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KILDARE GAA

2020



JOE MALLON MOTORS RENAULT
Senior Football Championship **FINAL**

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Throw in: 4.30pm • Réiteoir: Niall Colgan

PITTMAN TRAFFIC
Intermediate Football Championship **FINAL**

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Throw in: 2pm • Réiteoir: Brendan Cawley

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WHERE WE ALL BELONG

Saturday 3rd October
St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge

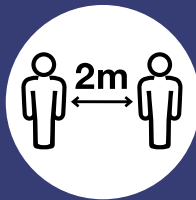


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shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people



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yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



Wash

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Clean

and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



Fáilte romhaibh go léir go dtí Cluichí Ceannais Peile Chill Dara i Pairc Naomh Connlaodh inniu.

As Chairman of Kildare County Board I am honoured to welcome everyone to the county grounds today for the Senior and Intermediate Football Championship Finals. Moorefield and Athy will contest the Senior Football Championship Final for the honour of bringing home the Dermot Bourke Cup. Moorefield hope to win back the Senior Championship crown which they relinquished last year, while Athy are aiming to win their first Senior Championship since 2011. Each team has impressed along the road to the final and I wish both teams the very best of luck in what I anticipate will be a cracking game of football.

Two teams from the north of the County, Clogherinkoe and Kilcock, will play in the Intermediate Championship Final for the Hugh Campion Cup. Both teams have been leading contenders for Intermediate honours over the past couple of years. Based on the evidence of the semi-final wins last weekend the final should be a very entertaining affair.

I wish all teams the very best as they strive for Championship success. It is a big day for the players and their respective management teams. Equally, this is a big occasion for all our match officials and I wish them well in their important roles today.

Since we resumed fixtures in August, it has been a very busy time for everyone concerned with Kildare GAA. Of necessity we have had to play out our competitions over a period of five weeks. Great credit is due to everyone involved for making this possible and for over-coming the challenge presented by a second period of lockdown. Particular thanks to our CCC, Hearings, CRAC, PR Committees and to our match officials, stewards, groundsmen, staff and management. Special thanks to all clubs for their support and cooperation during what has been a challenging time.

We wish to thank Joe Mallon Motors the sponsors of our Senior Football Championship and Pittman Traffic, the sponsors of our Intermediate Football Championship for their continued support. We are grateful to Tony Donohoe for sponsoring today's Man of the Match awards.

Today's music is provided by St. Brigid's Pipe Band from the Curragh.

We would ask all patrons to co-operate with the match-day stewards in the observance of Covid-19 regulations and guidelines so that we all have an enjoyable day out.

Buíochas libh go léir,
Micháel O'Gormáin
Cathaoirleach

TODAY'S REFEREES



Joe Mallon Renault SFC Final – Niall Colgan

Today's Senior Championship Final match referee is 46 year old Niall Colgan from the Monasterevan Club & Ros Glas Hurling Club. Niall began officiating games in Kildare in 2009 and he is was honoured to be officiating his fourth Senior Football Final having previously officiated the 2012,2013 & 2019 Final. He has also took charge of the Senior Hurling Final, two Junior Football Finals & one Minor Football Finals. His umpires today are Jimmy Mulhall, Pascal Whelan, Victor Kennedy & Declan Jacob. Best of luck to Niall & his officials today.



Pittman Traffic IFC Final – Brendan Cawley

Taking charge of today's IFC Final is 32-year-old Brendan Cawley, an active member of Sarsfields GAA Club. Brendan has been refereeing in Kildare since 2004 and has steadily progressed through Leinster and National panels. His umpires today are Paul Whoriskey, Conor O'Dwyer, Jonathan Farrell and Mark Murnaghan. Best of luck to Brendan & his officials today.

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

On behalf of Kildare GAA I would like to thank the following for their help in compiling today's match day programme. To the four participating clubs – Athy, Moorefield, Clogherinkoe & Kilcock. Thanks to Tommy Callaghan & Robert Cribben for their articles. Thanks to Sean Brilly for supplying today's photographs and to Karl O'Sullivan (Pixelpress) for the design.

This year we were delighted to launch the streaming of our Club Championship games, we would like to send our thanks & appreciation to Enda Grace & Dundara TV, Seamus Finn, John Holden, Sara Holden & Frank Moran. Thanks to Clem Ryan & the Kfm team for their live updates of all games throughout this year's championship campaigns and for covering the championship draws live.

Lastly to all the clubs for their support throughout the year with results and assistance with the teams for this year's championship programmes. Best wishes to all the teams involved in today's finals.

Yours in sport

Christine Murray

PRO Kildare GAA

PATH'S TO THE FINAL

JOE MALLON RENAULT SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A - Round 1

Clane 3-17 Monasterevan 0-2
Athy 3-14 Castledermot 1-10

GROUP A - Round 2

Castledermot 2-19 Monasterevan 0-12
Athy 0-18 Clane 0-17

GROUP A - Round 3

Athy 1-14 Monasterevan 0-10
Clane 0-13 Castledermot 0-12

GROUP B - Round 1

Moorefield 2-20 Carbury 1-6
Raheens 3-9 Maynooth 0-8

GROUP B - Round 2

Moorefield 1-14 Maynooth 1-9
Carbury 1-12 Raheens 1-11

GROUP B - Round 3

Raheens 2-9 Moorefield 0-14
Carbury 2-13 Maynooth 2-11

GROUP C - Round 1

Sarsfields 2-17 Johnstownbridge 0-10
St. Laurence's 0-14 Eadestown 0-12

GROUP C - Round 2

Johnstownbridge 5-17 St. Laurence's 1-13
Sarsfields 4-15 Eadestown 1-6

GROUP C - Round 3

Johnstownbridge 4-15 Eadestown 3-5
Sarsfields 3-10 St. Laurence's 1-13

GROUP D - Round 1

Celbridge 4-20 Confey 2-6
Round Towers 1-11 Naas 0-11

GROUP D - Round 2

Celbridge 1-13 Round Towers 1-5
Naas 2-16 Confey 0-14

GROUP D - Round 3

Round Towers 3-13 Confey 1-6
Celbridge 2-10 Naas 0-15

Quarter-Finals

Moorefield 1-18 Johnstownbridge 2-9
Sarsfields 2-14 Raheens 2-6
Celbridge 1-18 Clane 0-7
Athy 0-19 Round Towers 1-6

Semi-Finals

Moorefield 0-14 Celbridge 1-9
Athy 1-10 Sarsfields 0-10

PITTMAN TRAFFIC INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

GROUP A - Round 1

Ballyteague 0-17 Kilcullen 0-6
Suncroft 0-19 Straffan 1-12

GROUP A - Round 2

Ballyteague 0-18 Suncroft 1-10
Straffan 3-14 Kilcullen 1-13

GROUP A - Round 3

Ballyteague 2-11 Straffan 1-11
Suncroft 4-16 Kilcullen 1-10

GROUP B - Round 1

Allenwood 1-15 Two Mile House 0-7
Sallins 1-14 Nurney 0-9

GROUP B - Round 2

Two Mile House 2-11 Sallins 2-10
Nurney 2-13 Allenwood 0-17

GROUP B - Round 3

Two Mile House 2-10 Nurney 0-15
Allenwood 1-17 Sallins 0-9

GROUP C - Round 1

St. Kevin's 2-19 Leixlip 0-11
Clogherinkoe 2-14 Rathangan 1-14

GROUP C - Round 2

Clogherinkoe 5-12 St. Kevin's 0-9
Leixlip 4-14 Rathangan 1-9

GROUP C - Round 3

St. Kevin's 2-15 Rathangan 1-14
Leixlip 2-11 Clogherinkoe 1-13

GROUP D - Round 1

Kilcock 0-13 Milltown 0-4
Ballymore Eustace 1-20 Ellistown 2-9

GROUP D - Round 2

Kilcock 1-22 Ellistown 0-8
Ballymore Eustace 3-13 Milltown 2-7

GROUP D - Round 3

Milltown 0-12 Ellistown 0-7
Kilcock 2-20 Ballymore Eustace 1-5

Quarter-Finals

Kilcock 3-15 Suncroft 1-14
Ballymore Eustace 1-14 Ballyteague 0-13
Leixlip 2-15 Allenwood 2-14
Clogherinkoe 1-12 Two Mile House 0-13

