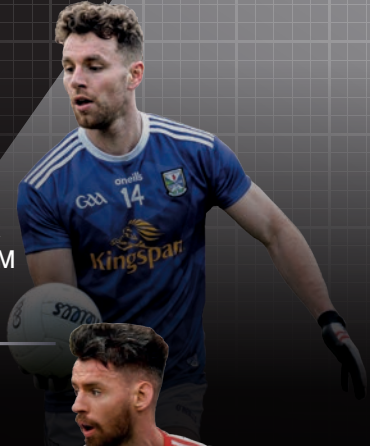




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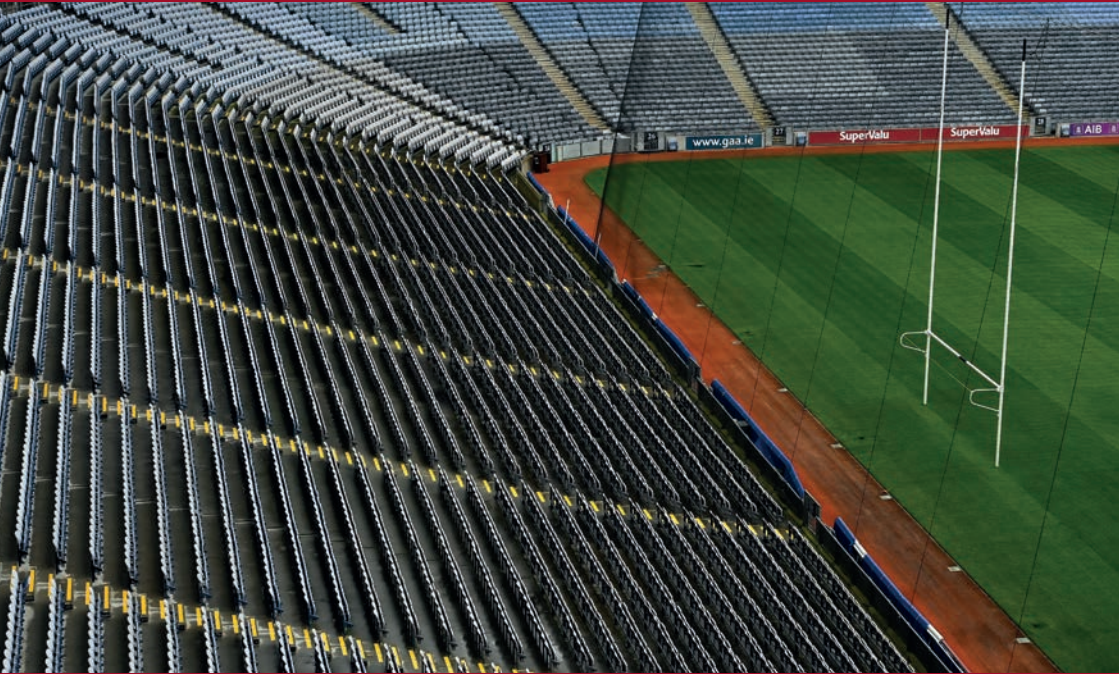


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WATCH LIVE ON **sky sports**

Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship Round 1 (1:15pm)

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Oifigeach Taobhlíne: Padraig Hughes (Ard Mhacha)

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VERSUS



@ PÁIRC MAC CUMHAILL, BALLYBOFEY
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

WATCH LIVE ON **RTÉ Sport** **B.B.C SPORT NI**

Ulster GAA Football Senior Championship Q Final (1:30pm)

Réiteoir: Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

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Maor Líne: Barry Judge (Sligeach)

Oifigeach Taobhlíne: John Gilmartin (Sligeach)

Maoir: Ciaran Brady, Mickey Lee, Jimmy Galligan & TP Gray



VERSUS



@ CELTIC PARK, DERRY
SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

WATCH LIVE ON **B.B.C SPORT NI**

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

Réiteoir: Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

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Welcome to the 2020 Ulster Senior Football Championship. We face into a hectic four week period in late Autumn with no spectators at our games. It really has been a surreal year so far. This weekend we open with the Preliminary Round clash, Monaghan V Cavan and two Quarter Final clashes; Donegal V Tyrone, and Derry V Armagh respectively.

I want to take this opportunity to commend 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 embark on the 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 acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and the three host counties' 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 all six teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings 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.

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Amhrán na bhFiann will be sang at our venues by Pat McCabe (St Tiernach's Park), Niamh Douglas (Páirc MacCumhail) and Kathryn Mullan (Celtic Park).

MATCH PREVIEW

MUINEACHÁN VERSUS AN CABHÁN

The 2020 Ulster Senior Football Championship gets off and running with the meeting of old foes, Monaghan and Cavan. A local derby in a province full of local derbies, this year's Preliminary Round is where these two sides meet to add another chapter to the storied fixture.

Seamus McEnaney is back for a second stint as Monaghan boss, repossessing the Bainisteoir bib from Malachy O'Rourke, who departed last year after seven seasons which yielded two Ulster titles in 2013 and 2015.

O'Rourke also led Monaghan to within a point of Tyrone in the 2018 All-Ireland Semi-Final, made the decision to step down after last year's All-Ireland Qualifier loss at home to Armagh.

While last season may seem a lifetime away now, Monaghan will still be smarting from Cavan's victory in the Ulster Quarter-Final at Kingspan Breffni. The Championship track record going into that game contained three previous Monaghan victories (2013, 2015, 2017), but Mickey Graham's side produced a gutsy display that set them on their way to reaching a first Ulster Final in 18 years.

You could argue that Graham's luck has conspired against him since then. Back in Division Two for this season, Cavan came into their final two league fixtures with an outside chance of gaining promotion back to the top tier, but defeats to Kildare and Roscommon and results elsewhere confirmed back-to-back relegations.

