



1979-1980

Donegal League Sunday

23/09/1979	Fern	0	0	Drumoghill
07/10/1979	Drumoghill	3	2	Swilly Rovers
14/10/1979	Lifford	6	1	Drumoghill
21/10/1979	Drumoghill	1	7	Gweedore Reserves
04/11/1979	Ballybofey United	7	1	Drumoghill
02/12/1979	Drumoghill	1	3	Castle Rovers
09/12/1979	Drumoghill	2	2	Prior United
29/12/1979	Drumoghill	0	1	Letterkenny Rovers
13/01/1980	Fanad United	2	1	Drumoghill
20/01/1980	Drumoghill	4	1	Fern United
17/02/1980	Drumoghill	2	2	Ballybofey Reserves
24/02/1980	Drumoghill	0	2	Prior United
02/03/1980	Castle Rovers	4	1	Drumoghill
16/03/1980	Drumoghill	1	3	Letterkenny Rovers
30/03/1980	Prior United	3	3	Drumoghill
06/04/1980	Drumoghill	2	4	Fanad United
13/04/1980	Gweedore	4	2	Drumoghill
20/04/1980	Drumoghill	3	6	Lifford Celtic

IAWS Cup

28/10/1979	Drumoghill	0	4	Letterkenny Rovers	Abandoned
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23/09/1979

Unlucky Drumoghill

Newcomers Drumoghill Celtic had no luck last Sunday when they were beaten by the Milford side, Fern, in the Third Division match at Milford on Sunday last. The home side were leading 2-0 at half-time with D. Boucher opening the scoring with a well-taken header from a Martin Blaney cross; the same player also got the second.

In the second half, Phil Gallagher got number three, but the sour note of the game was that shortly afterwards the same player missed from the penalty spot.

For Milford this was a very easy victory for them over the inexperienced Drumoghill side.

Best for Fern: Good all-round performance from the team.

Best for Drumoghill: Seamus Neely, Shaun Dolan and K. O'Donnell.

7/10/1979

Win for Drumoghill

DRUMOGHILL 3
SWILLY RESERVES 2

Drumoghill had two goals disallowed before they went on to give Swilly Reserves a thrashing. The Swilly side got off to a good start when they scored in the 16th minute. At this stage the visiting team looked in a good position, but the Drumoghill team were rewarded for their constant forward attacking by M. Crawford, who pushed his side on level terms with a rocket of a shot from 30 yards. Both teams were on equal terms at half-time.

On the resumption it was Swilly who edged into the lead with a goal from the good work of the backs that managed to get the ball into an open field for the Swilly team to gain a goal. C. McGowan levelled matters for Drumoghill. The Swilly team are capable of better performances than last Sunday's, but they will need to concern themselves with the basic finishing off techniques, which they so badly lacked last Sunday.

The vital goal for Drumoghill came from a kick by K. O'Donnell, which floated into the net. Both teams gave a good performance but they hadn't the finishing power to score more goals.

Best for Drumoghill: Man of the Match — G. McGowan, M. Crawford and P. McGinty.

Best for Swilly: All played well.

14/10/1979

Lifford dominant

LIFFORD 6
DRUMOGHILL 1

At Lifford last Sunday the strong Lifford side dominated the entire game and earned two valuable points from their victory over neighbours, Drumoghill, who were short four of their regulars.

This will add to the Lifford side strength and perhaps they may be a team to watch in this Division.

Scorers for Lifford were D. Carlin (2), H. White (2), B.

Shields and J. Crawford (one each).

Man of the Match — D. Carlin.

21/10/1979

Gweedore blitz

Drumoghill

DRUMOGHILL CELTIC 1
GWEEDORE 7

Gweedore Reserves made the long trip to Drumoghill with the intention of chalking up another win and they did this when they hammered Drumoghill by a massive scoreline. The Gweedore side were relentless in their effort to put on a good display of soccer with a touch of class.

