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Allianz Football League Roinn 2 South | Round 2



CILL DARA v AN CLÁR

Venue: St Conleth's Park

Reiteoir: Fergal Kelly (An Longfort) • Throw in: 2pm



Allianz Hurking League Roinn 2B | Round 3



CILL DARA v DOIRE

Venue: Manguard Plus Hawkfield

Reiteoir: Kevin Jordan (Tiobraid Árann) • Throw in: 4pm



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On behalf of Kildare GAA I want to welcome you all to Newbridge today for two Allianz National League fixtures. The Allianz Football League Division 2 South game between Kildare and Clare throws-in at 2pm in St. Conleth's Park while the Hurlers take on Derry in Manguard Plus Hawkfield.

I want to extend a warm welcome to both the Clare and Derry teams along with their management and officials on their visit today. I expect that we will all be treated to two very enjoyable, exciting and competitive games.

I wish both Managers Jack O'Connor and David Herity, their selectors along with all our players and backroom teams all the best and we look forward to a successful day.

To ensure the running of our organisation and our games is of the highest standard it requires a lot of work behind the scenes. On that note I want to thank my fellow officers, our stewards, and all who continue to volunteer their services to Kildare GAA.



Thanks also to our grounds men for having our pitch in excellent condition for today's game. I also want to express my thanks to Club Kildare who continue to raise funds for Kildare GAA.

I wish to thank our main sponsor Brady Family and all our sponsors for their continued support, we are extremely grateful, and we wish you continued success.

Finally, I want to thank all our loyal supporters and I hope you all enjoy today's game.

Yours in sport

Mick Gorman
Cathaoirleach

TODAY'S FOOTBALL OFFICIALS:

- **Referee:** Fergal Kelly (Longfort)
- **Standby:** Seamus Mulhare (Laois)
- **Linesman:** Seamus Farrelly (Áth Cliath)
- **Sideline:** David O Connor (Áth Cliath)

TODAY'S HURLING OFFICIALS:

- **Referee:** Kevin Jordon (Tiobraid Árann)
- **Standby:** David Hughes (Ceatharlach)
- **Linesman:** Pdraig Dunne (Laois)
- **Sideline:** Michael O Sullivan (Cill Chainnigh)

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KILDARE FULLY AWARE OF CLARE THREAT THIS TIME AROUND

BY TOMMY CALLAGHAN, Sports Editor, Leinster Leader

Clare are the visitors to St Conleth's Park on Sunday, for Round 2 of the Allianz FL Division 2 South and following last season's set-back in Ennis when The Banner came out on top by a single point, The Lilies will certainly be all out to turn the tables on this occasion.

That game, back in February 2020, ultimately cost Kildare promotion and this weekend's clash is once again a vital game in the revamped division now in groups, Cork and Laois making up the four in this Division 2 South section.

Both Kildare and have opened with impressive victories last weekend, Kildare over Cork while Clare had a comfortable win in Ennis over a disappointing Laois side.

From the Kildare side that lined out last February against Clare, a mere six players started last Sunday, a firm indication that Jack O'Connor is now firmly putting his, and his management team's stamp on proceedings.

Some of the most experienced players have left the Kildare camp from back then including Peter Kelly, Keith Cribbin, Ben McCormack, Mattie Byrne and Johnny Byrne, while also missing from last weekend through injury and suspension were Shea Ryan, Niall Kelly and Paddy Brophy while the experienced Fergal

Conway came on a second half substitute as did Neil Flynn.

Clare also look to be a much changed side, something similar to Kildare, just six played against Laois last week that played in that win over Kildare in 2020.

So it's all to play for on Sunday.

Last week The Lilies opened slowly but gradually got themselves into the game, led by a point (somewhat fortuitously it has to be said) but really upped their game in the second half.

Two second goals from Kevin Flynn and Jimmy Hyland sealed victory.

Clare, on the other hand seemed to be in control throughout their clash with Laois and will come to Newbridge with no shortage of confidence.