Monaghan meanwhile held on for a draw against Meath last weekend to give them what they needed to preserve their Division One status for another year, and McEnaney's side will take confidence into today's game from having staved off relegation.

The Farney attack, as it so often does, centres around Conor McManus. In the final two Division 1 league fixtures, McManus kicked 1-13 of Monaghan's 2-28 total, despite only coming off the bench at halftime in one of those games. Conor McCarthy however is a forward who's been progressing his game to help lighten the load on the Clontibret star in the attacking department.

McManus is undoubtedly a scoring menace from all angles and distances from the inside line, but



Cavan will be wary that in goalkeeper Rory Beggan Monaghan possess the ability to also register points from well outside the conventional scoring zone.

Beggan is assured in all aspects of goalkeeping, but his accuracy from booming long-range set pieces is a key feature that sets him apart from many of his contemporary netminders.

A question mark is whether Niall Kearns and Colin Walshe will feature today. Both players have been battling injury and looked doubtful ahead of the game, but are named in the squad today.

For Cavan, ace attacker Dara McVeety is a noticeable omission from last year's beaten Ulster Final team, however experienced defender Killian Clarke has come back into the side.

Padraig Faulkner was a standout performer for his club Kingscourt Stars this year, and has been lining out further up the field from his usual full-back role. At centre-field Gearoid McKiernan remains a hugely influential player for the Breffni men, both in gaining possession and striking scores.

Martin Reilly will dutifully cover every blade of grass as usual, while James Smith's form with county champions Crosserlough will give him a big role to play.

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MUINEACHÁN

Bainisteoir: Seamus McEnaney



1

R Ó Beagáin
Rory Beggan
An Bhoth

2

C Ó Dufaigh
Kieran Duffy
Leachtain

3

C de Baoil
Conor Boyle
Cluain Tiobraid

4

R Wylie
Ryan Wylie (C)
Béal Átha Beithe

5

D Mac an Bhaird
Dessie Ward
Béal Átha Beithe

6

F Ó Ceallaigh
Fintan Kelly
Cluain Eois

7

C Ó Conaill
Karl O'Connell
Tigh Thalainn

8

D Ó hAodha
Darren Hughes
An Bhoth

9

C Ó hAodha
Kieran Hughes
An Bhoth

10

R Mac Giolla Easpaig
Ryan McAnespie
Scairbh na gCaorach

11

M Ó Bannagáin
Micheál Bannigan
Achadh na Muilleann

12

D Ó Maoileóin
Dermot Malone
Baile na Lorgan

13

S Ó hAnláin
Stephen O'Hanlon
Carraig Mhacaire Rois

14

C Mac Cárthaigh
Conor McCarthy
An Bhoth

15

C Mac Maghnúis
Conor McManus
Cluain Tiobraid

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. **Ryan Farrelly** Machaire Cluain
17. **Damien McArdle** An Bhoth
18. **Shane Carey** An Bhoth
19. **Drew Wylie** Béal Átha Beithe
20. **Niall Kearns** Seán Mac Diramada
21. **Killian Lavelle** Cluain Tiobraid

22. **David Garland** Domhnach Maighean
23. **Christopher McGuinness** Béal Átha Beithe
24. **Andrew Woods** Inis Caoin
25. **Ryan O'Toole** An Bhoth
26. **Colin Walshe** Dubhthamlacht

AN CABHÁN

Bainisteoir: Mickey Graham



1

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

Leacain

2

**I Mac Lochlainn
Jason McLoughlin**

Gaeil Na Sionainne

3

**C Ó Cléirigh
Killian Clarke**

Searcóg

4

**C Ó Brádaigh
Killian Brady**

Mullach Odhrain

5

**G Mac Gabhann
Gerard Smith**

An Leamhaí

6

**C Ó Brádaigh
Ciaran Brady**

Ármhach

7

**L Ó Foirtcheirn
Luke Fortune**

Gaeil an Chabháin

8

**S Mac Gabhann
James Smith**

Cros ar Loch

9

**P Ó Fachtna
Padraig Faulkner**

Dún a Rí

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 Reathain

13

**O Mac Piarais
Oisín Pierson**

Loch Gamhna

14

**C Ó Conraoi
Chris Conroy**

An Leamhaí

15

**C Ó Raghallaigh
Cormac O' Reilly**

Mullach Odhrain

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. Liam Brady

Ramor Aontaithe

17. Niall Murray

Gaeil an Chabháin

18. Cormac Timoney

Béal Átha na nEach

19. Paul Graham

Gaeil an Chabháin

20. Oisín Brady

Coill an Gharraí

21. Stephen Smith

Cros ar Loch

22. Benjamin Kelly

Teampall an Phoirt

23. Thomas Galligan

Leacain

24. Evan Doughty

Cuchulainn

25. Finbar McAvinue

Ármhach

26. Thomas Edward Donohoe

An Dinn

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MUINEACHÁN VERSUS AN CABHÁN

2019 USFC QUARTER FINAL

18th May at Kingspan Breffni Cavan 1-13 Monaghan 0-12

Cavan collected their first Ulster Championship win over their rivals since 2001 with a four point success in Kingspan Breffni. An early Martin Reilly penalty sent the Breffni men on their way as they eased into a seven point half time lead. Monaghan closed the gap to three with ten minutes remaining but Mickey Graham's side held on for a notable win.

An Cabhán: R Galligan; J McLoughlin, P Faulkner (0-1), C Moynagh; G Smith, K Clarke, C Rehill (0-1); Conor Brady (0-1), G McKiernan (0-4); M Reilly (1-0), D McVeety (0-1), N Murray (0-2); O Kiernan, T Galligan, C Madden (0-2).

