fhoireann Sheán Mhic Cumhaill ar an Chlochán Liath a mhaireas sa chuimhne.

### (12) 1961 v An Clochán Liath 2-5/0-6 Leitir Ceanainn

Pat Mac Niallais, Hughie T. Ó Baoill, Seán Ó Gallchóir, Micheál Ó Dochartaigh, Cagthal Mac Giolla Chearra, Eoghan Mac Giolla Bhríde, Pat Ó Gallchóir, Pádraig Mac Giolla Bhríde, John Ó Duibhir,

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# Ádh mór ar fhoireann Ghaoth Dobhair

Dónall Ó Breisleáin, Cormac Ó Breisleáin, Neilly Ó Gallchóir, Jackie Mac Giolla Chomhaill, John Mac Suiibhne agus Tom Ó hIcí. (Ionadaí Tomás Mac Fhionnghaile)

 Tháinig an Gorta Mór ansin agus mhair sé go dtí Craobh na Bliana 2002 a críochnaíodh ar Dhomhnach na Slat 2003 nuair a fuair Gaoth Dobhair buaidh gan choinne ar Naomh Adhamhnán 1-11/0-10.

### 2002 v Naomh Adhamhnán 1-11/ 0-10 Bealach Féich

1 Seán Nonnie Ó Gallchóir, 2 Seán Neansaí Ó Gallchóir, 3 Niall Mac Aoidh, 4 Breandán Ó Baoill, 5 Colmán Mac Cumhaill, 6 Mícheál Ó Dochartaigh (caipteán), 7 Caoimhín Ó Casaide, 8 Mícheál Mac Eamharcaigh, 9 Rónán Mac Niallais, 10 Seán Ó Duibhir (0-2), 11 Piaras Mac Giolla Chomhaill, 12 Brian Mac Aoidh (0-1), 13 Manny Ó Gallchóir, 14 James Ó Gallchóir (0-5), 15 Stiofán Ó Casaide (1-2). Ionadaithe (a húsáideadh) Éamonn Mac Aoidh, Tómas Ó Duibhir, Brian Ó Gallchóir (0-1), Ruairí Mac Cumhaill.

### 14. 2006 V Naomh Adhamhnán 1-5/0-6 Bealach Féich

Agus bhain Gaoth Dobhair an Chraobh den cheathrú uair déag nuair a bhuail siad Naomh Adhamhnán arís 1-5/0-6 I mBealach Féich – Na searbhóntaith dílse Stiofán Ó Casaide (1-1) agus James Ó Gallchóir (0-4) ag aimsiú na scór.

Seán Mac Suibhne, Christopher Mac Pháidín, Niall Mac Aoidh, Seán Mac Gairbheith, Dónall Mac Giolla Bhríde, Éamonn Mac Aoidh, Seosamh Ó Dufaigh, Caomhín Ó Casaide, Mícheál Mac Eachmharcaigh, Pádraig Mac Gairbheith, Cornelius Ó Gallchóir, Brian Mac Aoidh, Tomás Ó Duibhir, Stiofán Ó Casaide (1-1) James Ó Gallchóir(0-4). Ionadaithe: Rónán Mac Niallais, Seán Ó Duibhir, Ruairí Mac Cumhaill, Colmán Mac Cumhaill, Séamus Ó Cearbhaill.



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B Dáire Ó Ba	oill Odhrán	9 Mac Niallais
<b>10</b> Cian Ó Maolagain	Naoise Ó Baoill	Dónal Mac Gíolla Bhríde
Éamonn Ó Colm	Caoimhín Ó Casaide	15 Míchéal Ó Cearbhaill
<ul> <li>Cáthal Seán Ó Dochartaigh</li> <li>Séamus Ó Cearbhaill</li> <li>Séamus Ó Baoill</li> <li>Séamus Ó Baoill</li> <li>Conor Mac Eamharcaigh</li> <li>Seaghan Ó Fearraigh</li> <li>Seaghan Ó Fearraigh</li> <li>Gavin Mac Gíolla Bhríde</li> <li>Peadar Mac Aoidh</li> <li>Séamus Ó Gallachóir</li> </ul>	27 Seán Ó Do 28 Rian Ó Cea 29 Gavin Mas Manager: <i>Mer</i>	bill c Gíolla Bhríde chartaigh Ilaigh
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# Fo-cumainn Naomh Conaill - A brief History

Founded in 1921 the club has served the Glenties, Fintown and Edeninfagh areas very well since then.

It caters for under-age groups from 6 years of age right up to U-18's, U-21's and Seniors.

There is also a very active Ladies branch covering under-age and adult teams.

In the early days it was senior players who were mostly catered for.

While teams did contest county finals in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's no trophies were ever won. It would be 1965 that we saw another team reach a senior final again only to lose out in a replay to a very good St. Josephs(Ballyshannon/Bundoran) team.

Indeed having won the Junior championship the previous year hopes were high in this senior final but it was not to be.

In the following years there was some success at under-age and Intermediate levels but it would be forty years before we reached another senior final.

In 2005 a very young side reached the final against St Eunans and after a replay the Dr. Maguire Cup came to the Parish for the first time.

At this time too a string of U-21 teams came to the fore, playing in eight consecutive finals between 2006 and 2013, winning five in all.

We next reached a Senior final in 2009 but lost out to St. Eunans.

In 2010 we regained the Dr. Maguire Cup at the expense of Killybegs and went to the the final of the Ulster Club championship only to go down to a very powerful Crossmaglen team.

We lost out once more to St. Eunans in the 2012 Senior final but when we both won through to the 2015 final it was the Boys in Blue that came out on top.

That year too we won Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta -Naisiunta for the first time when it was played in Ardara and we retained the title in 2016 in the final played in Co. Corcaigh.

The Minors too had an outstanding year winning the League and Championship competitions.

In 2017 we again reached the final of the Senior Championship where we met Kilcar and it was The Towney side that were victorious on the day.

Our Reserve side got to the final of that championship where they had a deserved victory over St. Eunans.

2018 sees us at the finals of both Senior and Reserve championships, a very proud day indeed for the club and parish.

We have competed at all levels in the under-age competitions and have had much success.

