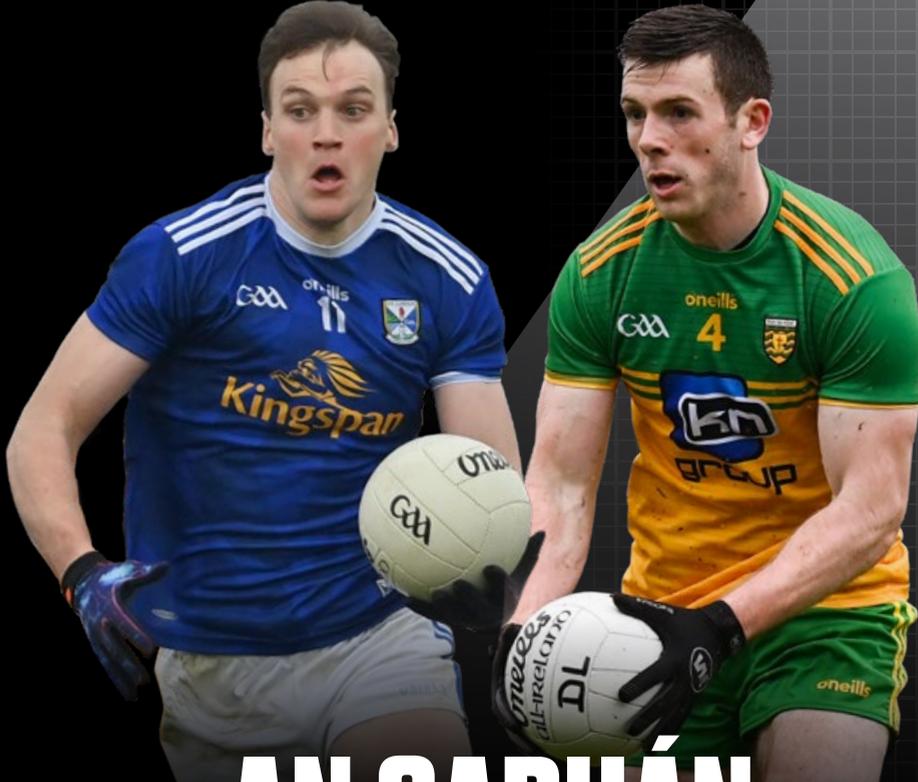


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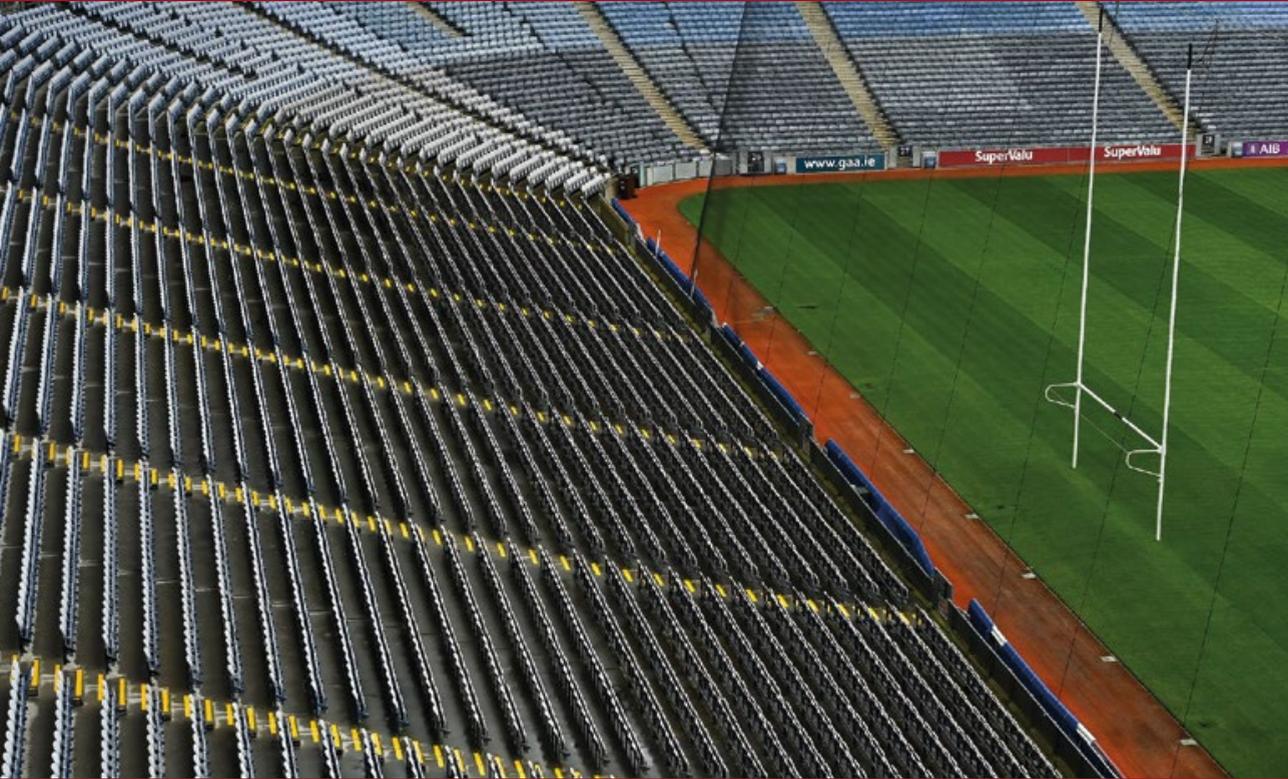


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**Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship Final (4:00pm)**

**Réiteoir:** Barry Cassidy (Doire)

**Réiteoir ar fuaireachas:** Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)

**Maor Líne:** Jerome Henry (Maigh Eo)

**Oifigeach Taobhlíne:** Sean Lavery (Aontroim)

**Maoir:** Kevin Toner, Alan Nash, Tom O'Kane & Marty Donnelly

### CLÁR AN LAE:

- 15.20** Teamsheets given to Match Referee
- 15.38** An Cabhán amach ar an pháirc
- 15.41** Dún na nGall amach ar an pháirc
- 15.45** Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an pháirc
- 15.52** Toss
- 15.57** A Moment's Silence
- 15.58** Amhrán na bhFiann
- 16.00** Tús an chluiche  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half\*\*
- 16.38\*** Leath-am  
An Cabhán to leave the field immediately on half time whistle  
Dún na nGall to leave the field once An Cabhán have cleared the field
- 16.53\*** An dara leath  
A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half\*\*
- 17.35\*** Críoch an chluiche

### IF GAME GOES TO EXTRA TIME

- 17.44** Toss & updated Teamsheets to Referee
- 17.45** Start of Extra Time 1st Half
- 17.56\*** End of Extra Time 1st Half  
Teams Remain on the Pitch
- 17.58\*** Start of Extra Time 2nd Half
- 18.00\*** End of Extra Time 2nd Half

### IF STILL LEVEL, PHASE 2 (PENALTIES)

- 18:05** Players registered with the Referee & Toss
- 18:07** Penalties



# PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD FOCAL ÓN UACHTARÁN



**Fearadh na fáilte romhaibh chuig Craobhchomórtas Sinsir Uladh 2020, agus, chuig cluiche ceannais an Chraobhchomórtais idir An Cabhán agus Dún na nGall ag Páirc Lúthchleasaíochta Ard Mhacha. Táimid ag cur clabhsúir le ceithre seachtaine ramhra a bhí againn go mall san Fhómhair agus muid gan lucht féachana ag ár gcluichí. Is aisteach an bhliain í.**

Welcome to the final weekend of the 2020 Ulster Senior Football Championship and indeed, to the USFC Final between Cavan and Donegal at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh. We are at the conclusion of a hectic four week period in late Autumn with no spectators at our games. It really has been a surreal year so far.

Cavan appear in back to back Ulster Finals for the first time since 1968-69 while Donegal are aiming for their first ever three in a row. We have already been treated to a number of really competitive games in extremely testing conditions. I commend all players and management teams for their input into what already is another compelling Ulster Senior Football Championship, albeit at a different time of year and in a straight knockout format.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our counties and clubs for the support they have given our local communities during this Covid-19 pandemic. It has been an extremely difficult time for us all and the absence of our games has made it all the harder. We conclude the 2020 Ulster Senior Football Championship this weekend in very different circumstances as the absence of supporters at our games will leave a feeling of emptiness on our terraces.

Changes have been introduced to the Ulster Senior Football Championship by the Ulster Competitions Control Committee recently. As the two counties which were drawn to play in the Preliminary Round in 2019, Tyrone and Derry did not feature in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2020 nor will they for the 2021 Championships. Seven counties were included in the Preliminary Round draw for the 2020 Championship from which Monaghan and Cavan were drawn to meet in the Preliminary Round. They will be precluded from the 2021 and 2022 Preliminary Round draw. Subsequently, in 2021, just five counties will be included in the draw for the Preliminary Round game. Tyrone and Derry would then return to the draw for 2022 while Monaghan and Cavan will return for the 2023 draw.

In 2020, Prostate Cancer has again been chosen as the charity for Ulster GAA and we look forward to supporting this very worthy cause. I thank all those who have donated already to support this charity and I encourage others to consider doing so as outlined on Page 15 of this

programme. I acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Armagh County Board personnel involved in hosting today's games. Everyone plays their part; stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council.

I also wish both teams, their County Boards and management every success this weekend and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked. Finally, to the supporters. Your support and attendance has always been highly valued and we hope that the absence of supporters at games is a rare sight. We long for the day that we can gather to support our native county in their quest to lift the Anglo Celt but for now, on behalf of Ulster GAA, I encourage all members to continue to follow the guidelines which have been provided by the relevant health authorities.

**Stay safe!**

**Oilibhear Ó Gealagáin, Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh.**

*Oilibhear Ó Gealagáin*



**Amhrán na bhFiann will be sang by Eimear Magee (Droichead Mhaigh Eo, An Dún)**

**A first year student at Ulster University, she has been involved in Scór since the age of 5. Eimear is the current County Solo Singing champion and Ulster finalist. She plays camogie for Mayobridge and is an underage mentor for Scór.**

**Amhrán na bhFiann:**

Sinne Fianna Fáil,

Atá faoi gheall ag Eirinn,

Buíonn dár slua, thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,

Faoi mhóid bheith saor, seantír ár sinsear feasta

Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill;

Anocht a théam sa Bhearna Baoil

Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil,

le gunnaí scréach, trí lámhach na bpiléar,

Seo dhíbh canáigh, Amhrán na bhFiann

# A WORD FROM OUR SPONSORS

## FOCAL ÓNÁR N-URRAITHEOIRÍ

**As sponsor of the GAA All-Ireland Senior Football Championships, AIB are delighted to show our support to the two teams going head-to-head at today's Ulster Senior Football Championship Final between Donegal and Cavan.**

In what has been one of the toughest seasons in history, we are ever more thankful to the volunteers, fans and communities of both counties, and all those across the country, who have shown their support throughout this challenging year. Although this Championship looks different to what has come before, the strength, resilience and support of these players and wider GAA community remain as strong as ever.

In such strange times, we have tremendous admiration for the players who take to the field today. Your sacrifices, hard work and determination are a credit to your family,

club and county, and we thank you for shining a light when we need it most.

Donegal will be looking for their third successive Ulster championship here today after coming through with hard fought wins over Tyrone and Armagh. Cavan are looking for their first Ulster title since 1997. The province's most successful county overcame Monaghan and Down in tightly contested fixtures to book their place here today.

Our involvement with GAA dates back to 1991/1992 with our sponsorship of the AIB GAA Club Championships. We are in our sixth year of sponsoring both Club and County and we are delighted that AIB are one of the GAA's longest continued sponsors spanning three decades of backing unrivalled competition and talent.

AIB are particularly proud that our involvement with GAA backs both Club and

County competitions. We greatly admire the dedication and commitment show by so many people in clubs right around the country and understand that without club, there would be no county.

We wish all those involved with the Donegal and Cavan panels all the very best today and for the remainder of the GAA All-Ireland Championships. We are delighted to be involved and excited for the winter of football that awaits.



**Is mise le meas, Deirdre Cleary**  
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acknowledge the great teamwork and thank you wholeheartedly.

Over the last few months, we have all dreamed of Ulster Final days like this, where we could yet again enjoy what this great Irish sport of ours has to offer.

I would like to congratulate the players from Cavan and Donegal, their loyal supporters and all those who worked hard to bring both teams here today.

We have witnessed a fantastic season so far and I have no doubt that today's game will be just as exhilarating. I wish both teams, their management and their fans, the best of luck in today's final.

Finally, I ask that no matter where you enjoy the championship you continue to proudly **Support Where you're From.**



**Ray Kelly**  
Interim Managing Director

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**On an Ulster Final Day like no other, we at eir would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has made it possible to get here today, and what a Championship we have enjoyed so far.**

From the shock at the Pairc, to that Cavan comeback last week, it is great to have the Championship to look forward to every weekend as players and fans chase #ThatOneDay. Can Donegal make it three Ulster titles in a row and progress to the All Ireland semi-final or will Cavan win Ulster for the first time since 1997? We're sure it will be another fantastic occasion.

To the GAA, the players, administrators and volunteers, thank you for all your work to get us here, to the Ulster Final. To our own team in eir, many of whom will be watching today, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued hard work and dedication to keeping Ireland connected despite the challenges 2020 has brought.

In difficult times the GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship has provided us with the competition, the distraction, the entertainment and the coming together we all so badly need. We are proud to play our part in making this Championship possible.

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# THOUGHTS ON THE CHAMPIONSHIP

*SMAOINTE AR AN CHRAOBHCHOMÓRTAS*

**When Ulster GAA President Oliver Galligan drew the names of Monaghan and Cavan from a bowl in the RTE studios on the morning of 9 October 2019 to contest the Ulster Championship Preliminary Round tie, no one would have envisaged that it would be all of 388 days before Ciaran Branagan would throw-in the ball to commence the 2020 proceedings, 5 ½ months later than it was due to start.**

None of us had ever heard of Covid 19 back then, let alone realise the grief and havoc that it would cause in subsequent months. For a while it looked as if there would be no championship at all – but eventually it happened 'behind closed doors' and with no 'back door' safety net.

Having been relegated to Division Three just six days earlier, Cavan went into the game as massive underdogs but there is no such thing as an underdog in a derby and the Breffni men repeated their victory of 2019 in dramatic fashion with goalkeeper Raymond Galligan pointing with the last kick of extra time.

The Ulster Championship had a hectic start with three games being played over the one weekend and less than 24 hours after the Preliminary Round tie came the heavyweight contest in Ballybofey between Donegal and Tyrone. In a game played in heavy rain the home side won through with two points to spare

This would later transpire to be Mickey Harte's last game in charge of Tyrone, after 18 years at the helm.

Later that evening, under the Celtic Park floodlights, Armagh held-off a late Derry challenge to win through, again with just two points to spare.

The following weekend Antrim gave Cavan the fright of their life at Breffni Park but a strong finish from the Breffni men saw them win through on a 0-13 to 0-9 scoreline, while in the final quarter-final Down put in a storming second half performance to defeat Fermanagh at Brewster Park.

