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An Mhí

V

Laois



Páirc Tailteann - 12.30pm

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PAIRC TAILTEANN, NAVAN
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
An Mhí -v- An Iarmhí

- 12.05pm An Mhí amach ar an bpáirc
12.10pm Laois amach ar an bpáirc
12.15pm Oifigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
12.25pm Toss
12.30pm Tús an chluiche

NOTE: A water break will take place between the 15th and 20th minute

- 1.03pm Leath-am
- Laois to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
 - An Mhí to leave field once Laois have cleared the tunnel/field
- 1.13pm Tús an dara leath

NOTE: A water break will take place between the 15th and 20th minute

- 1.43pm Críoch an chluiche - depending on added time

Extra time if necessary - 10 minutes a-side

- 1.53pm Start of extra time
2.03pm End of first half of extra time
2.08pm Start of second half of extra time
2.18pm End of extra time

If still level - penalty shootout

An Mhí	Right hand side of pitch	Maor Foirne	Orange
Laois	Left hand side of pitch	Maor Foirne	Yellow

Match officials

An Réiteoir: Eamonn O'Connor (Uíbh Fhailí)

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Keith O'Brien (An Iarmhí)

Maor: Frank Scully, Dan Cunningham, John Longworth, Padraig Gallagher

Important Information

- **All persons entering the grounds must have a ticket as issued by Comhairle Laighean C.L.G.**
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Ray Finnegan

Cathaoirleach Coiste Mionúir an Mhí C.L.G

Fáilte roimh chách chuig cluiche an lae inniu. It is most unusual to be welcoming players, officials and supporters virtually and in person to a Leinster MFC semi final on December 19th but this year is a year of firsts and is certainly a year like no other.

The GAA community swung into action in March and showed itself to be the pillar of society that it is and since the first lockdown ended our players have kept the country enthralled with a feast of football and hurling week in, week out. Go raibh maith agaibh go léir.

Meath come into this game on the back of a convincing win over Westmeath, while Laois

had a big win over Carlow and will, no doubt, fancy their chances against the young Royals today. The best of luck to both teams today, particularly to John and the Meath team and management. Good luck also to our referee and officials in Navan today.

To our sponsors, Devinish Nutrition, thank you sincerely for your continued support for Meath football. We are indebted to you for such support.

To the parents and officials attending Pairc Tailteann today please ensure to observe social distancing and Covid-19 guidelines.

To those present and those watching at home; enjoy the game. May the best team win!



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John McCarthy

Meath Minor Football Manager

It's strange to be playing football as Christmas approaches but strange is nothing new in the year that we've all had and football is a welcome distraction from everything else that's going on at the moment.

Today is slightly different for us than previous rounds as it comes only a week after our last match against Westmeath in Navan. Whereas previously there

were extended break periods prior to our matches, the week-on-week fixture helps with routine. We trained Tuesday and Thursday and everyone is in fine form, training well and looking forward to the strong challenge that Laois will bring to Navan today. It's another week and another welcome challenge. The team know that Meath supporters, where possible, either watching or

listening in to the games and willing them forward. We all very much

appreciate the great level of support and refer to it often when we meet up.

Thanks to our main sponsor Owen Brennan and Devenish Nutrition for their continued and generous support of the team and Meath football in general.

Happy Christmas to you all and wishing everyone the very best for the New Year.

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Super second half sees Meath through



Meath 3-11



Westmeath 0-7

A superb second half showing in Navan on Saturday, one where they outscored their opponents 2-6 to 0-2, ensured Meath's minor footballers advanced to the provincial semi final, writes Ruth Chambers. John McCarthy's charges looked the better team throughout but visitors Westmeath were in the melting pot up until the interval. Thereafter though, Meath seemed to find a higher gear and having already accounted for Dublin in the opening round, they will now meet Laois in a last four clash. The young Royals made one change to the team that lined out against the Dubs with Ballinabrackey's Mark Coffey coming in for the injured Shane Maguire. However, it was Trim youngster Ciarán Caulfield who put in an absolute top notch performance before being substituted late on. His probing runs from the left wing back position set up many a score and the Westmeath rearguard were no match for him. In the middle of the park, St Pat's man Sean Emmanuel had a fine 60 minutes, while 'keeper Billy Hogan from Longwood also had a fantastic afternoon. It was Meath's patience on the ball when going forward that stood them in good

tead for the duration. They took the simple options, worked the ball through and once they got themselves in a scoring position they took what was on offer. Even though the first half was a close affair, Meath always looked like the better team; they always looked like they were going to come out on top and advance. Indeed they had a great start and had 1-2 on the board before Westmeath got of the mark.

