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**Cluiche Ceannais Craobh Sinsir Peil Chiarraí 2.15i.n.**

**Ciarraí Lár v Ciarraí Thoir**

Réiteoir: Brendan Griffin – Clounmacon

- 1.30 ..... Foireann Ciarraí Lár amach ar an bPáirc
- 1.35 ..... Foireann Ciarraí Thoir amach ar an bPáirc
- 2:07 ..... Paráid na fóirne
- 2:13 ..... Amhrán na bhFiann
- 2.15 ..... Tús Garvey's SuperValu Kerry Co. Senior Football Championship Final
- 2:48 ..... Leath ama
- 2:50 ..... Presentation of Jubilee Team – Laune Rangers,  
County Senior Football Champions 1995/1996
- 2.58 ..... Tús an dara leath
- 3.31 ..... Deireadh an cluiche
- 3:34 ..... Presentation of Bishop Moynihan Cup to winning captain  
by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Chiarraí, Patrick O'Sullivan
- 3:38 ..... Presentation of the Garvey's SuperValu  
Man of the Match trophy by Sponsor

*Replay if game finishes level after normal time  
Replay date: Following Weekend*

*Killorglin and District Pipe Band – Pre-match & parade.*



LEFT: Keith Evans  
(Mid Kerry). RIGHT:  
Paudie Clifford  
(East Kerry).

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# Failtiú an Chathaoirligh



Is cúis mór áthais dom fíor fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go dtí Páirc Aibhistín de Staic inniu le h-aghaidh Cluiche Ceannais Peile an chontae. Ba mhaith liom fáilte speisialta a chur roimh na fóirne ó Ciarraí Thoir agus Ciarraí Lár agus ta súil agam go mbeidh cluiche breá sportúil againn.

It gives me great pleasure as chairman of Kerry GAA to welcome you all here today to Austin Stack Park. County final day is always a special occasion but it is even more so when Kerry are the reigning All Ireland Champions! After a couple of years of straight knockout due to Covid restrictions, the competition this year was played on a more expansive format with four groups of four playing off on a Round Robin basis giving a minimum of three games to all teams. While this process may need some tweaking there is no denying that we have two worthy final participants in East Kerry and Mid Kerry doing battle here today and I welcome both teams, their managements and officials.

While Mid Kerry have to go back to 2008 for the last time they lifted the Bishop Moynihan Cup, East Kerry have been successful twice in recent years including a lock-down final victory over Mid Kerry two years ago. Both sides have been impressive en route to the final and with a multitude of seasoned as well as young and talented future stars in their ranks I am sure that we are in for a spectacle befitting the occasion. The best of luck to both sides.

## REFEREES

I welcome our referee Brendan Griffin and his team of officials and we wish them the best of luck as they take charge of today's final. Last Sunday was designated as a national GAA Referees Respect Day by Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy. That initiative follows a spate of instances of violence and abuse against referees in the course of their duties throughout the country at large. Unfortunately, this county is not immune to such vile and unacceptable behaviour. It behoves all of us to ensure that our referees are treated with the respect they deserve - everyday should be a Referees Respect Day. How otherwise are we going to increase the pool of referees to officiate our games schedule?

## SPONSORS

Garvey's SuperValu has been the main sponsors of our football and hurling championships since 2011. They have remained fully committed sponsors right through the economic turbulence of the past few

years and we are very grateful for their contribution and continued support. We welcome Tomás and Jim Garvey along with Kevin McCarthy to Austin Stack Park for today's showpiece final. Garvey's are a very successful local company and their outlook and ethos in supporting local mirrors that of Kerry GAA. We are indeed proud to be associated with them.

## STREAMING AND LIVE COVERAGE OF OUR GAMES

If anything positive did come out of the Covid lockdown it has to be the streaming of championship games here in the county. It certainly is an initiative that is both welcome and worth pursuing given that it brings our games to a wider audience many of whom may not be in a position to attend in person. My thanks to all involved. By the same token, may I also welcome TG4 here today and thank them for not only the coverage of this game but also their outstanding coverage of GAA games in general.

## CHANGE OF MANAGER AT MINOR AND U21 GRADES

The last few weeks have seen the appointment of new managers for our county teams at Minor and Under 20 grades. James Costello's term as minor manager came to an end this year and I want to thank James, his selectors Mark Fitzgerald and Pa McCarthy, and their management team for the work they put in over the last four years in what were the most trying circumstances any minor manager ever had to deal with. We wish new manager Wayne Quillinan and his management team the very best of luck in their term.

Declan O'Sullivan stepped down as manager of the Under 20 team due to pressing work commitments and I also want to thank Declan, Sean O'Sullivan, Niall O'Mahony and their management team for their dedication during their two year term in charge. Tomás Ó Sé will guide the fortunes of the Under 20s and we wish Tomás and his backroom team the very best of luck during their term in charge of what is a very important grade.

## KERRY ARE BACK AT THE TOP OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP TREE

Earlier this year Kerry senior footballers won their

38th All Ireland title and one must say that they did so in style! July 24th is a day that will live long in the memory and I want to congratulate each and every player in the panel as well as the man who pulled all the pieces together, the incomparable Jack O'Connor and his entire management team. For good measure of course, Kerry completed the double by winning the Allianz League title. The All Ireland Medal presentation in The Great Southern Hotel Killarney on Friday November 25th is sure to be some occasion!

Organising an All Ireland appearance is a huge logistical nightmare and I want to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the successful weekend and I am not forgetting our fantastic supporters who roared us home in Croke Park!

Kerry Group, the main sponsors of our intercounty teams, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of their founding this year and we warmly congratulate them on their achievement. We are honoured to be

associated with a world leader in food production and it was fitting that our senior footballers marked the occasion with an All Ireland success.

## JUBILEE TEAM

Today we welcome our Jubilee team, Laune Rangers, who won successive county finals in 1995 and 1996 and capped that achievement by winning the All Ireland Club final. Covid restrictions prevented the Killorglinmen being honoured two years ago. The East Kerry 3-in-a-row side of 1997 to '99 will be honoured next year.

## BUÍOCHAS

Finally, a huge thank you to all our patrons and supporters who attended our games during the past year and also to all our sponsors for their continued generous financial support. I hope that everyone enjoys today's game and may the best team win!

*Patrick O'Sullivan*

**CATHAOIRLEACH COISTE CHONTAE CHIARRAÍ**



## 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 East Kerry and Mid Kerry to this afternoon's Garvey's SuperValu county senior football championship final.

With so many past and present wearers of the green and gold on view and indeed with others from the successful Minor teams of recent years expected to make the breakthrough at county level in the years ahead, we can expect a skilful and exciting game befitting of a county football final in the home of the reigning All Ireland champions. Of course these two sides met here in the final just two years ago but in totally different circumstances when a Covid lock-down prevented supporters from both sides being present to enjoy the fare. Thankfully we are all here today to sample the atmosphere and hopefully the game will live up to it's billing.

This year's championship, which started out on a Round-Robin basis, probably suited the Divisional sides given that traditionally those teams are slow starters. It's been a compelling championship to date with the re-emergence of Feale Rangers being the highlight of the championship so far. Many supporters have enjoyed the regular games since the competition commenced on the 9th of September and we now look forward to a final filled with quality players from both sides.

East Kerry, champions in 2019 and 2020, come into this game as many people's favourites given the pedigree of the player panel they have at their disposal. They are unbeaten,

but worryingly from a Mid Kerry point of view, they will feel that they have not been firing on all cylinders so to speak. Still, they carved out victories in both the quarter-final and semi-final when victory looked far from secure.

Mid Kerry are also unbeaten in this year's competition and indeed with a nice mixture of youth and experience in their ranks they have probably been the most impressive team to date particularly so when accounting for the threat of Feale Rangers in trying conditions in the semi-final. Fourteen years is a long time to wait to add to their four county championship titles and no doubt they will feel that their time has come.

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 or three 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 - and indeed the general public - 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**

# "Respect the Referee"

**WHAT DOES "RESPECT THE REFEREE" MEAN TO YOU? Ask yourself this question and see what your answer will be.....**

A recent study carried out by Dr. Noel Brick, Ulster University, on referee abuse in Gaelic games, showed that over 94% of 438 referees surveyed have experienced verbal abuse, with an alarming 23% reporting physical abuse. (Brian Barry)

What are we going to do to fix this? Can we work together to rid our games of this culture of abuse. We must all take responsibility. Players, management teams, supporters, parents, and referees.

The Referees Committee would like to meet all the clubs before the start of next season to sit down and have an open conversation regarding refereeing, rules, conduct on the side-line etc. This would not be a finger pointing exercise rather to the contrary, a team building exercise. It is hoped that we can embrace the fact that we are all needed for the games to take place and if we can improve our relationship the game will be better for it.

When you go to watch a game of football or hurling, you are going to support your team or if neutral you are going to watch both teams. The only person going to watch the referee is his assessor. Why then does the referee become the scapegoat for the losing team? I can assure you that most mistakes made on the field are by the players. You'll never hear "ah corner-back" or "ah midfielder" but "ah ref" will be said every time the ref blows the whistle.

Our GAA competitions have different grades from Senior to Novice to enable all levels of footballers and

hurlers play. We also have competitions for second and third teams. Our referees however are expected to be elite at all times. If we can show a tolerance to the different level of players, can we also show tolerance to our referees, especially our new ones.

Our referees are out every night of the week. This season we had more games than ever and throw in the fact that we are competing with Camogie and LGFA, our refs are being overused. If our refs are out every night, we do not get a chance to train them. They do not get a chance to train themselves. Tiredness from refereeing can set in and standards drop. We accept that. We need more refs to ref the games. The more refs available the more time the committee will be afforded to train existing refs. We can't attract refs due to the abuse and so the vicious circle will continue.

As a county we run some excellent coaching courses, some of the top people involved in coaching lending their expertise and knowledge so up and coming managers can better themselves. We bring in different coaches with different areas of expertise, backs coach, forwards coach and goalkeeping coaches etc. How difficult would it be to bring in a referee to 'coach' the rules? We coach the coaches; the coaches coach the players. Everybody is learning how to play football but nobody is teaching anybody the rules of the game. This is where we must start.

*"You have to learn the rules of the game and then you have to play better than anyone else"* Albert Einstein

By **MARK GRIFFIN**, Kerry GAA Referees Committee

## DID YOU KNOW?



- That Frank Halbert (Cork) refereed three finals in a row, 1967, 1968 and 1969.
- That Eamon O'Donoghue (RIP) played in the County Championship semi-final for Shannon Rangers in 1975 and refereed the drawn final of that year.
- That Weeshie Fogarty refereed six County Championship Finals, three in a row, 1976, 1977 and 1978 and won three County Championships in a row with East Kerry, 1968, 1969 and 1970.
- That Richie Williams (Dingle), Maurice O'Sullivan (Ballyheigue) and Pat Sheehy (Clounmacon and Causeway) have refereed both Hurling and Football County Championship Finals in the last 50 years.
- That Castleisland Desmonds have supplied five referees in County Championship Finals, namely, Tom McCarthy, Tom Lynch, Tom Golden, Tom Brennan and Denis O'Donovan.
- That Jerome Conway, former County Board Chairman refereed the 1979 County Championship Final.

A big thank you, to Robert Bunyan (Ballydonoghue), who researched all this, for the Referees Committee. Robert, who captained the Kerry Minor Football team in 1975, has also won County Championships in both Football with Feale Rangers and Hurling with Ballyduff in Kerry.

## TODAY'S REFEREE

# Brendan Griffin

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**When did you start refereeing?** 2012.

**What finals / significant Senior matches have you refereed?** Today will be my 4th Senior County Football Final. I have refereed the 2020 McGrath Cup Final and the 2021 Munster Senior Club Semi Final. I joined the National Referee Panel in 2020 and refereed the 2022 Division 3 Final between Louth and Limerick in Croke Park.

**What is the funniest part of refereeing?** The different characters you meet. After a match one day, I was walking to my car with a spectator who was giving me plenty of "advice" during the game from the stand. I told him he had a very distinguishable voice to which he replied "if only your eyesight was as good as your hearing"!!!

**What advice would you have for any aspiring referee?** Know your rule book, keep fit, communicate with the players, keep your composure, and surround yourself with a good team. Take on board the advice you receive from assessor's, they have been there and done it.

**If you could change one rule in football / hurling:** The throw in at the start of both halves should be with only two players, with the other two midfielders on their own respective 65's. It would cut out the messing that goes on at throw ins.



Today, Brendan will be assisted by Stand-By - Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senan's), Linesman - Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahilly's) and 4th Official - Tom McCarthy (Castleisland Desmonds) who incidentally was the referee 25 years ago in 1997. He will also be assisted by his Umpires Dominic Scanlon (Listowel Emmets), Tadhg Murphy (Duagh), Chris Lyons (Clounmacon) and Kevin Dillon (Ballydonoghue).

We wish Brendan and his team of officials the best of luck today.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS REFEREES SINCE 1997

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| <b>1997</b> ..... Tom McCarthy (Castleisland Desmonds)  | <b>2009</b> ..... Jeremiah Lynch (Ballymac)            |
| <b>Replay</b> .... Tom McCarthy (Castleisland Desmonds) | <b>2010</b> ..... Pdraig O'Sullivan (Furies)           |
| <b>1998</b> ..... Maurice O' Sullivan (Ballyheigue)     | <b>2011</b> ..... Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahilly's)      |
| <b>1999</b> ..... Tommy Gilligan (Valentia)             | <b>2012</b> ..... Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahilly's)      |
| <b>2000</b> ..... Denis Donovan (Castleisland Desmonds) | <b>2013</b> ..... Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senan's)       |
| <b>2001</b> ..... Michael O'Donoghue (Glenflesk)        | <b>2014</b> ..... Eddie Walsh (Rathmore)               |
| <b>2002</b> ..... Peter Lyons (Laune Rangers)           | <b>Replay</b> .... Pdraig O'Sullivan (Furies)          |
| <b>2003</b> ..... Tom Lynch (Castleisland Desmonds)     | <b>2015</b> ..... Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senan's)       |
| <b>Replay</b> .... Tom Lynch (Castleisland Desmonds)    | <b>Replay</b> .... Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahilly's)     |
| <b>2004</b> ..... Pat Sheehy (Clounmacon)               | <b>2016</b> ..... Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon)         |
| <b>2005</b> ..... Peter Lyons (Laune Rangers)           | <b>2017</b> ..... Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon)         |
| <b>2006</b> ..... Pat Sheehy (Clounmacon)               | <b>2018</b> ..... Seamus Mulvihill (St. Senan's)       |
| <b>2007</b> ..... Pdraig O'Sullivan (Furies)            | <b>2019</b> ..... Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon)         |
| <b>2008</b> ..... Donal Casey (Scartaglin)              | <b>2020</b> ..... Paul Hayes (Kerins O'Rahilly's)      |
| <b>Replay</b> .... Pdraig O'Sullivan (Furies)           | <b>2021</b> ..... Jonathan Griffin (Glenbeigh-Glencar) |

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A chairde,

Tá Craobhchomórtais na gClubanna go maith faoi lánseol faoin tráth seo agus am thar a bheith speisialta atá ann do gach duine a rinne ionadaíocht thar ceann a gcuid clubanna le roinnt míonna anuas. Tá sé fíorthábhachtach a chuimhneamh gur am an-speisialta atá ann do na réiteoirí ar fad a rinne ionadaíocht thar ceann a gcuid pobal agus clubanna, freisin. Tá ár gcuid réiteoirí chomh tábhachtach céanna do CLG agus atá ár gcuid imreoirí, cóitseálaithe, baill choiste agus duine ar bith eile a bhíonn ag feidhmiú go deonach thar ceann an Chumainn.

As we head towards the end of the first designated window for the club season there can be no denying that our club championships have been given a fantastic opportunity to take centre stage. Just as our club players have been put on centre stage, so too have our dedicated referees and match officials and it has never been more important to single them out for special appreciation.

But actions need to speak louder than words when it comes to respect for our referees because allegations around the actions of a small few has cast a shadow over the entire Association.

To be the embodiment of the GAA manifesto, *Where We All Belong* requires that no one is left out or left behind. The people who act as match officials make a contribution that our games cannot exist without. They are as important to the GAA as every player, coach, committee member and volunteer. They are dedicated to Gaelic games, have a passion for their vocation and have families who are proud of the contribution they make. How we treat them says something about us, and the only treatment we should tolerate is one of utmost respect.

I have referenced previously the prevalence of inflammatory language and a culture of negative criticism and what one American commentator has called 'the corrosive assault on civility'. The GAA we want is one that is truly *Where We All Belong*, where respect for all of its members is not a slogan but enshrined in our ethos. I believe we have the opportunity and ability to ensure that our GAA community sets the tone for where Respect for all of our members should be, and I'd urge all of us to show courage to make sure that this opportunity is not lost.

Does your club supply referees? If not, why not? If your club supplies referees, do they feel supported and appreciated for that contribution? If not, why not? Does your club set and monitor a code of best practice and standards for behaviour on the field and on the sideline? Again, if not, why not? Are parents of juvenile players in your club aware of the standards that we insist upon at our games?

The standards we set in our own clubs, on our sidelines, among our own members need to be clear and unequivocal. All of those involved in our games must adhere to our standards of discipline and we will not tolerate abuse of players, coaches, members or match officials.

There is nothing complicated about any of the above. But we need to get out of our comfort zone and shake off an air of complacency around Give Respect, Get Respect that has allowed our levels of discipline to drop. Crucially, when we fall short of the standards that we set for ourselves, we need to face up to it and accept the associated punishment.

