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IONAD: Páirc Aibhistín De Staic, Trá Lí Dé Satharn, 15ú Bealtaine 2021

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Fáiltiú an Chathaoirligh

A Chairde Uilig,

Tá Fíor Chaoin fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Aibhistín de Staic, Trá Lí tráthnóna inniu chuig an céad cluiche Allianz Sráid Peil 2021 idir An Gallimh, ár gCuarteoirí agus Ciarraí. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh an taitneamh as an cluiche seo inniu.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to all the players, Management teams and officials along to Austin Stack Park, Tralee today. Unfortunately, we won't have any supporters for this year's League campaign but all going well, by Championship time a limited number of supporters will hopefully be allowed attend the games.

Galway travel to Kerry today for their first competitive match since last year's Connacht championship defeat to near neighbours Mayo and Kerry are in a similar position with this being their first competitive match since last November's Munster Championship loss to Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. Today is a very important game for both teams but Kerry in particular will be hoping to pull off a win at home. Given the long lay off and the compressed nature of this year's competition, it is difficult to predict how the league will unfold for Counties this year. The condensed nature of the League will I believe prove very challenging for all Counties in the prevention and management of injuries which will be a key consideration. Kerry made a submission to the National CCCC in April requesting that the number of substitutes be increased from the current five. Galway fully supported this request and the increase to seven substitutes for this years League is very welcome. Today's encounter has all the ingredients of a great game of football underpinned by the long-standing competitiveness, friendship, and mutual respect that both Counties have for one other.

COVID-19 & THE GAA CLUBS OF KERRY

2020 and the year to date will be remembered as the time the Global Pandemic we know as Covid-19 hit the entire world with a vengeance. This, once in a century phenomenon, has brought about huge and unwelcome changes in all our lives. That said, the response of the GAA Clubs in our County and indeed the Country has been phenomenal. At the outset in March 2020, every player, mentor, officer, and member demonstrated extraordinary determination, resilience, and empathy towards others from the onset of this pandemic. 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. In many ways, this pandemic has brought the very best out in so many of our Clubs and members who mobilized en masse when the need was greatest. In recent weeks Kerry and Cork GAA combined to support the Kerry/ Cork HSE in the promoting the roll out of the Covid-19 vaccine. Thankfully, the future now appears a lot brighter and we look forward to some level of normality returning to all our lives over the coming weeks and months.

AUSTIN STACK PARK It is only on days like today that we can truly reflect upon and appreciate the very significant work and effort that has gone into to ensuring this historic venue is presented in the manner that we see before us. This would not be possible without the Austin Stack Park Committee under the direction of Tony O'Keefe as Chairperson and Eamonn O' Sullivan as secretary who have worked tirelessly over the past number of years to ensure that the Stadium has been prepared and maintained to the highest possible standards. Tralee Chamber Alliance and the Businesses of the Town and Environs have and continue to be very supportive of the development at Austin Stack Park and I wish to publicly acknowledge their contribution. The quality of the pitch surface has been remarked upon by many over the last few weeks in particular and I think everyone will attest to the fact that this surface is second to none in the County or indeed the Country. On that note I would also like to acknowledge and complement our head grounds man Ger O'Mahony for his work and commitment to the Stadium.

PETER CROWLEY Last month, one of Kerry's greatest servants and defenders – Peter Crowley called time on his inter county football career – 10 years after making his breakthrough onto the Kerry senior football team. His contribution on the field of Play during this time cannot be overstated and his character and presence in the dressing room will be greatly missed over the coming months. I do believe however that Peter's obvious Leadership attributes and qualities will continue to benefit our County in the months and years ahead. Ar son Muintir Ciarraí sa bhaile agus thar lear I wish to sincerely thank Peter for his enormous contribution to our County and wish him all the very best in the future. Míle Buíochas Peter.

Finally, I hope that everyone enjoys the game this afternoon and good luck to all over the coming weeks and months.

