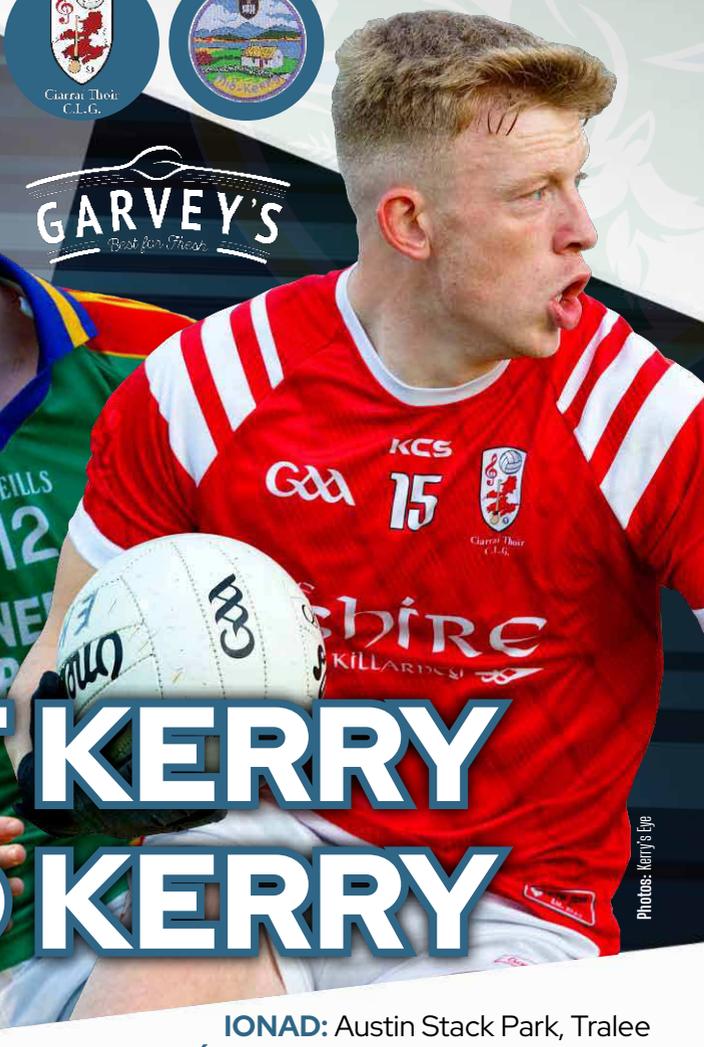
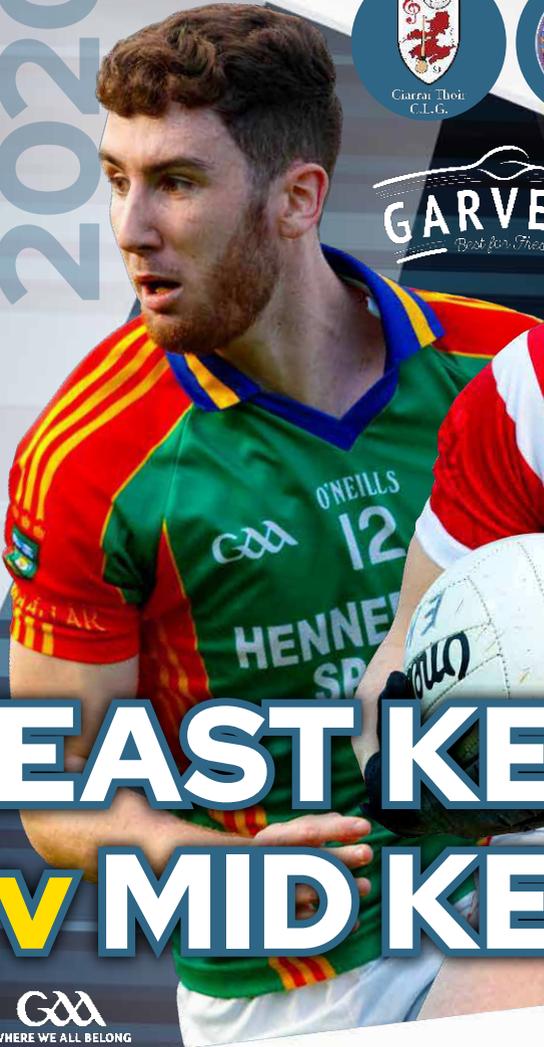




2020 Garvey's SuperValu County Senior Football Championship **FINAL**

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EAST KERRY v MID KERRY

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IONAD: Austin Stack Park, Tralee

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RÉITEOIR: Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahillys)

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A Chairde Uilig,

Tá Fíor Chaoin fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Aibhstín de Staic, Trá Lí tráthnóna inniu chuig cluiche Ceannais Craobh Peil Sínsir Chiarraí. Fáilte faoi leith roimh na himreoirí, lucht Leanúna, an Reiteoir agus na hoifigi freisin agus tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche iontach agus sportúil againn arís.

This evening's County final will be a somewhat unusual one as we are all now living in a vastly changed world with only 200 Spectators attending the game – something unimaginable only a few short months ago. Notwithstanding this, and on behalf of all involved in Kerry CLG we extend a warm welcome to the patrons here today who were fortunate enough to get a ticket. I think it is fair to say that nobody in their wildest dreams would ever have countenanced such an extraordinary unfolding of events over the past seven months.

The Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Final is always a special day in the Kerry Football calendar and this evening is no different albeit with a substantially reduced crowd. It is a particularly special occasion for the Clubs and parishes involved – East Kerry and Mid Kerry respectively. Given the year that was to date, I think it is fair to say that this year's county Senior Football championship has produced some of the best football ever and overall has been a very exciting spectacle for all. We have witnessed some excellent games, tight encounters, extra time and some great comebacks. It has all culminated in two Divisional sides making it to the final, underpinning the strength of Gaelic Football in both East & Mid Kerry respectively. East Kerry come here today as reigning County Champions facing a Mid Kerry side who have gathered huge momentum since the opening game and who will no doubt want to dethrone the current champions in this contest. Both sides have a number of prominent Inter County Footballers also which further underpins the strength of Gaelic football in both divisional areas.

SPONSORS Garvey's SuperValu continue to be our competition sponsors and have generously supported both the Senior Football and Hurling Championships for a considerable time now. Despite the changed and very difficult economic circumstances as a result of Covid-19, Garvey's SuperValu remained fully committed Sponsors and we wish to publicly acknowledge their unrelenting support for our Premier competition this year. Garvey's are a very successful indigenous business and their outlook and ethos in supporting local mirrors that of Kerry GAA. We are very grateful for their contribution and continued support, and we welcome their representatives here to today's county final.

