

2021 BILLY BYRNE CUP FINAL



Cill Dealga

1. Matthew Cully
2. Martin Brown
3. Enda Fitzgerald
4. Tiarnan Bird
5. Ross Flynn
6. Brian Coffey
7. James McNally
8. Matt Rickard (c)
9. Ronan Potterton
10. Ben Rickard
11. Kelvin Lynch
12. Sean Heavey
13. Ryan Byas
14. Will Power
15. Lee Coldrick

16. Conor Lyons
17. Eoin Potterton
18. Shane Reilly
19. Niall McNally
20. Paul Fagan
21. Andrew Fagan
22. Cian McGourty
23. Ciaran Browne
24. Conor Hayes
25. Jamie Masterson
26. Joe Feenane
27. Sean Colhoun
28. Evan Geoghegan
29. Luke Rickard
30. Padraig Geoghegan



Matt Rickard



Comh-Bainisteoirí:
Roghneorí Eile:

Pat O'Halloran, Dáire Lahart
Karl Leavy
Martin Carr



Dún Doire

1. Jack Fagan
2. Aaron Feeney
3. Conor Dempsey (c)
4. Ronan Brady
5. Dermot Kelly
6. David McCormack
7. Conor O'Shea
8. Neil O'Leary
9. Liam Dempsey
10. Conor Leavy
11. Conor Farrell
12. Jamie Leavy
13. Alex Walsh
14. Luke Martyn
15. Stephen Coogan

16. Alan Casey
17. Donagh O'Leary
18. Chris Fitzgerald
19. Tomas Conroy
20. Jordan Martyn
21. TJ Loughran
22. David Gilkeson
23. Ciarán Brady
24. Cormac Heffernan
25. Shane Heffernan
26. Diarmuid Curran
27. Jack Darcy
28. Daire O'Leary
29. Mikey Dowdall
30. Ross Hegarty



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Conor Dempsey



Bainisteoir:
Roghneorí Eile:

Tommy Leavy
Darren Fay
Gerry McLoughlin
Mark Nolan

Billy Byrne, A True Gael

By Noel Coogan

Billy Byrne, whom the trophy for today's final honours, was a stalwart player and official with the Rathmolyon club before his passing, following an illness, at the age of 57 in May 1997.

The highlight of Billy's playing career came in 1975 when his strong display at midfield helped Rathmolyon win the Intermediate Championship with a 2-14 to 2-10 final victory over Donaghmore in Trim. That was the first-ever championship title won by the club from 'the village' and the side captained by full-back Paul Ennis had other stars in Dermot Ennis. Paddy Christie, who scored both of the winners' goals, and Pat Farrell.

Billy Byrne enjoyed another championship success as a player when in 1988, at the age of 48, he was on the Rathmolyon team which won the Junior 2 HC with a final victory over Moylagh in Athboy.

After his lengthy playing stint, Billy filled several key positions in his club and the role of senior selector brought further days of pride and joy. After three final losses between 1982 and '84 (two to Kiltale and one to Killyon), there was a happy ending to the 1993 SHC for Rathmolyon as they defeated Wolfe Tones by the minimum margin, 2-14 to 4-7, to claim the Jubilee Cup.



That game was between two sides bidding for a first county senior hurling triumph and three years later Rathmolyon were opposed by the aristocrats of the championship, Kilmessan, who were defeated by 0-10 to 1-2

A very friendly and popular man, Billy Byrne also served at county level. He was Hurling Board chairperson for a spell in the late '70s and was a Meath senior selector with Dessie Ferguson and John Davis. He also played intercounty hurling and proved his worth as an efficient referee.

Billy also played football with Rathmolyon and another sport which he was prominently involved in was horse racing. Working with Summerhill trainer John Fowler, he held the position of travelling head lad and was associated with notable jumpers like Maid of Money (Irish Grand National winner in 1989), Banker's Benefit and Credit Card.



26-05-21

Presentation of the Billy Byrne Cup by Rathmolyon G.A.A. Club to Meath G.A.A. County Committee

L to R: Martin O'Halloran, Chairperson, Meath G.A.A. Hurling Committee. Theresa Byrne (Billy Byrne's wife). John Kavanagh, Chairperson, Meath G.A.A. and John Ennis, Chairperson, Rathmolyon G.A.A. Club.

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