Tadhg ó Murchú cathaoirleach, coiste chontae chiarraí



No room for error as Kingdom and Tribesmen both eye up the finish line

By DONAL BARRY www.kerrysportshub.ie

If the traditional Allianz Football League in pre Covid times was a more of a marathon then the new slimmed down version is certainly a 100m dash. With that in mind both Kerry and Galway know that it will be a sprint to the line in a group that also contains All Ireland champions Dublin and 2020 Division 2 champions Roscommon. In fact, with three of the teams in the group taking the top three places in the 2021 league it already feels like a group of death.

With stakes already that high and even a sniff of a possible relegation joust facing teams who might

stumble early on both Peter Keane and Pádraic Joyce will surely be looking for their charges to bring the same passion and tempo as their 2020 meeting in Tralee in which Kerry picked the Galway pocket late on to take a one-point win. A result that was hard to imagine for Kerry fans with Galway leading by 3 points heading into injury time in that game.

Hard to imagine too was an Austin Stack Park with over 11,000 supporters packed into the Tralee ground on the first day of Spring of 2020 which today will see the place empty of any fans as the teams will play to the backdrop of a challenge game with the echoes of players roars echoing off the back of the empty stand.



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Still despite all the Covid limits it has placed on the GAA, thankfully the game will still be played inside the white lines and just as any Kerry v Galway clash it promises an abundance of traditional flair.

And flair is something Kerry will have to bring a little more of after a disappointing end to their 2020 championship run which ended as fast the 1993 run when Cork defeated Kerry in the Munster semifinal as well. A shining light on that day was Maurice Fitzgerald who scored 0-7 and it is his increased coaching role from a selector which will have fans focused in on most.

Can the maestro from Cahirciveen shape the wonderful raw material into a winning outfit? Despite the gloom of last year's swift exit, Kerry did go on to win the League. However, in the Kingdom it's Championships that count.

For Galway, their early good momentum that they were building was really knocked off target by the first Covid lock down. Having led the league with two games to go, the cup was really in their hands but their inability to win any of their two remaining league games would see them finish third. Their championship exit came at the hands of Mayo in the Connacht final but surely their progress was hampered a little by a walk over from Sligo in the Connacht semi-final.

In any normal year both teams would certainly have featured once again later in the championship having taken the cross-country qualifier route, but both have had to spend nearly six months waiting to get back to action. It is the team that has learnt the most about themselves off the field that will take the winners tape today and they will hope to take that momentum with them to round two and onto bigger things. For the losers, even after one game the natives will become restless as the sudden talk of relegation play offs become real especially with a daunting match up with the All-Ireland champions Dublin on the cards.

Kerry's manager Peter Keane has admitted that today is effectively going into the unknown but the St. Mary's man rates Galway highly.

"Galway have a very good team. Last year we were going neck and neck to win the league with them. Maybe a bit like ourselves with Cork, they got derailed against Mayo (Connacht Final) They have some tremendous footballers. We are certainly taking the game very seriously, but we are poking in the dark here because we are not sure where we are ourselves, never mind what the opposition are bringing but from what I have seen in the past they have some fine footballers, and they will come and play a good positive game."





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KERRY'S HOME RECORD v GALWAY

IN THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

By Tim Slattery

LEFT: High fielding action from Diarmuid O'Connor of Kerry and Cein D'Arcy of Galway during the 2020 AFL Division 1 Round 2 clash at Austin Stack Park, Tralee. Photo: Kerry's Eye



DATE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	VENUE
07/03/37	Kerry	3-2	Galway	0-4	Fitzgerald Stadium
01/05/38	Kerry	1-12	Galway	3-1	Austin Stack Park (Play/Off)
13/11/38	Kerry	0-10	Galway	2-3	Austin Stack Park
10/11/40	Kerry	0-6	Galway	0-5	Listowel GAA Ground
18/11/45	Kerry	0-12	Galway	1-8	Austin Stack Park
31/10/48	Kerry	3-7	Galway	1-11	Austin Stack Park
15/03/53	Kerry	2-14	Galway	2-6	Austin Stack Park
06/02/72	Kerry	0-13	Galway	0-8	Fitzgerald Stadium
03/03/74	Kerry	1-8	Galway	0-11	Austin Stack Park
20/11/77	Kerry	0-8	Galway	0-12	Fitzgerald Stadium
10/12/78	Kerry	2-6	Galway	0-7	Fitzgerald Stadium
25/11/84	Kerry	1-11	Galway	0-8	Frank Sheehy Park, Listowel
09/04/00	Kerry	1-8	Galway	2-9	Austin Stack Park
12/04/09	Kerry	2-15	Galway	1-11	Austin Stack Park
13/03/11	Kerry	0-16	Galway	0-8	Fitzgerald Stadium
25/03/18	Kerry	0-14	Galway	1-14	Austin Stack Park
01/02/20	Kerry	1-15	Galway	2-11	Austin Stack Park