Meath opened with points from Dunshaughlin man Ruairí Kinsella and captain Eoghan Frayne. Soon after Kinsella saw his goal attempt go wide but Meath didn't have to wait too long for the game's opening goal. It came with ten minutes on the clock when Caulfield and Aaron Murphy combined well before the latter, let fly and sent the ball passed Jamie Mulkearns in the Westmeath net. It left the scoreboard reading 0-2 to 0-0 but, to be fair, the visitors recovered very well.

By the 16th minute they had reduced the deficit to just two thanks to points from Senan Baker, son of Clare All Ireland winner Ollie, Mikey Moffat and Danny McCartan (free). When Eoghan Frayne was impeded in the 18th minute, he converted the resulting free to leave Meath up by three and a cracking point from Dunshaughlin's John McDonagh left the score

at 105 to 0-4 with 25 minutes gone.

Before the break the visitors converted a free, courtesy of McCartan and only Aaron Murphy's goal separated the sides at the interlude (1-5 to 0-5).

Whatever John McCarthy said to his team at half time, it certainly had the desired effect. They came out with all guns blazing and quickly widened the gap to four when Duleek-Bellewstown man Alan Bowden split the posts after a patient and composed build up from the young Royals. A great pass from Mark Coffey set up John McDonagh for Meath's seventh point of the afternoon in the 37th minute, while down the other end Westmeath captain sent over a free from 45 metres out to leave the score at 1-7 to 0-6.

Meath came very close to a second goal a minute later when a great surge forward saw Ruairí Kinsella's shot saved by the 'keeper. Alan Bowden then latched on to the loose ball but his shot was stopped on the line by substitute Mikey Lynam.

Eoghan Frayne sent over the resultant 45, while Kinsella also raised a white flag at the midway point of the half and Meath led 1-9 to 0-6. Goalkeeper Billy Hogan tipped over Senan Baker's rasping shot in the 47th minute and that turned out to be Westmeath's final score of the game. Meath certainly weren't finished there though!

John McDonagh hit the net in the 50th minute, while Frayne and Caulfield tagged on points to leave it at 2-11 to 0-7.

Before the long whistle there was time for a third goal. It came from the boot of Kinsella after another class pass from Caulfield. Kinsella struck low to give Meath a 13 point win and a place in the semi final. In O'Moore Park, Laois had a big win over Carlow and they will provide the opposition.

SCORERS: Meath – Ruairí Kinsella 1-2, John McDonagh 1-2, Eoghan Frayne 0-4 (1f, 1 '45'), Aaron Murphy 1-0, Alan Bowden 0-2, Ciarán Caulfield 0-1.

Westmeath – Danny McCartan 0-3 (3f), Senan Baker 0-2, Mikey Moffat 0-1, Sean Leech 0-1 (1f)

MEATH: Billy Hogan; Ben Moran, Liam Kelly, Ben Donnelly; Seán O'Donoghue, Oisín Kelly, Ciarán Caulfield; Sean Emmanuel, Conor Gray; John McDonagh, Ruairí Kinsella, Mark Coffey; Alan Bowden, Eoghan Frayne, Aaron Murphy. **SUBS:** Mossie Corbett replaced Liam Kelly 16 mins, Liam Stafford replaced Sean O'Donoghue 42 mins, Oisín Keogh replaced Alan Bowden 54 mins, Cian Smith replaced C Caulfield 60 mins.

WESTMEATH: Jamie Mulkearns; Daniel Scahill, Tom Cloonan, Sam Smyth; Padge Quinn, Tom Kelleher, Jake Costello; Tobi Conteh, Dylan Murtagh; Sean Leech, Senan Baker, Warrick Kirby; Brian Cooney, Mikey Moffat, Danny McCartan. **SUBS:** Callum Cruise replaced W Kirby 42 mins, Oliver McNamera replaced D Murtagh 46 mins, Mikey Lynam replaced T Conteh 37 mins, Darren McWade replaced D Scahill 37 mins, Peter Peirson replaced D McCartan 56 mins.

