



Díche Cheiliúrtha Thír Eoghain
A Night of Tyrone Celebration

**HONOURING TYRONE'S
2020 ULSTER AND
2022 ULSTER & ALL-IRELAND**

**UNDER 20
FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONS**

**GLENAVON HOUSE HOTEL, COOKSTOWN
FRIDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2022**

Club Tyrone
Cumann Thír Eoghain

an bóhrann a fhágáil le hoidhreacht ag an gcéad ghlúin eile
Hand on the torch to the next generation



WELCOME FAILTE ROIMH

Welcome to what is another special evening in Tyrone's ever-growing GAA history, a night when we celebrate one All-Ireland and two Ulster Under 20 Football Championships. Thank you for being with us.

It's Tyrone GAA's ongoing honour to offer the Tyrone GAA jersey to so many of our young people. They in turn honour it by wearing it with distinction. And the Gaels of Tyrone honour us all by providing the resources, the infrastructure and the support that makes it all happen. When those good things happen, they improve life, feel-good and well-being for everyone here in Tyrone. That's why events like tonight's are so important, and so powerful.

Le cheile ar son Thír Eoghain.



Michael Kerr
Tyrone County Chair



Paul Devlin
Tyrone Under 20s Manager



UNDER 20/21 FOOTBALL AND TYRONE COMHTHÉACS

The GAA Under 20/21 Championships are the 'newest' of the now-established tripod of major All-Ireland inter-County Championships.

The focus on Under 21 Football emerged in 1963, with Donegal winning the first ever Ulster title in the grade, retaining it a year later. It took Tyrone nearly a decade to reach our first Ulster Final, when in 1971 we lost to Fermanagh by 1-8 to 2-12. But once Tyrone got that taste for Under 21 football, we never really let go, reaching five Finals in a row in the early Seventies, winning two of them, in 1972 and 1973, and losing to Antrim in 1974 and 1975.

Our third Ulster title came in 1980 and a 1990-92 three-in-a-row was followed by further titles in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2015, (in 2018 the age limit was changed to Under 20) 2019, 2020 and 2022 to leave us Ulster's leading County at this level with 15 titles.

At All-Ireland level, Ulster's first winners were Derry in 1968 (and again in 1997), followed by Antrim (1969), Down (1979), Donegal (1982 and 1987) and Armagh (2004).

Tyrone's first three Ulster titles meanwhile had ended in Semi-Final defeats to Galway (1-9 to 4-5 in Salthill in 1972), Mayo (1-6 to 1-14 after a replay in Carrick-on-Shannon of the famous 1973 'Tommy Woods game' in Dungannon) and Cork (1-5 to 3-10 in Croke Park in 1980).

But the breakthrough came in 1990 with a 2-10 to 1-9 win over Meath, even if the Final ended in a 2-11 to 5-12 defeat to Kerry and 'Four Goal Billy O'Sullivan' in Mullingar.

Even better was to follow as Tyrone's next four Ulster titles were rolled forward into All-Ireland titles:

1991 12 May, Newbridge, Tyrone 4-16 Kerry 1-5

1992 30 August, Longford, Tyrone 1-10 Galway 1-7

2000 13 May, Mullingar, Tyrone 3-12 Limerick 0-13

2001 6 October, Sligo, Tyrone, 0-13 Mayo 0-10

Two of Tyrone's next three Semi-Finals ended in defeats, to Dublin in 2002 (1-9 to 1-13) and to Mayo in 2006 (0-14 to 1-12). In between, Tyrone beat Mayo by 1-9 to 0-9 in Sligo but then lost the Final to Dublin by 0-7 to 0-12 in Navan. But in 2015 the tide was turned again with a 0-17 to 0-12 win over Roscommon in Markievicz Park, Sligo.

That in-turn led to a 1-11 to 0-13 win over Tipperary on a wet and windy 2 May in Parnell Park, Dublin, a win that clinched Tyrone's fifth All-Ireland at this level.

When the age limit was reduced to Under 20 in 2018, Tyrone, with Paul Devlin now in charge, took three of the following five Ulster titles. The first, in 2019, ended in a 1-18 to 2-17 defeat to Cork after a riveting game in Tullamore. But Tyrone were clearly building an Under 20 momentum.



