

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall





Cluiche Ceannais Sóisear A
3.30 in

Carn Domhnach

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn







Cluiche Ceannais Sóisear B

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn
V
Naomh Ultan



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I bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill - Leitir Ceanainn Dé Sathairn, 8ú Deireadh Fómhair 2022



Fáilte on Cathaoirleach - Mick McGrath

Mar Chathaoirleach ar CLG Dhún na nGall, tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur romhaibh uilig anseo inniú go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill. Fáilte go háirithe roimh na foirne a bhéas ag imirt inniú i gcluichí ceannais sóisear A agus B na contae agus a gcuid lucht tacaíochta. Sa chead chluiche. (Sóisear B) tá Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn ag súil leis an corn a bhain siad don chéad uair anuraidh a chosaint ach beidh ocras ar Naomh Ultan chomh maith agus mar sin ba chóir go mbeidh cluiche maith againn anseo. Sa dara cluiche beidh Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn ag iarraidh dul céim níos faide mar níor imir siad chomh maith agus a ba mhaith leo sa chluiche ceannais anseo i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill anuraidh. Tá ag éirí go maith le Carn Domhnach i rith na bliana agus beidh siad ag iarraidh an chraobh sóisear A a bhaint i mbliana. Tá imreoirí mhaith ar an dá thaobh agus arís ba chóir go mbeidh cluiche den chead scoth le feiceál. Tá sé galánta slua mór a fheiceáil anseo agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir sult agus taitneamh as an ocáid.

As Chairman of CLG Dhun na nGall it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to O,Donnell Park Letterkenny for today's County Junior Football finals. A special welcome to all the Club Officers, players and supporters of todays finalists, and to our match officials who are an important part of our Association.

It's a great honour to represent your Club on County final day and it becomes part of Club history forever more. Today also identifies where club structures are being continuously developed and all three of today's clubs are continually developing at coaching on the field and infrastructure within their facilities. Cumann

Lúthchleas Gael Dhún na nGall recognises that and acknowledges them publicly here today for their efforts. Personally, I thank the small dedicated group of club underage coach's who have strived to turn young club players into good adult players. Your clubs would not be here today without that effort.



In today's opening match, we have Letterkenny Gaels and Naomh Ultan, and it's a credit to both clubs to not alone have a second adult team, but to have them reaching today's final. We wish all involved the very best of luck.

The 2022 Donegal Junior Football Final brings together CLG Charndomhnaigh and CLG Gael Leitir Ceanainn. Both teams have displayed a good brand of football in reaching today's final, and with neither team wearing a hot favourites tag, a close encounter is expected. Best of luck to all, and may the best team win.

Finally great credit to the St Eunans' Park Committee on having the pitch in excellent condition today, and to the County CCC (fixtures Committee) for keeping a structured calendar of fixtures, and can I conclude by asking all our patrons to recognise and support our club and county sponsors..

Ádh Mór Mick McGrath

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CLÁR AN LAE - Dé Sathairn 8ú Deireadh Fómhair 2022

12.15	Gates Open
13.05	Both Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
13:10	Naomh Ultan take the field and proceed to River End goals. Naomh Ultan will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs.
13:13	Letterkenny Gaels take the field & proceed to Clubhouse goals. Letterkenny Gaels will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
13:15	Match Officials out onto pitch
13:25	Toss
13:30	Throw-in County Junior B Football Final
14:49*	Presentation of the Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
15:05*	Both Letterkenny Gaels & Carndonagh Secretaries present Team Lists to Referee.
15.10	Carndonagh take the field and proceed to River End goals. Carndonagh will use the Rive end seats. Wear Orange Bibs
15:13	Letterkenny Gaels take the field and proceed to Clubhouse goals. Letterkenny Gaels will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
15:15	Match Officials out onto pitch
15:25	Toss
15:27	Amhrán na bhFiann
15:30	Throw-in County Junior A Football Final
17:05*	Presentation of the PLAYER OF THE MATCH award sponsored by County Dry Cleaners
17:07*	Presentation of McCloskey Perpetual Challenge Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
	* depending on 'added time'



Stephen Doherty – Referee Junior A Club Championship Final



As a member of the Aodh Rúa Cuil Na gCuirridín club, it is a great honour for me and my team of umpire's, my father Francis, Charlie Doherty, Martin Doherty and Oliver Doherty to take charge of this County final today. I have been refereeing now for over four year's. I have refereed at all levels both Senior and underage in that time.

A special thanks to Frank Dooley for helping and supporting me over that time. Frank's dedication and work ethic to refereeing in Donegal is unbelievable. Thanks also to Michelle Bennett and more recently Pat Walsh, I really appreciate all your help and support.

I retired from club football in 2019 and then decided to return to play with the Donegal Master's in 2021, and have won back to back All Ireland titles. I would like to acknowledge the time and effort that all referee's, match officials and umpire's have put in this year, to ensure that our games can be played. And especially during Covid 19 - well done everyone.

Finally congratulations to both clubs on reaching today's final. I refereed both these teams in the group stage on a very warm summer's evening. What a brilliant contest it was. Looking forward to the same today and may the best win.

Today's Officials

Junior A

Referee: Stephen Doherty

Standby Referee: Anthony McCallig

Linesperson: James Connors

Fourth Official Pat Walsh

Junior B

Referee: John Ward

Standby Referee: Noel Mullaney

Linesperson: Pat Barrett

Fourth Official: Pat Walsh

John Ward – Referee Junior B Club Championship Final



John Ward is a member of C.L.G. An Clochán Liath. Employed as a Coach with Donegal GAA, I work in schools and with Academy squads in the County. I also work in Rosses Community School Sports facilities. Currently, I hold the position of the Coaching Officer in my Club as well as being involved as a coach with our Under 13 teams. In 2019, I took up refereeing underage matches and this past two seasons I also referee adult matches

During 2022, I refereed the Division 1 Reserve league Final, two Boy's underage Divisional League finals and the Under 14 Girls Division 3 Championship final.

I am married to Mary and have two sons Darragh and Owen. I am looking forward to the Final where an even match is expected between the two teams. Linesmen today are Noel Mullaney and Pat Barrett. My umpires for the match are Paul Martin, Peter Ward, Patrick McGowan and Alan Rodgers. Hopefully the final is a memorable match and I wish players and their managements the best of luck.

Finally, I would like to thank Pat Walsh, Frank Dooley, Ed Byrne and the rest of the CCC for their extremely committed work all year and for entrusting me with the final

Karen Duddy

Karen is the current County Champion in Scór Sinsir representing CLG Gleann t-Suili. She considers it a privilege to sing at today's Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Intermediate Championship Junior A County Final In Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill today.



Amhrán na bhFiann

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

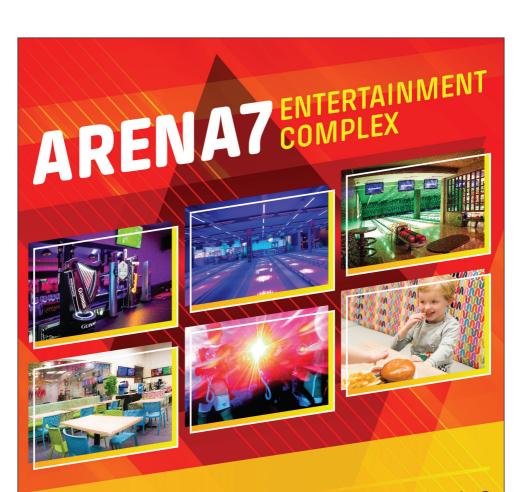




Commentary for today's
Donegal GAA TV stream
of the Junior A Final will
be supplied by Diarmuid
Doherty, with expert analysis
from Gary McDaid. Conor
Breslin will be joined by
Oisin Cannon to provide the
commentary for the Junior B
Final.