A lot of effort has gone into the development of Ladies football and this has been rewarded with trophy wins at Underage and adult level.

This is all possible because of the hard work put in by a lot of people in the club.

It is due to them that we are here today competing for the premier GAA trophy in the county.



Good luck to both Naomh Conaill teams in the County Final!



# Focal ó Chathairleach CLG Ghaoth Dobhair

Is ócáid speisialta é Cluiche Ceannais Peile an Chontae agus ba mhaith liom buíochas ó choí a ghabháil le achan nduine a raibh baint acu le foireann sinsear an chlub chun iad a ullmhú don lá seo agus iad ag tabhairt a naghaidh ar Pháirc Seán Mac Cumhaill agus foireann sinsear Naomh Conaill.



Tá an lá inniu mar thoradh ar an ullmhúchán agus an obair chrua, dheonach a chuir na himreoirí, na bainisteoirí, meantóirí, na hoiliúnaithe agus na tuismitheoirí isteach le blianta anuas agus tá moladh an pharóiste tuillte acu uilig.

Tá ár mbuíochas tuillte fosta ag lucht tacaíocht an chlub a thugann tacaíocht do na foirne ag gach leibhéal ó faoi aois suas go sinear ó cheann ceann na bliana, go mór mhór nuair atá muid as baile agus tógann sin croí na nimreoirí agus na bainisteoirí mar a chéile.

Tá sár-iarracht déanta ag paróiste Ghaoth Dobhair le mí anuas agus an ceantair uilig faoi bhrait glas agus bán. Tá an spiorad tógtha agus gliondar inár gcroí.

Ní féidir dearmad a dhéanamh ar ár n-urraitheoirí go léir, go háirithe Terence Diver, Diver's Hyundai,

príomh urraí an chlub atá ag tabhairt tacaíocht don chlub le blianta.

Guím gach rath ar Oifigigh Bhord na Contae atá i gceannas ar imeachtaí an lae inniu, ar na fóirne uilig atá ag glacadh páirt, na réitróirí agus a bhfóirne atá ag feidhmiú.

> Beir Bua, Máire Ní Ghráham

# Captaen Niall Ó Fríl

Tá muid mar imreoirí i nGaoth Dobhair sásta go bhfuil muid istigh sa chluiche ceannais don bhliain 2018. Seo an chéad chluiche ceannais don chlub in dhá bhliain déag agus mar chlub cosúil linn féin níl sin maith go leor. Tá go leor stair ag an gclub agus imríonn an pheil ghaelach ról lárnach sa pharóiste. Le cúpla seachtain anuas níl sa cheantar ach bratacha glasa crochta thart faoin áit agus an

ghlúin óg ag caitheamh an geansaí glas. Sin rud mar imreoirí sinsir ina ndéanann muid ár ndícheall air nó ag iarraidh na peileadóirí níos óige a spreagadh.

Ní raibh cluiche ar bith éasca againn sa chraobh go dtí seo, bhí muid istigh sa "group of death" le Naomh Adhamhnáin, An Clochán Liath agus an fhoireann atá sa chluiche ceannais inniu linn Naomh Conaill. Bhuail muid Naomh Conaill nuair a d'imir muid iad sa ghrúpa ach beidh cluiche go huile agus go hiomlán difriúil inniu. D'imir muid Réalt na Mara agus Seán Mac Cumhaill sa ceathrú



agus leath ceannais le fáil go dtí an cluiche ceannais inniu.

Tá foireann óg againn i mbliana measctha le cúpla imreoir a bhí ag imirt i 2006, i gcomparáid le Naomh Conaill a raibh i gcúpla cluiche ceannais le cúpla bliain anuas. Tá aithne mhaith ag an dá fhoireann ar a chéile agus tá cuimhne ag gach duine i nGaoth Dobhair cad a tharla anuraidh sa chluiche leath ceannais nuair a d'imir muid a chéile. Bhí an bhua

ag Naomh Conaill ach tá bliain mhór churtha isteach againn ón lá sin agus ceapaim go mbeidh cluiche breá suimiúil agus teannta arís inniu leis an dá fhoireann mhuiníneach go mbeidh an bhua acu.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas mór a thabhairt don fhoireann bainistíocht atá againn, chuir siad isteach chuid mhór ama i mbliana agus gan iad ní bheadh muid anseo inniu agus chomh maith le sin do gach duine a chuidigh linn i ndóigh a bith i mbliana, tá muid uilig an bhuíoch, go raibh maith agaibh.

## A word from Naomh Conaill Chairman, Martin Shankey Smith

Today is an immensely proud day for the Naomh Conaill club, to have both the reserve and senior teams back for a second year in a row contesting for honours in one of the biggest days on the GAA calendar in the county.

Last year our reserves overcame a very strong Naomh Adhamnnain side to win the Senior B Championship for the first time and

it is great to see them back here again today.

While our Senior team suffered a defeat to Kilcar in last years County final the disappointment has driven them on to make amends and they are back once again challenging for the title against a much fancied Gaoth Dobhair team.

County final day is a special occasion in the GAA year and I would like to wish all those involved well, the opposing teams Naomh Adhamhnain and Gaoth Dobhair, the referee, linesmen, umpires and the county board officials.

The hard work & dedication put in by the players and backroom teams this year should



be commended. We should also praise their wives, girlfriends & families for the sacrifices they make to allow these players & managers to represent their club so well. All teams involved today are a culmination of the unselfish work put in by coaches & mentors involved in our clubs down through the years.

To our sponsors who has generously supported the club over the years, the support you provide the club is very much appreciated. Go raibh maith agaibh

To our supporters, I must say a big thank you for all your help and support this past year and all down through the years. The support you provide all our teams, both senior and underage is a massive lift to these players and managers at games. The parish of Inishkeel has put in a great effort this year to fly the Blue and White in the area and it is wonderful to see.

To all supporters and spectators at today's games, I hope you enjoy this special occasion. Ádh mór ar na foirne uilig inniu.

# A word from the Team Captains, Eoin Waide & Brendan McDyer

On behalf of the Naomh Conall players, we would like to give a warm welcome to supporters of both Naomh Conall and Gaoth Dobhair and all neutral spectators to this county final today.