Semi-Finals

Kilcock 0-19 Leixlip 1-13
Clogherinkoe 0-14 Ballymore Eustace 1-8



UPCOMING INTER-COUNTY FIXTURES



Allianz Football League - Round 6

Kildare v Cavan
Sunday 18th October, 2pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park
(TG4 - Deferred)

Allianz Football League - Round 7

Kildare v Westmeath
Saturday 24th October, 2pm
Venue: St. Conleth's Park

Christy Ring Cup

Kildare v Offaly
Saturday 24th October, 1.30 pm
Venue: Bord Na Mona O'Connor
Park, Tullamore

Leinster SFC Quarter-Final

Kildare v Carlow/Offaly
Sunday 8th November
Venue: TBC, 1.30pm

A SENIOR FINAL LACED WITH QUALITY PLAYERS

TOMMY CALLAGHAN
SPORTS EDITOR, LEINSTER LEADER

Today's Joe Mallon Senior Football Championship final is Moorefield's fifth in a row as they bid to bring their tally of titles up to eleven and when you consider that their second title did not arrive until 2000 (their first was back in 1962) it is some achievement to have collected nine since, having played in thirteen finals all told.

Athy, on the other hand, have six titles to their credit, their first arrived in 1933, and their last in 2011, previous to that the boys in red had not won a senior title since 1987.

However over the past few seasons Athy have been knocking on the door, making it to quarter finals, semi finals and finals.

Athy manager, Vinnie Walsh was part of the side's management team back in 2018 when the man in the hot seat was Emmanuel Kennedy; Vinny replaced him after that and is now in his second season as senior boss.

Since the Mayo native, and Cross & Passion school master, became involved, Athy have played Moorefield in the final of 2018 and the semi final in 2019, losing both, so they certainly won't need any motivational factors this time around, they are all there in abundance.

Moorefield, as we said, are playing in their fifth senior final in a row, having won two (defeating Athy and Celbridge)

and lost two (both to Sarsfields) in 2016 and 2019.

Ronan Sweeney, an architect who runs his own successful business, is the most decorated club footballer in the county, is now in his first season as manager of The Moores. Vastly experienced player, he has been involved in management over the past number of years in Sligo and Waterford at senior inter-county level, despite only having decided to retire from playing 12 months ago, when he immediately moved from inside the chalk marks to the edge of the white lines.

Looking back to the senior final of two years ago, the amount of player turnover is interesting, to say the least.

Athy will start with something in the region of ten players from the side of 2018, with (probably) the same midfield pairing of Kevin Feely and Paschal Connell. Of the back six plus the keeper, there could be just two of the same players. It is up front that the least amount of change has occurred with as many as five starting today that started back in 2018.

Moorefield on the other hand will probably start with two of the back seven in that area of the field, Kevin Murnaghan began the 2018 final at half back and will now be in midfield, partnered by Aaron Masterson who



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wore the no. 9 shirt the last time these sides met in the final.

Of the six up front The Moores will line out today with probably three of the lads that started back then, the O'Connor boys, Eanna and Cian, along with Adam Tyrrell.

Now many of the players, from both teams, are still involved, and while they might start the game on the bench, players introduced on either side will be well know to regular attendees at championship games, although this could be the situation more on the Athy side than on the Moorefield team.

Of course the big disappointment on senior final day, well there are really two major disappointments. (1) The game is being played on a Saturday as distinct from the traditional Sunday; and (2) the attendance is limited to some 200, divided between the two clubs.

This is, has been, and continues to be a season like no other any of us have ever xperienced.

It has been tough on the players, extremely tough, with today's players lining out for the fifth week in a row, and while there is a lot to be said for getting the championship completed in a time frame much tighter than what we have been accustomed to over the years, an extra week before the semi

and/or the final would be very much appreciated by players, no doubt.

Having said that the situation we find ourselves in at present certainly gives much room for thought and time to consider the way forward, an opportunity to revamp the way the GAA calendar as a whole is run.

The time for simply 'cutting and pasting' the calendar, year in and year out, is (thankfully) coming to an end, both at inter-county and club level.





Running club competitions before county action has given club players, the most important players of all, the opportunity to take centre stage throughout the summer months. Hopefully that continues in the years ahead, with, or without, the virus.

As for today, we can look forward to a top class game of football, both teams are laced with quality top drawer players; both well prepared and both capable of winning on the day.

Hopefully we get a game to remember, for all the right reasons. And may the best team win on the day!

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KILDARE SFC ROLL OF HONOUR

Team	Winner	Years won
 Sarsfields	25*	1945, 1947, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1982, 1986, 1993, 1994, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2012, 2015, 2016, 2019
 Clane	17	1888, 1892, 1895, 1897, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1916, 1963, 1967, 1975, 1980, 1984, 1991, 1992, 1995, 1997
 Carbury	11	1940, 1941, 1946, 1960, 1965, 1966, 1969, 1971, 1972, 1974, 1985
 Moorefield	10	1962, 2000, 2002, 2006, 2007, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2018
 Raheens	10	1935, 1936, 1943, 1964, 1968, 1973, 1976, 1978, 1979, 1981
 Roseberry	9	1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1915
 Naas	8	1920, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1928, 1931, 1932, 1990
 Round Towers	6	1954, 1959, 1961, 1996, 1998, 2003
 Athy	6	1933, 1934, 1937, 1942, 1987, 2011
 Kilcock	5	1914, 1917, 1955, 1957, 1958
 Ellistown / Mountrice Blunts	4	1889, 1891, 1939, 1944
 Monasterevan	3	1890, 1911, 1977
 Johnstownbridge	3	1983, 1988, 1989
 Caragh	3	1918, 1919, 1926
Kildare Towers	2	1929, 1930
St Conleth's	1	1921
 Celbridge	1	2008
 Allenwood	1	2004
 Maynooth	1	1913
 Eadestown	1	1970
Military College	1	1956
Kildare St Patricks	1	1938
 Ballymore	1	1953
 Ardclough	1	1949
Curragh	1	1948
Kildare	1	1927
 Rathangan	1	1925
 St Laurence's	1	2009

*Sarsfields total 16 plus 9 from Roseberry, total of 25

MOOREFIELD CAPTAIN PROFILE

KEVIN MURNAGHAN

Age: 35 **Height:** 5.10

Honours:

- U14 League & Championship
- U15 League & Championship
- U16 League & Championship
- Minor League & Championship
- U21 Championship
- Junior C Championship
- Senior B Championship
- Jack Higgins Cup
- 6 Senior Championships
- 7 Senior Leagues
- 1 Leinster Club Championship

Someone who has had an influence

on your career: Ger Naughton, he's an inspiration to me and many others. He got called into Kildare once, went to the wrong pitch and that was the end of his county career.

Three words to describe yourself as a player: Slow , Honest, Predictable

Favourite Sportsperson and why:

Thomas O'Se - he played at the top of his game at the highest level for so long.

Who is the best player you played with? Patrick Murray

Best player you played against: Colm Cooper

Most memorable sporting moment:

My double hop in Croke Park or maybe kicking the winning point in the Leinster final, both very similar.

Favourite Club Player: If I don't say Liam Healy he'll be moaning as usual.