STREAMING The onset of Covid-19 has propelled technology forward exponentially and the Streaming of games has fast become a new norm in ensuring that the maximum number of people get to see our games. As a board we have invested considerable time and effort in researching and developing our offering which has culminated in our ability to Stream this Final to a worldwide audience tonight. This is an initiative I feel will stand to the board in the longer term and in my view can be further developed into something unique and special for our County in the coming years. People at home and abroad will have the ability to tune in and watch the game. Particular mention must go to our PRO Leona Twiss who took responsibility for this from the outset and who was ably assisted by our Assistant Secretary Emma Sweeney. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to both for making this happen.

COVID-19 & THE GAA CLUBS OF KERRY 2020 will be remembered as the year that the Global Pandemic we know as Covid-19 hit the entire world with a vengeance. The response of the GAA Clubs in our County has been phenomenal. Every player, mentor, officer, and member has demonstrated extraordinary determination, resilience, and empathy towards others from the onset of this virus. While adhering to all Public Health guidelines our Clubs embraced the rapid community response initiative countywide helping, as always those most vulnerable in our society. It is important that we acknowledge and compliment this extraordinary demonstration of community volunteering which is unparalleled anywhere in the world.

INTER COUNTY FOOTBALL After a lengthy layoff, all our intercounty teams resumed collective training last week and we wish our Senior, U-20, and Minor footballers all the very best in their respective competitions as the year unfolds. We all hope and pray that each competition will get played successfully and everyone will remain safe and healthy during this period.

BUÍOCHAS A huge thank you to all our Patrons and supporters who either attended our games or availed of the Streaming Service this year and again a huge thank you to our sponsors for their continued generous financial support.

Finally, I hope that everyone enjoys this evening's game and may the best team win!

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A Message from Tomás Garvey of Garvey's SuperValu



Community is the Key

It gives me great pleasure, on behalf of Garvey's SuperValu, to welcome players, mentors and supporters from both East Kerry and Mid Kerry to this evening's county senior football championship final. With so many past and present wearers of the green and gold on view and indeed others from the successful Minor teams of recent years who are expected to make the breakthrough at county level in the years ahead, we can expect a skilful and exciting game befitting of a county football final.

This year's football championship, which began with that unforgettable meeting of old rivals Dr. Crokes and Austin Stacks, has caught the imagination of the general public not least because of the live broadcasting of the majority of games along with the return to the old knock-out format. I have no doubt that this evening's game between these two divisional sides will follow in that trend.

Title holders, East Kerry, are attempting to win the Bishop Moynihan Cup for the 9th time having bridged a twenty year gap last year when defeating their neighbours, Dr. Crokes in the final. Their worthy opponents, Mid Kerry, are returning

to centre stage for the first time since 2014 when they went under to Austin Stacks after a replay. No doubt they will be hoping to go one better this time round and add to the four titles they already hold. Who would put it past them following that epic semi-final victory over Dr. Crokes?

In Garvey's we are honoured to be involved as main sponsor of the two premier competitions in the county and 2020 represents year two of the current sponsorship agreement with Kerry GAA covering the period 2019 to 2021.

Supporting local is key. The GAA is at the heart of the community here in Kerry and the Garvey's SuperValu senior football championship is all about community spirit. As always we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our customers for your continued loyalty and support.

I am sure that both the players and the supporters of both sides are eagerly looking forward to the game ahead. We wish both teams the very best of luck and may the best team win!

Beir bua agus beannacht,
Tomás O'Garra

KERRY GAA BEO LIVE-STREAM

- 6pm Panel Show with Tim Moynihan & Guests
- 6.30pm East Kerry Build Up
- 6.40pm Mid Kerry Build Up
- 6.50pm Interviews with the Managers
- 7pm Live Commentary from Cary O'Sullivan & Seán O'Sullivan
- Half-time Laune Rangers 'Remembering 1995'
- Full-time Presentation of the Bishop Moynihan Cup by Chairman Tim Murphy & Presentation of the Man of the Match Award and Dingle Skellig Voucher by Jim Garvey of the Garvey Group

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Nothing was ever lost in translation with Timmy Sheehan

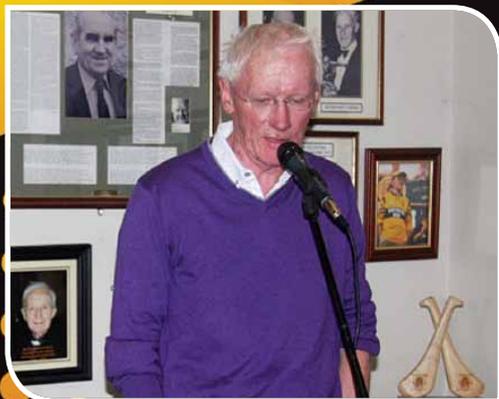


French writer Alphonse de Lamartine probably summed it up best when he wrote "Sometimes, only one person is missing, and the whole world seems depopulated." In these seemingly remarkable times of Covid-19 and continued restrictions on attendances at sporting events today's Garvey's Senior County Football final has been robbed of its occasion.

However, even if Austin Stack Park was packed to the rafters, we have still been robbed of one of Kerry's best-known and most respected media personalities – the late Timmy Sheehan.

When he departed from his media colleagues having watched Antrim defeat Kerry in the National Hurling League in March of this year, nobody could have imagined that it would be Tim's last time in the press box, as he was to pass to his eternal reward a day later.

Having spent 43 years of his life dedicated to the public service of Kerry people through his work in various different departments within Kerry County Council, Timmy built up a knowledge of both people and sport, which he could easily convert into his sports reporting.



Like all great veterans it was his ability to dig deep back into his archival memory that stood him out from his peers. When Tim told you something, it was not a guess or a recollection it was a fact and his kindness allowed him to share his knowledge.

And his knowledge was widespread – basketball, soccer, football, hurling, be it senior or minor, be it local or national, Tim knew his stuff. Whether through his work with *The Kerryman* newspaper or through the spoken word heard on *Radio Kerry*, Timmy always gave his audience an assurance that what he saw through his eyes was what you read or heard. Nothing was ever lost in his translation.

Even when people joked that he was a great hurler following his county minor medal that he won with Austin Stacks in 1967, he would happily point to the fact that they only drew with Causeway and that in fact both sides were given medals. His honesty of heart made him stand out and while in time the stands will refill, Timmy's seat sadly will remain vacant in the media box but his memory will live on every time we gather to watch a match.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.



