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THE OFFICIAL YOUTH FANZINE FOR THE RED HAND COUNTY

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## A WORD IN YOUR EAR...

A Chairde, mar Chathaoirleach Chumann Luthchleas Gael de Choiste Chontae Thír Eoghain, tugann sé an-áthas orm tú a thabhairt isteach go dtí ár 'Spring into Action' chlár.

As county chairman it gives me great pleasure to introduce our Spring into Action' programme which highlights some of the wonderful action that is due to take place in Healy Park in the coming weeks.

As the Tyrone Senior Footballers are now back in Division One we can look forward to welcoming recent All-Ireland Champions, Donegal,

Cork and Kerry to Omagh, These are sure to be three tremendous occasions and we want to extend a special warm welcome to you and your family.

Please remember to complete the match tickets at the back of this programme and post them in the special boxes at the grounds to win some brilliant prizes for yourselves and your family.

Go raibh maith agat.

FREE ADMISSION FOR EVERYONE UNDER 16 into all three of our home games this season.





### FROM THE HARTE

We've managed to get off to a great start in the National League with two away wins and now we must turn our attention to the home games.

There are three very big Healy Park games coming up firstly against Donegal and then later on we have Cork and Kerry coming to Omagh. These are going to be wonderful occasions for Tyrone supporters as they involve four of the last five All-Ireland Champions.

We've never before had a run of games like that in Tyrone. You really want to come out in your numbers because that makes a huge difference to our team. When they hear the roar of the crowd in the middle of a tense game (as it always will be at this level) that's worth at least two points to us. Good support is extremely valuable to us. So make sure you get out to these games.

Bring as many people with you as you can. Get behind the team and make your presence felt.

'Nothing beats being there!'





Over the next few weeks we have a massive but very exciting task ahead of us. At Healy Park in Omagh we take on three of the last four All-Ireland Senior Football Champions.

At the start of the year we wanted to maintain our status in Division One. If you had told us at the beginning of the year that we would have four points after two away games we'd have taken the right arm off you. Of course we know ourselves that four points doesn't guarantee safety in this league.

When we are out in the middle of the field we find extra energy in the noise that is generated from the Tyrone support. If you can be there, then be there; to shout your support for us in these crucial home league games against Donegal, Cork and Kerry. You've already done it in Newry and Castlebar so let's keep it going.

The Tyrone fans are the best in the country. That 'Tyrone Roar' makes the hair stand up on the back of your neck no matter how many games you have played in the Red Hand jersey. We're depending on you to provide it!

Stephen O'Neill, Senior Captain



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GET ONLINE. STAY UP TO DATE, IN TOUCH AND INTERACT

With the huge and growing amount of Gaelic Games taking place throughout the County almost daily, whether it be a Senior game in Omagh, a schools match in Stewartstown or a Minor game somewhere outside Tyrone, it's just not possible to be at them all. But there is a solution! Tyrone GAA continues to be at the forefront of harnessing social media to link us all together. We're on Twitter, Facebook and YouTube which means you'll never have to miss a single kick!

> @TyroneGAA allows you to get live minute by minute updates of all Tyronerelated (and many other) Gaelic Games at the touch of a button. Find us on Facebook and join the rest of the Tyrone GAA community in the experience!

Tyronegaa.ie has it all, not just the most recent games, but fixtures, results, latest news, competitions and videos of happenings within Tyrone GAA, some stretching back many years. Come on, be part of it.

facebook, twitter & You Tube



# THE PRIDE OF ULSTER...

REBELS WITH A CAUSE...



Sunday 3rd March 2013 Healy Park, Omagh 2pm - @TyroneGAALive v @Officialdonegal



#### MICHAEL MURPHY

Born - 4th August 1989

Height - 6ft 2in

Position - Full Forward

Nickname - The Man Child

Club - Glenswilly



#### Inter County Honours

Ulster Championships × 2 All-Ireland Championship × I National Football League × I All Star Award × I



Donegal is home to over 161,000 people: 15,500 of whom live in Letterkenny, the County's largest town.

When he was asked early last autumn would he bring Donegal to play in the 'Match for Michaela' if they won the All-Ireland, Jim McGuinness replied simply and immediately: "We'll be there!". In Tyrone we see these men as being much more than just the All-Ireland Football Champions.

Donegal had to wait until 1972 to win their first Ulster Senior Football title. Their 'victims' in the Ulster Final? Tyrone!

Donegal enjoy a remarkable '100% record' in All-Ireland Senior Football Finals: Played 2 ... Won 2!

Jim McGuinness is a special member of that '100% Club': in 1992 he was a part of the All-Ireland winning panel ... and in 2012 he managed the All-Ireland winning panel!



In Tyrone we have 48 GAA Clubs which focus on Football only (41 of them also offer Ladies Football) and six that focus on Hurling only plus nine Clubs which deliver Camogie and four which provide Ladies Football only.