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Stair - Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Our Club finds itself back in familiar territory this year with both our seniors and reserves through to their respective Junior A and B Championship Finals. Our Reserves created their own piece of club history by winning the Junior B Championship last year in a closely contested Final against Naomh Pádraig, Leifear, the first adult club championship title in our Club's history, while our seniors lost out disappointingly to Na Dúnaibh.

No doubt, our Reserves will be out to retain their title and our seniors will leave no stone unturned in their bid to finally land the Junior A Championship this year.

Speaking of history, 2021 marked the 25th anniversary of the founding of our club which has grown exponentially since 1996, when we played our first home games at various locations around Letterkenny, to the point where the club is now solidly established at the Glebe since March 2008 with the opening of Páirc na nGael. Indeed, such is the growth in our playing numbers and the demand for training facilities for all codes and age groups, the club has recently taken out a lease of adjoining lands which are currently being developed with the assistance of proceeds of our recent joint fundraising venture with Letterkenny Rugby Club, the Camper Van Draw.

It would be remiss of us not to extend a big "thank you" to everyone who supported this fundraiser and to assure you all that the proceeds will be well spent creating increased outdoor facilities, especially for our growing youth membership.

We are also fortunate to have benefitted from the recent round of Sports Capital funding which is being invested, mainly to provide Access for All to our Clubhouse facilities and to provide training equipment for all our teams.

Due to the constraints of COVID-19, we were limited in terms of celebrating our 25-year history however, we did produce an anniversary publication which is packed with stories containing reflections from our four foundermembers and their words are supplemented by the many contributions from within our own membership on all aspects of club life and are complemented by some external perspective. There is a common thread of pride in having taken part in both Gaelic Games and cultural activities and a great sense of the joy of the successes we experienced along the way. The stories told are also reflected in the many photos and the faces say it all! Copies of the book are still available from Jim McGlynn (Tel: 086 227 1435), Mark McFadden, Club PRO (087 293 1458) or by contacting any club member.

As with all anniversaries, it is also timely to remember our deceased members and their family members who were with us at the start of, or during, this great journey and sadly, are no longer with us to be part of our achievements and our future. We remember especially, the sad passing of our Club President, Fr. Brian Quinn in June past. Fr. Brian has been a constant in the life of our Club following his appointment as Administrator of the Church of the Irish Martyrs in 1994 and subsequently as Parish Priest of Aughaninshin from August 2000. His passion for the GAA, and Donegal GAA in particular, was obvious to all. He served as County Treasurer in 1999 and his knowledge and experience was of great benefit when we established our Club in 1996. We have been privileged that he held the position of Club President for the majority of that time. May Fr. Brian and all our deceased members rest in peace.

Speaking of cultural activities, our club has always placed great emphasis on it's responsibility for the cultural aspect of the GAA through the promotion of our Irish Language and Traditional Irish Music, Song and Dance in the annual GAA Scór competitions. It has been to the fore with its entries and successes in both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir at county, provincial and All-Ireland levels.

We have recently installed a full stage setting together with a lighting and sound system in the Gaels' Club Room to replace the temporary stage used in the past for various purposes including the staging of our annual Comedy Plays which have proven to be a big hit within our Club and the wider community and which we hope to reintroduce next year.

Our Club has continued to grow and develop to the point where it now fields Football Teams at all underage levels and two at adult level, Hurling Teams up to and including adult level together with Ladies Football right up to adult level also.

Children get their first experience of Gaelic Games in our Under 6 Nurseries and the opportunity to develop their skills and talents with the expert assistance of qualified Coaches. New Members are always welcome. Several underage players have been selected for County Football, Hurling and Ladies Football Development squads and have represented our Club at inter-county level.

The continued progress of our Club to date is down to the hard work of our Club Executive Committee, the dedication of Club Officers and Sub-Committees, all players, Club Referees, Team Managers, Coaches, Assistants, Parents, Supporters, Club Lotto sellers, Club Bingo Team and all our sponsors who continue to support us every year.

PATHS TO THE FINAL



Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure **Junior A Championship**



Round Robin League

Rd 1: Carndonagh 1-13 Na Rossa 2-9

Rd 2: Letterkenny Gaels 3-14 Carndonagh 2-12

Rd 3: Carndonagh 2-6 Moville 0-10

Rd 4: Naomh Colmcille 2-4 Carndonagh 1-15

Knock-out Rounds

Quarterfinal: Carndonagh 1-10 Urris 0-8 Semifinal: Carndonagh 3-11 Naomh Ultan 2-7

Round Robin League

Rd 1: Naomh Colmcille 2-2 Letterkenny Gaels 3-15 Rd 2: Letterkenny Gaels 3-14 Carndonagh 2-12 Rd 3: Na Rossa 1-11 Letterkenny Gaels 0-14 Rd 4: Letterkenny Gaels 8-17 Pettigo 0-2

Knock-out Rounds

Semifinal: Letterkenny Gaels 0-12 Na Rossa 0-10

PATHS TO THE FINAL



Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure **Junior B Championship**



Round Robin League

Rd 1: Letterkenny Gaels w/o Carndonagh DNF

Rd 2: Leifear 1-15 Letterkenny Gaels 1-5

Rd 3: Muff 2-12 Letterkenny Gaels 2-8

Knock-out Rounds

Qtrfinal: L'kenny Gaels 1-12 Robert Emmets 0-9

Semi-final: L'kenny Gaels 1-10 Muff 0-11

Round Robin League

Rd 1: Malin 2-6 Naomh Ultan 2-10

Rd 2: Robert Emmets 2-12 Naomh Ultan 5-16

Rd 3: Naomh Ultan 2-7 Urris 2-7

Knock-out Rounds

Semifinal: Naomh Ultan 3-12 Leifear 1-16

1 Minute with Sean McDonagh, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Favourite Position: Wing Back Favourite Pitch: Páirc na nGael Hobbies: GAA, Soccer, Golf Childhood hero: Damien Duff

Best Player you have played with: Daniel Flynn

Best Player you have played against: Damien Comer
Best game you have been involved in: Hopefully this one

Best trainer within your club's squad: Darren Hunter/Aidan McGinty

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Niall Diver 100%

Best motivator within the squad: Kevin Langan has old man motivation

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Love Tonight - Shouse

Favourite Film: Forrest Gump

Favourite Holiday Destination: Madrid **Favourite Meal:** My Mother's Lasagne

Best advice ever received: Ray Quinn told me to "Always get the 6 tenders not

the 3 lad"

Biggest influence on career: Dad

Club Volunteer of note: A few come to mind but Vincent Hanley is a serious

operator

Song you listen to before big games: Usually just shuffle

Most important skill: First touch

Biggest Strength in your game: Work rate

Area of your game you would like to improve: Outside of the left boot scores **Advice for youngsters:** Give everything at Training & Matches but remember

football's not the be all and end all

Young Player within your club to look out for: Calum Mc

Gilloway

Best thing about the GAA: Having a common goal

Batman/Superman: Batman **Up Early/Lie in:** I like both

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza

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sends best wishes to Paul, Dougie, John Charlie & Nicky and all the players and club members on this fantastic occasion for Letterkenny Gaels GAA Club



Time for Collective Responsibility, if not us, then who? If not now, when?

Le Cian Murphy, Ball de chuid (CLG), Theach Mealóg-Sraid Sínge

The plethora of great games that are cramming the club calendar are being overshadowed by the reputational damage caused by a mindless minority engaged in behaviour that tarnishes the Association. In the past it has been acts of on field indiscipline amongst players that has dragged us through the mud. But 2022 has taken a turn for the worse with this behaviour extending to allegations of attacks on match officials. Do we really need to wait for a draconian set of laws and penalties to be issued by the GAA at national and local level to bring about an urgent stop?

Surely, we already know as individuals what needs to happen? There is a collective responsibility to establish what we consider an acceptable norm in relation to respect on the field and respect in dealing with match officials. The very fact that we put up signs on club pitches reminding parents "This isn't an All-Ireland final" and seeking good behaviour – and the very fact that we have an initiative like the "silent sideline" at juvenile matches should be taken as a less than positive indication of where we are. We can't expect signs and silent sidelines to be a cure when there is a cultural issue that needs to be tackled.

