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Dé Sathain 6ú Samhain, 2021 - Ionad: Páirc Tailteann



Balreask Bar, Restaurant and Guest Accommodation
Cluiche Ceannais Peile Sóisear na Mí
12:45 P.M.

NAOMH UINSIÓNN V DÚN SAMHNA

An Réiteoir: Kieran Olwell (Magh nEalta)
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Eddie Coldrick (Magh nEalta)



In the event of a draw, extra time will be played. If still a draw after extra time, a replay will be played.



Meade Farm Cluiche Ceannais Peile Idirmheánach na Mí
2:45 P.M.

ÁTHA TROIM V SEAN CHAISLEÁN

An Réiteoir: Keith Sheerin (Droimconrach)
Standby Referee: Andrew Smith (Domhnach Seachnailt)
Linesman: Robert Purfield (Naomh Pádraig)
Sideline Official: Pat Clarke (Baile Sencaill)

Umpires: Barry Rogers (Droimconrach), Jason Sheerin (Cill Dealga),
Kevin Carry (Sodan), Eddie Donohoe (Sodan)

In the event of a draw, extra time will be played. If still a draw after extra time, a replay will be played.



Dé Domhnaigh 7ú Samhain, 2021 - Ionad: Páirc Tailteann



Kepak Cluiche Ceannais Peile Shinsearach na Mí
12:15 P.M.

NAOMH PEADAR DÚN BÓINNE V BAILE SENCAILL

An Réiteoir: Joseph Curran (Naomh Micheál)
Linesperson: Gemma Monahan (Scrín)
Heather Monahan (Scrín)

Sideline Official: Seán Gahan (Rath Tó)

Umpires: Paul Curran (Naomh Micheál), Frank Hevey (Cluain Ioraird), Ryan McManus (Gaeil Colmcille), Eddie Donohue (Sodan)

In the event of a draw, extra time will be played.

If still a draw after extra time, a 30m shootout will take place



Fairyhouse Steel Cluiche Ceannais Peile Shinsearach na Mí
2:30 P.M.



NAOMH PEADAR DÚN BÓINNE V BHULF TÓN

An Réiteoir: Patrick Coyle (Currach Átha)
Standby Referee: David Gough (Baile Shláine)
Linesman: Seán Gahan (Rath Tó)

Umpires: Pat Coyle, Liam Carroll (Currach Átha), Gerard Caffrey (Naomh Uinsíonn) Pat Darby (Baile Sencaill)

In the event of a draw, extra time will be played.

If still a draw after extra time, a replay will be played.





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reiteoiri agus na hoifigi**

As Cathaoirleach of Coiste na Mí, it is my great pleasure to welcome everyone to Páirc Tailteann this weekend for our senior, intermediate, and junior football championship finals. Sunday will be a historic day for the association in our county as we host both the Fairyhouse Steel Meath Senior Football final and the Meath LGFA Kepak Senior Final. I look forward to an exciting occasion for all our patrons and a chance to showcase the wonderful talent we have here in county Meath with our men and women's teams.

To our sponsors of the county finals this weekend ... Fairyhouse Steel, Meade Farm Group, and Balreask Bar and Restaurant, I thank you most sincerely for your loyal support, especially during Covid and I urge all patrons to support our sponsors wherever possible. A huge word of gratitude also to Owen and Alice Brennan from Devenish Nutrition for their continued sponsorship of our County football teams. I would also like to welcome additional County football sponsors, Noel and Valerie Moran from Bective Stud on board.

It has been a long road for all our finalists involved this weekend and I want to congratulate them on reaching their respective finals. I would like to acknowledge the commitment and dedication of all the players and mentors in the county who provide us with so much entertainment throughout the year. A big debt of gratitude to all our clubs and volunteers for staging our matches. Our match officials make similar commitments and sacrifices, every bit as significant as our players and today I urge everyone to show them the same gratitude and respect that they deserve. On that note, I would like to thank our referee's administrator Frank Gallogly and his committee for all their hard work in supporting and appointing our whistlers.

2021 has been a memorable year for the GAA in County Meath. Our Minor footballers won their first All-Ireland title in 29 years when defeating Tyrone at the end of August. Our u20 hurlers were successful in claiming the All-Ireland B championship when they overcame Derry in Newry, and of course, the Meath ladies had that tremendous victory over Dublin in the All Ireland final. I am delighted and proud, that we are hosting our County ladies senior final along with our men's senior final. I would like to warmly welcome my counterpart from Meath LGFA, Colm Mc Manus and all his committee and their sponsors to Páirc Tailteann. We look forward to further strengthening the great relationship that has been growing between both associations in the county.

The success of our minor team will be noted further in the programme but I would like to congratulate all the players and management on their fantastic achievement in claiming

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

the Tom Markham Cup. This success has been built on the hard work being done within our Academy structures and the ultimate goal is to help these young players perform to their full potential and that they progress along the developmental pathway to our senior team. These are exciting times for Meath GAA and we all have a part to play in achieving further progress. I welcome all the players and management of both the minor and ladies All-Ireland teams here today and I have no doubt patrons will show their appreciation to both teams when they are presented to the crowd during our two matches on Sunday.

At half time of our senior men's final on Sunday, Coiste na Mí will have the great privilege of honouring the players and management of the 1996 All-Ireland winning team. I look forward to extending a very warm welcome to Seán Boylan and the heroes of 25 years ago

Occasions like this weekend and all other days in Páirc Tailteann do happen by chance and I want to take this opportunity to recognise the hard work done by all our committees within Coiste na Mí. I want to thank all the members of our hard-working CCC for their efforts in organising and running our competitions in such a proficient manner. A special word of thanks to Tara Rowan, our ever-efficient Administrator, our hard-working Rúnaí, Mairead Delaney and all the staff in Dunganny for their work in ensuring the smooth running of our county affairs. Our head steward Jim Cooney along with our County Treasurer Jim Mullery and their teams of stewards and gatemen deserve special mention as they epitomise the true volunteerism of our organisation. These people are in attendance at every match in Páirc Tailteann and seldom get to watch the game as they aim to guarantee the comfort and safety of all our patrons.

I want to commend our PR/Marketing Committee and their chairperson Ciaran Flynn for producing this publication and all their work throughout the year. Also, a big thanks to all our local media for their coverage of all our games.

The 2021 GAA County Ground of the Year has recently been awarded to Páirc Tailteann. This has been a richly deserved award and I'd like to congratulate John Mc Bride and all the staff of JMB Sportsfield Services for all the work they have done and continue to do in maintaining both Páirc Tailteann and Dunganny.

I realise many families have suffered bereavements over the last year and on behalf of Coiste na Mí, I extend my condolences. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anam

Finally, I would like to thank all the supporters for your continued support of our games. Our county football minors, our U20 hurlers, and senior ladies have given a great lift to the GAA in our County and I look forward to them building on this success in the year ahead. In the meantime, I hope that you and your families will enjoy this weekend of football.

Fán Slán

Seán Ó Caomhánaigh

Cathaoirleach Coiste na Mí

Welcome from Meath LGFA Chairperson

On behalf of the Meath Ladies County Board, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Páirc Tailteann for the 2021 Kepak SFC Final.

Many thanks to all the stewards for hosting today's finals and a very warm welcome to all our talented players, dedicated managers, mentors, and the devoted club supporters, without whom none of our games would be possible.

I would like to extend a huge thanks, to our dedicated and generous, sponsors, KEPAK, who are sponsoring not only all our County teams, but also our Adult Club Championships. This is a unique sponsorship deal for Meath Ladies, and a partnership with a Royal County iconic brand, which will help our organisation grow from strength to strength over the next few years.

Kepak's generosity and commitment of sponsorship is greatly appreciated and makes an invaluable contribution to the development of our game in the county.

To all our referees, linespersons, umpires, officials, and stewards - I wish you the best of luck today and thank you for your continued and selfless contribution to Meath Ladies Football.

Finally, I would like to wish all the clubs, management teams and players the very best of luck today, and I hope everyone has a very enjoyable time at our final.

Thanking you all for your continued support.

Go raibh míle maith agat

Yours in Sport

Colm Mc Manus

Chairperson Meath Ladies Football



Today's Referees



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GUESTS OF HONOUR

MEATH ALL-IRELAND SFC CHAMPIONS 1996

There was not much optimism in Meath football circles before the 1996 Leinster Championship...Dublin had handed out a 10 point beating in the previous year's Leinster Final and they had gone on to win the Sam Maguire Cup. Memories of the glory days of the late '80s and early '90s (2 All-Irelands, 5 Leinsters and 3 National Leagues) were beginning to fade a little and 3 of the county's 'greats', Colm O'Rourke, Robbie O'Malley and Brian Stafford had called it a day. All 3 had won the Footballer of the Year Award.

There were also changes to the management team with Eamon O'Brien and Frank Foley succeeding Joe Cassels and Mick Lyons as Sean Boylan's selectors.

The National League campaign was of the mixed variety...there were some decent performances...the 4 autumn games yielded maximum points...but a draw with Donegal and defeats by Kildare and Derry in the Spring were not encouraging. Neither was the quarter-final defeat by Mayo in Dr Hyde Park, There were even fears that a loss to Carlow in their championship opener was on the cards. The Carlow champions Eire Og had reached the All-Ireland Club final and the county was on something of a 'high', especially after they had beaten both Wexford and Wicklow, scoring 4 goals in both games.

A lot of eyebrows were raised when the team was announced, it included 4 Championship

debutants...Mark O'Reilly, Darren Fay, Paddy Reynolds and Barry Callaghan. Darren Fay had played throughout the League...Paddy Reynolds and Barry Callaghan had seen some action in the latter stages while Mark O'Reilly arrived from under the radar. Graham Geraghty and Brendan Reilly, who had both played in defence in the 1995 championship, were switched to attack.

It turned out to be something of a stroll for Sean Boylan's team as they romped to victory with 18 points to spare, 0-24 to 0-6. Trevor Giles was top scorer with 6 points and there were also points from debutants Mark O'Reilly, Paddy Reynolds, Barry Callaghan (3) and another newcomer, substitute Donal Curtis.

Laois provided the semi-final opposition but they never recovered from an early blitz by Meath which saw Evan Kelly show the way with a point which was followed by a Brendan Reilly goal. The half-forward line of Giles, Dowd and the outstanding Geraghty accounted for 1-8 while the inside line of Kelly, Reilly and Callaghan accounted for 1-6 as Meath advanced to the Leinster final on a 2-14 to 1-9 scoreline.

Dublin were warm favourites to win the Leinster title for the 5th year in succession...they were the reigning All-Ireland champions...but they struggled to cope with Meath's sheer determination and will-to-win. It wasn't a classic...it was a miserable day weather-wise but Meath adapted well to the conditions and, inspired by an awesome display from John



Meath - 1996 All-Ireland Senior Football Champions

*Front L to R: Paddy Reynolds, Mark O'Reilly, Colm Coyle, Conor Martin, Darren Fay and Enda McManus.
Back L to R: Trevor Giles, Graham Geraghty, John McDermott, Jimmy McGuinness,
Barry Callaghan, Martin O'Connell, Colm Brady, Tommy Dowd and Brendan Reilly.*

McDermott at centre-field, fully deserved their 2 point win, 0-10 to 0-8. Dublin led by 2 points with just 10 minutes remaining but Meath eventually started to find the range and finished strongly to claim their 18th provincial crown.

There were a couple of notable features of the victory...Meath won the Leinster final despite registering 16 wides to Dublin's 8 and they didn't use any substitutes!

The unlucky 1995 All-Ireland runners-up, Tyrone, had retained their Ulster title and, once again, Meath were cast in the role of underdogs for the All-Ireland semi-final. But an outstanding performance saw them upset the odds and claim their place in the All-Ireland final. It was one of the Royal County's greatest displays as they dismantled the Ulster champions on a 2-15 to 0-12 scoreline. Graham

Geraghty was at his brilliant best...John McDermott and Jimmy McGuinness ruled the roost at centre-field and there were also fine performances from Mark O'Reilly, Brendan Reilly and Darren Fay.

And so to the All-Ireland final and a 2nd meeting of the year with Mayo who had knocked Meath out of the League at the quarter-final stage. Mayo had defeated Kerry in their All-Ireland semi-final and they had shown good form in Connacht as well.

The Sam Maguire Cup appeared to be on its way to Mayo when they established a lead of 6 points in the 2nd half but Meath, despite failing to reproduce their semi-final form, clawed their way back into contention and were rewarded with a somewhat fortuitous late equaliser from Colm Coyle. In truth, Mayo were the better team for most of the game but

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they appeared to be overwhelmed by the idea of becoming All-Ireland champions and paid the penalty for their lack of composure in the closing stages. Meath were just relieved to have earned a 2nd chance. Meath 0-12 Mayo 1-9 was the final score.

The build-up to the replay was dominated by speculation on Mayo's last quarter-collapse in the drawn game and on what was perceived as a below-par Meath performance. Predictions about the outcome were divided although many neutrals felt that Mayo had lost their chance and the momentum was now with Meath. The replay was played in very windy conditions with Mayo having first advantage of the elements, The game took a controversial turn after only 5 minutes when a melee broke out in the Meath goalmouth. When order was eventually restored, Colm Coyle and Liam McHale were sent off by referee Pat McEneaney.

Mayo appeared to be making good use of the wind when they led by 0-4 to 0-0 after 15 minutes but a Trevor Giles point from a free got Meath on the scoreboard. Tommy Dowd also scored for Meath but Mayo were in the driving seat when they scored a fine goal after 26 minutes. Within minutes, however, Tommy Dowd was fouled and Trevor Giles made no mistake from the penalty. Thanks to the goal, Meath were in a decent position at half-time trailing by only 4 points, 1-2 to 1-6, with significant wind advantage to follow.

Within 5 minutes of the re-start, the deficit had been cut to just a single points with Tommy Dowd (2) and Trevor Giles on target. But, with just 10 minutes remaining, Mayo had regained control and led by 2 points. Meath had to dig deep again. Enda McManus delivered a long ball to Graham Geraghty who was fouled. The quick-thinking Seneschalstownman caught the Mayo defence napping by slipping the ball through to Tommy Dowd, who despite stumbling, placed the ball in the back of the net, Meath were ahead by a point but Mayo fought back for an equaliser.