Favourite County Player: Lee Keegan

Best grounds you have ever played in: Croke park

One county player you would like to see play for your club: David Clifford

Best Advice someone has given you: Pass it off, don't shoot - Niall Hurley Lynch

Who's the most skillful player on your team: Ciaran Kelly by far. Adam Sweeney is a baller at astro

Young player in your club that we should look out for? Eoin Meehan - seen him play a few times. Exceptional footballer, looking forward to him playing Senior next year

What does it mean to you to captain your club? To represent this massive club as Captain is something I never expected or had as a goal. I'm extremely proud and honored.

Moorefield GAA Club MINI MOORES

The famous Moorefield GAA Club's Mini Moores is the breeding ground for football in the Moorefield Club, we pride ourselves in providing a safe and enjoyable environment that encourages all participants to reach their full potential no matter what their aspirations may be.

Moorefield Mini Moores has established a tradition of excellence and achievement throughout the years, this is maintained by the highest level of coaching practice that is in place and all coaches are continuously upskilling.

It's a system that ensures quality coaching for every child, no matter what their level of ability. It's a total enjoyment philosophy based on gradual development, non-competitive games where children are allowed to express themselves in a well-organised and well-supervised environment, it will also ensure our continued success into the future".

Mini Moore's Football Coaching for boys & girls aged 4-12 years takes place every Saturday from 11 am – 12 noon in the club. New members are always welcome.



Mini Moores is proudly sponsored by Manguard Plus



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MANGUARD PLUS SPONSORSHIP

Having successfully sponsored Underage football, Moorefield GAA were delighted to announce Manguard Plus as their main sponsor for 2020 in a 10-year agreement earlier this year.

Over the past 8 years, Sean Hall, Managing Director of Manguard Plus, and his company have provided sponsorship for other Moorefield teams and this has now been extended to cover all football – Ladies and men's, from Nursery to adult level.

Sean manages an underage team and has served on the underage committee for several years. His passion for the club is evidenced by the ongoing support for the club in which he has been heavily involved for many years.

Moorefield GAA express their sincere thanks to Manguard Plus for their continued commitment, support & generosity to the club.



MOOREFIELD

COUNTY FINAL PEN PICS



Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
Aaron Masterson	22	6'5	Midfield	Garda Síochána	2017
Adam Sweeney	22	6'2	Midfield/Forward	Electrician	2017
Adam Tyrrell	28	5'10	Half Forward	Defence Forces	2011
Anthony Durney	31	6'2	Centre Half Back	Pfizer	2016
Calum Sourke	20	5'10	Half Back	Electrician	
Cian O'Connor	31	6'0	Midfield/Half Forward	Teacher	2014
Ciaran Kelly	33	6'0	Corner Forward	Health & Safety Officer	2005
Daire Dunne	29	6'0	Half Back	Construction	2019
Daryl Flynn	35	6'3	Midfield	Electrician	2003
David Herd	22	6'3	Goal Keeper	Electrician	
David Whyte	32	6'2	Midfield/Half Forward	Construction	2006
Eamonn Callaghan	30	5'10	Half Forward	Defence Forces	2015
Eanna O'Connor	28	6'0	Forward	Teacher	2013
Eddie Heavey	30	5'10	Centre Half Forward	Defence Forces	2011
Eoin O'Connor	28	5'11	Forward	Construction	2015
Evan Kavanagh	22	6'1	Midfield	Teacher	
Evan O'Brien	20	5'11	Corner Forward	Student	2019
Ian Dunne	21	5'10	Half Back	Student	2019
Ian Meehan	23	5'10	Half Back	Student	2016
James Dowling	22	5'10	Half Back	Student	
Jason Philips	34	6'5	Full Forward	Accountant	2005
Kevin Murnaghan	35	5'10	Half Back	Brick Layer	2007
Liam Callaghan	38	5'10	Corner Back	Mechanic	2006
Liam Healy	26	6'0	Corner/Full Back	Technician	2014
Mark Dempsey	21	6'0	Corner/Full Back	Student	2017
Mark McDermott	22	6'0	Corner Forward	Student	2017

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
Mark Murray	23	5'10	Corner Forward	Student	2017
Niall Hurley Lynch	32	5'8	Corner Forward	Defence Forces	2006
Ryan Houlihan	25	5'11	Half Back/Half Forward	Defense Forces	2014
Ryan Moore	26	6'2	Midfield	Defence Forces	2016
Sean Dempsey	25	6'0	Corner/Half Back	Student	2017
Tom Harrington	21	6'10	Full Back	Student	
Tom Kinsella	25	6'10	Goalkeeper	Garda Síochána	2013

Manager: Ronan Sweeney **Selectors:** Ian Lonergan & Patrick Murray

Goalkeeper Coach: Pairic Canavan **Stats:** Liam McDermot **Physio:** Breffini O'Donnell

Kitmen: Colm Hayden & Johnny Doyle



MOOREFIELD GAA HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- 1882: Football team founded by the O'Kelly brothers
- 1884: Moorefield Club founded
- 1888: Leinster Leader of 17 March records that *"At a general meeting of the club, it was proposed by Mr J Callaghan, seconded by Mr Langton, and passed unanimously – 'That the club be called the JJ O'Kellys Moorefield Gaelic Athletic Club, and that the colours be magenta and green"*.
- 1888: Moorefield defeated Hazelhatch in the very first match in the Kildare Senior Championship on 1 April by 0-1 to 0-0!
- 1902: Played in the club's first Senior final: Clane 4-7 Moorefield 2-3
- 1932: Won the club's first Junior title
- Intermediate football wins in 1937 and 1939
- 1943: Won first SHC title
- 1948: Won the Junior and Junior 'A' titles
- Won the Leader Cup in 1958, '59 and '60 – the last team to win three-in-a-row in that competition
- 1962: Won first senior football title (on 12 May 1963)
- 1963: SHC title win over Broadford
- 1981: Old club rooms on Moorefield Road were sold and in May and nine acres were purchased at Pollardstown in June
- 1984-'88: Development of clubhouse and general facilities
- 1990: Minor championship title, further wins in 1993 and 1995
- 1991: Third SHC title secured against Coill Dubh
- Leader Cup wins in 1994, 1996 with Pat Flynn & Martin Murray as captains
- Under-21 wins in 1997, 1998, 2000 and 2003
- 2000: Major breakthrough: Moorefield 2-13 Kilcock 2-7 in SFC final, the first of 9 county titles since then, including three back-to-back doubles in 2006/07, 2013/14 and 2017/18
- 2013: Official Opening of refurbished clubhouse by GAA President, Liam O'Neill on 4 May
- Won two Leinster titles in 2006 and 2017
- Moorefield won 7 of 11 Leader Cup finals contested from 2000 to 2018



ATHY CAPTAIN PROFILE

DAVID HYLAND

Age: 26

Height: 6ft 1ins

Honours:

- County – Leinster U21
- Club – Senior Championship, 2 Minor Championships & 2 under-21 championships
- College – Sigerson cup with UCD in 2016

Someone who has had an influence on your career: My Mam & Dad.
Coaching wise – Joe Kelly

Three words to describe yourself as a player: Hard-working, determined & a team player

Favourite Sportsperson and why:
Kieran McGeeney – Was the best centre back when I was growing up playing football. He possessed all the attributes young players would have aspired to have.

