

Corn Niocláis Mhic Riocaird Babtha 1



Dún na nGall
v
Maigh Eo



**Réiteoir, Kevin Brady, (An Lú)
i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill, Leitir Ceanainn
Dé Satharn, 26ú Meitheamh, 2.30 pm**

County Board Chairperson - Mick McGrath

A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus foirne bainistíochta chomh maith le na meáin.

As Chairperson of CLG Dhún na nGall I would like to welcome you all to O Donnell Park Letterkenny for today's game. In particular we express a special welcome to our visitors from CLG Maigh Eo and today's match officials from An Lu, Aontroim agus Doire. Over the last few years, games between today's opposition have been exciting and close encounters, and today's match should produce another close challenge for both teams.



We recognise the increased effort to promote hurling in Donegal and the growth in the numbers playing it. It is encouraging to see a full round of league fixtures in each of the last three weeks and the increased interest across the county. The number of clubs in Donegal participating in our leagues has now entered double digits. The availability of a centralised training facility for county players at the Donegal GAA Centre, regular attendance and structured training has without doubt assisted the improvement that is evident. I would encourage all involved in Donegal Hurling to continue this level of commitment, especially at underage level. Wishing all involved a successful campaign for the rest of the season.

As always, St Eunans' ground staff have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in great shape. Maith sibh. Finally, I wish both teams and the match officials, the best of luck and look forward to an exciting and competitive game.

Adh Mór
Mick McGrath

DÚN na nGALL v MAIGH EO CLÁR AN LAE

Dé Sathairn 26ú Meitheamh 2021

13.30 Gates Open

14:08 - 10 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referee's Room.

14:07 Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to clubhouse goals. Dún na nGall will use the clubhouse dugouts. They will wear Blue Bibs.

14:08 Maigh Eo amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. Maigh Eo will use the river end dugouts. They will wear Orange Bibs.

14:13 Oifigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

14:20 Toss

14:24 Three minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann

14:27 Amhrán na bhFiann

14:30 Tús an chluiche

15:08 Leath-am, Maigh Eo leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once Maigh Eo have cleared the tunnel (depending on added time)

15:23 Tús an dara leath

Hurling Board Chairperson - Manus O'Donnell

A Chairde, tá fáilte romhaibh uilig go dtí Pairc Uí Dhomhnaill inniu, tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche sár mhaith againn.

On behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, I would like to welcome you all to Letterkenny, today. Once again we are back in Naomh Adhamhnáin's splendid Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill and we welcome the hurlers of Mayo for our first round game in the 2021 Nickey Rackard Cup. Mayo and Donegal are no strangers to each other, having competed in last year's "Final" of the Nickey Rackard Cup and Donegal were also, the victors in the recent Allianz National Hurling League game.

No doubt, today's clash will be a keenly fought contest and we wish all the team and Mickey McCann and his backroom staff every success today. We have all struggled during the present pandemic and it is great to have our County teams playing our games once again and that our Club teams are back in action, with three rounds of the Senior Hurling League played to date.

Following on the success of the Donegal hurlers in 2020, winning the "Double" of the Allianz National Hurling League Division 3A and the Nickey Rackard Cup and retaining our Division 2B status for 2022, the hurlers of Donegal will strive to maintain, their upward progress and claim another victory over their great rivals, 'Mayo'.



Finally, on behalf of the County Hurling Board, I would like to thank the officers of the County Board, for their ongoing support, the officers and members of Naomh Adhamhnáin and the ground staff at Pairc Uí Dhomhnaill, in their preparations of the grounds today.

Adh Mór
Manus O'Domhnaill

Cathaoirleach, An Choisde Iomána

A promotional poster for the Ulster GAA Football Championship. On the left, the Dún na nGall crest is shown with the text 'DÚN NA NGALL' above it. Below the crest, it says 'FIRST ROUND V AN DÚN' and 'Sun 27th June, 1.00pm Páirc Esler'. At the bottom left, it says 'WATCH LIVE ON RTE Sport'. On the right, a player in a green and yellow jersey with the number 8 is holding a football. The background is yellow and white. Logos for GAA, eir, AIS, and SuperMilk are at the bottom. The slogan 'WHERE WE ALL BELONG' is at the bottom left.



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- sula n-itheann tú
- tar éis duit a bheith sa leithreas
- nuair atá do lámha salach
- tar éis lámh a leagan ar ghearradh, spuaic nó créacht oscailte
- Is féidir cuimilteoir alcóil láimhe a úsáid mura bhfuil cuma shalach ar na lámha

Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill

Sinéad is a member of CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin. She is honoured to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Nickey Rackard Championship match between Dún na nGall agus Maigh Eo in O'Donnell Park. Sinéad is very involved with Scór, encouraging and mentoring young club members to participate. Sinéad herself is a former Senior Scór county champion in solo singing.



Amhrán na bhFiann

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

Kevin Brady (An Lú) – Referee,
Assistant Referee - Kevin Parke (Aontroim), Linesman - Alan Nash (Doire),
Edward Óg Nash (Doire)

Ground Regulations

01. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and regulations of Cumann Luthchleas Gael. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.

02. Fireworks, smoke canisters, gas- horns, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground and any person in found to be in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground

03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.

04. The unauthorized climbing of any structure, walls or buildings in this ground strictly forbidden.

05. Unnecessary noise from the use of radio sets, gas-horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion Of nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.

