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PATRICK BROOKS
ST. COLMAN'S
NEWRY



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CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



The Ulster Schools' Council is delighted to welcome you all today to the 2019 Danske Bank MacRory and MacLarnon Cup Finals. We pay a special welcome to the teachers, coaches and pupils and their parents, from the schools participating in our finals today, who like ourselves are guests at the wonderfully appointed Athletic Grounds in Armagh, scene of so many wonderful encounters in the past, and home for the final for the eighth year in a row. To the Armagh County Board and the ground staff, a sincere word of thanks.

St. Michael's College, Enniskillen, appearing in their fourteenth final, are attempting to collect their sixth title, the last coming in 2012. A nail biting win in the semi-final over their old rivals, St. Patrick's College, Maghera, saw them earn the right to play Omagh CBS in the final. This final ended in a draw and the replay was cancelled, because of the Foot and Mouth epidemic.

It took Omagh two attempts before they overcame St. Patrick's College, Armagh in the semi-final and they are now looking to win the MacRory for the fifth time in the school's history. Just like St. Ronan's College last year, they will hope to collect the MacRory Cup and MacCormack Cup in the same year, a feat first achieved by the Omagh school in 2004-2005.

Both sides will be accompanied by a large following of supporters in this unique pairing and a victory today will be well received by their communities and their feeder clubs, who do so much to assist these two schools in the promotion of our games.

St. Patrick's, Downpatrick hope to collect the MacLarnon Cup for the fifth time, their first coming fifty years ago in 1969, and they go into today's final in the knowledge that they will represent Ulster in the All-Ireland series. This will be because their opponents, Cathair Dhoire, as an amalgamation unit, cannot proceed beyond the Province. However, that will not prevent the pupils from the schools involved today from making a huge effort to create their own piece of history as Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup winners.

Our hurlers played out their competitions earlier in the year, and we salute the accomplishments this year of those amalgamated teams who won our competitions for the first time. An Dún, who lost the final last year, overcame their victors, St. Patrick's College, Maghera to collect the coveted Danske Bank Mageean Cup, although the Maghera school have the consolation of contesting the All-Ireland series as representatives of Ulster.

Their neighbours, St. Mary's, Magherafelt will also represent Ulster Schools' despite losing the Danske Bank Casement Cup Final to Tyrone Schools' who see their names written on the coveted trophy for the first time.

Ulster Schools' GAA, cater for over 130 schools in six grades of football and four of Hurling in over 70 competitions, which involve over 1,800 games during the year. The success of these competitions depends totally on the commitment and selfless approach of the many teachers and coaches in all of our schools. This is a challenge they have wholeheartedly embraced to ensure that all of the pupils in our schools participate in competitions which meet their demands and abilities. This, allied to the faith in our games displayed by the Principals of our schools, is something that we in Ulster Schools' GAA are very grateful for.

The number of games involved, places a great demand on the clubs and facilities in Ulster and we are very grateful for their generosity. Indeed, without their benevolence, we could not fulfil our obligation to our schools. I never cease to be amazed at the generosity of so many of our clubs and their volunteer members. Not only do they allow us to utilise their excellent facilities, but the way in which they so willingly give of their time in stewarding and assisting us in the promotion of our games is something for

which we are greatly in their debt. The fact that they have no affiliation or affinity to our schools, makes these gestures all the more remarkable.

Our gratitude also extends to those officials who act as referees, umpires and linesmen for all of our games and whose expertise and professionalism is so vital for the smooth running of our competitions.

A massive thanks is owed to the tireless work by the coordinators in both football and hurling, who ensure the smooth running of our competitions. The amount of detail and time given to this task is immeasurable, but it certainly pays off as the teachers in our schools can testify.

It is vitally important that our games receive the attention which we feel they deserve and for this we thank our website manager, Mark Grogan for overseeing our social networking sites. The popularity of this facility is shown by the number of likes on our Facebook Account (12,267) and Twitter Account (14,339) and can be gauged by the fact that during the twenty eight days of February, we had the incredible number of over 1.1 million people look at our Twitter Account, while Instagram now has 4247 followers to promote the exploits of our schools.

Paul Heaney of *Celebrations Event Videos* has played a vital role in the area of communication, by not only introducing highlights packages, which bring our games to past pupils at home and abroad and to the wider GAA public, but thanks to him and his commentary team, the Danske Bank Mageean Cup final, which went out live on Facebook for the second year in a row, was watched by over 13,000 followers.

This coverage of our competitions is greatly enhanced by the tireless work of Seamas McAleenan, who not only acts as commentator for our Mageean finals, but whose coverage of our games in the local press and online, leaves our games the envy of many other sports. To Seamas and all the other correspondents who contribute previews, results and match reports, our schools are greatly in your debt.

Our match day programme, a wonderful souvenir of the day, is singularly produced by Rafael Gatt and its quality is testament to his attention to detail and makes this publication the envy of many other sporting bodies. It is no wonder that it is such a popular item with programme collectors.

Thanks to this excellent and unrivalled coverage, our games and our schools are synonymous in the public mind with the name of Danske Bank. We in Ulster Schools' GAA, greatly appreciate the profile that this partnership gives, not only to our high profile games and All-Stars Awards, but to all the seventy plus competitions which run across the entire school calendar from September to May!

On a personal note, I would like to thank the members of our Committee for their tireless and selfless work on behalf of our schools. The smooth running of these competitions is only achieved by their huge amount of organisation which takes place over the summer months and allows our Secretary, Seamus Woods, to produce what must be the most comprehensive fixtures book in the Province, if not beyond. I would also sincerely like to thank our Servicing Officer, Niall Muldoon, who has proved to be such an invaluable help to our schools in ensuring the smooth running of our fixtures, while his presence at so many of our games is incalculable.

Finally, I wish all four teams good luck in today's finals and hope they produce the feast of sporting and skilful football and the spectacle which we know they are capable of. We know that the winners will carry the best wishes of all, as they represent Ulster in the All-Ireland series in the coming weeks.

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Jimmy Smyth
Chairman, Ulster Schools' Council





CLÁR AN LAE

- 10:54am** Cathair Dhoire amach ar an bPáirc
- 10:57am** St. Patrick's Downpatrick amach ar an bPáirc
- 11:05am** Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
- 11:10am** Captains take toss

11:15am DANSKE BANK MACLARNON FINAL THROW-IN

- 11:47am** Half time / Leath Am
Cathair Dhoire leave the field followed by St. Patrick's, Downpatrick.
- 11:57am** Start of second half / Tús an dara leath
- 12:30pm** End of game / Críoch an Chluiche
- 12:33pm** Presentation of Pat O'Hare Man of the Match Award
- 12:35pm** Presentation of Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup to winning captain
- 12:55pm** Pitch cleared in advance of Danske Bank MacRory Cup Final

- 1:00pm** Live BBC coverage of Danske Bank MacRory Cup Final begins
- 1:02pm** St. Michael's Enniskillen amach ar an bPáirc
- 1:04pm** Omagh CBS amach ar an bPáirc
- 1:05pm** Oifigigh an Cluiche amach ar an bPáirc
- 1:10pm** Captains take toss
- 1:13pm** Amhrán na bhFiann

1:15pm DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP FINAL THROW-IN

- 1:47pm** Half time / Leath Am
St. Michael's, Enniskillen leave the field followed by Omagh CBS.
- 1:48pm** Entertainment
- 1:50pm** Live BBC interview with winning Danske Bank MacLarnon squad
- 2:02pm** Start of second half / Tús an dara leath
- 2:35pm** End of Game / Críoch an Chluiche
- 2:38pm** Presentation of Iggy Jones Man of the Match Award
- 2:40pm** Presentation of Danske Bank MacRory Cup to winning captain

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OFFICIALS



DANSKE BANK MacRory Cup Final

Barry Cassidy (Doire)

Barry is a member of the Bellaghy Wolfe Tone's club in Co. Derry and has been refereeing since 2002. He has taken charge of county finals at all levels within Derry, including the senior finals in 2010 and 2013.



He officiated at the 2009 Inter Continental Youth Games in San Francisco and in 2011 he refereed the MacRory Cup Final between St. Colman's College, Newry and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon. He also refereed the National Football League Division 4 Final; Longford v Roscommon in that year.

In 2012 he was the man in the middle for both the Ulster U21 Football Final as well as the All-Ireland Minor Final. Barry has refereed an All-Ireland U21 Final as well and in 2013 and 2018 he took charge of the Dr. McKenna Cup Final. Over the past six years he has taken charge of numerous Division 1 League games and last year refereed the All-Ireland Senior Football Championship semi-final between Dublin and Galway.

DANSKE BANK MacLarnon Cup Final

Sean Hurson (Tír Eoghain)

Sean is a member of the Galbally Pearse's club in Tyrone. He has played at all levels and is actively involved with the club serving on the Committee. Sean works as a Quantity Surveyor. He is married to Aileen, with two children Lily Mae and Danny. Sean started refereeing in 2008 and has ably made his way through the ranks. In 2016, Sean was the man in the middle for the NFL games between Fermanagh v Meath, Armagh v Galway and Down v Cork. He took charge of the Tyrone Senior Football Final and was linesman at the All-Ireland Senior Football Final replay between Dublin and Mayo. He concluded a very busy year by refereeing the Ulster Senior Football Club Final between Slaughtneil and Kilcoo. In 2017, Sean refereed Dr. McKenna Cup, Ulster Minor Football and U21 Championship fixtures and then the Hogan Cup final between St. Brendan's Killarney and St. Peter's Wexford in Croke Park. 2018 saw Sean take charge of the All-Ireland Minor Football Championship final between Kerry and Galway. This year he has already taken charge of the All-Ireland Senior Club semi-final between Dr. Croke's of Kerry and Mullinalaghta of Longford.



Standby Referee: Paul Faloon (An Dún)

Linesman: Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

Sideline Official: Kevin Faloon (Ard Mhacha)

Umpires: Kevin Toner, Alan Nash, Tom O'Kane, Marty Donnelly

Standby Referee: Martin Conroy (Tír Eoghain)

Linesman: Mark Loughran (Tír Eoghain)

Sideline Official: Brendan Toland (Aontroim)

Umpires: Martin Coney, Mel Taggart, Martin Conway, Cathal Forbes

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ROLL OF HONOUR

MACRORY CUP RESULTS 1923 - 2018

1923 - 1934

1923	St Patrick's Armagh	1928	St Patrick's Armagh
1924	St Patrick's Armagh	1929	St Malachy's Belfast
1925	St Patrick's Armagh; St Macartan's Monaghan; St Malachy's Belfast shared trophy	1930	St Macartan's Monaghan
1926	St Patrick's Armagh	1931	St Patrick's Armagh
1927	St Patrick's Armagh	1932	St Macartan's Monaghan
		1933	St Macartan's Monaghan
		1934	St Macartan's Monaghan

Until 1935 the MacRory Cup was played on a league basis with the league winners claiming the title.

1935 > 2018

1935	St Patrick's Cavan	7-11	Monaghan CBS	0-0	Breffni Park
1936	St Patrick's Cavan	3-3	St Patrick's Armagh	1-7	Monaghan
1937	St Patrick's Cavan	2-6	St Mary's Dundalk	1-6	Breffni Park
1938	St Mary's Dundalk	4-6	St Patrick's Armagh	0-4	Dundalk
1939	St Patrick's Cavan	2-7	St Mary's Dundalk	1-1	Breffni Park
1940*	St Macartan's Monaghan		St Mary's Dundalk		Monaghan
	St Macartan's Monaghan	3-5	St Mary's Dundalk	2-5	Inniskeen
1941	St Mary's Dundalk	7-6	St Patrick's Cavan	3-5	Dundalk
1942	St Macartan's Monaghan		St Mary's Dundalk		Monaghan
1943	St Patrick's Cavan	2-13	St Patrick's Armagh	1-3	Armagh
1944	St Patrick's Armagh	5-11	Abbey CBS Newry	0-2	Newry
1945	St Patrick's Armagh	4-9	St Colman's Newry	0-12	Newry
1946	St Patrick's Armagh	4-9	St Mary's Dundalk	0-3	Armagh
1947	St Patrick's Armagh	5-11	Abbey CBS Newry	0-2	Newry
1948	St Patrick's Cavan	7-8	St Malachy's Belfast	1-7	Breffni Park
1949	St Colman's Newry	5-11	St Malachy's Belfast	0-7	Lurgan
1950	St Colman's Newry	2-11	St Patrick's Armagh	3-7	Lurgan
1951	St Patrick's Cavan	1-11	St Patrick's Armagh	2-2	Ballybay
1952	St Macartan's Monaghan	2-8	St Patrick's Armagh	1-4	Ballybay
1953	St Patrick's Armagh	2-10	St Macartan's Monaghan	1-6	Ballybay
1954*	Abbey CBS Newry	0-5	St Patrick's Cavan	1-3	Armagh
	Abbey CBS Newry	0-11	St Patrick's Cavan	1-5	Ballybay
1955	St Patrick's Cavan	2-8	St Malachy's Belfast	0-2	Armagh
1956	St Macartan's Monaghan	2-7	St Eunan's Letterkenny	2-6	Omagh CBS
1957	St Colman's Newry	0-8	St Patrick's Armagh	1-2	Lurgan
1958	St Colman's Newry	4-11	St Patrick's Cavan	1-1	Castleblaney
1959	Abbey CBS Newry	3-7	St Eunan's Letterkenny	1-3	Omagh CBS
1960	St Colman's Newry	2-6	St Patrick's Cavan	0-4	Castleblaney
1961	St Patrick's Cavan	1-13	St Eunan's Letterkenny	0-5	Irvinestown
1962	St Patrick's Cavan	2-11	Abbey CBS Newry	2-7	Ballybay
1963	St Colman's Newry	2-8	St Patrick's Cavan	0-2	Ballybay
1964	Abbey CBS Newry	3-8	St Patrick's Cavan	2-5	Carrickmacross
1965	St Columb's Derry	1-3	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-4	Dungannon
1966	St Columb's Derry	3-5	St Patrick's Downpatrick	3-3	Dungannon
1967	St Colman's Newry	2-10	St Patrick's Armagh	1-4	Dundalk
1968	St Colman's Newry	6-4	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-3	Dungannon
1969	St Colman's Newry	1-9	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-6	Dungannon
1970	St Malachy's Belfast	2-6	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-6	Coalisland
1971	St Mary's CBS Belfast	1-11	Abbey CBS Newry	1-7	Lurgan
1972	St Patrick's Cavan	1-10	Abbey CBS Newry	2-5	Dundalk
1973	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-10	Omagh CBS	0-10	Dungannon
1974*	Omagh CBS	0-6	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-6	Dungannon
	Omagh CBS	1-11	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-12	Lisnaskea
1975	St Colman's Newry	2-7	St Patrick's Cavan	1-8	Omagh
1976	St Colman's Newry	1-4	St Patrick's Maghera	0-4	Dungannon
1977	St Patrick's Maghera	1-7	Abbey CBS Newry	0-8	Casement Park
1978	St Colman's Newry	1-10	St Patrick's Maghera	1-3	Casement Park
1979	St Colman's Newry	0-7	St Patrick's Maghera	0-5	Casement Park
1980	St Patrick's Maghera	3-9	Abbey CBS Newry	3-6	Casement Park
1981	St Colman's Newry	1-3	St Patrick's Maghera	0-5	Casement Park
1982	St Patrick's Maghera	1-7	Abbey CBS Newry	1-6	Casement Park





1983	St Patrick's Maghera	2-10	Abbey CBS Newry	0-8	Casement Park
1984	St Patrick's Maghera	1-9	St Mary's CBS Belfast	0-6	Casement Park
1985	St Patrick's Maghera	2-9	St Michael's Lurgan	1-1	Omagh
1986	St Mary's CBS Belfast	1-8	St Patrick's Maghera	0-6	Omagh
1987	Abbey CBS Newry	2-6	St Colman's Newry	0-8	Lurgan
1988*	St Colman's Newry	0-6	St Patrick's Maghera	0-6	Ballybay
	St Colman's Newry	2-7	St Patrick's Maghera	2-7	Omagh
	St Colman's Newry	3-5	St Patrick's Maghera	1-9	Dungannon
1989	St Patrick's Maghera	4-11	St Colman's Newry	4-9	Coalisland
1990*	St Patrick's Maghera	0-6	St Colman's Newry	0-6	Coalisland
	St Patrick's Maghera	3-6	St Colman's Newry	1-5	Coalisland
1991	St Patrick's Dungannon	2-7	St Colman's Newry	1-9	Coalisland
1992	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-8	St Patrick's Dungannon	0-9	Coalisland
1993	St Colman's Newry	0-10	St Patrick's Maghera	1-5	Coalisland
1994	St Patrick's Maghera	0-12	St Patrick's Armagh	0-8	Armagh
1995	St Patrick's Maghera	1-14	St Colman's Newry	0-5	Clones
1996	St Patrick's Maghera	0-12	St Mary's Magherafelt	1-6	Coalisland
1997	St Patrick's Dungannon	2-9	St Patrick's Armagh	1-10	Casement Park
1998	St Colman's Newry	2-14	St Patrick's Maghera	2-7	Casement Park
1999	St Michael's Enniskillen	4-11	St Colman's Newry	0-12	Casement Park
2000	St Patrick's Armagh	3-6	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-9	Casement Park
2001**	Omagh CBS	2-8	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-11	Casement Park
2002	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-12	Omagh CBS	1-5	Casement Park
2003	St Patrick's Maghera	1-9	St Mary's Magherafelt	1-4	Casement Park
2004	St Patrick's Dungannon	0-8	St Macartan's Monaghan	0-6	Casement Park
2005*	Omagh CBS	2-7	St Louis Kilkeel	0-13	Casement Park
	Omagh CBS	2-9	St Louis Kilkeel	0-11	Casement Park
2006	Abbey CBS	2-4	St Louis Kilkeel	0-9	Casement Park
2007	Omagh CBS	0-10	St Macartan's Monaghan	1-6	Casement Park
2008	St Patrick's Dungannon	0-13	St Michael's Enniskillen	1-9	Omagh
2009	Omagh CBS	1-9	St Patrick's Dungannon	2-7	Omagh
2010	St Colman's Newry	1-14	Omagh CBS	1-8	Casement Park
2011	St Colman's Newry	1-14	St Pat's Academy, D'gannon	1-8	Armagh
2012	St Michael's Enniskillen	0-9	St Pat's Academy Maghera	1-4	Armagh
2013	St Pat's College Maghera	2-5	St Paul's HS Bessbrook	0-10	Armagh
2014	St Pat's College Maghera	1-12	Omagh CBS	1-8	Armagh
2015	St Pat's College, Cavan	2-12	St Pat's Academy, Dungannon	0-8	Armagh
2016	St Pat's College, Maghera	5-7	St Paul's HS, Bessbrook	1-9	Armagh
2017	St St Mary's Magherafelt	0-19	St Colman's Newry	0-13	Armagh
2018	St Ronan's College, Lurgan	1-09	St Mary's Magherafelt	1-07	Armagh

* Signifies draw and replay ** Both schools shared the MacRory Cup - replay cancelled due to foot and mouth.

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1962	St Malachy's Belfast	1982	Armagh C.B.S.	2002	St Columb's Derry
1963	St Columb's Derry	1983	Falcarragh	2003	St Michael's Lurgan
1964	St Michael's Enniskillen	1984	St Michael's Lurgan	2004	St Louis Kilkeel
1965	St Patrick's Cavan	1985	Falcarragh	2005	Our Lady's Castleblaney
1966	St Patrick's Armagh	1986	Falcarragh	2006	La Salle Belfast
1967	St Michael's Omeath	1987	St Macartan's Monaghan	2007	St Eunan's Letterkenny
1968	St Eunan's Letterkenny	1988	St Michael's Lurgan	2008	St Mary's C.B.S. Belfast
1969	St Patrick's Downpatrick	1989	St Michael's Lurgan	2009	St Pius X Magherafelt
1970	St Patrick's Maghera	1990	St Patrick's Downpatrick	2010	St Michael's, Lurgan
1971	Omagh C.B.S.	1991	St Michael's Lurgan	2011	St Mary's CBGS Belfast
1972	St Patrick's Dungannon	1992	St Mary's Magherafelt	2012	St Paul's High School, Bessbrook
1973	St Tiernach's Clones	1993	St Mary's Magherafelt	2013	St Michael's Lurgan
1974	Armagh C.B.S.	1994	St Mary's Magherafelt	2014	St Eunan's College, Letterkenny
1975	Armagh C.B.S.	1995	St Michael's Lurgan	2015	Our Lady's Sec. School, Castleblaney
1976	Armagh C.B.S.	1996	De La Salle Ballyshannon	2016	Patrician High School, Carrickmacross
1977	St Patrick's Downpatrick	1997	Patrician High Carrickmacross	2017	St Ciaran's College, Ballygawley
1978	Armagh C.B.S.	1998	Patrician High Carrickmacross	2018	Holy Trinity College, Cookstown
1979	St Eunan's Letterkenny	1999	De La Salle Ballyshannon		



Welcome

TO THE DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP AND DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP FINALS



It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the 2019 Danske Bank MacRory Cup and Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup Finals. This is the seventh year of our partnership with Ulster Schools' GAA, and it is a partnership that we are extremely proud of.

We're making more possible for communities across Northern Ireland and are privileged that we can do this through our partnerships with not only Ulster Schools' GAA but also with the Northern Ireland Schools' Football Association (NISFA) and Ulster Schools' Cup Rugby.

Reaching today's finals marks many years of training, dedication and commitment for the players from St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick; Cathair Dhoire; St. Michael's College, Enniskillen; and Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh and I would like to take this opportunity to say congratulations.

The football on display throughout both senior competitions is testament to how effectively the skill and talent of these young footballers have been nurtured and developed through the Ulster Schools' GAA competitions and through the players' own clubs. I'm very sure we'll be seeing some of these players excel at club and county level in the near future.

With this in mind, I would like to acknowledge and thank the Ulster Schools' Committee along with the coaches, teachers and Principals who, through their tireless hard work, have made these competitions possible. Not forgetting the families, friends and local clubs of all today's players who have helped support and guide them throughout their school and club careers to date. I have no doubt that for these talented young sportspeople, this is just the beginning.

On behalf of everyone at Danske Bank, I wish St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick, Cathair Dhoire, St. Michael's College, Enniskillen and Christian Brothers Grammar School, Omagh the very best of luck on this very memorable occasion, and look forward to two exciting finals today.



Kevin Kingston,
Chief Executive,
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CARDINAL JOSEPH MACRORY



Joseph MacRory was born in March 1861 in Ballygawley, County Tyrone, in the Archdiocese of Armagh. Joseph MacRory studied at St Patrick's College, Armagh and St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

He was ordained a priest in 1885 and undertook post-graduate studies in Maynooth in 1884-1886. He served on the staff of Alton Seminary, Birmingham, as Professor of Moral Theology and Sacred Scripture in 1886-87. He became the first president of St Patrick's Boys' Academy, Dungannon in 1887 where he served until 1889, when he then became a member of the staff of St Patrick's College, Maynooth.

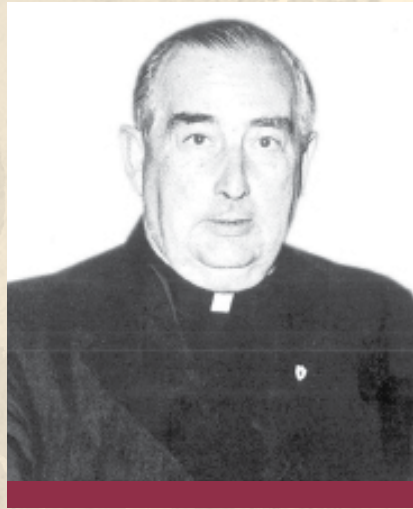
He served on the staff of Maynooth between 1889-1915 during which time he held the chair of Sacred Scripture and Oriental Languages (1889), chair of Hermeneutics and New Testament Exegesis (1905) and Vice-President (1912).

He was appointed Bishop of Down and Connor on 9 August, 1915, and ordained Bishop on 14 November, 1915. He was appointed Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland on 22 June 1928.

He was named a Cardinal on 12 December, 1929, and assigned the Titular Church of San Giovanni a Porta Latina. He died on 13 October 1945 and was buried in St Patrick's Cemetery, Armagh. His Episcopal motto was Fortis in Fide (Strong in Faith).



DEAN FRANCIS MACLARNON



Francis MacLarnon was born on 23 May 1916 in Coleraine, County Derry. After secondary education at St. Patrick's College Armagh (1929-33), he entered St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, as a student for the priesthood for the archdiocese of Armagh. He was ordained there on 23 June 1940. After ordination, Fr. MacLarnon pursued post-graduate studies in Maynooth at the Dunboyoine Institute and was awarded a licence in sacred theology (STL) and a doctorate in divinity (DD). Having completed post-graduate studies, Dr. MacLarnon was appointed Headmaster of St. Patrick's Boys' Academy, Dungannon, a post he held from 1942 until 1961 when he became Principal of the newly established St. Patrick's Boys' Secondary School, Dungannon. In January 1971 he was appointed Parish Priest of Drumcree (Portadown), and in June 1972 he was appointed a member of the Cathedral Chapter (Canon). Canon MacLarnon returned to Dungannon as Parish Priest in October 1978, when he was appointed Dean of the Cathedral Chapter and Vicar General of the Archdiocese. In January 1979, Dean MacLarnon became a Prelate of Honour of Holiness (Monsignor).

Upon the death of Cardinal Ó Fiaich in May 1990, Dean MacLarnon was elected as Diocesan Administrator, and was responsible for the administration of the archdiocese of Armagh until the appointment of Bishop Cathal B Daly of Down and Connor as Archbishop of Armagh later that year.

Dean MacLarnon remained as Parish Priest of Dungannon until his retirement on 10 October 1994, when he was appointed Chancellor of the archdiocese. He retained the office of Vicar General. Dean MacLarnon died on 28 July 2004.





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NIGHT OF CELEBRATION AT DANSKE BANK ULSTER SCHOOLS' ALL-STAR BANQUET

The 2017-2018 Danske Bank Ulster Schools' GAA All-Stars and winning senior captains were honoured in April 2018 at the annual All-Star Banquet in the Europa Hotel, Belfast. They were joined by their parents, families, friends, teachers and coaches to celebrate their success in hurling and football at senior level.

Since their inauguration in 1988, the Ulster Schools' All-Star Awards have represented the pinnacle of personal achievement for school hurlers and footballers throughout the nine counties of Ulster.

This was the 30th year of the Ulster Schools' All-Star Scheme. The successful recipients were selected following two trial games in football and hurling after being initially nominated by their own schools.

Mr. Tommy Rodgers (Ulster Schools' GAA) was MC on the night, giving a fluent overview of all the All-Stars' individual achievements.

Ulster Schools' Chairman, Jimmy Smyth got the formal proceedings underway. As the winning senior captains were called to the stage with their silverware, the Artane Band set the scene, playing a variety of music and entertaining all in attendance with their lively 'parade' in the Europa's Grand Ballroom.

Jimmy Smyth welcomed the guests on the evening including; Oonagh Murtagh (Head of South Business, Danske Bank), Colin Loughran (Action Mental Health), Dr. Martin Walsh and his son Brian, and representatives from Ulster Schools' Rugby and N.I. Schools' Football Association.

In his address, Jimmy Smyth thanked Danske Bank for their continued partnership and much needed sponsorship of Ulster Schools' GAA.

He went on to congratulate the All-Stars, the winning schools, thank the parents for their ongoing support and pay tribute to the dedicated teachers who give up so much free time to coach and develop the talents of our young people. The Ulster Schools' Chairman also thanked the Principals who continue to facilitate and support the games in their schedules within the schools;

"A sincere thank-you to our Principals for giving the games the prominence they deserve in our schools."

Special thanks were extended to the local clubs and their members throughout the Province;

"I wish to thank the local clubs for their facilities throughout the year. The Ulster Schools' Committee is very grateful for their generosity and for their members' time, especially those clubs with no affiliation or affinity to our schools."

Before concluding his address, Jimmy outlined the importance of the Competition Co-ordinators and Ulster Schools' Committee members and thanked them for their diligent organisation throughout seven months of the academic year.

Prior to the meal being served, Colin Loughran representing Action Mental Health, Danske Bank's charity partner, spoke with the guests and in particular the young people regarding the importance of looking after their mental health.

Colin emphasised the significance of supporting young people at a crucial time in their lives and how peer support was vital. He went on to say that young people must value their mental health just as much as their physical health and that they should never be afraid to ask for help and support.

Colin stated; *"We shouldn't undervalue the pride of belonging to the GAA. The sense of belonging is so important for our well-being. Value mental health the same way as you value your physical health."*

He concluded with some important words for our young students; *"Stay well, stay happy and enjoy! Reach out to your friends."*

Danske Bank's Oonagh Murtagh, addressing the guests described how the partnership and the All-Star Scheme are important to the Bank;

"We are a local bank with a strong local network, and we understand our role as a vital part of communities in Northern Ireland. The GAA is a grass roots organisation and it sits very well alongside our commitment in Danske Bank to developing and nurturing strong community relationships."

Commenting on the All-Star Awards she stated;

"the selection process is rigorous, competition is stiff. ... It is a scheme with such a distinguished pedigree and it is a fantastic way of rewarding those individuals with outstanding talent."

One of the special guests on the evening was Down's Dr. Martin Walsh, who captained the St. Colman's 1945 MacRory team and who has been involved with every Down All-Ireland winning team either as a selector or medic. He was honoured on the evening for his contribution to Ulster Schools' GAA and the GAA in general.

He congratulated and thanked Ulster Schools' GAA for their ongoing promotion of Gaelic Games throughout Ulster.

The former Down GAA medic congratulated the players on their achievements before concluding;

"I hope the ethos, the basis ethos of the GAA will never, ever, ever be lost, in spite of all the advancements that are happening at present."

Following the presentation of the All-Star trophies and the Artane band playing the respective County 'anthems', formal proceedings ended with a highlight video of Ulster Schools' hurling and football and concluding remarks from St. Mary's CBGS student and St. Gall's GAC player, Dubhaltach Wilson.

Thanks were also extended on the evening to; **Patrick Blake Group, Fermanagh, St. Malachy's College Traditional Group, O'Neill's Sportswear, Gerry May (J.C. May Jewellers), Aidan O'Rourke and QUB and Lowe Church, Belfast.**



ULSTER SCHOOLS' ALL-STARS 2018/2019 HURLING





ULSTER SCHOOLS' ALL-STARS 2018/2019 FOOTBALL







St. Ronan's College take maiden MacRory title

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP FINAL 2018 19 March 2018, Athletic Grounds, Armagh
St. Ronan's College, Lurgan 1-9 St. Mary's G.S. Magherafelt 1-7



The scenes at the final whistle at the Athletic Grounds showed just what it meant to St. Ronan's College, Lurgan to win a first ever Danske Bank MacRory Cup title.



In doing so they got the better of holders St. Mary's, Magherafelt who themselves had claimed a maiden success at this level 12 months ago and they become only the second side to win the MacCormack and MacRory titles in the one season.

The game got off to an explosive start with first time finalists St. Ronan's, Lurgan awarded a penalty after only 40 seconds following a foul on Eoin McConville. Oisín Smyth stepped up to expertly fire his spot kick past keeper Odhrán Lynch.

The same player then landed a quality point after good work from Rioghan Meehan before Liam Quinn opened the holders' account in the 6th minute after a sharp turn and quality finish. Impressive wing half back Conall Devlin then pointed via the post, as Magherafelt began to get on top. A second penalty in the game was awarded in the 24th minute when Devlin was fouled as he attempted to get his shot away, Daniel Bradley finishing into the bottom left hand corner of the net.

Adam Connolly was causing problems for the Lurgan defence and he lofted over a fine score to leave two between the sides. Eoin

McConville then got a much needed point for Lurgan from a free and when the same player intercepted the next kick out he promptly sent over the equaliser.

It was St. Mary's Magherafelt though who had the final say of a low scoring half, when centre forward Tiarnán

McAtteer cut in from the wing to point with his left to leave it 1-4 to 1-3 at the interval.

Lurgan were level in the first attack of the second half when man of the match Rioghan Meehan took a pass from Smyth to split the posts. A close in free from McConville then edged the winners in front, but Magherafelt responded straight away with a fabulous score from midfielder Jamie McCann.

In the 43rd minute, St. Ronan's almost got a second goal, but a first time shot from substitute Josh Megoran saw Magherafelt captain and keeper, Odhrán Lynch dive full length to pull off an outstanding save.

At the end of the third quarter, St. Ronan's had their noses in front again, thanks to another fine strike from the impressive Meehan. Magherafelt though, weren't going to give up their title



without a fight and a strong run from Cormac Murphy finished with him off-loading for Bradley to level matters.

With a dozen minutes left to play however, St. Ronan's took a lead that they were never to lose when Jack Lenehan and Leo Monteiro combined for Meehan to kick his third point of the half.

St. Ronan's were growing in confidence and when substitute, Marc McAfee pointed with the outside of his boot from the right

wing, the scoreboard read 1-8 to 1-6 and eight minutes left on the clock.

St. Mary's though were far from finished with attacking half back Devlin landing another beauty from distance to cut the gap to the minimum again with four minutes left to play.

Both sides missed chances, but crucially St. Ronan's looked to have that wee bit more hunger when it mattered most in the closing straight. Two minutes into injury time a fourth McConville point, from a free, gave them a little more breathing space.

It was going to take a goal now to save Magherafelt's title and in a frantic finish they won three 45s in a row, but St. Ronan's soaked up the pressure to hold on and take the coveted silverware.

REFEREE: P Faloon, Down



St. Ronan's College, Lurgan

L. Mulholland, E. McCluskey, A. Mulholland, J. Haddock, A. McCreanor, J. Lamont, J. Haughey, J. Lenehan, T. Kelly, O. Smyth (1-1), A. Loughran, R. Meehan (0-3), R. McConville, L. Monteiro, E. McConville (0-4, 3 free).