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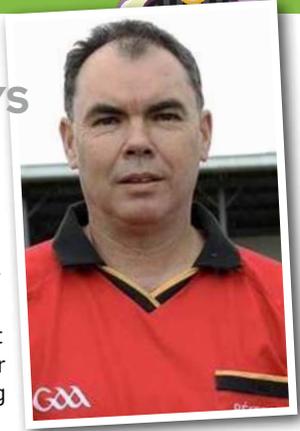
AN RÉITEOIR



Paul Hayes KERINS O'RAHILLYS

Paul Hayes of the Kerins O'Rahillys club has been appointed to officiate his fourth Senior County Football Championship Final today.

A native of Bishopstown in Cork, Paul joined Kerins O'Rahillys in 1993 and took up refereeing in 2008. During this time Paul has officiated in numerous district finals, along with County Finals at Minor, Under 21 and Intermediate levels. Paul will be assisted by Seamus Mulvihill, St. Senan's (stand-by referee); Jeremiah Lynch, Ballymacelligott (linesman); Brendan Griffin, Clounmacon (4th Official) and his four umpires Reggie Griffin, John O'Connor, Conor Hayes and Greg O'Connor. We wish Paul and his team the best of luck today.



Today We Remember

Sadly during 2020, we lost two referees to their eternal rest.

HARRY BARTLETT of Dr. Crokes passed away suddenly in August of this year. Harry had refereed in Kerry before he moved to London working. He took up the whistle in London, for a while and actually officiated in one of my last games. I got to know Harry, travelling over and back from London and always enjoyed our chats about GAA and especially Dr. Crokes. On his return he answered his clubs call to provide a referee and the week of his untimely passing, Harry was selected to officiate in a championship game. He was available to do umpire or linesman and would help out by refereeing Inter Firm matches as well. A great Crokes man, he will be sadly missed by all.



BARRY CLIFFORD, a former referee from Derrynane, passed away unexpectedly in May 2020. Although Barry hadn't refereed in my time as co-ordinator he was very helpful to me and always a phone call away. If ever I was struggling to find a referee for a match in South Kerry, I would ring Barry and it would be sorted in 20 minutes. At the time of his passing he was PRO of South Kerry board and every referee that travelled south to referee in the South Kerry Championship always spoke highly of Barry. Although I never met Barry, myself, we had some lengthy phone calls reminiscing a game where I played against his brother Fergus and had some great laughs talking about it. I read somewhere when Barry passed that he must have filled every role at one stage or another for his club Derrynane. Another great Gael who will be a loss to our GAA family.



I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my condolences to all our referees who lost loved ones this year. May they Rest In Peace.

Mark Ó Gríofa, Referees Co-ordinator

BUÍOCHAS My thanks to all who contributed to this Online Match Programme in particular Emma Sweeney, Kerry's Eye, Damien McCarthy, Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy, Jerome Conway, Sinéad Pigott, Aidan Clifford, Tim Slattery, Micheál Herlihy, Mark Griffin, Murt Murphy, Donal Barry, East Kerry & Mid Kerry Officers, my Colleagues on the Executive and Lionel from Kingdom Printers. I hope you find the Programme useful when watching the live-stream later!

Le Buíochas, **LEONA TWISS O'BRIEN** KERRY COUNTY COMMITTEE PRO



Can East Kerry complete back to back SFC final wins?

By **MORTIMER MURPHY**

“An rud is annamh is iontach”. This translates as “what is seldom is wonderful” and this is the best way to describe what will happen at Austin Stack Park when champions East Kerry face off against Mid Kerry in the Senior County Championship Final at 7pm. This is not like a South Kerry v Dr. Crokes rivalry of the past two decades or Stacks v Crokes; because the last time these two sides met in a SFC final was way back in 1965 and it took two games before East Kerry emerged victorious.

It is also the first all District Final in thirteen years and I am confidently predicting that the 2020 version will not be as low scoring as Feale Rangers 1-4 to 0-6 win over South Kerry in 2007 and I also repeat I had nothing to do with selecting the Man of the Match on that day! It will also be the first SFC final played under lights and another first I think is that it has to be decided on the night so a penalty shoot-out is a possibility. It will also break all records as regards being the county football final with the lowest attendance since Laune Rangers won the first one in 1890.

If you are to believe the turf accountants (bookmakers to you and me) then Mid Kerry need not bother showing up as they make East Kerry 6/1 on favourites and Mid Kerry as rank 5/1 against outsiders. This is the same Mid Kerry side that beat Dr. Crokes in the dying embers of a semi-final that has been described by many as a “game for the ages” and memorable and exciting it was with the issue in doubt until the final seconds.

Mid Kerry easily accounted for Kilcummin in their championship opener but scraped through the quarter-final when beating Kenmare Shamrocks by a single point

and that might well have been a tad fortunate, as Kerry star Sean O’Shea could not kick with his right leg due to heavy strapping. But Mid Kerry, who were never short in quality but struggled in recent years with ambition, are through to the final on merit and it would be foolish to write them off.

East Kerry, under Jerry O’Sullivan, reached the semi-final in 2018 in that high octane clash in Tralee with Dingle, but made amends last year by reclaiming the Bishop Moynihan for the first time since 1999, when beating Dr. Crokes in the final by 2-14 to 1-7. Then this year Jerry was blessed when Rathmore lost their senior status in 2019 (he didn’t want it to happen may I quickly add), to inherit some polished diamonds like Paul Murphy and Shane Ryan to strengthen his hand and East Kerry are back in the final. But the idea that East Kerry are unbeatable and should possibly be divided does not hold water in my opinion!

Everyone knows that East Kerry will be hard to beat and in David Clifford they have the X factor...

Everything is cyclical and when South Kerry contested five SFC finals in the Noughties winning four, nobody was calling for South Kerry to be divided nor when Dr. Crokes dominated the last decade winning seven from eight finals, nobody was heard saying we should have a Dr. Crokes A and B although we even have a C in the County League.

East Kerry are made up of seven clubs, three Intermediate and four Junior Premier while Mid Kerry have six clubs, four Intermediate, one Junior Premier and Cromane are a Junior side. But four of Mid Kerry clubs have won All-Ireland Club titles though Laune Rangers goes back a bit. But on current form three of Mid Kerry’s Intermediate sides are through to the quarter-finals, while only Spa survives from East Kerry in that grade.

But looking at both sides East Kerry appear to have more top class talent in their



line-up if you consider they have the Kerry keeper in Shane Ryan, Kerry defenders Paul Murphy and Jack Sherwood, and an attack that can boast the likes of Dara Moynihan (who was injured last year) and the Clifford brothers - David and Paudie, well then you can see Mid Kerry are up against it.

But Mid Kerry have leaders in every line from captain Pa Wrenn at full-back, a half-back line that could be deemed Intercounty standard in Peter Crowley, Mike Breen and Pa Kilkenny, two powerful midfielders in Colin McGillicuddy and Ronan Murphy and up front, they possess snipers in Gavan O'Grady, Darran O'Sullivan, Liam Carey and Fiachra Clifford and I haven't even mentioned youngsters such as David Mangan, Sean O'Brien and Jack O'Connor.

