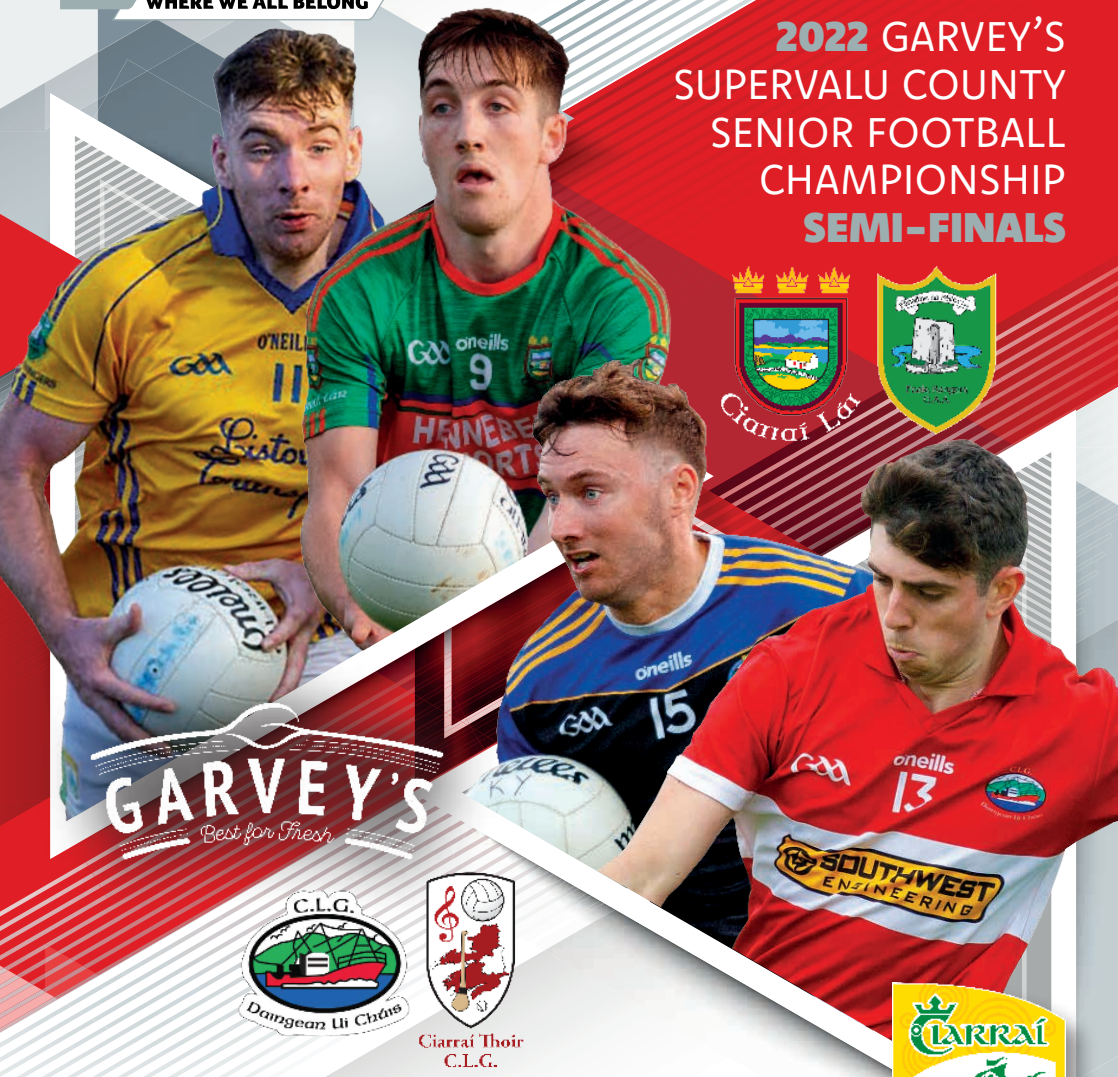


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ON behalf of Kerry GAA it gives me great pleasure to welcome everyone to our Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship semi-final games here in Austin Stack Park this weekend. I extend a special welcome to the players and management of all four teams, and indeed to our two referees and their respective teams of officials.

Winning a county championship following an All Ireland final victory makes that championship success so much sweeter and no doubt the prospect of being the top team in the county after Kerry's success this year will drive all four teams to even greater heights this weekend.

