

An Ród



Tullamore Court Hotel Senior Football Championship Final 2020

AN RÓD V AN TULACH MHÓR

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER at 4pm

Réiteoir: Marius Stones.



Tullamore Court Hotel
Senior B Football Championship Final 2020

DARÚ V PÁIRC DE GRÁS

SUNDAY 4th OCTOBER at 1pm

Réiteoir: Eamon O'Connor.



Tullamore Court Hotel
Intermediate Football Championship Final 2020

CILL CORMAIC/CILL AICTÍ V NAOMH RAGHNACH

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER at 4pm

Réiteoir: Fergal Smyth.



Tullamore Court Hotel

Junior A Football Championship Final 2020

AN DAINGEAN V AN TULACH MHÓR

SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER at 1pm

Réiteoir: Chris Dwver.

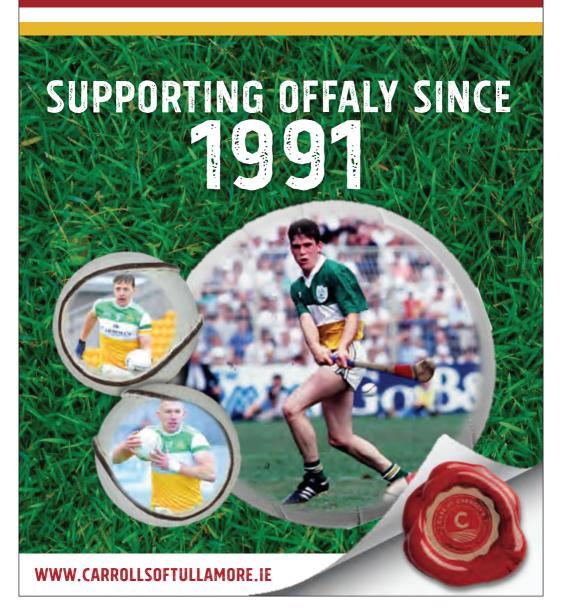
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Fáilte

Tá an athas orm fáilte roimh go léir go Tulach Mhór inniu. Tá súil agam go mbeadh cluichí brea spoirtúil againn agus taispeantas thar bharr don peil in ár gcondae.

In what has been an extraordinary year in so many ways I would like to welcome you all to Bord na Móna O'Connor Park for this year's County Football Finals.

When I was elected Chairperson back in December, we had many plans and aspirations for Offaly GAA in 2020. Little did any of us know at that stage what lay ahead. On the 16th March one of my biggest supporters, my Dad Peadar, passed away suddenly. It was the first week of the restrictions associated with Covid 19 and it has been a challenging time for everyone in many ways since.

Back in March we weren't sure if we would have any games this year. Through the hard work and commitment of our clubs, players and many volunteers we have finally got to County Final day. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank every club in Offaly for their co-operation, understanding and outstanding compliance during the past six months.

I would also like to thank all the officers of the County Board for their unstinting commitment. The Competition Controls Committee deserve particular credit for getting fixtures planned and played in very difficult and constantly changing circumstances.

Bord na Móna O'Connor Park is widely regarded as one of the GAA's finest grounds with the pitch being the jewel in the crown. Jim Kelly and his team deserve huge credit for the way our facilities are always presented. Our stewards and volunteers

also deserve massive thanks and credit for all they do on match days, all year round.

In what is a particularly difficult year financially for the association, I want to pay particular thanks to all our sponsors. Thanks to the Tullamore Court Hotel for your sponsorship of all our adult football competitions. To Carroll's of Tullamore, thank you for extending your sponsorship and for your loyalty over the years and to Bord na Móna thank you for your ongoing support.

I would like to wish our referees and officials the very best of luck today. In particular, I'd like to wish Marius Stones well as he referees his first Offaly Senior Football Final.

I wish to pay a sincere thanks to the local media for the outstanding coverage that you give our games. All players say they don't read the papers or listen to the radio, but they do! With the limited number of match tickets, we expanded our streaming service and my appreciation goes to all those who have contributed to producing this service for our Offally supporters.