ULSTER TITLES

1972, 1973, 1980, 1990, 1991, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2015, 2019, 2020, 2022.



ALL-IRELAND TITLES

1991, 1992, 2000, 2001, 2015, 2022.





THE 2020 CAMPAIGN

AN FEACHTAS 2020

22 February Armagh 0-8 Tyrone 1-9 (AET)

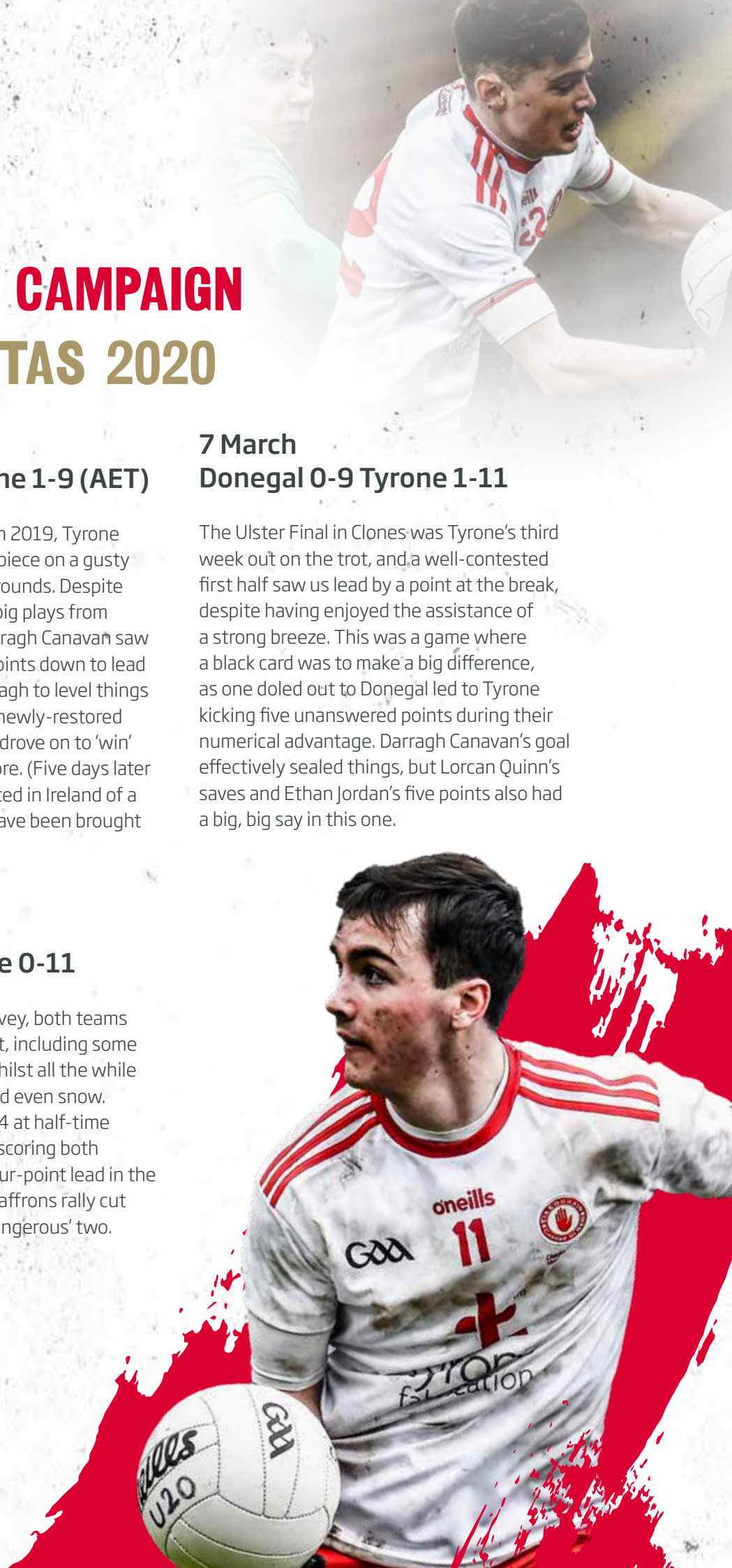
Defending Champions from 2019, Tyrone reached half-time at 0-3 apiece on a gusty Saturday in The Athletic Grounds. Despite being reduced to 14 men, big plays from Tiarnan Quinn and sub Darragh Canavan saw Tyrone come from three points down to lead in injury time, only for Armagh to level things yet again, 0-8 to 1-5. But, newly-restored to 15 players, Tyrone then drove on to 'win' extra time by 0-4 to no score. (Five days later the first case was announced in Ireland of a strange virus thought to have been brought in here from Italy ...)