First up is the meeting of Feale Rangers and Mid Kerry under Saturday night lights something that always generates it's own special atmosphere. While Mid Kerry has been a perennial participant in the latter stages of the championship, Feale Rangers are making a welcome return to the business end of the competition. Following on from the success of North Kerry in the Minor Championship and their tremendous performance in the Under 21 final the re-emergence of Feale Rangers as championship contenders is welcomed by all. After their extra time exertions against Austin Stacks last weekend the north Kerry-men will have their mettle tested once again by a youthful Mid Kerry outfit that finally got the better of Templeoe on Sunday last. We welcome RTE2's televising of the game and hopefully viewers will see Kerry football at it's best.

Focus on Sunday afternoon switches to the second semi-final and the meeting of East Kerry and Dingle. The Divisional side, with many household names

in their line-up, are of course many people's favourites for ultimate honours but they would do well not to underestimate a Dingle side who have certainly caught the imagination of the footballing public. The prospect of so many Kerry stars pitting their wits against each other is sure to whet the footballing appetite and with the presence of AFL Grand Final winner Mark O'Connor in the Dingle fifteen, patrons are certainly in for a Titanic contest. Enjoy the games!

JUBILEE TEAM

Looking ahead to County Final day on October 30th, it has been decided that the Laune Rangers team who won successive county finals in 1995 and 1996 will be the Jubilee Team honoured on the day. Covid restrictions over the past two years prevented the Killorglin-men having their day in the sun. The East Kerry 3-in-a-row side of 1997 to '99 will be honoured next year.

Patrick O'Sullivan

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PREVIEW



CAN FEALE RANGERS CONTINUE TO SURPRISE OR WILL MID KERRY END THEIR DREAM RUN?

By MURT MURPHY

SPORT is littered with clichés and if I hear “Hard work, dedication, and sticking with the process got us this far” one more time I swear I will pull my hair out! Well maybe not; but sports fans and media will spin a fairy-tale like mythology around a select few players or teams that have risen from the ashes, as if they have absolute control of the outcome of a game of football.

Feale Rangers, as this narrative goes, will have begun this season feeling disrespected and carrying a metaphorical chip on their collective shoulder. Fueled by previous failures (2013 since they reached their last semi-final when they lost 3-12 to 0-3 to Austin Stacks) and a supernatural perseverance, the story's protagonist, the team's star player Barry Mahony, will have won because he wanted it more and outworked every other team's star player. We may decide that the Feale Rangers coach, probably Billy Lee outsmarted possibly Mid Kerry's Peter O'Sullivan, or they will win because of an uncommon bond among selfless players. In other words the “Collective” trumps the team with “star names”.

Yes, the stars do have a disproportionate impact on the game, relative to other players, but as any manager or coach will tell you, the outcome of a game is sometimes decided long before the game begins. Some will have you believe the naive notion that games are decided by who works the hardest and has the most passion sometimes intensity and hunger are thrown into the stew for flavour.

The less romantic, but more accurate explanation is that there are an unknowable number of events and decisions. They are made by countless people, including managers, coaches, players, opponents and match officials, weather, not the mind the width of the crossbar or post. So let's go on the premise that both Feale Rangers and Mid Kerry have reached the semi-final on merit and it's a game that will be decided on Saturday night based on the factors mentioned above.

Mid Kerry are marginal favourites if that is what you need to know but if we were previewing a horse race rather than a football game, and then the sides are closely matched. Mid Kerry won all three group games in style but their last two games have seen their form dip not helped by injuries to be fair. They topped their group but they did not put a depleted Stacks side away until late on. That was the same Stacks side that Feale Rangers also did not put away until two periods of extra time and 1-3 off the bench from Darragh Lynch and Rory Mahony.

So advantage to Mid Kerry just about. But last Sunday Mid Kerry struggled against Templenoe without Gavin Crowley and in fact trailed midway through the second half leading 0-10 to 0-8. But the final quarter belonged to Mid Kerry and a brace each from Darren Houlihan from Cromane and Jack O'Connor ensured Mid Kerry got over the line. But Feale Rangers travelled to Templenoe in the final group in game they did not have to win and beat the locals by five. Remember Templenoe needed to win and were almost out only for a Nathan O'Driscoll free

kick leveling the game with the last kick of the game, so eliminating South Kerry. So that is advantage Feale Rangers in my book.