These teams met the previous season (2019) in the League in Newbridge, Kildare coming out on top 1-16 to 1-10, the goal

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coming from Kevin Feely with Neil Flynn in sparkling form hitting five points while Jimmy Hyland knocked over three from play.

Eoin Clear, at no 11 was the Clare top scorer last Sunday, hitting over no less than ten points, including four frees, one 45 and a sideline while Daniel Walsh made a big impression on his debut at this level, finding the Laois net in the opening half as The Banner led by six at half time and were never really under any real pressure after that.

A strong midfield pairing of Cathal O'Connor and Darren O'Neill saw the Clare front men get plenty of supply as Clare went on to win 1-16 to 0-12.

All to play for in a vital game for both counties and with just three games in the group, there is little room for manoeuvre.

One thing for sure though is that following last season's set-back in Ennis, Kildare will line out on their home patch on Sunday fully aware of the task ahead and fully aware a win could set them up for a semi final spot.



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Quickfire Questions with Kildare Senior Footballer



NEIL FLYNN

Age: 25

Club: Maynooth

Senior Inter County League Debut: Westmeath - 2016.

Senior Inter County Championship Debut: Wexford - 2016.

Pre-Match Day Routine: Porridge or overnight oats for breakfast, back to bed for a snooze if it's a late game. The bag is packed from the night before. Pre match meal of chicken and pasta and listen to match day playlist on Spotify on the journey to the pitch.

Pre match rituals: Just listening to the match day playlist and I like to run out second from the dressing room.

Toughest opponent: Eoin Doyle - never lets up.

Team you most like to beat: Meath.

Proudest Day: "Newbridge or Nowhere" - on the pitch after the game seeing what it meant to the fans and my family.

Toughest or most disappointing day: Missing the Leinster final in 2017.

Biggest influence on your career: My Mam & Dad & my school teachers Mr Creevey and Mr Winders.

Joker in the panel: Shea Ryan.



Best Dressed: Conor Hartley.

Worst Dressed: David Hyland - boot cut jeans.

Player do you admire from another sport: Joe Canning - his skill level and his placed balls.

Manager from another sport do you admire: Brendan Rogers - brings the best out of his players.

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Ag Féachaint Siar - Cill Dara Hurling in the 1960s - “Hurling Champions of All Ireland Again”

After a long famine and a series of droughts, Kildare hurling reached new heights in the 1960s - a decade which brought three All-Ireland titles to the county. Junior successes in 1962 and 1966 prefaced an Intermediate title in 1969.

During the previous three decades, players from army club teams often outnumbered native club players on county teams but by the '60s the balance was changing rapidly. The 1962 team included five Army personnel, and they were vital to that success. The '66 team lined out in the All-Ireland final in Glebe Farm, Warwickshire, with only one man from a military club. And in 1969, there was no representative of an Army team.

Apart from having only one Army representative, there was a huge change in the composition of the '66 team compared to the '62 lineout: only four players remained to savour a second All-Ireland success. They were Pat Dunney (captain), and Peter Sharpe from Eire Óg, and Frank Fogarty and Billy Quinn, both from Moorefield. Dunney made his senior inter-county debut as a sixteen-year-old wearing the No. 1 shirt in 1962, and in a glittering career captained Kildare to the '66 and '69 titles.

Eoghan Corry writes in his *Kildare GAA Centenary* history that apart from Billy Quinn, the 'Veteran' of the 1962 team, the



1966 All-Ireland Medal

average age of the '66 team was twenty-one and a half. With several new players lining out, Tommy Carew top scored with four goals against Meath in the first round of the Leinster championship. Quinn, at 35, netted two goals in the Leinster final against 1965 winners, Wicklow, at Croke Park. And he produced a goal in the Home final against Kerry and another in the All-Ireland final.

Nine of the 1966 starting team lined out in the 1969 Intermediate final, continuity being a key factor in the development of a winning mentality. Ardclough, now becoming force in the county pecking order, had Colm O'Malley, Bobby Burke, Tommy Christian and Mick Dwane aboard while Eire Óg, five-time county champions from 1964 to '69, supplied Pat Dunney.



