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CALL OF CLUB DUTY - COUNTY STARS STILL GIVING BACK TO THEIR CLUB COLOURS

Amid the frenzy of club activity all over the country in recent weeks, one much-publicised trend has been the sight of former GAA inter-county stars putting their shoulder to the wheel for their clubs.

With a combined age of 86 years and a heaving inter-county trophy cabinet between them, legendary Tipperary goalkeeper Brendan Cummins and Hill 16 hero Denis Bastick are just two examples of the county men giving back to the club cause – whatever it may be.

Far from resting on their laurels and using old age and old injuries as an excuse, there have been several examples of former inter-county stars reveling in the chance to answer the call of club duty.

Kilkenny's Tommy Walsh and JJ Delaney are two of the all-time greats. Both men were out playing and scoring for Tullaroan and the Fenians in big club championship action last month.

Ciaran McManus was the young midfield star on the Offaly team that won Leinster in 1997 and the Allianz league in 1998. Now 46, he has been doing his bit for Tubber in their intermediate campaign, while ever sharp-shooter Niall McNamee has shown that age is no barrier while he inspired Rhode in the Offaly senior final at 36.

At 38, Kieran Donaghy set a Championship appearances record for Austin Stacks as they went on the march in Kerry. Longford legend Paul Barden (41) scored 2-1 for Clonguish as they avoided relegation and Eamonn Callaghan at 38 helped inspire Naas to the county final.

And that's not forgetting Brian Carroll showing that age is only a number as the 38-year-old scored a whopping 3-15 for Coolderry in one of their club championship games.

We could go on...

The most recent Decade of the Dubs has swelled participation numbers in Dublin GAA. Denis Bastick's Templeogue Synge Street club has tripled in size, and for the first time ever has four adult men's teams. Bastick only made his senior inter-county championship debut at 28 but finished a career of sterling service with five All-Ireland medals as well as a collection of scars and injuries that will be companions for the rest of his life.

But in the meantime, the 40 year-old is determined to do his bit and has been playing for Synger's fourth team, who play in junior division 6, and helped them reach the last four of the Junior D Championship and is loving it – even if he knows every game will leave him reaching for the pain killers.

"I love the competition of playing but also, because a lot of my football was very serious, I like that I am able to go out and just enjoy it now. I still want to win every time I play, but it's not life or death anymore," Denis told the Club Newsletter.

"It's nice to be able to put on the boots and play – especially after Covid 19 and the lockdowns – to be able to go out and enjoy it and be out there with a group of lads again is great.

"The dressing room is the one thing that is



STILL THE LAST MAN STANDING AND LEADING THE WAY GOALKEEPING LEGEND
BRENDAN CUMMINS IS PRODUCING HEROICS FOR BALLYBACON GRANGE

hard to replace, the craic and camaraderie of being around a group of lads, even if it hasn't been a normal dressing room with changing outdoors.

"You get some funny looks from opponents when you go on the pitch, and they are surprised to see me. I'm up full forward now and not doing too much but I'm enjoying it.

"It's nice to be able to give back to the club because during my county years I played very little for the club because of the way the seasons went. The result is I've won very little at club level. I've won an U21 and an Intermediate Championship and that might be a lot for some, but I'd like to try and win more.

"Playing junior is very different to being in Croke Park. When we won the Junior D Championship quarter final there were lads doing high fives and celebrating and I was trying to get them to calm down and realise we'd won nothing yet.

"It's good craic and it's nice being able to give something back to the club." In Tipperary, Brendan Cummins is still setting standards.

Now 46 and a holder of a star-studded career with Tipperary that landed two All-Irelands and five All-Stars as one of hurling's greatest goalkeepers, and played more senior championship hurling than Christy Ring (73 matches), the Ballybacon Grange clubman has set himself a target of playing into his 50s.

He hit the headlines recently when he helped the club avoid relegation in an intermediate play-off with Arravale Rovers by first scoring one monster effort from play and then seven frees before starring in a tense penalty shootout. After missing his own penalty strike – whizzing it over the crossbar, Cummins rolled back the years with a string of three stunning

penalty saves to keep Ballybacon safe.

"Playing in the goals definitely helps, but I'm still playing and still enjoying it. My son Paul is 13 now and I'd love to be able to play in the same team as him for the club one day – that's the goal! I played in the same team with my own father in hurling and football and it's a great memory I have.

"If I've to wait five or six years that could bring me up to 51,52 but once I keep fit and keep going and I'm able to get out there and run around I'll keep going.

"It would have been a disaster if we were relegated this year, so it was nice to be able to help avoid that," he says.

Away from the big towns and the big populations, there are clubs who rely on all those being fit and able to assemble for duty and for Cummins, kicking back and watching from the bank as a hurler on the ditch has no appeal to him.

"I have to be playing. I'll tip away in the next few months doing my own bit making sure the hamstrings and the quads are ok so that come March I'll be good to go again.

"I realise that there mightn't be much in life that I'm good at other than this and I am enjoying it so why would I pack it in? There also are not a lot of goalies queuing up either.

