











## Focail ó Chathaoirleach, **Coiste an Chontae**

#### Michéal Mac Giolla Cheara

Cuirim fáilte mhór romhaibh uilig inniu chuig Babhta Leath Cheannais Nioclás Mac Riochaird idir Tír Eoghain agus Dún na nGall. Tuigim go hiomlán cé chomh deacair is a bhí, is atá, an tréimhse seo agus pobal na hÉireann uilig ag deileáil le himpleachtací móra COVID fud na tíre agus ar ndóigh fud an domhain. Tuigim na deacrachtaí atá ann don lucht tacaíochta nuair nach bhfuil sibh in ann freastal ar na cluichí mar is ceart. Le cuidiú Dé ní fada go mbeidh deireadh leis na sriantaí agus beidh muid in ann tacú lenár bhfoireann mar is ceart arís.

It gives me, on behalf of all the Gaels in Tyrone, great pleasure to welcome all support from Dún na nGall today, for the Nicky Rackard Cup Semi Final in these trying times with COVID restrictions. As in any championship campaign this will be of crucial importance as the emphasis of both teams will be getting to the decider and the opportunity at ultimate glory. Many CLG 'eyes' will be watching the outcome of this game, especially from Ard Mhacha and Maigh Eo. I would also like to wish our new management team all the very best in their first Corn Nioclás Mhic Riocaird semi-final game at the helm of our senior team.

I also welcome to Páirc Cholmcille today our referee, Colm Mc Donald, along with his team of umpires and linesmen.

Tír Eoghain CLG is always indebted to the match officials without whom our games cannot take place.

Gabhaim buíochas ó chroí leis an réiteoir, na maoir agus na fir línte. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine sult as an chluiche inniu agus go raibh míle maith agaibh as bhur dtacaíocht leanúnach.

I would also like to welcome the management team, officials and players from Dún na nGall. There have been long established links through family and the GAA, down through the generations, with Dún na nGall. The quality of the hurling, I have no doubt, will provide an entertaining afternoon for all concerned.

I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors, 'Tyrone Fabrication' and O'Neill's Sportswear', and our many other sponsors for their on-going support. We wish all our brand partners every success in their respective businesses and urge all the Tír Eoghain faithful to support our sponsors.

Mar a bhíonn i gcónaí, tá muid an bhuíoch ar fad as an obair thar barr dheonach a bhíonn ar siúl ag go leor daoine fud fad an chontae idir riarthóirí, fir gheataí, maoir, oifigigh agus foireann páirceanna. Is cinnte nach mbeadh an cumann chomh láidir gan iad. Go raibh míle míle maith agaibh go léir.



In acknowledging all the background work which needs to be done to make a fixture such as this a success I would like to thank our stewards, gate people, PRO, Eugene McConnell, Culture Officer, Dónal Mac Aoidh and Naomh Colmcille, An Charraia Mhór for the use of their facilities and indeed all others who have made the extra effort to make this fixture a success.

Mar fhocal scoir ba mhaith liom mo bhuíochas ó chroí a ghabháil leis an lucht leanúna. Is am aisteach é seo agus tá súil agam nach fada go bpillfidh muid ar ár gcluichí mar is ceart le hatmaisféar agus paisean mór láidir.

> Le gach dea-mhéin Michéal Mac Giolla Cheara Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Thír Eoghain







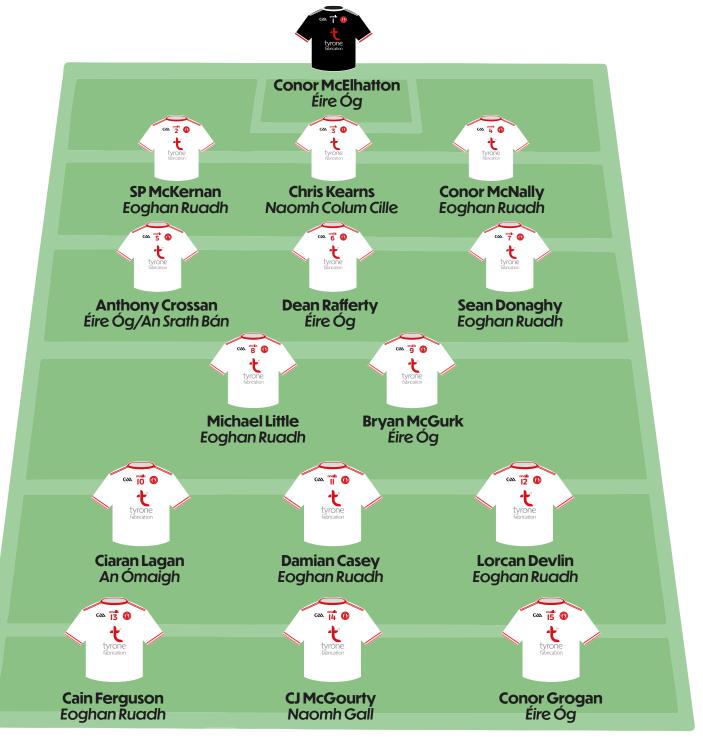








Foireann Bhainistíochta/ **Team Management** Michael McShane



#### **IONADAITHE / SUBSTITUTES**

16 John Devlin 17 Jarlath Kerr 18 Rory Weir 19 Liam Armstrong 20 John McGurk 21 Padraig McHugh 22 Lóchrann Ó Donnghaile 23 Niall McKenna 24 Ciaran Donovan 25 Duibhir Marshall 26 Darragh Grogan