Subs: J. Megoran for R. McConville, M. McAfee (0-1) for L. Monteiro

St. Mary's GS, Magherafelt

O. Lynch, C. Doyle, G. Lupari, L. McElhone, J. Crawford, S. McErlain, C. Devlin (0-2), J. McErlain, J. McCann (0-1), A. Connolly (0-1), T. McAteer (0-1), R. Keenan, L. Quinn (0-1), C. Murphy, D. Bradley (1-1)

Subs: A. McCluskey for R. Keenan, D McAteer for J. McCann, C O'Neill for D. Bradley, R Hughes for A. Connolly



MACRORY CUP FINAL 2009

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon: 2-7 Omagh CBS: 1-9 | Omagh, 18 March 2009



St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon MacRory Cup Champions 2009. Back row (l-r): Conor Gribben, Liam Gervin, Darren O'Rourke, Shane Lyons, Dan Toner, Adam Mallon, John Grimley, Matthew McSwiggan, Daniel Mullen, Conor McAliskey, Ross McShea, Keelan McCloskey; middle row (l-r): Dwayne Quinn, Colm McFall, James McKeever, Jarlath O'Hagan, Dermot Thornton, Niall Morgan, Ronan Lappin, Niall McKenna, Gavin Teague, Gregory Jordan, Aidan Forke, Michael Devlin, Cormac Convery, Ryan McElhatten; front row (l-r): Rhyss Murty, Stephen Small, Kiefer Morgan, Shea McGarrity, Conor McCann, Mr. Ciaran Gourley, David Lavery, Mrs. Margaret Connolly (Principal), Ciaran Gervin, Mr. Peter Herron, David Walsh, Oisín McNia, Brian Kelly, Ronan Quinn. Absent from photograph: Peter Muldoon, John Loughran, Niall McAlinden, Conan Quinn. (Courtesy Peter Herron)



St. Pat's Academy retain MacRory Cup

Wednesday 18th March 2009

Goals from Niall McKenna and Dermot Thornton helped Dungannon come back from seven points down to retain their MacRory Cup title in the first ever all-Tyrone final.

Peter Harte, Omagh's only survivor from the 2007 MacRory Cup triumph, blasted home a superb 12th minute goal, hitting the roof of Niall Morgan's net to cap a flowing move involving Brian McGarvey, Declan Connolly and Ronan O'Neill.

Wing-back Stephen McCrory, Harte and Hicks had already floated over points to establish CBS supremacy, with Dungannon failing to build on an early Kiefer Morgan point.

Omagh opened up a seven points lead, thanks to some superb points from Harte and Colm Hicks, but McKenna, who had

been drifting between midfield and full forward, collected a long delivery from Dermot Thornton to finish superbly to the net, placing his shot inside the far post with immaculate precision.

After dominating the opening half-hour, Omagh went in at the break with a flimsy three points lead, 1-6 to 1-3.

Dungannon started the second half with purpose, and when McKenna was fouled by Stephen Mullan as he bore down on goal, Thornton drilled home the 39th minute penalty to give them the lead.

Ciaran Gervin's strong running was now causing immense problems for a hard-pressed Omagh defence and he floated over two scores to press home the advantage.

But Harte did convert a free to narrow the gap to just two points with four minutes to play, before Conan Grugan left just a point between the sides. But time ran out for the 2007 winners, and the reigning champions were crowned again.

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon

Scorers: D. Thornton (1-1, 1-0 penalty), N. McKenna (1-0), K. Morgan (0-3, 1 free) C. Gervin (0-2), L. Gervin (0-1).

Omagh CBS Scorers: P. Harte (1-4, 1 free), R. Lynch (0-2), C. Grugan, C. Hicks, S. McCrory (0-1 each)

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon: N. Morgan, P. Muldoon, B. Kelly, J. Grimley, S. McGarrity, G. Teague, D. Toner, D. Lavery, J. Loughran, S. Small, C. Gervin, L. Gervin, K. Morgan, N. McKenna, D. Thornton **Sub:** D. Quinn for S. McGarrity

Omagh CBS: R. McAnenly, D. Connolly, S. Warnock, F. McQuaid, S. McCrory, A. O'Donnell, S. Mullan, C. Grugan, S. Harper, P. Harte, R. O'Neill, B. McGarvey, J. Donnelly, C. Hicks, R. Lynch **Subs:** K. McCullagh for J. Donnelly, T. Canavan for S. Harper

REFEREE: J White (Donegal)



MACRORY CUP FINAL 1999

St. Michael's Enniskillen: **4-11** St. Colman's, Newry: **0-12** | Casement Park, 18 March 1999

Bradley's brace brings Enniskillen deserved MacRory Cup triumph.

The Irish News, Saturday 18th March 1999

The margin of victory was predicted by no-one. Perhaps an 11-point margin was a mite flattering to St. Michael's, Enniskillen. But no one could deny the winners their day of glory in the Casement Park sun. St. Michael's played with a style which the tactics and mores of modern day intercountry football could never hope to reproduce.

Two moments stand out from a second half performance laden with brilliance. The visionary pass from Gary Maguire in the 41st minute which cut an incision in the St. Colman's defence which his captain gratefully filled by hammering St. Michael's third goal. Then Shane McCabe's equally stunning ball five minutes later which set up John O'Flanagan for Enniskillen's fourth and final goal.

By the end, St. Michael's lead was so comfortable that it was hard to credit how close the contest had been in the first half. The Fermanagh school started well with Paul Melanaphy, the brilliant full-forward Colm Bradley and Fergal Donnelly all pointing in the opening three minutes to immediately put daylight between the teams.

However, Colman's, thanks largely to some midfield magnificence from Liam Doyle, fought back to dominate a 10-minute period midway through the opening period. The holders could even have gone ahead in the sixth minute had Enniskillen full-back Barry Owens not shown bravery to throw himself to block a certain goal from Cormac Byrne. The challenge prevented a goal, but Owens had to leave the fray injured almost immediately.

By the 18th minute, St. Michael's lead had been trimmed to 0-6 to 0-5 and if anything, St. Colman's with Doyle sparking, looked capable of overpowering the opposition.



St. Michael's, Enniskillen MacRory Cup winners, 1999. Back row (l-r): Patrick O'Flanagan, Barry Owens, Niall McGovern, Colm Monahan, Darren Lunney, Ciaran Boyle, Martin McGrath, Karlo Rooney, Paul Gunn, Damien Meehan; middle row (l-r): Mr. Dominic Corrigan, Shane McCabe, Paul McGovern, Dermot Curran, Colm Moane, Niall Cunningham, Dermot McKeogh, Barry Rice, Gary Maguire, Fergal Donnelly, Joseph McGovern, Mr. Peter McGinnity; front row (l-r): Niall Keenan, Colm Bradley, Gavin McManus, Paul Melanaphy, Rev. Patrick MacEntee, Ciaran Smyth capt., Declan McGovern, Fergal Sherry, Kevin McCaughey. (Courtesy St. Michael's Enniskillen)

However, the St. Michael's defence held firm despite several close shaves. Corner-back, Gavin McManus made a vital intervention in the 20th minute to fist a dangerous ball to safety. Within 20 seconds, the siege of St. Michael's had been lifted with the overlapping Ciaran Boyle pointing at the other end in a score which must have demoralised St. Colman's after their period of relatively fruitless dominance. Boyle repeated the dose four minutes later to put Enniskillen two points ahead.

Then came probably the decisive moment of the match. A long-ball from midfield, was spilled by the Colman's defence. Melanaphy seemed to have missed his chance when electing to pick up the ball instead of letting fly from the ground. However, Melanaphy fed Bradley and the full-forward contorted himself to swing a left footed shot to the net from 12 yards. Bradley rubbed further salt into the Colman's wound with another glorious point from a free right on half-time.

The assault on the Colman's defence continued unabated after the interval. After winning a free, Niall Keenan released Bradley with a glorious ball and, although, he almost had too much time, the full-forward made no mistake with his one-

on-one against Peter Cunningham. Seven minutes later, came the moment of the match with Maguire's gorgeous pass to set up skipper Smith's goal. McCabe almost outdid Maguire with his superb ball over the top in the 45th minute which picked out O'Flanagan who made no mistake for the fourth three-pointer. The final 15 minutes were a virtual lap of honour for Enniskillen. To their credit, St. Colman's kept battling with Doyle and Fegan both eventually claiming four points totals.

St. Michael's, Enniskillen: D. McKeogh, C. Smith (1-0), B. Owens, G. McManus, F. Donnelly (0-1), N. Keenan, C. Moane, M. McGrath (0-1), C. Boyle (0-2), G. Maguire, C. Monaghan, P. O Flanagan (0-1), S. McCabe (0-1), C. Bradley (2-4), P. Melanaphy (0-2)
Sub: K. McCaughey for B. Owens (10 mins)

St. Colman's, Newry: P. Cunningham, N. Doyle, C. Murtagh, N. Byrne, D. Murphy, B. Kearney, P. McGivern, D. McGovern, L. Doyle (0-4), P. Hynes, G. Digney (0-2), S. Allen (0-1), J. Cowan (0-1), A. Fegan (0-4), C. Byrne
Subs: A. Grant for D. McGovern (37 min), Robert Carragher for A. Grant (58 min) H. Davey



MACRORY CUP FINAL 1989

St. Patrick's, Maghera: 4-11 St. Colman's, Newry: 4-9 | Coalisland, 18 March 1989



St. Patrick's Maghera, MacRory and Hogan Cup winners 1989. Back row (l-r): Brian McElhennon, Noel Kearney, Dermot Dougan, Eamon Burns, Anthony Tohill, Brian McCormick, Declan Bradley, Philip McEldowney; middle row (l-r): Ryan Murphy, Gregory Simpson, Barry McGonigle, Damian Heaveran, Ciaran O'Connell, John Murtagh, Hugh Mullan, Paddy McAllister, John Diamond, Philip McGuigan, Martin McGonigle; front row (l-r): Mr Adrian McGuckin, Paddy McEldowney, Peter Friel, Eunan O'Kane, Karl Diamond, Terry Bradley, Roddy Skelly, Joe McCullagh, Dermot O'Neill, Seamus Mulholland, Fr. R. Devine. (Courtesy Martin McConnell)

St. Pat's Day is so good as Maghera 'pinch' big trophy

The Irish News, Saturday 18th March 1989

"The finest exhibition of Gaelic football it has been my privilege to see in 50 years watching the game" was how Bro. Ennis, Chairman of the Ulster Colleges' Board described yesterday's MacRory cup final and no one lucky enough to be in Coalisland to see this game would disagree with that sentiment.

Eight goals and 19 points, all but three of which were from play, helped to make this a game which simply oozed class and while Maghera must be applauded for the achievement, a word of commiseration has to go to the St. Colman's side who contributed fully to a great match.

From the start, all out attack was the order of the day with St. Colman's racing into a 0-6 to 0-1 lead, before Maghera pegged them back to 0-6 to 0-3.

Then the fireworks really started and the sides hit five goals between them in a 4½ minute spell. James McCartan, bidding for a shot at an unprecedented third Hogan Cup medal, seemed to have ended the contest when he fired home two great goals inside a minute to put Newry nine points clear.

In the next three minutes, the sides exchanged three further goals with Tohill and O'Kane finding the net for Maghera while Connolly replied for Newry. At the break there were five points between the sides.

During the interval the crowd wondered if the sides could keep up the terrific pace, but they needn't have worried as in the second half things got even better.

After just 25 seconds Gareth McCaugherty stretched the St. Colman's lead with a point, but then in the fifth minute Karl Diamond lived up to his name by notching a gem of a goal as he dived full length to punch home an O'Kane centre.

Points from O'Kane and Murphy brought the sides level, as the holders pulled clear and once again it was that man McCartan who did the damage as he blasted home a third fabulous goal.

This amazing game was not over yet though and there was no stopping Maghera as Diamond shot in his side's fourth goal in the 22nd minute and two points from Eamon Burns brought them level.

In the final minute, Burns put his side in front for the very first time in the game with another point.

With time running out, St. Colman's made one last effort to save the day, but Michael Hall's shot hit the post to leave Maghera celebrating a famous victory in a truly memorable game.

St. Colman's, Newry: E. Connolly (1-1), B. Clarke, B. Hynes, B. Grant, P. Casey, P. Tinnelly, M. McEvoy, J. French (0-2), E. McKay G. McCaugherty (0-2), P. O'Hare (0-1), B. Connolly, M. Hall (0-2), J. McCartan (3-1), M. Morgan

St. Patrick's, Maghera: B McGonigle, G Simpson, P McAllister, D O'Neill, D Heaver, T Bradley, S Mulholland, R Skelly (0-1), J McCullough (0-1), E Burns (0-3), B McCormick (0-3), K Diamond (2-1), B Murphy (1-1), A Tohill (1-0), E O'Kane (0-1)





MACRORY CUP FINAL 1979

St. Colman's, Newry: **0-7** St. Patrick's, Maghera: **0-5** | Casement Park, 12 March 1979

More MacRory Cup success for St. Colman's

The Irish News, Monday 12th March 1979

Playing some delightful and purposeful football against the breeze in the second half saw St. Colman's College (Newry) retain the MacRory Cup at wind-swept Casement Park yesterday.

But a great third quarter saw the champions produce their best football of the hour and four points in that period were the deciding ones in a game that, while it produced some good football under the circumstances, fell short of the expected fare.

The Maghera side employed the correct tactics against the breeze in the opening half, playing with sense and purpose. Centre half back, Pat Hagan drove the ball hard and low into the wind and winger Paddy Mackle looked to be their real danger man. The use of this low drop kick pegged the St. Colman's boys back on their heels and rarely did they manage a reasonable well organised movement or build up.

Just as convincing

But Colman's found it hard going with the breeze, so St. Patrick's did in the second period and the well organised Newry defence was just as convincing when it was their turn to defend.

As both sets of supporters urged on their side, the excitement mounted in the second half. Every kick and pass was cheered to the full and when the final whistle sounded the scenes were as is always the case with MacRory Cup finals, one of back slapping and smiles. St. Colman's, with the breeze behind them, were a point ahead after only 30 seconds play, when Paul Skelton, one of the stars of the game, pointed a free. This early score suggested that the holders would pile on the scores and build up a reasonable lead with the wind behind them.

But instead, the football began to flow, the St. Patrick's boys as they surged forward hunted in packs, and threw the ball around. Using the low kick, they kept Colman's back



St. Colman's three-in-row MacRory-winning panel, 1979. Back row (l-r): Paul Walsh, Paddy Maginn, Greg Blaney, Damien Leonard, Seamus McArdle; middle-row (l-r): Gerard Dillon, Eugene McNulty, Stephen French, Declan Strain, Edward Gallagher, Pat O'Neill, Donard King, Martin Patterson, Peter Convery; front row (l-r): Paul Hazzard, John O'Hagan, Frank McClorey, Peter Donnan capt., Seamus Carr, Paul Skelton, Martin Rodgers. (Courtesy St. Colman's)

in defence and one shot from St. Patrick's, Mick McGuickan came back off the crossbar after eight minutes.

Save of the match

However, St. Colman's were always seeking an opportunity to break and they hit back with a lightening movement and saw the save of the game from Maghera keeper, Colin McKenna from a point blank shot by Seamus Carr. Scores were hard to come by and it was no surprise when St. Patrick's equalised through Mick McGuckin. St. Colman's were forced to defend stubbornly and keeper, Edward Gallagher pulled off a great save from Paul McKenna after 20 minutes. Five minutes from half time, Paul Walsh regained the lead for St. Colman's when he sent over the bar, but almost immediately Peter McCloskey replied at the other end. St. Colman's roving full forward, Frank McClorey worked his way through for a point to give his team a slender one point lead at half time.

Different approach

It looked a very slender lead with which to turn around and face the breeze in the second half, but whatever Ray Morgan said to his team at half time saw a different approach to their game in the second half. From a position of what seemed obvious strength, St. Patrick's now found themselves hustled and bustling by the Newry boys, and the play of the Maghera boys become

scrappy. St. Colman's, with Greg Blaney at midfield showing great form, dictated the play and with 13 minutes remaining they had eased themselves into a five point lead. Right after half time, St. Colman's began their onslaught and within ten minutes they had points from Paul Skelton, Greg Blaney, Paul Walsh and Skelton again. At this stage they looked completely in control.

St. Pat's too eager

In their efforts to get back into the game St. Patrick's became too eager and they missed several chances through hasty shooting. Seven minutes from the end St. Patrick's talented mid-fielder, Eugene Murphy, who had to retire later with a shoulder injury, lobbed over a point and believe it or not this was the Maghera boys first score for some 25 minutes. In the dying minutes, St. Patrick's staged a terrific rally, but their only reward were points by McKiernan and Paddy Mackle. In between these scores, St. Colman's in another breakaway almost got through for a goal and it took a goal line clearance by full back, Liam McEhinney, who cleared a cleverly taken low free kick by Paul Skelton. Edward Gallagher was outstanding in the St. Colman's goal with that excellent second half save the highlight of a great display. Pat Maginn at full back was always in control and was ably assisted in a closely knit defence by Peter Donnan, John O'Hagan and Paul Skelton.

Blaney Stars

Grey Blaney at midfield stood out like a beacon and in the second half played his heart out ably assisted by Declan Strain, Frank McClorey at full forward caused many problems with his roving and his speed off the mark while Seamus Carr and Paul Walsh also showed up well. Colin McKenna in goal was the star of the St. Patrick's side with several good saves, while Liam McEhinney, Paddy Mackle, Joe Boardman and Paddy Hagan starred in defence. Eugene Murphy starred at midfield and his retirement, although late in the game, stifled their late rally. In attack, Paul McKiernan, Peter McCloskey and Tom Cassidy worked hard but with little results.





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EXCITEMENT AT THE LAUNCH OF 2018-2019 DANESKE BANK ULSTER SCHOOLS' ALL-STARS



The 2018-2019 Danske Bank Ulster Schools' Hurling and Football All-Stars were announced at a Press Conference in December at Malone House, Belfast. The All-Stars are known as the 2018/2019 Danske Bank Ulster Schools' All-Stars and this is the 31st year of the prestigious All-Star Scheme. The All-Star team announcement continues to be one of the highlights of the year. The scheme rewards excellence in skill and in sportsmanship throughout the year.

There were some interesting facts outlined by Tommy Rodgers from Ulster Schools' GAA at the launch event.

For the first time ever the All-Star team comes from 15 different schools, although both Naoise Ó Mianáin (Lumen Christi) and Michael Conroy (St. Patrick's Academy) started their school football careers in other schools to the ones they now represent. Three schools are winning their very first All-star awards; Matthew Murnaghan (Drumragh), Brendan McKey (St. Malachy's, Castlewellan) and Ben McCarron (Lumen Christi).

Matthew Murnaghan is the first ever

player from the Integrated sector to win an Ulster Schools' All-Star. Two years ago he helped Drumragh Integrated College in Omagh break the mould by winning the Danske Bank J.J. Reilly Cup.

Six of the nine counties are represented in the team; Donegal, Antrim and Cavan miss out, while there are six for Tyrone, two each for Down, Derry, Armagh and Monaghan and one for Fermanagh.

The six Tyrone players all played in the 2017 team that won the inaugural Under-17 Ulster and All-Ireland championship. At the time of announcement, only eight of the team had hopes of winning the 2019 MacRory Cup, while three more still had

an 'interest' in the MacLarnon Cup and a further two (Naoise Ó Mianáin and Joseph Oguz) hoped to land the Markey Cup.

Michael Conroy was the inaugural winner of the Danske Bank Player of the Month Award for his MacRory Cup exploits in October 2018.

Apart from his sporting achievements Naoise Ó Mianáin has appeared on screen, having a main part in the 2014 Northern Ireland Screen production; A Short Film About Fear. Patrick Brooks also excels in Track Athletics and Cross Country and has won two All-Ireland Cross Country medals. Ronan Grimes and Robbie Hanratty are Monaghan minors who won the Ulster



league and championship double in 2018. Mark Hayes is an accomplished Basketball player with 8 full Irish caps and 12 more with Northern Ireland.

In overall terms, there is no change in the top places of the leader-board for awards won over the past 31 years. St.

Ballymena have four players in the line-up, two each from the Loughgiel and Dunloy clubs. This is the largest representation from a single school in the team.

St. Mary's Belfast have two players named in the team, Cormac McGettigan in defence and Aaron Bradley in attack. This brings

Belfast to make the team, the other was midfielder Colm McGowan 15 years ago. Leo Passmore is the first player from Loreto College, Coleraine to make the team, since Derry dual player Sean Leo McGoldrick picked up his second hurling All-Star in 2006.



Patrick's, Maghera are still ahead of Abbey CBS with 55 football awards over that period.

In Hurling, An Dún defeated St. Patrick's, Maghera in the Danske Bank Mageean Cup final in November by 5-13 to 1-10. St Patrick's Maghera have only one player, Fintan Bradley, in the All-Star line-up, while An Dún have two, half-back, Ciaran Watson and midfielder, Tim Prenter, both students in St. Patrick's, Downpatrick .

Tim Prenter is the only player collecting a second All-Star award. He was at centre-forward in last year's team and is at centre-half back in this year's, the last player to achieve this particular double was Christopher McGuinness in 2009 and 2010.

Eoghan Cassidy is the first hurler from St. Columb's College, Derry to win an All-Star, there have been 6 football All-Stars from St Columb's.

Anton McGrath has collected a county senior medal with his club, Dunloy. St. Louis



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their total over the 32 years of the scheme to 89, which is 9 more than second placed St. Patrick's, Maghera.

There are 11 different schools represented in the selection. Niall O'Connor is just the second player from St. Malachy's College,

9 of the 15 players come from Antrim clubs, with three from Derry clubs, two from the Mageean Cup winning An Dún team and Fionntán Donnelly from Keady and Armagh completes the list.

Jimmy Smyth, Chairman of the Ulster Schools' Committee, congratulated the recipients at the launch reception and remarked:

"These awards recognise and reward these talented players' their skill, commitment, discipline and endeavour on the field of play."

"The lads have gone through a tough selection process and can be proud of their selection in such an elite team."

Following the announcement in December of the Danske Bank Ulster Schools' Hurling and Football All-Stars Teams, the successful players will receive their awards at a gala banquet in the Europa Hotel, Belfast on Friday 12th April 2019 with the Artane Band providing the entertainment on the evening.







DANSKE BANK SENIOR CUP DRAWS 2018-2019

The Ulster Schools' Senior Cup knock-out draws were completed prior to Christmas in Malone House, Belfast at a reception hosted by sponsors Danske Bank. Coaches and players gathered in anticipation of the fixtures that would take place at the beginning of Term 2.



Following the draws, it was clear that if first time champions and 2018 MacRory Cup champions, St. Ronan's Lurgan wanted to progress to the latter stages of the 2019 Danske Bank MacRory Cup competition, then they would have to travel a similar path to last season. Team coach, David Wilson discovered that after the draw, his team was lined up to play St. Patrick's Armagh in a quarter-final, should they defeat Patrician High School, Carrickmacross in a play-off at the end of January 2019. Last year they survived a 0-14 to 1-10 battle of wits with Carrickmacross in the quarter-final and then edged out St. Patrick's Armagh in a derby semi-final in the Athletic Grounds.

David commented; "Look, no matter who came out with us and Carrickmacross in the quarter-finals, it will be a tough game. We have a lot of work still to do to get to that stage." I would be confident enough that our boys will not be looking at a game against St. Patrick's Armagh yet; Patrician pushed us so close last year and we could easily have been gone that night in Castleblayney."

"Last year we had qualified for the quarter-finals before Christmas and we could go along and watch the knock-out game knowing that we were playing the winner. This year the shoe is on the other foot and Mark Harte and the St. Patrick's Armagh boys can size us up in advance."

But David, who has been taking teams in the MacRory and MacLarnon Cups for two decades was acutely aware that there are no certainties in the MacRory.

"This time last year everyone was wary of Maghera, they were everyone's tip for the title. They struggled with Enniskillen before exiting to St. Mary's Magherafelt, whom we beat in the final. So in reality, no one can look beyond the next 60 minutes of football they have in the competition."

Abbey CBS knocked out last year's finalists St. Mary's Magherafelt in December to set up a game with St. Macartan's Monaghan. The winner from that will play another team from the Clogher diocese in the quarter-final, St. Michael's Enniskillen.

The other Newry school, St. Colman's College, will play Holy Trinity

College, Cookstown with the winner facing Omagh CBS, while the quarter-final opponents for St. Patrick's Academy or St. Eunan's Letterkenny will be St. Patrick's College, Maghera. Wilson is adamant that the standard in this year's competition has been very high.

"Most years you are looking at three maybe four teams that could go all the way. I'm looking at the games left there, and seven, maybe eight teams have that potential this year and even then, any of them could lose to the other four or five."

As team managers reviewed the draw, everyone was talking about St. Patrick's Maghera because they won the Rannafast Cup two years ago playing awesome football. They played well in their three group games, despite a delayed start due to Mageean Cup hurling.

"We probably haven't seen the best of them yet. Same with Carrickmacross with the Monaghan minor final impacting on their preparations, Omagh, Enniskillen Look there are so many teams in there with huge potential."

The draw for the quarter-finals of the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup also took place at the reception in Malone House, although one remaining place had still to be filled. Our Lady and St. Patrick's Knock play-off with St Pius X Magherafelt to sort out a quarter-final opponent for Cathair Dhoire, the team coming from the amalgamation of the schools in Derry City.

Elsewhere, the draw paired St Malachy's Castlewellan and St Patrick's Downpatrick in an east Down derby, while St. Patrick's Keady were drawn against the Inis Eoghain amalgamation that fell in the semi-finals last year.

The last of the quarter-final draws witnessed a repeat of a semi-final from 2017 when Castleblayney defeated St. Louis Ballymena. All quarter-final games were arranged for the week ending Saturday 2nd February.

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINAL PLAY-OFF

Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock v St. Pius X College, Magherafelt

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Cathair Dhoire v Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock /St. Pius X College, Magherafelt

Our Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney v St. Louis Grammar School, Ballymena

Scoileanna Inis Eoghain v St. Patrick's High School, Keady

St. Malachy's High School, Castlewellan v St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER FINAL (PLAY-OFFS)

(A) St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny v St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon

(B) St. Colman's College, Newry v Holy Trinity College, Cookstown

(C) St. Ronan's College, Lurgan v Patrician High School, Carrickmacross

(D) St. Macartan's College, Monaghan v Abbey CBS, Newry

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER-FINALS

Omagh CBS v (D)

St Patrick's College, Maghera v (A)

St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh v (C)

St. Michael's College, Enniskillen v (D)



St. Pat's Maghera first into MacRory semis

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER FINAL

6 February 2019 at the Loup



St. Patrick's College, Maghera: **1-10** St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon **0-4**

St. Patrick's College, Maghera became the first team through to the Danske Bank MacRory Cup semi-final after a confident performance under flood lights in the Loup.

The south Derry team was sharper in their movement both on and off the ball and secured their passage to the last four with a 32nd minute goal from Alec Doherty after good work from Conleth McGuckian. That score put Maghera into a 1-5 to 0-2 lead and the Academy were as good as gone with only Ronan McHugh causing any kind of bother up front.

In fact Dungannon went 22 minutes of the second half, before adding to their first half total, Neil Kilpatrick lifting over his second free. Although Ryan McCabe quickly added a good score from 35m, it still left them 1-8 to 0-4 adrift and Maghera regained their composure for Daithí McLaughlin and Alec Doherty to complete the scoring.

Conleth McGuckian opened the scoring with a point after 90 seconds, Maghera able to run through three phases before they found the opening.

By the 10th minute Alec Doherty, Enda Downey and Fintan Bradley had opened up 0-4 to 0-1 lead with Ronan McHugh making a good run to point for the Academy.

Although there were no further scores until Ethan Doherty found Enda Downey in space in the 21st minute and the Academy had shot a couple of poor wides, there was never a sense that the Tyrone school could pull off a shock.

After Doherty's goal to open the second half scoring, there followed a few excellent points for Maghera, McLaughlin, McHugh, Downey and substitute, Have involved in speedy moves on the left wing.

In the end it was a tame enough exit from the Academy with only their defence coming out of the game with much credit, while Maghera, who played without injured captain, Conleth McShane, will find tougher challenges ahead of them.



St. Patrick's College, Maghera: C. Convery, R. McFaul, A. McGuckian, P. McLaughlin, E. Mulholland, C. Milne, O. Downey, T. McHugh, P. Shivers, E. Doherty, F. Bradley (0-2), D. McLaughlin (0-2), C. McGuckian (0-1), A. Doherty (1-3, 0-1 free), E. Downey (0-2) **Subs:** E. Hawe for C. McGuckian (37 min), P.J. McAleese for E. Downey (58 min)

St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon: L. Quinn, C. Begley, M. McCusker, S. McGeary, L. Kilpatrick, C. Devlin, O. McHugh, M. O'Neill, R. Duffin, T. McCormack, N. Kilpatrick (0-2 free), O. McGee, S. Daly, R. McHugh (0-1), R. McCabe (0-1) **Subs:** S. Donnelly for O. McGee (42 min), L. Donnelly for S. Daly (47 min black card), L. Ferguson for R. McHugh (49 min), N. McMurray for M. O'Neill (55 min), L. Conlon for S. McGeary (59 min)

REFEREE: Paul Faloon (Down)



Enniskillen happy with one point win

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER FINAL

9 February 2019 at St. Tiernachs Park, Clones



St. Michael's College, Enniskillen: **0-13** Abbey CBS, Newry: **1-9**

St. Michael's, Enniskillen defeated Abbey CBS in their group game in Clones in November by a whopping 4-14 to 0-8, but at the same venue for the second MacRory Cup quarter-final, Dominic Corrigan was happy enough to see his side through to the semi-finals by a margin of a single point.

“**A**bbey really put it up to us from the start with that (Eoin Carr) goal after four minutes and there were a couple of times during the second half we got four clear of them and they still came back at us.”

“Indeed they could well have snatched a draw and I don't think too many would have begrudged them it either.”

“From our point of view we are happy enough to get through. Championship football is about getting through to the next stage. We found it tough today and we worked very hard to get past them.”

It was indeed a tough afternoon for the Kinawley man and his charges. Despite opening with a fine point from Ronan McHugh after 45 seconds, they were rocked by a goal in the 4th minute when Eoin Carr stabbed home a ball that John McGovern fumbled into his path.

It took 16 minutes before Mícheál Glynn posted a free that put St. Michael's on parity at 1-1 to 0-4 and, after John McGovern and Glynn had traded points, Caolán Duffy picked off a neat point to give the Erne lads a 0-6 to 1-2 interval lead.

The teams had two points each during the opening ten minutes of the second half, before St. Michael's opened a significant gap with two quick scores from Conor Love and a free from Darragh McBrien. However Abbey responded with four pointed frees, three for substitute, Niall Toner and the other from a Jamie



Martin 45 as time closed in on the game.

Garrett Cavanagh then got up to support the Enniskillen attack, but seemed to have run out of space on the left wing before

improvising and hooking over a point.

With Glynn adding a free, St. Michael's had survived and not even a fifth free from Toner could rescue Abbey.

St. Michael's College, Enniskillen: S. McNally, D. McBrien (0-2, 0-1 free), G. Cavanagh (0-1), J. Horan, A. Ó Catháin, J. Largo-Ellis, R. McHugh (0-1), B. Horan (0-1), J. McDade, C. Duffy (0-1), M. Glynn (0-5 frees), G. Quigley, P. McKervery, C. Love (0-2), T. Keenan **Subs:** C. Flanagan for T. Keenan (36 min), L. McCusker for G. Quigley (41 min), G. Treacy for P. McKervery (45 min), A. Tierney for R. McHugh (54 min)

Abbey CBS, Newry: D. Sheridan, P. Martin, F. Vallely, E. Murdock, J. Lynch, R. Magill, E. Carr (1-1, 0-1 free), J. Martin (0-1 free), R. Mulholland, P. McPolin, S. Campbell, P. Loughran, D. Kelly, T. Hamill, J. McGovern (0-2) **Subs:** M. O'Shea for D. Kelly (26 min), N. Toner (0-5 frees) for P. Loughran (ht), R. McCarthy for S. Campbell (36 min), D. Malley for J. Lynch (44 min), U. Ó Coigligh for E. Murdock (57 min)

REFEREE: Niall McKenna (Tyrone)



Omagh CBS are through despite late scare

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER FINAL

9th February 2019 at Scotstown, Monaghan



St. Colman's College, Newry: **1-7** Omagh CBS: **0-14**

When Eamon Brown punched a high ball from Ryan Cunningham to the Omagh net at the start of injury-time, it gave St. Colman's College, Newry a life-line they hardly deserved in this Danske Bank MacRory Cup quarter-final in Scotstown.

Outplayed for almost the entire game by a competent all round Omagh performance, in which nine different players got on to the score-card, the Newry side struggled to build any decent attacks, yet here they were two points in arrears with three minutes of injury-time indicated.

But Omagh held their composure - and possession - to work the ball up the field and Daniel Fullerton picked off a fine score from 40 metres. From the kick-out Omagh won possession and a free that Liam Gray pointed to confirm his side's passage to the semi-finals.

It was the least Omagh deserved after dominating a game that was played in tough conditions, the rain and the cold making life difficult for the players.

The west Tyrone side went three points up (two from Aaron Montgomery and a Liam Gray free) before Patsy Finnegan opened St. Colman's account in the 13th minute.

Fullerton and Aodhán McConnell swapped points with Andrew Gilmore and a Brown free, but Omagh finished strongly with points from Mark Hayes, Lorcan McBride and Cathal Colton to lead by 0-8 to 0-3 at the break.

Gray pointed a free on the re-start, but Finnegan and Brown responded. Both midfielder Lorcan McBride and full-forward Mark Hayes were having good outings for Omagh and the pair combined in the 41st minute for Hayes to fist a point which was followed by a huge point from the other midfielder Eoin Montgomery.



There were a couple of incisive runs from Newry forwards, but goalie Oran Grimes got down well on two occasions and his defence rallied around him as the game

seemed to be drawing to a close. Brown's fisted goal roused player and spectators alike, but it was Omagh who were more alert and able to close the deal.