We face a big challenge from Gaoth Dobhair today, who have been very impressive on their run to the finals. We have built up a very healthy rivalry with Gaoth Dobhair over the last number of years and we have prepared hard to try and make amends for our defeat in last year's County final.

Both teams on show today are as a result of huge work going on at underage in both parishes so we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped out at underage down the years and continue to do so.

Finally, to all supporters and spectators at today's games, we hope you all enjoy the games and that the final does justice to the great occasion that it is.





# Oráid Mervyn - Bainisteoir Gaoth Dobhair

It is a great privilege for me to lead our Gaoth Dobhair team to this momentous event, County final day in Mac Cumhaill Park, Ballybofey. Today is a day we are really looking forward to. It's been 12 years since we were in a County final and today we have the opportunity to showcase ourselves at the top of the table of Donegal Club Football.

My hope for the team is that the hard work we have done on & off

the pitch over the past two years, will be clear to see in their performance today.

It has been an eventful but very enjoyable journey towards today's final. We overcame the "Group of Death", two years in a row and a lot of that is down to the great belief that we as a team had in ourselves.

I have no doubt that our opponents today, Naomh Chonaill, will provide us with a challenge. This will be our biggest test to date, especially after last years semi final defeat against them. They have a good championship campaign to date and today we will have to raise the bar and our game to the next level if we want to compete with them and we fully appreciate the task ahead of us today.

Personally I would like to take this opportunity to thank the players, my management team and my backroom team who have worked so hard all year, their time & effort has been invaluable.

Thank you to our club committee for their support this season.

Thank you to all our sponsors for their continued support.

Thank you to the families of the players and management. Their continuous support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to my own family for their amazing support.

And finally the people of Gaoth Dobhair. Thank you all for your continued support. We hope we can deliver today.

Tá onóir agus luachair mhór orm foireann peil Ghaoth Dobhair a threorú go dtí an ocáid iontach seo inniu, cluiche ceannais na contae anseo I pPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill I mBéal Átha Feich. Tá muid ag dúil go mór leis an lá seo mar go bhfuil sé dhá bhliain déag ó bhí muid anseo go



deireanach. Tugann an lá inniu seo seans ar doigh dúinn sárthaispeantas a thabhairt ar an lá is mó I gcúrsaí peile I nDún na nGall.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh an obair chrua uilig atá curtha isteach ag an fhoireann seo le dhá bhliain anuas le feiceáil ina gcuid imirt innu agus go bhfaigh said a luach saothair ag deireadh an lae. Turas suimiúil lán d'eachtraí a thosaigh dhá bhliain ó shin a thug anseo muid go dtín lá seo inniu. Tháinig muid fríd 'An

Group of death' mar a tugadh air dhá bhliain I ndiaidh a chéile agus tá cuid mhór ag sin le déanamh leis an meon dearfach atá ag an ngrúpa imreoirí seo agus an chreidiúint atá againn uilig mar fhoireann banaistíochta iontu agus ionainn féin.

Níl dabht ar bith nach go bhfuil dúshlán crua romhainn inniu I bhfoirm an fhreasúra Naomh Conaill. Seo an scrúdú is crua a bhéas againn go dtí seo, go háiríthe I ndiaidh an rud a tharla dúinn anuraidh sa chluiche leath cheannais nuair a fuair siad an bua orainn. Foireann den scoth atá iontu le cuid mhór taithí agus d'imir siad go maith sa chraobh go dtí seo. Beidh orainn ár gcluiche a thabhairt go leibhéal eile le lámh an uachtar a fháil orthu anseo inniu.

Ba mhaith liom an ócáid seo a ghlacadh le mo bhuíochas a chur in iúl dona h-imireoirí agus do mo fhoireann bainistíochta uilig a chur isteach obair iontach I rith na bliana agus a rinne cinnte go raibh achan iarracht déanta le muid a bheith anseo inniu, go raibh mile maith agaibh uilig as bhur gcuid ama.

Mo bhuíochas fósta do choiste an chlub as a gcuid tacaíocht I rith na bliana.

Míle buíochas d'ár gcuid urraíthe uilig as a dtacaíocht fósta.

Buíochas mór tuillte ag teaghlaigh na n-imreoirí agus an fhoireann bainistíocht as a dtuiscint I rith na bliana.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do mo chlann féin as an tacaíocht iontach a thug siad domh I rith an am seo, go raibh míe maith agaibh.

Agus ar deireadh mo mhíle buíochas do mhuitir Ghaoth Dobhair a thug tacacíocht agus cuidiú ar doigh dúinna Tá súil againn go mbeidh ábhar ceiliúradh agaibh ag deireadh an lae.

# A word from the Manager -Martin Regan

Thar ceann imreoirí agus lucht bainistíochta C.L.G Naomh Conall ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach duine anseo inniu chuig an ócáid speisialta seo.

County final day is the pinnacle of club football in Donegal so to manage my club on this special



Today is a special day for the club and the second time in our history we have two teams lining out in reserve and senior finals on the same day. It is testament to the hard work being put in by all our underage managers that we can bring through so many quality players.

occasion is something which gives me great pride.

On behalf of the players and management I would like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members in Naomh Conall for their support of this team all year and to our supporters who have, as usual, got behind us throughout the year, particularly at times when we were struggling for form. To all our sponsors who have so kindly donated to us throughout the year and to our families who have made huge sacrifices to allow us prepare as best we can for this and all games throughout the year – thank you. Today we come up against a very formidable team in Gaoth Dobhair. Similar to ourselves, there is huge work going on there at underage and it is now coming to fruition at senior level. We have had a lot of big battles with Gaoth Dobhair in the last number of years at Senior, U-21 and Minor level so let us hope today we can serve up another quality game that is befitting of the occasion.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche bríomhar, spórtúil again, go mbainfidh sibh uilig sult as agus go dté sibh slán abhaile.



CLG Ghaoth Dobhair - Sinsear

# **1 Bomaite le SEAGHAN Ó FEARRAIGH 1 Minute with**

Ainm: Seaghan Ó Fearraigh Name:

Club: CLG Ghaoth Dobhair

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc: Leath cúl Favourite Position: Wing back

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr: Machaire Gathlán Favourite Pitch: Maghergallen

Caithimh aimsire: Ag caitheamh am leis an bhean. Hobbies: Spending time with the woman.

