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# NEWSLETTER



## Club Kildare

A dhaoine uaisle, we have been working hard over the past number of months to encourage a regeneration of Club Kildare. I would like to thank all of you who have retained or renewed your membership or indeed joined up for the first time. Our target is to get our membership up to 500 to support the redevelopment of our County Grounds, St. Conleth's Park. We are delighted with progress to date and our membership now stands at 325 - more to go! In order to keep all our Club Kildare members up to date with progress of our Redevelopment Project and also ongoing County activities we are starting a quarterly Newsletter. The first issue is being sent to you by post but future issues will be forwarded by email. If we do not have your email address please forward it to clubkildare2018@gmail.com and we will email you future issues. I hope you enjoy the first copy and if you have any comments or suggestions for inclusion in future editions please contact us.

I would like to thank Marty McEvoy, Chairman of Club Kildare, Martin Whyte, Vice Chairman and Martina Donnelly, Secretary, for all their work regarding Club Kildare. Finally I would like to thank Noel Cocoman (Kill) for taking on the task of editing our Club Kildare Newsletter.

Ger Donnelly, Chairman.



### Kildare Ref makes National Panel

Congrats to Brendan Cawley who has been added to the GAA National Panel of Referees for this year's championship

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# Kildare v Wicklow- Leinster Senior Football Championship Round 1 Preview

By Robert Cribbin

For the first time since 2011 Kildare will enter the Leinster Football Championship at the Preliminary Round Stage as they face off with near neighbours Wicklow in Netwatch Cullen Park on Saturday Night.

Ironically the Garden County were also the opponents eight years ago and Kildare will be looking for something along similar lines to the 0-12 to 0-5 victory that they achieved that day.

Cian O'Neill's Kildare side will go into the game with a real unknown factor after going through a very mixed League campaign that saw them miss out on promotion while the injury list is really starting to mount.

Kevin Flynn now joins Paul Cribbin on the long term injury list with a broken bone in his foot and both are definitely out of the game on Saturday.

The problem for Cian O'Neill is that there are more players who are doubtful with the main one being team captain Eoin Doyle who did damage to his hamstring in the recent challenge game against Roscommon.

As well as Doyle, Chris Healy, Fionn Dowling and Jimmy Hyland are also doubts while the likes of Ben McCormack, Cathal McNally and Niall Kelly only returned to competitive football during the Club Championship.

All that means there will be a lot of nervous Kildare supporters in Netwatch Cullen Park and with good reason too as it bears a very close resemblance to the build up to last year's defeat at the hands of Carlow.

The only difference being that Carlow were at least on an upward trajectory and had a bit of momentum behind them and the same

certainly can't be said of Wicklow.

John Evans's Wicklow side finished fifth in Division 4 of the League with only three wins to their name and while Kildare are in far from perfect shape it would still be a big shock to see them overturned here.

In some ways it's the perfect way for Kildare to get back on the horse but a good start is vital to abolish any flashbacks that may linger from the Carlow defeat last year and there is enough in this side to book a Leinster Quarter-Final meeting with Longford.



## Minor Ladies Reach Leinster Final

After their huge win over The Dubs, Kildare ladies faced Meath in the Leinster Final in Kinnegad on May Bank Holiday and after a titanic struggle lost by just 2 points, 3-11 to 3-13. This team has given their families and supporters much to be proud of. Led by their tireless captain, Molly Aspell (Kilcullen), they had an excellent team on the line in Manager, Gavan Doyle ably assisted by, Kieran Lambe, Brian Willis, Katie Willis and Wayne Freeman.

Mia Doherty (Leixlip) on the attack

## Minor Footballers Make Strong Start

Our Minor boys got their campaign off to a winning start against Wicklow, 1-16 to 0-12 and in their next assignment face a tricky away trip to Louth. Best of luck to Colin Ward and his crew.



# Senior Hurling - Christy Ring Cup Round 1 Preview- Kildare v Roscommon

By Robert Cribbin

On Sunday afternoon Kildare will begin the defence of their Christy Ring Cup Title when they travel to Athleague to take on Roscommon.

The current holders have been placed in a very difficult group with last year's beaten finalists London, recently relegated from the Joe McDonagh Cup, Meath and Roscommon.

Kildare have an excellent recent record against the Rossies including a 25-point hammering during last year's competition so it's a game they would expect to win.

Kildare made huge progress under the tutelage of Joe Quaid in his three years in charge and after keeping the side in Division 2A for a couple of seasons they then captured the Christy Ring last summer.

After Quaid's departure, Kilkenny man David Herity took the reins and he has had a very mixed beginning with the team.

A competitive Keogh Cup campaign saw Kildare go down to Meath on penalty strikes before they then got the better of Wicklow.

The pre-season eventually ended with a heavy defeat to Antrim in Abbotstown as Herity found out the level his team will need to get to.

The Division 2B League soon followed and from the outset Kildare's aim was to gain promotion to 2A and after fairly convincing victories over Donegal and Warwickshire everything seemed to be going to plan.