Mick O'Brien (Kilcock), Tommy Carew (Coill Dubh), Jack Wall (St Dermot's) and Nick Behan (Aer Lingus, formerly Éire Óg) were the other survivors. They were joined by goalkeeper Peter Connolly and Mick Mullins (both Éire Óg), Noel Burke (Ardclough), Jack O'Connell (St Brigid's), Seamus Malone (Coill Dubh) and his

clubmate Tony Carew - brother of Tommy - in whose honour the county senior trophy is named.

Those three All-Ireland titles set Kildare hurling on a rising curve, entry into the Leinster SHC and some very significant National League wins against Waterford, Laois, Kerry, Antrim and Dublin in the early '70s leading to a NHL quarter-final loss to Tipperary in 1974, and an All-Ireland 'B' win in the same year.

Not an Army man involved since the '66 All-Ireland final and Pat Dunney the only link in the '62, '66 and '69 teams! Yes, Kildare hurling had come a long way. Great credit was due to the county officers, to the people who developed the game in local areas and to the dedication of coaches and players who brought the game to a new level in the county and significantly enhanced the profile of Cill Dara in the hurling world.



Kildare 1966 All-Ireland Junior Champions

Back Row: Billy Quinn, Jim Coffey, Fintan Morrissey, Cliff Murphy, Peter Sharpe, Jimmy Curran, Colm O'Malley, Donnacha O'Keeffe, Jim Lawlor, Bobby Burke.

Front Row: Tommy Christian, Nickey Behan, Tommy Carew, Mick Dwane, Jack Wall, Pat Dunney (Capt), Frank Fogarty, Mick O'Brien, Lorcán O'Rourke, Aidan Byrne.



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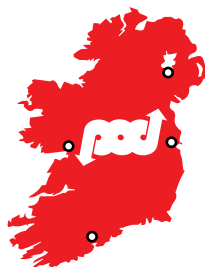
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Quickfire Questions with Clare Senior Footballer

IKEM UGWUERU



Age: 21 **Club:** Eire Óg Inis

Senior Inter County League Debut:

16th of May 2021 against Laois.

Senior Inter County Championship

Debut: I haven't made my debut in the championship yet....soon hopefully.

Pre-Match Day Routine: On match day I have the same thing every morning 2 eggs and Greek yogurt I don't know why but it works for me...I'm a last minute person so I always get my bag packed 1 hour before I have to leave the house....and I listen to music all day until right before we have to warm up it just gets me in the mood to play....and I always wear my club socks inside my Clare socks again I don't know why but it just works.....my pre-match routine isn't that hectic it's pretty chill.

Pre match rituals: I always say a prayer before stepping onto the pitch and before throw-in.

Toughest opponent: Sean O' Donoghue.... he's a freak athlete!! I remember when I marked him in the U21 final Eire Óg vs Cooraclare and we were both going for a high ball and he literally jumped over my head to catch the ball and he burnt me for pace after he caught it and kicked a point. I'll never forget it.

Team you most like to beat: Kerry.

Proudest Day: Another hard one I have a good few days where I felt proud so I can't decide on this one.



Toughest or most disappointing day: Losing the U21 final to Doora-Barefield in 2018.

Biggest influence on your career: My family.

Joker in the panel: Gavin Cooney.

Best Dressed: Me.

Worst Dressed: Kevin Hartnett.

Player do you admire from another sport: I have 2 and they are Odell Beckham Jr and DK Metcalf....just look them up on google or YouTube and you will see why I admire them.

Manager from another sport do you admire: Rassie Erasmus the South African Rugby Head Coach, After watching the documentary of how they won the World Cup I have nothing but respect for him - he's a top top manager.