But, in another dramatic finale, Dunboyneman Brendan Reilly emerged as the match-winner with a terrific left-footed point. The final score was Meath 2-9 Mayo 1-11.

Conor Martin, Mark O'Reilly, Darren Fay, Martin O'Connell, Colm Coyle, Enda McManus, Paddy Reynolds, Jimmy McGuinness, John McDermott, Trevor Giles, Tommy Dowd (capt), Graham Geraghty, Colm Brady, Brendan Reilly and Barry Callaghan, Subs used: Jody Devine and Ollie Murphy.

Meath 0-24 Carlow 0-6

Meath 2-14 Laois 1-9

Meath 0-10 Dublin 0-8

Meath 2-15 Tyrone 0-12

Meath 0-12 Mayo 1-9

Meath 2-9 Mayo 1-11

For 6-84 Against 3-55

Trevor Giles 2-26

Brendan Reilly 1-16

Graham Geraghty 1-10

Tommy Dowd 1-9

Barry Callaghan 1-9

Evan Kelly 0-9

Paddy Reynolds 0-1

Mark O'Reilly 0-1

Donal Curtis 0-1

John McDermott 0-1

Colm Coyle 0-1

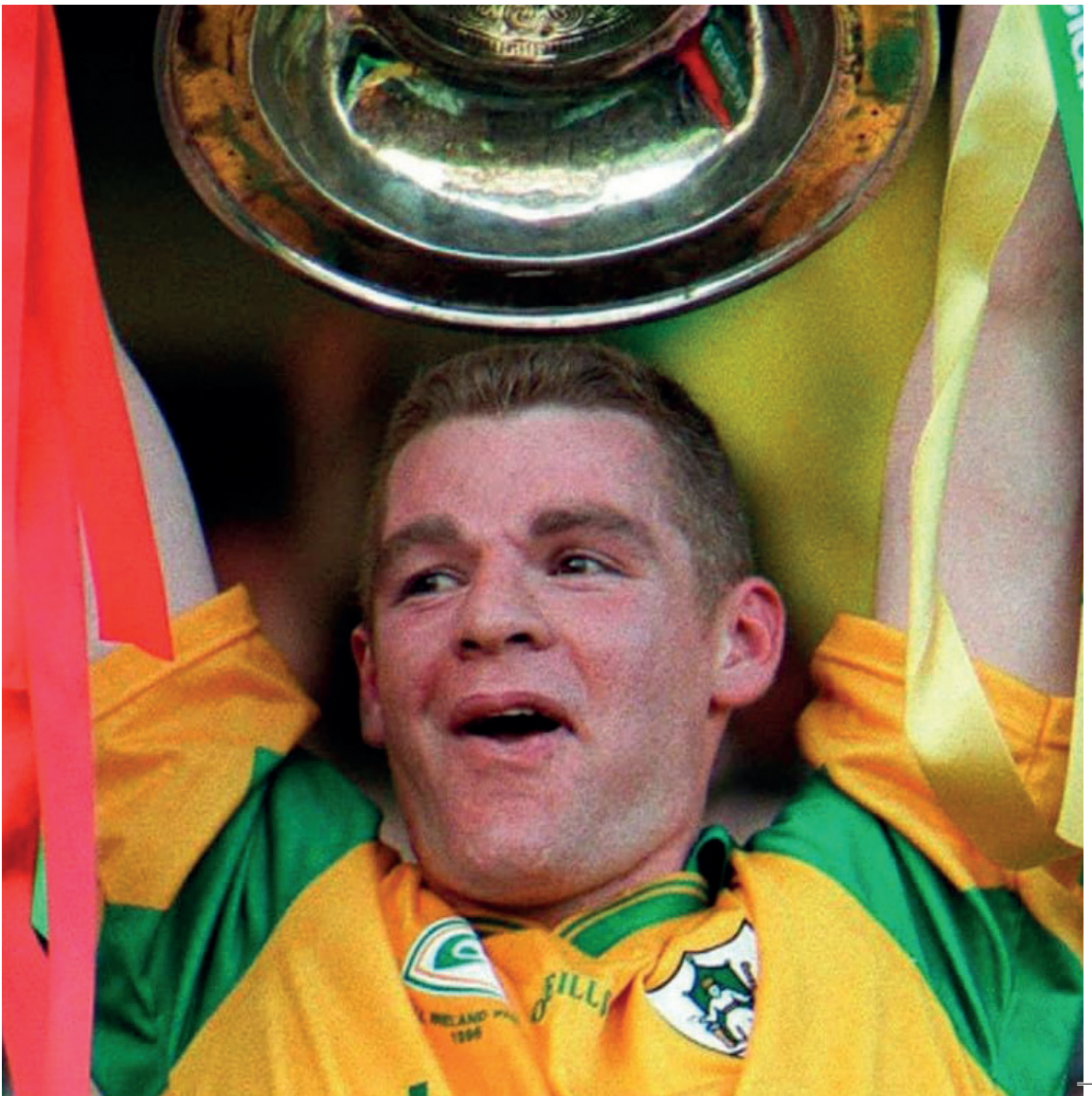
There was only one change in personnel in Meath's starting 15 throughout the entire campaign. Colm Brady replaced Evan Kelly for the replay against Mayo...he was a substitute in the drawn game and also against Tyrone. Jody Devine was a substitute in 5 of the 6 games, Ollie Murphy saw action in 3 games

and Donal Curtis in 1.

Other members of the panel were; Ronan Finnegan, Kevin Cahill, Stephen O'Rourke, Cathal Sheridan and John Brady.

It was Sean Boylan's 3rd All-Ireland victory as manager...his selectors were Frank Foley and Eamon O'Brien.

Tommy Dowd raises aloft the Sam Maguire Cup after defeating Mayo the All-Ireland Final in 1996



WINNERS

Winning Keegan Cup Captains

2020 – Bryan McMahon
 2019 – Ciarán Ó Fearraigh
 2018 – Cathal Finn
 2017 – Pdraig McKeever
 2016 – Joe Lyons
 2015 – Gary OBrien
 2014 – Niall McKeigue
 2013 – Brian Ennis
 2012 – Marcus Brennan
 2011 – Tony McDonnell
 2010 – Aidan Tuite
 2009 – Ciaran Macken
 2008 – Paddy Smyth
 2007 – Cormac Quinn
 2006 – Darren McGrath
 2005 – Denis Gallagher
 2004 – John Quinn
 2003 – Steven Nally
 2002 – Kenny McTigue
 2001 – Ciaran Byrne
 2000 – Dermot Kealy
 1999 – Mick ODowd
 1998 – Enda McManus
 1997 – Alan Reilly
 1996 – Brian Stafford
 1995 – John Brady
 1994 – Pdraig Coyle
 1993 – Louis Pentony
 1992 – Declan Browne
 1991 – Terry Ferguson
 1990 – Colm Ratty
 1989 – Finian Murtagh
 1988 – Donal Smyth
 1987 – Brian Smyth
 1986 – Pdraic Lyons
 1985 – Damien Sheridan
 1984 – Gerry Cooney
 1983 – Gerry McLoughlin
 1982 – Eamonn OBrien
 1981 – Ben Tansey
 1980 – Neil O'Sullivan
 1979 – Joe Cassells
 1978 – Christy Bowns
 1977 – Pdraig Grey
 1976 – Mattie Kerrigan
 1975 – Donie Mooney
 1974 – Austin Lyons
 1973 – Ronan Giles

1972 – Mickey Collins
 1971 – Pat Bruton
 1970 – Owen Sullivan
 1969 – Austin Reddan
 1968 – Harry Campbell
 1967 – PJ Reilly
 1966 – Phil Fay
 1965 – David Carty
 1964 – Edward O'Sullivan
 1963 – Paddy Fitzsimons
 1962 – Peter Darby
 1961 – Jim Fitzsimons
 1960 – Eanna Giles
 1959 – Brendan Cahill
 1958 – Willie McGuirk
 1957 – Peter McKeever
 1956 – Tommy Farrelly
 1955 – Kevin Mooney
 1954 – Tom O'Brien
 1953 – Tony McCormack

2005 – Ger Robinson
 (St. Peters, Dunboyne)
 2004 – Mick O'Dowd
 (Skryne)
 2003 – Anthony Moyles
 (Blackhall Gaels)
 2002 – David Crimmins
 (Dunshaughlin)
 2001 – Martin Reilly
 (Dunshaughlin)
 2000 – Richie Kealy
 (Dunshaughlin)
 1999 – Trevor Giles
 (Skryne)
 1998 – Enda McManus
 (Dunboyne)
 1997 – Donal Smyth
 (O'Mahony's)
 1996 – Martin Crosbie
 (Kilmainhamwood)
 1995 – Tommy Dowd
 (Dunderry)
 1994 – Pdraig Coyle
 (Seneschalstown)
 1993 – John McDermott
 (Skryne)
 1992 – Pdraig Finnerty
 (Skryne)
 1991 – Eugene McGillick
 (Gaeil Colmcille)
 1990 – Mick Lyons
 (Summerhill)
 1989 – Colm O'Rourke
 (Skryne)
 1988 – Finian Murtagh
 (O'Mahony's)
 1987 – Brian Reilly
 (O'Mahony's)
 1986 – Mick Lyons
 (Summerhill)
 1985 – Joe Cassells
 (O'Mahony's)
 1984 – Martin Barry
 (Walterstown)
 1983 – Frank O'Sullivan
 (Walterstown)
 1982 – Neil O'Sullivan
 (Walterstown)
 1981 – Finian Murtagh
 (O'Mahony's)
 1980 – Ollie O'Brien
 (Walterstown)
 1979 – Ben Tansey (O'Mahony's)

Man of the Match Winners

2020 – Joey Wallace (Ratoath)
 2019 – Joey Wallace (Ratoath)
 2018 – Cathal Finn (St Peter's Dunboyne)
 2017 – Pdraig McKeever
 (Simonstown Gaels)
 2016 – Pdraig McKeever
 (Simonstown Gaels)
 2015 – Marcus Brennan
 (O'Mahony's)
 2014 – Jake Regan
 (O'Mahony's)
 2013 – Conor Gillespie
 (Summerhill)
 2012 – Shane Gillespie
 (O'Mahony's)
 2011 – Adrian Kenny
 (Summerhill)
 2010 – Ian Davis
 (Skryne)
 2009 – Damien Sheridan
 (Seneschalstown)
 2008 – Stephen Bray
 (O'Mahony's)
 2007 – Brian Clarke
 (Seneschalstown)
 2006 – Cian Ward
 (Wolfe Tones)



Best of luck to all teams in this weekend's finals

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MEATH'S 4TH ALL-IRELAND MINOR TITLE WAS WON IN TERRIFIC STYLE

DRAMATIC WIN OVER TYRONE IN CROKE PARK THRILLER

2 LEINSTER MFC TITLES IN THE SPACE OF 5 WEEKS WAS A UNIQUE ACHIEVEMENT

It had been a long gap back to Meath's glory days in the world of underage football. All-Ireland MFC titles in 1990 and 1992 and runners-up in 1993... plus an All-Ireland Under-21 title in 1993 provided supporters with a huge amount of optimism, It was well-founded as the 1996 and 1999 SFC successes included several players who had come through the county's under-age system.

But the winning recipe was lost and success at the underage level proved elusive throughout the following years with the subsequent loss of capacity to compete at the highest level in adult football. Provincial successes at the minor level in 2006 and 2008 didn't yield enough breakthrough players at the adult level although qualification for the 2012 All-Ireland final (through the backdoor system), produced a significant number of current senior county players.

Current minor team manager Cathal O'Bric has been hugely involved with underage teams in recent years and he and his dedicated management team had a good feeling that their group of Under-17s could have an impact in this year's championship. Because of the

progress of the 2020 team under John McCarthy, Meath were given a bye into the Leinster semi-final where Louth provided the opposition in Páirc Tailteann. The Wee County boys had the benefit of 2 previous outings against Westmeath and Laois while Meath's preparations were hindered by the involvement of 4 of the players on the 2020 panel...Liam Kelly, Sean Emmanuel, Tomas Corbett, and Jack Kinlough.

The benefit of having 2 championship games under their belts was a major factor in Louth establishing a half-time lead of 1-6 to 0-7. Meath's prospects didn't look particularly bright at this stage but they upped the tempo and the intensity in the 3rd quarter and a goal from Oisín O'Murchu was crucial as Meath took a 3 point lead, 1-12 to 1-9 at the three-quarter stage. From that point onwards, Meath kept a firm grip on the game and had 4 points to spare at the final whistle, 1-15 to 1-11.

Drumbaragh's Hugh Corcoran was in outstanding form scoring 5 points from play and 2 from frees.

The Leinster final against Dublin was played in Tullamore...Dublin had trounced both Offaly and Kildare and were favourites to take the



title. Perhaps it was the ease with which they had won their 2 games, but, whatever the reason, they were unprepared for Meath's early blitz.

Oisín O'Murchu's goal after 7 minutes and Sean Emmanuel's goal within a minute were blows from which Dublin had neither the appetite nor the ability from which to recover and, at the 1st water break Meath led by 2-4 to 0-0. Dublin had not had an attempt at a score. Eventually, Meath won by 11 points, 3-8 to 1-3, the 3rd goal coming from Hugh Corcoran who brilliantly lobbed the ball over the head of the Dublin goalie. Sean Emmanuel was in outstanding form as was Conor Ennis before he had to retire with an injury and overall, Meath

had every reason to be optimistic about their All-Ireland prospects.

Cavan was the venue for the All-Ireland semi-final against the surprise Connacht champions Sligo. The rain belted down but Meath were largely unaffected by the conditions as they won a tad more convincingly than the scoreline, 2-14 to 2-9 suggested. One of the key differences between the teams was Meath's greater benefit from the kick-outs. Sligo misplaced several of their restarts and Meath capitalised on most occasions.

Cathal O'Bric's boys were well on their way to victory at half-time when they led by 7 points, 1-11 to 1-4, the goal coming from Christian Finlay in the 9th minute. They later established



Meath v Tyrone - Electric Ireland All-Ireland Minor Football Championship Final at Croke Park.

The Meath panel which defeated Tyrone in the All-Ireland MFC Final L to R.