Omagh CBS: O. Grimes, C. McBride, R. Hollywood, T. Donaghy (0-1), R. Kennedy, A. Fox, C. Colton (0-1), L. McBride (0-1), E. Montgomery (0-1), A. Montgomery (0-2), L. Gray (0-3 frees), S. McDonagh, D. Fullerton (0-2), M. Hayes (0-2), A. McConnell (0-1) **Subs:** S. Garrity for S. McDonagh (47 min), B. Conway for A. Fox (58 min)

St. Colman's College, Newry: C. Smyth, R. French, P. McGrane, D. McCarthy, C. Billham, D. Fegan, P. Brooks, T. Close (0-1 free), R. Cunningham, D. Magill (0-1), P. Finnegan (0-2), D. Studdard, A. Crimmins, E. Brown (1-2, 0-2 frees), A. Gilmore (0-1) **Subs:** C. McLoughlin for A. Crimmins (44 min), P. Clancy for C. Billham (47 min), S. O'Hare for D. Studdard (56 min)

REFEREE: Barry Cassidy (Derry)



Armagh knock holders out of MacRory

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP QUARTER FINAL 9th February 2019 at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh

St. Ronan's College, Lurgan: 2-6 St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh: 2-8

When a team doesn't raise a flag of any type for the entire first half, they don't expect to hold on to their title and even a dramatic second half comeback couldn't save holders St. Ronan's from crashing out of the Danske Bank MacRory Cup before a large crowd assembled in the Athletic Grounds for the last quarter-final game.

St. Patrick's Armagh avenged last year's injury-time defeat in the semi-final by giving the holders a huge task at the break and Michael Conroy was key to their first half total of 2-3.

The Moy club man scored 1-3, although he was also guilty of shooting five wides during the same period. The three points came from frees inside the opening 20 minutes, with the goal the result of a 23rd minute penalty.

Sean Quigley and Justin Kearan were involved in the build up to the spot kick awarded and Conroy was pulled to the ground. Although Luke Mulholland brilliantly saved the well-struck penalty, the ball fell kindly for Conroy to tuck into the opposite corner.

Armagh's first goal had arrived via a high ball in from Niall Boyle in the 18th minute. It dropped short and Dillon Horsfield punched to the net.

St. Ronan's hit a couple of wides in the opening period, but generally they were outplayed by a hungry team from Cathedral Hill and badly needed inspiration for the second half.

That came early enough for them, with James McCormick hooking over a left-footer within 30 seconds. The kickout wasn't properly executed and McCormick played in Tiarnán Kelly, but there was a foot block on his shot. A second penalty and Adam Loughran took responsibility to blast to



the roof of the net. St. Ronan's were back in business. Except that they still had to deal with Conroy. The Moy man stopped the rot by blasting over in the 33rd minute and added a free seven minutes later when Eoin McConville posted a great point for Lurgan from the far wing.

The teams exchanged three further points each up to 56 minutes and at 2-7 to 1-6, the game looked like petering out until St. Ronan's threw caution to the wind going on

an all out attack. It very nearly paid off when Jack Conlon bore down on goals in the 59th minute, but the Clann Éireann player chose to pass instead of shooting.

Then in the second minute of injury-time, a high ball in from McCormick fell kindly for Lorcan Coulter to find the net. A single point separated the sides, but Armagh refused to panic and Conroy's shot-cum-pass, was worked out for substitute Ryan Bradley to tap over an insurance point.

St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh: J. Gibney, O. Conaty, O. McKeagney, A. Harney, S. Quigley, C. Toner, N. Boyle, C. McParland, C. Laverty, D. Horsfield (1-1), M. Conroy (1-5, 0-4 frees), T. Weir, R. McDonald, J. Kierans (0-1), L. Coulter (0-1). **Subs:** R. Bradley for R. McDonald (51 min), L. Camara for L. Coulter (56 min), J. Walsh for D. Horsfield (58 min)

St. Ronan's College, Lurgan: L. Mulholland, S. Branagan, O. McAliskey, G. Downing, J. Megoran, M. Magee, T. Harbinson, A. Loughran (1-1, 1-0 penalty), T. Kelly, M. McAfee, D. Loney (0-1), N. Dummigan, J. McCormick (0-2), E. McConville (0-1), J. Conlon (1-0). **Subs:** R. Crawford (0-1) for M. McAfee (39 min), E. Kearney for O. McAliskey (56 min).

REFEREE: Ciaran Branagan (Down)

Enniskillen finish strongly claiming MacRory Cup final spot

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP SEMI FINAL 2019

23 February 2019 at Loughmacrory

St. Michael's College, Enniskillen: **0-13** St. Patrick's College, Maghera: **2-6**

St. Michael's College, Enniskillen qualified for their first Danske Bank MacRory Cup final since 2012 when they edged out prematch favourites St. Patrick's College, Maghera in a cracking encounter at Loughmacrory in the first semi-final.

It was a contest between two well drilled sides and was laced with quality scores and good defending, with the Erne lads just about deserving their victory in the end.

With the wind at their backs the winners were out of the traps quickly as Conor Love and Caolán Duffy both registered fine scores inside five minutes. Maghera then almost got in for a goal, but for a great block from Pól Mc Kervey to deny opposite number Conleth McGuckian.

In the 8th minute though, Maghera did find the net and it was all down to quick thinking by full forward Alex Doherty as he caught the Enniskillen defence napping when drilling a 20 metre free home after he had been fouled himself.

Centre-half-forward, Michael Glynn levelled matters, but it was Maghera who were looking the more purposal side. Conleth McGuckian, Conleth McShane and Alex Doherty all tagged on points and they were denied a 22nd minute goal, when Enniskillen keeper, Sean McNally saved well from Eunan Mullholland.

Maghera midfielder, Pat Shivers converted the resulting '45' and St. Michael's looked to be in deep trouble. They rallied though, with Glynn knocking over a brace of frees followed by a point from play from Love. They had keeper McNally to thank though for another excellent save to thwart Mullholland once more as Maghera turned around with a slim 1-4 to 0-6 advantage.

A free from the accurate Michael Glynn levelled matters on the restart, but Maghera



quickly established their lead again when Doherty took a quality point from play.

In the 39th minute, Maghera got their second goal when Mullholland finally got the better of McNally, first timing the ball to the net. Four points now separated the two sides and with the wind at their backs, St. Patrick's, Maghera looked to be in a strong position, but they were to score just once more.

Enniskillen played some outstanding running football as they took the game

to their opponents. Frees from Glynn and Darragh McBrien closed the gap, before substitute, Garvan Quigley made an immediate impact with the equaliser going into the final quarter.

As the tension grew, it was St. Michael's who held their nerve, with scores from McGlynn and McBrien and while McGuckian had the final say for Maghera, it was Enniskillen who secured their final ticket.

REFEREE: Martin McNally (Monaghan)



St. Michael's College, Enniskillen

S. McNally, L. Flanagan, G. Cavanagh, J. Horan, A. Ó Caithain, J. Ellis, R. McHugh, B. Horan, J. McDade, C. Duffy (0-1), M. Glynn (0-6, 0-5 frees), D. McBrien (0-3, 0-2 frees), P. McKervery, C. Love (0-2), T. Keenan **Subs:** G. Quigley (0-1) for T. Keenan, C. McAloon for P. McKervery, G. Treacy for R. McHugh, E. Curran for C. Love

St. Patrick's College, Maghera

C. Convery, R. McFaul, C. Milne, P. McLaughlin, E. Mullholland (1-0), C. McShane (0-1), O. Downey, T. McHugh, P. Shivers (0-1, '45'), E. Doherty, F. Bradley, D. McLaughlin, C. McGuckian (0-2), A. Doherty (1-2, 0-1 free), E. Downey. **Subs:** P.J. McAleese for D. McLaughlin, C. Glass for P. Shivers, E. Hawe for E. Downey



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Last kick of the game earns Armagh replay

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP SEMI FINAL 2019

23 February at Dunmoyle



Omagh CBS: **0-12** St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh: **2-6**

Michael Conroy held his nerve to convert a penalty with the last kick of the game deep into injury time to send a dramatic Danske Bank MacRory Cup semi-final to a replay, to be played at the Athletic Grounds, Armagh.

MacCormack Cup champions, Omagh CBS looked as if they had done enough at Dunmoyle to secure their place in the decider, but Armagh refused to accept defeat.

In the last play of the game, Conroy sent in a line ball from the right wing, which was won by Michael McGleenan, but as he attempted to get his shot away it was foot blocked by Eoin Montgomery and referee Paul Faloon immediately pointed to the spot.

Omagh will look back in frustration on a game that they will feel they should have won as they kicked 11 wides over the course of the 60 minutes, while Armagh's first goal in the 27th minute from Dillon Horsfield shouldn't have counted as Conor Toner bounced the ball twice in the build up to it.

That score was a massive boost to an Armagh side who had trailed 0-4 to 0-1 at the time with Simon Garrity (0-2), Liam Gray and Sean McDonagh on target for the Tyrone lads after Justin Kieran had opened the scoring.

A Daniel Fullerton free gave Omagh a slight interval advantage, but that was soon cancelled out on the restart with a point from Oisín Hughes. Liam Gray and Michael Conroy exchanged points from frees before Omagh took control.

Aodhán McConnell split the posts from distance before Garrity took another well worked score and when Gray made no mistake from another placed ball the gap was three points.

Substitute, Ruairí McDonald got a much needed score for St. Patrick's, Armagh, but in the next attack Gray responded with a



brilliant effort from long range. McConnell then left four between the sides with six minutes to go and it looked as though Omagh had done enough.

They had chances to really put the game beyond the reach of their opponents, but they failed to take them and it came back to haunt them. Conroy for once escaped the attentions of Anton Fox to point from play, but as the game slipped into injury time

it looked as though it wasn't going to be enough. Michael Conroy though displayed nerves of steel to expertly tuck that late penalty into the bottom right hand corner of the net past Oran Grimes and the two sides must meet again to see who plays Enniskillen in the decider.

REFEREE: Paul Faloon (Down)
Report courtesy of Kevin Kelly



Omagh make no mistake in MacRory replay

DANSKE BANK MACRORY CUP SEMI FINAL 2019 1 March at Athletic Grounds, Armagh

Omagh CBS: 5-9 St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh: 2-10

Omagh's ability to get goals at crucial stages helped propel them to the final of the Danske Bank MacRory Cup final as they got the better of a gallant St. Patrick's Armagh side at the Athletic Grounds.

Armagh had led at halftime in the abandoned replay game due to fog, but this time around it was totally different with the twin threat of Simon Garrity and Mark Hayes bagging the winners' goals between them on a night when all but one point of their tally came from play.

The winners led 3-4 to 0-6 at half-time and they comfortably kept their opponents at arms' length in the second half, Michael Conroy converting two penalties for Armagh in the closing stages when the game was already beyond their reach.

St. Patrick's Armagh began brightly with points from Michael Conroy and Justin Kieran before Aodhán McConnell opened Omagh's account in the 11th minute. In the next attack Anton Fox burst through the Armagh defence before offloading to Simon Garrity who finished in style low to the bottom right hand of the net past keeper, Jack Gibney.

Three minutes later and it was another expert low finish from Garrity this time in the opposite corner after good work from Rory Kennedy and Daniel Fullerton. Armagh re-grouped though with Conroy, Kieran and midfielder Conor Lavery all landing points as they cut the gap to two.

In the 22nd minute Armagh almost got in for a goal when a brilliant run from Conroy saw him go past three challenges, but his shot was superbly saved by keeper Oran Grimes.

Omagh CBS midfielder, Liam Gray then got a much needed point for his side, but Conroy responded from a placed ball. The Tyrone lads soaked up the pressure and full forward, Mark Hayes, who hadn't touched the ball prior to that, chipped it up



brilliantly before firing low into the bottom left hand corner of the net.

Keeper, Grimes made another fine save before Omagh CBS closed the half out with points from Gray and Eoin Montgomery to leave them in a strong position.

Oisín Hughes and Fullerton traded points on the re-start, before a Conroy free narrowed the gap slightly. It was game over though in the 43rd minute when Hayes burst through to fire home via the bar.

Fullerton and Gray tagged on points as did wing half back Tom Donaghy. With a minute of normal time to go Conroy converted a penalty, but in the next attack Hayes completed his hat trick. Conroy had the final say from a spot kick after he had been fouled himself, but it's Omagh CBS who will play St Michael's Enniskillen in the final on March 18th.

REFEREE: S Lavery (Antrim)
Report courtesy of Kevin Kelly

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We would like to congratulate Omagh CBS on reaching the 2019 MacRory Cup Final and we wish the players and management every success in their bid to lift the trophy



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The Christian Brothers School would like to acknowledge and thank our generous sponsors of the MacRory Cup team from the local business community.

Our full list of sponsors have been promoted on the school's social media platforms, the local press and are available on the school website at cbsomagh.org

Thanks also to all the clubs of the MacRory Cup players for their ongoing support to the school. The club's donation have also been acknowledged on social media and the players are shown below in their club colours.

A total of 13 clubs are represented in the current MacRory Cup squad. They are:

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An Ómaigh
An Charraig Mhór
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Béal na Leice
18. **Glenn Treacy** | Gleann Ó Treasaigh
Béal na Leice
19. **Jack Maxwell** | Seán Ó Meiscill
Béal na Leice
20. **Aaron Tierney** | Aaron Ó Tiarnaigh
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21. **Peter Rafferty** | Peadar O Raifeartaigh
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An Tigh Mór
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Béal na Leice
25. **Ciarán Flanagan** | Ciarán Ó Flanagáin
Béal Cú
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Baile an Irbhínagh
27. **Luke Harron** | Lúcas Ó hEaráin
Eadarnaigh
28. **Eimhín Curran** | Éimhín Ó Corráin
Domhnach
29. **Declan McGovern** | Déaglán Mac Samhráin
Doire Fhloinn
30. **Conor Murphy** | Conchúr Mac Murchú
Gaeil Inis Ceithlín
31. **Ronan McCaffrey** | Rónán Mac Cafráigh
Doire Fhloinn
32. **Luca McCusker** | Luca Mac Oscáir
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33. **Jack Tierney** | Seán Ó Tiarnaigh
Gaeil Inis Ceithlín
34. **Sean Lynam** | Seán Ó Laighneáin
Ros Liath
35. **Rian McGovern** | Rian Mac Samhráin
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1
Seán McNally
Seán Mac an Fhailí
An Tigh Mór



2
Luke Flanagan
Lúcas Ó Flanagáin
Doire Fhloinn



3
Garrett Cavanagh
Gearóid Caomhanach
Béal na Leice



4
Josh Horan
Josh O hÓráin
Gaeil Inis Ceithlín



5
Aichlín Ó Catháin
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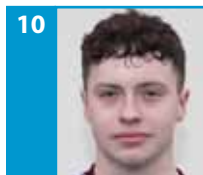
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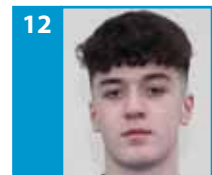
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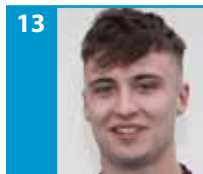
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Mícheál Glynn
Mícheál Mac Fhloinn
Doire Ó gConaile



12
Darragh Mac Brien
Daire Mac Briain
Béal na Leice



13
Pól McKervey
Pól Mac Chearrbhaigh
Eadarnaigh



14
Conor Love
Conchúr Ó Gadhra
Gaeil Inis Ceithlín



15
Tom Keenan
Tomás Ó Cianáin
Cill Náile

SCORERS

1adh Leath/1st Half

2adh Leath/2nd Half

IOMLÁN/FINAL SCORE



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1 Órán Ó Gréacháin
Oran Grimes
Coill an Chlochair



2 Cormac Mac Giolla Bhríde
Cormac McBride
Gleann Eallaigh



3 Antaine Ó Sionnaigh
Antoin Fox
Loch Mhic Ruairí



4 Rónán Mac Con Choille
Ronan Hollywood
An Caisleán Glas



5 Tomás Mac Donnchaidh
Tom Donaghy
An Ómaigh



6 Lorcán Mac Giolla Bhríde
Lorcan McBride
An Charraig Mhór



7 Ruairí Ó Cinnéide
Rory Kennedy
Gleann Eallaigh



8 Liam de Grae (Capt)
Liam Gray
Trí Leac



9 Aaron Mac Iomaire
Aaron Montgomery
Droim Ratha



10 Mag Aireachtaigh
Simon Garrity
Trí Leac



11 Dónall Mac Luaidh
Daniel Fullerton
An Charraig Mhór



12 Eoin Mac Iomaire
Eoin Montgomery
Droim Ratha



13 Seán Mac Donncha
Sean McDonagh
Droim Caoin



14 Marc Ó hAodha
Mark Hayes
Coill an Chlochair



15 Aodhán Mac Dhónaill
Aodhán McConnell
Gleann Eallaigh

- 16 Aaron Mac Ruairí | Aaron MacRory
Coill an Chlochair
- 17 Cathal Ó Comhaltáin | Cathal Colton
An Droim Mór
- 18 Ruairí Ó Donnaille | Rory Donnelly
An Charraig Mhór
- 19 Beirheart Ó Gruagáin | Ben Groogan
An Ómaigh
- 20 Brian Coinmheadh | Brian Conway
An Charraig Mhór
- 21 Ciarán Ó Dálaigh | Ciaran Daly
Trí Leac
- 22 Peadar Mag Fhloinn | Peter McGlenn
Fionntamhnach
- 23 Cathaoir Ó Donnaille | Cathaoir Donnelly
An Bearach
- 24 Dálach Ó Tonnaigh | Daley Tunney
Trí Leac
- 25 Ruairí Ó Broin | Rory Burns
Trí Leac
- 26 Aindriú Mac Ailín | Andrew Allen
An Taite Riabhach
- 27 Maoileachlainn MacMánais | Malachy McManus
Droim Ratha
- 28 Rónán Mag Uidhir | Ronan Maguire
Droim Ratha
- 29 Pádraig Mac Ruairí | Pádraic Rodgers
Droim Caoin
- 30 Lúcas Ó hUiginn | Luke Higgins
Coill an Chlochair
- 31 Ross Ó Sléibhín | Ross Slevin
An Droim Mór
- 32 Fionn Ó Gréacháin | Finn Grimes
An Bearach
- 33 Eiméid Mac Ardail | Emmet McArdle
An Ómaigh
- 34 Ádam Ó Gruagáin | Adam Groogan
An Ómaigh

SCORERS

1adh Leath/1st Half

2adh Leath/2nd Half

IOMLÁN/FINAL SCORE

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE, ENNISKILLEN

Principal's Comment



Everyone in St. Michael's College is absolutely delighted and extremely proud to be part of the biggest day in Ulster Schools' GAA. The Ulster Schools' Council deserve great credit for providing the opportunity for the players to experience such a wonderful occasion.

This is a day that can be shared by everyone associated with St. Michael's, but especially all of the dedicated teachers who have coached and helped to develop this talented group of young men over the course of the last seven years.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our sponsor, The Patrick Blake Group. Pat Blake has long been a loyal and committed supporter of Gaelic Games in St. Michael's, not only financially but in a whole host of other ways. Thank you Pat - this is very much your day too.

A special mention must go to the parents - without your tireless support and dedication, St. Michael's would not be part of this showpiece final today. Thank you.

Omagh C.B.S. are most worthy final opponents having won the Danske Bank MacCormack Cup already this year. I have no doubt that these two talented teams will produce a game worthy of the occasion.

The St. Michael's players have displayed tremendous skill and resilience in reaching today's final. They have worked incredibly hard since September under the watchful eye of their outstanding coach, Mr Dominic Corrigan - I sincerely hope they are rewarded with victory today!



Mark Henry
Principal, St. Michael's College, Enniskillen



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Management Profiles



Dominic Corrigan (Manager)

It is with tremendous pride and honour that we bring St. Michael's College, Enniskillen back to another Danske Bank MacRory Cup Final, the most coveted prize in Ulster Schools' GAA. Once again, it has been a tightly contested path to the final and we would like to thank Ulster Schools' GAA for organising a highly successful competition which continues to grow from strength to strength. We look forward to many healthy years of competition ahead in all grades of Ulster Schools'.

A day like today is shared by everyone in St. Michael's College, from Governors past and present to Teachers and Students, past and present. In particular, this is a special day for the many staff who work with the sports teams across the various age groups and across the Gaelic Games codes in our school, reinforcing our well established Gaelic tradition. This energy, enthusiasm and willingness to give selflessly of their time are the ingredients which makes St. Michael's a very special place to work and coach.

We are very grateful to our Principal, Mark Henry, and his Senior Leadership Team for providing us with tremendous support and encouragement through all our work with the teams. Without that

support from Mark and also from our Board of Governors led by Una Porteous, these special days that we are experiencing here today would simply not happen. A big thank you also to our Team Sponsor, Pat Blake. Pat is a past pupil of the College himself and has been a loyal supporter of the College now in his role as Sponsor for the past fifteen years. Thank you Pat for your brilliant support.

Credit must also be given to parents, supporters and the various GAA clubs throughout Fermanagh. Today is a reflection of all your tireless support and dedication. Today is your day too. I want you all to cherish it.

It has been an absolute privilege to work with this particular group of players. I would like to acknowledge not only their commitment and dedication throughout this competition, but also to the many other football campaigns they have participated in since they entered St. Michael's as enthusiastic Year 8's. This is a team with skill, knowledge, camaraderie and tremendous character; they have inspired not only the next generation of St. Michael's players, but also, the wider St. Michael's community and we are all exceptionally proud of them as they bring St. Michael's to the biggest arena in Ulster Schools' football.

Today, the challenge couldn't be any greater and it is one which we fully embrace. We look forward to taking on Omagh CBS in another final and this fantastic rivalry dates back to the early 1970's. We wish our counterparts in Omagh all the best and we are confident that both teams will serve up a feast of football to mark this great occasion.



Mark McGoldrick (Asst. Manager)

Mark McGoldrick is a Year 14 Student in St. Michael's. Mark has an avid passion for all type of sport, especially GAA. Unfortunately, due to a number of medical issues, Mark is unable to participate in contact sport, but has found an active role in participating in GAA, as a Statistician and Analyst. Mark is the Assistant Manager of St. Michael's MacRory Cup Team.

Dominic Corrigan asked Mark to come on board his MacRory Cup Management Team as his Assistant last year for the 2017/18 campaign

where St. Michael's exited the competition in the quarter final stage to St. Pat's Maghera. Building on his work from the MacRory Cup last year, Derrygonnelly Harps asked Mark to join their Management Team for their 2018 campaign as a Statistician and Analyst. Mark enjoyed much success with Derrygonnelly Harps, as they were unbeaten in Fermanagh in both Senior League and Championship, going on to lift the New York Cup for the fourth time in a row.

Dom and Mark have enjoyed a successful season in charge this year back in the Danske Bank MacRory Cup Final for the first time in seven years. In assessing Mark's contribution, Dom said;

"Mark has been brilliant with the team. He is a real inspiration to everyone in the Panel and indeed an inspiration to everybody in our school."



Damian Stewart



Gerard Donnelly

Coaches

The Coaching Staff in St. Michael's College dedicate a massive amount of time, energy and commitment to their respective teams. Brendan Rasdale looks after the Year 8's and

the Corn na nÓg team. Conor McBarron and Adrian McGee makes a valuable contribution with the Year 8 Football Squad in playing a good supporting role to Brendan. Michael McGovern takes charge

of the D'Alton Cup Squad. Gerry Donnelly and Mark Henry look after the Brock and Rannafast Cup Teams. Damian Stewart is involved with Rannafast and MacRory Cup Squads and plays a key role in promoting Gaelic Games in the School.

Frank Hughes shows great commitment to promoting Hurling in the College and they have made it through to the Ulster Senior Casement Cup Final Competition this year. A number of the MacRory boys are involved with that team and they play their final on Wednesday next.

County Board coaches, Eoin Bradley and Shaun Doherty provide excellent support when required by any of the above respective coaches. They do great work in providing a support network for all the Post Primary Schools in Fermanagh and they too can take pride in St. Michael's reaching this MacRory Cup Final today.

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Principal's Comment



I am delighted that Omagh CBS have reached our 8th MacRory Cup final since the turn of the century. The school won their first MacRory Cup in 1974 and the recent celebration of that success in the school showed the significance attached to that achievement for the players after 45 years. The players representing the school today are proud representatives of thirteen clubs from North, West and Mid Tyrone and as a school we acknowledge the development work of those clubs.

Our own coaches, Kieran Donnelly, Noel Donnelly and Des Maginness deserve great credit for bringing the 2018-2019 squad through to the Danske Bank MacRory Cup Final. They have instilled a sense of pride and great enthusiasm into a very talented panel of young men who displayed total commitment throughout this season. We are very proud of our senior footballers and I hope that they will play to their potential today and create great memories for the future. I also acknowledge the work carried out by our team of coaches and our P.E. department in the development of Gaelic games in Omagh CBS and the support provided by Cathal McKenna and Conal McElholm as members of the backroom team.



I welcome all of our supporters today, members of our Board of Governors, students and staff, and many of our past pupils who remain very loyal to the school. I would like to thank our main sponsor, Peter Donnelly from P.D. Coaches, and the support received from our local GAA clubs and business community. With these generous contributions the challenge of promoting Gaelic Games at a time of budget constraints is made more manageable.

Finally, I wish both teams well today and I hope we will have a game fitting for this great occasion.

Fionn McConnell

Principal, Omagh CBS





Management Profiles

Manager Comment



Kieran Donnelly

The MacRory Cup Final is the culmination of a long season of many training seasons and huge sacrifices by the players. Over the past few years, Omagh CBS has established the tradition of successfully competing in the latter stages of Ulster Schools' competitions at all levels. We are delighted to back in the final again in what has been a tough Danske Bank MacRory campaign to date. In the quarter-

final and semi-final, we have had two extremely tough encounters with St. Colman's Newry and St. Patricks Armagh. Our squad has displayed great resolve and character to come through both games. Each player's attitude and commitment towards training and games has enabled the team to produce a consistently high level of performance.

In today's final we meet a talented St. Michael's, Enniskillen team who, like ourselves have overcome difficult opposition in reaching today's final. We look forward to a competitive and sporting game.

Today, I would like to acknowledge the contribution of the coaches; Noel Donnelly, Des Maginness and our Stats and Logistics man Cathal McKenna. Their expertise, energy and commitment to this squad and Gaelic Games within our school has been

immeasurable and a massive reason why we are here competing in the 2019 Danske Bank MacRory final. In addition, I would like to thank Conal McElholm, James Garrity, Maria McCullagh, Martin McCrory and Gareth Haughey who have been an invaluable help, both on match days and in training facilitation, to ensure that our players are being looked after in the best possible manner. A thank you must also be made to our Sponsor PD Bus Hire who have continually supported Gaelic Games within our school.

To the players and their parents, I wish to recognise their huge efforts over the year. I am fully aware of the enormous commitment the players have displayed, but I am very conscious of the tremendous support of parents, by providing a reliable taxi service, ensuring a clean training kit, enthusiastic match day support and guaranteeing every possible assistance to their sons. Today, I hope our players can play to their potential, display their undoubted skills and be rewarded for their efforts.

Finally, I would like to thank Mr McConnell, our Principal, and the Board of Governors for their ongoing support of Gaelic Games within our school. I would also like to acknowledge the support of the Senior Management Team and my teaching colleagues, and particularly the other coaches actively involved in promoting Gaelic Games within the school.



Noel Donnelly

Kieran Donnelly (Manager)

Club: Brookeborough GFC

Achievements as a Player Club

1 Intermediate Championship
3 Senior League Club titles (Grade 2&3)

County

2 x All Ireland B Championships
1 McKenna Cup

University (UUJ)

1 Sigerson
2 Ryan Cups
1 All-Ireland Fresher

Achievements as a Coach and Manager School

Corn Na nÓg 2002
Brock 2003
Rannafast 200
MacCormack Cup 2005, 2012, 2019
MacRory Cup 2005

Club:

1 Cavan Senior Championship
2 Monaghan Senior Championships
2 Tyrone League Titles

Noel Donnelly (Coach)

Club: Drumquin Wolfe Tone

Achievements as a Player Club

Captain Drumquin - Tyrone Intermediate Championship.

University

Captain All-Ireland Freshers Winners (UUJ)

3 Ryan Cups (2 UUJ and 1 QUB)
Captain Sigerson Cup Winners (UUJ)

County

National League Runners Up (Tyrone)
Irish News All-Star

Achievements as a Coach and Manager School

1st Year Blitz, D'Alton Cup, Nannery Cup, Corn Na nÓg, Brock Cup, Rannafast Cup, MacCormack Cup, MacRory Cup and Hogan Cup

Des Maginness (Coach)

Club: Omagh St. Endas's

Achievements

Coach Tyrone Senior Football Championship 2017 (Omagh St. Enda's)
Coach Ulster and All Ireland U-21 Football Championship 2015 (Tyrone)
Coach Cavan Senior Football Championship 2014 (Cavan Gaels)

Cathal McKenna (Stats and Logistics)



Des Maginness



Cathal McKenna



ST. MICHAEL'S, ENNISKILLEN

Seán McNally



Club: Teemore Shamrocks
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 10st
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:

Minor 'B' Championship

Luke Flanagan



Club: Derrylin O'Connell's
Position: Corner/Wing Back
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5'7"
Age: 18

Honours:

U16 Division 2 Winners

Garrett Cavanagh



Club: Belnaleck Art MacMurchadha
Position: Full Back
Weight: 11st 8
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours:

Intermediate Championship 2018, U21 'B' Championship Final (2018)

Josh Horan



Club: Enniskillen Gaels
Position: Corner Back
Weight: 11st
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:

Ulster Club Minor Championship (2017)

Aichlín Ó Catháin



Club: Kinawley
Position: Wing Half Back
Weight: 12st 2
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:

U16 Division 1

Josh Largo-Ellis



Club: St. Molaise Irvinestown
Position: Centre Half-Back
Weight: 11st 3
Height: 6'1"
Age: 17

Honours:

Rannafast Cup Team Captain Minor League and Championship (2017), Fermanagh Minor Panel (2018)

Ronan McHugh



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps
Position: Wing Half Back
Weight: 10st 1
Height: 5'11"
Age: 17

Honours:

County Vocational Schools' Title x 4, U16 County Championship x 3 U16 County Division 1 League x 2, U17 County Division 1 League, U18 County Championship

Brandon Horan (Capt)



Club: Enniskillen Gaels
Position: Midfield
Weight: 12st
Height: 6'2"
Age: 18

Honours:

Ulster Minor Club Championship 2018, Division 2 Senior League, U21 County Championship x 2, Minor County Championship x 2, Minor County League x 2, Danske Bank Ulster Schools' All-Star

Joe McDade



Club: Lisnaskea Emmetts
Position: Midfield
Weight: 13st 2
Height: 6'4"
Age: 17

Honours:

County Minor Captain, Danske Bank Rannafast Finalist

Caolán Duffy



Club: St. Mary's, Maguiresbridge
Position: Wing Half Back
Weight: 9st 4
Height: 5'6"
Age: 18

Honours:

Fermanagh Division 3 Senior League Title, U16 'B' Championship, Maguiresbridge Senior Player of the Year 2018

Micheál Glynn



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps
Position: Centre-Half Forward
Weight: 12st 4
Height: 6'2"
Age: 16

Honours:

U16 Championship, U17 Championship, U18 Championship

Darragh MacBrien



Club: Belnaleck
Position: Half Forward
Weight: 11st
Height: 5'9"
Age: 17

Honours:

U16 Championship and League Double

Pól McKervey



Club: St. Joseph's Ederney
Position: Wing Half Forward
Weight: 12st 9
Height: 6'1"
Age: 19

Honours:

Fermanagh Senior Football Championship Finalist 2018

Conor Love



Club: Enniskillen Gaels
Position: Full Forward
Weight: 11st 2
Height: 5'10"
Age: 17

Honours:

Ulster Minor Club Championship (2018), Fermanagh Minor Championship x 2, Fermanagh Minor Division 1 title x 2, Fermanagh U17 Championship

Tom Keenan



Club: Kinawley
Position: Wing Half Forward
Weight: 10st
Height: 5'6"
Age: 18

Honours:

U16 Division 1 Title

James Hughes



Club: St. Mary's, Maguiresbridge
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 12st 4
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours:

Fermanagh U16 'B' Championship (2016)



Frank Rafferty



Club: Belnaleck Art Mac Murchadha
Position: Corner/Wing Back
Weight: 11st 3
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:
County Intermediate Championship

Glenn Treacy



Club: Belnaleck
Position: Wing Half Back
Weight: 10st 2
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:
Intermediate Club Championship (2018)

Jack Maxwell



Club: Belnaleck
Position: Corner Back
Weight: 9st 9
Height: 5' 8"
Age: 18

Honours:
2018 Intermediate Championship, U16 Division 2 Champions

Aaron Tierney



Club: Kinawley
Position: Midfield
Weight: 13st 4
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:
U16 Division 1, Danske Bank Rannafast Finalist

Peter Rafferty



Club: Tempo Maguires
Position: Half Back
Weight: 11st 8
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:
Danske Bank Rannafast Finalist, Division 2 League (Fermanagh), U16 'B' Championship

Conor McAloon



Club: O'Rahillys, Belcoo
Position: Forward
Weight: 11st 5
Height: 6'2"
Age: 18

Honours:
U21 Championship Finalist

Nathan McAdam



Club: Teemore Shamrocks
Position: Corner Forward
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:
Minor 'B' Championship (2018)

Garvan Quigley



Club: Belnaleck Art Macmurchadha
Position: Corner Forward
Weight: 9st 5
Height: 5' 10"
Age: 18

Honours:
IFC Championship (2018)

Ciarán Flanagan



Club: O'Rahillys, Belcoo
Position: Full Forward
Weight: 13st 6
Height: 6'4"
Age: 18

Honours:
U16 Club Player of the Year

Jack Largo-Ellis



Club: St. Molaise, Irvinestown
Position: Half Back
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5' 11"
Age: 17

Honours:
Danske Bank Rannafast Final, League and Championship Double (2017)


Luke Harron



Club: St. Joseph's Ederney
Position: Wing Half Back
Weight: 11st 9
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours:
Danske Bank MacRory Finalist 2019

Eimhin Curran



Club: St Patrick's GFC Donagh
Position: Corner Forward
Weight: 9st 9
Height: 5' 6"
Age: 17

Honours:
U14 Division 3 Title

Declan McGovern



Club: Derrylin O'Connell's
Position: Corner Back
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 5'9"
Age: 18

Honours:
U16 Division 2 Winner

Conor Murphy



Club: Enniskillen Gaels
Position: Half Back
Weight: 11st 6
Height: 6'1"
Age: 16

Honours:
Fermanagh U17 Club Championship, All Ireland Féile Championship, U14 Division 1 League x 2, U12 Championship x 2, U14 Fermanagh Féile, U12 Division 1 League

Ronan McCaffrey



Club: Derrylin
Position: Half Back
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 5'11"
Age: 15

Honours:
U12 Division 1

Luca McCusker



Club: Maguiresbridge
Position: Corner Forward
Weight: 11st
Height: 5' 10"
Age: 17

Honours:
Captained U16 B Championship/ U18 Division 4 League/ Rannafast Finalist 2017

Jack Tierney



Club: Enniskillen Gaels
Position: Corner Back
Weight: 9st 9
Height: 5'7"
Age: 17

Honours:
U21 Championship, U17 Championship, Ulster Minor Club Championship, U14 Championship, League and Féile, Óg Sport Champions, U16 Division 4

Sean Lynam



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 6' 1"
Age: 17

Honours:
U14 'B' Championship U16 Leagues x 2

Ríán McGovern



Club: Derrygonnelly Harps
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 6' 1"
Age: 17

Honours:
U16 Division 1 Title x 2





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Oran Grimes



Club: Coill an Chlochair
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 12st 6
Height: 6'4"
Age: 17

Honours:
Nannery Cup, MacCormack Cup

Cormac McBride



Club: Gleann Eallaigh
Position: Defender
Weight: 11st 2
Height: 5'8"
Age: 17

Honours:
Club: Grade 4 U13 League, Grade 3 U14 Féile **County:** Buncrana Cup, **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup

Antoin Fox



Club: Loch Mhic Ruairi
Position: Defender
Weight: 12st 6
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours: Club: U14 League and Championship Grade 2, U16 Grade 1 Championship final, U21 Grade 1 Championship final **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup, Ulster Schools' All-Star at Full Back (2018) **Tyrone:** U17 Ulster League and Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship, Minor Ulster League Handball: Multiple County, Ulster and All-Ireland titles, Both Irish and U.S.A. National titles and World titles

Ronan Hollywood



Club: An Caisleán Glas
Position: Defender
Weight: 11st 7
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours:
Club: Minor League and Championship Grade 3, U16 Championship Grade 3 **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup **County:** U17 Ulster League and Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship

Tom Donaghy



Club: An Ómaigh
Position: Defender
Weight: 12st 9
Height: 5'7"
Age: 17

Honours:
Club: U16 League and Championship **School:** MacCormack Cup **County:** Buncrana Cup

Lorcan McBride



Club: An Charraig Mhór
Position: Defender
Weight: 12st 9
Height: 6'3"
Age: 17

Honours: **Club:** 2017 Grade 1 U16 Championship & League, 2016 Óg Sport (2015) Grade 1 U14 League, (2014) Grade 1 U13 Championship **School:** MacCormack Cup, Rannafast Shield, D'Alton Cup **County:** Buncrana Cup

Rory Kennedy



Club: Gleann Eallaigh
Position: Midfield
Weight: 11st 7
Height: 6'2"
Age: 18

Honours:
Club: Grade 3 U14 Féile **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup **County:** U17 Ulster League and Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship

Liam Gray (Capt)



Club: Trí Leac
Position: Midfield
Weight: 12st 8
Height: 6'3"
Age: 18

Honours: **Club:** Grade 2 Minor League and Championship, Grade 3 Minor League **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup **County:** U17 Ulster League and Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship.

