



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



*Clúichí Ceannais Íomána Sinsear, Idirmheánach
agus Sóisearach 2022 - CLG Dhún na nGall*



De hAoine Iúil 29 Soisear
ag 19.30, Donegal GAA Centre
Naomh Adhamhnáin
v
Setanta



De Sathairn Iúil 30 Idirmheánach
ag 14.00, Páirc Uí Dhomhnall
Carn Domhnach
v
Sean MacCumhaill



De Sathairn Iúil 30 Idirmheánach
ag 16.00, Páirc Uí Dhomhnall
Beart
v
Setanta



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A Chairde, ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh na himreoirí agus na foirne bainistíochta ó na clubanna atá ag ghlacadh páirt i gcluichí ceannais na contae innui insan iománaíocht idirmheanach agus shinsearach

As Chairman of the Donegal County Board I welcome you all to today's finals. In particular I express our gratitude towards all the Club members who coach, train and manage the continued participation of so many of our underage players in games this year. The introduction of the Hurling Academy is an objective that is progressing at the right pace, and having the continued infrastructure development at the GAA Centre in Convoys this has assisted the many long journeys that the Centre has removed for Clubs.

The design of our new pitch five, shall complement the other four pitch's that are in high demand in the winter months. I look forward to it's completion in the autumn and it's opening to pitch activity in a year's time.



2022 has allowed CLG Dhún na nGall to get a better feeling for our new split season, and the appointment of Marty McGrath earlier this year as Hurling Academy Coach was a step in the right pathway.

Our Junior Final sees the 2nd teams from Setanta and St Eunan's and we must acknowledge the work that goes into producing 2 teams within a club structure.

The Intermediate Final has Carndonagh and Sean Mac Cumhaills and I'm sure it will produce a close contest.

The Senior Final brings the old rivals from Setanta and Burt and their continued hard work at the development of players keeps them in the limelight of County Hurling Finals.

We wish all the clubs the best of good luck and may the best teams win.

Is mise le meas

Mick.

Hurling Board Chairperson - Manus O'Donnell

A Chairde,

On behalf of the An Coisde Iomána Dhún na nGall, I would like to give A 'Special Welcome', to the Hurlers, Management Teams and Supporters of CLG An Bheirt, CLG Charn Domhnaigh, CLG Seán Mac Cumhaills, Cumann Iománaíochta Setanta Coill Uí gCurridin and CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin Leitir Ceanainn, to our County Finals. Every Hurler dreams of playing in a 'County Hurling Final'. This weekend we have three finals, Senior, Intermediate and Junior.

Five teams competed in this year's Junior Championship, Four Masters, Letterkenny Gaels, Beart, Setanta and Naomh Adhamhnáin. Setanta had a one point victory over Beart in their semi-final and Naomh Adhamhnáin defeated Four Masters in a keenly contested semi-final. A close encounter is expected in the first of our County Hurling Finals, the Junior Final, which takes place on Friday evening in Donegal GAA Centre.

After an absence of a long number of years, we have the return of the Intermediate Hurling Championship. CLG Charn Domhnaigh and CLG Sean Mac Cumhaills compete in the Intermediate Final, which is the first of our finals on Saturday and this promises to be an



exciting and keenly contested affair, as they played out a draw in the league section of the competition.

In today's 'Senior Final', we have the Setanta team, who are hoping to regain the 'Corn na Mumha', which they last won in 2020 and

who are going for a League and Championship Double, having won the League Title earlier in the year and a Beart team who last won Corn na Mumha in 2018. This indeed, is going to be an entertaining game, with the youthful Beart team, hoping to upset the odds against the more experienced men from 'The Crossroads'. Both clubs will bring a large number of supporters to the game and I am sure all in attendance will witness a fantastic display of hurling, with great skill and determination on display from both teams.

I would like to thank all who helped to make our three Championship Finals in O'Donnell Park, a memorable occasion, the six competing teams, their players, mentors and supporters, the County Board, the staff at O'Donnell Park who have prepared the park for today and the match officials for today's finals.

Adh Mor agus Mile Buiochas
Manus O'Donnail



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Today's Officials

Trevor Moloney, Referee - An Beart v Setanta

Trevor Moloney is 40 years old and is from Lanesboro in County Longford. He is a GAA referee for the last 13 years, transferring up to Donegal in 2017.

He has referee'd from underage to Intermediate level in the County. He ref's both hurling and football. In 2019 he took charge of the Junior Hurling County final between Aodh Ruadh and Carndonagh and was in charge of the 2020 Senior final



between Setanta and St Eunan's.

Currently he lives in Buncrana and is a member of CLG Bun Cranncha. Trevor has served in the defence forces for over 20 years and is based at Finner Camp.

He represented Longford at minor level in both hurling and football but injury cut his playing career short and he decided to take up referee-ing to stay involved in the GAA.

James Callaghan - Carndomhnaigh v Sean MacCumhail

James is a dual player and dual referee operating out of the Setanta and Red Hughs clubs. He has had the honour of representing Donegal in both underage and senior hurling teams.



playing with Kilmacud Crokes.

James managed the Setanta club to u-14 and Feile county titles and was also referee in the 2020 and 2021 Junior Hurling finals. James still lines out for his club and played in last night's Junior final

James won an u-16 football championship with Red Hughs and as a hurler with Setanta he has a minor championship medal, four senior hurling championship medals and an Ulster championship. He has also won two All-Ireland championship medals while

between Setanta and St Eunan's.

James would like to thank the six officials helping him this afternoon - four umpires and two lines men. He likes to let the game flow, his favourite quote being "play the whistle lads."

Marc Brown, Referee - Naomh Adhamhnáin v Setanta

Marc is a dual referee and a member of na gCeithre Maistir, Donegal Town. This is Marc's first adult hurling final having refereed all underage finals at each grade.



when Marc took up the hurling... To quote John "I don't care if u bad Marc be bad to both team, just be consistent.."

Marc's trusted umpires today are Shaun Campbell, Paddy Battles, Tommy Brennan and Daithi Breen. Marc would like to thank all who have helped him along the way especially Pat Walsh, JJ Lafferty, Shane Toolan, Lee Jordan and Michelle Bennett. Also thanks to John Rooney and Denis Daly for encouragement

Marc would also like to thank his family wife Geraldine and children Shay, Lucy and Fynn for all the love and support over the years... and finally best of luck to both Setanta and St Eunan's today hope ye leave it all on the pitch... and remember "Asking for help is a sign of strength not a show of weakness".

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS CHRAOBH ÍOMANÁ SOISEAR, DHÚN NA NGALL
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CLÁR AN LAE - Dé Aoine 29ú Iúil 2022

- 18.45 Gates Open
 - 19:10 Both St Eunans and Setanta Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 19.15 St Eunans take the field and proceed to the right hand goals. St Eunans will wear Orange Bibs
 - 19:17 Setanta take the field and proceed to the left hand goals. Setanta will wear Blue Bibs.
 - 19:20 Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 19:25 Toss
 - 19:30 Throw-in to County Junior Hurling Final
 - 20:55* Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Cannon Hurleys
 - 21:00* Presentation of the Corn Seamus McCormack by Frankie Doherty, Assistant Treasurer, Bhord an Condae
- * depending on 'added time'

CLUICHÍ CEANNAIS CHRAOBH ÍOMANÁ Idirmheánach
agus SINSEAR, DHÚN NA NGALL
Urraithe ag GRAND CANAL HOTEL DUBLIN
CLÁR AN LAE - Dé Sathairn 30ú Iúil 2022

- 12.45 Gates Open
 - 13.40 Both Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 13:45 Carndomhnaigh take the field and Proceed to the right hand goals. Carndomhnaigh will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs.
 - 13:47 Sean MacCumhaill take the field and Proceed to the left hand goals. Sean MacCumhaill will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
 - 13:50 Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 13:55 Toss
 - 14:00 Throw-in County Intermediate Hurling Final
 - 15:25* Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Cannon Hurleys
 - 15:30* Presentation of the Intermediate Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
 - 15:40* Both An Beart and Setanta Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 15.45 An Beart take the field and Proceed to the left hand goals. An Beart will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs
 - 15:47 Setanta take the field and Proceed to Clubhouse goals. Setanta will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
 - 15:50 Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 15:55 Toss
 - 15.58 Amhrán na bhFiann
 - 16:00 Throw-in County Senior Hurling Final
 - 17:25* Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Cannon Hurleys
 - 17:30 Presentation of the Munster Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord and Condae
- * depending on 'added time'

Sinead Ní Dhomhnaill

Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill is a member of CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin and is honoured to sing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's senior hurling county final between Burt & Setanta.

Sinéad is very involved with Scór and Camogie, 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 gunnascreach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



Commentary for today's Intermediate Hurling final stream will be supplied by Charlie Collins of Donegal Sportshub with Donegal hurling captain Sean McVeigh providing the co-commentary. Highland Radio's Head of Sport Oisin Kelly will commentate the Senior Hurling final with expert analysis from St Eunan's Eugene Organ.



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Second half comeback seals 7-in-a-row for Burt *(by Damien Dowds)*

Burt 3-17

Naomh Mura 3-9

The county final of 1997 was played at the Scarvey in Buncrana which had been recently developed and boasted an excellent playing surface. It pitted Burt against their parish rivals Naomh Mura for the sixth time in a county final.

Burt were gunning for a seventh straight title, but at half time that prospect looked bleak. Naomh Mura bossed the first half and goals from John Gallagher and Joe Doherty (Bap) had them leading by 2-6 to 0-6 at the break. Barry Boyle and Peter McGonagle hit first half points for Naomh Mura while Burt's scores had come from the sticks of freetaker Andy Wallace and full forward Ray Durack.