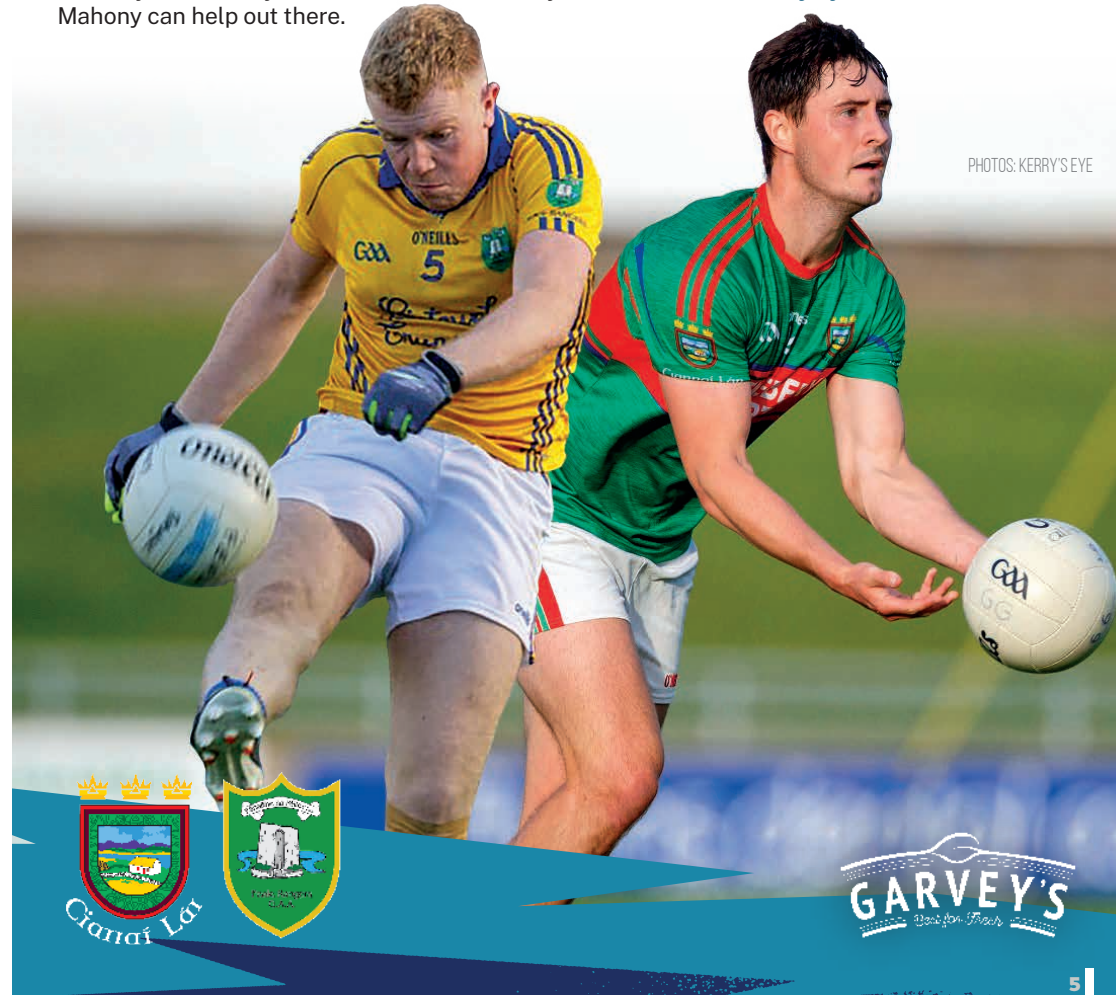
On the injury front Mid Kerry will miss Sean O'Brien while Nathan Breen did play in the quarter-final and Kieran Dennehy who is carrying an injury since the Na Gaeil game was taken off at half time. Conor O'Keefe must be a doubt for Rangers as the turnaround is just a week.

There are a number of potential match-ups with Barry Mahony v Mike Breen a key battle if Mike is given that job considering that he has played very little football. It might be a job for the enforcer Pa Kilkenny. Mid Kerry might have an advantage at midfield where any two from Colin McGillycuddy, Darren Houlihan and Ronan Murphy would appear to be stronger than Bryan Sweeney and Cillian Trant but Barry Mahony can help out there.