Who is the best player you played with? Niall Kelly

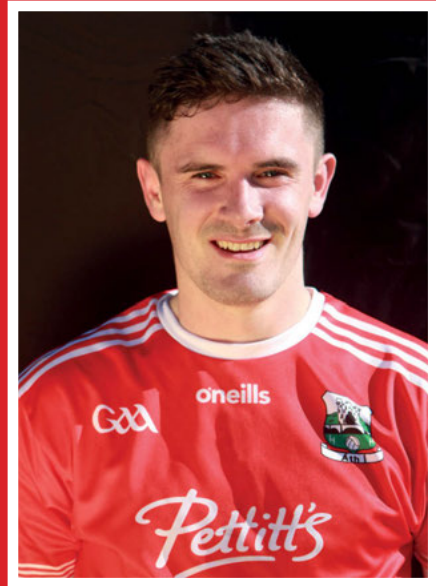
Best player you played against:
Conor McManus

Most memorable sporting moment:
Winning Senior County Championship in 2011

Favourite Club Player: Niall Kelly

Favourite County Player: Kevin Feely

Best grounds you have ever played in: Croke Park



One county player you would like to see play for your club: Paddy Brophy

Best Advice someone has given you:
Hard work beats talent, when talent doesn't work hard

Who's the most skillful player on your team: Kieran Farrell

Young player in your club that we should look out for? Harry Grainger

What does it mean to you to captain your club? It's a huge honour. The fact I am representing such a dedicated group of footballers and friends is something special & not taken for granted.

HISTORY OF ATHY GFC

Athy Gaelic Football Club was formed on the 1st of September 1887. The first Chairman of our club was a local priest Rev. J Carroll and the first Captain was P.J. Lawlor. The club has continued each year since 1887.

It is on record that the first football tournament organised by Athy G.F.C. was in 1889 and the chief organiser of this tournament was Thomas Deegan - who was employed in Minch's Malting firm - a native of Cork. Four teams participated in this tournament - Monastervin, Kellyville, Mountrice and the host club, Athy. Athy were the victors.

The playing pitch in these early days changed several times until 1905. In 1905, the club rented a field at the Dublin road from the South Kildare Agricultural Society - the present-day Geraldine Park. The club had the initiative in those early days to erect a paling around the pitch and were the first club in Leinster to do so. This initiative and the club's effort were rewarded when the All Ireland finals were played in Athy in 1906 and 1907.

Athy won their first Kildare championship in 1907 in the junior grade. The club struggled in the senior grade for several years before reverting to intermediate.

In 1929 Fintan Brennan (later a Leinster Council Chairman) became Secretary of the club and with the able assistance of Willie Mahon

(grandfather of the 1987 Chairman, also Willie), set about reorganising the club. Willie Mahon filled the position of Chairman until 1945 and this coincided with the golden era of Athy GFC. We won the Intermediate Championship in 1932 and the Senior Championship in 1933, 1934, 1937, 1942. Athy lost the senior championship final in 1946 and this signalled an ebb in the fortunes of the club until the late 1960's and early 1970's when men like Ted Wynne and Gerry O Sullivan resurrected the fortunes of Athy, especially in underage competitions. The club won the minor championship in 1966 and 1973 and won the Intermediate Championship in 1974.

After returning to the senior ranks in 1974 Athy struggled to win a senior championship, beaten finalists in 1978, until 1987 when we defeated Johnstownbridge (2.09 to 0.09) to win our first senior title in 45 years. Athy has maintained its senior status since 1974 and has been a major force in Kildare football over the last 34 years.

Athy GFC has provided many outstanding footballers, since it's foundation in 1887 up to the present day, who have represented Kildare at all grades and indeed several county board officers and Leinster Council delegates.

In 1987, the club's centenary year, the club opened its new clubhouse in Geraldine Park. Today, Athy is as well-equipped as any club in the county

and our facilities are among the best in the county. We have a strong and successful underage section winning 3 Minor Championships in a row in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and winning a minor championship in 2013.

In 2010, the Club celebrated its first ever win at U/21 level with a win over Clane in the final. The side, captained by Brian Kinahan, was made up entirely of players who were also eligible to play at U/21 level again in 2011.

2011 was a glorious year in the club's long history, Athy's sixth senior championship was clinched with a four-point win over a gallant Carbury side. The team was captained by Michael Foley, who capped a wonderful year by being named on the all-star team, the first player from the club to achieve the honour. The U/21's finished the year in style by retaining the championship, beating Naas in the final.

In 2013 nine Leinster medals were won by Athy players on the Junior, Minor and U/21 squads that delivered provincial honours.

In 2017 Kevin Feely represented the club at international level by playing for Ireland in the Australian rules competition, the first player from the club to achieve this honour. 2017 was also a fantastic year for Kevin as he was nominated for his first All Star for his midfield role

In 2018, we were crowned senior league division 1 winners after defeating Moorefield 0-13 to 0.10.

In 2020, our Captain today David Hyland was assigned the role to Captain the



Kildare snr team. This is a fantastic achievement for David and his family. We as a club are very proud of his role throughout this period.

Our Ladies Football is going from strength to strength since it was formed in 2005. We now compete at senior, minor and underage level. We have had recent success with our minors winning Championship in 2018 captained by Fiona Troute.

We had a fantastic year in 2015 when we won our first snr Ladies League.

ATHY

COUNTY FINAL PEN PICS



	Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
1	James Roycroft	28	6ft 2	Goal Keeper	General Operator	2011
2	Mark Hyland	24	6ft 1	Full Back	Teacher	2015
3	Sean Ronan	26	5ft 11	Back	Human Resources	2012
4	Darren Lawler	23	5ft 10	Corner Back	Sales Representative Tegral	2020
5	Brian Maher	22	6ft	Half Back	Student	2019
6	Mick Foley	36	6ft 1	Midfield	Teacher	2002
7	David Hyland	26	6ft 1	Centre Back	Management Consultant	2011
8	Kevin Feely	28	6ft3	Midfield	Physiotherapist	2010
9	Paschal Connell	25	6ft 3	Midfield	Sales Representative	2013
10	Liam McGovern	27	5ft 10	Half Forward	PE & Maths Teacher	2010
11	Tony Gibbons	27	5ft 8	Centre Forward	Teacher	2011
12	Barry Kelly	23	5ft 11	Forward	Kildangan Stud	2015
13	John Moran	24	6ft	Corner Forward	Environmental Consultant	2015
14	James Eaton	30	6ft	Builder	Forward	2007
15	Niall Kelly	26	5ft 9	Corner Forward	Category Analyst	2011
16	Matthew Anderson	20	6ft 2	Goalkeeper	Student	2018
17	Tadhg Foley	24	6ft 2	Full Forward	Student	2015
18	Conor Ronan	30	5ft 10	Back	Teacher	2010
19	Killian Mulhall	25	6ft	Half Back	Barman	2011
20	Tomas Foley	22	5ft 10	Back	Apprentice aircraft Mechanic	2015
21	Sean Bride	20	6ft	Back	General Operator	2019
22	Paul Whelan	27	5ft 8	Corner Back	Fitness Instructor/ PT	2019
23	Barry Purcell	28	6ft 2	Midfield	Agronomist	2011

	Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
24	David McGovern	29	6ft 2	Midfield	Chartered Accountant	2008
25	Danny O Keeffe	30	6ft2	Forward	DJ	2008
26	Kieran Farrell	22	5ft 9	Forward	General Operative	
27	Hughie Mahon	28	5ft 10	Forward	Electrician	2011
28	Sean Moore	18	5ft 10	Corner Forward	Student	n/a
29	Ben Purcell	19	6ft 2	Forward	Student	n/a
30	Cian Reynolds	29	6ft	Centre Forward	Teacher	2009
31	David Consodine	21	6ft	Full Back	Student	2018
32	Luke Thomas	28	6ft	Corner Back	Mortgage Advisor	2011
33	Fintan Lawler	20	5ft 10	Forward	Student	2018
34	Darroch Mulhall	29	5ft12	Forward	Marketing Executive	2008
35	Eoin McGlinchey	21	5ft 10	Corner Forward	Student	2018
36	Brian Kinahan	30	6ft 1	Corner Back	Teacher	2007
37	Shane McGovern	25	5ft 8	Corner Back	Quality Control Chemist	n/a

Management: Vinny Walsh **Selectors:** Sean McGovern, Barry Dunne, Stephen Doyle

S&C Coach: John Doran **Logistics:** Eugene O'Toole **Team Stats:** James Robinson



ATHY SPONSOR

Our main sponsors are Pettitt's SuperValu Athy who have been a great support to us down through the years.