Mid Kerry have a strong side and if Jack Brosnan from Glenbeigh/Glenacar along with All-Ireland minor medal winner Caoilim Teahan cannot get a starting slot, then that just illustrates what a strong squad they have at their disposal.

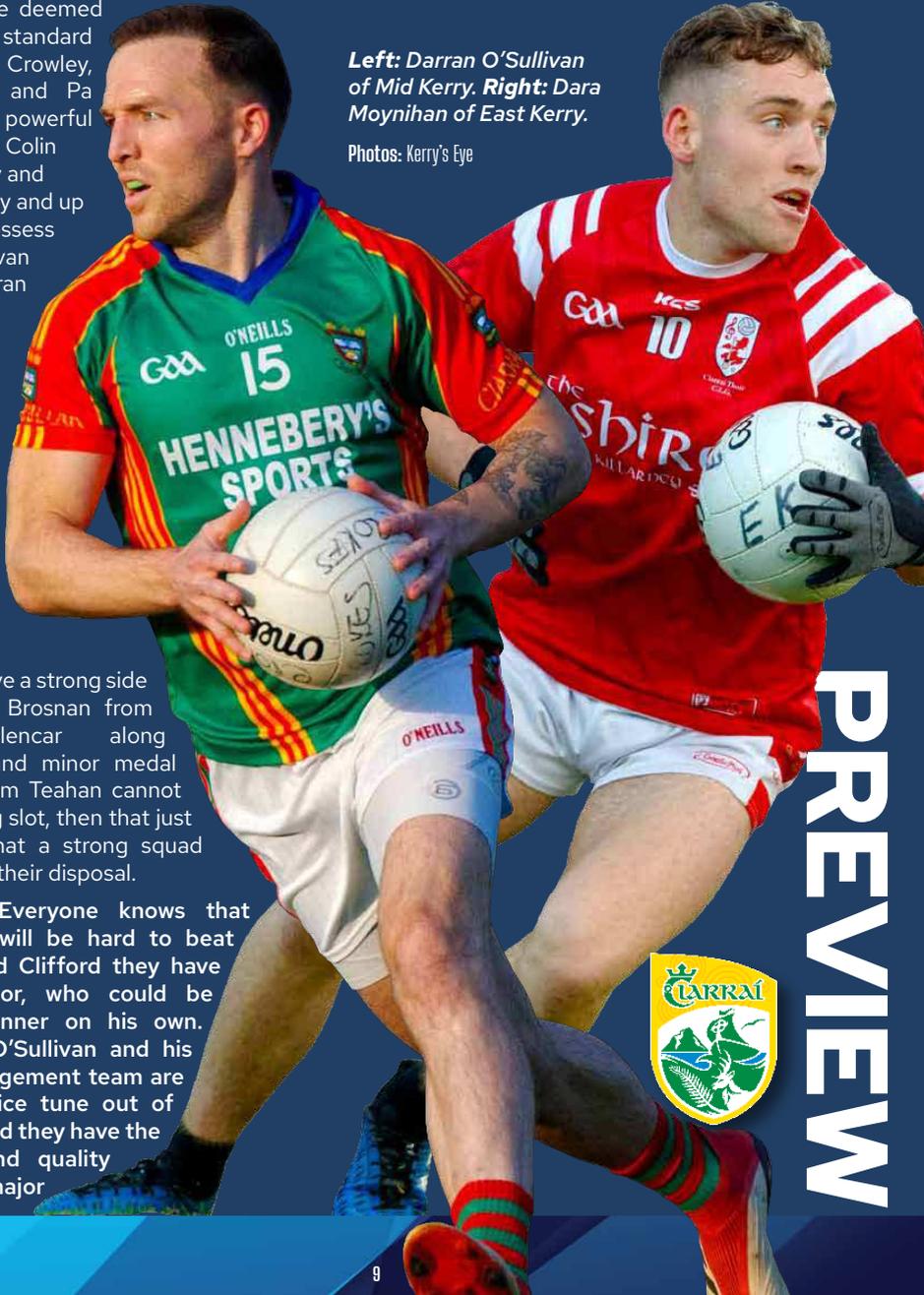
VERDICT: Everyone knows that East Kerry will be hard to beat and in David Clifford they have the X factor, who could be a match winner on his own. But Peter O'Sullivan and his young management team are getting a nice tune out of Mid Kerry and they have the potential and quality to cause a major

upset. It promises to be a cracker providing the weather does not prove a spoilsport or the occasion gets to a young Mid Kerry side.

I am going to allow my heart rule my follicly challenged head and predict that this game will be decided only after extra time with Mid Kerry turning a strange year into even a more bizarre one!

Left: Darran O'Sullivan of Mid Kerry. **Right:** Dara Moynihan of East Kerry.

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Ronan Buckley

East Kerry

Schools/College attended:

St. Brendan's College, UCC & UCD

When and where did you first start playing football? In my garden with my father/uncles

Biggest influence on your football career: My grandparents

What sporting event would you most like to attend? The Masters (Golf)

To date what is your favourite moment in sport? Ireland's Grand Slam win in 2009

Favourite Venue: Austin Stack Park

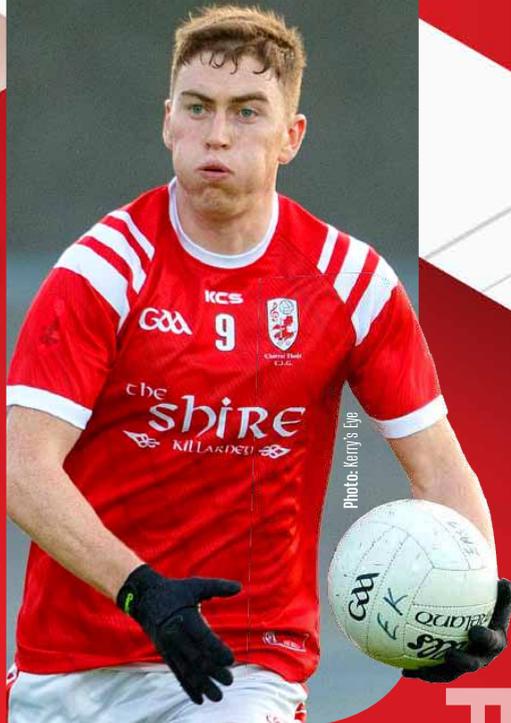
Favourite GAA player: Declan O'Sullivan

What sportsperson would you most like to meet? Tyson Fury

Toughest player to mark in training?
Shane Cronin



**Ciarraí Thoir
C.L.G.**



What is the hardest part of your sporting life? Balancing other commitments and listening to Arthur Fitzgerald