Both forward lines are loaded with pace but without Kieran Dennehy Mid Kerry are not as potent as he is a goal threat. But both sides have impact players on the bench, Jack O'Connor and Gearóid Hassett for Mid Kerry and its Darragh Lynch, Rory Mahony and James McVeigh for Rangers. I would expect a number of those to start with possibly Lynch and Jack O'Connor being held back. But it's a call like who to start and who might be my finisher that could well decide this game.

Peter O'Sullivan has held Jack O'Connor back so he may do it again while Feale Rangers will probably start Rory Mahony in attack but that is management earns their corn. As I said it could either way but Mid Kerry were beaten finalists two year ago and that experience might just get them over the line.


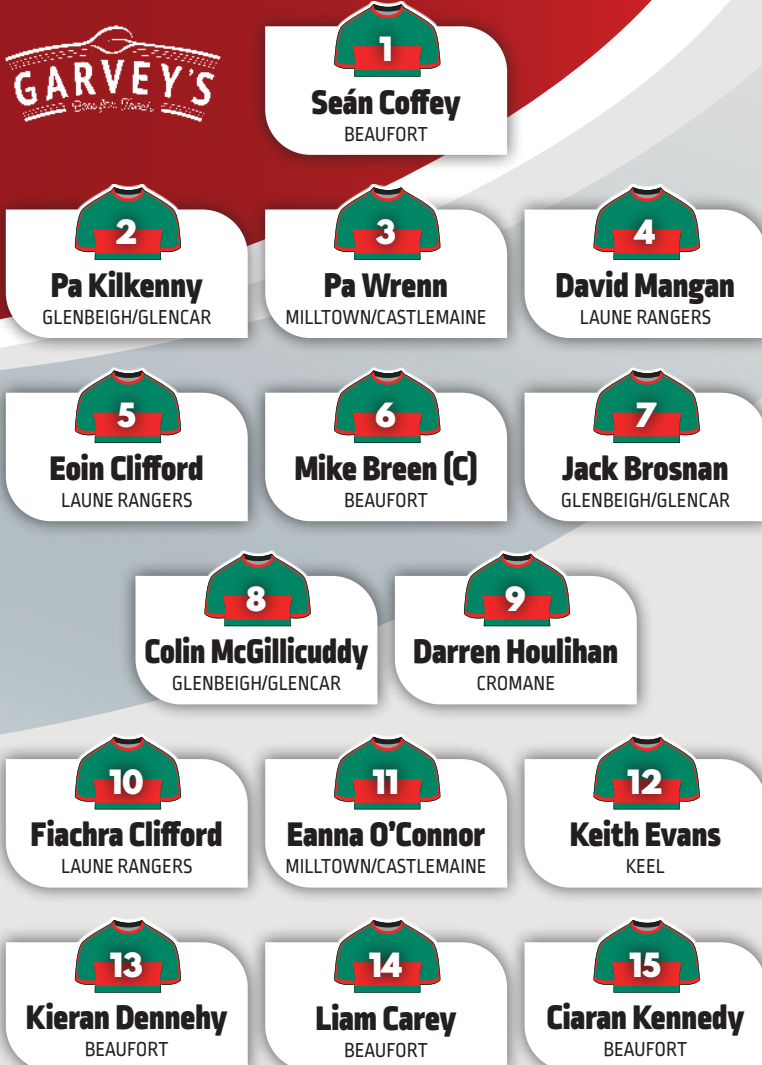
VERDICT: Mid Kerry by the minimum.



PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE



MID KERRY

1
Seán Coffey
BEAUFORT

2
Pa Kilkenny
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR

3
Pa Wrenn
MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

4
David Mangan
LAUNE RANGERS

5
Eoin Clifford
LAUNE RANGERS

6
Mike Breen (C)
BEAUFORT

7
Jack Brosnan
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR

8
Colin McGillicuddy
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR

9
Darren Houlihan
CROMANE

10
Fiachra Clifford
LAUNE RANGERS

11
Eanna O'Connor
MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE

12
Keith Evans
KEEL

13
Kieran Dennehy
BEAUFORT

14
Liam Carey
BEAUFORT

15
Ciaran Kennedy
BEAUFORT

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FIR IONAIÐ

- Jason Browne
LAUNE RANGERS
- Jack O'Connor
BEAUFORT
- Caolim Teahan
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR
- Ronan Murphy
BEAUFORT
- Gearoid Hassett
LAUNE RANGERS
- Liam Smith
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR
- Ethan Coffey
BEAUFORT
- Gavan Horan
MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE
- Daire Cleary
LAUNE RANGERS
- David Roche
MILLTOWN/CASTLEMAINE
- Liam Roche
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR
- Seán Cleary
LAUNE RANGERS
- Shane Evans
KEEL
- Eoghan Hassett
LAUNE RANGERS
- Nathan Breen
BEAUFORT