At half-time the Gweedore side were 3-0 up and in control of most of the play. They added a further four goals in the second half. This was also a day of hat-tricks from O'Donnell and V. Furey.

Best for Gweedore: Good team game.

Best for Drumoghill: D. McConnell and M. Crawford.

28/10/1979

Player refused to leave pitch

DRUMOGHILL CELTIC..... 0
LETTERKENNY ROVERS..... 4
(abandoned after 83 minutes)

A player refused to leave the field after the referee had shown him the red card and after a few minutes referee M. Bradley had no option but to call the match off.

This match was a one-sided affair with Letterkenny on top throughout the match and Drumoghill unable to come to grips with the Premier Division side.

This match was dull and hardly gave the teams a chance to get off the ground. The visitors were not suited to the confined spaces at Drumoghill, but were on top for most of the match. It was E. Margey who scored for Letterkenny with a 20-yard drive. This added a touch of excitement to the match.

A short time afterwards P. James volleyed home from a J. Houston cross. The game was as good as won when just before half-time a good series of neat combinations between Houston and Barclay left E. Margey with a well-taken second goal.

The second half was less than exciting as both teams were in a rut. P. McDaid made the best contribution to the second half with a good goal to make Letterkenny's goal total four.

The stormy ending was a result of a vicious tackle by Drumoghill player S. Nelly on D. Cowan. The referee ordered this player to the sideline and although he did this he refused to leave the pitch. After several attempts by the referee to make him leave without success, the referee called the match off. This was the only course of action open to him.

Best for Letterkenny Rovers:
Margey, Cowan and McDaid.

Best for Drumoghill:
O'Donnell and Gillen.

4/11/1979

Ballybofey on right road

BALLYBOFEY REC. 7
DRUMOGHILL CELTIC 1

Ballybofey ran rings around this Drumoghill side, who are finding the going rough in this Division, with seven goals in their nets for the second week in a row.

Ballybofey were much too strong and had no trouble finding the ball. Their forwards had a good match as they completely over-ran the Drumoghill backs.

At half-time the score stood at 4-0. Drumoghill allowed Ballybofey to dominate the pace of play so that the Drumoghill side never had a chance of getting anywhere near the Ballybofey nets, except when they netted a consolation goal near the end.

Scorers for Ballybofey were N. Ferry, who got a hat-trick; T. Gallagher who got two, and one a-piece for L. McGowan and J. McGee.

Altogether a disappointing game from Drumoghill and perhaps a sign that Ballybofey could be getting better.

2/12/1979

Castle going strong

DRUMOGHILL CELTIC 1
CASTLE ROVERS 3

As a result of this defeat, Drumoghill are firmly at the bottom of Division Three. The home side started well with an early goal from R. Porter but they were gradually overtaken by this Castle side who have now chalked up their third victory of the season.

Castle came back strongly and got on level terms with a goal from R. Cullen. Just before the break, C. Downey put Castle ahead with a well-taken goal.

In the second half the only goal came from man of the match, R. Cullen. This wrapped up the points for the visitors.

Best for Drumoghill: Porter, Gillan, O'Donnell.

Best for Castle: A good team effort in very heavy conditions.

Referee: Mr. P. Ivors, Letterkenny.

9/12/1979

Game stopped in 50th minute

DRUMOGHILL.....2

PRIOR.....2

This game came to a halt in the 50th minute when referee Mr. P. Doherty stopped play due to the state of the pitch. All goals came in the first 45 minutes when Denis Porter scored two for the Army side and G. Gillan and a penalty from goalkeeper Sean Dolan giving Drumoghill the equaliser.

22/12/1979

DIVISION THREE

Gweedore Celtic	...	8	5	2	1	12
Fanad Utd.	...	7	5	1	1	11
Castle	...	7	4	1	2	9
Lifford Celtic	...	7	3	3	1	9
Prior	...	5	4	1	0	9
Fern Utd.	...	8	2	3	3	7
Letterkenny Rovers	...	8	3	1	4	7
Ballybofey	...	7	2	2	3	6
Drumoghill	...	6	1	0	5	2

29/12/1979

Drumoghill's second win of season

**LETTERKENNY RES. 0
DRUMOGHILL..... 1**

Although Letterkenny dominated most of the game, bottom of the table Drumoghill took both points to their second victory of the season.

