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A Chairde Uilig,

Tá Fíor Chaoin fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Aibhistín de Staic, Trá Lí tráthnóna inniu chuig an chéad cluiche Allianz Sráid Iomána 2A 2021 idir An Dún, ár gCuarteoirí agus Carrarai.

Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh an taitneamh as an cluiche Iomána seo inniu.

I wish to extend a warm welcome to both sets of players, Management teams, officials and supporters in this the opening round of the Allianz National Hurling League Div 2A game here at Austin Stack Park Tralee.

Down travel to Kerry today for the first competitive match of 2021 while Kerry's last competitive match goes back to the Joe McDonagh Final in 2020.

We look forward to a good game of hurling which will no doubt be a further step in the development of the game in Kerry.

The compressed nature of this year's competition means that injury and injury management for all teams will be a key consideration.

A win for the home team today would set up the year nicely for this team who want to go another step further than last year.

The level of certainty and continuity within Inter county senior hurling in Kerry has developed organically over the last three years and will provide stability and permanence which was needed in order for the game to advance in the County.



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The Allianz Hurling League Div 2A continues to provide a meaningful platform and learning environment for our players and management alike to build upon and continue the very valuable work done to date and further develop the game in Kerry.

We are again indebted to the Austin Stack Park Committee who present us with excellent facilities to play our games – particularly given the horrendous weather conditions we have experienced over the past weeks and months.

Bain taitneamh as an cluiche agus as an lá.

Tadhg Ó Murchú

CATHAOIRLEACH, COISTE CHONTAE CHIARRAÍ

Injury hit Kerry must be wary of Down

By MURT MURPHY

Firstly, it's great to be back after five months of inactivity and because it's such a long time between games, then it is difficult to know if last year's form will transfer to this year and how strong teams will be for the early rounds of the league.

Kerry and Down had similar seasons last year in that Kerry reached both the Division 2A league final and the Joe McDonagh Cup final but lost both while Down reached the Division 2B final where they surprised table toppers Derry to win but lost the Christy Ring Cup Final to Kildare, having beaten the favourites Offaly in the semi-final. The win for the Mourne men was historic in more ways than one – as it doubled up as the first time inter-county hurling has seen a penalty shoot-out, with both teams level after extra-time.

Incredibly, Stephen Keith – Down's goalkeeping captain – made two saves in the shoot-out, ensuring they secured their place in the decider, winning

this shoot-out 3-2. But they went on to lose the final as Kildare just edged them out on a 3-16 to 0-22 scoreline. But Down became Allianz Hurling League Division 2B champions after an efficient five-point victory against fellow Ulster side Derry at the Athletic Grounds in Armagh.

Despite topping the table, Derry succumbed to their second final loss in two seasons as the Mourne men's greater application of the basics allowed Down captain Stephen Keith to raise the cup to only his socially distanced teammates. Eoghan Sands and Pearse Óg McCrickard led by example down the spine of Down's forward line. The pair notched 1-2 a piece, the goals proved crucial in ensuring that Down is playing in Division 2A this season.

Down are managed by Ronan Sheehan who was in charge of the Down U-20 team that met Kerry in the All-Ireland Final in Navan back in 2019 but Kerry proved far too strong winning 3-22 to 0-12 but only a handful of those sides are in action today. In fact Kerry's top scorers were Donal Sullivan who scored 2-5 and Michael Slattery notched 0-8 but both look like missing out this year but could be back next season. Barry O'Mahony who scored 1-2 and lads like Evan Murphy, Sean Sheehan, Tadgh Brick, Gearóid Fennessy and Conor O'Keeffe could play a part in the league this year.

Kerry Senior hurling manager Fintan O'Connor has survived longer than any other predecessor in one of the toughest jobs in sport and as he approaches his fifth year, he is well aware that he needs to deliver this year regardless of how many candles his mom lights for him in his native Kildare. But two of his years in charge have been Covid affected and it's not going to be easy to win silverware in 2021. But the popular and affable O'Connor will give it his best shot as will his players despite being dealt a cruel blow with the loss of Michael O'Leary for the entire season.