In last weekend's semi-finals' the defending champions Donegal put in a devastating performance in dismissing the challenge of Armagh, while the season's comeback kings Cavan staged a recovery of Lazarus like proportions to defeat the Mourne County in a thrilling encounter played in rain-soaked Armagh.

And then they were two – and Cavan and Donegal will do battle in what will be the first Ulster Championship Final played in The Cathedral City since 1941. On that occasion it was victory for the Breffni men and all Cavan folk will be hoping that it will be the same result this time. Or will victory go to the mighty men of Tir Conaill who will be hoping to complete the first Ulster Championship three-in-a-row since Armagh in 2004-06.

The stage is therefore set for the first November Ulster Final since the 1924 replay. An Ulster Championship played from start to finish over four consecutive weekends – who would have thought that? 2020 certainly has been a strange year – but with Donegal back in their ninth Ulster Final in ten years, there are some things that stay the same – even with Covid!



**Brian Mac Fhíobhú**

**Rúnai Chomhairle Uladh**

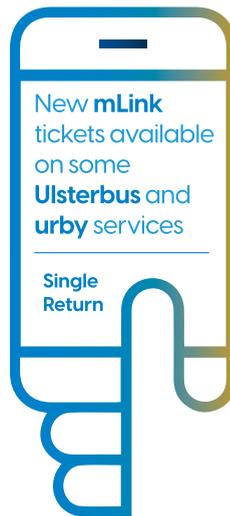


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# WOMEN'S AID WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Ulster GAA are one of the latest organisations to lend support to the White Ribbon Campaign. This campaign is a global movement to end male violence against women. The White Ribbon campaign aims to create a society where all women can live in safety, free from violence and abuse.

Ulster GAA has joined with Women's Aid ABCLN to sign the White Ribbon Charter which makes a personal pledge to never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

Ulster GAA were delighted to recently welcome Tahnee McCorry (White Ribbon Coordinator for Women's Aid ABCLN) to our headquarters in Armagh. Brian McAvoy (Provincial Secretary), Michael Geoghegan (Ulster GAA Treasurer) and Diarmaid Marsden (Head of Community Development Department) were first to sign the White Ribbon Charter.

The partnership will be formally launched during Women's Aid "16 days of Action" which is an international campaign of activism against gender-based violence, and runs from 25th November until 10th December

Contact Women's Aid ABCLN White Ribbon Coordinator for more details

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# SUPPORTER'S PERSPECTIVE

As we watch the 2020 Ulster Final being played in the unfamiliar setting 'behind closed doors' and at the end of November, we hear from two avid fans who unfortunately can't attend the game today.



**Pat McSherry** is a native of Redhill's in County Cavan and he is as strong a Cavan GAA supporter as you will find. Pat, a member of Cavan Club Breifne, would never miss a day out to support his native Breffni Blues in action.

As he said himself "Lock down has been particularly hard for me as I have been unable to attend any of the games, even club one's, and I would never miss a game in Kingspan Breffni! GAA is my passion and I miss the social outlet that it provides especially the banter and craic that we would always have, win, lose or draw. I attended my first Cavan Ulster Final aged 9 with my Father in 1976 when Cavan met Derry and I even got to the replay as well. I have been at every one of them since and I am so disappointed that I will not be able to be in Armagh this Sunday to cheer on our lads".

Like all Cavan fans, he will be hoping that Cavan can bridge that 23 year gap to make it a memorable year for the Breffni county as he commented "I know that Mickey and the Cavan team will do us proud. It will break my heart not to be present if Cavan lift the Anglo Celt Cup but I will be the proudest man sitting at home on my own, in my cherished Cavan Jersey watching the game on television and probably listening to the boys on Northern Sound as the same time. I wish the players, Mickey and team management the very best of Luck on Sunday. Bring the Anglo Celt cup home lads".



**Brendan O'Reilly** is a Bundoran man living in Sligo, an avid Donegal supporter travelling to most games including underage and also a regular attendee at club matches involving Realt na Mara Bundobhráin.

Brendan says that living in the time of 'Lockdown' has been rough on people in general but extremely hard on supporters who give their lives to a team playing Gaelic football.

Donegal GAA at all levels has been a very important part of the lives of his family and life has centred around it for years. During 'Lockdown' he misses the complete package, the excitement leading up to games; the plotting and planning and travelling to the games. He misses meeting up with friends before and after matches, the banter, like who will be playing that day? Who is in and who is out? The discovery of who has pulled up in training? Agreeing or disagreeing with the selected team.

The post mortems after games are also missed, who played well and, of course, the subs used. Brendan notes "I find it very frustrating watching from my chair, not being able to share 'advice' with the referee and hard to support the players. It is extremely difficult when you live outside the county as you cannot meet at a 'shop' for a chat, therefore going to games is sadly missed".

He adds "hopefully, we may get to the semi-final. It would be a very interesting journey with my wife, Mary, a 'Dub', but a Donegal supporter. I would be outside the Croke Park Hotel, should we be permitted under guidelines to attend. Hopefully, Donegal will be there anyway. Wishing Declan and all the Donegal team the very best in the Ulster final.

# 1920 BLOODY SUNDAY 2020

THE GAA REMEMBERS  
CUIMHNÍMIS ORTHU UILIG



Dublin team who faced Tipperary on 21 November, 1920

## DOMHNACH NA FOLA 1920

Big games in Croke Park bring excitement, colour, nervousness and a certain tension. On 21 November 1920 Tipperary and Dublin fans flocked to The Jones's Road venue for what they hoped would be the "game of the year". Due to the escalating violent conflict in the country between the British forces and Irish revolutionaries, the GAA games programme was in disarray. Challenge games were the norm and two of the top footballing teams in Ireland in 1920 were Tipperary and Dublin.

On the morning of the "Great Challenge Match" November 21, Irish Volunteers under the direction of Michael Collins attacked and killed 16 British intelligence agents at venues across Dublin city. The GAA expected searches, roadblocks even arrests but nobody anticipated the carnage that occurred at Croke Park. Ten minutes into the game a party of RIC, British army and Auxiliaries forcibly entered the ground at the Jones road entrance and opened fire on the players and spectators. The firing lasted about 90 seconds from revolver, rifle and machine gun. There was panic, mayhem, bloodshed and death. Fourteen innocent GAA patrons lay dead, 13 spectators and one player, Michael Hogan.

Michael's brother Dan travelled from Co Monaghan to take charge of the funeral arrangements. Dan worked in Clones with the Great Northern Railway and later, in 1927,

became Chief of Staff of the Irish Defence Forces. Dan Hogan played Gaelic football with Monaghan, was an administrator with Ulster Council GAA and as a referee he took charge of the 1918 and 1920 Ulster Senior Football Finals.

In 2015 the GAA commenced a project to erect headstones over all the victims of Bloody Sunday, many lay in unmarked graves. I had the pleasure as Uachtarán CLG to unveil the headstone for Daniel Carroll on 20 November 2015 alongside Stephen Brennan, a relative of Daniel's (pictured below).

**Fanfaidh cuimhne na marbh a basáidh linn go deo, agus muid ag déanamh machnaimh ar na laetha gruama seo inár stair agus tugann sé faoiseamh dúinn go bhfuil saol níos fearr againn in Éirinn inniu**

**Aogán Ó Fearghail, Uachtarán CLG 2015-2018**



## **WILLIAM ROBINSON**

**11 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

Sitting in a tree at the Canal End corner of the ground, when the first shots rang out a bullet ripped through William's shoulder and chest, knocking him from the tree. The massacre at Croke Park had claimed its first victim.

## **JANE BOYLE**

**29 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

When the first shots were fired, Jane and her fiancée both ran towards the exit between the bank and Hill 60 at the north eastern corner of the ground. Trying to escape the ground, Jane was shot in the back. She was to be married the following week, but was instead buried in her wedding dress.

## **JAMES BURKE**

**44 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

James left home around 2:00pm on Bloody Sunday and headed to Croke Park. When the firing started, James tried to escape through the exit onto St James's Avenue at the north-eastern corner of the ground but was caught in a terrible crush.

## **DANIEL CARROLL**

**31 YEARS OLD, CO. THIOBRAID ÁRANN**

Daniel had escaped the ground when he was shot in the leg from a police lorry. His leg was bandaged all the way to his waist and a bullet was removed from the thigh bone. He suffered badly through the night in Jervis Street Hospital where he died.

## **MICHAEL FEERY**

**ABOUT 40 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

A WWI army veteran, Michael tried to escape the ground over the perimeter wall and after the shooting stopped he struggled to the bridge outside, suffering from a severe bullet wound to his thigh. He was carried to a house on Russell Street where he died. It was four days before his body was claimed.

## **TOM HOGAN**

**19 YEARS OLD, CO LIMERICK**

A mechanic working in Dublin, Tom was shot in the shoulder fleeing the ground. For five days 19-year-old Tom suffered from his wounds. A bullet in the shoulder resulted in his left arm being amputated. Gangrene eventually set in. He died the Friday after the massacre, the last victim.

## **JAMES MATTHEWS**

**48 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

When the firing started, James made for the wall near the exit at the north-eastern corner of the ground. His friend clambered over the wall. James was shot in the leg and slid back down onto the bank. When the shooting stopped, he was dead.

## **PATRICK O'DOWD**

**57 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

When the firing started, Patrick made for the seven-foot high wall that separated Croke Park from the Belvedere College sports grounds on the other side. As he stopped to help others over the wall, he was shot in the back.

## **THOMAS RYAN**

**27 YEARS OLD, CO. LOCH GARMAN**

As shots rang out around Croke Park, Thomas ran onto the pitch and saw Michael Hogan lying on the ground, shot and dying. He stopped and knelt beside him, whispering an Act of Contrition in his ear. It was then he was shot in the back.

## **JAMES TEEHAN**

**26 YEARS OLD, CO. THIOBRAID ÁRANN**

When the firing started, James made for the exit in the north-eastern corner of the ground between the modern-day Cusack Stand and Hill 60 but was caught in the crush. He died of heart failure.

## **JOE TRAYNOR**

**20 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

When the shooting started, Joseph was among a knot of people attempting to escape over the wall running along the back of the goal at the canal end of the ground. He was shot twice in the back and slumped over the other side.

## **JEROME O'LEARY**

**10 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

A few minutes before the game began, Jerome was lifted onto the wall that ran along the back of Croke Park behind the goals at the canal end. When the first shots rang out from the canal bridge to his left, he was shot in the head and killed.

## **JOHN WILLIAM SCOTT**

**14 YEARS OLD, CO. BHAILE ÁTHA CLIATH**

John William suffered a terrible chest wound caused by a ricocheted bullet. He was carried from Croke Park to Mrs Colman's house on St James's Avenue on the other side of the ground before being taken to the Mater Hospital.

## **MICHAEL HOGAN**

**24 YEARS OLD, CO. THIOBRAID ÁRANN**

When the shooting started at Croke Park, Michael Hogan from Grangemockler threw himself onto the pitch beside Frank Burke, the great Dublin forward he was tasked to mark. By the time the shooting stopped, Hogan was dead. In 1925 the GAA built and named a stand in Croke Park in his memory, the Hogan Stand.

*Jane Boyle James Burke Daniel Carroll  
Michael Feery Michael Hogan Tom Hogan  
James Matthews Patrick O'Dowd Jerome O'Leary  
William Robinson Tom Ryan John William Scott  
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Over 4500 men in Ireland are diagnosed with prostate cancer annually. Recently in the UK prostate cancer deaths have exceeded breast cancer deaths with over 11,000 men per year dying of aggressive forms of prostate cancer. At present 1 in 8 men will develop a clinically significant prostate cancer in their lifetime with those aged 50 or more (the majority of cases are diagnosed in men aged 65 or older) or with a family history of prostate cancer at increased risk.

## SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

Prostate cancer is often diagnosed when men present to their GP with urinary symptoms including getting up more frequently at night, inability to empty the bladder completely, or going to the toilet more frequently. It is important to note that whilst these symptoms can prompt investigations, more often than not, the symptoms are not a result of the cancer but that of a benignly enlarged prostate. Many men are diagnosed with prostate cancer following routine checks in the absence of symptoms; following a routine blood test called Prostate Specific Antigen (PSA).

## TREATMENT

Patients with localised disease within the prostate have a number of curative options available to them including surgery, radiotherapy, brachytherapy (seed radiation) and in some instances active surveillance whereby the cancer is low risk but monitored closely for change. For some men, however, prostate cancer can spread to the bones and other parts of the body, leaving the disease incurable. Even with advanced incurable disease newer treatments enable men to live with the disease for many years beyond diagnosis. If you have concerns about yourself or a family member consult with your GP.

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 pandemic Ulster GAA have been unable to fulfil all our planned charity initiatives over the past number of months. However, in the meantime we have set up a JustGiving page for Gaels across the province and beyond to donate and show their support, with every penny and cent raised going towards this very worthy cause. [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ulster-gaa1](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/ulster-gaa1)



## PROSTATE RESEARCH AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY BELFAST

The Prostate Clinical Research Team in QUB comprises a team of Clinical Research and NHS Consultant Oncologists led by Professor Joe O'Sullivan, Dr. Suneil Jain, Dr. Aidan Cole and Dr. Darren Mitchell coupled with expert scientific research from the Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology (CCRCB). The aim is to improve patient care by leading world-class clinical research. The Prostate Clinical Research Team is internationally renowned, leading the way in innovative trials, shaping the treatment of prostate cancer, increasing survival and reducing side effects from treatment. As well as improving education for patients and healthcare workers the team supervise research from medical students, scientists, physicists and clinical doctors. The team are dedicated to ensuring that our patients and their families have the best treatments at the correct time and that the continued improvements in overall survival continue for men diagnosed with prostate cancer.

If your club would like to get involved in creating greater awareness of prostate cancer, or would like to support the fund-raising efforts please contact [maura.mcmenamin.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:maura.mcmenamin.ulster@gaa.ie)

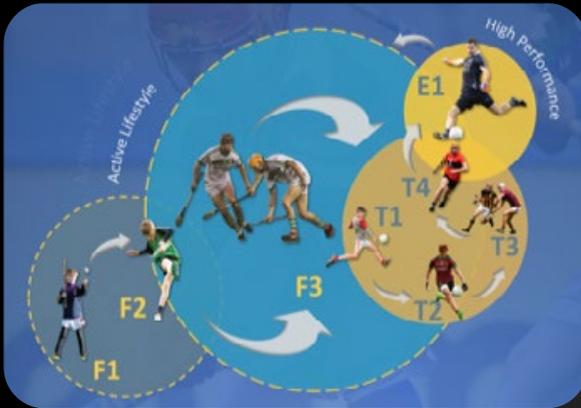


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## CÓITSEÁIL AGUS CLUICHÍ

It has been a challenging year in coaching, with social distancing, shorter competition schedule and education online through workshops and you tube channels. As 2021 looms some of this will continue. Foundation and Level 1 courses are being targeted for delivery online and more workshop engagement through webinars. The National Conference is looking likely in February the Ulster GAA Conference a little earlier in January. We hope the latter will engage you albeit a one-night virtual experience.