Laoch d'óige: Henrik Larsson Childhood hero:

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis: Niall Mac Aoidh Best Player you have played with: Neil Mc Gee

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan: Michael Murphy

Best Player you have played against:

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann: Cluiche Ceannais Mionúr Uladh 2016 Best game you have been involved in: Ulster Minor Final 2016

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann: Gary Mac Pháidín /Dan Mac Giolla Bhríde Best trainer within the squad:

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann: Odhrán Mac Pháidín Ó Fearraigh, i gconaí ag 'cosaint na tíre'

**Worst trainer within the squad:** Odhrán Mac Pháidín Ó Fearraigh, Never there, 'always protecting the nation'.

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann: Ciarán Mac Giolla Easpaig Best motivator within the squad: Kieran Gillespie.

Aon phisreog: I gconaí ag deireadh na rásaí. Any superstitions: To make sure that I'm always last in the runs.

An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Everywhere – Fleetwood Mac Favourite Song: An scannán is fearr leat: Django Unchained Favourite Film:

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire: An Fhrainc

Favourite Holiday Destination: France

**An béile is fearr leat:** Stáca & Prátaí **Favourite Meal:** Steak & Spuds

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú: Ma tá an liathroid ag Neil Mac Aoidh nó Gary Mac Pháidín bain díofa é.

**Best advice ever received:** If Neil or Gary have the ball – Get it off them.

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir: Tomas Mac Giolla Easpaig Biggest influence on career:

**Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub:** Breandán Ó Baoill & Danny Mc Laughlin **Club Volunteer of note:** 

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí: Beachball Song you listen to before big games:

An scil is tábhachtaí: Ábalta an dá chos a úsáid Most important skill: Able to use booth feet

An bua peile is mó atá agat: Luas Biggest Strength in your game: Speed

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú: An greim ard Area of your game you would like to improve: High fielding

**Comhairle do dhaoine óga:** Go ag traenáil agus tabhair 100% do gach oíche **Advice for youngsters:** Go to training and give it 100% every night

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí: Tarlach Mac Giolla Bhríde Young Player within your club to look out for:

An rud is fearr fán CLG: Tarraingíonn sé an pharóiste le chéile Best thing about the GAA: Pulls the parish together

Cuntas Twitter: @seaghanferry Twitter Account:



	CLG Ghaoth Dobhair Pen Pics AINM SLÍ BHEATHA AOIS AIRDE MEÁCHAN					
	NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	
1	Cristóir Mac Suibhne	Oifigeach Forbartha	32	6' 0"	13st 8lbs	
2	Gary Mac Pháidín	Scoláire	21	5' 11"	12st	
3	Niall Mac Aoidh	Poler	32	6' 2"	14st	
4	Cristóir Mac Pháidín	Meicnic	34	5' 11"	80kg	
5	Niall Ó Fríl	Scoláire	22	5' 9"	77kg	
6	Ciarán Mac Giolla Easpaig	Surfáilí Proifisiúnta	22	6' 2"	88kg	
7	Odhrán Mac Pháidín Ó Fearraigh	Saighdiúir	20	5' 11"	12.5st	
8	Dáire Ó Baoill	Imreoir Pianó	20	6' 0"	87kg	
9	Odhrán Mac Niallais	Máinlia	26	6' 1"	13st	
10	Cian Ó Maolagáin	Scoláire	22	5' 9"	12.5st	
11	Naoise Ó Baoill	Scoláire	21	5' 5"	9.5st	
12	Donal Mac Giolla Bhríde	Bainisteoir Beár	33	6' 4"	85kg	
13	Éamonn Ó Colm	Scoláire	20	5' 10"	79kg	
14	Caoimhín Ó Casaide	Múinteoir	37	6' 0"	15st	
15	Míchéal Ó Cearbhaill	lar-Pháiste	20	6' 2"	88kg	
16	Cathal Seán Ó Dochartaigh	Oibrí Tógala	22	6' 3"	15st	
17	Séamus Ó Cearbhaill	Múinteoir	29	5' 8"	75kg	
18	Séamus Ó Baoill	Scoláire	21	6' 0"	80KG	
19	Conor Mac Eachmharcaigh	Scoláire	19	5' 11"	80kg	
20	Seaghan Ó Fearraigh	Tioncharaí shóisialta	20	5' 9"	12.5st	
21	Gavin Mac Giolla Bhríde	Cúntóir Bainisteoir Beár	22	6' 4"	15st	
22	Peadar Mac Aoidh	Garda	29	6' 5"	16st	
23	Séamus Ó Gallchóir	Búistéir	41	5' 11"	13st 7lbs	
24	Éamonn Mac Aoidh	Oibrí Oifige	26	6' 1"	86kg	
25	Seán Ó Baoill	Oifigeach Cléireachais	25	6' 0"	14st	
26	Neasán Mac Giolla Bhríde	Scoláire	20	6' 0"	11st 7lbs	
27	Seán Ó Dochartaigh	Múinteoir	26	6' 4"	96kg	
28	Rían Ó Ceallaigh	Scoláire	20	5' 10"	70kg	
29	Gavin Mac Suibhne	Scoláire	19	6' 2"	11st 5lbs	

