Dún na nGall
V
Ard Mhachá

Nicky Rackard Hurling Championship
I bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill - Leitir Ceanainn
Dé Sathairn 31ú Deireadh Fomhair 2020
Clár Oifigiúil - €0.00
Réiteoir - James Clarke (An Cabhán)
Coimheád beo ar Donegal GAA TV
A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus foirne bainistíochta chomh maith le na meáin. Seo an dara cluiche do na contaetha (Dún na nGall agus Ard Mhacha) i gcomórtas na bliana seo i gcorn Niclas Mhic Riocaird agus beidh sé giota beag aisteach is bheith ag imirt gan lucht tacaíocht. Is an-deacair é seo d’imreoirí, lucht bainistíochta, chomh maith le lucht tacaíochta agus tá áthas ar CLG Dún na nGall a bheith in ann na cluíchí a shruthlú agus clár fiorúil a chuir ar fáil. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh achán duine sult agus taithneamh as an ocáid agus go mbeidh cluiche maith iomána le feiceál anseo i bpáirc Uí Dhomhnaill inniú.

You are all welcome to today’s Round 2A Nickey Rackard Championship fixture here in O’Donnell Park. Unfortunately, “all” does not include spectators in these difficult times with all but elite games cancelled and matches that proceed held “behind closed doors”. Streaming of our games is a new phase to help the GAA battle restrictions on capacity and bring matches to all Gaels. This is the second County fixture Donegal GAA TV have streamed in successive weeks. Last week’s stream went well but this is an industry new to the GAA, and technology-sensitive, with inevitable hiccups - be patient with any problems that do arise as you can be sure our Stream Team are working to resolve them.

2020 has certainly been a year of transformation. The pandemic has seen us battle against the change in our lifestyles, our work, our social fabric, our families, and our sporting involvement. The GAA continue to implement the many prevention measures required to keep Covid-19 at bay. Clubs all over Ireland have stepped up to provide many hours of voluntary assistance raising monies for charities and assisting the HSE, and others, in bringing safe and healthy practice to vulnerable and lonely members of our communities - this programme contains a short tribute to some of our local clubs. On behalf of the GAA in Donegal I thank the frontline workers who have given so much to helping our society in facing the challenge of the coronavirus.

Earlier this year we feared we wouldn’t get playing our games, but many difficulties were overcome to conclude club championships and get inter-county competitions underway. Today, O’Donell Park effectively hosts a Nickey Rackard quarterfinal and despite the Level 5 lockdown it very much looks like the competition will be completed before the end of November.

As always, St Eunans’ ground staff have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in great shape despite some very poor weather over the last week. Maith síbh. Finally, I wish both teams and the match officials, the best of luck and look forward to an exciting and competitive game.
A Chairde, ar son Coiste Iomána Dhún na nGall, tá failte romhaibh uilig go Páirc Úi Dhómhnaill inniu. Cuirim fáilte roimh na meáin chomh maith agus tá mé sásta go mbeidh deis ag daoine nach dtig leo bheith linn inníú an cluiche a fheiceáil sa bhaile. Támid ag fulaingt amanna aisteach agus iarraidh ar gach duine na rialacháin reatha covid a chomhlíonadh.

On behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, I would welcome hurlers and officials from Armagh and Donegal to O’Donnell Park for today’s Round 2A Nickey Rackard Championship game. I also welcome the press and am pleased people who cannot be with us here today have the opportunity to see the match on Donegal GAA TV’s live stream.

Games between Donegal and Armagh have always been competitive. In two 2020 fixtures to date it is a win apiece but I have no doubt the hurlers from Ard Mhacha will be looking to avenge their narrow loss in the Allianz National Hurling 3A final in March.

Both will hope to progress to the semi-finals - Donegal to add the Nicky Rackard Cup to their League title, Armagh to avenge last year’s defeat to Sligo in the final.

I wish to thank the Naomh Adhamhnáin club for the use of their facilities and to thank the ground staff for having the pitch in such great condition today.

Adh Mór
Manus O’Domhnaíll

DÚN NA NGALL v ARD MHACHA
CLÁR AN LAE
Dé Sathairn 31ú Deireadh Fómhar 2020

12.30 Gates Open
13:08 - 10 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referee’s Room.
13.05 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.
13:07 An Longfort amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. An Longfort will use the river end dugouts. They will wear Orange Bibs.
13:15 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
13:20 Toss
13:28 Amhrán na bhFiann
13:30 Tús an chluiche
14.07 Leath-am, An Longfort leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once An Longfort have cleared the tunnel
14.20 Tús an dara leath
14.57 Crioch an chluiche
Stay local. Stay safe. Protect each other.

Continue to:

Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination.

Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue safely.

Distance yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell.

Avoid crowds and crowded places.

Know the symptoms. If you have them self isolate and contact your GP immediately.

COVID-19 symptoms include:
- high temperature
- cough
- breathing difficulty
- sudden loss of sense of smell or taste
- flu-like symptoms

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Niamh Douglas

Niamh Douglas is a member of CLG Malainn. From the age of 10, Niamh has participated in many Scór na nÓg competitions representing her club in both solo singing and ballad group categories. Having progressed from Scór na nÓg to Scór sinsir, Niamh was crowned county champion in solo singing in February of this year. Niamh is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann in O’Donnell Park today.

Amhrán na bhFiann

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

James Clarke (An Cabhán) – Referee,
Assistant Referee - Aiden Ferguson (Fear Manach), Linesman - Alan Nash (Doire), Sideline Official - James Judge (Maigh Eo)

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 Siochana.

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.

