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SuperValu County
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FINAL



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AUSTIN STACKS V KERINS O'RAHILLY'S

IONAD: Austin Stack Park, Tralee

DÁTA: Sunday 5th December

RÉITEOIR: Jonathan Griffin
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**Cluiche Ceannais Craobh Sinsir
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Aibhistín De Staic v Ceirín Uí Rathille

Réiteoir: Jonathan Griffin

2:37 Foireann Aibhistín De Staic amach ar an bPáirc (For Warm Up)

2:40 Foireann Ceirín Uí Rathille amach ar an bPáirc (For Warm Up)

-----No Parade due to Covid Restrictions

2:57 Amhrán na bhFiann

3:00 Tús Garvey's SuperValu Co. Senior Football Championship Final

3:35 Leath ama

3:45 Tús an dara leath

4:20 Deireadh an cluiche

4:30 Presentation of Bishop Moynihan Cup to winning captain
by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Chiarraí, Tim Murphy

4:35 Presentation of the Garvey's SuperValu Man of the Match Award

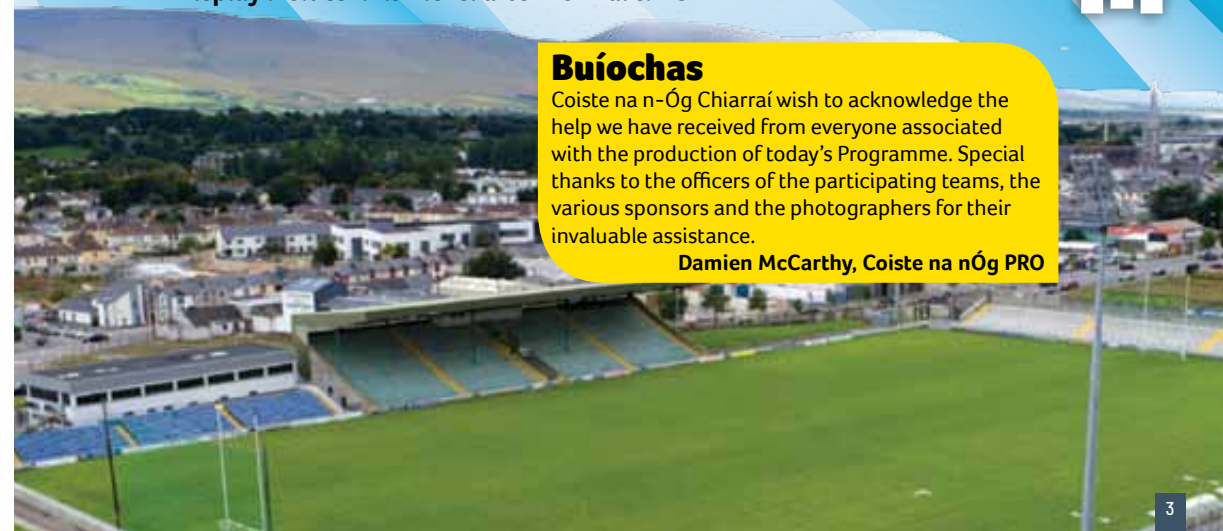
-----Replay if sides finish level after normal time

Buíochas

Coiste na n-Óg Chiarraí wish to acknowledge the help we have received from everyone associated with the production of today's Programme. Special thanks to the officers of the participating teams, the various sponsors and the photographers for their invaluable assistance.

Damien McCarthy, Coiste na nÓg PRO

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Fáiltiú an Chathaoirligh

A Chairde Uilig, Céad Míle Fáilte romhaibh go léir go Páirc Aibhistín de Staic. Fáilte faoi leith chuig Imreoirí, lucht Leanúna, anReiteoir agus na hoifigi freisin.

County Senior Football Final day in Kerry is an incredibly special occasion, none more so than this year when both participating teams – Austin Stacks and Kerins O’Rahilly’s meet for the first time in a County Championship Final since 1936. It is the culmination in so many ways of the excellent work that these sides have done in nurturing the talent in their communities over many years. The knockout aspect to this year’s county Senior Football championship which was necessary because of time constraints is unique and while it is a one off it has nevertheless added a new dimension of competitiveness and intrigue to the whole competition.

It has all culminated in two teams from the Town of Tralee making it to the final in a unique and fascinating pairing which has generated huge interest in the County.

SPONSORS

Garvey’s SuperValu continue in their sponsorship of our County Senior Football and Hurling Championships. Notwithstanding the difficulties encountered as a result of Covid-19 over the past 20 months, Garvey’s SuperValu have remained fully committed Sponsors and we wish to publicly acknowledge their ongoing unrelenting support for our Premier competition.

Garvey’s are a highly successful indigenous business and their outlook and ethos in supporting local mirrors that of Kerry GAA. We are very grateful for their contribution and support, and we welcome in particular Tomás & Jim Garvey along with Kevin McCarthy to today’s County final.

KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM 2021

The year of 2021 turned out to be a very challenging year in many ways for our senior footballers. Under Peter Keane and his management team Kerry shared the Allianz football League Div 1 title with Dublin. Following an impressive victory over Clare in the Munster Championship, Kerry followed up with an emphatic home win over Cork in Killarney earning the Kingdom their 82nd Munster Senior Football title.

The All Ireland semi final was fixed for Saturday 14th August in Croke Park. On the previous Saturday 7th Kerry were advised by Croke Park that there was a Covid-19 outbreak in the Tyrone camp and following an independent test

organised by Croke Park, a considerable number of the squad had tested positive. The game was postponed for one week until Saturday 21st August 2021. On Saturday 14th the Tyrone Co. Board issued a Statement that they would be unable to field a team the following week. We subsequently met with the Kerry Senior Football team and Management and their overarching view was that the game should be played at the earliest opportunity.

Following lengthy discussions with both Tyrone and Croke Park the game was rescheduled for Saturday 28th August (2 weeks later than originally fixed) and following a pulsating encounter Kerry were defeated by a point after extra time. Given the level of preparation, effort and hard work put in by all involved in the set-up, this defeat was extremely disappointing for all concerned not least our loyal supporters. Tyrone went on to defeat Mayo in the All Ireland Final and are worthy All Ireland Champions.

PETER KEANE

I wish to formally thank Peter Keane for his contribution to Gaelic football in Kerry, not only over the past three years as senior manager but the previous three years as minor manager. As I have already said, the unpredictable environment of Covid-19 and its effects impeded Kerry’s preparations and unfortunately, we lost to the eventual All-Ireland Winners Tyrone in a very tight encounter. I also want to thank and acknowledge Peters fellow selectors – Maurice Fitzgerald, James Foley, and Tommy Griffin respectively and wish them all the very best in the future.

FINANCIAL STATUS OF THE BOARD & THE FUTURE

I am pleased to advise that the finances of the Board are in a very healthy state. We made an operational Profit of just over €505K in the 11 months to the end of September 2021 and have since paid down all our Bank debt for 2022. Kerry Co. Board now have a very Strong Balance Sheet having invested €6.1m in Capital Expenditure over the past 5 years and have reduced our Net debt to €554k during that Period also. Over the past 18 months Kerry GAA have been working hard on developing a more sustainable funding model to future proof the Association. Through our Development Officer Liam Lynch we have developed an Endowment Funding which was formally launched yesterday.

NEW KERRY SENIOR FOOTBALL MANAGER – JACK O’CONNOR

At our second last County board meeting,

Jack O’Connor from the Dromid Pearse’s Club was formally ratified as Kerry Senior Football Manager for a two-year period (2022/2023). Jack brings a wealth of experience and expertise to the role having been involved at the highest level previously as a coach and manager. We wish Jack and his entire team all the very best in the coming weeks as they prepare for the 2022 League and Championship.

FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

CURRANS The Currans facility is now our flagship training centre and has proven to be one of the best Strategic decisions taken by Kerry GAA in the promotion and development of Football and hurling in the County. The facility was officially opened on yesterday – Saturday 4th December 2021 by Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy and includes an “All Ireland Senior Medal Winners Wall” as a new addition recognising and acknowledging all our Senior All Ireland Medal Winners.

SPORTS ACADEMY AT MUNSTER TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY TRALEE Earlier this year Kerry CLG completed the contract with Munster Technological University and discharged our final monetary payment as the Strategic

Sporting Partner in the newly developed Sports Academy at the North Campus. This Strategic Alliance between Kerry GAA and MTU Kerry compliments and underpins our training centre in Currans and keeps Kerry GAA at the cutting edge of best practice in Sports Science.

BUÍOCHAS

Today marks my last County Final as Cathaoirleach of Kerry CLG. The past five years have been incredibly busy, exciting, onerous & challenging but also very enjoyable and rewarding. I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone during that period who helped, assisted, and encouraged in any way. To have held the position of Cathaoirleach of Kerry CLG is a great honour and something that I will always be proud of. A huge thank you to all our Patrons and supporters who attended our games during this past year and to our sponsors for their continued generous financial support. Finally, I hope that everyone enjoys this afternoons’ game and may the best team win.

Tadhg Ó Murchú CATHAOIRLEACH,
COISTE CONTAE CHIARRAÍ, C.L.G.



A Message from Tomás Garvey
of Garvey’s SuperValu



COMMUNITY IS THE KEY

IT gives me great pleasure on behalf of Garvey’s SuperValu, to welcome players, mentors and supporters from both Austin Stacks and Kerins O’Rahillys to this afternoon’s unique county senior football championship final.

Unique of course in that the final is being contested here in the splendid surrounds of Austin Stack Park by two Tralee teams, the first such occasion since 1963 when the famed John Mitchels completed a five in-a-row of titles by defeating Kerins O’Rahillys. Indeed one has to go all the way back to 1936 for the last time these two sides contested a final when Austin Stacks got the better of O’Rahillys on a 6 points to 4 scoreline.

This year’s football championship - like last year’s, played in the old knock-out format - opened with the shock defeat of two time champions East Kerry by today’s finalists Austin Stacks who followed up that victory with a routine win over South Kerry. However, it took extra time and a nerve tingling penalty shoot-out before the Rock St. outfit defeated near neighbours St. Brendan’s in the semi-final and qualify for their first final since 2014.

Kerins O’Rahillys have certainly impressed in their three games thus far accounting for St. Kieran’s and Dingle quite comprehensively before edging out a fancied Dr. Crokes side in a nail biting finish to their semi-final encounter and qualifying for their first final since 2008 in the process.

Austin Stacks, who last won the Bishop Moynihan Cup in 2014, will need no reminding that they will join Dr. Crokes at the top of the county championship Leader Board on 13 titles should they win today’s final while the Blues from Strand Road will feel that it is time to bring an end to a nineteen year wait since their last title in 2002.

I have no doubt that this afternoon’s derby game between two age-old Tralee rivals will bring out the best in both sides and we can expect a skilful and exciting game befitting of a Kerry county football final. With local bragging rights at stake, and two colourful sets of supporters in tow, it also promises to be a memorable occasion with no quarter asked or given - as of course it should be!

In Garvey’s we are honoured to be involved as main sponsor of the two premier competitions in the county.

Supporting local is key. The GAA is at the heart of the community here in Kerry and the Garvey’s SuperValu senior football championship is all about community spirit - a commodity that has been very much in evidence throughout the past two difficult years. As always we would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our customers for your continued loyalty and support.

I am sure that both the players and the supporters of both sides are eagerly looking forward to the game ahead. We wish both teams the very best of luck and may the best team win!

Beir bua agus beannacht, TOMÁS Ó GAIRBHÍ





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TODAY'S REFEREE

Jonathan Griffin

GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR



Jonathan Griffin is a member of An Garda Síochána. He has been a GAA referee since 2013. In the years since, Jonathan has progressed to the Munster panel of referees & the National reserve panel of referees, where he has officiated as linesman & 4th official for National League games.

Jonathan has refereed Minor, U21, Intermediate, Senior Division 1 & Senior Club Championship Finals in Kerry. At colleges level, he has refereed Munster Frewen Cup & Corn Úí Mhuirí finals. At third level, he has refereed a Sigerson Cup Quarter Final. This will be Jonathan's first Kerry Senior Championship Final. Jonathan's umpires consist of his father John Griffin, his uncle Kevin Griffin & Bernie Riordan all from Glenbeigh/Glencar GAA Club & his 4th umpire is Johnny O'Connor of Réalt na Mara CLG, Cromane.



His linesmen today are Pádraig O'Sullivan (Firies) & Eddie Walsh (Rathmore). His 4th Official is Jer Lynch (Ballymacelligott).

We would like to wish Jonathan and his officials the very best of luck today.



TODAY WE REMEMBER

UNFORTUNATELY, this year we lost 2 more members of our referee family namely Patrick Corridon, Ballyheigue and Eddie Anthony Walsh, Asdee.

Patrick Corridon, unfortunately passed away in May this year following a brave battle with illness.

He was a fantastic clubman firstly as a player and later as a referee, coach, and delegate. Patrick is one of a few refs that played for Kerry, and later passed on that experience when he coached many of the young boys and girls in the parish of Ballyheigue. He refereed for many years and always commanded the respect of both teams. He was available at short notice to go anywhere to officiate in a game at any level. Come Championship time in Kerry when outside referees would be appointed, Patrick would always be available to do umpire or linesman if they were short. I, myself am not from hurling stock but one day I ended up doing umpire with Patrick for a hurling match, and he talked me through the game. When the first ball whizzed over my head, he smiled and said that my 'eye was in' after that one. One thing I noticed that day is that he was talking/advising the goalies and praising them for the things they did well. It was only after I found out that he was a former Kerry goalie. **RIP Patrick, fondly missed by all.**

In April 2021, a stalwart in North Kerry affectionately known Eddie Ant passed away. Very highly regarded and a huge supporter of Kerry football, Eddie dedicated 58 years to the GAA as a player, and later administrator and held numerous roles with his club and district. Eddie took up refereeing in the late 80's and was still active up to a few years ago. He was known far and wide throughout the county as a very fair and competent official which culminated in Eddie officiating the 1995 North Kerry Championship Final. Not noted for dishing out cards, according to his great friend, Jack Hennessy, a stern telling off was much better than a yellow card. One thing I have been told about Eddie Ant going back to my playing days is that if a referee had failed to show up for a game, he would stop what he was doing and go and ref the game himself. He was known for often milking the cows late at night because of this. This dedication was also shown in his many roles with the North Kerry Board. His void will be felt by many in North Kerry.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a Anam.

DID YOU KNOW?

25 years ago, John Martin Brick refereed the Senior Hurling Championship final and Muiris Ó Suilleabháin refereed the Senior Football County Championship.

I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my condolences to all the referees who lost loved ones in the past 12 months.

MARK Ó GRÍOFA, Referees Co-ordinator.

KERRY GAA AND THE PANDEMIC



by LIAM LYNCH,
Kerry Development and Covid Officer

WHEN the clock in the Billiards Room of Hayes' Hotel struck 3pm on Saturday November 1st 1884 Maurice Davin called the fateful meeting that would found the GAA to order. Little did he, Cusack and their six companions think that one of the biggest future challenges their new organisation would face would emanate from a far-flung province in China, many thousands of miles away.

In a Pandemic that has brought widespread loss, suffering, trepidation and change, the role of sport has never been more important. Whether as a distraction for a few small hours either as a spectator or on TV, as an outlet for enjoyment and self-expression for our youth or as a reason to link up with other members of one's community, sport has played a pivotal role. Within this however the role played by the GAA, its players, members, families, and supporters would have exceeded the wildest expectations of the founding fathers in Thurles on that Saturday.

Clubs and their officials in Kerry have given the best leadership and example possible to their communities since the very beginning back in March 2020. Acting as the focal point for food and medicine delivery (amongst many other roles) in local parishes in the early months, justly earned widespread recognition and praise. However, such plaudits were unnecessary - because this is what Kerry GAA people do, day in, day out. They are volunteers who complete often thankless tasks for the good of their club and parish and all within. When put to the test the willingness of our members and supporters to help their friends and neighbours has and will never be in question.