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We also want to create proactive communities of practice in clubs and within counties so that coaches at all levels can share ideas. As they progress, there will be the facility for coach mentoring programmes. The outcome is to embed coaches and players in our system who have a positive mindset and are seen as role models in communities. We want to embed a curriculum that helps our players reach their full potential and to be the best that they can be, with the help of parents, teacher and coaches.

Coaches are challenged to create positive environments with inclusive sessions and games. We have produced socially distanced sessions over the last number of months. We are challenging again to teach beyond the sport and coach the person not the player. In our coaching practice start your session with a game(s) with everyone playing. Then isolate the skill and work on it with small sided and conditioned games or skill development exercises, before going back to the game. It's not new, in the old terminology it was known as whole, part, whole. However, keep the focus on the player and developing and modelling appropriate behaviours on and off the pitch. When we work with our players, we strive to embed model citizens in our communities. A win at all cost mentality has to be challenged. Given there can only be one winner, we need to "teach success without the scoreboard". Access our Ulster GAA Club Coaching Clinics, to help you set out your club plan and take advantage of our "Coach the Coaches" workshops to support the learning journey for parents, teachers, club and county coach.

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# PLEAN TEAGAISC CHLUBANNA ULADH

**Rinneadh iniúchadh ar chlubanna Uladh in 2019, agus as sin a d'eascair an Plean Teagaisc. Tá CLG Uladh agus Foras na Gaeilge ag obair le hOllscoil Uladh ar an tionscadal seo, agus is é an aidhm atá againn ná go gcuirfear plean ar fáil a bheas ina chuidiú dár n-oibríthe deonacha a bhíonn ag teagasc na Gaeilge ag leibhéal an chlub, agus go mbeidh deis ag gach club sa Chúige ardchaighdeán teanga a chur ar fáil.**

In April 2020, Ulster GAA and Foras na Gaeilge partnered with Ulster University to develop a teaching plan with resources for Ulster clubs to both alleviate pressure on club volunteers teaching Irish classes, and to ensure a high standard of Irish is available to clubs across the province.

The teaching resource is compiled of modules, each module has 12 weeks' worth of lessons with informative notes for both student and teacher, as well as support audio material. Module one has been developed by a team from Ulster University and Ulster GAA, and module two, a GAA focused lesson plan, is being compiled by Ulster University students as part of their studies.

Tá modúil istigh sa phlean teagasc a mhaireann dhá sheachtain déag. Tá nótaí ann don mhúinteoir agus

don fhoghlaiméir araon, chomh maith le ceachtanna éisteachta. Chuir foireann Ollscoil / CLG Uladh an chéad mhodúl le chéile, agus tá mic léinn de chuid na hollscoile ag obair ar an dara modúl, rud a bheas dírithe ar shaol an CLG.

The resource will be available to all clubs free of charge. Clubs must register with CLG Uladh to access the material, and will receive accreditation for completing modules. The resource will be updated twice to three times a year with new material. Beidh sé seo curtha ar fáil saor in aisce. Caithfidh clubanna clárú le CLG Uladh agus bronnfar teastas orthu siúd a chlúdaíonn iomlán na n-ábhar. Cuirfear modúil breise in airde le linn na bliana.

It was hoped that this would be ready for launch in September 2020, but due to the impact of COVID-19 on various aspects of the project, this has been delayed to December 2020-January 2021. After a trial period within Ulster, the resource will be made available to clubs across Ireland.

Táthar ag súil leis an acmhainn seo a sheoladh go mall sa bhliain nó go luath sa bhliain úr. I ndiaidh dúinn scéim phiolótach a bheith againn in Uladh, beidh fáilte roimh iomlán na gclubanna sa tír úsáid a bhaint as.



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# MATCH OFFICIAL

OIFIGEACH AN CHLUICHE



## Barry Cassidy (Doire)

Barry is a member of the Bellaghy Wolfe Tones Club and has been refereeing since 2002. He has taken charge of county finals at all levels within his native county of Derry, including three Senior Football Finals in 2010, 2013 and this year's decider when Slaughtneil overcame Magherafelt.

Barry joined the National Referee's Panel in 2011 and that year he refereed the Division 4 League Final between Longford and Roscommon. A year later he was the man in the middle for both the Ulster U21 Football Final as well as the All Ireland Minor Final when Dublin defeated near neighbours Meath.

He continued to rise through the ranks, refereeing the 2013 Dr McKenna Cup Final between Tyrone and Monaghan as well as the 2014 All-Ireland U21 Final where Dublin saw off Roscommon.

In 2019 he was in Croke Park for the last All-Ireland Club Final to be held on St Patrick's Day, when Corofin held off the challenge of Dr Croke's.

Yet despite being one of the most accomplished match officials in the country, today will only be Barry's third game in the Ulster Senior Football Championship, with his first game being Donegal's comfortable victory over Antrim in 2014. His last day out was for Fermanagh and Down in Brewster Park two weeks ago.

Today he will be joined by his trusted team of umpires, Kevin Toner, Martin Donnelly, Tom O'Kane and Alan Nash.



# PIVOTAL PLAYERS



## AN CABHÁN *VERSUS* DÚN NA NGALL



### CIARÁN BRADY (An Cabhán)

The Arvagh clubman has plenty of experience on his side as he lines out today in his second successive Ulster Senior Championship Final. Brady had the honour of lining out in four successive club finals in Cavan with Arvagh, winning two of them in 2014 (Junior) and 2016 (Intermediate). Those successes came on the back of two Ulster U21 titles with Cavan in 2013 and 2014, the latter two of their four-in-a-row of titles last decade. Finally those successes are starting to bear fruit.

Brady really made his stamp during the 2018 National League, when the centre-back scored in six of Cavan's seven league games, helping them to achieve promotion back to Division 1. They had spent the previous campaign in the top division, memorably drawing with Kerry and defeating Mayo. When Mickey Graham was installed as manager in winter 2018, he inherited a side with experience in the top flight at Senior level, and experience of inter-county success at U21 level.

Having cemented his role at centre-half back, Ciarán has shown an eye for a score over the past couple of weeks, kicking two points in the defeat of Antrim and notching an impressive score last weekend again Down as Cavan performed a remarkable turnaround.



### CIARAN THOMPSON (Dún na nGall)

Today, Ciaran Thompson goes on the hunt for a third Ulster Senior Championship medal, with his importance to this Donegal side having grown over the past number of years. An unused sub during the 2016 edition, Thompson made his Ulster SFC debut the following year and kicked four points against Antrim. Since then, he has been an ever-present in the side, amassing 23 points across his 11 Ulster Championship games to date.

Most impressive in those games was his man-of-the-match performance against Tyrone in the opening round at Ballybofey three weeks ago, where he scored 0-7 on a wet and windy day in the northwest. With the ground soft underfoot and wind swirling, Thompson gave an exhibition in fielding and free-taking to guide his side home.

Last year, Thompson captained his Naomh Conaill side to the Donegal Senior title and an appearance in the Ulster Senior Club Final, where Kilcoo edged an epic battle. The Glenties men had made it back to the 2020 County Final, before coronavirus intervened and forced a postponement of the Final. That game is due to be played when Donegal exit the Championship, but Thompson won't be turning his sights to it just yet.

# SENIOR FINAL PREVIEW

CLUICHE CEANNAIS SINSIR: RÉAMHAMHARC



## AN CABHÁN VERSUS DÚN NA NGALL



**Today's meeting of Cavan and Donegal at Athletic Grounds is a repeat of the 2019 Ulster Final, with the Tir Chonaill men winning that day 1-24 to 2-16.**

This year's decider has swapped the usual summery June afternoon for an altogether harsher November climate. Changed too will be the absence of thousands of supporters in the ground, the surreal atmosphere of an empty stadium an indication of a simply extraordinary 2020 GAA season.

But the Ulster championship has persevered through the past four weeks and has still lived up to the billing, once again bearing its annual hallmarks of highly competitive football and keenly contested matches.

Both counties have Ulster Championship records that seem to run conversely. Cavan are the most decorated county in the province by a long distance, with 39 Anglo-Celt cup wins amassed across their famous footballing history. However, almost all of those came in the first half of the previous century, and they've only won once (1997) since 1969.

Three years later in 1972 Donegal collected the very first of their 10 Ulster crowns, but in recent years they have been a familiar presence on the winners' podium, with five titles arriving in the last ten years. Today will be their ninth final appearance of the decade, with Michael Murphy captaining them every time.

Cavan's appearance in finals had been less auspicious, with 2001 the last time they'd contested a decider until Mickey Graham guided them to the finale last year. Graham was a player in '01 and in the '97 glory, and how he'd love to deliver Ulster number 40 back to the Breffni county as manager today.

"Considering the tradition and everything else that's gone with it, it definitely has been too long," he commented this week. "Cavan have the most amount of Ulster titles. To think that we haven't won since '97 and before that it was '69.

"It's a long, long time in the making. Cavan people crave for success and unfortunately, we've had nothing to shout about in 23 years. It's long overdue."

Their run to this year's final has been a series of exhilarating moments, with big comebacks mounted against Monaghan and then Down to take their place at the Athletic Grounds today.

With the final two games of the league added in, this will be their sixth game in as many weeks. No other team in Ireland has played as much football as them in the past month and a half.

"This is our sixth week in a row and if you had said that at the start of it we'd have took your hand off," said Graham. "We are just delighted, just taking it one week at a time. The one thing I'm really delighted for is the people at home who had nothing to look forward to at the weekend because of the situation we find ourselves in.

"This has given them great joy and something to look forward to. It isn't just all about the football, it is about being able to lift people's spirits. The way the lads have been performing in the last three games has done that. Sometimes we haven't really been playing well, but the determination and resilience has lifted the spirits more so than the performances maybe."

Donegal boss Declan Bonner remains unbeaten in his second stint as Donegal senior manager. Having held the post from 1997 to 2000, his return to the job in September 2017 has yielded two Ulster titles thus far, and victory today will secure a provincial three-peat not achieved since Armagh in 2006.

"It's an important game anyway, an Ulster final. There is no backdoor now so every game has been hugely important. This is it, do or die. We are treating the Cavan game the exact same. There is a huge opportunity in winning an Ulster final. There is a huge carrot dangling there for whoever takes it."

His own memories of that previous managerial spell, and his glory days as a player which brought him an All-Ireland medal in 1992, are from a different era. What matters is the here and now, and Donegal's ambition in 2020 and ahead.

"The whole thing has changed. Back then [1997-2000], we didn't know any different. I was still dealing with guys that I had played with in '92.

"Football was different and it has changed even over the last three years. It's evolving quickly. We have a very professional backroom team and a group of players who are totally committed. They want to work and want to learn.

**"This is a great place to be - but it's only a great place if you win it."**





# CAPTAIN GALLIGAN KEEPING CAVAN ON COURSE

**“CAN WE PUT IN A COMPLETE PERFORMANCE FOR 70 MINUTES? WE’RE AWARE THAT 35 MINUTES OF A LAPSE AGAINST DONEGAL AND YOU’RE NOT CUTTING ANY DEFICIT. WE REALLY HAVE TO BRING OUR A-GAME FROM THE START.”**

**Thirty-five minutes into Cavan’s 2020 Ulster odyssey it looked as though their league woe would carry into the championship, and that a long, hard winter lay ahead.**

A second successive relegation had been suffered the week before, and by the halfway stage of their Championship opener at St Tiernach’s Park, they were trailing to neighbouring rivals Monaghan by seven points.

But then came a resilient fightback that has come to define Cavan in the past three weeks. While they’d allowed Monaghan to outscore them nine points to one before the break, Mickey Graham’s men rattled off six unanswered scores of their own after the restart, and as the game crept towards the end of extra-time, they held a winning grip.

Rory Beggan looked to bring the game to penalties with a massive free in the very last stages, but the final moment of drama was reserved for Cavan’s keeper and team captain Raymond Galligan.

“It all happened very fast,” says the Lacken club man of the moment he left his station in the Cavan goal mouth to launch over an enormous 55-metre free, the final action of over 100 minutes of football all-in that won a most incredible game.

“When you get the nod to come up, it’s just a matter of sticking to your routine and believing you can do it. It went over, but on another day it could have went horribly wrong. It was a nice feeling when it went over.”

In another year, the moment would have sent a few thousand Cavan fans delirious inside Clones. Their roars and cheers and whoops would have rolled all around the ground and back into the town, but there were no supporters to be heard in this the most irregular of GAA seasons.

Instead the initial adulation of the minutes after the final whistle slowly returned to the mundanity of life in recent times as the players got back into their cars and drove their own way home.

A surreal, subdued denouement, and while Galligan’s heroics were the talk of the country for sure as the winter football Championship served up its first big moment, the whistle-

stop nature of this season’s competition meant that there was no time, or no opportunity even, to get too carried away.

“Lots of friends and family were delighted for me, it was a nice occasion,” says Galligan. “But once we got back into training on Tuesday night, I wasn’t long being brought back down to earth, to realise that you’re only as good as your last game.

“Having the games thick and fast, you have to park it and move. Definitely it was a nice feeling, it’s something I can look back on in time to come.



The four weeks from that halftime in Clones to today's Ulster Final has been packed with enough excitement and drama to fill a few seasons for the Breffni County.

They navigated their way past a hearty Antrim challenge in the quarterfinal to set up a tie with Down that would decide who would compete with Donegal for the Anglo-Celt. It would prove to be another roller-coaster of a game.

Like against Monaghan and Antrim, Cavan's first half was not up to scratch, and the Mournemen raced out of the blocks. Cavan again found themselves in a similar scenario to that day in Clones, well behind and in need of a serious recalibration.

"We felt at halftime, even though it was an eight-point deficit, we were just going to split it into two halves and just try over the next 17 minutes to get ourselves back into the game, get it down to a four- or five-point game.

"It wasn't a case of going out in the third quarter and trying to narrow the gap completely. We just knew to take it quarter by quarter and we were fortunate we had it narrowed down to that three-point lead in the fourth quarter. We had the momentum and thankfully it worked out."

The manner in which Cavan turned it around was as admirable as it was thrilling. It was a methodical approach to identifying where Down were hurting them, the direct running through the middle and contesting ball in midfield with more desire. Imposing themselves on Down and intensifying the pressure on their kickouts was another thing on the to-do list for the second half.

"The players got five or six minutes to themselves, there was a bit of reshuffling to be done with subs," says Galligan. "It was similar to Monaghan in that we were all very calm. We just addressed the areas we needed to improve on, we needed to stop the runners coming from deep and to squeeze the kick outs.

"Before Mickey came in, we had that resolved in our heads that that's what we were going to do. Mickey reinforced those points, that we needed to bring a bit more life to it, especially around the middle sector, to bring a bit of aggression and get in round the breaks, something we weren't doing in the first half. He got us fired up, and I suppose the players backed it up in the second half."

This will be Cavan's sixth game in as many weeks. No team in the country has been put through the ringer as much in the past month and a half, yet while you'd expect the constant toil of games, especially with several of them as testing as Cavan's had been, that the physical and mental demand to eventually catch up with them.