For too long we have tolerated an approach to discipline in the GAA to look for the grey area interpretation of rules and suspensions to see if they can be got around. We erode and undermine our values every time we go into a committee room and look to pull a stroke to get a player off or a suspension reduced, or a charge challenged. And even if these successful appeals are a 'legitimate' use of the system and sometimes succeed having highlighted procedural or technical errors – is there not a moral authority and obligation to do what is right, to hold your hands up when you are in the wrong and accept your punishment?

At matches we can encourage a forward who misses an open goal to think about the next ball or support a defender or goalie who makes a howler and costs a score. But at the same time, we have an insistence on referee infallibility and are outraged when it fails to materialise. This does not stand up to scrutiny. Likewise, there is nothing brave about hiding behind the anonymity of a keyboard to vent. The abdication of this moral code has brought us to the point where we are now – in the public domain because of an apparent lawlessness.

We know this isn't us. This is not what we stand for or want to be about. So, what are we prepared to do about it? Because if it is something we need to have enforced on us by officialdom then it won't work. If it is forced on us by a referee strike it won't work. Later this month the GAA will unveil a major referee recruitment and retention initiative led by Uachtarán Larry McCarthy. It will among other things champion

a revival of the **Give Respect**, **Get Respect** initiative and is part of the Association's strategic commitment to raising the status of refereeing within Gaelic games. Refereeing will always be a special calling, not for everyone but something that is hugely rewarding for those who answer a call that the games cannot function without.



Recent allegations of attacks on match officials have already provoked a debate around the current strength of the penalties that exist in our rulebook and the need for perhaps greater deterrents. But arguably the biggest change that is required is one of mindset not rules. We can start by seeing referees not as some necessary evil but as GAA members like the rest of us, making the invaluable contribution to our games that they are. Clubs should highlight and promote and celebrate the people from their own ranks who are putting their hands up and are acting as match officials.

We need to better educate coaches, parents and players about our rules and also about our attitude to discipline - and when those lines are crossed the response should be swift and decisive and make victims of indiscipline, be they players or referees, feel protected, supported and vindicated. An inconvenient truth is we need to call out our own for their bad behaviour directed at match officials whether on or off the field. We should not turn a blind eye to our own people when they set a bad example through their behaviour.

We can insist that people reported for verbal abuse of match officials are made complete referee courses as part of their rehabilitation. There is a rule in place for a referee to move a ball forward in response to back chat from a player. But perhaps we should set the tone at underage level and respond to back chat to a referee by awarding a 20 metre free against the offending team instead. And when we find ourselves facing accusations of poor discipline we need more people to have the courage to take the John Mullane line that "if you do the crime, you do the time." New rules can be made, existing rules can be tightened but the business world will tell you that culture eats strategy for breakfast. Society is angrier now and social media can be a place where anger is easily stoked and rarely moderated.

But there is still a choice. What sort of GAA culture do we want to exist? It starts with individuals. It starts with us as GAA members. If not us, who? If not now, when?



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Gaels target the right performance

le Ryan Ferry - Donegal News

LETTERKENNY Gaels joint-manager Paul Melaugh says that his team have exceeded his expectations by reaching the Junior 'A' Championship Final this season, The Gaels reached this juncture last year as well but were well beaten in the final on a day when very little went right. Sean McBrearty and his coaching ticket stepped away at the end of last

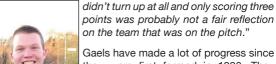
season, and that left the Pairc na nGael men looking for a new direction.

Melaugh and Dougie Corbett were given the green light to take on the team, and it was a struggle at the start of the year to get their best players out on the pitch. However, they have gradually got stronger as the season has progressed and after topping their group, they beat Na Rossa to reach this final.

A spot in the decider is nothing new for the players but they haven't reached the winner's enclosure yet and they will be hoping to do that today. "When we came in last year, we had actually lost a lot of players who had participated last year so for us to get to the final in our first season as management is probably beyond our expectations to be honest," said Melaugh. "There probably was a little bit of a lull after last year with players drifting off and some of them had gone to the well fairly often.



"They had two championship finals in three years. Against Buncrana (2019) they pushed them hard in the first half, but Buncrana ran away with it in the second half. Last year the Downings game was gone from very early in the second half. They



Gaels have made a lot of progress since they were first formed in 1996. They have had success at underage level and have climbed up to Division 2 in the All-County League. The next step is

reaching the Intermediate Championship grade, and they have been tipped in many quarters to win today's final. However, Melaugh feels it will be a close encounter.



"Everyone is building us up as favourites. I think that is probably because we survived in Division 2 so probably technically speaking people are looking at us as the highest ranked Junior team but that counts for nothing when it comes to championship football.

"If you look at where Carndonagh finished in the league, there were a lot of junior teams who finished above them and are gone out of championship already. It's a completely different animal. It will come down possibly to what team performs better on the day. Both teams are going to be well prepared, and it might come down to who gets the rub of the green, and sometimes it can boil down to a decision or a shot coming off the crossbar".

"What we are hoping for as a management is that the players go out and perform to the best of their ability and if they do that, then if they win, they win and if they lose, they lose. All you're looking for is the performance."





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Comh-Bhainisteoirí Gaeil Leitir Ceannain

Dougie Corbett, Paul Melaugh



We would like to thank all the supporters for taking time out to be here today to support the teams. It's always a special occasion when a club gets to a County Final and

once again this year, as on previous occasions, both the club's adult teams are back in Junior A & B county finals.

We were appointed by the club at the end of January to try and continue with the great work that had been going on in the preceding years. Our goal was to retain Division 2 status and try and win a Junior A Championship. After a rocky start to the league we gradually improved, got up to the required level and finished the league season well. The Championship saw us pitted in a difficult group, with 4 of the highest ranked Junior teams.

We performed well in the group stages and subsequently topped the group which put us straight in to a semi-final. where we were paired with Na Rossa. As we expected this game went to the wire and our lads showed great character to finish the game strongly after Na Rossa posted a late equaliser.

If we were to pick a trait that defines this group, it would be character. They went to Dungloe in the last game of the league season and needed a result to avoid a relegation playoff. They stuck with it and came out on the right side of a one-point victory. These moments define teams and subsequently the players within them. Over the course of the last 8 months there has been a massive amount of trust built within the

group, we all believe in one another and more importantly, any decision made is in the best interest of the group as a whole. Our motto is "it's the we not the me".



We know going into the County Final that Carndonagh are coming to O'Donnell Park to do their utmost to win a County Junior A Championship, for the first time since 2008. It's a challenge we have to meet.

We would like to thank the club and the Chairman Danny Cahill and Secretary Declan Barrett for all their support throughout the year, anything we have requested has been granted with immediate effect. We would also like to thank Club PRO Mark Mc Fadden and Vincent Hanley for their continued presence and keeping club members updated on games, results, fixtures etc.

We would like to give a special mention to Enda Nicholls and Arena 7 for the continued support throughout the year. Thanks also to John Mc Gilloway who although part of the management team, his time and effort doing varied tasks throughout the year deserves that special mention. This logistical support to the group contributes to us being here on County Final day. Thanks also to Aidan Mc Ginty who has supported us with stats and feedback throughout the year. Finally we would like to thank all the players, your commitment and effort has kept us all motivated. Without your effort the club members would not have this occasion to enjoy.

Cathaoirleach, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn - Danny Cahill

We in Letterkenny Gaels are very proud to have our senior and reserve teams reach the Junior A and B Championship finals for the second consecutive year, with Letterkenny Gaels defending the Junior B Championship won last year.

The final pathways for both teams have not been easy, with many close fought encounters along the way. But the commitment, hard work, discipline and no little talent has seen our teams prevail to this year's finals. We want as a club to commend the players for their efforts while also trying to balance



their family and professional lives, an at times very difficult task. Not forgetting as well the leadership and dedication of the management, coaching and support staff; Paul Melaugh, Dougie Corbett, John McGilloway, Charlie

Creevy, Nicky McGarrigle and Monica O'Connor.