Last spring the Association launched a five-year strategic plan that placed referee recruitment and retention as one of its central pillars. This month we launch a review in several key areas that include the penalties for infraction against Match Officials, how these are handled within the disciplinary system with the aim to make motions to 2023 Congress and a full review of the current Give Respect Get Respect initiative.

Let's make the GAA a place Where We All Belong and we are all respected.

Ar aghaidh linn le chéile.

Is mise le meas,

Labhrás Mac Carthaigh  
Uachtarán





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# EAST KERRY

## Path to the Final



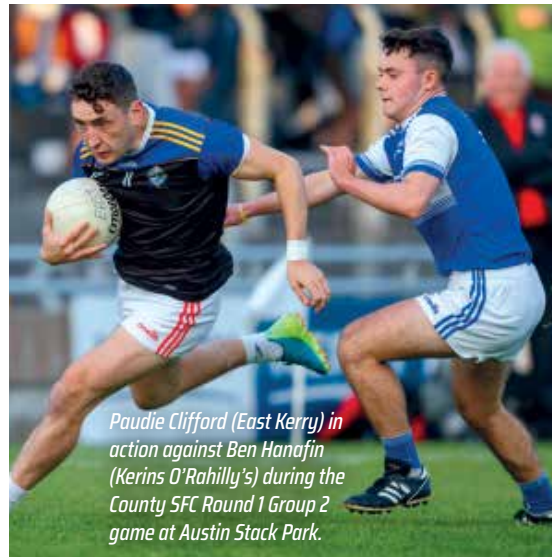
### GROUP STAGE:

#### East Kerry 2-20 Kerins O'Rahilly's 1-11

There was hype about East Kerry even before the competition began, but it really hit overdrive after a sparkling display saw off Kerins O'Rahilly's with quite a bit to spare, even with the absence of talismanic David Clifford.

Star of the show was Kerry U20 player Ruairi Murphy, who finished with 1-5 to his name. He got his goal early on and East Kerry led by 1-4 to 0-1 and by half-time it was 1-11 to 0-5. The hard truth is that East Kerry cruised to the finish line without ever reaching for top gear.

James O'Donoghue also hit 1-5, his goal a real gem, while Paudie Clifford had 0-4 and Kerry keeper Shane Ryan had 0-3 from full forward.

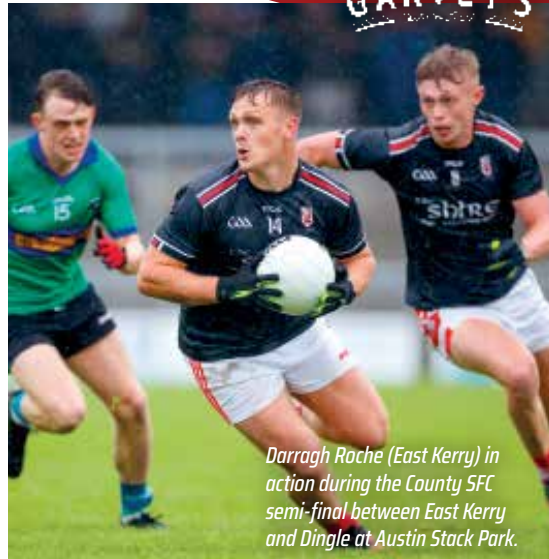


Paudie Clifford (East Kerry) in action against Ben Hanafin (Kerins O'Rahilly's) during the County SFC Round 1 Group 2 game at Austin Stack Park.

#### East Kerry 0-14 Spa 0-9

East Kerry safely negotiated their way past their neighbours but had to grind for this one against a side who had been well beaten in the opening round. Admittedly the game might have taken a different direction if not for two great early saves by Spa keeper James Devane, but the club side successfully choked East Kerry's attacks and dictated a low tempo.

East Kerry led by 0-6 to 0-3 after a low-scoring first



Darragh Roche (East Kerry) in action during the County SFC semi-final between East Kerry and Dingle at Austin Stack Park.

half. The general expectation was that East Kerry would open the throttle in the second half, but in fact it was East Kerry's keeper Marc Kelleher who had to be on his toes. There was just a goal between the sides entering the fourth quarter and Spa looked well capable of a goal – but two great points by substitute David Clifford put real daylight between them.

However, Spa's David Spillane went very close with two goal efforts – East Kerry didn't really convince here.

#### East Kerry 2-13 Dingle 1-11

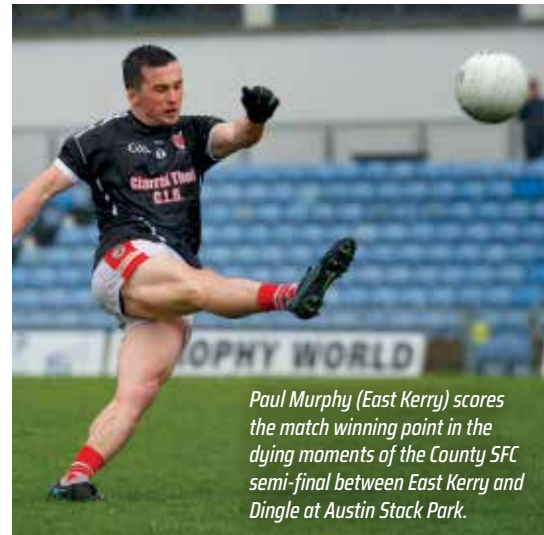
Dead rubbers were an issue in the group stages, and it was no different here, with both sides already through.

An early 1-1 for David Clifford sounded an ominous note, but Dingle rallied well, with Mikey Geaney inspiring a grudging defence as they held East Kerry to a 1-4 to 0-4 lead by half-time and quickly reduced the gap to one on the restart. East Kerry pushed four clear but were rocked on their heels by a Paul Geaney goal. 1-9 to 1-8 and the game on a knife edge. However, Darragh Roche teed up Ruairi Murphy for a goal and late scores gave East Kerry a slightly flattering winning margin.

### QUARTER-FINAL:

#### East Kerry 0-13 Kenmare Shamrocks 1-7

An early Paul O'Connor penalty put the cat among the



Paul Murphy (East Kerry) scores the match winning point in the dying moments of the County SFC semi-final between East Kerry and Dingle at Austin Stack Park.

pigeons, especially with Kieran Fitzgibbon superbly denying Paudie Clifford at the other end.

Kenmare led by 1-3 to 0-5 at half-time – the third East Kerry game in a row with a relatively low score line halfway through. Darragh Roche and Seán O'Shea had three dead ball conversions each as the sides were level after forty minutes, but two David Clifford scores gave East Kerry the ascendancy, 0-11 to 1-6.

David Hallissey pulled one back, but David Clifford hit another brace to put three points between them. They had to survive a nervy finish, though, with Dan McCarthy's fisted effort at goal just shaving the wrong side of the post.

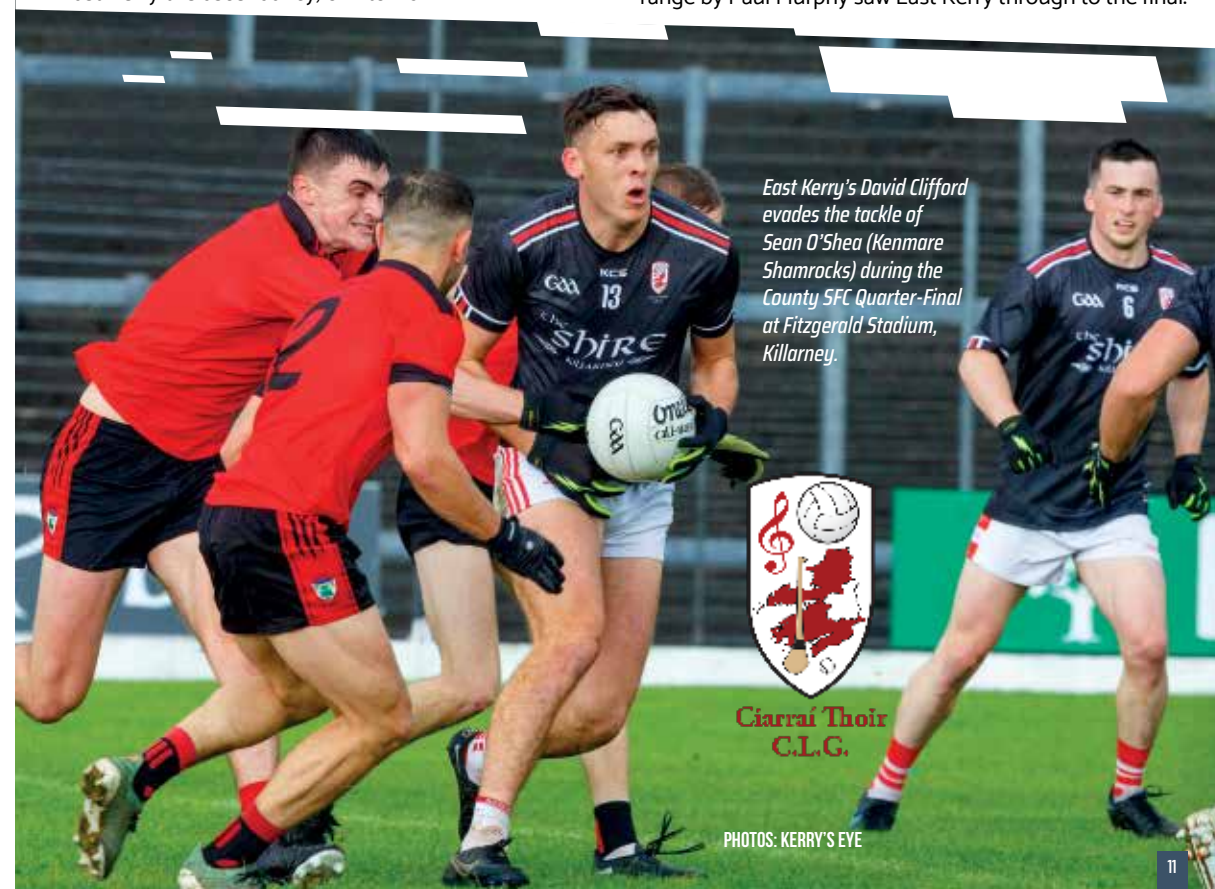
### SEMI-FINAL:

#### East Kerry 1-9 Dingle 1-8

Dingle were the form team coming into this one and the last club side standing. It was nip and tuck all the way and went right down to the wire before East Kerry escaped with a win that looked unlikely at times.

Three points from the stellar Paul Geaney had Dingle leading by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time, but a profligate East Kerry had left nine decent scoring chances behind them. On the restart Ronan Buckley and Cian Gammell tied things up. Great work by Paul Geaney set up Dylan Geaney for a goal, but East Kerry swept down the field in reply – Gavin Curran made two great saves but couldn't prevent Paudie Clifford finally fisting home the rebound.

Paul Geaney and Ruairi Murphy exchanged points. Barry O'Sullivan burst through for an important point, but Paudie Clifford replied in kind. Tom O'Sullivan fisted over a well-worked score to put Dingle back in front, but sub Paul O'Shea nervelessly kicked a great score to level. With the game on the line, a magnificent score from very long range by Paul Murphy saw East Kerry through to the final.



East Kerry's David Clifford evades the tackle of Sean O'Shea (Kenmare Shamrocks) during the County SFC Quarter-Final at Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney.



Ciarraí Thoir  
C.L.G.

PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE



# PREVIOUS TITLES



## EAST KERRY

### 1965 EAST KERRY 0-10 MID KERRY 0-4 (REPLAY)

In the first game, East Kerry led by 4-5 to 0-10 with just four minutes left. However, Kevin Griffin tackled Weeshie Fogarty into the net fairly, and then Tim Kelliher volleyed a cracking goal. With just seconds left, Pat Griffin fisted an equaliser.

A low-scoring first quarter saw the sides with just 0-1 each, but East Kerry cut loose with seven points on the trot and Mid Kerry couldn't eat into that lead in the second half, eventually going down by 0-10 to 0-4.

### 1968 EAST KERRY 6-8 WATERVILLE 1-9

Waterville, with the likes of Batt Galvin, Kevin Donnelly, Sean O'Shea, Brendan Donnelly, and especially Mick O'Connell (Valentia were in abeyance at the time) and Mick O'Dwyer, were a side to be feared. East Kerry had a much larger pick, though, and had players like Weeshie Fogarty, Derry and DJ Crowley, Mick Gleeson, Pat Moynihan, Tom Long, and Johnny Culloty. The Kerry keeper lined out at corner forward, where he scored 0-4 and set up four goals as East Kerry triumphed by 6-8 to 1-9.

### 1969 EAST KERRY 2-7 WATERVILLE 1-8

It was the same pairing a year later, and the same result, although this was a much closer affair. Donal Kavanagh had an early goal to set East Kerry on their way as they led by 1-5 to 0-3 at half-time, and the same player struck the net again in reply to Mick O'Neill's goal for Waterville in the second half. In the dying minutes Johnny Culloty managed to clear a dangerous effort by Mick O'Dwyer to ensure victory.

### 1970 EAST KERRY 1-15 WATERVILLE 0-15

For the third year in a row, it was East Kerry against Waterville, and East Kerry completed the first three-in-a-row since 1914 (Dr. Crokes). Mick O'Connell and Mick O'Dwyer were outstanding for the challengers, but East Kerry had greater strength in depth. However, the goal that separated the teams was a slice of luck as a long ball from Pat Moynihan dipped into the net off the post. East Kerry, trained by Donie Sheahan, would go on to win the inaugural All Ireland Club Final a year later.

### 1997 EAST KERRY 1-11 LAUNE RANGERS 0-8 (REPLAY)

Laune Rangers were lords and masters of Kerry football and All Ireland champions to boot. The Hassett brothers, Peter Lyons, Timmy Fleming, Conor Kearney, Mike Frank Russell et al were favourites, but East Kerry had

a formidable array themselves. Seamus Moynihan, Declan O'Keeffe, Tom O'Sullivan, Donal Daly and John Crowley had won All Ireland medals three weeks previously. They led by five early on and four at the break - it should really have been more. Laune Rangers' resilience came to the fore as 1-2 from Liam Hassett helped to earn them a hard-fought draw.

Again East Kerry were wasteful early on but still managed to lead by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time in the replay. The second half was fantastic football, but a strong finish that included a Paud O'Donoghue goal settled the matter in style.

### 1998 EAST KERRY 2-13 ST. KIERAN'S 1-10

St. Kieran's, with the Dennehy and Rahilly brothers and the likes of John McGlynn, Gene O'Keeffe and James Flynn on board, were surprise winners against Laune Rangers in the semi-final. East Kerry had seen off neighbours Killarney Legion at the same stage. Donal Daly gave an exhibition at midfield in the final. East Kerry's first goal came from county star John Crowley in the 42nd minute, when he gave the goalkeeper no chance with a brilliant strike. Jack Dennehy goaled for St. Kieran's but Liam Murphy scored a second goal that effectively sealed a second title on the trot.

### 1999 EAST KERRY 0-10 FEALE RANGERS 1-6

East Kerry led by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time in a game where the inclement weather played a part. Feale Rangers cut loose early in the second half, Jack Corridan's goal putting them in front by 1-4 to 0-5. The champions responded in style, though, with the accuracy of free-taker Paud O'Donoghue proving crucial as they finished strongly to win by the narrowest of margins.

### 2019 EAST KERRY 2-14 DR. CROKES 1-7

Dr. Crokes were the superpower of the era and gunning for a third title on the trot and eighth in a decade. East Kerry had lorded the minor and U21 titles of previous years, though, and with the likes of the Clifford brothers, Dara Roche, Evan Cronin and Mike Foley, had the firepower to make it count. East Kerry led by 0-8 to 0-4 at half-time, having played with a strong wind that faded away for the second half. A wonder goal by David Clifford early in the second half effectively left the club side with a mountain to climb and the same player set up Dara Roche for a green flag to seal victory.

### 2020 EAST KERRY 2-15 MID KERRY 0-9

East Kerry went into this one as strong favourites, specially with Gavan O'Grady still carrying a slight injury, but Mid Kerry gave as good as they got in a thrilling first

half. Liam Carey had 0-6 to his name as they trailed by just 0-9 to 0-7 at half-time. However, the game turned after a spectacular goal from David Clifford, his right footed effort giving Stephen Cahillane no chance five minutes into the second half, and East Kerry totally dominated from then on. The full forward line of Clifford, Dara Roche and Evan Cronin shared 1-10 between them.

## MID KERRY

### 1967 MID KERRY 0-12 WEST KERRY 2-4

It says much for football and life at the time that only five of the Mid Kerry team were living in Kerry. They just about saw off Shannon Rangers in the semi-final and were underdogs against a West Kerry side that included Seamus Murphy, Micheál Ó Sé, Liam Higgins and Seamus Mac Gearailt. With the wind, they opened up a 0-6 to 0-1 lead in the first half. However, West Kerry played good football but wasted several chances by going for goal. It finally paid off when Liam Higgins did score a good goal that left them just a point behind at half-time, 0-6 to 1-2, and with the strong wind at their backs for the second half, they were expected to win comfortably.

However, the likes of Pat Aherne, Ned O'Shea and Timmy Doyle (a late replacement for UCC star Jim Coughlan) were magnificently defiant in the second half. Tom Prendergast, Pat Aherne (2f), Pat Griffin and a stunning point by young Brendan Lynch put Mid Kerry firmly in the ascendancy. West Kerry moved Liam Higgins to midfield and tried desperately for goals, with Paul Lucey and Tony Lyons diverting two dangerous late efforts, but there was no denying Mid Kerry their first County Championship.

