Dún na nGall v Tír Eoghain

SAT 14TH NOVEMBER, O’DONNELL PARK
NICKY RACKARD CUP SEMI-FINAL, 1:30PM
DÚN NA nGALL v TÍR EOGHAIN

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Nicky Rackard Hurling Championship

I bPáirc Uí Dhombhnaill - Leitir Ceanainn
Dé Sathairn 14ú Samháin 2020
Clár Oifigiúil - €0.00
Réiteoir - Colm MacDonald (Aontroim)
County Board Chairperson - Mick McGrath

A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus foirne bainistíochta chomh maith le na meáin. Seo an cluichu leathcheannais de chraibhchomórtais na bliana seo i gcorn Nioclas Mhic Riocaird agus beidh sé giota beag aisteach is bheith ag imirt gan lucht tacaíocht. Is am an-deacair é seo d’imreoirí, lucht bainistíochta, chomh maith le lucht tacaíochta agus tá áthas ar CLG Dhún na nGall a bheith in ann na cluichí a shruthlú agus clár fiorúil a chuir ar fáil. Ta 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.

We welcome the players and officials from Donegal and Tyrone to today’s Nickey Rackard Championship semi-final in O’Donnell Park. Unfortunately, “all” does not include spectators in these difficult times. Only elite games are being played and only then “behind closed doors”. In mitigation, CLG Dhún na nGall have been streaming all Nickey Rackard Championship games to bring inter-county matches to hurling fans in Donegal and elsewhere. Both games to date - against Longford and Armagh - went well but this week TG4 will be live-streaming the game and the link to it can be found on Donegal GAA TV.

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 all difficulties were overcome to conclude the club hurling championships and today we are on the verge of deciding All-Ireland finalists for the Nickey Rackard cup. Both Donegal and Tyrone have realistic ambitions of winning this year’s championship and we look forward to a full-blooded encounter between two squads anxious to win Silverwear in 2020.

As always, St Eunans’ ground staff have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in great shape despite some very poor weather over the last week. 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
A Chairde, ar son Coiste Iomána Dhún na nGall, tá failte romhaibh uilig go Páirc Uí Dhóomhnaill inniu. Cuirim fáilte roimh na meáin chomh maith agus tá mé sásta go mbeidh deis ag daoine nach dtig leo bheith linn inniú an cluiche a fheiceál sa bhaile. Táimid 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 Tyrone and Donegal to O’Donnell Park for today’s Nickey Rackard Championship semi-final. I also welcome the press and am pleased people who cannot be with us here today have the opportunity to see the match on TG4’s live stream.

Tyrone come to Letterkenny on the back of a 1-12 to 2-19 win against Monaghan in Clontibret. They will be confident of their chance to upset the form book this afternoon.

Donegal are also going well, re-discovering the form that saw them win the Allianz 3A title back in March with victories over Longford and Armagh in the first two rounds. With the prize a place in the final next week it is sure to be a competitive and hard fought game.

Both squads will hope to progress to the Final - Donegal looking add the Nicky Rackard Cup to their League title, Tyrone to add to their only previous win, in 2014.

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.

Adh Mór
Manus O’Domhnaill

DÚN NA NGALL v Tír Eoghaín
CLÁR AN LAE
Dé Sathairn 14ú 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 Tír Eoghaín amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. Tír Eoghaín 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, Tír Eoghaín leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once Tír Eoghaín have cleared the tunnel
14.20 Tús an dara leath
14.57 Crioch an chluiche
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- high temperature
- cough
- breathing difficulty
- sudden loss of sense of smell or taste
- flu-like symptoms

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Siofra Harvey

Siofra Harvey is a member of CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin. She is a fifth year student in Loreto Convent, Letterkenny. Siofra plays piano, is currently studying Grade 8 and loves to sing and accompany. Siofra is an All-Ireland Scór Aithriseoireacht Champion where she proudly represented Naomh Adhamhnáin and Donegal in February 2020. She 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 ráinig 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 báis nó saoil
Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

Colm MacDonald (Aontroim) – Referee,
Assistant Referee - Tarlach Conway (Doire), Linesman - Edward Og Both teams know each other very well, and have played regularly in league and

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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.