"I'm enjoying it and as long as there is that competitive edge still in me, I will keep going," he adds.

The new GAA split season that will come into being in 2022 is another help. It will hopefully provide some certainty to the structure of the club calendar knowing that the inter-county season will run from late January until mid July.

For Cummins, who will be in charge of the Tipperary U20s next year, it means his Premier County managerial duty can happen without having to compromise the club commitment.

For a long time county players struggled to serve two masters, now the ex-county men are enjoying being able to keep the competitive flame lit in their club colours.



HAVING A BLAST...DENIS BASTICK IN CHAMPIONSHIP ACTION FOR THE TEMPLEOGUE SYNGE STREET FOURTH TEAM

By Cian Murphy

CLUBS RAISE €129,000 FOR DEFIBRILLATORS



THE GAA'S COMMUNITY HEART PROGRAMME HAS SEEN CLUBS ACROSS IRELAND RAISE €129,000 TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF NEW DEFIBRILLATORS OR AED'S.

The initiative, which ran from March until the end of September, has helped an additional 60 defibrillators to be purchased and made available to more than 50 GAA

clubs and their communities.

A small number of clubs are continuing their fundraising work towards securing new AEDs so these figures are expected to rise before the end of 2021.

Collette Coady of the GAA's Community & Health department has hailed the work of the clubs involved and the support

generated for the initiative.

She said: "Before starting this campaign we knew that defibrillators in GAA clubs had been responsible for saving 42 lives in recent years.

"The Community Heart Programme was about encouraging more clubs to get involved and secure a unit and also ensure

that clubs who had existing AEDs were able to upgrade units that needed to be replaced.

"With all that has been going on in the last 20 months of the Pandemic, the ability of GAA clubs and their communities to time and time again rally behind a worthwhile cause such as this was truly inspirational.

"We've a growing number of clubs across the country who are in a position to act fast in case of a cardiac emergency."

Antrim and Cushendall hurler Neil McManus was an ambassador for the programme; inspired by seeing how much benefit a local club-based AED was in saving his father Hugh (pictured above) when Hugh took ill at home and an AED intervention was vital until an ambulance arrived.

The Community Heart Programme partnered with Stryker, Heart Safety Solutions and JustGiving offering clubs the opportunity to fundraise, using a bespoke fundraising platform, for CR2 Lifepak AED(s) if their club didn't already have a unit or if existing AEDs were out of date and required an upgrade.

The awareness work will continue with the GAA urging all clubs to remember to regularly check their units and to think of the need to A.C.T. meaning having their AED Accessible, ensuring it is Charged and in working order and crucially that there are people in the club who are Trained in how to use it if required.

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BETTER LATE THAN NEVER – WESTMEATH MAN GETS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL 60 YEARS LATER

WHEN MULLINGAR SHAMROCKS WON THE WESTMEATH MINOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP IN 1961 THERE WAS ONE MAN CRUCIALLY MISSING FROM THE MEDAL PRESENTATION.

Corner back Oliver Mulvey missed the triumphant celebrations and the awarding of the medals due to his work at the time as an apprentice with the ESB where he was based in Ferbane.

Time passed and after a long career with ESB and now living having raised his family in Athlone, a chance sighting of an article by Shamrocks club PRO Tom Hunt put Oliver and the club on a mission to set things right.

“We had put up a photograph of the 1961 minor championship winning team and an article about the win and Oliver heard of it and saw it and we ended up getting in touch with the help of Paddy Caulfield,” explains Tom.

“You had to look after your job in them days,” explains Oliver of the fact that life took him away from where he had grown up playing his football with Mullingar Shamrocks.

But his interest in football never waned and there was no shortage of GAA talent in the ESB in that golden era either, and Oliver still fondly recalls his time working with the Offaly great Tony McTeague. “He had a brilliant shimmy, and he was a great free-taker.”

He also never forgot the joy of being part of a brave rearguard who held out for the Shamrocks in that 1961 county final when



MEDAL OF HONOUR: OLIVER MULVEY FINALLY GETS HIS HANDS ON HIS 1961 COUNTY MINOR WINNING MEDAL

they saw off a late Moate rally to win 2-7 to 1-6. But up until earlier this year he had never thought he'd have a memento of that victory.

All that changed when contact with the club was made and the wheels were set in motion, culminating with a formal presentation taking place last summer when Shamrocks played Garrycastle in the league.

"It's hard to put it into words what it means," says Oliver.

"It was fantastic to see it happen. It was great for the family and great that they

were nearly all able to be there for the presentation. It was like winning the lotto even though you're not talking about rewards in terms of money. I'm grateful to the club and to Paddy Caulfield for helping to arrange it. "It has been a happy ending and I can't believe the amount of interest there has been in it."

For club PRO Tom Hunt, it's a case of better late than never. "It is great to be able to do it, Oliver is thrilled, and it was a great family occasion when we were able to make the presentation and Garrycastle were very helpful in arranging that as well at the time."