Back: Conor McWeeney, Rian McConnell, Jack Kinlough, Tomas Corbett, Liam Kelly (Capt), Paul Wilson, Oisín McDermott, John O'Regan, Christian Finlay, John Mannion, Tadgh Martyn, Sean Emmanuel.

Front: Shaun Leonard, Hughie Corcoran, Killian Smyth, Brian O'Halloran, Danny Ehichoya, Andrew Moore, Sean O'Hare, Conor Ennis, Josh Harford, James Foley, Oisín Black and Oisín O'Murchu.

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Meath team captain Liam Kelly raising the Tom Markham All-Ireland MFC Cup Credit John Quirke

a 9 point lead but Sligo rallied and got to within 4 points after Oisín O'Murchu's dismissal. Substitute John Mannion put the issue beyond doubt when finding the net with just 5 minutes remaining. Shaun Leonard had an outstanding game while Christian Finlay, Liam Kelly and John O'Regan were also impressive.

Tyrone had walked through Ulster, beating Down, Fermanagh, and Donegal on their way to provincial honours. But it was their performance against Cork in the semi-final that ensured they would go into the final as very warm favourites. They won that game by 0-23 to 1-6 and, but for the brilliance of the Cork goalie, could have netted on at least 4 or 5 occasions.

Meath produced their finest performance of the campaign on the biggest day...they were challenged by a fine Tyrone team but they stood up to the contest with incredible self-belief and steadfast determination to bring the Tom Markham Cup back to the Royal County for the 1st time in 29 years.

Tyrone's goal after 8 minutes might have demoralised lesser teams but Meath's response came within 5 minutes when Liam Kelly created the opportunity for Oisín O'Murchu to score a stunning goal. At half-time, it was 1-7 to 1-6 in Meath's favour, thanks to a brilliant block by John O'Regan, and the signs were that this game would go all the way to the wire. And that's the way it turned out.

Tyrone drew level early in the 2nd half and scoring became more difficult as the intensity of the exchanges increased, Supporters of both teams were hugely entertained in a classic struggle. Meath established a 3 point lead but Tyrone were creating more chances... they squandered a few but they drew level in injury time. And then came that unforgettable winning point from Shaun Leonard. Conor Ennis launched a terrific attack with Christian

Finlay and Jack Kinlough also involved before Leonard decided the destination of the title with his brilliant score.

Meath supporters were still rejoicing but the drama was not over yet. Tyrone substitute Conor Owens won a free to send the game into extra-time but he sent it narrowly wide. Meath were the All-Ireland champions on a 1-12 to 1-11 scoreline!

It was a well-deserved victory. And it certainly augurs well for the future. Meath were captained by Ratoath's Liam Kelly who also had the honour of being named 'Man of the Match' in the final.

Meath: Oisín McDermott, Conor Ennis, Liam Kelly (Capt), Sean O'Hare, Tomás Corbett, John O'Regan, Killian Smyth, Paul Wilson, Jack Kinlough, Shaun Leonard, Sean Emmanuel, Conor McWeeney, Christian Finlay, Oisín O'Murchu and Hughie Corcoran. Substitutes; Andrew Moore, James Foley and Brian O'Haloran. The other members of the panel were; Oisín Black, Danny Ehichoya, Louis Collins, Josh Harford, John Mannion, Tadhg Martyn, Rian McConnell, Jake Balfe, Luke Blake, Dylan Briody, Ronan Byrne, Luke Conlon, Thomas Donegan, Byron Farrell, Ben Fraser, Eoghan Gillic, Eoghan Grehan, Adam Matthews, Eoghan McCloughan, Jack McConnell, Ajay Tormey and Sean Tyrell.

Manager; Cathal O'Bric, Marcus Brennan, David Callaghan, Eoin Joyce, Eddie McCormack, Micky McFadden and Aidan Young.



THE RISPIN BLOG

Tones or Dunboyne for Keegan Cup Glory

Does it feel like fifteen years since the Wolfe Tones capped an extraordinary few years as a newly formed club by capturing a maiden Keegan Cup?

They've been a fixture at the latter stages of the Senior Championship ever since but have struggled to propel themselves to those dizzy heights until now. Their opponents and favourites for the 2021 crown St Peter's Dunboyne have enjoyed more recent success in 2018 and are eager to make a third Senior success since the turn of the century and a fourth in total.

Despite it being a novel pairing for the showpiece, both clubs have fully merited their passages to

this stage of the competition. Wolfe Tones have contested two Feis Cup Finals this calendar year whilst both go into the grand finale defending unbeaten Championship records in 2021. Ironically both began their respective campaigns with stuttering draws but have gradually improved playing some fine football along the way.

Conor O'Donoghue's men deploying an intricate brand of football posted emphatic wins over Seneschalstown, Summerhill and St Colmcille's before squeezing the life out of Donaghmore/Ashbourne in a forgetful Semi-Final. Wolfe Tones following their opening day stalemate with Gael Colmcille, put arch-rivals Simonstown to the sword before going on to record victories over



Ratoath v Wolfe Tones - Meath SFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann.
Thomas O'Reilly, Wolfe Tones in action against Ratoath in the Meath SFC Semi-Final.
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St. Peter's, Dunboyne v Donaghmore/Ashbourne - Meath SFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann. Niall Jones, Dunboyne in action against Evan Quinn, Donaghmore/Ashbourne in the SFC Semi-Final.
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Moynalvey, Na Fianna and Ratoath. For Micheal McDermott's side, if the draw over the Kells men did not instil the belief, the demolition job on Colm O'Rourke's Simonstown would have been given the impetus to dethrone the 3-in-a-row seeking Ratoath in the last 4.

True to their roots, the Wolfe Tones play a gung-ho style of football that produces some heart-pounding or heart-stopping moments depending on which side of the fence you're on. Inspired by Cian Ward and Stephen Sheppard – two of the stalwarts from that faithful day 15 years ago have proceeded to roll back the years once more with a brilliantly assembled squad of players. Former County duo of Dan O'Neill and Captain Shane Glynn along with Niall O'Reilly complete one of the most feared half backlines in club football in Meath. Niall's young brother Thomas could turn the game in a flash with his undoubted class with big target man Cian O'Neill always a viable option for the odd big diagonal ball which could be a feature if the goal-hungry Tones are to get joy against this resolute Dunboyne defence.

So, what about the men in black and amber, they are the favourites for a fourth Keegan Cup in 23 years. Arguably they may not have the same spread of scorers across the field, but they do

have is quality sprinkled throughout the pitch. There is past, present, and future County men everywhere you look and without question are the best-conditioned side in Meath. Two of the former County Stars have been leading lights this year at separate ends of the field with Gavin McCoy and Donal Lenihan excelling. Lenihan has looked back to his glittering best and has accounted for a huge percentage of his side's scores with McCoy's trademark carries from the back ably assisting the likes of Lenihan, Stuart Lowndes, David McEntee, Cathal Lacey and Cathal Finn at different stages throughout the year.

Should Dunboyne have a fit and firing Ronan Jones from the start, it ought to be enough to give them the edge in the middle of the field but if St Peter's don't and they cannot match the intensity Wolfe Tones will unquestionably bring to the table we could be in for yet another upset but I feel that added bit of class in the form of Seamus Lavin, Shane McEntee, McCoy, Jones and Lenihan could just be the difference in what has the potential to be a pulsating encounter.

Verdict: St Peter's Dunboyne

ROLL OF HONOUR

Meath SFC Roll of Honour

Year	Winner	Opponent
2020	Ratoath (1-14)	Gaël Colmcille (1-13)
2019	Ratoath (3-15)	Summerhill (2-13)
2018	St Peter's Dunboyne (1-11)	Summerhill (0-9)
2017	Simonstown Gaels (2-9)	Summerhill (0-7)
2016	Simonstown Gaels (1-14)	Donaghmore/Ashbourne (0-8)
2015	Navan O'Mahony's (0-13)	Na Fianna (1-8)
2014	Navan O'Mahony's (2-11)	Donaghmore/Ashbourne (2-9)
2013	Summerhill (1-13)	Na Fianna (1-10)
2012	Navan O'Mahony's (1-11)	Wolfe Tones (0-7)
2011	Summerhill (0-10, 0-14 R)	Dunshaughlin (0-10, 1-9 R)
2010	Skryne (0-21)	Seneschalstown (4-8)
2009	Seneschalstown (1-13, 2-8 R)	Wolfe Tones (1-13, 1-8 R)
2008	Navan O'Mahony's (2-12)	Summerhill (0-7)
2007	Seneschalstown (1-8, 0-15 R)	Navan O'Mahony's (0-11, 0-9 R)
2006	Wolfe Tones (1-9)	Navan O'Mahony's (1-7)
2005	St. Peter's, Dunboyne (1-8)	Blackhall Gaels (0-8)
2004	Skryne (1-9)	Simonstown Gaels (0-7)
2003	Blackhall Gaels (2-9)	Simonstown Gaels (1-9)
2002	Dunshaughlin (1-11)	Trim (2-6)
2001	Dunshaughlin (0-11)	Skryne (1-5)
2000	Dunshaughlin (1-19)	Kilmainhamwood (2-6)
1999	Skryne (1-12)	Dunshaughlin (0-8)
1998	St. Peter's, Dunboyne (0-9)	Oldcastle (0-5)
1997	Navan O'Mahony's (1-10)	Trim (0-7)
1996	Kilmainhamwood (2-12)	Seneschalstown (1-6)
1995	Dunderry (1-11)	Kilmainhamwood (0-10)
1994	Seneschalstown (1-11)	Skryne (0-12)
1993	Skryne (3-5)	Navan O'Mahony's (2-7)
1992	Skryne (1-7)	Seneschalstown (0-7)
1991	Gaël Colmcille (1-12)	Walterstown (1-6)
1990	Navan O'Mahony's (0-12, 1-11 R)	Summerhill (3-3, 0-5 R)
1989	Navan O'Mahony's (0-17)	Skryne (3-6)
1988	Navan O'Mahony's (0-11)	Walterstown (0-10)
1987	Navan O'Mahony's (0-13)	Skryne (1-9)
1986	Summerhill (0-13)	Seneschalstown (1-8)
1985	Navan O'Mahony's (0-10)	Skryne (0-7)
1984	Walterstown (2-9)	Skryne (1-7)
1983	Walterstown (0-10)	Navan O'Mahony's (1-4)
1982	Walterstown (1-7)	Summerhill (0-5)
1981	Navan O'Mahony's (0-7, 1-14 R)	Skryne (1-4, 0-5 R)
1980	Walterstown (4-9)	Syddan (0-6)
1979	Navan O'Mahony's (1-9)	Summerhill (1-3)
1978	Walterstown (0-7)	Summerhill (0-6)
1977	Summerhill (1-6, 3-7 R)	Seneschalstown (0-9, 2-7 R)
1976	Summerhill (3-9)	Walterstown (0-2)
1975	Summerhill (0-10)	Navan O'Mahony's (0-9)
1974	Summerhill (0-9)	Bohermeen (0-7)
1973	Navan O'Mahony's (1-9)	Ballivor (1-7)
1972	Seneschalstown (0-9, 0-11 R)	Navan O'Mahony's (1-6, 1-5 R)
1971	Kilbride (1-8)	Skryne (0-8)
1970	Kilbride (0-9)	Navan O'Mahony's (0-7)
1969	Kilbride (2-5)	Skryne (0-5)
1968	Gaël Colmcille (3-17)	Walterstown (1-4)
1967	Kilbride (0-6)	Navan O'Mahony's (0-4)
1966	Gaël Colmcille (1-7, 3-2, 0-8 2R)	Kilbride (1-7, 1-8, 0-6 2R)
1965*	Skryne (1-3)	Kilbride (1-4)
1964	Kilbride (0-8)	Gaël Colmcille (0-6)
1963	Navan O'Mahony's (4-6)	St. Vincent's (1-2)
1962	Trim (3-8)	Ballinlough (0-7)
1961	Navan O'Mahony's (1-8)	Trim (0-8)
1960	Navan O'Mahony's (2-11)	Drumbaragh Emmets (0-6)
1959	Navan O'Mahony's (1-9)	Skryne (2-5)
1958	Navan O'Mahony's (1-5, 2-6 R)	Skryne (1-5, 1-2 R)
1957	Navan O'Mahony's (0-11)	Skryne (1-7)
1956	Syddan (3-4)	Skryne (2-6)
1955	St. Vincent's (1-12)	Kells Harps (2-3)
1954	Skryne (1-5)	Kells Harps (0-4)
1953	Navan O'Mahony's (3-7)	Trim (2-4)
1952	Syddan (0-7)	Skryne (0-4)
1951	Syddan (3-5)	Skryne (0-9)
1950	North Meath (2-04)	Syddan (1-03)
1949	Syddan (5-04)	North Meath (1-03) Final round of league, not really a 'final'
1948	Skryne (4-10)	Syddan (2-05)
1947	Skryne (3-13)	Duleek (1-08)
1946	Navan Parnells	(2-05) North Meath (3-1)
1945	Skryne (3-17)	Oldcastle (2-04)
1944	Skryne (2-5)	Navan Parnells (1-4) 2nd Replay. Prev: 2-2 v 0-8; 0-6 v 1-3

