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# TEMPLENOE V DR. CROKES

**RÉITEOIR:** Padraig O'Sullivan (Firies)

**TOSNÚ:** 12.45pm • Extra Time & Result on the Day

# AUSTIN STACKS V SOUTH KERRY



**RÉITEOIR:** Jonathan Griffin  
(Glenbeigh/Glencar)

**TOSNÚ:** 2.45pm • Extra Time & Result on the Day

**IONAD:** Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney

**DÁTA:** Sunday 7th November 2021



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# Dr. Crokes will need all their experience against in-form Templenoe

By JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY

Templenoe v Dr. Crokes, Fitzgerald Stadium, Sunday November 7th, 12.45pm

**DR. Crokes have been among the top guns almost as long as the Kerry County Championship itself. Templenoe, on the other hand, are almost the ultimate in rags-to-riches. They were contesting the County Novice Championship as recently as 2013. Let's face it, in many ways this is basically the movie that Walt Disney would have loved to make.**

Neither can exactly be said to have shown their hand in comfortable victories in the opening round over West Kerry and Shannon Rangers.

Not only do Dr. Crokes have the pedigree; they have the recent history on their side as well. They have been kingpins of the Kingdom in recent years until the advent of East Kerry. They have won six of the last ten titles on offer, including three in a row from '16, '17, and '18. That includes two Munster club titles and an All Ireland title in 2017. They have reached at least a quarter-final every year since 2014.

Templenoe cannot exactly say the same. They have reached two quarter-finals ever - last year

(they were beaten, ironically enough, by none other than Dr. Crokes), and this year. Templenoe, in fact, have only ever played in these two Kerry Senior County Championships, and frankly, it is an incredible achievement for a club the size of Templenoe to do so.

That record is very deceptive, though. Templenoe are the form team coming into this one. Dr. Crokes, in fact, have been finding the going tough so far this year. They survived comfortably in Division One and came creditably close to a League Final. The Senior Club Championship was a bit of a disaster for them, however. They beat neighbours Spa well in the opening round but their second match was less than five minutes old when Templenoe slammed in goal number two and Crokes never seemed to recover. Or rather, Templenoe seemed to have that bit more hunger on the day and won pulling up.

A further defeat to Kenmare put Dr. Crokes into a possible relegation play-off against Killarney Legion if they don't reach the County Final.

A little bit of added seasoning for the broth!

Crokes still have some of the solid core of their all-conquering side in John Payne, Mike Moloney, Johnny Buckley, evergreen Brian Looney, Fionn

Fitzgerald, and Kieran O'Leary. The likes of Shane Murphy, Gavin White, Micheál Burns, David Shaw (slowly coming back into form after carrying a long-term injury) and main score-getter Tony Brosnan are quality players who wear or have worn county jerseys. David Naughton and Mark O'Shea are established players. But Mark Cooper, Tom Doyle, Evan Looney, Cian McMahon, and Harry Potts are new to senior football and it's a huge leap.

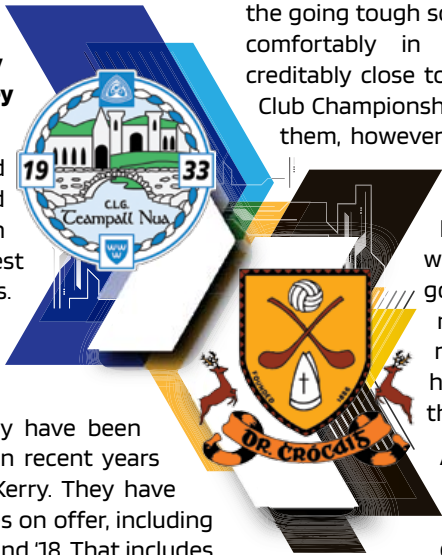
Dr. Crokes are missing no less than 6 of the team that started against Templenoe just last year in the corresponding fixture, partly through transition and partly through injury.

Templenoe's team selection is remarkably consistent - a small club side hasn't much choice in such matters, but it seems to work out for them. Obviously, the four county players are the big guns, Tadhg Morley, Gavin Crowley,

Adrian Spillane in midfield, and Killian Spillane. The juxtaposition of Tony Brosnan and Killian Spillane on either side, probably the two best out-and-out snipers in the Championship, is one of the fascinating subplots.

The match-ups should tell a lot. Templenoe, with Josh Crowley Holland backing up Adrian Spillane, will hope to take midfield. Gavin Crowley will most likely pick up Micheál Burns, while Tadhg Morley must be a virtual certainty to try and curb Tony Brosnan. At the other end, Fionn Fitzgerald will most likely mark Stephen O'Sullivan, while John Payne and Killian Spillane will relish duelling each other.

All in all, I'd be inclined to give Crokes a tentative nod - they tend to grow stronger as championships progress - but it is a very tentative nod indeed!