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OLIVER'S PRECIOUS MEDAL

MARKING 50 YEARS OF FÉILE



A SERIES OF EVENTS HAVE TAKEN PLACE TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PHENOMENAL SUCCESS STORY THAT IS FÉILE NA NGAEL.

THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF PARTNERS JOHN WEST, FÉILE NA NGAEL AND FÉILE PEIL NA NÓG CONTINUE TO BE A MASSIVE PART OF THE GAA CALENDAR EVERY YEAR AND AN INSPIRATION FOR YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS.

Covid continued to play havoc with the traditional set up for the competition, but games were played in 2021.

Féile happened on a county by county basis during the summer with the age grade increased from 14 to 15 years to cater for those who otherwise would have missed out on the Féile experience when Covid cancelled plans for 2020.

Then in October there were two special anniversary events.

The first in Croke Park saw every county represented by either a hurling, football, ladies football or camogie team at a special blitz for clubs and providing these young players with a dream opportunity to play in GAA HQ.

Then on the Halloween weekend the original team list from the first ever Féile na nGael hurling competition in 1971 saw those clubs invited back down to Tipperary to take part in matches in a festival of hurling that was a real tribute to the founding principles of the competition.

In the Division 1 Cup final played in Semple



JOHN WEST FÉILE AMBASSADOR AND GALWAY FOOTBALLER SHANE WALSH WITH FOOTBALLERS FROM PALATINE GAA CLUB, CO CARLOW, DURING THE JOHN WEST FÉILE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS, WHICH BROUGHT 32 U-15 CLUB TEAMS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY TO PLAY IN ALL FOUR CODES AT CROKE PARK OVER THE BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND.

Stadium, Clarinbridge beat Ballygunner 3-13 to 1-4. In the Shield final in Semple Stadium, St Vincent's from Dublin defeated Ballina 4-7 to 1-6 and in the Plate Final at Dr Morris Park, Middleton defeated Glynn-Barntown by 1-8 to 1-5.

In Division 2, the Cup final in Semple Stadium saw Oisín's GAC from Glenariffe defeat The Harps by 2-6 to 1-7. In the Shield final Mullinahone defeated Bredagh 1-10 to 1-2 and in the Plate final Roscrea saw off Erins Own, Lavey by 1-6 to 0-6.

Events in Thurles also saw a commemorative plaque being unveiled by Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy to mark the significance of a competition that started in 1971 and holds a special place in the Association given the bonds of friendships it creates between clubs and players – with a rich history stretching back in hurling to 1971, followed with camogie soon after and later the arrival of Féile Peil na nÓg then in Cavan in 1982.

The brainchild of the late Tipperary county secretary Tommy Barrett and former GAA

President Seamus Ó Riain and a then North Tipperary Tourism Officer, Eamonn De Stafford.

The goal of bringing teams from all 32 counties to play hurling in Tipperary had the aim of increasing participation numbers and interest in juvenile hurling and it certainly succeeded in that.

Uachtarán CLG Larry McCarthy said: "I want to thank most sincerely the organising committee led by Diarmuid Cahill of An Ríocht who have driven this project with such passion and are committed to ensure the heritage of Féile is secure.

"Similarly, the assistance and support from our partners in John West is greatly valued and appreciated as they continue their association with this wonderful advertisement for the talented young people of our Association.

"Féile na nGael was an ambitious and visionary project when it started in Tipperary in 1971.

"But far from being humble beginnings, it made an instant impact.

"The concept was simple. It was, and still is, a celebration of our games and an inspiration to the young people who play them and an opportunity for them to showcase their skills.

"Of course, the rich history and legacy of Féile is about so much more than the multitude of high-quality matches that took place. The friendships engendered by the hosting clubs and families and the travelling clubs and teams and the general positive atmosphere created by taking part is something that lasts a lifetime."



