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Táimid ag fulaingt amanna aisteach agus iarraim ar gach duine na rialacháin reatha covid a chomhlíonadh.

As Chairman of CLG Dhun na nGall I welcome you all here this afternoon for what is a local derby between the hosts Donegal and our near neighbors and Allianz League Division 1 rivals Tyrone. Originally scheduled for March but delayed by the pandemic we are delighted to be eventually getting this competition concluded.

Games in Div 1 this year resulted in many losses and wins by the minimum 1 point and many predict today's game will be a close encounter. Hopefully it will be an



exciting contest, and an enjoyable entertaining game. Furthermore, I welcome all the match officials who have travelled long journeys to cover tonight's match. I also welcome the press and I am pleased that the people who cannot be with us here today have the opportunity to see the match at home - live in Ireland on TG4 and internationally on GAAGO.

We are experiencing strange times and 2020 will will be remembered for Covid-19 and the obstruction it has brought to our lives and our communities. It has disturbed our families, our economy and our following and participation in GAA games and activities. We MUST continue to recognise its dangers and I use this opportunity today to encourage all our members old and young to increase our awareness and contacts in fighting its recent increase in spreading and I ask that everyone complies with the current covid regulations.

Mick McGrath Chairperson Donegal GAA

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Andrea Long

Andrea Long is from Ballybofey and is Principal of Illies National School, Buncrana. She has a great love of Irish music and dance and has represented her local Sean MacCumhaill Club at Scór in solo singing and ceilí dancing. She is honoured to be singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's game.



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.

DÚN NA NGALL v TÍR EOGHAIN CLÁR AN LAE

Dé Domhnach 18ú Deireadh Fómhar 2020

15.00 Gates Open

15:38 -40 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referee's Room.

15.35 Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to town end goals. Dún na nGall will use the town end dugouts. Wear Blue Bibs.

15:37 Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. Tír Eoghain will use the river end dugouts. Wear Orange Bibs.

15:45 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

15:50 Toss

15.58 Amhrán na bhFiann

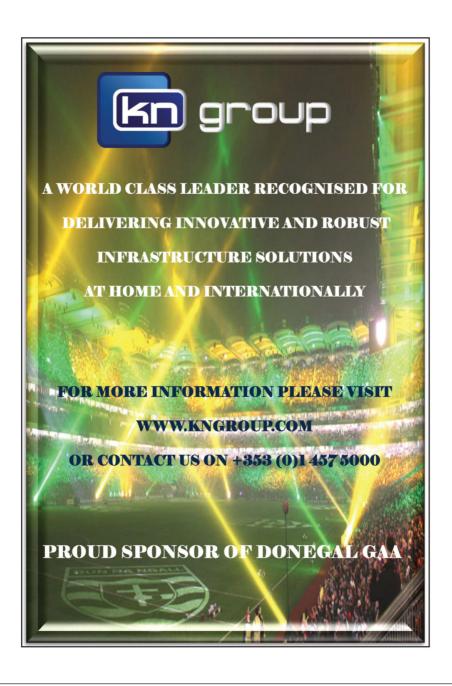
16:00 Tús an chluiche

16.37 Leath-am Tír Eoghain leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once Tír Eoghain have cleared the tunnel

16.50 Tús an dara leath

17.27 Crioch an chluiche

17:30 Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Allianz



Allianz League - Five (and a half) Rounds In

Round	Don	egal	Tyrone		
1	Donegal 0-19	Mayo 2-13	Tyrone 1-14	Meath 1-9	
2	Meath 0-7	Donegal 3-8	Monaghan 1-12	Tyrone 0-11	
3	Donegal 2-7	Galway 2-8	Tyrone 0-14	Kerry 0-13	
4	Dublin 1-15	Donegal 1-14	Galway 2-25	Tyrone 0-12	
5	Donegal 2-12	Monaghan 0-8	Tyrone 1-10	Dublin 1-7	

Donegal and Tyrone meet today in Round 6 of the Allianz National League in Ballybofey with the home side hoping to move out of relegation danger and Tyrone seeking to keep alive an outside chance of topping Roinn 1.

The other games this weekend complete a Round that sees top four play bottom four - Kerry travelled to Monaghan yesterday and secured two points and Dublin beat Meath

in Parnell Park. Today, a Connacht derby sees Mayo travel to play Galway.

The final round of games on weekend of October 24th and 25th sees Donegal make the long jouney South to take on Kerry while Tyrone head for Castlebar to play Mayo. In the other two ties Galway entertain Dublin and Monaghan play neighbours Meath.

Allianz Football League Roinn 1

	Р	F	Α	Pts D	Pts
Kerry	6	109	102	7	9
Galway	5	96	74	22	8
Dublin	6	105	97	8	8
Tyrone	5	67	81	(14)	6
Donegal	5	84	66	18	5
Monaghan	6	93	94	(1)	5
Mayo	5	68	83	(15)	3
Meath	6	83	108	(25)	0

DONEGAL AND TYRONE LATEST EDITION EXPECT CAGEY CONTEST

BY TOM COMACK

Donegal and Tyrone renew their great rivalry today in Sean MacCumhaill Park in round six of the Allianz Football League.

It is a crunch game when it comes to the two counties league ambitions. Tyrone come here tonight in third place in the league.

It is pretty simple for both teams - a win will secure their status for next year. Defeat for either team will leave them sweating on the final games.

While Donegal and Declan Bonner will be thinking of the possibility of relegation, no doubt the upcoming Ulster championship game in the first round at the same venue will also be on his mind as he sat down to plan for this latest showdown.

Former Donegal forward Brian McLaughlin feels the championship showdown has also been foremost in the thoughts of Tyrone manager Mickey Harte this week too.

"I think it will be a very cagey game and I suspect Declan Bonner and Mickey Harte will not want to give much away and won't want to show their full hand," said the former Donegal scoring ace and St Michael's clubman Brian McLaughlin.

"I accept Declan will be anxious to win

to avoid being dragged into a relegation battle but he will also be looking ahead to the championship game and will probably hold something back.

"It will be the same for Mickey Harte so I expect them both to be holding back and it will probably lead to a cagey enough affair."

Brian McLaughlin has been impressed with Donegal's campaign so far in the league and feels they are very unlucky not to have at least another few points.