Tyrone is the only Ulster County to have won 'The Treble' of UlsterSenior, U21 and Minor Football titles in the same year ... and we have done it three times in 1973, 2001 and 2003.

Sunday 10th March 2013 Healy Park, Omagh 2.30 pm - @TyroneGAALive v @OfficialCorkGAA Allianz Senior Hurling League, 12.45pm Tyrone v Donegal

Just over 519,000 people live in the county of Cork ... that's about one-person-in-every-twelve in Ireland.

With 119,000 people, Cork City is 'Ireland's third city' after Dublin and Belfast.

Up until 1919 Cork wore blue jerseys with a saffron 'C' on the front but after these were seized in a British army raid, the team won its next match in borrowed red jerseys ... and stuck with red ever since.



There are 115 Football and 93 Hurling Clubs in Cork.



Sam Maguire, after whom the famous Cup was named, was born near Dunmanway in Cork in 1879 and died in 1927: the Cup named after him was presented for the first time the following year:

Mickey Harte was Tyrone's full-forward in the 1972 All-Ireland Minor Final when we lost to ... Cork!

In 1821 nearly one hundred and sixty thousand people in Tyrone spoke Irish: by 1861 the total had collapsed to just under eleven thousand.

There are records of Handball being played in Omagh in 1797.

AIDAN WALSH

TO WATCH

ONE

**Born** - 23 lanuary 1990

Height - 6ft 3in

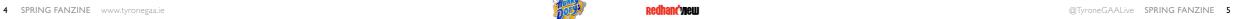
Position - Midfielder

Club - Kanturk



Inter County Honours

Munster Champions × 2 All-Ireland Championship × I National Football Leagues × 3 All Star Awards × 2



## HERE COMES

THE KINGDOM



EAGUES

#### SUNDAY 3RD MARCH THROW IN FROM 200 PM



#### WIN 5 O'NEILLS SIZE FOUR **FOOTBALLS**

FOR YOUR SCHOOL OR CLUB

SIMPLY COMPLETE THIS TICKET AND PLACE IT IN ANY OF THE BALLOT BOXES AROUND THE GROUND

SCHOOL/CLUB

THE WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN & ANNOUNCED AT HALFTIME





KIERAN DONAGHY

**Born** - 1 March 1983

Height - 6ft 5in

Nickname - Stan

Club - Austin Stacks



Inspirational. Unforgettable. Classy.

Sunday 7th April 2013 Healy Park, Omagh 3 pm - @TyroneGAALive v @Kerry Official

Tyrone GAA's summary of the send off Kerry supporters gave

145,500 people call Kerry home: nearly 21,000 of them live in Tralee, the County's largest town.

Kerry teams have played 31 of Ireland's 32 counties in the Senior Football Championship. The only one missing? Kilkenny.

Kerry won their first Senior All-Ireland title in 1891... but in Hurling, not Football!

In the new Kerry GAA crest the crown on the 'C' of Ciarrai represents its 'Kingdom' title whilst other images include Skellig Miceal; St Brendan's voyages; and the County's flora and fauna.

The GAA was 90 years old before Tyrone and Kerry met in a competitive Senior game ... a 1974 League Semi-Final which we lost by 0-12 to 2-14.



Gaelic Tyrone's Garvaghey complex covers 43 acres and includes 9,000 newly-planted native trees, six floodlit GAA pitches and a 30,000 sq ft building. We plan to officially open Garvaghey on 28 September this year ... ten years to the day from our first All-Ireland Senior title victory.

Tyrone's 'new' 2013 white-with-a-dash-of-red strip is not new at all ... but is the proper, traditional Tyrone strip. Red shorts first appeared on Tyrone teams in the 1980s. Before that Tyrone's colours were always white-with-adash-of-red ... plus of course the Red Hand crest.





### SUNDAY 10TH MARCH THROW IN FROM 2.30 PM

FOR THIS NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME WHILST ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT...



#### **WIN 4TICKETS TO CORPORATE BOX** N CROKE PARK

FOR **DUBLIN v TYRONE** ON 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

SIMPLY COMPLETE THIS TICKET AND PLACE IT IN ANY OF THE BALLOT BOXES AROUND THE GROUND

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

THE WINNING TICKET WILL BE DRAWN & ANNOUNCED AT HALFTIME.



IN ASSOCIATION WITH



#### SUNDAY 7TH APRIL, THROW IN FROM 3.00 PM



ASHBOURNE, CO. MEATH FOR 2 PARENTS & 2 CHILDREN

SIMPLY COMPLETE THIS TICKET AND PLACE IT IN ANY OF THE BALLOT BOXES AROUND THE GROUND









National Football Leagues x 2

Inter County Honours

All-Ireland Senior

Championship x 3

Munster Championships x 4



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