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TOSNÚ: 13:00 • **RÉITEOIR:** Shane Hynes (Gaillimh)

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A Chairde Uilig,

Tá Fíor Chaoin fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Aibhistin de Staic, Trá Lí tráthnóna inniu chuig an cluiche Allianz Sráid Iomána 2A 2021 idir An Mhí, ár gcuarteoirí agus Chiarraí. 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 third round of the Allianz National Hurling League Div 2A game here at Austin Stack Park in Tralee. 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 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. 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 few days.



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. Our movements have been restricted, all that we cherish and take so much for granted has been threatened and fear has permeated society having a detrimental effect on many people's 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. It is important that we acknowledge and compliment this extraordinary demonstration of community volunteering which is unparalleled anywhere in the world. 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. I think that history will judge the response of the GAA as the largest community organisation in the county very kindly indeed.

Bainigí taitneamh as an cluiche agus an lá.

Shane Hynes
CATHAOIRLEACH, COISTE CHONTAE CHIARRAÍ



MATCH OFFICIALS

Referee - Shane Hynes (Gaillimh).
Standby Referee - Richie Fitzsimons (Uíbh Fhaili).
Linesman - Conor Doyle (Tiobraid Árann).
Sideline Official - Mark Maher (Corcaigh).

Can Kerry get back to winning ways after last weekend's malfunction?

By MURT MURPHY

KERRY face Meath this afternoon at the Austin Stack Park on a recovery mission after being on the receiving end of a right trimming by a fired up Offaly side at O'Connor Park Tullamore on Sunday last.

For those of us who were present it was not pretty viewing and neither the players nor manager Fintan O'Connor would consider it an acceptable performance. But while trolling, banter, and insults are all part of a players and managers experience after losing, particularly in the modern era of social media, some of what went on was way over the top and one presumes the squad and management were ready to handle it the proper way by ignoring it.

It's okay if you are sad or disappointed over a loss. But remember to keep control. Don't allow your emotions to get the better of you. A tough loss like last Sunday shouldn't drive you from supporting your team. Staying loyal after a loss can give the players a tremendous psychological boost as they try to regroup.

While last Sunday's performance was

unacceptable let's put it into perspective. Kerry had condemned Offaly to Christy Ring hurling two years ago and also beat them in the league, so last Sunday was the equivalent to an All-Ireland Final for Offaly.

Kerry wanted to win but not as badly as Offaly did because for Kerry one would imagine, everything is about the Joe McDonagh Cup this year and the league is not the number one priority. Does Kerry want to beat Meath, Wicklow and Carlow? Absolutely they do but they also want to get their best fifteen fit and firing by the time they face Down in the opening round of the Joe McDonagh Cup next month.

Right now and last Sunday, this Kerry team faced many more adversities than usual, but still refused to offer any excuses other than they did not perform. Just take a look at the long injury list that Fintan O'Connor and his management team are facing. They are without Martin Stackpoole, Bryan Murphy, Tomás O'Connor, Michael O'Leary, Brendan O'Leary, Brandon Barrett, Jordan Conway, Shane Conway, Cian Hussey, John Mark Foley and possibly John Buckley after last Sunday.

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So Kerry are on a redemption mission today and it will be difficult to get back up after last Sunday but if any group of lads can, this Kerry side has that capacity.
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That is a crippling injury list by any parameter and the only light at the end of end of the tunnel is possibly the lights of an oncoming train with Shane Conway at the helm.

So while a no show is never acceptable, Kerry are nowhere close to being at full strength right now and I think that at least six of the walking wounded would be first choice on any Kerry team sheet.

But it is what it is and Kerry can only play with the cards that they have and today they face a Meath side that will see this as an ideal opportunity to take down a Kerry side that will naturally be smarting after last Sunday's drubbing. But sometimes it's dangerous to poke the bear when he is hurting and Meath could feel the backlash as Kerry put in a performance that would in part erase the memory of O'Connor Park.

Meath lost to Offaly but beat Wicklow last weekend 0-20 to 0-11 with Jack Regan top scoring on the forty with 0-6, Gavin McGowan contributed 0-3, Pádraic O'Hanrahan scored 0-3 while Mark O'Sullivan and Alan Douglas added 0-2 each. They had eight different scorers and their overall accuracy stats were 20/32 or 62% and from play 12/20 (60%) which is impressive.

Charlie Ennis is a fine keeper and Ben McGowan, James Toher and Keith

Keoghan are excellent defenders. Pádraic O'Hanrahan likes to attack from midfield while Jack Regan has always troubled Kerry defences.

It is difficult to know what team Kerry will have on duty but it is likely there will be three or four changes from Sunday last. As for injuries and the prospect of Shane Conway returning, O'Connor explains he is hopeful in Shane's case.

"We are having bad luck with injuries and John Buckley's injury is hamstring. I hope

Shane Conway will be available next weekend. We were hoping to have him today and picked him to play but he had a sickness during the week and he wasn't right and not feeling great so it would not have been fair on him throw him in the fray having done nothing up to now. Apart from Shane the rest will not be available."

So Kerry are on a redemption mission today and it will be difficult to get back up after last Sunday but if any group of lads can, this Kerry side has that capacity. To borrow a quote from the great man Michael Jordan, "I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying." Kerry will be trying hard today.