1943	Duleek (1-7)		Donaghmore (0-02)		
1942	Donaghmore (1-08)		Skryne (0-02)		
1941	Skryne (2-07)		Kells Stars (0-09)		
1940	Skryne (7-06)		Kells Stars (1-04)		Final round of league, not really a 'final'
1939	Kilmessan (2-9)	Kells Stars (1-05)			Final round of league, described in press as a final but not a 'final' proper.
If Kells had won both teams would have had to play each other again					
1938	Navan Gaels	1-3	St. Marys, Kilbeg/Moynalty	0-5	
1937	Moynalty				No final. Played on league basis
1936	Kilmessan	0-5	Navan Gaels	1-1	
1935	Navan Gaels				No final. Played on league basis
1934	Navan Gaels	2-4	Donaghmore	0-9	
1933	Navan Gaels	2-5	Castletown	0-6	
1932	Moynalty	1-5	Martry	1-2	
1931	Martry	4-3	Navan Gaels	2-7	
1930	Navan Gaels	4-3	Donaghmore	1-2	
1929	Navan Gaels	0-6	Donaghmore	0-5	
1928	Donaghmore				No final. Played on league basis
1927	Donaghmore				
1926	Navan Gaels	2-4	Donaghmore	2-3	
1925	Navan Gaels	2-9	Donaghmore	2-3	
1924	Navan Gaels				No final. Played on league basis
1923	Rathkenny	WO	Navan Harps Scr		
1922	Rathkenny	1-5	Martry	0-1	
1921	Navan Harps				
1920	Navan Harps	1-3	Rathkenny	0-6	
1919	Rathkenny	2-4	Navan Gaels	2-3	
1918	Rathkenny				No final. Played on league basis
1917	Rathkenny	0-5	Bohermeen Geraldines	0-0	
1916	Bohermeen Geraldines	WO	Oldcastle Scr.		
1915	Navan Harps	1-3	Oldcastle	0-4	Level in league. Final a play-off
1914	Bohermeen Geraldines	0-0	Navan Harps	0-0	Play off. Harps refused to replay
1913	Bohermeen Geraldines	WO	Carnaross Scr		League basis ended in play-off
1912	Bohermeen Geraldines				No final. Played on league basis
1911	Bohermeen Geraldines				No final. Played on league basis
1910	Bohermeen Geraldines	1-3	Oldcastle	1-2	
1909	Bohermeen Geraldines	1-14	Bettystown	1-5	
1908	Castletown	2-14	Trim Clan na Gael	0-6	
1907	Navan Gaels	1-4	Oldcastle	0-3	
1906	Castletown	0-3	Trim Clan na Gael	0-2	
1905	Castletown	2-2	Navan Gaels	0-3	
1904	Castletown	1-5	Kilmessan	0-4	Replay. C 0-5 K 1-2 originally
1903	Kilmessan	1-3	Castletown	0-5	Refixture
1902	Castletown	0-14	Julianstown	0-0	
1901	No Championship				
1900	Stamullen				Only affiliated team
1899	No Championship				
1898	No Championship				
1897	Owen Roes of Drogheda	1-6	Newtown Round Towers	0-4	
1896	Navan Pierce Mahony's	1-4	Owen Roes, Drogheda	0-3	
1895	Navan Pierce Mahony's	0-4	Owen Roes, Drogheda		0-2
1894	Navan Pierce Mahony's	4-9	Commons Independents	0-0	
1893	No Championship				
1892	No Championship				
1891	Navan Pierce Mahony's				Navan William O'Brien's Refixture ended due to injury. No record of second refixture
1890	No Championship				
1889	Julianstown	1-0	Dowdstown	0-2	
1888	Dowdstown	WO	Donecarney Scr		Refixture, original game 0-0 to 0-0
1887	Dowdstown	1-3	Kells Campaigners	0-3	

*The 1945 final was abandoned mid-game. Skryne awarded the title.

Records -

Most Titles:

20 - Navan O'Mahony's, 13 - Skryne, 10 - Navan Gaels

Most consecutive titles:

6 - Bohermeen: 1909-1914, 5 - Navan O'Mahony's: 1957-1961, 4 - Summerhill: 1974-1977 & Navan O'Mahony's 1987-1990

Most consecutive appearances in the SFC

82 - Skryne: 1938-present, 62 - Trim: 1949-2011 (Now in IFC), 51 - Walterstown: 1965-2015 (now in IFC); Seneschalstown: 1968-present; Summerhill 1973-present.

Biggest Win

44 points - Kilmainhamwood 10-19, 0-5 St. Colmcille's: 1996, 35 points - Summerhill 5-27, 0-7 Curraha: 2018

Most Points Scored

168 - Kilmainhamwood: 1996, 159 - Na Fianna: 2013, 152 - Navan O'Mahony's: 2005

Most Points Conceded

153 - Duleek/Bellewstown: 2017, 141 - Gaeil Colmcille: 2004, 137 - Ballinlough: 2006

Leinster SCFC Titles

2 - Walterstown: 1980, 1983, 1 - Dunshaughlin: 2002; Summerhill: 1977

Fabulous All-Ireland Success for the Meath Ladies

The sensational comeback against Cork and the brilliant display against Dublin were among the sporting highlights of 2021

The only person who could have scripted it was Hans Christian Andersen...and even he might have struggled to come up with the appropriate words. The story of Meath's victory in the All-Ireland Senior championship qualifies for the fairytale genre on multiple counts but perhaps the greatest of all of its wonderful features was the style and panache with which it was delivered.

The 1st Sunday in September was the traditional date for the All-Ireland Hurling final...one of the most important and anticipated occasions on the sporting calendar. Times have changed...and schedules too. But the 5th of September 2021 will live in the memory just as long as many of the great hurling epics that we have seen over the years on that iconic weekend.

The 'new' combatants were the lady footballers of Dublin and Meath and the pairing had just about everything. Dublin were going for their 5th successive title and were appearing in their 8th successive final. Meath were appearing in their 1st Senior final and only 8 months had passed since they won the Intermediate title and promotion to the Senior grade. Dublin were the overwhelming favourites and predictions of a Meath victory were scarce, to say the least. And not forgetting the traditional rivalry!

But, in the most admirable and exemplary manner, Meath went on the attack from the throw-in with Vikki Wall setting out the team's intentions. They continued to put pressure on the Dublin defence and led by 0-2 to 0-1 after 5 minutes. And then came what turned out to be the most crucial score of the game. Emma Duggan intercepted the Dublin kick-out and punted the ball over the head of the Dublin goalie. Meath were in the

driving seat and the defending champions were on the back foot.

At half-time, Meath led by 1-8 to 0-6 and although Dublin staged a great rally in the 3rd quarter, to reduce the deficit to 2 points, Meath kept their composure and a superb save from Monica McGuirk was every bit as valuable as Duggan's goal. Throughout the final quarter, there was a realisation that history was about to be made. The huge Meath support was invaluable to the players as they gave absolutely everything in pursuit of victory. Dublin also went all out and it earned the description, 'classic'.

Meath scored just 3 points in the 2nd half through Stacey Grimes, Niamh O'Sullivan and Emma Duggan but they were never headed and, in the end, had 2 points to spare, 1-11 to 0-12.

The joy was understandably unrestrained...and it was the Na Fianna club that had the honour of providing the history-making captain Shauna Ennis. The Brendan Martin Cup was on its way to a new home!

Perhaps the statistic which best evaluates the merits of Meath's achievement was that they beat both Dublin (5) and Cork (11), who between them, had won the previous 16 All-Ireland titles!

Maire O'Shaughnessy, who captained the team to Intermediate success in 2020, was inspirational at centre-field where Orlagh Lally also produced a 'stormer'. Emma Troy proved yet again that she is one of the best footballers in the country, contributing 2 points while also defending superbly. Niamh O'Sullivan was another to stand out against Dublin with 3 excellent points and a huge overall involvement.

Emma Duggan shone again when contributing 1-2 while Vikki Wall applied intense pressure on the Dublin defence throughout.

Monica McGuirk injected confidence into the



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defence throughout the campaign...some of her saves including one from Hannah Tyrell in the final were top class and her clever and calm distribution was also a major factor. Mary Kate Lynch belied her tender years by excelling again on the big day while Katie Newe, Aoibheann Leahy, Aoibhin Cleary and captain Shauna Ennis completed a defensive unit that grew in stature as the campaign progressed and rose to a new level against Dublin.

Orla Byrne worked tirelessly throughout and Stacey Grimes kept her composure when the pressure was at its most intense. Bridgetta Lynch's experience was vital and she played a notable role in unsettling the Dublin defence. Niamh Gallogly, dual star Megan Thynne, Emma White and Shelly Melia also made significant contributions when introduced in the highly pressurised atmosphere of the closing stages.

It wasn't only within the Royal County boundaries that the achievement was acclaimed...it has become a source of nationwide joy and admiration... and a major accolade may be beckoning.

There weren't many who thought it possible but BELIEF is not just a modern buzzword...it was certainly one of the all-important starting points for Eamonn Murray's squad.

An exact starting point is difficult to pinpoint. It could be argued that the appointment of Murray as the manager in 2017 was the single most important factor in the entire story. He had just guided Meath to success in the All-Ireland Minor 'B' Championship and he recognised that if Meath were to reach the highest level, he would need to put a top-class management and coaching team in place to develop his squad. There were disappointments along the way but last December's victory over Westmeath in the All-Ireland Intermediate final certainly proved that the team was on the right track.

Senior status was the reward for that victory but could Meath compete at the highest Championship level? Promotion to Division 1 of the National League was targeted...it was seen as a prerequisite for competency in the Senior grade.

Kerry provided the opposition in the opening round of Division 2 at Pairc Tailteann...and it turned out to be a chastening, but valuable

experience. The visitors won by 3-10 to 1-10 and Meath were subsequently under pressure to keep their promotion hopes alive. They responded superbly and coasted to victory over Wexford and Clare to qualify for a semi-final meeting with Cavan. The Breffni girls had pushed Meath to one side in the previous year's League but, on this occasion, Meath were much more streetwise and emerged with a 0-13 to 0-9 victory.

Kerry, as expected, were waiting in the final at Croke Park on the last weekend in June...a curtain-raiser to the Division 1 final between Dublin and Cork! Kerry were favourites but Meath swept to a comprehensive 10 point win, 2-16 to 1-9 thus completing the big double of promotion in both Championship and League.

Stacey Grimes netted a penalty while Emma Duggan also found the net. Incredibly, 11 players scored as Meath's superior fitness levels, generated through individual programmes during the lockdown, proved decisive.

They were now a genuine top-level team!

The Championship got underway in July, with Meath drawn in the same Group as Cork and Tipperary. Birr was the venue for Meath's return to the Senior ranks with Cork, the 2nd favourites for outright honours behind Dublin, providing the opposition. In the end, Cork came out on top by 2 points...in 2015 their margin of victory was a whopping 40 points! And it was only Cork's greater experience at this level that emerged as the only difference between the teams on this occasion.

It was an encouraging sign that the Meath girls were bitterly disappointed with the result but they used the defeat to good advantage when they faced Tipperary in the 2nd round in Portlaoise. A win would guarantee their Senior status but the ambitions within the panel were somewhat higher. Helped by a terrific goal from Vikki Wall, they registered a comfortable win over Tipperary, 1-18 to 0-7, thus avenging 2 bitterly disappointing defeats by the Premier County girls in the Intermediate semi-final of 2017 and final of 2019.

Meath were now into through to a quarter-final meeting with Armagh who had reached the semi-finals in 2020. Once again, the Royal County girls were the underdogs but it was a role which



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Meath team captain Shauna Ennis raising the Brendan Martin All-Ireland Ladies SFC Cup



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they were embracing with increasing relish. Meath led by 1-4 to 0-1 at the end of the 1st quarter with the goal coming from Emma Duggan. Niamh O'Sullivan got the 2nd goal and at half-time, it was 2-7 to 0-6 in Meath's favour. Meath continued to dominate and with Emma Troy finding the net in the closing stages, they advanced to the semi-final on a 3-15 to 1-14 scoreline.

The All-Ireland semi-final provided the Meath girls with the opportunity of proving that they had learned from their narrow defeat by opponents, Cork, in the 1st round. But Cork had also learned from that game and the red-hot favourites had Meath on the ropes as the game entered the closing stages...they led by 7 points with less than 5 minutes remaining and they appeared to be on their way to yet another showdown with Dublin.

What happened next will go down in the folklore of Ladies football, or indeed any football. as Meath staged a sensational comeback. Niamh Gallogly started it with a point...Emma White won a penalty which was netted by Stacey Grimes and suddenly, there was just 3 points between the teams with time rapidly running out. Croke Park was rocking as Meath went in search of an equalising goal. Further pressure from Vikki Wall helped Maire O'Shaughnessy to win possession and she provided the pass from which Emma Duggan found the net. And still, there was more drama! Cork attacked and won a scoreable free but the hooter came to Meath's rescue with the teams all square at 2-8 apiece.

The difference in the body language of the teams at the hooter was particularly informative. Cork were despondent...Meath were bubbling.

The 1st period of extra-time ended again in stalemate but Meath went for the jugular in the 2nd period and were rewarded with the lead point from the irrepressible Emma Duggan and when Cork missed an easy free, Meath again took full advantage with another Duggan point. Meath had upset the odds in the most sensational manner possible. The final score was Meath 2-12 Cork 2-10.

And so to an All-Ireland final showdown with the Dubs!

The Meath line-out in the final was: Monica McGuirk, Emma Troy, Mary Kate Lynch, Katie Newe, Aoibheann Leahy, Aoibhin Cleary, Shauna Ennis (Capt), Orlagh Lally, Maire O'Shaughnessy, Orla Byrne, Stacey Grimes, Niamh O'Sullivan, Vikki Wall, Emma Duggan and Bridgetta Lynch. Subs...Megan Thynne, Niamh Gallogly, Emma White and Shelly Melia.

Other panel members...Alison O'Sullivan, Sarah Powderly, Orlaith Duff, Aisling McCabe, Aoife Farrell, Aine Sheridan, Kate Byrne, Maedhbh Byrne, Olive Gore, Ailbhe Leahy, Ali Sherlock, Kelsey Nesbitt, Saoirse O'Keane, Megan Peters, Ciara Smyth, Louise Coyne, Aoibhe Monaghan and Caragh Monaghan.

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Wishing best of luck to both the Dunboyne Ladies & Gents senior teams in their respective county finals today, from Dunboyne Sports & Leisure.

Skryne's long stay in senior ranks

By Noel Coogan

Of the 16 clubs represented in this year's Meath Senior Football Championship, Skryne's long unbroken record in the top ranks is well ahead of what their rivals achieved down the decades.

After the intermediate title went to the Tara area in 1937, Skryne did not take too long to make a strong impression in the premier grade, gaining SFC honours six times in the forties. Donaghmore, Duleek, Navan Parnell's and Syddan were other outright honours in that decade.

The Keegan Cup was first competed for in 1953 when O'Mahony's earned the distinction of being the first recipients of the coveted trophy. Skryne were the second club to celebrate with the shiny new silverware, after the Tom O'Brien-captained team defeated Kells Harps

in the '54 final.

O'Mahony's were to prove the main bogey opponents for Skryne over the decades and when the Navan side built up their five-in-a row sequence of success from 1957 to '61 they overcame the Tara rivals in three closely-contested title deciders.