The sides were scoreless at the interval with the play in the Drumoghill half during the first period.

Letterkenny slipped up and a quick attack from the Drumoghill strikers left their side a goal up. A shot by Wilkie came off keeper S. McGlynn and Wilkie came in again and made no mistake.

The home side made many sweeping attacks but they failed to score.

Best for Drumoghill: K. O'Donnell, S. McGinty and Man of the Match, keeper Shaun Dolan.

Best for Letterkenny: Raymond Duffy, H. Sweeney and V. Blake.

Referee: Mr. Peter Ivors, Letterkenny.

12/1/1980

Fanad too strong

**FANAD RESERVES..... 2
DRUMOGHILL..... 1**

This Fanad Reserves side seem to be on the march in the second half of the season as they had a commendable victory over Drumoghill by the odd goal in three.

Fanad dominated the preliminary stages of the game and were 2-0 up at half-time. A defensive error led to the first goal, J. Kelly the scorer in the tenth minute. J. Martin scored number two in the 40th minute.

The game was full of missed chances, none more so than for Fanad star, E. McGinley. A soft goal by G. Gillen in the 88th minute gave Drumoghill a last minute consolation goal.

Referee: Mr. D. Friel, Lifford.

20/1/1980

Fern had no answer to strong Drumoghill

DRUMOGHILL 4
FERN UTD. RES. 1

This was Drumoghill's third win to date. They pulverised the under-strength Fern Reserves by a three-goal margin. The home side led 3-1 at the half-way stage, with goals from R. Porter, G. Gillen and former Bonagee player, H. Wilkie. M. Logue scored the only Fern goal of the game.

In the second half Fern had simply no answer to the strong Drumoghill side, who added a further goal from veteran, S. Tourish. They were unable to break through the strong Drumoghill back line. However, on one or two occasions they did threaten to score more. Bad shooting was partly to blame for their poor performance.

Best for Drumoghill: D. McGinty, R. Porter and G. Gillen.

Best for Fern Res.: M. McFadden, D. Doherty and M. Logue.

Referee: Mr. B. Porter (Lifford).

Fern Utd. not happy with Drumoghill letter

In last week's edition we featured a letter from an ex-member of the League Management who attacked the Donegal League, and in particular the Third Division, and what he alleged was the lack of young players in the Division. This week we received a reply from Fern Utd., Milford, concerning the same topic but from a different viewpoint:

Dear Sir — May I through the Soccer page of your newspaper reply to the Drumoghill ex-member of the League Management's letter on February 2nd, 1980, in which he states some misleading facts. He criticised the lack of youth in the Third Division, and I quote "We played Lifford Reserves, Letterkenny Reserves and Fern Reserves, and what struck me very forcibly was the lack of youth. I always understood that the purpose of the Third Division was to provide continuity at club level and to give youth a chance. At the three games mentioned the percentage of youth on display was nil."

In our game against Drumoghill played as recently as Sunday, 20th January, I would like to name nine of our players with their ages at their last birthday in brackets: Brian McGlynn (16), Mark Logue (16), Lawrence Duggan (22), Frank McGettigan (22), Patrick McBride (18), Phil Gallagher (18), Con Barrett (16), Johnnie McGettigan (18), Mickey Toye (18).

The majority of those mentioned have played in all our games so far this season. If the percentage of youth on display at that game for Fern Reserves seemed to the Drumoghill supporter to be nil, he is entitled to his opinion.

However, the above facts show the gross inaccuracies of his statement in relation to Fern Utd. I would appeal to him, therefore, if he wishes to write to newspapers in future he should get his facts and figures in a more accurate form. Gross inaccuracies such as appeared in his letter are often taken at face value by the public and can do irreparable damage to the people or clubs to which the inaccuracies are related.