## NAOMH CONAILL SENIOR PEN-PICS 2018

Name	Age	Height	Weight	Occupation
Stephen McGrath	29	6ft 1"	13 St 7lb	Claims Assessor
Kevin McGettigan	22	5ft 10"	11 St	Landscaper/Barman
AJ Gallagher	28	6ft	12St 3lb	Safety Instructor
Jason Campbell	25	6ft 1"	13St 7lb	Defence Forces
Ultan Doherty	20	6ft	12St 7lb	Student
Anthony Thompson	32	6ft	13St 7lb	Engineer
Eoin Waide	30	5ft 11"	12 St	Ground Worker
Leo McLoone	29	6ft 1"	14 St	Teacher
Ciaran Thompson	23	6ft 2"	14 St	Student
Marty Boyle	34	6ft 1"	12 St	Machine Operator
Dermot Molloy	27	6ft	14 St	Construction
Ethan O'Donnell	21	6ft	11St 7lb	Student
Brendan McDyer	31	5ft 10"	11 St	Wind Turbine Technician
Eoghan McGettigan	20	5ft 11"	10St 7lb	Student
John O Malley	25	5ft 10"	12St 7lb	Student
Tony Byrne	19	6ft 2"	14St 7lb	Mink Farmer
Eunan Doherty	25	5ft 10"	12st 10lb	Accounts Assistant
Kieran Gallagher	20	6ft 4"	15 St	Student
Leon Thompson	33	5ft 9"	12 St	Landscaper
Seamus Corcoran	28	6ft	13St 7lb	Garda
Johnny Bonner	34	6ft 2"	13 St	Construction
Logan Quinn	20	5ft 10"	11St 10lb	Student
Aaron Thompson	35	5ft 8"	12St 4lb	Landscaper
Jeaic McKelvey	20	5Ft 10"	12 St	Student
Seamus Ellis	24	5ft 10"	13 St	Leisure Centre Attendant
Charles McGuinness	21	6ft 3"	14 St	Student
Jamie Cranley	21	6ft 1"	11St 3lb	Student
Hughie Gallagher	25	5ft 10"	12St 7lb	Agriculture
Cian Doherty	18	5ft 8"	11st 7lb	Student
Odhran Doherty	18	5ft 10"	11 St	Student
James Boyle	20	6ft 2"	12 St	Student
Shane McDevitt	19	5'8"	9st	Student

## St. Eunan's Club History

St. Eunan's was formed in 1930 and waited until 1948 to claim a first Senior County Football title and 13 more have followed in the years since with the club enjoying two "golden periods" where county Senior finals became the norm between the mid 40's and mid 70's and again from 1997 until the

present day. Our last Senior title was in 2014 with our last Final appearance in 2015 – a defeat to N. Conaill! St. Eunan's have also enjoyed success at Senior B level over the years and will be looking to avenge last year's final defeat today in their game v N. Conaill.

The years since 1997 have also

been very good for the underage structures at St. Eunan's since the introduction of our Century Cinemas Sunday Morning Football Academy and our Friday Evening Hurling & Camógie Academy. Whilst Boys football has been to the fore in winning county titles, Girls Football, Hurling and in the last few years, Camógie have all begun to claim titles on a regular basis.

Two Ulster Óg Sport Gael 7-a-side titles were claimed in 2013 & 2014 and the Ulster Minor Final was also contested in 2015. The club lifted the Spirit of Paul McGirr Ulster U16 title in 2016 as well, as the success at County level has begun to reap rewards at Provincial level.



2018 has been another successful year for the club despite our Senior footballers exiting the championship in the group stage for the first time. The Junior Men claimed the County Senior C Championship title two weeks ago defeating Glenfin in the Final by 2-12 to 1-08.

> The Minor Football Championship title was claimed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row and third time in four years in early September and a Minor double was completed by our Minor Hurlers who defeated Dungloe in their Championship final. The Minor Girls footballers meet N. Conaill in their Co. semi-

final this weekend and they travelled to Boston this year for the CYC's in August, while the Minor Camógs lost their Co. Final to Carndonagh. The U16 Camógs picked up our only U16 Co. title this year.

The Senior Reserves claimed the All-County Reserve League title winning all their games – their only defeat this year coming in the Group stages against today's opponents, N. Conaill with both teams having already secured qualification for the q-finals before that game. Last year's final was a close game with the lead changing hands a few times and the same is expected today, hopefully the lads can reclaim the title won in 2016.



Ainm: Name: Seán Halvev

Club: St. Eunan's

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc: Favourite Position: Corner back or Wing back

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr: Favourite Pitch: O'Donnell Park

Caithimh aimsire: Hobbies: Football and Hurling

Laoch d'óige: Childhood hero: Steven Gerrard

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis: Best Player you have played with: Niall O'Donnell

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan: Best Player you have played against: Eoghan McGettigan

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann: Best game you have been involved in: 2015 Minor Final against Glenties

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann: Best trainer within the squad: Oisin Carr

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann: Worst trainer within the souad: Jake Whelan

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann: Best motivator within the souad: Cillian Morrison

Aon phisreog: Any superstitions: I'd always sit in the same spot in the changing room

An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Favourite Song: Flames

## **1 Bomaite le SEÁN HALVEY 1 Minute with**



An scannán is fearr leat: Favourite Film: There will be Blood

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire: Favourite Holiday Destination: Italy

An béile is fearr leat: Favourite Meal: Lasagne

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú: Best advice ever received: "Impossible -I'm possible"

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir: Biggest influence on career: Eddie Brennan

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub: Club Volunteer of note: Adrian Shields

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí:

Song you listen to before big games: Wouldn't really listen to music before a game

An scil is tábhachtaí: Most important skill: Kicking off both feet

An bua peile is mó atá agat: Biggest Strength in your game: Defending

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú:

Area of your game you would like to improve: Kicking

Comhairle do dhaoine óga: Advice for voungsters: Don't be afraid to make mistakes when playing

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí:

Young Player within your club to look out for: Shane Ellison

An rud is fearr fán CLG: Best thing about the GAA: The sense of Community in a club



Tobin' **Service Station** 

Best of Luck to St. Eunan's in the Final

## **Reserve Captain St. Eunan's - Mick Martin**

It's always an honour to captain St. Eunan's on any county final day. The players would like to thank the management for their hard work all year that has helped to put us in this position. We are expecting a tough game as usual. To the young players I would say go out and enjoy the game, this is why we play – to be here today. We have a very young squad, but they have worked hard all year and hopefully can get over the line today. We wish the referee, officials and everyone involved the very best of luck. We hope it's an enjoyable game.

## **Reserve Manager St. Eunan's - David O'Herlihy**

Getting a chance to be involved in a county final is always a special occasion and is something our management team and players are really looking forward to. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who work tirelessly behind the scenes at St. Eunan's to enable us to compete in championships year after year. The players wouldn't be in this position if not for the support of their families and partners which we are extremely grateful for. Lastly, I would like to wish Naomh Conaill players & management all the best on the day as we have had some great games with them over the last number of years and hopefully today will be no different.