Their commitment to the community during the pandemic was outstanding and one that we were very proud to be associated with.

Manager Pat Maher has always been extremely helpful and obliging to us. We are very grateful for their support and well wishes this week ahead of the final.



Club Kildare Corporate Golf Classic

The Club Kildare Corporate Golf Classic took place on Friday 18th September in the stunning surroundings of Kilkea Castle. It was a very successful event with 35 teams teeing off on the day.

The following are the results from the day:

- Winner of the Michael Osborne Trophy was **Boran Packaging**, ably captained by Gerry Shaw.
- In 2nd place was **TLI**, led by Donagh Shanahan
- 3rd was **Haven Hire**, inspired by Ben Holmes
- 4th was **Actavo**, driven by Niall Sheehy
- 5th was **DHL**, ably led by Ian O'Leary
- 6th was Colm Fagan's **Harbour View Construction**

Brady Family Ham sponsored nearest the pin on all par threes. The winners were: Tommy Carew, Eoin Naughton, Gavin Buckley, David Higgins and David Barrett

Congratulations to all the winning teams & thanks to everyone for their support!



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KILCOCK



Ciarán Heneghan
Ciarán Ó Hínacháin



Luke Sheridan
Luc Ó Sioradáin



Eamonn Fitzpatrick
Eamonn MacGiollaphádraig



Sean Eves
Seán Ó Éibh



Mark Durkan
Marcus Ó Durcáin



Jason Gibbons
Jason Ó Gibbúin



Sean Maguire
Seán Mac Uidhir



Marcus Duke
Marcus Ó Dúic



Jonathan Connolly
Jonathan Ó Conníliach



Daragh McArdle
Daragh MacArdhail



David Duke
Daithí Ó Dúic



Daniel Courtney
Daniel Ó Coúrtanaigh



Eoin McArdle
Eoin McArdhail



Ciarán Murray
Ciarán Ó Múirí



Paul O'Brien
Pól Ó Briain

FIR IONAID

- Fionn Talbot** Fionn Ó Talbóid
- Eoin Mulhall** Eoin Ó Maolcathail
- Shane O'Rourke** Shane Ó Ruairc
- Cian Duke** Cian Ó Duic
- Darren Acton** Darren Ó Actúin
- Conor Sheridan** Conor Ó Sioradáin
- Findlay Nairn** Findlay Ó Nairn

- Chris McCarthy** Cristóir MacCártaigh
- Lee Loughnane** Lee Ó Loughnáin
- Cian O'Sullivan** Cian Ó Súilleabháin
- Declan Keane** Declan Ó Catháin
- Danny Byrne** Danny Ó Broin
- Cian Mulhall** Cian Ó Maolcathail
- Rory O'Brien** Rory Ó Briain
- Ronan Mulligan** Ronan Ó Maolagáin

CLOGHERINKOE



Keith Wilkinson
Keith MacUilán



Conor Grehan
Conchubhar Ó Gréacháin



Elian Scanon
Elian Ó Scannláin



Mikey Barea
Mícheál Barea



Aedan Boyle
Aedan Ó Baoill



Gavin Scanon
Gabháin Ó Scannláin



Killian Galligan
Cillian Ó Gealagáin



Mark Grehan
Marcas Ó Gréacháin



Daniel Grehan
Dónall Ó Gréacháin



Glenn Bassett
Gleann Baisneid



Ciaran Gravin
Ciaran O Graibhin



Jamie Boyle
Séamus Ó Baoill



Jack Robinson
Jack Mac Roibín



Cein McMonagle
Cein Mac Maonghail



Mark Nolan
Marcas Ó Nualláin

FIR IONAID

16. **Rory Phelan** Ruairí Ó Faoláin
17. **Dean Hanley** Dean O Hanlai
18. **Sean Mc Evoy** Sean Mac Fhiobhúí
19. **Conor Swan** Conor MacSuain
20. **Joe Mulraney** Seosamh Ó Maoilréanna
21. **Robert Dunne** Roibeard O Duinn
22. **Caelum Flanagan** Caelum Ó Flanaganáin

23. **Damien Flood** Damien O Tuille
24. **Eanan Lynch** Eanan Ó Liongsigh
25. **Eoghan Mc Monagle** Eoghan Mac Maonghail
26. **Andrew Heduvan** Aindriu Heduvan
27. **Sean Nolan** Sean Ó Nualláin
28. **Jack Donegan** Seán Ó Donnagáin
29. **Eoin Robinson** Eoin O'Robinson
30. **Jack Sutton** Jack Ni Sutton



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Tom Kinsella
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Ian Meehan
Ian O Miocháin



Mark Dempsey
Marcas O Diomasaigh



Daire Dunne
Daire O Duinn



Aaron Masterson
Aaron Mac an Mháistir



Kevin Murnaghan
Caoimhín O Muirneacháin



Cian O'Connor
Cian O Conchúir



Adam Tyrrell
Adam Tyrrell



Ryan Houlihan
Rian OhUllacháin



Eanna O'Connor
Eanna O Conchúir



Jason Philips
Jason Mac Philib



Ciaran Kelly
Ciarán O Ceallaigh

FIR IONAID

16. **David Herd** Daithí Herd
17. **Niall Hurley Lynch** Niall OhEalaithe O Loinsigh
18. **Tom Harrington** Tomás O hUrdail
19. **Calum Sourke** Calum Sourke
20. **Adam Sweeney** Adam Mac Suibhne
21. **David Whyte** Daithí de Faoite
22. **James Dowling** Seames O Duailing

23. **Ryan Moore** Rian O Mórdha
24. **Daryl Flynn** Daryl Mac Floinn
25. **Mark McDermott** Marcas Mac Diarmada
26. **Anthony Durney** Antaine Durney
27. **Eamonn Callaghan** Eamon O Ceallachain
28. **Mark Murray** Marcas O Muiri
29. **Evan O'Brien** Evan O Briain
30. **Ian Dunne** Ian O Duinn

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James Roycroft
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Seán Ó Rónáin



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Liam McGovern
Liam Mag Shamhráin



Tony Gibbons
Antaine Mag Giobúin



Barry Kelly
Barra Ó Ceallaigh



John Moran
Sean O Morain



James Eaton
Séamas Éatún



Niall Kelly
Néill Ó Ceallaigh

FIR IONAID

- 16. **Matthew Anderson** Maitiú Anderson
- 17. **Tadhg Foley** Tadhg Ó Foghlú
- 18. **Conor Ronan** Conor Ó Rónáin
- 19. **Killian Mulhall** Cillian Ó Maolchathail
- 20. **Tomas Foley** Tomas Ó Foghlú
- 21. **Sean Bride** Sean Bride
- 22. **Paul Whelan** Pól Ó Faoláin
- 23. **Darroch Mulhall** Darroch Ó Maolchathail
- 24. **David McGovern** Daibhéid Mag Shamhráin
- 25. **Danny O Keeffe** Dónall Ó Caoimh
- 26. **Kieran Farrell** Ciarán Ó Fearail
- 27. **Hughie Mahon** Hugh Mahon
- 28. **Sean Moore** Sean Moore
- 29. **Ben Purcell** Beircheart Puirsíil
- 30. **Cian Reynolds** Cian Reynolds

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL PREVIEW

This afternoon's Pittman Traffic Intermediate Football Championship Final is a rather novel affair with Clogherinkoe and Kilcock locking horns.

It brings together one club with loads of tradition that is trying to rediscover past glories in Kilcock and in Clogherinkoe a side that are eager to make a big step on the ladder.