As an organisation it became apparent very early on that a new communication system between Croke Park and clubs would be required. HSE guidelines, GAA regulations and much more began to hit the inboxes of all our Club Chairpersons and Secretaries and their resulting role in maintaining an operational club structure should never be forgotten. Whether Covid Officers ensuring safety protocols were met or coaching team members grappling with the complexities of the Foireann system, all Kerry GAA administrative hands came on deck and have risen to the challenge.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank my own Covid Committee of John Joe Carroll, Mike Murphy, Joe Crowley and Mike O'Brien. We were unique in the GAA in that we set up a dedicated "hotline" for clubs/parents/officials whereby we would answer all calls on the same day and find the answer from the HSE if we didn't know it. To date we have dealt with over 2,700 calls from Kerry Clubs and I could not be more thankful to my fellow members.

I vividly remember talking with Tommy Cronin (Coiste na nÓg Chairperson) one Sunday evening in 2020 as he outlined the wide program of matches that they had planned for all age groups. When other GAA counties and different sports were producing often very limited schedules, I, as a parent, was blown away by the effort that our juvenile games organisers were putting in to give games to our young people. Coaches, referees, stewards and many others have combined with Tommy and his team to put smiles on thousands of young faces over the past eighteen months.

Personal responsibility has been at the heart of the HSE 's and consequently the GAA's response since the Pandemic began. From an adult player and spectator's viewpoint, adherence to protocols and ensuring that everyone does their best as part of a community has been a key factor in the successful running of a full games and training program in Kerry. We, whether on an individual or organizational basis, cannot get everything right all of the time but if we do our best on a continual basis little more can be asked of us.

On a wider basis, working through the Pandemic has ensured that a number of implications and reasons for thought have arisen throughout the organisation. Lessons can be learned that will be beneficial for all GAA entities long into the future. From a financial viewpoint, having strong savings and a solid stream of recurring income acts as a ballast in times of crisis and is vital in planning for the future. I began a project two years ago on a model that will provide such a solution - an Endowment Model based on how the global college education system (and the US in particular) funds itself. This is now being launched with Denis Brosnan as Chairperson. Furthermore, the GAA itself is looking at the same model and this will be a gamechanger for the association I believe.

From a club and district perspective, the Pandemic has strongly shown the importance of having well structured plans in place. For many throughout Ireland the period since early 2020 has been generally comprised of fire fighting and short-term decision making. However, for others who had a plan in place they availed of the opportunity to do capital works or some strong fundraising initiatives. If any club officer is reading this and wishes to explore how to begin such a plan, then please contact either myself or the incoming Development Officer.

When I refer to "opportunity" above I am doing so in the context of fundraising. Never before have we seen the level of savings that are currently held in Ireland - €135bn at the end of September. We, as a country, have been saving over €20 from every €100 earned since the beginning of the pandemic. Well run and planned

fundraising projects by Kerry Clubs over the past number of months have all exceeded expectations and whilst I am not saying that every entity should rush out and do something, the savings backdrop has rarely, if ever, been so supportive. Again, get in touch if I can help in any way.

In summary, the Pandemic continues to challenge us in every facet of our daily lives. The GAA, as the unparalleled volunteer led organisation that it is, has been an outstanding community leader in so many ways. It is vitally important that every family, parent, player, official and supporter does their very best on a personal basis to ensure that this position is not threatened. Smiles on the faces of young players, the joy of supporting, chatting and the benefits of helping and being helped are what we have maintained since March 2020. Please do your best as we continue the struggle.

Patrick Corridon RIP



AR an Domhnach an 9 Bealtaine tháinig scamall ar ár bparóiste nuair a chualamar go raibh Patrick Corridon, iarchúlbaire iománaíochta le Baile Uí Thaidhg agus Ciarraí, imithe ar shlí na firinne. Tar éis éirí as a chuid imeartha, chaith sé blianta ag traenáil na bhfoirne óga agus dhein sé an-chuid oibre mar Theachta an Chlub agus bhí sé ina réiteoir cumasach chomh maith. Fear foighneach, ciúin, tuisceannach ab ea é agus dhein sé a dhicheadall cabhrú le daoine eile.

A cloud descended over the parish of Ballyheigue on Sunday, 9 May, when the news broke that our dear friend and former Ballyheigue and Kerry Goalkeeper Patrick Corridon had gone to his eternal reward at a young age and following an illness bravely borne.

Patrick dedicated his life to Ballyheigue Hurling. Having represented both Ballyheigue and Kerry with great distinction, he then dedicated his life to coaching the next generations of Ballyheigue players. On Saturday mornings, he would be seen patiently coaching young boys

and girls and inspiring them to be the best players they could be. He also coached at both schools in the parish. One of his phrases "No bunching, says Patrick" is still used by young hurlers at training sessions.

His love for Ballyheigue knew no bounds. Indeed, just a few weeks prior to his passing, he contacted the Coiste na nÓg Secretary to find out who would be assisting him in coaching duties this year. He was a loyal delegate and represented our club at many meetings. He also spent many years refereeing matches. His cool and calm persona was well suited to the often heated environment of a hurling match.

Apart from his hurling prowess and dedication to his club, he was to all who knew him a gentle and caring soul who would do everything in his power to help those in need. As a GAA community we are heartbroken because a man like 'Our Patrick' does not come along very often.

"Patrick, the Great Referee in the sky has blown the final whistle following a long tough match. Rest Well, Our Dear Friend. We miss you terribly." His parents John P. and Kathleen and his siblings Michelle, Louise, Aileen, Kieran and all who mourn for Patrick will be forever in our thoughts and prayers. "Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam."

RISTEÁRD Ó FUARÁIN, Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí, CLG Bhaile Uí Thaidhg





Kerins O'Rahillys

Path to the Final



FIRST ROUND:

Kerins O'Rahillys 1-16 St. Kierans 0-9

Kerins O'Rahillys' opener was the Tommy Walsh show all the way. The big man was simply unstoppable here, fielding majestically and seeing off all comers. He finished with 0-6 to his name, three of them from marks, to send out a real message to all and sundry about Rahillys credentials. St. Kierans, shorn of some key players, never really got into their stride, while Rahillys hit the ground running. By the first water break Tommy had two points including a mark, Jack Savage also had two to his name, while Conor Hayes had swung over a beauty. James Walsh and Adam Barry had split the posts for St. Kierans to leave them trailing by 0-5 to 0-2. Paul Walsh (2) and Philip O'Connor joined them on the scoreboard in the second quarter, but Walsh, Savage (2) and Hayes repeated the first quarter dose to give Rahillys a deserved 0-9 to 0-5 half-time lead.

Tommy Walsh added three points to his tally on the resumption, with Barry John Keane also on target. Paul Walsh had St. Kierans' sole rejoinder to make it double scores, 0-14 to 0-7, at the second water break. Rahillys were always in control after that, with Jack Savage and Hayes adding points before Jack latched on to a great ball over the top from David Moran and nailed the clinching goal. Luka Brosnan did force a great save out of Shane Foley late on, but Rahillys had already done enough by then to confirm their berth in Round Two

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Donagh Buckley, Ross O'Callaghan, Cormac Coffey, Darragh McElligott, Shane Brosnan, Cian Sayers, David Moran, Seán Walsh, Tom Hoare, Jack Savage (1,5, 3f), Gearóid Savage, Barry John Keane (0-1), Tommy Walsh (0-6, 3 marks), Conor Hayes (0-4) **Subs:** Diarmuid O'Sullivan (for Tom Hoare, 40 mins), Shane McElligott (for Gearóid Savage, 52 mins), Conor O'Sullivan (for Jack Savage, 60 mins), Daniel Bowler (for Seán Walsh, 61 mins)

St. Kierans: Seán Óg Ó Ciardubháin, Shane Fitzmaurice, Brian Leonard, Michael Reidy, Michael Walsh, Maurice Hickey, Luka Brosnan, Adam Donoghue, James Walsh (0-2), Philip O'Connor (0-1), Aidan Breen, Daniel O'Shea, Paul Walsh (0-4, 2f), Vinny Horan, Adam Barry (0-2, 1f) **Subs:** Michael Hannafin (for Michael Reidy, half-time), Thomas Hickey (for Vinny Horan, half-time), Seamus Brosnan (for Daniel O'Shea, 38 mins), Cian O'Connor (for Aidan Breen, 52 mins). **Referee:** Billy O'Shea (Keel).

QUARTER-FINAL:

Kerins O'Rahillys 2-16 Dingle 0-13

With all eyes on Tommy Walsh, it was Barry John Keane's turn to take the spotlight as he notched three points in a sparkling first quarter. Paul Geaney had Dingle's lone reply, while their cause took a real blow with the departure through injury of Mikey Geaney.

Rahillys led by 0-5 to 0-1 at the water break. Dingle did get chances on the resumption, but Donagh Buckley brilliantly intercepted Dylan Geaney at the last minute while Shane Foley denied Paul Geaney with a great save. Rahillys were much more clinical, with Darragh McElligott getting forward for a fine score and Conor Hayes notching a brace as they led by 0-8 to 0-4, Paul Geaney adding two more to his tally and Conor Geaney getting the last score of the half.

Dingle came flying out of the blocks and soon drew level, with Paul Geaney again to the fore. However, Rahillys response was emphatic as they took complete charge. Jack Savage (2) and Tommy Walsh reeled off three points on the trot before Walsh offloaded to Conor Hayes for a trademark goal. Tommy Walsh added a point and Gavin O'Brien gathered a superb pass by Barry John Keane for goal number two. Dingle did rally late on, but their challenge was effectively done and dusted as Rahillys marched into the final four.

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Donagh Buckley, Ross O'Callaghan, Cormac Coffey, Darragh McElligott (0-1), Shane Brosnan, Con Barrett, David Moran (0-1), Tom Hoare, Gearoid Savage, Jack Savage (0-6, 4f), Gavin O'Brien (1-1), Barry John Keane (0-3), Tommy Walsh (0-2, 1m), Conor Hayes (1-2). **Subs:** Shane McElligott (for Gearóid Savage, 53 mins), Sean Walsh (for Conor Hayes, 55 mins), Diarmuid O'Sullivan (for Gavin O'Brien, 57 mins), Jerome Daly (for Con Barrett, 59 mins).

Dingle: Gavin H Curran, Conor O'Sullivan, Pdraig O'Connor, Tom O'Sullivan (0-1), Matthew Flaherty, Mikey Geaney, Aidan O'Connor, Barry O'Sullivan (0-1), Billy O'Connor, Tadhg Browne, Niall Geaney, George Durrant, Conor Geaney (0-3, 1f), Paul Geaney (0-7, 4f), Dylan Geaney (0-1). **Subs:** Michael Flannery (for Mikey Geaney, 7 mins), Mark Ashe (for Tadhg de Brun, 46 mins), Colin Moriarty (for George Durrant, 53 mins), Darragh O'Sullivan (for Conor O'Sullivan, 59 mins), Pdraig Sheehy (for Billy O'Connor (59 mins).

Referee: Seamus Mulvihill (St Senan's).

SEMI-FINAL:

Kerins O'Rahillys 0-15 Dr. Crokes 0-14

A game that finished in a welter of excitement was very much a slow burner at the start. In fact a full 14 minutes had elapsed before Dr. Crokes' Tony Brosnan first troubled an umpire, with Brian Looney doubling their tally almost immediately. Brosnan struck again to make it 0-3 to 0-0 at the first break. Rahillys had created a number of chances, but were surprisingly wasteful. Jack Savage finally opened their account with a free and added another late in the half, while Barry John Keane fired over their only point from play. Dr. Crokes were asking constant questions with their pace, and it was reaping rewards on the scoreboard as Kieran O'Leary, Tony Brosnan, David Shaw (2), and Brian Looney gave them a deserved 0-8 to 0-3 lead at half-time.

At that stage one would have had to fancy the kingpins of Kerry from 20015-18 to re-ascend their throne, but Rahillys were forged of brighter steel and this occasion. Micheál Burns put the lead to six, but Rahillys sprang into life thereafter as Barry John Keane, Jack Savage (2) and Conor Hayes all found their shooting boots. Rahillys had a man sent off at that stage in a game that was fractious enough at times. However, Dr. Crokes had a player back-carded for a pull-down and then lost another to a red card. They were still in command of the scoreboard, however, with Shane Murphy slotting a long range free. The goalkeeper had to depart the scene

shortly afterwards after getting injured in a collision with a Rahillys player. Jack Savage pulled a point back and was denied a goal by Brian Looney on the line, with Jack slotting the resultant '45. Conor Hayes levelled matters.

Rahillys, with David Moran a colossus in midfield, were well on top now and Jack Savage added two frees to put them in front. Tony Brosnan pulled one back but Conor Hayes cancelled that out. Jordan Kiely and Barry John Keane traded scores. Tony Brosnan once more trimmed the gap back to one but, try as they might, Crokes just couldn't conjure up an equaliser and it was the Strand Road men who advanced to meet their Rock St. neighbours in the 2021 County Final.

Kerins O'Rahillys: Shane Foley, Donagh Buckley, Ross O'Callaghan, Cormac Coffey, Darragh McElligott, Shane Brosnan, Cian Sayers, David Moran, Con Barrett, Gavin O'Brien, Jack Savage (0-8, 6f, 1'45), Gearóid Savage, Barry John Keane (0-3), Tommy Walsh (0-1), Conor Hayes (0-3). **Subs:** Tom Hoare (for Cian Sayers, 6 mins), Patrick Begley (for Gearóid Savage, 45 mins).

Dr. Crokes: Shane Murphy (0-1, 1f), John Payne, Michael Moloney, Fionn Fitzgerald, Mark Cooper, Gavin White, David Naughton, Mark O'Shea, Johnny Buckley, Gavin O'Shea, Micheal Burns (0-1), Brian Looney (0-2), Tony Brosnan (0-6, 3f), David Shaw (0-2), Kieran O'Leary (0-1). **Subs:** Evan Looney (for Kieran O'Leary, 48 mins), Adam Kelly (for Shane Murphy, 52, mins), Jordan Kiely 0-1 (for Micheal Burns, 59 mins), Daithi Casey (for Brian Looney, 60 mins), Tom Doyle (for Gavin O'Shea, 66 mins). **Referee:** Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon).

David Moran and Tommy Walsh (Kerins O'Rahillys) celebrate after victory over Dr. Crokes in the recent County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park.



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PREVIOUS ALL-TRALEE COUNTY FINALS

TRALEE Mitchels were the heartbeat of Kerry GAA in its early days – Kerry won their first All Ireland, the 1903 Final, against the Lilywhites of Kildare while wearing Mitchels' trademark green with red trim.

It would be Castlegregory native Pat O'Shea, himself a Mitchels' player, who would nominate green and gold as Kerry's colours in 1925. In 1928 the County Board took the decision to divide Tralee into three teams. Boherbee retained the name of the great Fenian and became known as John Mitchels, while Rock St. would subsequently be named after Austin Stack and Strand Rd. would be named after the executed Charlie Kerins and the O'Rahilly of Ballylongford. Since then there have been few derbies as passionate in Kerry football as a Tralee clash in the County Final. Today marks another chapter in an ongoing story of Kerry football.

1928

Austin Stacks 3- 4 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-7

The three Tralee teams had no difficulty in reaching the semi-final, where Rock St. overcame Boherbee while Strand Rd. saw off Listowel. A large crowd gathered for the final in the Tralee Sports Field to see the first real Tralee derby. It was Strand Rd. who made the early running and they should have been more than two points ahead at half-time.