### Referees Review

Covid...short season...similar activity  
Thanks to clubs and referees  
We just about got by with games played...



- 30 clubs do not contribute to the committee with trained, available and interested referees!!!!
- For hurling league games going forward local referees may not be available - adult and under age.
- At present the existing panel of referees are called on too often. They referee at both adult and underage.

- ### CONCERNS going forward.
- Availability and Standards.
  - Age Profile.
  - Clubs and Recruitment.
  - Hurling Games

- ### An Overview - Minor and Adult games
- 4 dual clubs played a total of 150 games. Only provided a referee for 3 games to committee. Exception: Ballyduff provided referees for 70 games.
  - 27 other clubs played a total of 470 games. Only provided a referee for 20 games to committee.

- ### Future
- Over the coming months the Co Board/Referees Committee will work with above clubs to help with promotion and recruitment.
  - In January the situation will be reviewed depending on progress.
  - All clubs should ensure that their existing referees are active.
  - Adult team - Adult referee
  - Juvenile team - Juvenile referee



# TEMPLENOE



**1**  
Mark Looney



**2**  
Michael Hallissey



**3**  
Gavin Crowley



**4**  
Kieran O'Neill



**5**  
Josh Crowley  
Holland



**6**  
John Rice



**7**  
Mark Casey



**8**  
Sean Sheehan



**9**  
Tadgh Morley



**10**  
Colin Crowley



**11**  
Stephen O'Sullivan



**12**  
John Spillane



**13**  
Brian Crowley



**14**  
Adrian Spillane



**15**  
Teddy Doyle (C)



## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Colm Breen
- 17. Tom Spillane
- 18. John Moriarty
- 19. Martin Reilly
- 20. Kieran McCarthy
- 21. Joseph Sheehan
- 22. Hugh Granville
- 23. Dan O'Connor
- 24. Daniel Crowley
- 25. Dan Cahalane
- 26. Denis O'Neill
- 27. Michael O'Sullivan
- 28. Conor Murphy



## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16. Adam Kelly
- 17. Mikey Casey
- 18. Jordan Kiely
- 19. Cillian O'Regan
- 20. Daithi Casey
- 21. Brendan Falvey
- 22. Chris Doncel
- 23. Tom Doyle
- 24. Brian Fitzgerald
- 25. Jason Kerins
- 26. Evan Looney
- 27. David Naughton
- 28. Harry Potts
- 29. Alan O'Sullivan
- 30. Cian McMahon

# DR. CROKES



**1**  
Shane Murphy



**2**  
John Payne



**3**  
Michael Moloney



**4**  
Fionn Fitzgerald (C)



**5**  
Mark Cooper



**6**  
Gavin White



**7**  
Michael Potts



**8**  
Mark O'Shea



**9**  
Johnny Buckley



**10**  
Gavin O'Shea



**11**  
Micheál Burns



**12**  
Brian Looney



**13**  
Tony Brosnan



**14**  
David Shaw



**15**  
Kieran O'Leary

## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Paul Crowley, Timmy Clifford, Patrick O'Mahony, John K O'Sullivan & Mike Crowley.

**Trainer:** Denis Moynihan.

**Logistics:** Conor Spillane.



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## BAINISTÍOCHT:

**Manager:** Edmund O'Sullivan. **Selectors:** Eoin Brosnan, Colm Cooper, Jamie Doolan. **Physio:** Jimmy Galvin.

**Medical:** Brian O'Callaghan. **Logistics:** Matthew Courtney, Joe Meye.

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# Stacks have momentum but face a tough task against South Kerry

By JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY

Austin Stacks v South Kerry, Fitzgerald Stadium, Sunday November 7th, 2.45pm

**AUSTIN Stacks, not for the first time in their illustrious history, sent a seismic shock through the 2021 Kerry County Championship by knocking out reigning champions East Kerry. Believe me, that sent ripples through all the remaining contenders!**

Of course, that wouldn't matter under the usual format of back doors in the championship. I'll be honest; I'm loving the straight knock-out nature of championship football at the moment. Every game is a welter of excitement and I'm buzzing from one game to another.

Austin Stacks, by virtue of that 1-7 to 1-5 win, will be going in as favourites. Dylan Casey locked down no less a player than David Clifford, having been equally impressive against Seán O'Shea previously - granted, Conor Jordan's superbly understated ability to regulate the supply channel has been under-estimated.

Jack O'Shea darted up for good scores, but I was more impressed by his tight marking; this guy has as much intelligence as skill. The experience of Paul O'Sullivan and Ronan

Shanahan proved vital as well.

Midfielder Joe O'Connor looks a certainty for a Kerry jersey very soon. However, I think Greg Horan isn't far behind him, one of the most under-estimated midfielders in Kerry. Kieran Donaghy is a Kerry legend, but I was most impressed against East Kerry with his movement. He was a ringmaster to performing lions - except these lions were going for the jugular every time. Fiachna Mangan, Michael O'Donnell, predatory Shane O'Callaghan, and dual star Michael O'Gara. Add in Seán Quilter and Darragh O'Brien off the bench - well, the South Kerry defence would want to have at least one bowl of Weetabix on Sunday morning! The 2014 champions are coming with serious intent.