Fast forward to the swinging sixties when the emerging and star-studded Kilbride were Skryne's main adversaries. They lost two SFC finals to the Dublin border rivals and in 1965 gained the dubious distinction of being the only Keegan Cup winners to be awarded the title in the boardroom after the unfinished decider.

After that, Skryne had to wait a further 27 years to again get their hands on the Keegan Cup. In 1992 Seneschalstown were defeated in the final and the title was retained the following year with a sweet victory over O'Mahony's who had denied



Mick O'Dowd raises cup 1999 (Credit - Royal County Yearbook)

them on so many previous big occasions.

Skryne (13 titles) are second to O'Mahony's (20 triumphs) in the Meath SFC roll of honour but since 1951 the Tara club have been SFC beaten finalists no fewer than 15 times. But Skryne can take much pride from the amazing statistic of taking part in 84 consecutive county SFCs.

Another proud distinction held by the Skryne club is having players on all of Meath's seven All-Ireland SFC victories - the only club in the county to achieve that feat.

Of the 16 sides in the 2021 Meath SFC Seneschalstown have been there the second longest length of time. The Yellow Furze club won the IFC with a final win over Bohermeen in 1967 and five years later a memorable first senior title was annexed with a replayed final victory

over O'Mahony's.

Mickey Collins was the first Seneschalstown player to raise the Keegan Cup in triumph and Cormac Quinn and Ciaran Macken were the winning captains for the successes of 2007 and 2009. Seneschalstown have completed 54 consecutive campaigns in SFC while Summerhill, who were promoted with an IFC final win over Martry in 1972, will be looking forward to a 50th successive senior stint next year.

Summerhill made a spectacular impact soon after their elevation to the premier grade with a

four-in-a-row being achieved between 1974 and '77 and a Leinster title triumph in December 1977 with a sensational final win over St Vincent's of Dublin.

The men from the Hill claimed a fifth SFC in 1986 with a narrow final victory over Skryne in Kells, Paraic Lyons the winning captain. The number of title triumphs was increased to seven with final victories over Dunshaughlin (in a replay) and Na Fianna in 2011 and '13.

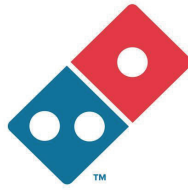
The 2021 Keegan Cup hopefuls, St Peter's Dunboyne, and Wolfe Tones have been in senior ranks since their respective intermediate successes in 1992 and 2004. Tones had a spectacular rise to prominence with their JFC success in 2003 followed by the intermediate outright victory the following year and the SFC final victory over O'Mahony's in 2006. Since then, they have had two losing final experiences.

Dunboyne gained the first of their SFC triumphs in 1998 when Oldcastle were the losing finalists, and they again got their hands on the Keegan Cup in 2005 and 2018.

Trim had an unbroken stint in senior football from 1950 to 2011 and bid to return to the senior grade this weekend while Walterstown were in the premier ranks from 1965 to 2015 and hold hopes of stepping back up the ladder.

John Quinn 2004 (Credit - Royal County Yearbook)





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NAOMH PEADAR DÚN BÓINNE



FIR IONAID:

- 17. NIALL MACSEOIN
- 18. IASÓN Ó'DALAIGH
- 19. LIAM Ó'BROIN
- 20. FERGAL Ó'THUAIRISC
- 21. DAITHÍ MAC AN TSAOI
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BHULF TÓN



FIR IONAID:

- 16. DAVID NOLAN
- 17. TOM GAVIGAN
- 18. OISÍN MARTIN
- 19. EOIN DONEGAN
- 20. NIALL MCLOUGHLIN
- 21. ROBERT WHITE
- 22. THOMAS BLANEY
- 23. GEARÓID O'BRIEN
- 24. PADDY GILLESPIE
- 25. FIACHRA WARD

- DAITHÍ Ó NUALLÁIN
- TOMAS Ó GAIBHTHEACHAIN,
- OISÍN Ó MÁIRTÍN
- EOIN DONNAGÁN
- NIALL MAC LOCHLAINN
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- GEARÓID Ó BRION
- PÁDRAIG MAC GIOLLA EASPAIG
- FIACHRA MAC AN BHAIRD

- 26. SEAN MORIARTY
- 27. GARY MCFADDEN
- 28. EANNA O'KELLY LYNCH
- 29. KYLE MORAN
- 30. ALAN LYNAM

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GERRY THOMPSON, PADDY DIAMOND, MICHAEL MCDERMOTT, PHILIP WARD

BAINISTEOIR: MICHAEL MCDERMOTT
ROGHNÓIRÍ EILE: GERRY THOMPSON, PADDY DIAMOND, PHILIP WARD



BHULF TÓN



Ratoath v Wolfe Tones - Meath SFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann.

The Wolfe Tones panel which Defeated Ratoath in the SFC Semi-Final L to R:

Back: Fiachra Ward, Eanna O'Kelly-Lynch, Niall O'Reilly, Daniel O'Neill, Adam O'Neill, Cian O'Neill, Saran O'Fionnagain, Thomas O'Reilly, Cian Farman, Shane Glynn (Capt), Robert White, Eoin Donegan, Cian Ward, Padraic Diamond, Tom Gavigan, Oisín Martin, Stephen Sheppard.

Front: Sean Moriarty, Gary McFadden, Alan Lynam, Conor Sheppard, Caoian Ward, Thomas Blaney, Gearoid O'Brien, Kyle Moran, Paddy Gillespie, Evan Corrigan, Joe Smith and Niall McLoughlin.

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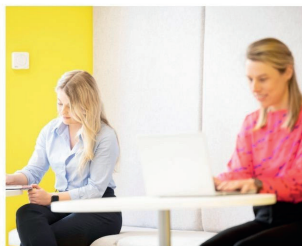
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Top Winners in the SFC

Team	Titles	Years won
1 Navan O'Mahony's	20	1953, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1973, 1979, 1981, 1985, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1997, 2008, 2012, 2014, 2015
2 Skryne	13	1940, 1941, 1944, 1945, 1947, 1948, 1954, 1965, 1992, 1993, 1999, 2004, 2010
3 Navan Gaels	10	1907, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1938
4 Summerhill	7	1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1986, 2011, 2013
Bohermeen	7	1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1916
5 Walterstown	5	1978, 1980, 1982, 1983, 1984
Kilbride	5	1964, 1967, 1969, 1970, 1971
Rathkenny	5	1917, 1918, 1919, 1922, 1923
Castletown Emmets	5	1902, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1908
6 Seneschalstown	4	1972, 1994, 2007, 2009
Syddan	4	1949, 1951, 1952, 1956
7 Dunshaughlin	3	2000, 2001, 2002
Gaeil Colmcille	3	1966, 1968, 1991
Donaghmore	3	1927, 1928, 1942
Kilmessan	3	1903, 1936, 1939
Navan Harps	3	1915, 1920, 1921
Pierce O'Mahony's	3	1894, 1895, 1896
St. Peter's, Dunboyne	3	1998, 2005, 2018
8 Dowdstown	2	1887, 1888
Simonstown Gaels	2	2016, 2017
Ratoath	2	2019, 2020
9 Wolfe Tones	1	2006
Blackhall Gaels	1	2003
Kilmainhamwood	1	1996
Dunderry	1	1995
Trim	1	1962
St. Vincent's	1	1955
North Meath	1	1950
Navan Parnells	1	1946
Duleek	1	1943
St. Mary's (Moynalty/Kilbeg)	1	1937
Moynalty	1	1932
Martry	1	1931
Stamullen	1	1900
Own Roes (Drogheda)	1	1897
Julianstown	1	1889





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Kilbride 1971

By Noel Coogan

Fifty years ago, Kilbride completed a Meath Senior Football Championship three-in-a-row sequence of success and in 1971 they claimed possession of the coveted Keegan Cup for the fifth time in eight seasons.

The club representing a small area on the Dublin border first gained outright honours in the top grade in 1964, following junior and intermediate victories in the previous four years, and a second SFC title in '67 was added to with the treble triumph.

Kilbride fielded star-studded teams in those years and some games had seven All-Ireland SFC medal-holders on their line-out. When Meath lifted the Sam Maguire Cup in 1967 there were six Kilbride clubmen on the winning panel. Jack Quinn was the star full-back while brothers Martin and Gerry along with Murty O'Sullivan, Pat Rooney and Pat Bruton were among the substitutes. They were later joined by George Glynn of Down's '68 winning side.

The main rivalry for Kilbride in that exciting era was provided by Gaeil Colmcille, Skryne, and O'Mahony's. They defeated the Kells side in the 1964 final and two years later it took three close contests before the title went to the north county town for the first time.



Martin Quinn (Credit - Royal County Yearbook)

O'Mahony's were overcome in the 1967 and '70 finals while Skryne, who were awarded the championship in 1965 following the abandoned decider, lost out to Kilbride in the title ties of 1969 and '71. When Kilbride gained the Keegan Cup for the first time only nine teams took part in the SFC which was run on a straight knockout system for the last time. Fast forward five years for the first campaign of the three-in-a-row and the number of participating sides had risen to 13 with groups of seven and six.

Kilbride and Skryne topped the groups and in the semi-finals, Kilbride got the better of Gaeil Colmcille by 1-5 to 0-5 and Skryne overcame the previous year's intermediate winners Slane on a 1-11 to 2-5 scoreline. The Kells club initially refused to fulfil their 'semi' fixture because of the unavailability of players and after they were expelled from the championship, an appeal to the Leinster Council resulted in the provincial body recommending that the Meath County Board reconsider their decision.

The final was not played until December 14 and in what was described as a dour contest, Kilbride finished the hour as 2-5 to 0-5 victors. The eventual winners lost George Glynn to injury in the early stages and after trailing by 0-1 to 0-3 at the break, goals from Val White and Gerry Quinn proved decisive for them.

There were two groups of seven sides in the 1970 Keegan Cup competition. Kilbride were in Group A and after being held to a draw by Ballinlough in the second round, wins over Trim, St Patrick's and St Vincent's were followed by a 1-5 to 1-10 loss to O'Mahony's in Dunshaughlin. In the semi-finals, Kilbride again got the better of Skryne and O'Mahony's overcame Gaeil Colmcille in a replay.

The final attracted a then-record attendance of 6,100 who saw the defending champions outpoint the town team by 0-9 to 0-7 after being ahead by 0-5 to 0-3 at the halfway stage. The finalists had to field without the injured Martin Quinn and



Murty Sullivan (Credit - Royal County Yearbook)

Eamonn Giles and the game was described as a disappointing decider. Pat Bruton top-scored with a contribution of three points.

The number of the competing teams was slightly upped to 15 in 1971 and promoted Dunderry scored a surprise victory over Kilbride in a round two clash in Dunshaughlin. Those teams and Duleek finished level at the top of their group and following play-offs, Duleek missed out on a place in the last four.

In the semi-finals, Kilbride toppled Trim by 1-7 to 0-7 and Skryne were 0-13 to 0-5 winners over Dunderry. The final attendance increased to 6,500 who witnessed the Pat Bruton-captained side complete the three-in-a-row with a 1-8 to 0-9 victory. Jack Quinn, who moved from midfield to centre-forward in a switch with George Glynn, punched in the goal following a cross from Pat Bruton in the opening quarter. Skryne recovered to lead by 0-6 to 1-2 at the break. But the side in blue and white were second best from then on and late points by Gerry Quinn and Bruton proved decisive.

Kilbride did not concede a goal in any of their five SFC final victories. Also, four Quinn brothers, Jack, Martin, Gerry and Jimmy, were part of all the Keegan Cup triumphs and the 20 medals amassed must be a record for one family.

The Kilbride teams in the three-in-a-row finals were :

1969 - A Reddan (capt); S Hickey, M Quinn, P Clarke; O O'Sullivan, P

Rooney, Jimmy Quinn; J Quinn, E O'Sullivan; N Clarke, G Glynn, P

Bruton; M O'Sullivan, G Quinn, V White.

1970 - A Reddan; P Clarke, Jack Quinn, S Hickey; O O'Sullivan (capt),

E O'Sullivan, Jimmy Quinn; M Bohane, G Glynn; T Ryan, P Bruton, V

White; M O'Sullivan, P Rooney, G Quinn.

1971 - A Reddan; P Clarke, M Quinn, E O'Sullivan; Paddy Bruton, S

Hickey, Jimmy Quinn; Jack Quinn, M Bohane; N Clarke, G Glynn, P

Rooney; G Quinn, Pat Bruton (capt), V White.

Subs - M Farrell for E O'Sullivan, T Ryan for Paddy Bruton.



Jack Quinn (Credit - Royal County Yearbook).



Pat Bruton (Credit - Royal County Yearbook).



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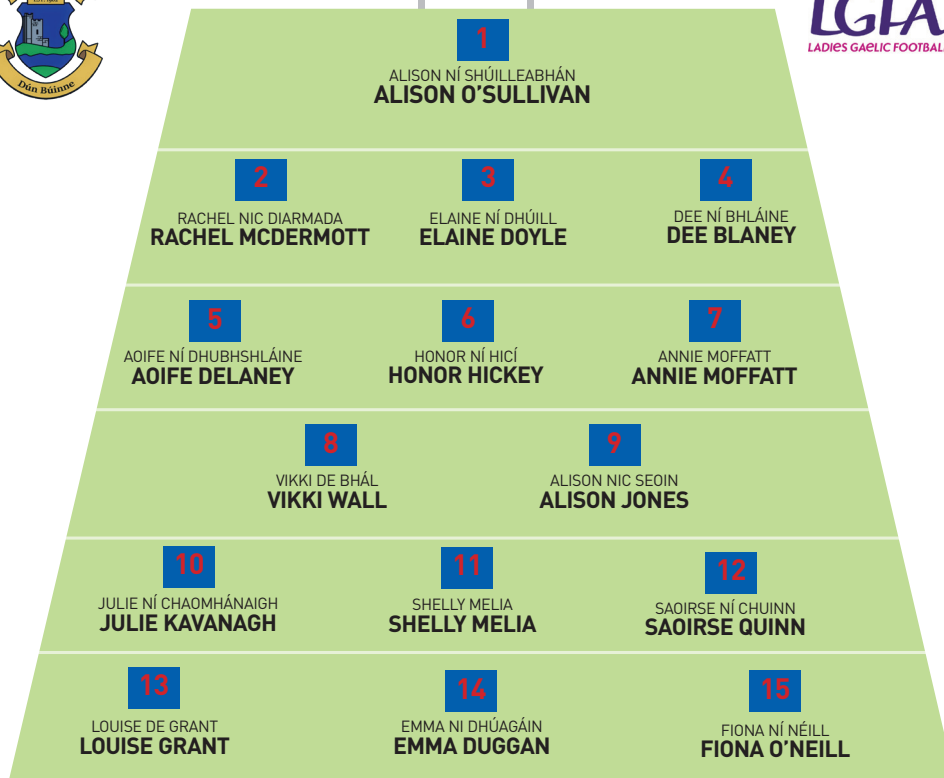


Best of luck to the St Peter's Dunboyne team from all in the Club!!!