13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.
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Third 2020 meeting of Armagh and Donegal

Donegal and Armagh meet today for the third time this year. It was January 25th in today’s venue - O’Donnell Park, Letterkenny - when the two sides lined out for their first Allianz league game of the year. It was to be Armagh’s day as they ran out very convincing 2-17 to 0-15 winners.

Both sides went on to have good League campaigns and met again in early March in the Allianz League Division 3A final. This time it was the O’Donnell County who prevailed 1-18 to 0-19 as Armagh lost their second final in less than a year - they lost to Sligo in the 2019 Nickey Rackard final.

Last Sunday Dún na nGall squeezed past An Longfort in a thrilling finish that saw both sides hit goals in additional time. The last score of the game, a Donegal point, secured a narrow 2-13 to 1-14 victory. It was a lot more comfortable for Ard Mhacha who had 12 points to spare in a 1-21 to 0-12 victory over An Liatroim. Losers in Round 1 had a back door available but the stakes are higher in this Round 2A tie - winners go to the semi-finals, the losers season is over.

The game will be decided on the day with extra time played if the match ends all square at the end of regulation time. If teams remain level after extra time penalties will decide the outcome - each team registers five penalty takers. Only these five can take penalties and players may be required to take more than one. The only possibility of a replacement is if the goal-keeper is among the takers and he gets injured at some stage.

Thanks to Declan Kerr of Tir Conaill Sport for the photograph - a sign of the times as the Donegal squad socially distance for Amhrán na bhFiann last week.
The Club Donegal House Draw “Win your House in Dublin” is offering one lucky person the chance to live mortgage free for life by winning a luxurious four bedroom semi-detached house in Dublin in association with Alanna Homes. The house is newly built to the latest energy efficiency standards and is valued at €400,000. There are also four other prizes - a brand new Mazda 2 in association with McGinley Motors, Letterkenny, a week’s holiday, €1,000 cash and a night’s B&B in Carton House with a round of golf for 2.

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

Some of Donegal’s well known faces including singers Daniel and Margo O’Donnell, actor Sean McGinley and Donegal Captain Michael Murphy have recently shown their support for the campaign. Their videos are on Facebook at “Win Your House in Dublin”, on Twitter @WinHouseDublin and on Instagram at @winyourhouseindublin as well as on the website www.winyourhouseindublin.com.

The draw is on Friday, 4th December and tickets can be bought online at www.winyourhouseindublin.com or on www.donegalgaa.ie using devices from mobiles to desktop computers. There is a dedicated mobile phone number, where queries can be answered and purchases can be made via credit card - 086-6047089. Buy a ticket before Nov 2nd to qualify for the Halloween Bonus Draw (see advert) which gives 9 lucky winners the chance to win 9 tickets.
Go raibh mile maith agaibh to all clubs and GAA volunteers across Donegal who stepped up to the mark during Lockdown

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

This is, of course, an under-estimate of all that was done not just in relation to Covid-19 but for a variety of charities with funds being raised through a range of activities but particularly walks, runs and endurance events. Coaching videos, on-line classes, skill challenges, on-line quizzes, educational activities, story-telling on-line cultural events and entertainment are just a few of the undertakings our clubs have initiated. Here are some of the many photos forwarded to Ulster Council.

Donegal footballers also played their part. County teams’ pressurized schedules don’t normally allow time for charity events. However, with time to spare during lockdown the squad and mentors cycled to MacCumhaill Park from 12 different starting points taking in every club in the county to rise €57,000 towards Livia Mulhern’s life saving operation for Spinal Muscular Atrophy. Maith sibh.
Tá an dara heagrán d’iris nua Ghaeilge Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, ‘Cuaille’, ar fáil anois. I measc na míreanna éagsúla atá san eagrán is déanaí seo tá ailt faoi fhoireann iomána na Gaillimhe 1980, David Clifford, Terence McNaughton agus faoi Richie Hogan i measc go leor eile.


Bainigí taitneamh as! Is féidir leat coinneail suas chun dáta leis an nuacht is déanaí, le tuairiscí ó chluichí, leis na torthaí is déanaí, leis na cluichtí amháin atá amach romhat agus le go leor leor eile ó Chraobhchomórtais na gClubanna agus ó na Craobhchomórtais Idirchontae trí chuairt a thabhairt ar Rannóg #GAAgeilge Shuíomh Idirlín Chumann Lúthchleas Gael anseo. Ní hamháin go mbíonn na torthaí uilig agus liostaí cluichí le feiceáil gach seachtain ann ach bionn gné-ailt leithéidí ‘Ár gCluichí, Ár Laochra’ agus ‘Do Chlub, Do Chontae’ le léamh ann go minic, freisin. Bíonn an nuacht is déanaí ó Chumann Lúthchleas Gael le fáil ann.


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

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CLG Dhún na nGall are delighted to be in tune with the growing movement in global environmental policy against the use of single-use-plastic. Global Hydrate’s product approach provides an environmentally friendly packaging choice. The company has also launched a brand aimed at younger fans - Captain Hydrate, a 330ml Kids Carton ideal for school lunch boxes with the aim of educating children on the benefits of sustainable packaging.
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26. Shea Harvey (Shea Ó’hAirmhí)
Today’s stream on behalf of Donegal GAA is brought to our audience by C-Live Sport. The company consists of Hugh Quirke on Camera and Sean Quirke looking after all technical aspects of the live stream, including switchers, graphics, score, etc, and they are one of the four Stream Teams used by Donegal GAA.

Hugh and Sean have a combined tenure in the video-graphy business of over 50 years. Together they aim to bring live streams, of the highest possible quality, of sporting events at a local and national level to the general population.

Commentary today is from Damian Dowds (Inishowen Independent) and Tom Hennessy from the St Eunan’s club.
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