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Kerry's Shane Nolan in full flight against Meath during their league encounter in Trim back in February.
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Kerry fancied to get back to winning ways

By MURT MURPHY

Kerry begins their quest to win the Joe McDonagh Cup this season with a home game against Meath at the Austin Stack Park on Sunday. Kerry will need to bounce back from last Sunday's disappointment of losing the Div. 2A League Final to Antrim in Tullamore. It was a useful game though in comparison to Meath's preparation providing it hasn't left any mental or physical scars.

But Kerry's long serving boss Fintan O'Connor was not sure of who will be fit to play against Meath or who exactly will be available "I would say injury wise there are a few of them very sore and I would say we will have to reassess things during the week. Shane Conway took four or five very heavy knocks and he will do well to be fit. I knew at the start of the week that we would have to be right for Meath no matter how we got on today. Meath will have an eye on us and they will be waiting in the long grass. They probably had a challenge match over the weekend and they will be

fancying their chances coming down to Tralee. Two or three years ago they caught us in the first round up in Meath and they absolutely out hurled us for twenty minutes and it was game over. So, we have to be aware of that and cognizant of the fact that they are coming down to try and lower our colours on Sunday."

Fintan, while admitting there were positives to be had out of the Antrim defeat, maintained that losing a final is always hard to take and that lads were hurting after it. "Look losing a league final is not easy to take because its big game for the lads and one that they wanted to win. Then there was the huge a carrot of promotion to play the big boys next year and that was a big deal for the lads.

So they are coming down off a major disappointment and that has to be factored in. So the lads could react either of two ways but knowing them I think they will be up for the game and ready to go again. There were positives from the game and I think you could not fault the lads on work rate and a never say die attitude."



So after what has been a strange and in many ways a disconcerting week for players and managers all over the country with squads being hit by Covid cases and close contacts, it must have been very hard to prepare teams for the weekend.

But Kerry will be hoping to be near enough full strength and the defence played very well last Sunday. Tomás O'Connor could move to the half back line to join Jason Diggins and man of the match Fionan

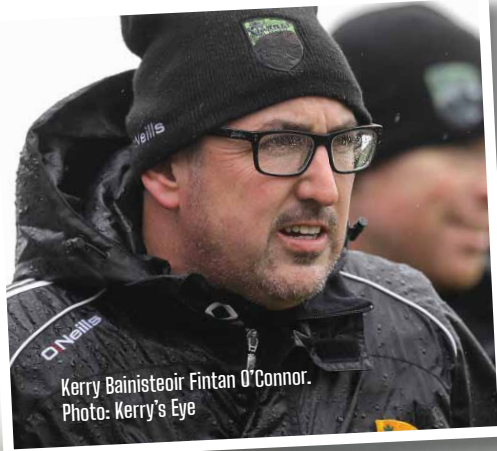
Mackesy and that would be a very strong platform to launch attacks from. Evan Murphy could join his brother in the full back line with James O'Connor or possibly Eric Leen.

John Buckley might join Brendan O'Leary at midfield with Shane Nolan moving to the attack. Shane Conway, if fit, will be Kerry's chief scoring threat, while Mikey Boyle and Michael Leane could be joined by Michael Slattery who excelled with the Kerry U-20's on Monday night while Dan Goggin could also be hunting for a place.

Meath always play well against Kerry but it is also difficult to know who they will have available as there were reports two weeks ago that the squad were having Covid problems. However on the basis that they will have a strong squad coming to Tralee, Kerry can take nothing for granted. Meath's keeper Colm O'Riordan is a good shot stopper while Jack Regan is the main attacking threat while free taker Pdraig O'Hanrahan does not miss too many.

Kerry gave Meath a right hammering in the league two years ago but this year in Trim Kerry won 0-13 to 0-8 on a terrible afternoon for hurling. Shane Conway, fresh from his Fitzgibbon Cup success, was the Kerry's star scoring 0-8 so a repeat on Sunday would suffice.

VERDICT: Kerry to win.