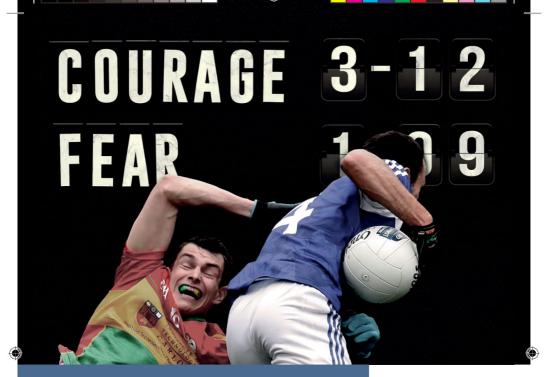
"They had a good win in Round 5 against Monaghan and they were very unlucky to lose to Dublin and to not get at least a point out of that game.

"And they were desperately unlucky against Mayo to concede a late goal and to end up with a point from a game they should have won comfortably. They should be on at least eight points and in with a right good chance of a place in the league final.

"Donegal's big game in the Ulster championship will be against Tyrone and when the chips are down and there is no holding back they are more than capable of beating Tyrone.

"I always found Tyrone to be a dangerous animal when the world is against them and being written off."

Leading Scorers Rounds 1 to 5 Allianz League							
Done	gal	Tyro	Tyrone				
Michael Murphy	2-18	Darren McCurry	1-22				
Ciaran Thompson	1-9	Niall Morgan	0-10				
Michael Langan	1-8	Rory Brennan	1-2				
Jamie Brennan	0-8	Liam Rafferty	0-3				
Hugh McFadden	2-2	Mark Bradley	0-3				
Patrick McBrearty	0-4	Kyle Coney	0-3				
Peadar Mogan	0-4	Cathal McShane	0-3				
Total 8-60 Total 2-61							



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PATTON UNSURE ON RULE CHANGE

BY OISIN BRADLEY - DONEGAL NEWS

This article was written for the original date of this fixture Back in March 2020

Shaun Patton admits that he hasn't really paid too much attention to the new kickout rule that comes into effect at the start of this season's championship.

The new rule forbids players in Gaelic football from passing back to the goalkeeper after receiving a kickout.

The Donegal custodian was speaking at Tuesday's press conference ahead of his side's crucial NFL clash with Tyrone in Ballybofey on Saturday night.

The latest meddling of the playing rules has come in for some sharp criticism with Niall Morgan – Patton's opposite number at the weekend – the latest to have a pop.

Both men are viewed as two of the top and most innovative goalkeepers in the game. Pressed on the potential of the new rule to limit the variety of his kicks, Patton said 'keepers will look to 'think around it'.

"I find it interesting," he said. "I have looked at the likes of Rory Beggan and Morgan who are heavily involved with the play outfield with their clubs. It is not something I would be massively involved in but I would obviously give that level of support if a player is in difficulty." Despite his current indifference to the change, he does say that the tinkering is unwarranted and needs to stop. Gaelic football, as a product, should be left alone to settle and find some rhythm once again.

Because Patton feels a palpable confusion now exists with both referees and players struggling to adapt to the various changes in direction.

"It puts a defender under a wee bit more pressure if they receive a kick out. It is what it is. It is something I would not agree with.

"I don't think there is anything wrong with the game the way it is. A couple of the new rules that came in have been controversial but it is just something I don't think the game needed. They brought it in so we will have to adjust to it.

"The main thing with kickouts is to retain possession, be it long, be it short, and to get the ball into Donegal hands. That is the main objective with every kickout.

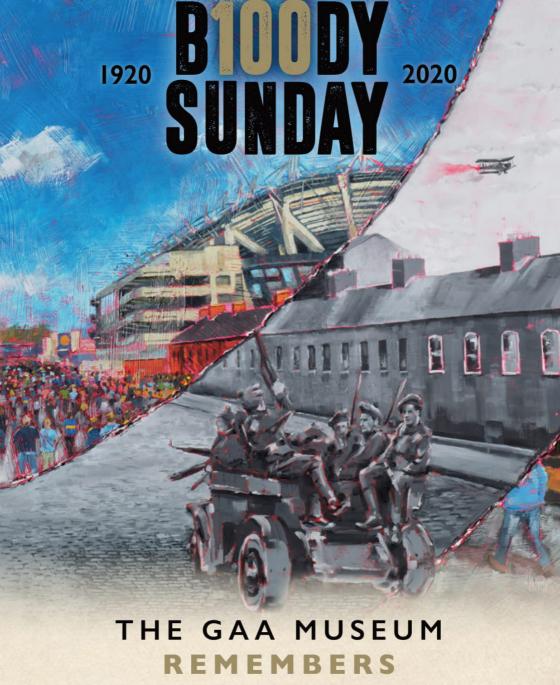
"Sometimes it goes well, sometimes it doesn't but it is that factor if you are under a bit of pressure and you need to get the ball away and the defender gets closed in by three opponents and can't give the ball back to you.

"It is a bit crazy but we will just have to adjust to it. It's confusing and that's the main concern."

Photos by Geraldine Diver



Oisin Gallen celebrating scoring his first Championship goal against Meath



REMEMBER WITH US





Tá an dara heagrán d'iris nua Ghaeilge Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, 'Cuaille', ar fáil anois. I measc na míreanna éagsúla atá san eagrán is déanaí seo tá ailt faoi fhoireann iomána na Gaillimhe 1980, David Clifford, Terence McNaughton agus faoi Richie Hogan i measc go leor eile.

Chomh maith leis sin, tá crosfhocal, 'Aimsigh an Focal', '10 gCeist CLG Ort' agus ailt eile atá feiliúnach do lucht an chúpla focal, d'fhoghlaimeoirí agus do chainteoirí líofa Gaeilge araon. Is féidir Cuaille a léamh anseo. Bainigí taitneamh as!

Is féidir leat coinneail suas chun dáta leis an nuacht is déanaí, le tuairiscí ó chluichí, leis na torthaí is déanaí, leis na cluichí uile atá amach romhat agus le go leor leor eile ó Chraobhchomórtais na gClubanna agus ó na Craobhchomórtais Idirchontae trí chuairt a thabhairt ar Rannóg #GAAgaeilge Shuíomh Idirlín Chumann Lúthchleas Gael anseo.

Ní hamháin go mbíonn na torthaí uilig

agus liostaí cluichí le feiceáil gach seachtain ann ach bíonn gné-ailt leithéidí 'Ár gCluichí, Ár Laochra' agus 'Do Chlub, Do Chontae' le léamh ann go minic, freisin. Bíonn an nuacht is déanaí ó Chumann Lúthchleas Gael le fáil ann.