It hasn't been the case. Cavan have arguably been finishing games much stronger than how they've started them. They've been going right to the very end and finding new reserves of hunger and desire to bring themselves back from the brink. It's something Galligan says is significantly aided by the simple remedy of winning.

"It makes it a lot easier to get into the car to go to training. Thankfully, the lads are in super condition, testament to our strength and conditioning over the last number of months. We're finishing strongly, so there's definitely no ill-effects from the consistent games week-on-week so far.

"Having these games back-to-back, it doesn't give you the opportunity to dream big or look too far ahead of yourself. From Monaghan into Antrim then Down, it's really only now that you start to look forward to the final. It's a lot different to last year, we had that window to really embrace the Ulster final.

"Now it's coming thick and fast, and it's really just a matter of getting ourselves sorted right away. Can we put in a complete performance for 70 minutes? We're aware that 35 minutes of a lapse against Donegal and you're not cutting any deficit. We really have to bring our A-game from the start."



# PREVIOUS MEETINGS



## AN CABHÁN VERSUS DÚN NA NGALL



The last time Cavan beat Donegal in the Ulster Championship was in the 1997 Semi Final. Here we take a look back at their last three meetings between Cavan and Donegal which have all been won by the current holders.

### USFC FINAL

**23rd June 2019 at Clones  
Down 1-24 Cavan 2-16**

The highest scoring Ulster Final since 1971 gives a false impression of last year's contest. By the short whistle, Donegal had sailed into a 0-13 to 0-5 which even at that stage looked unassailable. On the 57th minute, a brilliant individual goal by Jamie Brennan was the score that sealed the deal. Cavan did respond to their credit with Conor Madden and Stephen Murray goals but these merely enhanced the look of the scoreboard.

Dún na nGall: S Patton; P McGrath, N McGee, S McMenamin; R McHugh (0-1), O McFadden Ferry, E Ban Gallagher (0-1); H McFadden (0-1), J McGee (0-2); C Thompson (0-2), N O'Donnell (0-1), J Brennan (1-4); P McBrearty (0-5), M Murphy (0-4), M Langan (0-1).

Subs: D O Baoill (0-1) for N O'Donnell, F McGlynn for N McGee, P Brennan for O McFadden Ferry, O Gallen (0-1) for C Thompson, L McLoone for M Langan, C Ward for S McMenamin.

An Cabhán: R Galligan; J McLoughlin, P Faulkner, C Moynagh (0-1); M Reilly, K Clarke, C Rehill; Conor Brady (0-1), G McKiernan (0-6); O Kiernan, D McVeety (0-3), N Murray; Ciaran Brady, O Pierson (0-1), G Smith.

Subs: S Murray (1-0) for N Murray, C Mackey (0-1) for O Kiernan, C Madden (1-1) for G Smith, T Galligan for Conor Brady, C Reilly (0-1) for O Pierson, J Brady (0-1) for C Rehill.

Referee: C Lane (Corcaígh)

### USFC PRELIMINARY ROUND

**13th May 2018 at Páirc MacCumhaill  
Donegal 2-20 Cavan 1-15**

An entertaining first half saw Cillian O'Reilly and Ryan McHugh swap goals but Michael Murphy's accuracy ensured that the home side went in 1-10 to 1-6 ahead at the break. Well taken points from Leo McLoone and a sharp looking Paddy McBrearty pushed Donegal further ahead, until a late Cian Mulligan goal saw the winning margin pushed out to eight points.

Dún na nGall: S Patton; E Ban Gallagher, N McGee, C Ward (0-1); S McMenamin, P Brennan, R McHugh (1-0); H McFadden, L McLoone (0-1); C Thompson (0-3), M Langan (0-3), F McGlynn; P McBrearty (0-4), M Murphy (0-6), J Brennan (0-2).

Subs: C McGinley for C Thompson, E Doherty for S McMenamin, C Mulligan (1-0) for R McHugh, M McHugh for F McGlynn, S McBrearty for J Brennan.

An Cabhán: R Galligan; J McLoughlin, P Faulkner, N Murray (0-1); K Brady, C Brady, C Moynagh; K Clarke, B Magee (0-1); C Mackey (0-2), O Kiernan, E Flanagan; C O'Reilly (1-3), G McKiernan (0-7), C Bradley.

Subs: F Reilly for K Brady, N Clerkin for N Murray, A Cole (0-1) for B Magee, D McVeety for E Flanagan.

Referee: D Gough (An Mhí)

### USFC PRELIMINARY ROUND

**20th May 2012 at Kingspan Breffni  
Donegal 1-16 Cavan 1-10**

Donegal started their seven game journey to Sam Maguire with a comfortable win in Cavan town. Eugene Keating carried the attacking threat for the home side, with five points from play while Donegal, even without their captain and main talisman, Michael Murphy, held too much offensive prowess. Colm McFadden kicked 1-6 with Rory Kavanagh weighing in with three points.

Dún na nGall: P Durcan; P McGrath, N McGee (0-1), F McGlynn (0-1); A Thompson, K Lacey, Declan Walsh; R Kavanagh (0-3), N Gallagher (0-1); R Bradley, David Walsh, M McHugh (0-2); L McLoone (0-2), C McFadden (1-6), P McBrearty, Subs: M O'Reilly for Bradley, M McElhinney for David Walsh, D Molloy for Gallagher.

An Cabhán: J Reilly; K Clarke, P O'Reilly (capt), K Meehan; J McLoughlin, D Reilly, M McKeever; D Givney (0-2), G McKiernan (0-1); F Flanagan, R Flanagan, R Moloney-Derham; J Brady (0-1), E Keating (0-5), B Fitzpatrick.

Subs: T Corr for Maloney-Derham, N McDermott (1-1) for Fitzpatrick, N Smith for F Flanagan, K Tierney for McKeever, R Galligan for Brady.

Referee: C Reilly (An Mhí)





# AN CABHÁN

Name	Club	Age	Championship Debut	Favourite Position
Ciaran Brady	Árnhach	26	v Monaghan 2015	Centre Half Back
Conor Brady	Loch Gamhna	22	v Monaghan 2019	Half Back
Killian Brady	Mullach Odhrain	29	v Armagh 2013	Centre Half Back
Liam Brady	Ramor Aontaithe	23	N/A	Goalkeeper
Oisín Brady	Coill an Gharraí	19	v Monaghan 2020	Centre Half Back
Liam Buchanan	Baile Mhic Aodha	26	v Armagh 2016	Midfield
Simon Cadden	Ramor Aontaithe	29	N/A	Wing Half Back
Killian Clarke	Searcóg	27	v Donegal 2012	Centre Half Forward
Ryan Connolly	Droim Leathan	24	v Monaghan 2017	Centre Half Forward
Chris Conroy	An Leamhaí	28	v Monaghan 2019	Half Back
Danny Cusack	An Leamhaí	21	N/A	Wing Half Back
Thomas Edward Donohoe	An Dinn	22	v Monaghan 2020	Corner Forward
Evan Doughty	Cuchulainn	23	v Monaghan 2020	Corner Forward
Padraig Faulkner	Dún a Rí	26	v Armagh 2016	Midfield
Evaan Fortune	Gaeil an Chabháin	20	N/A	Full Back
Luke Fortune	Gaeil an Chabháin	22	v Monaghan 2020	Wing Half Back
Raymond Galligan	Leacain	33	v Antrim 2006	Goalkeeper
Thomas Galligan	Leacain	24	v Offaly 2017	Midfield
Paul Gilcreest	An Leamhaí	25	N/A	Wing Half Back
Paul Graham	Gaeil an Chabháin	27	v Armagh 2019	Midfield
Benjamin Kelly	Teampall an Phoirt	24	N/A	Midfield
Oisín Kiernan	Caisleán Reathain	28	v Donegal 2018	Wing Half Back
Conor Madden	Loch Gamhna	26	v Monaghan 2017	Half Forward
Bryan Magee	Cuchulainn	24	v Donegal 2018	Midfield
Finbar McAvinue	Árnhach	22	N/A	Wing Half Back
Caoimhan McGovern	Gaeil Na Sionainne	18	N/A	Centre Half Forward
Matthew McKenna	Coill an Gharraí	23	N/A	Wing Half Forward
Gearóid McKiernan	Gaeil an Chabháin	30	v Donegal 2011	Centre Half Forward
Jason McLoughlin	Gaeil Na Sionainne	27	v Donegal 2017	Half Back
Paddy Meade	Dún a Rí	21	N/A	Centre Half Back
Niall Murray	Gaeil an Chabháin	30	v Donegal 2011	Wing Half Forward
Stephen Murray	Gaeil an Chabháin	26	v Armagh 2019	Half Back
Cormac O' Reilly	Mullach Odhrain	20	v Monaghan 2020	Full Forward
Oisín Pierson	Loch Gamhna	21	v Armagh 2019	Forward
Cian Reilly	Coill an Gharraí	18	N/A	Corner Back
Martin Reilly	Coill an Gharraí	33	v Mayo 2007	Forward
Conor Smith	Coill an Gharraí	22	N/A	Corner Forward
Gerard Smith	An Leamhaí	26	v Armagh 2016	Wing Half Back
James Smith	Cros ar Loch	21	v Monaghan 2020	Midfield
Stephen Smith	Cros ar Loch	22	v Monaghan 2019	Full Forward
Cormac Timoney	Béal Átha na nEach	21	v Monaghan 2020	Centre Half Back



# AN CABHÁN

**Bainisteoir:** Mickey Graham



1

R Ó Gealagáin  
**Raymond Galligan (C)**  
Leacain

2

I Mac Lochlainn  
**Jason McLoughlin**  
Gaeil Na Sionainne

3

P Ó Fachtna  
**Padraig Faulkner**  
Dún a Rí

4

L Ó Foirtcheirn  
**Luke Fortune**  
Gaeil an Chabháin

5

G Mac Gabhann  
**Gerard Smith**  
An Leamhaí

6

C Ó Cléirigh  
**Killian Clarke**  
Searcóg

7

C Ó Brádaigh  
**Ciaran Brady**  
Ármhach

8

T Ó Gealagáin  
**Thomas Galligan**  
Leacain

9

C Ó Brádaigh  
**Killian Brady**  
Mullach Odhrain

10

M Ó Raghallaigh  
**Martin Reilly**  
Coill an Gharraí

11

G Mac Thiarnáin  
**Gearoid McKiernan**  
Gaeil an Chabháin

12

O Mac Thiarnáin  
**Oisín Kiernan**  
Caisleán Reatháin

13

O Mac Piarais  
**Oisín Pierson**  
Loch Gamhna

14

C Ó Conraoi  
**Chris Conroy**  
An Leamhaí

15

C Ó Madáin  
**Conor Madden**  
Loch Gamhna

## FIR IONAI D SUBSTITUTES

16. **Liam Brady**

17. **Niall Murray**

18. **Paul Graham**

19. **Liam Buchanan**

20. **Thomas Edward Donohoe**

21. **Stephen Smith**

Ramor Aontaithe

Gaeil an Chabháin

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Baile Mhic Aodha

An Dinn

Cros ar Loch

22. **Oisín Brady**

23. **Cormac O'Reilly**

24. **James Smith**

25. **Cormac Timoney**

26. **Conor Smith**

Coill an Gharraí

Mullach Odhrain

Cros ar Loch

Béal Átha na nEach

Coill an Gharraí

# DÚN NA NGALL

**Bainisteoir:** Declan Bonner



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**S Ó Peatáin**  
**Shaun Patton**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin

2

**E B Ó Gallchoir**  
**Eoghan Bán Gallagher**  
Na Cealla Beaga

3

**N Mac Aoidh**  
**Neil McGee**  
Gaoth Dobhair

4

**E Mac Aodha**  
**Eoin McHugh**  
Cill Chartha

5

**R Mac Aodha**  
**Ryan McHugh**  
Cill Chartha

6

**P Ó Braonáinn**  
**Paul Brennan**  
Réalt na Mara

7

**P Ó Mogain**  
**Peadar Mogan**  
Naomh Naille

8

**A Mac Pháidín**  
**Hugh McFadden**  
Na Cealla Beaga

9

**C Mac Gonagail**  
**Caolan McGonigle**  
Bun Cranncha

10

**C Mac Thomáis**  
**Ciaran Thompson**  
Naomh Conaill

11

**N Ó Domhnaill**  
**Niall O'Donnell**  
Naomh Adhamhnáin

12

**M Ó Longain**  
**Michael Langan**  
Naomh Mícheál

13

**P Mac Briartaigh**  
**Paddy McBrearty**  
Cill Chartha

14

**M Ó Murchú**  
**Michael Murphy (C)**  
Gleann tSúilí

15

**J Ó Braonáin**  
**Jamie Brennan**  
Réalt na Mara

## FIR IONAIID SUBSTITUTES

16. **Michael Lynch** Naomh Colmcille  
17. **Jeaic Mac Ceallabhúí** Naomh Conaill  
18. **Eoghan McGettigan** Naomh Conaill  
19. **Jason McGee** Cloich Ceann Fhaola  
20. **Andrew McClean** Cill Chartha  
21. **Daire Ó Baoill** Gaoth Dobhair

22. **Caolan Ward** Naomh Adhamhnáin  
23. **Brendan McCole** Naomh Náille  
24. **Eamonn Doherty** Naomh Adhamhnáin  
25. **Conor O'Donnell** Carn Domhnach  
26. **Paddy McGrath** Ard an Ratha



# DÚN NA NGALL

Name	Club	Age	Championship Debut	Favourite Position
Jamie Brennan	Realt na Mara	24	v Antrim 2017	Forward
Paul Brennan	Realt na Mara	31	v Tyrone 2017	Half Back
Ciaran Diver	Bun an Phobail	24	N/A	Half Forward
Eamon Doherty	Naomh Adhamhnáin	30	v Galway 2015	Half Back
Eoghan Bán Gallagher	Na Cealla Beaga	24	v Monaghan 2016	Half Back
Oisín Gallen	Seán Mac Cumhaill	20	v Tyrone 2019	Full Forward
Michael Langan	Naomh Mícheál	22	v Antrim 2017	Half Forward
Michael Lynch	Naomh Colmcille	23	N/A	Goalkeeper
Paddy McBrearty	Cill Chartha	26	v Antrim 2011	Full Forward
Brendan McCole	Naomh Naille	31	N/A	Half Back
Andrew McClean	Cill Chartha	24	v Tyrone 2020	Half Forward
Hugh McFadden	Na Cealla Beaga	26	v Galway 2015	Midfield
Jason McGee	Cloich Cheann Fhaola	22	v Antrim 2017	Midfield
Neil McGee	Gaoth Dobhair	35	v Down 2006	Full Back
Eoghan McGettigan	Naomh Conaill	22	N/A	Half Forward
Caolan McGonagle	Bun Cranncha	24	v Cavan 2018	Midfield
Paddy McGrath	Ard an Rátha	31	v Down 2010	Corner Back
Eoin McHugh	Cill Chartha	26	v Fermanagh 2016	Half Forward
Ryan McHugh	Cill Chartha	26	v Down 2013	Half Back
Jeaic Mac Ceallabhúí	Naomh Conaill	21	v Tyrone 2020	Half Back
Stephen McMenamin	Aodh Rua Cúil na gCurridín	23	v Cavan 2018	Corner Back
Peadar Mogan	Naomh Naille	21	v Tyrone 2020	Half Back
Michael Murphy	Gleann tSúilí	31	v Leitrim 2007	Forward
Daire Ó Baoill	Gaoth Dobhair	23	v Derry 2018	Half Back
Conor O'Donnell	Carn Domhnaigh	19	N/A	Half Forward
Conor O'Donnell	Naomh Adhamhnáin	25	N/A	Half Back
Ethan O'Donnell	Naomh Conaill	24	N/A	Half Back
Niall O'Donnell	Naomh Adhamhnáin	22	v Roscommon 2018	Half Forward
Shaun Patton	Naomh Adhamhnáin	24	v Cavan 2018	Goalkeeper
Ciaran Thompson	Naomh Conaill	26	v Fermanagh 2016	Midfield
Caolan Ward	Naomh Adhamhnáin	26	v Antrim 2017	Half Back



# KEY MATCH UPS

BY NIAL MCCOY

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## GEAROID MCKIERNAN V MICHAEL LANGAN

McKiernan's value to Cavan has long been evident as he has provided a real physical presence in the middle area while he usually gets forward for a couple of scores each day. While Michael Langan is a big more rangy than the Cavan Gaels man, he is equally as capable of dominating around the centre. Armagh found that out in spades last week, and Langan will be the man tasked with stopping McKiernan from getting a foothold on proceedings. That's easier said than done, of course. McKiernan has faced some of the best midfields in the country over the years and rarely has he come out second best. This midfield battle will be crucial in the race for the Anglo Celt Cup and these two have key roles to play.