REFEREE: Chris Dwyer (Offaly).



St Pat's man Sean Emmanuel had a superb game against Westmeath in the quarter final. PHOTO: BRIAN MULLIGAN



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10. Emma Duggan Naomh (Peadar Dun Bóinne)
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Extra Time and Winner on the day Regulations

Regulations approved Ard Chomhairle on the 19th January 2019 and in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4 & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019, that relevant games that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as follows:

Phase 1

- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

Phase 2 (Penalty Kicks/Pucks)

If still level, a “penalty competition” to decide the outcome:

- The relevant rules in T.O. Cuid II shall apply in relation to Penalty Kicks/Pucks, unless otherwise stated.
- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- The Referee shall choose the end at which the penalty kicks/pucks will be taken. The end may be changed by the referee if it becomes unplayable during the course of the penalties.
- The Referee will ensure two goal umpires are in place at the end in which the penalty kicks/pucks are to be taken;
 - Both umpires shall position themselves on the end line at opposite side of the goals facing inwards
 - If a penalty is scored, the goal umpire, will wave the green flag once the referee has signalled
 - If the penalty is saved or missed the point umpire will signal a wide once the referee has signalled
- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goal keeper & a substitute goal keeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- The Referee shall toss a coin in the presence of the two captains to see which team will have the option of going first.
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper. **Exception:** The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.
- A goalkeeper who is injured while the penalty kicks/pucks are being taken and is unable to continue as a goalkeeper may be replaced* by the substitute goalkeeper who has been nominated in advance, provided the referee is notified. If in the event the substitute goalkeeper also gets injured, one of the registered penalty takers may replace* the substitute goalkeeper, provided the referee is notified. (*Once replaced, the goalkeeper/ substitute goalkeeper cannot be reintroduced as a goalkeeper at a later stage)
- Subject to the conditions below both teams will take five penalty kicks/pucks which are taken alternately by the teams. The game is awarded to whichever

team scores more of their five penalty kicks/pucks

- If, before both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score, even if they were to complete their five penalty kicks/pucks, no more penalty kicks/pucks shall be taken
- If, after both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks and both teams have scored the same number of goals, the penalty competition will continue but in sudden death format using the same five registered players until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks/pucks.
- In sudden death, the same sequence of penalty takers does not have to be followed as in the first round of penalty kicks/pucks.
- Each penalty kick/puck is taken by a different player. All registered players must take a penalty kick/puck before any player can take an additional penalty kick/puck.
- The referee shall signal for the penalty to be taken. The penalty kick/puck is completed when the ball stops moving, goes out of play (including over the crossbar) or a goal is scored.
- Only the players involved in the penalty taking competition, as well as the Referee, Linesmen and Umpires are permitted on the pitch. With the registered penalty takers located between the 45m & 65m lines closest to the end selected by the referee. Goalkeepers to be located 20m from the goals.
- All other players (including substitute goalkeepers), managers, officials, backroom personnel etc should be at their designated sideline area, and off the field of play when the penalty-taking competition is taking place.

Penalty Takers		
Order No.	Jersey No.	Name
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		

Goalkeeper	
Jersey Number	Name

Substitute Goalkeeper	
Jersey Number	Name

Notes:

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An Rúnaí	
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Congratulations to Ciarán and Eoghan



Congratulations to Trim's Ciarán Caulfield and Summerhill man and Meath captain Eoghan Frayne, who both picked up Electric Ireland Minor Football Championship player of the week awards recently. Ciarán won his after his fantastic performance against Westmeath last Saturday, while Frayne's showing against Dublin in the first round ensured the award for him.

Good luck David



Best wishes Meath referee David Coldrick who will take charge of this evening's All Ireland Senior Football Championship final involving Mayo and Dublin in Croke Park.



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John McDonagh
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Eoghan Frayne (C)
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Aaron Murphy
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17. **Liam Stafford** (Naomh Colmcille)

18. **Mossie Corbett** (Rath Tó)

19. **Cian Smith** (Rath Tó)

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18. **Sam Birrane** (Port Laoise)

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20. **Jack Byrne** (Graiguercullen)

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