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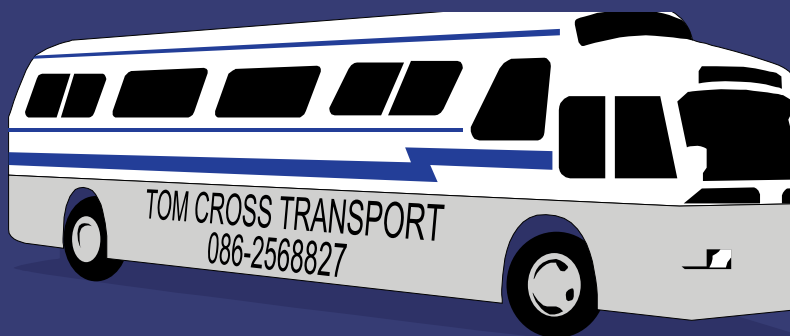
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THROW IN: 3pm

Venue: St Conleth's Park, Newbridge

Reitheoir: Owen Murphy

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Buíochas

I wish to thank both Caragh and Robertstown for their help in compiling the programme. Also special thanks to Tommy Callaghan for his article along with Sean Brilly for photos. I also wish to acknowledge Karl O'Sullivan in Pixelpress for the programme design. A big thank you to my colleagues on the Kildare GAA PR Committee for all their assistance with this production.

Finally, I want to wish both Caragh and Robertstown the very best of luck in their quest to win today's Junior Football Championship and we look forward to seeing one of the teams in this year's 2021 Intermediate Championship.

Dave Cahill Oifigeach Caidrimh Phoibli

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS



Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go dtí Droichead Nua inniu agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sár-thaitneamh as an dá chluiche.

On behalf of Kildare GAA I want to welcome you all to St. Conleth's Park for the 2020 Tom Cross Transport Junior Football Championship Final between Caragh and Robertstown at 3pm.

I want to extend a warm welcome to both teams and officials on their visit today and I expect that we will all be treated to very enjoyable, exciting and competitive game.

Today's match referee is Owen Murphy and I wish him the best of luck officiating today's fixture. The County Referee's Committee are currently recruiting new referees and all clubs are asked to try recruit. Without referees we will not be in a position to fulfill fixtures.

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.

Today's competition sponsor is Tom Cross who is a fantastic and loyal supporter of Kildare GAA - it is greatly appreciated. I also wish to thank our main sponsor Brady Family and all our other sponsors for their continued support, we are extremely grateful, and we wish you continued success.

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

Yours in sport
Mick Gorman
Cathaoirleach

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIAL

Today's Junior Final Referee is Owen Murphy from Suncroft. Owen has been refereeing for over 10 years and has refereed two Minor Football Finals and many others at different grades and levels.

His umpires today are John Knight, Fran Bolger, Conor Daly and Patrick Murphy.

Today's linesmen are Billy O' Connell and Niall Colgan with Jack O Connell fulfilling the role of 4th Official.



ROBERTSTOWN AND CARAGH CAN GO TO THE WIRE

BY TOMMY CALLAGHAN, Sports Editor, Leinster Leader

When the Tom Cross Transport Junior Football Championship kicked into gear in 2020 little did any of the participants know, or realise, that it would be into July the following season before the final would be played, just a month or two before the 2021 version is due to commence.

That's what the Covid-19 did, not only to the JFC but to the SHC and many other competitions also.

Now the day of reckoning has finally arrived as Caragh and Robertstown clash in what has the makings of a very interesting decider

Robertstown, always one of the fancied teams in this grade, were in this final in 2019 but found Ballymore Eustace too powerful for them on the day, so they will have an extra incentive and motivation this time around.

Ironically, just two years previously, 2017, Caragh made it to the decider but they too came out of the wrong side that day, also would you believe against Ballymore Eustace.