BAINISTÍOCHT

Bainisteoir: Peter O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh/Glencar);
Roghnoiri: Gary McGrath (Cromane), Gary Murphy (Milltown/Castlemaine);
S&C: Shane O'Sullivan;
Medical: Amy Phelan.
Stats: Liam Doherty.




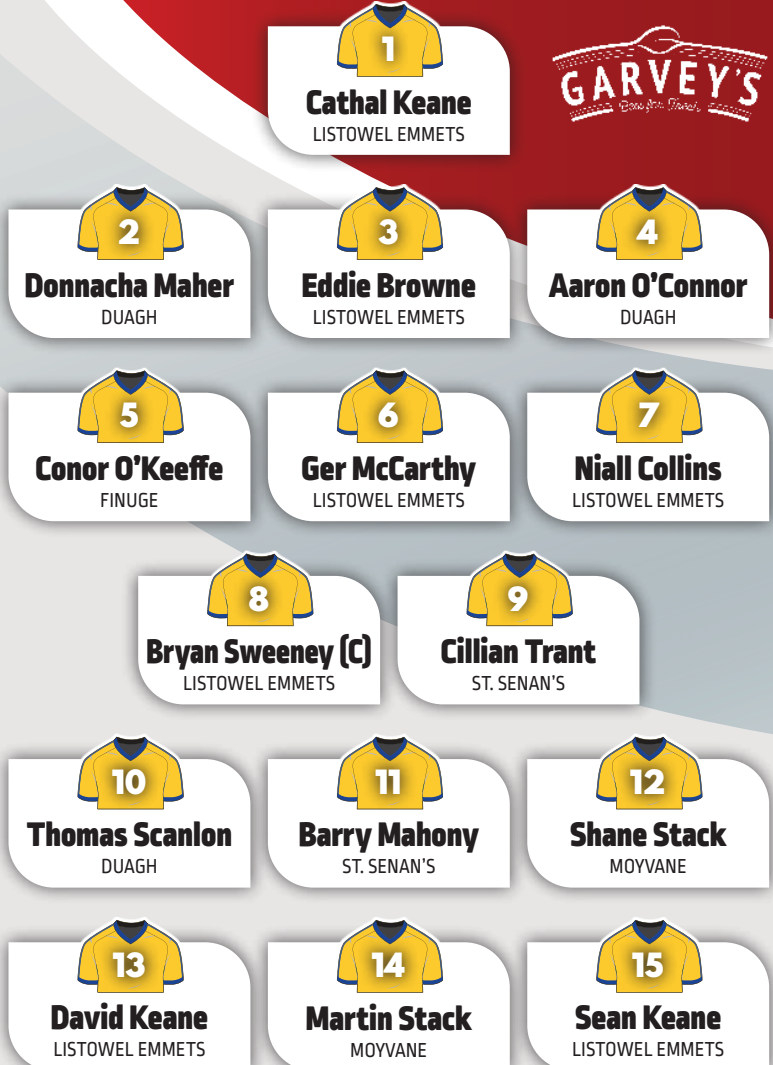
FIR IONAIÐ

- James Barry
ST. SENAN'S
- Seanan O'Caomh
DUAGH
- Jamie McVeigh
LISTOWEL EMMETS
- Eamonn O'Flaherty
MOYVANE
- Rory Mahony
ST. SENAN'S
- Darragh Lynch
LISTOWEL EMMETS
- Ted Moloney
DUAGH
- Michael Kennedy
LISTOWEL EMMETS
- Nigel O'Connor
DUAGH
- Ciaran Pierse
LISTOWEL EMMETS
- Sean Weir
ST. SENAN'S
- Jack McElligott
LISTOWEL EMMETS
- Shane Carmody
MOYVANE
- Sean T Dillon
ST. SENAN'S
- Kieran MacKessy
FINUGE

BAINISTÍOCHT

Bainisteoir: John James Buckley; **Trainer:** Shane Kelly;
Roghnoiri: Pat Barry, Enda Galvin, Kieran Quirke, Conor Keane, Billy Lee;
Goalkeeper Coach: Joby Costello.
Maor Foirne: Mike McKenna.
Physio: Clodagh Leahy.

