





# Dún na nGall v Ros Comáín





Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B Round 1 Réiteoir, Colm McDonald, Antroim i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill, Leitir Ceanainn Dé Domhnaigh, 9ú Bealtaine, 14.00

#### **County Board Chairperson - Mick McGrath**

A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus foirne bainistíochta chomh maith le na meáin. Is am an-deacair é seo d'imreoirí, lucht bainistiochta, 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. Anois agus Dún na nGall indiaidh bheith aitheanta mar pháirt den tír ina bhfuil fadhbanna breise Covid ann de rér an HSE (Feidhmeannach na Seirbhisí Sláinte), iarraim ar achán duine i nDún na nGall cloí le treoirlínte agus rialachá Covid chun cuidiú linn deireadh



a chuir leis an víreas seo. 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 Roscommon to today's opening round of the Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B encounter in O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny. Unfortunately, in these difficult times spectators still cannot attend our games but the end is in sight. Currently only elite inter-county games are being played, and only then "behind closed doors", but it is our hope and expectation that club games will make a very welcome return in early June. Our youngest players are already back training in 15-person pods and adult club players are recommencing shortly.

Donegal was identified as a hotspot for Covid last weekend by the HSE. The pandemic has seen us battle against the change in our lifestyles, our work, our social fabric, our families, and our sporting involvement. It would be a shame if our county was to falter at the last hurdle and be singled out for continued restrictions when the rest of Ireland takes a step closer to normality. In a recent statement, I appealed on behalf of Donegal GAA for people to adhere to the regulations and restrictions and called on club members to use their influence and contacts to spread the word in their communities. As well as working closely with the HSE to spread this message, the GAA in Donegal are facilitating the HSE to set up walk-in pop-up centres where Covid tests are available to all with no appointment required. This weekend the Donegal Centre in Convoy is in use and later this week CLG Carndomhnaigh are making their club house available. Further details are available in the News section of DonegalGAA.ie. Once again, 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.

As always, St Eunans' ground staff have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in great shape after an unprecedented fallow period when the most important use for their facilities was as a HSE Test Centre. Maith sibh. Finally, I wish both teams and the match officials, the best of luck and look forward to an exciting and competitive game.

# Hurling Board Chairperson - Manus O'Donnell

A Chairde, ar son Coiste Iomána Dhún na nGall, tá failte romhaibh uilig go Páirc Uí Dhómhnaill innui. Tá sùil agam go mbeidh cluiche sár mhaith againn. On behalf of the Donegal Hurling Board, I welcome you all to Letterkenny, today. Once again we are back in Naomh Adhamhnáin's splendid Pairc Uí Dhomhnaill and we welcome the hurlers of Roscommon, for the first round game in Roinn 2B of the Allianz Hurling League. No doubt, it will be a keenly fought contest and we wish all the team, Mickey McCann and his backroom staff every success in 2021. We have all struggled during the present Pandemic and it is great to have our County Teams playing our games once again and Club teams will soon be back in action in the not too distant future.

Following a very successful year in 2020, winning the 'Double' of the National Hurling League Division 3A and the Nicky Rackard Cup, the hurlers of Donegal will strive to maintain their upward progress in 2021. In recent years Donegal and Roscommon have clashed on number of occasions. In 2013 Donegal were the victors in the Nicky Rackard Final and in 2016 Roscommon were the victors in the National Hurling League Division 2B Relegation Play Off. Roscommon have maintained their status in Division 2B and also compete in the Christy Ring Cup, so I am sure we will have a very competitive game here, today.

On behalf of the County Hurling Board, I would like to thank Joe Boyle for his stellar 17 year career, as a Senior County Hurler and wish him well in his retirement from



County Hurling and continued success in his club career. Joe has had a long and very successful career with the County Hurlers, winning a Lory Meagher Cup, 3 Nicky Rackard Cups and a number of National Hurling League Titles, plus a numerous individual awards. Joe has been an inspiration to his fellow teammates and great role model for all young hurlers in Donegal. Míle Buíochas Joe agus Ádh Mór.

Finally, on behalf of the County Hurling Board, I would like to thank the officers of the Coiste Bainistiochta, 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 Ó'Domhnaill

# DÚN NA NGALL V ROS COMÁIN CLÁR AN LAE

#### Dé Domhnaigh 9ú Bealtaine 2021

#### 13.00 Gates Open

13:35 - 40 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referee's Room.