Dar ndóigh, ní clúdach ar na cluichí Gaelacha amháin atá le fáil sa Rannóg Ghaeilge seo. Más eolas ar Fhondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha, Straitéis CLG don Ghaeilge, An Treoir Oifigúil nó Forógra CLG atá uait ní gá ach cuairt a thabhairt ar an nasc thuas! Faigh amach cé hé/hí Oifigeach Gaeilge agus Cultúrtha do chontae ann. Foghlaim faoi ról Choiste Náisiúnta Gaeilge Chumann Lúthchleas Gael ann.

Tá téarmaí Gaeilge do na cluichí, do chruinnithe agus Rialacha Thráth na gCeist ann. Ta na scileanna uilig le fáil ann. Tá eolas faoi Scór le fáil ann. Tá gníomhaíochtaí do pháistí óga le fáil ann. Tá an chéad eagrán de 'Cuaille' le fáil ann.

Ná bí i do strainséir – tabhairt cuairt orainn anois!!.

PREVIOUS LEAGUE MEETINGS

BY FR SEÁN O'GALLCHÓIR

Today's match is the sixteenth League meeting of Dún na nGall and Maigh Eo:

23-3-1930	Dún na nGall	2-5	Tír Eoghain	1-1	Béal Átha Seanaidh
8-3-1931	Tír Eoghain	2-2	Dún na nGall	1-2	Dún Geanainn
27-11-1933	Dún na nGall	5-4	Tír Eoghain	2-4	Béal Átha Seanaidh
14-1-1934	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún na nGall	1-3	An Ómaigh
12-10-1936	Dún na nGall	2-5	Tír Eoghain	2-4	An Ómaigh
9-11-1936	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	1-3	An Clochán Liath
22-10-1937	Dún na nGall	1-6	Tír Eoghain	1-3	An Ómaigh
7-11-1937	Dún na nGall	2-9	Tír Eoghain	2-4	Ard a' Rátha
25-11-1946	Dún na nGall	1-7	Tír Eoghain	1-4	Leitir Ceanainn
20-10-1947	Dún na nGall	3-3	Tír Eoghain	3-3	An Ómaigh
17-9-1948	Tír Eoghain	1-7	Dún na nGall	0-8	Bun Dobhráin
17-10-1949	Dún na nGall	3-6	Tír Eoghain	2-7	An Ómaigh
9-10-1950	Dún na nGall	0-6	Tír Eoghain	1-2	Leitir Ceanainn
7-10-1951	Dún na nGall	4-7	Tír Eoghain	3-3	An Ómaigh
7-12-1951	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	1-6	Na Cearna
22-9-1952	Dún na nGall	1-5	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Machaire Gáthláin
9-10-1953	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	2-6	Dún Geanainn
15-10-1954	Tír Eoghain	2-8	Dún na nGall	1-8	Bealach Féich
28-10-1955	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún na nGall	0-7	Oileán an Ghuail
19-10-1956	Tír Eoghain	4-7	Dún na nGall	0-6	Dún na nGall
15-11-1957	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	1-7	Pomeroy
24-10-1958	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
24-2-1963	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	0-5	Na Cearna
17-10-1965	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Dún na nGall	1-9	Leitir Ceanainn
13-11-1966	Dún na nGall	1-8	Tír Eoghain	1-5	Dún Geanainn
1-11-1970	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Dún Geanainn
31-10-1971	Tír Eoghain	2-8	Dún na nGall	0-8	Bealach Féich
29-10-1972	Tír Eoghain	1-9	Dún na nGall	1-9	An Ómaigh
30-11-1986	Tír Eoghain	1-6	Dún na nGall	0-9	Bealach Féich
29-10-1995	Dún na nGall	0-16	Tír Eoghain	0-7	Bealach Féich
27-10-1996	Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	2-6	An Ómaigh
14-2-1999	Tír Eoghain	0-12	Dún na nGall	0-11	An Ómaigh
13-2-2000	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
11-2-2001	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-10	An Ómaigh
3-3-2002	Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Bealach Féich
2-3-2003	Tír Eoghain	1-14	Dún na nGall	0-10	Oileán an Ghuail
6-2-2005	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
10-3-2007	Dún na nGall	2-11	Tír Eoghain	1-8	An Ómaigh
30-3-2008	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Éadan na dTorc
21-3-2009	Dún na nGall	0-11	Tír Eoghain	0-8	Bealach Féich
19-2-2011	Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-6	An Ómaigh
3-3-2013	Tír Eoghain	1-13	Dún na nGall	0-12	An Ómaigh
29-3-2015	Dún na nGall	1-13	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
18-3-2017	Dún na nGall	0-12	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
10-3-2018	Tír Eoghain	2-13	Dún na nGall	1-10	An Ómaigh

Dún na nGall won: 21 - Tír Eoghain won: 18 - Six draws

Go raibh míle maith agaibh to all clubs and GAA volunteers across Donegal who stepped up to the mark during Lockdown

As we enter Level 4 lockdown in mid-October we can be thankful we still have many more freedoms. including our inter-county games, compared to the total lockdown after the postponement of the Allianz National League back in March. It was a time when all 40 clubs in Donegal stepped up to the plate with a range of activities to help the more vulnerable in our society. Many clubs also directed their energies towards fundraising for local and national charities. Ulster GAA's special Covid-19 micro-site listed 36 Donegal clubs that registering with the Council to detail the activities undertaken. Elsewhere, a total of 24 clubs responded to the Croke Park Survey on Covid-19 specific activities they were undertaking with 23 of them doing grocery and pharmaceutical deliveries (14 providing meals) to the old and vulnerable, 18 sharing public health information and all 24 involved in other support activities.





This is, of course, an under-estimate of all that was done not just in relation to Covid-19 but for a variety of charities with funds being raised through a range of activities but particularly walks, runs and endurance events. Coaching videos, on-line classes, skill challenges, on-line quizzes, educational activities, story-telling on-line cultural events and

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entertainment are just a few of the undertakings our clubs have initiated. Here are some of the many photos forwarded to Ulster Council.





The Donegal squad also played their part. County teams' pressurized schedules don't normally allow time for charity events. However, with time to spare





during lockdown the squad and mentors cycled to MacCumhaill Park from 12 different starting points taking in every club in the county to rise €57,000 towards Livia Mulhern's life saving opeation for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Maith sibh.