Robertstown won the title back in 2011 when they defeated Two Mile House in a cracking final, while a year earlier, 2010, Sunday's finalists met in the decider and in a low scoring game Caragh emerged victorious by a single point, 0-8 to 1-4.

So those two teams have been there or thereabouts for the last decade or more, winning, losing, gaining promotion, and arriving back in the junior ranks again.

Now both have an opportunity not just to lynch the junior title but also to move up to the intermediate ranks for this year's championship but no doubt the focus for both today will be to be crowned Junior champions (2020).

Caragh and Robertstown came through their respective semi finals with a bit in hand. Both were expected to advance over Kill and Rathcoffey respectively and they did not disappoint.

Caragh definitely came through more comfortably defeating Kill 2-8 to 0-5, a game they dominated throughout and in a three minute spell, very early on, more or less put the game to bed with goals from Dan Campbell and Jake Corrigan, Kill never recovered from those two early set-backs.

While Robertstown had to work that little bit harder to dispose of the Rathcoffey challenge, they nevertheless got the job done, 1-9 to 0-8, the goal being the decisive score of the game, coming some ten minutes into the second half, a fine more involving Joe Kavanagh, John O'Sullivan and Murray O'Byrne, the latter finding the net.

There was no way back for Rathcoffey after that so the two most fancied teams finally emerged to contest today's final.

Robertstown will look to Joe Kavanagh and Aidan Dunne in particular to provide the ammunition up front, while Danny Scully is usually on hand to raise a white flag or two.

Decent at the back and a strong midfield, Robertstown will come into today's decider intent on not repeating their 2019 experience.

Caragh can more than happy with their semi final display. Dan Campbell was in top form two weeks ago hitting 1-3 while Jake Corrigan will pose a threat for any defence.

Dan Lynham had a big influence around the middle for Caragh in that game and if he can reproduce that form his team could build from there. The experienced Kevin Connor, Brian Fitzpatrick and Kevin Dempsey will keep a tight grip on their opponents in a game that has all the ingredients of one that could go all the way to wire.



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ROBERTSTOWN

County Final Player Pen Pics



Player name	Age	Occupation	Most memorable game you played in	Your toughest opponent
Danny Scully	25	Environmental Technician	U21 Championship Final 2017 v Sarsfields	Johnny Doyle, Jimmy Hyland
Jason Butler	19	Student	County final against ballymore	Cole Lyons in training
Cole Lyons	23	Scaffolding Contractor	U14 Féile All-Ireland Final / 2019 Junior A Final	The team that's in front of us at that time.
Brion Kennedy	21	Student	School Leinster final 2018	Niall Kane
David Percival	25	Clerical Officer	U21 Final	
PJ Ewing	20	Carpenter	All-Ireland Schools Semi-Final	Jimmy Hyland
Niall Kane	32	Teacher	County final 2011	Joe Kavanagh every night at training. Cian Bolton from Eadestown
Paul Prior	41	Bank Official	2011 Junior All Ireland Semi, Swanlinbar (Cavan) v Ballinabrackey (Meath)	Caroline Grace
Oliver Hogarty	21	Apprentice Electrician	Leinster Final 2018 for St.Farnans Post Primary	Billy Maher, Allenwood.
Peter Hogarty	26	Garda	League Final 2017	Monasterevin in 2012
Diarmuid Walshe	32	Teacher	2016 Mayo County final	Niall Kane :)
Craig O Sullivan	24	uPVC Fascia and Soffit Installation	Captain in our U21 Championship Final 2017 beating Sarsfields	Joe Kavanagh in training, turn you inside out in a second
Anthony Moran	38	Garda	2011 County Final	Jack McCormack