Kilcock have captured five Senior Championship Titles in their history and while they have none since the 1950's they still appeared in two finals this century but went down to Moorefield in 2000 and Round Towers in 2003.

Many people will feel they should have got over the line during that period where they made two finals in



four years but a barren period soon followed before they were eventually relegated in 2011.

Ever since they have made the drop down to the Intermediate grade they have been knocking on the door to go back up and came closest three years ago when losing out to Raheens in the final.

Incidentally that same Raheens side are now flourishing at senior level and shows what can be done if you can make the step up.

To be frank Clogherinkoe have none of that history and tradition at this level anyway with their major honours being a couple of Junior Football Championship titles.

It makes qualifying for a first final and sixty minutes from a place with the "Big Boys" all the more impressive.

The Cloughs have forever being in the shadow of their more illustrious neighbours in Johnstownbridge but today they have the chance to thrust themselves into the limelight.

Like Kilcock, Clogherinkoe have been there or thereabouts the last few years but they have struggled with consistency or putting in back to back performances after causing a few shocks.

The sides are more linked than you would think with both located on the edge of the Meath border and only last year they both went down rather unluckily to eventual champions Monasterevan by a single point.

Kilcock have a 100% record coming into the contest after strolling through the preliminary stages before defeating Suncroft in the Quarter-Final

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and surviving a mammoth scare with Leixlip after Extra-Time last Sunday.

Clogherinkoe on the other hand were in a much tougher group and they had to be on form to emerge unscathed on scoring difference ahead of St. Kevin's and Leixlip.

Since the group success it's been all about young starlet Jack Robinson as he kicked 1-9 in Clogherinkoe's victory over 2018 champions Two Mile House.

In the Semi-Final win over Ballymore Eustace the Kildare star went down not once but twice with a hamstring knock and his availability will have a huge impact on the destination of the result.

It will be a real shame for those permitted to attend if Robinson misses out as Kilcock may have been the best side equipped to deal with his threat.

Declan Gibbons's team have lined up with a full time sweeper in Paul O'Brien throughout the Championship and you can be sure he won't be out of Robinson's eyeline if he appears.

Kilcock have much more than just a solid base though and in Daragh McArdle and Shane O'Rourke they have two players who can kick a winning score.



David Duke, Daniel Courtney and Darren Acton are also capable attackers and with O'Brien, Chris McCarthy and team captain Shaun Maguire minding things down the other end they have every reason to be confident.

Clogherinkoe are far from just a one band though and while Robinson is incredibly important they do have a bunch of talented footballers at their disposal currently.

Mark and Danny Grehan are both capable around the midfield area while another brotherly partnership in Cein and Eoghan McMonagle are crucial at opposite ends.

Gavin and Elian Scanlon man the central defensive berths and up top Mark Nolan, Dean Hanley and the experienced Ciaran Gravin are perfect foils for Robinson.

Overall it's two evenly matched teams and all going well it will be the ideal start to County Final day.

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Intermediate Football Championship

ROLL OF HONOUR

1928 Castledermot**1929** Leixlip**1930** Carbury**1931** Caragh**1932** Castledermot**1933** Newbridge**1934** Leixlip**1935** Ellistown**1936** Maynooth**1937** Moorefield**1938** Kilcock**1939** Moorefield**1940** Clane**1941** Rathangan**1942** Rheban**1943** Ardclough**1944** Suncroft**1945** Kilcullen**1946** Cappagh**1947** Milltown**1948** Maynooth**1949** Clane**1950** Suncroft**1951** Ellistown**1952** Ballymore**1953** Castlemitchell**1954** Young Emmets**1955** Ballykelly**1956** Kilcullen**1957** Maynooth**1958** Raheens**1959** Monasterevan**1960** Ballykelly**1961** Kilcullen**1962** Allenwood**1963** Castledermot**1964** Ellistown**1965** Maynooth**1966** Straffan**1967** Sallins**1968** Eadestown**1969** Kilcock**1970** Rheban**1971** Monasterevan**1972** Milltown**1973** Ballyteague**1974** Athy**1975** Ballykelly**1976** Kilcullen**1977** Sallins**1978** Johnstownbridge**1979** St. Kevin's**1980** St. Laurence's**1981** Rathangan**1982** Kilcock**1983** Eadestown**1984** Naas**1985** Castledermot**1986** Ballymore Eustace**1987** Celbridge**1988** Round Towers**1989** Suncroft**1990** Allenwood**1991** Ballyteague**1992** Castlemitchell**1993** Rathangan**1994** Ballymore Eustace**1995** Caragh**1996** Eadestown**1997** Rheban**1998** Kilcullen**1999** Maynooth**2000** Ellistown**2001** Rathangan**2002** Celbridge**2003** Sallins**2004** Naas**2005** Maynooth**2006** Confey**2007** Suncroft**2008** St Kevin's**2009** Maynooth**2010** Ballymore Eustace**2011** Confey**2012** Monasterevan**2013** Johnstownbridge**2014** Eadestown**2015** Castledermot**2016** Round Towers**2017** Raheens**2018** Two Mile House**2019** Monasterevan

KILCOCK CAPTAIN PROFILE

SHAUN MAGUIRE



Age: 27 **Height:** 5ft 11

Honours: Minor 'B' Football Championship & U21 A Championship Shield

Someone who has had an influence on your career: I probably have to say my older brothers Mark and Darren. I grew up watching them play Senior Football for Kilcock

Three words to describe yourself as a player: Hard working and dedicated

Favourite Sportsperson and why: Roy Keane because his passion and desire to win is unmatched and he takes no prisoners

Who is the best player you played with? Dara McVeety (Crosserlough & Cavan) he has the whole package

Best player you played against: Anton Sullivan (Offaly & Rhode) destroyed me one day in a school's match

Most memorable sporting moment: Winning a Minor B Football Championship with Kilcock about 10 years ago

Favourite Club Player: Eamonn Fitzpatrick has been playing with Kilcock as long as I can remember and he seems to be getting better every year

Favourite County Player Mattie Donnelly. An extremely intelligent and athletic player who can fill several positions

Best grounds you have ever played in: Canton in Boston, USA

One county player you would like to see play for your club: Lee Keegan (Mayo) so I can relax and sit on the bench



Best Advice someone has given you:

My father told me when I was younger to start throwing my weight around on the field a bit more. It's worked out fairly ok for me

Who's the most skillful player on your team: Shane O'Rourke. I've seen him do some crazy things with a football

Young player in your club that we should look out for? Shane Farrell. He is an amazing talent can kick with both feet and doesn't seem to have much weakness'

What does it mean to you to captain your club? To be chosen out of this squad of players to be captain is very flattering considering some of the unbelievable players and leaders we have, I just try to do my best to justify the decision every time I train and play

KILCOCK CLUB HISTORY

Kilcock GAA was founded on 1st May 1887. It has long tradition of football & hurling. The club last county title was back in 1982 in the Intermediate Championship. The club streamlined its activities by forming a One-Club for all GAA Codes – Camogie, Football, Hurling and LGFA.

The club has competed strongly in all age groups and codes during 2020 and hopes to add more trophies this year. The club is growing with increasing numbers playing our games each year.

The club grounds are undergoing extensive redevelopment at present with the addition of 2 new full-size pitches, hurling wall, and walkway around the perimeter.

Kilcock GAA is on the up!