Our club cannot function without all those members who quietly, behind the scenes, offer their time and expertise to ensure that days like today are possible. Finally, to our sponsors and supporters thank you for your unfailing backing.

Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn, Captaen - Conor Browne

As captain of Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn I would like to welcome everyone to the 2022 Junior Championship Final.

It is a great privilege for me to captain this group of players and it's another proud day for the club having both

adult teams involved in both the Junior A and Junior B finals

Without the supports put in place by the club committee, the management team and the countless club volunteers, it would not have been possible for us



to progress to the final this year. I would like to thank everyone who has helped us throughout the season for their hard work and dedication. I would also like to thank our sponsors for their continued support throughout the year in

particular Enda Nicholls & Arena 7.

A special mention must go to all our loyal supporters who have travelled all over the county throughout the year and we hope to make this special occasion for our club a memorable one.

Cllr John O'Donnell

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Ádh mór ar ár gcuid iomaitheoirí as Dún na nGall

Beidh ionadaíocht ag ceithre chlub de chuid Dhún na nGall san iomlán i mbabhta ceannais Uladh de Scór Sinsir i nGallbhaile, Contae Thír Eoghain ar an 15u Deireadh Fómhair. Fuair siad fríd babhta leath cheannias Uladh i gCondae an Chabháin ag an deireadh seachtaine a chuaigh thart. Bhí siad thuas in éidean iomaitheoirí as An Chabhán, Doire, Fear Manach agus Muineachaín.

B'iad na buaiteoirí iad seo a leanas Aithriseoireacht – Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn (Brian Sweeney), Nuachleas – An Clochán Liath, Ceol Uirlise – CLG Bhun an Phobail agus Tráth na gCeist – Aodh Ruadh BAS.





Ba é Eugene McGarvey a scríobh an Nuachles agus is faoin am an díshealbhaíodh in Éirinn é. Is léiriú brónach agus suarach é faoin tréimhse sin sa tír seo ar baineadh sult as gach áit a léiríodh go dtí seo é. San Aithriseoireacht, beidh Brian Sweeney ag aithris píosa a scríobh sé féin darb ainm THE JUNIOR B's. Is léiriú grinn é ar an dóigh a bhfuil sé ag imirt go foill ag 46 bhliain d'aois mar peileadóir sóisear B agus déanann Brian jab iontach.

Ceannais Scór Uladh

le Caitríona Sweeney agus Fergus MacAoidh

Sa cheol Uirlise, tá grúpa iontach maith ag Bun a' Phobail faoi stiúir Clodagh Warnock agus deis acu craobh Uladh bhaint. **Beidh** а Sylvester Maguire fhoireann agus a ó Aodh Ruadh BAS ag déanadh ionadaíocht ar son i dTráth na gCeist agus beidh siad deacair a chlaoi.



Le cois ár gcuid iomaitheoirí. chuir Dún nGall na moltóirí go Aontroim ag an babhta leath cheannais eile de Scór sinsir. Rinne Mary Gallagher agus Eilín Uí Bhaoill as an Chlochán Liath sar obair agus iad moltóireacht ag Aointroim. Ard ar mhacha, An Dún agus Tír Eoghain.

Bhí mí ádh ar Karen Duddy as Gleann tSúilí san Amhránaíocht Aonair agus ar ghrúpa bailéad Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn ach mar a deir an sean fhocal, beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach. Tá suil againn go n-éireoidh go geal leo go léir ar an 15ú. Dún nan Gall Abú.



Caitríona SweeneyOifigeach Chultúrtha agus
Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall



Fergus Mac Aoidh *Toscaire Chomhairle Uladh CLG Dhaún na nGall*



SUSPECTED HEAD INJURY A SIMPLE TWO-STEP **PROCESS SHOULD BE APPLIED:** Concussion is a brain injury that can be caused by an impact to a player's head or body Over 90% of concussions occur without a loss of consciousness, therefore recognition of other signs and symptoms is crucial "IT'S NOT ALWAYS A KNOCK-OUT" 1. RECOGNISE the signs and symptoms **OBSERVATION** 2. REMOVE the player from the field of play **INITIAL SIGNS:** The nature of the impact: The speed of the impact / collision Was the player braced for impact? (Did they see the impact coming) Was there any rotational (twisting) motion of the head / neck caused by the impact? if there is any suspicion of concussion, the player should be removed from the field of play: **INDICATORS:** Player's reaction: "IF IN DOUBT, Did they lie motionless for any period of time? Were they unsteady on their feet? Did they clutch their head? SIT THEM OUT" RED FLAGS: Possible neck or spinal Injury –player should not be moved Prolonged Loss of consciousness Deteriorating conscious state Convulsions / Seizures Vomiting Double Vision GOO

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CONNECTS IN. THE GROUPS TASK FACILITATED BY LIAM WILL BE TO ENSURE THESE NEW LEARNING OFFERINGS ARE

FULLY CONNECTED TO THE PLAYER PATHWAY AND THE ETHOS BEHIND IT.

Supporting from the Sideline

Already in this programme abuse of our officials has been highlighted and too often it is also the case players, particularly our youngsters, are also subject to abuse. In the words of some young players "when parents, shout roar and curse us, expect us to play like we were born to it, have been playing for years or are competing in Croke Park, that's not fair. We all mess up sometimes and we know we have made mistakes and vou screamina at us does not help". Ideally, clubs, managers, coaches, family and fans are there to support our young players, girls and boys, hurlers, footballers and camogie players.

With that in mind CLG Dhún na nGall Children's Officer Daireen McMenamin and Bradas Video Productions have produced a series of videos with the message "Respect One, Respect All". These videos are uploaded to the County Board's YouTube channel and the Donegal GAA website. Daireen would like to thank Paddy McMenamin, Bradas O'Donnell, the County hurlers footballers who participated, referees Enda McFeely and Siobhan Coyle, coaches, parents and of course the children who participated. Take trhe message on board, be patient and support, don't abuse.



Letterkenny Gaels A – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Anthony Diver	23	5'11"	Defender	Sales Representative
Brian Diver	23	6'1"	Forward	Teacher
Ciaran Lynch	28	6'0"	Defender	Financial Consultant
Conor Browne	26	6'2"	Defender	Quantity Surveyor
Conor McBrearty	28	6'3"	Forward	Operations Manager
Conor Walker	21	5'10"	Forward	Student
Cormac Cannon	25	5'11"	Forward	Account Executive
Darren Ferry	21	5'11"	Forward	Student
Darren Hunter	30	5'10"	Defender	Teacher
Darren McBrearty	31	6'4"	Midfielder	Project Manager (Finance)
Diarmuid O'Cathail	22	5'10"	Defender	Student
Keelin Margey	21	6'3"	Defender	Sales Representative
Kevin Langan	37	5'11"	Midfielder	Accountant
Liam Doherty	30	6'2"	Midfielder	Construction Worker
Liam McAlary	20	6'1"	Defender	Student
Matthew Winters	18	5'9"	Forward	Student
Niall Diver	21	6'1"	Defender	Student
Paddy Doherty	26	6'3"	Midfielder	Garda
Peter Doherty	21	5'11"	Midfielder	Construction Worker
Ray Quinn	36	6'0"	Defender	Garda
Ronan Frain	21	6'2"	Forward	Student
Ryan Graham	20	6'3"	Goalkeeper	Student
Sean Crossan	28	6'0"	Defender	Accountant
Sean McDonagh	26	5'10"	Defender	Sales Representative
Shane Graham	25	6'2"	Goalkeeper	Barman
Shaun McGilloway	21	5'11"	Defender	Student
Shay Doherty	23	5ft 11"	Forward	Barman
Stephen O Brien	28	6ft	Defender	Council Worker
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Letterkenny Gaels