JOE MCDONAGH CUP FINAL DEFEAT STILL HURTS

But Kerry have been improving every year under O'Connor and last year they reached the League and Joe McDonagh finals only to lose to a very good Antrim outfit. O'Connor admits that the Joe McDonagh loss still haunts him but he is ready to move on " I suppose looking back on the Joe McDonagh from a cold point of view we lost the match – were the tactics right? When you lose a match they're usually not. Will there be a rethink on tactics? I think it would probably not be the best thing to do to base a rethink on everything based on one game. We'll try playing the same way. If it was that easy to change what you believe in your belief wouldn't be too strong."

LEAGUE IS CUTTHROAT THIS YEAR

Kerry has five games in the league this year, three at home and two away but their away games are

against their rivals for the title, Offaly and Carlow. So will he use the league to blood young talent or stick with the tried and tested? "The league and the way we'll approach the league, because there's not a league final this year every game will mean an awful lot. Will we be bleeding players and trying out players in the home games? I think Down beat Offaly last year in the Christy Ring, so we'll obviously be treating them with a huge amount of respect. We'll pick the strongest team we can in every game, because there are no second chances this year - it could come down to scoring difference."

"I think every team is capable of taking wins off every other team. We have Offaly away. We've Carlow away in the last game of the league. We'll treat every game with the respect it deserves, and will we be trying to bring in and introduce new players? We will based on the training game we're going to have this morning, the fifteen players we're going to have in the best position to play, they'll play every week."

"Hopefully that fifteen will change from week to week, because that will mean that we have a very competitive environment in our squad."



We're lucky in that we have new players coming in all the time. Colin Walsh has come in this year from maybe being on the Under 20s last year. He's just up to the age of eighteen or nineteen years of age, so it's lovely to have him in. There's real excitement, but he'd be the first to admit that it'll take a while to get up to the physical levels that's needed for senior hurling. It'll be interesting to see how the likes of Colin get on over the next couple of weeks and if we do get a chance to play them we will."



An Dún

Down have some fine players in keeper Stephen Keith, defenders Caolan Taggart, Conor Woods, Liam Savage, Phelim Savage, Pearse Óg

McCrickard, Oisín McManus and Eoghan and Daithí Sands so they will take watching.

Fintan O'Connor has left his team selection until very late as he has a raft of injuries and is likely to missing some key personnel. But with the likes of Tomás O'Connor, Jason Diggins, Fionan Mackessy, Shane Nolan, Daniel Collins and O'Connor brothers Paudie and Maurice, Kerry might have just enough to get off to a winning start.

Verdict: KERRY

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CIARRAÍ



1
S. B Ó hAllúráin
John B O'Halloran
Cill Mhaoile

2
S. Ó Buachalla
John Buckley
Leac Sná

3
T. Ó Conchúir
Tomás O'Connor
Na Niallaigh Crotta

4
E. Ó Laighin
Eric Leen
Naomh Breandánaigh

5
J. Ó Duiginn
Jason Diggins
An Tóchar

6
B. Ó Mathúna
Barry O'Mahony
Na Niallaigh Crotta

7
F. Ó Macasa
Fionan Mackessy
Naomh Breandánaigh

8
S. Ó Nualláin
Shane Nolan
Na Niallaigh Crotta

9
P. Ó Conchúir
Paudie O'Connor
Cill Mhaoile

10
B. Baróid
Brandon Barrett
An Tóchar

11
D. Ó Coileán
Daniel Collins (c)
Cill Mhaoile

12
M. Ó Laighin
Micheal Leane
Baile Uí Theidhg

13
M. Ó Baoil
Mikey Boyle
Baile Dubh

14
F. Ó Suilleabháin
Fionan O'Sullivan
An Neidín

15
M. Ó Conchúir
Maurice O'Connor
Cill Mhaoile

FIR IONAIÐ

16. D. Ó Dúlainne
Darren Delaney
Naomh Breandánaigh
17. L. Ó Liatháin
Billy Lyons
An Tóchar
18. F. Mac Carthaigh
Flor McCarthy
Cill Mhaoile
19. E. Ó Murchú
Evan Murphy
An Tóchar
20. C. Sabhaíos
Colman Savage
Cill Mhaoile
21. S. Ó Conchúir
James O'Connor
Mainistir ó dTorna
22. N. Ó Mathúna
Niall O'Mahony
Mainistir ó dTorna
23. D. Ó Cathasaigh
Daniel Casey
Cill Gharbháin
24. D. Ó Fiaich
Donal Hunt
Na Niallaigh Crotta
25. T. Ó Broic
Tadhg Brick
Tra Lí Parnells
26. S. Ó Conbhuí
Shane Conway
Leac Sná