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- 17. AOIFE THOMPSON
- 18. HANNAHNOLAN
- 19. NIAMH O'DOHERTY
- 20. LORNA WALSH
- 21. ALISON MCNULTY
- 22. AISLINN KELLY
- 23. SARAH WALL

- MICHELLE NÍ MHÁONAIGH
- AOIFE NÍ THOMÁIS
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- NIAMH NÍ DHOCHARTAIGH
- LORNA BREATHNACH
- ALISON NIC AN ULTAIGH
- AISLINN NÍ CHEALLAIGH
- SARAH DE BHÁL

- 24. COLLEEN BYRNE
- 25. RACHEL KANE
- 26. REBECCA KEOGH
- 27. RÓISÍNÓ'DOHERTY
- 28. RACHEL NORMAN
- 29. ELLEN O' BEIRNE
- 30. BEIBHINN HICKEY

- COLLEEN NÍ BHROIN
- RACHEL NÍ CHÉIN
- REBECCA NÍ EOCHAÍ
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Cluiche Ceannais Peile Shinsearach na Mí

BAILE SENCAILL



FIR IONAID:

- 16. KAREN MARRY
- 17. LEAH RYAN
- 18. ANNA WOGAN
- 19. MEADHBH HICKEY
- 20. AMY GILSENAN
- 21. LEANNE CLARKE
- 22. ZOE KIRWAN
- 23. TIANA KYLE
- 24. KELLIE STAFFORD
- 25. RUTH COMMONS
- 26. AOIFE JANE LENEHAN

- 27. TARA TRAYNOR
- 28. MEGAN CLARKE
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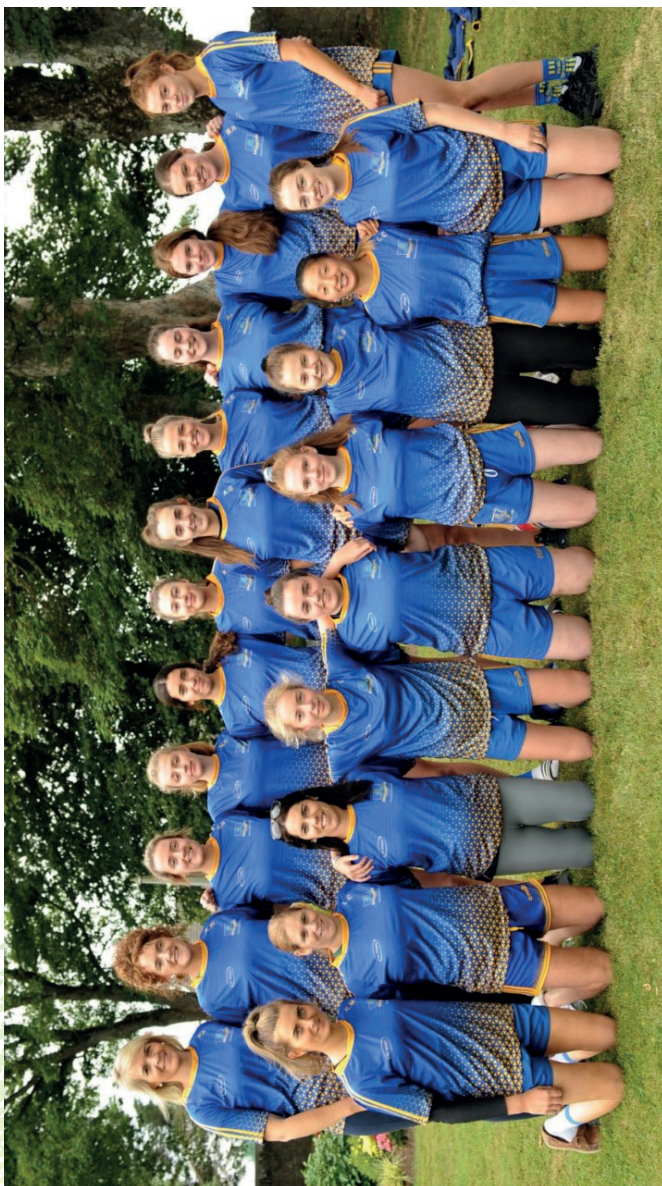
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Seneschalstown GFC

BAILE SENCAILL



Back L-R: Mena Sheridan, Eve Wardick, Seanaidh Hickey, Megan Clarke, Tara Traynor, Anna Wogan, Amy Gilsehan, Kiah Geraghty, Aoife Lenehan, Charlie Murray, Meadhbh Hickey, Kellie Stafford

Front L-R: Caragh Monaghan, Louise Coyle, Orla Garry, Orla Finnegan, Aisling Taaffe, Robyn Murray, Sorcha Gough, Leanne Clarke, Zoe Kirwan

Corn Antóin Mac Domhnaill - Tony McDonnell Cup

Coiste Cultúrtha na Mí will present the annual Antóin Mac Domhnaill (Tony McDonnell Cup) to Risteard Ó Harrachill (Dún Samhna) for his massive contribution to the Irish language and culture in Co Meath.

Richard Harrahil is a devoted servant to his own club Dunsany and to the Meath County Board. He was the chairperson of Dunsany GAA Club for many years and he was elected to the executive of Meath Co Board as Oifigeach na Gaeilge. "Ár dteanga, Ár gCultúir, agus Ár n-oidhreacht" would be fitting motto for Richard Harrahill.

C.L.G. Bhulf Tón presented the Antóin Mac Domhnaill cup to Coiste Cultúrtha na Mí. Tony McDonnell gave a lifetime of dedication to Cumann Bhulf Tón as a player, as a chairperson, and as a dedicated member. He also was elected as Oifigeach na Gaeilge for Meath G.A.A. Born in the heart of Gaeltacht Baile Ghib, Tony had a deep love for our teenage Gaelach. Tony McDonnell was a fundraiser of note, not alone for his club Bhulf Tón but also for his beloved county Meath. We will always continue to remember Tony and his massive contribution to our county.



Corn Cuimhneacháin Máirtín Johnny Mac Donncha

The late Máirtín Johnny Mac Donncha, a true son of Martinstown CLG was honoured when a cup was presented in his honour to Coiste Cultúrtha C.L.G. na Mí.

Máirtín or Karea as he was affectionately known due to his service to the American forces in the Korean war, he was a devoted follower of both Galway and Meath GAA born in Máimín Leitir Mór, Máirtín and his parents and siblings migrated to Rathcairn Gaeltacht in 1937. All of us and there are many who remember Mairtín (Korea) with great fondness.

Gaeil Óige Athá Troim are this year's recipient of the Mairtín Johnny Mac Donncha Cup due to their diligence to our Scór competition. In the last few years their instrumental music group (pictured above) reached the leinster final and indeed Cumann Átha Troim C.L.G. hosted our Meath final in their Clubhouse. Ár dteanga, Ár gCultúir, agus Ár n-oidhreacht is an apt motto for Club Óige



Átha Troim - instrumental music group



THE RISPIN BLOG

Third Time Lucky for Trim or Oldcastle Wizardry

Trim and Oldcastle – Two of the key protagonists in recent years at Intermediate grade headline Saturday's Mattie McDonnell decider. Both of them have relatively recent experience of dining at the top table in Meath Club Football with Trim dropping down from Senior in 2011 with Oldcastle making the descent 3 years later in 2014.

Indeed, both sides are backboned with a host of experienced campaigners today with a fine influx of youthful exuberance. The irony is that back in 2009, two fresh-faced teenagers in Paddy Gilsean and Paddy Rahill inspired the North Meath men to Intermediate success with a win over fellow North Meath rivals in the final. There may be a few more aches and pains in the limbs than there was then but make no mistake, these men along with the likes of Cian McPartland, Packie Kevin, and Robbie Farrelly will have key roles to play on this occasion once again.

The manager Jude McNabb has rejuvenated the men in blue and awoken their undoubted potential pulling them out of the depths of relegation scraps to within one small yet massive step of the holy grail of Senior Football for 2022. Led by County man and Captain Jason Scully, Oldcastle have adopted a strong counter-attacking game based on a supreme level of fitness, tactical nous, and above all else discipline. Having picked up 3 black cards in their hard-earned win over Rathkenny in the last 4, I don't think you could use the term

'discipline' in the literal sense of the word but the discipline to perfect the game plan to a fine art.

Oldcastle will look to the aforementioned



Trim v Walterstown - Meath IFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann. Aaron Lynch, Trim in action against Walterstown in the Meath IFC Semi-Final.
Photo: John Quirke / www.quirke.ie



Oldcastle v Rathkenny - IFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann.
Cian McPartland, Oldcastle in action against Thomas McGuinness, Rathkenny in the Meath IFC Semi-Final.
Photo: John Quirke / www.quirke.ie

Farrelly, Scully, CJ Healy, and the recent Cavan recruit Garreth O'Reilly for a huge scoring contribution as well as a tireless work ethic. Colin Hawdon will need to play a leading role to curb the Trim influence and transition from defence to attack seamlessly. A reborn 38-year-old netminder, Packie Kevin will be crucial in guaranteeing primary possession in which to build upon for the side appearing in their first final in 12 years.

It's fair to say it's not long between drinks for Trim having appeared in the last couple of finals, desperately striving to make it third time lucky. Their frailties and tale of late-season misery has been well-documented but having won their first trophy in 18 years just a matter of months ago, Kevin Reilly seems to have instilled newfound steel and mental strength. Of course, that was just a Corn na Bóinne Cup with all due respect to that Competition, it is a different ball game come Championship final day in the Royal County.

Trim along with St Vincent's are the only two clubs defending unbeaten records in 2022 and one would assume that this would stand them in good stead going into this. They also edged Oldcastle out in the Cup Competition for what it is worth. Their personnel have not radically changed over the 3 years, but the addition of former Meath Minor Ciaran Caulfield has been a huge boost for the Boynesiders. Caulfield's silky-smooth style of play resembles that of Darts Legend Steve Beaton with the ease with which he makes the game look. He has ably assisted the talismanic Aaron Lynch who has been in typically menacing form throughout the campaign. The revelation that is Mikey Cullen is the stuff of legend and he has formed a fantastic partnership with his fellow Sundance kid - Lynch. It has the makings of a fascinating final with a massive prize at stake for the victors.

Verdict: Trim

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ROLL OF HONOUR

Meath IFC Roll of Honour

Year Winner

2020 Ballinabrackey (0-16)
 2019 Nobber (4-16)
 2018 Longwood (0-11)
 2017 Curraha (1-17)
 2016 St. Colmcille's (0-12, 1-12 R)
 2015 Ratoath (1-15)
 2014 Ballinlough (1-12)
 2013 Gaeil Colmcille (0-18)
 2012 Na Fianna (1-12)
 2011 Moynalvey (0-15)
 2010 Nobber (3-12)
 2009 Oldcastle (2-11)
 2008 St. Ultan's (1-12)
 2007 Donaghmore/Ashbourne (1-15)
 2006 Rathkenny (1-10)
 2005 Duleek (1-9, 2-7 R)
 2004 Wolfe Tones (2-10)
 2003 Navan O'Mahony's (3-14)
 2002 Ballivor (2-5)
 2001 Blackhall Gaels (1-10)
 2000 St. Patrick's (0-9)
 1999 Syddan (2-11)
 1998 Blackhall Gaels (0-12)
 1997 Dunshaughlin (3-14)
 1996 Cortown (2-5)
 1995 Simonstown Gaels (0-16)
 1994 Kilmainhamwood (2-11)
 1993 Carnaross (1-8)
 1992 St. Peter's Dunboyne (0-8)
 1991 Ballinlough (1-9)
 1990 Dunderry (0-16)
 1989 St. Michael's (0-11) Dunderry (0-9)
 1988 St. Colmcille's (1-3, 1-11 R)
 1987 Oldcastle (5-6)
 1986 Gaeil Colmcille (1-6)
 1985 Martry Harps (1-5, 1-8 R)
 1984 Slane (0-8)
 1983 Moynalvey (1-8)
 1982 Kilmainhamwood (1-5)
 1981 Ballivor (2-8)
 1980 Nobber (1-8)
 1979 Martinstown/Athboy
 1978 Duleek
 1977 Dunshaughlin (0-13)
 1976 Castletown
 1975 Moylagh (2-5)
 1974 St. John's
 1973 Bohermeen
 1972 Summerhill
 1971 Ballivor (R)
 1970 Dunderry

Runner-Up

Trim (1-12)
 Trim (0-13)
 Ballinlough (0-7)
 St. Michael's (1-7)
 Dunderry (0-12, 1-6 R)
 Nobber (0-5)
 Ballinabrackey (1-9)
 Clann na nGael (0-5)
 Trim (1-10)
 Gaeil Colmcille (1-10)
 Carnaross (0-7)
 Kilmainhamwood (0-6)
 Cortown (1-9)
 Castletown (1-11)
 Drumconrath (2-6)
 Syddan (1-9, 2-6 R)
 Duleek (1-12)
 Carnaross (0-6)
 Navan O'Mahony's (0-10)
 Ballivor (0-12)
 Ballivor (0-7)
 St. Patrick's (1-10)
 St. Patrick's (1-8)
 Duleek (1-6)
 Duleek (0-8)
 Castletown (2-9)
 Simonstown Gaels (1-8)
 Kilmainhamwood (0-10)
 St. Patrick's (0-4)
 St. Patrick's (0-11)
 St. Peter's Dunboyne (1-7)
 Dunderry (0-6, 2-7 R)
 Dunderry (3-4)
 Meath Hill (0-7)
 St. Mary's Donore (1-5, 1-2 R)
 St. Colmcille's (0-5)
 St. Mary's Donore (0-6)
 Martry Harps (0-7)
 Wolfe Tones (1-4)
 Martry Harps (0-8)
 Wolfe Tones
 Kilmainhamwood
 Nobber (0-6)
 Kilmainhamwood
 Dunshaughlin (0-9)
 St. Vincent's
 Moylagh
 Martry Harps
 Moylagh (R)
 Flathouse

1969 Drumree (2-6)

1968 Slane

Year Winner

1967 Seneschalstown
 1966 Duleek
 1965 Kilmainhamwood
 1964 Walterstown (1-6)
 1963 St. Patrick's
 1962 Kilbride (3-8)
 1961 Drumree
 1960 Athboy
 1959 Donaghmore
 1958 St. Mary's,
 1957 Carnaross
 1956 Navan O'Mahony's 'B'
 1955 Duleek Slane
 1954 Ballinlough
 1953 St. Vincent's
 1952 St. Peter's, Dunboyne
 1951 St. Patrick's
 1950 Donaghmore
 1949 Trim
 1948 Ballivor
 1947 Dunderry
 1946 Castletown
 1945 Carlanstown
 1944 Dunderry
 1943 Parnells
 1942 Longwood (0-3)
 1941 Syddan
 1940 Seneschalstown
 1939 Duleek
 1938 Donaghmore
 1937 Skryne
 1936 Moynalty
 1935 Erin's Own
 1934 Rathkenny (1-2)
 1933 Skryne (3-3)
 1932 Erin's Own
 1931 Moynalty
 1930 Martry Harps
 1929 Slane
 1928 Ardcaith
 1927 Castletown

Castletown (1-7)

Bohermeen

Runner-Up

Bohermeen

Duleek

Kilmainhamwood (1-3)

Walterstown (1-3)

Bettystown

Duleek

Dunshaughlin

Carlanstown (0-1)

Flathouse

Syddan

Oldcastle

Bohermeen (0-4)

Rathkenny (0-3)



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ÁTHA TROIM



Trim v Waterstown - Meath IFC Semi-Final at Pairc Tailteann.