It looked as if it would be costly as Rock St. upped their game and soon drew level. However a long free from midfield broke in the Strand Rd. square and a penalty was awarded and duly despatched. Try as they might, Strand Rd. couldn't close that gap and Rock St. lifted their first ever county title at the expense of their neighbours.

1929

Boherbee 3-4 Rock St. 0-4

Rock St. overcame West Kerry comfortably enough by 1-11 to 2-4 but Boherbee and Strand St. was a cracker, with Boherbee prevailing by a single point. Rock St., with Pedlar Sweeney, Dan Ryan, Joe Barrett, and the Landers brothers, were considered favourites.

However, Boherbee scored an easy goal early on, with Eugene Powell and Pat Costello dominating midfield,

they led by 2-2 to 0-0 at half-time. Rock St. did come back at them in the second half and pressed very hard late on, but couldn't get the goals they needed as Boherbee prevailed on a 3-4 to 0-4 scoreline. The same teams, and a lot of the same personnel, were to contest the hurling final, where Rock St. prevailed.

1930

Rock St. 4-4 Strand Rd. 2-5

Champions Boherbee fell by a point to North Kerry in the quarter-final, who also gave a good account of themselves against Strand Rd. in the semi-final before bowing out on a 1-7 to 1-2 scoreline.

Rock St., meanwhile, had easily disposed of both South and West Kerry. In the final, James 'Bruddy' Quill got an early Strand Rd. goal and they had another one bundled in through a crowded goalmouth. Just before half-time Martin 'Bracker' O'Regan goaled for Rock St. and they trailed by 2-1 to 1-2 at the break.

Sam Locke (2) and Jack Healy tacked on Strand Rd. points but Rock St. were hitting their stride. Rory O'Connell's shot was deemed to have been caught behind the line, Miko Doyle struck for another goal, and Eddie Barrett raised Rock St.'s third green flag. That left them in control and they ran out winners on a 4-4 to 2-5 scoreline.

1931

Austin Stacks 2-7 Boherbee 1-3

1931 saw a fourth all-Tralee final in a row, and once again it was Rock St (by now named after the great Austin Stack) and Boherbee who faced off, Mitchels having defeated Strand Rd. in a replayed semi-final after an objection – something that was all-too-prevalent in the GAA in general in those days.

Micheál Ó Ruairc, who had coached Tralee CBS to that years' Corn Uí Mhuirí (the Kerry GAA Secretary would guide them to four-in-a-row) opened the scoring for Boherbee and Willie Mason goaled, while Tim 'Roundy' Landers had two Rock St. points. Ó Ruairc added a second point in the second half, but that was Boherbee's only further score as Rock St. began to pull away. Paddy Drummond and Jimmy O'Gorman

had points before Martin 'Bracker' O'Regan goaled. O'Gorman added another point before John Joe 'Purty' Landers goaled and Martin 'Bracker' O'Regan's point sealed another Rock St. victory.

1933

Kerins O'Rahillys 5-5 Austin Stacks 0-6

Austin Stacks met John Mitchels in one semi-final, and Stacks prevailed after a replay in which goalkeeper Brendan Reidy was the hero of the hour. Former Mitchels' player Jackie Ryan scored all of Stacks' 1-2 as they prevailed by a single point. O'Rahillys sensationally lost to West Kerry in the other semi-final, but a replay was ordered after an objection and this time the Tralee side prevailed.

A cracking final between the Tralee sides prevailed and a one point margin after an Austin Stacks' own goal would have only whetted appetites. The second half, however, was surprisingly one-sided, as Larry Crowley notched a hat-trick and Willie Brick added another goal for the new champions O'Rahillys.

1934

O'Rahillys and Austin Stacks once again qualified for the County Final but with internment announced in Tralee, Austin Stacks withdrew and O'Rahillys immediately and unhesitatingly backed their decision.

1936

Austin Stacks 0-6 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-4

Rock St.'s aging team were affectionately known as the 'relics of old decency' but they had one last footballing battle in them. That year's championship was held on a league format with two groups of five and the top two qualifying for the semi-finals. It made for a lot of football, with Austin Stacks qualifying to play Dingle and O'Rahillys playing South Kerry. Stacks' defeat of Dingle was anticipated; Rahillys impressive defeat of South Kerry perhaps less so.

The final was very evenly contested, with 0-3 apiece at half-time. On the resumption Tim 'Roundy' Landers fired over a free to put the Rockies in front, while the loss of the influential Willie Brick seemed to have an adverse affect on Rahillys and Rahillys won out on a 0-6 to 0-4 scoreline after a very good game.

1961

John Mitchels 2-9 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-8

In 1961 John Mitchels were bidding to become only

the third Kerry side (after Dr. Crokes 1912-14 and Rock St. 1930-33) to win three county finals in a row. They had the players to do it, too, with four of John Joe Sheehy's sons, Fred Lynch, John 'Thorny' O'Shea, Seamus Roche, Harry Burke, Fred Lych, Alan Conway, Dom O'Donnell, and Teddy O'Dowd – all names to conjure with.

Feale Rangers, however, had very nearly caused a shock, leading by four points with time almost up in the quarter-final, only for Mitchels to snatch a draw and win the replay. They had blitzed five goals past a hapless Crokes in the semi-final, though, and looked back to their best. Rahillys, who had by now added the executed Tralee native Charlie Kerins to their name, were very much underdogs in the final, even with John Dowling, goalkeeper Pa Kerins, Garry Clifford, and Mick Murphy. As it happened, they put up a tremendous battle until the last quarter, when Mitchels started to pull away after Seamus Roche hit the net. Brendan Galvin fisted a second goal to give the winners a slightly flattering 2-9 to 0-8 final scoreline.

1963

John Mitchels 4-4 Kerins O'Rahillys 2-3

If three in a row was unlikely, then five in a row was considered almost inconceivable. No other team has done it before or since in Kerry football – Dr. Crokes came very close recently, reaching a fifth final in a row but losing out to East Kerry. It shows just how difficult it is to maintain so high a standard for so long.

They got a fright in the opening round, leading by ten points at half-time against Mid Kerry but just barely winning by a single point in the finish. They were back to their best in the quarter-final, though, putting four goals past South Kerry, and a John 'Thorny' O'Shea goal saw them past Feale Rangers in the semi-final. Standing in their way once again were neighbours Kerins O'Rahillys. They had blitzed east Kerry by double scores, 0-12 to 1-3, in a very one-sided semi-final and looked like formidable opposition.

They took the game to Mitchels right from the off, but didn't take advantage of their scoring chances and trailed by 0-3 to 0-1 after the first quarter. A sweeping Mitchels move saw Dom O'Donnell lay off to Teddy O'Dowd, who gave Moss O'Connor no chance with a blistering shot and Mitchels took full control after that. Dom O'Donnell gathered a rebound to fire home their second goal. Four minutes after the restart Teddy O'Dowd struck another killer blow and a defensive error gave Derry O'Shea the easiest of chances to net a fourth. Rahillys did have a penalty saved by Johnny Kelliher late on, but there was no denying the superiority of the champions and the record they achieved that day remains unbroken.



Austin Stacks

Path to the Final



FIRST ROUND:

Austin Stacks 1-7 East Kerry 1-5

One tie was always going to catch the eye in the opening round of the 2021 County Championship with the meeting of two-time county champions East Kerry and three in a row club champions Austin Stacks. Most pundits were tipping a star-studded East Kerry to go on and retain their title. However, on the night it was the club side who pulled out all the stops and dominated from start to finish. A superb defensive strategy that was highlighted by Dylan Casey's display against no less a player than David Clifford was key to the victory.

Austin Stacks only led by 0-5 to 0-2 at half-time; this wasn't any demolition job. But inaccuracy was their only difficulty, plus Shane O'Callaghan's bullet crashing back off the crossbar. Fiachna Mangan had the first two scores and Dylan Casey another. Wayne Guthrie slotted a '45. Kieran Donaghy was the best player on the pitch on his 60th County Championship appearance, beating Ger O'Keefe's previous record for the club of 59, involved in everything. He got the fifth point himself. Darragh Roche and David Clifford scored frees for East Kerry.

Jack O'Shea pointed and Fiachna Mangan goaled. East Kerry lost a player to a red card. Believe it or not the next score didn't arrive until after 50 minutes - this wasn't pretty - and it was a David Clifford free. Paudie notched a '45 but Jack O'Shea replied. David Clifford departed after his second yellow. Paul O'Shea got a late East Kerry goal and Paudie Clifford added a point. In the end it was 1-7 to 1-5, but that scoreline wasn't remotely reflective of the game. Austin Stacks had just sent every other team out there a warning that they meant business.

Austin Stacks: Wayne Guthrie (0-1 '145), Colin Griffin, Dylan Casey (0-1), Jack O'Shea (0-2), Paul O'Sullivan, Conor Jordan, Ronan Shanahan, Joseph O'Connor (1-0), Greg Horan, Michael O'Gara, Fiachna Mangan (0-2), Armin Heinrich, Michael O'Donnell, Kieran Donaghy (0-1), Shane O'Callaghan. **Subs:** Sean Quilter (for Michael O'Donnell, 38 mins), Darragh O'Brien (for Shane O'Callaghan, 49 mins), Barry Shanahan (for Greg Horan, 56 mins), Adam Curran (for Fiachna Mangan, 58 mins), Donagh McMahon (for Jack O'Shea, 63 mins).

East Kerry: Brendan Kealy, Niall Donohue, Chris O'Donoghue, Pa Warren, Daniel O'Brien, Jack Sherwood, Brendan O'Keefe, Mark Ryan, Ronan Buckley, Paul Murphy, Paudie Clifford (0-2, '145), Kevin McCarthy, David Clifford 0-2

(f) (Fossa), Darragh Roche 0-1 (f) (Glenflesk), Patrick Darcy (Glenflesk). **Subs:** Donal O'Sullivan (for Patrick Darcy, 40 mins), Darragh Rahilly (for Brendan O'Keefe, 44 mins), Kieran Murphy (for Mark Ryan, 44 mins), Paul O'Shea 1-0 (for Kevin McCarthy, 49 mins), Brian O'Donoghue (for Ronan Buckley, 61 mins). **Referee:** Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon).

QUARTER-FINAL:

Austin Stacks 0-14 South Kerry 1-6

If anyone thought that Austin Stacks' defeat of East Kerry had been fortuitous, this one quickly disillusioned them. Make no mistake. Just as the scoreline in Austin Stacks' defeat of East Kerry was deceptive, so is this one. There wasn't five points between the teams at the finish, there was an entire gulf as South Kerry struggled to get to grips with the Tralee sides' pace and power.

Shane O'Callaghan and Kieran Donaghy supplemented the super-accurate Darragh O'Brien (4) for a 0-6 to 0-0 lead at the first water break. Jack Daly finally opened South Kerry's account in the 17th minute, but they were already reeling on the ropes. Their cause wasn't helped by the departure of Graham O'Sullivan with injury, while Dylan Casey once again caught the eye as he man-marked danger-man Eanna O'Connor. It was 0-9 to 0-3 at half-time. South Kerry did fight back in the third quarter, with Killian Young, Rob Wharton, and Dilan O'Donoghue sparking a revival that saw them haul the gap back down to a manageable four points, but a second yellow for Wharton and a black card for the always-dangerous Niall Ó Sé was fatal to their comeback. It was 0-12 to 0-6 at the three quarter mark and Austin Stacks were always in control from there to the finish.

Austin Stacks: Wayne Guthrie, Colin Griffin, Dylan Casey, Jack O'Shea, Paul O'Sullivan, Conor Jordan, Ronan Shanahan, Joseph O'Connor, Greg Horan, Michael O'Gara (0-1), Fiachna Mangan, Armin Heinrich (0-1), Darragh O'Brien (0-8, 6f), Kieran Donaghy (0-2, 1m), Shane O'Callaghan (0-1). **Subs:** Brendan O'Sullivan for Heinrich (48 mins), Sean Quilter 0-1 (free) for O'Brien (50 mins), Michael O'Donnell (for Shane O'Callaghan, 50 mins), Adam Curran (for Dylan Casey, 52 mins), Barry Shanahan (for Paul O'Sullivan, 53 mins).

South Kerry: Padraig O'Sullivan, Brian Sugrue, Fionan Clifford, Shane O'Connor, Graham O'Sullivan, Ronan O'Shea, Rob Wharton, Mark Griffin, Jack Daly (0-1), Tadhg Sugrue, Eanna O'Connor (0-3, 3f), Aidan Walsh, Niall O'Shea, Daragh O'Sullivan, Dilan Donoghue (0-1). **Subs:** Oran Clifford (for

Graham O'Sullivan, 16 mins), Matthew O'Sullivan (for Daragh O'Sullivan, half-time), Killian Young 0-1 (for Aidan Walsh, 38 mins), Mike O'Leary (for Brian Sugrue, 50 mins), Diarmuid Keating (for Tadhg Sugrue (52 mins).

Referee: Jonathan Griffin (Glenbeigh/Glencar).

SEMI-FINAL:

Austin Stacks 2-9 St. Brendan's 1-12 (Stacks win 5-4 on penalties AET)

Again this was a slow burner of an opening half that gave no hint of the drama that was to unfold. An impressive Stefan Okunbor opened the scoring for St. Brendan's but Kieran Donaghy teed up Darragh O'Brien for an equaliser. James Duggan and Darragh O'Brien traded frees to make it 0-2 apiece by the water break. The truth is that both defences were well on top, and it took 28 minutes for the next score to arrive courtesy of just-introduced Ivan Parker, with O'Brien evening things up at half-time, 0-3 apiece. That pair of sharpshooters exchanged scores again on the restart, but Brendan's suffered a real blow with the departure of the influential Diarmuid O'Connor. Andrew Barry scored a long range beauty while Wayne Guthrie had to make a superb save to deny Brendan's a goal. O'Brien and Parker once again traded points to leave St. Brendan's in front by 0-6 to 0-5, and it was O'Brien once more who made it 0-6 apiece with a 55th minute free. Stacks caught a lucky break at that point as an O'Brien free dropped uncharacteristically short, only for big Micheal O'Donnell to rise high and fist home. Undeterred, St. Brendan's opened the throttle and threw the proverbial kitchen sink at their opponents. Ivan Parker pointed a free, Seán Quilter swung over, and finally Eoghan O'Brien slotted a '45 to take the game into injury time.

Seán Quilter, very impressive on his introduction, nudged Stacks in front and Brendan O'Sullivan doubled the lead. Parker pulled one back from a free but their hopes suffered a hammer blow as a high ball from Seán Quilter dropped

into the Brendans' net to make it 2-8 to 0-10. Once again, though, St. Brendan's character came to the fore. Thomas Kearns and David O'Callaghan split the posts before Ivan Parker's precision shot gave Wayne Guthrie no chance. With the clock running down, Seán Quilter swung over a pressure free to take the game to penalties.

Seán Quilter, Adam Curran, Michael O'Donnell, Michael O'Gara and finally Kieran Donaghy all nailed their efforts, while Wayne Guthrie denied St. Brendan's second effort, and that was just enough of a margin to put the club side through by the skin of their teeth after the game of the championship so far.

Austin Stacks: Wayne Guthrie, Colin Griffin, Dylan Casey, Jack O'Shea, Paul O'Sullivan, Conor Jordan, Ronan Shanahan, Joseph O'Connor, Greg Horan, Michael O'Gara, Shane O'Callaghan, Fiachna Mangan, Brendan O'Sullivan (0-1), Kieran Donaghy, Darragh O'Brien (0-6, 3f). **Subs:** Armin Heinrich (for Ronan Shanahan, half-time), Michael O'Donnell 1-0 (for Michael O'Gara, 43 mins), Sean Quilter 1-2, 1m, 1f (for Shane O'Callaghan, 48 mins), Barry Shanahan (for Fiachna Mangan, 54 mins), Adam Curran (for Paul O'Sullivan, 55 mins), Michael O'Gara (for Greg Horan, 61 mins), Barry Walsh (for Jack O'Shea, 65 mins), Niall Fitzmaurice (for Colin Griffin, half-time), Donagh McMahon (for Darragh O'Brien, 76 mins).