Who is the 'joker' on the panel? Niall Donohue! Also a good man to tell a lie

If you won the Lotto what would be the first thing you would buy?
The Paddy Pie (Horse)

Favourite holiday destination: Chicago

Favourite Music: ABBA

Favourite Film: Braveheart

In ten years time I hope to be: Healthy, still playing football, good at golf and be the Principal of a school

One thing you may not know about me.....
I was once a plumber

PERSONAL PROFILE

Club: Listry • **Occupation:** Student teacher
Weight: 81kg • **Height:** 6ft 1" (1.85m)

PLAYER PROFILE



EAST KERRY



**Ciarraí Thoir
C.L.G.**

FIR IONAIÐ

16. M. Ó Céilleachair
Marc Kelliher
(Glenflesk)
17. M. Ó Foghlú
Mike Foley
(Spa)
18. B. Ó Donnchú
Brian O'Donoghue
(Glenflesk)
19. D. Ó Briain
Dan O'Brien
(Glenflesk)
20. P. Ó Murnáin
Pa Warren
(Gneeveguilla)
21. P. Ó Dubhghaill
Padraig Doyle
(Gneeveguilla)
22. D. Ó Spealáin
David Spillane
(Spa)
23. P. de Brun
Padraig de Brun
(Firies)
24. J. Ó Donnchú
Jeff O'Donoghue
(Glenflesk)
25. B. Friel
Brian Friel
(Rathmore)
26. E. MacGearailt
Eoin Fitzgerald
(Spa)
27. D. Ó Murchú
Dan Murphy
(Rathmore)
28. P. d'Arcy
Patrick Darcy
(Glenflesk)
29. S. Ó Curnáin
Shane Courtney
(Glenflesk)
30. M. MacCarthaigh
Mike McCarthy
(Spa)



1
S. Ó Riain
Shane Ryan
(Rathmore)



2
C. Ó Donnchú
Chris O'Donoghue
(Glenflesk)



3
S. Sherwood
Jack Sherwood
(Firies)



4
N. Donnchú
Niall Donohue
(Firies)



5
S. Ó Cróinín
Shane Cronin
(Spa)



6
D. Ó Donnchú
Dan O'Donoghue (C)
(Spa)



7
P. Ó Murchú
Paul Murphy
(Rathmore)



8
M. Ó Riain
Mark Ryan
(Rathmore)



9
R. Ó Buachalla
Ronan Buckley
(Listry)



10
D. Ó Muineacháin
Dara Moynihan
(Spa)



11
P. Ó Clúmháin
Paudie Clifford
(Fossa)



12
B. Ó Caoimh
Brendan O'Keefe
(Rathmore)



13
D. Ó Clúmháin
David Clifford
(Fossa)



14
D. de Roiste
Darragh Roche
(Glenflesk)



15
E. Ó Cróinín
Evan Cronin
(Spa)



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BAINISTÍOCHT:

Jerry O'Sullivan (Bainisteoir), Arthur Fitzgerald (Trainer/Coach), Ger O'Callaghan (Coach/Selector), Sean Cronin (Selector), Ruth Allen (Physio).



MID KERRY

FIR IONAIÐ

16. S. Ó Cofaigh
Seán Coffey
(Beaufort)
17. C. Ó Súilleabháin
Kieran O'Sullivan
(Cromane)
18. S. Tyther
John Tyther
(Laune Rangers)
19. S. Ó Broin
Sean O'Brien
(Beaufort)
20. C. Ó Teachain
Caolim Teahan
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)
21. G. Mac an tSaoir
Gary Sayers
(Keel)
22. T. Ó Laideain
Tomas Ladden
(Keel)
23. C. Ó Muircheartaigh
Cathal Moriarty
(Milltown-Castlemaine)
24. S. Ó Conchúir
Jack O'Connor
(Beaufort)
25. S. Ó Céallachair
Sean Kelliher
(Beaufort)
26. G. Ó Hórain
Gavan Horan
(Milltown-Castlemaine)
27. D. Ó Cléireagh
Daire Cleary
(Laune Rangers)
28. D. Ó hUllacháin
Darren Houlihan
(Cromane)
29. S. Ó Súilleabháin
Jonathan O'Sullivan
(Milltown-Castlemaine)
30. E. Ó Clumhain
Eoin Clifford
(Laune Rangers)



S. Ó Cathaláin
Stephen Cahillane
(Keel)



P. Mac Giolla Coda
Pa Kilkenny
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)



P. Ó Bhrainn
Pa Wrenn (C)
(Milltown-Castlemaine)



D. Ó Mongain
David Mangan
(Laune Rangers)



P. Ó Cruadhlaoidh
Peter Crowley
(Laune Rangers)



M. Ó Braoin
Mike Breen
(Beaufort)



S. Ó Brosnacháin
Jack Brosnan
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)



C. Mac Giolla Coda
Colin McGillicuddy
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)



R. Ó Murchú
Ronan Murphy
(Beaufort)



D. de Róiste
David Roche
(Milltown-Castlemaine)



F. Ó Clumhain
Fiachra Clifford
(Laune Rangers)



C. Ó Cinnéide
Ciaran Kennedy
(Beaufort)



G. Ó Grádaigh
Gavan O'Grady
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)



L. Ó Ciartha
Liam Carey
(Beaufort)



D. Ó Súilleabháin
Darran O'Sullivan
(Glenbeigh-Glencar)

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Peter O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh-Glencar),
Roghnóir: Damian Murphy (Milltown-Castlemaine),
Kevin O'Brien (Beaufort). Medical: Amy Phelan.

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Occupation: HSE Paramedic

Schools/College attended:

Presentation Milltown and University College Cork

When and where did you first start playing football? The garden with my brother and cousin

Biggest influence on your football career: Family, coaches and club

What sporting event would you most like to attend? Lions v New Zealand All Blacks in Lions Tour, Eden Park, Auckland

To date what is your favourite moment in sport? Winning the All-Ireland Intermediate in 2012 with Milltown-Castlemaine / Mid Kerry Championship win in 2019

Favourite Venue: Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney

Favourite GAA player: Declan O'Sullivan

What sportsperson would you most like to meet? LeBron James

What is the hardest part of your sporting life? Missing training with shift work or going to training/games after night duty

Toughest player to mark in training? Gavan O'Grady

Who is the 'joker' on the panel? Liam Carey/Darran O'Sullivan

If you won the Lotto what would be the first thing you would buy? A top class defender for Man United