### 1971 MID KERRY 0-12 SHANNON RANGERS 1-6

Three in a row champions East Kerry bowed out in the quarter-final at the hands of Shannon Rangers. The North Kerry side had scored six goals in two games and added three more in defeating Waterville in the semi-final. Mid Kerry had been quietly racking up points and had a strong side, with the likes of Teddy Bowler, Paudie Lynch and New York star Jim Foley joining the Griffins and Tom Prendergast. The drawn game was one of the best County Finals in living memory, with the O'Donoghue brothers Paud and Eamonn, Patsy O'Connell, Jackie Walsh, John Bunyan and Brian McCarthy outstanding for Shannon Rangers. They maintained their penchant for goals, putting four past a helpless Owen O'Riordan, but Mid Kerry fought all the way and were full value for a 2-12 to 4-6 draw. However, Mid Kerry were much the better side in the replay, with Willie Murphy and Paudie Lynch masterful around the middle. They led by 0-8 to 0-3 at half-time and pushed on for a convincing 0-12 to 1-6 victory.

### 1992 MID KERRY 3-9 ST. BRENDAN'S 1-10

St. Brendan's, with captain Seán Burke outstanding, saw off the reigning champions Dr. Crokes thanks to an injury

time Benny Clifford point. Mid Kerry had a surprisingly comfortable victory over East Kerry at the same stage. The final was a tight and tense affair, neither side willing to give an inch. Brian O'Sullivan was magnificent for Mid Kerry, with Gary McGrath, Kieran O'Shea and Ciarán O'Sullivan others to stand out. Pat Slattery, Conor Kearney and Christy Walsh stood out for a determined St. Brendan's side. However, their resistance finally started to crumble in the second half as Gary McGrath, Brendan Breen and Ciarán O'Sullivan got in for the crucial goals that sealed victory.

### 2008 MID KERRY 1-7 KERINS O'RAHILLY'S 0-9 (REPLAY)

The first encounter between the pair ended level. Rahillys had actually trailed by seven points early in the second half but rallied superbly and a last gasp equaliser by David Moran ensured a second day out. This time Rahillys had their homework done, with Morgan O'Shea picking up Kieran Foley (scorer of two goals in the drawn game) and the Walsh's - Tommy and Barry John getting more space up front. They opened up an early three point lead - Mid Kerry were creating but wasting opportunities, with five wides before Foley opened their account and they managed to draw level at 0-3 apiece by half-time.

Micheál Quirke was the most influential player around the middle, but Darran O'Sullivan's pace was posing real problems, and Mid Kerry twice pulled into a two point lead, only to be reeled in. Quirke, David Moran and Declan Quill nudged Rahillys two points in front with time almost up, but the drama was far from over as a foul on Ian Twiss saw referee Pádraig O'Sullivan signal for a late penalty. Up stepped Aidan O'Shea to coolly fire home and give his team a sensational one point victory.



Dara Moynihan (East Kerry) gets past the challenge of Peter Crowley (Mid Kerry) during the 2020 County SFC Final at Austin Stack Park.

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# MID KERRY

## Path to the Final



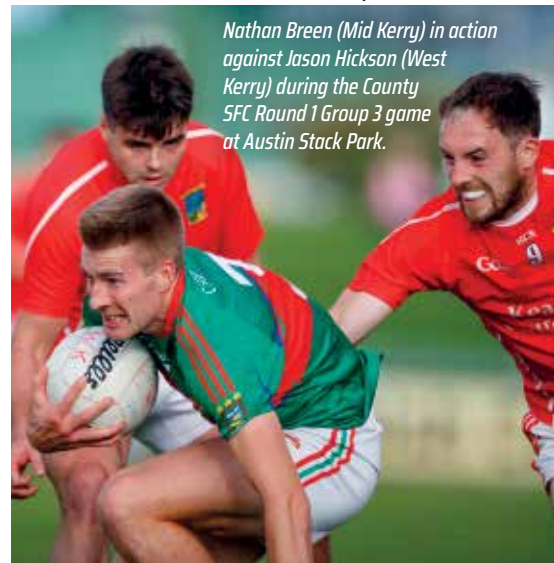
### GROUP STAGE:

#### Mid Kerry 1-14 West Kerry 1-10

West Kerry burst out of the blocks, Cian O'Grady fisting an early goal. Mid Kerry pulled level, but a sterling midfield display by Roibaird Ó Sé helped West Kerry to five points on the trot.

They led by seven, 1-8 to 0-4, coming towards half-time but a Kieran Dennehy goal made the deficit more manageable. The second half was a complete turnaround as Mid Kerry, with the elements in their favour, launched relentless attacks, with sharpshooter Éanna Ó Conchúir their most potent weapon.

They could be grateful to goalkeeper Seán Coffey for two good saves, but the fact that West Kerry didn't score for almost half an hour tells its own story.



*Nathan Breen (Mid Kerry) in action against Jason Hickson (West Kerry) during the County SFC Round 1 Group 3 game at Austin Stack Park.*

#### Mid Kerry 0-20 Na Gaeil 0-16

The scoring prowess of Éanna Ó Conchúir was probably the only real difference between two very good sides.

Diarmuid O'Connor switched between midfield and full forward for Na Gaeil and picked off 0-5 (4f) into the bargain but Mid Kerry led by 0-11 to 0-8 at half-time. They were able to maintain that three-point lead against the County Championship newcomers and pushed out to 0-18 to 0-13 with ten minutes remaining.



*Tomás Ó hAiniféin (Na Gaeil) in action against Sean O'Brien (Mid Kerry) during the County SFC Group 3, Round 2 tie at Na Gaeil grounds, Tralee.*

There was still time for drama, though, with the long-range accuracy of Devon Burns helping to cut the gap to two points. Jack O'Connor and Éanna Ó Conchúir finally made the game safe for Mid Kerry after a thrilling battle.

#### Mid Kerry 1-15 Austin Stacks 1-7

This was another dead rubber, with both sides already qualified. A quick-starting Mid Kerry opened a three-point lead and drew two great saves out of Wayne Guthrie.

At half-time Mid Kerry had stretched that lead out to 0-7 to 0-3. With Colin McGillicuddy cutting out long ball into Kieran Donaghy, Stacks were struggling for penetration, but a great goal by Michael O'Donnell in the 37th minute cut the gap to two points and gave them real hope. The excellent Liam Carey pointed but Stacks levelled matters through Shane O'Callaghan, Conor Horan and David Mannix.

However Mid Kerry finished the stronger of the two sides with five points on the trot before a late goal by Fiachra Clifford gave the final score line a slightly flattering margin.

### QUARTER-FINAL:

#### Mid Kerry 0-13 Templenoe 0-11

Mid Kerry went in as favourites and justified it by taking a 0-5 to 0-1 lead despite the challenging weather.



*Pa Wrenn (Mid Kerry) claims the loose ball against Stephen O'Sullivan (Templenoe) during the County SFC quarter-final in Fitzgerald Stadium.*

Templenoe rallied superbly, however, to quickly draw level. Éanna Ó Conchúir's third point gave his side a

narrow half-time lead. Templenoe started the second half in whirlwind fashion, the Spillane brothers and Tadhg Morley giving their team a three-point lead.

Jack O'Connor and Fiachra Clifford trimmed that. Colin Crowley stretched the lead to two, but Darren Houlihan swiftly cancelled those out and Fiachra Clifford put Mid Kerry in front. With Templenoe pressing for a late equaliser, it was Clifford again who hit the insurance point in injury time to put Mid Kerry through.

### SEMI-FINAL:

#### Mid Kerry 0-15 Feale Rangers 0-9

Feale Rangers had been the story of the championship so far, defying all predictions to reach the final four.

However, their road came to an abrupt ending here as Mid Kerry completely dominated from start to finish, and the harsh truth is that Feale Rangers only made the final score line respectable after Mid Kerry stepped off the throttle. Mid Kerry had four opening points in as many minutes and led 0-5 to 0-0 before Martin Stack pointed a free. By half-time it was 0-11 to 0-2 and RTE viewers were already starting to change channels.

Feale Rangers did show defiance all the way to the end, with Eamonn O'Flaherty kicking two points and Barry O'Mahony three, but this contest had ended well before the final whistle, to be honest.



*Mike Breen (Mid Kerry) in action against Bryan Sweeney (Feale Rangers) during the County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.*



Ciarraí Láir

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# KEEPING IT IN THE COUNTY

IN March of this year, Radio Kerry broadcast live commentary from Austin Stack Park of the Kerry versus Mayo game in the Allianz National Football League. Tim Moynihan and Ambrose O'Donovan were on duty for the station. As part of my studies in Applied Linguistics in Mary Immaculate College, I analysed the commentary team's use of the particular words during the first half.

Sports fans are familiar with the role each speaker in a two-person commentary team generally occupies: Play-by-play commentators conventionally relate the events of the game as they happen while colour commentators conventionally do not. In this instance, Tim was the play-by-play commentator, while Ambrose was the colour commentator. Tim said 69% of the 9,200 words uttered during the first half, something which was expected as he was describing the action.

## WORD FREQUENCY

The most common words used by Tim and Ambrose were very similar to what we use in our everyday speech: *the, it, to, that, he, you, and, a, have*, etc. The most frequently used three-word units revealed a lot about each commentator's role.

Tim			Ambrose	
Number	Item	Rank	Item	Number
21	at the moment	1	have to say	25
20	that ball is	2	you have to	10
18	the far side	3	I think it	7
14	inside looking for	4	a lot of	7
13	back again with	5	to say the	5
10	over the bar	6	you know they	5
9	a lot of	7	to the goalkeeper	4
9	looking for his	8	do you know	4
8	Austin Stack Park	9	full forward line	4
8	it inside looking	10	over the bar	4

These word chunks, or lexical bundles, are very common in everyday speech. Some studies show that lexical bundles account for over half of all our spoken language. In relation to the commentary, it was shown that Tim used lexical bundles to give listeners information about time (*at the moment*), player actions (*inside looking for/looking for his*) and where the play is currently (*over the bar/that ball is*). Ambrose, on the other hand, used the bundles to provide opinion or colour: *have to say, I think it, do you know, etc.*

## PRONOUN USE

The commentators' use of certain pronouns was noteworthy, as the table below shows. Ambrose's use of **you, our** and **we** was considerably greater than

Tim's. The disparity is even greater when it's noted Ambrose said around 3,500 fewer words in total. Keeping the smaller word count in mind, Ambrose said **we** over four times as often, **you** 21 times more often, and **our** nearly 25 times as frequently. But what does this tell us? It can be explained by the inherent traits of local radio when commentary teams are covering inter-county games involving their own county. Ambrose's relatively high use of **you, we** and **our** help create a sense of camaraderie, a sense that he, the supporters and the listeners are all part of the Kerry team. It's a powerful tactic, one similar to Kerry GAA's successful #wearekerry hashtag during the season.

Commentators' use of certain pronouns		
Item	Tim (of 6,403 words)	Ambrose (of 2,816 words)
I	23	48
You	8	75
Our	1	11
We	16	31

The study showed Tim, being the main commentator, stayed neutral during the commentary; he rarely used **our, us** or **them**. However, Ambrose used the pronouns **you, our** and **we** in a variety of ways to create a sense of oneness and unity. For example, he used **we** at different stages to refer to include himself as: one of the Kerry players (*we split open the Mayo defence*); one of the Kerry supporters (*we'll be hoping Kerry will do it...*); one of the commentary team (*we must talk about the conditions*). He used **our** to include the listeners as part of the group following the game (*our referee tonight would want to*) and also used it to refer to himself and the listeners as part of the Kerry team (*our kickoff now is gone short*).

Overall, the study showed that Ambrose's style of commentary was informal and personal, while Tim's was more formal and objective. For us Kerry supporters, there are times when we speak exactly as Ambrose did during the Mayo game: When Kerry beat Galway, how many times did we say that **we** won the All-Ireland; after Sean O'Shea's point against Dublin, did we not say it was great to defeat **them**. And that's the joy of Gaelic games. No doubt, as a supporter, you will celebrate if **you** win the Garvey's County Senior Football Championship today.

**EAMONN HICKSON**, a former presenter and journalist with Radio Kerry, completed his master's degree in applied linguistics in Mary Immaculate College earlier this year.

# Kerry Coiste na nÓg News



2022 will certainly be a year that we can look back on and say, "Normality had returned". From U5 to U15 level in both hurling and football, the playing fields was where it was all happening.

Training two to three nights a week and a game/games to be played. Adults and children alike, so happy to be able to meet again and where better than on the side lines.

Thankfully, 2022 was a very busy year for Coiste na nÓg. Competitions began in March, much to the delight of everyone. We had 15 divisions in both phase 1 and phase 2 of our U13 County Football League and 3 divisions in Phase 1 and 2 of the County Hurling League.

At U15 County Football League we ran a very successful competition with 9 Divisions in all. The County District Championship was a huge success, which was run off over 5 weeks and was an extremely enjoyable competition from both a

players and spectators' perspective as all games were very competitive.

The U15 County Hurling League was also a great success and paved the way for some great games in preparation for the national Féile. It was so great to see Féile return and great to see the county represented so well in both hurling and football.

The U11 County Go-Games competition began in April for both hurling and football. It was a great success with very positive feedback coming from clubs.

A big show of appreciation to all our referees. We all need to remember that without them we wouldn't have games. Well done to each Hurling and Football Club, your executives, your coaches, players, parents and supporters for making 2022 a very successful and enjoyable year.

Looking forward to doing it all over again in 2023.

**Kathy McCarthy, Secretary Kerry Coiste na nÓg**



## U13 County Football Leagues PHASE 1

- Division 1 ..... Killarney Legion
- Division 2 ..... Furies
- Division 3 ..... Kilcummin
- Division 4 ..... Finuge
- Division 5 ..... St. Senan's
- Division 6 ..... Castlegregory
- Division 7 ..... Annascaul/ Lispole
- Division 8 ..... Renard/ St. Mary's
- Division 9 ..... Killarney Legion (C)
- Division 10 ..... Furies (B)
- Division 11 ..... Ardferf (B)

## PHASE 2

- Division 1 ..... Keel/ Listry
- Division 2 ..... Killarney Legion
- Division 3 ..... Cordal
- Division 4 ..... Kilcummin
- Division 5 ..... Ardferf
- Division 6 ..... St. Senan's
- Division 7 ..... Dromid/ Waterville
- Division 8 ..... Glenflesk
- Division 9 ..... Annascaul/ Lispole
- Division 10 ..... Beale
- Division 11 ..... Kilgarvan
- Division 12 ..... Castleisland Desmonds
- Division 13 ..... John Mitchels (B)
- Division 14 ..... Na Gaeil (B)
- Division 15 ..... Ardferf (B)
- Division 16 ..... Fossa (B)

## KERRY COISTE NA NÓG

### U15 County Football Leagues

- Division 1 ..... Austin Stacks
- Division 2 ..... An Ghaeltacht
- Division 2 S ..... Spa
- Division 3 ..... Rathmore
- Division 4 ..... Ballyduff
- Division 4 S ..... St. Senan's
- Division 5 ..... Currow
- Division 6 ..... Duagh
- Division 6 S ..... Kerins O'Rahilly's
- Division 7 ..... Moyvane
- Division 8 ..... Renard/ St. Mary's
- Division 8 S ..... St. Pat's
- Division 9 ..... Laune Rangers (B)
- Division 10 ..... Ballymacelligott (B)
- Division 10 S ..... Sn/D'ne/T'noe/Tou (B)

### U15 County Football Feile

- Division 1 ..... Austin Stacks
- Division 2 ..... An Ghaeltacht
- Division 3 ..... Finuge

- U15 County Football Championship Cup ..... Tralee District
- Shield ..... West Kerry

## WINNERS

### U13 County Hurling Leagues

#### PHASE 1

- Division 1 ..... Lixnaw
- Division 2 ..... Ballyheigue
- Division 3 ..... Crotta O'Neills

#### PHASE 2

- Division 1 ..... Lixnaw
- Division 2 ..... St. Brendan's

### U15 County Hurling Leagues

- Division 1 ..... Tralee Parnells
- Division 2 ..... St. Brendan's

### U15 Hurling Feile

- Féile A ..... Tralee Parnells
- Féile B ..... Furies
- Féile C ..... Causeway



# TODAY WE REMEMBER...



## Gerald McKenna PRESIDENT OF KERRY GAA

Gerald McKenna was, in his own quiet way, one of the most influential figures ever in Kerry GAA.

He served his own club Ballyduff assiduously before joining the North Kerry Hurling Board, where he served as Chairman from 1961 to 1965. In 1967 the popular schoolteacher in Causeway Comprehensive was elected as the first ever PRO of Kerry GAA. In the same year he proposed a dedicated system of juvenile games and development as Ballyduff delegate at Convention. He also served on several National GAA Committees at the time.

In 1972 he was elected as Chairman of Kerry GAA, succeeding Dr. Jim Brosnan. While Chairman he famously approached Mick O'Dwyer to encourage him to take over from Johnny Culloty as manager of the Kerry team. The decision bore instant fruit in 1975 and when pressure arose after defeats by Dublin in 1976 and 1977, Gerald stood resolutely by his choice.

In 1979 Gerald was elected as Kerry delegate to Central Council, a role he would fulfil admirably for the next thirty years. He also served three years as a Trustee of the GAA. He chaired several national sub-committees during the era and was a long standing and valued member of the Rules Advisory Committee.