FEALE RANGERS

1
Cathal Keane
LISTOWEL EMMETS

2
Donnacha Maher
DUAGH

3
Eddie Browne
LISTOWEL EMMETS

4
Aaron O'Connor
DUAGH

5
Conor O'Keeffe
FINUGE

6
Ger McCarthy
LISTOWEL EMMETS

7
Niall Collins
LISTOWEL EMMETS

8
Bryan Sweeney (C)
LISTOWEL EMMETS

9
Cillian Trant
ST. SENAN'S

10
Thomas Scanlon
DUAGH

11
Barry Mahony
ST. SENAN'S

12
Shane Stack
MOYVANE

13
David Keane
LISTOWEL EMMETS

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Martin Stack
MOYVANE

15
Sean Keane
LISTOWEL EMMETS

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PREVIEW



East Kerry and Dingle should not disappoint

By MURT MURPHY

THE history between East Kerry and Dingle in recent years suggests that this semi-final could be fought in the trenches because in truth there is no love lost between the pair. You only have to cast your mind back to the turbulent semi-final of 2018 and its aftermath to realise that Sunday's encounter will not be a game for the faint hearted.

East Kerry has been pre championship favourites and that has not changed as they are as short as 4/11 to beat Dingle and the challengers are juicy 11/4 against at the time of writing. Those odds will not make a lot of difference to the players on both sides or the managements but then again bookmakers make very few errors and when is the last time you saw a bookie on a bike!

East Kerry after getting away to a flying start have just been doing enough in recent games to win but they have in the armoury the most priceless and talented individual to ever have played Gaelic Football in David Clifford, who has proved himself to be a match winner. But he is surrounded by a bunch of very talented players and that sometimes is ignored.

Dingle who had a poor Club Championship is the last club standing in the county championship and they have been gradually improving. They have their own match winner in Paul Geaney who is still one of the best finishers and goal sniffers in the county. But to have their Prodical Son Mark O'Connor back is a massive shot in the arm after his AFL heroics and he will definitely strengthen Dingle but it takes time to revert to the round ball and to acclimatise as this will only be his second competitive game.

There are many people out there who believe

that Dingle should be favourites after the hammering they gave the Crokes and maybe they have a point. East Kerry thanks to David Clifford only just got over the line against a defensively set up Kenmare Shamrocks last Sunday but to base a prediction on two completely different semi-finals is fraught with danger.

Dingle were impressive winners but they were playing a Dr. Crokes side who were missing their three top players in Fionn Fitzgerald, Gavin White and Micheál Burns as well as Gavin O'Shea, so this might well have contributed to Dingle running riot in the second half. Then questions have been asked about why Dr. Crokes allowed Tom O'Sullivan the freedom of Austin Stack Park and he took full advantage by scoring five points from play (I know one was a mark). On this Sunday it is unlikely Tom will have as much freedom to roam forward as East Kerry have a numbers of foxes who love to raid the hen coup, namely the Clifford brothers, Dara Roche and James O'Donoghue so O'Sullivan may have to stay at home.

East Kerry only led for the first time against Kenmare Shamrocks in the 38th minute and required a David Clifford bailout to stay in the Championship. In fact Dan McCarthy might well have forced extra time had his punched effort not hit the post in added time. There was also claims that Seanie O'Shea should have been awarded a penalty but that is now history and is only mentioned as another example that East Kerry are not invincible nor have they ever claimed to be, its merely another example of media hype.

Two salient points about East Kerry is that they are not as strong as they were when they had the Spa players. What odds would East Kerry

be if they had Dan O'Donoghue, the Cronins, Dara Moynihan and Liam Kearney?

It is also evident that Ronan Buckley is ploughing a lone furrow at midfield as none of his partners have been playing to form but that could all change on Sunday. It is also an area where Dingle looks very strong with Barry O'Sullivan, Billy O'Connor and now Mark O'Connor to add more aerial power so it's definitely advantage Dingle at midfield.