Aaron Montgomery



Club: Droim Ratha
Position: Defender
Weight: 11st 6
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours: **Club:** U16 League Grade 3, Minor Championship Final Grade 3 **School:** Vocational schools final 2013 and 2014, MacCormack Cup **County:** U17 Ulster League and Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship

Simon Garrity



Club: Trí Leac
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5'9"
Age: 17

Honours: **Club:** Grade 2 Minor League and Championship **School:** U14 Vocational Schools', McCormick Cup **County:** Buncrana Cup

Daniel Fullerton



Club: An Charraig Mhór
Position: Forward
Weight: 11st 10
Height: 5'10"
Age: 17

Honours: **Club:** Ulster U16 Paul McGirr, U13 Tyrone League x 2, U14 League x 2, U14 Féile, U15 Óg Sport x 2, U16 League, U16 Championship x 2, **Schools:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Eoin Montgomery



Club: Droim Ratha
Position: Forward
Weight: 11st 10
Height: 6'0"
Age: 16

Honours: **Club:** U14 Féile, Minor Championship Final Grade 3 **School:** MacCormack Cup

Sean McDonagh



Club: Droim Caoin
Position: Forward
Weight: 12st
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours: **Club:** Minor Grade 4 League, Minor Grade 4 Championship **School:** Ulster Schools' MacCormack Cup, U15 Vocational Schools' - Sacred Heart College, Omagh

Mark Hayes



Club: Coill an Chlochair
Position: Forward
Weight: 14st 10
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours: **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup, Ulster Schools' All-Star at Full Forward (2019) **County:** Buncrana Cup, U17 Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship

Aodhán McConnell



Club: Gleann Eallaigh
Position: Forward
Weight: 9st 11
Height: 5'8"
Age: 18

Honours: **Club:** Grade 4 U13 League, Grade 3 U14 Féile **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup **County:** Buncrana Cup

Aaron MacRory



Club: Coill an Chlochair
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 10st 10
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours: **School:** Nannery Cup, D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup





Cathal Colton



Club: An Droim Mór
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 18

Honours:

Club: Grade 1 U13 Championship, Grade 1 U14 League, Grade 1 U14 Féile, Grade 1 U16 Championship, Grade 1 U21 Championship, Grade 1 U21 Ulster Championship. **School:** D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup **County:** U17 Ulster League

Rory Donnelly



Club: An Charraig Mhór
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 17

Honours: Club: Grade 1 U13 Championship, Grade 1 U14 League, Grade 1 U15 Óg Sport, Grade 1 U16 League, Grade 1 U16 Championship **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Ben Groogan



Club: An Ómaigh
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 11st 6
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours

Club: U16 League and Championship

Brian Conway



Club: An Charraig Mhór
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 12st
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 17

Honours:

Club: Ulster U16 Paul McGirr, U13 Tyrone League x 2, U14 League x 2, U14 Féile, U15 Óg Sport x 2, U16 League, U16 Championship x 2, **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Ciaran Daly



Club: Trí Leac
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 16

Honours:

School: D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Peter McGlenn



Club: Fionntamhnach
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 13st 11
 Height: 6'1"
 Age: 16

Honours:

School: D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Cathaoir Donnelly



Club: An Bearach
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 10st 4
 Height: 5'7"
 Age: 18

Honours:

School: D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Daley Tunney



Club: Trí Leac
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st 3
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 17

Honours:

Club: Minor League and Championship Grade 2 **School:** MacCormack Cup

Rory Burns



Club: Trí Leac
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 10st 5
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 16

Honours:

Club: Minor League and Championship **School:** U14 Vocational Schools

Andrew Allen



Club: An Taite Riabhach
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 12st
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours:

Club: Tyrone Intermediate Championship, U13 Grade 2 League, U14 Grade 2 Féile **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Malachy McManus



Club: Droim Ratha
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 12st 8
 Height: 6'1"
 Age: 17

Honours:

School: D'Alton Cup, Rannafast Shield, MacCormack Cup

Ronan Maguire



Club: Droim Ratha
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 11st 7
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 17

Honours:

School: MacCormack Cup

Pádraic Rodgers



Club: Droim Caoin
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 9st 11
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 17

Honours:

Club: Minor Grade 2 League, Minor Grade 4 Championship and League, U16 Grade 3 Championship, U13 Grade 3 League **School:** Nannery Cup, MacCormack Cup

Luke Higgins



Club: Coill an Chlochair
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 10st 6
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 17

Honours:

School: Nannery Cup, MacCormack Cup

Ross Slevin



Club: An Droim Mór
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 12st 2
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 18

Honours: Club: Division 1 U13 Championship, Division 1 U14 Féile & League, Division 1 U16 Championship, Division 1 U21 Ulster Championship **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Finn Grimes



Club: An Bearach
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 11st 1
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 17

Honours:

Club: U13 League **School:** MacCormack Cup

Emmet McArdle



Club: An Ómaigh
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 10st 3
 Height: 5'8"
 Age: 18

Honours:

Club: U16 League and Championship, U17 Ulster Championship, U17 All-Ireland Championship **School:** D'Alton Cup, MacCormack Cup

Adam Groogan



Club: An Ómaigh
 Position: Goalkeeper
 Weight: 10st
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 15

Honours:

School: MacCormack Cup

Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup goes to a replay

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP FINAL 2018

19 March 2018, Athletic Grounds, Armagh



Holy Trinity College, Cookstown **1-9** St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny **2-6**

Injury time in the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup final in Armagh was a tale of three Conors. In the third of the scheduled four extra minutes, St. Eunan's gave away possession from a free on their 40 metre line and Holy Trinity fed the ball across for substitute Conor Quinn to pop over an equalising point from 25 metres.

In the 64th minute however, St. Eunan's drove up the field and Shane O'Donnell's pass over the top to the right of the Cookstown goal found his namesake Conor inside the cover with a clear run on goal. He shot from 10 metres, but Holy Trinity goalie, Conor Loane was out sharply to block with his knees, a 45 that O'Donnell dropped short for Barry Cassidy to draw a close on an excellent final.

Cookstown's manager Aidan O'Hagan was delighted with the outcome;

"Conor (Loane) wasn't even a keeper at the start of the competition, but we made one out of him and he is a damn good one too,"

he enthused in the tunnel afterwards.

"Look, we had to show tremendous character out there. We were dominated in the first half, conceded a second goal early in the second half, but came back from five down by dominating midfield. Those boys have serious character."

Meanwhile across the way, joint manager and former Donegal ace Colm McFadden was refusing to blame his corner-forward for going for goal rather than lift the ball over the bar for a point.

"No, Conor (O'Donnell) is a good forward and went for his shot. We are facing into a replay because we didn't push on after the second goal. Indeed we dominated the first half and only went in leading by two points. So we had some poor shot selection at different times."



"The good thing is that we have a replay. It looks like Celtic Park in Derry on Friday evening and we will try to fix a few things before that."

St. Eunan's dominated the opening half, but only led 1-4 to 1-2 at the break and they probably had only themselves to blame an abundance of possession, but six wides and a few balls dropped into the goalie's hands.

The Donegal side got a great start with Shane O'Donnell's point effort skidding off the cross bar into the waiting arms of Brian Diver who side-footed the goalie.

Holy Trinity however responded, with a goal of their own. Again a shot for a point from Tiarnán Quinn dropped short and Tiernan Mackle's fist went highest to connect and send to net. St. Eunan's however continued to dominate and Shane O'Donnell took an off-the-shoulder pass to point. With Shane McDevitt eventually getting the range from frees (he missed his first two) and then taking a great catch for Connor O'Donnell to point, the Donegal side went into a fully deserved 1-4 to 1-0 lead.

The platform for that dominance came from the placement of Peter McEniff as sweeper.

However, when Mark McKearney and Paucir Lagan began to run at the defence in the last couple of minutes of the half, Holy Trinity pulled back two points from Tiarnán Quinn and Oran Mulgrew.

After Conor O'Donnell and Tiarnán Quinn had swapped points, O'Donnell took a good pass from Shane McDaid to crash home St. Eunan's second goal and a 2-5 to 1-3 lead after 35 minutes. Amazingly this seemed to rouse Cookstown and they dominated the middle third for the next 15 minutes, reeling in the lead in the process with points from both midfielders, Mark Devlin, Mark McKearney and Tiarnán Mackle, all from open play. Both O'Donnell and Tiernan Quinn missed frees from around 35 metres, before O'Donnell edged his side ahead again with a free on the 20 metre line after 53 minutes. That was the last scoring action before the drama of added time, as both defences stood up brilliantly with the excitement at fever pitch.

A draw is always a fair result, leaving a replay to properly sort out the difference between two good footballing sides.

REFEREE: Barry Cassidy (Derry)



Mulgrew point sees Holy Trinity triumph

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP FINAL 2018 23 March 2018, Celtic Park, Derry

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown 2-8 St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny 0-13



There were lots of standout players in the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup Final replay, but pride of place must go to Oran Mulgrew of Holy Trinity whose late point secured the college's first ever MacLarnon title at the conclusion of a pulsating Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup replay.

The superb Shane O'Donnell opened the scoring in the 2nd minute following a forty metre run but Holy Trinity levelled matters through a Tiarnán Quinn free. Eoin Gallagher then edged Holy Trinity in front before they struck for an 8th minute goal.

A long delivery in from Mark McKearney saw full forward, Tiernan Mackle get in behind his marker and he finished in style to the bottom left hand corner of the net. The Cookstown lads though were to just add another point in the remainder of the half as St. Eunan's fought back.

O'Donnell got his second point, but moments later Mackle should have had another goal at the other end of the field when he was unselfishly picked out by Pauric Lagan, but he failed to make a good connection and keeper Eoin O'Boyle easily dealt with it. Oisín Purdy laid the ball out for Cormac Finn to split the posts, but that was cancelled out by a second score from the boot of Quinn. St. Eunan's though finished the half on top and after midfielder, Shane Doherty had left the minimum between the sides that man, O'Donnell popped up with his fourth of the half to leave it all square at 1-3 to 0-6.

In the second half both sides were reduced to fourteen men when Tiarnán McNamee and Conor O'Donnell were both red carded. A Tiarnán Quinn penalty looked to have put the Cookstown lads in the driving seat as they led by three with seven minutes to go.



To their credit, St. Eunan's dug deep with man of the match, O'Donnell on target again before the same player converted two frees to force extra time, 2-6 to 0-12.

Both sides were visibly tired in extra time, but there was still no shortage of drama. The outstanding O'Donnell got the only score of the first period of extra

time, his 9th of the game, to give his side a narrow lead.

Holy Trinity full forward, one of a number of players who was reintroduced, levelled matters early in the second half of extra time. It looked like ending in a draw again, but Mulgrew got the crucial score to win his school a first MacLarnon title.

Holy Trinity College, Cookstown: C. Loane, P. Quinn, O. Mulgrew (0-1), T. McNamee, T. Quinn, C. Donnelly, E. Gallagher (0-1), S. Murphy, P. Lagan (0-1), E. Devlin, K. Robinson, T. Quinn (1-3, 1 free), M. Devlin (0-1), Tiernan Mackle (1-1), M. McKearney **Subs:** A. Moore for Tiernan Mackle, Thomas Mackle for K. Robinson, C Quinn for S. Murphy, S. Murphy for M. Devlin, P. Quinn for M. McKearney, Tiernan Mackle for P. Lagan (black card), E. Devlin for Thomas Mackle, M. McKearney for P. Quinn, D. Canavan for E. Devlin, Thomas Mackle for E. Gallagher, K. Robinson for Patrick Quinn

St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny: E. O'Boyle, R. Hillferty, A. Gallagher, S. McDaid, P. McEniff, B. Diver, J. Kelly, S. Doherty (0-1), T. Toye, S. O'Donnell (0-9, 2 frees), P.J. McBrearty, S. McDevitt, C. O'Donnell (0-2, 1 '45', 1 free), O. Purdy, C. Finn (0-1). **Subs:** K. Tobin for T. Toye, P. Tobin for S. McDevitt, O. Cassidy for S. Doherty (black card), B. Alcorn for R.Hillferty, M. McFadden for S. McDaid

REFEREE: D Mullan (Derry) | Pictures courtesy of Margaret McLaughlin (The Irish News)



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DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP 2019 QUARTER FINALS



DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINAL 1

25 JANUARY 2019 at DRUMANESS

St. Patrick's GS, Downpatrick: **2-14**

St. Malachy's HS, Castlewellan: **1-15**

Downpatrick through Down derby in extra time

A derby game, a derby atmosphere, thrills, spills and 80 minutes of enthralling end to end football as St. Patrick's, Downpatrick hit two late injury-time points from Ruairi O'Hare (free) and Peter McMullan to force extra time.

Tim Prenter then clinched a place for the Red High in the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup semi-final with a goal in the third minute of the second period of extra time, although St. Malachy's Castlewellan came despairingly close at the death when Sheelan Johnson's blasted free went inches over the top-corner of the goal.

Yes, the Drumaness derby had everyone on their toes throughout with the teams trading scores from the start to the finish of normal time. Gareth Fitzpatrick, Conor McAnulty, Ryan O'Higgins, Sheelan Johnson and Sean Óg McCusker were all to the fore for St. Malachy's, while Niall Laverty, Ruairi O'Hare, Eoin Rooney and goalie, Eoin Maginn eventually edged Downpatrick clear of their neighbours and into the semi-final draw.

It was 0-5 each after the opening half with each team scoring four times from frees. It was a similar pattern at the start of the second half with points from Tim Prenter, Niall Laverty and Tom Smith in turn cancelled by frees from Matthew Carvill and Sheelan Johnson (2).

That brought the game to the three-quarter mark and what looked like a significant break for the Red High; Ruairi O'Hare played a couple of one-tuos and crashed home a goal. Castlewellan introduced Caolán Burns from the bench and three minutes later he caught a punt into the goal area, swivelled and buried the ball in the net.

That score lifted St. Malachy's and, while Ryan O'Higgins and Peter McMullan traded points, Sheelan Johnson lofted over two lead points, the second in the first minute of injury-time. However, there was still time for Ruairi O'Hare to hold his nerve with a difficult free and at the death McMullan grabbed an equaliser.

Prenter and Oran Cunningham hit two Downpatrick points in the first period of extra time and then Prenter gathered Conor's pass to hit a goal and leave five points in it. St. Malachy's refused to lie down and points from Caarvill and Johnson (both frees) and Brendan McKey brought it down to a goal between them as Johnson lined up the final free. He tried to pick the top corner, but it flashed over the bar and, from a Downpatrick perspective, to safety.

REFEREE: Martin Conroy (Tyrone)

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINAL 2

30 JANUARY 2019 at SLAUGHTNEIL

Cathair Dhoire: **3-11**

Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock: **0-6**

Knock fall to Cathair Dhoire in MacLarnon

Cathair Dhoire were generally in charge of the second Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup quarter-final played in a cold and frosty Slaughterneil. But a goal and seven points during the last 12 minutes of play put a certain gloss on the score-line.



Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock struggled to get the ball beyond their half-forward line in the opening half and could only record a single point from a Niall Grimley free in the 22nd minute. At the other end of the pitch James Lynch buried a goal in the seventh minute, but Cathair Dhoire didn't really put clear space between them and their opponents, until Jude Óg Moore blasted home a second goal in the 20th minute as the Foyle-siders built up an interval lead of 2-3 to 0-1. The game changed dramatically during the third quarter with Knock hitting five points; two each from Grimley and Caolán Cunningham with a Joseph Tunney white flag in the middle of the sandwich and the game was briefly back in the melting pot at 2-4 to 0-6 after 47 minute.

Then Ben McCarron got the Derry side going again with a fine point, followed by a second goal from James Lynch in the 49th minute and the game was out of Knock's reach.

Cathair Dhoire eased themselves into the last four with a flurry of points near the end, including three more for Ben McCarron and one for substitute, Eoghan Cassidy with his first possession.

Cathair Dhoire: James Lynch (2-1), Jude Óg Moore (1-0), Ben McCarron (0-6, 0-2 frees), Feargal Mortimer (0-1), Odhrán McGrath (0-1), Shea Browne (0-1), Eoghan Cassidy (0-1)

Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock: Niall Grimley (0-3, 0-2 frees), Caolán Cunningham (0-2), Joseph Tunney (0-1)

REFEREE: Karol Doherty (Antrim)



DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINAL 3

1 FEBRUARY 2019 at MUSA, COOKSTOWN

St. Louis Grammar School, Ballymena: **2-13**

Our Lady's Sec, School, Castleblayney: **1-10 (AET)**

St Louis edge MacLarnon thriller

St. Louis Ballymena had to win this Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup game twice in MUSA in Cookstown. During the first half they pushed up on Our Lady's, Castleblayney and dominated the play and deserved to lead by 2-6 to 0-7 at the break, although there was certainly a touch of luck about their second goal.

The mid-Antrim side hit the ground running and Sean Elliott posted the opening point after just 20 seconds. Although Our Lady's replied with a fine effort from David Irwin and again through Declan Courtney when Conor Stewart careered through for an excellent score, St. Louis took the lead in the 7th minute through the other midfielder, Peter Cullen and stayed ahead until the last play of injury-time in the second half.



After 8 minutes, a long ball into Eoghan Daly was fed off to Oisín Connolly, who left Aidan Scullion with the easy task of finding the net from seven metres. Castleblayney however slowed their progress and Robbie Hanratty posted two frees, before Elliott got his second point in the 18th minute. 60 seconds later he hit the jack-pot. The Dunloy player seemed to over carry on a mazy run towards the corner, but turned inside and his effort at a point somehow evaded the Monaghan defence and ended in the net.

By half-time, Ballymena looked in a healthy lead at 2-6 to 0-7, but on the re-start Our Lady's started to eat into it with two frees from Hanratty and a fine effort from Mark Mooney, their only score from open play for the rest of the game. Conor Stewart added a point for Ballymena, but frees from Irwin and Hanratty brought the gap to the minimum entering the last quarter. Elliott fisted a reply for St. Louis and then added two frees. It looked enough to carry them over the line, but Jason Irwin kept his cool with three frees and then in the sixth minute of added time, Hanratty took responsibility for a free in the right corner. He hit the target and brought the game to extra time.

Scores were slow in the extra 20 minutes as players tired, two points each in the first period and just one score, the winning point, in the seventh minute of the second period from St. Louis wing defender, James McDonald to take them into the semi-final draw.

St. Louis Grammar School, Ballymena: C. Brennan, A. McGrath, E. McCusker, C. McQuillan, J. McDonald (0-1), C. Scullion, P. Ferris, C. Stewart (0-2), P. Cullen (0-2), O. Connolly, S. Elliot (1-8, 0-7 frees), E. McGrath, A. Scullion (1-0), E. Daly, D. Dobbin **Subs:** R. McKillop for O. Connolly (39 min), O. McAtamney for P. Cullen (67 min)

Our Lady's Secondary School, Castleblayney: C. Duffy, E. Casey, D. McMahon, J. McAdam, S. Hamill, C. Callan, S. Markey (0-1), M. Mooney (0-1), R. O'Reilly, R. Hanratty (0-6 frees), D. Courtney (0-1), J. Hughes, J. Mone, D. Irwin (0-1), J. Irwin (0-8, 0-7 frees) **Subs:** C. Mulligan for J. McAdam (17 min), G. Quinn for J. Hughes (HT)

REFEREE: Mark O'Neill (Tyrone)

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP QUARTER-FINAL 4

18 FEBRUARY 2019 at ALLEN PARK, ANTRIM

Colaistí Inis Eoghain: **3-11**

St. Patrick's High School, Keady: **1-5**

Inis Eoghain set up MacLarnon derby with Cathair Dhoire

Scoileanna Inis Eoghain finished off this Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup quarter-final in Allen Park, Antrim with 2-2 in the last seven minutes to put a more convincing look than they deserved on the score-board, but they nevertheless did enough to go through to a derby semi-final with Cathair Dhoire.

Both amalgamated teams had convincing quarter-final wins while the two teams that needed extra time to make the same stage, St. Louis Ballymena and St. Patrick's Downpatrick, will meet in the other semi-final, which is effectively a qualifier for the All-Ireland semi-final, as amalgamated teams are prohibited from progressing outside the province.



Inis Eoghain looked the stronger and more incisive team for most of the first half, but after 20 minutes were tied 0-4 each with St. Patrick's Keady mainly through the pace and poise of Joe Sheridan who posted three excellent points for the south Armagh side.

In the 21st minute, Burt hurler Conor Carlan pointed for Inis Eoghain and they took off to establish a 1-7 to 0-4 interval lead. Matthew Mulholland released Conor O'Donnell for a low finish to the right corner of the net in the 22nd minute, Josh Conlon quickly added a free and Ben Bradley took a super long-range point in the 28th minute.

There was a lot of wayward shooting for the opening ten minutes of the second half, before Reece Butler eventually pointed a free for Keady. Inis Eoghain responded with a point from Mulholland and then a free from O'Donnell.

Inis Eoghain looked comfortable at 1-9 to 0-5, but then suffered a double whammy with Jonny Toye picking up a second yellow card in the 48th minute and from the resultant free out, Odhrán Doyle hit the base of the Inis Eoghain post and Shea McNaughton bundled the rebound over the line.

Daniel McCallion then pulled off two good saves, although in both cases the ball was struck straight to him. That was as close as Keady got however with substitute, Keegan Hegarty setting up Conor O'Donnell for his second goal in the 53rd minute.

The south Armagh side lost captain Conor Renaghan to a black card and then two defenders to reds leaving Inis Eoghain to finish them off with Hegarty again provider, this time for an injury-time goal for Josh Conlon.

REFEREE: B Toland (Antrim)

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP 2019 SEMI FINALS



Boyd buries St. Louis MacLarnon dream

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP SEMI FINAL 2019

12 February 2019, St. Paul's, Lurgan



St. Patrick's GS, Downpatrick: **2-15** St. Louis GS, Ballymena: **0-11**

Wing-half back Brandon Boyd was the key player for St. Patrick's Downpatrick in the first Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup semi-final in St. Paul's Lurgan.

Boyd was a constant spring-board for his side's attacks, getting up to support the forwards and after 33 minutes he took a pass over the top from Tom Smith to fire low to Daniel McNicholl's right hand corner.

That score added to three Ruairí O'Hare points just before the break and opened up a gap between the teams. By the 40th minute the score-line read 1-12 to 0-6 and St. Louis Ballymena were struggling.

The mid-Antrim side rallied however to hit four points in a row, but their commitment to attack left gaps at the back and Brandon Boyd finished them off with a second goal in the 55th minute when any of four players could have been taking the last pass on a quick breakaway.

Downpatrick were full value for their victory, despite the closeness of the exchanges during the first half. Ruairí O'Hare had a strong game in the middle of the park and was accurate from frees throughout while, centre-half back, Tim Prentor, corner-forward, Peter McMullan and full-back, Eoin Rooney were always prominent.

Rooney was designated the job of picking up St. Louis dangerman, Seaan Elliott and, apart from a quick break from the throw-in that the Dunloy clubman pointed, he can be pretty pleased with his contribution.

Daniel McNicholl in the Ballymena goals pulled off a couple of brilliant stops and couldn't be faulted for either goal, James



McDonald and Declan Dobbin got on a lot of ball trying to get them forward, but only corner-forward, Aidan Scullion presented any difficulty for the winner's defence.

St Louis went 0-3 to 0-1 up inside the opening six minutes with points from Elliott, Peter Cullen and Scullion, but the Red High hit the next four points, including two from O'Hare.

Scullion slotted over two points to level, but three from O'Hare between the 29th minute and half time opened a gap that got wider with Boyd's goal on the re-start.

A brief flurry of four points in as many minutes from McDonald, Eoghan McGrath

and two Scullion frees briefly pulled the gap down to 1-12 to 0-10 with 15 minutes left, but Tim Prenter got Downpatrick going again with the second of his three points in a ten minute spell, scores that were carbon-copies of each other and all well taken.

Brandon Boyd iced the cake with his 55th minute goal to put Downpatrick into a first final since they lost to La Salle Boys' School, Belfast in 2006.

The second semi-final is between Scoileanna Inis Eoghain and Cathair Dhoire, two amalgamation teams.

REFEREE: Mark McGeehan (Derry)



Cathair Dhoire finish strongly in MacLarnon semi

DANSKE BANK MACLARNON CUP SEMI FINAL 2019 22 February 2019 at Celtic Park

Cathair Dhoire: 1-10 Colastí Inis Eoghain: 1-7

Cathair Dhoire have set-up a MacLarnon Cup final meeting with St. Patrick's, Downpatrick on March 18th after the Derry amalgamation saw off a valiant Inis Eoghain fight.

The Donegal side led by the minimum at the break, courtesy of Christopher McDaid's poacher instinct to punch the ball into the net. Josh Conlon opened the scoring from a free inside the first minute of the game before Ryan Brown restored parity, shooting after a fine swivel. Eoghan Cassidy and Fergal Mortimer added scores against the wind for their side, before Conlon nailed a free in response.

There were 17 minutes on the clock when Matthew Stephenson spilled Jonathan Toye's pointed effort into the path of Christopher McDaid who made no mistake in punching the ball into the net.

Conlon landed yet another free before Cassidy pointed to stop the rot for the Oak Leaf men who had failed to register a score for 17 minutes.

Ben McCarron added his first score of the game on the whistle, but it was the Donegal side which led by the minimum at the break, 1-3 to 0-5.

Despite being behind at the break, the Derry men would not have been too downheartened given the fact that they would have a strong wind advantage for the second stanza.

Conlon and Mortimer landed frees inside the opening minutes of the half before Cathair Dhoire kicked five wides in a row which amounted to a total of thirteen over the course of the hour.

With 15 minutes left to play, it was Derry under-age star, Ben McCarron who cut through the heart of the Inis Eoghain defence before being illegally upended by Conor O'Donnell.

Referee, Sean Laverty duly awarded a penalty and McCarron stepped up to fire



the ball into the bottom right corner of the net and give his side a two points' lead.

Further City wides would follow before points from Rory Hirrell and a superb effort from Matthew Mullholland leveled proceedings with four left on the clock.

It was at this juncture that both sides needed leaders and it was the men in red that took control, Mortimer landing a colossal free from 40 yards to edge his side back in front. Ben McCarron added another score with the outside of his right boot, before substitute, Tiernan O'Kane hit

a monstrous effort from the narrowest of angles to put two between them with time up.

Inis Eoghain would need a goal and they almost had that, as a high ball was directed into the area and met by the hand of Donal Doherty, who flicked the ball goal wards, but it cannoned off the crossbar before falling over bar.

Jude Óg Moore put the icing on the cake, sealing a final spot for his team splitting the posts with the last action of the game to confirm a three points' win.