CILL DARA



Mark Donnellan

Marcas Ó Donalláin
Maigh Nuad



Mark Dempsey

Marcas Ó Diomasaigh
Achadh Mhordha



Mick O'Grady

Mícheál Ó Gráda
Cill Droichid



Eoin Doyle

Eoin Ó Dúghaill
Nás na Ríogh



Kevin Flynn

Caoimhín Ó Floinn
Cill Droichid



Shea Ryan

Shea Ó Ríain
Na Sáirséalaigh



Ryan Houlihan

Ryan Ó Uallacháin
Achadh Mhordha



Luke Flynn

Lúcas Ó Floinn
Droichead Baile Sheáin



Aaron Masterson

Aaron mac an Mhaistir
Achadh Mhordha



Alex Beirne

Alsander Ó Broin
Nás na Ríogh



Neil Flynn

Neil Ó Floinn
Maigh Nuad



Paul Cribbin

Pól Ó Croibín
Droichead Baile Sheáin



Jimmy Hyland

Seamus Ó hAoláin
Baile Thaidhg



Kevin Feely

Caoimhín Ó Fícheallaigh
Athí



Darragh Kirwan

Dara Ó Ciarubháin
Nás na Ríogh

FIR IONAID

- 16. James Robinson Na Cloighithe Fíodh Aluine
- 17. Darragh Malone Na Sáirséalaigh Cill Droichid
- 18. Con Kavanagh Na Sáirséalaigh Na Sáirséalaigh
- 19. Fergal Conway Cill Droichid
- 20. Conor Hartley Na Raithíní Claonadh
- 21. Paddy Brophy Claonadh
- 22. Liam Power Na Sáirséalaigh Naomh Lorcán
- 23. Brian McLoughlin
- 24. Shane O'Sullivan
- 25. Daragh Ryan
- 26. Mark Glynn

Bainsteoir: Jack O'Connor **Roghnóirí:** Bryan Murphy, Emmet McDonnell, Tom Cribbin



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Stephen Ryan
Stiofain O Riain
Kilrush Shamrocks



Ciaran Russell
C. O Ruiseil
Eire-Óg, Inis



Cillian Brennan
Cillain O Braonain
Clondegad



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Ballyhaunis



Cian O Dea
C. O De
Kilfenora



Sean Collins
S. O Coilean
Cratloe



Daniel Walsh
D. Breathnach
Kilmurry Ibrickane



Darren O Neill
D. O Neill
Eire-Óg, Inis



Cathal O Connor
C. O Conchuir
Coolmeen



Pearse Lillis
P. O Laighleis
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Eire-Óg, Inis



David Tubridy
D Tiobraide,
Doonbeg



Keelan Sexton
C O Seasain
Kilmurry Ibrickane

FIR IONAID

16. Killian Normoyle Lissycasey St Breckans
17. Alan Sweeney St Breckans
18. Aaron Griffin Lissycasey Cratloe
19. Kevin Harnett Cratloe
20. Dale Masterson St Breckans
21. Joe McGann St Breckans
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25. Dean Ryan Na Fianna
26. Ikem Ugwuere Eire-Óg Inis

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NO EASY PICKINGS FOR KILDARE AS DERRY ARE THE VISITORS

BY TOMMY CALLAGHAN, Sports Editor, Leinster Leader

While winning last season's Christy Ring Cup was the highlight of Kildare's hurling season, and with that came promotion to the Joe McDonagh Cup for this season, nevertheless the downside for David Herity's side was missing out on promotion from Division 2B.

That was a huge set-back and one feels if Kildare are to advance, playing at the highest possible league level is an absolute imperative to their cause.

Manager Herity made no bones of the fact that, at this stage, promotion is the number one item on his, and his team's agenda, especially when you consider

that one of Kildare's Joe McDonagh Cup opponents, Westmeath, are operating in Division 1 (Group A) of the Allianz Hurling League and while they will, no doubt, find the going tough there, nevertheless the experience will stand to them not only for the Joe McDonagh but in the long term.

Kildare are in Division 2B of the Allianz Hurling League, along with Mayo, Donegal, Derry and Roscommon and while they had a bye on the first weekend hurling resumed, they opened their 2021 season with a comprehensive win over Donegal in St Conleth's Park on Sunday last.



Kildare certainly hit the ground running last weekend and the two points on offer were well and truly in the bag a long time before the long whistle arrived with The Lilies hitting an impressive 4-29 and conceding 14 points.