In more recent years he was widely acknowledged as the finest orator at County Board meetings, his gently humorous advice regularly peppered with the Latin and Greek of his classical education.



## Patsy Cremin Uachtarán Chiarraí Coiste na nÓg

Patsy was the driving force behind the development of Bord (now Coiste) na nÓg. Juvenile GAA relied almost entirely on the schools and occasional club tournaments and challenge games up to the early '60s. Coaching was almost unheard of. Kerry had great footballers, but we relied very heavily on tradition and happenstance to develop their skills.

Some people, among them Patsy Cremin, had another idea. It was Ger McKenna, former President of Kerry GAA, who first proposed at the 1966 County Convention, that a Committee be set up. County Chairman, Dr. Jim Brosnan, agreed and drafted in the great Johnny Walsh of Ballylongford to set it up.

April 1967, almost exactly a half century ago. Tralee's CYMS Hall (the Austin Stack Pavilion, like the idea of a County League, were first mooted by Dr. Brosnan the same year. Dr. Jim Brosnan, Kerry Secretary Tadhg Crowley, Johnny Brosnan (Chairman), Vice Chairman Fr. James Linnane, Declan Horgan (secretary), Br. Clancy (treasurer) and more people to represent the clubs and areas. No full list of attendees survives, but certainly two men present were Tadhg O'Sullivan (for East Kerry) and Patsy Cremin (Spa). Patsy was well-known as a gateman for East Kerry and his work with the Fitzgerald Stadium Committee, as well as his longstanding dedication to Bórd (and subsequently Coiste) na nÓg.

Patsy remained involved, serving on the Kerry Bórd na nÓg Executive Committee all along while always sowing good crops among Spa's juveniles – crops that have yielded many a rich harvest down through the years! His beloved club Spa, and Kerry, are immeasurably richer for his unstinting contribution of time, expertise, and patience. Many of his proteges have worn the green and gold as well as the blue and gold. One, in particular, was a special moment for Patsy when his son Denis led out the Kerry minors as captain in 1982 (the same year that Féile Peil was founded). Denis was corner back and his clubmate Mike McAuliffe was corner forward, but unfortunately Kerry lost out to Dublin by 1-11 to 1-5.

Patsy never once looked for recognition for all that he did for Spa and for children all over Kerry, but he was honoured in 1995 with the GAA Communications Award for services to Bord na nÓg at Local, Divisional and County levels. The Award was presented by Sean Kelly, then Chairman of Kerry County Board. Patsy was also the popular inductee of the East Kerry Hall of Fame in 2015. No-one has deserved it more.



## Micheál Hayes Founder Member of Coiste na nÓg

Mick O'Dwyer took over the helm of the Kerry senior team in 1975 and led them to an unprecedented seam of success. The Waterville maestro would be among the first to acknowledge the seeds that were sown in preparation for their harvest, and one of the greatest of those sowers was Micheál Hayes of Austin Stacks.

The club was in comparative decline in the sixties after the heady glories of the twenties and thirties. From 1936 to 1973 were relatively barren years. However, when Micheál arrived in 1961 as a teacher in Tralee CBS Primary School, he encouraged the boys to play and, in his own quiet manner, taught them the rudiments of the game. The likes of Dan Ryan, James Hobbert, Jackie Power, and several more came on board. Hurling, football, even basketball... a generation of young players grew up with constant games and constant encouraging advice. Using the cheap rail tickets that were available at the time, Micheál would take teams to play challenge games up the country, followed by food and maybe a trip to the cinema – rare and glorious wonders in those far-flung times! When Coiste na nÓg was founded, the likes of Micheál Hayes and Sylvie Mason were fully on board and played a big role in nurturing an organised system of juvenile games.

Did it make a difference later on to Austin Stacks or to Kerry? Well, by 1969 those young players were County Minor champions. By 1973 they were Senior County champions. But don't take my word for it. Ask Ger and Tony O'Keefe or their cousin John, or Ger Power, or Mikey Sheehy. Ask Mick O'Dwyer.

Ask any of them about the immeasurable contribution of the selfless 'Rockie' that was Micheál Hayes. The Rock, and all of Kerry, is that bit poorer for his absence.



## Eugene Devane agus Danny 'Garrett' O'Sullivan LIOS PÓIL

le Donal agus Tomás Ó hAiniféin

Ba le croí trom a chuala an nuacht faoi bhás ár gcara agus Laoch Lios Póil Eugene Devane le déanaí. B'é Euge mar a thugtaí ai, ár mbainisteoir i Lios Póil sna blianta órga sna seachtóidí/hochtóidí agus ina dhiaidh sin arís ag ár gcéad bua i gComórtas Peile na Gaeltachta sa Rinn 1999.

Is fíor a rá gur thug Euge deis dúinne mar imreoirí óga nascadh le foireann na seachtóidí chun foireann dochloíte na nochtóidí a chruthú. Bhí a stíl traenála traidisiúnta go maith ach bhi béim aige ar "backs and forwards" téagartha ag gach seisiún chun máistreacht a fháil ar na scileanna caide nuair a bhí an lasair sa bharrach. Mâ bhí leat ag na seisiúin sin, bheadh rith an ráis leat ar aon pháirc.

D'éiligh sé dílseacht, croí, neart agus paisean óna imreoirí go léir agus spreag sé sinne gan stad mar go raibh na tréithe sin go smior aige féin. Ón nDaingean ó dhúchas dó, ach d'éirigh sé níos gaelaí ná na gaeil féin i rith a shaol i Lios Póil, sa pharóiste ab ansa leis. Spreag sé mórtas cine agus mórtas áite ionainn agus maireann sin go láidir fós i bParóiste Lios Póil.

D'éalaigh Danny 'Garrett' Fitzgerald uainn, freisin in Mí Dheireadh Fómhair. Saighdiúirí, siúinéir, peileadóir, Gaeilgeoir agus fear stuama ab ea Danny. A mighty full back for the club, an astute reader of the game. Our 'B' manager for years and an advocate of "the cross field ball" to the inside line when he was a selector with Euge during 'The Glory Days'. Braithimid uain lán a bheirt acu. Tá an triúr saoithe Euge, Danny agus Micheál i dteannta a chéile anois ar an taobhlíne sna flaithis. Suaimhneas síoraí orthu léir agus go raibh leaba i measc na Naomh acu.

## KILLORGLIN AND DISTRICT PIPE BAND

Today's entertainment is provided by the Killorglin and District Pipe Band. The band was originally formed in 1945 but due to emigration and dwindling numbers it broke up in the mid-sixties. In October 2010 the band was reformed under Pipe Major Gerard Baynam and Drum Sergeant Billy Coffey. Offers

of help came from existing Pipe Bands in Valentia, Cullen, Tralee and Newcastlewest and funding for new equipment was received from the South Kerry Development Partnership. At present there are over 25 playing members. The Band has been performing at both senior County Finals since 2012.

# PREVIEW

2022 GARVEY'S SUPERVALU COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

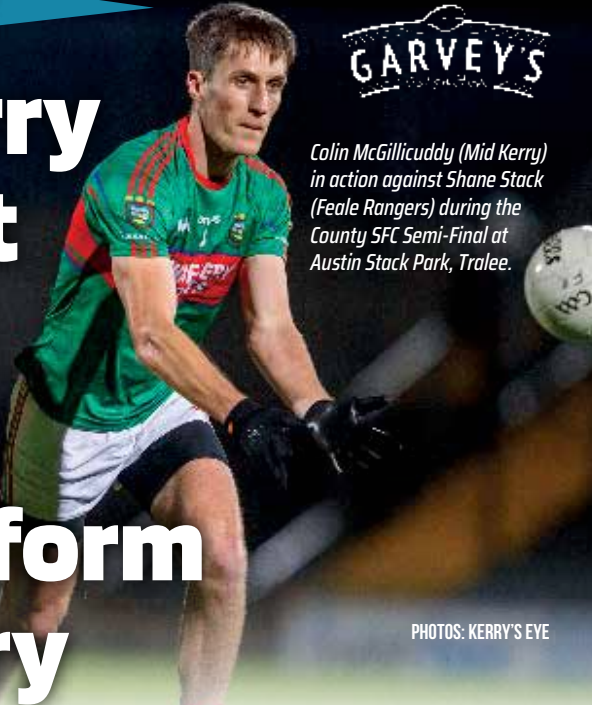
## East Kerry may just shade it against bang in form Mid Kerry

By MURT MURPHY

**EAST Kerry are odds on favourites to lift the Bishop Moynihan Cup for the third time in four years while Mid Kerry are hoping to win their fifth senior county title and their first since 2008 and they are the form team in the Championship.**

It's not that Mid Kerry have not gone close, they lost finals in 2011, 2014 after a replay with Austin Stacks and two years ago to East Kerry on a 2-15 to 0-9 score line. But despite meeting only two years ago, East Kerry has lost the Spa players and in fact only eight survive from that final. But Mid Kerry have evolved as well with Éanna O'Connor the most noteworthy addition while young players like Keith Evans, Kieran Dennehy, Darren Houlihan and keeper Sean Coffey have added new life into the Mid Kerry set up. So this is a different ball game and many would be slow to take the 1/5 on offer by bookmakers even if you think East Kerry will win and I think the score line will be a lot closer than 2020.

Having visited both camps it is apparent that there is huge respect on both sides of the other but it will be full steam again when they run out onto the pitch at Austin Stack Park on Sunday. Their last meeting was during the height of the pandemic and the stadium



Colin McGillicuddy (Mid Kerry) in action against Shane Stack (Feale Rangers) during the County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park, Tralee.

PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE

housed no more than 200 spectators so this was a point not missed by Mid Kerry boss Peter O'Sullivan who is now in his third year in charge.

So does Peter reckon he is better prepared for the 2022 version. "We spoke about this after the game last week, because for the lads it's completely different? The Covid Final in 2020 wasn't a normal final if you know what I mean. It was played in an empty stadium with about 200 people present. The build up was also restricted as you had to keep the players in a bubble so it was very restrictive. To me county finals are there to be enjoyed and the build up is a lot of that, especially from the player's perspective because as a young fellow you are at county finals with ten thousand people so playing in front of 200 people during Covid was not a typical experience. I am happy for the boys that they are back there so soon and that they will get to enjoy a proper county final."

### Peter happy with Mid Kerry form

He thinks that the gap between the two squads has narrowed since they last met in a final. "They gave us a good beating two years ago. They

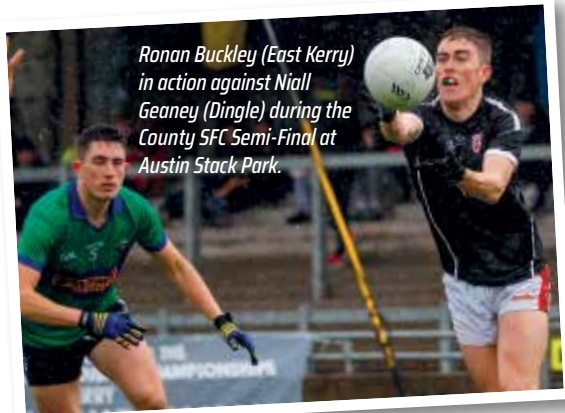
only led 0-9 to 0-7 I think at half time and they were far superior to us in the second half and kicked on. I think the bulk of our squad are three years down

the road except for three or four lads who came in last year and the same again this year, because you will always lose a few lads from a District team every year. But we have introduced new blood each year, like two years ago we had Sean O'Brien and Jack O'Connor straight in from Kerry minors to introduce them to the Mid Kerry way and this year we brought in Shane Evans, Eoin Hassett and Ryan Diggin who were part of the Kerry minors last because we feel if you are good enough for Kerry minors, you should be for the District too. So lads like that help to freshen the squad up."

Peter has really enjoyed this year's championship because he thinks the more games a district side plays, the better. "From our perspective and I am not going to sugar coat it, extra games suit District teams. Our most important game so far was the opener against West Kerry and we were lucky to draw them from the point of view of it was two districts, and whoever won that game were on the front foot and whoever lost it were on the back foot. We genuinely took it game by game and then to the Na Gaeil game and if we won that then we had one foot in the quarter-final and while the Stacks game looked a dead rubber we wanted to win and top our group. We were disappointed with the Templeogue game and probably lucky to get out of it."

### "No God given right to win every game and EK squad has changed" says Jerry

East Kerry manager Jerry O'Sullivan says this year's squad is completely different than when the sides met in the final two years ago but it's been a pleasure working with them. "They are a joy to work with number one as they want to get better every day you go out. We look forward to coming training and the lads push each other which I think is important. Ye saw there tonight that we had 32 guys training, and a couple of fellows did not tog. We had a couple of fellows coming down from college. They are putting in sacrifices. As for expectations to win, just because you wore a county jersey does not give



Ronan Buckley (East Kerry) in action against Niall Geaney (Dingle) during the County SFC Semi-Final at Austin Stack Park.



LEFT: Fiachra Clifford (Mid Kerry). RIGHT: Pa Warren (East Kerry).

you a god given right every time you go out to play that you will win. Just to put things in context, there are 18 new members in our panel this year from last year. I do not think that people realise that when they look at us. They are saying East Kerry are around for the last four or five years. I bet you if I went back and checked the match day panel that we played; there are probably twenty four or twenty five players. So we have only fifteen out of last year's panel and that is rarely taken into account."

The East Kerry boss is happy in many ways that they were tested to the limit in their last two games and it showed that the side has character as well as talent. "There was great character shown against Kenmare Shamrocks, to get that one over the line. They were tough and it could have easy gone to extra time and lost it. Again against Dingle in the semi-final it was only 62nd minute that we drew level and it was only in the 64th minute that we got ahead of them."

### Conclusion

While Mid Kerry are the form team, East Kerry are a side bristling with stars and three of their starting fifteen - the Clifford brothers and Shane Ryan are fresh from winning All-Stars on Friday night. But the match winner and the X-Factor is David Clifford so he will take watching. Both defences are top class while both sides have scoring forwards. But I worry about East Kerry at midfield where Mid Kerry are strong and this is the tightest defence East Kerry have met despite the Dingle heroics. So I think this final could go right down to the wire with possibly lady luck playing its part. **VERDICT: East Kerry by a whisker**



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# JEWELS OF The Kingdom

BY MATT LEEN

## The Lynes of Cleeney

**THE Lyne brothers of Killarney Legion – Jackie, Denny, Mikey, and Teddy were marvellous footballers and hold an honoured place in the annals of Kerry football.**

The most famous of the brothers was Jackie, a powerfully built athlete, who came into the Kerry senior team in 1944. Right half back was his favourite position, although he lined out in the forwards in the 1944 All Ireland Final when Kerry lost to Roscommon. In 1946 when he won his first senior All Ireland medal, he played a storming game in the number five jersey as Kerry defeated Roscommon after a replay.

He played 34 senior championship games for Kerry and won his second senior All Ireland medal in 1953 as a corner forward. He was an outstanding club player and won two County Championship medals in 1946 and 1949. He was ever present on the Railway Cup teams of the period and captured three Railway Cup medals with them. When he retired from inter-county football he threw himself wholeheartedly in his club as coach, trainer, and selector. Jackie was a wonderful motivator, on the field of play he gave it everything, and he expected the same from the players he coached and trained.

In the 60s Kerry had six years without Sam Maguire coming home, and when Jackie Lyne took charge he proved that he had the great qualities it takes to train an All Ireland winning team when he coached Kerry to successful All Ireland victories over Offaly in 1969 and Meath in 1970. Two Killarney men captained these teams. In 1969 when his fellow club man Johnny Culloty of the Legion lifted Sam Maguire, there was no prouder man in Croke Park than Jackie, and the wonderful Donie O'Sullivan of Spa followed in Johnny's footsteps to bring Sam home in 1970. In Kerry's Hall of Fame, the great Jackie Lyne is up with the best of them – many great men have won All Ireland medals, but very few have won them and trained fellow Kerry men to win them also.

Denny Lyne, brother of Jackie, first wore the Kerry jersey in 1938 as a minor when Kerry were beaten in the All Ireland Final by Cavan. He won a Junior All Ireland in 1941 when Kerry defeated Cavan in the final. He made his debut on the Kerry senior team in 1944 and played a total of 18 championship games between 1944 and 1948. He won his only senior All Ireland medal in 1946 at cornerback, playing directly behind

his brother Jackie. Denny captained the Kerry team in the Polo Grounds in 1947 in the only All Ireland Final that was played outside Ireland, in which Cavan defeated Kerry.

Denny was a great club man and continued to play long after his inter-county career finished. He won his two County Championship medals in 1946 and 1949. He considered Bill Casey of Lispolie the greatest defender and all round footballer he ever saw, with Bruddy O'Donnell of John Mitchels as the greatest forward.

Teddy played on the unsuccessful minor team of 1936 which was defeated by Louth in the All Ireland Final and won a Junior All Ireland with Denny in 1941 when Kerry beat Cavan in the final. Mikey or Canon Mikey was a gifted footballer also. He joined Jackie, Denny, and Teddy to win a County Championship medal with Legion in 1946. In that period he was in a seminary and missed out because he would not be released to play football. He spent most of his life as a priest in Glasgow and was closely associated with Glasgow Celtic Football Club. In 1941 Jackie, Denny, Mickey, Teddy, Donie, and Tom lined out together for the Legion team that won the East Kerry O'Donoghue Cup.

Their sister Maura married Tom Spillane of Templenoe and their three sons – Pat, Mick, and Tom – hold the record at nineteen for the number of Senior All Ireland medals won by one family in either hurling or football.