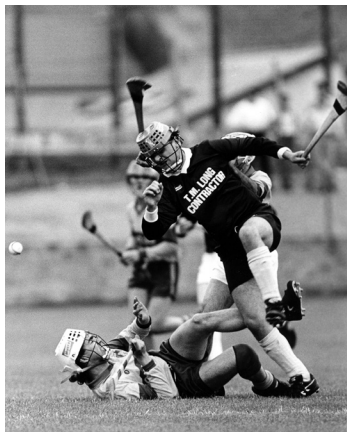
There was no mincing words at half time and, to a man, the Burt players resolved that they would do whatever it took to ensure victory.

Their second half performance was as good as any half of hurling they ever played. They completely dominated every line of the field and outscored their opponents by 3-11 to 1-3.

Ray Durack started the rout with two goals soon after half time and Wallace's flawless freetaking continued as he fired over from every angle.

When Niall Campbell hit Burt's third goal in the 45th minute, the half time deficit of six had been turned into a seven point lead. Ardal McDermott and Seamus Craig were both sent off to leave the sides down to 14 men for the closing stages.

Barry Boyle kept tagging away at frees for Naomh Mura and when Joe Doherty hit his second goal the challengers got their second wind. Peter McGonagle drew a stunning save off keeper Martin Downey who shunted the sliotar onto the post and away from danger.



Having survived the let off, Burt pulled away in the last ten minutes hitting seven unanswered points through Mickey McCann, Wallace and Durack.

Burt were coasting when referee Aidan Skelton brought proceedings to an end. The final, played on Sunday 13 July, was Naomh Mura's last appearance in the county decider. The club, which had played at under-age level throughout the 1980s before becoming

a fully-fledged adult club in 1991, drew its players from Inch and Fahan.

The club was dissolved in 2001 and, in time, its members joined Burt.

Not alone are there links between the Burt team of 1997 and today (Fergal Grant and Mickey McCann are amongst the coaches), but there are links to the Naomh Mura team too.

Gerard Boyle was a young corner forward back in 1997, and today he's listed amongst the Burt substitutes. Donal Walker, the Naomh Mura wing back, is today the chairman of the Burt club. And corner back John McDermott is the father of Burt captain Caolan McDermott, and county captain, Ronan.

Burt: Martin Downey; Fergal Grant, Ciaran Dowds, Liam Burns; Ardal McDermott, Darren McDermott, Donal Campbell; Ronan McLaughlin, John Martin Wallace; Barry Friel, Andrew Wallace (0-14), Mickey McCann (0-1); Seamus Grant, Ray Durack (2-2), Niall Campbell (1-0).

Naomh Mura: John Boyle; John McDermott, Paul Craig, Simon McGrory; David Robb, Ray Doherty, Donal Walker; Seamus Craig, Seamus Doherty; Joe Doherty (2-0), Peter McGonagle (0-1), Barry Boyle (0-7); Paul McGrath, Joe Craig, Gerard Boyle (0-1). Subs: John Gallagher (1-0) and Kevin McGrath

Adie Gaffey - Captaen Naomh Ádhamhnáin



It is both a huge honour and a privilege for me as captain of St. Eunan's to lead this team out for the County Final today. We meet

familiar opponents, Setanta, whom we met in the first round of this year's championship. We know each time we come up against them it will be a great battle, and expect today to be no different.

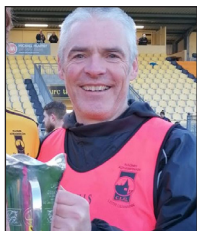
The effort and commitment shown by this group of players and management throughout the year has been brilliant.

Many of our younger hurlers who took the step into adult hurling this year have come through the St. Eunan's hurling academy. It is very satisfying to see these players develop and progress into fine adult players and they are a credit to their families, the club and all their coaches who have coached them throughout the years.

It is very encouraging to see three adult grade hurling finals being played this weekend and it is a testament to the continuous hard work that is being done in all the Donegal Hurling clubs promoting and developing this fantastic game of ours.

Adie Gaffey

Eunan O'Donnell - Bainisteoir Naomh Ádhamhnáin



A chairde, it's a great honor for me to be involved with this St. Eunans team heading into the Donegal junior hurling final.

I wish to thank my backroom team of James Connors, Paddy Flood, Ronnie Hylands, Derek Kelly, Shane Maguire and Nichola Ayres for all their help and support throughout the year. I would like to thank our chairman John Haran, secretary Charlie McAteer and treasurer Damian Daly for their help and support also. To Vincent McGlynn, Gerard McGlynn and Micky Gibbons our thanks for having our training facilities at their very best.

A special word to our senior player/manager Daire Ó Maoiléidigh and his

coaching team for their work with the juniors all year long. They embody the spirit of club.

To my squad of players and their families I wish to say that I hope your sacrifices and efforts throughout the year will be rewarded with a performance to be proud of today. Our senior and junior squads have worked together this year and helped each other greatly. A huge bonus for us in St. Eunan's hurling this year has been the emergence of so many new young players from our underage ranks, many of whom feature today.

Finally, I want to wish our opponents Setanta and the referees and officials the very best during the game as we all look forward to an open and free flowing game of hurling.

Eunan O'Donnell

Setanta - St Eunans Clash a Very Close Call

Preview from Gerry McLaughlin - Donegal Post

It is a measure of the growing strength in depth of both clubs that St Eunan's and Setanta are contesting this year's Donegal JHC on Friday night. And it could be a cracker, with a strong mix of youth and experience on both sides.



and they also have Simon McMenamin and Gary McGettigan to call on.

Setanta certainly have a real matchwinner in ex-county star Kevin Campbell who was the difference in his team's victory over Burt in the county semi-final. Campbell (36) is still one of the best freetakers in the county, and is also involved in his side's senior team management.

He is well supported by the likes of Ryan Coyle, Ryan Callaghan, Travis Lafferty, Pauric Moss and Tommy Lee Scully who are also subs on the senior team. Coyle must be very close to making a start on the Setanta senior side. That is a strong junior squad by any standards

Opponents St Eunan's can call on veterans like Eugene Organ to spur their chances. Organ came off injured in the semi-final and Eunan's

will be hoping he will be fully fit for the final. Colm Flood also togged out in an earlier game.

Eunan's have a very young team and have ace marksmen in Paul O'Donnell, Gavin Forde and Thomas Crossan to boost their chances. They can also call on the likes of team captain Adie Gaffey and Calvin Aidoo and Noel O'Donnell who is a dual player.

These sides met earlier in the League, and it ended up in an entertaining draw. This one could be very close to call with maybe the finishing power of Kevin Campbell proving decisive in the end.



1 Minute with Gavin Forde - Naomh Adhamhnáin

Favourite Position: Corner Forward

Favourite Pitch: O'Donnell Park

Hobbies: Anything Sport

Childhood hero: Henry Shefflin

Best Player you have played with: Mark Mulholland

Best Player you have played against: Mark Mulholland (at training)

Best game you have been involved in: Last years u21 final was one to remember

Best trainer within your club's squad: Eunan O'Donnell, hasn't missed a session

Worst trainer within the club's squad: No poor trainers

Best motivator within the squad: Eugene Organ

Any superstitions: Have to put one ball over the bar before the game starts

Favourite Song: Killer was a Coward, Dermot Kennedy

Favourite Film: Shutter Island

Favourite Holiday Destination: Thailand

Favourite Meal: Sunday Roast

Best advice ever received: Pull Hard

Biggest influence on career: My Dad

Club Volunteer of note: Eunan O'Donnell

Song you listen to before big games: None Really

Most important skill: Pick-up

Biggest Strength in your game: Shooting

Area of your game you would like to improve:
Fitness

Advice for youngsters: Get the basics right

Young Player within your club to look out for:
Brendan Gaffey

Best thing about the GAA: Diversity

Batman/Superman: Batman

Up Early/Lie in: Lie In

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza

Instagram: Fordegavin



Stair - Naomh Ádhamhnáin

Bunaíodh Cumann Naomh Adhamhnáin i Leitir Ceanainn sa bhliain 1930. The black and amber jerseys have had great success over the years in Gaelic football, hurling, ladies football and camogie, winning senior championships in all codes. We have been Donegal senior football champions on 17 occasions (most recently 2021), senior hurling champions 9 times (2021), ladies football winners 13 times (2005, along with 4 Ulster titles between 1993 and 1998) and camogie champions 8 times (2000). Our club has had All Ireland football winners with Donegal in 1992 (Paul Carr, Charlie Mulgrew and Mark Crossan) and 2012 (Rory Kavanagh and Kevin Rafferty). Our underage teams have performed strongly in recent years winning numerous championships and leagues all codes.

After an absence of almost two decades hurling was restarted in St. Eunan's in the 1990s. We won the Donegal junior championship in 2000 and intermediate championship in 2001. The following year we made our first appearance in the senior hurling championship final since 1972, losing out to the great Burt team of that era. In this decade new young players from our juvenile teams have combined with our veterans to bring us to a new level. The main focus has been on juvenile development, with many years of hard work by dedicated coaches leading to county victories at various levels. Our

teams are backboned by many dual players, a trend that can be seen in recent years in the most successful clubs nationwide. Our underage hurling successes brought us the point where we consistently challenged for the Donegal senior hurling championship.

After winning the Donegal senior hurling league for the first time, we finally became Donegal senior hurling champions in 2021. Our camogie coaches are continuing to develop their young players. Victories in numerous underage camogie championships led to our fielding at senior level again in 2020.

We are strongly represented on all county teams and our fine pitch at O'Donnell Park hosts many intercounty matches. Most home games for Donegal hurling teams and many hurling and camogie championship finals are now played in Letterkenny. St. Eunan's players play major roles on our county's teams at all ages. It was a proud moment for us this year when Seán McVeigh captained Donegal to our Allianz National Hurling League Division 3A win, with many club colleagues by his side. Our young club players have been to the forefront of Donegal hurling teams playing in top level competitions lately. We look forward to contributing further to Donegal playing hurling at a high level.