Yours sincerely,

WILLIE FRIEL,
Treasurer, Fern Utd. F.C.

17/02/1980

" Super-sub " **saves** **Drumoghill**

DRUMOGHILL 2
BALLYBOFEY RES. 2

Ballybofey seemed to have this game securely under wraps when Drumoghill " pulled a fast one " with the introduction of their " super-sub, " S. O'Donnell, who rescued the ailing home side from a two-goal defeat by the Twin Towns side.

Ballybofey dominated the play from the outset and through regular scorer and star player, Andy Quigley, the visitors were soon sporting a two-goal lead. The score remained the same until the half-way stage with Ballybofey holding Drumoghill to a 0-2 lead.

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Best for Drumoghill: D. McGinty, R. Porter, J. Harte and S. O'Donnell.

Best for Ballybofey: Ronnie Lamb, Andy Quigley and Luke O'Brien.

Referee: Mr. V. Harper (Ramelton).

24/02/1980

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Best for Ballybofey: Ronnie Lamb, Andy Quigley and Luke O'Brien.

Referee: Mr. V. Harper (Ramelton).

24/02/1980

Prior take the points

DRUMOGHILL 0
PRIOR UNITED 2

Prior United are just three points behind League leaders, Fanad Reserves in the third division after this fine victory over lowly Drumoghill who are still struggling at the bottom of the table. Prior were leading 1-0 at the turnover with the goal coming from winger, J. Boland, on the 45th minute mark. The second half was also very close with Prior always on the advance forcing Drumoghill into tight spots. The visitors second goal came in injury time

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scored by M. Brennan. The winners also had a goal disallowed. Drumoghill battled hard, but Prior were able to contain their attacks. Prior should entice a large following

to Leckview Park on Sunday next, when they clash with Letterkenny Reserves.

Best for Drumoghill — K. O'Donnell, P. McGinty, R. Porter. Drumoghill were fielding short some of their regulars.

Best for Prior — M. Nicholson, E. McHugh, M. Brennan, who was man of the match.

Referee — Mr. E. McNulty had another good game.

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02/03/1980

Castle now joint third

CASTLE.....4
DRUMOGHILL.....1

Although Drumoghill were fielding short a few of their regulars they were still no match for the Newtowncunningham side last Sunday. Drumoghill took the lead in the first half just on the 14th minute. Castle came back fifteen minutes later to score the equaliser to leave the sides level at one goal each at half-time. Castle were having the better of the exchanges throughout the entire game.

In the second period they piled on the pressure and scored three further goals. They also missed a penalty and had another goal disallowed. R. Cullen gave them the lead in the 59th minute while N. Toye scored number three six minutes later. Drumoghill lost one of their players at this stage as the usually accurate N. Toye missed a penalty. He made up for that mistake eleven minutes later when he blasted home Castle's fourth goal.

Best for Castle: M. Robinson, R. Cullen, N. Toye and M. Crossan.

16/3/1980

Letterkenny Res. climb back up the table

DRUMOGHILL 1
LETTERKENNY RES..... 3

All goals came in the first half of this Third Division contest as Letterkenny Reserves took a commanding lead over the lowly Drumoghill side. Conditions were slippery and play was often interrupted as the ball was often stuck in the mud.

Letterkenny's scorers were ever improving Raymond Duffy (2) and John Kelly (1).

Drumoghill were at a slight disadvantage only fielding threequarters of their regular side. Their only goal of the game came from the penalty spot when Kieran O'Donnell blasted home. Letterkenny were fielding several of their first team players.

Best for Drumoghill: Sweeper Danny McConnell, J. Porter, A. Wilkie and new 'keeper Sean O'Donnell.

Best for Letterkenny: Raymond Duffy, C. James, J. Barclay, M. Duffy and man of the match, G. Meehan.

Referee was Mr. D. Friel, who had a good game.