It really shows the difference between the hurling tiers when you see Donegal lost just one league game (Division 3) last season and that against fellow promoted side Armagh in their very first game back in January, before going on to capture the Nicky Rackard Cup, and then get no less than a 27 point hiding from Kildare in their opening game in Division 2B.

It was, nevertheless an impressive opener for David Herity's side and while they will, no doubt, come up against stronger opposition in the weeks to come, it was still the ideal start to begin this very important campaign.

On the face of it the Kildare panel look, if anything, a stronger one this time around from the team that won the Christy Ring. A few top players, experienced players, have returned and while they were not all available last weekend, nevertheless two of them, Johnny Byrne and Declan Flaherty, were very prominent against Donegal.

On Sunday The Lilies take on Derry, a side that has given them lots to think

“There is little doubt though that the Kildare hurling star is on the rise. The enormous work being under taken in recent years at underage level is now paying dividends and on their day they will be a match for any team, at their level.”



about in previous seasons. When they met last term in the league the game ended in a high scoring draw, Derry 2-16 to 3-13, a game played in Owenbeg. The previous year (2019) Derry visited Newbridge in the league and went away victors, 0-21 to 1-16, so despite Derry opening this season's league with a defeat to Mayo, albeit by just two points, their recent league record against The Lilies has been fruitful to say the least.

There is little doubt though that the Kildare hurling star is on the rise. The enormous work being under taken in recent years at underage level is now paying dividends and on their day they will be a match for any team, at their level.

They will go into today's game with confidence high and while nothing can be taken for granted it would be a set-back if they were not to record back-to-back victories keeping their promotion hopes very much alive with two very tricky away games to come against Mayo and Roscommon.



CILL DARA



Paddy McKenna
Pádraig Mac Cionaoith
Claonadh



Cathal Derivan
Cathal Derivan
Léim an Bhradáin



Rian Boran
Rian Ó Bodhráin
Nás na Ríogh



Simon Leacy
Siomón Ó Laitheasa
Nás na Ríogh



Kevin Whelan
Caoimhín Ó Faoláin
Nás na Ríogh



Declan Flaherty
Deaghlain Ó Flaitie
Coill Dubh



Sean Christanseen
Sean Christanseen
Claonadh



Cathal Dowling
Cathal Ó Dúllaing
Nás na Ríogh



Paul Divilly
Pol Ó Duibhle
Confai



Kevin Aherne
Caoimhín Ó hEathrín
Nás na Ríogh



Johnny Byrne
Sean Ó Broin
Coill Dubh



James Burke
Seámas de Búrca
Nás na Ríogh



Tadhg Forde
Tadhg MacGiollarnáth
Maigh Nuad



Shane Ryan
Seán Ó Riain
Nás na Ríogh



Brian Byrne
Brian Ó Broin
Nás na Ríogh

FIR IONAID

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| 16. Mark Doyle | Claonadh |
| 17. Cian Forde | Maigh Nuad |
| 18. Cian Shanahan | Claonadh |
| 19. Colm Chan | Confai |
| 20. Sean Whelan | Ard Cloc |
| 21. Conor Kielty | Éire Óg Corra Choill |
| 22. Conor Dowling | Nás na Ríogh |
| 23. Caolan Smith | Claonadh |
| 24. David Slattery | Confai |
| 25. Cathal McCabe | Maigh Nuad |
| 26. Jack Sheridan | Nás na Ríogh |

Bainsteoir: David Herity **Roghnóirí:** Deckie O'Toole, Ronan McWilliams, Paul Dermody



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DOIRE



Oisín Odoherty
Oisín Ó Dochartaigh
Slaughtneil



Conor Kelly
Conor Ó Ceallaigh
Kevin Lynchés



Brian McGilligan
Brian Óg Mac Giollaigáin
Banagher



Darragh McCloskey
Daragh Mac Bhloscaidh
Banagher



Sean Cassidy
Séan Ó Caiside
Slaughtneil



John Mullan
Sean Ó Maoláin
Kevin Lynchés



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Meehaul Mac Craith
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Eoghan Cassidy
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Cormac Ó Dochartaigh
Slaughtneil