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THE GAA MUSEUM REMEMBERS
REMEMBER WITH US
Dun na nGall

1. Lúcas Ó'Banáin
   Luke White
2. Gabhan Ó'Broinn
   Gavin Brown
3. Stíopháin Mac Giolla Easpaig
   Stephen Gillespie
4. Marcás Ceallachán
   Mark Callaghan
5. Seosamh Ó'Baoill
   Joe Boyle
6. Sean Mac an Bheatha
   Sean McVeigh
7. Seán Ó'Lochlainn
   Jack O’Loughlin
8. Micheál Ó'Donnchú
   Michael Donaghey
9. Ronan Mac Diarmada
   Ronan McDermott
10. Gearóid Mac Giolla Mhuiр
    Gerard Gilmore
11. Donal Ó'Cullínn
    Danny Cullen
12. Caoimhín Ó'Caoláí
    Kevin Kealy
13. Conchur Ó'Gráda
    Conor O’Grady
14. Risteáird Riain
    Richie Ryan
15. Ciarán Mac Matha
    Ciaran Mathewson

16 Dylan Lafferty (Diolun Ó’Laifeartaigh)
17 Lee Henderson (Lí Mac Éinrí)
18 Josh Cronolly (Seán Ó’Cronaile)
19 Niall Cleary (Niall Mac Giolla Arraith)
20 Conor Parke (Conchúr Ó’Páirce)
21 Padraig Doherty (Pauric Ó’Dochartaigh)
22 Ryan Hilferty (Riain Ó’hAlbheartaigh)
23 Stephen Doherty (Stiopháin Ó’Dochartaigh)
24 Ciarán Bradley (Ciarán Ó’Brolcháin)
25 Bernard Lafferty (Daibhin Ó’Laifeartaigh)
26 Declan Couter (Déaglán Ó’Coltair)

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1 Adh Leath | | | | | |
2 Adh Leath | | | | | |
Iomlán | | | | | |
Favourite Position: Wing Back
Favourite Pitch: Setanta Park
Hobbies: Going to the gym and fitness in general
Childhood hero: Tommy Walsh and Joe Canning
Best Player you have played with: Davin Flynn
Best Player you have played against: Dathí Sands, Co Down
Best game you have been involved in: Have to say the 2017 All-Ireland Semi-final
Best trainer within your club’s squad: Michael Donoghue
Worst trainer within the club’s squad: Marc Devine can be both the best and the worst depending on the day you get him
Best motivator within the squad: Danny Cullen
Any superstitions: No Superstitions here
Favourite Song: Beeswing
Favourite Film: All the Marvel Films
Favourite Holiday Destination: Albufeira
Favourite Meal: Christmas dinner with all the trimmings
Best advice ever received: 100% for every ball
Biggest influence on career: Family and friends
Club Volunteer of note: David Porter has been involved in a lot of teams over the years
Song you listen to before big games: Mr Brightside
Most important skill: First touch has to be sharp
Biggest Strength in your game: Always try to get out in front
Area of your game you would like to improve: High fielding could do with some work
Advice for youngsters: Enjoy every minute of it
Young Player within your club to look out for: Conor Gallagher
Best thing about the GAA: Playing for the love of the game
Batman/Superman: Batman
Up Early/Lie in: Up early
X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing: X-Factor
Socks / No Socks: Socks all the way
Chinese/Pizza: Chinese
Playstation/X-Box: Playstation
Twitter Account: @MarkCallaghan07

He has now doubled-down on this public service by producing ‘The Bloodied Field’ podcast, which features eight carefully crafted episodes focusing on the build-up, the event and the aftermath of that dark day when 14 innocent civilians were murdered by British Forces at a Gaelic Football challenge match between Tipperary and Dublin.

So, what can those who enjoyed the book expect from the podcast? “For people who enjoyed the book, I suppose it’s another dive into that world,” Foley told GAA.ie “We’ve taken the book as the basis and kind of moved stuff around a lot. Obviously there’s been a lot of new information as well has come up in the last five or six years so we’ve been able to push that into it as well. “Really, I suppose it’s a re-exploration again of Bloody Sunday, what exactly happened here, and the meaning going forward afterwards.“And, again, introducing the victims, the families. I think one of the big things that we’ve been able to go into that maybe we couldn’t, that I wasn’t able to go into in the first edition of the book, is the impact on the families after Bloody Sunday.

“It wasn’t just a case of burying their loved ones and moving on, this was an event that stayed with families and stayed with people all the days of their lives and up through the generations and you can see in their stories where that impact seeps out.”And, I suppose, from the very beginning of this whole project the whole idea has been to try to get the story out to as many people as possible. So there obviously is a cohort of people who will read the book and hopefully they’ll get a lot out of it.”