## CONOR MADDEN V NEIL MCGEE

Will Conor Madden start after his match-winning cameo against Down? We'll let Mickey Graham answer that one. What's certain is that we will see the Cavan attacker at some stage and that he's likely to head straight to edge of the square. Waiting for him will be Neil McGee, the veteran Tir Chonaill defender who has snuffed out some of Ireland top forwards. Cavan were in real bother in their semi-final against Down until Madden's introduction, and he really caused problems for the in-form Patrick Murdock. McGee has plenty of miles on the clock compared to Murdock and while he has been hampered by a knock in recent weeks, he will relish the challenge of shutting down Madden's threat. This should be an old-school full-forward against full-back battle, and if Madden can't get motoring, then Donegal will be one giant step closer to the Ulster title.

## RAYMOND GALLIGAN V SHAUN PATTON

What a year these two goalkeepers are having. Shaun Patton's kick-outs in the round seven National League loss to Kerry were not of the required standard, and even in the opening moments of their quarter-final against Tyrone they were a touch slack. Then he hit that monster kick to Peadar Mogan that resulted in Michael Langan's crucial goal and ever since then he has been almost perfect. His restarts gave Donegal a really good platform against Armagh and with the Orchard county unable to intercept or break them down, they couldn't get a foothold in the game. Galligan is also known for his precision from kick-outs but it's his long-range frees – think that dramatic winners against Monaghan – and his shot-stopping that has been prominent this season. When the Oriel county were pushing hard in the first half he made a number of important saves, and he also stopped Patrick Gallagher at a crucial stage against Antrim. He'll need to be alert against a Donegal side that always carves out goal chances.



# DONEGAL'S PATTON TAKING EVERY CHANCE THAT COMES HIS WAY

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**With Shaun Patton going for his third Ulster SFC medal today, he has the distinction of still being undefeated in provincial championship during his inter-county career.**

The Donegal goalkeeper has taken the road less travelled to the Tir Conaill number one jersey.

A former professional soccer player in the League of Ireland with Derry City, Finn Harps and Sligo Rovers, Patton switched to Gaelic football in 2018 following a call from the blue from county boss Declan Bonner.

Prior to that, he'd played just two adult Gaelic Football games, for St Eunan's in the 2014 Ulster Club Championship game. He had left the sport at U-12 level to concentrate on a career in soccer, and was in negotiations to join Cork City when Bonner got in touch.

"I was mostly soccer orientated and focused on trying to do well in it," says the 25-year-old. "Fortunately, I got to play well with a couple of great clubs in the League of Ireland. When Declan offered me to come in and have opportunity to be part of the panel, I went in and saw what it meant to the group that was in there at the time. I got sucked into it, and I've loved every second of it since I joined.

"[The decision to join] definitely took a bit of time, talking with the family and my girlfriend. It was such a shock that when he called me, I was wondering did he have the right fella at the time. I was thinking, 'Right, this is an opportunity for me.'"

It wasn't long before he had overtaken both Mark Anthony McGinley and Peter Boyle to become Donegal's first choice keeper in his first season. He's been a mainstay in the team ever since, and a vital cog in the Donegal game plan.

Growing up though, his inspiration wasn't watching the likes of Stephen Cluxton. He wasn't on Patton's radar as much as another keeper from a different code but much closer to home.

"Going back years ago, you're always fantasizing about playing Premier League football, and seeing a local man like Shay Given, he's only over the road in Lifford. He's a massive inspiration and he came from a small place to go over there and play. He gave me a real inspiration to be a goalkeeper from watching him growing up my whole life."



Patton still followed Gaelic Football while plying his trade in soccer, but he admits he didn't pay particular attention to the game's goalkeepers and how they operated.

Since coming into Bonner's panel however he has been diligently working on his game with the Donegal coaches, and when 2012 All-Ireland winner Paul Durcan returned to the squad last year, Patton mined him for knowledge.

"Papa' had this unbelievable disguised kickout, it's just outrageous, and it's an absolute pleasure to watch. You see things like that and see how talented the keepers are. You obviously have Cluxton and David Clarke who have been top keepers for a long, long time. But I wouldn't have made pointers in what they were doing going back to 2012, I was more focused on soccer.

What would he say is the difference between goalkeeping in Gaelic football and soccer?

"I don't really know, to be honest. I put a lot of work into being a goalkeeper growing up. Once I got the chance to start playing and get a bit of coaching was fantastic. Working hard with the coaches is probably the main thing, bouncing ideas around and trying to get information off the people you are training with. Papa was in with us, and it was about trying to drain as much information out of him as possible because when you're training with a fella like him, who's been there and done it all, it's always great to get a few pointers like that."

While skilled in all facets of goalkeeping, Patton's booming laser-like kickouts have become his trademark. In the quarter-final against Tyrone in teeming Ballybofey, he arrowed a huge kickout perfectly into the path of an advancing Peadar Mogan deep in the Donegal forward line which led directly to Michael Lagan's goal.

With obvious skill off the boot, does he ever think about replicating some of his goalkeeping contemporaries like Cluxton, Niall Morgan and Rory Beggan by adding free-taking to his repertoire?

"The local ones up here would know, frees wouldn't be my strong point!" he jokes. "I tried a few for the club, there was one last year to level it up against Naomh Chonaill in the last kick of the game.

"Whenever you have boys like Michael Murphy, Ciaran Thompson, Michael Lagan, boys who can kick frees off the ground are quite good at them, it's something I'm happy to leave them to because they're so successful and so good at it. Obviously if I was ever called upon to kick one, I would definitely oblige and I'd be happy to try my best, but it's one of those things that takes a lot of work and practice to get right"

When the pandemic struck this year and GAA was wiped out, Patton realised just how big a part the game has become in his life. While he had begun a new career as a Garda and been stationed in Navan, a void still remained however with the absence of Gaelic football as the season was suspended due to Covid-19.

Returning to the field of play then at the end of summer and getting up and running with Donegal again has been an illumination.

"Whenever football was taken away so suddenly, I was standing there thinking 'What am I going to do now?' when it wasn't there. I didn't know what to do. To be able to go back out and play, it maybe gave you the hunger for the game and be able to go back at it.

"We had the opportunity to switch off and think that the football wasn't going to go ahead, but we always kept it positive mentality that we'd get the chance to get out and get playing," says Patton. "We got back in and got training in September, and it was nice to get in and play football. I'm just embracing every challenge that comes my way.

"Once you really see how fickle it can be taken away, whenever you get the opportunity to go out there again and take the opportunity by the scruff of the neck. You just have to enjoy yourself."

Patton's rapid rise to one of Gaelic football's top goalkeepers are certainly testament to taking the opportunities that come your way.



# MANAGER FOCUS

BY ANDY WATTERS

THE IRISH NEWS



## MICKEY GRAHAM

(AN CABHÁN)

THE man with the Midas touch. How else do you explain his ability to conjure life and fightback brilliance when all seems lost for his teams? This season Graham has walked into gloomy half-time dressing rooms in Clones and Armagh when his players looked beaten for all money but somehow he has remained calm, reorganised them, reinvigorated them and sent them back out to perform Lazarus-like recoveries. And this season's success is no flash in the pan. A former Cavan player, Graham is a good communicator and keen tactician whose man-management ability is obviously at a very high standard.

He recalled this week that he'd experienced the disappointment of not making the 26-man matchday squad as a player and so he makes a point of going to squad players, subs and his 15 starters alike to ensure that they are all in it together. That sense of cohesions builds a fighting spirit that is a trademark quality in his teams.

Graham has tasted success at all levels of club management. In his own county, he won the junior and intermediate championships with Butlersbridge and Drumalee respectively and was then tempted to Longford where he took Mullinalaghta St Columba's to back-to-back county titles in 2016 and 2017 and in 2018 he added the Leinster senior title (Mullinalaghta were the first club from the county even to reach a final).

In his first season as boss of his beloved county, the affable Cavan Gaels clubman, reached the Ulster final - the Breffnemen's first in 18 years. Now, after those unforgettable wins sandwiched a less dramatic win over Antrim, he's in another. He couldn't pull off another shock, could he?

## DECLAN BONNER

(DÚN NA NGALL)

SECOND time lucky for the 1992 hero. Bonner's first spell as manager of his native county included losing the 2008 Anglo-Celt Cup decider to Derry but he has delivered back-to-back Ulster titles second time around.

Under Rory Gallagher and, before him Jim McGuinness, Donegal had become used to provincial success of course (today's final is the county's ninth in 10 fruitful seasons) but Bonner has taken the Tir Chonaill men to the brink of new ground - an Ulster three in-a-row.

The Na Rossa clubman won two Ulster titles during his time as a hard-working corner-forward and his trusty left boot kicked the last score of Donegal's 1992 All-Ireland triumph over Dublin. Almost 30 years on, he would love to emulate that success as a manager.

Bonner inherited a formidable unit from Gallagher and was able to keep established stars like Michael Murphy and Neil McGee on board while bedding-in talented newcomers in Jamie Brennan, Oisín Gallen and Shaun Patton. Hasn't been afraid to blood young players who have impressed him in training and Peadar Mogan, man of the match against Armagh with 1-2, is the latest fleet-footed star to burst onto the scene.

While Donegal's gameplan continues to retain elements of the defensive mindset that brought success to his predecessors, there is evidence that a developing, kicking style that utilises the offensive mark is breaking through. Donegal are being tipped by many as the team that could topple Dublin this year but Bonner will tolerate no complacency in the ranks before Cavan have been accounted for.

# 2020 ULSTER SFC SCOREBOARD

SUN 1ST NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL

 **DÚN NA NGALL** 1-13

 **TÍR EOGHAIN** 1-11

SUN 1ST NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL

 **DOIRE** 0-15

 **ARD MHACHA** 0-17

SUN 8TH NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL

 **FEAR MANACH** 0-11

 **AN DÚN** 1-15

SAT 7TH NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL

 **AN CABHÁN** 0-13

 **AONTROIM** 0-09

SAT 31ST OCTOBER: FIRST ROUND

 **MUINEACHÁN** 1-17

 **AN CABHÁN** 2-15 (AET)

SAT 14TH NOVEMBER: SEMI FINAL

 **DÚN NA NGALL** 1-22

 **ARD MHACHA** 0-13

SUN 15TH NOVEMBER: SEMI FINAL

 **AN CABHÁN** 1-14

 **AN DÚN** 1-13

SUN 22ND NOVEMBER: FINAL

 **DÚN NA NGALL**

 **AN CABHÁN**

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# ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP ROLL OF HONOUR

## ROLLA ONÓRA AN CHRAOBHCHOMÓRTAIS

2019	Dún na nGall	1-24	An Cabhán	2-16	Clones
2018	Dún na nGall	2-18	Fear Manach	0-12	Clones
2017	Tír Eoghain	2-17	An Dún	0-15	Clones
2016	Tír Eoghain	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-11	Clones
2015	Muineachán	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-10	Clones
2014	Dún na nGall	0-15	Muineachán	1-09	Clones
2013	Muineachán	0-13	Dún na nGall	0-07	Clones
2012	Dún na nGall	2-18	An Dún	0-13	Clones
2011	Dún na nGall	1-11	Doire	0-08	Clones
2010	Tír Eoghain	1-14	Muineachán	0-07	Clones
2009	Tír Eoghain	1-18	Aontroim	0-15	Clones
2008	Ard Mhacha	2-08	Fear Manach	1-11	Clones
Replay:	Ard Mhacha	1-11	Fear Manach	0-08	Clones
2007	Tír Eoghain	1-15	Muineachán	1-13	Clones
2006	Ard Mhacha	1-09	Dún na nGall	0-09	Croke Park
2005	Ard Mhacha	2-08	Tír Eoghain	0-14	Croke Park
Replay:	Ard Mhacha	0-13	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Croke Park
2004	Ard Mhacha	3-15	Dún na nGall	0-11	Croke Park
2003	Tír Eoghain	1-17	An Dún	4-08	Clones
Replay:	Tír Eoghain	0-23	An Dún	1-05	Clones
2002	Ard Mhacha	1-14	Dún na nGall	1-10	Clones
2001	Tír Eoghain	1-13	An Cabhán	1-11	Clones
2000	Ard Mhacha	1-12	Doire	1-11	Clones
1999	Ard Mhacha	3-12	An Dún	0-10	Clones
1998	Doire	1-07	Dún na nGall	0-08	Clones
1997	An Cabhán	1-14	Doire	0-16	Clones
1996	Tír Eoghain	1-09	An Dún	0-09	Clones
1995	Tír Eoghain	2-13	An Cabhán	0-10	Clones
1994	An Dún	1-17	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Clones
1993	Doire	0-08	Dún na nGall	0-06	Clones
1992	Dún na nGall	0-14	Doire	1-09	Clones
1991	An Dún	1-15	Dún na nGall	0-10	Clones
1990	Dún na nGall	0-15	Ard Mhacha	0-14	Clones
1989	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Dún na nGall	0-11	Clones
Replay:	Tír Eoghain	2-13	Dún na nGall	0-07	Clones
1988	Muineachán	1-10	Tír Eoghain	0-11	Clones
1987	Doire	0-11	Ard Mhacha	0-09	Clones
1986	Tír Eoghain	1-11	An Dún	0-10	Clones
1985	Muineachán	2-09	Doire	0-08	Clones
1984	Tír Eoghain	0-15	Ard Mhacha	1-07	Clones
1983	Dún na nGall	1-14	An Cabhán	1-11	Clones
1982	Ard Mhacha	0-10	Fear Manach	1-04	Clones
1981	An Dún	3-12	Ard Mhacha	1-10	Clones
1980	Ard Mhacha	4-10	Tír Eoghain	4-07	Clones
1979	Muineachán	1-15	Dún na nGall	0-11	Clones
1978	An Dún	2-19	An Cabhán	2-12	Clones
1977	Ard Mhacha	3-10	Doire	1-05	Clones
1976	Doire	1-08	An Cabhán	1-08	Clones
Replay AET:	Doire	0-22	An Cabhán	1-16	Clones
1975	Doire	1-16	An Dún	2-06	Clones
1974	Dún na nGall	1-14	An Dún	2-11	Clones
Replay:	Dún na nGall	3-09	An Dún	1-12	Clones
1973	Tír Eoghain	3-13	An Dún	1-11	Clones
1972	Dún na nGall	2-13	Tír Eoghain	1-11	Clones
1971	An Dún	4-15	Doire	4-11	Belfast
1970	Doire	2-13	Aontroim	1-12	Clones
1969	An Cabhán	2-13	An Dún	2-06	Belfast
1968	An Dún	0-16	An Cabhán	1-08	Belfast
1967	An Cabhán	2-12	An Dún	0-08	Clones
1966	An Dún	1-07	Dún na nGall	0-08	Belfast
1965	An Dún	3-05	An Cabhán	1-08	Clones
1964	An Cabhán	2-10	An Dún	1-10	Belfast
1963	An Dún	2-11	Dún na nGall	1-04	Cavan
1962	An Cabhán	3-06	An Dún	0-05	Belfast
1961	An Dún	2-10	Ard Mhacha	1-10	Belfast
1960	An Dún	3-07	An Cabhán	1-8	Clones
1959	An Dún	2-16	An Cabhán	0-07	Clones
1958	Doire	1-11	An Dún	2-04	Clones
1957	Tír Eoghain	1-09	Doire	0-10	Clones