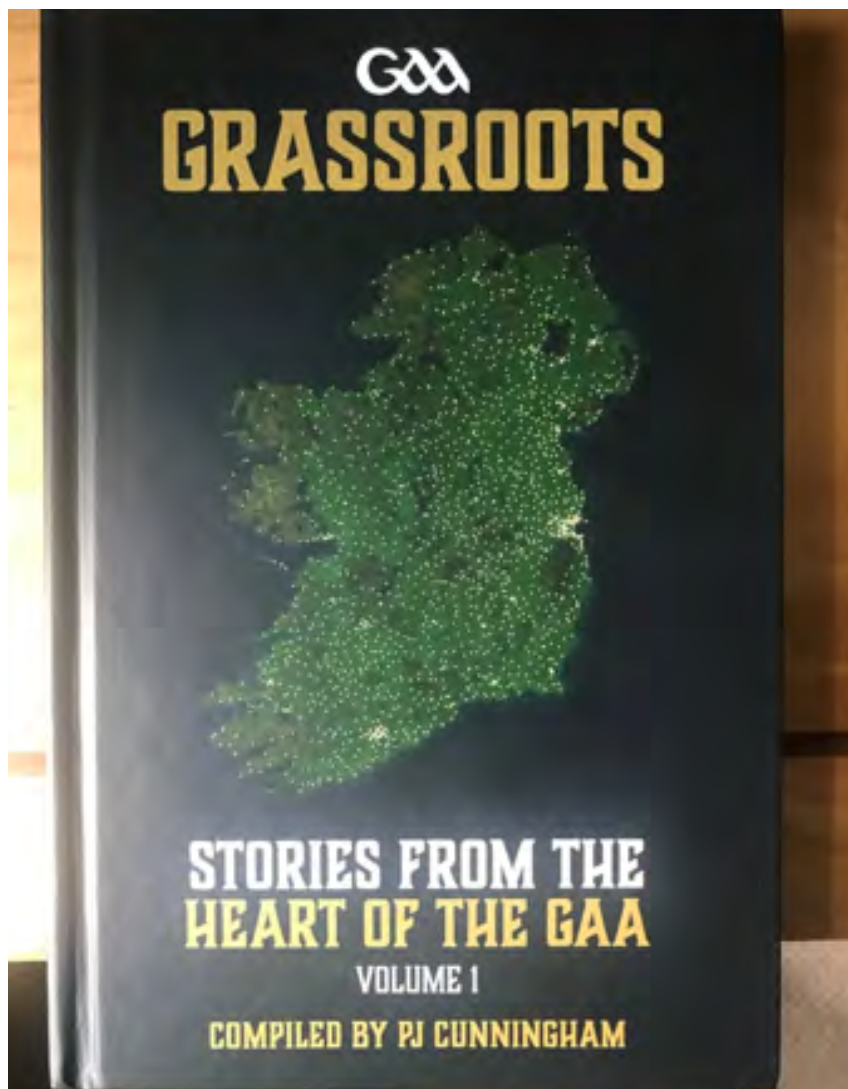
JOHN WEST FÉILE AMBASSADOR AND KILKENNY CAMOGIE PLAYER DENISE GAULE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE JOHN WEST FÉILE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS AT CROKE PARK.



AT THE UNVEILING OF A SPECIAL PLAQUE AT SEMPLE STADIUM TO MARK THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMPETITION, UACHTARÁN CLG LARRY MCCARTHY WITH TOMMY BARRETT, GRANDSON OF FÉILE FOUNDER AND FORMER COUNTY SEC TOMMY BARRETT, AND EAMONN DE STAFFORD WHO WAS ALSO A FÉILE FOUNDER BACK IN 1971.

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GRASSROOTS WILL BE A CHRISTMAS CRACKER



THERE'LL BE NO SHORTAGE OF GAA BOOKS ON THE SHELVES THIS CHRISTMAS AND THERE'LL BE LOTS TO SAVOUR. BUT ONE PARTICULAR COLLECTION OF STORIES FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE GAA IS A BIT SPECIAL AND CERTAINLY NO ORDINARY BOOK.

GAA Grassroots – Stories from the heart of the GAA – has been compiled by former Irish Independent Sports Editor PJ Cunningham and is the result of almost two years of work having sifted through hundreds of submissions from GAA members at home and abroad.

The image on the cover is a map of Ireland with a dot for the location of every GAA club. There's surely a great yarn in every one of those more than 1,600 clubs and PJ is on the hunt to find them.

More than 140 stories are contained in the book and it is as much an oral history on the journey that the GAA has undergone as it is a collection of hugely entertaining reminiscences from people with a very clear grá for the Association and its place in Irish life.

It is for this reason that PJ has done the GAA a great service as it acts as a reminder that we need to be so very careful that we protect our history and our story and preserve it for future generations.

Some of the stories are from a bygone age – some of them actually predate the formation of the GAA in 1884. Some of them are detailing the place that the GAA occupies among the Diaspora. There are plenty from very modern times. But there is a timelessness to them all in that they are each a snapshot of what being a part of the GAA means to people. It is the personal touch that makes them special.

GAA Grassroots is a veritable treasure trove of stories at club and county level – from the funny to the fabulous and the far fetched and everything in between.

Identical twins swapping places in a match at Croke Park, allegations that a boy dressed up as a girl to play in a camogie final in Westmeath and soccer international Niall Quinn's unceremonious return to earth in the junior ranks with Eadestown in Kildare don't even begin to represent the tip of the iceberg.

There's a clue on the cover as it is called Volume 1 with PJ already in possession of a solid start with stories worthy of Volume 2 which we've no doubt will also be well received.

GAA Grassroots by PJ Cunningham is published by Ballpoint Press and is priced €19.99/£17

LEITRIM COUNTY FINAL TOWNLANDS PUTTING THEM ON THE MAP – LEITRIM COUNTY FINAL PROGRAMME GOES THE EXTRA MILE

LEITRIM MAY WELL BE ONE OF THE SMALLEST COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY – BUT THEY’VE SHOWN THE VALUE OF GOING THE EXTRA MILE IN THEIR BIG COUNTY FINAL MATCH PROGRAMMES THIS YEAR.