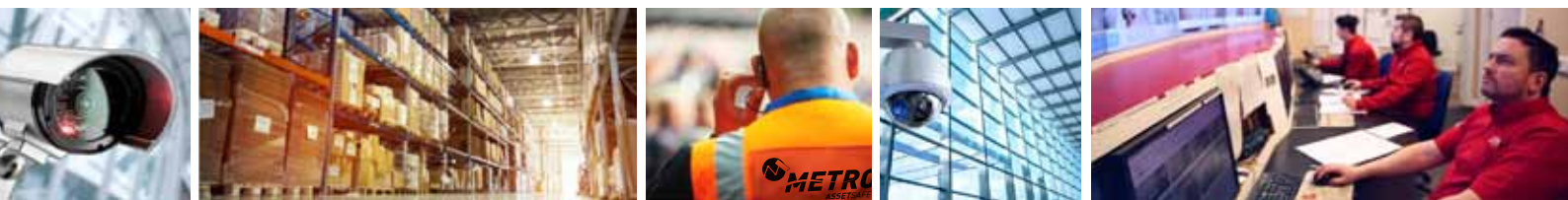
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Subs: J Óg Moore (0-1) for C McMonagle (42 min), T. O'Kane (0-1) for J. Mullan (54 min), O. McMenamin for R. Brown (56 min)

Colaistí Inis Eoghain: D. McCallion, E. McCallion, A. Doherty, O. Kelly, D. Doherty (0-1), O. Devlin, C. McNutt, G. McDaid, C. O'Donnell, J. Conlon (0-4, 4 frees), C. McDaid (1-0), C. Carlin, B. Doherty, J. Toye, R. Hirrell (0-1) **Subs:** M. Mullholland (0-1) for O. Kelly (26 min), L. Doherty for C. Carlin (ht)

REFEREE: S. Laverty (Antrim) | Report courtesy of Odhrán Crumley



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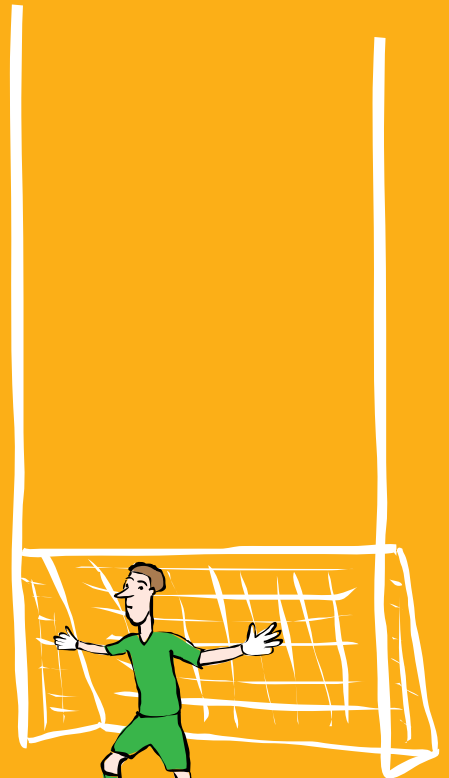
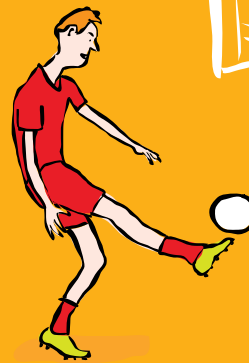
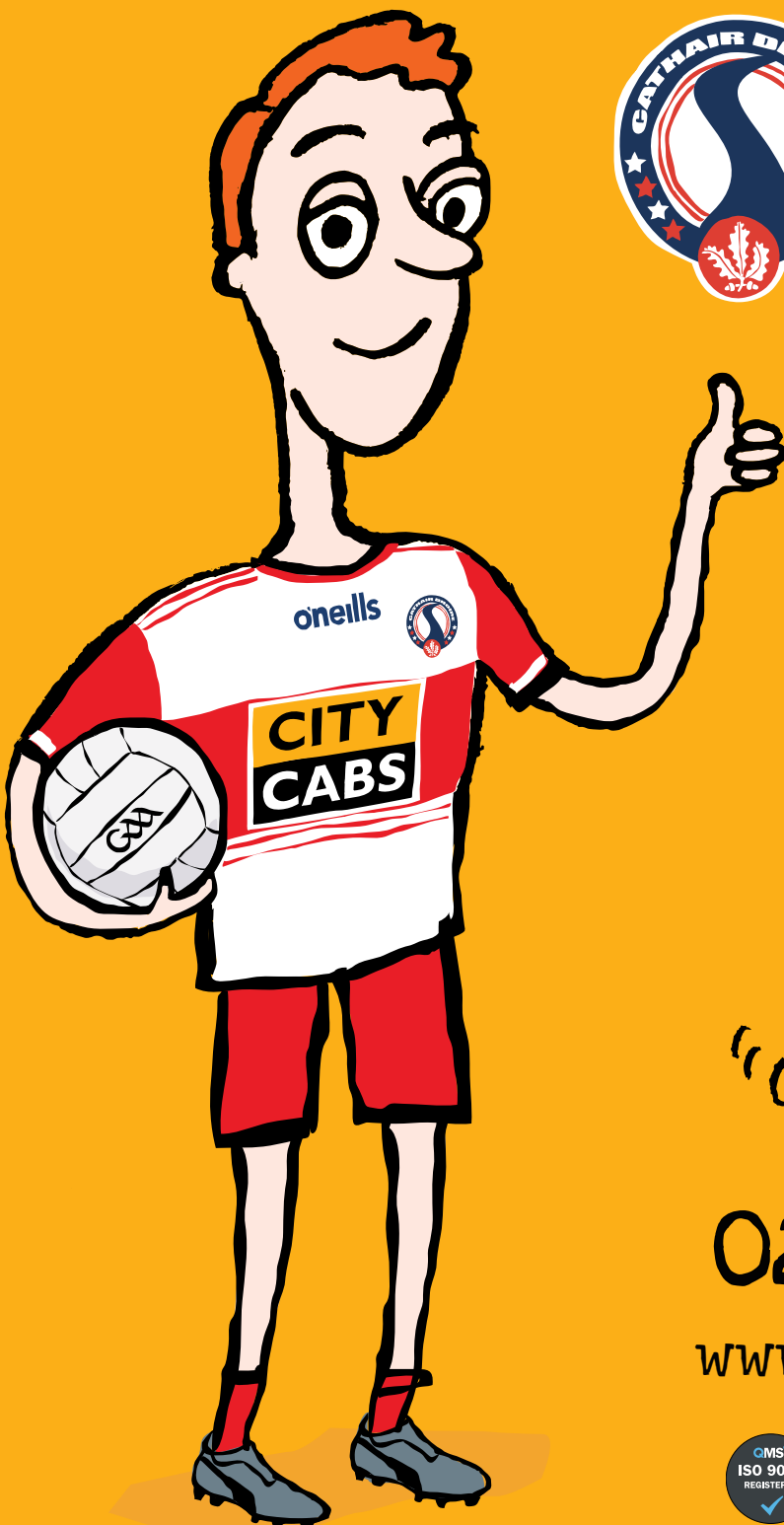
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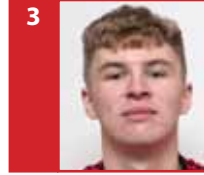
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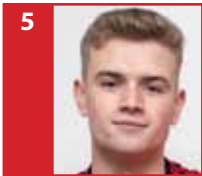
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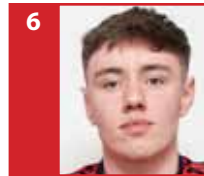
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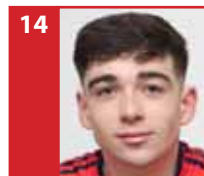
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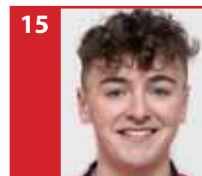
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ST PATRICK'S GS, DOWNPATRICK

Principal's Comment



It is very fitting that in our 85th year, we are once again contesting a Maclarnon Cup final. Sport plays such an important part in the life of our school and there has been a palpable sense of excitement mounting as this campaign has gathered momentum since Christmas. For the last number of years, we have been 'knocking on the door' and we are delighted to be one of the last two teams standing.

On a personal level, I have experienced the highs of being part of winning, when coaching a team against St. Columb's Derry in 2001 and the lows of an agonising defeat to La Salle, Belfast in 2006. I am delighted for our Coaching Team, led by Declan Morgan and Darren Swail, as this occasion rewards a lot of hard work with this group of players throughout their seven years in the Red High. While our Year 14 pupils have been competitive throughout, our Year 13 pupils experienced success, winning the Danske Bank Loch an Iuir in a memorable final against St. Malachy's Castlewellan. For our Year 12 players on the panel, the experience of playing high quality football in the first term has developed them considerably. The team has come through two very tough knock-out games against St. Malachy's, Castlewellan and St. Louis', Ballymena and I believe that these leave us well placed to be very competitive in today's final.



I would also like to acknowledge another key player in our success, the 'Red Army'. Our teachers, pupils, players from previous teams, parents and sponsors have been unwavering in their commitment and I know how much this is appreciated by both the players and their coaches. We look forward to the challenge that today brings and are extremely proud to be part of this wonderful occasion in the Athletic Grounds. We also acknowledge the Maclarnon Cup 'Man of the Match' award named in honour of our much loved and missed colleague, Mr Pat O'Hare.

Joe McCann
 Principal





Management Profiles



Declan Morgan (Joint Manager) Tulach Lís CLG

It is a great honour to lead this fantastic group of Red High students into the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup final. The squad has worked tremendously hard since early September and have embraced the challenge of an extremely difficult MacLarnon competition to date.

This squad have been together since Year 8, progressing each year and a place in the showpiece final is a just reward for such dedication to the Red High jersey. We are grateful to our School Principal, Mr Joe McCann, for his continued support of Gaelic Games, and of course to all our supporters who thoroughly deserve this big day out. We are indebted to our sponsor, M.B McGrady and Co. Chartered Accountants, for their valuable contribution throughout the years.

We thank our local clubs in East Down for their continued support and the parents of our players, who have supplied us with such fine young men. We look forward to today's game against very worthy opponents, who no doubt will share the same desire to lift the Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup.

Declan has been teaching in the Red High since September 2003 and worked with numerous teams across all age groups during this time. He has coached at various levels outside of Schools' football, including Kilcoo GAC at senior level and the Down minor team. Declan is the current senior team coach of his home club, Tullylish GAC.



Darren Swail (Joint Manager) Kilclief Ben Dearg CLG

In Darren's 25 year teaching career he has taught at Abbey CBS, Newry, St. Olcans/St. Benedict's, Randalstown and is currently Assistant Principal in St. Patrick's, Downpatrick. Darren has coached several school teams to success at Ulster level in both Football and Hurling. He is a past pupil of the Red High, captaining the MacLarnon team of 1988, who were beaten finalists (coached by Pat O' Hare).

'We are delighted to be back in the final of the MacLarnon Cup after coming close a few times in recent years and I am looking forward to an exciting game against our formidable opponents, Cathair Doire. I would like to pay tribute to the coaching staff in the Red High who have worked tirelessly to raise the profile of sport in my time as Head of PE. I would also like to thank the Red High Parents and Friends Association who have made a big difference to the opportunities afforded to our pupils. The atmosphere has been brilliant in the build up to the game and I am grateful for the support we have received from past pupils across many decades. Finally, I would like to acknowledge the fantastic work carried out by the Ulster Schools committee in greatly enhancing the profile of all competitions that provide lasting memories for all players.



Conán Hynds (Coach)

Conán is a past pupil of the school, who is currently studying Sports and Exercise Science B.Sc. at Ulster University. He is currently completing a year-long placement in the PE Department. Conán comes from Kilclief, Ben Dearg CLG, where he plays both football and hurling. He is part of the management team for the senior team, in order to gain experience and develop his Sports coaching skills. With the use of Performa Sports, Conán has gained knowledge in Sports Analysis. During his time as a pupil in St. Patrick's, he was part of the Danske Bank Casement Cup team that won the competition in 2013.



Gareth McKibbin (Coach)

Gareth is a past pupil of St. Malachy's, Castlewellan and is currently studying a B.Sc. Sports Studies at Ulster University. He is currently completing a year-long placement in the PE department. Gareth is a native of Castlewellan GAC and plays for the team. He is part of the senior management team gaining experience and developing his Sports coaching skills. With the use of Performa Sports, Gareth has gained knowledge in Performance Analysis.

Physiotherapist: Rory Mullen

Maor Uisce: Rory McDonnell, John Devlin



CATHAIR DHOIRE, DERRY

Principals' Comment



We are honoured to be taking part in what is the most important day of the Danske Bank Ulster Schools' GAA calendar. Our three schools have long been working closely together as members of the Foyle Learning Community - seeking to provide the best educational opportunities for our students - and we are delighted to have been able to extend this co-operation into the sporting arena.

It has been really fulfilling for us to watch the Cathair Dhoire Panel develop as players and as young men. They have become role models in their schools, clubs and community and we know that this positive influence will continue into their adult years. Their participation in today's Final is a deserved reward for their commitment, generosity and ability to inspire their peers. We are delighted to see them forge friendships which will last long after they have departed our schools.

Today offers yet another opportunity for our parents and community to come together to celebrate the achievements of our young people. We recognise that it is only with their support that our boys can achieve their potential. We thank our sponsors and all those who have contributed to help the team reach today's Final.

We hope that all four teams in today's Finals play to their potential, leaving us all with stories to tell about how we were there on March 18th 2019 to see two wonderful games, played with passion, skill and heart.

Good luck to the Cathair Dhoire Panel! We are so very proud of each and every one of you.

Katrina Crilly (Oakgrove Integrated College)
FJM Madden (St Columb's College)
Siobhán McCauley (Lumen Christi College)



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Management Profiles



Michael McLaughlin: Manager

Michael is a Teacher of Physical Education at St Columb's College. He is a treble winning captain with his club Sean Dolans, Derry City, in 2009, leading the club to its first ever promotion from the junior ranks into intermediate football and securing its first ever Junior Championship.

Having taught and developed a strong GAA ethos in St. Brigid's College, Derry City, for 13 years, Michael moved the short distance to St Columb's College in 2014, securing the school's first underage title in 14 years winning the Danske Bank Corn Colmille in 2015.

Michael was also part of this year's management team that secured St. Columb's first ever Markey Cup title. His first step into club management in 2015 with St Mary's Faughanvale secured the club's return to the intermediate ranks with a historic treble of League, Championship and Neil Carlin Cup, while also leading the 'Vale' to a first ever Ulster Final appearance.]

In 2017, he lead Faughanvale back to the club's first intermediate Championship appearance since 1999. In 2018 he was part of the management team with Naomh Conaill, Glenties, winning the Donegal Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta championship and leading Naomh Conaill back to the senior Championship final against current Ulster Champions Gweedore.



Conal Donaghy: Coach

Conal is a member of John Mitchel's, Claudy GAC, founded in 1888. While his playing career fell between Claudy's two championship successes to date, he saw success in the League, with two victories. Following his playing career, he has been a long serving coach to a range of under-age teams in the club. He has also served on the John Mitchel's Committee as Coaching Officer.

Conal has spent his teaching career at Oakgrove Integrated College, joining the staff in 1994, two years after the school opened. In the school's early years, he was instrumental in Oakgrove's competitive entry on to the Gaelic Football field. During his time at Oakgrove he has coached teams across the year groups, introducing many pupils from different backgrounds to the game.

Along with fellow coach, Gavan Duffy, he led the school to success in the Vocational Schools era, winning honours at County level on several occasions. While he has previously coached Oakgrove teams at Markey Cup and Ward Cup level, this is his first venture into the MacLarnon Cup.



Michael McCullagh: Coach

Michael is a Physical Education Teacher at Lumen Christi College. He is a member of the Watty Graham club in Maghera. After finishing playing senior football he began coaching within his club and has coached teams at all age levels. He currently takes the U6s where his son plays and says this has proven to be the most stressful age group he has coached.

He has been teaching in Lumen Christi College for 12 years now and has managed the school to 4 Ulster titles at different grades, the last being the Danske Bank Ward Cup in 2017.

He says this amalgamation has given several of his players the chance to compete at a higher level and make lifelong friends with pupils from other schools.



Paul Simpson: Coach

Paul works as Urban Gaelic Games Promotion Officer for Derry and Strabane District Council developing links with schools and clubs throughout the city. He is a member of the Doire Trasna club and was manager of their winning Championship and League teams in 2012 and 2017. He is currently U-8 coach/manager.





ST PATRICK'S GS, DOWNPATRICK

Eoin Maginn



Club: Castlewellaan GAC
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours: Kevin Smith Shield, McFarland Cup, Down Minor 'B' Championship, Rannafast Shield runner-up, McGreevy Cup, East Down U14 League, Primary School Féile, Corn Colmcille runner-up

Jack Harbinson



Club: Bryansford GAC
Position: Defender
Weight: 9st 1
Height: 5'4"
Age: 17

Honours: McFarland Cup, Ulster Handball Winners, All-County Feis 7's, East Down U14 'B' League

Eoin Rooney



Club: RGU Downpatrick
Position: Defender
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 5'7"
Age: 17

Honours: NI Boys' FA League with Glentoran, represented Down at the Supercup NI, Peadar Barry 7-a-side Cup, Loch an Iúir

Lorcan Guinness



Club: Carryduff GAC
Position: Defender
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 5'10"
Age: 15

Honours: U14 All-County Championship, U14 East Down League, U16 All-County League finalists, Down U16 Panel

Peter McMullan



Club: Loughinisland GAC
Position: Defender
Weight: 13st
Height: 6'2"
Age: 18

Honours: Ulster Minor League Shield, East Down 'A' U16 Championship

Ronan Murphy (Capt)



Club: RGU Downpatrick
Position: Defender
Weight: 12st 5
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours: Minor East Down 'A' League, All Ireland Celtic Challenge, All-Ireland U16 'B' Hurling

Brandon Boyd



Club: Loughinisland GAC
Position: Defender/Forward
Weight: 11st 4
Height: 5'11"
Age: 17

Honours: Loch an Iúir Cup, Peadar Barry 7-a-side Cup, U12½ East Down Football Championship, U16 East Down Football Championship

Ciaran Watson



Club: Ballygalget GAC/Saul
GAC Position: Midfield
Weight: 12st 1
Height: 6'1"
Age: 18

Honours: U14 Down Hurling Championship, U16 Down Hurling Championship, Down Minor Hurling Shield, Down Minor Hurling Championship, East Down Minor Football Championship, Celtic Challenge (2017), U16 All-Ireland 'B' Hurling Championship, McFarland Cup, Mageean Cup, Ulster U16 Poc Fada (2017)

Ruairí O'Hare



Club: Saul GAC
Position: Midfield/Forward
Weight: 13st 5
Height: 6'4"
Age: 17

Honours: East Down Minor double (2018), 3 caps for Northern Ireland U18, Linfield Swifts captain

Tom Smyth



Club: RGU Downpatrick
Position: Midfield/Forward
Height: 5'11
Weight: 12st
Age: 17

Honours: QUB Future Star Award, Loch an Iúir (2016), Peadar Barry 7-a-side Cup

Odhrán Cunningham



Club: RGU Downpatrick
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 5
Height: 6'0"
Age: 15

Honours: U16 East Down 'A' League and Championship (2018)

Niall Laverty



Club: Saul GAC
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 3
Height: 5'9"
Age: 18

Honours: Down ACFL Division 3 (2018), East Down Minor League and Championship (2018) Loch an Iúir, 3 x Aisling Óg Cup, McFarland Cup, Craig Cup, Rannafast Shield Runner-up, Corn Colmcille Runner-up, Down Minor Hurling Championship Shield

Tim Prenter



Club: RGU Downpatrick/Ballygalget GAC
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 1
Height: 5'9"
Age: 18

Honours: :2 Danske Bank Ulster Schools' Hurling All Stars, McFarland Cup, Celtic Challenge, All Ireland U16 'B', Mageean Cup, McGurk Cup, 2 Down Minor Hurling Championship, Down U16 Hurling League, Down Division 2 Hurling League, East Down Minor 'A' League, Down Senior Hurlers (2019)

Ronan Connor



Club: Saul GAC
Position: Forward
Weight: 11st 5
Height: 5'10"
Age: 16

Honours: Minor League and Championship (2018), U16 Player of the Year (2018), Loch an Iúir, Peadar Barry 7-a-side Cup, McFarland Cup

Tom Savage



Club: RGU Downpatrick
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 7
Height: 5'8"
Age: 16

Honours: Loch an Iúir (2015), U16 East Down 'A' League, U16 East Down 'A' Championship

Peter Kearney



Club: Loughinisland GAC
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 11st 8
Height: 5'11"
Age: 16

Honours: East Down U16 Championship (2017)



Conor Murray



Club: Bryansford GAC
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 10st 7
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 U14, U15, U16 Down Development Squad

Ruairi Quinn



Club: RGU Downpatrick
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 12st 2
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 17

Honours:
 Corn Colmcille runner-up
 Rannafast Shield Runner-up

Tony Carson



Club: Stewartstown Harps
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 5'8"
 Age: 17

Honours:
 Rannafast Shield Runner-up

Odhran Barlow



Club: Loughinisland GAC
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 10st
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 U16 East Down 'A' Championship (2017)

Drew Barnes



Club: RGU Downpatrick
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 12st 5
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours:
 East Down Minor League (2016)

Dara McDonald



Club: Loughinisland GAC
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 12st
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 18

Honours:
 Corn Colmcille runner-up, U16 East Down 'A' Championship

Tom McDonald



Club: Loughinisland GAC
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st 7
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours:
 U16 East Down 'A' Championship

Tomas Fettes



Club: Kilcoo Eoghan Rua
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 9st 4
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 17

Honours: U14 'A' League and All-County Championship, U16 All-County Championship, U16 Ulster Championship, Bronze Medal winner in U-11 Irish Ji-Jitsu Open

Paul Tempary



Club: Bright GAC
 Position: Midfielder
 Weight: 12st 6
 Height: 6'1"
 Age: 18

Honours:
 McFarland Cup, Corn Colmcille runner-up.

Rory Mullan



Club: St. Mochais, Darragh Cross
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 9st 6
 Height: 5'6"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 U14 'C' League Champions 2015, U14 'B' Championship Champions (2016)

Aodhan Harney



Club: Saul GAC
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 9st
 Height: 5'8"
 Age: 17

Honours:
 Loch an Iuir Cup, East Down Minor 'A' Championship

Dermot Donaldson



Club: Carryduff GAC
 Position: Midfield
 Weight: 10st 12
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 16

Honours: U14 East-Down Championship, U14 East-Down League, U16 All-County League Finalists, U14, U15, U16 Down Development Squad

Caolan Murray



Club: St. John's GAC
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 17

Honours:
 2 East Down Minor League and Championship, Loch an Iuir (2016)

Damien McDowell



Club: RGU Downpatrick
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 10st 8
 Height: 5'7"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 2 East Down Minor League and Championship, Loch an Iuir (2016)

Tom McNeill



Club: RGU Downpatrick
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 8st 4
 Height: 5'4"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 U16 East Down 'A' league, U16 East Down 'A' Championship

Odhran Sherry



Club: Carryduff GAC
 Position: Corner-forward
 Weight: 9st 4
 Height: 5'7"
 Age: 16

Honours:
 U14 East Down Championship, U14 All-County Championship, U16 League finalists

Ryan Wynn



Club: RGU Downpatrick
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 12st 8
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 18

Honours:
 East Down Minor League (2016)
 Rannafast Shield Runner up





CATHAIR DHOIRE, DERRY

Matthew Stephenson



School: St. Columb's
Club: St. Mary's Faughanvale
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 12st
Height: 6'0"
Age: 17

Honours:

Peter O'Flaherty



School: Lumen Christi
Club: Owen Roe O'Neill's
Position: Corner-Back
Weight: 9st 11
Height: 5'9"
Age: 18

Honours:

Danske Bank Ward Cup, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn, Tyrone U14 'B' League Title

Naoise Ó Mianáin



School: St. Columb's
Club: Craighbane
Position: Full Back
Weight: 12st 6
Height: 5'11"
Age: 17

Honours:

Danske Bank Ward Cup, Corn Cúchulainn and Markey Cup, Danske Bank Ulster Schools' All-Star.

Michael Lynch



Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
Position: Defender
Weight: 10st
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours:

Club U14 'A' League, U16 'B' League, U16 'B' Championship, Carlin Duffy Cup, Danske Bank Markey Cup, Danske Bank Maguire Cup, Derry Minor.

Jude Mullan



School: Lumen Christi
Club: Slaughtmanus
Position: Half-Back
Weight: 10st 9
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:

Minor 'B' Championship and League Winners 2016, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn (2017)

Shane McElhinney



School: St. Columb's
Club: St. Mary's Faughanvale
Position: Defender
Weight: 11st 4
Height: 5'11"
Age: 17

Honours:

Danske Bank Markey Cup, Derry Minor 'B' League 2018, Derry Minor 2017/18

Conor McLaughlin



School: St. Columb's
Club: Craighbane
Position: Half-Back
Weight: 11st 9
Height: 5'11"
Age: 18

Honours:

U16 'B' Derry Club Championship, Danske Bank Markey Cup

Cormac Mooney



School: St. Columb's
Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
Position: Midfield
Weight: 12st
Height: 6'1"
Age: 18

Honours:

Danske Bank Markey Cup, Derry U15, U17 Development Team, U14 'A' Derry League.

Oran McGrath



School: Lumen Christi
Club: Strabane Sigersons
Position: Midfield
Weight: 12st 11
Height: 6'0"
Age: 16

Honours:

QUB. Future Star, U14 'A' Club Championship, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn 2017, Tyrone Minor

Shea Browne



School: St. Columb's
Club: Clann Na nGael
Position: Forward
Weight: 10st 10
Height: 5'10"
Age: 16

Honours:

U14 Tyrone Championship and League, Féile Championship, QUB. Future Star, Danske Bank Corn Colmcille, Danske Bank Markey Cup, Tyrone Minor

Ben McCarron



School: Lumen Christi
Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
Position: Half-Forward
Weight: 12st
Height: 6'0"
Age: 18

Honours:

Ulster Minor Championship (Derry), Ulster U20 Championship (Derry), U20 All Star, Danske Bank Ulster Schools' All Star, Danske Bank Ward Cup, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn Cup.

Fergal Mortimer (Capt)



School: St. Columb's
Club: Craighbane
Position: Half-Forward
Weight: 12st
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:

Ulster Minor Championship (Derry) Ulster U20 Championship (Derry) U16 'B' Club Championship. Danske Bank Markey Cup. QUB Future Star

Ryan Brown



School: St. Columb's
Club: Claudy
Position: Full-Forward
Weight: 11st
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:

Vocational Schools Title, Ulster Club Championship, Derry Minor Club Championship, Danske Bank Markey Cup.

Eoghán Cassidy



School: St. Columb's
Club: Slaughtmanus
Position: Half-Forward
Weight: 10st
Height: 5'10"
Age: 18

Honours:

Danske Bank Markey Cup, Danske Bank Maguire Cup, Danske Bank Ulster Schools' All Star, 2 x Ulster Club Minor Hurling Championships

Cahir McMonagle



School: St. Columb's
Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
Position: Forward
Weight: 9st 8
Height: 5'8"
Age: 17

Honours:

QUB. Future Star, Danske Bank Markey Cup. Club Minor 'B' League and Championship. Carlin Duffy Cup

Adam Hargan



School: St. Columb's
Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
Position: Goalkeeper
Weight: 12st 9
Height: 6'1"
Age: 16

Honours:

Derry Minor Championship



Jude Óg Moore



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Craighbane
 Position: Full-Forward
 Weight: 12st
 Height: 6'2"
 Age: 17

Honours: 2 x U16 'B' Derry Championship, U16 'B' Hurling Championship, Danske Bank Ulster Schools' Markey Cup, 1 Celtic Challenge Cup, Derry U17 Hurling, Derry Minor

Tiernan O' Kane



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Claudy
 Position: Half-Back
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 18

Honours: Club Minor 'B' Championship, Danske Bank Markey Cup

Oran McMenamin



School: Lumen Christi
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Half Forward
 Weight: 11st 8
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 16

Honours: Danske Bank Corn Colmcille and Corn Cúchulainn, Derry Minor

Ciaran Concannon



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Half-Forward
 Weight: 10st
 Height: 5'8"
 Age: 18

Honours: Danske Bank Markey Cup

Caomhán O' Connor



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Slaughtmanus
 Position: Full Forward
 Weight: 15st
 Height: 6'2"
 Age: 18

Honours: Minor 'B' League and Championship Markey Cup

James Lynch



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: 5'10"
 Weight: 12st 8
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours: U14 'A' League, U16 'B' Hurling Championship, Carlin Duffy Cup, Danske Bank Markey Cup 2019.

Jack McLaughlin



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Defender
 Weight: 11st 5
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 18

Honours: Danske Bank Markey Cup

Jason McAleer



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Half-Back
 Weight: 12st
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 18

Honours: Danske Bank Markey Cup, U16 'B' Club Championship

Oisín O' Donnell



School: Lumen Christi
 Club: Craighbane
 Position: Half-Back
 Weight: 10st
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 17

Honours: U16 'B' Derry Club Championship, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn Cup

Cillian Hughes



School: Lumen Christi
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Half-Back
 Weight: 11st
 Height: 6'1"
 Age: 18

Honours: U14 Derry 'A' League, Derry and Ulster Óg Sport, Carlin Duffy Cup, Derry Reserve Championship, Danske Bank Corn Cúchulainn Cup

Conaire Molloy



School: Lumen Christi
 Club: Slaughtmanus
 Position: Midfield
 Weight: 13st 6
 Height: 6'3"
 Age: 16

Honours: Derry Club Hurling 'B' Championship

Ben O' Kane



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Craighbane
 Position: Goalkeeper
 Weight: 10st 2
 Height: 6'0"
 Age: 15

Honours: U16 'B' Derry Club Championship, Danske Bank Corn Colmcille (2014)

Aidan Duddy



School: St. Columb's
 Club: Slaughtmanus
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 10st 8
 Height: 5'9"
 Age: 18

Honours: Minor B2 League and Championship, Ulster Schools' 'D' 2016, Ulster Schools' 'C' 2017, Danske Bank Markey Cup

Mark Grant



School: Oakgrove Integrated
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Full-Back
 Weight: 14st
 Height: 5'10"
 Age: 18

Honours: Carlin Duffy Cup.

Conall Murphy



School: Oakgrove Integrated
 Club: Steelstown Brian Óg's
 Position: Forward
 Weight: 10st 2
 Height: 5'11"
 Age: 18

Honours: U16 League, U16 Championship, U18 Carlin Duffy Cup





Ulster Schools' Focus

DEAN MAGUIRC COLLEGE, CARRICKMORE

Our School

Dean Maguirc College opened its doors in 1966. It is an all-ability 11-18 co-educational school which consistently achieves much academic success evidenced by our examination results each August. In addition, we continue to excel in so many extra-curricular activities, ranging from winning county and national sporting titles to regional public speaking competitions. Our mission statement "We commit ourselves to the growth and development of people" is clearly reflected in our basic aim of wanting every child who enters the college to achieve his or her true potential and make the most of his or her talents during their time here, be it five years or seven years. We work very closely with many local clubs and organisations and thus our post-primary school is seen as being very much at the heart of the community. The promotion of Gaelic games is ingrained in the history of the school with past Principals Peter Curran and John Keenan both steeped in the traditions of handball and football respectively. Current Principal Mr James Warnock has maintained the school's strong tradition and continues to provide the opportunity for teachers and pupils to work alongside each other for the development of Gaelic games in the Dean.

Football Coaching

Boys Gaelic Football is coordinated by Head of PE Enda Kilpatrick who succeeded Pat Casey in 1987. Enda was a young member of the panel which reached Tyrone's first All-Ireland Senior Final in 1986, won Ulster medals in 1986, 1989 and captained them to a National League Final in 1992. Coaching duties are shared between Enda Kilpatrick, Terry Mc Cann and Gavan Mc Elroy - all past Tyrone senior players. Terry and Enda managed the Tyrone Vocational Schools from 1992 -2000 winning five Ulster and one All-Ireland title (1998). Paddy Toner and Ronan Mc Alinden have also been involved with teams since they joined the teaching staff bringing some Armagh expertise into Tyrone!

Schools Honours

Dean Maguirc College had a proud association with Vocational Schools football from 1966 until its merger with Ulster Schools' GAA in 2015. During its time with Vocational football, the Dean annexed numerous county titles at various age groups and won two Under-14 Ulster Mc Devitt Cup titles as well as Ward Cup Ulster title in 2012. Their most recent Mc Devitt Cup win in Under-14(A) was in the last year of Vocational Schools' Football. Since the transition to Ulster Schools', the Dean has enjoyed great success capturing the Danske Bank Gerry Brown Cup, Danske Bank Paddy O'Hara Cup and the Danske Bank Rafferty Cup in three consecutive years. For Under 16½



Managers, Terry Mc Cann and Enda Kilpatrick, this year's victory over St Pius X College, Magherfaelt was an especially historic win given that it came after extra time and a subsequent replay. A memorable occasion was crowned when our Year 12 pupil, Packie Quinn, was awarded Danske Bank Ulster Schools' GAA Player of the Month for January 2019.

Past and Present County Players

The Dean has played its part in producing many county players over the years. In the early days Mickey Coyle, Frank Grogan and Sean Gormley represented the Tyrone Minors. Both Mickey and Frank reached the All-Ireland Final in 1972 and Sean Gormley was on the winning side in 1973. Peadar Mc Callan, a Tyrone minor in the mid 70's, graduated to the senior ranks in 1978. In the late '80s and early '90s past pupil Raymond Monroe was a constant feature on the Tyrone Senior team capturing an Ulster Title in 1989. He went on to manage Tyrone Minors taking them to an All-Ireland Title in 2010. He was followed in the mid '90s by Fergal Gormley, Ciaran Loughran, Brian Gormley, Ronan Mc Garrity and Damien Loughran. Ciaran, Brian, Ronan and Damien enjoyed Ulster success with Tyrone in 1995 and 1996 going on to feature in the 1995 All-Ireland Final.

Both Brian Gormley and Ciaran Loughran were Ulster and All Ireland winners at Vocational level whilst attending Dean Maguirc College. All-Star Conor Gormley, Michael Mc Gee and Eoin Bradley continued the Dean's proud association with the Tyrone Senior Team into the 2000s with the All-Ireland wins of 2003, 2005 and 2008. Past pupil and Head Boy, Ciaran Meenagh also represented Tyrone in that era, his career cut short by injury. Current Tyrone player, Conal McCann, son of teacher Terry Mc Cann, has flown the Dean flag in recent years featuring for Tyrone in 2018 on their run to the All-Ireland Final. Interestingly, Conor Gormley, All-Ireland Senior winner in '03, '05 and '08 is the son of Sean, All-Ireland Minor winner in 1973.



The Future

The Dean continues to enjoy the support of its 'feeder' clubs; Carrickmore, Loughmacrory, Greencastle, Killyclogher, Pomeroy, Beragh, Galbally, Gortin and Kildress. We continue to work closely with these clubs to develop Gaelic games within the school and ensure the sporting development of the young people who walk through our doors.

Girls Football

As a co-educational school the development of girl's football in the Dean has been central to our sporting progress. Ladies Gaelic at schools' level was established in 1996 and since then the Dean have competed every year in the respective County and Ulster competitions at all age levels. Mrs Hetherington was a founder member of the Ulster Schools' Ladies Committee and was Secretary for a number of years. Our girls first contested the Ulster Senior B final in 1999 but were beaten by Inver College, Carrickmacross on that occasion. We won our first Ulster Title in 2002 under the management of Paul Carey and Conal Curran when our Under-14 team defeated St. Paul's Bessbrook in the Ulster Under-14B final. Four years later in 2006 under the management of Brenda Hetherington and Mary Farrell we were crowned Ulster Under-14A Champions. Our greatest success was to follow in 2008 when our Senior team under the management of

Conal Curran, Gerard Mullan and Gavan Mc Elroy reached the school's first All-Ireland final in 42 years. Aoife Mc Guone became our schools Ladies College All-Star in its inaugural year of 2009. In the past 10 years the Dean has reached the semi-final stages in many competitions, however our girls did not win another Ulster Title until 2018. The team, managed by Brenda Hetherington, Mary Farrell and Sarah Owens, overcame neighbouring school Holy Trinity, Cookstown to be crowned Ulster Under-14B Champions. Past pupils who have represented the County at senior level include; All-Star Eilish Gormley, Louise Fox, Connie Fox, Etaoine O'Kane, Dearbhla Mc Callan, Claire Gallagher, Elaine Coyle, Sinead Mc Aleer and Shauneen Ferrity.



Hurling

The history of hurling at Dean Maguirc College and indeed the parish of Carrickmore can be traced back to the arrival of Kerryman, Gerry Ryle, as a teacher in 1968. The desire to organise hurling at club level spread from the corridors of the Dean and into the parish where under the auspices of St. Colmcilles Football Club, Hurling took its step in to the senior arena. Eventually establishing a separate Club, Eire Óg, hurling in the parish went from strength to strength dominating the county hurling scene for many long periods and providing countless numbers of players to the County team. Among their ranks in many of their successes were Dean pupils who would cut their teeth in the Ulster Hurling schools competitions. The crowning success of the endeavours of Dean Hurling coaches Terry Mc Cann and Martin Hegarty came when the Dean boys won the Corn Eamhain Mhacha, Ulster Schools' (U16A) in 2002. This was followed up by an Ulster Colleges' B title in 2007 and an Ulster Schools' 'A' title in 2010. Presently, teacher and Lavey man James Grant coordinates hurling at all ages in the Dean.