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Best wishes to
St. Eunans
today from all at
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St Eunans – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Profession
Lee Scanlon	5ft 11"	32	Goalkeeper	Pest Control Technician
JP Curran	5ft 11"	20	Corner Back	Printman
Adie Gaffey	5ft 10"	43	Full Back	Special Needs Assistant
Liam Dowling	5ft 11"	19	Half Back	Student
Conor Neely	6ft 1"	19	Half Back	Student
Mark Mulholland	5ft 11"	20	Half Forward	Student
Mark Connaughton	6ft 1"	24	Half Back	Barber
Calvin Aidoo	6ft 1"	28	Midfield	Student
Noel O'Donnell	6ft 2"	19	Midfield	Student
Johnny Lambe	5ft 11"	17	Half Forward	Student
Eoin Scanlon	5ft 10"	30	Half-Forward	Accountant
Paul O'Donnell	6ft 1"	20	Half Forward	Student
Eugene Organ	6ft 0"	41	Full Forward	Garda
John McIntyre	5ft 10"	25	Full Back	Sec. School Teacher
Daire McBride	5ft 10"	22	Goalkeeper	Student Nurse
Ferghal Delaney	5ft 11"	33	Half Forward	Telecoms Technician
Thomas Crossan	5ft 11"	19	Half Forward	Student
Brendan O'Donnell	6ft 2"	25	Half Back	Student
Ronnie Hylands	5ft 11"	47	Corner Forward	Health Worker
Francis Lennon	6ft 2"	28	Corner Back	IT Consultant
Eoin Scanlon	5ft 11"	29	Half Forward	Accountant
Gavin Forde	5ft 11"	20	Half Forward	Student
Paul O'Donnell	6ft 1"	19	Half Forward	Student
Derek Kelly	6ft 2"	37	Full Forward	Civil Servant
Shane Maguire	5ft 11"	22	Corner Back	Student
Eunan O'Donnell	5ft 10"	53	Corner Forward	Civil Engineer
Eoin Boyle	6ft 0"	28	Corner Forward	Farmer
Oisin Randles	6ft 1"	21	Half Back	Student
Conor Parke	5ft 11"	28	Corner Back	Systems Engineer
Niall O'Donnell	6ft 0"	24	Half Forward	Student
Chris Murray	5ft 10"	20	Half Back	Student
Paddy Flood	5ft 7"	60	Corner Forward	Teacher
James O'Donnell	5ft 10"	19	Full Back	Student
Mark McGinty	5ft 11"	22	Half Back	Student
Kevin Meehan	5ft 11"	28	Half Forward	Financial Executive



Naomh Adhamhnain

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Adie Gaffey



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Liam Dowling



Conchúr Ó Niallaigh
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Mark Mulholland



Calbhain Aidoo
Calvin Aidoo



Nollaig Ó Domhnaill
Noel O'Donnell



Eoin Ó Scanlain
Eoin Scanlon



Pól Ó Domhnaill
Paul O'Donnell



Gabhain Mac an Átha
Gavin Forde



Seán Mac an Uain
John Lambe



Aodh Ó hÓrgain
Eugene Organ



Tomás Ó Crossain
Thomas Crossan

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16 Daire McBride
17 Oisín Randles
18 Fearghal Delaney
19 John MacIntyre
20 Eoin Boyle
21 Eunan O'Donnell

22 Francis Lennon
23 Conor Parke
24 Derek Kelly
25 Shane Malone
26 Niall O'Donnell
27 Brendan O'Donnell

28 James O'Donnell
29 Oisín Carr
30 Mark McGinty
31 Ronnie Hylands
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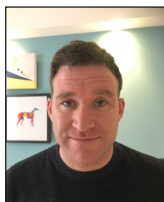
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Setanta B – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Profession
Dylan Linton,	6ft 0"	22	Goalkeeper	Construction
Gregory O'Leary,	5ft 8"	26	Wing Back	Steel Erector
James Callaghan,	5ft 8"	36	Everywhere	Father
Eoin O'Boyle,	5ft 5"	21	Corner Back/Forward	Creamery
Dean McDevitt,	6ft 0"	31	Forward	Electrician
Ryan Callaghan,	5ft 10"	18	Corner Back	Student / Carpenter
Cormac McMenamin,	6ft 2"	24	Forward	Carpenter
Simon McMenamin,	6ft 1"	40	Full Back	Optum
Tiernan McConnell,	5ft 8"	28	Corner/Half Back	Store Assistant
Tommie-Lee Scully,	5ft 10"	20	Wing Back	Tree Surgeon
Gary McGettigan	6ft 4"	43	Forward	Civil Engineer
Shane Flynn	6ft 3"	34	Corner Back	Project manager
Anthony Dillon	5ft 10'	24	Half Back/Forward	Car Valet
Noel Ewing	5ft 11"	41	Corner Forward	Groundworker
Pauric Moss	5ft 11"	21	Wing Forward	Creamery Operative
Kevin Campbell	5ft 11"	36	Half Forward	Teacher
Ruari McLaughlin,	6ft 1"	19	Student	Student
Jason Sweeney,	5ft 7"	24	Defender	Steel Erector
Travis Lafferty,	5ft 9"	22	Centre Forward	Creamery
Shane Gallen,	5ft 9"	27	Half back	Solicitor
Caolan McClintock,	6ft 2"	19	Forward	Groundswoker
Tomás Lyng,	6ft 0"	33	Corner Back	Farmer
Marc Devine,	5ft 10"	32	Corner Forward	
Ciarán O'Neill,	5ft 8"	39	Defender	Caretaker
Darragh McMenamin,	5ft 11"	19	Corner Back	Apprentice
Ciaran Bellew,	5ft 11"	33	Goalkeeper	Bank Manager
James Lafferty,	5ft 10"	25	Corner Forward	Leak Technician
Gerard O'Dwyer	5ft 11"	41	Forward	Site Manager
Reece Brennan	6ft	29	Forward	Healthcare Assistant
Paul Linton	5ft 9"		Super Sub	Painter

Simon McMenamin - Captain Setanta B



After 2 previous attempts where we bowed out at the penultimate stage we finally got here after an incredibly close game against a very good Burt team in the semi-final. It could have gone either way. This year has been tough with all restrictions from the previous 2 seasons lifted it means back to normality and with many of our team who work away from home, it's been tough at time to get everyone together but credit to the lads, they stuck with it and got the reward from the last few years effort. A lot of credit goes to Bernard Lafferty who has stood by us through thick and thin and

guided us here today.

A special word of thanks to both Martin Callaghan and Paul Campbell who got this team up and running in 2020. We hope to deliver on our previous results and finally get the cup but as we know from the group stage where we played out a very entertaining draw in the Cross, we will have our work cut out against a very good St Eunans team who have set the standard this year.

Thanks to the County Board for making this competition possible and shows that the appetite for the game is strong but its up to us the clubs to build on these competitions for the future generations.

Bernard Lafferty - Bainisteoir Setanta B



I have been very proud to be managing this Setanta Junior team for the 2022 season.

I am delighted that our third season of fielding a

Junior team has culminated in us lining out in a County Final. It has been great to work with this team, comprised of young players breaking into adult hurling and older faces who returned to the club as a result of the creation of a Junior team.

Huge thank you must go to the dedicated Setanta supporters who always get behind the team, to the club committee for all their work in the background and to all those that have helped out with the team throughout the year.

We know St Eunans will be the toughest of opponents on the day. Our last meeting ended in a draw and I am sure there will not be much between the teams on the day. Looking forward to a good sporting game of hurling on the day!

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Setanta Abú

1 Minute with Ryan Callaghan Setenta

Favourite Position: Wing Back

Favourite Pitch: Setanta's home pitch at Donaghmore

Hobbies: Gaelic

Childhood hero: Bob the Builder

Best Player you have played with: Danny Cullen

Best Player you have played against: Cian Lynch

Best game you have been involved in: Minor County Final 2019 in Convoy v Dungloe

Best trainer within your club's squad: Mafo

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Coulter, always something wrong with him

Best motivator within the squad: Mafo/Denim

Any superstitions: Tie my boots twice before a game

Favourite Song: You'll never walk alone

Favourite Film: Bay Watch

Favourite Holiday Destination: The Caribbean

Favourite Meal: Hard to beat Ham Sandwiches every day

Best advice ever received: Do the simple things right and the rest will come

Biggest influence on career: Family

Club Volunteer of note: Simon McMenamin

Song you listen to before big games: Dermot Kennedy - Better Days are Coming

Most important skill: Ball to hand

Biggest Strength in your game: Tackling, trying to pick up the ball on the third attempt

Area of your game you would like to improve: Free Taking

Advice for youngsters: What you put in is what you get back

Young Player within your club to look out for: Kevy Campbell

Best thing about the GAA: Friends you make

Batman/Superman: Superman

Up Early/Lie in: Up early

Chinese/Pizza: Chinese

Twitter Account: not applicable

Instagram Account: ryancallaghan14



Iománaíocht - an sport is sine sa tír - forbhreathnú gairid ar Dhún na nGall (Fergus MacAoidh, CLG Dhún na nGall)

B'iad Beart a bhain an chead craobh contae san iománaíocht anseo i nDún na nGall sa bhliain 1905. Sa bhliain 1906, bhain an contae a chead corn mhór - craobhchomórtais Iomána. Sinsearach Uladh nuair a bhuail Dún na nGall Aontroma sa chluiche ceannais. Ba é seo an bhliain cheanna a bhain foireann d'ainm Sinn Féin Bun Dobhráin craobh na contae. Tá sé suimiúil gur bhain Dún na nGall craobh sinsearach Uladh san iománaíocht ar thrí ócáid ins na bhliain 1906, 1923 agus 1932.



sinsear san iománaíocht i nDún na nGall. Tá 39 craobh sinsearach bainte ag Beart agus 16 bainte ag Setanta. Tá an dá chlub seo i bhfad chun tosaigh ar na clubanna eile ó thaobh an méid atá bainte acu ach tá feabhas ag teacht ar na forine eile sa chontae atá le feiceál bliain indiaidh bliain. Is iad Setanta rogha na gcoitiantacha sa chluiche ceannais sinsearach inniu agus cé nar bhain Naomh Adhamhnáin sa chraobh soiséar ó 2000 agus sinsear ó'n

bhliain 1972 tá feabhas le feiceál orthu achán bhliain. Is é seo an tríú bliain indiaidh a chéile dóibh theacht aníos in éidean Setanta sa chluiche ceannais. Is cinnte go mbeidh cluiche de ard chaighdeán againn inniu agus tá sé deacair a rá cé acu de na forine a bhéas mar sheampainí ag deireadh an lae.