The most important people in O'Connor Park this weekend are the players from the seven clubs. County Final day is special and the winning or losing will stay with you forever. The availability of County players to their clubs for such an extended period has led to a marked increase in standard in my opinion. Good luck to you all and thank you for giving us so much enjoyment over the last few months.

Finally, I would like to sympathise with any of you that lost loved ones during the year. We lost many great Gaels and we could not give them the send off they deserved. In particular, on behalf of Offaly GAA, I would like to remember Paddy Fenning, Paddy Molloy and Fr Tom Scully, three men who made a huge contribution to their County. I would also like to remember, on a personal level, my friends Pat Smullen and Conor Connelly, two outstanding young men taken in their prime. May they all Rest in Peace.

Enjoy the games - Uibh Fhailí Abú.

Michael Duignan, Cathaoirleach

FOUR EXCITING FINALS IN STORE ——By Brendan Minnock

A joke was once told about a now deceased Unionist politician who awoke after 25 years to receive what he thought was good news that Rangers had trounced Celtic...only to discover it was on a scoreline of 3-11 to 2-06!

Similarly, some GAA die-hards may have broken into a cold sweat last Sunday week when news came through that Tullamore had defeated Ferbane 9-8 in a penalty shoot-out at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park!

The unique conclusion to the Offaly SFC semi-final may never be repeated at the famous venue. Only introduced into regulations by the Competitions Control Committee to avoid replays during this condensed season, it was a thrilling way to win but a cruel way to bow out.

Considering the fixtures plan recently required further tweaking after a 'localised lockdown' in three counties including Offaly, it's somewhat relieving that finals in four adult grades will be completed this weekend.

Seven clubs (Tullamore will compete in two finals) are bidding for glory at Senior, Senior B, Intermediate and Junior levels, with some accustomed to county final glory and others seeking a rare day in the limelight.

SENIOR

It was deeply unfortunate that so few people were allowed entry to the Senior Football semi-finals, as two penultimate round games have seldom provided such excitement in the same year. Thankfully, the streaming service available on www.247.tv/gaa was a welcome alternative and armchair viewers certainly got value for money.

Rhode and Tullamore most recently met in the Offaly SFC final in 2013, with 'The Blues' triumphing by 2-7 to 0-9. That was their 27^{th} title and ensured, at the time, that they remained on top of the roll of honour. But this is their first time back in the decider, whereas Rhode have been involved in county final day every year since, winning on four occasions to bring their tally of titles up to 29.

Their greater experience, together with a decisive victory when the teams met in Round 2 this season, may be sufficient to install Rhode as favourites. But Tullamore have the benefit of beating the county champions and the outcome of the group game will have little or no bearing on the action today.

Tullamore's manager Niall Stack already has the honour of winning titles as a player and selector with the club and earlier in the summer, also guided Coláiste Choilm to the Leinster Schools Senior Football 'B' title.

Rhode have a tradition of appointing managers from

within the club, but this season Malachy McNulty from

Laois is in charge and he has overseen a 100% record from their four championship outings. They weren't seriously troubled by Clara, Tullamore or Cappincur and concluded their group games with a scoring average of +30.

In contrast, a scoring difference of just +1 was crucial for Tullamore as they finished level on points with Cappincur and Clara after just one victory from three outings. Maybe they are peaking at the right time as their semi-final success was undoubtedly their best performance of the season

Tullamore's blend of youth and experience not only blossomed during the opening 60 minutes of the semifinal, and carried into extra-time, but shone through in the shoot-out when Shane Dooley, Johnny Moloney and Paul McConway were joined by young guns Ciaran Burns and Ciaran Egan.

All Offaly GAA supporters will be pleased that Niall McNamee is back to his best form after a nasty injury prevented him from starting last year's final. He stands out as the championship top-scorer once again and like so many of his team-mates, including older brother Alan, Anton Sullivan, Brian and Niall Darby not to mention many more, is hoping to add to an already large collection of county medals.

SENIOR 'B'

The wise money at the start of the year was on a Senior B final between Durrow and Gracefield and that is what has transpired.