## **Reserve Manager St. Eunan's - David O'Herlihy**

NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	HEIGHT	POSITION
James Kelly	Student	18	6' 1"	Defender
Ciaran McCloskey	Student	19	6'	Defender
Anthony Gallagher	Student	17	6'	Defender
Darragh Toal	Student	20	6'	Defender/ Midfield
Brian MacIntyre	Student	19	5' 8"	Defender / Forward
Éoin McGeehin	Student	19	5' 11"	Forward
Ronan McGeehin	Student	17	6' 2"	Forward / GK
Ronan Lennon	Solicitor	34	5' 11"	Defender
Eoin O'Boyle	Student	18	6'	GK
Sean McGettigan	Student	20	6' 3"	Midfield
Sean Halvey	Student	20	5' 8"	Defender
Sean Ryan	Student	18	6'	Defender
Matthew Gallagher	Student	20	6' 3"	GK
Mick Martin	Carer	33	6' 1"	Forward
John Haran	Teacher	41	6' 3"	Forward
Niall Hannigan	Student	19	5' 11"	Forward
Conor Moore	Student	21	6'	Defender
Oisín Carr	Student	22	6'	Defender / Midfield
Jordan O'Dowd		22	6' 2"	Midfield / Forward
Cillian Morrison	Engineer	27	6'	Forward
Cormac Finn	Student	17	5' 11"	Forward / Midfield
Jamie Doherty		27	5' 11"	Forward
Sean Breen	Student	18	5' 11"	Forward
Oisín McGarvey	Student	18	5' 11"	Defender / Forward
Ryan Hilferty	Student	19	6' 1"	Defender
Jake Whelan	Student	20	6' 1"	Forward
Oisín O'Boyle	Student	20	5' 8"	Forward
Paddy McGowan	Teacher	28	5' 10"	Forward
Conor McEniff	Hotel Manager	23	6'	Forward
Conor Harley	Student	24	5' 11"	Forward / Def / GK
Kieran Sharkey	Teacher	34	5' 10"	Forward / Defender

## 1 Bomaite le ETHAN O'DONNELL 1 Minute with

Ainm: Name: Ethan O'Donnell

Club: Naomh Conaill

Áit is fearr ar an pháirc: Favourite Position: Midfield

An Pháirc imeartha is fearr: Favourite Pitch: Davy Brennan Memorial Park

Caithimh aimsire: Hobbies: Football and Fortnite

Laoch d'óige: Childhood hero: Ciaran McDonald

An t-imreoir is fearr ar imir tú leis: Best Player you have played with: Anthony Thompson

An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir tú ina éadan: Best Player you have played against: Ryan McHugh

An cluiche is fearr ar imir tú ann: Best game you have been involved in: 2014 All-Ireland Minor semi final

An treanálaí is fearr ar an fhoireann: Best trainer within the squad: either of the Doherty brothers, Ultan or Eunan

An treanálaí is measa ar an fhoireann: Worst trainer within the squad: Odhran Doherty, opposite of his brothers

An duine is spreagúla ar an fhoireann: Best motivator within the squad: Hughie Gallagher

Aon phisreog: Any superstitions: Left boot on first

An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Favourite Song: Send me on my way – Rusted Root

An scannán is fearr leat: Favourite Film: Law Abiding Citizen

Áit is fearr do laethanta saoire: Favourite Holiday Destination:



Anywhere there is sun

An béile is fearr leat: Favourite Meal: Shepard's Pie

An chomhairle is fear a fuair tú: Best advice ever received: "make 3 halves of him"

An tionchar is mó ort mar imreoir: Biggest influence on career: Martin Regan and Seosamh McKelvey

Oibrí deonach ar leith sa chlub: Club Volunteer of note: Martin "Shanky" Smith

An t-amhrán a n-éisteann tú leis roimh chluichí: Song you listen to before big games: whatever song is playing at the time.

An scil is tábhachtaí: Most important skill: Running with the ball.

An bua peile is mó atá agat: Biggest Strength in your game: side step

An chuid den chluiche ar mhaith leat a fheabhsú: Area of your game you would like to improve: Score taking

Comhairle do dhaoine óga: Advice for youngsters: practice on the wall at the side of the house

Imreoir óg sa chlub a mbeidh iomrá air sa todchaí: Young Player within your club to look out for: Tiernan Ward

An rud is fearr fán CLG: Best thing about the GAA: Playing with the people you grow up with, and eventually, grew up watching.

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## **Regan and Naomh Conaill pushing for more**

MARTIN Regan has been at the helm of Naomh Conaill for four years, and has led his club to three county finals in that time.

The Glenties men edged out St Eunan's by a point in the 2015 decider, and there were scenes of joy after the final whistle.

There was a different range of emotions after last year's final when Kilcar got the better of them in a low-scoring game.

Naomh Conaill only managed to score four points in that game and they have regrets from that encounter.

It's a long way back after losing a county final, but Naomh Conaill have made it, and are intent on leaving Ballybofey with the Dr Maguire Cup today.

"This is where you strive to be at the beginning of every year, and it's nice to be back in the county final," said Regan, who works as a teacher at St Columba's Comprehensive in Glenties.

"We have talked about it since we were beat by Kilcar in last year's county final.

"We have been training to get back to the final and go one better so we are now in the position that we want to be in."

Naomh Conaill found themselves in the group of death this year, and while they lost to Gaoth Dobhair, wins over Dungloe and St Eunan's put them through in second place.

Regan's men lost by six points in Maghegallon when they played Gaoth Dobhair, but held back some of their players who were struggling with injury that day.

"No matter how we got on down in Gaoth Dobhair, the final game with 'Eunan's was going to be massive unless we could beat Gaoth Dobhair by six or seven points but that was never going to happen.

"If we won by a point or lost by 15, it didn't make a huge difference in the context of the last game. "Ethan (O'Donnell) had picked up a shoulder injury against Dungloe and wasn't 100%, and 'Brick' (Dermot Molloy) was in the same boat after hurting the ankle.