In particular their policy of including the townlands of the players involved in the county senior and county intermediate football finals has attracted a lot of popular commentary – and rightly so.

The Ballinamore Seán O’Heslins v Mohill

senior county final was a fantastic game with Ballinamore winning a first crown in 31 years after a 1-16 to 0-17 win over the reigning champions – an excellent final brought to a wider audience by being shown on live TV and which attracted rave reviews for the Leitrim showpiece.

This praise was also extended to the match programme from the county committee and the policy of detailing the townlands of the players which County PRO Barbara Ní Lochlainn Broinn explained has been in place

for the last number of years.

She said: “It was about 10 years ago the practice of adding the townlands to the team graphic started and was the brainchild of Seán O Suileabhain from Ballinamore and since then we continue to do it. It is especially nice for people who have emigrated and may have got a copy of the match programme, or now in digital times they can browse it online and see where each player comes from. It did attract many nice comments across social media this year.”

The Intermediate Championship Final Teams from St Patrick’s Dromahair and Ballinaglera also featured in the townlands.

County final match programme standards have improved significantly in recent years and are a real source of pride in several counties who take them very seriously and provide a great service. The best of the best are shortlisted every year for a special MacNamee Award.

FIR IONAD

- 16 Dylan Wynne
Kilmore
Brooklyn Buidéilín
- 15 Aaron McCawley
Eilat
Anas Mac Amhlábhl
- 17 Gerard Clarke
Carrigrohane
Gaelagh Ó Dhálaigh
- 18 Fergal Gilmartin
Druminalass
Fergal Mac Giolla Mhartaín
- 14 Frank Cornyn
Slievenakilla
Fionnuala Ó Fionn
- 20 Pádraig Cornyn
Kilduff
Seamus Mag Réill
- 22 Séamus McGovern
Carrigrohane
Seamus Mac Samáin
- 23 Oisín McGourty
Druminalass
Oisín Mac Dhonnchadha
- 24 Anton McGourty
Carrigrohane
Anton Mac Dhonnchadha
- 25 Ende Keegan
Droghda
Liam Mac Aogáin
- 26 Luke Bradley
Droghda
Liam Ó Brodaigh
- 28 Fergal Wynne
Carrigrohane
Fergal Ó Brodaigh
- 29 Niall McGourty
Carrigrohane
Niall Mac Dhonnchadha
- 30 Calm Maguire
Kilduff
Calm Mac Uidhir
- 31 Damien McGourty
Slievenakilla
Damien Mac Dhonnchadha
- 32 Michael Crawford
Kilmore
Michael Mac Ráth
- 33 Robert Crawford
Kilmore
Robert Mac Ráth
- 34 Christian Wynne
Carrigrohane
Christ Ó Brodaigh
- 35 Shane Mulvey
Druminalass
Shane Mac Dhonnchadha
- 36 Daniel McLoughlin
Tallaghtown
Daniel Mac Dhonnchadha
- 27 Rory McPartlin
Kilmore
Rory Mac Dhonnchadha

Bainisteoir
J.P. KaneReghlinnir
Gavin Duffin
Adrian McGourtyBaile na
gCléireach CLG

- 1
Conor O'Brien
Greaghnafarna
Conchubhar Ó Briain
- 19
Barry Gilmartin
Druminalass
Barra Mac Giolla Mhartaín
- 3
Brendan McGourty
Slievenakilla
Breandán Mac Dhorchaidh
- 4
James McDowell
Tullynaha
Seamus Mac Dubhghall
- 2
Ryan Crawford
Kilmore
Rian Mac Raith
- 6
Pádraig Clarke
Carrigrohane
Pádraig Ó Cléirigh
- 12
Patrick McGrail
Greaghnafarna
Pádraig Mac Réill
- 11
Ciarán Cornyn
Slievenakilla
Ciarán Ó Coirín
- 9
John Crawford
Kilmore
Seán Mac Raith
- 13
Wayne Reynolds
Cleighnamore
Wayne Mac Raghnaill
- 7
Jamie McGreal
Kilmore
Seamus Mag Réill
- 10
Seamie McMorrow
Fahy
Seamus Mac Muir
- 5
Thomas Cornyn
Kilduff
Tomás Ó Coirín
- 8
Enda McGuire
Lurganhill
Eanna Mag Uidhir
- 21
Barry Maguire
Lurganhill
Barra Mag Uidhir