Verdict: KERRY



2021 ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE ROINN 2A



	POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
	1	Offaly	2	2	0	0	68	31	4
	2	Carlow	2	1	0	1	55	46	2
	3	Meath	2	1	0	1	38	45	2
	4	Down	2	1	0	1	48	57	2
	5	Kerry	2	1	0	1	43	53	2
	6	Wicklow	2	0	0	2	28	48	0

ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE ROINN 2A BABHTA 3



CIARRAÍ



1
D. Ó Dúlainne
Darren Delaney
Naomh Breandánaigh

2
E. Ó Laighin
Eric Leen
Naomh Breandánaigh

3
E. Ó Murchú
Evan Murphy
An Tóchar

4
S. Ó Conchúir
James O'Connor
Mainistir Ó dTorna

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. Ó Laoire
Brendan O'Leary
Mainistir Ó dTorna

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

12
M. Ó Laighin
Micheal Leane
Baile Uí Thaidhg

13
S. Ó Conbhúí
Shane Conway
Leac Sná

14
M. Ó Baoil
Mikey Boyle
Baile Dubh

15
M. Ó Conchúir
Maurice O'Connor
Cill Mhaoile

FIR IONAIÐ

16. S. B Ó hAllúráin
John B O'Halloran
Cill Mhaoile
17. L. Ó Liatháin
Billy Lyons
An Tóchar
18. F. Mac Carthaigh
Flor McCarthy
Cill Mhaoile
19. E. Rosach
Eoin Ross
Baile Dubh
20. C. Sabhaíos
Colman Savage
Cill Mhaoile
21. C. Breathnach
Colin Walsh
Baile Uí Thaidhg
22. F. Ó Suilleabháin
Fionan O'Sullivan
An Neidín
23. D. Ó Cathasaigh
Daniel Casey
Cill Gharbháin
24. D. Ó Fiaich
Donal Hunt
Na Niallaigh Crotta
25. C. Ó Caoimh
Conor O'Keefe
Leac Sná
26. S. M. Ó Foghlu
John Mark Foley
Cill Gharbháin

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Fintan O'Connor;
Maor Fóirne/Roghnoír: Brian Culbert;
Roghnoíir: John O'Connor,
Sean Maunsell, Eamon Fitzgerald.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachair	65m	Saor Pócanna
1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
Iomlán					

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AN MHÍ



FIR IONAIÐ

16. **Mark Hatton**
Bórd an Mhuilinn
17. **Adam Gannon**
Cill Liadhain
18. **Jack McGowan**
Rath Tó
19. **Éamonn Ó Donnchadha**
Clann na nGael
20. **Stephen Morris**
Gaeil Bhláth Gall
21. **Ben McGowan**
Rath Tó
22. **Ian Birmingham**
Átha Troim
23. **Simon Ennis**
Rath Moliadhain
24. **Darragh Kelly**
Rath Tó
25. **Shane Brennan**
Cill Mheasáin
26. **Damien Healy**
Maigh Deartháí



Charlie Ennis
Átha Troim



Michael Burke
Maigh Deartháí



Shane Whitty
Gaeil Bhláth Gall



Seán Geraghty (c)
Maolach/Cill Scire



James Kelly
Cill Teidhill



James Toher
Átha Troim



Keith Keoghan
Cill Liadhain



Padraic O'Hanrahan
Rath Tó



David Reilly
Droim Ríogh



Daithí McGowan
Rath Tó



Jack Regan
Cill Teidhill



Alan Douglas
Átha Troim



Gavin McGowan
Rath Tó



Mark O'Sullivan
Cill Teidhill



Patrick Conneely
Cill Dealga

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachaf	G5m	Saor Pobairna
1. Adh Leath					
2. Adh Leath					
lómán					

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Nick Weir;
Roghnóirí: Steven Clynych,
David Reilly, Johnny Enright,
Timmy Hammersley.

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KERRY'S HOME RECORD v MEATH

in the National Hurling League

By Tim Slattery



DATE	TEAM	SCORE	TEAM	SCORE	VENUE
20/05/62	Kerry	3-8	Meath	1-2	Frank Sheehy Park
08/02/76	Kerry	0-7	Meath	2-6	Austin Stack Park
30/10/77	Kerry	2-11	Meath	1-6	Ardfert GAA Grounds
20/10/85	Kerry	2-6	Meath	0-10	Austin Stack Park
07/11/92	Kerry	3-11	Meath	2-8	Austin Stack Park
14/11/93	Kerry	2-11	Meath	3-15	Austin Stack Park
10/05/97	Kerry	0-6	Meath	3-10	Austin Stack Park
14/03/04	Kerry	2-15	Meath	0-12	Fitzgerald Stadium
14/03/10	Kerry	3-30	Meath	3-10	Austin Stack Park
25/02/18	Kerry	3-19	Meath	1-9	Austin Stack Park
03/03/19	Kerry	3-15	Meath	0-8	Fitzgerald Stadium

ROLL OF HONOUR: Kerry 8 Wins • Meath 3 Wins

FLASHBACK

KERRY'S FIRST HOME WIN OVER MEATH

in Frank Sheehy Park - 1962 Division 2 Final



KERRY TEAM: Johnny Culloty, Teddy Hennessy, Nicholas Quill, Tom Kirby, Ken Dermody, Richie McElligott, Mike Joe Quinlan, Michael Hennessy, Pat O'Sullivan 1-0, Sean Guerin, Eamon O'Sullivan 1-2, David Lucid 0-4, Niall Sheehy, PJ Riordan 0-1, Billy McCarthy 1-1.



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A

ROUND 4 Saturday June 5th

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



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