06. Under no circumstances is it permitted to

throw any object the pitch.

07. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.

08. Any person who fails to comply with the instruction from a Garda or Steward may be ejected from the ground.

09. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.

10. The Ground Management reserves the right to refuse admission to or eject any person who refuses to be searched by a member of the Garda Síochana.

11. Any person who remains in or obstructs a gangway or circulation area may be ejected from the ground.

12. The Ground Management reserve the right for it's servants or agents to remove from the ground any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence In the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.

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It is the dreaded “C” word and it can catch even the best of teams! For, complacency can have no place in the minds of Donegal’s hurlers as they lock horns with Mayo in the Nickey Rackard Cup in O’Donnell Park, Letterkenny today.



Donegal crucified the Westerners in their last League meeting at this venue on May 9 in one of the most complete displays given by any Donegal hurling team ever.

And they did it without Davin Flynn, one of the most gifted players in the county. But Mayo will be coming to Letterkenny like a wounded animal on two counts. They still remember how a late Donegal goal scoring surge edged them out in a cracking Nickey Rackard Cup final in Croke Park last year. That was a proud day for Tír Conaill who became the only county to win this competition for a third time.

But the biggest motivator will be that hammering they took in early May. It is important to note that Mayo were without their talismanic captain Keith Higgins. The word is that he will be fit to play, and he is

the greatest single threat to Donegal.

But the very grounded Mickey McCann will have his homework done as he presides over this exceptionally powerful Donegal side. They have bulked up immensely in the past two years and can take on anyone in the physical stakes and that was not the case a few short years ago.

Danny Cullen remains their most gifted leader while his brother-in-law Declan Coulter is deadly accurate from frees. Gerard Gilmore, Ronan McDermott, Richie Ryan and Barney Lafferty are all deadly strikers.

The defence has lost Joe Boyle, but Christopher McDermott, Sean McVeigh, Jack O’Loughlin and Stephen Gillespie are all towering figures while Michael Donoghue is a fine performer. This team is laced with power, panache and poise.

Hurling is growing at a steady rate in the county and the standard is rising all the time. And this group of special players are leading the charge. Mayo will bring loads of stung pride, yet Donegal should prevail - but it could be very close!

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NICKEY RACKARD CUP

FORMAT

- Two groups, one with three teams and one with two teams based on an open draw.
- Group A will be played in Round Robin format and each team will have one home & one away game. The top two teams qualify for the Semi-Finals and the third-placed team will play in the Quarter-Final.
- Group B teams will play in one fixture with the winner playing in the Semi-Finals, and the loser playing in the Quarter-Final.
- The winner of the Quarter-Final will play in the Semi-Finals and the loser will be relegated to the Lory Meagher Cup 2022
- The winner of the Nickey Rackard Cup shall be promoted to the Christy Ring Cup for 2022.

Group A	Group B
Donegal Mayo Leitrim	Armagh Tyrone

Group A	Group B
JUNE 26/27 Round 1 - Donegal v Mayo JULY 3/4 Round 2 - Mayo v Leitrim JULY 10/11 Round 3 - Leitrim v Donegal	JULY 3/4 Play-Off - Armagh v Tyrone
QUARTER-FINAL/RELEGATION PLAY-OFF (TBC) 3rd Group A v Loser Group B Play-Off	
SEMI-FINALS (TBC) 1st Group A v Group B Winner/Quarter-Final Winner 2nd Group A v Group B Winner/Quarter-Final Winner	
FINAL (TBC) Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final Winner	





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Captain: Nathan Curry
2020: Armagh 1-21 Leitrim 0-12, Donegal 3-13 Armagh 1-9
First Game: v Tyrone



MAIÚR EÓ / MAYO

Manager: Derek Walsh
Captain: Keith Higgins
2020: Mayo 3-32 Monaghan 2-10, Mayo 1-23 Tyrone 0-9, Mayo 3-23 Leitrim 1-11, Donegal 3-18 Mayo 0-21



DÚN NA NGALL / DONEGAL

Manager: Mickey McCann
Captain: Seán McVeigh
2020: Donegal 2-13 Longford 1-14, Donegal 3-13 Armagh 1-9, Donegal 3-25 Tyrone 1-21, Donegal 3-18 Mayo 0-21
First Game: v Mayo



TÍR EOGHAIN / TYRONE

Manager: Michael McShane
Captain: TBC
2020: Mayo 1-23 Tyrone 0-9, Tyrone 2-19 Monaghan 1-12, Donegal 3-25 Tyrone 1-21
First Game: v Armagh



LIATROIM / LEITRIM

Manager: Olcan Conway
Captain: David McGovern
2020: Armagh 1-21 Leitrim 0-12, Leitrim 1-11 Longford 0-12, Mayo 3-23 Leitrim 1-11
First Game: v Mayo

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- 16 Barra Ó'Laighin, Barry Lane
- 17 Corey Ó'Scaithil, Corey Scahil
- 18 Stiofán Ó'Cadhain, Stephen Coyne
- 19 Concobhar Ó'Muirí, Conor Murray
- 20 Marcas Uí Pilib, Mark Phillips
- 21 Eoghan Ó'Dubhshláine, Eoin Delaney

- 22 Ciaran Ó'Cadha, Kieran Kiely
- 23 Brian Ó'Murthaile, Brian Morley
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- 25 Cormac Uí Pilib, Cormac Phillips
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