Cúil Cúilíní Seachai 45m Saor Ciceanna

Iadhl Leath

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IOMLÁN

Naomh Padraig
Droim Dhá Thiar

- 1
John McGoldrick
Seán Mac Gualraic
Highfield Tubbercurry
- 2
Kyle Harte
Kyle Ó hAirt
Ardnakip
- 3
Rory Kelly
Ruairi Ó Ceallaigh
Flaughanagh
- 4
Leon Harte
Leon Ó hAirt
Ardnakip
- 5
Caillin McLoughlin
Caillin Mac Lochlainn
Banagher
- 6
Jamie Conlon
Seamus Ó Conalláin
Corglancy
- 7
Martin Clancy
Mairtin Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen
- 8
Adrian Fowley
Adrian Ó Fuallaigh
Cornalaughta
- 9
Shane Fowley
Seán Ó Fuallaigh
Carrowcree
- 10
Bertie Cunningham
Beircheart Mac Cuinneagáin
Moneyduff
- 11
James Morrison
Seamus Mac Muirís
Killeen
- 12
Michael Clancy (Capt)
Micheál Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen
- 13
Gary Fowley
Gearóid Ó Fuallaigh
Killennamery
- 14
Martin Feeney
Máirtín Ó Fiannal
Towneyhoosey
- 15
James Clancy
Seamus Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen

Cúil Cúilíní Seachai 45m Saor Ciceanna

Iadhl Leath

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IOMLÁN

FIR IONAD

- 16 Jason McKenny
Droim Mac Gualraic, Galel
- 17 Dedan Fowley
Droim Mac Gualraic, Galel
- 18 Jamie McLoughlin
Seamus Mac Lochlainn
Banagher
- 19 Gary Clinton
Droim Mac Gualraic, Galel
- 20 James Clinton
Seamus Clinton, Killeen
- 21 Conor Morrison
Conchubhar Mac Ráth, Killeen
- 22 Terry O'Rourke
Terry O'Rourke, Killeen
- 23 Mark McGee
Mark McGee, Killeen
- 24 Fergal McMorrow
Fergal Mac Dhonnchadha
Killeen
- 25 Diarmuid Gáilín
Diarmuid Ó Gáilín, Killeen
- 26 Jamie Conley
Seamus Mac Fhlannchaidh, Killeen
- 27 Cian Forde
Cian Mac Gualraic, Killeen
- 28 Niall Hopper
Niall Hopper, Killeen
- 28 Killian Torsney (W)
Killian Mac an tSáin, Killeen
- 29 Caoilán McDermott
Caoilán Mac Dhonnchadha
Killeen
- 29 Noel Hynes (W)
Noel Hynes, Killeen
- 30 Daragh McMorrow
Daragh Mac Dhonnchadha
Killeen
- 31 Seán Foley
Seán Ó Foghlú, Killeen
- 32 Dallen Clancy
Dallen Mac Fhlannchaidh, Killeen
- 33 Patrick McTernan
Patrick Mac Tormán
Killeen
- 34 Ciarán Devaney
Ciarán Ó Dubhghall, Killeen
- 35 Kevin McDermott
Kevin Mac Dhonnchadha, Killeen
- 36 Shea Kelly
Seamus Mac Gualraic, Killeen
- 37 Conor Banks
Conchubhar Ó Brodaigh, Killeen
- 38 Michael Ó Conalláin
Micheál Ó Conalláin, Killeen
- 39 Ruairi Power
Ruairi de Ráth, Killeen
- 40 Niall Clinton
Niall Clinton, Killeen
- 41 Stephen Burke
Stephen Burke, Killeen
- 42 Daniel Lee
Daniel Ó Laid, Killeen
- 43 Alan Kavanagh
Alan Kavanagh, Killeen

FIR IONA D

- 16 Denis Dolan
Derecha O'Dála
Willowfield
- 17 Mark McGroarty
Maras Mac Ruitir
Lahold
- 18 Stephen McTaggart
Shirley Mac Tadhg
Brackla
- 19 Peter Reynolds
Peadar Mac Ríocht
Willowfield
- 20 Brian Banks
Brian O'Suaidín
Willowfield
- 21 Andrew Burns
Andú O'Brian
Oenghoo
- 22 David Duignan
Darrig O'Duignan
Killymoodin
- 23 Jack Cullen
Seán O'Connell
Aghadark
- 24 Barry McGovern
Barra Mac Samhúin
Liscarn
- 25 Darragh Murphy
Darrig Mac Murchadha
Gortadree
- 26 Shane Murphy
Seán Mac Murchadha
Killymoodin
- 27 James Honeyman
Seamus Mac an Mhúil
Lullyscot
- 28 Cyril O'GSmith
Ciarán O'GSmith
Lahold
- 29 Séamus Witley
Seamus Mac an Mhúil
Lully
- 30 Nathan McCartin
Nathan Mac Anóin
Tullon
- 31 Philip Farrelly
Pádraig Mac Murchadha
Killymoodin
- 32 John Fanning
Seán O'Connell
Killymoodin
- 33 Kevin Prior
Kevin Mac an Phríora
Killymoodin
- 34 Philip Murphy
Pádraig Mac Murchadha
Killymoodin
- 35 Eoghan Shanley
Eoghan Mac Samhúin
Stradmoat
- 36 Caillán Murphy
Caillán Mac Murchadha
Gortadree
- 37 Mark O'Reilly
Mark O'Reilly
Lully
- 38 Conor Moran
Conor O'Móráin
Gortadree