St Brendan's: Eoghan O'Brien (0-1, '145), Enda O'Connor, Trevor Wallace, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Andrew Barry (0-1), Stefan Okunbor (0-1), Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor, Liam O'Donnell, Daithi Griffin, Fionan Mackessy, Dan Goggin, Alan O'Donoghue, James Duggan (0-1, 1f). **Subs:** Ivan Parker 1-5, 1f (for Alan O'Donoghue (28 mins), Joe Lenihan (for Diarmuid O'Connor, 32 mins), David O'Callaghan 0-1 (for Liam O'Donnell, 50 mins), Mikey Kelliher (for James Duggan, 50 mins), Kieran Dwyer (for Trevor Wallace, 61 mins), Thomas Kearns 0-1 (for Fergal Barry, 62 mins), Tomas Ó hAiniféin (for Daithi Griffin, 66 mins), Michael Walsh (for Dan Goggin, 66 mins), Eric Leen (for Enda O'Connor (et, 75 mins). **Referee:** Eddie Walsh (Rathmore).

Austin Stacks players celebrate after victory over St. Brendan's in the recent County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park.

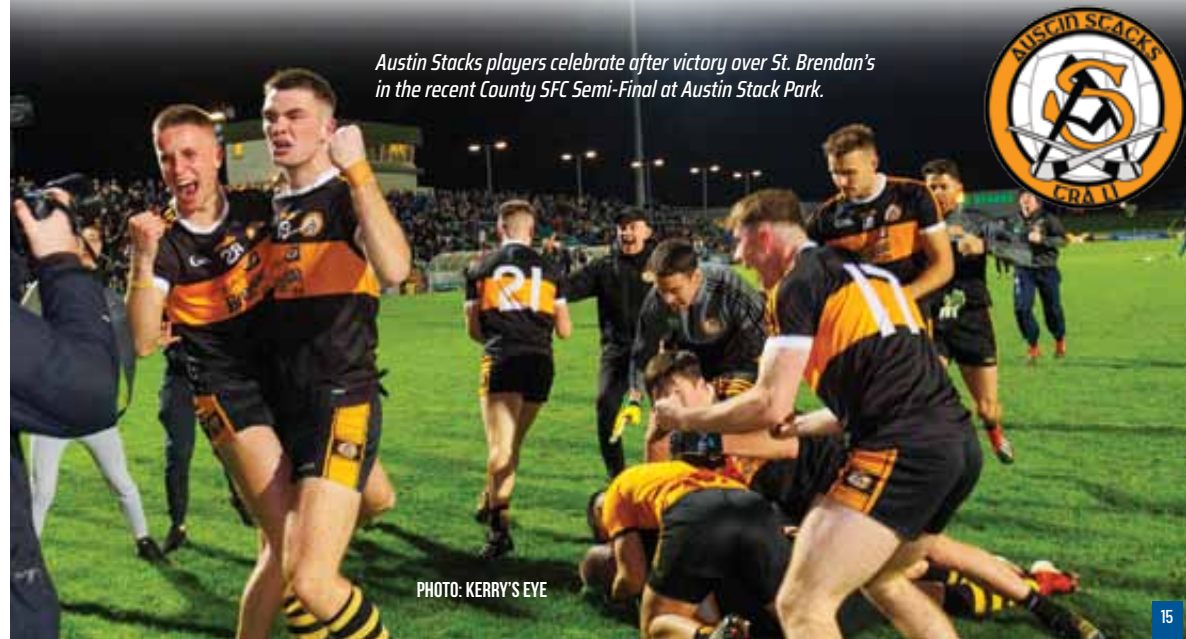


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CORN UÍ MHUIRÍ 2020

KERRY have had a near monopoly of the Corn Uí Mhuirí in recent years and it's no huge surprise to see the cup back inside the county bounds - real credit to our juvenile development system as well as the hard work of the schools.

The 2020 Corn Uí Mhuirí campaign was, for obvious reasons, one of the most disrupted. It was also one of the most exciting. But it's fair to say that there weren't too many who would have predicted the eventual winners after Tralee CBS lost their first two games in the O'Sullivan Cup - the school, once lords of the competition and the heartbeat of Kerry football, hadn't lifted the coveted trophy since 2007. PS Chorca Dhuibhne had several big names on board, but had very little panel depth. The same is true of Killorglin (who were unlucky to meet both the Sem and the Green in their group) and Mercy Mounthawk, both of whom really rattled cages but couldn't make the breakthrough.

SP Sliabh Luachra had made the big step up from B to A standard, could they handle this altitude? It turned out that it was a natural environment for them. In fact, they gave the eventual winners their toughest test along the way, a real nail-biter.

Bandon were everybody's surprise package, racking up big results in group qualifying, but the Green raised a lot of eyebrows by walloping them in the second half of the quarter-final. That set-up the all-Kerry semi-final between Tralee and SP Sliabh Luachra, and the Green prevailed in extra-time but had to work hard for it. St. Brendan's, meanwhile, had survived a real scare against St. Flannan's in their quarter-final but looked more comfortable against Rochestown.

The Green v the Sem, then, a repeat of the 2017, 2008, and 2007 final (all of which yielded Kerry seniors in due course). Tralee led by 2-10 to 1-4 at half-time, the Austin

Stacks/Kerins O'Rahillys combination of Seán Quilter and razor-sharp Conor Hayes doing most of the damage, but St. Brendan's rapidly whittled that down to 2-10 to 1-12 and looked like pushing on. The introduction of sub Seán Kennedy helped stem the tide, and a strong finish saw Tralee CBS crowned champions on a 4-15 to 1-15 scoreline.

Br. Murray, an icon of Munster Colleges for whom the Munster Cup is named, taught in Tralee CBS at one stage and would undoubtedly have been pleased to see the seeds he planted yielding a rich harvest - not just for the winners, but for all the participants.



TRALEE CBS: Devon Burns 0-1, 1'45 (Na Gaeil), Luke Chester (Austin Stacks), Eoin Carroll (Austin Stacks), Niall Fitzmaurice (Austin Stacks), Pádraig White (John Mitchels), Armin Heinrich (Austin Stacks), Ruairí O'Sullivan (Na Gaeil), Joe Lenihan (Churchill), Conor Horan (Austin Stacks), Jordan Kissane 1-3 (Austin Stacks), Darragh Reen (Na Gaeil), Fergal O'Brien 0-3, 1f (St Pat's Blennerville), Conor Hayes 3-2 (Kerins O'Rahilly's), Sean Quilter 0-5, 2f (Austin Stacks), Cian Purcell 0-1 (Austin Stacks). **Subs:** Seán Kennedy (Annascaul) for O'Sullivan (46 mins), Dylan Moriarty (Ballymacelligott) for Heinrich (58); Conor Myers (Austin Stacks) for Purcell (61).

ST. BRENDAN'S: Eoin Moynihan (Glenflesk), Ruairí Doyle (Fossa), Mark Cooper 0-1 (Dr Crokes), Neil O'Shea (Dr Crokes), Tom Doyle (Dr Crokes), Terry Sparling (Dr Crokes), Evan Looney (Dr Crokes), Eoghan O'Sullivan (Legion), Mike Lenihan (Dr Crokes), Jason Kerins (Dr Crokes), Rian O'Grady 0-5, 3f, 1'45, (Legion), Pádraic Looney 0-1 (Dr Crokes), William Shine 0-2, 1m, (Legion), Dylan Callaghan (Furies), Emmet O'Shea 1-6, 5f, 1-0 pen, (Fossa). **Subs:** Harry Buckley (Fossa) for O'Sullivan (56); Cian O'Leary (Legion) for Doyle, Fionn Holohan (Rathmore) for Evan Looney (both 58); Paul O'Leary (Kilcummin) for Pádraic Looney (61).

REFEREE: Jonathan Griffin (Glenbeigh/Glencar)



TRALEE CBS

Kerry Coiste na nÓg



Firies U11s

WHO knows when we will be able to assign Covid-19 to the past? Novelist, James Lane Allen is quoted as saying ‘Adversity does not build character, it reveals it’. Everyone that has been involved in facilitating and playing our games has revealed unbelievable character in adjusting to that dreaded wording, the new norm.

2021, has had its challenges, but we have managed to successfully run all our competitions and provide nearly 1000 games of hurling and football for our underage players.

1000 games facilitated under the auspices of Kerry Coiste na nÓg in 2021.

We also must realise that 2021 ushered in a realignment of our age grades and a shortened calendar year for our games. This is what I mean when I talk about adversity. That is three major challenges in order to facilitate our games.

AGE GRADES: 2021 saw the realignment of our underage grades from even ages to odd ages.

COVID-19: Ensuring that our games were played in a safe environment for our players, coaches, referees and supporters.

TIME: Ensuring that we facilitated meaningful competitions that ensure that all our underage players had a quantity of games that allowed them to test the skills that they are learning at their training sessions.

2021 can only be judged a resounding success for all involved. In order to get a team lined up on the pitch, how many people volunteer of their time?

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 - Team Selectors
- 10 - 15 Senior Club Officers
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- Team Covid-19 Coordinators
- Club Children’s Officer
- Parents
- Referee
- Grounds person/Caretaker

So from the first ball/sliotar thrown in until the last one was thrown in, there have been thousands of hours volunteered by hundreds of people throughout An Ríocht in facilitating the underage players of Kerry. Why do we do it?

We do it for a glimpse of that smile. It is the smile of a young boy or girl who tentatively entered into our club pitch. It is the chance to see them try our skills again and again. When it doesn’t work for them, they keep trying and then one day they are in the middle of a game and suddenly it works. You almost see the child grow in confidence in front of you and then something wonderful happens. A SMILE. The sense of achievement bursts out in a big grin. What else do we need, it is some reward for our time?

So thank you all, to everyone that has given of their time. I hope you take the time to see all the smiles on the faces of the children that you have supported in any way this year. Have a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. 2022 and more games. Brilliant.



Pictured are the Austin Stacks team (above) and John Mitchels team (below) that competed in the Division 1 U13 Lee Strand County Football League game. Photos: Adrienne McLoughlin.



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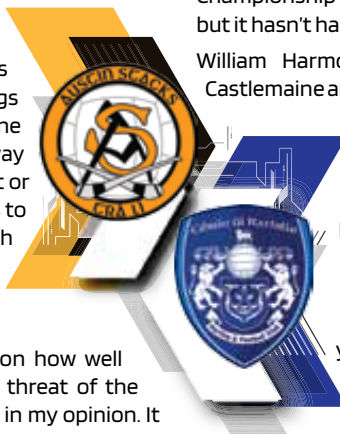
A historic final but don't expect a Rock and Strand roll classic

By MURT MURPHY

REALITY can be harsh. It can be cruel but no matter how much you try to dismiss it, it never changes though it is important not to be defeated by it and to forge ahead hoping for a positive outcome. The harsh reality for both Tralee clubs, Austin Stacks and Kerins O'Rahilly's is that they have not appeared in too many senior county final days since the new millennium dawned.

As for winning, they have only managed to win one Bishop Moynihan each over the past 21 years, Kerins O'Rahilly's took the 2002 decider while Austin Stacks were victorious in 2014. As for county final meetings between the two Tralee gladiators, one has to trawl the record books all the way back to 1936, so there is very little recent or historic form to go on. So that brings us to the 2021 SFC and it stands alone as both have been equally impressive in winning but both have shown frailties in victory that might cost them if repeated today.

Many see today's final being decided on how well the Stacks defenders will manage the threat of the Strand Road attack but is too simplistic in my opinion. It is also a theory debunked by popular Kerins O'Rahilly's manager William Harmon. "I think saying that this is a battle between the Kerins O'Rahilly's forwards and Stacks backs might be a bit too simplistic because I think



the Austin Stacks forwards are good too. It's a game between two good teams so if you over analyze or focus on one area of the field we could trip ourselves up. I think there are two fifteens who are going to face off and they will give it their all trying to win the game. Yes of course we are delighted with our score conversion this year but Austin Stacks have a good set of forwards as well so we will have to be on our game. I know Wayne well and we worked together and we are good friends. After the Club Championship we said we would go for coffee some day but it hasn't happened yet and won't until after Sunday!!"

William Harmon played his football with Milltown/Castlemaine and won a Sigerson Cup medal with IT Tralee in 1999 along side Jimmy McGuinness in Belfast and now works for the LGFA. But his experience in managing teams like Milltown/Castlemaine, South Kerry, IT Tralee and now Kerins O'Rahilly's makes him one of the top coaches in the county.

Did he see the Kerins O'Rahilly's SFC final appearance coming at the start of the year "The honest answer is that you will never know? Every team that enters the County Championship has aspirations of doing well. Then what we say is we have to win the first game first as there is no point in looking beyond that game. If you win the first game, momentum starts to build and anything can happen. I

Joseph O'Connor (Austin Stacks) in action against St. Brendan's Board during the recent County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park.

PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE

have been involved with loads of teams who want to do well but winning the first game is key and then see where that takes you and look it has taken us to a county final and we are delighted to be involved."

But William, while hoping for the best, knows it will be a huge game. "It's a historic occasion but we can't let that get to us so we will be focusing on getting ready and shutting out the noise among the supporters and hoping for the best on a good dry day for everyone."

Wayne Quillinan is another popular manager who has black and amber blood flowing through his veins but he doesn't agree that fear of losing to their deadly rivals almost trumps the desire to win another championship and that might shape the game. "I think I have always said that that proposition is the outcome and we kind of focus on the process. So if we get our process right we hope to be there or thereabouts at the end of it. Ninety percent of our work is on ourselves, preparing ourselves and we feel that if we are right collectively in every department whether it be mentally or physically or tactically and technically, we feel we will not be far way when that final whistle blows. It's the next game and we will prepare for it just the same as we did for last game no matter whom our opponents are."

"We have come far enough to realize that it's a county final and it's a huge occasion for us and we understand that. But you have to be able to handle your emotions because at the end of the day you always play better when you have a cool head. If you allow emotions or the occasion override what we need to be doing we won't have cool heads on the day and that is a huge part in what we need to get right."



Gavin O'Brien (Kerins O'Rahilly's) in action against Micheál Burns (Dr. Crokes) during the recent County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park.



LEFT: Greg Horan (Austin Stacks)
RIGHT: Barry John Keane (Kerins O'Rahilly's)

Wayne believes there will be a magical atmosphere and colour at today's game. "I suppose when Kieran kicked that winning penalty the last day, the emotion that came onto the field and things like that really saw an outpouring of emotion from our supporters. I think it comes from the fact that over the last two years, the supporters from Strand Road and Stacks haven't had moments like that. But both clubs are playing the game and Bishop Moynihan is the final prize and we have to realize that we have an opportunity to provide that joy and days out that people haven't had in the last two years. Now the supporters are in the moment and somewhere where they could not have been over the past two years so it's been so enjoyable for us and I am sure Strand Road is the same, that sport has given them some release from the tough effects of the pandemic"

In the build on Radio and in the print media all the potential match ups have been debated, the crucial areas of the field where the game will be won and lost, what stars will emerge from this historic final and who will have the bragging rights at the end of the day. Will it be the Narries or the Rockies, who knows? I think it will be tight and tough, tense and not pretty. In fact I believe that it might well require a second day to separate these warring neighbours.

VERDICT: Draw

Best wishes to all teams in today's finals.