Bonner hoping to get one over on his rival Harte

BY PETER CAMPBELL, SPORTS EDITOR, DONEGAL DEMOCRAT

Today's Allianz National Football League encounter between Donegal and Tyrone brings Declan Bonner and Mickey Harte in direct opposition for the fourth time in league and championship since Bonner took over the reins in Donegal.

At the moment it is even in the championship - one win each. Mickey Harte and Tyrone overcame Donegal in the Super 8s in 2018 in MacCumhaill Park, while last year Bonner's Donegal got the better of the Red Hands in the Ulster championship semifinal in Kingspan Breffni Park. They have met just once in the Allianz National League - in 2018 - and Tyrone had six points to spare in Healy Park, Omagh.

However, today's encounter comes in a climate which no one could have imagined at the beginning of 2020. These two teams were preparing for a battle under lights at today's venue in March when suddenly the country was closed down with all life (including sport) coming to a standstill.

And when the Donegal manager spoke to the press this week ahead of today's encounter, there was a surreal atmosphere. Could you have imagined something like this back in early March.

"I know it's not ideal, but we have got to get out there. I know the championship is coming up a couple of weeks after that, but Sunday is important for us," said Bonner this week.

Indeed it is. Donegal's position in the top flight of Division One could well be safe without winning another game, but to be sure they need to get something from today's game.

"It also depends on results elsewhere, but we want to hit the ground running and build a bit of momentum as we enter into the championship," said Bonner, who added that it was going to be a championship like no other. "It's unchartered territory for us but look, we are delighted to be back playing competitive football again.



A good part of Tuesday's press conference was predicated by Covid-19 and Bonner had strong views on the importance of sport continuing, especially for the wellbeing of people, who are being fed a

diet of bad news on an hourly basis.

"It's great to get back out. Mental health is going to be a serious issue down the line. That's why it's important that schools remain open," said Bonner, who said that sport, in any form, can also play an important part for the youth.

The Donegal boss revealed that the preparation of teams has been much different with all the different protocols around Covid. He thinks that the games in the National League will give all teams a good idea of where they are at in relation to preparation for the championship.

"A lot of teams don't know where they are at. Sunday and Saturday will give us all an idea of where weare at."

While he has one eye on the championship meeting two weeks from today, he also knows that Donegal and Tyrone will be going all out today to get the league points.

A win for Donegal would even up the Bonner-Harte private battle - one championship and one league win each.

Then on November 1 the Ulster championship game can be the decider!





Peadar Mogan

Niall O'Donnell

Ciaran Thompson

Jamie Ó Braonáin Jamie Brennan

Mícheál Ó Murchú (C) Michael Murphy

Oisin Ó'Gallín Oisin Gallen

16. Michael Lynch, Mícheál Ó Loinsigh

- 17. Eamonn Doherty, Éamonn Ó Dochartaigh
- 18. Eoin Mc Hugh, Eoin Mac Aodha
- 19. Conor O'Donnell (Carn), Conchúr Ó Dónaill
- 20. Paddy McGrath, Padraig Mac Craith
- 21. Caolan McGonigle, Caolan Mac Congail
- 22. Caolan Ward, Caolán Mac an Bháird
- 23. Daire Ó Baoill, Daire Ó Baoill

- 24. Brendan Mc Cole, Breandán Mac Cumhaill
- 25. Ethan O'Donnell, Etháin Ó'Domhnaill
- 26. Andrew McClean, Aindriú Mac Lein

BAINISTEOIR: Deaglán Mac Cnáimhsí ROGHNÓIRÍ: Pól Mac Congail, Carl De Léis, Stephen Rochford

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DÚN NA NGALL v TÍR EOGHAIN 2000-2020

BY FR SEÁN O'GALLCHÓIR

1993 was the last year in which Dún na nGall and Tír Eoghain did not meet in a Senior Football competitive game. Since 1994 the counties have met on 39 occasions – 12 times in the Dr. McKenna Cup, 16 times in the League and 11 times in the Championship. They have met 33 times in this century – Dún na nGall have won 15 times, Tír Eoghain 16 times with two draws.

Neil McGee has played against Tír Eoghain 22 times (seven in the League) and Michael Murphy has played against them 16 times (six in the League).

13-2-00	NFL - Dún na nGall	0-10	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Bealach Féich
11-2-01	NFL - Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-10	An Ómaigh
3-3-02	NFL - Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Bealach Féich
2-3-03	NFL - Tír Eoghain	1-14	Dún na nGall	0-10	Oileán an Ghuail
22-2-04	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	1-22	Dún na nGall	0-7	Bealach Féich
20-6-04	SFC - Dún na nGall	1-11	Tír Eoghain	0-9	Cluain Eois
6-2-05	NFL - Tír Eoghain	1-11	Dún na nGall	0-10	Bealach Féich
22-1-06	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Bealach Féich
17-2-07	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	2-9	Dún na nGall	0-5	An Ómaigh
10-3-07	NFL - Dún na nGall	2-1	1Tír Eoghain	1-8	An Ómaigh
17-6-07	SFC - Tír Eoghain	2-15	Dún na nGall	1-7	Cluain Eois
13-1-08	McKenna - Dún na nGall	0-12	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Béal Átha Seanaidh
30-3-08	NFL - Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-9	Éadan na dTorc
21-3-09	NFL - Dún na nGall	0-11	Tír Eoghain	0-8	Bealach Féich
20-1-10	McKenna - Dún na nGall	2-17	Tír Eoghain	4-11	Bealach Féich
30-1-10	McKenna - Dún na nGall	1-11	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Inis Ceithleann
23-1-11	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	1-13	Dún na nGall	0-13	Éadan na dTorc
19-2-11	NFL - Dún na nGall	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-6	An Ómaigh
26-6-11	SFC - Dún na nGall	2-6	Tír Eoghain	0-9	Cluain Eois
30-6-12	SFC - Dún na nGall	0-12	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Cluain Eois
3-3-13	NFL - Tír Eoghain	1-13	Dún na nGall	0-12	An Ómaigh
26-5-13	SFC - Dún na nGall	2-10	Tír Eoghain	0-10	Bealach Féich
5-1-14	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	1-7	Leitir Ceanainn
29-3-15	NFL - Dún na nGall	1-13	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
17-5-15	SFC - Dún na nGall	1-13	Tír Eoghain	1-10	Bealach Féich
17-7-16	SFC - Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-11	Cluain Eois
18-1-17	McKenna - Tír Eoghain	2-23	Dún na nGall	0-6	An Ómaigh
18-3-17	NFL - Dún na nGall	0-12	Tír Eoghain	0-6	Bealach Féich
18-6-17	SFC - Tír Eoghain	1-21	Dún na nGall	1-12	Cluain Eois
17-2-18	McKenna - Dún na nGall	1-16	Tír Eoghain	1-12	Ard Mhacha
10-3-18	NFL - Tír Eoghain	2-13	Dún na nGall	1-10	An Ómaigh
5-8-18	SFC - Tír Eoghain	2-17	Dún na nGall	1-13	Bealach Féich
8-6-19	SFC - Dún na nGall	1-16	Tír Eoghain	0-15	An Cabhán