**ALL IN ALL THE LYNES OF CLEENEY, KILLARNEY, SEVEN BOYS AND THREE GIRLS, WERE A WONDERFUL SPORTING FAMILY WHO BROUGHT HONOUR TO THEIR CLUB AND COUNTY AND ARE WELL DESERVED 'JEWELS OF THE KINGDOM'.**

Denny's grandson Jonathan and Donie's grandson Darragh line out with East Kerry in today's final.



Three Killarney Legion greats – Jackie Lyne, John C Cooper and Johnny Culloty



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**Back row (L-R):** Jonathan Lyne, Mark Kelliher, Dara O'Callaghan, James O'Donoghue, Paul O'Shea, Daniel O'Brien, Cathal Ryan, David Clifford, Shane Ryan, Darragh Lucey, Pádraig Lucey, Niall Donohue, Killian O'Sullivan, Donal O'Sullivan, Kieran Murphy, Brian Kelly, Ryan O'Grady, Conor Herlihy.  
**Front Row (L-R):** Pádraig Doyle, Pa Warren, Chris O'Donoghue, Darragh Roche, Cian Gammell, Ruairi Murphy, Paul Murphy (Captain), Jack Sherwood, Ronan Buckley, Owen Fitzgerald, Sean O'Keefe, Philip O'Leary, Paudie Clifford, Patrick D'Arcy.

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# MEET THE CAPTAIN



Ciarraí Thoir  
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## Paul Murphy believes the group character and spirit as important as talent

By MURT MURPHY

When East Kerry looked in trouble in the semi-final against Dingle, captain Paul Murphy took on the responsibility and put over that massive fifty meter kick to get his team over the line. "We're happy with the campaign to date. For a divisional team, we got a group with three good clubs, which is, as a divisional team, possibly a tougher group to get. You might be hoping for another divisional team, which would be at a similar level of preparation to you early on. We got a tough group, and we got out of it. We had a big win the first night, followed by two tighter games, and in the two games since then, the Kenmare game in the quarter-final, and the Dingle game in the semi-final, they've both been tough, tight games. Weather conditions on either day didn't help the football that could be played, but we were delighted with the way we came out of both matches with wins."

"I think we won by two or three against Kenmare, and then just by the single point against Dingle. It was a real sign of the character within the group that we didn't panic at any stage of either of those two games. We were behind for huge periods of both of them, but we kind of dogged it out. We stuck to the plan, we moved the ball around, we didn't panic with it, and we're delighted to get through the two of them. We've a final ahead now to look forward to."

**CHARACTER?** "You block out whatever talk is there as much as you can. If there was talk like that, people were probably under-estimating the quality of teams that are out there. There are very good club teams and very good divisional teams, who are playing very good football, and in the case of club teams, have been playing together all the year, or for many years. They have good systems, they know each other well, so you're not going to win any championship easy. The last two games, in particular, have been tight, physical, dogged affairs, neither of them helped by the weather from a purely aesthetic, footballing point of view, but for us, we're delighted to have come through two games like that. It's a real sign of the spirit and character in the group."

**CAPTAIN?** "It's a real source of pride to be picked to be captain of any team, all the more so for this team here. We've really good guys involved, some lads who I have played with quite a bit, with the club and other things, and then other lads who are new into the East Kerry panel this year, younger guys. To be asked to lead the likes of them, and to get to know the likes of them, it's been brilliant for me."



PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE

"To be one of the eight senior clubs in Kerry is a huge thing for any club. But, when you're playing Intermediate, and you get a call to come into East Kerry, it's something that you just have to embrace. It's a great standard of football to be playing at, it's a great set-up here, the training sessions are very good, they are really good team-mates to be playing with, so if you get the call to come in, I think it's an easy enough thing to get your head around, and to embrace it."

**MID KERRY?** "I think they're a very balanced team, they have quality in every line of the pitch and they've a few younger guys brought in from that game in 2020. They have a lovely mix throughout the team, and they have quality throughout. They have guys who are playing for good Intermediate clubs, good Junior clubs, and guys who have played with Kerry underage and senior, in the past. We're looking forward to embracing the challenge that they'll bring. We are aware of just how big the challenge is too."

**EAST KERRY BAINISTEOIR:**  
Jerry O'Sullivan

### EXTENDED PANEL MEMBERS

- 31. Sean O'Keeffe (Gneeveguilla),
- 32. Mark Kelliher (Glenflesk),
- 33. Padraig Doyle (Gneeveguilla).

# EAST KERRY PEN PIGS

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**Shane Ryan**

Age: 26 • Rathmore  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2022 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
David Clifford



**Pa Warren**

Age: 23 • Gneeveguilla  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Minor Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Sean Twomey



**Jack Sherwood**

Age: 31 • Furies  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
EK Minor Div 1 Final 2008 v Crokes  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Stephen Foley



**Chris O'Donoghue**

Age: 23 • Glenflesk  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Minor Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Denis Mahony



**Jonathan Lyne**

Age: 32 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2014 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Paul Kerrigan



**Brian Kelly**

Age: 32 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2014 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Paul Geaney



**Niall Donohue**

Age: 23 • Furies  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County Final 2019  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Sean Burke



**Patrick D'Arcy**

Age: 21 • Glenflesk  
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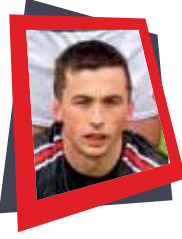
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**Owen Fitzgerald**

Age: 21 • Gneeveguilla  
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All Ireland Junior Club Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Paudie Clifford



**Paul Murphy (C)**

Age: 31 • Rathmore  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2014 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Sean O'Shea



**Dan O'Brien**

Age: 24 • Glenflesk  
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Donie O'Donovan



**Darragh Lyne**

Age: 21 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Minor Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Finbar Murphy



**Ronan Buckley**

Age: 24 • Listry  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County Final 2020  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Jimmy O'Leary



**Ruairi Murphy**

Age: 20 • Listry  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2022 U21 Co Championship Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Dan McCarthy



**Paul O'Shea**

Age: 21 • Kilcummin  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Minor Final 2018  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Patrick D'Arcy



**Kieran Murphy**

Age: 27 • Kilcummin  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Intermediate Club Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Shane Murphy



**Padraig Lucey**

Age: 30 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2019 Sigerson Cup Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Danny Sheehan



**Padraig Doyle**

Age: 28 • Gneeveguilla  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County Premier Junior Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Patrick Brosnan



**Cathal Ryan**

Age: 20 • Rathmore  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
All Ireland Schools Final in Croke Park  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Ian Zoff



**Paudie Clifford**

Age: 26 • Fossa  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2022 All Ireland Semi Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Tom O'Sullivan



**Cian Gammell**

Age: 23 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
Hogan Cup Final 2016  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Paudie Clifford



**David Clifford**

Age: 23 • Fossa  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2022 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Chris O'Donoghue



**Darragh Roche**

Age: 27 • Glenflesk  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County Final 2019  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
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**James O'Donoghue**

Age: 32 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
2014 All Ireland Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Marc Ó Sé



**Philip O'Leary**

Age: 20 • Kilcummin  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County U21 Final 2022  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Fionn Houlihan



**Ryan O'Grady**

Age: 20 • Killarney Legion  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
U20 Munster Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Peter McCarthy



**Conor Herlihy**

Age: 28 • Gneeveguilla  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
County Premier Junior Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
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**Killian O'Sullivan**

Age: 18 • Glenflesk  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
Hogan Cup Final 2022  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Padraig Doyle



**Dara O'Callaghan**

Age: 18 • Kilcummin  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
Hogan Cup Final 2022  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
Cathal Wren



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Ciarraí Thoir  
C.L.G.



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P. Ó MURNÁIN  
**Pa Warren**  
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S. SHERWOOD  
**Jack Sherwood**  
FIRIES

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**Chris O'Donoghue**  
GLENFLESK

**5**  
S. Ó LAIGHÍN  
**Jonathan Lyne**  
KILLARNEY LEGION

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P. Ó MURCHÚ  
**Paul Murphy (C)**  
RATHMORE

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**Nathan Breen**  
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**4**  
D. Ó MONGÁIN  
**David Mangan**  
LAUNE RANGERS

**5**  
E. Ó CLÚMHÁIN  
**Eoin Clifford**  
LAUNE RANGERS

**6**  
M. Ó BRAOIN  
**Mike Breen (C)**  
BEAUFORT

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**Pa Kilkenny**  
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C. MAC GIOLLA CODA  
**Colin McGillicuddy**  
GLENBEIGH/GLENCAR

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**Ronan Murphy**  
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**Darren Houlihan**  
CROMANE

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É. Ó CONCHÚIR  
**Eanna O'Connor**  
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K. Ó HÉABHÁIN  
**Keith Evans**  
KEEL

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**Kieran Dennehy**  
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L. Ó CIARDHA  
**Liam Carey**  
BEAUFORT

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F. Ó CLÚMHÁIN  
**Fiachra Clifford**  
LAUNE RANGERS

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**Roghnóirí:** Gary McGrath (Cromane), Gary Murphy (Milltown/Castlemaine);  
**Treanálaí Cúl Báire:** Jason Foley (Beaufort);  
**Nearg agus Aclú:** Shane O'Sullivan; **Cúrsaí Leighis:** Amy Phelan;  
**Staitisticí:** Liam Doherty; **Loighistic:** Linus Óg Burke.

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**Patrick Darcy**  
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**Owen Fitzgerald**  
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**Kieran Murphy**  
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# MID KERRY PEN PICS

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**Seán Coffey**

Age: 22 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry final 2021  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Kieran Dennehy



**Pa Wrenn**

Age: 29 • Milltown/Castlemaine  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry Final 2019  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean O'Shea



**Nathan Breen**

Age: 29 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 First Mid Kerry SFC final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean Lehane



**David Mangan**

Age: 21 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2018 All Ireland Minor Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Gearoid Hassett



**Eoin Clifford**

Age: 21 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 U20 Munster semi final v Cork  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Keith Evans



**Jason Browne**

Age: 32 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Rel playoff vs Castleisland 2019  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Gearoid Hassett



**Jack Brosnan**

Age: 26 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Junior Club All Ireland Final 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean O'Brien



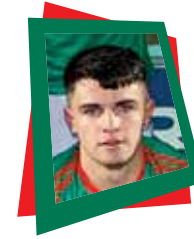
**David Roche**

Age: 25 • Milltown/Castlemaine  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry final 2019  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Darragh Doherty



**Caolim Teahan**

Age: 23 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Junior Club All Ireland Final 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Pa Kilkenny



**Gearoid Hassett**

Age: 20 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Munster Minor Final 2019 vs Cork  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 David Mangan



**Mike Breen (C)**

Age: 24 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2020 Co. SFC S/F v Dr. Crokes  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean O'Shea



**Pa Kilkenny**

Age: 30 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Junior Club All Ireland Final 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Tommy Cahill



**Colin McGillicuddy**

Age: 31 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Junior Club All Ireland Final 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Liam Smith



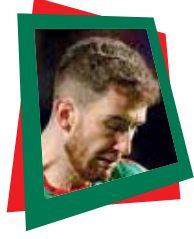
**Ronan Murphy**

Age: 28 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 All Ireland Club Junior Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Kieran Murphy



**Darren Houlihan**

Age: 25 • Cromane  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2021 Mid Kerry SFC v Keel  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Séan O'Connell



**Ciaran Kennedy**

Age: 23 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 All Ireland Club Junior Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean Kelleher



**Daire Cleary**

Age: 22 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2018 Minor Co. League Final v Stacks  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Rory Maguire



**Gavan Horan**

Age: 25 • Milltown/Castlemaine  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 M-town/C-maine vs East Kerry 2016  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Michael Langan



**Liam Smith**

Age: 20 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 U16 Co. final v East Kerry  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Sean O'Brien



**Ethan Coffey**

Age: 20 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry final 2021  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Ruairi Murphy



**Eanna O'Connor**

Age: 30 • Milltown/Castlemaine  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Leinster Final with Moorefield 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Mark Griffin



**Keith Evans**

Age: 18 • Keel  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2020 Munster Minor final vs Clare  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Aodhán Murphy



**Kieran Dennehy**

Age: 18 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Diarmuid O'Connor



**Liam Carey**

Age: 26 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Junior final v Na Gael  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Ger Hartnett



**Fiachra Clifford**

Age: 23 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Munster Minor final 2017  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Early Mornings!



**Jack O'Connor**

Age: 20 • Beaufort  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 All Ireland Minor final 2018  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Eoin Fitzgerald



**Liam Roche**

Age: 21 • Glenbeigh/Glencar  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 2018 Mid Kerry U21 Final  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Gavan O'Grady



**Seán Cleary**

Age: 19 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Co. MFC vs East Kerry  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Barry John Keane



**Shane Evans**

Age: 17 • Keel  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry Final v Laune Rangers  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Gavin Evans



**Eoghan Hassett**

Age: 18 • Laune Rangers  
**MOST MEMORABLE GAME:**  
 Mid Kerry Minor final 2021  
**TOUGHEST OPPONENT:**  
 Joey Nagle

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# MEET THE CAPTAIN



## Mike Breen looking for compensation after injury decimated season

By MURT MURPHY

If any man deserves a county final medal on the field of play it's Mid Kerry captain Mike Breen who detailed the extent of his hellish season to the media last Friday night. "I played one full game with Kerry in the McGrath Cup, played no League, played no minutes in the Championship and had to look on when Kerry beat Galway in the Final. I played one Sigerson Cup game against UCD and that was the sum total of my football for the first seven months of the year. Then when the Club Championship started in August I played the first full game for Beaufort, but got injured then in my second game against Gneeveguilla and had to come off at half time."



"My original injury was a hamstring which I picked up training with Kerry in early January. I was just walking around a few days after and I was kind of dragging the leg around after me and then it turned black after a few days. I knew something had happened when it started bruising. They sent me up to the consultant in Cork and he got the surgeon to have a look at it and they suggested it was best that I have surgery on it." Mike admits as well as being painful it was very frustrating despite being told by the surgeon that it would take about six months to heal. "That would take me to the end of June. I was training away with Kerry lads for two weeks prior to the All-Ireland but I was kind of the extra man and there wasn't too much contact on me. It was too late for me to make it back or make the panel. It was tough enough to take but I knew from away out that I wasn't going to make the All-Ireland. I actually found the early League games as tough as watching the All-Ireland Final."

The captain is happy the way Mid Kerry is playing "We have played five games now and we are unbeaten and we have been kind of improving a little each game. Obviously the last two games were tougher all right against tougher opposition. Winning against Templenoe when we came back from three points down it really brings on a team and I suppose it showed the character in the team. Obviously being captain is nice but there are other leaders on the field too. The likes of Eanna O'Connor and Nathan Breen, Pa Kilkenny are real leaders on the field as well." He speaks highly of manager Peter O'Sullivan and his management team. "Peter is a serious manager and he'll leave you take your time when you're coming back from injury. That's the main thing is to kind of ease your way back. He's been great that way. Peter's a great man-manager as well. He rings around lads and tells you what you're supposed to be doing during the games. Obviously we made the final in 2020, lost the final to East Kerry. I got kind of spotted that year and was brought in to Kerry as well. He's great and the back-room team there as well, Gary Murphy and Gary McGrath they're brilliant with the players. They're great with the young lads too to bring them on."



PHOTOS: KERRY'S EYE

The Mid Kerry captain says the squad has gelled well. "Mid Kerry is a close enough kind of community. You'd know a lot of the other players from playing in the Mid Kerry championship and we've been going to school with a lot of them, so you'd know them that way. When you think about it a lot of our lads have played Kerry minor and Under 20 so they're no stranger to the big games. You'd be expecting eight or nine thousand there the next day so it's important that you'd have experienced that before and a lot of them have. So we are hoping for the best in the final."

**MID KERRY BAINISTEOR:**  
Peter O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh/Glencar)

### EXTENDED PANEL MEMBERS

- 31. Gavan O'Grady (Glenbeigh/Glencar),
- 32. Sean O'Brien (Beaufort),
- 33. Ryan Diggin (Laune Rangers).



**BACK ROW (L-R):** Ronan Murphy, David Roche, Nathan Breen, Ryan Diggin, Shane Evans, Liam Roche, Gavin Horan, Jack Brosnan, Eanna O'Connor, Darren Houlihan, Jason Brown, Colín McGillicuddy, Liam Smith, Kieran Dennehy, Claran Kennedy, Ethan Coffey, Sean Cleary, Sean O'Brien, Jason Foley (GK Coach). **FRONT ROW (L-R):** Daire Cleary, Sean Coffey, Eoghan Hassett, Jack O'Connor, Keith Evans, Pa Kilkenny, David Mangán, Liam Carey, Mike Breen, Pa Wrenn, Eoin Clifford, Fiacha Clifford, Gearóid Hassett, Gavin O'Grady, Caelim Teahan.

PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE



# MID KERRY

## Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship FINALISTS 2022



# JEWELS OF The Kingdom

BY MATT LEEN

## The Lynchs of Beaufort

**Brendan and Paudie Lynch, the sons of Tom and Nora, were born in the shadow of Ireland's highest mountain, Carrantouhill, near the tranquil waters of the famous river Laune in the parish of Beaufort.**

Brendan and Paudie were born into a great football tradition as their father Tom was a great footballer in his youth and encouraged his two sons to play the game. Their schoolteacher at Cullenagh, Pete Coughlan, was also a great influence on the boys and when they attended St. Brendans' College, the 'Sem', in Killarney they were already showing great promise at underage level.