Subs: Ciaran Brady for O Kiernan, C Conroy (0-1) for G Smith, C Mackey for C Madden, J Brady for C Moynagh (BC), S Smith for T Galligan, K Brady for J McLoughlin.

Muineachán: R Beggan (0-2); D Wylie, C Boyle (0-1), R Wylie (0-1); K O'Connell, C Walshe, P McKenna; F Kelly, K Hughes (0-1); D Ward, D Malone, S Carey (0-2); R McAnespie, C McManus (0-4), S O'Hanlon.

Subs: C McCarthy (0-1) for P McKenna, K Duffy for D Malone, M Bannigan for S O'Hanlon, O Duffy for D Ward, N Kearns for S Carey, D Mone for K O'Connell (BC).

Referee: C Lane (Corcaigh)

2017 USFC QUARTER FINAL

11th June at Kingspan Breffni Monaghan 1-15 Cavan 0-15

Cometh the hour, cometh the man as Conor McManus stepped up with 12 minutes to go in this thrilling quarter final clash. A point down as we approached the 59th minute, McManus got in behind the Cavan rearguard and finished low past Raymond Galligan to push Monaghan two ahead approaching the final stretch. Cavan finished strongly and even had a last gasp effort from Ryan Connolly hit the post and rebound to safety as Monaghan progressed to the semi final.

Muineachán: R Beggan (0-3); F Kelly, D Wylie, R Wylie; C Walshe (0-1), V Corey, N McAdam; K Hughes,

K O'Connell; G Doogan, K Duffy, O Duffy (0-4); D Malone, J McCarron (0-1), C McManus (1-4).

Subs: R McAnespie for G Doogan, C McCarthy (0-2) for D Malone, D Ward for K Duffy, D Mone for D Wylie, D Hughes for J McCarron, S Carey for O Duffy (BC).

An Cabhán: R Galligan; P Faulkner, K Clarke, N Murray; J McEnroe (0-1), C Moynagh (0-1), G Smith; L Buchanan (0-1), G McKiernan (0-1); C Mackey (0-3), C Madden, M Reilly (0-1); N Clerkin, N McDermott (0-3), S Johnston (0-4).

Subs: C Brady for C Madden, D McVeety for L Buchanan, R Connolly for N McDermott, J Dillon for N Clerkin, J McLoughlin for J McEnroe, C O'Reilly for N Murray.

Referee: P Neilan (Ros Comáin)

2015 USFC QUARTER FINAL

24th May at Kingspan Breffni Monaghan 0-16 Cavan 0-15

Cavan went toe to toe with the Farney men by playing three inside in the full forward line for long spells. Trailing by 0-9 to 0-7 at half time, Cavan clawed back to parity with four minutes on the clock. Colin Walshe emerged as the unlikely hero as he kicked what turned out to be the winning score. Cavan keeper, Raymond Galligan had two long distance frees to level but as had been the case since 2001, Monaghan held off the challenge from their nearest and dearest en route to collecting the Anglo Celt.

Muineachán: R Beggan; D Mone (0-1), D Wylie, R Wylie; F Kelly, V Corey, K O'Connell (0-1); N McAdam, D Hughes (0-1); P Finlay (0-3), D Malone, S Carey; R McAnespie, K Hughes (0-1), C McManus (0-7).

Subs: S Golligly for D Malone (BC), C Walshe (0-1) for S Carey, D Clerkin (0-1) for P Finlay, C McGuinness for R McAnespie.

An Cabhán: R Galligan (0-1); J McLoughlin, R Dunne, R Flanagan (0-1); J McEnroe, F Flanagan, D O'Reilly; T Corr, G McKiernan (0-2); D McVeety, M Argue (0-2), M Reilly; C Mackey (0-2), N Murray, N McDermott (0-4).

Subs: C Brady (0-1) for J McEnroe, M Dunne (0-2) for D O'Reilly, M Lyng for M Reilly (BC), T Hayes for C Mackey.

Referee: P Hughes (Ard Mhacha)



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CONOR MCCARTHY

(Muineachán)

The Scotstown forward has been a regular starter for the Farney for a number of seasons now, and alongside Conor McManus, has positioned himself as one of the most consistent scoring forwards in the county.

McCarthy has been a guiding light for club supremos Scotstown in recent years, helping guide them to five county titles in the past six seasons, a title they regained last month. A personal tally of 1-5 in the Final against Ballybay helped to seal that victory, and McCarthy will be hoping to carry that club form into Championship action this autumn.

Monaghan secured their place in Division 1 of the National Football League last weekend with a draw against Meath, McCarthy contributing a couple of points along the way. And while Cavan eyes may invariably fall to another attacking threat by the name of Conor, it would be foolish to turn a blind eye to another potential match winner.



JASON MCLAUGHLIN

(An Cabhán)

Defending in the modern game is often considered as not quite the art it once was. However, man marking is a key component to any successful side, and Jason McLaughlin has earmarked himself as one of the best in the business over the past couple of years.

In last year's Ulster Championship, the Shannon Gaels man distinguished himself in the role as he locked horns with Stephen O'Hanlon, Jamie Clarke twice and Jamie Brennan. In the passing of time, it can be overlooked that Cavan reached last year's Ulster Final, accounting for Monaghan and Armagh along the way.

There is no doubt that McLaughlin will find himself pitted against one of the Monaghan key forward this afternoon, and how he performs in that role could be the deciding factor in whether his side can overcome the Farney men for a second consecutive season.