ROLL OF HONOUR: Kerry 13 Wins • Galway 3 Wins • Draws 1

-LASHBACK

KERRY v GALWAY Drawn Game 3/3/74 • Austin Stack Park

KERRY TEAM: Paudie O'Mahony, Donie O'Sullivan, Paud O'Donoghue (Capt), Derry Crowley, Ger Power, Anthony O'Keeffe, Seamus O'Donovan, John Long, John O'Keeffe, Paidi Ó Sé, Frank Russell, Eamon O'Donoghue 0-1, John Egan, Seamus MacGearailt 1-1, Mikey Sheehy 0-4 (2f). Sub: Pat Spillane 0-2 for Frank Russell.



GALWAY TEAM: Gay Mitchell, Joe Waldron, Jack Cosgrave, Brendan Colleran, Colie McDonagh, Tommy Joe Gilmore, Johnny Hughes, Jimmy Duggan, Willie Joyce 0-1, Michael Rooney 0-1, Liam Sammon (Capt), Morgan Hughes, Maurice Burke, Tom Naughton 0-5, John Tobin 0-4f. Subs: Tommy Sands for Michael Hughes, Ger King for Mick Rooney. **Referee:** Frank Halbert (Cork).

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An Ghaeltacht



Teampall Nua



Jason Folev Baile Uí Dhonnchú







G. De Faoite **Gavin White** Dr. Chrócaigh





Ceirin Ó Baithille



Na Gaeil





Seán O'Shea

P. Ó Geibheannaigh Paul Geanev Daingean Uí Chúis

D. Ó Muineacháin Dara Movnihan Spa, Cill Áirne

An Neidín



D. Ó Clúmháin David Clifford Fosadh

C. Ó Spealáin Killian Spillane Teampall Nua

P. Ó Clúmháin Paudie Clifford Fosadh

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Peter Keane: Maor Fóirne: Tommy Griffin; Roghnóirí: James Foley, Maurice Fitzgerald.

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	1 Adh Leath					
	2 Adh Leath					
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FIR IONAID

MAYRIRAVÍ

- 16. C. Mac Giobúin Kieran Fitzgibbon An Neidín
- 17. G. Ó Súilleabháin Graham O'Sullivan Piarsaigh na Dromada
- 18. D. Ó Conchúir Diarmuid O'Connor Na Gaeil
- 19. P Ó SÁ Paul O'Shea Cill Chuimín
- 20. A. Ó Spealáin Adrian Spillane Teampall Nua
- 21. T. Breathnach Tommy Walsh Ceirin Ó Raithille
- 22. M. Ó Braoin Mike Breen Lios A Phúca
- 23. R. Ó Buachalla Ronan Buckley Lios A'Troí
- 24. S. Ó Conchúir Joe O'Connor Aibhistín de Staic
- 25. M. Ó Braoin Micheál Burns Dr. Chrócaigh
- 26. C. Ó Súilleabháin Kevin O'Sullivan An Neidín

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GAILLIMH



FIR IONAID

- 16. C. Ó Gliasáin Connor Gleeson Dúnmhor Mhic Eil
- 17. S. Ó Duáin Johnny Duane Naomh Séamus
- 18. S. Ó Ceallaigh Seán Kelly Maigh Cuilinn
- 19. C. Mac Suibhne Cathal Sweeney Bothar na Trá - Cnoc na Cathrach
- 20. C. Ó Maolaoidh Kieran Molloy Cora Finne
- 21. R. Mac Eachaidh Ronan Steede Cora Finne
- 22. M. Bairéad **Maitias Barrett** Naomh Anna
- 23. R. Ó Fionnachta Robert Finnerty Bothar na Trá - Cnoc na Cathrach
- 24. E.Ó Laoi Finnian Ó Laoi An Spidéal
- 25. T. Ó Coilneáin Tomo Culhane Bothar na Trá - Cnoc na Cathrach
- 26. L. Ó Coistealbha Liam Costello Baile An Mhuilinn