1956	Tír Eoghain	3-05	An Cabhán	0-04	Clones
1955	An Cabhán	0-11	Doire	0-08	Clones
1954	An Cabhán	2-10	Ard Mhacha	2-05	Clones
1953	Ard Mhacha	1-06	An Cabhán	0-05	Belfast
1952	An Cabhán	1-08	Muineachán	0-08	Cavan
1951	Aontroim	1-07	An Cabhán	2-03	Clones
1950	Ard Mhacha	1-11	An Cabhán	1-07	Clones
1949	An Cabhán	1-07	Ard Mhacha	1-06	Clones
1948	An Cabhán	2-12	Aontroim	2-04	Clones
1947	An Cabhán	3-04	Aontroim	1-06	Clones
1946	Aontroim	2-08	An Cabhán	1-07	Clones
1945	An Cabhán	4-10	Fear Manach	1-04	Clones
1944	An Cabhán	1-09	Muineachán	0-05	Clones
1943	An Cabhán	2-03	Muineachán	0-05	Cavan
1942	An Cabhán	5-11	An Dún	1-03	Dundalk
1941	An Cabhán	3-09	Tír Eoghain	0-05	Armagh
1940	An Cabhán	4-10	An Dún	1-05	Cavan
1939	An Cabhán	V	Ard Mhacha	Abandoned	Castleblayney
Replay:	An Cabhán	2-03	Ard Mhacha	0-07	Croke Park
1938	Muineachán	2-05	Ard Mhacha	2-02	Armagh
1937	An Cabhán	0-13	Ard Mhacha	0-03	Castleblayney
1936	An Cabhán	1-07	Muineachán	0-07	Castleblayney
1935	An Cabhán	2-06	Fear Manach	2-01	Belturbet
1934	An Cabhán	3-08	Ard Mhacha	0-02	Castleblayney
1933	An Cabhán	6-13	Tír Eoghain	1-02	Armagh
1932	An Cabhán	2-04	Ard Mhacha	0-02	Monaghan
1931	An Cabhán	0-08	Ard Mhacha	2-01	Dundalk
1930	Muineachán	4-03	An Cabhán	1-05	Carrickmacross
1929	Muineachán	1-04	An Cabhán	1-04	Cavan
Replay:	Muineachán	1-10	An Cabhán	0-07	Carrickmacross
1928	An Cabhán	2-06	Ard Mhacha	1-04	Cavan
1927	Muineachán	3-05	Ard Mhacha	2-05	Armagh
1926	An Cabhán	5-03	Aontroim	0-06	Cavan
1925	An Cabhán	2-03	Aontroim	3-00	Monaghan
Replay:	An Cabhán	3-06	Aontroim	0-01	Belturbet
1924	An Cabhán	1-03	Muineachán	1-03	Belturbet
Replay:	An Cabhán	2-03	Muineachán	1-03	Ballybay
1923	An Cabhán	5-10	Muineachán	1-01	Cavan
1922	Muineachán	2-03	An Cabhán	1-03	Clones
Replay:	Muineachán	3-04	An Cabhán	3-03	Belturbet
1921	Muineachán	2-02	Doire	0-01	Clones
1920	An Cabhán	4-06	Ard Mhacha	1-04	Cootehill
1919	An Cabhán	5-06	Aontroim	0-02	Clones
1918	An Cabhán	3-02	Aontroim	0-00	Belturbet
1917	Muineachán	4-02	Ard Mhacha	0-04	Clones
1916	Muineachán	3-01	Aontroim	0-02	Clones
1915	An Cabhán	3-02	Muineachán	2-05	Belturbet
Replay:	An Cabhán	0-04	Muineachán	0-03	Clones
1914	Muineachán	2-04	Fear Manach	0-02	Newbliss
1913	Aontroim	2-01	Muineachán	1-02	Newbliss
1912	Aontroim	2-02	Ard Mhacha	0-01	Castleblayney
1911	Aontroim	2-08	An Cabhán	0-04	
1910	Aontroim	3-04	An Cabhán	0-01	Dundalk
1909	Aontroim	1-09	An Cabhán	0-04	Clones
1908	Aontroim	1-08	An Cabhán	0-04	Clones
1907	No Championship				
1906	Muineachán	2-10	Aontroim	1-02	Clones
1905	An Cabhán	0-07	Muineachán	0-04	Clones
1904	An Cabhán	0-05	Ard Mhacha	0-05	Armagh
Replay:	An Cabhán	0-05	Ard Mhacha	0-05	Cavan
Replay:	An Cabhán	0-08	Ard Mhacha	0-04	Newbliss
1903	Ard Mhacha	2-02	Aontroim	1-04	Belfast
1901/02	Aontroim	3-05	Ard Mhacha	2-05	Belfast
1892-1900	No Championships *An Cabhán represented Ulster in 1895 All Ireland Semi Final*				
1891	Cavan Slashers (An Cabhán)		Armagh Harps (Ard Mhacha)	Abandoned	Smithboro
Replay:	An Cabhán	1-11	Ard Mhacha	0-00	Smithboro
1890	Harps (Ard Mhacha)	2-08	Cookstown Owen Roe O'Neill's (Tír Eoghain)	1-02	Lisburn
1889	No Championship				
1888	Inniskeen Grattan's (Muineachán)	0-02	Maghera McGinn's (An Cabhán)	0-02	0-01
Replay:	Muineachán	0-03	An Cabhán	0-01	

## ROLL OF HONOUR:

<b>Aontroim</b>	<b>(9)</b>	<b>Doire</b>	<b>(7)</b>	<b>Muineachán</b>	<b>(16)</b>
<b>Ard Mhacha</b>	<b>(14)</b>	<b>An Dún</b>	<b>(12)</b>	<b>Tír Eoghain</b>	<b>(15)</b>
<b>An Cabhán</b>	<b>(37)</b>	<b>Dún na nGall</b>	<b>(10)</b>		

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# ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP TOP SCORERS 1948 – 2019

*Príomhsóráilithe an Chraobhchomórtais 1948-2019*

2019	Rian O'Neill	Ard Mhacha	0-18 (18)
2018	Paddy McBrearty	Dún na nGall	0-19 (19)
2017	Conor McManus	Muineachán	2-13 (19)
2016	Conor McManus	Muineachán	1-20 (23)
2015	Conor McManus	Muineachán	1-19 (22)
2014	Conor McManus	Muineachán	1-16 (19)
2013	Martin Dunne	An Cabhán	0-17 (17)
2012	Colm McFadden	Dún na nGall	2-18 (24)
2011	Eoin Bradley	Doire	2-10 (16)
2010	Paul Finlay	Muineachán	0-14 (14)
2009	Paddy Cunningham	Aontroim	0-19 (19)
2008	Steven McDonnell	Ard Mhacha	1-17 (20)
2007	Thomas Freeman	Muineachán	1-15 (18)
2006	Oisín McConville	Ard Mhacha	3-25 (34)
2005	Stephen O'Neill	Tír Eoghain	1-26 (29)
2004	Colm McFadden	Dún na nGall	1-13 (16)
	Oisín McConville	Ard Mhacha	
2003	Peter Canavan	Tír Eoghain	1-38 (41)
2002	Rory Gallagher	Fear Manach	4-12 (24)
2001	Rory Gallagher	Fear Manach	0-16 (16)
2000	Rory Gallagher	Fear Manach	1-19 (22)
1999	Oisín McConville	Ard Mhacha	3-18 (27)
1998	Joe Brolly	Doire	0-13 (13)
	Tony Boyle	Dún na nGall	
1997	Joe Brolly	Doire	3-15 (24)
1996	Peter Canavan	Tír Eoghain	3-13 (22)
1995	Peter Canavan	Tír Eoghain	0-20 (20)
1994	Peter Canavan	Tír Eoghain	1-17 (20)
1993	John Toner	Ard Mhacha	0-23 (23)
1992	Enda Gormley	Doire	0-25 (25)
1991	Ross Carr	An Dún	0-21 (21)
1990	Manus Boyle	Dún na nGall	1-16 (19)
1989	Martin McHugh	Dún na nGall	2-16 (22)
1988	Stephen Conway	Tír Eoghain	0-17 (17)
1987	Enda Gormley	Doire	0-20 (20)
1986	Brendan Mason	An Dún	3-17 (26)
1985	Eamonn McEneaney	Muineachán	3-16 (25)
1984	Frank McGuigan	Tír Eoghain	0-19 (19)
1983	Derek McDonnell	An Cabhán	4-11 (23)
1982	John Corvan	Ard Mhacha	1-09 (12)
	Peter McGinnity	Fear Manach	
1981	Eamonn McEneaney	Muineachán	1-17 (20)
	Brendan McGovern	An Dún	
1980	Patsy Hetherington	Tír Eoghain	4-03 (15)
	Patsy Kerlin	Tír Eoghain	
1979	Kieran Finlay	Muineachán	1-18 (21)
1978	Donal Donohoe	An Cabhán	0-12 (12)
1977	Brendan Kelly	Doire	2-10 (16)

## 2020 LEADERBOARD

Donal O'Hare (An Dún)	1-08	(11)
Rian O'Neill (Ard Mhacha)	0-10	(10)
Gearoid McKiernan (An Cabhán)	0-09	(9)
Ciaran Thompson (Dún na nGall)	0-09	(9)
Michael Langan (Dún na nGall)	1-05	(8)



1976	Steve Duggan	An Cabhán	1-22 (25)
1975	Willie Walsh	An Dún	3-08 (17)
1974	Seamus Bonnar	Dún na nGall	6-04 (22)
1973	Patsy Hetherington	Tír Eoghain	0-17 (17)
1972	Joe Winston	Dún na nGall	0-26 (26)
1971	Sean O'Connell	Doire	1-18 (21)
1970	Andy McCallin	Aontroim	3-15 (24)
1969	Sean Woods	Muineachán	3-07 (16)
	Gene Cusack	An Cabhán	
1968	Paddy Doherty	An Dún	1-17 (20)
1967	Charlie Gallagher	An Cabhán	0-19 (19)
1966	PT Treacy	Fear Manach	4-13 (27)
1965	Charlie Gallagher	An Cabhán	2-29 (35)
1964	Charlie Gallagher	An Cabhán	0-19 (19)
1963	Harry Laverty	Dún na nGall	2-10 (16)
1962	Seamus McMahan	An Cabhán	0-11 (11)
	Frankie Donnelly	Tír Eoghain	
1961	Paddy Doherty	An Dún	1-16 (19)
1960	Con Smith	An Cabhán	1-17 (20)
1959	Paddy Doherty	An Dún	1-17 (20)
1958	Paddy Doherty	An Dún	3-14 (23)
1957	Frankie Donnelly	Tír Eoghain	1-14 (17)
1956	Frankie Donnelly	Tír Eoghain	2-07 (13)
	Victor Sherlock	An Cabhán	
1955	Peter Donoho	An Cabhán	0-14 (14)
1954	Brian Gallagher	An Cabhán	0-14 (14)
1953	Art O'Haga	Ard Mhacha	3-04 (13)
1952	John Joe Cassidy	An Cabhán	1-07 (10)
1951	Joe McCallin	Aontroim	3-14 (23)
1950	Peter Donohoe	An Cabhán	3-18 (27)
1949	Peter Donohoe	An Cabhán	4-10 (22)
1948	Peter Donohoe	An Cabhán	3-12 (21)

# 2020 ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SO FAR

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**Muineachán 1-17**

**An Cabhán 2-15**

**Dáta:** 31ú Deiread Fómhair 2020

**Ionad:** St Tiernach's Park

**Réiteoir:** Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)

**Laoch na hIomána:** Thomas Galligan



**DÚN NA NGALL 1-13**

**TÍR EOGHAIN 1-11**

**Dáta:** 1ú Samhain 2020

**Ionad:** MacCumhaill Park

**Réiteoir:** Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

**Laoch na hIomána:** Ciaran Thompson

	Muineachán		An Cabhán	
0-01	Rory Beggan	1	Raymond Galligan (c)	0-01
0-02	Kieran Duffy	2	Jason McLoughlin	
	Conor Boyle	3	Killian Clarke	
	Ryan Wylie (C)	4	Killian Brady	
0-01	Dessie Ward	5	Gerard Smith	0-01
0-01	Fintan Kelly	6	Ciaran Brady	
	Karl O'Connell	7	Luke Fortune	0-02
	Darren Hughes	8	James Smith	0-01
	Kieran Hughes	9	Pdraig Faulkner	
0-01	Ryan McAnespie	10	Martin Reilly	1-01
0-02	Micheál Bannigan	11	Gearoid McKiernan	0-03
	Drew Wylie	12	Oisín Kiernan	0-01
0-01	Stephen O'Hanlon	13	Oisín Pierson	1-00
0-01	Conor McCarthy	14	Stephen Smith	0-02
1-04	Conor McManus	15	Cormac O'Reilly	
	Dermot Malone	Subs	Thomas Galligan	0-01
0-01	Shane Carey		Niall Murray	0-01
	Niall Kearns		Thomas Edward Donohoe	
	Christopher McGuinness		Chris Conroy	0-01
0-01	Colin Walshe		Paul Graham	
0-01	Andrew Woods		Evan Doughty	
			Oisín Brady	
			Cormac Timoney	