29 February Antrim 0-9 Tyrone 0-11

On a wintry Saturday at Lavey, both teams delivered a riveting contest, including some exceptional free-taking, whilst all the while battling with gales, rain and even snow. Tyrone trailed by 0-2 to 0-4 at half-time (goalkeeper Lorcan Quinn scoring both points) but edged into a four-point lead in the second half before a late Saffrons rally cut their lead to the 'always dangerous' two.

7 March Donegal 0-9 Tyrone 1-11

The Ulster Final in Clones was Tyrone's third week out on the trot, and a well-contested first half saw us lead by a point at the break, despite having enjoyed the assistance of a strong breeze. This was a game where a black card was to make a big difference, as one doled out to Donegal led to Tyrone kicking five unanswered points during their numerical advantage. Darragh Canavan's goal effectively sealed things, but Lorcan Quinn's saves and Ethan Jordan's five points also had a big, big say in this one.



And then came... COVID!

Tyrone were due to meet Dublin in the All-Ireland Semi-Final on 17 March but four days after our Ulster Final win, Ireland experienced its first death from the now-identified COVID-19. The GAA's COVID lockdown was firmly in place and life had changed utterly for everybody. Back in 2001 Foot and Mouth Disease had delayed the latter stages of Tyrone's Under 21 football campaign until the autumn, but whilst the circumstances of 2020 were vastly more critical, the result was the same. So, exactly seven months later than planned, and to an unprecedented combination of relief, delight and nervousness, Tyrone's Semi-Final with Dublin eventually took place in October, behind closed doors in Breffni Park, Cavan.

17 October Dublin 1-14 Tyrone 1-12

Tyrone called up a batch of additional panellists for this one and for most of the game gave as good if not better than they got. Two up at half-time, thanks to an unanswered 1-4 in the space of eight minutes, they still held that lead at the second water-break. But with five minutes to go Dublin had levelled and then used their hard-won momentum to kick the last two points of the game. Those final four points in a row were decisive for Dublin but the overall sense of the day was contentment all round at getting back to football after the devastation of the COVID pandemic.

Manager

Paul Devlin.

Assistant-Manager

Dermot Carlin.

Support

Ronan Brannigan | Damian Corrigan
| Colleen Devlin | Des Maginness |
Stephen O'Neill.

Liaison Officer

Dermot McCaughey.

Na seamimpíní The Champions

Antoin Fox, Loughmacrory, Captain |
Tiarnan Quinn, Coalisland, Vice-Captain
| Kevin Barker, Dungannon | Darragh
Canavan, Errigal Ciaran | Tiarnan
Colhoun, Errigal Ciaran | Cathal Colton,
Dromore | Eunan Devlin, Ardboe |
Tom Donaghy, Omagh | Ronan Duffin,
Pomeroy | Michael Gallagher, Trillick
| Simon Garrity, Trillick | Liam Gray,
Trillick | Ronan Hollywood, Greencastle
| Tomás Hoy, Killeeshil | Ryan Jones,
Dungannon | Ethan Jordan, Eglis
| Lorcan Kilpatrick, Pomeroy | Neil
Kilpatrick, Donaghmore | Ryan McCabe,
Clonoe | James McCann, Donaghmore
| Matthew McCusker, Killeeshil |
Mark McGale, Dromore | Daniel Millar,
Killeeshil | Cormac Monroe, An Carraig
Mhór | Aaron Montgomery, Drumragh
| Matthew Murnaghan, Killyclogher |
Shane Murphy, The Rock | Joe Oguz,
Errigal Ciaran | Cormac Quinn, Errigal
Ciaran | Lorcan Quinn, Donaghmore
| Tarlagh Quinn, Moortown | Ruairí
Slane, An Carraig Mhór | Caolan Slevin,
Dromore | Conor Ward, The Rock.