Brendan was the first to go to the Sem where he won a Munster Colleges medal before graduating to the Kerry minors in 1965, playing in goals on the team that was defeated in the All Ireland Final by Derry. In 1967 he played corner forward on the Kerry U21 team who lost to Mayo in the All Ireland Final but picked up his first All Ireland medal with the Kerry Juniors who won that year's All Ireland title. In 1968 he played in the first of his six All Ireland senior final appearances, however Down were victorious on that occasion. He then made the half forward position his own, and in the famous no. 10 shirt Brendan scored some spectacular goals and points from every angle.

He possessed a lethal left foot and many goalkeepers can vouch for this as they picked the ball from the net. He won his three All Ireland senior medals in 1969, 1970, and 1975, and has the rare distinction of winning one at 60 minutes, 70 minutes, and 80 minutes. Perhaps his greatest game was the drawn All Ireland Final of 1972 when he scored 1-7, which is the record for an 80 minute final. He captained Kerry to victory in two National Leagues in 1969 in New York and in 1973 when Kerry defeated Offaly.

He captained the Combined Universities to the Railway Cup also in 1973, the only time that they ever won it. With his club Beaufort he won Novice, Junior, and Intermediate Championships and one Senior County Hurling Championship with Killarney. With UCC he won two Sigerson Cup medals and two Cork County Championships. With Kerry he won four National League medals, one Junior, and three Senior All Ireland medals. With Munster he won two Railway Cups, and he won one more with the Combined Universities.

Paudie, the younger of the Lynch brothers, took the same route as his brother after National School to the Sem in

Killarney and it was here in 1969 under the captaincy of the great John O'Keefe that

he won his first All Ireland medal when the Sem captured the Hogan Cup, defeating St. Mary's of Galway in the All Ireland Final. He was a member of the Kerry Junior team defeated in the All Ireland Final of 1969 and was a member of the Kerry minor team in 1970 which also lost the All Ireland Final. In 1972 he was a member of the Kerry U21 and Senior teams which lost the All Ireland Finals.

In fact Paudie has the rare distinction of having runner up medals in All Ireland minor, U21, junior, and senior and also Cork and Kerry championships. However, Paudie was blossoming into a great midfielder and in 1973 he was a member of the victorious Kerry U21 team captained by Mickey Ned O'Sullivan which defeated Mayo in the All Ireland Final. His first taste of senior success came in 1975 when Mick O'Dwyer's young guns overcame a fancied Dublin side. Paudie played a storming game, partnering Pat McCarthy at midfield. In 1976 when the Dubs defeated Kerry in the final Paudie was playing at midfield but a transition was about to happen and when Kerry next played in an All Ireland Final in 1978, Paudie played in the no. seven shirt.

He settled into defence with great ease and it was here that his great football brain, his amazing anticipation, and pure footballing skill showed that no matter where you placed Paudie Lynch, he always delivered the goods as they say. When Kerry won again in 1979 he wore the no. seven shirt. In 1980 and 1981 he again showed his versatility by winning his last two All Ireland's inside at cornerback.

With his club Beaufort, whom he served loyally over the years, he won Novice, Junior, and Intermediate County Championships. He won a Senior County Championship with Mid Kerry, a Cork Senior County Championship and a Sigerson Cup medal with UCC, an All Ireland Colleges medal with St. Brendan's, and with Kerry he won five Senior All Ireland medals, one U21 All Ireland medal, four National Leagues, and three All Stars. With Munster he won two Railway Cups. Paudie's exceptional ability shone through and it can truly be said of him that he was a star among a galaxy of stars in that golden era of Kerry football. The Lynch brothers were wonderful footballers for Beaufort, Mid Kerry, UCC, Munster and Kerry. They played the game as it should be played, were exemplary sportsmen, and were great ambassadors on and off the pitch.

**BRENDAN AND PAUDIE LYNCH WERE TRUE JEWELS OF THE KINGDOM**

# KERRY SENIORS 2022



## KERRY CLAIM SAM MAGUIRE

Regime change is never easy for anyone, and there were plenty of questions hanging over Jack O'Connor's return for a third term as Kerry manager. No-one had any doubts about the calibre of selectors like Micheál Quirke and Diarmuid Murphy, but Tyrone native Paddy Tally was largely an unknown factor to the Kerry public. After all, it had been eight long years since Kerry had claimed the Sam Maguire. Peter Keane could justifiably rue his luck after all his hard work on Kerry's behalf, having lost a final to our nemesis Dublin and a semi-final to an old foe Tyrone, both in replays where fortune played its cruel part.

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Kerry annexed the McGrath Cup with relative ease but it's fair to say that doesn't really count as hard currency with a hungry Kerry public. A draw with Kildare was reasonably reassuring - Kildare's forwards and work-rate were admirable on the day - themselves possibly legacies from their former manager...Jack O'Connor! Dublin had already lost to Armagh and Dessie Farrell's relatively experimental side never really clicked into life in inclement weather conditions in their second game, with Kerry eventually winning by a surprisingly comfortable 1-15 to 0-11.

Kerry were starting to look good now, and took a second win against a highly rated team by seeing off Donegal by 1-13 to 0-7 in Fitzgerald Stadium. There were still caveats to consider - it's fair to say that Donegal seemed much more concerned with defence than attack, even when trailing by a big margin. The general consensus was that they would face harder questions further down the road.

It's fair to say that the away trip to Monaghan was a more telling battle. There might have been a smidgin of luck about David Clifford's two goals, but there was no doubting the intensity and hunger that Kerry brought to the table or the enthusiasm of Kerry's supporters when the contest

was at its height. That 3-14 to 1-12 victory had the feel of a real marker laid down.

It's no secret that Kerry and Mayo have been the two teams chasing hardest on the heels of the all-conquering Dublin team of recent years - Dublin had lost their first championship game in seven years to Mayo last year by a single point in extra-time. This one had the feel and intensity of a heavyweight clash. It also confirmed Kerry's stronger press and tackling - they forced twelve turnovers in the first half alone. The Kingdom led early on and Tony Brosnan's clinical finish gave them a 1-6 to 0-6 lead at the break. Mayo never slowed down and the second half was a titanic battle, but Kerry had real warriors in the trenches and gave everything they got, winning a thriller by 1-12 to 0-14.

Armagh away was another testing battleground, and Kerry passed with flying colours. It's fair to say that amid Dublin's travails, Kerry were starting to look pre-eminent among the contenders. Armagh opened the scoring but Kerry reeled off the next six points on the trot. Armagh did finish the half strongly to trail by 0-8 to 0-4 at the break, but a cracking goal by David Clifford and, probably more significantly, another tigerish defensive display restricting Armagh to just five points in total from play, saw Kerry win by 1-13 to 0-13.

Kerry's winning run finally came to a close at home to Tyrone. Darren McCurry's goal was out of the top drawer and once again Kerry were on the wrong side of a one point margin to a Tyrone team, 2-11 to 1-15. A marker laid down or just a blip in a run of success? Only time would tell.

Kerry had already done enough to qualify for the League Final against Mayo. The main excitement stemmed from a great individual duel between David Clifford and Mayo's Pádraig Ó hÓra. The Kerryman won that one in stellar fashion, scoring 1-6, while Paul Geaney picked off 0-5. Gavin White and Jason Foley had goals to add a gloss to Kerry's 3-19 to 0-13 win to add the National League trophy to the McGrath Cup.



KILLIAN SPILLANE (KERRY) IN ACTION AGAINST CONOR GLEESON (GALWAY) DURING THE 2022 ALL IRELAND SFC FINAL AT CROKE PARK. PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE

SEAN O'SHEA AND JOE O'CONNOR LIFT THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP AFTER KERRY'S VICTORY OVER GALWAY IN THE 2022 ALL IRELAND SFC FINAL AT CROKE PARK, DUBLIN. PHOTO: KERRY'S EYE



## MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP Kerry 0-23 Cork 0-11

Circumstances dictated that Pairc Uí Rinn hosted the game. It was actually a close contest until late on - the Rebels will feel that some measure of credibility was restored after being easily dismissed by a rampant Kerry in 2021. Kerry opened an early 0-7 to 0-3 lead but the accuracy of Steven Sherlock hauled Cork back to within two points at the interval. Kerry pulled three clear early in the second half but Cathail O'Mahony pinned them back from long distance and it was a one point game, 0-11 to 0-10. That was as good as it got for Cork, though, with Kerry unloading their artillery and their bench, nailing eight points on the trot to shake off the challengers.

## MUNSTER FINAL: Kerry 1-28 Limerick 0-8

Limerick were the visitors to Killarney for the Munster Final. Billy Lee had done an amazing job with the Treaty county, but this never had the feel of a pitfall. In fact, it's fair to say that Limerick's pre-occupation from fairly early on was keeping the score down. It was 0-12 to 0-3 at half-time, and the only real talking point was the sparkling display of Killian Spillane in place of David Clifford. The same player added a goal in the second half. Seán O'Shea had 0-5, Paul Geaney 0-4, Tony Brosnan and Tom O'Sullivan 0-3.

## ALL IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIP

### Quarter-Final: Kerry 1-18 Mayo 0-13

Predictions that both Kerry and Mayo would be likely to meet later on after the League Final proved spot on, as were expectations of a closer contest. Mayo stayed with Kerry for a long period before falling away at the finish. It was nip and tuck early on, with David Clifford appearing to pick up a hampering knock. Mayo were managing the Kerry attack very well and the Connaught side led by a point, 0-7 to 0-6. However, a 28th minute goal from David Clifford put Kerry in front. Kerry led by a point at the break, 1-7 to 0-9. Mayo were able to match Kerry early in the second half, but the Kingdom took complete control in the final quarter, outscoring Mayo by 0-8 to 0-1 in that period.

## SEMI-FINAL: Kerry 1-14 Dublin 1-13

There is no other clash in the game that can whet the appetites as much as these two, and this one lived up to and surpassed all the early billing. For the first time in a decade Kerry were going in as slight favourites.

Seán O'Shea stuck a neat goal early on with Dublin struggling to break down Kerry's defensive system. Just before half-time Gavin White won a penalty, but Evan Comerford saved Seán O'Shea's effort. Nonetheless, Kerry led by 1-8 to 0-6 at half-time and were full value for it. Dublin rejigged in the second half and gradually but effectively began to reel Kerry in. Cormac Costello slotted a great goal and a Ciarán Kilkenny point cut the gap back to one. In injury-time, it was level pegging and anybody's game. 'Anybody' in this case, turned out to be Seán O'Shea. The Kenmare man sealed immortality with a simply incredible long range free that sent Kerry supporters into raptures.

## ALL IRELAND FINAL: Kerry 0-20 Galway 0-16

Kerry were favourites, but Galway had been hugely impressive in their own right. Kerry opted for sending in high missiles to their danger-men early on, but Galway absorbed that pressure comfortably. More ominously, Shane Walsh, probably overshadowed by Damien Comer as a potential threat, was giving one of the great Croke Park displays. He had five points on board, all of them sublime, as Galway deservedly led by 0-8 to 0-7 at half-time. Kerry were playing good football, but had kicked seven wides by that stage. The second half was a thunderous contest, with both sides playing top drawer football reminiscent of the great tradition between these two counties. With five minutes of normal time remaining, it was 0-16 apiece. This is the point in games where Dublin used to just pip us to the finish line by finishing stronger in recent years but Kerry had taken those lessons on board. David Clifford scored his eighth point of the day. Killian Spillane once again showed his effectiveness off the bench. Gavin White put a goal between them and Seán O'Shea hit the final score to ensure that he and Joe O'Connor would lift the Sam Maguire together.

# KERRY GAA FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

## Update



The Kerry GAA Football Development squads completed their games program in late August at several venues across the country.

The U16 North Team travelled all the way to Ballyhaunis where they took on Mayo in the Ted Webb Cup final in scorching temperatures. They ran out winners on a score line of 3-15 to 3-13.

The Kerry U16 South team travelled to Limerick and played Kildare in the O'Donovan Cup final. They played very well considering the conditions and were narrowly beaten after extra time by 3 points.

Both Kerry U15's squads were in Laois, and both came away with good wins against two teams from Cavan. Kerry North won on a score line of 1-16 to 3-8 while Kerry South was also victorious winning 3-10 to 2-6.

Finally, Kerry had three U14 squads in Mallow with each team playing two games against Cork selections. Our team won 4 of their 6 games in total, drawing one and losing one.

It was great to see the squads back in action this year after Covid. They trained every Saturday morning in the Kerry GAA Centre of Excellence in Currans and played regional games every month against other county selections. A massive thanks to the squad coaches for their huge effort in developing the next generation of potential Kerry seniors and also to Donal Daly and Jason McGahan for co-ordinating our squads' activities over the Summer months.



U15 NORTH SQUAD



U15 SOUTH SQUAD



U14 NORTH SQUAD



U16 NORTH SQUAD



U14 SOUTH SQUAD



U16 SOUTH SQUAD

# KERRY POST PRIMARY CAA 2022

**THE Green and the Sem is one of the most iconic pairings in the Corn Uí Mhuirí, or even in football generally. Both schools were among the first to enter the competition most of a century ago and both sides top the roll of honour – the Sem now have 23 titles and Tralee CBS have 16.**

They were strong favourites from the off to contest both the O'Sullivan and Corn Uí Mhuirí Finals. Everything went to script in the opening round, with the Sem beating Killorglin by 3-23 to 1-10, while Tralee saw off Mercy Mounthawk by 4-8 to 0-8. The Sem, however, came a cropper against Coláiste na Sceilge in the semi-final, deservedly losing by a point, 1-14 to 3-6. Coláiste na Sceilge sent out a real message in their first year back at the top grade after competing at B level for the past number of years. Tralee, meanwhile, sent out another strong message by beating Sliabh Luachra on a 3-17 to 1-7 scoreline. They duly went on to win the O'Sullivan Cup, beating Coláiste na Sceilge by 1-16 to 2-8 – another good battle.

On, then, to the Corn Uí Mhuirí. Tralee got another decent battle in their opening game, seeing off Killorglin by 2-11 to 0-9 in the finish. With a bye in the second round (not really an advantage at colleges level, where games tend to improve teams), they faced Clonakilty in the quarter-final. Clonakilty stayed with them early doors, but when Tralee put the hammer down, they were unstoppable, winning by 4-13 to 1-8. Skibbereen, who had just about seen off Sliabh Luachra, impressed for forty minutes against the Tralee side, but again the final quarter was one way traffic – it seems to be a trend with this team. It finished 4-18 to 2-8, and the Kerry side were rampant by the finish. Tralee were strong all over the field, but midfielders Armin Heinrich and Conor Horan and forwards Jordan Kissane, Maurice



O'Connell and Thomas O'Donnell were exceptional and had shown it in Kerry jerseys.

The Sem, meanwhile, put a somewhat outclassed Clonmel to the sword by 5-13 to 0-4 in a damp squib of a contest, and then dismissed an understrength Killorglin (drawing the Sem straight after the Green – Lady Luck wasn't shining on them this year!) 0-20 to 0-2. In the quarter-final they met Coláiste na Sceilge again. Anyone thinking this was a chance for revenge was rapidly disillusioned. Coláiste na Sceilge again put in a superb display, and were unlucky to lose by 2-8 to 2-7, having missed two '45s and a free late on. That finished their campaign, and the Sem marched on after a real lesson.

Bandon, who had defeated Mercy Mounthawk by a single point, were their semi-final opponents in a double header in Mallow. Rian Colleran and Dara O'Callaghan anchored the back superbly, Cian Foley was a crafty playmaker on the forty, and undoubtedly the jewels in the attack were Will Shine and Cian McMahon. In the final, the Sem produced one of the all-time great performances. Will Shine was unquestionably man of the match,



**ST. BRENDAN'S KILLARNEY**



**CBS TRALEE**

with a whopping nine points to his name – he teased and tormented his markers all through. But it was the overall team display, especially the heart and hunger in the relentlessly hunting and harrying, that saw the Sem lead almost all through and eventually win out on a 0-17 to 0-12 scoreline. The Sem went on to win another thriller against St. Mary's Magherafelt in the Hogan semi-final but bowed out in the final itself to a magnificent Naas CBS. However, each and every one of them can hold their heads high and will always have the precious heirloom of a Corn Uí Mhuirí medal to remind them of their achievements this year and to spur them on in future in both life and football.

## MOUNTHAWK COMPLETE KERRY/MUNSTER DOUBLE

Mounthawk had been knocking hard on the door of A grade success in recent years, with some great work being put in along the way. In 2022 it bore very rich fruit, with the U16.5 Girls lifting the school's first ever football All Ireland. The U16.5 Boys, not to be outdone, served notice of their intentions by annexing the Dunloe Cup in fine style.

They really made people sit up the Frewen Cup, though. Stars of the show were the likes of Daniel Kirby, Ben Murphy, Odhrán Ferris, Noah Townsend, Niall Collins, and of course shooting star Paddy

Lane, but it was the relentless work-rate and seamless teamwork that set the tone. They edged a nail-biting and tightly contested semi-final against St. Brendan's before seeing off St. Flannan's of Ennis (never an easy proposition) by 3-11 to 0-7 to claim the Munster crown. Going by this showing and their performances so far in this year's O'Sullivan Cup, it might just be the first of many.

## ST. PAT'S CASTLEISLAND CLAIM FIRST RUSSELL CUP

Mounthawk weren't the only school making big waves in 2022. Tralee CBS went into the Russell Cup Final as strong favourites, having already won the Munster equivalent and the 2018 and 2019 Russell Cups. A lot of that Green team would go on to win the County U15 competition later on in the year.