Handball

Handball has played an integral part of school life in Dean Maguirc College since it opened in 1966. In earlier years a lot of handball played at school was against the long wall of the Gym. This was the catalyst for building a genuine interest in the sport. Former Principal, Peter Curran saw the potential of the handball talent in front of him and began to nurture and develop the game from the one wall of the school gym to the 40 x 20 and 60 x 30 codes. In 1991 Ciaran Curran won the Colleges' first All-Ireland title. This was a real milestone for the school and from this point more and more All-Ireland titles would follow. The school has had many top players too many to mention in this short article.

DMC have also had a great deal of success in the ladies competition over the years with players such as Aoife Kelly and Elisha McCrory dominating the All-Ireland doubles scene during their time at "the Dean". Currently, the world No. 1 at one wall is a past pupil, Conor McElduff.

ENJOYMENT FOR YEAR 8 FOOTBALLERS IN OISÍN MCGRATH CUP

Throughout the first term, pupils from schools right across the Province got the opportunity to participate in the Danske Bank Oisín McGrath competition. The first blitzes got underway at MUSA, Coláiste Feirste, Garvaghey, Downpatrick, Woodlands, Abbey CBS and St. Patrick's College in Dungannon. Further blitzes were facilitated a number of weeks later in Owenbeg, Crossmaglen, MUSA and The Dub.

St. Patrick's College, Maghera power to three in a row Oisín McGrath Cup titles. The Year 8 footballers from St. Patrick's College, Maghera claimed their third successive victory in the Oisín McGrath 'A' final with a comprehensive defeat of neighbours St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt at MUSA. Goals win games and the St. Patrick's boys grabbed 11 of them, powering their way to a 11-12 to 2-7 victory with their spectators adding tremendous colour, noise and excitement to the day.

Maghera's first attack in the opening minute yielded the first of those goals and although play was relatively even over the remainder of the first quarter the period before half time saw the reigning champions put the game out of reach for their neighbours. Steady and disciplined defensive work gave a platform for some good possession and hard support running had St. Patrick's 6-6 to 0-6 ahead at half-time and well on the path to victory.

Magherafelt did battle bravely in the second half, but just could not match the overall quality which the winners had in so many positions across the field. Defensively, Maghera were sound throughout, while their midfield and



Oisín McGrath 'A' winners St. Patrick's College, Maghera



Oisín McGrath 'B' winners St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast



forwards made excellent use of the ball and played as a very cohesive unit. The flow and spread of scores was testament

to a very 'together' team which ticked all the boxes on the big day, and they were full value for their resounding success.

St. Patrick's College, Maghera: Charlie O'Kane, Donnach Colgan, Fiachra Turner, Fionn O'Sullivan, Oisín McMullan, Cahal McKaigue (0-2), Gavin Mclvor, Darach McGonigle (0-3, 2 frees), Finbarr McShane (0-1), Marc McGurk (1-0), Cathal Mulholland (0-1), Ciaran Brady (3-1), Cormac McCloskey (1-3), Pádraig Haran (2-0), Conor Johnston (3-1). **Subs:** Tiarnán Melaugh, Connor Melaugh, Emmet Turner, Ché McCloskey, Turlough McHugh (1-0), Dion Lynch, Cillian McEldowney, Oisín Molloy, Brandon Kelly.

St. Mary's Grammar School, Magherafelt: Patrick Heaney, Luke Grant, Michael Burns, Joseph McElroy, Rory Small, Dara McGuckin, Eamon Young, Michael Walls (0-1), Ronan Doherty, Nicolas Cleary (0-1), Patrick Birt, James Sargent (0-1 free), Shay Murray, Fergal Logan (2-4, 2 frees), Jude Beattie. **Subs:** Egan McGuire, Michael McGuckin, Fergal Walls, Leo McAleer, Charlie Mulholland, Oran Mulligan, Con McAlister, Lorcan McDonnell, Dylan McAtamney, Jamie McMullan.



Oisín McGrath 'C' winners Gleann na Ro



Oisín McGrath 'D' winners De La Salle College, Belfast



Oisín McGrath 'E' winners St. Joseph's High School, Newry



Oisín McGrath 'F' winners Gaelcholáiste Dhoire

Oisín McGrath Shield Competitions

The Danske Bank Oisín McGrath competition is now firmly cemented in the Ulster Schools' GAA calendar. The Year 8 Competition is in its fourth year and already is a highlight with the young Ulster Schools' footballers. Approximately 80 schools are participating in Grades 'A' to 'F'.

Throughout the first term of the 2018-2019 academic year, the young Year 8 boys had the opportunity to have fun, develop their footballing skills and of course, to experience a dollop of healthy competition!

In the 'B' competition St. Mary's CBS,

Belfast had a comprehensive win over Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock at Woodlands, Belfast. St. Mary's had a 0-5 to 0-3 lead at halftime but they were the superior team in the second half. At 'C' level, Gleann na Ró, having successfully accounted for St. Mark's, Warrenpoint in the semi-final (2-11 to 2-5) defeated St. Patrick's High School, Keady on a 4-12 to 2.2 scoreline. It was a fantastic victory for the side after a very close game. The side comprises players from Gaelcholáiste Dhoire, St. Patrick's, Dungiven and St. Mary's, Limavady, with Chrissy McKaigue, Michael O'Callaghan and Connlá

Ó Coinn at the helm. De La Salle College, Belfast, produced a fine display to win the 'D' Shield defeating Dean Maguirc College. At 'E' and 'F' level, St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Newry and Gaelcholáiste Dhoire won their respective finals.

Winners of the Oisín McGrath Shield Competitions

- B: St. Mary's CBS, Belfast
- C: Gleann na Ro
- D: De La Salle College, Belfast
- E: St. Joseph's, Newry
- F: Gaelcholáiste Dhoire



Oisín McGrath

All children deserve a chance and should be encouraged to take part in sport and exercise and the Oisín McGrath Foundation would like to keep the motto of "With Hard Work There are No Limits" ringing in their ears.





Ulster Schools' Focus

DE LA SALLE HIGH SCHOOL DOWNPATRICK



De La Salle High School, Downpatrick opened its doors in 1953, before moving to a new site in September 1976. The school currently provides education for 460 pupils aged 11-19.



Mr. Ciaran Maguire (Principal) with the three members of this year's successful Mageean Cup team (Phelim Savage, Caolan Coulter, Ronan Blair)

Former and Current Down Players

As far back as 1987, when Down won the All-Ireland minor title, De La Salle boasted the entire half back line of Mark Quinn (No. 5 and Captain), Conor Deegan (No. 6), Colm Mason (No. 7) as well as Jeffrey Breen (No. 10). In fact, Conor Deegan, Barry Breen and Gary Mason all started on the All-Ireland winning teams of 1991 and 1994, along with Gerard Deegan, Gregory Deegan and Rory Sharvin who were members of the 1994 panel. Other notable past pupils include Gareth "Magic" Johnston who represented both Down and Ulster in Hurling with distinction.

Richard Kerr was a member of the successful winning minor team of 2005, while Taylor Loudan and Conor Doherty were members of the Down Under-21 panel in 2017. Jack Hazard, Callum Fitzsimons and Nathan McShane are currently on the Down Under-20 panel, managed by former pupil and County player, Conor Deegan.

Down Vocational Schools/Ulster Schools'

De La Salle won a host of Down Vocational Schools' Hurling and Football titles culminating in an Ulster Under-14 Hurling title in 2006 and an Ulster Under-16 Vocational Schools football title in 2008 under the guidance of former Antrim senior football manager, Gearoid Adams (Naomh Eoin, Belfast), former MacRory cup winning

The school prides itself on its La Sallian ethos and quality Pastoral Care. The school motto "take care, show care, teach care, evoke care" epitomises the commitment of the school community to delivering education in a friendly, caring, Christian environment.

Gaelic games play an integral part of school life at De La Salle and historically there has been a very strong GAA ethos. Tom Kelly and Joe Mc Stay were central to this and were both instrumental in the development and success of school teams for decades. This ethos continues today thanks to the excellent work from staff at De La Salle.

De La Salle currently compete in all year groups of the Ulster Schools' GAA competitions in Football, Hurling and Handball, and we are now a host venue for the various 1 Wall Handball competitions for the Ulster GAA.



manager, Kevin Brady (St. Egnats, Moneyglass) and current Senior Leader, Justin Sharvin (Kilclief, Ben Dearg). Justin continues to coach various football teams since he began teaching in De La Salle in 2002 and he is hopeful that his current Under 15½ panel will compete well in this year's Danske Bank Nagle Cup.

Former Vice-Principal, Peter Deeny (R.G.U, Downpatrick), also played a vital role in promoting Gaelic games within De La Salle and he was a member of the Down Under-21 management team from 1994-2001.



The Year 12 Danske Bank Corn Cuchulainn Cup Finalists (Manager: Ryan Boyle)



U14½ Danske Bank Ennis Cup Panel (Manager: Sean Daly/Conor Bryson)

Games Staff

The PE department leads the Extended Schools Programme and Gaelic games are to the fore, with provision for extra-curricular Football, Hurling and Handball. The Downpatrick school boasts fantastic facilities comprising two full size Gaelic football pitches, a full size indoor Sports Hall with two 1-Wall Handball courts, a Fitness Suite and an accompanying room for Spin classes and access to a ¾ size 3G pitch and Tennis Courts.

Mr Patrick Wright (HOD) and Mr Sean Daly are the school's male PE staff, with fellow staff within the school also assisting with the various teams across all year groups and codes. Sean Daly, (Carrickmore, Naomh Colmcille) co-ordinates all the GAA activities within the school and has been actively involved with various Tyrone underage Academies since 2003. He is also a serving member of the Ulster Schools' GAA Committee, co-ordinating C/D Hurling along with co-ordinating various football competitions across all year groups.

Davy Cherry, (Naomh Gall, Belfast) currently manages the Under-18½ football team along with Pádraic Barry (St. Patrick's, Lordship). Davy is the proud holder of an Ulster Colleges' Hurling All-Star back in 1995 and represented Antrim hurling at minor level. Davy also managed Antrim Ladies to a Historic All-Ireland success in 2009.

Conor Bryson, (Newry Mitchel's) was a member of the Abbey's O'Doherty Cup winning team and he currently coaches the current Year 10 football team. Ryan Boyle, (St. Peter's Warrenpoint) managed this year's Under-16½ team to the Danske Bank Corn Cuchulainn Cup final, only to be narrowly defeated by a very strong St. Benedict's, Randalstown team. Ryan has represented Down at all levels in Football and played MacRory Cup with St. Colman's for four consecutive years.

Emma Gordon, (Loughinisland) has represented Down at both Football and Camogie while Gareth Carson (R.G.U, Downpatrick) has represented Down at Hurling and they continue to coach various school Football and Hurling teams. Claire Butcher, (St. Patrick's, Dungiven) has also taken charge of various Hurling teams ensuring that Hurling is well catered for within De La Salle and East Down. Claire captained her Camogie club to championship success in 2012. Claire McGuigan, (Dun Droma CLG) will be coach to this year's U13½ team.



Year 8 Oisín Mc Grath Panel (Manager: Sean Daly/Emma Gordon)



De La Salle, Downpatrick 1-Wall Handball Courts

Recent Success

De La Salle secured the double in 2016, winning both the inaugural Oisín Mc Grath Cup (Year 8) as well as the Fr. Faul Cup (Year 12) and have contested finals across various age groups every year since winning this historic 'double'.

This year 2018-2019, De La Salle had three representatives on the successful An Dún team that won their maiden Danske Bank Mageean Cup against St. Patrick's, Maghera in a repeat of the 2017 final. Phelim Savage (No. 9), Caolán Coulter (No. 10) and Man of the Match, Ronan Blair (No. 14) all played starring roles throughout the year. Phelim was awarded the Danske Bank "Player of the Month" for October, and more recently, the Gaelic Life Young Hurler of the Year at the Gaelic Life Ulster Club All-Stars Banquet. This is just reward for his fantastic performances with his club, St. Joseph's, Ballycran, on their historic march to the Ulster Senior Club Hurling final.



Ulster Schools' Focus

SEAMUS WOODS



Seamus Woods, from an early age, has been on a journey. Not just the journey that saw him born in Armagh, but thanks to his father's job as a Station Master, he soon found himself in Verner's Bridge, Kesh and ultimately, Carrickmore.

His other journey saw him try to improve the lot of others, especially in the world of GAA and Education. On the way, he has always adhered to the maxim *"If something is worth doing, it is worth doing right"*.

The eldest of a family of eight, he joined Omagh CBS as a pupil in 1959 and as a goalkeeper, was the youngest member of the historic 1963 D'Alton Cup team, the school's first success in Ulster Colleges' football.

He continued his Gaelic career at Queen's University, Belfast, where he lined out at full-forward on the Sigerson Cup side which lost the 1970 final to UCC, but it also introduced him to the world of administration, as Chairman of Queen's Gaelic Football Club. His displays at full-forward also brought him to the attention of the Tyrone selectors, where he had the honour of lining out for his county, before playing for the Carrickmore side.

His return to Omagh CBS in 1971, as a teacher of Latin and Irish, saw him throw himself readily into coaching MacRory Cup and other football sides. He continued in this role until his retirement in 2004, despite in his later years, juggling them with the competing time demands of his role, as Vice Principal in the school. Outside of the world of education, he learned to balance his new position as a teacher along with that of a father figure to his family, on the sad, early death of his parents.

With his brothers, he lined out for Naomh Colmcille, Carrickmore and, as a full forward, was a member of the victorious treble winning Championship sides of 1977, 1978 and 1979. When the club's fortunes declined in 1981 and they found themselves requiring seven straight wins to maintain their Division 1 status, Seamus, this time as goalkeeper, along with other veterans, answered the call. They won the required games to keep Carrickmore in the top division, a record they have maintained until the present day.

His marriage in 1974 to Teresa, had seen him moving to Clanabogan and having kept his links with Carrickmore over many



years both on the field and in the committee room, he finally threw his efforts behind his new club, Drumragh Sarsfields in 2004.

Drawing on his coaching experience with Tyrone, where he had managed the Tyrone Juniors to win the last of the County's three Ulster titles at that grade in 1986, he also managed the Under-21 side two years later, before taking Drumragh unbeaten through Division 3. The following year, they were narrowly beaten by Strabane Sigersons in the Intermediate play-off.

He kept up his winning ways when he took over the fortunes of Drumragh Ladies football

and steered them through Junior and Intermediate grades, before reaching Senior status in 2018.

Having retired from Omagh CBS in 2004 and despite the demands of his new position as Secretary of Ulster Colleges', he still found time to act as Coaching Officer and Development Officer within the club. With Ulster Colleges', he quickly brought his own style of attention to detail and management, something which greatly enhanced the fortunes of and raised the profile of that body.

These attributes were quickly noticed and harnessed by successive GAA Presidents. Between the years 2009 - 2012, he was appointed to chair both the CCCC and the Central Referee Appointments Committee, before being invited to chair the Post Primary Schools' Committee in 2015 - 2018. He was then given the singular honour of being asked to continue in that role for the following three years.

The reason for the rare honour of maintaining his position was his brainchild of 'The Future Leaders Transition Year Programme',



a joint initiative from the GAA and the Professional Development Service for Teachers. A cross-curricular programme consisting of eight modules, it is designed to encourage and develop maturity, initiative, responsibility and leadership skills among the participants, by giving pupils the knowledge and skills to support all roles in the effective staging of Gaelic Games. The initiative began in 2016 with five schools piloting the scheme, the following year it had added a further 43 schools to that number, while at the beginning of 2018, 262 schools out of 720 had signed up, along with five Northern schools. 1100 teachers have been trained for the Programme, with approximately 15,000 Transition Year pupils taking part.

A recent report on the initiative stated that;

"Mr Seamus Woods has been instrumental in driving this initiative forward. He organised the first consultation meeting of this group in Abbotstown in July 2016 where the seeds of this programme were sown. Little did anyone realise at that first meeting how successful the Programme would become in such a short time. Undoubtedly, it would

football and four in hurling with fixtures drawn up accordingly.

The fixture book which provides a wealth of information for all participating schools is another example of the meticulous detail and preparation which he undertakes. This publication, delivered with the assistance of the Ulster Schools' GAA Servicing Officer, Niall Muldoon, makes the Ulster Schools' Committee the envy of many other sporting bodies.

Seamus and his wife, Teresa are blessed with four children, Fiachra, Éimhear, Dearbhla and Neamh and, like all of Tyrone and Ulster, rejoiced when Neamh, as captain of Tyrone Ladies, raised aloft the TG4 All-Ireland Intermediate trophy.

Mr Foncie McConnell, current Principal of Omagh CBS, when asked to sum up Seamus, said;

"One of his greatest strengths is his eloquent and articulate communication skills, both verbal and written."

At the launch of A.J. Walshe's book on the history of the MacRory Cup, launched in 2015, Seamus addressed the audience emphasising



CBS School Trip



not be in this position, were it not for the drive and determination of Seamus, whose vision for this project has been insatiable!"

He has achieved this by his skill of endeavouring to constantly challenge the members of the committee in many ways; as to how to improve the programme, and keep it evolving in this rapidly changing environment. It was no surprise that he was appointed to chair the GAA Future Leaders Strategy Group earlier this year.

Running in tandem with all of these roles was the challenge of bringing together Ulster Colleges' GAA and Ulster Vocational Schools' GAA. This project, was undertaken in 2014 under the leadership of Jack Devenny and saw the officers of both these bodies come together to draw up a strategy of ensuring that the new Ulster Schools' body would best serve all the schools in Ulster, by providing them with meaningful and worthwhile competitions.

Appointed as Secretary of the new body, Seamus brought all his expertise to the new role to ensure that the 131 participating schools would have the opportunity of participating in 72 competitions in both Hurling and Football. Schools were graded across six grades in

the importance of Gaelic Games to any young person, affording them the opportunities to display; *"commitment, resilience, teamwork and how to face and respond to adversity"*. On that occasion he also said that he believed that; *"education is about right and wrong and knowing the difference between the two, and that is something that Gaelic Games teaches us. It also gives us the strength and values to do something about it, when we see things that are fundamentally wrong."*

In many ways, those few sentences encapsulate his vision throughout his time in the Christian Brothers' School; guiding the learning and maturation of the young, supporting colleagues, recognising the important influence of Gaelic Games in developing the skills and resilience required for survival in a life beyond school, and taking action to 'do the right thing'.

Just as he did this during his teaching career in Omagh CBS, he continues in a similar vein today in all the committees he works on and with all the volunteers on those bodies with whom he comes in contact.

Long may he continue to do so. *Ad Multos Annos! (J.S.)*



An Dún take first Mageean Cup title



DANSKE BANK MAGEEAN CUP FINAL

14 November 2018

An Dún: **5-13** St. Patrick's, College, Maghera: **1-10**

An Dún created Mageean Cup history and became the first team from the county to lift the famous trophy in its 57-year history with a comfortable 5-13 to 1-10 win over holders St. Patrick's College, Maghera in the showpiece decider at The Dub.



A hat-trick of goals from Ronan Blair either side of the break sunk Maghera, with Stuart Martin and Niall McFarland grabbing their side's other majors. Tiarnán McHugh hit Maghera's only goal but in truth the holders were outclassed by a driven and hungry An Dún side.

An Dún made a terrific start under lights at the pristine QUB Dub arena. Ronan Blair landed an early 65 metre free and was denied the opening goal from a close range free sixty seconds later.

The opening goal arrived after six minutes, Stuart Martin picked up the loose ball after Maghera were caught daydreaming and Martin advanced towards the target before rifling past Daniel Glass.

Niall McFarland popped over the bar in the aftermath, though it was to be his side's last score for a quarter of an hour as St. Patrick's, Maghera started on the comeback trail.

The Derry side's first score arrived



courtesy of a converted Fintan Bradley free, Lavey club man Bradley amassed 13 frees in his side's quarter-final victory over St Mary's CBGS and by the 17th minute had registered four unanswered placed balls; Ryan McGill conjured up his side's first point from play to level the game at 1-2 to 0-5.

Niall McFarland and Bradley (free) exchanged points and on 23 minutes the holders hit the front for the first time through half forward Michael McCormack. Within sixty seconds An Dún went back in front however, Ronan Blair's free appeared to be destined to drop over the bar,

but Maghera goalkeeper, Daniel Glass misjudged the flight of the ball under the lights and Blair was fortuitous to claim the goal and make it 2-3 to 0-7.

Maghera were behind for a mere two minutes, before they regained the lead, a high ball from Odhrán Downey was batted down by Michael McCormack and Tiarnán McHugh received the ball to confidently rifle past Cathal Lavery.

Stuart Martin levelled the game for a third time with a difficult angled point and almost hit his side's third goal on the 28th minute. However, Martin was superbly denied by Glass and a scramble ensued which resulted in a 65m that came to nothing.

An Dún would edge ahead at the break through a converted Ronan Blair free a minute into injury-time as the Mourne county led 2-5 to 1-7 at the midway point of a pulsating final.

Tim Prenter increased An Dún's lead within 60 seconds of the restart and Pádraig Doran opened his account for the evening

before departing temporarily to receive treatment for a bloodied nose.

Ronan Blair edged An Dún ahead and a few minutes later things would be a lot more comfortable.

On 43 minutes Niall McFarland's high ball was batted away by Daniel Glass, Blair picked up the scraps, turned away from the Maghera defensive trio and rifled to the net, to give his side a 3-8 to 1-7 lead.



Within 60 seconds or less, Stuart Martin then picked out Blair who lashed to the net for the third time and An Dún were coasting.

Midway through the second-half, St. Patrick's, Maghera hit back through Shea Cassidy and Fintan Bradley (free) - though Ronan Blair converted his third free of the evening.

Ten minutes from time An Dún capped a five-star performance with a fifth goal, as Niall McFarland's high ball dropped to the net past Glass to making it 5-9 to 1-9. Ronan Blair converted two further frees, with P.J. McAleese responding from a similar scenario for St. Patrick's.

It wasn't the holders evening, as Fintan Bradley saw his low drive squirm and eventually fall short of goal, as Cathal Lavery recovered and gathered at the second attempt.

A foul on Tiarnán McHugh led to referee, Fionntán McCotter signalling for a Maghera penalty - there would be more frustration however as Lavery guessed right and denied Bradley.

Blair and midfielder Sean Hughes ended the evening's scoring.

REFEREE: Fionntán Mac Oitir (Aontroim)
Report courtesy of Kevin Herron



St. Patrick's College, Maghera

D. Glass, P.J. McAleese (0-1 free), E. MacOscair, J.P. McGuigan, B. Walsh, O. Downey, D. Simpson, J. Mellon, S. McKenna, F. Bradley (0-6 frees), M. McCormack (0-1), R. McPeake, R. McGill (0-1), T. McHugh (1-0), S Cassidy (0-1)
Subs: D. McCartney for R. McGill (44 min), N. O'Kane for R. McPeake (59 min), P. McGuigan for P.J. McAleese (62 min)

An Dún

C. Lavery, I. Hussain, M. McAreavey, A. Furlong, J. Hughes, C. Watson, S. Campbell, P. Savage, S. Hughes (0-1), C. Coulter, S. Martin (1-1), N. McFarland (1-1), T. Prenter (0-1), R. Blair (3-8, 1-6 frees; 0-1 65), P. Doran (0-1)
Subs: F. Caldwell for P. Doran (41 min - blood sub), F. Caldwell for P. Doran (53 min), L. Boyd for J. Hughes (54 min), A. Dorrian for P. Savage (58 min), C. Lyons for S. Martin (59 min)

Scoileanna Thír Eoghain take Casement title

DANSKE BANK CASEMENT CUP FINAL

23 November 2018 at the Loup



Scoileanna Thír Eoghain: 2-22 St. Mary's GS, Magherafelt: 2-9

History was made at the Loup towards the end of Term 1, as Scoileanna Thír Eoghain produced an outstanding display to comfortably see off the challenge of St. Mary's Magherafelt to win a first Ulster Schools' Casement Cup.

The Tyrone lads were the better side throughout and ran out deserving winners, despite finishing the contest with 13 players, Magherafelt finishing with 14. They had led by four points after St Mary's had got a late goal, but in the second half they upped the tempo and their opponents couldn't match them. It was St. Mary's, Magherafelt who opened the scoring after two minutes via Ruairí O'Hagan, but then Scoileanna Thír Eoghain hit a purple patch during which they played some superb hurling in a blistering seven minute spell.

James McCann levelled matters before Cian Ferguson edged them in front. Centre half forward, Ben Gormley then weighed in with a brace of points, before Conall Devlin and Cormac Hughes both got their names on the score-sheet as they made it six scores on the trot.

Centre half forward, Morgan Nelson stopped the rot for St. Mary's, Magherafelt from a free, before an effort from play from Sean Duffin reduced the deficit further. Scoileanna Thír Eoghain though continued to look the better side with full forward, Matthew McCann pointing before Ruairí Slane scored as well. Nelson converted another free for Magherafelt but that score was quickly cancelled out at the other end of the field by Rory Weir.

Magherafelt trailed by five points at this stage, but with less than five minutes to go in the half they got right back into contention with a goal. A defensive error was pounced on by Nelson who finished the sliotar in style,



low to the right hand corner of the net past keeper, Ryan Haughey.

Scoileanna Thír Eoghain though quickly regrouped to finish the first half strongly with fine points from Haughey and midfielder, Fergal Donaghy to give them a deserved 0-11 to 1-4 advantage.

Magherafelt had the opening two scores of the second half both from Nelson frees, before both sides were reduced to 14 men in the 40th minute when Ben Gormley and Ronan McKenna were both straight red carded.

Hughes opened Tyrone's second half account, but moments later, wing half back Ciaran O'Neill burst through on a superb run and rounded it off with a quality finish to the net.

Things got worse for Tyrone 60 seconds later when they lost midfielder Fergal Donaghy to a straight red card as well. In the last 13 minutes though the winners took control

as they restricted their opponents to just a further three points.

Slane, Weir and Cahir Munroe all weighed in with points before a great pass from James McCann set Weir up for a 57th minute goal. Nelson and O'Neill had Magherafelt points, but Scoileanna Thír Eoghain had the bit between their teeth and they closed the game out in style.

Hughes, Weir and McCann all had points with 'Man of the Match' Slane grabbing the final 1-2 of the contest as the winners claimed the silverware in style.

Scoileanna Thír Eoghain Scorers:

R. Slane (1-6), R. Weir (1-4), C. Hughes (0-3), B. Gormley (0-2), J. McCann (0-2), C. Ferguson (0-1), M. McCann (0-1), F. Donaghy (0-1), C. Devlin (0-1), C. Munroe (0-1)

St. Mary's G.S. Magherafelt Scorers:

M. Nelson (1-6), C. O'Neill (1-1), R. O'Hagan (0-1), S. Duffin (0-1)



DANSKE BANK FORESTER'S CUP FINAL

28 March 2018

Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle: **2-17** St. Killian's College, Garron Tower: **1-7**

McAuley stars as CPC retain the Foresters' Cup

This Danske Bank Foresters' Cup final in Cushendun promised more than it delivered with Cross and Passion Ballycastle taking control at an early point and not allowing St. Killian's, Garron Tower to get a foothold in the game.

A big factor in the game was the concession of so many frees by the Garron Tower defence, twelve of the Ballycastle points came from placed ball, Seamus McAuley nailing eight frees from close range and Michael O'Boyle landing four from around and beyond the 65m line. Seamus McAuley was the target man for the winners and caused the St. Killian's defence huge problems from early in the contest; he won most of the frees he pointed and went on to score 2-11, with goals late in each half.

O'Boyle also caused problems and a couple of his first half frees were top class. Others to shine for the winners were Enda óg McGarry, Rian McMullan and Cathal Hargan, while few really stepped up to the level of the semi-final performance for the losers, Pearse McKeegan and Fionntan McQuillan possibly their best on a day they played second fiddle.

Pádraig McKillop scored for the Tower after O'Boyle had scored a long range opening free, but Cross and Passion opened up a 0-6 to 0-1 lead before Ronan McAteer got St. Killian's second point.



The score-board read 0-7 to 0-3 in the 25th minute, when Rian McMullan's long range effort for a point broke for Seamus McAuley to take possession and beat two defenders, before hitting the net.

St. Killian's hit back fairly quickly though, with Fionntan McQuillan latching on to a broken ball and firing home from 20 metres, leaving Cross and Passion with an interval lead of 1-8 to 1-4.

However they pulled away at the start of the third quarter with four points in a row from McAuley, including three frees.

St Killian's then moved his marker, John McAllister into centre-forward where he immediately shot two points, but points from Rian McMullan, Joe McToal and McAuley kept the winners in a healthy lead before McAuley banged in his second goal in the 51st minute to secure back-to-back titles for Ballycastle.

REFEREE: Owen Elliott (Antrim)



DANSKE BANK KIRK CUP

2 May 2018

Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock: **2-16** St. Mary's G.S. Magherafelt **1-6**

Knockout blow from Hughes in Kirk final

Centre forward Sean Hughes delivered the knock-out blows as Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock collected the Danske Bank Kirk Cup in Mallusk at the beginning of May.

The Bredagh club man was in magnificent form for Knock firing over ten points in what ended up a comfortable victory over St Mary's Magherafelt.

He was well supported by Ciaran McMullan at the heart of the defence and midfield duo, Rory Corcoran and Liam Hughes with Mel Lavery effective at snuffing out danger.

St. Mary's entered the game with high hopes of a first victory at this level, but soon found themselves on the back foot and their most effective players were all in defence; Joe McAteer, John McAllister, James O'Connor and Ronan Kalla.

Hughes pointed six times in the opening half as Knock took a 0-10 to 1-1 interval lead, Ethan Carey-Small scrambling home the Magherafelt goal to give them a glimmer of hope.

However that hope disappeared in the five minutes after the



break when Sean Hughes' point between two well-taken goals from Ultan Curran put Knock out of reach.

After those killer punches though, the second half turned out to be evenly contested both in terms of general play and indeed on the score-board where each team recorded five points in the last 25 minutes.

However, there was little doubting that the south-east Belfast seat of learning was the superior team, landing a first hurling title for successful camogie coach Catherine McGourty.





DANSKE BANK LEONARD CUP FINAL

24th January 2019 at the Dub



St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast : **4-8** St. Patrick's College, Maghera: **2-13** (AET)

Perserverance was key to St Mary's CBGS, Belfast prevailing after an enthralling Danske Bank Leonard Cup final at the Dub that went to the last seconds of extra time, before a free from Dubhaltach Wilson was deflected into the Maghera net off a defender's stick.

Maghera generally held the lead in a keenly-contested final, but St. Mary's were never too far behind and the turning point came during a five minute spell between the 50th and 55th minutes.

Maghera had gone into a 2-10 to 2-4 lead shortly beforehand, but a long free from Dubhaltach Wilson in the 50th minute wasn't properly dealt with and Niall Fallon rifled to the net to give his side a lifeline. Wilson quickly added a free. Then a free from Peter McCullagh that went all the way to the Belfast net was ruled out for a player being in the area and St. Mary's converted two late frees, from captain Fionn Mervyn and Wilson to send the game to extra time on a 2-10 to 3-7 score-line.

After the first period of extra time both sides still couldn't be separated, James Friel's point cancelled out by Wilson from another free. However, Maghera looked to have secured victory through points from Peter McCullagh and Shea McKenna in the second period, until that late free from Wilson made it into the net.

Maghera made the brighter start with points from Jody McDermott and Peter McCullough and were not fazed when Diarmuid Rogan swept a loose ball to their net after seven minutes.



By the 10th minute they had regained the lead with Jody McDermott flicking Peter McCullagh's free past Rhys Camlin. But the teams were level again when Caoimhín Duffy raced on to a through pass and rifled low to the Maghera net, 1-4 to 2-1.

McDermott scrambled a second goal on 20 minutes and the teams turned at 2-6 to 2-3 in favour of Maghera, who pushed on to lead by 2-10 to 2-4 at the three-quarter stage, before St Mary's dug themselves out of the hole, made it to extra time and staged the late smash and grab.

REFEREE: Cahir Cuning (Antrim)



DANSKE BANK LEOPOLD CUP FINAL

23 January 2019 at the Dub

St. Columba's College, Portaferry: **3-5** St. Colman's College, Newry: **1-5**

Columba's claim Leopold honours

Despite a superb individual performance from St. Colman's James Duggan, the Danske Bank Brother Leopold Cup went across to the Ards' peninsula after an intense game of hurling between the teams that contested the McFarland Cup final last May.

On that occasion St. Colman's won, but St. Columba's Portaferry goalkeeper, Pearse Smyth emerged as his team's hero in Queen's, Belfast, pulling off several excellent saves, including a second half penalty as well as firing over two long range frees, one in each half.

Callum O'Neill was another player to stand out for Portaferry as well as centre-half back Deaglan Mallon, while Finlay, Brady, Dara Rodgers and Colm Madden best supported Duggan at centre-half back who scored all



his side's total of 1-5. Duggan was a star in defence for the first half, but he couldn't prevent his side going in at the break with a deficit of two points, 1-1 to 0-2, with Kirk Eccles scoring the Portaferry goal.

James Duggan popped over a couple of points on the re-start, but St. Columba's pushed on with a goal from Ethan Shields.

Duggan hit back with a goal from St.

Colman's, but Pearse Smyth denied him a second from a penalty. A goal at that stage would have put the

Newry side into the lead for the first time.

Instead, Callum O'Neill fired over a point and then added his side's third goal and there was just enough breathing space for Portaferry to hold out for a first ever success in the competition.