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FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT: Darragh O'Brien, Armin Heinrich, Sean Quilter, Shane O'Callaghan, Michael O'Gara, Adam Curran, Paul O'Sullivan, Dylan Casey (captain), Colin Griffin, Luke Chester and Conor Jordan. **BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Fíachna Mangan, Jack O'Shea, Ronan Shanahan, Jack Morgan, Dara Barry Walsh, Donagh McMahon, Joey Nagle, Brendan O'Sullivan, Michael O'Donnell, Barry Walsh, Gearoid Fitzgerald and David Fitzmaurice. **Missing from photo:** Wayne Guthrie, Joseph O'Connor, Greg Horan, Kieran Donaghy, Robbie Murphy, Barry Shanahan and Niall Fitzmaurice.

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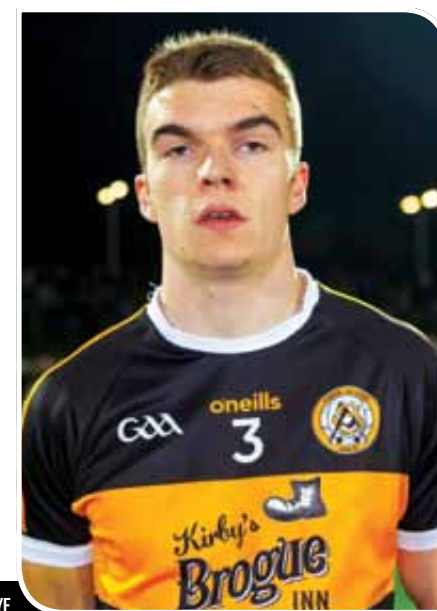
Wayne Quillinan - Manager 2018 to date; Previous Mgr 2009-2012. Club Player 2000-2007.
Jonathan Conway - 2018 to date. Player 2006-2015.
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WAYNE GUTHRIE

AGE: 31

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
All opponents are tough



COLIN GRIFFIN

AGE: 24

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2019 Club Champ. Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Mike O'Donnell



DYLAN CASEY (C)

AGE: 21

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U20 Munster Final 2020
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Shane O'Callaghan



JACK O'SHEA

AGE: 24

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2021 Club Champ Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Alan O'Donoghue



PAUL O'SULLIVAN

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MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2021 Club Champ Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
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ROBBIE MURPHY

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TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
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BARRY SHANAHAN

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Kieran Donaghy



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AGE: 24

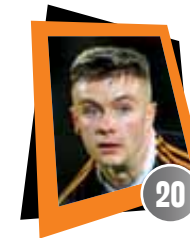
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Mitchels Blitz semi final 2007
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Pádraig Breen



SEÁN QUILTER

AGE: 20

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2019 Corn Uí Mhuirí Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Dylan Casey



ADAM CURRAN

AGE: 19

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2021 Co. Champ semi final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Kieran Donaghy



CONOR JORDAN

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Greg Horan (when he is cranky)



RONAN SHANAHAN

AGE: 30

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Sean Quilter



JOSEPH O'CONNOR

AGE: 22

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2019 Co. League Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Diarmuid O'Connor



GREG HORAN

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Joseph O'Connor



MICHAEL O'GARA

AGE: 21

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2019 Club Champ Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
St. Brendan's



ARMIN HEINRICH

AGE: 18

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Co. Champ debut v East Kerry
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Keith Evans



BARRY WALSH

AGE: 26

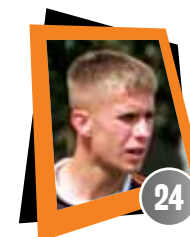
MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Frewen Cup Final 2011
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Kieran Donaghy



JACK MORGAN

AGE: 24

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2016 Senior Club Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
John Barry



NIALL FITZMAURICE

AGE: 19

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Corn Uí Mhuirí Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Mike Tim O'Sullivan



DAVID FITZMAURICE

AGE: 22

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Co. League semi final v Dingle
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Seán Fitzmaurice



FIACHNA MANGAN

AGE: 31

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Munster Club Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
John Dennis



BRENDAN O'SULLIVAN

AGE: 32

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
South Kerry 2021 Co. Champ
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Wayne Guthrie



SHANE O'CALLAGHAN

AGE: 29

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Munster Club Final 2014
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
John Dennis



KIERAN DONAGHY

AGE: 38

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Blanket Defences



DARRAGH O'BRIEN

AGE: 28

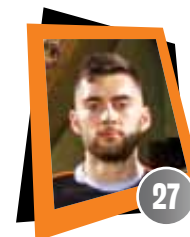
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2014 Co. Final Replay
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Fearghal MacNamara



DONAGH McMAHON

AGE: 21

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2020 Club Champ v Legion
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Michael O'Gara



DARA BARRY WALSH

AGE: 20

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Minor Co. League Final v Crokes
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Joseph O'Connor



LUKE CHESTER

AGE: 19

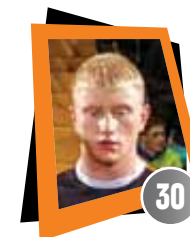
MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2021 Co. Champ v East Kerry
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Shane O'Callaghan



GEARÓID FITZGERALD

AGE: 21

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Minor Co. League Final
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Jack O'Shea



JOEY NAGLE

AGE: 18

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U16 Co. Final v Laune Rangers
TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Shane O'Callaghan

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Jack Savage



Gearoid Savage



Barry John Keane



Tommy Walsh



Conor Hayes

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Manager: William Harmon. **Coach:** Daniel Murphy. **Selectors:** John O'Connor & Paul Ryan. **Physio:** Katie Costello. **Logistics:** Frank O'Connor.

KERINS O'RAHILLY'S PEN PICS

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SHANE FOLEY

AGE: 23

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 C Championship final 2015

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Con Barrett



DONAGH BUCKLEY

AGE: 24

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
C Championship vs Dingle 2021

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Tommy Walsh



ROSS O'CALLAGHAN (C)

AGE: 31

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2013 League Final vs Stacks

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Alan O'Donoghue



CORMAC COFFEY

AGE: 25

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Q1r Final vs Dingle 2021

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Tony Brosnan



DARRAGH McELLIGOTT

AGE: 23

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Feile Final 2012

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Shane McElligott



ROBERT O'CONNOR

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 C Championship final 2015

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Conor Hayes



CIAN SAYERS

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 C Championship final 2015

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Cormac Coffey

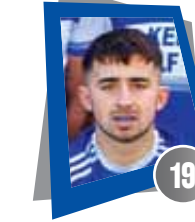


SEAN WALSH

AGE: 28

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2012 U21

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Con Barrett



SHANE McELLIGOTT

AGE: 22

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
County Hurling final 2018

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Jonathon Lyons



DIARMUID O'SULLIVAN

AGE: 24

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 C Championship final 2015

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Keelan Crowe



SHANE BROSINAN

AGE: 33

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2013 League Final vs Stacks

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Gavin O'Brien



CON BARRETT

AGE: 33

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2006 County MFC final

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Liam Kissane



DAVID MORAN

AGE: 33

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
All Ireland Final 2014

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Jack Savage



TOM HOARE

AGE: 23

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Q1r Final vs Dingle 2021

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Diarmuid O'Sullivan



GAVIN O'BRIEN

AGE: 25

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 C Championship final 2015

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Tom O'Sullivan



PATRICK BEGLEY

AGE: 31

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U21 Club final vs Laune Rangers

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Life



DANIEL BOWLER

AGE: 18

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Central League 2017

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Con Barrett

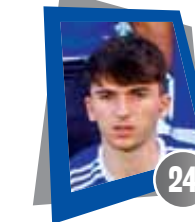


SEAN COLLINS

AGE: 22

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Club Championship vs Legion 2021

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Jordan Kiely



GEAROID DILLANE

AGE: 22

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
County League vs Kenmare

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Darragh McElligott



JEROME DALY

AGE: 18

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U16 County League Final

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Con Barrett



JACK SAVAGE

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
National League vs Dublin 2017

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Tom O'Sullivan



GEAROID SAVAGE

AGE: 23

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Feile Final 2012

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Ben Short



BARRY JOHN KEANE

AGE: 31

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2013 League Final vs Stacks

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Ross O'Callaghan



TOMMY WALSH

AGE: 33

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2006 County Minor Final

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Ross O'Callaghan



CONOR HAYES

AGE: 19

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
Corn Uí Mhuiri Final 2019

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Donagh Buckley



CONOR O'SULLIVAN

AGE: 19

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2021 County SFC vs St Kierans

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Cian Kearney



JOHN C O'CONNOR

AGE: 26

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
All Ireland Junior Final 2016

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Jack Savage

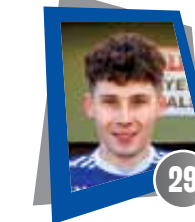


JORDAN FOLEY

AGE: 21

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2018 Town league final minor

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Ben Short



GEAROID HARTNETT

AGE: 25

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
2019 Town League Final

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Cormac Coffey



SAM MCCARTHY

AGE: 18

MOST MEMORABLE GAME:
U16 County League Final

TOUGHEST OPPONENT:
Gearoid Savage



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William Harmon, Daniel Murphy,
 John O'Connor, Paul Ryan.
Logistics: Frank O'Connor.
Physio: Katie Costello.

EXTENDED PANEL MEMBERS

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TEAM CAPTAIN ROSS O'CALLAGHAN



PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE

JOHN DOWLING TRIBUTE

BY MATT LEEN

THE Kerries, two miles west of Tralee under the shadow of Sliabh Mish mountain overlooking Tralee Bay was the birthplace of the great John Dowling.

From an early age John's father, who was a great football follower of Kerins O'Rahillys and Kerry, encouraged his son to play gaelic football. He attended school at Edward St., Tralee, and later at The Green where Br. Croke was a great influence on him. John, who captained the school team, was already showing great potential on the football field and was selected on the Kerry minor teams of 1947 and 1948, winning two Munster medals. He graduated to the Kerry Junior team of 1949 and, playing under the captaincy of Tom Long of Dingle, he won his first All Ireland medal.

He won his first Munster Senior medal in 1951, but it was on the club scene where 'The Blues' were making a revival that John, along with Walla O'Connor, the Kerins brothers, and Pop Fitzgerald were making the headlines.

In 1953 Kerins O'Rahillys won their third County Championship, gaining the distinction of being the first holders of the Bishop Moynihan Cup and the honour of accepting the famous trophy fell to John Dowling. A severe 15 month suspension for playing football with a club in Cork cost John an All Ireland senior medal, as he would definitely have been on the Kerry team which defeated Armagh in the All Ireland Final of 1953.

He won his second County Championship medal in 1954 and also captained the Kerry

team defeated by Meath in the All Ireland Final of that year. 1955 was to be a glorious year for John Dowling and the disappointments of the previous two years were quickly forgotten as the inspirational Strand Road man, partnered by his fellow club man Denny O'Shea at midfield, led Kerry to one of its sweetest and most historical victories over Dublin before a crowd of 87,000 people at Croke Park. His display of the hallowed sod of Croke park that day was the highlight of his career, and such was the sheer joy and excitement of the Kerry supporters that John had to climb over a wire fence to receive the coveted Sam Maguire Cup.

John captured his third County Championship medal in 1957 when Joe Kerins led 'The Blues' to victory over St. Brendans. In 1959 John captained Kerry to victory over Derry to win the National League and, playing from full forward, won his second All Ireland senior medal when Kerry defeated Galway in the All Ireland Final. He played in his last All Ireland in 1960 when Down captured their first All Ireland senior title by defeating Kerry in the final.

He won his seventh and final Munster senior medal in 1961 but continued to play for Kerins O'Rahillys for a further number of years. He played on 'The Blues' teams of 1961 and 1963 who were runners-up to the great John Mitchels side in the County Finals of those years.

He continued after his playing days to promote, train, and motivate the youth of Strand Road in the art, skill, and commitment of gaelic football and if ever the phrase a 'True Blue' can be applied to anybody, it can definitely be said of John Dowling. "A fearless leader and motivator who led by example, his boundless energy, amazing anticipation, and vice-like grip of the ball, ensured a plentiful supply to the Kerry forwards". This is the great Seán Murphy's assessment of his captain in 1955. In the annals of Kerry football many great men have worn the green and gold, many men have captained

Kerry to famous victories, but for sheer heart, commitment, and his never-say-die spirit, John Dowling's leadership and heroic display in the titanic struggle of 1955 against Dublin ranks up there with the greatest ever by a Kerry captain on All Ireland Final day.

As Kerins O'Rahillys march out on the historic sod of Austin Stack Park in their quest for victory in this year's County Championship, John Dowling's grandsons Barry John Keane and Cian Sayers, will continue the link to bring the Bishop Moynihan Cup back up Strand Road as the Kerries man did so successfully back in the fifties.



KERINS O'RAHILLY'S

Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship Finalists 2021



FRONT - LEFT TO RIGHT: Patrick Begley, Gearoid Savage, Conor O'Sullivan, Gearoid Dillane, Cormac Coffey, Darragh McElligott, Conor Hayes, Ross O'Callaghan, Cian Sayers, Shane McElligott, Jordan Foley, Jack Savage, Jerome Daly and Robert O'Connor. **BACK - LEFT TO RIGHT:** Barry John Keane, John C O'Connor, Con Barrett, Diarmuid O'Sullivan, Donagh O'Buachalla, Sam McCarthy, Daniel Bowler, Shane Brosnan, Gearoid Hartnett, Shane Foley, Tom Hoare, Sean Walsh, Sean Collins, Gavin O'Brien, David Moran and Tommy Walsh.

PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE

KERRY SENIORS 2021



MUNSTER QUARTER-FINAL: Kerry 3-22 Clare 1-11

Seán O'Shea swung the ball over the crossbar after just twelve seconds. He quickly added another with his left leg and added another two. David Clifford kicked a lovely point to make it 0-5 to 0-0 after eight minutes. Clare sub Emmett McMahon opened their account. Paul Geaney pointed before David Clifford and Eoin Cleary exchanged a brace.

Paudie Clifford picked off a nice point before the game's most magic moment happened, and it was Paudie who was responsible. He made a superb turnover and then sent a sumptuous pass to Seán O'Shea, who made no mistake from close range. Padraic Collins pulled one back, but Clare were like Canute fighting the tide at that stage, and the Clifford brothers closed out the first half scoring.

David Clifford added another free on the restart and David Moran another. Eoin Cleary and David Tubridy cancelled those out. Darragh Bohannon kicked a nice point after good teamwork by Clare, but Gavin White's electric pace saw him bear down on goal before opting to take his point and he quickly added another. Eoin Cleary pulled one back with another free but a brace by Seán O'Shea and a point from David Clifford pushed the gap to 1-18 to 0-9. Clare did get the consolation of a goal in the 62nd minute, a nicely timed handpass by Darragh Bohannon to David Tubridy, and a superb shot by Clare's ace marksman.

Good pressure culminated in a pass by Adrian Spillane to David Clifford, who had timed his move before blasting home from close range. Killian Spillane added two more points and Seán O'Shea scored a free. Darragh Bohannon had a point for Clare, one last defiance of an inevitable fate, before Micheál Burns gathered after good work by Paul Geaney and slotted home. It was the final nail in a perfect start to Kerry's campaign.

MUNSTER SEMI-FINAL:

Kerry 1-19 Tipperary 1-8

Seán O'Shea opened the scoring before Conor Sweeney replied. Seán added a free and then a great run by Gavin White saw David Clifford almost break the net from close range. Paul Geaney added a point and a free from Seán

O'Shea left the score at 1-4 to 0-1. Kevin Fahey got Tipperary's first point from play in the 20th minute. Sean O'Shea and Conal Kennedy swapped scores. Tom O'Sullivan's man had dropped back as a sweeper, but that only brought the Dingle man up the field and he slotted two fine points. Jack Kennedy won a penalty slotted home by Conor Sweeney. Sean O'Shea rapidly reeled that in with three points and Diarmuid O'Connor added another to leave Kerry in front by 1-11 to 1-3 at half-time.