The odds were definitely against Castleisland, but their free-flowing football belied that. Early goals by Ciaran O'Connell and Kieran Dennehy set the tone, with Michael Horan adding another later on. Tralee CBS were never going to bow out easily, though, reeling off five points on the trot. There was high drama at the finish as Ronan Carroll won a penalty for CBS, but Ryan O'Driscoll's well-taken penalty was brilliantly saved by Michael Hickey to bring the coveted trophy back to Castleisland for the first time.

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## WINNING CAPTAINS

by Tim Slattery

### EAST KERRY

- 1965 ... Donal "Socks" Lynch
- 1968 ... Weeshie Fogarty
- 1969 ... Eamon Fitzgerald
- 1970 ... Mick Gleeson
- 1997 ... John Crowley
- 1998 ... John Crowley
- 1999 ... John Crowley
- 2019 ... Dan O'Donoghue
- 2020 ... Dan O'Donoghue

### MID KERRY

- 1967 ... Pat Aherne
- 1971 ... Jim Foley
- 1992 ... Sean Burke
- 2008 ... Mike Burke



## DAN DWYER QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Keith Moynihan (formerly Annascaul) is senior manager of Mallow GAA, while his brother Mark is a selector with Kilcummin.
2. James Loughrey of Mallow.
3. 1949.
4. Des Foley, Dublin (RIP) in 1953 and 1962. Seán O'Shea of Kerry in 2016 and 2022.
5. Jack McCaffrey (2013) and Con O'Callaghan (2017).
6. Tom O'Connell (St. Senan's).
7. Garry McMahon, Tom Long, Kevin Coffey, Donie O'Sullivan.
8. Jack Flavin of Moyvane in 1937 played for the Kerry team that beat Galway, and in 1938 he played on the Galway team that defeated Kerry.
9. Owen Clifford of Waterford. He played at left half back, wearing the number seven jersey.
10. Thad O'Gorman (Tralee Mitchel's) was the first man to captain Kerry to an All-Ireland football title. His son Jimmy 'Gawksie' was the first player to captain the Kerry minors to an All-Ireland title.
11. It was the only time since 1903 that there was no player from Tralee District on a Kerry senior panel.
12. Cillian Trant and Robert Stack played midfield for North Kerry in the 2022 U21 Final. Their great grandfathers Con Brosnan and Bob Stack won six All Irelands each and played midfield together in the 1929, 1930 and 1931 All Ireland Finals.

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# COISTE SCÓR CHIARRAÍ *Update*



WITH two calendar years dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic which has affected everybody worldwide, including GAA members, and all volunteers and participants in the G.A.A. activities all over the World also. But in our area of Scór we were very much affected as Scór was one of the last activities to return to some normality earlier this year and we looked ahead to a welcome return with a huge sense of optimism after those two long years of lockdown.

The last Scór competition in Kerry was on Sunday 15th December 2019, which was held in Glenbeigh/Glencar Sports Hall, and it was the County Scór Na nÓg final where Finuge were successful and subsequently went on to claim National glory in Instrumental Music.

## SCÓR NA bPÁISTÍ CIARRAÍ

So, as you can imagine there was a feeling of happiness and delight amongst everybody with the announcement that Scór was to resume on Saturday July 5th. Halla na Dromoda Cillian Liath, Community Hall was the venue for the long-awaited commencement of Scór competitions with Scór Na bPáistí kindly Sponsored by "Lee Strand" getting activities under way.

There were many clubs from all over the County involved and it was a very successful day for the South Kerry Board with; Waterville, (Figure Dancing), Recitation, Daithi O'Shea, Dromid, Instrumental Music, Valentia, Novelty, Foilmore, Ballad Group, Reenard sweeping the boards. The remaining winners were Spa, Quiz Team, Solo Sing

went to Ide Hussey, Crotto, Dara Ó Cinneide, Listowel won the Sean Nos. and Legion took the honours in Set Dancing. Criostoír Ó Cillín, Oifigeach Cultura Chiarraí thanked all our sponsors, Lee Strand, Scór Na bPáistí, Estuary Print, Ballylongford (Sponsor of the Siobhan Cotter Memorial Shield) donated by the Cotter family for the Overall Trophy in honour of the late Siobhan which was won by Waterville. Estuary Print and Trophies, Ballylongford; sponsors for the Overall trophy the ("Healy/Connor Perpetual Cup") to the Club who had participated most in Scór disciplines over the duration of the competitions, (Scór Sinsear, Scór Na nÓg and Scór Na bPáistí) and here it was Dromid who scooped the award.

## SCÓR SINSEAR CIARRAÍ

Moving along to our next competition which was pencilled in for Friday October 7th at the Currow Community venue where the first County Scór Sinsear finals held since 2019 took place.

Once again, our long serving sponsors of Billy and Mary Enright of Estuary Print and Trophies, Ballylongford came on board and with seven District Boards taking part the huge attendance present were treated to a special day where the standard of competition was top drawer. The results of the Quiz held prior to the on-stage disciplines where 10 clubs took part with Churchill 4 times All



Ireland champions crowned winners with 78 out of 80 but not before they had to ward off Spa with 77, Ballydonoghue with 76 and another former All Ireland winner Rathmore on 75. That winning Quiz team included Mike Gaynor, Mike Moriarty, Tom O'Donnell and Paul Culloty.

Then when the adjudicators made their final deliberations, it proved a very successful evening for the Keel Club winning both Instrumental Music and Ballad Group and to cap a wonderful night their Club Scór Officer; Julie Grey accepted the overall Club award. Tralee/St. Brendan's had plenty to cheer about when Helen Sugrue, Na Gaeil won Recitation with "Holy Kiss", followed by another victory in Novelty Act. East Kerry got in the act with Mark O'Leary from Gneeveguilla giving a great rendering of "The Hills around Listowel" while their Club Set Dancers Danced their way to glory. Finally, the Figure Dancers from Dromid Pearses will also represent their County in the Munster Finals.

## COISTE SCÓR SINSEAR NA MUMHAN DEIREANACH

The County Limerick venue of Cappamore Community Centre was the setting for the 2022 Munster Scór Sinsear Finals on Sunday evening October 16th. The Hall was packed to capacity and the large audience were treated to a fantastic evening's entertainment from the club representatives of the six participating Counties on the night.

Kerry was involved in all eight disciplines and their huge band of supporters had plenty to cheer about as the day panned out. The day's activities got underway with the Quiz. Kerry were represented by Churchill (Mike Gaynor, Mike Moriarty, Tom O'Donnell, Paul Culloty) and after a very competitive and close discipline the Kerry boys lost out on a tie

breaker to Monaleen of Limerick to confirm first place but still go through to the National Finals.

The on stage events commenced with the Figure Dancing and from here to the final discipline of the evening the Set Dancing; we were treated to almost six hours of top entertainment. Certainly, Churchill gave us the perfect start to the day and when the Adjudicators made their final deliberations of the day it continued with a further two clubs joining them at the All-Ireland finals; it was a day to remember for the Gneeveguilla club from East Kerry going through in both Solo Singing and Set Dancing to the delight of the huge Kerry following.

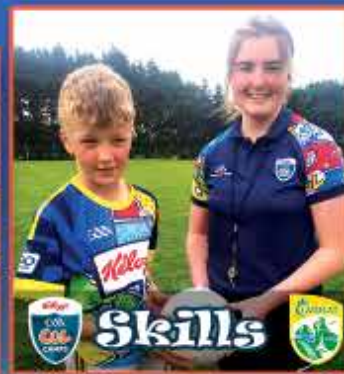
Mark O'Leary took the honours in the Solo Singing with a captivating rendition of the "Hills around Listowel". Then in the final discipline of the evening the Gneeveguilla Set Dancers danced their way to glory with some nimble footwork despite very strong opposition. However, we can't forget the remaining clubs; only on this occasion it just proved a bridge too far. Keel from the Mid Kerry Board took part in both Instrumental and Ballad Group, in the Novelty Act we had Na Gaeil, from the Tralee/St. Brendan's Board and in Figure Dancing it was Dromid Pearse's club in South Kerry that represented the County. Despite giving solid performances it proved just a bridge too far on this occasion. However, it was a great honour for Coiste Scór in the County to have so many involved at this stage of the competition and all the participants can feel proud of their performances. They did both their respective Clubs and County proud on the day and on behalf of Coiste Scór Chiarraí we wish all the very best in their quest for National glory on November 12th at the "Travellers Friend" in Castlebar, County Mayo.

*Finally, we look forward to our County Final today and we wish both teams the best of luck.*





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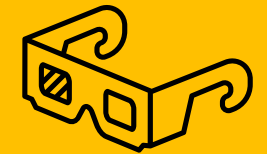
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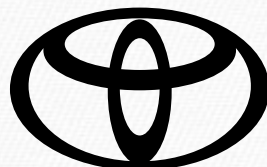
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# CORDAL C.L.G.

## BRIEF PROFILE OF THE CLUB



CÚIL CLG

**Cordal GAA club was formed in 1889. The Field was purchased in 1983 and the first game played on the pitch was in 1986. It was redeveloped again in 2013 and officially opened in June 2015.**

Our new juvenile all weather pitch was developed in 2017 which includes a perimeter walking track and floodlighting. This we have found to be a great addition to our club for those dark winter nights. Kelly Brothers from Ballydesmond were the main contractors for both pitches.

Our main field is named Pairc Na Culach in memory of the late John Roche and our juvenile pitch is named after his late son Jimmy Roche. The spectator stand is named after our former late Chairman Tom Wrenn.

Our senior team play in Division 4 of the County League. They are also in the Semi-final of the 2022 County Junior Championship. Our Junior football team won the inaugural Kerry Cup in 2022. The Cordal GAA Club are affiliated with Saint Kieran's and play in the East Kerry competitions. Our Senior team won the Novice Championship in 1980 and the Kerry Junior Championship in 1986.

We have Current and Former players who have played with Kerry teams at different levels both male and female. Our U17 team, who are amalgamated with Scartaglin, won their County League Final in 2022.

We have built up a very successful Coiste Na nóg structure within our club over the years with very committed Officers, Coaches and Players. The club draws underage players from Kilmurry National School in Cordal and Gaeil Scoil Aogán in Castleisland town. Both schools won their recent respective Allianz Cumann na mBunscoil competitions. The club competes in Scór na bPáistí.

We hold our annual Jimmy Roche Memorial U13 football

tournament every year with teams competing from Kerry, Cork and Limerick. Our underage teams compete in the County League, East Kerry and Castleisland District competitions, and outside tournaments. Our U7 and U9 panels play in the Go Games Blitz organised by the County GDAs. This year our U11 team won their Castleisland District Final. Our U13 team won the County League Div 3 Final and also won the Castleisland District A Final. Our U15 team won their Castleisland District Final and are also in the Final of the East Kerry Championship.

Six players from our U15 team were on the starting St. Pat's Secondary School team from Castleisland that won the Russell Cup earlier this year. We have a number of players representing our club on various County development squads.

Our facilities have been used for numerous games over the year by both male & female teams which include the local national & secondary schools. We would like to thank our hard working Club Executive, Stewards, Score board attendants, Bonanza sellers, Public address and all those who help out on match day.

Since the developments, which began in 2013, the club have spent in the region of €500,000. These funds have been raised by various means namely, Sports Capital Funding, Music Concerts, our Annual Club Bid, Club Draws, Sponsorship, Church Gate Collections and our ongoing Club Lotto Bonanza. We want to thank all our sponsors down through the years.

Our aim is to maintain our facilities to the highest standards and in doing so to develop our current and future players and hopefully one day they will play with our Senior club and bring more success to our small rural club.

**MICHEAL Ó FLIONN**

Runaí, Cúl Coiste Na nóg.

# 25 YEARS AGO

**1997. The nascent Celtic tiger was just beginning to growl - it turned out to be a more delicate species than we all assumed. We were a bit too busy engulfed in Tribunals of Enquiry to notice. The world went into mourning for two very icons in Princess Diana and Mother Teresa. James Bond was as debonair as always in 'Tomorrow Never Dies', but Will Smith was the big cinema success story with 'Men in Black'.**

In the music charts, the Spice Girls were close to world domination but Elton John's tribute to Diana outsold everything. The biggest hit of the year, though, was an off-beat American cartoon that first aired on RTE's screens in June. A quarter of a century later, Bart Simpson and family are still going strong.

The big talking point in Kerry, of course, was the return of Sam Maguire after an eleven year absence when Páidí Ó Sé's team defeated Mayo in the All Ireland Final. In the circumstances, then, there was an added interest in the County Football Championship. Laune Rangers were the opening favourites, a stunning club side that included the Hassett brothers, Peter Lyons, John Sheehan, Tommy Byrne, Gerard Murphy, Pierce Prendeville, midfielders Timmy Fleming and Conor Kearney...they had quality in every line. They were the reigning All Ireland club champions with very good reason and going for three in a row in Kerry. Billy O'Shea was out with injury after that famously unfortunate collision with team-mate Maurice Fitzgerald in the All Ireland Final, but the general view was that Laune Rangers were still the team to beat. They had beaten East Kerry for the last two years in a row - West Kerry, the 1996 finalists, were considered the closest challengers.

They saw off Kenmare by 2-15 to 1-11 in the opening round but needed a scoring spurt at the finish to do it. St. Kieran's in the quarter-final was another tricky tie. John Evans' team gave an improved display, though, and always led despite the best efforts of Liam Brosnan and Ruairi Rahilly. However, again they were almost caught late on, Peter Lyons making two superb saves to preserve an unflattering 1-17 to 2-12 scoreline.

The semi-final against West Kerry was one of the best games of the championship, a real ding dong struggle. The sides were level six times over the hour. West Kerry had the fillip of an early Seán Geaney goal and he added another as West Kerry led by four points early in the second half but sheer resilience and quality saw Rangers gradually whittle it down and kick the winning scores in the dying minutes, 0-17 to 2-9.

East Kerry were taken to a replay by St. Brendan's in

the opening round, but won the replay comfortably enough on a 0-15 to 0-9 scoreline. That extra game probably stood to them - certainly, their quarter-final display was a different calibre as they blew Shannon Rangers away, 0-13 to 1-3.

Next up in the semi-final was Austin Stacks and that was always going to be a nail-biter. Stacks could call on the likes of Pa Laide, Donal McEvoy, Darren Aherne, Pat Slattery...a serious test. So it proved.

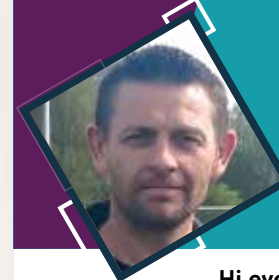
In the final Con O'Connor's dominance helped East Kerry to a five point lead. 0-8 to 0-4 at half-time, and they should have been out of sight but for over-elaboration. Laune Rangers came back and a blistering strike from the Kerry captain saw them go a point ahead after 48 minutes. It was an absolutely brilliant final quarter, but the sides just couldn't be separated.

East Kerry started well in the replay in terms of possession, but struggled to put it on the scoreboard, kicking five very uncharacteristic wides. Laune Rangers actually went ahead twice before East Kerry did manage to eke out a slender 0-5 to 0-3 lead at half-time. Few onlookers expected it to be enough to withstand Laune Rangers. Indeed the Mid Kerry side kicked the first three points of the second half, Paul Griffin putting them in front. East Kerry equalised but Adrian Hassett came up from corner back to restore the advantage. Jerry Murphy replied and put his side in front, a lead they would never relinquish, with Seán Óg O'Leary introduced into midfield to great effect.

However, East Kerry survived a real scare when Mike Hassett broke through but drove his piledriver just inches wide of the post. East Kerry stretched their lead to three and then John Crowley and Donal Daly combined to set up Paud O'Donoghue for the winning goal. Mark O'Connor's late consolation point for Laune Rangers was little consolation as East Kerry triumphed on a 1-11 to 0-8 scoreline, with John Crowley lifting the Bishop Moynihan Cup.

**EAST KERRY:** Declan O'Keeffe, Tom O'Sullivan, Niall Mangan, Anthony Morris, Michael O'Donoghue, Seamus Moynihan, Eoin Doherty, Donal Daly, Con O'Connor, Denis Moynihan (0-1), Mossie Cronin, Michael D. Cahill (0-1), Paud O'Donoghue (1-4, 4f), John Crowley (capt) 0-1, Jerry Murphy (0-4). **Subs:** Sean Óg O'Leary (for Con O'Connor), Charlie McCarthy, Jerry O'Sullivan, Timmy O'Sullivan, Stephen Flynn, John Cronin, Ger Cremin, Mike O'Connor, Dan O'Sullivan, Ger Cronin, Sean Moynihan.

**LAUNE RANGERS:** Peter Lyons, Adrian Hassett (0-1), John Sheehan, Mark O'Connor (0-1), Mike Hassett, Tommy Byrne (capt.), Shane O'Sullivan, Timmy Fleming, Conor Kearney, Pa O'Sullivan (0-3, 3f), Liam Hassett, Gerard Murphy, Paul Griffin (0-1), Pierce Prendeville, Michael Francis Russell (0-2, 1 free). **Subs:** Brian Gannon (for Paul Griffin), James O'Shea for G. Murphy, Pa Murphy, Paudie Sheahan, Johnny Lynch, Fergus O'Meara, Billy O'Sullivan, John O'Sullivan, Derry O'Sullivan, Billy O'Shea. **Referee:** Tom McCarthy (Desmonds).