CLUB SPONSORS:

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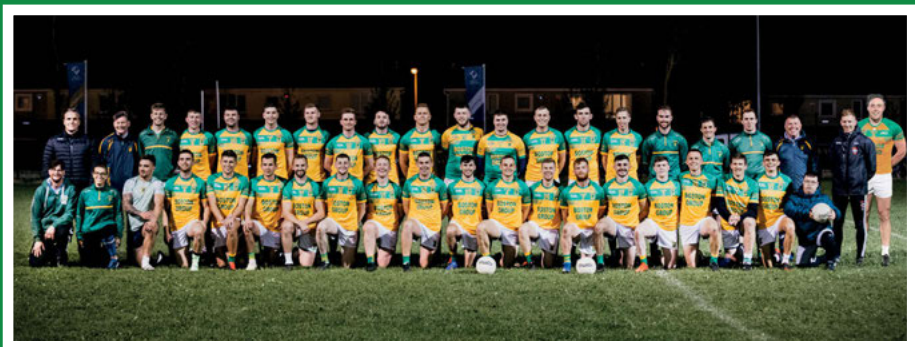
COUNTY FINAL PEN PICS



	Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
1	Ciarán Heneghan	30	6'1	Goalkeeper	Business Advisor	2009
2	Seán Eves	23	5'9	Corner-back	Engineer	2017
3	Eamonn Fitzpatrick	38	6'2	Full-back	Teacher	2002
4	Luke Sheridan	22	5'8	Corner back	Floor/Carpet Fitter	2016
5	Mark Durkan	28	6'2	Half-back	Teacher	2010
6	Jason Gibbons	22	6'1	Midfield	Student	2015
7	Sean Maguire	27	5'10	Half-back	Carpenter	2011
8	Marcus Duke	28	6'2	Half-back/Midfield	Finance	2010
9	Jonathan Connolly	27	5'9	Half-back/forward	Project manager	2019
10	Daragh Mc Ardle	25	6'	Half-forward	Data Analyst	2014
11	David Duke	26	5'10	Half-forward	Electrician	2011
12	Daniel Courtney	23	6'2	Half-forward	Fitness instructor	2016
13	Eoin Mc Ardle	27	6'	Corner-forward	Risk & Trading Team Lead	2013
14	Ciaran Murray	27	6'8	Midfield/Full-Forward	Garda	2011
15	Paul O'Brien	29	6'	Forward	Consultant	2010
16	Fionn Talbot	20	6'3	Goalkeeper	Bartender	2017
17	Eoin Mulhall	20	5'9	Forward	Student	2019
18	Shane O'Rourke	26	6'	Corner-Forward	Carpenter	2012
19	Cian Duke	22	6'	Forward	Equity Research Analyst	2015
20	Darren Acton	24	6'3	Corner-Forward	Retail Production	2013
21	Conor Sheridan	25	5'9	Corner/Half-back	Financial Analyst	2014

	Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation	Debut
22	Findlay Nairn	20	5'10	Corner/Half-Forward	Student	2018
23	Chris McCarthy	24	6'	Centre-back	Centaur Fund Services	2016
24	Lee Loughnane	20	5'8	Corner-back	Apprentice Electrician	2018
25	Cian O'Sullivan	18	6'	Half-back	Student	2020
26	Declan Keane	25	6'2	Backs/Midfield	Teacher	2017
27	Danny Byrne	25	5'10	Half-Back	Bar Manager	2018
28	Cian Mulhall	25	6'	Half-forward	Student	2015
29	Rory O'Brien	22	5'8	Corner-back	Student	2017
30	Darren Byrne	30	6'1	Half-forward	Wedding Photographer	2012
31	Cormac Divilly	21	6'3	Midfield	Student Teacher	2017
32	Denis Galvin	32	5'8	Corner-forward	Project Manager	2020
33	Ronan Mulligan	25	6'	Corner-forward	Teacher	2014
34	Brendan Gibbons	17	6'4	Midfield	Student	2020
35	Cillian Thornton	21	6'3	Midfield	Procurement	2017
36	Killian Murphy	17	5'11	Forward	Student	2020
37	Paddy Mulligan	36	6'	Forward	Chartered Physiotherapist	2002

MANAGEMENT AND BACKROOM: **Bainisteoir:** Declan Gibbons **Maor Foirne:** Daniel McLoughlin **Selectors:** Eamonn Costello, Cormac Davey, David Keogh



CLOGHERINKOE

COUNTY FINAL PEN PICS



	Name	Age	Height	Occupation	Debut
1	Keith Wilkinson	28	6'	Landscaper	2009
2	Conor Grehan	29	5'10"	Carpenter	2009
3	Elian Scanlon	20	6' 2"	Apprentice Electrician	2018
4	Mikey Barea	21	5'8"	Student	2018
5	Aedan Boyle	18	5'9"	Student	2020
6	Gavin Scanlon	25	5' 10"	Electrician	2012
7	Killian Galligan	20	6'1"	Student	2018
8	Mark Grehan	20	6'4"	Carpenter	2018
9	Daniel Grehan	26	6'5"	Engineer	2010
10	Glenn Basnett	27	6'5"	Sales in M&E Supplies	2013
11	Ciaran Gravin	32	6'3"	Construction Foreman	2005
12	Jamie Boyle	19	5'10"	Student	2018
13	Jack Robinson	22	5'11"	Student	2015
14	Cein McMonagle	25	6'1"	Student	2012
15	Mark Nolan	26	5'9½"	Carpenter	2008
16	Rory Phelan	23	6'	Ground Worker	2014
17	Dean Hanley	29	5'10"	Carpenter	2012
18	Sean Mc Evoy	38	5'11"	Lab Manager	1999
19	Conor Swan	30	6'1"	Project Manager	2006

	Name	Age	Height	Occupation	Debut
20	Joe Mulraney	24	6'1"	Software Engineer	2013
21	Robert Dunne	40	6'	Teacher	2008
22	Caelum Flanagan	22	6'1"	Student	2015
23	Damien Flood	33	5'9"	Agricultural Sales	2004
24	Eanan Lynch	33	6'2"	Prison Officer	2015
25	Eoghan Mc Monagle	21	6'	Electrician	2017
26	Andrew Heduvan	35	5'10"	Contracts Manager	2019
27	Sean Nolan	20	5'8"	Carpenter	2018
28	Jack Donegan	21	6'2"	Carpenter	2017
29	Eoin Robinson	39	5'9"	Charter Surveyor	1999
30	Jack Sutton	18	5'8"	Carpenter	2019

Manager: Ronan Quinn **Selectors:** Seamus Galligan, Jim Kelly **Stat man:** Camilius Tyrrell **Kit man:** Joe Phelan **Video man:** Peadar Farrell **Chairman:** Eddie Fanning
Covid-19 Compliance Officer/ Secretary: Susan McEvoy **Physio:** Rachael Briggs
Presidents: Pdraig Gravin and Kevin Miggin



CLOGHERINKOE CAPTAIN PROFILE

GAVIN SCANLON



Age: 25

Height: 5' 10"

Honours: U21 Kildare Championship 2015, Division 2 League and Keogh Cup.

Occupation: Electrician

Someone who has had an influence on your career: That would have to be my Mother, definitely.

Three words to describe yourself as a player: Kamikaze, tough and hard working.

Favourite Sportsperson: Tyson Fury

Best player played with: Jack Robinson, Clogherinkoe

Best opponent you played against: Chris Healy from Two Mile House

Favourite club player: Killian Galligan, Clogherinkoe

Favourite Inter County player: Conor McManus from Monaghan

Player you would love to have at your club: Luke Flynn from our neighbours Johnstownbridge!

Most memorable sporting moment: Has to be our 2015 U21 Championship win. Great memories from that day.

Best GAA ground played in: Croke park

Best advice someone has given you: Hard work beats talent.



Young player in your club we should look out for: Aedan Boyle

Most skillful player on your team: Eanan Lynch

What does it mean to Captain your side in Saturday's County Final: It gives me an immense sense of pride and it's an honour to Captain this fantastic bunch of lads.