2000-2020	Cluichí	Bua ag Dún na nGall	Bua ag Tír Eoghain	Comhscór
McKenna	10	3	6	1
NFL	13	6	6	1
SFC	10	6	4	-
Iomlán	33	15	16	2

Dún na nGall and Tír Eoghain met in all three competitions in 2007, 2011, 2017 and 2018.

FIRST TIME HERE - 1954

Dún na nGall:

Jackie McDermott

Raymond Bryson Colm Toland Barney Coyle
Jim 'Cookie' Boyle Joe Carroll (0-1) Peadar McGeehin

Hughie Coyle (1-0) Frank McCready

Frankie Brennan (0-3) Hugh Boyle (Gweebarra) (0-3) Terry Keoghan (0-1)
Paddy Coyle Frank Farrelly Dom Murray

Sub: Hughie Tim Boyle

Tír Eoghain:

T. Turbett

B. McSorley P. Corry D. Donnelly
J.J. Hagan F. Higgins L. Campbell

J. McAleer M. Cushenan:

M. Cushenan H. Conlon J. Taggart (1-0)
J. O'Neill K. Murphy (1-2) F. Donnelly (0-6)

Sub: J. McNally

Tír Eoghain's first
League appearance in
Bealach Féich was on
October 10, 1954 in the
Dr. Lagan Cup. Dún na
nGall led by 1-6 to 0-3 at
half-time and stretched
the lead to seven points
eight minutes into the
second half.
But half-way through the

second half Tír Eoghain blitzed the home team with 2-3 in 3 minutes and went on to win 2-8/1-8.

FIFTY YEARS AGO - 1970

Dún na nGall:

Alan Kane

Enda Bonner John Boyle Ray Sheerin
Brendan Dowling Columba Diver Thomas Quinn

Antoin Carroll Charlie O'Donnell

Brian McEniff (0-2) Pauric McShea (0-2) Martin Carney

John Bradley (0-2) Neilly Gallagher Michael McLoone

Subs: Mick Griffin and Declan O'Carroll (0-2)

Tír Eoghain:

Mena Devlin

Terry Daly (0-1) Gerry Taggart Donal O'Neill
Pat King Brendan Dolan Barney McAnespie
Séamus Donaghy (0-3) Phelim Devlin

Kevin Teague (0-5) Seán McIlhatton Seár

John Keenan Noel Ward F

Seán Montgomery (0-1) Frank Daly (0-1)

Lisnaskea referee Tommy Johnston didn't turn up in Dungannon on November 1, 1970, for the Division 2 League game between Tír Eoghain and Dún na nGall! The counties tossed a coin and Gerry McCafferty from Convoy refereed the game well! It was a closely-fought game with outstanding displays by Pauric McShea and Séamus Donaghy and Tír Eoghain scraped home 0-11/0-9. The 'Democrat' wasn't too happy that Dún na nGall took off the young Martin Carney at half-time!

25 YEARS AGO - 1995

Dún na nGall:

Paul Callaghan

Gerard Kelly Matt Gallagher Seán McEwan
Barry McGowan Noel Hegarty Martin Shovlin
John Bán Gallagher (0-2) James Ruane

John Gildea (0-1) James McHugh (0-4) Éamonn McMenamin (0-1)
Niall McCready Tony Boyle (0-2) Manus Boyle (0-6)

Subs: Damian Diver, Brian Murray, Ollie Reid - Manager: P.J. McGowan

Tír Eoghain:

Finbar McConnell

Paul Devlin Chris Lawn Damien Loughran
Ronan McGarrity Brendan Mallon (0-1) Paul Donnelly
Fergal Logan Danny Barr

Seán McLaughlin Peter Canavan (0-2) Stephen Conway
Gerard Cavlan (0-1) Brian Gormley (0-2) Damien Gormley (0-1)

Subs: Ciarán Corr, Marty Quinn - Managers: Art McRory and Eugene McKenna

Seven thousand people witnessed a superb Dún na nGall display when they crushed All-Ireland finalists Tír Eoghain on October 29 1995 in the N.F.L. Division 1 here in Bealach Féich. It was Martin Shovlin's 100th game for Dún na nGall. John Bán Gallagher was named man-of-thematch but all Dún na nGall's players were in top form in a 0-16/0-7 victory.

20 YEARS AGO - 2000

Dún na nGall:

Tony Blake

Noel McGinley Raymond Sweeney Mark Crossan
Ollie Reid Shane Carr Damien Diver

John Gildea James Ruane

Niall McCready Michael Hegarty James Gallagher (0-3)

Brian Roper (0-1) Adrian Sweeney (0-4) Brendan Devenney (0-2)

Subs: Michael Gurn and Martin Caulfield - Manager: Declan Bonner

Tír Eoghain:

Martin Conway

Ciarán Gourley Chris Lawn Paul McGurk
Paul Devlin Cormac McAnallen Seán McLaughlin

Pascal Canavan Colin Holmes

Brian Dooher (0-1) Peter Canavan Damien Gormley
Eoin Gormley (0-6) Richard Thornton Ciarán McBride (0-3)

Subs: Brendan McLaughlin, Paul McLaughlin, Stephen Lawn - Manager: Art McRory Referee: Pat McEneaney

Dún na nGall surrendered a five point lead in the N.F.L. Division 1 game here on February 13, 2000 and only a magnificent save by Tony Blake from Peter Canavan in the dying minutes prevented a Tír Eoghain victory. It ended level 0-10/0-10. Dún na nGall led 0-6 to 0-4 at half-time and 0-10/0-5 entering the final quarter.