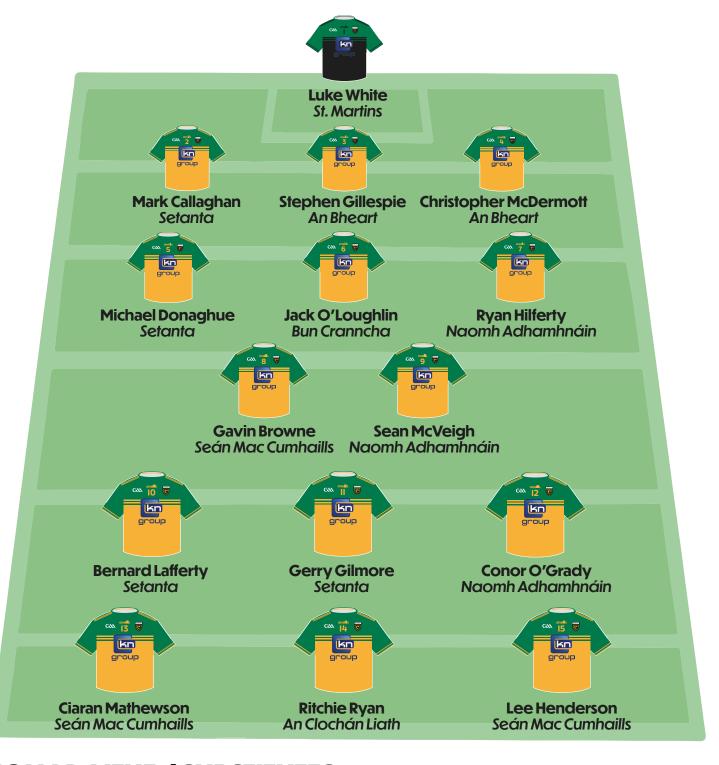








Foireann Bhainistíochta/ **Team Management** Mickey McCann



#### **IONADAITHE / SUBSTITUTES**

16 Dylan Lafferty 17 Niall Cleary 18 Ruairi Campbell 19 Oisin Grant 20 Dylan Duffy 21 Josh Cronolly McGhee 22 Danny Cullen 23 Stephen McBride 24 Joe Boyle 25 Declan Coulter 26 Thomas Harnett











### **ULSTER RIVALS MEET AGAIN BUAILEANN IOMAITHEOIRÍ ULADH LE CHÉILE ARÍS**

#### **Aodhán Harkin**

I'm casting my memory back twenty-five years to 1996 when Tyrone won their one and only All Ireland Junior Hurling Championship title. They defeated Monaghan in a first-round clash played at Castleblaney with a narrow 1-8 to 0-8 victory over the Farney men as they set about defending their provincial title. Eamon Devlin got the Red Hand goal that day whilst his Dungannon clubmate Pádraig Devlin hit 0-8.

Donegal were Tyrone's opponents in the decider which was played at Celtic Park Derry, and it turned out to be a highly entertaining affair. By half-time in the game, Tyrone had led 4-9 to 0-6 with the goals coming from Tommy Colton, Barry O'Neill, Eamon Devlin, and Terry McCann. Donegal rallied in the second half as the game finished 4-16 to 2-13 in favour of the men from the O'Neill County.

The win secured a place in the All-Ireland final against Hertfordshire who had just a year previous broken Red Hand hearts in the All-Ireland decider at Luton. The final was played at Healy Park Omagh on Saturday 20th July with approximately 2,000 in attendance. There was no heartbreak on this occasion for Tyrone as they romped to a 5-13 to 1-11 win and claimed their first ever title at this level.

The scorers in the final were Pádraig Devlin 2-7, Eamon Devlin 1-4, Terry McCann 2-1, and Tommy Colton 0-1. There were ecstatic scenes at the final whistle as the first ever National Hurling title was annexed, Killyclogher clubman Vinny Owens was the proud captain.

The successful squad of players that won the All-Ireland Junior title for Tyrone some twenty-five years ago were as follows; Martin Ward, Eamon Hughes, Martin Hegarty, Declan Molloy, Michael McErlean, Vinny Owens (Captain), Stephen Donnelly, Eamon Rodgers, Peter Kerr, Eamon Devlin, Pádraig Devlin, Tommy Colton, Barry O'Neill, Terry McCann, Sean Bradley, Pádraig McQuaid, Gary Hurson, Declan McGirr, Tony McCrory, Tony Cassidy, Pádraig Hughes, Stephen Woodhead, Damien McCallion, Gerard O'Connor, Ciarán McBride, Oliver Kerr and Brian McIntosh. They hailed Dungannon, Carrickmore, Strabane, Killyclogher, Beragh and Naomh Colm Cille whilst their manager was Killyclogher man and Tyrone G.A.A. stalwart Brendan Harkin who devoted so much time and passion to the promotion of hurling in the county when it wasn't fashionable to do so.

Maith sibh to the Red Hand hurlers of 1996 that created a piece of history.













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