Shane Graham







Shaun Crossan

Niall Diver

Conor Browne (C)







Sean McDonagh

Ray Quinn

Diarmuid Ó'Cathail





Darren McBrearty

Paddy Doherty







Brian Diver

Darren Hunter

Cormac Cannon







Roan Frain

Conor McBrearty

Kevin Langan

- 16 Ryan Graham
- 17 Conor Walker
- 18 Shay Doherty
- 19 Anthony Diver
- 20 Stephen O'Brien
- 21 Liam McAlary
- 22 Ciaran Lynch

- 23 Darren Ferry
 - 24 Matthew Winters
 - 25 Shaun McGilloway
 - 26 Keelan Margey
 - 27 Liam Doherty
 - 28 Peter Doherty







Carn **Domhnach**





Cormac Monagle



Conor Doherty



Darragh Browne



James Monagle



Danny Monagle



Anthony Doherty



Ryan Kelly (C)



Will Quinn



Cian Doherty



Donal Doherty





Cathal Doherty



Fergal Doherty



Conor O'Donnell

- 17 Shaun McCreanor
- 18 Christopher McDaid
- 19 Conor Fagan
- 20 Conor McLaughlin
- 21 Ryan Davenport

- 22 Padraig Doherty 23 Dermot Doherty
- 24 Cian Burke
- 25 Christopher McCormick



Carndonagh – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Cian Doherty	28	6'6"	Goalkeeper	Student
Eoghan O'Ceallaigh	24	4'9"	Foward	Health Inspector
Ryan Kelly	28	6'4"	Midfielder	Special Needs Assistant
Cathal Doherty	24	5'9"	Foward	Air Traffic Controller
Nathan McLarkey	24	5'8"	Defender	Inishowen Co-op
Cian Burke	25	6'3"	Midfielder	Soldier
Will Quinn	19	6'0"	Midfielder	Fisherman
Dermot Doherty	24	6'0"	Foward	Teacher
Kyle Harkin	42	6'3"	Midfielder	Stockbroker
Shaun McCreanor	24	5'9"	Foward	Accountant
Cormac Monagle	22	5'11"	Defender	Tribute Act Performer
Conor O'Donnell	22	6'0"	Foward	Student
Anthony Doherty	20	5'10"	Defender	Student
Danny Monagle	26	6'3"	Defender	Lighthouse Keeper
James Monagle	23	6'0"	Defender	Butcher
Donal Doherty	22	6'4"	Midfielder	Student
Padraig Doherty	29	5'11"	Defender	Teacher
Feargal Doherty	26	6'2"	Foward	Teacher
Ryan Davenport	35	5'11"	Defender	Teacher
Christy McDaid	20	6'3"	Foward	Student
Conor Fagan	28	6'0"	Foward	Engineer
Conor Doherty	32	6'2"	Defender	Teacher
Christopher McCormick	25	5'2"	Foward	Alchemist
Olan McLaughlin	18	5'9"	Foward	Student
Conor McLaughlin	18	5'10"	Foward	Student
Darragh Browne		5'10"	Defender	Student



Bainisteoir, Carn Domhnach, Padraig Doherty

It is a great honour to be part of the management team for this county final.

The club has had a good year in both codes and hopefully this continues in the years to come!

A big thank you to our sponsors and everyone who has helped the players to be prepared for our first Junior Final since 2008.



We know that Letterkenny Gaels will pose a massive challenge and hopefully we will be able to match that.

I wish the best of luck to both teams and the match officials. Hopefully it will be a game that the spectators enjoy!

Captaen, Carn Domhnach, Ryan Kelly

It's a great honour and privilege for me to captain this fantastic group of players especially on a day where we contest a county final.

Any day you get to a county final at any level is always a huge day for your club. 2008 was the

last time we contested a football final at adult level so it's been a long time coming but we have battled hard over the last few seasons to be in this position today.

After winning Division 4 last season our aim was to keep the momentum going into this season and try and progress further in the junior



championship. Thankfully we have achieved that by making today's final.

I would like to thank the club, our friends and family for their continued support all season and hopefully we can make them proud come the final whistle.

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 another tight battle with Letterkenny Gaels.

No Pressure on the Underdogs

le Gerard McLaughlin, Inishowen Independent

With Letterkenny Gaels having played in two of the last three junior championship finals, whilst also playing Division 2 football in the league, everything is pointing towards the Gaels finally getting over the line here today.



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way.

All the pressure will be on Letterkenny Gaels to finally get over the line and clinch what would be a first ever Junior championship title but that could very well suit Carn to a tee

aforementioned O'Donnell

and Kelly should thrive on the big

stage, but Carn have some unsung

heroes in Conor Doherty, Danny

Monagle and Darragh Browne who

should keep them solid defensively and if they can get the best out of youngsters like Cian Doherty and Anthony Doherty (Bush), they should be able to push Gaels all the

Padraig Doherty's Carn were never in contention for promotion from Division 3 but they have been able to up their game considerably in the championship.



It's 14 years since Carn won the last of their three junior titles and Ryan Davenport, who is the only surviving member from that 2008 panel is calling on the current crop to get the club back to the level he feels it belongs.

Having finished second to the Gaels in the group stages, Carn came through a tough quarter final when they had to rely on some late brilliance from the returning Conor O'Donnell to get past Inishowen rivals, Urris, in Foden.



A comfortable victory over Naomh Ultan followed in the last four and with both O'Donnell and captain, Ryan Kelly getting an extra week's rest after they recently returned from injury, hopes are high that Carn can cause something of a mini upset here today.

"All you have to do is go down to Foden and have a quick look around at the facilities we have in Carn".

Cathaoirleach, Carn Domhnach, Phillip McLaughlin

CLG Carndomhnaigh is in its first Senior final since 2008, we have only two members from the current squad that played in 2008. This team had a great year last year winning the league and were unlucky to lose the semi-final to the eventual winners Downings.

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We had a lot of injuries from the start of the league and it is only the last few weeks we have a full squad to choose from, but it is a good time to get everyone back playing and up to speed.

We have played in Senior Finals this year in both Hurling and Camogie, so its great to be this position again and hopefully bring the cup home.

As I write these few words one of our great clubmen Brian Mullins has just passed away. He was instrumental to our success in the great Intermediate win we had in 1997 which is 25 years ago this year. So it would be very fitting for us to achieve some success

again. We are making great strides in all codes, Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies Football. Our facilities in Foden are up with the best in the county, if not the best.

So, I want to wish Padraig, Pauric, Paul, Gerard and all the team the best of luck, enjoy the occasion and let's take this cup back to Carndonagh.

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Stair - Carn Domhnach

CLG Carndomhnaigh is one of the few clubs in the County who promote Gaelic football, Hurling, Camogie and Ladies football. Established in 1921 the club continues to be at the centre of the community 101 years on.

Having moved from the centre of the town in 2005 to Foden the club has grown in numbers. Now fielding 7 senior teams and 30 underage teams the club is indebted to all the coaches who give of their time to ensure the young people of the parish are coached in the skills of our gaelic games. Credit also goes to all who ensure our grounds and premises are of such a high standard.

Success at senior level in football has been sparse with the club last winning the Junior A football championship in 2008. Prior to that it was twenty-five years ago in 1997 that we won the Intermediate football Championship.

Only two members of the panel today were involved in 2008 and fourteen members of the panel were not born when we won in 1997. It is

also worth noting that fourteen of today's panel are dual players.

The club have in 2022 already competed in the Intermediate hurling championship final, the senior camogie final and are hoping to make it third time lucky today for our senior footballers in the Junior A final. This is no mean achievement for any club.

At underage level 30 teams are catered for across all four codes. To date this year, they have been crowned county Óg Sport football champions for the first time, won the U13A hurling championship for the first time, the U17A hurling league, U15A Inishowen football championship and county minor camogie championship.

The club is also well represented in all county development squads (football, hurling, ladies' football and camogie) together with players on the senior county football team, ladies' senior football team and county hurling team. CLG Carndomhnaigh also promote two GAA Cúl camps every summer!