"Marty Boyle, Kieran Gallagher, and Brendy (McDyer) were all carrying wee knocks too, but we felt we needed them.

"It's still a game that we believe we could have won if we had performed but thankfully we got over the line against 'Eunan's the next week, and that kept us in it."

This is Naomh Conaill's eighth final (including a replay against St Eunan's) since 2005.

They have been one of the most consistent teams in the county during that period, and have continued to produce talented youngsters.

Given the quality of their players, three titles is perhaps the bare minimum they should have, but county finals are hard won, and it will be the same again today.

Regan said: "If you had 10, you'd be looking for 11, you're never happy.

"Likewise if we win on Sunday and we get to number four, straight away we'll be looking to see if we can get to number five.

"That's the thing about football, you always want more and there's always another game to push for.

"We have played in a lot of county finals and there have been a lot of good teams over the last number of years.

"We have three but we could have very easily lost that final in 2015, and it was the same in our first final in '05 when John Haran was in possession and the referee blew up play. It went to a replay which we won.

"We could have won more and yet maybe we are lucky to have three with the teams that were around in the last decade. But we will always keep pushing for more."

## **1 Bomaite le CIAN DOHERTY 1 Minute with**

Name: Cian Doherty

Club: Naomh Conaill

Favourite Position: Half-back

Favourite Pitch: Davey Brennan Memorial Park

Hobbies: GAA, Soccer, Netflix

Childhood hero: AJ Gallagher

Best Player you have played with: Logan Quinn

Best Player you have played against: Darragh Canavan

Best game you have been involved in: Minor Final 2016

Best trainer within the squad: Charlie McGuinness

Worst trainer within the squad: Leon "I'll be a bit late" Thompson

Best motivator within the squad: Martin G

Any superstitions: Making sure the bowels are emptied.

Favourite Song: Sweet Caroline

Favourite Film: Dumb and Dumber



Favourite Holiday Destination: Alicante

Favourite Meal:

Anything from K2

Best advice ever received:

"Don't shoot" - everyone

Biggest influence on career: Nathan Byrne and Family

Club Volunteer of note: Shankey

Song you listen to before big games: Welcome to the jungle – Guns n' Roses

Most important skill: Kicking

**Biggest Strength in your game:** Defending

Area of your game you would like to improve: Shooting

Advice for youngsters: Have fun

Young Player within your club to look out for: Max Campbell/Finbar Roarty

Best thing about the GAA: Brings the parish together

#### "It's a special game and a special time for a player in a county final."

Chris McNulty speaks to Seamus O'Malley of Naomh Conaill

Seamus O'Malley says Naomh Conaill's reserves are playing 'senior level football' and they're gunning to retain their Senior B title.

Last year, Naomi Conaill hit back from seven points down to win the club's first ever Senior B crown, as Shane McDevitt's goal helped spur them on.

"We feel that we're playing senior level football and you have to be thinking that way," O'Malley, who took the reserve job three years ago, says.

"I think if you have the players you can do it. We're both fortunate that we have that strength in depth. That has carried us both through this year."

Naomh Conaill's reserves are in the curtainraiser for their seniors, who take on Gaoth Dobhair in Sunday's senior decider. O'Malley says: "It's huge to have the seniors in a final as well. We're very fortunate in that the senior players are very supportive of the young lads. Even at training, we train together and they help each other out. They always take time to talk to them and encourage them. These teams have had some big battles of late - including last year's final when Naomh Conaill came back from the dead, hitting back from seven points down. "Any games between us there is never much in us," O'Malley says. "They're always great games the we meet. "We've come out in top the last couple of time, but only just.

"It's fitting that we did manage to avoid each other in the semi-final and we're back in the final again.

"The big thing is that we set out at the start of the year we said we'd always have a handful of senior players in and that we'd trust the lads. They have grown and matured as the year went on.

"It's a special game and a special time for a player in a county final."



## A Mix of Youth & Experience

It's often said that when you dig up the various age profiles of a reserve panel, there's the usual well-harped out line about the mixture of youth and experience.

However, the contemporary crop at O'Donnell Park in Letterkenny are doing things significantly different with St Eunan's class of 2018 averaging an age of just 21 for most of this year, as they romped to victory in the All-County Football League Division 1 Reserve with a 100 per cent record.

The side managed by David O'Herlihy, assisted by the wily Charlie Mulglew and trained by Richard Thornton, averaged 22 points a game over their 18 outings.

In the championship, the Letterkenny sidestarted slowly against Gaoth Dobhair in the windy conditions but were much better in the second half and ran out convincing winners by 2-12 to 0-3 in the end before winning in Dungloe, 2-11 to 0-6.

The group stage was rounded off with a 1-12 to 1-11 reversal at Naomh Conaill before getting back on track with a quarter-final win, 1-16 to 1-6 against Four Masters in a game in which Jamie Doherty kicked 0-5 and Mick Martin netted a goal.

Then, two weeks ago, the black and amber clad side turned in an excellent performance to beat Kilcar in their semifinal in Fintra on a score of 3-22 to 1-6. Éoin McGeehin, Mick Martin and Oisín O'Boyle got the goals.

That reversal against Naomh Conaill at Davy Brennan Memorial Park will serve

#### by Alan Foley Donegal Sports Hub

as a warning St Eunan's, who were also pushed the max by the Glenties based side in the league.

Eoin O'Boyle, the St Eunan's and Donegal Under-20 goalkeeper, had a fine game to ensure a 3-11 to 0-11 success in Letterkenny, whilst in the return fixture, St Eunan's had to come from 0-8 to 0-1 down to sneak a 1-7 to 0-9 win. Thin margins indeed.

Last year, albeit with a side that bears little resemblance to this year's, St Eunan's blew a seven-point lead to lose out to Naomh Conaill on a 1-13 to 2-8 scoreline as the Senior B Championship trophy made its way through Fintown to Glenties for the first time.

St Eunan's are looking for sixth title at that bracket today, with their most recent success coming two years ago when Colin McIntyre skippered the team.

Martin was captain of the St Eunan's seniors when they won the 2012 Senior Championship, at Naomh Conaill's expense. One man who has more county final experience than anyone – and a man who might it be said might drag up the average age of the panel since making his cameo against Naomh Conaill in the group stage – is John Haran.