Conor Sweeney (f) and David Clifford traded early second half scores. Jack Kennedy pulled another one back but they needed Evan Comerford to make a great save. Seán O'Shea and Sweeney (f) swapped scores again and Killian added another. Conor Sweeney was easily Tipperary's best player and he notched a point, but it was pretty much academic by then. Kerry could have filled their boots with goals, with Stephen O'Brien, Seán O'Shea, Tommy Walsh and Diarmuid O'Connor all leaving chances behind them. Kerry closed it out through David Moran and Killian Spillane to a lone free from Jack Kennedy closed out a relatively tame win.

MUNSTER FINAL: Kerry 4-22 Cork 1-9

Michael Hurley opened the scoring with a great point and he soon added another. Dan Dineen with a mark and a score. 0-3 to 0-0. A foul on Paudie Clifford finally saw Seán O'Shea get Kerry off the mark. Gavin White fetched the kick-out and Paul Geaney fired over. Cork with points by Hurley again and Brian Hartnett. Tom O'Sullivan picks off a point with the consummate ease of a master. Good inter-play by Cork sees Brian Hurley fire home a Cork goal. An irrepressible and unruffled Paudie Clifford hit a good Kerry score to close the quarter out, 1-5 to 0-4. Brian Hurley puts five points between the sides.

Kerry maintained their composure. Moran stroked over calmly. Paudie Clifford split the posts and, after Brian Ó Beaglaíoch adroitly cleared his lines, Tom O'Sullivan hit another. Jack Barry coolly brought us level. Seán O'Shea pointed with his left leg, gathered again from David Clifford and fired over with his right leg. Luke Connolly picked off a Cork point, but they were definitely beginning to falter.

SEÁN O'SHEA, KERRY, IN ACTION AGAINST MICHAEL O'NEILL AND PADRAIG HAMPSEY, TYRONE, DURING THE 2021 ALL-IRELAND SFC SEMI-FINAL AT CROKE PARK. PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE



Kerry, on the other hand, were accelerating, as Brian Ó Beaglaíoch sliced through for a great goal.

The second half was just minutes old when Sean O'Shea went on a great run before offloading to Paul Geaney. 2-12 to 1-7. Paudie Clifford fisted over. Jack Barry picked off his second point. David Moran was lording the midfield skies. Paudie Clifford to Seán O'Shea to the net. David Moran broke the kickout to Gavin White, quick ball on to Seán O'Shea, and neatly across for Paul Geaney to finish. 4-14 to 1-7.

Kerry are simply far too good at either end of the field. As if to emphasize the point, Tommy Walsh wins a free for Seán O'Shea to slot over. Ian Maguire finally scores for Cork, their first point in 27 minutes. In the interim Kerry have scored 3-5, all bar 0-1 from play. David Clifford steps up to score his first point of the day. Gavin White to Stephen O'Brien for another. Sean O'Shea slots a free. Tadhg Morley has time to get in on the scoring act, Kerry's 13th scorer from play. Killian Spillane closed out a resounding Kerry victory.

ALL IRELAND SEMI-FINAL:

Tyrone 3-14 Kerry 0-22

David Clifford scored a good point right from the throw-in. His brother won the kick-out and Dara Moynihan sent a mark to David, who doubled his tally. Niall Morgan slotted over a Tyrone '45. Mattie Donnelly with a mark and a point. 0-2 apiece. Peter Harte split the posts. David Clifford got off a good pass under pressure to Seán O'Shea to level matters, but back came Tyrone with Mattie Donnelly. Conor Meyler laid it off for Ronan McNamee to score. A foul on the hardworking Stephen O'Brien saw Seán O'Shea pull one back. Tyrone led by 0-5 to 0-4 at the water break. Sean O'Shea set up David Clifford for a score. Dara Moynihan found Paul Geaney, who slipped it to Stephen O'Brien for a goal, but the referee called it back for squareball. That was a real blow but it got worse minutes later. Peter Harte drew the defender before releasing to Sludden, on to Conor

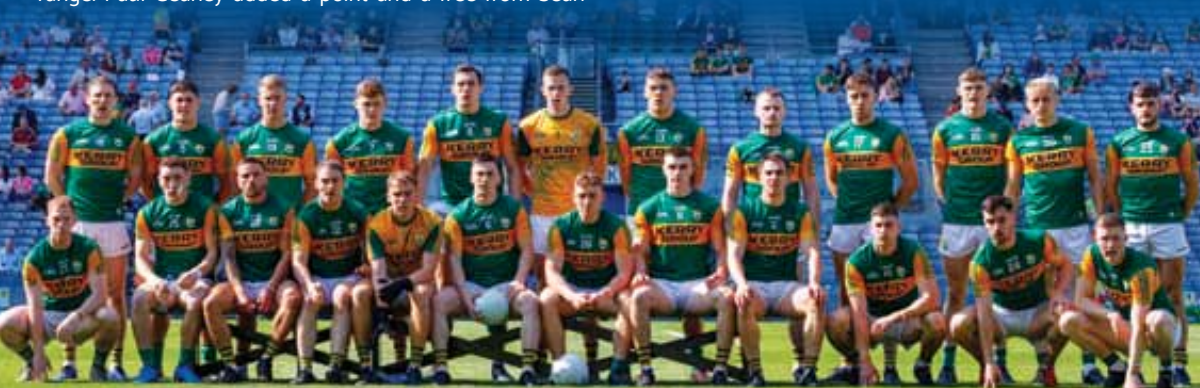
McKenna and the ball was in the Kerry net. Seán O'Shea cut the gap to a point but Pádraig Hampsey replied in kind. David Clifford responded with a free and good pressure on the kick-out yielded another for Seán O'Shea. Just before the whistle, Niall Morgan landed a free kick from distance.

Darren McCurry fired over a Tyrone free. David Moran rose high to catch Morgan's kick and set up David Clifford for a score. David added another to level matters. Seán O'Shea put over a '45. Paudie Clifford took a good score but Darren McCurry replied after Mattie Donnelly is fouled. Darren McCurry levelled matters with a good score before picking up a black card. In the 65th minute Seán O'Shea sent in a good ball and David Clifford rose high...but Niall Morgan's fist was faster and he cleared it. Worse for Kerry, their shooting star is clearly hampered afterwards.

Tom O'Sullivan picked off a precious score to put Kerry two points clear. Mattie Donnelly to Darragh Canavan and a rasping shot, Shane Ryan did brilliantly to save it, but Cathal McShane fisted in the rebound. David won a free and Seán converted. Both sides missed chances before McShane set up Darren McCurry. Kerry replied once again through David Clifford. In the end neither side can find a winner.

Kieran McGeary drew a foul and Cathal McShane put Tyrone in front and he quickly put Tyrone two ahead. A high ball by Kieran McGeary was volleyed out by Jack Barry, but gathered by Conor McKenna, who fired into the far corner of Shane Ryan's net. Paul Murphy split the posts. Tommy Walsh set up Diarmuid O'Connor for a point. McShane replied in kind but Gavin White won a free converted by Sean O'Shea. 3-14 to 0-20 at the turnaround.

A great catch by Gavin White allowed Paudie Clifford the chance to take his second score. Paul Geaney trimmed the gap to a single point. One point game. But that single point was still between the teams as the final whistle sounded on Kerry's hopes for another year.



THE KERRY TEAM LINE UP BEFORE THE 2021 ALL-IRELAND SFC SEMI-FINAL AGAINST TYRONE AT CROKE PARK. PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE

KERRY DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Update



AFTER the disappointment of not being able to get the development squads going in 2020 due to covid, we were able to get a decent block of sessions for our squads going this year.

Our season began in July after the club action got started and we ran for 8 weeks in both Hurling and football. It was great to see our players back in action and to see the great enthusiasm and enjoyment for these players was wonderful. For almost all these players it was their first experience of development squads and we wanted to make sure it was a great learning experience and that they would leave feeling they enjoyed the sessions and that they would go away and work on developing their skills to better themselves.

With the year that we had there was a limited games program so we used our sessions to really concentrate on skill development. The management teams for all age grades put lots of hours into preparing sessions that would challenge the players and make sure that skills development was the main focus in their sessions. We also developed a Skills development challenge which every group used a number of times over the 8 week period. This proved a great success, which allowed players to see how their skill development was improving and for coaches to monitor the players development. It really got the players to go away and work on aspects of their game that needed further work and challenged them to improve their score at every skill assessment they took.

This initiative was run by Willie Evans and I would really like to thank him for the time and effort he put into this process. It was a big undertaking to try and run this with all squads in a short period of time and Willie carried this role out very effectively and professionally. It was great to see all players pushing themselves to try and beat their previous scores.

I would like to thank all the players for their efforts over the period of training. All players were very appreciative and respectful to our coaches and were always putting in big efforts to try and better themselves. We look forward to carrying this on again next year and in the meantime keep putting these efforts into your club and school teams.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our squad coaches who put in many hours of planning and coaching over the period of the development squad season. During covid times early in the year the coaches spent a number of weeks planning and sharing ideas to develop our structures which I am sure will prove very beneficial over the coming years. Their sole aim is on player development and that they pass the players onto the next team in a better place and that the players have enjoyed their experience within the development squads. So thanks to all the squad coaches for their time and efforts and I know from talking to our players they really appreciate your coaching and advice.

I would like to thank our GDA's and Games Manager for their efforts in organizing the development squad set ups. These lads are the people on the ground and they play a huge part in the development of all these players before they get to this stage and once at this stage they interact with the relevant squad coaches to make sure this development is carried on. The effort and time from our Coaching Staff must never be forgotten and in Kerry we are in debited to these people for the development of our players.

The aims of the Development Squad programme are to develop and improve players that will in the future play with Kerry and also return to their clubs as better players. At these groups the clubs comes first and the development squad programme fits in around the club set up.

HURLING DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

The Kerry Hurling Development Squads also were active during the Summer and early Autumn. Our u14 hurling squad played over 2 dates where they played Limerick and Clare. On the second of these dates Kerry was at home and played their games in Rathmore. It was very special to see a Kerry hurling team play in Rathmore where they are doing great work in promoting hurling.

Our u15 hurlers travelled to Ballina and Caherlohan and played a combined 6 games over these 2 dates. In total over 100 players played between our u14 & u15 squads in 2021.

In 2021 there was a huge crossover of players from our U16 panel playing at U17. In total we had 11 under 16's that were part of our U17 squad for the Munster Minor Hurling Championship game versus Tipperary and the additional u16 players were on the extended panel. Our u16 panel played 1 additional date versus Limerick in Limerick.



KERRY NORTH UNDER 14 SQUAD 2021

Kerry Hurling & Games Development would like to firstly thank former Kerry Senior Hurling manager Fintan O'Connor for all his hard work in helping out with our squads in his time with Kerry.

As 2021 comes to a close I would like to thank everyone involved with the Development squads. Your time and efforts make this experience very enjoyable for everyone.

Hopefully in 2022 we will have a full year and the players will get the enjoyment of a full year of development squads. So hope everyone has a good Christmas and we look forward to a great 2022.

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KERRY PLAYER RETIREMENTS

Tommy Walsh

KERRY great Seán Walsh's son was always going to be on the radar in Kerry, and it wasn't long before Tommy Walsh's size, speed, and exceptional kicking ability were attracting attention in their own right.

The Rahillys man made his official Kerry debut for the minors in 2005 as a minor. They bowed out to Cork that year but a year later he and David Moran were the key figures as Kerry came agonisingly close to ending Kerry's minor famine, losing to Roscommon in a replay. A year later he made his senior debut, coming on against Limerick in the National League. He also played a starring role with the Kerry U21's who beat Kildare to win Kerry's last title at the grade.

Having impressed during the National League, he made his championship debut against Clare and became an indispensable part of Jack O'Connor's gameplan as one of Kerry's 'twin towers' alongside Kieran Donaghy. Kerry lost the All Ireland Final to Tyrone, but Tommy was named Young Footballer of the Year. Injury derailed him early on in the 2009 championship, but he had regained his place by the final, and he scored a brace with either foot in a sparkling display as Kerry avenged their Munster Final defeat to Cork to claim the Sam Maguire.

He then signed for AFL side St. Kilda's, subsequently joining Sydney Swans, before suffering serious hamstring injuries in 2013. In 2014 Eamonn Fitzmaurice invited him to rejoin the Kerry panel. He played during the National League, but failed to reach the heights of yore and didn't really nail down a place. After the 2016 National League, he decided to take a step back from Kerry and concentrate on playing for Rahillys.

That seemed to be that as regards his Kerry career, but some hugely impressive displays at club level led new Kerry manager Peter Keane to give the big man a call in early 2019 and it proved an inspired decision as Tommy lined out for most of the National League at full forward, helping Kerry to reach the final, losing to Mayo. He came on in all Kerry's games during the championship as Kerry eventually lost the All Ireland replay to Dublin - Tommy had set up a crucial goal for Killian Spillane on his introduction. In 2020 he won another National League before Kerry bowed out to a last minute goal against Cork in the Munster semi-final. Kerry shared National League honours with Tyrone in an unfinished National League. Kerry eased through Munster comfortably before coming a cropper against Tyrone in the semi-final. It was to be Tommy's last appearance in a Kerry career of note.



Peter Crowley

PETER was another alumni of the 2008 Kerry minors who was earmarked for stardom from an early age. He played left corner back for the Kerry U21s in 2010 and 2011 and made his first appearance for the Kerry seniors that year, coming on as a substitute against Cork in the National League.

He also won a Cork County Championship and a Sigerson Cup that year with UCC. By the 2012 League he had nailed down a starting berth with Kerry and he was an ever-present from then on, making his senior championship debut against Tipperary. His displays at centre back and his trademark bursts at the heart of the opposition were vital to Kerry's 2014 All Ireland win over Donegal and were sufficient to earn him that year's All Star Award in the position. He has played in three Senior County Finals with Mid Kerry, but lost out to Dr. Crokes in 2011, Austin Stacks in 2014, and East Kerry in 2020. He missed Kerry's 2019 All Ireland campaign to the cruciate injury picked up while playing for his beloved Laune Rangers but was back for 2020 before deciding to hang up his boots and concentrate on the club and on his career as a pharmacist in Killorglin. During his 10 seasons in the green and gold shirt, Peter won seven Munster SFC medals and two Allianz National League titles, in 2017 and 2020.



Jonathan Lyne

Jonathan and Brian Kelly were stalwarts of the Sem side that won the Corn Uí Mhuirí in 2008, beating an equally star-studded Tralee CBS side by 2-11 to 1-11. The key moment was an absolutely stunning save by Brian to deny Fiachna Mangan a second goal. They succumbed to St. Pats of Dungannon in the Hogan Cup Final by 1-9 to 1-7, Kerry sides just couldn't get past the Northern teams for love or money in those times, but the youngest scion of the Cleeney clan (Denny Lyne's grandson) was firmly on the radar. A star-studded Kerry minor team bowed out in a semi-final replay to an Aidan O'Shea inspired Mayo.

Much the same Kerry team lined out against Cork in Pairc Uí Chaoimh in 2011 in the U21 Championship, but never got out of the blocks and received a merciless hammering by Mayo.

Jonathan had already proven his talent, though, and he made his senior debut that year against Cork in the National League at right back. He made his championship debut a year later against Clare in the qualifiers and was a stalwart on the Kerry panel for the next nine years.

After scoring two points against Kildare in the National League, Eamonn Fitzmaurice opted to switch him as a defensive wing forward rather than an attacking wing back. Jonathan, a naturally intelligent and stylish footballer, could play anywhere but I have to say that I never agreed with that move with either club or county - I have always believed that Jonathan can dictate games from the half back line.