30/03/1980

Bottom club hold Prior

PRIOR UTD. 3
DRUMOGHILL CELTIC 3

Prior, who are currently in second place in Division Three, were lucky to hold the bottom club, Drumoghill, to a draw last Sunday. Drumoghill opened the scoring in the tenth minute through J. Porter. The Army side got level when their star, H. Toner, blasted home from all of 30 yards.

In the second half Drumoghill star midfielder Danny McConnell restored the lead for his side. But as this match progressed it developed into a ding-dong struggle with Prior getting their equaliser from J. O'Donovan. For the third time in the match Prior took the lead; their scorer was O. O'Donnell and the game looked set for Drumoghill's fourth win of the season. But just four minutes from time J. O'Donovan got his second goal and Prior's third and equaliser for a very lucky share of the points.

Best for Drumoghill — J.

Harte, P. McGinty and J. Porter.

Best for Prior — M. Nicholson and Danny McConnell played well.

06/04/1980

Fanad set for promotion

DRUMOGHILL CELTIC 2
FANAD RES..... 4

The new Third Division champions, Fanad Res., had a two-goal victory over bottom side, Drumoghill, in their 16th League fixture of the season. The champions scored all their goals in the first half and had a 4-1 lead at half-time. Scorers were J. Kelly, who scored two; M. Herrity and S. McAteer (one each).

Drumoghill's scorers were Joe Porter and sub. S. Tourish.

Fanad had the upper-hand throughout and demonstrated why they are set to be promoted this year.

Best for Fanad, who were 30 minutes late: A good team effort.

Best for Drumoghill: Danny McConnell, O. O'Donnell, J. Porter and A. Porter.

Man of the Match — J. Kelly.
Referee was Mr. D. Friel.

20/04/1976

Lifford too strong for Drumoghill

DRUMOGHILL 3
LIFFORD RES. 6

A very strong Lifford side which included several first team players, had no trouble beating lowly Drumoghill. The border side had built up a 4-0 lead at half-time. In the second half Lifford scored two more goals while Drumoghill scored through G. Gillen (1) and J. Porter (2).

3/5/1980 – FINAL TABLE

VISION THREE (C. T. Ball)					
Tran Utd. Reserves	17	14	1	2	29
Tran Utd.	17	9	5	3	23
Seaside Celtic Res.	17	9	4	4	22
Tran Celtic Res.	17	7	5	5	19
Swilly Rovers	17	7	3	7	17
Wexford Rovers Res.	17	7	3	7	17
Wexford Utd. Res.	17	4	6	7	14
Tran Utd. Reserves	17	4	4	9	12
Drumoghill	17	3	2	12	8

Swilly Rovers withdrew from the league mid-season, hence the odd number of games each team had played

**McGHEE & LYNCH SEMI-
FINAL
REPLAY**

**Last minute goal
for Drumoghill**

**DRUMOGHILL 2
DONEGAL BACON CO. 1**

The winning goal of the game was scored in the last minute at the Moss, Drumoghill, last Sunday evening, by Jim McDonagh for the home side. The match turned out to be the best of the competition with both sides very evenly paired and equally determined for a place in the final.

The Bacon Co. took the lead in the first half with a goal from Aideen O'Donnell. The Bacon Co. held on to the lead for the rest of the half and had the better of the exchanges, but lacked the finishing powers.

If the first half belonged to the visitors, the home side took over in the second half and managed to get the equaliser through a penalty scored by Aideen O'Donnell. This signalled the start of end to end play in which Drumoghill always looked the more dangerous. Approaching the end of time it looked as if another replay was on the cards (they had already drawn once, 0-0, in the semi-final) but in the dying seconds Jim McDonagh slipped through to squeeze the ball home.

Best for the hard-trying Bacon Co.: John Doherty, Dessie Gibson and Joey Donnell.

For Drumoghill: The captain, K. O'Donnell, Sean Kelly, Dessie McGlynn.

Drumoghill now meet Seapark in the final at the Moss, Drumoghill, on Sunday next. The game kicks off at 3.30 p.m.