Richie Mullan
Risteárd Ó Maoláin
Kevin Lynchés



Niall Ferris
Niall Ó Fearaigh
Kevin Lynchés



Brian Cassidy
Briain Ó Aiside
Slaughtneil



Se Mc Guigan
Se Mag Uiginn
Slaughtneil

FIR IONAID

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| 16. Conor O Kane | Swatragh |
| 17. Paul Cleary | Ballinascreen |
| 18. Odhran McKeever | Kevin Lynchés |
| 19. Ruairi McWilliams | Ballinascreen |
| 20. Deaghlán Foley | NaMagha |
| 21. Noel Rafferty | Ballinascreen |
| 22. Conor McAlister | Slaughtneil |
| 23. Shea Cassidy | Slaughtneil |
| 24. Chrissy Henry | Lavey |
| 25. Alan Grant | NaMagha |
| 26. Niall Doyle | Ballinascreen |









Bainisteoir: Dominic McKinley **Roghnóirí:** Eoin McNicholl,
Kevin Hinphéy, Conor Murray


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UPCOMING 2021 ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR KILDARE

Sunday 23rd May: Kildare v Clare, St. Conleth's Park, 2pm.

Sunday 30th May: Laois v Kildare, MW Hire O'Moore Park, 1:45pm

WEEK 2		DIVISION 2 / FOOTBALL	
DIVISION 2 / ROINN 2			
NORTH		PTS	
	MAYO	2	
	MEATH	2	
	WESTMEATH	0	
	DOWN	0	
SOUTH			
	CLARE	2	
	KILDARE	2	
	CORK	0	
	LAOIS	0	
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UPCOMING 2021 ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR KILDARE

Sunday 23rd May: Kildare v Derry, Manguard Plus Hawkfield, 4pm.

Sunday 6th June: Roscommon v Kildare, Dr Hyde Park, 2pm.

Saturday 12th June: Mayo v Kildare, Elverys MacHale Park, 2pm.

WEEK 2		DIVISION 2B HURLING	
DIVISION 2B / ROINN 2B			
		PTS	
	MAYO	4	
	KILDARE	2	
	DONEGAL	2	
	DERRY	0	
	ROSCOMMON	0	
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Kildare GAA Club Draw 2021



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**FIRST
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DRAW DATES

Draw 1: 30th July 2021 **Draw 2:** 27th August 2021

Draw 3: 24th September 2021 **Draw 4:** 29th October 2021

PRIZE DETAILS

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BY SÉAMUS Ó MÍDHEACH

Sraith Peile Allianz

Is annamh do Cill Dara tús a chur lena séasúr le bua i mí na Bealtaine, fiú is strainséir é a bheith ina chluiche sraithe i gcoinne Corcaigh i Stáid Sempie. Beidh Jack O'Connor thar a bheith sásta le bua na seachtaine seo caite i gcoinne Corcaigh sa chéad chluiche iomaíoch a bhí acu ar ais ó shin an bhliain seo caite bhuaigh cluiche ceannais Laighean ar An Mhí.

Tá séasúr sraithe i bhfad níos giorra ag an séasúr seo ná mar is gnách, agus níl ach trí cluichí ann. Caithigh Chill Dara críochnú sa chéad nó sa dara háit chun chun babhtáí leathcheannais na roinne a bhaint amach. Agus tar éis bua thar Corcaigh, tá Cill Dara sa suíochán tiomána.

Anois casann a n-aird ar An Clár agus iad ag tabhairt cuairte ar Pháirc Naomh Connadh tar éis an deireadh seachtaine seo caite, nuair a bhí bua compordach acu thar Laois in Inis. Tá Gary Brennan ar scor le déanaí, áfach, rinne Daniel Walsh an chéad tús sinsearach done contae, ag scóráil 1-02, ó leath chúl. Scóráil Eoin Cleary 10 pointe. Bhí An Clár 6 suas ag an mbriseadh, chun buachan faoi 7 ar scórlíne 1-16 go 0-12

Bhí bua suntasach ag Clár ar Cill Dara i gCluiche Ceannais Roinn 3 2016 i bPáirc an Chrócaigh agus choinnigh siad a stádas san roinn ó shin. Beidh Cill Dara le díoltas a fháil tar éis a chailliúint anuraidh i gcoinne An Clár sa Sraith. D'fhéadfadh cluiche daingean a bheith againn inniu.