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Muineachán V An Cabhán

Ciaran Branagan (An Dún)

Ciaran is from the Clonduff club in Co Down where he played both football and hurling. He began refereeing in 1999 and has refereed at every level within his county. He was added to the Ulster panel in 2002 and first made the National panel in 2007. His most recent provincial assignment was back in January in the Dr McKenna Cup when Tyrone defeated Monaghan in the Final. His only Ulster Senior Football Championship tie to date was the 2014 meeting of Fermanagh and Antrim. He was the man in the middle for the 2017 Ulster Club Senior Football Final between Slaughtneil and Cavan Gaels. He has also refereed the All-Ireland Minor (2016) and U21 (2013) Finals.



Dún na nGall V Tír Eoghain

Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

Today's referee in Ballybofey is no stranger to this fixture. Joe took charge of Donegal V Tyrone in the Ulster Championship in 2011, 2013 and 2015 as well as the Super 8s clash in 2018. Arguably the most experienced Inter-County referee in the country at present, Joe has refereed three All-Ireland Senior Football Finals, most recently in 2017 when Dublin overcame Mayo by a single point. That same year he refereed his second Ulster Senior Football Final between Tyrone and Down, having previously taken charge of the 2012 Final when Donegal defeated Derry. Last week he was on duty for the National Football League game in Clones between Monaghan and Meath.



Doire V Ard Mhacha

Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

An experienced match official, Sean started refereeing in 2008 and has ably made his way through the ranks. Having taken charge of a number of games at Provincial and National level, Sean refereed the 2018 All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Final between Kerry and Galway. A member of the National Referees Panel since 2015, last year he was the man in the middle when Mayo visited Killarney to face Kerry in the All-Ireland Championship. The Galbally Pearse's clubman capped off last season by refereeing the Ulster Senior Club Final between Kilcoo and Naomh Conaill. He was most recently in charge of the Cavan V Roscommon National League match in Kingspan Breffni last weekend.



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DÚN NA NGALL VERSUS TÍR EOGHAIN



If the Allianz League meeting of Donegal and Tyrone a fortnight ago was a sparring session, this afternoon's Ulster Championship clash is the heavyweight title fight.

Donegal's victory two weeks ago rubberstamped their Division One status for another year, and also gave them the bragging rights over their south-easterly neighbours ahead of today's Ballybofey sequel.

Tyrone ultimately secured their own league safety last week with a gutsy win in Mayo, while Donegal were able to shuffle their deck and rest key men for a long trip down to Tralee with the knowledge that nothing was at stake.

The reality of defeat for either team today however is a much starker prospect. By late afternoon, one of the country's genuine All-Ireland contenders will have their season brought to a very abrupt end.

While this draw had been made way back in a pre-pandemic time, the circumstances that have since come to pass has seen the back door become a trap door once again.

Declan Bonner has found himself in 'do-or-die' situations in the past two Championship campaigns, and has lost out both times. Donegal fell to Mayo last year in a Super 8s winner-takes-all game, and in 2018 it happened to be Tyrone in Ballybofey in a similar match.

On the line for Donegal is also their Ulster crown. They are aiming to become the first time to do an Anglo-Celt three-in-a-row since Armagh in 2006.

In the three years Bonner has introduced exciting talent to the Donegal senior jersey. Shaun Patton in goal has regarded as one of Ireland's top keepers. Stephen McMenamin has developed into a first-class defender, while Oisín Gallen was the find of last season.

Peadar Mogan, captain of the county's U20 side last year, certainly caught the eye two weeks ago in Ballybofey with a brilliant slalom run and goal against today's opponents.

Then there are the more experienced operators. Having turned 30 last August, team talisman Michael Murphy has entered his third decade as a Donegal senior player, and is as influential as ever. Neil McGee is another evergreen performer for the Tir Chonaill County.

Paddy McBrearty, who is named today following an injury, is in his tenth senior season. Aged just 27, he has accrued five Ulster Championship medals. Double All-Star Ryan McHugh is a year younger, but has been an integral player for Donegal since the Jim McGuinness era.

Mickey Harte's Tyrone team has undergone some reconstruction of late. Colm Cavanagh departed the county scene after a stellar 13-year career, the last remaining link to the Red Hands' Sam Maguire winning team of 2008.

2019 All Star Cathal McShane, who pledged himself to Tyrone at the beginning of 2020 amid AFL interest, has suffered setbacks in his recovery from an ankle injury sustained in the league, and will miss this Championship.

While McShane was almost for heading 'Down Under' back in January, another game-changing talent came in from the opposite direction to take his place in the heart of the Tyrone attack.

Conor McKenna's return to GAA, and just how seamlessly and effectively he has slotted in after five years with AFL side Essendon, has been one of the big talking points in the Championship run-up

A prodigious teenager when he left for Australia, the English man flourished for the Bombers, but never hid his desire to return home to represent Tyrone. His 1-2 debut tally against Donegal two weeks ago followed by 2-2 against Mayo has certainly lessened the blow of McShane's absence for Tyrone.

There is also the vibrancy of Darragh Canavan, who showed guile and vision that belied his youth on his first competitive Tyrone senior start in Castlebar. More seasoned campaigners such as team captain Mattie Donnelly, Peter Harte, Ronan McNamee and Niall Morgan also turned in fine displays in McHale Park last Sunday.

An empty Páirc Sean MacCumhaill in overcast November elements is certainly not the typical Championship fare, but you can be sure some bubbling intensity will be present when the ball is thrown in.