Bhain Dún na nGall Corn Lory Meagher sa bhliain 2011. Ba é Dún na nGall an chead chontae a bhain Corn Nicolas Mhic Riocáird (Nickey Rackard) ar thrí ócáid i 2013, 2018 agus 2020. Chuidigh seo go mór le athbhéocháin iománaíochta sa chontae. Bhí i gcónaí agus tá go foill daoine in achán cluba d'obair chomhdian dícheallach chun an spórt a choinneal beo. Tá buíochas agus creidimheas mór tuille ag na daoine sin a d'fhan leis nuair nach raibh an spórt a imirt chomh forleathan agus atá anois.

Bhí suim i gcónaí san iománaíocht i nDún na nGall agus thar na blianta bhí cuid mhór clubanna a d'imir an chluiche Gaelach is sinne sa tír. Mar is eol dúinn, is é an pheil Ghaelach an príomhspórt i nDún na nGall agus thar na blianta mar thoradh air seo bhí níos lú daoine óga ag roghnú iománaíocht a imirt. San am i láthair, tá athbhéochán insan iománaíocht le clubanna ag imirt sa Chraobh Sinsearach agus Sóisearach. Le cois sin, tá feabhas suntasach sa chaighdeán agus tá i bhfad níos mó suim anois san iománaíocht ag leibheal club agus contae.

Is é Corn na Mumha (The Munster Cup) an Corn a bhronnfar ar an fhoireann a bhaineas an chraobh

Sa chluiche ceannais soisear inniu tá an Chlochán Liath agus Aodh Roadh Béal Átha Seannaidh. Is é seo an dara bliain as a chéile do'n Chlochán Liath a bheith sa chluiche ceannais shóisearach. Is eacht oll-mhór é seo do chlub nár thosaigh ag imirt iománaíocht faoi aois go dtí ocht mbliain ó shin agus nár chuir foireann sinsearach chun páirce go dtí anuraidh. Bhí iománaíocht i mBéal Átha Seannaidh i bhfad siar fríd na blianta agus bhain siad an chraobh sinsearach ar thrí ócáid ins na 20í. Is cinnte go mbeidh cluiche maith ann ach deacair a rá cé acu a bhéas an bua.



CLG Dhún na nGall Preparing for Scór Sinsir 2022

Donegal County Board are currently preparing for Scór Sinsir 2022 and are asking all clubs around the county to get involved.



Scór na nÓg took place earlier this year and comhghairdeas mór to the the Naomh Columba Trath na gCeist (quiz) team who were Ulster winners before going on to claim the All-Ireland title in Killarney. Maith Sibh.

The closing date for entries is August 2nd. Any individuals or groups looking to get involved should please contact their club cultural officer or the county's Irish Cultural officer at irishculturalofficer.donegal@gaa.ie



Well done also to the Sean MacCumhaill Nucleas (Novelty Act) and St Eunan's Katie Nic Giolla Chomhaill (Amhránaíocht Aonair - Solo Singing) who also made it to the Ulster final.





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Phillip McLaughlin - Cathaoirleach Charn Domhnaigh

Carndonagh started off as hurling club in 1921, we could not celebrate our Centenary celebration with the Covid pandemic last year so it would be very fitting for these boys to take home the Intermediate Hurling title to Carndonagh.



in the club and all of this would not be possible without the help of the Doherty family, John Joe, Elizabeth, Padraig, Cathal and Nuala Lafferty our Hurling officer/coach and all the other hurling coaches in the club. We have 26

Senior hurling only started up again in the club in 2019 with Carndonagh winning the Junior league and runners up in the Junior final the same year. They achieved success in 2020 by winning the Junior Championship and never got a chance to celebrate with the covid pandemic also.

senior players playing hurling with the club and most of these are dual players with our senior and reserve Gaelic football teams.

We have 110 members from u7 to u17 boys

They are a great credit to the club and give a massive commitment to playing hurling Friday evening and Gaelic on a Sunday.

I just want to wish them all the best and good luck in the final.

Cormac Monagle - Captaen Charn Domhnaigh

It's a great honour for me to be the captain of this great bunch of players especially on county final day and what makes it even more special is that it is our 3rd occasion here on county final since our reformation as a hurling team in 2019.



we have thankfully achieved that in making today's final.

We set out our stall at the start of the year to compete well in the group stage and work towards an intermediate championship and

I would like to thank the club our friends and family for their continued support. Finally to everyone involved in the final, players, management and officials I wish you all the best of luck and we are looking forward to a real tough contest.

Cathal Doherty - Bainisteoir Charn Domhnaigh

It's a great honour to be here again in O'Donnell Park on County Final day. It's our 3rd appearance in 4 years and we are glad to welcome back the crowd this year, which was badly missed in 2020.



more than any other, but the lads have put in a massive effort this year to get up to the standard to compete at Senior level and we are looking forward to another great battle with MacCuamhaills.

A big thank you to our sponsors for the day, Doherty Building Surveying, Doagh Famine Village and OSS. Being a dual club has provided its difficulties this year

All the best to the four teams and also the officials taking part in today's games and we all hope Hurling will be the winner once again.

One minute with Jack “Goals” McLaughlin, Carn Domhnach

Favourite Position: False 9

Favourite Pitch: Fotress Foden

Hobbies: I love cleaning windows and hating Paddy Monagle

Childhood hero: Sean McCreamer is definitely one of the only reasons I’m where I am today, he gave me a lift to the final

Best Player you have played with: Gotta be James Monagle mans a legend (when he’s not sleeping in Clones)

Best Player you have played against: Sometimes it feels like your always playing against Luke White to be honest but I’ll have to say Full back for Burt in the group stage

Best game you have been involved in: Semi final against Ballyshannon was good fun

Best trainer within your club’s squad: Matthew porter, yes he may enjoy a few drinks but he’s always there and giving it a good rattle

Worst trainer within the club’s squad: Darragh McCormick, personally I think it’s cause we don’t train in the Persian bar, if we did he would always be there

Best motivator within the squad: Probably myself

Any superstitions: Don’t sit beside Danny Monagle ever

Favourite Song: Massive by Drake

Favourite Film: Warhorse

Favourite Holiday Destination: After this final it will be the Glen Bar, the only place I wanna be

Favourite Meal: Chicken and ham BBQ base out of taste of India (big ups for the boys)

Best advice ever received: John Joe Doherty “I’m umpire here, make me use this green flag”. I didn’t in the end but it sounded cool when he said it.

Biggest influence on career: Patrick Monagle and Eoghan Kelly, without them boys I’d just be another guy that doesn’t own a hurl. Love them boys

Club Volunteer of note: Mickey Downey (Love that man)

Song you listen to before big games: Massive by Drake

Most important skill: It’s hard to beat seeing young fellas catching the ball

Biggest Strength in your game: Scoring goals

Area of your game you would like to improve: Also scoring goals

Advice for youngsters: Just catch it and pass to Luke White

Young Player within your club to look out for: Stephen Burns

Best thing about the GAA: Winning is the only good thing about playing this sport

Batman/Superman: Spiderman

Up Early/Lie in: Lie in

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza

Instagram: Liamharkin





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STAIR - CLG CHARN DOMHNAIGH

It is well known that the Carndonagh club had started up as a Hurling club in 1921 with our centenary taking place last year. Unfortunately with the covid pandemic, this special occasion was unable to be celebrated properly.



to the rise of our Senior team of today. In 2019, our u14's won a national title at the Feile in Cork while also winning a Donegal league in the same season.

This year our u13's won the 1st underage County A

Our senior hurling team had reformed in 2019 after a 13 year hiatus and the team entered the Junior level of hurling. It led to a league win along with a Junior Championship final that unfortunately did not go their way on the day. In recent years our underage set up has been springing up and up with notable victories from 2017 to 2022. The majority of the team playing today won a Donegal Minor League in 2017 which provided a substantial springboard

Championship for the club while our u17's (U14's of 2019) won the Donegal League with championship still to come later on this year. It bodes well for our club, and hurling is on the rise once again. There is a lot of good hurling people in our club who have kept the show on the road in not so good times, including Cathreine Walker, Elizabeth Doherty, John Joe Doherty and Nuala Lafferty and the club owes a debt of gratitude to these people and are the people who deserves days like this for our club.

MacCumhail's might just shade it

Preview from Gerry McLaughlin - Donegal Post

This curtain-raiser to the SHC final is between two very evenly matched sides indeed. The rise of Carndonagh in hurling circles over the past five years or so has been one of the hurling stories in the county. They won a JHC title in 2020 and have been making steady progress ever since becoming the third adult team on Inishowen.

They eventually overcame a strong challenge from Aodh Ruadh in a hard-fought final in a B pitch in Convo.

Carn are powered mainly by the Doherty and Monagle families. Ex Donegal senior star Padraig is a staunch full-back while brother Cathal is a prolific scorer up front. But they can also call on county keeper Luke White at midfield and the powerful Danny and Paddy Monagle for strong back up. Wing forward Cian Doherty is also a potent attacker while new boy Jack McLaughlin is also a promising performer.