THE 2022 CAMPAIGN

AN FEACHTAS 2022

2 April Tyrone 1-13 Down 1-8

Tyrone got the better of 2021 Ulster Champions Down with a gutsy performance in the spectacular setting of Loughmacrory – a Club that hadn't even existed when Tyrone won our first Ulster Under 21 title back in 1972. Down led by five at one stage but went in at half-time just 1-6 to 1-5 ahead. Tyrone restricted them to two second-half points, whilst adding eight themselves to run out good winners.

8 April Donegal 2-16 Tyrone 3-16 (AET)

Less than a week later, these two great rivals produced an enthralling Semi-Final clash in Celtic Park. Tyrone led by 0-8 to 0-4 at half-time, with Donegal hampered by a black card. On the re-start Tyrone pushed out to five ahead but two Donegal goals completely changed the game. Gavin Potter's goal seemed to clinch it for Tyrone, but a relentless Donegal notched the last three points to tie the game at 2-10 to 1-13. Ultimately Niall Devlin and Conor Cush's extra time goals sealed an epic contest for Tyrone in what remains a definite contender for 'Game of 2022'.

22 April Cavan 0-10 Tyrone 0-11

This Friday night Ulster Final in Brewster Park was one where the Football Gods did not smile on Cavan. A decade earlier Cavan had consistently frustrated Tyrone at Under 21 level but this was a game that Tyrone were just not prepared to lose. Cavan's one-point half-time lead did not reflect the pattern of the first-half but when things got going again Tyrone looked much more comfortable. That said, they didn't lead until the final ten minutes, when Ruairí Canavan's excellence helped them to a three-point advantage. Cavan refused to concede and brought it back to a single point game, only for their last minute free-kick to drift marginally wide.

8 May Kerry 1-12 Tyrone 1-14

O'Moore Park, Portlaoise brought these two big hitters of the modern game together in another nip-and-tuck affair. Kerry's 0-6 to 0-5 half-time lead was deserved and their goal-and-a-point early in the second-half made things ominous looking for Tyrone. However, as was the case throughout their campaign, Tyrone rose to the challenge and closed things out dramatically with Ciaran Bogue's 58th minute goal. Ruairí Canavan's eight-point haul was both masterful and decisive.



14 May Kildare 1-14 Tyrone 1-20

One of the many beauties of Under 20/21 football is the quick continuity of things, and less than a week later Tyrone faced Kildare in the All-Ireland Final in Pairc MacDiarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon. A fine setting, good weather, a big crowd and strong opponents all helped make this a day to remember, but it was also one where Tyrone showcased all the class, quality, style, doggedness and team structure that had been apparent throughout the year. Ruairí Canavan's spectacular goal after just 19 seconds gave Tyrone an early grip, only for Kildare to equalise literally from the re-start. Kildare did then edge ahead but by half-time Tyrone were in front 1-9 to 1-5. Tyrone managed to keep their advantage at a steady four points and late on pushed that out to a comfortable six.

Manager Paul Devlin

Assistant-Managers Dermot Carlin, Eoin Mulligan.

Support Damian Cox | Brendan Early | Benny Gallen | Leo Green | Michael Logan | Conall McElholm | Gerard O'Neill | Niall Ward.

Liaison Officer Dermot McCaughey.

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County Officials

Our Tyrone GAA chief officers helping oversee these historic successes were:
Michael Kerr, Chair
Dominic McCaughey, Secretary
Eileen Connolly, Treasurer 2020
Niall McKenna, Treasurer 2022.





THE PRIZES AT STAKE DUAISEANNA LE BAINTE

The All-Ireland Under 21 Cup is named after Tim Clarke, an Offaly native who played an outstanding role in the GAA in neighbouring Kildare. He was Kildare Secretary for 39 years, including in 1928 when they became the first winners of the Sam Maguire Cup.

Since 2018 the Ulster trophy has been the Corn Dónall Ó Murchú, presented by the family of Danny Murphy in memory of a man who was a giant of Ulster GAA over the late 20th and early 21st centuries. The three-handled cup is a rare piece of art nouveau-style antique Irish silver, created by Sharman D. Neill of Belfast and hallmarked Dublin 1905. It replaced the Irish News Cup, first presented in 1970 and, very hearteningly, subsequently won at least three times by every one of our nine Ulster Counties.



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