DÚN NA NGALL

Bainisteoir: Declan Bonner



1

S Ó Peatáin
Shaun Patton
Naomh Adhamhnáin

2

S Mac Meanman
Stephen McMenamin
Aodh Rua, Cúl na gCurridín

3

N Mac Aoidh
Neil Mc Gee
Gaoth Dobhair

4

E Ó Gallchoir
Eoghan Bán Gallagher
Na Cealla Beaga

5

R Mac Aodha
Ryan Mc Hugh
Cill Chartha

6

P Ó Braonáin
Paul Brennan
Realt na Mara, Bundobhráin

7

P Ó Mogain
Peadar Mogan
Naomh Naille

8

A Mac Pháidín
Hugh Mc Fadden
Na Cealla Beaga

9

D Mac Aoidh
Jason McGee
Cloich Ceann Fhaola

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
Realt na Mara, Bun Dobhrain

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. **Michael Lynch** Naomh Colmcille
17. **Eoin Mc Hugh** Cill Chartha
18. **Oisín Gallen** Sean MacCumhailts
19. **Caolan McGonigle** Bun Cranncha
20. **Andrew McClean** Cill Chartha
21. **Jeaic McKelvey** Naomh Conaill

22. **Caolan Ward** Naomh Adhamhnáin
23. **Brendan Mc Cole** Naomh Naille
24. **Eamonn Doherty** Naomh Adhamhnáin
25. **Daire Ó Baoill** Gaoth Dobhair
26. **Paddy McGrath** Ard an Ratha

TÍR EOGHAIN

Bainisteoir: Mickey Harte



1

**N Ó Muireagáin
Niall Morgan**
Éadan na dTorc

2

**L Ó Raifeartaigh
Liam Rafferty**
Gallbhaile

3

**R Mac Con Midhe
Ronan McNamee**
Achadh Uí Aráin

4

**P Ó hAimsaigh
Pádraig Hampsey**
Oileán a'Ghuail

5

**T Mac Cana
Tiernan McCann**
Coill an Chlochair

6

**M Ó Néill
Michael O'Neill**
Ard Bó

7

**M Mac Thiarnáin
Michael McKernan**
Oileán a'Ghuail

8

**B Ó Cinnéide
Brian Kennedy**
Doire Lochain

9

**M Ó Donnaille
Matthew Donnelly (C)**
Trí Leac

10

**C Mac Gadhra
Kieran McGeary**
Cabán a'Chaortainn

11

**C Mac Cionnaith
Conor McKenna**
Eaglais

12

**C Mac Maoilrí
Conor Meyler**
An Ómaigh

13

**D Mac Camhraí
Darren McCurry**
Éadan na dTorc

14

**P Ó hAirt
Peter Harte**
Aireagal Chiaráin

15

**D Ó Ceannubháin
Darragh Canavan**
Aireagal Chiaráin

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. Benny Gallen Achadh Uí Aráin
17. Mark Bradley Coill an Chlochair
18. Frank Burns Cabán a'Chaortainn
19. Richard Donnelly Trí Leac
20. Niall Kelly Aireagal Chiaráin
21. Conn Kilpatrick Éadan na dTorc

22. Conall McCann Coill an Chlochair
23. Hugh Pat McGeary Cabán a'Chaortainn
24. David Mulgrew Ard Bó
25. Ronan O'Neill An Ómaigh
26. Niall Sludden An Droim Mór

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DÚN NA NGALL VERSUS TÍR EOGHAIN

These two counties keep on colliding in the Ulster Championship. This is the fourth clash in five years and even in 2018, they met in All Ireland Quarter Final Phase 3 game in Ballybofey! Here we take a look back at their last three meetings.

2019 USFC QUARTER FINAL

**8th June at Kingspan Breffni
Donegal 1-16 Tyrone 0-15**

Donegal led this one from pillar to post in a role reversal of the 2017 clash. An attacking masterclass from Jamie Brennan coupled with the loss of Peter Harte for an early black card (which then ruled him out of the remainder of game, unlike now) capped a miserable day for Tyrone. Donegal were full value for their win en route to collecting back to back Anglo Celts.

Dún na nGall: S Patton; P McGrath, N McGee, S McMenamin (0-1); R McHugh (0-1), L McLoone, E Ban Gallagher; H McFadden (0-1), J McGee; E McHugh (0-1), M Murphy (0-5), N O'Donnell; P McBrearty (0-3), M Langan (0-1), J Brennan (1-3).

Subs: C Thompson for J McGee, D O'Baoill for E McHugh, F McGlynn for L McLoone, O Gallen for N O'Donnell, P Brennan for J Brennan.

Tír Eoghain: N Morgan (0-2); M McKernan, R McNamee, P Hampsey; T McCann, B McDonnell, B Kennedy; K McGeary (0-2), L Rafferty; C Cavanagh, R Donnelly (0-3), M Donnelly (0-1); P Harte, F Burns, C McShane (0-3).

Subs: C McAliskey for P Harte (BC), R Brennan for L Rafferty, N Sludden for C Cavanagh, D McCurry (0-3) for B McDonnell, M Cassidy (0-1) for F Burns, A McCrory for T McCann.

Ref: D Gough (An Mhi)

2017 USFC SEMI FINAL

**18th June at Clones
Tyrone 1-21 Donegal 1-12**

As reigning champions, Tyrone dominated this game leading by seven at the halfway point. Three minutes into the second half, Tiernan McCann darted up front to raise the green flag and ultimately, that was game over. Ten of the Tyrone starting team got on the scoresheet in a game where Donegal were second best.

Tír Eoghain: N Morgan (0-1); A McCrory, R McNamee, P Hampsey (0-2); T McCann (1-1), C McCarron, P Harte (0-2); C Cavanagh, C McCann; K McGeary (0-3), N Sludden (0-4), D Mulgrew (0-1); M Bradley (0-2), S Cavanagh (0-1), M Donnelly (0-2). Subs: D McCurry for M Bradley (BC), R Brennan for D Mulgrew, D McClure (0-1) for C McCann, R O'Neill (0-1) for S Cavanagh, C McShane for K McGeary, J McMahon for P Harte.