FIVE YEARS AGO - 2015

Dún na nGall:

Michael Boyle

Éamonn Doherty Neil McGee (0-1) Éamonn McGee
Frank McGlynn (0-1) Karl Lacey Ryan McHugh (1-1)

Neil Gallagher Christy Toye

Martin 0' Reilly Odhrán Mac Nialluis (0-1) Martin McElhinney (0-2)
Patrick McBrearty (0-1) Michael Murphy (0-6) Hugh McFadden

Subs: Colm A. McFadden, Anthony Thompson, Daniel McLaughlin, Mark McHugh, Gary McFadden, David Walsh

Tír Eoghain:

Niall Morgan

Aidan McCrory Ronan McNamee Cathal McCarron
Ronan McNabb Justin McMahon Peter Harte (0-2)

Colm Cavanagh Pádraig McNulty

Tiernan McCann Mattie Donnelly Rónán O' Neill (0-1)

Darren McCurry (0-1) Conor Clarke Connor McAliskey (0-1)

Subs: Sean Fox, Seán Cavanagh (0-1), P.J. Lavery, Conall McCann, Ryan McKenna, Peter Hughes.

Dún na nGall and Tír Eoghain had relegation on their minds when they met in the sixth round of the 2015 League here in Bealach Féich on March 29. Both had four points going into the game. Dún na nGall gave their best performance of the year and Tír Eoghain played very poorly as a Michael Murphy – inspired Dún na nGall won by 1-13 to 0-6 after leading by 1-9 to 0-3 at half-time. Dún na nGall went on to reach the League semi-final (beaten by Corcaigh) and Tír Eoghain were relegated.

In 11 League meetings in Bealach Féich Dún na nGall have won six, Tír Eoghain three with two draws. Tír Eoghain's last League victory here was in 2005.

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McGinley - Donegal and Tyrone should be aiming Big

BY FRANK CRAIG, DONEGAL NEWS

Enda McGinley believes that the uncertainty and unpredictability surrounding the 2020 All-Ireland could mean new champions are crowned.

Donegal host Tyrone in Round 6 of the NFL this afternoon at MacCumhaill Park. And a second clash with Mickey Harte's men is pencilled in for November 1st at the same venue in the Ulster SFC quarter-final.

McGinley agrees it's a strange dynamic – two clashes with you bitter enemy in the space of just two weeks. "It's hugely difficult," he said. "To be honest, both sets of management teams and both squads have that much work to do themselves that they'll just have to go at it. Things will change so much, even in the space of that two weeks. Teams are going to be in such a raw state of tune anyways.

"Realistically, the Championship match, you're going to have to allow that to look after itself. There is so much that teams are going to have to work on in this small window. Tyrone famously don't play challenge matches. So all they really have is those two league games. Yeah, they play in-house matches but, bottom line, I've played in plenty of those. They're grand, they're tough and they're lively. But they aren't the real thing."

"You aren't up against an opponent that you don't know and that are trying to do their own thing. For both Donegal and Tyrone, they really are going to have to go all out from the very start. And to do that with just three or four weeks of work behind them, you just don't know what it'll throw up. I don't think realistically there'll be anything to learn or even hide at that stage."

He added: "It's intriguing and in a

way it's very exciting. It's all those things. And at the back of it all there is this cloud of Covid-19 still hanging over the entire thing. But from a purely footballing point of view, it's hugely appetising. Everyone, by in large, is just going to have to have a cut at it."

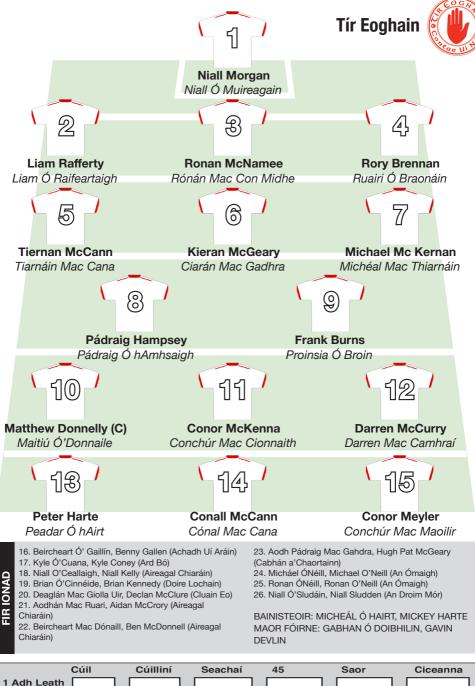
Whoever prevails in that grudge match is currently being tipped to go all the way towards an All-Ireland semifinal where a date with five-in-a-row kingpins Dublin will surely await.

McGinley warns that complacency would then become the biggest obstacle before any sight of Dessie Farrell's men arrives on the horizon.

He explains: "I think there is huge incentive for whoever comes through this. It's a particularly big incentive for Donegal. What has happened Donegal over the last few years is they've won Ulsters but they haven't stepped up in the All-Ireland series or Super 8s. But if you win Ulster this year you're straight into the semi-finals. There is even the hope generally and even nationally that Dublin will struggle."

"Dublin hitting form in winter, around an All-Ireland semi-final or final in the month of December, I just feel is a much less scary beast than what we see at the height of summer.

"Dublin have lost some big players, big voices. And there is a new management team there that hasn't had the time it would have liked. It seems, and maybe we're all just clutching at straws here, but it seems as if there is a better chance than there's been for quite a few seasons now with the way it's configured."



Eugene Gallagher - A Lifetime of Valued Service

FROM GERRY MCLAUGHLIN

The late great John F Kennedy once said:

"Ask not what your country can do for youask what you can do for your country".

And the same could be said for GAA clubs all over the country, as thousands of unpaid volunteers put their heart and soul into their native club.

It is also about belonging to a particular place among your own people.

And in Donegal GAA we have a really exceptional clubman called Eugene Gallagher who is the epitome of a quiet unsung Laochra Gael who has been club treasurer of his club Sean MacCumhhaill's since 1975.

He is now in his 46th year in the post a record in Donegal, Ulster and maybe in the whole of Ireland.

That is a truly remarkable record by any standards but it is some tribute to his ability with figures and his honesty and integrity and insistence on doing things the right way.

Club treasurer is the job nobody wants in the GAA as you are dealing with figures and all sorts of questions are asked at the AGM to find out "where the money has gone".