13.37 Dún na nGall amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to clubhouse goals. Dún na nGall will use the clubhouse dugouts. They will wear Yellow Bibs.

13:38 Ros Comáin amach ar an bpáirc and proceed to river end goals. Ros Comáin will use the river end dugouts. They will wear Brown Bibs.

13:43 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

13:50 Toss

13.57 Amhrán na bhFiann

14:00 Tús an chluiche - a waterbreak will take place between the 15th and 20th minute

14.38 Leath-am, Ros Comáin leave the field immediately on whistle and Dún nGall leave once Ros Comáin have cleared the tunnel

**14.53** Tús an dara leath - a waterbreak will take place between the 15th and 20th minute of the half

15.33 Crioch an chluiche

### Coronavirus COVID-19



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# Stay local. Stay safe. Protect each other.

# **Continue to:**



Wash your hands well and often to avoid contamination.



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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







## 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 Roinn2B Allianz hurling league match between Dún na nGall agus Ros Comáin in O'Donnell Park today. 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 gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

Colm MacDonald (Aontroim) – Referee,

Assistant Referee - Kevin Park (Aontroim), Linesman - James Judge (Maigh Eo)

Sideline Official - Patrick Maguire (Sligeach)

### **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 Luthchcleas 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.



# It takes courage to play the game of your life

This month marks the much awaited return of the Allianz Leagues.

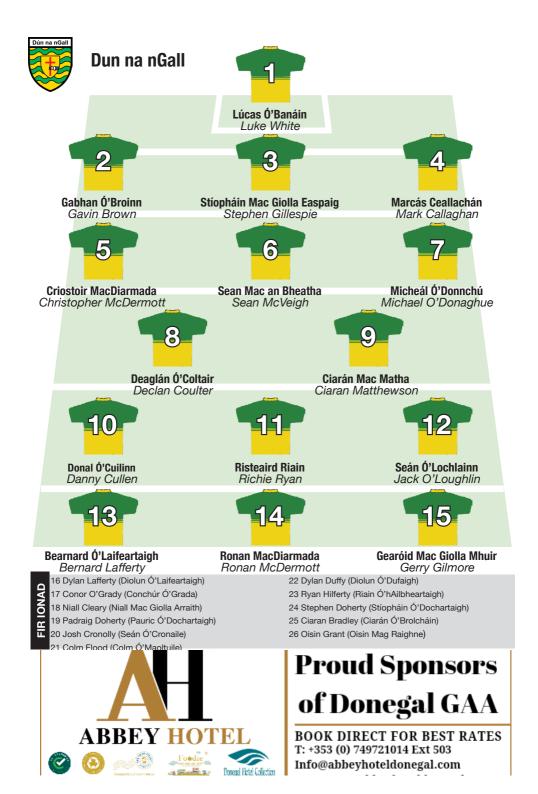
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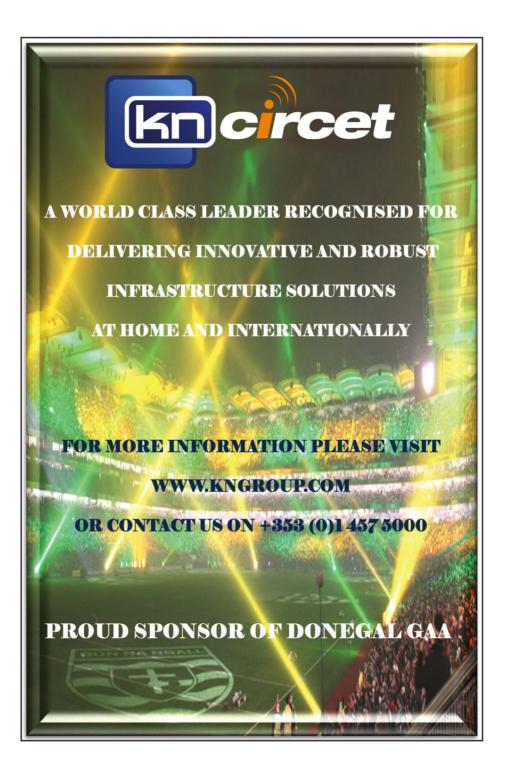
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#### Donegal and Roscommon out of Lockdown (Tom Comack, Iconic News)





DONEGAL and Roscommon hurlers have the honour of getting the new GAA season up and running this afternoon, here in O'Donnell Park.