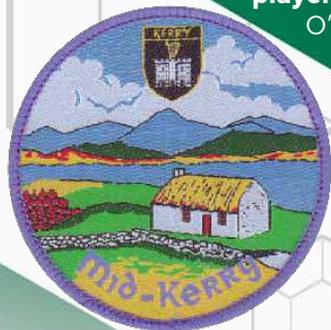
Favourite holiday destination: San Diego

Favourite Music: Dermot Kennedy

Favourite Film: Hacksaw Ridge

In ten years time I hope to be: Still healthy and involved in sports

One thing you may not know about me... I like to go hiking and for a sea swim



PLAYER PROFILE

PERSONAL PROFILE

Club: Milltown-Castlemaine
Weight: 80kg • **Height:** 5ft 10"



Ag feachaint siar...25 bliain ó shin

Laune Rangers

1995 COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

Sunday 8th October 1995 at Austin Stack Park

LAUNE RANGERS 1-7 EAST KERRY 0-6

By Jerome Conway

Eamonn Horan reported for *The Kerryman* as follows: "The most salient factor to emerge from this very disappointing AIB Co. SFC Final at Austin Stack Park on Sunday is that Laune Rangers are back as kingpins of Kerry football and nobody can dispute their claim to the title - least of all East Kerry, who failed to give a repeat of their display against Annascaul in the semi-final a fortnight earlier.

Other salient factors were a penalty, which East Kerry failed to convert in the 17th minute and an opportunist goal by Laune Rangers' captain Gerard Murphy early in the second quarter, which set the winners on the high road to ultimate victory. As a spectacle, the game was spoiled by a tricky cross-field wind, which favoured the side playing into the town end of the ground. Players from both sides missed from normally scoreable angles, kicks veering off target once the ball was caught in the teeth of the swirling wind.

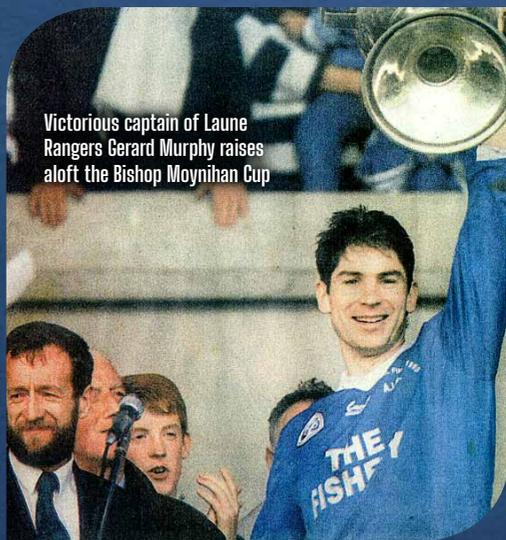
The scoreline tells its own story, forwards unable to find the range because of the wind and, as well as that, backs were able to tie down attackers much more than might normally be the case. I felt the main reason for the ragged football, which we witnessed in the first half, was the intense nature of the marking by both teams, it was a case of the man first and the ball after in many instances and this obsession on foiling an opponent at all costs militated against any attempt at free-flowing football.

When one remembers that there wasn't a score from Rangers' opening point in the second minute

until Gerard Murphy struck for the only goal of the game 15 minutes later, one gets an idea of just how lack-lustre and unexciting this game was. That's a long time to have to wait for a score.

Rangers had a very confident stride about them in the second half. They should have put East Kerry away on a few occasions. Early in the half, Paul Griffin put Joe Shannon through. As the wing-forward got inside goalkeeper Declan O'Keeffe, it looked a certain goal, but Seamus Moynihan emerged from nowhere to take the ball virtually off the line for a miraculous save. Soon after, goal-man O'Keeffe effected a fine save from a shot by Shannon. Then, in the 56th minute, O'Keeffe foiled Paul Griffin after the corner-forward had been put through close to the goal.

Rangers knew that the title was on its way back to Laune side. In the course of the second half, Rangers introduced both Billy O'Sullivan and James O'Shea into their attack and both men



Victorious captain of Laune Rangers Gerard Murphy raises aloft the Bishop Moynihan Cup



contributed their share to the victory, particularly O'Shea, whose use of the ball was most economical.

In the winners' attack, Billy O'Shea had truly a fine game, orchestrating numerous attacks over the hour and the losers' backs were unable to curb his menacing runs. Liam Hassett and Paul Griffin completed a dashing full-forward line, which should have garnered more scores from the openings they helped to create. Joe Shannon did all that was asked of him at right wing-forward, while Gerard Murphy was cool and methodical, as usual, and took his goal in capital fashion.

LAUNE RANGERS: Peter Lyons, Adrian Hassett, Paudie Sheahan, Mark O'Connor, Shane O'Sullivan, Mike Hassett, Tommy Byrne, Timmy Fleming (0-2), Pierce Prendiville, Joe Shannon (0-1), Conor Kearney, Gerard Murphy (capt.) 1-0, Paul Griffin, Liam Hassett (0-1), Billy O'Shea (0-2). Subs: Billy

O'Sullivan for G. Murphy, James O'Shea (0-1) for C. Kearney, Pat McKenna, John Doona, Pa Murphy, Liam Foley, Jason Griffin, Thomas Walsh, Anthony O'Sullivan, Pa O'Sullivan, Michael F. Russell, Brian Gannon. John Sheehan was under suspension.

EAST KERRY: Declan O'Keeffe (Rathmore), Vincent Horgan (Firies), Eamonn Kennedy (do.), Owen O'Doherty (Rathmore), Denis Moynihan (do.), Niall Mangan (Kilcummin), Cian Long (Fossa), Donal Daly (Firies), Seamus Moynihan (Glenflesk) capt. 0-1, Davie O'Donoghue (do.), John Crowley (do.) 0-2, 1 free, Jerry O'Sullivan (Firies), Seanie O'Leary (Kilcummin), Pat O'Donoghue (Glenflesk), Paud O'Donoghue (do.) 0-2, frees. Subs: Michael O'Donoghue (Glenflesk) for V. Horgan, Donal Dineen (Rathmore) for Pat O'Donoghue, Dermot Fitzgerald (Rathmore) 0-1 for P. O'Donoghue.

Ref: Tom McCarthy (Desmonds).



RIGHT: DAN O'DONOGHUE (CAPTAIN), EAST KERRY



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AT THE HELM

LEFT: EAST KERRY BAINISTEOIR JERRY O'SULLIVAN. RIGHT: MID KERRY BAINISTEOIR PETER O'SULLIVAN.

PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE



LEFT: PA WRENN (CAPTAIN), MID KERRY

Colleges GAA

by Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy

Kerry has been the dominant county in colleges GAA for quite a while now, with all the development strands of Coiste na nÓg, club foundations, development squads, and Cumann na mBunscoil pulling together. The 2019/20 season was certainly no exception to that trend, far from it. Further honours would have come Kerry's way had competitions not been curtailed - prematurely in my opinion.

CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ

There was never any doubt about the main headline. Tralee CBS were like the Mayo of the Corn Uí Mhuiri since 2007. Regularly the second best team in the competition, they could never quite get over the line and often didn't get the credit for how good they were. This year changed that.

They actually lost to the Sem in a cracking group game that they arguably should have closed out. Bandon had been getting the main headlights at that stage, having knocked out holders Corca Dhuibhne (the best school of the past decade). The Green blew them out of the water in superb style. They got a huge test against SP Sliabh Luachra in the semi-final but managed to prevail in extra-time. That pitted them against the Sem in final; a re-run of the oldest rivalries in Munster colleges.

It was an epic finale - The Green had to survive some hard questions but a four goal salvo, three of them from the boot of Conor Hayes, was enough to end a thirteen year wait and bring the cup named after Br. Murray to a school that he taught in all those years ago. Anyone who follows colleges football has to respect St. Pats of Navan, Colm O'Rourke's stomping ground - but I firmly believe that Tralee would have claimed the Hogan Cup but for external circumstances.

Abbeyfeale beat Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí in a cracking Munster U19c Final, while Castlegregory lost the Munster U19 D Final to Beara.

FREWEN CUP

No prizes for guessing who contested the final; St. Brendan's and Tralee CBS were outstanding at all grades this year. By the time this one was played, the Sem had already lost two Munster Finals to their Tralee rivals; they weren't going to lose a third time. In fact, I still believe that Kevin Cronin's team would have won the Paul McGirr All Ireland.

TAFT CUP

Yes, the U15 title was also contested by the big two. It was actually the precursor to last year's County Final. The Sem didn't get going on the day, whereas the Tralee side were incandescent, and won it in superb style.

In the U15 C Munster Final, St. Michael's Listowel lost the

final to Dungarvan after a great game, while Colaiste na Sceilge beat Dungarvan in the Munster U15 D Final.

HURLING

Mercy Mounthawk beat neighbours Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí in the Munster E Hurling semi-final and advanced to another derby against Tralee CBS. It was a cracking game, really good hurling, with Tralee CBS retaining their title in the end.

O'SULLIVAN CUP

IS Killorglin were the Sem's opponents in Kerry's Senior Cup Final (Tralee CBS did not look like the force they would become). The Sem banked a big lead with their full forward line on fire, but Gearóid Hassett inspired a great comeback and it took a star turn by Ryan O'Grady to close out the Sem's win.

MOYNIHAN CUP

The Moynihan Cup went to Coláiste Iosef agus Ide of Abbeyfeale, with Paul Walsh turning on the style against PS Inbhearr Sceine.

The Shield went to Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí, who won out a good battle against Castlegregory. A special mention to Aodhán Mac Gearailt's students - both the boys and girls teams went to Munster Finals this year.

Colaiste na Sceilge did likewise and brought two Munster titles back to the school. With the likes of Siofra O'Shea, Ellie O'Connell, and Rachel Dwyer on board, I have no doubt that there would have been an All Ireland. That's not native county bias; I saw these teams play.

DUNLOE CUP

Pres. Milltown were on no-one else's radar at the start of the competition but were the team everybody was talking about at the finish. Taking out holders Inbhearr Sceine sent out a big message, but the Sem still went in as favourites. Cillian Burke gave impetus to Milltown's challenge with an early goal and they led by 1-7 to 0-5 at the break. The Sem tried hard, but a simply stunning goal by Cian Doe on the three-quarter mark proved crucial, with Milltown winning their first ever Dunloe Cup by 2-13 to 0-8.

IS Killorglin won the Shield, while Gaelcholáiste Chiarraí beat Coláiste na Sceilge in the O'Connor Cup.

In schools all over the county, there is unheralded talent being encouraged to blossom. Just as importantly, there are young players who may never stand on grass in Croke Park but who are learning to take pride in themselves, their school, and ultimately their communities through the playing fields. In the end of the day, that far outweighs any medal.

None of this happens without a colossal amount of work. Kerry owes a big debt to committee members like Fergus Clifford, Christy Killeen, Micheál Ó Sé, George Dennis, Paul Barden, Patrick O'Sullivan, Dermot Lynch and Donnacha Hickey, as well as all the teachers who give freely of their time and effort to make it happen.

Last January, Kerry Coiste na nÓg met with the clubs to commence the grading of teams for the coming year. Little did we know at that stage how the year was going to pan out! Throughout February, our CCC met to compile our divisions as fairly as possible and we were all set to commence our competitions in March.

Like all of society, Gaelic Games came to a standstill as restrictions were imposed to prevent the spread of Covid-19. Our club members channelled their energies into helping those that needed help in our communities and they can and should take great pride in such unselfish volunteerism. In the early days of the restrictions we were not certain when we would have our games back. We were all delighted when it was announced that training could recommence and that we could proceed with games.



Ballyduff U12 Hurlers

The return to play protocols developed by the GAA meant that our clubs would need extra hands to manage our trainings and games. As always everyone supported each other and the return to play protocols were implemented and the heart lifting sounds of our children training returned to our fields.

Kerry Coiste na nOg embraced Zoom, with the brilliant help of Leona Twiss, as we adapted our communication methods with the clubs. With the support of the clubs we decided to schedule a phase one of games with a minimum amount of travel. This was a packed schedule with all teams at each age group playing. We were indebted to the support of Coiste Chontae Chiarraí and the Referees Committee to enable our games.

Phase one was a great success and it meant that we were able to proceed with a phase two of our games, with clubs being re-graded to try and ensure as many competitive games as reasonably practicably as possible.



Fossa U12

All together, Kerry Coiste na nÓg has facilitated nearly 740 games of football and hurling. This is a massive achievement for everybody involved and we all must take a rightful sense of achievement from this accomplishment.

Kerry Coiste na nÓg is indebted to all involved in our clubs, parents, referees and players and we hope that you all enjoyed our games this year. We wish to acknowledge our sponsors Lee Strand, who have given years of support to Kerry Coiste na nÓg; it was especially needed in rising to the challenges of this year. It is amazing to work with the officers of Kerry Coiste na nÓg, who give an amazing amount of time and effort into facilitating our games.

Kerry Coiste na nÓg hopes that you enjoy today's finals and we wish the best of luck to Mid Kerry, East Kerry, Referee Paul Hayes and his team of officials.

At this stage of the year, we should not forget the devastating effect Covid-19 has had for those that have been severely affected and who have lost loved ones. Covid-19 has not been extinguished and we all need to protect ourselves and by doing so protect others. This will help ensure that we have more Coiste na nÓg games to look forward to in 2021.