Both clubs recently featured in the top flight and are anxious to return there as soon as possible. Throughout this championship, they have played with pace and flair with many scores out of the top drawer.

Respective managers Shane Curran and Pat 'Dingle' Daly brought a wealth of know-how to their roles also and will no doubt have studied their opponents in detail.

Durrow made all other teams in this grade sit up and take notice with a first round blitz of Ballycumber. Equally impressive in the second round against Walsh Island, they found Ferbane a tougher nut to crack in Round 3 and were pushed all the way by Tubber in the semi-final, even if they were forced to play with 14 men for over half an hour.

With two goals in three of their four outings, including memorable strikes by Billy Fogarty and John Murphy in the semi-final, Durrow feature quite a few players who triumphed at this grade in 2017 and have strengthened their panel with young players coming through from the



under 20 grade, most of whom also feature prominently for the Ballinamere hurlers.

A proud club like Gracefield would have been very disappointed with relegation from the top flight in 2019 and so are very determined to bounce straight back up.

They didn't get off to an ideal start, being held to a draw by Tubber in the opening round. Since then, however, they have made their mark with big wins over Shannonbridge and Erin Rovers, and a hard-fought victory over Ballycumber. Perhaps their best display was against Erin Rovers, with Jack Walsh and Jamie Evans running the show as they built up a tally of 4-11 after 60 minutes of blistering football.

It's obvious from those statistics that two fit and attack-minded teams have the potential to provide an enthralling Senior B final, with the winners going home with the belief that they are back where they belong.

INTERMEDIATE

Mention Kilcormac-Killoughey v St Rynagh's in a final and most people would automatically assume it's hurling that's being discussed. But today is an opportunity for the Cloghan-based St Rynagh's Football Club and the 'big ball' exponents from K-K to take centre stage.

Both clubs are certainly here on merit and indeed will relish an opportunity to move up a tier, where they featured in recent years.

This grade was one of the most competitive in Offaly and especially Group 1. Spare a thought for St Brigid's, who were eliminated on score difference despite winning two of their three games. Kilcormac-Killoughey actually topped the group despite narrowly losing their opening assignment to Clonbullogue, with big wins over the aforementioned St Brigid's and then Doon giving them a very positive score difference.

Meanwhile, in Group 2 St Rynagh's were the only team not to lose a game, with hard-earned wins over Raheen and Ballycommon sandwiched by a draw with Clodiagh Gaels.

It's not easy for dual players to keep going week after week, but once K-K and St Rynagh's picked up momentum, they were always likely to be strong contenders.

Indeed, Kilcormac-Killoughey's joust with Ballycommon was one of the games of the season in Offaly club football. A helter-skelter encounter went to extra-time, and although the final scoreline was 4-14 to 2-13, it didn't do justice to Ballycommon's efforts. The goal scorers for K-K were Stephen Leonard (2), Cathal Donoghue and Conor Mahon.

On the same evening, St Rynagh's led from start to finish against Clonbullogue, helped on their way with an early Graham Lynch goal. But it wasn't plain sailing either, as the final scoreline of 1-9 to 1-7 suggests, and the Cloghan-based side were helped by strong performances from Gary Mahon and Joseph O'Connor. Long-serving stalwart and former Offaly star Ger Rafferty previously won a county final on his wedding day and now is bidding for another medal with St Rynagh's.

JUNIOR

A fresh structure for the Junior Football Championship kept all the Junior clubs on one side of the draw, with the second teams from Senior clubs placed in the other group. Daingean were really only tested in their second round game against neighbours Kilclonfert (0-10 to 0-8), as they enjoyed winning margins of 11 and 27 points in their other two Group 1 fixtures.

Meanwhile Tullamore (who also have a Junior B side), also surged through with a 100% record with victories over Rhode, Edenderry and Clara.

In the semi-finals, Jamie Hayes and Shane Tierney were once again to the fore as Daingean cruised past Clara by 2-19 to 1-8. Tullamore didn't have it as easy versus Kilclonfert, but were still deserving winners by 1-8 to 0-6, with their goal scored by Patrick Cosgrove.

It's hard to believe that six years have passed since the joyous scenes when Daingean last lifted the Tommy Quinn Cup, while Tullamore won this title the previous year.