Ballinamore
Sean O Heslin's

- 1 Darren Maxwell
Darren O'Méicill
Dromore
- 2 Liam Ferguson
Liam Mac Fearghais
Killymoodin
- 3 Oisín McCaffrey
Oisín Mac Gaibhídh
Páirc Feá
- 4 Mathew Murphy
Mairiú Mac Murchadha
Ardrum
- 5 Patrick Connaughton
Pádraig O'Connachtáin
Aghadark
- 6 Keelan McHugh
Caolán Mac Aodha
Creery
- 7 Wayne McKeon
Uathne Mac Eoin
Aghatwney
- 8 Shane Moran
Seán O'Móráin
Castleroggy
- 9 Dean McGovern (Captain)
Dean Mac Samhúin
Liscarn
- 10 Senan Harte
Senan Mac Art
Aghatwney
- 11 Cathal McHugh
Cathal Mac Aodha
Creery
- 12 Michael McKiernan
Michael Mac Tighearáin
Kildorrigh
- 13 Luke Murphy
Lúcas Mac Murchadha
Ardrum
- 14 Niall McGovern
Niall Mac Samhúin
Liscarn
- 15 Tom Prior
Tomás Mac an Phríora
High Street

Cúil Cúillín Seachai 45m Saor Ciceanna

1adh Leath

2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

Mohill

- 1 Pádraig Tighe
Pádraig Mac Creanglaigh
Oghill
- 2 David Mitchell
Dáithí Mistéil
Tawlaught Beg
- 3 Alan Armstrong
Ailín Tréankmhach
Drumboy
- 4 Oisín Madden
Oisín O'Madden
Clooncase
- 5 James Mitchell
Seamus Mistéil
Tawlaught Beg
- 6 Shane Quinn
Seán O'Cuinn
Gortadree
- 7 Daniel Beck (Captain)
Dónall O'Beice
Boyle
- 8 Keith Keegan
Ceiteach Mac Aodáin
Cappagh
- 9 Domhnall Flynn
Domhnall O'Flaith
Tawlaught Beg
- 10 Evan Harkin
Éimhín O'Heardáin
Glasdrumman
- 11 Keith Beirne
Ceiteach O'Beirne
Coolabawn
- 12 Seán Harkin
Seán O'Heardáin
Glasdrumman
- 13 Alan McLoughlin
Ailín Mac Lochlainn
Drummid
- 14 Ronan Kennedy
Rónán O'Connéide
Finiskill
- 15 Jordon Reynolds
Siardán Mac Ragnáil
Coolabawn

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FIR IONAD

- 16 Jason Farry
Jason O'Farraigh
Tawlaught Beg
- 17 Caillín Canning
Caillín O'Connell
Liscarn
- 18 Liam Rossley
Liam O'Reilly
Stradmoat
- 19 Fiachra McGuinness
Fiachra Mac Ronghais
Stradmoat
- 20 Shane McGowan
Seán Mac Gathuain
Killymoodin
- 21 Ronan Gordon
Rónán Mac Aghatwney
Stradmoat
- 22 Jonathan Reynolds
Seán Mac Ragnáil
Coolabawn
- 23 Darragh Gordon
Darragh Mac Murchadha
Stradmoat
- 24 Darren McLoughlin
Darragh Mac Lochlainn
Stradmoat
- 25 Donal Duignan
Donal O'Duignan
Liscarn
- 26 Conor Quinn
Conor Mac O'Cuinn
Gortadree
- 27 Ethan Harkin
Ethan O'Heardáin
Glasdrumman
- 28 Johnny Boyle
Seán O'Beice
Tawlaught Beg
- 29 Alan Tuttsill
Alan O'Connell
Lullyscot
- 30 Tadgh Mulligan
Tadgh O'Mulligan
Cappagh
- 31 Peter O'Neill
Pádraig O'Neill
Stradmoat
- 32 Barry Lupton
Barry Lupton
Killymoodin
- 33 Cian McGuinness
Cian Mac Ronghais
Stradmoat
- 34 Gavin Baxter
Gavin Mac an Mhúil
Coolabawn
- 35 Keoghán Curran
Keoghán O'Curran
Killymoodin
- 36 Shane McGowan
Seán Mac Gathuain
Tawlaught Beg
- 37 Conor Mulligan
Conor Mac O'Cuinn
Gortadree
- 38 Jamie Stenson
Seamus Mac Samhúin
Killymoodin
- 39 Ryan Bohan
Ryan O'Suaidín
Springfield

SANTA'S COMING HO HO HOME TO CROKE PARK

THE GAA MUSEUM ARE DELIGHTED TO ANNOUNCE THE RETURN OF SANTA TO CROKE PARK, THE HOME OF GAELIC GAMES, THIS YEAR. A TEAM FROM THE NORTH POLE ARE SETTING UP A TRAINING CAMP IN CROKE PARK AND THEY'D LOVE YOU TO VISIT AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR SPECIAL JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

On the Santa Experience, you'll take a stroll pitchside to view the magnificent Croke Park pitch, before stepping into the Elf Dressing Rooms, the Igloo Clubhouse and the North Pole Skills Zone. In this festive fun zone, you can impress with your camogie, hurling and football talents.