1 Minute with James Monagle, Carn Domhnach

Favourite Position: Half Back

Favourite Pitch: O'Doherty Park, Foden

Hobbies: Playing the Carn Lotto! Jackpot now stands at €8,600!!!

Childhood hero: Tom Cruise

Best Player you have played with: Have to say Conor (The Dodger) O'Donnell. Quality player

and an absolute gentleman too

Best Player you have played against: Marked Conor Glass in a school's game. Tough day at

the office. Cricky from Burt a close second!

Best game you have been involved in: Carn v Madrid Harps. The rainy Friday Night game, in Madrid, Patrick Monagle was in nets and had a night to forget. Luckily for him he doesn't remember too much of it anyway!

Best trainer within your club's squad: Danny Monagle or Conor O'Donnell, when he's not standing on the sideline sipping tea and burning ears

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Two big culprits here. Fergal Doherty, I can't understand his accent and Kyle Harkin, man says he's away doing Keeper training, while he's standing there making tiktoks!

Best motivator within the squad: Pauric Kelly, without a doubt! Whether it's about ice, corner flags or people from London, when he speaks everyone listens.

Any superstitions: I like to read some poetry at The Carn Cross before most matches.

whenever I get the chance

Favourite Song: Two Pina Coladas - Garth Brooks

Favourite Film: Top Gun: Maverick

Favourite Holiday Destination: Team Holiday in Madrid

Favourite Meal: Shaun McCreanor was trying to convince everyone to get on his "Liver

King" diet. Keeps calling everyone Primals too, not sure what he's on about

Best advice ever received: "You just don't see fellas blocking balls with their teeth anymore" Tony McGinn

Biggest influence on career: Tony McGinn

Club Volunteer of note: The Doherty Family! John Joe, Elizabeth, Padraig and Cathal. Not sure where the club would be without them!

Song you listen to before big games: Dancing at the Crossroads - Luke White Most important skill: Coachability, hard to improve if you can't take advice or help from

coaches/team mates.

Biggest Strength in your game: Communication

Area of your game you would like to improve: Bigger, Faster, Stronger and having better knees Advice for youngsters: Listen to your coaches, have fun and don't fall asleep during the

Young Player within your club to look out for: Really spoiled for choice here! Danny Diver and young Ronan McLaughlin are two great defenders in the Football and Brendan O Carroll and Cormac McGinn are both excellent Hurlers

Best thing about the GAA: Celebrating with your team

Batman/Superman: Bernard Brogan

Up Early/Lie in: Up early! Dip in the sea, read a couple bible verses. play 18 holes of golf, pray, eat and then some karate before work

Chinese/Pizza: Mighty Meat, sweet-chilli base pizza from Taste of India in Carn

Twitter Account: @EoghanKelly4 is worth a follow

Istagram Account: @JamesMono98



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Cathaoirleach Naomh Ultan, Colm O Sheibhleain

In 1994 it was felt that there would be numbers for a reserve football team. At the time there were some reservations about being able to field every weekend. However, 28 years on and it is still happening. This despite the ludicrous rule brought in by Central

Council forbidding 17-year-olds from playing adult football. Back in 1994 our club participated in the Intermediate Reserve Championship and who was the team manager? None other than the present team manager Mr. Dermot Brosnan.

There were three 17-year-olds and three 16 years olds on the first reserve team all of whom went on to represent the Senior team for many years.

Since the Junior B Championship was started the club have a good recorded in the competition. Contesting finals in 2010, 2011 and 2013 (winning the latter two).



This present reserve team have a good mixture of youth and experience with many players the holders of County and Divisional underage medals. I have no doubt that these players will give a good account of themselves in today's final. The Club itself is presently

in the process of ground and facilities development for the current and future players, supporters and members of Naomh Ultan. Ba mhaith liom buiochas a ghabhail leis na himreoiri agus an lucht bainisteoracht. Ta suil agam go mbeidh cluiche brea sportiuil againn inniu. Adh Mhór Naomh Ultan.

2022 Coiste Naomh Ultan

Cathaoirleach - Colm O Sheibhleain

Runai - Ross Mac Giolla Cearra

Cisteoir - Donna Ui Chuirreain

Oifigeach Caidreamh Poibli - Donall Mac Fhloinn

Captaen Naomh Ultan, Adrian Nesbitt

It is a great honour to captain this group of players to a County Final. It is always great to make a final at any level as they do not come around too often.

On behalf of the players, I want to thank the

management of Dermot Brosnan, John Boyle, Peter McFarlane and our medical man Ryan Mackey.



I would like to wish our opponents Letterkenny Gaels an enjoyable game, played in the right spirts. Finally, I would like to thank our families and supporters for their support and understanding all year.

Naomh Ultan Abu.

Bainisteoir Naomh Ultan, Dermot Brosnan

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all here today on behalf of the joint management. Although I am named as the manager, I know it would not have been possible to be in this final if it were not for the collective effort of our management team of John Boyle, Peter McFarlane and Paul Gallier.

Firstly, on behalf of the management we wish to thank the Naomh Ultan committee for their hard work all year. The management wish to thank our team sponsor J. F. Shovlin for his continued support to the team and wish him and J.F.S. Crash Repairs & Recovery all the best in the future. The team and management want to acknowledge the Na Cella Beaga CLG for making their facilities available in the dark



evenings. Finally, we must admire the dedication and commitment of the 28 players here today some of whom had to travel from London, Dublin and Galway.

I know the panel of players and the management will share their gratitude to our

medical man Ryan MacKey who has been by our side all year. Lastly the management and players want to thank Michael Hegarty for his assistance in match preparations and advice.

I wish all supporters from both teams an enjoyable game and best wishes to all the match officials. It is very important that our match officials get the respect they deserve. Rúnaí CLG Naomh Ultan

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Best wishes to Naomh Ultan in the Junior B Championship Final from Paul, family & staff

1 Minute with Adrian Nesbitt, Naomh Ultan

Favourite Position: Full Forward

Favourite Pitch: Pairc Naomh Ultan

Hobbies: Football and fishing **Childhood hero:** Robbie Fowler

Best Player you have played with: Aiden Duddy **Best Player you have played against:** Karl Lacey

Best game you have been involved in: Junior B final 2012

Best trainer within your club's squad: Barry Murray **Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Seanie O'Shea

Best motivator within the squad: Paul Gallier

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Garth Brooks "Friends in Low Places"

Favourite Film: The Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Holiday Destination: Phuket

Favourite Meal: Fish and Chips

Best advice ever received: Don't worry. There is a solution for every problem

Biggest influence on career: Joe Kennedy

Club Volunteer of note: Danny Byrne

Song you listen to before big games: Old school. Wouldn't be bothered

Most important skill: Being fit to read the game

Biggest Strength in your game: Shooting

Area of your game you would like to improve: Running with the Ball

Advice for youngsters: Never give up

Young Player within your club to look out for: Luke

Gallagher

Best thing about the GAA: It is a sport for all ages

Batman/Superman: Superman

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

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Stair - Naomh Ultan

In the 1920's Gaelic football was first introduced to the Dunkineely area. The first success of significance for the area came in 1936, winning the Junior Championship after deciding in the year previous to enter a team into the County Championship. Up until 1952, the Killybegs and Killaghtee parishes were combined in footballing terms. Killybegs won the Senior Championship in 1952 and also were in the Senior League final the same year, then surprisingly they opted out of football. Following this, a group of individuals in Dunkineely got together to form a Dunkineely club late in the same year.