Kerry Bainisteoir Fintan O'Connor.
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Kerry's Brandon Barrett is tackled by Peter Slevin and Keith Keogh of Meath.
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CIARRAÍ



D. Ó Dúlainne
Darren Deleany
Naomh Breandánaigh



S. Ó Buachalla
John Buckley
Leac Sna



B. Ó Murchu
Bryan Murphy (C)
An Tochar



E. Ó Laighin
Eric Leen
Naomh Breandánaigh



T. Ó Cathasaigh
Thomas Casey
An Tochar



J. Ó Duigín
Jason Diggins
An Tochar



F. Macasa
Fionan Mackessy
Naomh Breandánaigh



B. Ó Laoire
Brendan O'Leary
Mainistir Ó dTorna



S. Ó Nuaillain
Shane Nolan
Na Níallaigh Crotta



B. Baróid
Brandon Barrett
An Tochar



M. Ó Laoire
Micheál O'Leary
Mainistir Ó dTorna



M. Ó Laighin
Micheal Leane
Baile Uí Thaigh



S. Ó Conhbuí
Shane Conway
Leac Sna



M. Ó Baoil
Mikey Boyle
Baile Dubh



M. Ó Slatara
Michael Slattery
Mainistir Ó dTorna



FIR IONAIÐ

16. M. de Stacapul
Martin Stackpoole
Leac Sna
17. T. Ó Conchúir
Tomás O'Connor
Na Níallaigh Crotta
18. S. Ó Conchúir
James O'Connor
Mainistir Ó dTorna
19. E. Ó Murchu
Evan Murphy
An Tochar
20. C. Ó Caoimh
Conor O'Keefe
Leac Sna
21. C. Ó hArtaigh
Colm Harty
An Tochar
22. D. Ó Cathasaigh
Daniel Casey
Cill Garbháin
23. D. Ó Goggín
Dan Goggín
An Tochar
24. L. Ó Liatháin
Billy Lyons
An Tochar
25. D. Ó Coileán
Daniel Collins
Cill Mhaoile
26. P. Ó Baoil
Padraig Boyle
Baile Dubh

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Fintan O'Connor;
Maor Fóirne/Roghnóir: Brian Culbert;
Roghnóirí: Brendan Cummins,
Sean Maunsell, Eamon Fitzgerald.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	65m	Saor Pócanna
1 Ach Leath					
2 Ach Leath					
Iomlán					

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AN MHÍ



FIR IONAIÐ

16. Gearoid Crowley
Rath Tó
17. Gerard Murphy
Naomh Peadar Dún Bóinne
18. Nickolas Potterton
Cill Dealga
19. Patrick Potterton
Cill Dealga
20. Jack McGowan
Rath Tó
21. Simon Ennis
Rath Moliadhain
22. Cathal McCabe
Cill Teidhil
23. Peter Slevin
Na Fianna
24. Daithí McGowan
Rath Tó
25. Ben McGowan
Rath Tó
26. Cian Kelly
Rath Tó



1
Mark McCormack
Cill Dealga



2
Seán Geraghty (C)
Cill Scíre/Maolach



3
Shane Brennan
Cill Mheasáin



4
Michael Burke
Maigh Deartháí



5
Shane Whitty
Gaeil Bhláth Gall



6
Darragh Kelly
Rath Tó



7
Keith Keoghan
Cill Liadhain



8
Patrick Conneely
Cill Dealga



9
Mark Molloy
Áth Troim



10
Jack Regan
Cill Teidhil



11
Padraic O'Hanrahan
Rath Tó



12
James Kelly
Cill Teidhil



13
Éamon Ó Donnchadha
Clann na nGael



14
Stephen Morris
Gaeil Bhláth Gall



15
Jack Walsh
Ó Math

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Nick Weir, David O'Reilly, Graham Dillon, Stephen Quirke, Niamh Guy, Vinny Guy, Shane Mangan, Martin O'Halloran, John Andrews, Paul Dunne, Gerry McLoughlin, Dom Reilly, Colin Brennan, Dr. Seamus McMenamin.

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