REFEREE: Paddy Branagan (Down)





DANKSE BANK GALLAGHER CUP FINAL 4 June 2018

St. Patrick's College, Maghera: **4-15** St. Mary's CBGS: **4-6**

St. Mary's push Maghera in Gallagher decider

With just three minutes left on the clock in this Danske Bank Gallagher Cup final in Ballymena, a shock looked on the cards. St. Patrick's, Maghera seemed to be the dominant team from the start, but they simply couldn't shake off the St. Mary's CBGS challenge and hadn't scored since the 49th minute when Peter McCullagh's long range free made it 3-13 to 4-6.

Maghera were wasting chances and it looked as if the Glen Road boys could break and grab a goal.

However, Shea McKenna eventually broke the deadlock with a neat point to which Thomas McKeagney added another on the next attack and Jody McDermott iced the cake when he took a pass from Callum Murray to crash to the net.

Overall Maghera were the better team with a strong half-back line and midfield, while sub, McDermott was a huge threat up front. 4-15 is a decent total, but they also amassed 13 wides.

St. Mary's managed to stay in touch through sheer tenacity at the back where Ben McAuley and Finn Mervyn worked hard to stem the flow. Conor Boyle had a good game at midfield and Niall Fallon was very sharp when he got the chance up front.

Maghera were competition favourites and started strongly with a Conor Murray goal tucked into a three points' salvo from Peter McCullagh, but they were pulled back to level terms with goals from Niall Fallon and Niall McGarry in the 12th and 14th minutes.

McCullagh however replied with a second Maghera goal, his long free half-blocked down in the St. Mary's area, but ending up in the net. Although Niall Fallon responded with a very good point, the rest of the opening half belonged to Maghera with sub, Jody McDermott and centre-back, Raymond Dillon firing over two points each and the Derry boys turned over with a 2-10 to 2-1 lead.

The sides exchanged two points each in the opening ten minutes of the second half, before Niall Fallon fired home two goals inside three minutes to bring the gap down to just three points.

Although Peter McCullagh released



McDermott for a fine solo goal in the 46th minute, St. Mary's hit back with two excellent long-range frees from Finn Mervyn and another snap shot from Niall Fallon that could well have gone to the net.

St. Mary's held off intense pressure from then until the last couple of minutes, but they couldn't add to their total and Maghera quickly killed off the game near the end.

St. Patrick's College, Maghera: C. McCloskey, E. Scullion, T. O'Neill, A. McLaughlin, A. Duffin, R. Dillon (capt.) (0-2), S. McLaughlin, J. Friel, P. McCullagh (1-5, 1-3 frees), T. McKeagney (0-2), C. O'Kane, C. Murtagh (0-1), C. Murray (1-0), S. McKenna (0-2), N. Barton. **Subs:** J. McDermott (2-2) for N. Barton (15 min), N. Duggan (0-1) for J. Friel (ht), J. Friel for C. Murray (51 min).

St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast: C. Carberry, P. Moyes, B. McAuley, M. McCluskey, P. Short, F. Mervyn (0-2 frees), S. Hughes, C. Boyle, A. Churchill, C. Duffy, N. Fallon (3-2), N. McGarry (1-0), M. Mallon, E. McBreaity (0-1), D. Wilson (0-1 free) **Subs:** B. Burns for M. Mallon (ht), L. Loughlin for E. McBreaity (53 min)

REFEREE : Malachy Leech (Antrim)



DANKSE BANK MCNAMEE CUP FINAL

25 October 2018



St. Killian's College, Garron Tower: **2-6** St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast: **0-5**

St Killian's win McNamee Cup for 3rd time in 4 years

Holdes St. Killian's College, Garron Tower collected the Danske Bank McNamee Cup for the third time in four seasons after a tense, exciting final in Randalstown.

They got the opening score and the final score, both goals, but in between the school on the Antrim coast had to battle for every ball against a physically strong St. Mary's CBGS side in which Caoimhín Rainey and Cormac Austin shone brightly in defence.

When James Duffy and Michael Darragh teamed up in midfield there was a battle royale with the excellent Cormac McKeown and Orrin O'Connor, but the Tower defence really closed out their attack with only Darragh Cunningham able to make any headway.

Cathan Graham and full-back, Niall Hynds gave little away at the back and goalie, John Mitchel dealt safely with anything that came through. Cailin Devlin and Callum McIlwaine were others to catch the eye in the Tower side. In hindsight Oisín Woodhouse's goal in



the second minute was a key score, as it immediately put pressure on the team from the Glen Road. The rest of the half saw both defences on top with Cormac Austin scoring points either side of

Darragh Cunningham's 18th minute point and replies coming from Joseph McLaughlin and Cormac McKeown for St Killian's.

1-2 to 0-3 ahead at the break, McLaughlin kept St. Killian's ticking over with three points, two from frees, during the third quarter.

Austin pulled one back for St. Mary's midway through the half but Callum McIlwaine made it 1-6 to 0-4 before Phelim Ward cleverly turned inside to fire to the net off his left in the 55th minute and the Cup was on its way back to Garron Tower.

St. Killian's College, Garron Tower:

John Mitchell, Niall Magee, Niall Hynds, Cathan Graham, Cailin Devlin, Stephen McAuley, Austin Birt, Cormac McKeown (0-1), Callum McIlwaine (0-1), Peadar McDonnell, Orrin O'Connor, Charlie McAuley, Joseph McLaughlin (0-4, 0-3 frees), Phelim Ward (1-0), Oisín Woodhouse (1-0) Subs: Eamon Ward for O. Woodhouse (42 min), Odhrán McCambridge, Callagh Mooney, Oisín Mort, Thomas McLaughlin, James Kearney, Cahir McNaughton, Colla Ward, Daniel Douthart, John Scullion, Joseph McKay, Aodhán Campbell, Alex McCambridge, Fintan McKillop

St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast: Joshua Southern, Enda McGurk, Odhrán Cosgrove, Conor Corr, Michael Marlow, Cormac Austin, Caoimhín Rainey, Michael Darragh, James Wilson, Daire Cunningham, Fionn Jemfrey, James Duffy, Niall May, Gareth McBurney-Heggarty, Lorcan McCallin Subs: Callum Fegan-Lappin for G. McBurney-Hegarty, Eoin Mullan for J. Southern, Shea Cunningham for L. McCallin, Cormac Barnes for N. May, Fintan McKinney for C. Corr

REFEREE: Sean McGuigan (Derry)

DANKSE BANK MCGREEVY CUP FINAL

21st November 2018



St. Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick: **2-2** St. Patrick's High School, Keady: **0-6**

Red High take 2nd McGreevy Cup in 3 seasons

St. Patrick's, Downpatrick are the Danske Bank McGreevy Cup winners for the second time in three seasons, because they adopted better to the near arctic conditions at Clonduff Park, Hilltown.

It was bitterly cold with at times hail belting down on the players, but Downpatrick got stuck in and forced the match winning goals midway through the second half. They then defended with great determination to see out a narrow victory.

For most of the game Keady looked to be in control with some neat hurling from Sean Burke, Finn Fox and Rory Grimes, but there was strong resistance from Leigh Morgan, Sean McCarthy and Dara Coulter in the



Downpatrick defence and some brilliant stops from Cian Clarke in goals. That is why the scoreline was just two points to Rory Grimes for Keady and a Luke McCabe point for Downpatrick at the break. After half time, Keady stretched their lead to 0-4 to 0-1 with a point each for Charlie McArdle and James Mallon, but over the next ten minutes, McCabe grabbed two goals and Noah Rodgers added a point to put Downpatrick four up. Keady pressed strongly over the

last 10 minutes, but the Downpatrick defence only yielded points each for Charlie McArdle and James Mallon and that was enough to see the East Down school home.

St. Patrick's G.S. Downpatrick:

C. Clarke, N. Murray, S. Murphy, G. Doran, E. McKinney, S. McCarthy, L. Morgan, D. Coulter, N. Rodgers (0-1), D.J. Farrell, M. Rodgers, R. McMullan, R. Byres, L. McCabe (2-1), Fintan Magee

St. Patrick's High School, Keady:

C. O'Hagan, C. Hughes, J. Crilly, R. Taylor, F. Fox, S. Burke, J. Loughran, J. Mallon (0-2), C. McArdle (0-2), R. Grimes (0-2), D. Harvey J. McNally, S. Óg McNaughton, P. Mc Keever, T. Fox Sub: D Feeney for S. Óg McNaughton

REFEREE: Paddy Branagan (Down)





Hurling Blitz Competitions



During 2018-2019, the Ulster Schools' Committee has continued to promote hurling at all age levels. The hurling blitz competitions provide meaningful competition and attract entries from schools throughout the nine counties. With a comprehensive list of fixtures, Ulster Schools' GAA has extended its provision for hurling, with additional geographically organized blitz competitions. Thanks are extended to Ulster Council and the Coaching Development Officers throughout the counties.

DANSKE BANK THOMPSON CUP 2018

Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle:	3-5
St. Killian's College, Garron Tower:	2-8 (AET)
JUNE 6 TH 2018 AT BALLYMENA	

Frees decide Danske Bank Thompson Cup Final

Ulster Schools' hurling history was made yesterday at Slemish Park, when Cross and Passion College, Ballycastle defeated St. Killian's College, Garron Tower in a shoot-out at the end of a brilliant day's hurling in the Danske Bank Thompson Cup.

Two fine sides could not be separated neither at the end of normal time, nor after five minutes each way extra time. So for the first time a final had to be decided on frees with Ballycastle winning 2-1!



Their scorers were; Tiago McGarry and Dara Kelly while Phelim Ward pointed for St. Killian's.

St. Killian's had opened a five points' lead early in normal time, with goals from Oisín Woodhouse and Peadar McDonnell. However, a great goal by Gavin McToal and Tiago McGarry free closed the gap to the minimum. McDonnell and Cormac McKeown moved the Tower three ahead with just two minutes left for play, but that was wiped out by a goal from Ben O'Kane in the final minute to force extra time.

Once again, St. Killian's started well with points from Oran O'Connor and Joseph McLaughlin, but again a Ben O'Kane goal did damage and everything hinged on a late 65 that McLaughlin converted to set up the historic shoot-out.

Six schools took part in the competition with two groups of three playing in a round-robin format. In the quarter-finals St. Patrick's Maghera beat St Mary's Belfast, while Our Lady and St. Patrick's College, Knock got the better of St. Louis Ballymena.

On to the semi-finals where CPC beat Maghera while St. Killian's staged a great second half comeback to take out Knock.

DANSKE BANK O'MAHONEY CUP 2018

Congratulations to St. Patrick's High School, Keady who won the **Danske Bank O'Mahoney Cup**. It was a great day's hurling, with St. Patrick's, Downpatrick, Rathmore and St. Columba's also participating.

DANSKE BANK FRANK MAGUIRE CUP 2018

The 2018 **Danske Bank Frank Maguire Cup** was won by Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore. The competition was delayed due to the inclement weather at the beginning of March 2018. The blitz for Year 12 students, attracted entries from throughout the Province. These included; St. Patrick's, Dungiven, Our Lady of Lourdes, Ballymoney, St. Benedict's, Randalstown, St. Mary's, Clady, Holy Trinity, Cookstown, St. Patrick's, Dungannon, Omagh CBS, Letterkenny Colleges, Crana College, Buncrana, St. Paul's, Kilrea, St. Macartans, Monaghan, Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana, St. Columba's Stranorlar, Abbey CBS, St. Malachy's, Castlewellan and Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore.

DANSKE BANK BROTHER MALLON CUP 2018

St. Colm's Draperstown:	2-12
De La Salle College, Belfast:	1-1
13 TH JUNE 2018 AT SLEMISH PARK, BALLYMENA	

St. Colm's maintain under 14 winning streak

St. Colm's Draperstown maintained their impressive record in this age-group by winning the Danske Bank Brother Mallon Cup.

Their win over La Salle adds to Football and Camogie titles already in the same age-group and they started this final in determined fashion with the wind on their backs.



However, although they dominated the early stages they had only a fifth minute point from Eoin Donnelly to show for that work. That was until the 12th minute when a long ball from Donnelly was finished to the net by John Boyle. Donnelly, centre back Joe McKenna and playmaker Aodhán McCallion kept the pressure on and St Colm's moved into 1-5 to 0-0 lead before Thomas Duff took the pressure off La Salle's defence. He set off on a break and Sean Bunce slotted to the net. However, it didn't prevent the Derry boys going in at the break with a comfortable 1-8 to 1-0 advantage.

While La Salle had the elements in their favour for the second half, it was St Colm's forward Aodhán McCallion who opened the scoring with a point and then he added a goal in the sixth minute to put the game out of reach.

McCallion, Donnelly and substitute, Kieran Hasson fired points as St Colm's ran out comfortable winners. **In the Shield competition St. Columba's College, Stranorlar defeated St. Malachy's High School, Castlewellan in a keenly contested game, winning 8-10 to 7-3.**

Omagh CBS sink St. Pat's Armagh with great start

DANSKE BANK MACCORMACK CUP FINAL

19 January 2019, Athletic Grounds, Armagh



Omagh CBS: **1-17** St. Patrick's Grammar School, Armagh: **0-9**

Omagh CBS produced a power packed display at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh to win the Danske Bank MacCormack Cup when they proved too strong for St Patrick's Armagh.

Armagh were without key forward Michael Conroy which certainly didn't help their cause, but on the day Omagh were full value for their 11 points success with nine different players getting their names on the scoresheet. It was an impressive display throughout from the winners and they were well on their way to victory at the end of the opening quarter having established a 1-6 to 0-0 lead.

Aidan McConnell opened the scoring and further points came from Liam Gray, Tom Donaghy, Daniel Fullerton, Mark Hayes and an outstanding effort with the outside of the boot from corner back Cormac McBride.

In the 16th minute, the winners sliced open the Armagh defence with a flowing move that involved Aidan McConnell, Antoin Fox and Mark Hayes, with the latter laying the ball off to Sean McDonagh who brilliantly chipped keeper Jack Gibney. That totalled seven scores all from different players and Armagh were in trouble.

Full forward, Justin Kieran eventually opened their account in the 19th minute and he hit another couple of points with Ruairi McDonald and Dillon Horsfield also on target. Omagh though led 1-8 to 0-5 at the break and they were unlucky not to get another goal when McConnell struck the post after going past three challenges.

Corner back, Donaghy cut in from the right wing to open the second half scoring with his second point and while Kieran cancelled that out, two frees from Gray and Fullerton kept Omagh CBS well in charge of proceedings.

St. Patrick's midfielder, Conor Lavery then landed a point before they were thrown a lifeline in the 39th minute when they were awarded a penalty, after Justin Kieran was



brought down by Oran Grimes, the Omagh keeper getting black carded for the offence.

Aaron MacRory came on in his place and his first action was to face the spot kick, but Kieran sent it to the wrong side of the left hand post. 60 seconds later, Michael McGleenan burst through but his shot was saved by MacRory.

If either of those chances had hit the net the gap would have been cut to four points, but it was Omagh who reasserted their dominance. Gray converted two frees

with McDonagh and substitute, Simon Garrity on target from play and while Kieran responded for Armagh it was a goal that they needed.

Gray took his personal haul to 0-7 from another couple of frees and while Kieran had the final say it was an impressive Omagh side who took the silverware and on this display they will take a bit of beating in the race for MacRory Cup honours.

REFEREE: M. McNally (Monaghan)

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Early Crimmins goal puts St. Colman's College, Newry on course for Rannafast title



DANSKE BANK RANNAFAST CUP FINAL 1 December 2018 at Emyvale

St. Colman's College, Newry: 3-10 St. Patrick's College, Cavan: 0-9

On their way to the Danske Bank Rannafast Cup final, the St. Colman's forwards showed a tendency to go for goals.

If St. Patrick's Cavan were not wary of that threat, they certainly were after just three minutes when Adam Crimmins palmed the ball into their net at the end of a sweeping move.

That put the Newry side into a 1-2 to 0-0 lead, Oisín O'Hare and Oran McCafferty had already pointed, and they were on their way to a 17th title, but a first in 11 years. This was a confident performance from a competent team who moved the ball swiftly and the player on the ball always seemed to have a couple of options open.

A number were in the running for Player of the Match. Aaron Norris and Tony Magee in the full-back line were very good, with Norris picking off an excellent point late on. So too MacDarragh Hynes, Dan McCarthy and goal-man Crimmins, but the accolade would have to go to centre-half back Peter McGrane, a nephew of Armagh's former All-star Paul.

A rock at the back the Ballyhegan player timed a 70m run to perfection to get on the end of a move and crash home his side's second goal after 18 minutes.

Cavan also played their part in a fine game of football, Ronan Trainor and Cian Reilly in defence and Fionntán O'Reilly and Shane Tynan in attack, and they had a couple of goal chances that could have made for a lot more interesting game if they had been taken.

However, those two first half goals kept St. Colman's at arm's length from their opponents and the Newry side led by 2-4 to 0-3 at the turnover, although they had to rely on Conor Deery bringing off a super save from Cian Reilly a couple of minutes from the break to maintain the gap.

And again early in the second half Deery got a fine block on Fionntán O'Reilly when he was through on their other clear-cut goal chance.



Although points from Shane Tynan and Peter Smith on the re-start narrowed the gap, St. Colman's began to pull away with five unanswered points between the 38th and 50th minutes, one each from Adam Crimmins, Redmond French, Ronan Fitzpatrick, Oisín O'Hare and Aaron Norris.

At 2-10 to 0-6 the game was gone from Cavan's reach, but they rallied to hit three

points in a row, from Tynan, Jack Tully and Fionntán O'Reilly before St. Colman's finished the game as it had begun with a super team goal. Possession was claimed in the half-back line and worked quickly through to Adam Crimmins on the 45. The Mayobridge clubman took on his marker and raced through to slip it under Alex Puscasu for a tidy finish.

St. Colman's College, Newry: C. Deery, A Norris (0-1), T. Magee, M. Hynes, R. Campbell, P. McGrane (1-0), R. French (0-1), J. Howlett, R. Fitzpatrick (0-1 free), C. McElroy, A. Crimmins (2-2), D. McCarthy, P. Clancy (0-1), O. McCafferty (0-1), O. O'Hare (0-3) **Subs:** J. Kelly for C. McElroy (51 min), J. Devlin for R. Fitzpatrick (53 min), C. Rodgers for O. O'Hare (55 min),

St. Patrick's College, Cavan: A. Puscasu, R. Trainor, C. Reilly, C. Smith, E. Kelly, Caolaoin McCabe, T. Harten, P. Smith (0-1), R. Ayodele, L. McEntee, S. Tynan (0-3, 0-2 frees), E. Shehu, E. Brady, F. O'Reilly (0-4, 0-2 frees), J. Tully (0-1) **Subs:** C. McKeogh for R. Ayodele (18 min), C. Casey for E. Brady (35 min), K. McPhillips for T. Harten (50 min), J. Smith for E. Shehu (51 min), E. Galligan for L. McEntee (56 min), A. McGovern for R. Trainor (56 min)

REFEREE: Niall McKenna (Tyrone)



DANSKE BANK FR. RAFFERTY CUP FINAL 23 December 2018 at Stewartstown
Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore: 1-11 St. Pius X, Magherafelt: 1-10

Carrickmore shade thriller in Rafferty replay

After two games and two periods of extra time only the minimum separated these two sides as Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore shaded another enthralling encounter with St Pius X, Magherafelt to lift the Danske Bank Rafferty Cup.

As was the case with the original game there was little between two well drilled sides, with the Tyrone lads just about deserving their success on the day. Dean Maguirc may have started with the same 15 from the drawn game, but it was the positional switches that their management team deployed at the second time of asking that went a long way to winning them the game.

Team captain, Micheal McCann led by example with an inspirational display at corner back having started the original game at midfield, the Greencastle clubman curtailing danger man Darragh Wade who kicked 0-7 first day out.

Oran Toal was moved to the "40" and he caused havoc every time he gained possession, while Sean Conneely and the outstanding Packie Quinn were also to the fore for the winners.

St Pius X more than played their part in a thrilling encounter, with Ryan Laverty, Michael Forbes and Aaron Donnelly among their best players on the day, but in the end their efforts just came up short. Forbes opened the scoring for the wind assisted Magherafelt boys within 60 seconds of the start and by the 10th minute they had established a 0-4 to 0-1 lead thanks to efforts from Donnelly (0-2) and Joey Devlin, James Donaghy was also on target for the Dean.

A Donnelly "45" stretched St Pius X's lead further, but in the 21st

minute the winners struck for a brilliant goal. McCann and Tiarnán Teague were involved in the build up with the all action Quinn finishing in style to the net.

Oran Toal then grabbed a fine individual point and while his opposite number Caolán McCann replied at the other end, it was clear that Carrickmore now had the upper hand.

Midfielder Teague pointed via the post and that was followed by scores from Toal and Michael Rafferty to leave Dean Maguirc leading 1-5 to 0-6 at halftime.

Scores proved difficult to come by in the third quarter, but there was plenty of drama as Dean Maguirc lost Donaghy and Cathair Kelly to black cards within three minutes of each other, while Donnelly and Wade helped bring Magherafelt level.

Conneely and Toal responded with converted frees for the winners before Lorcan McGarrity eased them three in front with eight minutes left to play. 60 seconds later though the sides were level when McCann and Charlie Crozier combined for Donnelly to finish low to the bottom left hand corner of the net.

The momentum now seemed to be with the Derry school, but Dean Maguirc rolled up their sleeves with Quinn placing Zak Devine for the lead point before Toal weighed in with his fourth of the day.

With the game now in injury time, it was going to take a goal to rescue St Pius X, but all they could muster was a point from Doherty. The final whistle marked a third Ulster Schools' title in a row for this group of players, all the more remarkable when you consider that they have moved up a grade in each of those three seasons.

REFEREE: S Laverty (Antrim) | *Report courtesy of Kevin Kelly*

DANSKE BANK ARTHUR'S CUP FINAL 18 December 2018 at Owenbeg
Loreto Community School, Milford: 0-11 St. Joseph's Convent G.S., Donaghmore: 0-8

Matthews' save helps Milford win Arthurs Cup

Goalkeeper, John Matthews was the hero for Loreto, Milford in Owenbeg in December bringing off a stunning injury-time save from Conor Cush to prevent this thrilling Danske Bank Arthurs Cup final going to extra-time.

Hugh J. Cunningham had narrowed it down to a three points' game just minutes earlier with a Donaghmore free, but the Tyrone boys couldn't pull the goal out of the bag at the death to deny Milford the victory their second half performance deserved. When Shane Black and Kyle McFadden pointed late in the opening half, it was the first time that Milford had gone ahead despite playing with the assistance of the breeze and they turned over at 0-6 to 0-5.



The expectation was that Donaghmore would push on in the second half and initially that seemed to be working out when Daniel Muldoon and Ben Donnelly edged Donaghmore ahead, but really Donnelly should have hit the net at that point.

Then gradually Milford's superbly organised defence dug in around full-back Tiarnán McBride, holding possession when they needed to, moving it quickly when the break was on. The attack then responded. Matthew McLaughlin added two points to the two he scored before the break and the

excellent Ethan Cullen, Eoin O'Donnell and Liam McAlary came through with further points to stretch the lead to four for Milford. If Donaghmore had forced extra time with that late effort from Cush, it would have been rough justice on the school from the bottom of the Fanad peninsula, as they had dominated the second half

after a poor start. Indeed they trailed by 0-4 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter with Ben Donnelly, Conor Cush, Daniel Muldoon and Hugh J. Cunningham on the mark for Donaghmore.

However, the initiative and drive that the Tyrone side had first half, seemed to shift to Milford for the second half and the Donegal school was deserving of their three points' winning margin.

REFEREE: Anthony Campbell (Derry)



DANSKE BANK MCDEVITT CUP FINAL

11 December 2018 at Owenbeg



St. Joseph's College, Coalisland: **4-10** Loreto Community School, Milford: **4-9**

Coalisland hold on in McDevitt Cup thriller

The Danske Bank McDevitt Cup final was essentially won and lost in the opening half. St. Joseph's College, Coalisland started play, facing into the breeze and led by 2-3 to 1-4 at the break, but they had to withstand a fierce fight-back as a determined Loreto Milford team chased them, score by score over the last half hour.

The win means that St. Joseph's will now have their name written on the Cup for the second time exactly 20 years on from their first success under the Vocational Schools' banner in 1998, and they will thank goalie Daniel McAteer for a couple of important saves near the end.

Other top performers on the day were Mark Duffin and Shane Hughes in defence and Conor Talbot in midfield, while all six forwards and substitute, Jadon Morgan raised flags with pride of place reserved for Rónán Coney's three goals and a point.

However, that tally was eclipsed by Milford full-forward, Callum Cullen who hit all four



goals and added a point for good measure. He had good support from Anthony Curran, Sean Coffey and midfielder Eoghan Quinn, but really their slow opening 30 minutes cost them the game.

Coalisland's battle with the wind was helped by a goal from a penalty after just ten minutes, Coney finding to the bottom corner and the same player neatly flicked home a second goal after 18 minutes following a length of the pitch move from his team. In-between, Cullen had opened his account,

but Milford faced an uphill struggle; having played with the aid of the breeze they were still behind by two points at the break. Although Shea Hamilton gave Coalisland the perfect start to the second half with a second minute goal, Loreto were soon back in touch with Cullen's second goal closing the gap to 3-5 to 2-7 in the 44th minute.

It really was a race to the finish line from them on, Rónán Coney managing to complete his hat-trick with Callum Cullen's last two goals coming just a little too late.

DANSKE BANK GERRY BROWN CUP FINAL

11 December 2018 at Celtic Park, Derry



St. Conor's College, Kilrea/Clady: **7-5** Magh Ene College, Bundoran: **1-6**

St. Conor's in 7th heaven with first title

The ability to hit the net brought both Magh Ene College, Bundoran and St. Conor's College into this Danske Bank Gerry Brown Cup final, and six first half goals ensured that the east Derry school that was created just four months ago from the amalgamation of St. Paul's Kilrea and St. Mary's Clady had its first trophy.

The half-time score of 6-3 to 0-3 didn't reflect the overall pattern of play, but those goals, five of which came in the 11 minutes before the break, really settled the destination of the Cup.

Eoin Mullan struck for the first green flag after ten minutes and St. Conor's were just 1-3 to 0-1 ahead after 17 minutes. Then everything changed.



Oisín Casey started the blitz with his goal in the 19th minute, Sedgae Melaugh added two more, Oisín Casey converted a penalty and Tommy Rodgers hit the sixth goal, while Joe McGloin tried to lift Bundoran slightly with two points right on half time, but the game was up at that stage.

There was just a point for each team during the third quarter, but Sedgae Melaugh completed his hat-trick ten minutes from time with Magh Ene's battling

qualities rewarded with a late goal for their best player, Matthew San Pedro.

Others to play well for Bundoran were Jack Warnock and Eoin Gallagher, but Sedgae Melaugh and Eoin Mullan established a strong platform for

St. Conor's both through their long ball delivery and with their thrusts forward from the middle of the pitch. The pair also scored four goals between them.

Up front the pace of Ciaran McAleese was always a problem for Bundoran and the half-forwards and midfielders coming through in support benefited from those runs.

REFEREE: Alan Nash (Derry)





DANSKE BANK BROCK CUP FINAL 18 April 2018 at Garvaghey
Abbey CBS, Newry: 1-4 St. Patrick's College, Maghera: 0-5

Abbey take Brock title in low-scoring contest

Abbey CBS won a low scoring but entertaining Danske Bank Brock Cup title at windswept Garvaghey when they edged past a spirited St. Patrick's, Maghera side.

Scores may have been at a premium, but neither side could be faulted for their work rate and endeavour throughout the seventy odd minutes.

Maghera were forced to play most of the game with fourteen men after defender Jamie Duggan picked up two bookings in the first half and in the end a goal from Abbey CBS defender, David Maille ultimately decided the destination of the silverware.

Maghera could have had a goal after only ninety seconds, but Liam Downey was denied by a fine save from Abbey CBS keeper Eoin Hughes. Neither side managed a score in the opening quarter and while Maghera looked the better side, they struggled to make an impact against a well organised Abbey defence that had stars in Oran McKeown, Patrick McCarthy, Fiachra McEvoy and David Maille.

Left half back, Duggan opened the scoring in the 18th minute from a 20m free, but five minutes later he was sent off after collecting a second yellow card. Eoin Loughran levelled matters with a point from play, before centre half forward, Niall Toner got what proved to be the last score of the opening period. Maghera piled on the pressure, but a resolute Abbey defence stood tall to leave it 0-2 to 0-1 at the interval.

It was Abbey who grabbed the opening score of the second half, with Toner landing a quality point following a good move involving Odhrán Murdock and Ryan Magill.



Matthew Downey, who was Maghera's best forward on the day won a free which he converted himself before moments later he landed a brilliant individual effort from play after going past five challenges.

Maghera had their tails up at this stage, but in the 45th minute the crucial score of the contest arrived. McCarthy and Zach Murdock were involved in the build up, with Maille getting on the end of the move to thump an unstoppable shot to the roof of the net past keeper, Conal Craig. Toner had a chance to put four between the sides, but he was wide from a free and as Maghera piled on the pressure, Downey made no mistake at the other end of the field from a placed ball. With two minutes to go, Downey left just the minimum between the two sides from another placed ball to set up a tense finish. Both sides missed chances before a Toner free proved to be the insurance score for Abbey CBS.

REFEREE: Kieran Eannetta (Tyrone)

DANSKE BANK TREANOR CUP FINAL 26 April 2018 at Portstewart
St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny: 0-7 St. Louis GS, Ballymena: 1-2

St. Eunan's take Treanor in low scoring final

The turning point in this Danske Bank Treanor Cup final in Portstewart arrived on the three quarter mark, when St. Louis forward, Paddy Dougan picked up a black card and had to be replaced by Adam Campbell.

The Ahoghill midfielder had been central to St. Louis pulling back level at 1-1 to 0-4 after failing to raise a flag in the opening half. After his dismissal, the momentum swung in favour of the Donegal school and they added three quick frees to put the tie beyond St. Louis in what was very much a game of missed chances.

Both teams set up with extra cover at the back, indeed at times there were two and three extra players in the defences and that made scoring pretty difficult. Having said



that, both sides missed gilt-edged chances from frees, possible scores that could well have put the game out of their opponents' reach.

Paudie McGilligan, Ryan McQuillan, Shaun O'Callaghan and Patrick Ferris all showed up well for Ballymena, while Jack Gallagher at centre-half back and Noel O'Donnell were huge presences for the Donegal side with

Keelan Collier's frees in the second half very important. St. Eunan's were wind-assisted in the first half and managed four scores, points each for Collier and Callum Friel in between a double from Shane Monaghan, but it really was a story of wayward shooting. St. Louis started the second half strongly with Aidan Scullion hitting the St. Eunan's net after carrying the ball into scoring range. When Colla McDonnell added a point, it looked very likely that Ballymena

could push on with the wind advantage. However, the loss of Dougan and then a huge free into the breeze from Collier changed the dynamic. Collier and Monaghan added two more scores from frees and Aidan Scullion's late score couldn't swing the game for St. Louis.

REFEREE: Anthony Mullan (Derry)



DANSKE BANK CORN na nÓg CUP FINAL

9 December 2018 at Emyvale



Omagh CBS: **2-11** St. Patrick's College, Cavan: **1-9**

Omagh finish strongly in Corn na nÓg final

Strong finishes at the end of each half helped Omagh CBS to a shock, but richly deserved Corn na nÓg success over a fancied St. Patrick's, Cavan side at Oliver Plunkett Park in Emyvale.

With five minutes to go to half-time only the minimum separated the two sides, but Omagh then struck for a goal from Caolán Donnelly and that enabled them to lead 1-5 to 0-3 at the break despite having played against the wind.

Favourites, Cavan re-appeared for the second half with all guns blazing and by the end of the third quarter they had turned things around to lead. All the momentum looked to be with them at that stage, but they only registered another point in the remainder of the contest as Omagh finished strongly to win with a Daithí McCallan goal proving to be decisive. Killian Brady opened the scoring for Cavan in the 2nd minute, but within 60 seconds Omagh had levelled matters from a Conor Owens free. A high ball in from Cavan centre half forward, Darragh Lovett crashed off the bar before Omagh defender Gareth Seaney made a great block to deny Favor Shehu a goal chance.



Brady fired over a superb point for the lead for St. Patrick's again, but Owens responded from a placed ball. The Tyrone lads then moved two clear thanks to a brace of frees from Eoin McElholm, but Lovett kept Cavan in touch with a fine effort from distance.

In the 27th minute Omagh CBS grabbed their first goal of the afternoon with Donnelly giving keeper Oscar Brady no chance with a rocket to the net. That was followed by a point from play from Nathan Farry as Omagh CBS greeted the short whistle with a spring in their step.

Cavan left their opponents out on the field for five minutes before they re-appeared for the second half, but whatever was said to them in the changing rooms seemed to have the desired effect.

Centre half forward, Lovett scored twice inside the opening three minutes and moments later, Omagh CBS keeper Conor McAneney thwarted the same player with a superb save.

Cavan had their tails up with half time substitute, Oliver McCrystal pointing before a free from Lovett left just the minimum between the sides with only seven minutes of the second half gone.

Owens calmed Omagh nerves with a free before he offloaded for Charlie Donnelly to put three between the sides again. Cavan though drew level in the 43rd minute when a Lovett shot was blocked, but the ball went up in the air and Cormac Galligan palmed to the net.

Oliver McCrystal then edged Cavan in front but the hard working McCallan left it 1-8 apiece with nine minutes left on the clock. Three minutes later Cian Keaney scored via the post, but that proved to be Cavan's last score of the game. In the next attack full forward Owens hit an outstanding equaliser with the outside of his boot from the left wing and Omagh CBS never looked back. With Michael Mac Salaigh and Caolán O'Hagan to the fore in midfield the winners took over.

McElholm gave them a lead that they were never to lose in the 56th minute and sixty seconds later he supplied the pass for McCallan to blast to the net. It was all Omagh at this stage and Owens brought the scoring to a close with his fifth of the contest.