The game, in Division 2B of the Allianz League is the first tentative step out of the Covid -19 lockdown and is the teams first competitive outing in close on six months.

It is the first of four games each in a reduced league due to Covid travel restrictions, on Warwickshire. Donegal's other games are away to Kildare and Derry and home to Mayo. Roscommon host Mayo and Kildare and are away to Derry.

The locals begin the new delayed season as double champions. Division 3A champions last season they are also reigning Nickey Rackard Cup title holders having won the coveted championship for a third time at the end of November. They defeated Mayo, in a stunning comeback in the final They won the decider on a 3-20 to 3-16 scoreline, thanks to goals from Joe Boyle, Davin Flynn and super sub Ritchie Ryan. Ace marksman Declan Coulter chipped in with eight points, while Danny Cullen and Flynn posted 0-3 each.

Roscommon were defeated in the Christy Ring Cup semi-final last season. They went down to eventual champions Kildare, in the semi-final. The Connacht men won two games and finished fifth in last season's 2B league.

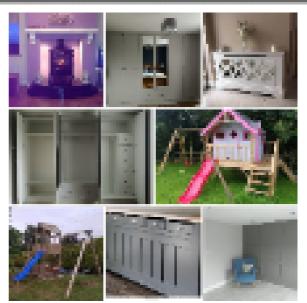
Mickey McCann is once again calling the shots on the sideline for Donegal. And Johnny Keane, from Portumna, appointed in the middle of last season continues in the Roscommon hot seat. McCann must plan without Joe Boyle, retired, Davin Flynn and Kevin Kealy who are not available while Covid travel restricted last season Christopher McDermott returns to the squad. The team that tops the league table will be crowned champions and the bottom team will be relegated

Thanks to Donegal News for the Photograph from Roscommon's last encounter with Donegal.



# Chris, Sinéad and family wish Donegal Hurlers the best of luck today and for the 2021 Season.

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#### Broadcasting and Streaming of Donegal Games

It is highly unlikely there will be spectators at any of Donegal's intercounty matches, hurling or football, in the 2021 Allianz Leagues. It is also doubtful spectators will be there for early rounds of the Nickey Rackard Championship or at the least numbers will be restricted. CLG Dhún na nGall will try and ensure, however, that Donegal Gaels have live access to all of this year's intercounty fixtures.

Coverage of all of Donegal's football games in the 2021 Allianz National Football League will be either broadcast live on TV or available on the GAA's Streaming Service GAAGO. The first National League game against Tyrone on May 15th will be broadcast by TG4 while the home game against Monaghan and away match versus Armagh will both be shown by Eir Sport. All three Allianz League games will also be broadcast on GAAGo outside of Ireland. Virtual Programmes for each of these games will be downloadable from DonegalGAA.ie

Donegal hurling unfortunately has not yet reached a level that attracts the TV broadcasters or GAAGO. Donegal GAA hope to fill this gap where required. We will stream both our home games in the National League and the Nickey Rackard Championships. Where our opposition are not streaming away games we will also seek permission to do so. We will provide downloadable virtual programmes, free of charge, for all games.

To affray costs we are seeking sponsors and advertisers, at moderate rates, for both programmes and the streams. Sponsorship of the game includes a vidoe advert, your logo at the corner of the screen at all times and an advert in the virtual programme. Costs are in the panel below.

#### Advertising Opportunities - Football and Hurling Inter-County Games

#### Programmes

Allianz National Hurling League Full page Advert €75, Half Page €40 and Quarter Page €20, Small ads on Teams Page €30

Allianz National Football League Full page Advert €100, Half Page €50 and Quarter Page €30, Small ads on Teams Page €30

Nickey Rackard Hurling Championship Full page Advert €100, Half Page €50 and Quarter Page €30, Small ads on Teams Page €30

#### Advertising Costs - Streaming

National Hurling League Sponsorship of the Game - €150, 30-60 second advert €80, 15-30 second advert €60

Nickey Rackard Championship Sponsorship of the Game - €200, 15-30 second advert €100, 30-60 second advert €70



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# The 2021 Championships

Donegal won the Nickey Rackard Cup in 2021. Normally winners progress upward but this year Donegal will defend their trophy, meeting Mayo on the weekend of June 26/27 in the opening round - a repeat of last year's thrilling final where Donegal were on the right end of a 3-20 to 3-16 scoreline.