Jack Glvnn Baile Chláir na Gaillimhe



Seán Mulkerrin Oileáin Árann



L. Ó Síoda Liam Silke Cora Finne



G. Ó Domhnaill Gary O'Donnell Réalta Thuama



D. Mac Aodha Dylan McHugh Cora Finne



S. Ó hÉanaí Johnny Heaney Cill Ainnín



Peter Cooke Maigh Cuilinn



P. Ó Ceallaigh Paul Kellv Maigh Cuilinn



Uachtar Árd

Paul Conrov Naomh Séamus

E. Ó Brannagáin Eamonn Brannigan Naomh Micheál



D. Ó Conghaile Dessie Conneelv Maigh Cuilinn

D. Ó Ciaragáin Damien Comer Anach Cuain



Shane Walsh (c) Cill Choirín-Cluain Briorain

BAINISTÍOCHT:

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
Iomlán					

Bainisteoir: Padraic Joyce; Roghnóirí: John Concannon, John Divilly & Micheal Ó Domhnaill; Goalkeeping coach: Martin McNamara.



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June 28th - July 2nd **Ballybunion** Football Football Castlegregory Cordal Football Sneem Football **Foilmore** Football Keel Football Scartaglin Football Ballylongford Football Kilmoyley Hurling

Listowel Football **Connolly Park A. Stacks** Football July 5th - July 9th Kerins O'Rahillys Football Na Gaeil Football Dr. Crokes Football Killoralin Football Waterville Football **Ballinskelligs** Football **Brosna** Football **Templenoe** Football Ardfert Hurlina

Rathmore

Dingle Football July 12th - July 16th **Farranfore** Football **Killarnev Legion** Football Glenflesk Football **Austin Stack Park** Football Listry Football **Dromid** Football Valentia Football Movvane Football **Ballyduff** Hurling Lixnaw Hurling

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Currow Football July 26th - July 30th **Rathmore** Football **Annascaul** Football **Kilcummin** Football Finuae Football **Tarbert** Football Football Cromane Knocknagoshel Football Football **Portmagee** Fossa 2 Football Causeway Hurling **Abbeydorney** Hurling

Aug 2nd - Aug 6th Kenmare Football Churchill 1 Football An Ghaeltacht Football Football Duagh Football Spa Renard Football Crotta O'Neills Hurling Dr. Crokes Hurling

Lispole Football Aug 9th - Aug 13th **Derrynane** Football **Ballyduff** Football Kilgarvan Football **Beaufort** Football Milltown/Castlemaine Football Churchill 2 Football Gneeveguilla Football **Ballyheigue** Football **Farranfore** Dual **Parnells** Hurling



Crossing county boundaries

THE HSE IN CORK AND KERRY THANK THE GAA FOR ITS SUPPORT OF THE VACCINATION ROLL-OUT

THE HSE has thanked the GAA community in Cork and Kerry for their support for the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out. Vaccinations are now underway across both counties of people aged between 60 and 69 who have registered at hse ie or 1850 24 1850.

The GAA in both Cork and Kerry have pledged to support anyone who needs help with the registration process, and to make sure that all clubs across both counties have details of the online and phone registration options.

Kerry GAA County Board chairman Tim Murphy said: "The GAA has been glad to help our communities in any way possible throughout the pandemic, and we will continue that support now that we're moving to a new phase of the vaccination roll-out. We'll be sharing details of how to register with all of our clubs in the hope that they will encourage their members to register when asked to do so."

Cork GAA County Board Chair Marc Sheehan said: "We have seen GAA facilities called into action throughout the pandemic as test centres, and there is no community which hasn't been impacted by Covid-19. As we reach a new phase of the pandemic, we are proud to see several GAA facilities in Cork used as vaccination centres. The GAA is a key part of every community across both our counties and we will make sure that no member of our community who needs support in registering is left behind."