REFEREE: Anthony Marron, (Monaghan)
Report courtesy of Kevin Kelly

DANSKE BANK LOCH AN IÚIR CUP FINAL

5 December 2018



St. Ronan's College, Lurgan: **2-10** St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny: **2-3**

Ronan's make it past St. Eunan's to take Corn Loch an Iúir

While St. Eunan's Letterkenny fought bravely and were level at the break in this Danske Bank Corn Loch an Iúir final, St. Ronan's always looked as if they had the capacity to open the game up and pull away.

The Lurgan win was achieved with a series of points during the third quarter, but wasn't clinched until two minutes from time when Adam Towe played a neat 1-2 with Rogan McVeigh and then swept the ball to the net from close range. The tenacity of the Donegal boys never let St. Ronan's clear however and John Quinn in goals and outfield

players like Lorcán Harvey, Jamie McCauley, Sean Gallagher and particularly Max Roarty up front can still feel a sense of achievement. But Lurgan were strong in defence with Charlie Casey and Eoin Lennon. Pádraig Gowdy was my Player of the Match at midfield and Callum Wilson and Shea Lavery always a threat up front. Gowdy tapped over an early free, but Max Roarty responded with a point and then a goal when he took on three defenders on the right wing before crashing the ball to the net. That score knocked Lurgan back a little, but they hit three points before the 20th minute to leave them just a point behind at 1-2 to 0-4.

Then we had two goals before the break.



Rogan McVeigh did the spade-work along the end line and pulled the ball back for a handy finish for Shea Lavery. However, at the other end, Max Roarty was taken down after 28 minutes and Josh Patton expertly converted

the spot-kick to leave it evens for the turnover, 1-5 to 2-2. However, Lurgan tightened their grip on proceedings for the third quarter with Callum Wilson, Ethan McKenna and Gowdy from two frees moving the score-board out of St. Eunan's reach.

Letterkenny only hit the target once during the second half, a free from Christopher Diver and can have no complaint about the result.

Referee: Sean MacNamee (Tyrone)



Bua iontach ag Colaiste Oiriall i gCorn Ennis

DANSKE BANK ENNIS CUP FINAL 7 December 2018 at Killeavy
Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan: **3-10** St. Patrick's College, Banbridge: **4-3**

Coláiste Oiriall have won their first Ulster Schools' football title, but they needed extra time in Killeavy early December, before they saw off a stiff challenge from St Patrick's College, Banbridge.

An excellent goal from Niall Ó Míocháin in the 55th minute looked like winning the game in ordinary time for the Monaghan side, but in the fourth minute of added time, Denis Kerr took responsibility for a pressure free kick for Banbridge and slotted an equaliser.



Neal Ó Coighligh a d'oirbhig go dian mar chosantóir ar shon Choláiste Oiriall sa chluiche ceannais den Chorn Ennis

Kerr was a key player for the Down side, with good support from Eoin Campbell and Darragh Greenan, but overall Coláiste Oiriall had the better balanced all round team, although they didn't always convert possession into scores. Jack Ó Cearbhalláin had an excellent game, as did Cillian Ó Haicéid, Aodhán Ó Dughaill, Neal Ó Coighligh and Fionnán Ó Gallachóir, while Niall Ó Míocháin left the pitch with an injury, but returned to swing the game in favour of his team.

Banbridge got the perfect start, a goal from Eoin Campbell in the opening minute and they were able to stay ahead of their



Bua ag leibhéal faoi 14 ½ ag Coláiste Oiriall - the jubilant Coláiste Oiriall 14 ½ team who defeated St. Patrick's College, Banbridge to win the Ennis Cup.



Bronnadh an choirn ar na comhchaptain - Jimmy Smyth, Ulster Schools' GAA chairman, presents the Ennis Cup to Coláiste Oiriall joint captains, Jeaic Ó Cearúlláin and Cillian Ó Haicéad.

opponents until the break with further goals from Denis Kerr and Ryan Meara.

However, Jack Ó Cearbhalláin fired home an excellent goal in the 21st minute and a series of points left his team a point in arrears at the break, 1-6 to 3-1. The problem was that Oiriall had to face the breeze in the second half, but they managed that fairly well, despite conceding a fourth goal early in the half, again from midfielder Campbell.



The Oiriall defence knuckled down and kept their opponents scoreless until injury-time, while Ó Míocháin's goal looked to have won the game in normal time.

In extra time, Cillain Ó hAicéid soloed through from midfield. Despite losing the ball he managed to get his boot to it on the ground and find the net.

It was the key score of extra time, as Banbridge never looked like hitting back.

Coláiste Oiriall, Monaghan: O. Ó Raghallaigh, S. Ó Carthaigh, A. Ó Dughaill, R. Ó Siurdáin, D. Ó hAinliún, N. Ó Coighligh, M. Ó Chleirchín, C. Ó Haicéid (1-2), J. Ó Cearbhalláin (1-5), É. Ó hAilín (0-1), N. Ó Míocháin (1-0), F. Ó Gallachóir (0-2), S. Ó Ceallaigh, B. Mac Cathmhaoil, M. Ó Cearbhallán. **Subs:** O. Ó Connghaile, C. Ó Murchú, J. Ó hAnnan, L. Ó hAmaill, L. Mac Treinfharr, M. Ó Mealláin

St. Patrick's College, Banbridge: C. Higgins, S. McClure, D. Kerr (1-1), A. Moan, K. McNeill, C. Lemon, D. Greenan, E. Campbell (2-0), K. Bradford, C. Cull, F. Keenan, T. Gorman, A. McGivern, R. Meara (1-0), S. Malone **Subs:** B. O'Hare (0-1) for S. Malone



DANSKE BANK D'ALTON CUP FINAL

26 April 2018 at Dromore



St. Patrick's College, Cavan: **3-13** St. Patrick's College, Maghera: **3-8**

Lovett's class seals D'Alton final for Cavan

St. Patrick's College, Cavan lifted the Danske Bank D'Alton Cup at Gardrum Park, when they emerged worthy winners over St. Patrick's Maghera in a cracking decider.

The winners grabbed a goal after only forty seconds for an advantage that they were never to lose, Favour Shehu palming a Darragh Lovett pass to the net.

Cavan led by three at the break and they then increased that advantage to five, but a battling Maghera side stayed in touch to close the gap to two.

It was anybody's game going into the closing stages, but Cavan got points when it mattered most to take the silverware. Lovett was the man of the match with 1-9 to his name, 1-6 from play, but this was by no means a one man show. Finan Coyle was outstanding in defence, as was Shehu when moved there for the second half from corner forward. Ryan Boyle was another player who caught the eye in the half forward line being involved in most of his side's best moves.



Maghera more than played their part in an entertaining encounter with Adam McLaughlin, Eoin Higgins and Ryan McNicholl to the fore. Oliver McCrystal and Lovett added to Shehu's early strike, before a great score from Conor Downey opened Maghera's account in the 12th minute. Sixty seconds later a sweeping move from the Derry lads ended with Conor Coyle firing to the net to reduce the deficit to the minimum.

Kevin and Darragh Lovett had points for Cavan, before they grabbed their second goal in the 17th minute, when the former tucked away a penalty. Ryan Boyle and Higgins exchanged points, before wing half back Dara McGurk raised a white flag for Maghera.

Three minutes before the break, Maghera got their second goal through McNicholl, but Cavan had the final say of the half with points from Killian Brady and Darragh Lovett for a 2-7 to 2-4 lead. A Ruairi McAleese free opened the second half scoring for Maghera, but man of the match Lovett then bagged a 35th minute goal. He added a point in the next attack as Cavan looked set to establish a match winning lead.

Maghera though had other ideas with Higgins converting two frees either side of a fine effort from play to leave it 3-8 to 2-7 going into the final quarter. Lovett then landed a brilliant point, but with ten minutes to go it was game on again when McNicholl got his second goal of the contest. Lovett settled Cavan nerves from a free, before he kicked a brilliant point from play after a move involving Shehu, Boyle and McCrystal. McCrystal then pointed himself, before the superb Lovett made it a six point game.

In injury time, Higgins was unlucky to rattle the bar and while he had the final say with a point it wasn't enough as Cavan took the title.

REFEREE: Martin Sludden (Tyrone)

DANSKE BANK CORN COLMCHILLE CUP FINAL

2 May 2018 at Antrim



St. Pius X College, Magherafelt: **5-6** Aquinas Diocesan Grammar School: **3-7**

St. Pius X take Danske Bank Corn Colmchille

An explosive five-minute spell in the second half shot St Pius X, Magherafelt into the driving seat in Danske Bank Corn Colmchille Final at Allen Park Antrim and they were far enough ahead to hold off a strong fight-back from first time finalists Aquinas, Belfast.

Two goals from David Monaghan and a Richard Drain goal, his third of the game, had the Derry side 5-5 to 0-5 to the good with 20 minutes to go.

It was only then that the entertainment started and St Pius needed to pull out all the stops to fend off a stern Aquinas fightback, as two Tom McCarroll goals and fine finish by Niall Duffy left the last fewer minutes at fever pitch. The Ravenhill Road side had



momentum and that was only halted in the final minute when from a breakaway Caolin McGlone grabbed a point and with it came Magherafelt's second piece of silverware for the season.

Aquinas started with a first minute point from Jack Toner, but it wasn't long before St Pius X stormed in for the first goal of the game, a close range finish from full forward Richard Drain.

The Magherafelt side then enjoyed much of the play in the first half, and shortly before the break Conleth McGrogan and Cormac

Bateson added frees, before Drain finished a fine team goal to put his side 2-4 to 0-3 ahead.

On the re-start Richard Drain and Jack Toner exchanged early points, before the first David Monaghan goal and soon after, full-forward Drain completed his hat-trick. Although Jack Toner responded with a point, a second Monaghan goal left St Pius in cruise control.

With ten minutes remaining, Niall Duffy slipped home a neat finish. It looked a consolation score, but Aquinas took a firm grip around midfield and pressed forward.

Two goals inside five minutes from McCarroll, left the game hanging in the balance going into stoppage time, but with Luke Bell, Odhran Letters and Aaron Murray in fine form at the back, St Pius' held on.

REFEREE: Barry Coyle (Antrim)





DANSKE BANK IRISH NEWS CUP FINAL 25 April 2018 at Galbally

St. Joseph's GS, Donaghmore: 6-8 St. Ciaran's College, Ballygawley: 1-6

Ronan Molloy in top form as St. Joseph's, Donaghmore win the Irish News final

St. Joseph's, Donaghmore proved to be the dominant force in this all Tyrone Danske Bank Irish News Cup Final at Galbally, when goals were the key to unlocking St. Ciaran's, Ballygawley.

The winners had the better work ethic throughout and in Ronan Molloy they possessed a player on top of his game, the full forward finishing with 3-4 to his name, all from play.

It was St. Ciaran's who led 0-2 to 0-1 early on thanks to points from Daniel Rafferty and Callum Quinn before Ronan Molloy turned sharply to split the posts for his second point of the contest.

In the 12th minute the winners grabbed their first goal and it came in fortunate circumstances as an attempt for a point from Stephen Canavan deceived keeper Pádraig Gavin and sailed all the way to the net.

Sixty seconds later they scored another major when Ronan Molloy finished off a flowing move involving John McKenna and Cormac Drayne. St. Joseph's were well on top at this stage and after missing a few chances they extended their advantage with a Conn Sweeney point.

Daniel Rafferty then got a much needed point for St. Ciaran's from a free and in the 28th minute they were right back in contention, when corner forward Conor McCool blasted to the net after receiving a pass from Thomas McGuigan.

Only three points separated the sides at that stage, but crucially



St. Joseph's had the final say of the half when Molloy showed great strength to hold off two or three challenges to fire to the net for a 3-3 to 1-3 lead.

St. Ciaran's needed a good start to the second

half, but the opposite happened as St. Joseph's picked up where they had left off. Ronan Molloy pointed and in the 5th minute M.J. Mansell and Leo Hughes combined for Cormac Drayne to smash an unstoppable shot to the top right hand corner of the net.

Cormac Drayne tagged on a point and while a Callum Quinn free got St. Ciaran's up and running for the second half, they had it all to do going into the final quarter trailing 4-5 to 1-4.

Ronan Molloy then won a 47th minute penalty, which Mansell expertly converted and while Conor Kane had a point at the other end of the field the game was over as a contest.

Leo Hughes, Ronan Molloy and Conn Sweeney all added points, before 'Man of the Match' Ronan Molloy completed his hat trick three minutes from time.

REFEREE: Cathal Forbes (Tyrone)

DANSKE BANK FAUL CUP FINAL 18th May 2018 at Tír na nÓg, Portadown

De La Salle College, Belfast: 4-9 Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore: 2-8

De La Salle College, Belfast take Danske Bank Faul Cup

De La Salle's greater scoring threat up front proved the key at Tír na nÓg in Portadown as they deservedly collected the Danske Bank Faul Cup at the expense of a battling Dean Maguirc College, Carrickmore side.

All of the winner's tally came from their forward division, while on the other hand their opponents managed just two points from their attackers. The Dean looked the better side early on and after Daniel Smyth and Michael Rafferty had traded points, centre half forward Oisín Rafferty grabbed a well taken 9th minute goal.

Dean Maguirc keeper, Gary McAleer made a couple of good saves, but at the end of the opening quarter he was beaten by a fine goal from Cormac Austin. Within two minutes though, the Tyrone lads had their noses back



in front when good work from Ryan Haughey saw him lay the ball off for Rafferty to palm home from close range. Daniel Smyth knocked over a free, but with 20 minutes gone on the clock Dean Maguirc were still ahead by three, after midfielder Ronan Fox had split the posts. All that was about to change though as De La Salle finished the half strongly. Corner forward Tiarnán Munce lobbed the ball to the net to level matters and either side of points from Smyth and Austin they got a third goal via Conall McGuigan to enjoy a 3-4 to 2-2 interval advantage. De La Salle picked up where they had left off on the re-start with Smyth

converting another free before centre half back Corey Gillen charged forward to land an inspirational score for Dean Maguirc.

The same player then fired over another fine effort from distance and it looked at this stage as though Dean Maguirc were going to mount a comeback. De La Salle though always looked dangerous when going forward with Austin, Smyth, McGuigan and Brian Healy to the fore and after the latter had pointed he weighed in with a goal sixty seconds later. Eight points divided the sides going into the final quarter, but Dean Maguirc refused to throw in the towel. Conal Murray and Ryan Coyle both pointed as did Conor Kelly, when his fierce shot just cleared the bar. Smyth and Rafferty traded points from frees, but fittingly it was the new champions who had the final say with a terrific effort from play from out on the right wing from Cormac Austin.

REFEREE: Seamus O'Neill (Armagh)

Year 8 Success in Blitz Competitions

Year 8 pupils from throughout the schools in Ulster continue to enjoy the Gaelic Football blitz competitions that are organised towards the end of the academic year. 2018 was no different with St. Patrick's College Maghera claiming the honours in the Martin O' Farrell Cup. St. Joseph's, Donaghmore and Holy Trinity College, Cookstown won their respective Year 8 competitions.

Maghera take Danske Bank O'Farrell Cup

Winners of the Oisín McGrath Cup earlier in the season, St Patrick's College, Maghera added the Danske Bank O'Farrell Cup to their trophy cabinet, coming out tops in the Year 8 blitz held at Mid Ulster Sports' Arena in Cookstown at the beginning of June.

Indeed, Maghera entered two squads in the Cup competition and another in the Shield. But in Group A of the Cup they lost by a point to Omagh CBS before edging home against St. Colman's College, Newry, St. Patrick's Armagh and St. Ronan's College, Lurgan, leaving them qualifying for the semi-finals in second spot.



*The Maghera Year 8s who attended the Cookstown blitz (including O'Farrell Cup winners)
Inset: St. Patrick's College, Maghera joint captains, Danny McDermott and Conor Downey with the O'Farrell Cup.*

Meanwhile the school's other Cup team accounted for St. Patrick's Academy, St. Mary's, Magherafelt and St. Michael's, Enniskillen to go through top of Pool B and set up a semi-final with Team A. However the scoring power of Conor Downey and Ciaran Chambers saw Team A through to a final with Omagh CBS.

Omagh led from the start and were still three points up, when Maghera earned a last minute penalty which Ciaran Chambers tucked away to force extra time. There was little between the side during the first period of extra time, but Maghera hit an unanswered 1-6 after the break to avenge their group defeat and add the O'Farrell Cup to the Oisín McGrath trophy for the second year running.

Holy Trinity win Danske Bank McQuillan Cup

Holy Trinity Cookstown and St. Mary's CBGS, Belfast came through the league stages of the Year 8 blitz in Woodlands to contest the final of the Danske Bank McQuillan Cup.

A first half goal from Eoin Canavan, followed by points from Ruairí McGurk, Michael McElhatton and Odhrán Hagan set up a 1-8 to 0-5 victory for Cookstown, who also added a second title to their Oisín McGrath Shield earlier in the year.



Holy Trinity team captain, Michael McElhatton receiving the Danske Bank McQuillan Cup from Hugh McGettigan

St. Joseph's, Donaghmore take Danske Bank J.M. Murphy title

St. Joseph's, Donaghmore powered to their fourth Ulster Schools' football title of the 2017-2018 academic year when they claimed the Danske Bank JM Murphy Cup at Aquinas Grammar on the Ravenhill Road. The early morning group games saw some excellent football with all matches competitive and played in a wonderful spirit. Donaghmore finished top of their group, defeating St. Ciaran's, Ballygawley, St. Patrick's, Keady, Loreto Coleraine and St. Louis, Kilkeel. In the final, they defeated Rathmore Grammar, Belfast 1-6 to 1-2 having survived an epic semi-final against Aquinas Grammar school where the bare minimum separated the teams in the end. Already winners of the Oisín McGrath Shield in Term 1, this group of players have certainly put themselves on the Ulster Schools' map. The win by the Year 8s capped off a great year for the Donaghmore school, with the Danske Bank Oisín McGrath Shield and Danske Bank J.M. Murphy cup sitting beside the Danske Bank Irish News and McDevitt Cups, the first time the school has collected four provincial titles in the same school year.

There's no doubt that some of the players involved in these Year 8 blitz competitions will feature in the MacLarnon or MacRory competitions in five or six years time.



The successful Year 8 footballers from St. Joseph's, Donaghmore.



Queen's GAA announce Danske Bank Future Stars



Queen's University GAA recently honoured their 2018-2019 Danske Bank Future Stars, the 15 players to come through a series of trials in December organised by the Ulster Schools' GAA Council for students in their final year of GCSE studies.



2018 was the fourth year of the Future Stars programme, with previous winners including Callum Brown, now of the AFL's Great Western Sydney Giants, Tyrone senior panelist, Darragh Canavan and Derry minor star Iarlaith Donaghy.

Three players from the St. Colman's College, Newry team that collected the Danske Bank Rannafast Cup in November are included; Peter McGrane, Adam Crimmins and Pádraig Clancy. McGrane is a nephew of former Armagh All-Star and Queen's star Paul, while the performances of Crimmins in the Rannafast Cup earned him the Ulster Schools' Player of the Month for November.

The other Newry school, Abbey CBS, has two players in the line-out, including the hugely talented John McGovern who converted the all-important penalty that knocked St. Mary's Magherafelt out of the MacRory Cup at the start of the December. McGovern also starred for Ballyholland during the Ulster Minor Tournament organized and hosted by St. Paul's GAC, Belfast.

Two more of the team, Callum Laird (St. Malachy's Castlewellan) and Oran Cunningham (St. Patrick's, Downpatrick) will meet each other in the upcoming Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup. There are five

players from Tyrone schools, two from Derry City and Daithí Óg Mac Roibeaird who completes a month of celebration for Gaoth Dobhair by making the selection as goalkeeper.

Down and Queen's legend, James McCartan, who headed the selection panel, found it very difficult to whittle the 120 players attending the trials down to just 15 players, remarking;

"The quality of player on show at this level was a testament to the fantastic work being undertaken throughout Ulster Schools' GAA competitions. There were outstanding candidates all over the field, especially in the final trial and there was plenty of evidence on show that Ulster Schools' football is in a very strong place in 2018."

Queen's University GAA Development Officer, Aidan O'Rourke said, *"Queen's University is focused on developing and rewarding excellence as demonstrated by the Danske Bank Future Stars Programme. Our athletes at Queen's are supported through the 'Sean O'Neill GAA Academy' and their development is overseen by a dedicated staff, which includes world-leading Strength and Conditioning Coach, Mike McGurn and pioneering Sports Psychologist, Hugh Campbell."*

Aidan added;

"The Academy is a challenging and mentored environment within which young players can excel towards senior county football."

In his concluding comments Aidan stated;

"We are ever more conscious of the pressures that sport adds to the academic journey at University and we are very much focused on helping students balance the twin goals of sporting excellence alongside a world class education."

2018-2019 DANSKE BANK QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY FUTURE STARS TEAM

1. **Daithí Óg Mac Roibeaird** (Pobalscoil Gaioth Dobhair)
2. **Callum Laird** (St. Malachy's, Castlewellan)
3. **Rory Kearney** (Abbey CBS, Newry)
4. **Peter McGrane** (St. Colman's, Newry)
5. **Aaron McGrath** (Holy Cross, Strabane)
6. **Oran Cunningham** (St. Patrick's, Downpatrick)
7. **Ruairí Campbell** (St. Joseph's, Coalisland)
8. **Oran McGrath** (Lumen Christi, Derry)
9. **Adam Crimmins** (St. Colman's, Newry)
10. **Ciaran Daly** (Omagh CBS);
11. **Pádraig Clancy** (St. Colman's, Newry)
12. **Michael Quinn** (St. Ciaran's, Ballygawley)
13. **Shea Browne** (St. Columb's, Derry)
14. **John McGovern** (Abbey CBS, Newry)
15. **Luke Donnelly** (St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon)



DANSKE BANK MARKEY CUP FINAL

26 January 2019 at Letterkenny



St. Columb's College, Derry: **2-11** Abbey Vocational School, Donegal: **3-5**

St. Columb's win Danske Bank Markey Cup for the first time

St Columb's College have claimed the Danske Bank Markey Cup for the first time eventually seeing off an Abbey challenge in a rollercoaster contest at O'Donnell Park Letterkenny.

The accolade marks the first senior Ulster title the school has won in 17 years, the last coming way back in 2002. It was the Donegal men who raced into an early seven point lead before the resurgence of the Derry school came to the fore on the way to victory in a second half for the ages. Fergal Mortimer opened the scoring after just three minutes from a free before his counterpart, Cian Hegarty landed two placed balls to give his side the advantage. Eleven minutes in the Derry City men would land the first of five major over the game, Eoghan Cassidy slipping the ball to Tiernan O'Kane. The defender made an industrious run before slotting the ball into net. The Donegal town representatives replied almost instantaneously with Richard O'Rourke sending an inch perfect ball in behind the College defence for Shaun Kennedy to fire

into the top left corner of the net. Midfielder Jamie Crawford landed the next two scores of the contest the first, a monstrous effort from range before a close in free extended the lead to three. It went from bad to worse for the Oakleafers as Kennedy and Daniel Gallagher were involved in a neat intricate passing move for Cian Hegarty to punch into the empty net. Mortimer stopped the rot from a free, his side's first score in 16 minutes, but they would finish the half strongest. Derry underage star, Mortimer added two further frees before All-star hurler Eoghan Cassidy showed his big ball skills to fire over on the run and cut the deficit to two at the break. Whatever the St Columb's management said at half time must have had an effect as Ryan Brown found Jude óg Moore in the opening seconds to cut the gap to one. There was merely two minutes of the second half played when Shea Browne levelled after a fine counter attacking move. Browne and Mortimer would then combine to set-up Tiernan O'Kane for a score and all of a sudden they were ahead. The Abbey were never going to crumble



and fall without a fight and they showed that spirit when a mishap from Stephenson in the College goal led to a goalmouth scramble, Jamie Crawford reacting quickest to poke the ball into the net. In the

dying embers of big games, the big players step-up and Mortimer once again rallied his troops with an outstanding free from south of 45 metres.

Substitute Ciaran Concannon could not have believed his luck as the ball fell to him five yards out for his first touch. The inspired substitution didn't need to be asked twice, firing the ball into the net. Hegarty landed a free to put one between them with time all but up, Lynch and Browne knocked over scores to put the dangerous three point lead between them entering injury time.

It took an incredible double block from Conor McLaughlin to deny Kennedy and secure the title for St Columb's in dramatic fashion.

REFEREE: Mark Loughran (Tyrone)
Odhrán Crumley in O'Donnell Park



DANSKE BANK O'DOHERTY CUP FINAL

26 February 2019 at Clones

Ballybay Community College: **3-16** St. Aidan's Comp School, Cootehill: **2-9**

Ballybay convincing winners of first O'Doherty Cup title

When Aaron Mulligan scored a superb individual goal after 15 minutes in St Tiarnach's Park, Clones, his school, Ballybay Community College, were well on their way to collecting the Danske Bank O'Doherty Cup for the first time.

Mulligan, voted young achiever of 2018 by the Ulster GAA Writers' last month, lived up to the billing and was a constant thorn in their opponents' side, finishing with a total of 2-7.

And while the Latton club man was pulling the Cootehill defence one way, Darragh Dempsey was pulling them another way and the twin strikers accumulated 1-6 of Ballybay's half-time total of 1-8, while Cian Smith and Kaylan Jackson-McCabe tried their



best to keep Cootehill going with two points each out of their total of 0-6.

Ballybay had other prominent players in Enda McPhillips, Joel Wilson and Eoin Duffy, the latter finishing a brilliant team move for the second Ballybay goal in the 52nd minute. Kaylan Jackson-McCabe had a strong presence up front for Cootehill and they probably shaded the midfield battle through David Keepock and David McCabe, but they lacked the overall team strength of the winners.

Duffy's goal in the 52nd minute made it 2-15 to 0-9. The game may have been over at that stage but there were still three more goals and a point and all of them great finishes. Darragh Dempsey's effort at a point in the 58th minute dropped short into Aaron Mulligan's arms. Mulligan coolly rounded his opponent and the goalie to tap home from a metre out.

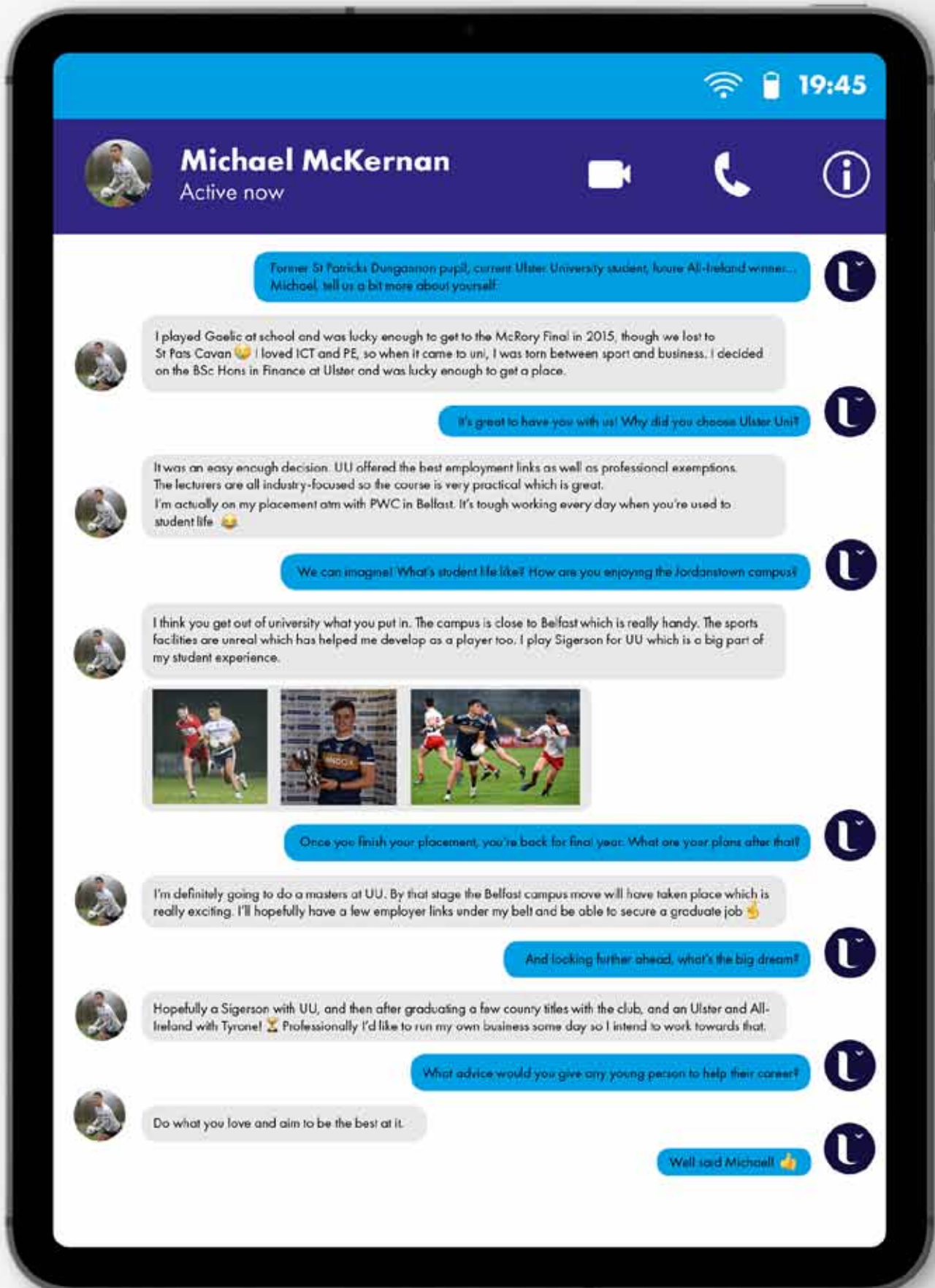
Then the Cootehill midfielders, Keepock and McCabe pushed forward for goals each, deserved consolation scores given their individual contributions, but Ballybay were still convincing winners.

Ballybay's celebrations will be put on hold however as they face Scoil Chuimsitheach Chiaráin from the Connemara Gaeltacht in the All-Ireland semi-final of the Masita Rice Cup.

REFEREE: Mark Loughran (Tyrone)



A catch-up with Tyrone player and Ulster University student, **Michael McKernan**.



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PAT O'HARE

Man of the Match Award MacLarnon Cup Final 2018

It was to his credit that when asked to provide this magnificent trophy, the former Principal of St Patrick's Grammar School Downpatrick, Dermot Mullan, without hesitation, instantly agreed. He never knew Pat O'Hare, but if he had he would have known a good man.

Pat taught in St Patrick's from 1976 until his sudden death in 1999. He was a dedicated and conscientious teacher, a true professional who taught by example what a good teacher should be. He devoted many hours to the promotion of sport, particularly Gaelic football and participated at all levels in Gaelic; school, club, Ulster Colleges and County.

Pat was a great motivator, a top quality coach and trainer: he trained the victorious Down All-Ireland team of 1994. This trophy symbolises all that Pat encouraged in Gaelic namely hard work, fair play and total commitment. The many players who developed their skills under Pat's guidance will remember his tremendous drive and good humour that made him unique.

As school coach in the "Red High" he led teams to two MacLarnon Cup and All-Ireland successes in 1977 and 1990. This trophy is awarded to the "Man of the Match" in the MacLarnon Cup Final.

It is dedicated to the memory of Pat O'Hare, a good friend and true Gael.

Written by his colleague at St Patrick's Grammar School, Downpatrick.

Mr George Cooper



Oonagh Murtagh, Danske Bank presents, **Rioghan Meehan**, St. Ronan's College, Lurgan with the Iggy Jones trophy at the 2018 Danske Bank MacRory Cup final.



Kieran McGourty, Ulster Schools' presents **Shane O'Donnell**, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, with the Man of the Match award at Danske Bank MacLarnon Cup final 2018.

IGGY JONES

Man of the Match Award MacRory Cup Final 2018

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This magnificent Crystal Trophy (won in 2017 by Declan Cassidy pictured below left) was presented to the Ulster Colleges Council in 1993 by Dungannon Clarkes G.F.C. to honour the memory of the late, great Iggy Jones who burst into the National scene in the late 1940's as an outstanding colleges player with St Patrick's College Armagh.

Iggy Jones played his 1st MacRory Final in 1943 but it was to be a losing final as St Patrick's College, Cavan, ran out easy winners in Armagh. However this was a result never repeated as Iggy Jones went on to play in and win three successive MacRory Finals in 1944, 1945 and 1946. In 1946 St Patrick's Armagh competed in the first ever Hogan Cup Final where, inspired by three goals and 4 points from their superstar Jones, the Armagh school became the first holders of this prestigious trophy.

1993	Ronan Hamill	St Colman's College
1994	Sean McGuckin	St Patrick's, Maghera
1995	Adrian McGuckin	St Patrick's, Maghera
1996	Niall Farren	St Patrick's, Maghera
1997	Martin Earley	St Patrick's, Dungannon
1998	Aidan Fegan	St Colman's, Newry
1999	Colm Bradley	St Michael's, Enniskillen
2000	Liam O'Hare	St Patrick's, Armagh
2001	Ciaran O'Reilly	St Michael's, Enniskillen
2002	Shaun Doherty	St Michael's, Enniskillen
2003	Mark Lynch	St Patrick's, Maghera
2004	Martin Murray	St Patrick's, Dungannon
2005	Joseph Ireland	St Louis', Killeel
2006	Martin Clarke	St Louis', Killeel
2007	Colum Greenan	St Macartan's, Monaghan
2008	Gavin Teague	St Patrick's, Dungannon
2009	Niall McKenna	St Patrick's, Dungannon
2010	Connor Gough	St Colman's College
2011	Niall Donnelly	St Colman's College
2012	Eddie Courtney	St Michael's, Enniskillen
2013	Cormac O'Doherty	St Patrick's, Maghera
2014	Danny Tallon	St Patrick's, Maghera
2015	Thomas Galligan	St Patrick's, Cavan
2016	Patrick Kearney	St Patrick's, Maghera
2017	Declan Cassidy	St Mary's, Magherafelt
2018	Rioghan Meehan	St Ronan's College, Lurgan