# CÚPLA FOCAL Ó CATHAIRLEACH Coiste Na nÓg Chiarraí

**Hi everyone and welcome to Austin Stack Park and the 2022 Garvey's Supervalu Kerry County Senior Football Championship Final. Is there a better place to be, particularly coming off the back of returning Sam back to the Kingdom?**

To start with, let me first acknowledge the numerous people who have worked so hard to put together this wonderful match programme which we present to you this afternoon. Thanks to Patrick, Peter, and the County Board for entrusting Kerry Coiste na nÓg with the task of producing today's match guide. Special thanks to the current and incoming Public Relations Officers, Leona Twiss and Emma Sweeney for their time and help throughout the past two weeks. Following on from a busy 2022, my fellow officers in Kerry Coiste na nÓg once again came up trumps. Thanks to them all.

From Eamon in Canada, Jamie in Dubai, Mark from the Referees Committee to Mike in Cordal, we have received some fabulous articles. As well as the lads named above, there have been many more and I would like to thank them all for their contributions. We are lucky to have some excellent journalists in Kerry. Murt Murphy is one such journalist and I am hugely grateful for his time and input. Thanks to the management and players of both the East and Mid Kerry teams, as well as their respective District Boards for taking time to give us some insights in what, I am sure, has been a busy two weeks.

Scattered throughout the programme are brilliant photographs. Thanks to Kerry Kennelly and the Kerry's Eye Newspaper for generously providing some great images.

As one can see, there were a lot of people involved in producing today's programme, but once again Jimmy O'Sullivan Darcy provided the heartbeat with his contribution. Thanks Jimmy for all your hard work.

Finally, to Mike, Lionel and all the team at Kingdom Printers for your professionalism, patience, and creativity. I think that together we have created a nice bit of work that all GAA supporters will enjoy.

As Kathy has mentioned earlier in the programme, it was back to normal on the playing fields in 2022 with our usual schedule returning. Kicking off in

March, and playing through to mid-September, we managed to get through a huge schedule of games. Not including district board games, there were around 1200 games played at the under 11, 13 and 15 age grades in both codes during 2022. That's some number of games. Huge thanks to all the officers and competition co-ordinators. Appreciation too to the clubs' officials and team mentors for sticking to the schedule. Feile returned in 2022 and finals day in both Hurling (in Abbeydorney) and Football (in Currans) were fantastic occasions. Each of clubs which progressed did the county proud at the various locations around the country.

I would like to especially thank Gearoid Linnane and all at Lee Strand for their continued support of our games. Thanks to all the clubs for hosting games and special thanks to Eamon and Austin Stack Park committee, as well as Der at Fitzgerald stadium for making these venues available. I probably tormented them a bit, and for that I apologise, but it was well worth it to see our young hurlers and footballers fulfilling dreams and playing finals at these wonderful venues.

As has been alluded to several times in this programme, the emphasis on respecting our players and match officials may have, hopefully, reached a point where we might see some real change in behaviour. The numerous incidents which have been reported in the media, particularly in recent months, highlight why this change of behaviour is essential. Kerry, known for our great history and tradition in the GAA, would always consider ourselves leaders and ambassadors of our wonderful games. Well, lets be leaders in eliminating verbal and other abuse in our games. I believe we can achieve it, but it must come from within the clubs themselves to call it out if they see it happening.

Finally, I wish the players and management from both camps, as well as Brendan and his team of officials, the very best of luck in the match today. A Fossa man, living and with kids playing football and in school in Milltown, I won't be making any predictions but at least I know that one half of the house will be in good form later this evening!

**TOMMY CRONIN**  
Chairperson Kerry Coiste na nÓg

### le Tomás Ó hAiniféin

Tá Sam sa bhaile agus glúin óg eile do pheileadóirí na Ríochta tar éis an beart a dhéanamh. Oráid bhreá ó Sheán Ó Sé ó Ardán Uí hOgáin agus é tar éis glacadh leis an corn ó Uachtarán CLG Labharás Mac Cáthraigh. Tá na haon duine atá is a bhí rannpháirteach le Allianz Cumann na mBunscol an bhrodúil as an éacht san agus sinne tar éis forbairt na n-imreoirí seo a leanúint ó d'imraíodar na Mini Sevens, cluichí idir scoile Allianz Cumann na mBunscol agus an Primary Game.

Fuair céatadán maith acu a gcéad bhlais ar an bpeil idir chontae trí imeachtaí Allianz Cumann na mBunscol agus faoi mar a dúirt, bunmhúinteoirí fud fad an chontae an sásta go bhfuil SAM thar nais agus go bhfuil sé ar chamchuaird ag na bunscóileann na laethanta seo. Is iontach an tradisiún é agus beag duine a cheap i 2014 go mbeadh SAM ar strae go 2022. Comhghairdeachas ó chróí le Jaic, a fhoireann bhainistíochta, na h-imreoirí ar fad agus gach duine a chabhraigh in aon slí leis an plean a chuir i gcríoch.

Maidir le imeachtaí Allianz Cumann na mBunscol ba iontach an scéal é nuair a fógraíodh i Mí Feabhra go b'fhéadfaimid cluichí idir scoile a imirt arís. Leagamar amach clár imeachtaí do bhuaicailí agus cailíní agus idir peil, iomáint, peil na gcailíní agus camógaíocht d'imríodar na céada cluichí agus bhain na páistí na múinteoirí agus pobal na scoile an sásamh, tairbhe agus taitneamh as na cluichí ar fad.



KNOC A' DOIRE - WINNERS OF THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL 3 TEACHER FINAL



FYBOUGH - RUNNERS UP IN THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL 2 TEACHER FINAL

D'éirigh linn freisin na comórtaisí liathroid lámhe agus an rásaíocht Treas Tire a reachtáil agus táimid fíor bhuíoch do gach duine a chabhraigh in aon slí.

We played regional or district finals for boys and girls in the 2 Teacher, 3 Teacher and 4/5 Teacher competitions. We played a total of 18 county finals which was an incredible achievement considering the short window of school time which was available (March – June) at a time of year when the school schedule is extremely crowded between confirmation, communion, school assessments, school tours and a mire of other activities. Míle buíochas to all of the principals and teachers who facilitated the playing of our games and congratulations to all who claimed county titles.

In reality all who got the opportunity to represent their school in the various sports were the real winners following a few testing and difficult lockdown school terms due to Covid 19. There were many highlights through the playing of the various competitions. The pride and satisfaction of claiming that District title and the opportunity to represent the school in the county final.

The standard of play in the county finals played in Austin Stack Park, Furies and Abbeydorney was excellent with some brilliant individual battles, fantastic team work and some incredible score taking but above all top class sportsmanship. The children who played



FAHA NS - RUNNERS UP IN THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL 6-7 TEACHER FINAL

in or witnessed these games will cherish the occasions for ever. Others who will cherish and have life long memories of the 2022 Allianz Cumann na mBunscol season are the boys and girls who were chosen to represent their families and schools through the primary Game and the mini Sevens outings in Croke Park. Those from the Class of 2022 chosen for the Primary Game in Cork created their own piece of history as this was the first and very likely the last time that a Munster Senior Football Championship Match was played in Páirc Uí Rinn.



KERRY PRIMARY GAME BOYS V LIMERICK

All who participated enjoyed the occasion as did the boys and girls who played. Four players, two boys and two girls were chosen to represent their county and respective schools in Croke Park during the All Ireland series and with the Kerry senior footballers playing on those occasions all four will certainly cherish the Geansaí for a long time to come. Míle buíochas to Comhairle na Mumhan, INTO and CLG for providing the gear and the opportunity for these unforgettable occasions and of course to all the teachers who organise and oversee the selection process and the professional running of these mini games.



GAELSCOIL FAITHLEANN - WINNERS OF THE ALLIANZ CUMANN NA MBUNSCOL DIV. 3 URBAN FINAL

All involved with Allianz Cumann na mBunscol Chiarraí wish Ciarraí Thoir and Ciarraí Lár all the best in today's final. Tá súil agam go mbeidh an cluiche againn agus comhghairdeachas leis an dá fhoireann as a bhfuil bainte amach acu go dtí seo i mbliana.

# 2022 KERRY PETROLEUM CLUB FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

## SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group A							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Spa	3	2	0	1	53	41	5
Dingle	3	2	1	0	40	43	4
Na Gaeil	3	1	2	0	42	49	2
Kenmare Shamrocks	3	0	2	1	46	48	1

Group B							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Templenoë	3	2	0	1	41	33	5
Kerins O'Rahilly's	3	1	1	1	53	50	3
Dr. Crokes	3	1	2	0	44	44	2
Austin Stacks	3	1	2	0	40	51	2

**Semi Finals:** Spa 0-16 Kerins O'Rahilly's 1-16; Templenoë 0-14 Dingle 0-10. **Relegation Play-Off:** Kenmare Shamrocks 3-11 Austin Stacks 1-15. **Final:** Templenoë 0-14 Kerins O'Rahilly's 0-15

## JUNIOR PREMIER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Skelligs Rangers	3	2	1	0	42	44	4
St Senan's	3	2	1	0	39	47	4
Churchill	3	1	1	1	40	27	3
St Pats Blennerville	3	0	2	1	37	40	1

Group 2							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Annascaul	3	3	0	0	46	32	6
Ballyduff	3	1	2	0	37	38	2
Brosna	3	1	2	0	37	40	2
St Michael's-Foilmore	3	1	2	0	37	47	2

Group 3							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Ballymacelligott	3	3	0	0	38	31	6
Ardfert Football Club	3	2	1	0	36	32	4
Keel	3	1	2	0	43	43	2
Waterville	3	0	3	0	27	38	0

Group 4							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Listry	3	3	0	0	57	41	6
Fossa	3	2	1	0	52	35	4
Listowel Emmets	3	0	2	1	37	52	1
Castlegregory GAA Club	3	0	2	1	38	56	1

**Quarter Finals:** Skelligs Rangers 0-9 Ardfert Football Club 1-18; Listry 3-14 Ballyduff 3-6; Ballymacelligott 6-10 St. Senan's 0-10; Annascaul 1-11 Fossa 1-15

## INTERMEDIATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Beaufort	3	2	1	0	58	38	4
Gneeveguilla	3	2	1	0	47	43	4
Currow	3	1	2	0	39	63	2
Ballydonoghue	3	1	2	0	49	49	2

Group 2							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Killarney Legion	3	3	0	0	58	28	6
Laune Rangers	3	2	1	0	44	40	4
John Mitchels	3	1	2	0	35	40	2
Piarsaigh Na Dromoda	3	0	3	0	30	59	0

Group 3							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
An Ghaeltacht	3	2	1	0	41	36	4
Kilcummin	3	2	1	0	40	37	4
Desmonds	3	1	2	0	37	41	2
Glenbeigh-Glencar	3	1	2	0	31	35	2

Group 4							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Rathmore	3	2	1	0	59	39	4
Glenflesk	3	1	1	1	59	51	3
Milltown/Castlemaine	3	1	1	1	41	49	3
St Mary's	3	1	2	0	52	72	2

**Quarter Finals:** Killarney Legion 1-13 Kilcummin 0-8; An Ghaeltacht 1-14 Gneeveguilla 2-8; Beaufort 1-16 Glenflesk 1-12; Rathmore 3-11 Laune Rangers 1-16

## JUNIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Group 1							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Reenard	3	3	0	0	56	29	6
Scartaglin	3	2	1	0	30	36	4
Cromane	3	1	2	0	41	46	2
Moyvane	3	0	3	0	37	53	0

Group 2							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Cordal	3	3	0	0	81	40	6
Sneem/Derrynane	3	2	1	0	64	42	4
Lispole	3	1	2	0	40	51	2
Ballylongford	3	0	3	0	13	65	0

Group 3							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Firies	3	3	0	0	41	26	6
Tarbert	3	2	1	0	49	36	4
Beale	3	1	2	0	43	53	2
Asdee	3	0	3	0	22	40	0

Group 4							
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Knocknagoshel	3	3	0	0	46	26	6
Finuge	3	1	1	1	42	36	3
Duagh	3	1	1	1	50	51	3
Kilgarvan	3	0	3	0	35	60	0

**Quarter Finals:** Firies 3-14 Scartaglin 3-11; Reenard 0-15 Tarbert 2-13; Cordal 4-12 Finuge 0-12; Knocknagoshel 0-17 Sneem/Derrynane 1-12

## 2022 Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Championship Final

# DAVID MORAN SAVES DAY AS KERINS O'RAHILLYS WIN SENIOR CLUB



### KERINS O'RAHILLYS 0-15 TEMPLENOE 0-14

By Murt Murphy

**Kerins O'Rahillys captured the Kerry Senior Club Final with a single point victory over a gallant Templenoë side in a keenly contested game that will now see the Tralee club represent Kerry in Munster for the first time in thirteen years, as the SFC final will feature two divisional teams.**

But there was late drama in the contest which was a tight, tactical game with some good scores kicked on both sides looked like going to extra-time as Killian Spillane stood over a free that would have levelled a tit for tat contest. The upright caught the ball as it dropped towards goal however with David Moran managing to clear it away from safety as O'Rahillys avoided what could have been a disastrous finish from their point of view.

### KERINS O'RAHILLYS FASTEST OUT OF TRAPS

Neutrals would not have begrudged the game those extra minutes although the victors would have felt they should have wrapped proceedings up in the 57th minute when substitute Ben Hanafin was put through by Tommy Walsh but the ball conspired to come off the post as Templenoë midfielder Sean Sheehan cleared to safety.

Kerins O'Rahillys raced into a 0-5 to 0-1 lead after six minutes. Killian Spillane started finding his range in bringing the gap back to a point by the end of the first quarter but Barry John Keane had Strand Road back out to an 0-8 to 0-4 advantage after 19 minutes.

Like Savage, Cormac Coffey had flown back from the Middle East for the game and he made a powerful run in the 27th minute to make the score 0-10 to 0-7. Templenoë rounded off the first half scoring with two further points from Killian Spillane however in leaving just the minimum between them at the break at 0-10 to 0-9.

### SAVAGE ON FIRE

Spillane and Sean Sheehan put Templenoë into the lead for the first time within the first four minutes of the second half but it would be the only time they led as Barry John Keane levelled the game again in the 36th minute.

Jack Savage hit three consecutive frees to put Strand Road 0-15 to 0-12 to the good by the 52nd minute but Templenoë were not wilting when Stephen O'Sullivan nearly punched a ponderous high ball into the net a minute later. O'Rahillys would not score again in the game as both Killian Spillane and O'Sullivan left the game on a knife edge on the scoreboard.

### LATE DRAMA

Then came that late free that fell to Killian Spillane that would have forced extra time but his effort as it dropped from the sky and hit the junction of post and cross bar and David Moran grabbed the ball and Templenoë had just come up short. David Moran rolled back the years with a Man of the Match display around midfield and Kerry boss Jack O'Connor will be hoping to have him for one more season.

For Templenoë it was a tough one to lose. They missed out on becoming the first club to represent Kerry in all three grades in Munster by a solitary point as they will hope another year of senior football will keep their young but small panel together in the coming years.

**SCORERS: Kerins O'Rahillys:** J Savage (0-6 frees), BJ Keane (0-3), T Walsh (0-2), C Coffey, T Hoare, G O'Brien and C Hayes (0-1 each). **Templenoë:** K Spillane (0-9, 6f's), B Crowley, S Sheehan, J Crowley Holland, S O'Sullivan and A Crowley (0-1 each).

### TEAMS:

**KERINS O'RAHILLYS:** S Foley; D McElligott, R O'Callaghan, C Coffey; C Barrett, K Mullins, P Neenan; D Moran, T Hoare; C Sayers, J Savage, G O'Brien; BJ Keane, T Walsh, C Hayes. **Subs:** B Hanafin for C Sayers (38), S Walsh for C Barrett (58).

**TEMPLENOE:** M Looney; B Crowley, K O'Neill, J Rice; P Clifford, T Morley, G Crowley; S Sheehan, A Spillane; M Casey, J Crowley Holland, C Crowley; S O'Sullivan, A Crowley, K Spillane. **Subs:** K McCarthy for C Crowley (Temp, 8-10), K McCarthy for M Casey (48), T Spillane for C Crowley (58), M Hallissey for J Rice (60 +3). **Referee:** B Brosnan (Glenflesk).

# DAN DWYER QUIZ



**1.** Name the brothers who wore the green and gold jersey of Kerry. One is manager of a Senior Club in Cork, while the other is a selector with an Intermediate club in Kerry.

**2.** Name the footballer in Cork who played in this year's Senior County Championship but is also a Cork Senior Football selector.

**3.** When was the first time that the Clare senior footballers defeated Kerry in the Munster Senior Championship?

**4.** Name two footballers who captained their county to win the All-Ireland Minor and Senior Championships.

**5.** Name the only two Dublin footballers to win Young Footballer of the Year during their recent eight All Ireland titles.

**6.** Who captained Feale Rangers to win the Senior County Championship in 1980?

**7.** Clann na Gael, a prominent Dublin club in the sixties and seventies, featured four Kerry All Ireland

winning footballers. Name the Kerry footballers.

**8.** Who is the only Gaelic footballer ever to have won All Ireland Senior Football medals for and against his native county in successive years?

**9.** David and Paudie Clifford's cousin played against Kerry in the Munster U21 Football Championship. What county did he play for and what number jersey did he wear?

**10.** What father and son, both of whom played for Kerry, created a record in Kerry football that can never again be equalled?

**11.** When Kerry won the All-Ireland in 2000, captained by the great Seamus Moynihan, what was unique about that Kerry panel?

**12.** Name the two footballers who played together in midfield in a Kerry County Final this year, whose great grandfathers also played midfield together in three All Ireland Finals.

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