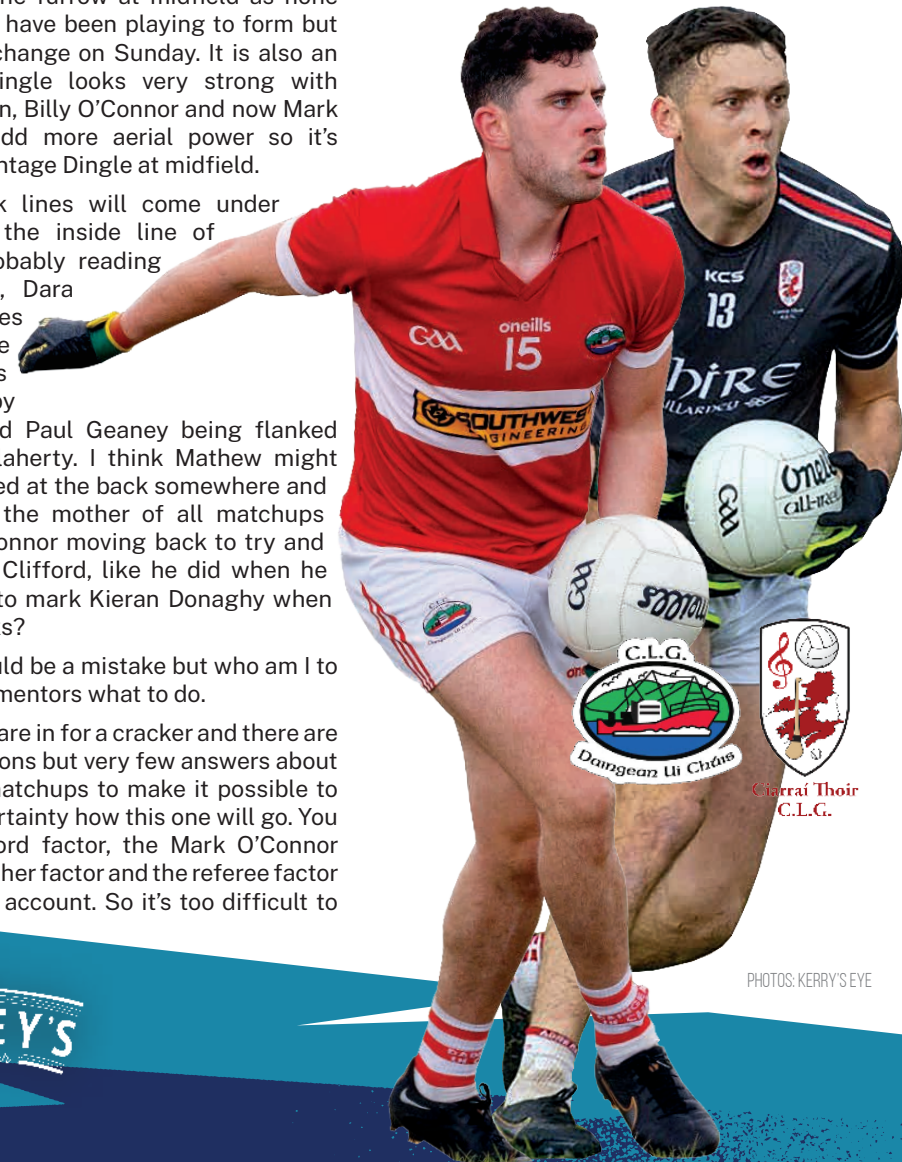
Both full back lines will come under scrutiny with the inside line of East Kerry probably reading David Clifford, Dara Roche and James O'Donoghue while Dingle's is not too shabby with Dylan and Paul Geaney being flanked by Matthew Flaherty. I think Mathew might well be deployed at the back somewhere and could we see the mother of all matchups with Mark O'Connor moving back to try and shackle David Clifford, like he did when he dropped back to mark Kieran Donaghy when they met Stacks?

I think that would be a mistake but who am I to tell the Dingle mentors what to do.

It looks like we are in for a cracker and there are so many questions but very few answers about line-ups and matchups to make it possible to predict with certainty how this one will go. You have the Clifford factor, the Mark O'Connor factor, the weather factor and the referee factor all to take into account. So it's too difficult to

call though I have a slight fancy for East Kerry, I am opting that it may take extra time.