CLOGHERINKOE GFC HISTORY

The origins of Clogherinkoe GAA club can be traced back to the late nineteenth century and was known as the Owen Roe O'Neill team. It was selected from the Broadford and Clogherinkoe areas, similar to the present Clogherinkoe team today.

The next team to be formed in the locality was the Ballindoolin team, founded in 1937. Ballindoolin played primarily against local teams like Carbury, Cappagh and their main rival Mucklon. The Ballindoolin team disbanded around 1949 and the Clogherinkoe team was founded soon after, one Sunday in 1954.

In 1957 Clogherinkoe created history by defeating Round Towers in a final replay to win the Junior B championship. The club won the Intermediate league in 1962 and again in 1963, and the same year Clogherinkoe overcame Straffan in the final to win the Junior A Championship. More silverware was to follow, including the Sydney Weld trophy for the Junior C Championship in 1977. Clogherinkoe went on to defeat the Junior B champions Clane, giving them another tilt at the elusive Jack Higgins Cup, unfortunately they lost out to Suncroft on that day.

The club purchased its own field in conjunction with the Broadford hurling club in 1980. Previously, the club was indebted to generous patrons who donated the use of their land to the club, such as Ned Kelly, Johnny Flynn, Peter Conlan, and Mick McKeever. The new field was officially opened in 1984,

and an outdoor Mass was offered by the local curate Rev. E. Flood - who incidentally went on to manage the team to another championship success that year. A successful period in the intermediate championship followed, however, between the years 1985/90 Clogherinkoe were runners up in three finals and two semi-finals of the Intermediate Championship.

In 1992, the Club was successful in defeating Cappagh after a replay to win Div. 3 of the Senior Football League. The Club was regraded to Junior Championship Status in 1995, however, they went on to win Div.3 of the Senior Football League for a second time that year, overcoming Sallins in the final. In 1996, the Club again made history by winning Div.2 of the Senior Football League thus gaining promotion to Div.1 for the first time. In 1998 Clogherinkoe again captured the Junior A title and went on to finally capture the Jack Higgins cup at the fifth attempt. This team also competed in the Leinster junior championship for the first time.

Another Div.3 league success followed in 2010 with a win over Caragh. Then in 2012, the club competed in the semi-final of the Leinster junior championship after again securing the Kildare Junior A championship with a nail-biting win over Two Mile House. This was the fourth county title in this grade to come to the club. In 2016, Clogherinkoe were again winners of Div.2 of the Senior Football League with victory over Kilcock in the final.



Clogherinkoe's first 'breakthrough' into the Kildare Senior team was Pat Tyrrell in the early 1960's, who was later followed by John Lowry and John Donoghue. In 1998, Padraig Gravin was the first player from the club to bring back a Leinster senior medal with Kildare before going on to represent the club and county in the All Ireland final of that year. Today, Jack Robinson proudly represents the club at senior inter county level. Of course, many players from the club were proud to don the white jersey in all grades over the years, right up to the present day.

There was a new clubhouse opened in 2003 while in 2017 a new playing pitch was acquired and an indoor astro-

turf arena, floodlighting, improved car parking, toilet facilities, gym and meeting rooms. This development was prompted by a major fundraising initiative and a very generous response from the community. We have recently added a walking track aptly named after a great Cloghs man, Jack Conlan.

Finally, and in grateful appreciation, much of the information included in this article was gleaned from consultations with former players and loyal supporters such as, Hugh Mooney, Peter Conlan, Peter and Tommy Delaney, Bernie Leonard and Johnny McCabe.

The story continues.....

ROLL OF HONOUR...

- Senior League Division 2 (2) 1996, 2016
- Senior League Division 3 (2) 1992, 1995, 2010
- Intermediate League winners (2) 1962, 1963
- Junior A Championship (4) 1963, 1984, 1998, 2012
- Junior B Championship (1) 1957
- Junior C Championship (1) 1977
- Jack Higgins Cup winners (1) 1998

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - 2020

When the draw was made for the group stages of the 2020 intermediate football championship, many dubbed group C as the 'group of death'.

Rathangan, St Kevin's, last year's beaten finalists Leixlip and Clogherinkoe were to fight it out for a place in the quarter final. Before the Clochs kicked a ball in championship anger, there were two Division 2 league games to play, versus Eadestown and Monasterevan. Clogherinkoe lost both games narrowly.

First up in the championship was Rathangan, and after a close game that Clogherinkoe played the best part of with 14 men, Clogherinkoe won on a score line of 2-14 to 1-14. Next up was St Kevin's in Ellistown, the Clochs ran out convincing winners on the night 5-12 to 0-9. With progress already assured, it was the turn of Leixlip in HQ. A late goal from the liffesiders stole the game at the end and results elsewhere meant both Clogherinkoe and Leixlip progressed to the quarter finals.

The Quarter final was played in glorious autumn sunshine in Hawkfield on Sunday 20th September and after a tight affair Clogherinkoe won on a score of 1-12 to 0-13, with the imperious Jack Robinson contributing 1-09.

The semi final on Sunday 27th September in Newbridge was again played in glorious sunshine, a resurgent Ballymore Eustace was the opposition and after leading by 5 points at the break, Clogherinkoe won out by 0-14 to 1-8.

And so, to the final for the first time in 30 long years. For a club that have never been senior, it doesn't get any bigger than this. Clochs Abú!!

The arrival of Covid-19 in March had a huge impact on our club activities, however we still managed to keep spirits high during the various lockdowns. A Mizen to Malin Running Challenge was undertaken by the team, management and the community over a glorious May bank holiday weekend and we were proud to be able to donate over 7 thousand euro to the Roar for Ruairi campaign. We would like to wish Ruairi and his family all the best. Although the restrictions played havoc with a lot of things we had planned we did manage to run our Annual Golf Classic and, to the delight of the children in the Parish, a hugely successful Cúl Camp. A new edition to our club grounds was Jacks Track, a walking track aptly named in honour of Jack Conlan. We also recently planted a Tree of Hope. This was planted in memory of all those who have been lost through suicide and those living with and trying to cope with Mental Illness. This is something we hold dear to our hearts.

We would like to thank the community and surrounding clubs for their support over the past week. Clogherinkoe mania has certainly taken hold with flags flying high and everyone wearing their club colours with pride. The children in the schools have been busy creating flags and streamers and have played their part with Jersey days. We as a club are proud to be adding another level for the future generation to build on and hope it inspires more children to join Balyna Juvenile Club. It has given the players and management a big boost to know how much the club means to everyone. The players have given nothing but a hundred percent at all times during this campaign and fully deserve to be here today. We couldn't have a better Captain in Gavin Scanton leading the team out, Gavin leads by example and no doubt will leave everything on the pitch. The management team of Ronan Quinn, Seamus Galligan, Jim Kelly and their wider background support have left no stone unturned in making sure the team is prepared to the best level possible over the past three years, to say they have gone above and beyond for the team would be an understatement and we thank them for that. We would also like to acknowledge the patience and support that their families have shown during this campaign and the previous years.

It is widely accepted that Clogherinkoe GAA would not be able to function were it not for the wide-ranging support - financially, officially and enthusiastically, that was provided through the years by loyal supporters. Every club has the unsung heroes quietly working (maybe not on match day!) to keep the various

teams functioning and progressing. The parents, grand-parents, children, wives, girlfriends, supporters and sponsors are also pivotal to the survival of the club and are always there to encourage and support the players. The club is in a healthy situation and looking forward to a bright future with an abundance of young talent coming through the ranks. We have many people who would love to be in St Conleth's cheering the team on but instead will be watching a live stream in the club house or listening beside the radio to KFM. These people are in as far away destinations like Australia, Qatar, America and Canada. We also have many loved ones who have sadly passed that we will take a moment to remember, after all Club is Family no matter where you are.

By Ollie Conlon, Susan McEvoy & Will Coyne.

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