The 2015 champions are not going to care. They actually have a better record than Stacks in recent years, with two quarter-finals, a semi-final, and a final in the past five years. Last year, of course, both teams departed in the first round. Whereas Stacks sent up a cloud of dust as East Kerry crashed, I'm afraid Feale Rangers' demise was never going to make that impact.

The full back line of Brian Sugrue, Fionán Clifford, and Shane O'Connor were a bulwark. The half

back line of Graham O'Sullivan, Mark Griffin, and Ronan O'Shea are an attacking platform at least as much as a rampart. Jack Daly in midfield has been really catching the eye this year (Man of the Match in the South Kerry Final), while Rob Wharton is likely to give Joe O'Connor a real test. I have to say that it is strange, and a little bit poignant, not to see Bryan Sheehan's name on the programme.

Éanna O'Connor isn't any prodigal son, but South Kerry would be well advised to prepare the fatted calf anyway. He adds a major threat on his return from Kildare. Flanking him are the St. Marys' players Conor O'Shea and Aidan Walsh; no introduction required.

Darragh O'Sullivan is relatively new up front, but he did well after starting for Diarmuid Keating.

Moreover, his threat frees up space for lively Dylan O'Donoghue and Niall Ó Sé - there are few more worrying sights in Kerry football than Niall Ó Sé in space.

There have been real signs of growth in South Kerry football in recent years - Coláiste na Sceilge reaching the Colleges O'Sullivan Cup Final and competing in the Corn Uí Mhuirí is a real boost for the area. The extra week and the game under their belt will suit the divisional side, one of only two left standing.

Austin Stacks will be going in as favourites here, but I wouldn't be counting any chickens. After all, South Kerry winning this one would still not be the biggest surprise so far of this year's championship!



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# AUSTIN STACKS



**Wayne Guthrie**



**Colin Griffin**



**Dylan Casey (C)**



**Jack O'Shea**



**Paul O'Sullivan**



**Conor Jordan**



**Ronan Shanahan**



**Joseph O'Connor**



**Greg Horan**



**Micheal O'Gara**



**Fiachna Mangan**



**Armin Heinrich**



**Darragh O'Brien**



**Kieran Donaghy**



**Shane O'Callaghan**



## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Robbie Murphy
17. Micheal O'Donnell
18. Sean Quilter
19. Barry Shanahan
20. Brendan O'Sullivan
21. Adam Curran
22. Donagh McMahon
23. Barry Walsh
24. David Fitzmaurice
25. Daragh Barry Walsh
26. Niall Fitzmaurice
27. Luke Chester
28. Gearoid Fitzgerald
29. Eoghan Carroll
30. Joey Nagle



## FIR IONAIÐ

16. Mike Daly (St. Mary's)
17. Daniel Daly (St. Mary's)
18. Kevin Sheehan (Piarasigh na Dromoda)
19. Ian Galvin (Sneem/Derrynane)
20. Daragh O'Sullivan (Skellig Rangers)
21. Mike O'Leary (Renard)
22. Tadhg O'Connor (St. Mary's)
23. Oran Clifford (Waterville)
24. Conor O'Leary (Renard)
25. Tadhg Sugrue (Tuosist)
26. Sean Teahan (Renard)
27. Matthew O'Sullivan (St. Michaels/Foilmore)
28. Oisín Moran (St. Mary's)
29. Daragh Sugrue (Tuosist)
30. Niall O'Connor (Piarasigh na Dromoda)

# SOUTH KERRY



**Pádraig O'Sullivan**  
(Skellig Rangers)



**Brian Sugrue**  
(Renard)



**Fionan Clifford**  
(Waterville)



**Shane O'Connor**  
(Piarasigh na Dromoda)



**Graham O'Sullivan**  
(Piarasigh na Dromoda)



**Mark Griffin**  
(St. Michaels/Foilmore)



**Ronan O'Shea**  
(Skellig Rangers)



**Rob Wharton**  
(Renard)



**Jack Daly (C)**  
(St. Mary's)



**Conor O'Shea**  
(St. Mary's)



**Eanna O'Connor**  
(St. Michaels/Foilmore)



**Aidan Walsh**  
(St. Mary's)



**Niall O'Shea**  
(Piarasigh na Dromoda)



**Diarmuid Keating**  
(Skellig Rangers)



**Dilan Donoghue**  
(Piarasigh na Dromoda)

## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Wayne Quillinan, Jonathan Conway, Eoin Colgan, Tommy Naughton, Mikey Collins & John O'Sullivan. **S&C:** Damien Ryall. **Physio:** Fionan Hallinan.



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