In 1953, the club entered a Junior team in the Connolly Cup and continued to do so over the next few years. Dunkineely were Divisional champions in 1956 and were winners again in 1957, but following a protest regarding the registration of one of their players the County Board disqualified Dunkineely. Success continued to follow in 1958, the club had yet another great side and won the St. Connell Cup by defeating Kilcar in the final match in Dunkineely. Later that year, Dunkineely qualified to meet the 1957 County champions Dungloe in Glenties but lost out narrowly, Dungloe went on to win the Dr. Maguire Cup again. Towards the end of 1958 the club lost several of their players, this was due mainly to emigration and towards the latter part of 1959 the club disbanded. At the time it would have been possible to revert to Junior status but as there was only one other club in the immediate area playing Junior Football the committee decided to throw their weight behind the club being reformed in Killybegs.

On Friday 11th October 1974 a meeting was held in St. Mary's Hall, Dunkineely, with a view to reviving the Dunkineely GAA club, which had been defunct for well over a decade. At a general meeting on the 5th January 1975 in Dunkineely, Fr. P. Cunningham (RIP) proposed that the club be named after Saint Ultan as there would probably be no other club in the county with the saint as its patron. From then on the club became known as Naomh Ultan.

Naomh Ultan began playing in Junior competition in 1975, their first match being against Glenfin who happened to be just starting up too. This game was played at Fintragh as the club's own pitch was not prepared in time for the start of the competition. The club colours were to be black and amber, the original colours of the club in Dunkineely prior to the foundation of Naomh Ultan. The first adult trophy of any significance since the '50s was won in 1982, the Division 3 Shield. The club's first piece of Championship silverware since 1936 came in 1984 when they captured the first Intermediate title for the club, one year after the infamous league title victory after not dropping a single point in an entire season. On the day they defeated Kilcar on a scoreline of 1-5 to 0-5.

In the late 1990's the club again had some league successes, most notably in 1997 were both Senior and Reserve sides won their leagues one year after a disastrous relegation. A proud year for the club as it also saw the opening of Naomh Ultan's new playing facilities on a day which saw Donegal play Roscommon to celebrate its opening.

The Naomh Ultan club is synonymous with a name and that is none other than Martin Shovlin. "Shov" is a Donegal All-Ireland winner, being part of the famous 1992 team who won Donegal's first All Ireland. His accolades as a player also include two Ulster Football Championship medals and in 1990 was awarded Ulster GAA Writers' Player of the Year. Later on in his footballing career, he won two All-reland Masters (2002 and 03) and has a Masters All-Star to his name from 2006. He was on the panel when Donegal won their first ever U21 All-Ireland title, they defeated Roscommon on 17th October 1982. That victory was just celebrated last night in a Gala Banquet to honour the team 40 years on from the game.

It is no coincidence that his triumphs at inter county level materialized into Naomh Ultan's successes over the years. Naomh Ultan contested in a number of Intermediate Championship finals in 1989, 1992 & 1998, narrowly losing out in each final. The Reserve team also played in the 1997 & 1998 Intermediate B Finals suffering defeats also. The hurt from losing those finals was greatly relieved on what is noted as the club's most historic day in 2002. On October 27th in a wet and dull MacCumhaill Park both teams captured the Intermediate A & B Championships. The reserves defeated Urris which was followed by the Intermediate A final, Naomh Ultan getting the better of Buncrana 2-4 to 0-8. Naomh Ultan welcomed St Eunans to Pairc Naomh Ultan the following year in the Donegal Senior Championship, it was widely thought that the club would build upon the successes of the year previous however that didn't transpire. Within a couple of years the club found itself playing Junior Championship again and it wasn't until 2011 & 2013 when Naomh Ultan captured the Junior B championships that they saw success.

After losing the Junior B Championship final in 2010 to Sean MacCumhaills the side saw off St. Eunan's 2-7 to 1-7 in 2011 to win the club's first ever Junior B Championship. Many remnants of the 2002 Intermediate teams were evident in this side who ended up winning the title again in 2013 defeating Letterkenny Gaels in Páirc Tír Conaill, Donegal town 2-9 to 0-9. Somewhat a coincidence that today's Junior B Championship final is against the same opposition. These successes at Junior B level and Naomh Ultan's first Minor County League & Championship wins in 2008 helped build a team of young but experienced players and further success did follow, but only after the suffering of defeat first. Kicking on from 2013 the club found itself in both the Division 4 promotion playoff and Junior A Championship final in 2014, losing off on both occasions to Red Hughs and Urris respectively. Similar to times gone by previously, the sufferings of these final defeats stood by our club. In 2015, Naomh Ultan captured the Division 4 league title and their second Junior A Championship defeating Red Hughs in a replayed final.

The club played Intermediate Championship up until 2021, avoiding relegation in 2019 and 2020 but inevitably dropping back down to Junior Championship for the 2022 season. Naomh Ultan continues to develop both on and off the field, in 2005 the club opened new dressing room facilities and currently are enhancing the grounds and facilities further by developing training pitch facilities, a walking track and plans in the near future of a stand for supporters.

Looking forward, 2024 will be a momentous year for the Naomh Ultan club as it celebrates 50 years of existence. In an area of proud Gaelic football tradition stretching back as far as the early 1920s the club's successes and facilities are testament to the players, members, supporters and people of the parish both past and present.





Good luck to Naomh Ultan in the Junior B Championship Final from Sean, family & staff





Naomh Ultan - Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Matthew Huntley	17	5'10"	Defender	Student
Darragh Gallagher	17	6'0"	Defender	Student
Barry Murray	17	5'11"	Defender	Student
Aaron Ó'Shea	17	5'7"	Defender	Student
Tiarnan Boyle	17	5'9"	Defender	Student
Dylan Henry	20	5'10"	Defender	Farmer
Johnny Bach	20	6'0"	Forward	Trawl Technician
Mark Hutchison	21	5'9"	Forward	Fisherman
Jacob Steele	21	6'0"	Forward	Student
Séani O'Shea	21	6'0"	Forward	Student
Chris Boyle	21	6'0"	Defender	Electrician
Ryan Rose	23	6'0"	Defender	Building Sales
Darragh Murrin	23	5'7"	Forward	Trawl Technician
Michael Breslin	23	6'2"	Midfield	Quantity Surveyor
James Byrne	24	6'0"	Forward	PE Teacher
Gary Byrne	28	5'9"	Forward	Service Energy Technician
Emmet Brosnan	31	5'9"	Forward	Sales Manager
Paul Murrin	32	5'10"	Defender	Landscaping
Cian McCann	34	6'0"	Defender	Gardening Sales
Paul Gallagher	35	5'7"	Defender	Active Age Specialist
Aidan Fisher	37	5'7"	Defender	Stone Mason
Emmett Kennedy	37	5'7"	Defender	Engineer
Adrian Nesbitt	38	5'10"	Forward	Health Care
Toirleach McGinley	40	5'10"	Forward	Network Design Manager
Martin Shovelin	40	6'2"	Midfield	Farmer/Carpenter
Aidan Gallagher	41	5'11"	Forward	Physiotherapist
Ronan Kennedy	42	5'10"	Defender/Goals	Soldier
Peter McFarlane	42	6'2"	Forward	Quantity Surveyoe
Gerard Boyle	43	5'9"	Goalkeeper	GO, Dept of Marine