Milltown-Castlemaine U12

NA GAEL'S JOURNEY TO CROKE PARK



By Micheál Herlihy

The greatest day in Na Gaeil's short forty two year history was undoubtedly January 25th 2020 when they were crowned All-Ireland Junior Club Champions.

When the founder members set up the club in 1978 they could never have imagined that players in the green and white of Na Gaeil would one day line out on the hallowed turf of Croke Park.

2019 was going to be a defining year for the club. Having been defeated in the County final by a point in extra time a year previously they wanted to make amends. Their journey began with the County Junior Championship on the 7th of April 2019. They defeated Fries, Skellig Rangers and Ballymac to win their group. They were tested by Gneeveguilla in the semi-final but won by two points.

They played St. Senan's in the final on May 5th putting in a top drawer performance to win comfortably on the day. Winning their first County Junior title was a huge achievement and

duly celebrated.

The first round of Munster was played six months later on November 16th in Mallow where Na Gaeil accounted for Cork Champions Kilshannig winning by eight points. A rather facile victory was had over Michael Cusack's of Clare in the semi-final and also over Mullinahone of Tipperary in the Munster Final on December 8th in Mallow. Still, being crowned Munster Champions, what a feeling!

By far Na Gaeil's toughest test came in the All Ireland semi-final against Kilmaine of Mayo played in Ennis on January 11th 2020. It took extra time to separate the sides with Na Gaeil winning by a single point in the end.

Everybody was ecstatic as Na Gaeil had now earned the right to play in Croke Park. The build-up was amazing with excitement reaching fever pitch. The whole of Oakpark was festooned with green and white banners, flags and buntings. It is every club player's dream to play in Croke Park and now it had become a reality.



LEFT: Na Gaeil captain Eoin Doody being proudly held aloft by his team mates in Croke Park.

BELOW: Na Gaeil supporters about to converge on Croke Park for the All-Ireland Junior Club Final.



The day finally came - January 25th 2020 when hundreds of Na Gaeil supporters flocked to headquarters. The atmosphere was electric. Our opposition was Rathgarogue-Cushinstown of Wexford. After a slow start Na Gaeil gradually got into their stride and played some champagne football to win comprehensively in the end. A feature of the game was Ian McCarthy's hat trick.

What a feeling when the final whistle went. All-Ireland Champions! The place erupted when our captain Eoin Doody lifted the All-Ireland trophy to strains of the Rose of Tralee being played in the

background. Many supporters were teary eyed and emotional!

The homecoming will live long in the memory. Bonfires were lighting at every corner. The team bus received a Garda escort through the town. The players walked from Oakpark to the clubhouse with the cup held aloft. They were greeted with a guard of honour from pike yielding club members with blazing sods of turf and received a rapturous welcome from their adoring fans. Celebrations continued long into the night. Forever cherished memories. Na Gaeil Abú!



NA GAEL All-Ireland Junior Club Champions 2019/2020

EAST KERRY v MID KERRY

Past Meetings in Kerry Senior Football Finals

by *Tim Slattery*

10/10/65 East Kerry 4-5 Mid Kerry 2-11 @ Austin Stack Park

01/11/65 East Kerry 0-10 Mid Kerry 0-4 @ Austin Stack Park REPLAY

DRAWN GAME East Kerry Team: Weeshie Fogarty, Jerry McCarthy, Louis Nolan, Donal "Sox" Lynch (c), Derry Crowley, Donie O'Sullivan, Dan Creedon, Tim Sheehan 0-1, DJ Crowley 1-0, Michael Lyne, Tom Long 0-1, Gerry Cullinane 1-1, Johnny Culloty 0-1, Mick Gleeson 1-1, John Crowley. Sub: Pat Cahill 1-0.

Mid Kerry Team: Batty Foley, Ned O'Shea, Teddy Bowler, Jimmy Healy, Georgie Evans, Gerry O'Riordan (c), Pat Aherne 0-1, Jimmy Lucey 0-1, Vincent Lucey 0-1, Billy Kerins, Pat Griffin 0-2, Pat Ferris 0-1, Kevin Griffin 1-0, Mike Griffin 0-1, Tim Kelliher 1-4f. Sub: Jim Coughlan. **Referee:** Andy Scannell, Kerry.

REPLAY East Kerry Team: Weeshie Fogarty, Jerry McCarthy, Louis Nolan, Donal "Sox" Lynch (c), Derry Crowley, Donie O'Sullivan, Aeneas O'Leary, DJ Crowley 0-1, Tim Sheehan, Pat Moynihan, Tom Long, Gerry Cullinane 0-1, Johnny Culloty 0-5, Mick Gleeson 0-2, Michael Lyne 0-1.

Mid Kerry Team: Tony Lyons, Jimmy Healy, Teddy Bowler, Ned O'Shea, Georgie Evans, Vincent Lucey 0-1, Pat Aherne 0-1, Jimmy Lucey, Gerry O'Riordan (c), Billy Kerins, Pat Griffin, Jimmy "Twin" Daly, Tim Kelliher 0-2, Mike Griffin, Kevin Griffin. Subs: Seamus Curran for Jimmy Daly, Pat O'Shea for Jimmy Healy.

Referee: Frank Halbert, Cork.



CRAOBH SINSEAR PEILE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ

DR. CROKES (13): 1901, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1991, 2000, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2018

LAUNE RANGERS (12): 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1892, 1893, 1900, 1911, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1996

AUSTIN STACKS (12): 1928, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1936, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1979, 1986, 1994, 2014

JOHN MITCHELS (10): 1929, 1937, 1947, 1952, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1966

SOUTH KERRY (10): 1955, 1956, 1958, 1981, 1982, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2009, 2015

TRALEE MITCHELS (9): 1896, 1897, 1902, 1903, 1907, 1908, 1910, 1917, 1919

EAST KERRY (8): 1965, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2019

KERINS O'RAHILLY'S (6): 1933, 1939, 1953, 1954, 1957, 2002

DINGLE (6): 1938, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1948

SHANNON RANGERS (5): 1942, 1945, 1964, 1972, 1977

BALLYMACELLIGOTT (4): 1891, 1894, 1895, 1918

MID KERRY (4): 1967, 1971, 1992, 2008

FEALE RANGERS (3): 1978, 1980, 2007

WEST KERRY (3): 1984, 1985, 1990

TRALEE DIVISION (3): 1925, 1926, 1927

AN GHAELTACHT (2): 2001, 2003

KENMARE (2): 1974, 1987

KILLARNEY (2): 1949, 1983

ST. KIERAN'S (1): 1988

DICK FITZGERALDS (1): 1951

CASTLEISLAND (1): 1950

KILLARNEY LEGION (1): 1946





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