Every young footballer in Kerry dreams of an All Ireland, and it happened for Jonathan and his team-mates in 2014. Club colleague and close friend James O'Donoghue was Footballer of the Year, but Jonathan's contribution was also crucial. The best game of the year was Kerry's replay win over Mayo in Limerick, a real classic. Kerry came back from seven points down to eke out a 3-16 to 3-13 victory, with Jonathan replacing Donnchadh Walsh and nervelessly scoring two crucial late points to win the game.

By now he had a reputation as a talented wing back with a particular talent for timing his runs forward. In a way, his versatility came against him, with Jonathan regularly summoned from the bench to slot in anywhere on the



PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE

pitch, and he performed a usually under-stated but always crucial role in many a Kerry victory.

Jonathan is a teacher in Mean Scoil Castlegregory, where he and principal and Kerry star Aodhán Mac Gearailt helped guide the school to three Munster Finals.



KERRY PLAYER RETIREMENTS

Brian Kelly

Brian Kelly's appearances for St. Brendan's on their way to a Hogan Cup Final saw him selected as the Kerry minor goalkeeper in 2008 – a Kerry minor side that was to provide a lot of players to the future seniors. They didn't, however, win the All Ireland, bowing out after a replay to an Aidan O'Shea inspired Mayo side. Three years later he started for the Kerry U21s but they had a nightmare in Pairc Uí Rinn, easily dismissed by 2-24 to 0-8 by Cork.

Brian made his League debut in 2012 in a draw with Mayo. He had to wait until 2014 to make his championship debut – Brian was the first choice keeper throughout an enthralling and successful campaign that culminated in a win over Donegal and Sam Maguire's last official visit to the Kingdom. Brian also won the Sigerson Cup that year with UCC.

For much of his Kerry career, Brian shared the goalkeeping duties with Kilcummin's Brendan Kealy and latterly Shane Ryan of Rathmore.

Brian was instrumental in a huge resurgence in Killarney Legion's fortunes. They helped the club to U21 titles in 2011 and 2012. They lost out in the County Club Finals of 2013 and 2014 to Dr. Crokes, winning promotion straight back to Division One of the County League in the latter year. In 2015, although they lost their third O'Donoghue Cup Final in a row, they reached their second ever County Senior Football Final and came agonisingly close to winning – Declan O'Sullivan inspired a great South Kerry comeback that saw his side pip Legion in extra-time of a replay. Killarney Legion did represent Kerry in the Munster Club

Championship, but bowed out to Nemo Rangers of Cork. Possibly the best moment for Brian and Jonathan in a Legion jersey arrived in 2018, when they defeated Dr. Crokes to lift the Dr. Paddy O'Donoghue Cup for the first time since 1976.



Shane Enright

FOR much of his playing career, Shane Enright wasn't the kind of player who made headlines. But he quietly and efficiently made sure that none of the forwards he marked were making any, either.

He was Kerry's main man-marker and successfully subdued some of the best forwards of the modern era. As he said himself "I enjoyed it. There were some tough battles down through the years but you were testing yourself against the best which is a good thing. I would have marked Conor McManus, players like Andy Moran, Michael Murphy and Paul Mannion and all these guys. There were some great players and I was happy enough to test myself against the best."

He was a minor team-mate of Tommy Walsh's in 2005 and 2006, starting a whopping 12 games for the minors in his two year stint. A year later he came on as a sub for the Kerry U21s before playing a starring role in their 2008 All Ireland win. In 2009 he played for the Kerry Juniors in their loss to Cork. He made his Kerry senior debut against Cork in the opening game of the 2011 National League and featured in every game from then on. He also made his championship debut that year against Tipperary and won his Munster Senior medal.

In 2014 Shane was Kerry's first choice man marker on their way to claiming Sam Maguire, becoming Tarbert's third ever All Ireland winner after Jim Wren and Tom O'Donnell. A year later he was the popular choice as All Star in the right full back position. A club stalwart for Tarbert, he was instrumental in helping the club to win the 2010 North Kerry Championship.



PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE



JEWEL OF The Kingdom

MIKEY SHEEHY

BY MATT LEEN

WITH Austin Stacks, Kerry, and Munster, Mikey Sheehy was a supreme football artiste of the highest calibre – a classic forward, clinical finisher, his unique skill and sportsmanship epitomised all that is best in Kerry football.

From winning his first County Championship medal in 1973 with his beloved Austin Stacks, his first All Ireland Under 21 with Kerry, all the way up until 1986 when he collected his eighth All Ireland senior medal and his fifth with Austin Stacks, Mikey graced major stadia all over Ireland, knocking up fabulous scores, making him top marksman on several occasions.

Beginning his senior career with Kerry in 1974 when he helped them to win the National League, it was really in 1975 that Mikey gave a first real glimpse at his great natural talent on a wet Sunday in Croke Park on All Ireland Final day. Who will ever forget that 'magic' chip up for a point as Kerry trounced a fancied Dublin team? A second Under 21 medal and Kerry County Championship crowned a great year for the Tralee man. 1976 saw him win his first All Star, his first Railway Cup, and his third County Championship. When Austin Stacks captured their only All Ireland Club title in 1977, Mikey's vital scores in some titanic struggles proved invaluable. He also captured a National League and Railway Cup medals that year.

1978 was the start of the four in a row and reports of the All Ireland Final state that "it was only a player of the genius and brilliance of Mikey Sheehy that could engineer a goal like this." His famous chip with Paddy Cullen stranded and Con Houlihan's immortal words "Mikey's goal was the ultimate Kerryman joke in reverse". Mikey regards the All Ireland Final of 1979 as his greatest in a Kerry jersey, and his tally of 2 goals and 6 points is joint top score for a final alongside his great friend and rival, Jimmy Keaveney of Dublin. An All Star award, a fourth County Championship, and the crowning glory of a Texaco Award which rounded off a magnificent year for him.

In a tough and uncompromising All Ireland Final of 1980 against Roscommon, Mikey notched up 1-6 of Kerry's

total of 1-9 to win his fourth All Ireland medal. All present in Croke Park on All Ireland Final day in 1981 were to witness the greatest team goal ever scored there, and Mikey was a vital cog in this. From Jimmy Deenihan to Tim Kennelly to Tommy Doyle to John Egan, a swift one-two with Jack O'Shea, a solo from John Egan before crossing a lovely centre to Mikey Sheehy who slipped the final pass to Jacko and he rocked the Offaly net with a piledriver. Mikey won his fifth All Ireland medal, a Railway Cup, and an All Star that year.

Seamus Darby's goal in 1982 put paid to the 5 in a row but Mikey still collected a National League, a railway Cup, and another All Star award. Kerry defeated Dublin in the Centenary All Ireland of 1984 and Mikey won his sixth All Ireland medal even though he was injured and missed out on the final. He also won an All Star and National League medal that year. Kerry repeated the dose and defeated Dublin in the 1985 All Ireland and so Mikey, Paidí Ó Sé, Ger Power, Ogie Moran, and Pat Spillane were on the verge of capturing the magical eighth All Ireland senior medal – roll on 1986.

The three in a row was achieved in 1986 when Kerry defeated Tyrone by 2-15 to 1-10 and two of the greatest footballers of all time, Pat Spillane and Mikey Sheehy scored 1-4 each to rock Tyrone. A team which comes from seven points behind and wins by eight are definitely worthy champions. Winning his eighth All Ireland medal, his seventh All Star, and his fifth County Championship with Austin Stacks brought 1986 to a most successful end. Mikey regards the 1986 County Final as his greatest in a Rock jersey, scoring 1-4 in that game and an impressive 2-27 in the five games of that championship.

In 49 championship games for Kerry he scored an astounding 29 goals and 205 points, won television's Goal of the Year on three occasions, and was selected on the Team of the Century. A legend in his own lifetime, Mikey honours list reads as follows: 1 Texaco Award, 8 Senior All Ireland medals, 1 All Ireland Club medal, 2 U21 All Ireland medals, 11 Munster Senior medals, 7 All Star awards, 5 National League medals, 6 Railway Cup medals, and 5 County Championship medals.

MIKEY SHEEHY, WEAVER OF MAGIC, IS A TRUE JEWEL OF THE KINGDOM.



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CLG Lios Póil

Brief profile of the Club

by CAOIMHÍN Ó GRIFÍN



CLG Lios Póil, cumann brodúil tuaithe ar imeall na Gaeltachta i gCiarraí Thiar. Cumann atá is a bhí i gcroílár imeachtaí an Chumann Lúthchleas Gael i leithinis Corca Dhuibhne le breis is céad tríocha bliain.

The year 2021 opened with the publication of - 'Laochra Lios Póil - The book celebrates our remarkable journey as one of Kerry's oldest clubs and covers more than 130 years of parish life and caid, or football, in our parish. Despite the restrictions, this comprehensive, bilingual book chronicling our club's history was published and launched by GAA President John Horan. Huge credit to the author Paddy Griffin, London and the support from the community that helped make it a reality.

On the field, 2021 was a challenging season for our senior team. In the county league, early defeats in the campaign left us fighting for survival in division 4 when we faced Waterville away. We avoided the direct drop with a hard earned victory but had to face Knocknagoshel in the final relegation play-off in Tralee. However, in a nip and tuck game we finally succumbed to the St. Kieran's side losing by two points. However, the team and management can look forward with optimism to the challenges of 2022 and the aim will be to bounce back up from the uncharted waters of Division Five football. In the Junior Championship, despite a final group game victory over Asdee, it was not enough to make the quarter-final, following earlier defeats to Cordal and Firies. A later defeat to Ballylongford ended our Novice Championship hopes for the season.

Since 2010, the club is amalgamated with Annascaul at underage levels. Tremendous work continues at all underage grades thanks to a dedicated group of selfless volunteers and coaches. The club is immensely proud of the recent achievements of Marc Mannin and Cormac Ó Cinnéide in making the Kerry minor teams of 2020 and 2021 respectively. Marc came agonisingly close to securing an All Ireland minor medal with Kerry earlier this year. Cormac made an appearance in the Munster semi-final defeat to Cork. Tá CLG Lios Póil thar a bheith mórtasach as lán na beirte agus guímid gach rath orthu sna blianta atá rompu.

Bhí bliain gnóthach ag an gcoiste arís i mblianta. Following on from our 5 year Club Development Plan launched in 2019, the club has completed its full feasibility study and is planning on a significant development project for our sports hall. The new facility will provide much needed

infrastructure for local community including sports hall/cultural space, changing rooms, a gym, a meeting rooms, office and flexible multi-purpose spaces. The study and set of proposed designs are available to view on the club website www.clgliospoil.com.

The project builds on the huge development that took place in the community in the late 70s and the incredible group of people involved at the time, that culminated in new sportsfield, dressing rooms, handball alley and community centre.

It was during this era that Lios Póil had its most success on the field of play - Lios Póil played in Division One of the county league for the first time in 1976. That 10 year period between 1978 and 1987 was undoubtedly a golden era for the club. Under manager Euge Devane, the club won eight West Kerry Championships, including a historic 6 in a row feat and a County Junior title in 1984. During this time, Lios Póil players were to the fore with West Kerry teams with both Gabriel Casey (in 1984) and Denis Higgins (in 1985), (beannacht Dé) lifting the Bishop Moynihan trophy and John L O'Sullivan guiding the campaigns as West Kerry Chairman.

In 2004, Lios Póil last captured the West Kerry Championship after a long 17 year gap. Our most recent triumph came in 2018 capturing the County Junior Championship.

Bionn CLG Lios Póil rannpháirteach i gComórtas Peile na Gaeltachta gach bhliain. Comórtas an-tábhachtach a thugann ardán náisiúnta agus idirnáisiúnta dár gCumann mar chlub Gaeltachta Bhuamar an chraobh sóisir do chéad uair i 1999 agus thugamar an corn linn arís i 2003.

Glacann CLG Lios Póil páirt i gcomórtaisí Liathróid Láimhe agus arís éacht bainte amach ag imreoirí sna comórtaisí tríd na blianta. Amhlaidh i ndáiríre le Scór agus glacann idir óg is aosta páirt ins na imeachtaí fíor thabachtach seo.

Lios Póil produced some great players throughout its history and club players have won All Irelands at minor, U-21 and Junior level with the Kingdom however, only three players from the parish have annexed the senior titles with Kerry. Billy Casey (1939, 1941, 1942, 1946), Johnny Moriarty (1941), Liam Higgins (1969, 1970).

Since the foundation of CLG Lios Póil in 1888, our community has been blessed with generations of volunteers, visionaries and victors, both on and off the field. They have formed the bedrock upon which our club thrives today. Ní neart go cur le chéile - **LIOS PÓIL ABÚ**



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CÚPLA FOCAL Ó CATHAOIRLEACH COISTE NA NÓG CHIARRAÍ

WELCOME to Austin Stack Park on County Final day which is one of the highlights of the Kerry GAA calendar. Local bragging rights, as well as the opportunity to represent Kerry in the Munster provincial competition, are up for grabs today, as Tralee clubs Austin Stacks and Kerin's O'Rahilly's face off for the Bishop Moynihan Cup.

On behalf of everyone on the Kerry Coiste na nÓg Executive, I would like to send best wishes to all the players and back-room teams on their quest for glory. Best wishes also to today's referee and his team of officials.

Throughout the last two years, COVID-19 has dominated all the news headlines and has also had a huge affect on the playing of our games at underage level. After limited action during Summer and Autumn in 2020, the surge in cases after Christmas once again put the playing of our games in 2021 in doubt. Thankfully, through the efforts of Irish people and the arrival of the vaccines, we were able to recommence our games at the beginning of June.

With this delayed start, the fixture schedule in both football and hurling was busy and full on. However, the appetite and attitude shown by players, team mentors and club administrators was phenomenal. In addition, 2021 saw us migrate to the odd age grades as per structures review carried out in Winter 2020. This was again embraced by all and led to the games schedule being a success.

Many thanks to all the officers and co-ordinators of Kerry Coiste na nÓg who did huge work to develop and put the schedule of games in place.

Thanks to all our referees. Referees are an essential piece of our games programme. Mentors and club officials will need

to be cognisant of this. Issues surrounding treatment of referees have arose in the media over the past year. Although most of our games go off well and without issue, let's not be fooling ourselves, that there are no issues regarding behaviour towards match officials within our games. It is simply not good enough and most especially at underage level. Is it any surprise that the recruitment of new referees is proving difficult? Initiatives such as the "Silent Side-line" have been successfully introduced over the last couple of years to address this issue but more needs to be done.

Thanks to Kerry's Eye, Radio Kerry, The Kerryman and all our local media that provided great coverage of our games in 2021 and assisted in creating this programme. Special thanks to Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy and Damien McCarthy who put a huge amount of work in putting the programme together.

I would like to thank Tim, Peter, Leona, Emma, and the officers of Coiste Chontae Chiarraí for granting us permission to publish today's programme. We very much appreciate the opportunity and thank them for their valuable advice and assistance in doing so.

Kerry Coiste na nÓg are hugely fortunate to have sponsors like Lee Strand on board. Special thanks to Teresa Walker and Gearoid Linnane who have been so supportive and brilliant to deal with throughout the year.

Finally, as we look forward to what I am sure will be an exciting final, on behalf of Kerry Coiste na nÓg, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. Ciarraí Abú.

TOMÁS Ó CRÓINÍN
Cathaoirleach, Coiste na nÓg Chiarraí

DAN DWYER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Phil O'Sullivan (senior in 1924) and Teddy Harrington (junior in 1991).
2. Michael O'Neill from Buttevant. His grandfather was Eddie Walsh from Knocknagoshel.
3. Michael O'Donnell (2016), Brendan O'Sullivan (2017) and Paul O'Sullivan (2018).
4. Colin Corkery (Nemo Rangers).
5. Jim Cronin, Milltown, with Cork in 1945 and John Cronin, Milltown, with Kerry in 1955.
6. The Kennelly brothers of Ballylongford. Colm, Fr. John, Brendan, Paddy, and Kevin
7. Number 14.
8. Geraldine O'Shea in soccer.
9. The Keane brothers from Kerins O'Rahillys - John, Michael, Davy, and Bernie.
10. Pat Spillane (brother of Mick) and Johnny Bunyan (brother of Robert).
11. Valentia.
12. Jackie Lyne (Killarney Legion).

le Tomás Ó hAinfeín

A LEITHÉID de bhliain. Gan oiread is cluiche amháin idir scoile imeartha sa chontae faoi stiúir Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chiarraí a bhí le beith ag ceiliúradh cúig bliana is fiche ar an mbóthar i mbliana.