But they will face a stern task against a Sean MacCumhail's side who won two senior county titles in the Noughties when current star Lee Hederson, the absent Ciaran Matthewson, Jamesie Donnelly and Paddy Hannigan were in their prime. Henderson is still a very big player for them and his accuracy from frees and

play is vital to the Twin Town side's chances.

They were too strong for Dungloe in the semi-final and can also call on the scoring power of P J Browne and the lively Jamie De Ward

But Anthony Patton is also a prolific goal scorer while John Chambers is another steady defender.

And while MacCumhail's are not as powerful as they were a few short years ago, that full-forward line of Henderson, Browne and De Ward is capable of inflicting a lot of damage on Carn.

This could be very close also, but MacCumhail's might just shade it.

Carn Domhnach – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Occupation
Stephen Burns	6ft 3"	31	Goalkeeper	Plumber
Conor Lafferty	5ft 10"	40	Corner Back	Plumber
Pádraig Doherty	5ft 8"	27	Forward	Factory Worker
Mark Diver	5ft 9"	23	Corner Forward	Accountant
Shaun McCreanor	5ft 6"	23	Midfield	Financial Services
James Monagle	6ft 5"	30	Half Back	Care Worker
Cormac Monagle	6ft 1"	29	Corner Forward	Consultant
Luke White	6ft 0"	30	Centre Forward	Plumber
Cian Doherty	5ft 8"	23	Wing Half Back	Student
Conor Fagan	6ft 1"	23	Corner Forward	Machine Driver
Eoghan O'Ceallaigh	5ft 4"	24	Corner Back	Plumber
Cathal Doherty	5ft 9"	31	Half-Forward	Plumber
Darragh McCormick	5ft 10"	23	Wing Back	Student
Paddy Monagle	5ft 9"	24	Centre Back	Farmer
Jack McLaughlin	6ft 3'	22	Corner Forward	Defence Forces
Michael Nelson	6ft 1"	21	Full Back	
Ronan Browne	5ft 10"	24	Corner Back	Engineer
Ryan Davenport	5ft 10"	19	Wing Half Back	Plumber
Ronan Stamp-Porter	6ft 1"	28	Forward	Plumber
Christopher McCormick	6ft 5"	19	Half Forward	Student
Matthew Porter	5ft 10"	23	Midfield	Engineer
Dermot Doherty	5ft 9"	28	Full Back	Barber



Carn Domhnach

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Stephen Burns



Mark Diver



Pádraig Doherty



Conor Lafferty



Shaun McCreanor



James Monagle



Cormac Monagle



Danny Monagle



Luke White



Cian Doherty



Conor Fagan



Eoghan O'Ceallaigh



Jack McLaughlin (F)



Darragh McCormick



Cathal Doherty

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- 17. Paddy Monagle
- 18. Christy McCormick
- 19. Ronan Browne
- 20. Matthew Porter

- 21. Mike Nelson
- 22. Ronan Stamp Porter
- 23. Ryan Davenport
- 24. Dermot Doherty





Del Laverty

Sean Mac Cumhaill



Eoghan Wright



Gavin Browne



Kyle Tourish



Aaron Toner



Lee Henderson



John Anthony Chambers



PJ Browne



Jamie De Ward



Conor Griffen



Barry McGranaghan



Chris Gallagher



Anthony Patton



Kevin Kenny



Fintan Griffen

FIR IONAD

17 Orin McDermott
18 Pete Byrne
19 David White
20 Dean Hannigan
21 Phillip Doherty

22 Declan Doherty
23 Patrick Bradley
24 Andrew Barrons
25 Niall Fitzsimons



Sean MacCumhaill – Player Pen Pics

Name		Age	Position	Occupation
Lee Henderson		32	Forward	Milkman
Del Lavery		26	Goalkeeper	Client Services
Kyle Tourish		29	Corner Back	Electrician
Eoghan Wright		29	Corner Back	Defence Forces
Niall Fitzsimons		31	Corner Back	Defence Forces
Chris Gallagher		22	Full Back	ConstructionWorker
John Anthony Chambers		29	Wing Back	Production Operative
Aaron Toner		28	Right Half Back	Security Systems
Orin McDermott		28	Wing Back	Traffic Management
Anthony Patton		32	Corner Back	Recovery Driver
Declan Doherty		35	Corner Back	ESB Electrician
Andrew Barrons		44	Full Forward	Insurance Broker
Dean Hannigan		32	Half Forward	Production Operative
David White		38	Centre Forward	Engineer
Barry McGranaghan		36	Centre Half Forward	Carpenter/Roofer
Gavin Browne		28	Forward	Production Operative
PJ Browne		32	Full Forward	Forklift Driver
Pete Byrne		20	Midfield	Student
Jamie De Ward		23	Corner Forward	ConstructionWorker
Phillip Doherty		26	Forward	Shop Assistant
Kevin Kenny		34	Centre Back	Defence Forces
Conor Griffen		25	Half Back	Teacher
Patrick Bradley		27	Corner Forward	Grounds Worker
Aaron McAuley		25	Corner Forward	Factory Worker
Fintan Griffen		23	Half Forward	Agricultural Worker
Jack Matthews	5ft 11"	28	Full Back	Barber

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Hurling for Cancer

The Hurling for Cancer Research celebrity match returns for its 10th annual game at St Conleth's Park, Newbridge Co Kildare on Tuesday 16 August. As always this year's event boasts a star-studded line-up including legendary players TJ Reid and Richie Hogan of Kilkenny, Limerick's Tom and Dan Morrissey, Cork camogie hero Ashling Thompson, Wexford's Lee Chin and many, many more, with comedy duo The 2 Johnnies also taking to the field.

The event, organised annually by leading trainer Jim Bolger and champion jockey Davy Russell, will also feature household names from the wider world of sport and television including presenter Miriam O'Callaghan and Boys in Green legend Paul McGrath

By now a firm favourite in the calendar of hurling fanatics across the country, Hurling for Cancer Research has succeeded in raising over €1.1 million to provide hope for better treatments and cures for cancer patients through research, and is always guaranteed to be a great day out for the family.



You can do your part to support a worthy cause and see some famous faces clash the ash by purchasing tickets from www.hurlingforcancer.ie [tickets priced €10 for adults; €15 for a family of two adults & three children U15]. If you are unable to make it on the day you can also make a donation via the same link

Terry O'Reilly - Chairperson Sean MacCumhaill

On behalf of CLG Seán MacCumhaill's I'd like to wish our Senior Hurlers every success in today's final. In what has been a difficult year on the pitch it is good to see the players keep the heads up and battle on and get into this final. I know it may not be the final they had aimed for starting out last December, but finals are there for winning and I have no doubt that Marcel, his management team and our captain Lee Henderson and players will do all they can to win today.

It is important to generate success at senior level to help with the younger teams coming behind. There is a tremendous level of work



going on at underage level in Hurling and we are seeing the benefits on the field with various successes at U-15 level reaching the Feile Final and our U-17 team who go from strength to strength and I look forward to seeing these players filter into the senior panel as time progresses.

I'd like to thank everyone who has supported our team over the years both on and off the pitch and to St. Eunan's for having their pitch in excellent condition once again. I will conclude by wishing the referee and his assistants all the best for the game.

Toirealach O'Raghallaigh
Cathaoirleach Clg Seán MacCumhaill's

Marcel McGhee - Manager Sean MacCumhail

I'd like to say how good it is to be back in a County Final again and it is a privilege to lead this management team and group of players. It's a great opportunity to go out on final day and we hope we can do ourselves, our supporters and club proud. We've crossed paths with Carndonagh many times, recently in the opening game of the competition where the encounter ended in a stalemate, and they will no doubt provide a difficult challenge again today.

I'd like to express my thanks to all our supporters over the years and we hope we can return that today. From the management's perspective we'd like to thank the players for all the effort and commitment they have shown in a difficult year with injuries and squad depth in getting this far. Setting out our aim was to contest the Senior Championship but having missed out on the latter stages the Intermediate grade provides us with more hurling rather than an early conclusion to the year and a



chance at silverware which we'd be hoping to claim when the dust settles.

I'd like to thank my backroom team Gerard Grindle, Paul Brady, Martin Timoney, John O'Malley, Colman McGhee, Noel Doherty, Justin McGhee and Eugene Merritt for all the work they do and to Kevin Gallagher our club physio for all the work he has put in for ensuring our players are at their best condition and a special mention has to go to the team sponsor Jamesie Donnelly of Donnelly Tree Services who sponsored our new jerseys and to Anthony Conaghan, Dairen Gibson towards other gear. I also want to thank the Twin Towns Boxing Club for the use of their facilities for pre-season.

In closing, a sincere word of thanks to our Club Seán MacCumhail's for all the support they provide down the years.

I hope you enjoy the game.
Marcel McGhee

Lee Henderson - Captain Sean MacCumhail

To It's a great honour and privilege to lead this great group of players once again out on final day, our first since 2016. Speaking on behalf of the players, final day is where you want to be and today is no different.

I'd be remiss if I neglected to acknowledge the hard work of our manager Marcel McGhee and all his backroom team since the start of the year. We hope that with a positive result today we will do you and our club proud.

To my teammates, I can't thank you enough for the efforts and sacrifices you put into this team to help push on and go to battle week



after week, today is about you and I have no doubt if you continue to show what I know each and everyone of you are capable of, our efforts will be rewarded.

We know from our previous encounters with Carndonagh we will need to be at our very best and to everyone involved in today's game, players, management, and officials, I wish you all the best of luck.

Lee Henderson
Captain CLG Seán MacCumhail's

Stair - Sean MacCumhaill

The Seán MacCumhaills GAA Club traces its lineage back over 100 years from a collection of smaller clubs in the vicinity of the Twin Towns of Ballybofey and Stranorlar. Both towns formed clubs of their own: Eire Ogs from Ballybofey in 1916 and Stranorlar Sarsfields in 1917.