The Trim panel which defeated Waterstown in the Meath IFC Semi-Final L to R.

Back: Owen McGrath, Michael Cole, James Murray, Cian Downes, Sean Fitzgerald, Luke Moran, Peter Farrell, Ger Dwane, Conor Quigley, Rob Bourke, James Toher, Ronan White, Brian Bolger, Patrick Quigley, Aaron Lynch, Daire Lynch, Alan Douglas.
Front: Sean Foley, Josh Harris, Ciaran Caulfield, Ian Birmingham, Ciaran Joyce, Kevin Nally, Darryl Phelan, Mikey Cullen, Eoin O'Connor, Ciaran O'Rourke, Ben Holden, Paul Munnely, Brian Dowling and David Murtagh.

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SEAN CHAISLEÁN



The Oldcastle panel which defeated Rathkenny in the Meath IFC Semi-Final L to R.

Back: Joe Lynch, Stephen Tierney, Patrick Gilsenan, Conor McHugh, Conor Delaney, C.J Healy, Karl Gibney, Patrick Kevin, Oran Mulvanny, Cian McPartland, Barry Curran, Garrett O'Reilly, Robert Farrelly, Ross Cadden, Louis Colleran, Cillian Connell, Mossie Flood, Conor Hetherton.

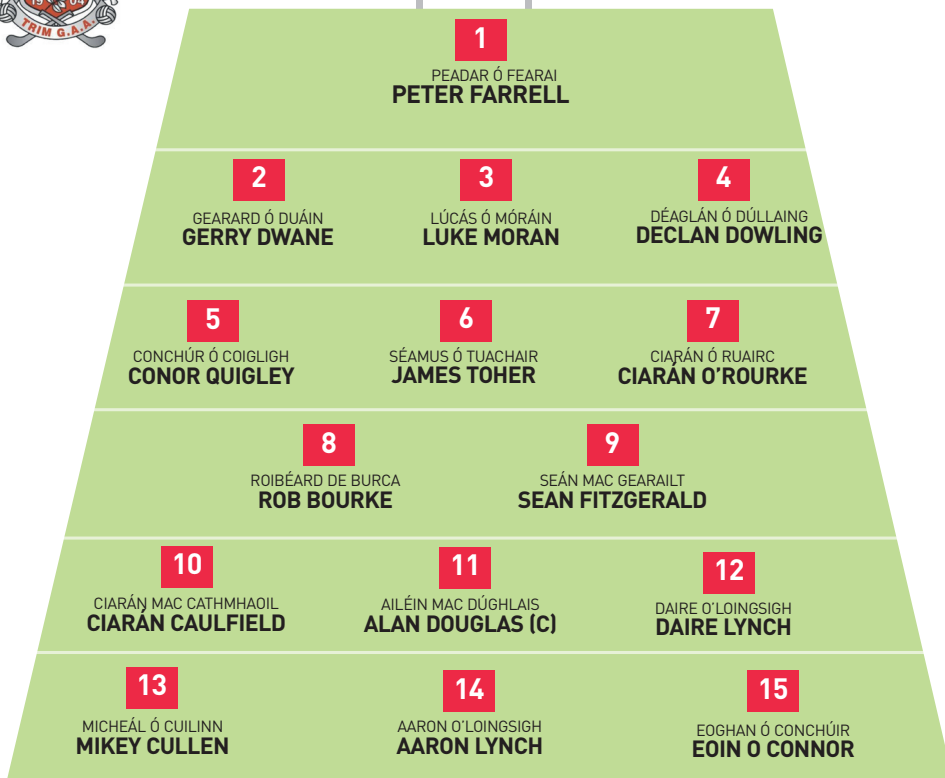
Front: Lee Healy, Patrick Rahill, Steven Lawless, Jason Scully (Capt), Colin Hawdon, Ronan Maguire, Oran Reilly, Darren Hawdon, Keith Connell, Lorcan Fox, James Cooke, Josh Halpin, Pearse Sheridan, Matthew Cadden and Ciaran Healy.

Photo: John Quirke / www.quirke.ie Brian O'Connor, Darragh Kelly, Ben McGowan and Conor Rooney.

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- 20. BRIAN DOWLING
- 21. BEN HOLDEN
- 21. PAUL MUNNELLY
- 22. CIARÁN JOYCE
- 23. IAN BIRMINGHAM
- 24. OWEN MCGRATH
- 25. CIAN DOWNES
- 26. MIKEY COLE

- PEADAR BRAONÁIN
- CAOIMHÍN Ó FHAILGHIGH
- DARRYL Ó FAOLÁIN
- BEN Ó HUITÁIN
- BRIÁN Ó DÚLLAING
- PÓL Ó MAONAILE
- CIARÁN SEOIGHE
- IAN MACFHEORAIS
- EIOGHAN MAC CRAITH
- CIÁN Ó DUBHÁIN
- MICHEÁL MAC COMHAILL

- 27. JAMES MURRAY
- 28. BRIAN BOLGER
- 29. SEAN FOLEY
- 30. PATRICK QUIGLEY
- 31. MARK MOLLOY
- 32. JOSH HARRIS
- 33. DAVID MURTAGH
- 34. RONAN WHITE

- SÉAMUS Ó MUIRÍ
- BRIÁN Ó BOLGHUIDHIR
- SEÁN FOGHLADH
- PADRAIG Ó COIGLIGH
- MARCAS Ó MAOLMHAIDH
- JOSH HEARADH
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BAINISTEOIR: KEVIN REILLY
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- 23. CONOR HETHERTON
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- 32. CIARAN HEALY
- 33. JOSH HALPÍN
- 34. DYLAN GARRIGAN

- MAITIÚ Ó CADÁIN
- CILLIAN Ó CONNAIL
- LÓRCÁN Ó SIONNAIGH
- SEOSAMH Ó LIONGSIGH
- STIOFÁN Ó TARNAIGH
- CIARÁN Ó HEILÍ
- JOSH Ó HAILPÍN
- DIOLLÚM MAC GEARGÁIN



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BAINISTEÓIR: JUDE MCNABB

ROGHNÓIRÍ EILE: NIALL MCNELIS, MICHAEL CANTWELL, MARCAS MORRISON, DECLAN MULLEN, MICK KAVANAGH, JAMES TUITE, PHYSIO SEAN MAXWELL

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THE RISPIN BLOG

Tale of the Bridesmaids for the destination of the Peter McDermott Cup

It is fair to say the old saying of 'Forever the Bridesmaid, never the bride' is more than applicable for both Dunsany and St Vincent's in this eagerly anticipated Junior Championship Final. One thing sure is one of them are going to walk down the aisle and collect the Peter McDermott Cup this year.

These sides met a little over 12 months ago in a game for the ages with St Vincent's edging

out Dunsany in the Semi-Final before eventually going down to Champions Ballivor. Despite once again leaving their supporters in need of medical assistance two weeks ago, they got the job done defeating St Ultan's in a marathon Semi-Final to make it 3 final appearances in 4 years. Dunsany's passage despite having to wait in the wings for a further week was much more straightforward as they overcome Carnaross in front of a bumper crowd in Cortown last Friday night.

It is safe to say there is no love lost between these two, but the Ardcath men do boast the better recent record against their counterparts. They did a real number on



JFC Semi Final at Ashbourne.
St Ultans v St Vincents
Luke O'Reilly (St Ultans) & Eric Callaghan (St Vincents)
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JFC semifinal at Cortown GFC

Carnaross v Dunsany

Mark Brennan lines up to score a first half goal for Dunsany in spite of the attention of Paddy McDermott (Carnaross)

Photo: David Mullen / www.quirke.ie

Shane Waldron's men during the summer in the Tailteann Cup, but one would assume this is a very different Dunsany animal now than the one it was back then. One thing Dunsany cannot afford to do is play into St Vincent's hands and fall into the trap that they have in previous meetings.

St Vincent's did have their limitations, but Dunsany were not savvy enough to exploit them in previous occasions in getting swallowed up and hit on the counter which is what St Vincent's under the previous regime of Daithí Whyte and Ronan Kearns thrived upon. One such limitation which was there in the past which maybe is not as prevalent nowadays is their scoring capability. Nigel Hand has transformed himself into a top marksman whilst their uncanny ability to get scores from across the boards have increased with Conor Harford, Ryan Hand, Eric Callaghan, Eoghan Corry and Paddy Arnold all capable of contributing in a meaningful way.

Dunsany on the flip side were perhaps too reliant on their talisman Pierre Fox to their detriment in recent years. This year they have an abundance of individuals who are comfort-

able in sharing the loads as demonstrated in the Semi-Final. Players of the ilk of Cathal Murphy, Shane Walshe, Declan Smyth and Eoin Harkin have magic in their game which makes them a formidable force. And what about the evergreen Mark Brennan?! Almost 41 years of age, he is set to make his SIXTH Junior Championship appearance with his first coming 19 years ago in 2002. The icon of Dunsany was an influential player in scoring 1-1 in his 17th Championship Semi-Final against Carnaross and what a way it would be for the man playing in his 25th campaign to bring the curtain down on a glittering career.

One major facet of their Semi-Final success in 2020 over Dunsany was St Vincent's ability to marshal the Fox in the box. Ciarán Brangan was the man tasked with the job last year, don't be surprised if those two go toe to toe again this weekend – the winner of this personal dual could be key in the overall outcome of the Peter McDermott Cup.