But Eugene has faced them all in his calm open, honest and highly efficient manner.

For being treasurer sometimes requires the hide of a bull elephant, the diplomacy skills of Henry Kissinger and an ability to make sense of various facts and figures.

However dealing with figures has been Eugene's passion-a passion that almost equals his love for MacCumhaill's, Donegal and the GAA.

And next to his gra for being treasurer is his love of Sean MacCumhaills his very own field of dreams that he cares for like one of his own family.

Sunday after Sunday Eugene is always there, a calm smile never far from his face, a wonderful can





do attitude and an ability to get things done quietly and efficiently with the minimum of fuss, with no showboating, no sense of entitlement, but an honest genuine desire to make his club the best it can be.

And he has also been part of all the major developments from the opening of the Social Centre, the first of its kind in Donegal

in 1974, the development of pitch in 1988 and the redevelopment of the Centre in 2009-the same year that Eugene was honoured with a President's award.

But he is more than just a very affable and popular official who also served as Assistant County Treasurer and county board delegate.

Eugene was also s lighting corner forward who played for his club from 1966 to the mid 1970s when a serious knee injury sadly cut short his career.

He won a county championship medal with Sean MacCumhaill's in 1971-the same year the Donegal Democrat named him as player of the year and a GAA President's Award in 2009.

And such is his dedication to MacCumhaill Park that he hardly ever gets to see a full match.

Part of that Democrat tribute in 1971 read:

"Not only for his service to his club on the field of play but to his dedicated spirit as an official who spared no effort to put the Twin Towns on the football map, not alone in the senior grade but in all of the underage competitions as well.

"He has approached his membership of the GAA in a spirit of leadership and endeavour that stands out as an example to many players throughout the county who have figured more before the public eye.

"It was Eugene's powerful spirit of never say die that put Sean MacCumhaill's back on the pedestal as county champions in their semi-final clash against St Joseph's, the reigning county champions.

"He did what many thought impossible by cutting right through the Joseph's defence at a critical stage of the game, weaved and bobbed past defenders of proven stature and ability and planted the ball in the corner of the net to give his side the stimulus to go on and record a resounding victory.

"Again in the county final against Clanna Gael he repeated this great trait of being able to split a defence momentarily, but long enough to allow himself or a fellow forward to score.

"Eugene has not been much seen in county colours, but the spirit he has shown for Sean MacCumhaill's could surely be studied by many players honouring the county jersey".

GAA Museum announces plans to remember Bloody Sunday 100 years on

The GAA Museum at Croke Park has launched a poignant commemorative events series to mark the centenary of Bloody Sunday, the darkest day in the history of the GAA and a pivotal day in the Irish War of Independence. As the

national custodian of the archives and artefacts of the Gaelic Athletic Association, the GAA Museum has unveiled a diverse and sensitively curated series of events entitled 'Remembering Bloody Sunday', 100 years on from the day 14 civilians were killed by the RIC and 60 more



were injured during 90 seconds of gun fire during a football challenge match between Dublin and Tipperary at Croke Park.

The programme includes talks, tours, a new exhibition and a community programme runs until November 2020. In keeping with the Bloody Sunday commemorations, the focus is on Sport, Peace & Reconciliation - examining the role sport can play in the peace and reconciliation process and the impact that sport has on international affairs. The focal point for the centenary commemorations will be a new Remembering Bloody Sunday exhibition at the GAA Museum, opening in September, which will explore the tragic events of the fateful day and their impact on Irish history through artefacts, newspaper reports, official documents, photographs, and victim stories. Part of this exhibition will include a specially commissioned Bloody Sunday centenary painting by artist David Sweeney, who is a former Dublin GAA senior hurling captain and the GAA's eLearning Manager at Croke Park. The painting is titled 'Transilience', which means an abrupt change or leap from one state to another. Entry to the GAA Museum and the new exhibition is complimentary with all tours at Croke Park.

The GAA Museum is also running special weekly commemorative Bloody Sunday guided tours of Croke Park starting 15 August, which will take visitors through the sequence of events on the fateful day and discuss the impact Bloody Sunday had on both the GAA and Ireland itself. In addition, a weekly evening 'Mondays at the Museum' lecture series with leading historians will examine Bloody Sunday from every angle, bringing thought provoking discussion on a diverse range of topics. This runs on Mondays from 14 September. A special edition of RTÉ Radio One's Sunday Miscellany will take place the GAA Museum on Saturday 14 November, focusing on Croke Park, the GAA and the events around Bloody Sunday. The GAA Museum has also teamed up with History Ireland to host one of their Hedge Schools, titled 'History, Memory & Bloody Sunday'. Taking place in the museum on November 18, it promises to be a lively and unfettered round-table discussion with historians and well-known personalities.

As part of the commemorations, community based creative writing project Fighting Words will run a series of workshops for local older residents that will involve having conversations to uncover a more personal history of the area and its people over the last 100 years. Participants will discuss general history and accounts of Bloody Sunday that may have been passed down through generations. The process will culminate in the creation of a book capturing the stories, co-written by those who take part.

Commenting on the Remembering Bloody Sunday commemoration events, GAA Museum Director Niamh McCoy said, "Celebrating Ireland's national games and how the GAA has contributed to our cultural, social and sporting BIOODY 2020 SUNDAY

heritage is at the heart of everything we do at the GAA Museum. Remembering Bloody Sunday is therefore of utmost importance, as it is one of the most tragic and significant events in GAA and Irish history. The events have been sensitively curated to honour the victims of the day and safeguard their memory for generations to come". Julianne McKeigue, Education & Events Manager at the GAA Museum and Grand Niece of one of the victims of Bloody Sunday, Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan, said, "The GAA Musueum Bloody Sunday centenary programme will remember the loved ones that were lost and remind people of who they were. This is their story, and we aim to tell it in a respectful and thought-provoking way." At the launch John Horan, President of the GAA, said, "November marks a significant anniversary in GAA and Irish history, and the GAA Museum has curated a fantastic programme to mark the centenary. The GAA will announce further events in the coming weeks and we look forward to working together to mark this historic occasion and respectfully honour the victims."