BAINISTÍOCHT:

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

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2 Adh Leath					
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FIR IONAIÐ

16. P. Mac an Fhailí
Paddy McNally
Port an Pheire
17. M. Ó Bradáin
Marc Fisher
Baile Mhic Uileagóid
18. M. Mac Pháidín
Mark Patterson
Bredach
19. C. Ó Caiside
Conor Cassidy
Ceathrú Aoidh Duibh
20. D. Óg Ó Ruanaidh
Donal Óg Rooney
Ceathrú Aoidh Duibh
21. T. Ó Muirí
Tom Murray
Port an Pheire
22. P.S. Mac Dáibhí
PJ Davidson
Liatroim
23. J. Ó Deoráin
Jordan Doran
Baile Mhic Uileagóid
24. T. Ó Prionntaigh
Tim Prenter
Baile Mhic Uileagóid
25. R. Mac Cathmhaoil
Ruairi Campbell
Seamrogaí an Iúir
26. P. Ó Deoráin
Padraig Doran
Port an Pheire

AN DÚN



S. Mac Shíthigh
Stephen Keith (c)
Baile Crann



M. Ó hAodha
Michael Hughes
Baile Crann



C. Mac an tSagairt
Caolan Taggart
Port an Pheire



S. Mac Mánaís
John McManus
Baile Mhic Uileagóid



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Pearse Óg McCrickard
Liatroim



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Paul Sheehan
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R. Mac Coisteala
Ronan Costello
Bredach



D. Ó Seachnasaigh
Daithi Sands
Port an Pheire



E. Ó Seachnasaigh
Eoghan Sands
Port an Pheire



O. Mac Mánaís
Oisín MacManus
Liatroim

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1 Adh Leath					
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BAINISTÍOCHT:

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Roghnóir: Mick Blair, Niall Coulter;
Coach: Tony Austin.



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From left: Gerry O'Dwyer, CEO of the South South West Hospital Group; Tim Murphy, chair of the Kerry GAA County Board; Peggy Horan, vaccination centres co-ordinator; Michael Fitzgerald, Chief Officer, Cork Kerry Community Healthcare and Marc Sheehan, chair of the Cork GAA County Board.

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.



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June 28th - July 2nd

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Castlegregory	Football
Cordal	Football
Sneem	Football
Foilmore	Football
Keel	Football
Scartaglin	Football
Ballylongford	Football
Kilmoyley	Hurling

July 5th - July 9th

Listowel	Football
Connolly Park A. Stacks	Football
Kerins O'Rahillys	Football
Na Gaeil	Football
Dr. Crokes	Football
Killorglin	Football
Waterville	Football
Ballinskelligs	Football
Brosna	Football
Templenoe	Football
Ardfert	Hurling
Rathmore	Hurling

July 12th - July 16th

Dingle	Football
Farranfore	Football
Killarney Legion	Football
Glenflesk	Football
Austin Stack Park	Football
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St. Senans	Football
Glenbeigh	Football
Fossa 1	Football
Castleisland	Football
Ballyheigue	Hurling
Kenmare	Hurling

July 26th - July 30th

Currow	Football
Rathmore	Football
Annascaul	Football
Kilcummin	Football
Finuge	Football
Tarbert	Football
Cromane	Football
Knocknagoshel	Football
Portmagee	Football
Fossa 2	Football
Causeway	Hurling
Abbeydorney	Hurling

Aug 2nd - Aug 6th

Kenmare	Football
Churchill 1	Football
An Ghaeltacht	Football
Duagh	Football
Spa	Football
Renard	Football
Crotta O'Neills	Hurling
Dr. Crokes	Hurling

Aug 9th - Aug 13th

Lispole	Football
Derrynane	Football
Ballyduff	Football
Kilgarvan	Football
Beaufort	Football
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