











Focail ó Chathaoirleach, **Coiste an Chontae**

Michéal Mac Giolla Cheara

Cuirim fáilte mhór romhaibh uilig inniu chuig an chéad chluiche sraithe sa tSraith Naisiúnta Peile 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 the virtual support from Dún na nGall today, courtesy of TG4, for the first game in the 2021 Allianz National Football league in these trying times with COVID restrictions. As in any National League campaign this will be of crucial importance as the emphasis of both teams will be getting 'points on the board' - both the scoreboard and the National League table - as early as possible. Many CLG 'eyes' are watching the progress of all the teams in this year's 'new format' league with a view to see who will be liable to contest the big occasion in September. I especially wish our new management team, Feargal and Brian, all the very best in their first game at the helm.

I welcome to Páirc Uí Éilí today our referee, Joe McQuillan, 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 football, 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, PRO, Culture Officer, Dónal Mac Aoidh, Aisling Níc Cuartha, Doire Lochain Caoimhin de Barra the current Scór Sinsear County Champion at Amhránaíocht Aonair, for leading the singing of Amhrán na bhFiann, and Naomh Éanna, An Ómaigh 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 ar leith 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

Clár an Lae

16.37 Tír Eoghain amach ar an bpáirc 16.38 Dún an nGall amach ar an bpáirc

16.43 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

16.50

16.54 Three minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann

16.57 Amhrán na bhFiann

17.00 Tús an chluiche

Leath-am (Donegal leave the pitch first, followed by Tyrone) 17.38

17.53 Tús an dara leath

18.33 Críoch an chluiche

Officials

Todav's Match Officials are-

Referee - Joe McQuillan (An Cabhán)

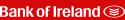
Standby Referee - Barry Cassidy (Doíre)

Linesman - Paddy Neilan (Ros Comáin)

Sideline Official - John Murphy (Fear Manach)





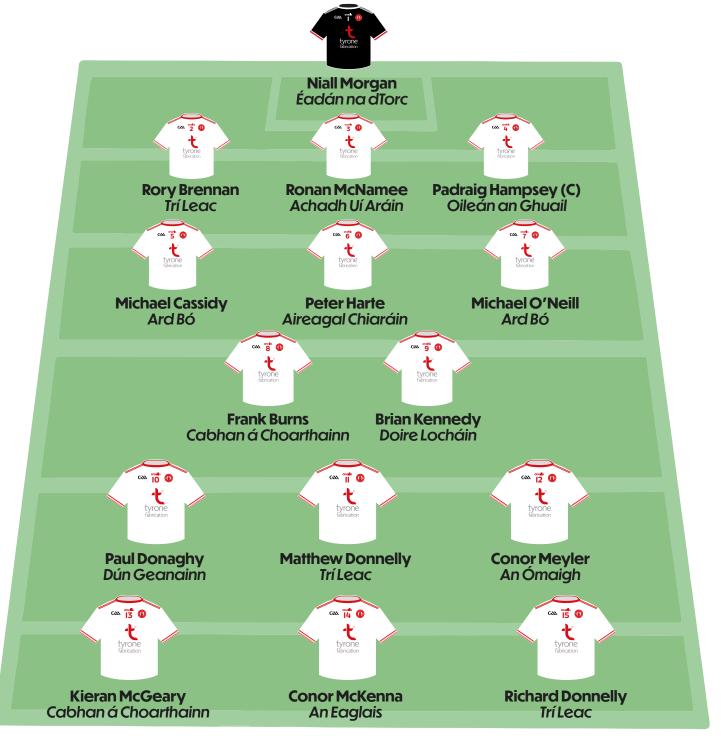








foireann bhainistíochta/ **Team Management** Feargal Logan & Brian Dooher



SUBSTITUTES

16 Benny Gallen 17 Mark Bradley 18 Lee Brennan 19 Darragh Canavan 20 Decky McClure 21 Darren McCurry 22 HP McGeary 23 Michael McKernan 24 Cormac Munroe 25 Liam Rafferty 26 Niall Sludden







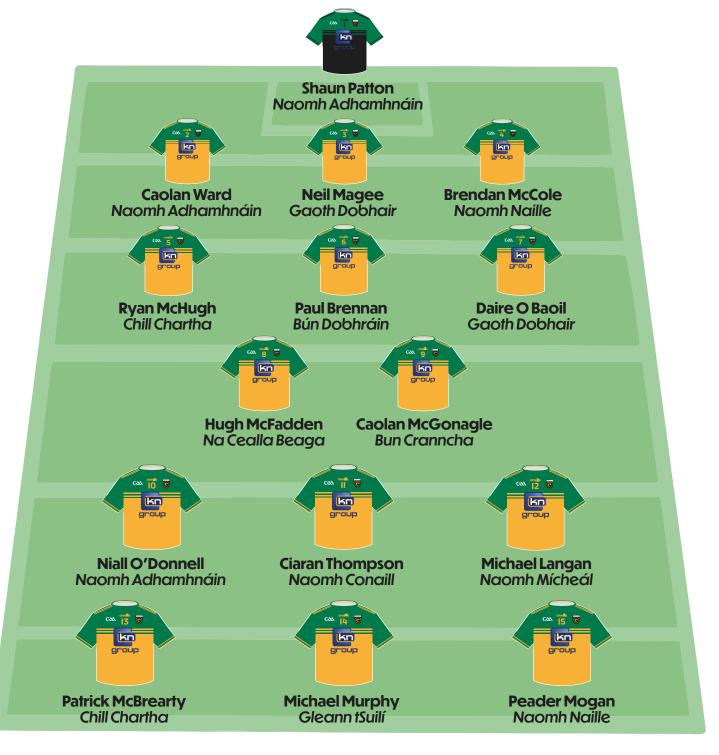






Donegal ún Na nGall

foireann bhainistíochta/ **Team Management Declan Bonner**



SUBSTITUTES

16 Michael Lynch 17 Jamie Brennan 18 Paddy McGrath 19 Andy McClean 20 Jason Magee 21 Ethan O'Donnell 22 Odhran McNeilis 23 Oisin Gallen 24 Conor O'Donnell 25 Eunan Doherty 26 Eoin McHugh











DAY OF RENEWAL **FOR DERBY RIVALS**

Francis Mooney

A new season offers opportunity and optimism to two great rivals as they set off on another journey with hope in their hearts.

The latest in a series of frequent meetings of Tyrone and Donegal may have that chime of familiarity about it, but the arrival of Feargal Logan and Brian Dooher for their first game in charge of the Red Hands adds a touch of intrigue and anticipation to the occasion.

Donegal came out on top in both League and Championship late last year at Ballybofey, with two narrow results that Tyrone would dearly love to reverse in this evening's Allianz League Division One North opener at Healy Park.

Equally, Declan Bonner's men will be keen to avail of this first opportunity to salve the pain of a Championship campaign that finished in disappointing fashion with Ulster Final defeat to Cavan.

The curtailed nature of an abbreviated, regionalised League makes a positive start all the more important, and these two proud counties need little encouragement or incentive to respond to such a challenge with the commitment and passion it demands, particularly when in direct opposition to each other.

The absence of spectators, as we discovered last season, will not diminish the tempo and intensity of a fixture that never fails to contrive a compelling narrative.

A quick glance at the respective reservoirs of talent makes it easy to understand why both of these counties stand in the very highest tier of gaelic football's rankings.

A re-energised Donegal and a re-fashioned Tyrone will bring fresh ideas to today's game and no doubt excite some interesting and provoking talking points in its aftermath.













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