Bloody Sunday was one of the most significant events in the Irish War of Independence, marking a decisive turning point in the military struggle between the British forces and the IRA. On Sunday 21 November 1920, sixteen British intelligence agents were shot dead and five were wounded in Dublin City by Michael Collins' IRA squad. Later that evening thousands gathered at Croke Park to watch a great challenge match between rivals Dublin and Tipperary, when combined forces of RIC and British Military surrounded the grounds and opened fire on the crowd in retaliation. Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan, along with 13 spectators, lost their lives, and more than 60 were injured. Later than evening, the killing of two high ranking Dublin IRA Officers, Dick McKee and Peadar Clancy, in Dublin Castle brought the tragic day to an end. Bloody Sunday marked a decisive turning-point in the military struggle between the British forces and the IRA.

The events will adhere to the Government Road Map for reopening society and the easing of public health restrictions. The team at the GAA Museum will continue to monitor the evolving Covid-19 situation. The GAA Museum is operating to Government's guidelines with hand sanitising stations, queuing systems and contactless payment. The museum has also reduced the entry numbers on tours to make social distancing easy at all times



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Saturday/Sunday Nov 7/8 - Quarterfinals

3 Sat, Venue TBC Monaghan/Cavan v Antrim 4 Sun, Enniskillen, Fernamagh v Down

Semi-finals Nov 14/15

Sat Nov 14 - 1 v 2 (Dún na nGall/Tir Eoghain v (Doire/Ard Mhacha) Sun Nov 15 - 3 v 4 (Muineachán/An Cabhán/Aontroim) v (An Dún/Fear Manach)

Ulster Final - Sunday November 22



'WAR WITHOUT THE KILLING'

BY CHRIS MCNULTY (DONEGAL DAILY/DONEGAL SPORT HUB)

WHEN Donegal were beaten by Tyrone in Ballybofey in 1973, the taste was so sour that they considered withdrawing from the Ulster Championship.

It was in June of '73 and Tyrone left Ballybofey with a 0-12 to 1-7 win.

It was about more than a game.

It still is

The following day, Donegal county secretary Frank Muldoon spoke with Ulster Council secretary Gerry Arthurs to convey the anger that was steaming in Donegal.

While Donegal considered seeking to affiliate with Connacht, nothing materialised.

Neilly Gallagher was Donegal's star forward of that era, but was left hospitalised after taking a belt from his marker. Mickey Joe Forbes.

"I was facing him at the time and wasn't expecting it," Gallagher remembered. "He just drew out and hit me. He caught me totally by surprise."

Gallagher spent the night in a hospital bed and had seven stitches to a gaping wound.

The mood on the terraces that afternoon at Sean MacCumhaill Park was so vicious that the substitutes were unable to warm up.

One player recalled "bottles and stones flying off the dugout".

The teams meet today in a game that will likely be a case of shadow boxing ahead of their Nov 1 Ulster SFC showdown.

That isn't to say that today's game doesn't have meaning.

These games always have meaning.

Two years ago, Sean MacCumhaill Park hosted its biggest ever game when Tyrone rocked up for a 'Super 8' clash. That an All-Ireland semi-final place was up for grabs merely added to the drama and the feeling.

Make no mistake, this is a rivalry that is unrivalled in these parts.

Teams are at battle and, in many instances, families are at war.

Declan Bonner, the Donegal manager, has had his own history with the Red Hands.

He was given a six-month suspension after an ugly Under-21 final in 2016, when Tyrone defeated Donegal and an after-match brawl marred the occasion.

That was a year after a case of 'sledging' in a minor game had Bonner considering his position.

It was alleged that two Tyrone players had goaded a

Donegal player about the death of his father.

"If this is what is going to happen in games, then I don't want to be a part of it," Bonner wrote in a column in the Donegal News at the time. "I would rather walk away than be involved in something that has become so toxic."

The fixture has a history of being tasteless. This means everything in certain parts of both counties.

Ask them around the Finn Valley or on the banks of the Mourne, Finn or Derg rivers about the conflicts.

Time was when the good folk of east Donegal would have to traipse the winding roads through places like Killeter, Aghyaran or Castlederg to be goaded, sneered at – if they were lucky – on the way home from defeats in Irvinestown or Clones.

They'd have to endure ignominy of the jeering from the streets or witness the attempted humour in the form of painted messages scrawled on the backs of donkeys, goats or whatever form of livestock was at hand.

It stuck in the throat.

Tyrone got under the skin like no other.

Donegal's nemesis was once Armagh but, after winning Division 1 in 2007, they planned to get one over Tyrone.

Donegal's abiding memory of an Ulster semifinal in Clones is the chastening chimes of Ryan McMenamin bellowing into the air: "We have them, we have them. They can't handle it."

He was right. Donegal were beaten and Colm McFadden lost his cool, red carded after hitting out at Brian Dooher.

When Jim McGuinness took over in Donegal, the tide turned and Donegal beat Tyrone three times in the championship under his watch. It was by design, though.

"There was a reference to Tyrone most nights," former Donegal midfielder Rory Kavanagh remembered. "He had Tyrone drilled into us."

Donegal journalists Damian Dowds and Donal Campbell recalled in their book, 'Sam's For The Hills', how the 1989 Ulster final - won by Tyrone after a replay - re-set the tone.

"The rivalry that was born in Clones that July was immense and dark," they wrote.

"A dislike, perhaps mutual, swept Clones. Two tribes went to war and a ceasefire has still to be declared."

It's a line that rings true 31 years on.

This is, as Ted Turner once reckoned, war without the killing.

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There are also four other prizes - a brand new Mazda 2 in association with McGinley Motors, Letterkenny, a week's holiday, €1,000 cash and a night's B&B in Carton House with a round of golf for 2.

All proceeds go to paying the debt on the newly completed Phase 2 of the Donegal GAA Centre in Convoy and financing the planned Phase 3. The on-going development of the Centre is a key plank in the future success of GAA games in Donegal – football and hurling, youth and adult, ladies and men.

Some of Donegal's well known faces including singers Daniel and Margo O'Donnell, actor Sean McGinley and Donegal Captain Michael Murphy have recently shown their support for the campaign. Their videos can be viewed on Facebook at "Win Your Housein Dublin", on Twitter @Win-HouseDublin and on Instagram at @winyourhouseinDublin as well as on the website www.winyourhouseindublin.com

The draw is on Friday, 4th December and tickets can be bought online at www.winyourhouseindublin.com or on www.donegalgaa. ie using devices from mobiles to desktop computers. There is a dedicated mobile phone number, where queries can be answered and purchases can be made via credit card - 086-6047089. Keep an eye out for their Halloween Bonus Draw launching in the coming days.





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