Dún na nGall: M A McGinley; P McGrath, N McGee, E Ban Gallagher; R McHugh, F McGlynn, E Doherty; J McGee, C Thompson; M Carroll (1-0), M O'Reilly (0-1), J Brennan; P McBrearty (0-6), M Murphy (0-3), E McHugh.

Subs: K Lacey for J McGee, M McElhinney for F McGlynn, H McFadden (0-1) for J Brennan, C Gillespie for E Doherty, M Langan (0-1) for E McHugh.

Ref – D Gough (An Mhi)

2016 USFC FINAL

**17th July at Clones
Tyrone 0-13 Donegal 0-12**

In a titanic struggle there was nothing, literally nothing between these sides from start to finish. With the game poised at 0-11 apiece in the closing stages, Peter Harte and Kieran McGeary delivered monster scores from long distance to reclaim the Ulster title for the Red Hand county after a six year lapse.

Tír Eoghain: N Morgan (0-2); A McCrory, R McNamee, C McCarron (0-1); T McCann, J McMahon, P Harte (0-2); C Cavanagh, M Donnelly; C McShane (0-1), N Sludden (0-1), R McNabb; C McAliskey, S Cavanagh (0-3), R O'Neill.

Subs: R Brennan (0-1) for M Donnelly (BC), M Bradley for C McShane (BC), J Munroe for R O'Neill, D McCurry (0-1) for C McAliskey, K McGeary (0-1) for J McMahon.
Dún na nGall: M A McGinley; P McGrath, N McGee, C Gillespie; R McHugh (0-3), K Lacey, F McGlynn; R Kavanagh, O MacNiallais (0-2); A Thompson, E McGee, E McHugh; P McBrearty (0-3), M Murphy (0-2), M O'Reilly.

Subs: M McElhinney for R Kavanagh, M McHugh for A Thompson, C Toye (0-1) for F McGlynn, E Ban Gallagher for C Gillespie, A Thompson for E McHugh, C McFadden for P McBrearty.

Ref: D Coldrick (An Mhi)



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DÚN NA NGALL *VERSUS* TÍR EOGHAIN



RYAN MCHUGH

(Dún na nGall)

It seems like a lifetime ago when Ryan McHugh announced himself to the GAA public when he plundered 2-2 in Donegal's famous All-Ireland semi-final victory over Dublin. That was back in 2014 and his achievements that year won him the GAA's Young Player of the Year award. Safe to say he hasn't looked back.

Since then, the Kílcar man has been a mainstay in the Donegal side at No5, with his lung-bursting runs and knack for picking up scores becoming a familiar trait. How Donegal decide to deploy the two-time All-Star this afternoon could go a long way to determining the outcome.

In the League encounter between the sides two weeks ago, McHugh helped himself to three points from play, and Tyrone can ill afford a similar return today if they are to turn the tables. Stopping McHugh will be at the forefront of their minds, along with Murphy, Brennan, Thompson, Gallen and others.



CONOR MCKENNA

(Tír Eoghain)

That we are talking about the English man as one of Tyrone's key players, in what will only be his third game of Senior inter-county football, is a testament to the talent he has shown in those previous two games. Supporters in the Red Hand County are quite rightly excited that Conor McKenna has decided to return home after a hugely successful five year spell with AFL side Essendon.

Two weeks ago he left Ballybofey with 1-2 on his debut, though he would be the first to admit he would much rather have left with two league points than any personal acclamation. In Castlebar, McKenna raised the bar higher still. He helped himself to two goals and provided Darragh Canavan with a sublime 50 yard pass for the third Tyrone goal. Donegal were fired a warning shot a fortnight ago and it remains to be seen whether they can do enough to prevent him leading the Red Hands to victory.

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MATCH PREVIEW

DOIRE VERSUS ARD MHACHA

One would have to go back to 1998 for the last of Derry's seven Ulster titles, and to 2011 for when they last made it through to the provincial decider.

Armagh meanwhile last won the Anglo-Celt back in 2008, their last appearance in the final following a decade laden with silverware. Both of these proud footballing counties have been waiting in the wings a lot longer than they will have liked.

For the Orchard County, securing promotion to Division One last weekend for the first time since 2012 then will only give them a welcome confidence boost going into today's Ulster SFC quarter-final.

There is a sense now that manager Kieran McGeeney is delivering on the long-touted potential building within the Orchard County. After several years of Championship woe, last season's Ulster semi-final replay defeat to Cavan and the gallant loss by just a single point to Mayo in a Round 3 qualifier were signs that Armagh were ultimately beginning to make some strides.

Inconsistency has pockmarked their past few campaigns however. Had some sloppy results in this year's Allianz League been avoided, it arguably would have been themselves hoisting aloft the Division Two trophy last weekend and not Roscommon.

Last Saturday they raced into a 1-6 to 0-2 lead before allowing Clare to claw back control of proceedings for the remainder of the opening half. A winning position against the Rossies the week before was thrown away in the final ten minutes.

Ultimately though, for all the ups and downs, Armagh were full value for their long-awaited return to league football's top tier. While Ulster wins have been scarce in recent seasons, McGeeney's side look prepared for their best assault on the provincial title in years.

Jarlath Og Burns and O'Neill brothers Rian and Oisín emerged as stars-in-the-making last season, while Conor Turbitt is another young prospect coming to the fore. Add into that the experienced Jamie Clarke, Stefan Campbell and Rory Grugan, and Armagh are loaded with potent attacking options.

Another feature is the versatility of Aidan Forker. Deployed at full back in the league's early rounds before leading Maghery to a county title from the number 14 position, the 28-year-old can effectively play anywhere on the field.



2020 has turned out to be a tough year for any manager coming into a new job, and Derry boss Rory Gallagher will attest to that no doubt. His side began the year hoping to further continue their climb up the ladder following promotion from Division Four last season, but five points from the opening five games left them with a lot of work to do.