Sraith Iomána Allianz

Bliain spreagúil eile do Cill Dara atá ag tnúth go mór leis an gCorn Seosaimh Mhic Dhonncha don chéad uair i 2021. Chuir siad tús iontach leis an Sraith Allianz le bua thar Dun na nGall, 4-29 go 0-14 i bPáirc Naomh Connadh, an tseachtain seo caite.

Tar éis tús maith ag Cill Dara agus bhí siad chun tosaigh le deich bpointe ag an mbriseadh, agus chríochnaigh siad mar buaiteoir le 27 bpointe.

Bhí sé iontach Johnny Byrne a fheiceáil ar ais do iománaithe an chondae tar éis dó scor ó pheileadóirí sinsearach an chondae, agus scóráil sé 1-03. Bhí Brian Byrne comhsheasmhach arís agus scóráil sé 11 pointe, fuair James Burke 1-01 ón imirt agus cúl eile ó phionós. Beidh David Herity ag súil le bua eile agus iad ag tabhairt aghaidh ar Dhoire, a chaill go Maigh Eo, an uair dheireanach. Geallfaidh Doire atá faoi bhainistíocht nua a taobh a chur ar an mbóthar. Gan aon chluiche ceannaise i mbliana gheobhaidh an fhoireann is fearr ardú céime.



Results from Previous Encounters

Senior Inter County Hurling Meetings between Kildare and Derry

Since 2011 the hurlers of Kildare and Derry have played each other on 10 occasions. The honours are shared with Kildare and Derry both winning on 4 occasions with the remaining two fixtures finishing in a draw. If the results from the past decade are anything to go by, today's encounter in Manguard Plus Hawkfield will prove to be an enjoyable one with little separating the sides.

Date	Competition	Venue	Result			
08/03/2020	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B	Celtic Park	Kildare	3:13	2:16	Derry
17/02/2019	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2B	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	1:16	0:21	Derry
10/06/2018	Christy Ring Cup Semi Final	Inniskeen	Kildare	3:18	2:13	Derry
20/03/2016	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	2:18	1:16	Derry
24/05/2014	Christy Ring Cup Quarter Final	Owenbeg	Kildare	2:16	0:10	Derry
23/03/2014	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	3:17	4:14	Derry
16/03/2013	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A	Celtic Park	Kildare	1:14	1:17	Derry
05/05/2012	Christy Ring Cup Rd1	Celtic Park	Kildare	2:18	1:22	Derry
07/05/2011	Christy Ring Cup Quarter Final	Banagher	Kildare	4:18	1:13	Derry
20/02/2011	Allianz Hurling League Roinn 3A	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	0:19	1:20	Derry

3 Kildare Wins, 4 Derry Wins & 2 Draws

Senior Inter County Football Meetings between Kildare and Clare

Since 1998 the footballers of Kildare and Clare have played each other on 10 occasions. Kildare have won 7 times with Clare winning twice and 1 fixture ending in a draw.

15/02/1998	National Football League D	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	1:15	0:13	Clare
28/02/1999	National Football League Div 1B	Cusack Park Ennis	Kildare	0:10	1:05	Clare
05/03/2000	National Football League Div 1B	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	0:13	1:10	Clare
31/03/2002	National Football League Div 1B	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	2:12	1:06	Clare
19/07/2014	All Ireland Football Championship	Cusack Park Ennis	Kildare	0:13	0:12	Clare
03/04/2016	Allianz Football League Div 3 Rd7	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	0:22	1:14	Clare
23/04/2016	Allianz Football League Div 3 Final	Croke Park	Kildare	1:19	2:17	Clare
26/03/2017	Allianz Football League Div2	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	0:18	1:14	Clare
24/02/2019	Allianz Football League Div2	St. Conleth's Park, Newbridge	Kildare	1:16	0:13	Clare
02/02/2020	Allianz Football League Div2	Cusack Park Ennis	Kildare	0:10	0:11	Clare