Naomh Ultan









Aaron O'Shea

Christopher Boyle

Aiden Fisher







Barry Murray

Paul Murrin

Matthew Huntley





Martin Shovlin

Michael Breslin







James Byrne

Jonathan Bach

Paul Gallier







Darragh Murrin

Adrian Nesbitt

Mark Hutchinson

16 Dylan Henry

17 Darragh Gallagher

18 Ronan Kennedy 19 Emmett Kennedy

20 Ryan Rose

21 Tiernan Boyle

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Brendan O'Brien

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Matthew Winters

Shaun Montieth







Charlie Creevy

Joe Friel

Danny Harkin

16 Paddy Gildea 17 Aidan Hanley

19 Sean Mac Giolla Riathal

20 Anthony McDaid

21 Reuben Grimes

22 Adam Duncan 23 Jamie Callaghan

24 Aidan McGinty

25 Finnian Lynch

26 Stephen Doherty





Letterkenny Gaels B – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Aaron Stewart	33	5ft 8"	Defender	Entertainment Manager
Adam Duncan	20	6ft 2"	Midfielder	Hospital Porter
Aidan Hanley	25	5ft 11"	Forward	Cloud Engineer
Anthony Mc Daid	47	6ft 0"	Defender	Business Analyst
Ben Gallagher	19	6ft 4"	Midfielder	Manager
Charlie Creevy	42	5ft 10"	Forward	Analyst
Cormac Doherty	20	5ft 11"	Defender	Student
Danny Harkin	18	5ft 8"	Forward	Student
Darren Ferry	21	5ft 10"	Forward	Student
Dylan Harmison	31	6ft 2"	Forward	Product Consultant
Eoghan Harkin	24	5ft 10"	Forward	Retail Supervisor
Jamie Callaghan	18	5ft 8"	Defender	Student
Joe Friel	25	5ft 11"	Forward	Construction
John Kilrehil	37	6ft 0"	Forward	Garda
Keelan Margey	21	6ft 3"	Forward	Sales Man
Liam Doherty	30	6ft 1"	Midfielder	Sunbed operator
Nicky Mc Garrigle	43	5ft 10"	Defender	Domino's Delivery Driver
Paddy Gildea	46	5ft 10"	Goalkeeper	Department Manager
Reuben Grimes	18	6ft 2"	Defender	Student
Sean Mc Gilloway	20	5ft 11"	Defender	Student
Shaun og Monteith	34	5ft 8"	Forward	Carpenter
Shane Gildea	34	6ft 2"	Defender	Civil Engineer
Matthew Winters	18	5ft 8"	Forward	Student
Aiden McGinty	25	5ft 8"	Forward	Student
Brendan O Brien	38	6ft 4"	Midfielder	Business Data Consultant
Gerard Gibbons	31	6ft 3"	Midfielder	Mechanic
Finnian Lynch	18	6ft 2"	Defender	Student
Stephen Doherty	53	5ft 10"	Goalkeeper	Teacher
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Naomh Ultan Favoured for Junior B Glory

by Frank Craig, Donegal News

Letterkenny Gaels and Naomh Ultan tangle in the eagerly anticipated Junior B decider in O'Donnell Park this Saturday afternoon.

In the group stage, Gaels didn't win a single game having suffered loses to both Lifford and Muff.

But because Carndonagh didn't field in their other section clash, Gaels marched on and into the knockout stages of the competition. There, they found their mojo and stirring wins over Roberts Emmets and Muff propelled them onto the weekend's show piece.



Charlie Creevy, Gaels joint boss, said: "We did struggle in the group stage but the last number of weeks we put in some good work at training. Both the quarter final and semifinals went to extra-time but they really stood to us. "We haven't had



it easy. Naomh Ultan beat Lifford and Lifford were hot favourites to win the competition. I think Dunkineely beat us in the final in 2013. So they are hot favourites."

Meanwhile, Naomh Ultan's Dermot

Brosnan hopes his side can take home some silverware following their senior side's elimination from the Junior A running at the semifinal stage last weekend. The south west Donegal men were undefeated in their group phase, downing Malin and Robert Emmetts as well as splitting the spoils with Urris in their third and final outing there.

Having progressed straight into the semi-finals, they produced the goods once again with a super 3-12 to 1-16 win over a heavily tipped Lifford. "I thought we had it lost at one stage - the Lifford game. It's been that kind of championship across the board. Reserve football, it's a chance for young lads to step up and we have those other experienced ones driving it on. We also want to see lads progressing up to the senior set up. That is a crucial part of it for us. If they could add a medal to the pocket at the weekend that would only help the process."

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Ádh mór ar bhuachaillí Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn

Bainisteoir, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B - Charlie Creevy



It is a massive honour for me to lead this group of players into 2022 Junior the Football Championship Final along with the support of John McGilloway and Nicky McGarrigle. This be the 3rd consecutive championship final we will be contesting.

Our panel includes a mixture of experience and youth, some of the old guard include Shane Gildea, Nicky McGarrigle, Aaron Stewart, Brendan O' Brien and Anthony McDaid. We also have some new players who joined the team this year - Jamie Callaghan, Danny Harkin, Finnian Lynch and Reuben Grimes all came up through the minor ranks last year. These lads are great additions to the team and will hopefully use this experience as a stepping stone to push on to the senior team in the near future.

A special thanks to the Club committee, senior/reserve panel and senior management. Dougie and Paul have produced top class training sessions throughout the season which in turn has brought both teams to county finals this year. Very best wishes to our Seniors who play Carndonagh in the Junior A decider later this afternoon.

Special thanks to our main sponsor Arena 7 for their ongoing support, thanks Enda and team. Thanks to all who have supported us throughout the year especially with our Camper-van draw and various other fundraisers throughout the season. I would like to thank our families, wife's and partners who without them a lot of this would not be possible.

Finally we wish Naomh Ultan well in the game today and hopefully between us we can produce an entertaining and sporting game of football for all the supporters to enjoy.

Captaen, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B - Aaron Stewart

Welcome to the 2022 Junior B Final. It is an honour for me to lead this Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn team and a proud day for our club to be contesting both Junior A & B Finals for the second year running.

I would like to thank the players, management team and club officials for all the unseen work that goes on behind closed doors to give us these special days.

I want to thank all our sponsors for their continued support throughout the year in particular Enda & Claire Nichols at Arena7.

We thank all our supporters who have been with us throughout the year and hopefully we can all do you proud today.

Finally, I wish Naomh Ultan well in the game today and hopefully between us we can produce a sporting game which is worthy of the occasion.



1 Minute with Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B - Nicky McGarrigle

Favourite Position: Left Half Back

Favourite Pitch: Convoy

Hobbies: Football/Watching Sport

Childhood hero: John Aldridge and Tony Boyle

Best Player you have played with: Colm McFadden and Mark Hunter

Best Player you have played against: So many to name. Stephen O'Neill in

Masters

Best game you have been involved in: Last years junior B final. Nobody expected

us to win and it was lovely to lift our first adult championship

Best trainer within your club's squad: Probably Brian Diver

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Excluding myself, probably Aidan Hanley.

That hamstring injury has been holding him back for years.....

Best motivator within the squad: Bob. Something about that Monaghan accent

Any superstitions: Not really. Wave at the odd magpie

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Fire Away by Chris Stapleton

Favourite Film: Harry Potter

Favourite Holiday Destination: Lanzarotte /Bundoran

Favourite Meal: Mums turnip's and bacon

Best advice ever received: Perfect practice makes perfect. Flash used to say it

in the college.

Biggest influence on career: My Grandad

Club Volunteer of note: Eunan Quinn. He never misses a shot **Song you listen to before big games:** Animal by Def Leopard

Most important skill: Being fully committed

Biggest Strength in your game: Used to be my speed and my good looks. Sadly

age has caught up on me

Area of your game you would like to improve: My chat-up lines

Advice for youngsters: Practice on your weaknesses and

stay away from women

Young Player within your club to look out for: There's way too

many. I II say Dj McAuley and Adam Duffy

Best thing about the GAA: The friends you make and the

nights out

Batman/Superman: Superman

Up Early/Lie in: Lie in if I get a chance

Chinese/Pizza: Chinese

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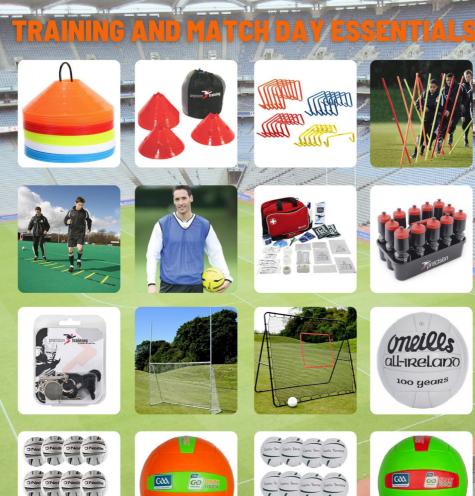






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