Then it will be time to step inside Santa's very special Croke Park cabin to meet the man himself. You can even take a photo sitting in front of Santa on his team bench and tell him about your predictions for the 2022 All-Ireland Championships! Every child will receive a small GAA-themed gift and photos will also be available to purchase if you wish.

Please note that the Santa experience is a group tour, and you will be joined by other people during your visit, but every ticket booking will have a chance to meet Santa for an individual photo. Photos can be purchased separately, or you are welcome to take your own pictures. Tickets also include access to the newly refurbished GAA Museum, and the gift shop and café will be open.

Santa will arrive at Croke Park on Saturday November 27th and the Santa Experience will run on selected dates until Wednesday

December 22nd. The experience lasts for one hour and is wheelchair and buggy accessible. Free parking is available outside the GAA Museum with entry to Croke Park at St Joseph's Avenue (turn at the Daybreak Shop on the Clonliffe Road).

All tickets must be pre-booked online in advance at crokepark.ie/santa. Tickets prices are:

- Adults: €11
- Children aged 2 upwards: €17 (including gift)
- Children aged 13 months – 23 months: €9 (including gift)
- Children Under 1: Free of charge and gift included, but ticket must be booked

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please contact us at santa@crokepark.ie if you wish to learn more about our Sensory visits.

The GAA Museum has signed up to the Fáilte Ireland Covid Safety charter. In advance of attending visit www.crokepark.ie/gaamuseum to see our Covid-19 health and safety procedures. Do not attend if you are experiencing symptoms. In line with Government entry requirements, all attendees over 18 must have proof of full vaccination or recovery from Covid-19 in the past six months along with photo ID. Ticketholders aged under 18 who are accompanying adult ticketholders do not need proof of vaccination or recovery. Masks are mandatory at all times, but children under the age of 13 are not required to wear masks. Please see our terms and conditions and FAQ sections for further details.



**Santa guides his sleigh back
to GAA HQ this winter!**

Starts November 27th

**Pre-book online
crokepark.ie/santa**

By Cian Murphy

GOING GLOBAL – SHOWING GAELIC FOOTBALL ON TV IN GALICIA PROVES A HIT

CHAIR OF EUROPE GAA JOHN MURPHY SAYS THAT DEMAND FOR MORE GAA MATCHES ON A FOREIGN TV CHANNEL HAS ROCKETED AFTER THE SUCCESS OF SHOWING THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL AS A TRIAL EARLIER THIS YEAR.

TVG in Galicia were so delighted with the viewership of nearly 20,000 for the All-Ireland series that they have been on to him looking for more games for this new audience.

“It went fantastically. TVG want to talk about more, they want more Gaelic football. It was a really good start,” he told the Club Newsletter.

“After the first match was shown the people involved in the clubs in Galicia were inundated with requests from PE teachers to find out more about the game and to learn more about it.

“One of the clubs decided to run a kids camp shortly after the first semi-final and had to close down applications as they could not cater for demand.

“In November there are eight clubs who will be coaching Gaelic football in schools around Galicia.

“The two semi-finals and final were shown, and I have to thank RTÉ and also the Uachtarán Larry McCarthy and Noel Quinn Media Rights manager for helping to make it happen. RTÉ were kind enough to provide the live stream and the stats and the Galician’s had local commentators.”

There are currently 10 clubs in Galicia which is an autonomous region of northwestern Spain above Portugal and bordering the Atlantic. It is an area the size of Munster with a population of 2.8m and they are fiercely proud of their Celtic roots.

The thrilling climax to Championship 2021 that saw mighty Dublin and Kerry falter before Tyrone triumphed at the expense of Mayo was celebrated thousands of miles away from Jones’s Road with these new-found fans of the drama in Croke Park.

According to John Murphy, 99 per cent of the players in Galicia are home grown from the native population who have embraced Gaelic football as an expression of their cultural identity.

He added: “Every Irish person I know who has been there says to me that it is just like being in a parish at home. In terms of that identity and sense of place – there’s a tribalism there that they have really tapped into with the GAA. They regard themselves as Celtic. Gaelic games mean as much to them as anyone else in Ireland.”

And this TV experiment is yet another example of the phenomenal growth of World GAA.

“You see in Andalucía where we are trying to bring Gaelic football on the school curriculum and replicate what is happening in Brittany and what we are also working on in France. I know the Galicians are inspired by this too.

“There is an appetite for more Gaelic games. There are 400m people in continental Europe and we have the most enjoyable games in the world, so the potential is huge.”

To find out more about the GAA in Galicia and info on Europe GAA go to: <https://gaelicgameseurope.com/>



LOCAL COMMENTATOR CARLOS SECO
WAS THE GALICIAN MARTY MORRISSEY...