The club was named after Seán MacCumhaill. His father was an engine driver at the Stranorlar Railway Station. Seán MacCumhaill suggested that both Eire Ogs and Stranorlar Sarsfields should amalgamate, and form one team called "Erin's Hope". Ben Griffin, former club chairman, and Seán MacCumhaill made an offer to buy a field which was within the town limits, and this is the current land we now retain.

In 1956 it was decided that the new ground would be known as Seán MacCumhaill Park and Erin's Hope also renamed to honour the work he did for Gaelic Games in the Twin Towns and his service for his country. The club would win its first Senior Championship in 1959. The club holds a proud history in all codes with 6 Senior Men's Championship titles, an intermediate title, and numerous

U21 successes along with Senior Hurling Championship triumphs in 2010 and 2016.

The club holds a proud history in all codes of GAA, Football, Hurling, Handball and LGFA. The club fields teams at every age group in both boys and girls football and continues to promote and advance hurling and camogie. We continue to focus on the development of our players and coaches, providing training in safeguarding, coaching, first aid and Health & Wellbeing initiatives which involve the whole community.

The most recent development has been the establishment of the hugely successful Academy which began in 2021, where children from the age of 4 have fun and learn the basics of football and hurling.

The club is one of the biggest in Donegal with close to 400 children as members and 300 adults. We have 29 Juvenile Teams, 95 Certified and Vetted Juvenile Coaches and Volunteers and players from Seán MacCumhaills are involved in Donegal Senior Football and Hurling teams, Donegal Minor Football, Donegal Minor Hurling, Donegal Development Teams and Donegal LGFA U14, U16 and minor grades.





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Everyone at CLG
Sean MacCumhaill
wish the Senior Hurlers
all the best in today's final!

One minute with Gavin Browne, Sean MacCumhaill

Favourite Position: Wing Back

Favourite Pitch: Seán MacCumhaill Park

Hobbies: Golf and Snooker

Childhood hero: This one is easy, must be Lee Henderson aka The Trout

Best Player you have played with: The list is too long to name one player

Best Player you have played against: Personally, the hardest I have marked in my time is Davin Flynn from Tipperary

Best game you have been involved in: 2016 County Senior Final, hands down

Best trainer within your club's squad: Eoghan Wright easily the best - he never stops running

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Another easy one I think must be Aaron Toner, has to go at 9 to watch Love Island

Best motivator within the squad: Within the squad at the minute would have to be Lee Henderson, old head on young shoulders!

Any superstitions: I've the same spot to sit in any of the club's changing rooms

Favourite Song: Depends on the form I am in

Favourite Film: The Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Holiday Destination: Salou this year was up there for sure

Favourite Meal: Pasta Carbonara for the win

Best advice ever received: Hard work beats talent if talent doesn't work

Biggest influence on career: I probably wouldn't have started hurling as early if it wasn't for Martin McGonigle. He was my next door neighbour and if I walked out of the house I had to have the hurl with me.

Club Volunteer of note: Raymond "Doc" Doherty, scoreboard, sideline and always vocal on the line

Song you listen to before big games: I don't really have one favourite. Depends on my mood. Right now it's Zombie (The Cranberries)

Most important skill: Work rate

Biggest Strength in your game: Determination

Area of your game you would like to improve: Under the High Ball

Advice for youngsters: In any sport, fitness is key

Young Player within your club to look out for: U-13s my nephew Jamie Browne, u-15s Danny Donnelly and u17s Noah Reid for sure

Best thing about the GAA: There is nothing sweeter than doing your best every year with the group of lads you've grew up with or looked up to and if you're lucky enough to win there is no sweeter feeling.

Batman/Superman: Spiderman (Eugene Meritt)

Up Early/Lie in: Early Bird

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza all day



Don't be surprised if this Goes to the Wire

Preview from Gerard McLaughlin - Inishowen Independent

Having won three senior hurling titles on the spin, before losing the final to St Eunan's last year, Setanta will rightly go into today's game against their old foes from Burt as favourites.

The likes of Danny Cullen, Declan Coulter, Barney Lafferty and Davin Flynn have been here before and know what it takes to get over the line in games like these but according to Setanta coach, Kevin Campbell, the favourites tag will mean absolutely nothing when that ball is thrown in at 4pm this afternoon.

"Look at the All Ireland Final a couple of weeks ago, Limerick were expected to beat Kilkenny easy and there was a puc of the ball between them. We were seen as big favourites last year and St Eunan's turned us over and I remember in my first ever county final win, we beat a strongly fancied Burt team in 2007. None of that talk before a game means anything and for us, it will be all about matching that Burt intensity and then taking it from there."

Campbell also believes that with Donegal manager, Mickey McCann on the line, Burt could very well have an ace up their sleeve.

"The fact that Mickey McCann is back involved with Burt is something that should not be underestimated. Having played with and played under Mickey, I know all about what he brings and I know for a fact that Burt will be tactically well set up today. Mickey will look at individual match-ups because he knows so many of our players inside out, having



worked with them at county level and he'll have a system in place for puc outs.

"People can say that we are favourites for the game but that means absolutely nothing and we know that we are going to have to be at our very best if we are to get over the line."

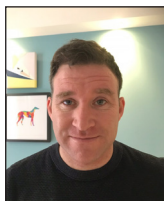
Setanta cruised over the line against Buncrana in the semi-final without ever getting out of second gear, while for Burt, it was a case of coming through a real challenge against reigning champions St Eunan's and for star forward, Ronan McDermott who hit five points in that victory, the Hibernian Park men are going to have to go to another level again if they are going to repeat their success from four years ago when beating Setanta in the 2018 final.

"Setanta have a serious forward line that could do damage against any team and we know they have some very good stick men.

"If we're being totally honest, they probably have a stronger squad than we do but like in any final, it's all about what happens on the day and we have to believe that anything is possible. We'll all need to up our performance levels again from the semi-final and hopefully that should give us every chance against what is a very strong Setanta team."

This really does have the makings of a cracker and it would be no surprise to see the game being evenly balanced going down the straight. Put it this way, it would take a brave man to pick a winner.

Simon McMenamin - Cathaoirleach Setanta



As always, Setanta hurling club are privileged and honoured to be involved on the county final day. Today we come up against a very impressive Burt team who are a massive credit to themselves

and their club. It's going to be tough but as recent years have shown, it's going to be a great game between two committed sides. We'd like to thank the St Eunans club for hosting today's games and their ground staff who have done wonderful work with what is easily one of the best pitches in the Country.

2022 has been a great year for the Setanta hurling club with both Junior and Senior teams contesting adult finals.

I would also like to thank anyone who has supported us in the past and future to the implementation of our clubs plans as every little bit of help adds up and can't be thanked enough.

I'd like to thank the Donegal County board for giving all teams an abundance of games between league and championship as it's showing the standard of the game is rising as a result of more games in recent years with more clubs playing than ever. New rivalries are forming, and old ones rekindled which bodes well for everyone involved in the game for the future within the county.

Finally best of luck to Gary, his management team and all the players for their efforts this year and commitment to the club.

Simon Mc Menamin

Mark Callaghan - Captaen Setanta



It has been an honour to captain and lead the team this year into the championship.

We have put in a great few months of training from the get go and are hopeful that that will

stand to us in the final. Setanta will meet a hungry and fit Burt side, and will not be taken anything for granted.

We are looking forward to a tight final and feel we are well prepared for under the current management so credit must go to Gary and all his background team and coaches.

Gary McGettigan - Bainisteoir Setanta



It's a great honour for me to be managing this Setanta senior team.

I have only been involved with Setanta since 2017 and I've been very lucky to have been involved in county finals each year, 3 as a player and now this is

my 3rd year as manager.

Even though it's a different experience as the manager it doesn't take away from the excitement a final brings.

Setanta have a real dedicated band of

supporters and their support today will be greatly appreciated by the players.

I would like to thank the club committee for all their help throughout the year and also my back room team of Ollie, Kevy & Mark who have been a great support to me in my 3 years in management.

We are under no illusion of the massive task that lies ahead today. Burt have been knocking on the door over the last few years and will provide formidable opposition. There is never much between the teams and I'd imagine that when the final whistle goes there won't be more than a point or 2 between the teams, hopefully in our favour.

Stair - Setanta Hurling Club

Setanta Hurling Club was formed in 1979 as an exclusive hurling club. We are now in our 43rd year and things are going from strength to strength on and off the field.



Setanta Hurling Club cater for all age groups from under 6 up to adult level. At underage we have competed and won league and championships over the years. At senior level we have won numerous county senior championships and leagues, most recently in 2020. We won the Ulster Junior Championship in 2017 and won the All Ireland Kilamcud Crokess 7s Tournament on three occasions. Not bad for a wee rural parish.

We have had 2 teams fielding at adult level for the past 3 years and it is a great privilege having both line out in their respective County Finals in 2022. Significant development to our club's changing rooms is well under way and the

group was awarded significant funding from the Sports Capital Grant in 2021.

Regrettably, this year we lost a great clubman and hurling stalwart Eamon Campbell - today we remember him and his contribution to Hurling in Donegal - Ar dheis go raibh a anam

X gear



A Year of Near Misses for Donegal County Hurlers

Tom Comack - Iconic News

There were a lot of positives, despite two major dis-appointments, for Donegal senior hurlers in 2022. The year started out as it continued with some excellent performances but nothing to show at the end of it as Donegal went down to a single point defeat against Down in the Conor McGurk Cup with the last puck of the game.



So near yet again for the county's caman wielders as they missed out on a crack at silverware and promotion in the league. It was a case of the neighbours taking the spoils when it counted in both the league and championship. Sligo were the party poppers in O'Donnell Park, when they came from behind late on to snatch a dramatic and narrow one point, to deny Donegal a 2B final meeting with Derry and a crack at promotion to Division 2A. Donegal led that game by six points at half-time thanks to a peach of a goal from corner forward Daire O'Maoleidigh and points from the hurling artist Davin Flynn. The Tipperary man scored ten points in the game.