	Dún na nGall		Tír Eoghain	
	Shaun Patton	1	Niall Morgan	0-01
	Stephen McMenamin	2	Liam Rafferty	
	Neil McGee	3	Ronan McNamee	
	Eoghan Bán Gallagher	4	Frank Burns	0-01
0-01	Ryan McHugh	5	Tiarnan McCann	
	Paul Brennan	6	Michael O'Neill	
	Peadar Mogan	7	Michael McKernan	
	Hugh McFadden	8	Brian Kennedy	
	Caolan McGonigle	9	Mattie Donnelly (C)	0-01
0-07	Ciaran Thompson	10	Kieran McGearry	
	Niall O'Donnell	11	Conor McKenna	0-01
1-02	Michael Langan	12	Conor Meyler	
	Jaecí McKelvey	13	Darren McCurry	0-03
	Michael Murphy (C)	14	Peter Harte	0-01
0-02	Jamie Brennan	15	Darragh Canavan	1-01
	Eoin McHugh	Subs	Mark Bradley	0-02
	Andrew McClean		Richard Donnelly	
0-01	Oisín Gallen		Pdraig Hampsey	
	Paddy McGrath		Niall Sludden	
	Jason McGee			





## Doire 0-15 Ard Mhacha 0-17

Dáta: 1ú Samhain 2020

Ionad: Celtic Park

Réiteoir: Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

Laoch na hIomána: Rory Grugan (Ard Mhacha)

	Doire		Ard Mhacha	
	Odhran Lynch	1	Blaine Hughes	
	Paul McNeill	2	Paddy Burns	
	Brendan Rogers	3	Ryan Kennedy	
	Carlus McWilliams	4	James Morgan	
0-01	Ethan Doherty	5	Conor O'Neill	0-01
0-01	Christopher McKaigue (C)	6	Aidan Forke	0-02
	Padraig McGrogan	7	Mark Shields	0-01
0-01	Ciaran McFaul	8	Oisín O'Neill	0-03
	Conor Glass	9	Stephen Sheridan	
	Danny Tallon	10	Rory Grugan	0-03
	Enda Lynn	11	Greg McCabe	
	Padraig Cassidy	12	Stefan Campbell (C)	
0-01	Emmett Bradley	13	Jamie Clarke	0-03
0-07	Shane McGuigan	14	Rian O'Neill	0-03
0-04	Niall Loughlin	15	Jarlath Óg Burns	0-01
	Patrick Kearney	Subs	Niall Grimley	
	Oisín McWilliams		Callum Cumiskey	
	Paul Cassidy			
	Alex Doherty			

## An Cabhán 0-13 Aontroim 0-09

Dáta: 7ú Samhain 2020

Ionad: Kingspan Breffni

Réiteoir: Paul Faloan (An Dún)

Laoch na hIomána: Ciaran Brady (An Cabhán)

	An Cabhán		Aontroim	
	Raymond Galligan (C)	1	Oisín Kerr	
	Jason McLoughlin	2	Patrick Gallagher	
0-01	Killian Clarke	3	Declan Lynch (C)	
	Killian Brady	4	Kevin O'Boyle	
	Gerard Smith	5	Peter Healy	
0-02	Ciaran Brady	6	James McAuley	
	Luke Fortune	7	Niall Delargey	
0-01	Cormac Timoney	8	Colum Duffin	
	Padraig Faulkner	9	Michael McCann	0-01
	Martin Reilly	10	Kevin Quinn	0-01
0-03	Gearoid McKiernan	11	Mark Sweeney	
0-02	Oisín Kiernan	12	Dermot McAleese	0-01
0-01	Oisín Pierson	13	Patrick Cunningham	0-02
	Stephen Smith	14	Conor Murray	0-02
	Cormac O'Reilly	15	Paddy McBride	0-01
	Thomas Galligan	Subs	Paddy McCormack	
0-03	Thomas Edward Donohoe		Odhran Eastwood	
	Chris Conroy		Tomás McCann	0-01
	Niall Murray		Mark Jordan	
			Ruairi McCann	





## Fear Manach 0-11 An Dún 1-15

**Dáta:** 8ú Samhain 2020

**Ionad:** Brewster Park

**Réiteoir:** Barry Cassidy (Doire)

**Laoch na hIomána:** Barry O'Hagan (An Dún)

	Fear Manach		An Dún	
	Sean McNally	1	Rory Burns	
	Jonny Cassidy	2	Peter Fegan	
	Kane Connor	3	Patrick Murdock	
	Luke Flanagan	4	Pierce Laverty	
	Josh Largo Ellis	5	Gerard Collins	
	James McMahan	6	Kevin McKernan	
	Cain McManus	7	Daniel Guinness	
	Richard O'Callaghan	8	Caolan Mooney (C)	0-02
	Eoin Donnelly (C)	9	Jonny Flynn	
0-01	Ciaran Corrigan	10	Barry O'Hagan	0-04
0-01	Daragh McGurn	11	Paul Devlin	
	Aidan Breen	12	Conor Poland	
	Stephen McGullion	13	Jerome Johnston	0-02
0-06	Tomás Corrigan	14	Donal O'Hare	1-04
	Declan McCusker	15	Ceilium Doherty	
0-01	Daniel Teague	Subs	Liam Kerr	
	Sean Cassidy		Corey Quinn	0-01
	Ryan Jones		Ryan Johnston	0-02
0-01	Conall Jones		James Guinness	
0-01	Paul McCusker		Cormac McCartan	

## Ard Mhacha 0-13 Dún na nGall 1-22

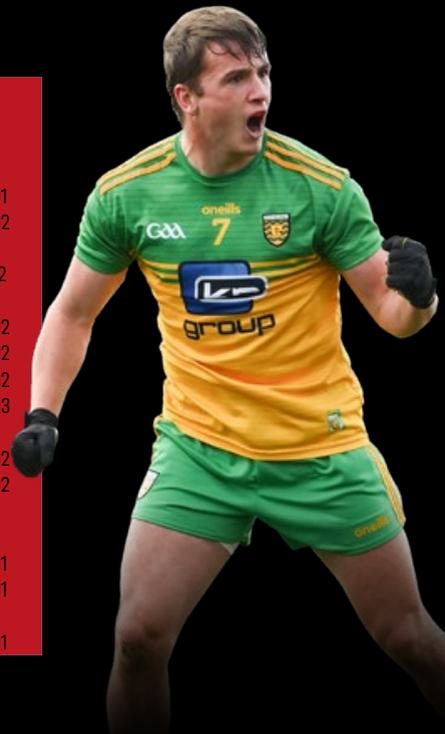
**Dáta:** 14ú Samhain 2020

**Ionad:** Kingspan Breffni

**Réiteoir:** David Coldrick (An Mhi)

**Laoch na hIomána:** Peadar Mogan (Dún na nGall)

	Ard Mhacha		Dún na nGall	
	Blaine Hughes	1	Shaun Patton	
	Paddy Burns	2	Stephen McMenamin	
	Ryan Kennedy	3	Neil McGee	
	James Morgan	4	Eoghan Bán Gallagher	0-01
	Conor O'Neill	5	Ryan McHugh	0-02
	Aidan Forker	6	Paul Brennan	
	Mark Shields	7	Peadar Mogan	1-02
0-01	Oisín O'Neill	8	Hugh McFadden	
	Stephen Sheridan	9	Caolan McGonigle	0-02
	Rory Grugan	10	Ciaran Thompson	0-02
	Greg McCabe	11	Niall O'Donnell	0-02
	Stefan Campbell (C)	12	Michael Langan	0-03
0-02	Jamie Clarke	13	Eoin McHugh	
0-07	Rian O'Neill	14	Michael Murphy (C)	0-02
	Jarlath Óg Burns	15	Jamie Brennan	0-02
0-01	Niall Grimley	Subs	Jeaic McKelvey	
	Jemar Hall		Andrew McClean	0-01
	Andrew Murnin		Patrick McBrearty	0-01
	Ethan Rafferty		Jason MaGee	
0-02	Conor Turbitt		Oisín Gallen	0-01





**An Cabhán 1-14**

**An Dún 1-13**

**Dáta:** 15ú Samhain 2020

**Ionad:** Athletic Grounds

**Réiteoir:** Martin McNally (Muineachán)

**Laoch na hIomeartha:** Conor Madden (An Cabhán)

	An Cabhán		An Dún	
	Raymond Galligan (C)	1	Rory Burns	
	Jason McLoughlin	2	Peter Fegan	
0-01	Padraig Faulkner	3	Patrick Murdock	
	Luke Fortune	4	Pierce Laverty	
0-01	Gerard Smith	5	Liam Kerr	
	Ciaran Brady	6	Kevin McKernan	
	Paul Graham	7	Daniel Guinness	
0-01	Killian Clarke	8	Caolan Mooney (C)	
0-01	Killian Brady	9	Jonny Flynn	
1-00	Martin Reilly	10	Barry O'Hagan	
0-03	Gearoid McKiernan	11	Paul Devlin	0-03
	Oisín Kiernan	12	Conor Poland	
	Oisín Pierson	13	Jerome Johnston	0-05
0-03	Thomas Galligan	14	Donal O'Hare	0-04
0-01	Stephen Smith	15	Ceilium Doherty	1-00
	Chris Conroy	Subs	Sheelan Johnston	0-01
0-03	Conor Madden		Dylan Ward	
	Thomas Edward Donohoe		Corey Quinn	
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# A LOOK BACK AT PREVIOUS FINALS

## AN T-AMHARC SIAR

As we sit here today in the unfamiliar surroundings of watching an Ulster Final behind closed doors in November 2020, we reflect on the Ulster Finals that have preceded this great day. We take a quick glance at the last four Ulster SFC Finals at the beginning of each decade.

### 2010

#### SUNDAY 18TH JULY IN CLONES

##### TÍR EOGHAIN 1-14 MUINEACHÁN 0-07

Ref: David Coldrick (An Mhí)

In a packed St Tiernach's Park, hopes were high amongst the Farney faithful that Seamus McEnaney could guide them to the Anglo Celt. However, Tyrone recorded a surprisingly facile ten point win to claim back to back titles. Tyrone had ten different scorers on the day with Colm Cavanagh notching the goal and brother Sean also claiming three points. An emerging Conor McManus top scored for Monaghan with 0-2 on a disappointing day for the home side, and indeed neutrals.

### 1990

#### SUNDAY 15TH JULY IN CLONES

##### DÚN NA NGALL 0-15 ARD MHACHA 0-14

Ref: Damian Campbell (Fear Manach)

On a wet and miserable day, first half points from Martin McHugh, Brian Murray and current team manager, Declan Bonner edged Donegal into a 0-7 to 0-5 half time lead. Armagh's Shane Skelton and Donegal's Tommy Ryan exchanged exquisite points from the Pat McGrane sideline as the second half ebbed and flowed. It took two late Manus Boyle scored two late points to secure their first title since 1983 as Anthony Molloy collected the Anglo Celt for his first of two as team captain.

### 2000

#### SUNDAY 16TH JULY IN CLONES

##### ARD MHACHA 1-12 DOIRE 1-11

Ref: Michael Curley (Gaillimh)

Oisín McConville and Steven McDonnell combined for a beautiful first half goal from the latter. Derry hung in there and an Anthony Tohill point ensured they only trailed by two points at the break. Oisín McConville escaped the clutches of Sean Martin Lockhart to kick Armagh into a five point lead, until Johnny McBride scored a stunning goal for the Oak Leaf men to bring the sides level. Two free kicks ultimately decided the game with McConville nailing his and Anthony Tohill's just sailing to the right and wide as Armagh secured back to back titles.

### 1980

#### SUNDAY 20TH JULY IN CLONES

##### ARD MHACHA 4-10 TÍR EOGHAIN 4-07

Ref: Seamus Murray (Muineachán)

Supporters were treated to a 'goal fest' on Ulster Final day 40 years ago. Amazingly all 8 goals were scored by hand, none by the foot. This was during a time when a hand pass directly to the net was allowed. Patsy Kerlin got Tyrone's and the games first goal early on. However, Armagh bounced back with majors from Brian Hughes, Joe Kernan (2) and Hank Kernan who came on as sub and hand passed the final and vital Armagh goal. Damian O'Hagan notched a brace of goals for the Red Hands but it wasn't enough to deny the Orchard county.

Ard Macha				Tír Eoin			
Dethanna : CRAISTE agus BAN (Orange and White)				Dethanna : BAN agus DEARG (White and Red)			
1.		PADDY MERRIARTY (Armagh Captain)		1.		KEVIN MCCABE (Tyrone Captain)	
2. S. Mac Stiofáin (Sean McAlinden, Banfield)		3. S. Mac Cora (Uise Mullins, Clon na Gaol)		2. C. Mac Garraíoch (Kieran McGarvey, Aghlenn)		3. P. D. Raftertaigh (Pádrak Raftery, Carrickmore)	
3. S. D. Cavanagh (Sean Cavanagh, Carrickmore)		4. C. D. Raftertaigh (Kevin Raftery, Maghera)		3. C. Mac Cárthaigh (Kevin McCabe, Droineas)		4. C. Mac Ruairí (Kieran McRoy, Ballygowry)	
4. P. D. Maircheartaigh (Pádrak Mearns, Wolfe Tones Capt.)		5. S. Mac Coraíoch (Uise Mullins, Clon na Gaol)		4. C. Mac Caba (Kevin McCabe, Clonac)		5. S. D. Donoghille (Sean Donnelly, Tullyke)	
5. S. Mac Thiarnaín (Uise Kernan, Crossmaglen)		6. S. D. Donoghille (Sean Donnelly, Blackwatermore)		5. C. O. Toimín (Kevin Toomey, Droineas)		6. P. Mac An Rí (Pádrak King, Tullyke)	
6. K. O. Mearthaíoch (Kevin Mearns, Ballybegan)		7. C. Mac an Aítríoch (Colm McKinnery, Clon na Gaol)		6. P. Heiberlíníoch (Pádrak Heiberlíníoch, Donegallmore)		7. D. O. Hagan (Dermot O'Hagan, Farney, Co. Wick)	
7. S. Mac Gatháin (Uise Mac Gatháin, Clon na Gaol)		8. P. Mac Málúna (Pádrak Maloney, Carrickmore/Faughy)		7. B. Mac an tSagairt (Brian Taggart, Derryloughan)		8. M. O. Mór (Michael Murrin, Ballygowry)	
8. S. D. Dubháin (Sean Doherty, Harps)		9. P. O. Lúathraín (Pádrak Loughran, Carrickmore)		8. P. O. Donoghille (Pádrak Donnelly, Aghlenn)		9. E. Mac Clóina (Eugene McKenna, Aghlenn)	
FIR IONAD : 16, Denis McCoy (Barren); 17, Hank Kernan (Crossmaglen); 18, Peter Rafferty (Grange); 19, Denis Stevenson (Civil Service); 20, Des Mackin (St. Patrick's); 21, Peter Trainor (Carrickmore).				FIR IONAD : 16, Des McKenna (Aghlenn); 17, Patsy Ball (Aughliscross); 18, Kieran Hagan (Eglish); 19, Sean Daly (Armagh Harps); 20, Willie McKenna (Aghlenn); 21, John Lynch (Castlederg).			