Roscommon also begin their challenge for the Christy Ring Cup on June26/27. Last year they exited at the semi-final stage to eventual winners Kildare. Their opponents on the opening weekend are Wicklow and the following week they welcome Derry to Roscommon.

The details for both competitions are below - adh mor to both counties.

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#### CHRISTY RING CUP

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- 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 Nickey Rackard Cup 2022
- The winner of the Christy Ring Cup shall be promoted to the Joe McDonagh Cup for 2022.

| Group A   | Group B |
|-----------|---------|
| Wicklow   | Sligo   |
| Roscommon | Offaly  |
| Derry     |         |

| Group A                                 | Group B                   |  |
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| JUNE 26/27                              |                           |  |
| Round 1 - Wicklow v Roscommon           |                           |  |
| JULY 3/4                                | JULY 3/4                  |  |
| Round 2 - Roscommon v Derry             | Play-Off - Sligo v Offaly |  |
| JULY 10/11                              |                           |  |
| Round 3 - Derry v Wicklow               |                           |  |
| 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/Quart      | er-Final Winner           |  |
| 2nd Group A v Group B Winner/Quar       | ter-Final Winner          |  |
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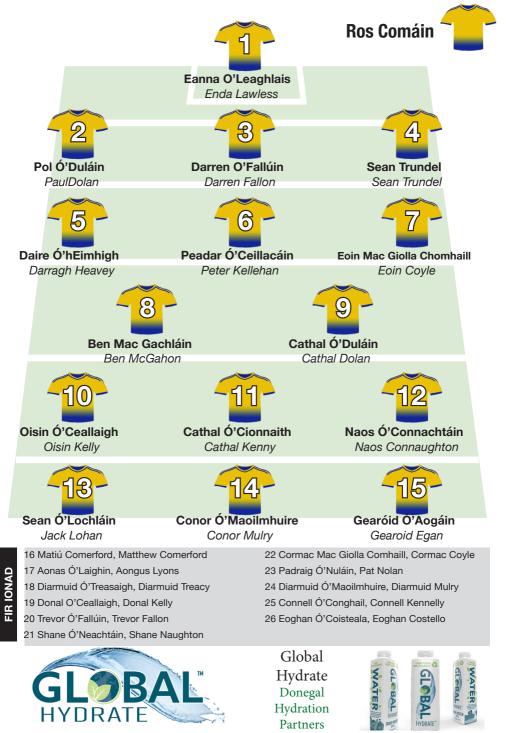
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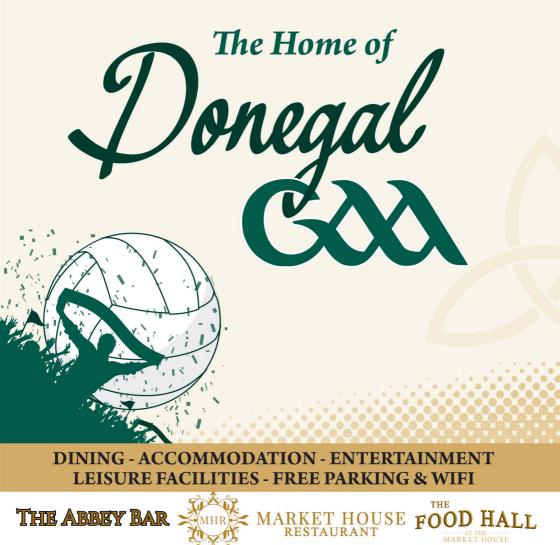
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| Group A   | Group B                    |  |  |
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| JUNE 26/27  |                            |  |  |
| Round 1 - Donegal v Mayo                          |                            |  |  |
| JULY 3/4  | JULY 3/4                   |  |  |
| Round 2 - Mayo v Leitrim                          | Play-Off - Armagh v Tyrone |  |  |
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| FINAL (TBC)                                       |                            |  |  |
| Semi-Final Winner v Semi-Final V                  | Winner                     |  |  |





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