A disappointed Donegal manager said after the game; "We played well in the first half and I felt we should have been nine or ten points up at half-time. We let them in for a couple of points before half-time and instead of being nine or ten up we were only up by six. We did not kick on in the second half and in fairness to Sligo we did not match them for hunger and they piped us at the end."



Donegal had beaten Sligo by two points in the second round in Markievicz Park. Donegal also had big wins against London at home and Wicklow away, a first ever win over the men from the Garden County. They also beat Mayo away.

The only game they lost was at home to Derry. The Oak Leaf men went on to beat Sligo in the league final and will play the Allianz Division 2 A league next season.

After a highest ever finish in 2B Donegal again began the Nicky Rackard Cup championship race as one of the favourites but defeat to the late Damian Casey powered Tyrone, in Carrickmore, and a high scoring draw with Roscommon, in O'Donnell Park, saw them miss out on a place in the Nicky Rackard final. The Nicky Rackard Cup was run on a league basis this season with the top two teams playing in the final. Wins over Fermanagh, Armagh and Warwickshire and the draw with Roscommon, Donegal ended the league series on seven points. That was one behind Tyrone who went to beat Roscommon in the final.

2022 may go down as a year so near and yet so far a top two finish in Division 2 B and a whisker away from a first league final has been a huge positive. Donegal are now firmly established as a Division 2 B having played in six of the last eight 2 B campaigns since promoted from Division 3 A in 2014. It is now a matter of building on that and the next target has to step up to Division 2 A.



1 Minute with Josh Cronnolly McGee Setenta

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Favourite Pitch: Croke Park

Hobbies: Coffee and going to the beach

Childhood hero: Van Damme

Best Player you have played with: Danny Cullen

Best Player you have played against: Denim Rowan

Best game you have been involved in: Donegal V Down in McGurk Cup Final was a brave battle

Best trainer within your club's squad: Gerard Gilmore never misses a session

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Niall Cleary

Best motivator within the squad: Bernard Lafferty

Any superstitions: Pull my laces ten times before I tie each boot, bit weird

Favourite Song: Lady Gaga - Hold my Hand Banger

Favourite Film: Roadhouse

Favourite Holiday Destination: Trusk Lough

Favourite Meal: Big Mac Meal

Best advice ever received: Put Spin on it - Luke Kelly

Biggest influence on career: Mum and Dad

Club Volunteer of note: Simon McMenamin

Song you listen to before big games: Zombie - always a good song for getting fired up

Most important skill: Catching High Ball

Biggest Strength in your game: Being Direct when I have the Ball

Area of your game you would like to improve: Fitness

Advice for youngsters: Practice makes perfect

Young Player within your club to look out for: Jayden McBride

Best thing about the GAA: Joe Brolly causing mayhem as a pundit

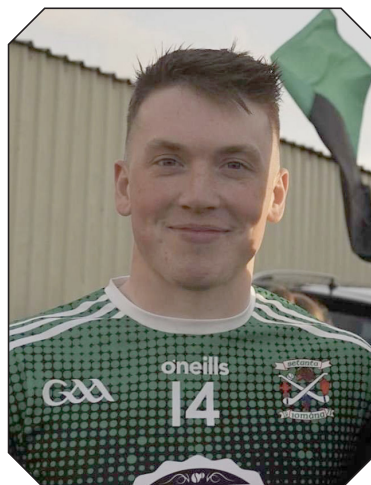
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Up Early/Lie in: Up early

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza

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Instagram Account: joshcronmcgee



Setanta – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Occupation
Mark Kane	5ft 11"	33	Goalkeeper	Plasterer
Sean Ward,	6ft 2"	26	Centre/Full Forward	Defence Forces
Mark Callaghan,	5ft 8"	27	Corner Forward	Defence Forces
Michael Donoghue,	6ft 0"	31	Midfield	Engineer
Declan Coulter,	6ft 0"	35	Forward	Teacher
Davin Flynn,	5ft 9"	30	Corner Forward	Sales Representative
Bernard Lafferty,	5ft 8"	28	Wing Back	Electrician
Simon McMenamin,	6ft 1"	40	Defender	Optum
Travis Lafferty,	5ft 10"	22	Corner Forward	Creamery Operative
Josh Cronolly McGee,	6ft 2"	23	Forward	Electrician
Oisin Marley	6ft 1"	18	Half Forward	Student
Dean Harvey	5ft 8"	19	Corner Forward	Electrician
Ryan Callaghan	5ft 10"	18	Corner Back	Student /Carpenter
Denim Rowan	5ft 9"	28	Corner Back	Defence Forces
Pauric Moss	5ft 11"	21	Forward	Creamery Operative
Ruari Campbell	5ft 9"	19	Wing Forward	Student
Danny Cullen,	6ft 0"	34	Half-back/Midfield	Self-Employed
Gerard Gilmore,	5ft 11"	29	Wing Forward	Clerical Admin
Ryan Coyle,	5ft 11"	18	Forward	Steel Fixer
Steven McBride,	6ft 1"	20	Wing back	Defence Forces
Conor McGettigan,	6ft 4"	24	Midfield	Site Engineer
Ruari Mc Laughlin,	6ft 1"	19	Defender	Student
Niall Cleary,	6ft 2"	30	Wing Back	Teacher
Richard Kee,	5ft 5"	30	Midfield	
Ciaran Bellew,	5ft 10"	33	Goalkeeper	Bank Manager



Mark Kane
Marcas O'Cathain



Mark Callaghan (C)
Marcas Ó'Ceallachán



Stevy McBride
Stiofán Mac Giolla Bhride



Denim Rowan
Denim Ó'Ruadhain



Mick Donoghue
Micheál O'Donnchadha



Danny Cullen
Donál O'Cuilín



Bernard Lafferty
Bearnard O'Laifeartaigh



Declan Coulter
Deaglán Ó'Coltáir



Richie Kee
Risteard Mac Aodha



Gerard Gilmore
Gearoid Mac Giolla Mhuire



Oisín Marley
Oisín Ó'Marley



Ruari Campbell
Ruairí Mac Cathmhaoil



Dean Harvey
Dean Ó'hAirmhí



Josh McGee
Josh Mag Aoidh



Davin Flynn
Davin Ó'Floinn

FIR IONAD

16 Ciaran Bellew - Ciarán Beillíú

17 Conor McGettigan-Conchubar Mac Éiteagáin

18 Niall Cleary - Niall Ó'Cléirigh

19 Sean Ward - Sean Mac a Bháird

20 Ruari McLaughlin-Ruari Mac Lochlainn

21 Ryan Callaghan - Riain Ó'Ceallachán

22 Simon McMenamin - Stiofán Mac Meanman

23 Ryan Coyle - Riain Ó'Coill

24 Kevin Campbel - Caoimhín Mac Cathmhaoil

25 Pauric Moss - Padraig Ó'Maolmna





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Pól Mac Conboirne
Paul Burns



Callum Purves
Callum Purves



Ciarán Ó Brolcháin
Ciarán Bradley



Tomás Ó Dochartaigh
Tom Doherty



Daire Mac Grainne
Dara Grant



Caolan Mac Diarmada
Caolan Mc Dermott



Stiofán Mac Giolla Easpaig
Stephen Gillespie



Críostóir Mac Diarmada
Christopher McDermott



Ciarán Ó Corrain
Ciaran Curran



Seac Ó Gallchoir
Jack Gallagher



Ronán Mac Diarmada
Ronan McDermott



Stiofán Ó Gallchoir
Stephen Gallagher



Conor Mac Gearlann
Conor Gartland



Ciarán Ó Bradaigh
Keiran Brady



Liam Mac Coinnigh
Liam McKinney

FIR IONAD

17. Gareth Quinn - Gareth Ó Coinn
18. James Donaghey - Seamus Mac Donnchaidh
19. Gerard Boyle - Gearoid Ó Baoill
20. Callum Porter - Callum Ó Poirteir
21. Kevin Glenn - Caoimhinn Mac Gleainn
22. Paraic Curran - Paraic Ó Corrain

23. Kevin Curran - Caoimhin Ó Corrain
24. Darius Mc Colgan - Darius Mac Colgan
25. Michael Gill - Michael Mac Giolla
26. Odhran Devlin - Odhran Ó Doibhlin
27. Ciaran Porter - Ciáran O'Poiteir
28. Leo Doherty - Leo Ó'Dochartaigh









CLG An Bheart – Player Pen Pics

Name	Height	Age	Position	Occupation
Tom Doherty	6ft 3"	24	Defender	Engineer
Jack Gallagher	5ft 10"	17	Forward	Student
Ciaran Curran	5ft 11"	19	Defender	Customer Assistant
Christopher McDermott	6ft 0"	29	Defender	Construction Worker
Lee Doherty	6ft 0"	18	Defender	Student
Ciarán Bradley	6ft 1"	22	Defender	Joiner
Paul Burns	5ft 5"	31	Goalkeeper	Factory Worker
Caolan McDermott	6ft 0"	23	Defender	Team Captain
Darius McColgan	6ft 0"	19	Defender	Student
Kevin Curran	5ft 10"	19	Defender	Student
Michael Gill	6ft 3"	18	Defender	Student
James Donaghey	5ft 10"	19	Defender	Student
Stephen Gallagher	6ft 4"	24	Forward	Lorry Driver
Conor Gartland	5ft 11"	19	Forward	Student
Callum Porter	5ft 10'	23	Midfield	Micro-biologist
Stephen Gillespie	6ft 0"	30	Defender	Painter
Liam McKinney	6ft 2"	18	Forward	Student
Kevin Glynn	5ft 11"	34	Forward	Factory Worker
Odhran Devlin	5ft 9"	18	Forward	Student
Dara Grant	5ft 4"	31	Defender	Insurance
Paraic Curran	5ft 9"	19	Defender	Factory Worker
Ronan McDermott	5ft 11"	28	Forward	Construction Utility Wrk
Callum Purves	6ft 2"	17	Defender	Casino Worker
Gareth Quinn	5ft 9"	30	Defender	Defence Forces
Ciaran Porter	5ft 10"	17	Forward	Factory Worker
Kieran Brady	6ft 0"	23	Forward	Entrepreneur
Gerard Boyle	5ft 9"	36	Defender	Factory Worker

The Burt GAA club lotto jackpot stands at:

€14,400

Donal Walker - Cathaoirleach CLG Burt

The Club is delighted to be in the county senior hurling championship final again. We haven't competed in a final since 2018 and over the past three years the management team have put an enormous amount of work into bringing young players onto the squad to complement our more experienced players who have been stalwarts of our hurling team for many years.