Those teams didn't provide stiff enough opposition however and successive defeats at the hands of Derry and Wicklow effectively ended any hope they had of making the final.

The Wicklow game in Aughrim is certainly one they would have had plenty of regret about as they only lost by three points after playing almost the entire game with 14 men after John Gorman was sent off early on.

The League then concluded with a 0-13 to 1-6 victory over Down but other results needed to go their way and they didn't thus resulting in them staying in 2B for another year.

That Down game took place on the 3rd of March so it will be over two months since Kildare have took to the field in competitive action.

Brian Byrne was the star of the League as he top scored in every game and a lot will rest on the Naas man's shoulders in the next few weeks but he will be certainly be helped by the

return to form of some of his clubmates in the shape of James Burke and Jack Sheridan.

Both Burke and Sheridan sat out periods of the League with injuries but Herity is delighted to report that they almost have a full deck to choose from with just Cathal Dowling being the only real doubt.

The availability of everyone will be a huge boost and should ensure that they get over the opening Roscommon hurdle after the Connacht side only emerged from Division 3A in the Spring but the real tests will lie in the following two games and that Meath game at home will have likely being targeted a long way out before they travel to Ruislip for a rematch of last year's Christy Ring Cup Final.



# CAMOGIE

Division 3 Champions Kildare



Lea Sutton won WGPA Camogie player of the month for March

Siobhan Hurley won WGPA Camogie player of the month for April

Siobhan Hurley nominated for Camogie player of the League 2019 with awards ceremony this Friday night in the Croke Park hotel.



## Minor Hurlers

Our minor hurlers are currently competing in tier 2 of the Leinster championship. Having defeated Antrim they lost narrowly to Laois and face Westmeath in their last game on Saturday, May 11.

Panel is well spread and comprises players from 11 clubs.

Thanks to the management team of Cathal Fenton, Eoin Stapleton, Paul Qualter and Chris Murray.

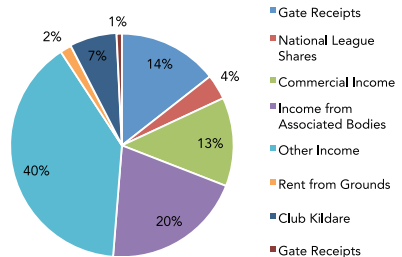
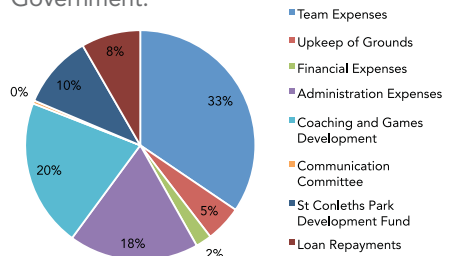


## St. Conleths Park Update from Pdraig McManus

As you are aware our original plan was to start the Project around now. We have Full Planning Permission and have the detailed design drawings at an advanced stage. Late last year we were informed that the Redevelopment of St. Conleth's would be a lead candidate for funding under the Government's Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund. The conditions of this Fund are that our application had to be submitted by April 17th last, that no work could commence on site until a decision from Government had been notified to us and that we should follow The Government Procurement Guidelines on the Project.

We submitted our detailed application for funding on the due date of April 17th and we have followed The Government Procurement Guidelines in all our work so far. We must now wait until we receive a decision from Government on our application but are confident that we will be included in the Scheme. We have not yet been advised of when a decision is expected.

Our preparatory work continues and as soon as we receive a decision we will be in a position to launch our Tender Procedure. Here's hoping for an early decision from Government.



# Huge Pride in Naas CBS – All Ireland Finalists 2019



The whole county was thrilled at the achievements of Naas CBS in retaining their Leinster title. Despite being pipped in the final by a single point by St. Michaels, Enniskillen, they will remember 2019 with pride. All Kildare supporters salute the team and management led by captain Jack Hamill and manager, Ronan Joyce

## Flynn Beats 50 Year Scoring Record

Neil Flynn of Maynooth recently broke a 50 year record in scoring 100 points in 23 games beating a record held by Lily White Legends, Jack Donnelly of Ellistown and Kieran O'Malley of Kill who scored that number in 24 games. Jack, a member of the 1965 All Ireland under 21 winning team is pictured receiving an award from Co. Chairman Ger Donnelly while Kieran is pictured at his home in Dundrum in Dublin showing his pride in his native county.



Jack Donnelly, a member of the 1965 All Ireland under 21 winning team gets his award from County chairman Ger Donnelly at the Kildare GAA awards at Celbridge Manor, 2015

Kildare GAA and Club Kildare would like to thank everyone who supported their Race Day in Punchestown last Saturday.

It was a great occasion. Special word of thanks to all our sponsors and partners that supported the day.

We would like to thank all the staff in Punchestown for making this a great day.



# Ladies GAA



Kildare Ladies Minor Team



Kildare Ladies Senior Team



Kildare Ladies U14 Team



Kildare Ladies U16 Team



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