Derry still entertained slim promotion hopes on the return to inter-county action, but they were ultimately ended after Longford conceded their final fixture against Cork. Gallagher was always aware however that Armagh in Celtic Park this afternoon has been the real focus since his squad reconvened after the summer lay-off.

The past two weekends have allowed him to hand out auditions to new and returning faces in the Derry camp. Paul Cassidy and Ethan Doherty were among those make their Derry senior debuts, while Oisín McWilliams was handed his first league outing.

The most anticipated newcomer though is one Conor Glass. The prodigious Glen man sent Derry tongues wagging when he announced his return to home soil after a five-year stint with Hawthorn in the Australian Football League. He made his senior county debut as a second half substitute to get Derry over the line against Longford two weeks ago.

Still just 23, Glass' return to GAA is a huge boost to Derry football for the years to come, but he will be keen for him to make his mark in the Derry shirt more immediate.

Derry fans will also be buoyed by the continued development of Shane McGuigan, who has emerged as one of the top forwards in Ulster in recent years. McGuigan's scoring exploits led Slaughtneil back to the Derry title this Autumn, and he is arguably the Oak Leafers' most prolific forward at present.

DOIRE

Bainisteoir: Rory Gallagher



1

**O O Loingsigh
Odhran Lynch**
Machaire Fiolta

2

**P Mac Neill
Paul McNeil**
Sleacht Neil

3

**B Mac Ruari
Brendan Rogers**
Sleacht Neil

4

**C Mac Bhloscaidh
Conor McCluskey**
Machaire Fiolta

5

**E O Dochairtaigh
Ethan Doherty**
Gleann

6

**C MacThaidhg
Chris McKaigue (C)**
Sleacht Neil

7

**P Mac Gruigain
Padraig McGrogan**
Droichead Nua

8

**C Mac Phail
Ciaran McFaul**
Gleann

9

**C Glas
Conor Glass**
Gleann

10

**D Talun
Danny Tallon**
Gleann

11

**E O Loinn
Enda Lynn**
Grianloch

12

**P O Caisade
Padraig Cassidy**
Sleacht Neil

13

**P O Cearnaigh
Patrick Kearney**
Suaitreach

14

**S Mac Uigain
Shane McGuigan**
Sleacht Neil

15

**N O Lochlain
Niall Loughlin**
Grianloch

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. Conlann Bradley Gleann
17. Conor Doherty Droichead Nua
18. Carlus McWilliams Baile na Scrine
19. Oisín McWilliams Suaitreach
20. Michael McEvoy Machaire Fiolta
21. Gavin O'Neill Bannchar

22. Benny Heron Baile na Scrine
23. Emmett Bradley Gleann
24. Shea Downey Leamhaigh
25. Niall Toner Leamhaigh
26. Paul Cassidy BeaL Eachaidh

ARD MHACHA



Bainisteoir: Kieran McGeeney

1

**B Ó hAodha
Blaine Hughes**

Naomh Padraig Carraig
Chropain

2

**P Ó Broin
Paddy Burns**

Peadar O'Doirnín Foirceal

3

**R Ó Cinnéide
Ryan Kennedy**

Na Cloighithe Baile
Mhic an Aba

4

**S Ó Muireagáin
James Morgan**

Raonaithe Na Croise

5

**C O'Niell
Conor O'Neill**

Naomh Moinna Cill Sleibhe

6

**A Mac Fearchair
Aidan Forker**

An Machaire

7

**M Ó Siall
Mark Shields**

An Chrois Bán

8

**O Ó Néill
Oisín O'Neill**

Raonaithe Na Croise

9

**S Ó Síreadáin
Stephen Sheridan**

Peadar O'Doirnín Foirceal

10

**R Ó Gruagáin
Rory Grugan**

Na Cloighithe Baile
Mhic an Aba

11

**C Mac Cumascaigh
Callum Cumiskey**

Raonaithe Na Croise

12

**S Mac Cathmhaoil
Stefan Campbell (C)**

An Lorgáin Clan na Gael

13

**S Mac Cléirigh
Jamie Clarke**

Gaeil Neasden

14

**R Ó Néill
Rian O'Neill**

Raonaithe Na Croise

15

**Niall Ó Garmaile
Niall Grimley**

Na Ropari Na Madain

FIR IONAIÐ SUBSTITUTES

16. **Shea Magill** Naomh Moinna Cill Sleibhe
17. **Greg McCabe** Sheáin Uí Néill Camloch
18. **Brendan Donaghy** Roibeard Eméid Cluain Mór
19. **Aaron McKay** Naomh Padraig Droighneáin Sidhe
20. **Jarlath Og Burns** Beal Atha an Airgid
21. **Jemar Hall** Peadar O'Doirnín Foirceal

22. **Conor Turbitt** Clann Éireann
23. **Andrew Murnin** Naomh Pól
24. **Jason Duffy** Naomh Padraig
Coilleach Eanach
25. **Joe McElroy** Na Clairsigh Ard Mhacha
26. **Cathal McKenna** An Ghráinseach

PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DOIRE *VERSUS* ARD MHACHA

2011 USFC SEMI FINAL

19th June at Clones
Derry 3-14 Armagh 1-11

This will be remembered as the day when Eoin Bradley and Conleith Gilligan ran riot in St Tiernach's Park, notching 2-11 between them. The Armagh defence simply could not contain the Derry duo who subsequently lost Eoin Bradley a fortnight later due to a cruciate injury sustained in preparation for their Ulster Final against Donegal.