Michael Fitzgerald, the Chief Officer of Cork Kerry Community Healthcare, thanked the GAA organisations in both counties for their ongoing support. "All of our

communities have had a difficult time during the crisis caused by Covid-19, and the GAA has played a central role in supporting those communities. We have had unstinting support from the GAA whenever we have needed. Not only have we had access to GAA facilities when needed, clubs and members have done huge work to make sure that everyone in their community is supported."

CEO of the South South West Hospital Group Gerry O'Dwyer said: "We are very grateful for this ongoing support, and looking forward to a time when this vaccination programme will allow us all back to enjoying training, matches and the many activities enabled by the GAA which are so central to life in our communities."

To register online, you will need:

- Your Personal Public Services number (PPS).
- Your Eircode (this allows the booking system to match you to a vaccination centre).
- · A mobile phone number
- · An email address.

The 60 to 69 age-group are receiving their Astra Zeneca vaccine at one of the new HSE vaccination centres around Cork and Kerry.

Online registration at hse.ie is fast and easy, and telephone support is available on 1850 24 1850 (8am to 8pm, seven days a week). This registration process will be used to vaccinate large groups of the population by age, with everyone who registers receiving an appointment at one of the seven public vaccination centres across both counties.



Present Stars Supporting Future Stars

All in Kerry Coiste na nÓg were delighted when we learned that our underage players could return to training. There is nothing like stopping at your local pitch and hearing the sounds of footballs being kicked and sliotars being struck. All our clubs are putting in a massive effort to keep everyone safe, with questionnaires being completed and sanitizer being sprayed dutifully.

Covid-19 precautions are not the only changes that are occurring in the Coiste na nÓg landscape. Our age groups are changing from even ages to uneven ages. In effect, Kerry Coiste na nÓg will facilitate our Lee Strand competitions at U11, U13 and U15 grades in 2021. Our Lee Strand U11 grade is designated non-competitive.

Kerry Coiste na nÓg is delighted to announce a new initiative where present stars of both the Kerry Senior Hurling and Football panels will support our future stars with groups being named after the players. There will be great excitement with our future stars as they wait to find out which senior players will be there linked with their group.

What clubs will play in the David Clifford, Shane Conway, Paul Murphy, Gavin White or Daniel Collins group? Follow Kerry Coiste na nÓg on Facebook for the announcement of which senior county player will be linked to your group.

Over the last number of months, Kerry Coiste na nÓg has been working to develop a timetable of games. As with all of society, a lot of our work was completed without definite dates for reopening. However, when June was announced for games, we were ready to go with our proposed games. We can't wait for the throw in.







Patrick Corridan RIP

Last Sunday evening we heard the devastating news that we had lost our Kerry Coiste na nÓg colleague Patrick Corridan.

Patrick has been heavily involved in Coiste na nÓg as our U12 hurling league co-ordinator, referee and with his own club Ballyheigue. In all the positions that he held, Patrick always put the underage player first and foremost in how our games were to be organised. Patrick always prioritised the importance of ensuring that our underage players enjoyed their games.

All of us in Kerry Coiste na nOg send our condolences to Patrick's family, friends and to his club, Ballyheigue. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam dilis.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Allianz Football League Roinn 1 South

ROUND 2 Sunday May 23rd

DUBLIN V KERRY 13:45 • Venue: Semple Stadium, Thurles

ROUND 3 Sunday May 30th

ROSCOMMON V KERRY 15:45 • Venue: Dr. Hyde Park

Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A

ROUND 2 Sunday May 16th

OFFALY V KERRY 14:00 • Venue: Bord Na Mona O'Connor Park

ROUND 3 Sunday May 23rd

KERRY V MEATH 13:00 • Venue: Austin Stack Park

ROUND 4 Saturday June 5th

KERRY V WICKLOW 16:00 • Venue: Austin Stack Park

ROUND 5 Sunday June 13th

CARLOW V KERRY 13:00 • Venue: Netwatch Cullen Park



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