The now 41-year-old has been there and done it. Whoever said that reserve team football isn't a mix of youth and experience?

Naomh Adhamhnáin	Eoin O'Boyle		
Conor Moore	<b>Barragh Toal</b>	<b>4</b> Sean Halvey	
5 Sean Ryan	0isin Carr	James Kelly	
Jordan O'Dowd	9 Sean McGettigan		
Cormac Finn	Cillian Morrison	<b>12</b> Brian MacIntrye	
Jamie Doherty	14 Michael Martin	Eoin McGeehin	
16 Matthew Gallagher 17 Ciaran McCloskey 18 Anthony Gallagher 19 Sean Breen 20 Oisin McGarvey 21 Oisin O'Boyle 22 Niall Hannigan 23 Ryan Hilferty 24 Kieran Sharkey		nnon :Geehin Ian :Eniff Ny	
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## Pen Pics – Naomh Conaill Senior B squad

No	NAME	OCCUPATION	AGE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT
1	James Boyle	Factory Worker	20	6' 1"	12st
2	Odhran McDevitt	Student	19	6' 0"	12st
3	Cathal Ellis	Physio	26	6' 1"	14st
4	Stephen Molloy	Sales Rep	29	5' 10"	11st
5	Oran Doherty	Student	18	5' 11"	12st
6	Martin Gallagher	Site Engineer	30	5' 10"	11st
7	Hughie Gallagher	NCT Technician	25	5'11"	12st
8	Tony Byrne	Self Employed	20	6' 0"	13st
9	Jamie Cranley	Student	21	6' 1"	11½st
10	Jamie McHugh	Construction Manager	27	6' 0"	12½st
11	Charles McGuinness	Student	22	6' 3"	14st
12	Danny Gallagher	Student	18	6' 2"	11st
13	Shane McDevitt	Student	19	5' 8"	10st
14	Paul McGuinness	Student	19	6' 1"	12st
15	Cian Doherty	Student	18	5' 9"	11st
16	Noel Gavaghan	Garda	33	6' 1"	13st
17	Johnny Bonner	Builder	35	6' 0"	14st
18	Dermot Ward	Staff Nurse	29	5' 6"	11st
19	Mark Gallagher	Teacher	24	6' 0"	12st
20	Leon Thompson	Self Employed	33	5' 9"	12st
21	Stephen Moore	Student	22	6' 1"	14st
22	Caelon McGill	Student	18	6' 0"	12st
23	Joe Kennedy	Business Man	28	5' 11"	14st
24	Micheál Doherty	Baker	23	5' 8"	10st
25	Matthew Mills	Tiler	23	5' 10"	11st
26	Eoin Boyle	Student	25	6' 0"	13st
27	Kevin Gavigan	Student	19	5' 11"	12st
28	Manus McDyre	Student	20	5' 10"	11st
29	Paul Molloy	Student	20	6' 0"	14st
30	Brian McGuigan	Software Developer	29	5' 6"	10½st
31	Caelon McMonagle	Student	18	5' 6"	10½st

## Senior B Manager - Seamus O'Malley

Today we take the field in the Senior Reserve Final hoping to emulate what very few Reserve teams have done over the years – win back to back titles. Having finally managed to break our duck last year and bring the Senior Reserve title back to Naomh Conaill, we are under no illusion as to the difficulty of the task ahead of us. However I have great faith in this squad of players and I know that they will not be wanting when the time comes.

I am honoured to be given to task of managing this wonderful squad of players along with Martin, Brian, Joe and John. The 31 players listed today in your programme have committed themselves fully to our goal of retaining the Senior B Reserve championship. Since February of this year they have trained along with our senior squad. Training as one group has enabled our players to understand the level of performance required of senior players to perform at a high level. Since the beginning of our year it was obvious to us that St Eunans had an exceptional squad of players and I am sure that our contest with them today will be a keenly contested affair with the minimum margin between us at the end.

Our game today will be the curtain raiser to the senior final where the Naomh Conaill senior team will, for the second year in a row, contest the Final along with the Senior Reserve team. This achievement has come on the back of the wonderful effort of our volunteers within the club who have coached, mentored, supervised and supported our youth players both girls and boys as they have developed and come up through the age groups. When our Reserve and Senior teams take the field



today there will be many of their past coaches and mentors sitting in the stand who will be justifiably proud of how their charges of previous years have developed into players the club can be proud of.

In addition to the many volunteers within our club, we are indebted to the wonderful band of supporters who regularly travel to support our teams. We hope you all have a wonderful day today and with a little luck we may even have a double celebration back in Glenties and Fintown tonight.

Finally, a huge thank you to our many sponsors especially, Glenties Service Station, who have sponsored the reserve team. Your support is key to our success over the years and hopefully into the future.

## **Senior Reserve Captain Steven Molloy**

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill Reserve Panel and Management, I would like to extend a warm welcome to supporters from the three teams involved today as well as management and officials. Hopefully it's another successful Co. Final day. Thankfully, we are back in another Co. Final and that is down to a couple of influences that I'd like to mention today. We speak about it regularly but the underage work being done in our club is monumental and vitally important in our growth. The dedication shown by our players is something to be proud of and this year has been no different - the very fact that we are back in the Co. Final at Reserve and Senior level again this year is testament to the hunger we have at Naomh Conaill for success.

At the start of the year we would have believed ourselves and Eunan's wouldn't be far from the final and so here we are today. We have contested some great matches, finals and otherwise, against St. Eunans and I think onlookers will agree always serve up a competitive and exciting game where there is rarely a kick of the ball between us.

It has been a huge honour personally to be picked to lead this team out each day and I am very proud to do so again on Co. Final day. I also pay tribute to our vice-captain, Charles McGuinness, who has kept us all in check and is a great leader on the field.



Both teams show a great mix of youth and experience and in our side we have several players who have years of experience at senior level as well as several lads who have up from minor level and shown the hunger and drive to be successful senior players in our club, whilst keeping us older boys on our toes!

Finally I wish to thank our sponsors and supporters for backing us throughout the year.

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