Doire: D Devlin; SL McGoldrick (0-1), K McGuckin, D McBride; B Og McAlary, C Kielt (0-1), M Bateson; J Diver, M Friel; M Lynch (1-1), J Kielt, B McGoldrick; E Muldoon, E Bradley (1-6), C Gilligan (1-5).

Subs: C Mullen, C O'Boyle, E McGuckin, C McGoldrick.

Ard Mhacha: P Hearty; A Mallon, B Donaghy, K Dyas; A Kernan (0-1), C McKeever, V Martin; K Toner, C Vernon (0-1); T Kernan, BJ Padden, M Mackin; Micheal O'Rourke (1-1), S McDonnell (0-6), J Clarke (0-1).

Subs: J Lavery, D McKenna, P Duffy (0-1), B Mallon, J Murtagh.

Ref: D Coldrick (An Mhí)

2010 USFC FIRST ROUND

16th May at Celtic Park
Armagh 1-10 Derry 1-07

Jamie Clarke came off the bench and scored the vital winning goal. Eoin Bradley was sent off, and Derry only scored two points during the second half. Half an hour into the game Derry were a goal ahead, but when Armagh took the lead they defended heavily, pulled a lot of men behind the ball and counter attacked, culminating in Clarke's three pointer.

Ard Mhacha: P Hearty; A Mallon, K Toner, B Donaghy; P Duffy, C McKeever, F Moriarty; C Vernon (0-1), J Lavery; M Mackin, A Kernan (0-3), G Swift; B Mallon, S McDonnell (0-5), R Henderson (0-1). Subs - V Martin, J Clarke (0-1), K Dyas.

Doire: B Gillis; B Og McAlary, K McGuckin, D McBride; G O'Kane, B McGuigan, M Bateson; F Doherty, Patsy



Bradley; SL McGoldrick, M Lynch (0-4), D Mullan; Paddy Bradley (1-2), E Bradley (0-1), R Wilkinson.

Subs - B McGoldrick, J Kielt, M Craig, J Diver, E Muldoon.

Ref - M Deegan (Laois).

2005 USFC SEMI FINAL

26th June at Casement Park
Armagh 1-11 Derry 0-10

Armagh struggled for long periods against a Derry side who completely dominated them in midfield and might have beaten them had they not been crippled by some wayward shooting. Played in glorious sunshine, the game was surprisingly open until Armagh super-sub John Toal got its only goal 17 minutes into the second half. Derry's misses ultimately came back to haunt them because the arrival of Tony McEntee and Toal suddenly gave Armagh aerial power and huge forward impetus that they had been lacking.

Ard Mhacha: P Hearty, A Mallon, F Bellew, E McNulty, A Kernan (0-4, 3 frees), K McGeeney, A O'Rourke, P Loughran, P McGrane, M O'Rourke (0-01), J McEntee, O McConville (0-1), S McDonnell (0-2, 1 free), R Clarke (0-1), B Mallon (0-2).

Subs: J Toal (1-00) for McEntee, T McEntee for Loughran, S Kernan for B Mallon, M Mackin for Clarke, C McKeever for A Kernan.

Doire: B Gillis, K McGuckin, K McCloy, G O'Kane, P Wilson, SM Lockhart, P Kelly, F Doherty, Patsy Bradley, P Murphy (0-1), M Lynch (0-1), E Bradley (0-2), C Devlin, Paddy Bradley (0-5, 2 frees), E Muldoon (0-1, free).

Subs: P McFlynn for Kelly, J McBride for Devlin, F McEldowney for Wilson, M Kelly for O'Kane

Referee: M Monahan (Cill Dara)

2020 ULSTER SFC SCHEDULE

SUN 1ST NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL



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SUN 8TH NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL



SAT 7TH NOVEMBER: QUARTER FINAL



SAT 14TH NOVEMBER: SEMI FINAL

WINNER

WINNER

SUN 15TH NOVEMBER: SEMI FINAL

WINNER

WINNER

22ND NOVEMBER: FINAL

WINNER

WINNER

SAT 31ST OCTOBER: FIRST ROUND



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PIVOTAL PLAYERS

DOIRE *VERSUS* ARD MHACHA



SHANE MCGUIGAN

(Doire)

Shane McGuigan has cast himself into the role of Derry's chief scoring threat over the past two seasons, and the hopes of the Oak Leaf side today will rely heavily on another major haul from the young Slaughtneil man.

Scoring consistently for both club and county has become a pleasant habit for the 22-year-old, but it was his scoring power in helping St Mary's Belfast to reach last year's Sigerson Cup Final where his stock began to rise nationwide and he claimed a richly deserved 2019 GAA Rising Star award. A few months later Derry had won promotion and he terrorised the Tyrone defence in Healy Park in an Ulster Championship opener, finishing with 1-6.

Many might consider McGuigan to be the complete scoring package, but not the man himself. Speaking in the Irish News ahead of the Derry club championship, he revealed the extra work he has been doing to develop his 'weaker' right foot. He finished the club championship with 4-47 as Slaughtneil reclaimed the John McLaughlin Cup. Armagh have been warned.



RIAN O'NEILL

(Ard Mhacha)

If Derry seem reliant on one man for their scores, Armagh look to be in a much better position to share that responsibility around the forward line. Jamie Clarke, Stefan Campbell, Rory Grugan or Conor Turbitt are all capable of finding their shooting boots on any given day, but it is hard to escape that the Orchard County may end up relying on another set of young shoulders.

Rian O'Neill finished as last seasons top scorer in the Ulster Senior Football Championship, in his maiden campaign. And while some may point to that campaign being the guts of 18 months ago, O'Neill has weighed in with 0-11 in the two games since the resumption of the National League to guide Armagh to promotion. Expect Derry to deploy one of their stellar Slaughtneil defenders in the form of Chrissy McKaigue or Brendan Rogers to try and shackle the young Cross man.

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