# THE ANGLO-CELT CUP

## AN CORN ANGLA-CHEILTEACH

Cups named after newspapers are not uncommon in the GAA: we have the Irish Press Cup (All-Ireland Minor Hurling), the Irish Independent Cup (All-Ireland Junior Football). But the oldest of them all is our Anglo-Celt Cup.

The Anglo-Celt was and remains an important building block in Ulster GAA. After the turmoil of the previous decades, the Ulster Council worked hard in the 1920s to get the GAA here on a firm footing. Although then in its thirties in age terms, the Ulster Senior Football Championship still had no suitable trophy to award to its winners.

The cash-strapped Council faced a dilemma until John F. O'Hanlon, the managing director of the Anglo-Celt newspaper, stepped forward in 1925 and donated a Cup. A much smaller Cup than the current substantial

version, the new Anglo-Celt Cup was, very appropriately, first won by Cavan who would go on to lift it another 23 times over the following 37 years.

That original Cup was lost after the 1962 Final and when Down won their fourth Ulster title in 1963, against Donegal in front of a huge crowd in Breffni Park, it was George Lavery who had the honour of being the first Captain to receive the new Anglo-Celt.

Such is the strength of the Ulster championship, the Anglo-Celt remains welcome and prized wherever it goes. Today Raymond Galligan hopes to become the first Cavan man since Stephen King in 1997 to lift the trophy. Meanwhile Michael Murphy will be aiming to repeat his walk up the steps to lift a remarkable sixth Anglo-Celt as captain of Donegal.



# 2020

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

### CRAOBHCHOMÓRTAIS NA GCLUBANNA

**2020 has been a surreal year in many aspects. The arrival of the Covid-19 virus has caused a global pandemic and this island has felt the full force with many people losing their lives and many others contracting the virus, forcing periods of sickness and self-isolation.**

On a more mundane level, it has affected the GAA in how we play our games, if at all, and this has changed for the foreseeable future. No spectators allowed, self certifying health questionnaires, social distancing requirements, travelling to games on our own and no dressing rooms were some of the 'new normal' restrictions that have been implemented.

However, as the German scientist Albert Einstein stated "With great difficulty comes great opportunity". The GAA club has further enhanced its role in local communities throughout Ireland. Delivering food parcels, spreading the Public Health guidance and generally leading by example has served the people of our nation well. Furthermore, the club scene flourished at a time when everything else in society was focussed on the negative narrative. Once the resumption of our games was allowed the Club Championship was hurled onto our television screens in the comfort of our homes. This was provided on either free to air channels or behind

a paywall devised by the various County Committees, either way it was a welcome addition to the house in a depressing time.

We watched on as Ederney ended a 52 year wait to claim the Senior title in Fermanagh. Dungannon Clarkes saw that 52, and raised it to 64 years and penalties as they won the O'Neill Cup in Tyrone to end a generational famine. Dunloy and Loughgiel went head to head in the Antrim Hurling Final for the first time since 2012 as the young guns from Cuchullians claimed back to back title. The Cavan SFC Final required a replay with Crosserlough finally seeing off a determined Kingscourt challenge. Slaughtneil, in both codes, Kilcoo and Scotstown continued to rubberstamp their dominance in their respective counties.

We could go on and on throughout the nine counties and the stories would keep flowing. In 2020, we have been denied the opportunity to view these winners on the provincial stage, but the memories that have been provided will live long in the memory. 2020 will forever be etched in our grey matter and thankfully for the gaels of Ulster there will be a small consolation that we were able to view some of the greatest successes of the modern era.

County	Senior Football	Intermediate Football	Junior Football	Senior Hurling	Intermediate Hurling	Junior Hurling
 <b>Aontroim</b>	Cargin	Moneyglass	Ardoyne	Dunloy	Éire Óg	St Paul's
 <b>Ard Mhacha</b>	Maghery	Clan na Gael	Forkhill	Middletown	N/A	Sean Treacy's
 <b>An Cabhán</b>	Crosserlough	Ballinagh	TBC	Mullahoran St Joseph's	N/A	N/A
 <b>Doire</b>	Slaughtneil	Greenlough	TBC	Slaughtneil	Swatragh	Lavey
 <b>An Dún</b>	Kilcoo	Saul	St Paul's	Portaferry	TBC	TBC
 <b>Dún na nGall</b>	TBC	Aodh Ruadh	Convoy	Setanta	N/A	Carndonagh
 <b>Fear Manach</b>	Ederney	Enniskillen Gaels	TBC	N/A	N/A	N/A
 <b>Muineachán</b>	Scotstown	Monaghan Harps	Aughnamullen	Castleblayney	N/A	Clontibret
 <b>Tír Eoghain</b>	Dungannon	Edendork	Kildress	Éire Óg	N/A	Naomh Colum Cille

# COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP PICTURES

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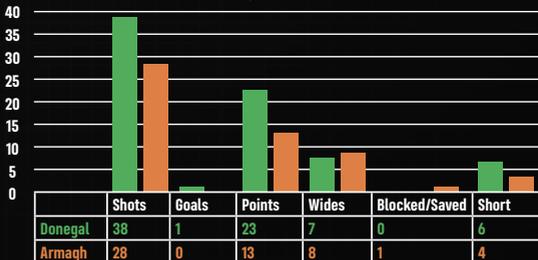


# STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

## DONEGAL VERSUS ARMAGH

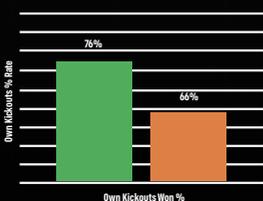
A more efficient Donegal blew away Armagh in comprehensive victory over the 70 minutes. We look at the key statistics and where the game was won and lost

Scoring Opportunities

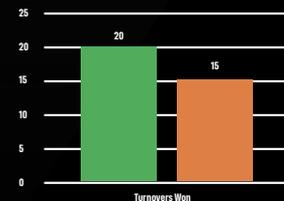


To be able to win any game you need to create more scoring opportunities to give your team the best chance. In the Semi-final game Donegal were able to do this (38 shots), however in their first game against Tyrone they had 6 shots less than their opponents, only for a better conversion rate (56% v Tyrone's 38%) seen them through to the next round. In fact, their productivity in the game v Armagh was the best in the competition to date with a conversion rate of 63%. This is impressive considering only 3 of these 24 scores v Armagh came from frees whilst battling the wet and windy weather conditions in Kingspan Breffni Park. This indicates Donegal are more than capable of taking their scores from play and with 13 different scorers in the Semi-final they will give Cavan plenty of food for thought on how to curtail the scoring threat from all over the field. They may want to keep tabs on the tenacious Donegal half back line who contributed 1-5 from play (Mogan 1-2, McHugh 0-2, Gallen 0-1).

Kickouts



Turnovers

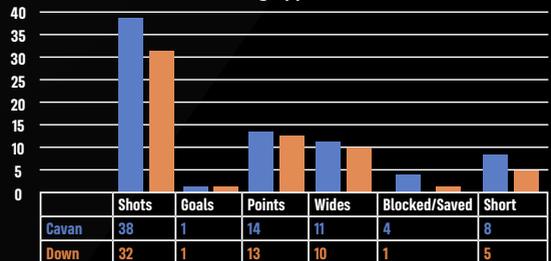


Shaun Patton has demonstrated over the past number of seasons why he is one of the best goalkeepers in the country with 76% kickout retention v Armagh and a 70% retention rate v Tyrone, that combined with the work rate of his team mates to create space for retaining possession is the catalyst to set up the Donegal attacks. In the Semi-final game, Donegal outworked their opposers and turned them over 20 times to Armagh's 15. However, in the Quarter final, Tyrone won the turnover count 22 to 15, so if Cavan want to have any hope of causing an upset they will need to focus on these 2 areas of retaining possession.

## CAVAN VERSUS DOWN

In a game where weather conditions were not ideal for Championship football, Cavan seemed to be all but finished going in at half time 8 points down (which was 10 points at one time). However, as we have seen time and time again, Cavan produced the goods in the second half to run out one-point victors. We delve into the numbers and how this turnaround came about.

Scoring Opportunities

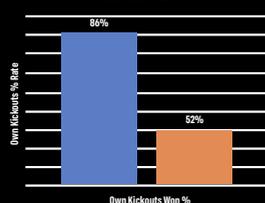


Yet again the team that creates the most scoring opportunities tends to win the game, in this instance, by the skin of their teeth! Cavan created the same shot count as Donegal in the other semi-final, however they will look to make improvements on their wide & short count as they could only return an overall 39% shot conversion rate.

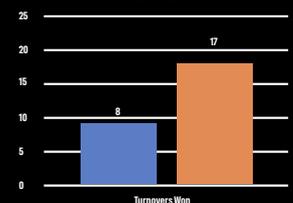
The adverse weather conditions definitely played their part on the shot conversion rate and Cavan were lucky they didn't find themselves further behind when Down should have converted another goal at the beginning of the second half.

However, they will look to the inspiration of their bench, in particular Conor Madden, who was introduced at half-time and contributed 0-3.

Kickouts



Turnovers



Cavan have produced second half performances to see off Monaghan (AET), Antrim and Down. Goalkeeper Galligan has been instrumental in the retention of possession from kickouts throughout the Ulster Championship (78% v Monaghan, 85% v Antrim and 86% v Down). One of the key assets of Galligan's kickouts is that he can kick the dead ball accurately with both feet which has been keeping the opposition forwards guessing. However, Mickey Graham will look to the turnover rate as an area for improvement getting turned over 17 times in the tackle/giving up possession in open play against Down. One of Cavan's main strengths have been when they are able to turnover others teams on their own kickouts, especially against any wind, as they have shown by claiming no less than 10 out of 14 Down kickouts in the second half. If they can do that, they are in with a fighting chance on winning their first Anglo-Celt trophy since 1997.



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# THE GALLANT JOHN JOE

'CAVAN'S MILLENNIUM MAN'

BY GEORGE CARTWRIGHT

**The legendary John Joe O'Reilly was one of the first great GAA national icons. He was the talisman and captain during Cavan's golden era between the 1930s and 1950s.**

John Joe is the only man to lead a team to All Ireland glory outside of Ireland - when he led the Breffni men against Kerry in the 1947 final played at the Polo Grounds in New York - and he also captained Cavan to another All-Ireland in Croke Park the following year.

Renowned in song and story, John Joe is widely regarded as the greatest Cavan man of all time. His teammate Mick Higgins put it simply but best when he said: "I looked up to him and so did everybody else."

George Cartwright's newly-published biography leaves no stone unturned in meticulously uncovering the life and times of 'The Gallant John Joe'.

The 288-page tome traces his growth from school boy to senior player, while also documenting his rise through the Army ranks before the tragedy of his untimely passing.

Cartwright interviewed scores of O'Reilly's contemporaries so that he could accurately detail the fascinating achievements packed into his all too short life - he died in 1952 aged 34.

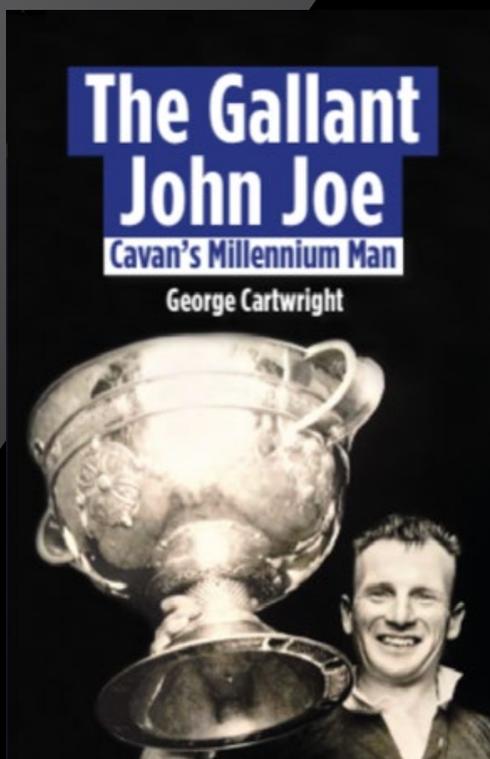
"Writing a book about John Joe was a labour of love for me," said the author. "I grew up listening to people talking about his exploits on the field and it was an honour to talk to those closest to him in the compiling of this biography!"

The book is published in hardback by Ballpoint Press. "There are few people in the history of the GAA who towered over their sport in the manner that John Joe did," said publisher PJ Cunningham.

It is a book painstakingly put together by a man whose own heart beats deep inside Cornafean, Cavan and the GAA. The result is a thorough account of John Joe's importance both as a player and leader to his county at that time of unprecedented glory.

As the song about O'Reilly says: "Young players may come and old players may go, but there'll ever be another like the gallant John Joe."

The book is available from November 20 in Ireland and can be ordered from [georgecartwright56@gmail.com](mailto:georgecartwright56@gmail.com). It will also be available on Kindle from late November for those who want to buy it on line.



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# CASEMENT PARK 2020 VISION

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**In these, the strangest of times, when our Inter County leagues and championships have been played behind closed doors due to the Covid-19 global pandemic there was a recent beacon of hope of what Ulster GAA supporters can look forward to in a new Casement Park in the future.**

In October, the North's Planning Minister Nichola Mallon, MLA announced the long-awaited news that the Ulster GAA's second planning application for a new Casement Park would be approved.

After over three and half years in the planning system the news was met with great delight in Belfast, Antrim, Ulster and indeed across Ireland as we have been without Páirc Mhíche Asmáint for far too long since the Saffron's hosted Monaghan on a summers day in the Ulster Senior Football Championship back in 2013.

Tom Daly, Former Ulster Council GAA President and Chairperson of the Casement Park Stadium Development Project Board welcomed the announcement saying:

"The planning announcement represents a very significant milestone for Gaels across Ireland, Ulster and Antrim who have remained fully committed to the delivery of their provincial stadium at Casement Park. We want to recognise and thank them for their unstinting support throughout the application process."

"We firmly welcome the Minister's support and recognition of this decision as a significant step and one which will provide a major economic boost to Belfast. The Casement Park project will support the economic recovery, representing a long-term investment in the future of west Belfast, bringing with it many direct and indirect jobs along with increased revenues for local businesses and the regeneration of the area."

The planning decision has been a catalyst for the GAA, the sponsoring Department for Communities (DfC) and for the wider community to build confidence that we will now see the completion of the last remaining project within the NI Executive's Regional Sports Stadia Programme. Interim DfC Minister Caral Ni Chuilín, MLA has stated publicly her determination to see Casement Park delivered as a government priority.

The stadium (pictured) has been designed by global award-winning architects Populous, designers of Tottenham Hotspur, Emirates and Aviva stadiums. The new Casement Park will deliver a state-of-the-art design and include an iconic bowl structure with a 34,578 capacity and a range of mixed-use facilities that will bring cultural, health, civic and economic opportunities to Belfast and beyond.





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