VERDICT: A draw



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1 Gavin H Ó Corráin	2 Conchubhar Ó Flannúra	3 Conchubhar Ó Súilleabháin	4 Tomás Ó Súilleabháin
5 Niall Ó Géibheannaigh	6 Marc Ó Conchúir	7 Pádraig Ó Conchúir	8 Barra Ó Súilleabháin
9 Liam Ó Conchúir	10 Seoirse Durrant	11 Mícheál Ó Géibheannaigh (C)	12 Ruadhán Mac Cárthaigh
13 Dylan Ó Géibheannaigh	14 Pól Ó Géibheannaigh	15 Maitiú Ó Flaitheartaigh	



FIR IONAIÐ

- Daithí Ó Conchúir
- Mícheál Ó Flannúra
- Darragh Ó Súilleabháin
- Deividas Uosis
- Seán Óg Ó Móráin
- Tadhg de Brún
- Cathal Ó Bambaire
- Brian Ó Dubháin
- Tomás Leo Ó Súilleabháin
- Brian Ó Conchúir
- Eoghan de hÓra
- Pól Ó Dubháin
- Jeaic Ó Súilleabháin
- Mícheál Ó Beoláin
- Conchubhar Ó Géibheannaigh

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FIR IONAIÐ

- Brian Kelly KILLARNEY LEGION
- Niall Donohue FRIES
- Patrick Darcy GLENFLESK
- Donal O'Sullivan KILGARVAN
- Owen Fitzgerald GNEEVGUILLA
- Paul O'Shea KILCUMMIN
- Conor Herlihy GNEEVGUILLA
- Padraig Lucey KILLARNEY LEGION
- Padraig Doyle GNEEVGUILLA
- Sean O'Keeffe GNEEVGUILLA
- Philip O'Leary KILCUMMIN
- Cathal Ryan RATHMORE
- Dara O'Callaghan KILCUMMIN
- Killian O'Sullivan GLENFLESK
- Kieran Murphy KILCUMMIN

BAINISTÍOCHT

Jerry O'Sullivan, Arthur Fitzgerald, Seamus Moynihan, Sean O'Leary, Sean Cronin, Eamon Myers.
Physio: Ruth Allen.
Kitman: John Sheehy.
Liaison: John Dineen.

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EAST KERRY

1 Shane Ryan RATHMORE	2 Pa Warren GNEEVGUILLA	3 Jack Sherwood FRIES	4 Chris O'Donoghue GLENFLESK
5 Jonathan Lyne KILLARNEY LEGION	6 Paul Murphy (C) RATHMORE	7 Dan O'Brien GLENFLESK	8 Darragh Lyne KILLARNEY LEGION
9 Ronan Buckley LISTRY	10 Ruairi Murphy LISTRY	11 Paudie Clifford FOSSA	12 Cian Gammell KILLARNEY LEGION
13 David Clifford FOSSA	14 Dara Roche GLENFLESK	15 James O'Donoghue KILLARNEY LEGION	



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THE County finals of Scór Sinsear were staged last Friday evening at Currow Community Centre in front of a full house. An appreciative audience were entertained by the array of talented performers from a range of clubs in a competitive and high standard of competition.

Winners of the various competitions were as follows: RINCE FOIRNE - **Piarsaigh na Dromoda**, BALLÉAD GRÚPA - **Keel**, RECITATION - **Helen Sugrue (Na Gaeil)**, CEOL UIRLISE - **Keel**, LEIRIÚ - **Na Gaeil**, SOLO SINGING - **Mark O'Leary (Gneeveguilla)** and SET DANCING - **Gneeveguilla**. In a very exciting, close and yet competitive quiz **Churchill** emerged victorious on a fantastic score of 78 out of 80 marks followed by **Spa** on 77, **Ballydonoghue** on 76 and **Rathmore** on 75 marks - a really high standard of answering. Churchill go forward representing Ciarraí in the Munster final. Comgairdeas to the winners and indeed to all Scór participants who represented their clubs with pride.

Kerry will have representatives in all eight Scór events at Munster finals scheduled for Sunday 16th October at Cappamore. Credit goes to the local hall committee and stewards for the presentation of lovely facilities while the work of Coiste Scór Chiarráí is acknowledged on a successful event.



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EAST KERRY Mark Kelliher (Glenflesk), Ryan O'Grady (Killarney Legion), Brendan O'Keeffe (Rathmore).