Verdict: Dunsany

ROLL OF HONOUR

Meath JFC Roll of Honour

Year	Winner	Runner-Up	Year	Winner	Runner-Up
2020	Ballivor [0-10]	St Vincent's [0-05]	1958	Dunshaughlin Clonard	
2019	Clann na nGael [3-08]	Moylagh [1-09] Replay	1957	Athboy [2-3]	Castletown [0-8]
2018	St Peter's Dunboyne 'B' [2-11]	St Vincent's [1-12] AET	1956	Oldcastle [2-4] Nobber [0-4]	
2017	Meath Hill [1-12]	Moylagh [0-9]	1955	Carnaross [3-5]	Curraha [0-2]
2016	Bective [0-15] Dunsany [0-12]		1954	Fordstown [1-6, 2-3 R]	Donore [2-3, 1-3 R]
2015	Curraha [2-12] Dunsany [2-11]		1953	Summerhill [1-5, 1-6 R]	Drumbaragh [0-8, 1-5 R]
2014	Cortown [1-10] [1-11 R]	St. Peter's Dunboyne 'B' [1-10] [1-10 R]	1952	Slane [4-4]	Carnaross [1-1]
2013	Drumbaragh Emmets [0-12] [1-13 R] Kilmainham [1-9] [0-10 R]		1951	Kells Harps [3-1]	Kilberry [2-1]
2012	Ratoath [1-11] Donaghmore/Ashbourne 'B' [1-10]		1950	Dunshaughlin [2-7]	Carnaross [1-1]
2011	Ballivor [2-14] Navan O'Mahony's B [1-8]		1949	Navan O'Mahony's [2-3]	Drumree [1-4]
2010	Ballinabrackey [3-4]	Ballivor [0-11]	1948	Ardcath	Ballinabrackey
2009	Longwood [1-10]	Dunsany [0-7]	1947	Young Irelands Cushenstown [2-2, 2-4 R]	
2008	Moynalvey [0-16]	Ratoath [0-7]	1946	Moynalty [1-5, 0-4 R]	
2007	Clann na nGael [1-7]	Moynalvey [1-6]	1945	Nobber [2-6]	St. Mary's [1-6]
2006	St. Ultan's [1-10]	Kilmainham [1-6]	1944*	Gormanstown [3-4]	Ballivor [1-3]
2005	St. Michael's [2-11]	Navan O'Mahony's B [1-11]	1943	Oldcastle [0-6] Walterstown [2-6]	
2004	Ratoath [1-8]	Dunsany [0-6]	1942	Martry [5-4]	Castletown [0-6]
2003	Wolfe Tones [2-9]	Ratoath [0-5]	1941	Meath Hill [3-6]	Kilcoon [1-6]
2002	Nobber [1-15] Dunsany [2-7]		1940	Carnaross [3-4]	Wilkinstown [0-5]
2001	Curraha [1-13] Wolfe Tones [1-6]		1939	Trim [3-8]	St. Vincent's Ardcath [1-6]
2000	St. Ultan's [1-11]	St. Peter's Dunboyne B [0-6]	1938	Longwood [4-5]	Ballinlough [1-1]
1999	St. Paul's [0-11]	Moylagh [0-9]	1937	De la Salle [3-2]	Ballinabrackey [1-3]
1998	Drumree [1-11]	St. Mary's [2-5]	1936	Oldcastle [3-4] Ballinabrackey [1-1]	
1997	Bective [0-11] Skryne B [0-9]		1935	Seneschelstown [0-4]	Dunshaughlin [0-2]
1996	Drumconrath [1-10]	Meath Hill [0-10]	1934	Duleek [2-4]	Tullaghanstown [0-5]
1995	Duleek [1-10] Drumconrath [0-10]		1933*	Trim [0-5]	Oldcastle [0-2]
1994	St. Brigid's [2-12]	Baconstown [2-8]	1932	Navan Harps [0-4] [1-5 R]	Pluxtown [1-1] [1-5 R]
1993	Cortown [3-15] St. Peter's Dunboyne 'B' [1-9]		1931	De la Salle [Navan] [2-3]	Rathkenny [0-2]
1992	Gaeil Colmcille 'B' [2-9]	Ratoath [2-6]	1930	Summerhill St. Colmcille's (Kells)	
1991	Carnaross [1-14]	Drumree [0-5]	1929	Martry [1-4]	Moynalty [1-3]
1990	Simonstown Gaels [2-10]	Cortown [1-10]	1928	Carnaross [3-3]	Curraha [0-2]
1989	St. Peter's Dunboyne [0-10 R] [0-10] Carnaross [1-7] [1-5 R]		1927	Drumconrath [4-6]	Rathmolloy [0-2]
1988	Ballinlough [0-12]	Carnaross [2-5]	1926	Syddan [1-5]	Ardcath [0-4]
1987	Moynalty [2-11]	Cortown [1-5]	1925	Ballinabrackey [3-5]	Boyerstown [0-0]
1986	Bellewstown [0-5]	Simonstown Gaels [0-4]	1924	Kilcoon [0-3]	Kells [0-1]
1985	Ballinabrackey [1-3]	Moynalty [0-5]	1923	Donaghmore [0-5] [3-0 R]	Navan Harps [1-2] [0-8 R]
1984	Rathkenny [1-9]	Moynalty [0-2]	1922	Dulane [0-1] [1-0 R] [2-4 2R]	Walterstown [0-1] [0-3 R] [1-2 2R]
1983	St. Colmcille's Moynalty		1921	Kells [3-3]	Navan Harps 'B' [1-2]
1982	St. Michael's [2-6]	Seneschalstown 'B' [1-7]	1920	Duleek [0-1]	Ballinabrackey [0-0]
1981	Moynalvey [1-7]	St. Michael's [0-4]	1919	Martry [3-0]	Trim Abbey Harps [0-2]
1980	Meath Hill [2-6]	Moynalty [0-3]	1918	Enfield [0-5]	Kilbeg Volunteers [0-4]
1979	St. Mary's [2-6] Meath Hill [2-6]		1917	Slane [3-6]	Athboy [1-1]
1978	Walterstown [1-8] [3-8 R]	St. Mary's [1-8] [0-6 R]	1916	Kells [1-6]	Ashbourne [1-3]
1977	Ballinabrackey [3-4]	Skryne 'B' [1-7]	1915	Rathkenny [0-2]	Ballinlough [0-1]
1976	Curraha [1-10] Nobber [3-1]		1914	Martry	
1975	Summerhill 'B' [1-9]	Drumbaragh Emmets [1-5]	1913	Curraha	
1974	Navan O'Mahony's 'B' [4-5] St. Colmcille's [0-8]		1912	Donore	
1973	Kilcoon [1-7]	Gibbstown [1-4]	1911	Carnaross	Skryne
1972	Ballinabrackey [0-11]	Dunsany [2-2]	1910	Kells Stars [3-2]	Trim Abbey Harps [1-1]
1971	Donaghmore [4-4]	Clonard [1-9]	1909	O'Growney's	
1970	Ratoath	Navan O'Mahony's	1908	Navan Harps	
1969	Martinstown [1-10]	Kilcoon [1-4]	1907	Betystown	
1968	Flathouse [3-6]	Gibbstown [0-1]	1906	Martry	
1967	Dunshaughlin [5-3]	Skryne [0-4]	1905	Navan Gaels	
1966	Gaeil Colmcille 'B' [2-6]	Summerhill [2-3]	1902	Navan Gaels	
1965	Bohermeen [1-6]	Oldcastle [0-4]	1897	Newtown Gaels	
1964	Martry [2-7]	Enfield [0-5]		Jewlstown	
1963	Drumconrath [1-4]	Kilberry [0-6]		Newton Round Towers [1-7]	Carnaross St. Kieran's [0-2]
1962	St. Peter's Dunboyne 'B' [2-13]	Donore 'B' [0-4]			
1961	Walterstown [0-10]	Ratoath [0-1]			
1960	Kilbride [1-9]	Batterstown [0-1]			
1959	Drumree [1-10]	Longwood [0-5]			

In the 1944 final, Walterstown were found to have fielded players from Dublin clubs. The title was awarded to Oldcastle.

In the 1933 final, Pluxtown were found to have fielded unregistered players from Dalystown, Westmeath. The title was awarded to Navan Harps.

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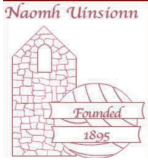


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JFC Semi Final at Ashbourne.

St Ultans v St Vincents

St Vincents Team, Back Row, L-R, Martin Fox, Niall Tallon, Robert Tallon, Paddy Arnold, Jack Byrne, Evan Connor, Mark Crawley, David Tallon, Stefan O' Neill, Tommy Fields, Conor Harford, Harry Callaghan, Robert Lynch.

Front Row, L-R, Pat Savage, Cianran Brangan, Nigel Hand, Gary Tuite, Ryan Hand (C), Conor Early, Leo Corry, Eoghan Corry, John Corry, Eoin Hand, Conor White.

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DÚN SAMHNA



JFC semifinal at Cortown GFC Carnaross v Dunsany

Dunsany team, Back Row, L-R, Shane Brennan, Declan Smyth, Rian Kealy, Mark Munnelly, David Hobson, Niall Flynn, Eoin Harkin, Ciarán Flynn, David Boyle, Mark Brennan, Charlie O'Donnell, Aidan Mangan, Colm O'Connor, Kyle Donnelly, Joey Keena, Paddy Lally,

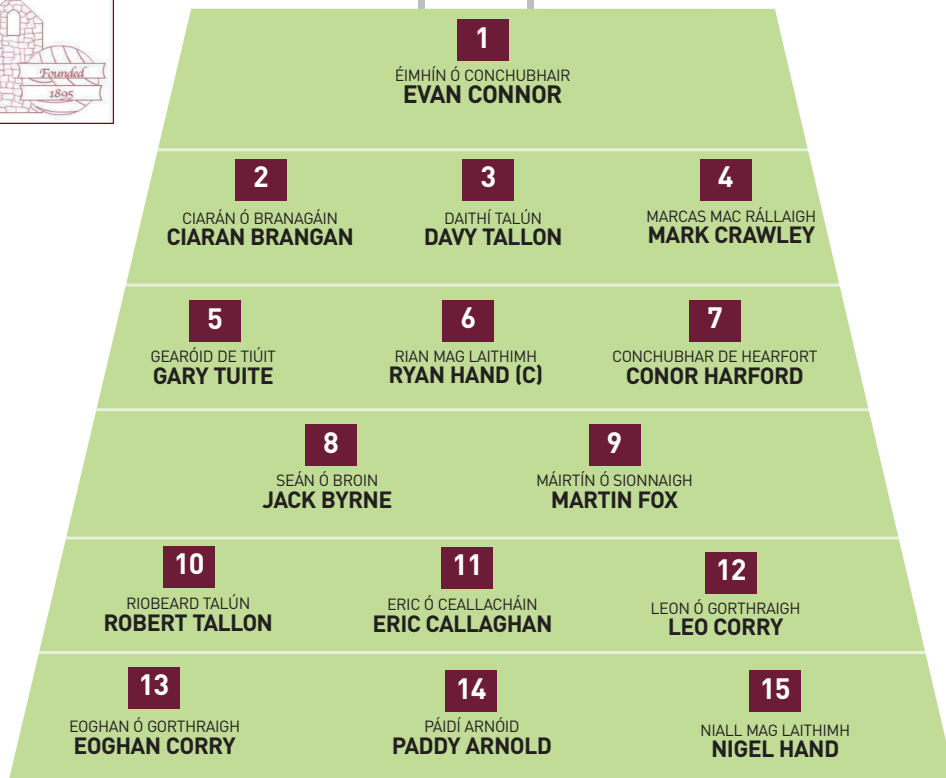
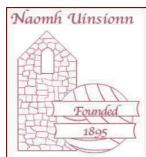
Front Row, L-R, Jack Cottrell, Shane Walsh, Padraig Burke, Sean Vaughan, Alexander Smyth, Danny Thynne, Conor Harkin, Pierre Fox, Cathal Murphy, Paddy Dunne, Cathal Burke, Dylan Swan, Padraig Maguire.

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- 18. CONOR WHITE
- 19. THOMAS FIELD
- 20. NIALL TALLON
- 21. ROBERT LYNCH
- 22. JOHN CORRY
- 23. CONOR EARLY
- 24. EOIN HAND
- 25. PATRICK SAVIDGE

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- STÍOFÁN Ó NEILL
- CONCHUBHAR DE FAOITE
- TOMÁS Ó FITHCHEALLAIGH
- NIALL TALÚN
- RÍOBEARD Ó LIONGSIĞH
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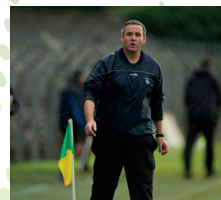
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- 21. AIDAN MANGAN
- 22. CATHAL BURKE
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Help your Healthy Club Officer



The health and wellbeing of GAA players and members, both male and female, has in recent years become a core issue within the GAA and each county now has a Health & Wellbeing Committee to coordinate this activity within the county.

Meath Health and Wellbeing Committee is comprised of 12 members, representing twelve different clubs, under the Chair of James Kelly (St Colmcille's). The Committee interacts closely with a Healthy Club Officer (HCO) in each of the clubs in Meath.

The Committee's main aim is to support and empower each HCO to be a beacon within their club to deal with health and wellbeing issues that may arise.

The Committee does this by providing the HCO with the necessary information so that he or she can act as a credible signpost for any player, parent or member who may have health or wellbeing concerns, such as mental health issues, substance abuse issues or addiction issues. The Committee also encourages HCOs to initiate events within their club to enhance the health and wellbeing of their members.

To provide the required information, the Health and Wellbeing Committee held a series of ZOOM meetings during the past year with all the HCOs to gauge how active health and wellbeing is within the County, as well as identifying challenges and concerns they may have.

The Committee also organised a webinar where representatives of the seven main re-

gional mental health support service providers outlined their services. This enables HCOs to be confident in directing people to the correct service providers.

Parallel to this work, the GAA Central Council organises the Irish Life/HSE supported Healthy Club Project where successful applicant clubs undertake a more focused range of activities within their communities (e.g. Smoke Free grounds, Healthy Eating Guidelines, Community Inclusion Projects) – to effectively broaden the club's remit from being a sports club to becoming a hub for health in their community.

Currently there are about 300 clubs throughout the country in the project, including 15 clubs from Meath. The next phase of the Project is now opened, and CC hope to add a further 200 clubs to the project. The Meath Health and Wellbeing Committee are aiming to have a further 15 clubs added to the project.

In anticipation that 2022 will see greater freedom and interaction among people, the Committee will be encouraging and facilitating HCOs to organise activities such as Stay Safe programmes for coaches, Cardiac Screening for players, the One Good Coach seminars, etc.

For most people - parents, juvenile players, adult players, and members - the local club is regarded as a safe and enjoyable environment for people to meet and develop. Experts consider the local GAA club a powerful contributor to good mental health and personal wellbeing.

The Meath Health and Wellbeing Committee is asking all clubs in Meath to support your Healthy Club Officer in ensuring that this perception continues for years to come.

A Great Gael Passes...



Maire and Des Ferguson

The death of Des Ferguson on Tuesday last was the source of widespread sadness, not only in Meath but also in his native Dublin and throughout the wider GAA community. He was one of the GAA's great legendary figures, a dual player of the highest calibre and a tireless worker in a wide variety of roles within the Association.

He had the unique distinction of managing both the Meath football and hurling teams and despite his loyalty to the sky-blue jersey of his native county, his commitment to the promotion and well-being of the GAA in Meath was steadfast. Des was the recipient of Coiste na Mí's Hall of Fame award in 2000.

He first came to prominence with the all-conquering St Vincent's club in Dublin and subsequently played in 5 All-Ireland finals, 3 Football and 2 Hurling. He had a real baptism of fire in his 1st All-Ireland appearance, against Cork in the 1952 Hurling final. His direct opponent was Christy Ring and victory went to Cork. He played in the 1955 Football final against Kerry with success again proving elusive. He won his 1st All-Ireland medal in 1958 when Dublin beat Derry and his 2nd in 1963 when Galway were the runners-up. In between, he was unlucky not to win a SHC medal when Dublin lost to Tipperary, by a point, in the 1961 decider. His brother Liam was also on the 1961 team.

Des and his family subsequently moved to Meath where he became deeply involved in the newly formed Gaeil Colmcille club. He was a key figure in the building of the clubhouse and dressing rooms, a task he performed for several other clubs in the county. He was on the Gaeil Colmcille team that won the Keegan Cup in '66 & '68, and still found time to become involved with coaching several hurling teams.

He was also a much-respected referee and took charge of the SHC finals in 1968 and 1973 both of which were contested by Boardsmill and Athboy.

Des was also a staunch supporter of the cultural aspect of the Association and made a much-valued contribution to its growth in the community.

He was proud of the achievements of his son Terry when he won 2 All-Ireland titles with Meath in 1987 and '88. Barry was also on the 1987 panel. Conor was also a committed dual player with Gaeil Colmcille and followed in his father's footsteps as a referee.

To Des's ever-supportive wife Maire and the Ferguson family, Coiste na Mí extends its deepest sympathy.

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