Player name	Age	Occupation	Most memorable game you played in	Your toughest opponent
John O'Sullivan	32	Truck Driver	2011 Junior County Final	Niall Kane in training. He never stops running.
Aidan Dunne	38	Teacher	Junior County Final 2011	Willie Casey
Joe Kavanagh	33	Technician	County final 2011	Anyone fast
Shane ward	36	Factory worker	Straffan in 2004	All of them
Dean Bagnall	25	Electrical Estimator	Schools Leinster Final	Colin O'Shea
David Morrin	26	Motor mechanic	Minor league final 2012	Damien leeson
Oisin O'Brien	25	Carpenter	Championship final 2019	Johnny Doyle
James Carthy	27	Electrician	Championship Final 2011	Ballymore Eustace
Anthony Moran	38	Garda	2011 County Final	Eamonn McCormack
Kian Butler	18	Apprentice Electrician	Winning leinster with my school	Stephen Carey
Evan Ennis	19	Student	Ballykelly 2021	Kill
Jordan Taaffe	18	Student	Oliver plunketts 2019	Ballykelly
Mark Byrne	38	Construction	2017 League final	To many over the years to single out just one.
Murray O'Byrne	20	Apprentice carpenter	Leinster senior "A" schools final	Derry lenehan
Ken Ennis	25	Maintenance operative	Under 14 all Ireland feile final in Celtic park	Gavin Smullen
Mark Kelly	41	Carpenter	Monasterevin drawn game intermediate semi final	Tadgh Fennin
Noel Byrne	35	Defence killer	Semi final	Niall Kane

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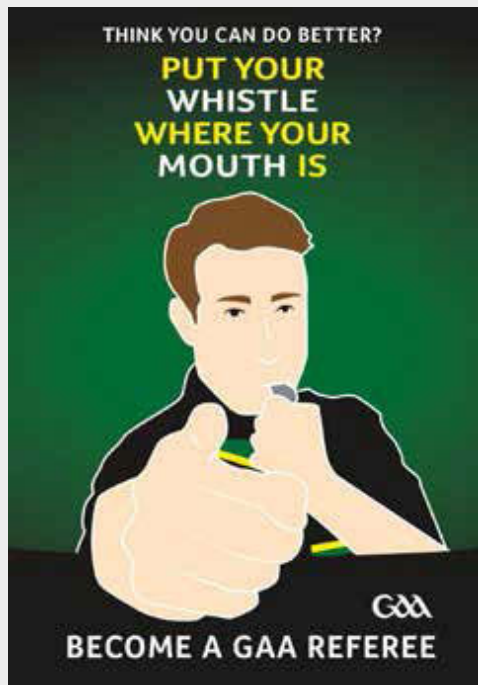
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ROBERTSTOWN CAPTAIN'S PROFILE

Joe Kavanagh



When did you make your Senior League Debut & against who?
04 against Two Mile House

When did you make your Senior Championship Debut & against who?
04 against Castledermot

Can you describe your Pre-Match Day routine from the time you awake to arriving at the venue?
Get up have a good breakfast try get out for a walk and try relax before pre match meal and getting ready for the game

Do you have any pre match rituals?
Get togged out before I leave the house

Who has been your toughest opponent and why?
Paul Flynn never stopped running

Team you most like to beat?
You couldn't just pick 1

Proudest Day?
2011 County final

Toughest or most disappointing day in GAA?
Tearing ACL in 2009 or County final losses there's a few of them

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?
Ronan Kavanagh

Who is the joker in the panel?
Sussy Kelly or Niall Kane



Who is the best dressed?
Anthony Moran in uniform

Who is the worst dressed?
Niall Kane skinny jeans and no socks not for me

What player do you admire from another sport and why?
Cristiano ronaldo so driven