The past three years have been difficult and strange, both on and off the pitch, but the determination and resilience of our players and management have borne fruits and we now can look forward to today's county final with a young, determined and competitive side.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our underage coaches without whom we would not have this wealth of talent pushing for places on our senior teams.



In particular, I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of Paul Burns and Fergal Grant, amongst others, who did such a fine job over many years of coaching the under-age group that won the 2020 county minor championship. Several of those players have progressed to our adult ranks and featuring in a first county senior final will be a proud day for them and their families.

I would like to thank our sponsors, club members, supporters, parents, and the club executive for their support this year and over the past number of years. Finally, I want to wish all the best to Marty, Fergal, Donncha, Anthony and Mickey and the whole squad for the final, and let them know that the whole club is behind them.

Dónal Walker
Cathaoirleach CLG Beart

Martin McGrath - Manager Burt

It's a tremendous honour for me to be managing the Burt senior hurling team, and I'm glad to be at the head of an excellent management team that includes Fergal Grant, Anthony Coyle, Mickey McCann and Donncha Devlin. I played for many years and when the opportunity of managing arose at the start of last year, I was more than happy to take it.



That said, we've got really got buy-in from the players throughout the season. They've knuckled down and done all that's been asked of them.

And in fairness, our dual players have put in a serious effort. They play a lot of games, twice a weekend and occasionally more, but they don't grumble or give out about it – they just accept it and get on with it. It benefits their match fitness, so it's all to the good.

2021 was a disrupted season and late to get under way. This year has been much better, the first proper season players have had since 2019 and we've enjoyed it, although maybe it's finishing a wee bit early.

The spring league was useful, and then it was straight into the championship in the summertime when the county players all returned. The management and players would have really liked to get a few games in the Cuchulain League with the full squad available. I know it would take co-ordination with fixtures in Derry and Tyrone, but it would be great if the Cuchulain League could be incorporated into the summer months and give the full squad an opportunity to play together before the championship begins.

I thank the club committee, and the wider club community, for all their support during the year. Our sponsors have been generous throughout the season and we haven't wanted for anything. I'd also like to thank our supporters who I'm sure will be here in good numbers today. Like us, they'll be glad to be back on county final day for the first time since 2018.

We know we face a formidable opponent in Setanta, and we hope that at the end of another hard and sporting final that we have a few points to spare.

Martin McGrath,
Bainisteoir.

Caolan McDermott - Captain Burt

Hurley has been huge in my family down through the years, and it truly is an honour for me to captain the Burt senior hurling team today. I only turned 23 earlier this year, so I was surprised to be asked to be captain but delighted at the same time. I've grown up watching previous captains going up into the stand to collect the cup, and it really would be a dream come true if I could do the same.



serious players and don't need much talking to. They know what they are at, and where they want to get to and it's just great to be playing alongside them.

All the boys make it easy, it's a really good squad and everyone is pulling together in the same direction. Martin and the management have done a great job in preparing us throughout the season, and today it's over to us as players to show what we can do.

We look forward to the contest.

The squad is a great mix of experience and youth, and in the last year or two we've got a great lift from the boys who've stepped up from under-age. It's the best batch of young players we've had in years. They are

Caolan McDermott.
Captain.

Stair - CLG an Beart

Hurling in Burt is older than the GAA itself. The club affiliated with the GAA in 1887, making it the oldest club in Donegal and one of the oldest clubs in continuous existence in the country.

How hurling was introduced here has been lost to the mists of time, but oral accounts speak of hurling, or camán as it was called in Burt, being played in the area in the middle of the 19th century.

Played with a thin, curved stick, predominantly in the winter months, camán was more akin to the Scottish game of shinty than modern hurling with its flat stick and summer season.

The game was played from 'deek to deek' (ditch-to-ditch) and the Burt men were sufficiently proficient to win the Ulster senior hurling championship in 1906, with the famous Hibernians team beating a County Antrim select team by 5-21 to 0-1 at a pitch in Mulleney, Burt, known as the Blue Clay Deek. It's the only Ulster senior championship final ever to have been played on Donegal soil.

The administration of Gaelic games in Donegal was weak in the early years of the 20th century, and Burt played under the Derry county board in the 1920s and 1930s, winning the senior hurling championship in 1930 and 1931, and making it a double by also winning the Derry senior football championship in '31.

The practice of playing across county boundaries was outlawed by Croke Park by the mid-1930s. Naturally, some in Burt defied the edict and continued to play in Derry in a team called the Sons of Erin, but the practice died out before the decade was done.

By the mid-1930s, Burt was fully immersed in Gaelic games in Donegal, but the 1940s were tough with emigration taking a toll and wartime rationing making travel within the county difficult. The club survived some lean years and by the 1950s were finding their feet again winning the Donegal SHC in 1952 and winning

three-in-a-row from 1955-57.

The 1960s saw even greater success for Burt within Donegal, and in 1963, three of our best ever hurlers, James McLaughlin, Danny Gallagher and the late Pearse Callaghan, were selected for the Ulster Railway Cup team that played Munster in Croke Park. James McLaughlin represented Ulster seven years running in the Railway Cup in the 1960s, a singular achievement for any Donegal hurler.

Juvenile teams had arisen sporadically over the years, but from the mid-1970s under-age teams were put on a solid footing with cousins James McLaughlin and Danny Dowds establishing hurling and football teams respectively and the club hasn't looked back since.

The 1980s saw us win two senior hurling titles and the adult football team enter the all-county leagues for the first time.

In 1991, Burt beat parish rivals Naomh Mura in the county final and embarked on a remarkable run of 16 consecutive Donegal senior hurling championship wins, and 22 titles in all over the next quarter of a century down to 2015. They claimed provincial honours too, namely the Ulster Shield (for the senior county champions from counties outside Antrim, Down and Derry) in 2001 and the Ulster Junior club championship in 2011.

In 2011, Burt club won its first Donegal football title when they defeated Lifford in the Junior A final and five years later won its first Intermediate football championship, defeating Milford after a replay.

Today, 135 years after joining the GAA, the club has around 500 adult and youth members drawn from the parish of Burt, Inch and Fahan.

We field teams in football and hurling at all grades from U7 to senior. In recent years, we have entered teams in camogie and ladies Gaelic football and that continues to expand.

ONE MINUTE WITH KIERAN BRADY, BURT

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Favourite Ground: Hibernian Park

Hobbies: Hurling, Gaelic Football, Golfing

Childhood hero: Michael Jordan and Conor McGregor

Best Player you have played with: Niall (Jude) Campbell

Best Player you have played against: Kevin Glenn in training, unstoppable

Best game you have been involved in: 2018 County Final

Best trainer within your club's squad: Burnsby

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Callum (Bobby) Porter

Best motivator within the squad: Dara Grant, Cricky, Stephen Gillespie and Mickey McCann, of course

Any superstitions: Salute One Magpie Always

Favourite Song: Has to be Sam Fender's cover of Bruce Springsteen's Atlantic City

Favourite Film: Wolf of Wall Street

Favourite Holiday Destination: Ski-ing anywhere

Favourite Meal: The Classic Sunday Roast

Best advice ever received: Put a teabag in your whiskey so you won't be judged for drinking during the day

Biggest influence on career: Mum and Dad

Club Volunteer of note: B.

Song you listen to before big games: Many Men - 50 Cent

Most important skill: Ability to listen and learn

Biggest Strength in your game: Touch

Area of your game you would like to improve: Strength

Advice for youngsters: Stay off the drink

Young Player within your club to look out for: Liam McKinney, Conor Gartland and Callum Purvis

Best thing about the GAA: The community, the feeling of being part of something with all the boys

Batman/Superman: Batman

Up Early/Lie in: Lie in

Chinese/Pizza: Chinese

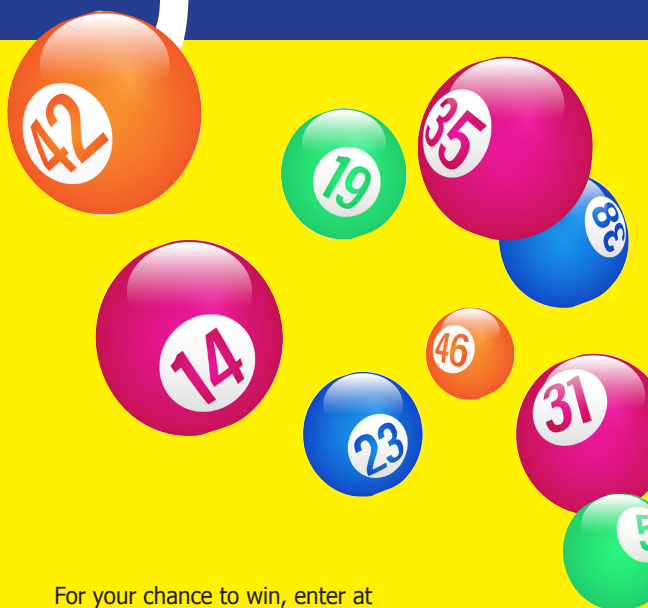
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