There’s also another cohort people who might be more inclined to go listen to a podcast or radio documentary or something like that so we thought it would be a good idea to take the book as the basis for a podcast and just deliver something that would basically tell the story in as broad a way as possible taking as many angles as we can. “Everything from Mick Hogan the player, for example, from Tipp, the British who are here in Ireland at the time, the guys who came to Croke Park, obviously how the shootings happened and the aftermath. And the impact, most importantly, on the families.“And to get to know more about the victims themselves, that was the big motivation for the book at the time, the fact that we didn’t know a lot about the victims. So, the podcast was another way of really getting their story out there for people to engage with and to get to know them.”

This article, by John Harrington, is an excerpt from the GAA’s October Newsletter. The Blodied Field Podcast can be accessed by clicking on the above picture.
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DONEGAL and Tyrone will both go into today’s semi-final with belief that they can qualify for the Nicky Rackard Cup decider next week. Both teams know each other very well, and have played regularly in league and championship hurling in recent times.

Donegal won the Nicky Rackard in 2018 in impressive fashion, but despite some decent displays, were relegated from the Christy Ring Cup last year. Tyrone reached the semi-final stage of the Nicky Rackard in 2019, but lost a pulsating match against Armagh by two points in Inniskeen.

The Red Hand county will be keen to make it through to the final this time, but need to find a greater level of consistency. Mattie Lennon’s men were well off the pace in their first outing against Mayo, but bounced back to defeat Monaghan by 2-19 to 1-12.

While Donegal did win their opening match they weren’t overly convincing in a two-point triumph over Longford. However, they were much improved and won comfortably two weeks ago against an Armagh team, who they have found to be tricky opponents.

Donegal manager Mickey McCann does have injury concerns arising from that match, but young players like Jack O’Loughlin, Kevin Kealy, and Gavin Browne are ready to step up. As always with Tyrone, Damien Casey is the man to stop, but he will get plenty of support from Conor Grogan and Kiefer Morgan.

It’s always hard to call when these two neighbouring counties meet, and there will be no holding back with a berth in next week’s final on the line.

Thanks to Geraldine Diver for the Photograph from Tyrone’s last Nicky Rackard encounter with Donegal.
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.donealgaa.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.
Go raibh míle 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.
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**Favourite Pitch:** Casement Park, Belfast

**Childhood hero:** Tony McGrath, Dunloy

**Best Player you have played with:** Paul Shields, Dunloy

**Best Player you have played against:** Eddie McCloskey, Loughiel.

**Best game you have been involved in:** Tyrone v Mayo, 2019

**Worst dresser within your club’s squad:** I’ll noh tell this one

**Favourite Song:** Human - The Killers

**Favourite Film:** Scarface

**Favourite Holiday Destination:** Santa Ponsa

**Favourite Meal:** Chicken Diane

**Biggest influence on career:** Have to say my parents

**Club Volunteer of note:** Darren Murphy

**Sporting Hero you admire most:** Diarmuid O’Sullivan

**Biggest Strength in your game:** Strenght

**Area of your game you would like to improve:** Speed

**Advice for youngsters:** Keep practiicing - never give up

**Best thing about the GAA:** Have to say community and friendships, never more so than this year

**Batman/Superman:** Batman

**instagram//Snapchat:** Snapchat

**Up Early/Lie in:** Up early

**X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing:** X-Factor

**Socks / No Socks:** Socks

**Chinese/Pizza:** Piazza

**Playstation/X-Box:** Playstation

**Twitter / Facebook:** Twitter
Global Hydrate have joined Donegal’s elite team of sponsors and will be meeting the hydration needs of our Senior football and hurling squads over the next three years. Global Hydrate is one of the first Tetra Top sustainable water brands to give consumer’s hydration and an eco-friendly alternative to bottled water. Earlier this year Borrisoleigh Bottling Limited (BBL) launched two new environmentally sensitive boxed water products to the market under the Global Hydrate brand, using water from a famous Artesian well and bottled on site in the small village of Borrisoleigh, Co. Tipperary. The packaging reflects a sensitivity for the environment and seeks to lead the industry towards a more responsible and sustainable future. The first pallets arrived Thursday in time for Donegal’s Round 2 Nicky Rackard Hurling match against Armagh and have their second outing with our hurlers today.

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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