What manager from another sport do you admire and why?
Chris Wilder

CEÁRACH



Lorcan Behan

Lorcán Ó Beacháin



Mattie McNally

Maitiu Mac an Fhailí



Eoghan Garry

Eoghan Ó Gadhra



Conor Murphy

Concobar Ó Murchú



Austin Nevin

Austin Ó Cnáimhín



Paul Dockery

Pól Ó Dochraigh



Daniel Murray

Dónal Ó Muirí



Kevin Conor

Caoimhín Ó Conchúir



Dan Lynam

Dónal Ó Laidheanáin



Eoghan O'Haire

Eoghan Ó hÉir



Kevin Campbell

Caoimhín Mac Cathmhaoil



Kevin Dempsey

Caoimhín Ó Díomasaigh



Brian Fitzpatrick

Brian Mac Giolla Phádraig



Dan Campbell

Dónal Mac Cathmhaoil



Jake Corrigan

Jake Ó Corracháin

FIR IONAID

- Adam Doyle
Ádhamh Ó Dúghaill
- Ciarán Carty
Ciaran Ó Cárthaigh
- Ronyn O'Brien
Rónán Ó Briain
- Anthony Byrne
Antaine Ó Broin
- Pat O'Sullivan
Pádraig Ó Súilleabháin

- Sean Fitzhenry
Séan Mac Éinrí
- Nigel Reynolds
Nigel Mac Raghnaill
- Jamie Moore
Jamie Ó Móra
- Wes Heavey
Wed ó hEimighigh
- Ronan Garry
Rónán Mac Fhearaigh
- Dominic Campbell
Damhnaic Mac Cathmhaoil

- Shane Logan
Seán Ó Lócháin
- Jake Behan
Jake Ó Beacháin
- Mikie Behan
Mícheál Ó Beacháin
- Cillian Manders
Cillian Mandair

Bainisteoir
Paddy Madigan

Roghnoíirí
Kevin Gannon
Shane Doyle
Donnacha Hayden

BAILE RIOBAIRD



Dave Percival

Daithi Percival



Cole Lyons

Comhaill Ó Liatháin



Anthony Moran

Antóin Móráin



PJ Ewing

PJ Ewing



Craig Sullivan

Creag Súilleabháin



Mark Kelly

Marcas Ceallaigh



Niall Kane

Niall Catháin



Diarmuid Walsh

Diarmuid Breathneach



John O Sullivan

Séan Ó Súilleabháin



Danny Scully

Daniél Ó Scolaí



Noel Byrne

Nollaig Ó Broin



Ken Ennis

Kenneth Ó hAonghuis



Joe Kavanagh

Seosamh Caomhánach



Oisín O'Brien

Oisín O'Brien



Peter Hogarty

Peadar Ó hÓgartaigh

FIR IONAID

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Seán an Bháird
17. **Bríon Kennedy**
Bríon Cinnéide
18. **Dean Bagnall**
Déaghán Bagnall
19. **Paul Prior**
Pól Mac an Phríora
20. **Evan Ennis**
Evan Ó hAonghuis

21. **David Morrin**
Dáithí Ó Muirín
22. **Jason Butler**
Iasón de Buitléir
23. **Ollie Hogarty**
Oliver Ó hÓgartaigh
24. **Mark Byrne**
Marcas Brien
25. **James Carthy**
Séamus Ó Cárthaigh
26. **Brian Dowling**
Brian Duiling

27. **Aidan Dunne**
Aidan Ó Dionn
28. **Kian Butler**
Kian de Buitléir
29. **Murray O Byrne**
Murray Ó Brien
30. **Jordan Taaffe**
Siurtán Taffe