7 Kildare Wins, 2 Clare Wins & 1 Draw

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Quickfire Questions with Derry Senior Hurler

CORMAC O'DOHERTY



Age: 25

Club: Slaughtneil

Senior Inter County League Debut: 2018 Vs Armagh.

Senior Inter County Championship Debut: 2017 Nicky Rackard Final Vs Armagh.

Pre-Match Day Routine: Depends on game time really, breakfast and coffee, then just try relax and get water on-board.

Pre match rituals: No, every game is different.

Toughest opponent: Sean Moran from Cuala - A day to forget.

Proudest Day: Ulster Hurling Final 2016 Vs Loughgiel.

Toughest or most disappointing day: All Ireland Football Final Vs Dr Crokes.

Biggest influence on your career: My Family.

Joker in the panel: Se McGuigan or Ordhran McKeever.

Best advice you were given: Only as good as your last game.



Best Trainer: Brian Cassidy

Teammate most likely to be a future manager: Sean Cassidy

If there was a transfer market, who you buy: Tony Kelly

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Quickfire Questions with Kildare Senior Hurler

JAMES BURKE



Age: 22 **Club:** Naas

Senior Inter County League Debut: 2018 NHL vs Meath.

Senior Inter County Championship Debut: 2018 Christy Ring Cup vs Wicklow.

Pre-Match Day Routine: Pre-match routine is pretty basic. I'd make sure all my gear, etc is ready the night before. So on the day of the match it's all about eating well and making sure I'm hydrated. My meals and meal time would depend on throw-in time.

Pre match rituals: No superstitions. Pre-match I just like to spend my time stretching and doing activation work. If I have the time, I'll try get in a few pucks before the warm-up too.

Toughest opponent: Probably Calum Lyons from Waterford. I marked him in a Fitzgibbon match with DCU. He's very attack minded and athletic.

Describe yourself in three words: Ambitious and hard-working.

Proudest Day: Very tough to highlight one in particular. It would probably have to be winning the 2018 Christy Ring Cup, with it being my first year on the team and after the year I had personally.

Toughest or most disappointing day: Hard to know. Possibly the draw with Derry in the NHL last year. Was a missed opportunity at a chance of league silverware and promotion.



Biggest influence on your career: My parents and underage managers I had with Naas and the Kildare Development Squads.

Joker in the panel: Drew Costello. Honourable mention to Dec Molloy too over the past few years!

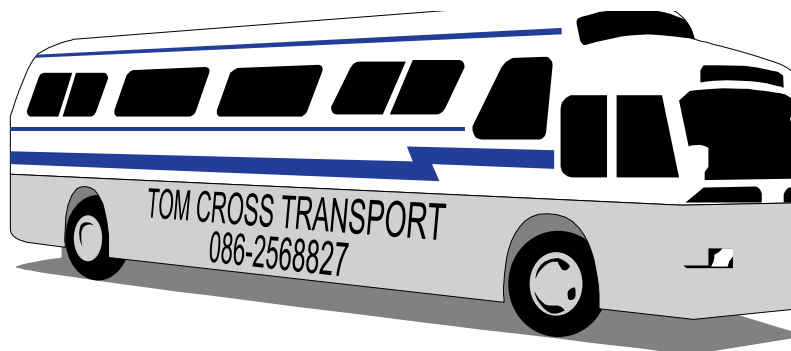
Best advice you were given: "It's all about the long game"

Best Trainer: Simon Leacy

Teammate most likely to be a future manager: Shane Ryan would fancy himself as a manager, but I'd go with Paddy McKenna.

If there was a transfer market, who you buy: Tony Kelly - Unbelievably talented hurler and leads by example on the pitch.

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