Tá seo dochreidte d'eagraíocht agus is beag duine a cheap gur mar san a bheadh arís i mbliana. Bhíomar ag súil go n-osclódh rudaí suas tar éis briseadh na Samhna ach féach nach amhlaidh a bhí agus caithfidimid mar eagraíocht cloí leis na treoracha a fhaighimid ó na húdaráis. Mar sin féin, ní drochbhliain amach is amach a bhí ann don eagraíocht mar leis na córais nua aimsire ó thaobh teagmháil, cosúil le Twitter d'éirigh linn morán Éireann a reáchtáil laistigh den chóras scolaíochta ag cloí leis na rialacha agus na treoracha a leagadh amach le linn na paindéime Covid 19 seo.

The announce of the second lock down following the Christmas break came as a tremendous set back to all involved in the promotion of games in our primary schools. The Public Health Policy being implemented as a result of this Pandemic unfortunately ensured once again that the class of 2020/21 would not get the opportunity to wear the school jersey in boys or girls' football, hurling, camogie, handball or cross country running. The Mini Sevens wouldn't go ahead and sixth class pupils wouldn't get the opportunity to represent their families, schools, or county in the prestigious Primary Game.

Teachers did however, include Gaelic Game skills in their



ABOVE: KNOCKADERRY NS PUPILS READY FOR THE THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHIARRAÍ VIRTUAL RUN.

correspondence with their pupils and looked forward to working with pod and class groups when schools reopened.

Cumann na mBunscol Chiarraí was proactive during the spring offering sports vouchers to individual children and schools who submitted video evidence via their teachers of them playing or practising their Handball skills. While the uptake wasn't brilliant it paved the way for the promotion of other activities.

On April 23rd Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chiarraí ran a hugely successful Virtual Run which was prompted via Twitter. The aim was to get individuals and classes active and moving following the sedentary life style of the first few months of the year. The support from schools throughout the county was fantastic and again, thanks to National sponsors Allianz we were able to reward a number of schools chosen at random in a draw which was made live on Radio Kerry's 'Terrace Talk' Programme with sports vouchers.



ABOVE: PUPILS IN CAHERDANIEL NS READY TO PARTAKE IN THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHIARRAÍ VIRTUAL RUN.



ABOVE: ST. FINIAN'S NS PUPILS OFF AND AWAY IN THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHIARRAÍ VIRTUAL RUN.

We again organised a very successful skills competition on May 14th when teachers were invited to forward evidence of the various pod groups or classes in their respective schools partaking in punt kick drills, hand passing and various other skills development drills in hurling or football.

This again was hugely successful with teachers exhibiting tremendous creativity in the way in which they compiled the various activities. Just in excess of 55% of the schools participated which was fantastic considering the workload which was placed on them in all curricular areas.

The success of these Virtual events was noticed throughout the country and so to mark the 50th Anniversary of the forming of a National Cumann na mBunscol Committee in 1971 Cumann na mBunscol Náisiúnta organised a Nation Week of Cumann na mBunscol



PÁISTÍ Ó SCOIL DHÚN CHAOIN ULLAMH DO RITH FÍORÚL ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL CHIARRAÍ.

challenges from the 14th to the 18th of June.

This proved a resounding success with Cumann na mBunscol na Mumhan leading the way through the creation of the Nicky Quaid, Páraic Maher, Seanie O'Shea and David Clifford challenges. Children nationally responded in huge numbers via the guidance of their teachers to these challenges. Schools were awash with county jerseys in preparation for the provincial championships and students submitted fantastic poems and art work for the various competitions organised by individual schools and county units. The National Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Activity week was a memorable event for all the boys and girls who participated with their pod and class groupings and they really enjoyed the challenges set by county players in all codes.

Thus, ensured through the efforts of Cumann na mBunscol that Gaelic Games were once again to the fore even though the actual games were not permitted due to Covid 19. Míle buíochas le na múinteoirí ar fad agus le cúnamh Dé beimid ag eagrú cluichí idir scoile go luath arís. Go n-éirí le na h-imreoirí ar fad i gcluiche an lae inniu.



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SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



GROUP 1

Round 1: Austin Stacks 1-14 Killarney Legion 0-8
Round 1: Dingle 0-18 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-12
Round 2: Austin Stacks 1-13 Kerins O'Rahillys 0-12
Round 2: Dingle 1-13 Killarney Legion 1-10
Round 3: Austin Stacks 2-12 Dingle 2-10
Round 3: Kerins O'Rahillys 2-10 Killarney Legion 0-8

GROUP 2

Round 1: Dr. Crokes 2-22 Spa 2-10
Round 1: Kenmare Shamrocks 1-13 Templenoe 1-7
Round 2: Templenoe 3-9 Dr. Crokes 1-10
Round 2: Spa 0-14 Kenmare Shamrocks 0-13
Round 3: Spa 1-3 Templenoe 0-6
Round 3: Kenmare Shamrocks 0-17 Dr. Crokes 1-13

SEMI-FINALS

Austin Stacks 3-9 Templenoe 0-4
 Kenmare Shamrocks 0-17 Dingle 1-13

FINAL

Austin Stacks 1-16 Kenmare Shamrocks 1-11

RELEGATION FINAL

Dr. Crokes v Killarney Legion

INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



GROUP 1

Round 1: Kilcummin 1-13 Piarasigh na Dromoda 1-3
Round 1: Ballydonoghue 0-11 John Mitchels 0-9
Round 2: Ballydonoghue 4-16 Piarasigh na Dromoda 1-9
Round 2: Kilcummin 1-17 John Mitchels 0-11
Round 3: Piarasigh na Dromoda 1-14 John Mitchels 0-11
Round 3: Kilcummin 0-17 Ballydonoghue 0-6

GROUP 2

Round 1: Glenflesk 2-14 St. Marys 1-12
Round 1: Castleisland Desmonds 5-16 Ardfert 1-7
Round 2: St. Marys 2-14 Castleisland Desmonds 1-15
Round 2: Glenflesk 6-13 Ardfert 1-8
Round 3: St. Marys 1-11 Ardfert 0-5
Round 3: Castleisland Desmonds 1-12 Glenflesk 0-9

GROUP 3

Round 1: Glenbeigh/Glencar 2-9 Currow 0-8
Round 1: Rathmore 2-11 Beaufort 0-12
Round 2: Rathmore 2-18 Currow 0-8
Round 2: Beaufort 3-11 Glenbeigh/Glencar 2-10
Round 3: Beaufort 6-19 Currow 1-5
Round 3: Rathmore 1-13 Glenbeigh/Glencar 0-7

GROUP 4

Round 1: An Ghaeltacht 0-17 Laune Rangers 2-6
Round 1: Na Gaeil 3-13 Milltown/Castlemaine 0-7
Round 2: Na Gaeil 1-9 Laune Rangers 0-11
Round 2: An Ghaeltacht 0-10 Milltown/Castlemaine 1-7
Round 3: Milltown/Castlemaine 2-9 Laune Rangers 1-9
Round 3: Na Gaeil 0-12 An Ghaeltacht 0-8

SEMI-FINALS

Beaufort 1-16 Rathmore 1-10
 Na Gaeil 1-19 Castleisland Desmonds 0-11

FINAL

Beaufort v Na Gaeil

RELEGATION SEMI-FINALS

John Mitchels 1-19 Currow 1-16
 Laune Rangers 3-19 Ardfert 1-7

RELEGATION FINAL

Ardfert v Currow

JUNIOR PREMIER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



GROUP 1

Round 1: Keel 0-13 St. Pats Blennerville 0-11
Round 1: Annascaul 0-19 Brosna 1-10
Round 2: Annascaul 2-14 St. Pats/Blennerville
Round 2: Brosna 2-13 Keel 1-13
Round 3: Annascaul 0-14 Keel 0-12
Round 3: Brosna 0-10 St. Pats/Blennerville 0-9

GROUP 2

Round 1: Listry 1-12 Ballymacelligott 0-7
Round 1: Gneeveguilla 1-16 Finuge 0-10
Round 2: Gneeveguilla 2-12 Ballymacelligott 1-12
Round 2: Listry 3-12 Finuge 1-5
Round 3: Ballymacelligott 1-12 Finuge 1-3
Round 3: Gneeveguilla 2-10 Listry 1-9

GROUP 3

Round 1: St. Senans 0-11 Churchill 0-10
Round 1: Skellig Rangers 2-9 Waterville 1-9
Round 2: St. Senans 2-15 Waterville 0-5
Round 2: Skellig Rangers 1-13 Churchill 0-12
Round 3: Churchill 2-4 Waterville 0-6
Round 3: Skellig Rangers 1-12 St. Senans 1-7

GROUP 4

Round 1: St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-14 Listowel Emmets 1-9
Round 1: Fossa 5-12 Ballyduff 0-10
Round 2: Fossa 3-11 Listowel Emmets 0-11
Round 2: St. Michaels/Foilmore 1-14 Ballyduff 0-4
Round 3: Ballyduff 1-10 Listowel Emmets 1-13
Round 3: Fossa 3-13 St. Michaels/Foilmore 1-14

QUARTER-FINALS

Gneeveguilla 1-11 St. Senans 1-7
 Listry 1-15 Fossa 1-6
 St. Michaels/Foilmore 0-15 Annascaul 0-11
 Skellig Rangers 0-10 Brosna 0-3

SEMI-FINALS

Skellig Rangers 0-14 Listry 1-8
 Gneeveguilla 4-15 St. Michaels/Foilmore 1-5

FINAL

Gneeveguilla 0-12 Skellig Rangers 0-9

RELEGATION SEMI-FINALS

Ballyduff 0-10 Finuge 0-7
 Waterville 0-11 St. Pats/Blennerville 1-7

RELEGATION FINAL

St. Pats/Blennerville 0-9 Finuge 0-6

JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP



GROUP 1

Round 1: Sneem/Derrynane 0-0 Moyvane 0-0 (walkover)
Round 1: Kilgarvan 1-17 Beale 2-12
Round 2: Beale 1-11 Moyvane 0-7
Round 2: Sneem/Derrynane 2-9 Kilgarvan 0-9
Round 3: Kilgarvan 1-11 Moyvane 1-8
Round 3: Beale 1-20 Sneem/Derrynane 1-6

GROUP 2

Round 1: Renard 2-19 Cromane 0-11
Round 1: Castlegregory 7-13 Tousist 0-8
Round 2: Renard 3-19 Tousist 0-6
Round 2: Castlegregory 4-11 Cromane 1-9
Round 3: Castlegregory 1-10 Renard 1-10
Round 3: Cromane 0-0 Tousist 0-0

GROUP 3

Round 1: Cordal 1-10 Lispole 1-7
Round 1: Firies 2-19 Asdee 0-8
Round 2: Cordal 3-12 Asdee 1-6
Round 2: Firies 3-18 Lispole 0-6
Round 3: Lispole 1-13 Asdee 0-8
Round 3: Cordal 2-10 Firies 0-9

GROUP 4

Round 1: Knocknagoshel 2-14 Duagh 1-12
Round 1: Tarbert 1-8 Scartaglin 0-9
Round 2: Knocknagoshel 3-12 Scartaglin 1-6
Round 2: Tarbert 0-11 Duagh 1-8
Round 3: Tarbert 3-10 Knocknagoshel 1-7
Round 3: Duagh 4-12 Scartaglin 2-7

QUARTER-FINALS

Firies 3-17 Kilgarvan 0-6
 Cordal 2-12 Knocknagoshel 1-15
 Renard 1-8 Tarbert 0-4
 Castlegregory 0-15 Beale 1-7

SEMI-FINALS

Castlegregory 1-18 Cordal 2-11
 Firies 1-15 Renard 2-7

FINAL

Castlegregory 3-17 Firies 0-12



DAN DWYER QUIZ



1. Name the two Toustist footballers who captained Kerry to All Ireland titles?

2. He starred for the Cork minor footballers in the 2019 All Ireland Final, but his grandfather won five senior All Irelands with Kerry. Who is he?

3. When Austin Stacks won the Kerry Club Championship in 2021, three of the players were the holders of All Ireland Junior medals. Who are they?

4. Name the last Cork footballer to win an All Ireland U21 medal while still a minor?

5. Name the Kerry brothers who won All Ireland senior medals with two different counties and ten years apart?

6. Name a Kerry family of six brothers – five of whom played Kerry minor but the odd man out was the only one to win a Senior County Championship medal?

7. What number jersey did Jimmy Deenihan wear in West Kerry's defeat of Feale Rangers in the 1985 County Final?

8. Name a former Kerry footballer who won minor and senior All Irelands with Kerry but also represented their country 23 times in another sport?

9. Name four brothers from the one family within the Tralee District who all played in Munster minor finals?

10. When Kerry won the 1975 All Ireland Senior football Final against Dublin, two players on the senior team each had a brother playing on the minor team the same day. Who were they?

11. Who were the first winners of the Club Championships in 1966?

12. Name the Kerryman who refereed the Munster Senior Football Final between Cork and Waterford in 1957, having won a senior All Ireland with Kerry in 1953?



ANSWERS ON PAGE 57

Jack Moriarty

"Moriarty of that famous clan from Littor sandy shore. Where Fionn McCool played Gaelic Games at the foot of Knockanore. To play for the dear old Kingdom was ever his cherished dream And to-day he holds an honoured place in the Kerry Football Team".

THIS was a Kerry poets tribute to Jack Moriarty following Kerry's famous victory over Louth in the Croke Memorial Final played on May 4th 1913, with the game ending in a draw. The replay took place on June 29th and Kerry were victors by 2-4 to 0-5. The game attracted a then record crowd of 32,000 and a cash flow of £1930.

It was that windfall which enabled the GAA to purchase the then Jones's Road from Frank Dineen of Limerick who had purchased the grounds in 1908 and held it for sale to the GAA without profit until such time as the Association had sufficient funds to buy it. Thus, did Croke Park come into existence and Asdee's Jack Moriarty was one of the players who helped to buy the now famous ground.

Jack was born in Littor, Asdee around 1890 and at a young age became interested in football. A great team known as the Craughdarrig Emmets came to an end when Moriarty began to play senior football and he threw in his lot with Ballydonoghue; a parish with a great football tradition.

In 1912 when playing with Ballydonoghue in Ballybunion he impressed William O'Sullivan the great Ballybunion sportsman who got in touch with Dick Fitzgerald, and Jack

was selected for Kerry. That year Kerry were defeated by Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final.

In 1913 Kerry won the All-Ireland which was played in November, defeating Wexford. However, Jack Moriarty had gone to America by then. He was a star forward on the New York team for the next decade or so and when he lost some of his speed at midfield he played in goals for a few years. He returned in 1933 and though his speed was gone by then he was still the most accurate forward in the area and was Craughdarrig's top scorer when they won their first and only North Kerry Championship in 1934.

He hung up his boots in the late 30's but the Beale mentors coaxed him out of retirement for the North Kerry Junior Final played on Easter Sunday 1940 and some of the old magic was still in his feet. He scored the only goal of the game and Beale won by 1-08 to 0-08. It's nice to recall that such a career ended on a winning note.

Jack enjoyed great health and took a keen interest in the game he loved to the end of his days. He died after a short illness in 1975. Ar Dheis De go raibh a anam.



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