Bainisteoir
Aidan Dunne

Roghnoirí
Kevin Deasy
Oisín O'Brien
Eoin McIlroy
Kenneth Ennis

CARAGH

County Final Player Pen Pics



Player Name	Age	Occupation	Most memorable game you played in	Your toughest opponent
Jamie Moore	26	Painter	Championship final	Beano!!
Sean Fitz-Henry	22	Sales development rep	Championship Semi Final Caragh Vs Kill at St Conleths	Mark Grace
Ciaran Carty	25	Soldier	First u21 championship final	Anthony rainbow played against him first year as a senior
Kevin Connor	28	Teacher	All Ireland schools final	Ciaran Kilkenny
Paul Dockery	19	College Student	Leinster Football Championship Final victory vs Colaiste na hInse	Ballymore
Daniel Lynam	19	Student	Minor Final against Eadestown	Jake Gillick
Brian Fitzpatrick	31	Delivery rep	SHL final against Naas	Declan "Chubby" Curran
Adam Doyle	19	Goalkeeper	Vs Ballymore minor	Adam Ewing, Roberstown
Conor Murphy	18	Student	Under 17b final vs Maynooth 2019	Shane Farrell (Kilcock)
Ronyn O'Brien	19	Student	Minor Championship Final 2019	Cormac Vizzard
Dan Campbell	36	Plumber	Milltown. 8 red cards	Shane Doyle
Kevin Campbell	19	Apprenticeship	School Leinster final last year	Ste Carey
Eoghan Garry	25	Auditor	League final 2019	Anyone fast
Matthew McNally	19	Student	Under 16 Championship Final	Dan Campbell
John McGrath	48	Window and door fitter	1991 against clongorey semi final junior b went to 2 replays and caragh won	Haven't a clue
Lorcan Behan	22	Student	Leinster Schools Final 2018	Diarmuid O'Connor (Kerry)

Player Name	Age	Occupation	Most memorable game you played in	Your toughest opponent
Dominic Campbell	41	Engineer	2010 JFC semi final vs Two Mile House in Naas, we were big underdogs, Austin Nevin kicking points from Sallins.	I marked Brian Lacey the year he won his all star. He kept me and Maurice Fitzgerald quiet that summer, some man!
Kevin Dempsey	35	Fundraiser	Don't know	Don't know
Pat O' Sullivan	34	Teacher	U-14 County League Final (First trophy won with my club!)	All tough!
Jake Corrigan	25	Accountant	Ballymore in the Junior Final 2017	Dublin minors in Leinster final 2014
Anthony Byrne	26	Store Manager.	Championship final lose to Ballymore!	Gavin Smullen
Daniel Murray	19	Student	League final 2019	Jake Behan
Jake Behan	19			
Nigel Reynolds	30	Courier	Under 16 county final	Pig garey garey
Austin Nevin	31	Plumber	2010 JFC Final vs Robertstown	Kevin Gannon and Dom Campbell, one was a hard man to beat in goals the other was a hard man to get a pass off
Michael Behan	29	Business Development Manager	Leinster schools final	Donal Keoghan
Cillian manders	21	Cabinet maker	Rheban 2020 championship	David Clifford
Wes Heavey	25	Valet		John Doyle
Darragh Swords	17	Unemployed	NTG vs Eadestown Minor Final 2019	Sallins
Eoghan O'Haire	20	Shop Assistant	Minor Championship Final	Ballymore

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CARAGH CAPTAIN'S PROFILE

Kevin Connor



When did you make your Senior League Debut & against who?

2007, I can't remember who it was against.

When did you make your Senior Championship Debut & against who?

2008 against Robertstown.

Can you describe your Pre-Match Day routine from the time you awake to arriving at the venue?

Nothing too interesting to report. If the first championship match goes well I'll normally just copy that routine for the rest of the year.

Do you have any pre match rituals?

Too many to mention.

Who has been your toughest opponent and why?

I tried to mark Ciaran Kilkenny one day in a schools match and it didn't end well.

Team you most like to beat?

I'll take a win against anyone.

Proudest Day?

Winning the league last year was great. It was the first league or championship final I'd won on the pitch at adult level.

Toughest or most disappointing day in GAA?

Losing a school All-Ireland was the hardest one because there was no next year.

Who has been the biggest influence on your career?

My parents.



Who is the joker in the panel?

Colin Ennis.

Who is the best dressed?

No real stand out contenders.

Who is the worst dressed?

Anyone under 23 has questions to answer.

What player do you admire from another sport and why?

Hard to look passed Tom Brady for his longevity.

What manager from another sport do you admire and why?

Ralph Hassenhutl is a real go getter.

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