This is actually the only one of the four finals which features two teams that have won all their games to date, so we can expect a never-say-die attitude from both Daingean and Tullamore.



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GAA Volunteers Came to the Fore When Needed Most

Yet again the members of

our Association have come

to the fore when needed

most - in every parish, in

every county.

By Pat Teehan (Leinster GAA Chairman)

"But Pat, we can't have that many in the room."

"That'll be no problem - we can meet on Zoom."

A conversation that has become normal, this new normal we keep hearing about. And an illustration of how so many of our members were forced to move outside their comfort zone in order to keep things ticking over. Some people who may rarely have sat in front of a laptop before Covid are now adept at online meetings and webinars. Necessity is the mother of invention, and

there has been a lot of invention, and adapting, and ingenuity, to ensure that our Association continues to function in these most challenging circumstances.

For this I must compliment all of our GAA volunteers. Yet again the members of our Association have come to the fore when needed most – in every parish, in every county.

The early days of Covid in March were tough on all. But that resilient Irish spirit and the sense of community shone through. Shuttles on the pitch became shuttles from shops to homes and training runs became delivery runs. When we couldn't play our games and our elderly were housebound, our members used their time to make sure that no members of the community were left wanting for anything – be it shopping, medicine, fuel – or reassurance.

As the Summer approached and the evenings lengthened there was a big void in all of our lives. When the fields should have resonated with the sound of sport there was silence. But there were no complaints. We knew there was a battle raging and we knew that the efforts of all our people would be required to win that battle.

We had a glimmer of light in June when club activity was able to resume under safe conditions. The sense of relief was palpable. The goodness of sport, physically and

mentally, was never more apparent. Our Cúl Camps saw thousands of children participate safely in the pursuits they love. Joy filled our fields again and the new normal was again, thankfully, the old normal.

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Our club championships were played under unique circumstances with mostly

little or no crowds - and with Offaly, Laois

and Kildare suffering further setbacks as

the competitions progressed. But that did not lessen the effort on the pitch, or the skill levels – or that innate desire in every player to win their county championship.

This weekend we have eight teams that still cling to that desire and I wish them all the very best in their respective Finals. There will of course be winners but I think it must be said that every member of our organisation in this unprecedented year is a winner. Our clubs and our people have shown yet again that when the going gets tough, so too do GAA members!





AN DAINGEAN Daingean

Dathanna: Marún agus Bán (Maroon and White)







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PADRAIG FERGUSON

COLM BROPHY

DAVID FEELY







STEPHEN JOYCE

CIARAN McEVOY (C)

ADAM BOLGER



DAVID WALSH



SCOTT MILNE



UE HAVES



CHARLIE HAYES



ODHRAN CONNOLLY SHANE TIERNEY



STEPHEN BURNS

FIR IONAID

- 17 COLIN BRENNAN
- 18 CONLETH CAREY
- 19 SHANE COCOMAN
- 20 BRIAN DARCY
- 21 RYAN DUFFY

- 22 PAUL GALVIN
- 23 JOHN KENNY
- 24 DANNY MANGAN
- 25 AARON MCCOURT
- 26 ALAN MCEVOY

- 27 JOHNNY MCGRATH
- 28 CIAN O'NEILL
- 29 LARRY O'REILLY

Team Management

Manager: Keith Higgins • Selectors: Willie Kennedy, John McCourt, James Higgins • Club Official: Vickie Keating





TULACH MHÓR Tullamore

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán (Blue and White)



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SHANE ENRIGHT

3

DEAN CARROLL

4

PAURIC BRAZIL

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CATHAL KAVANAGH

6

MARK CONLON

7

JAY SHEERIN

8

JOSH EVANS

9

PATRICK FAHEY

10

LIAM DILLANE

11

SHANE KELLY

12

TOM FURLONG

13

MICHAEL FOX

14

PATRICK COSGROVE

15

DANIEL FOX

FIR IONAID

16 COREY WHITE

17 AARON PIERCE

18 MARK BOLTON

19 MARK HAYES

20 KEVIN KELLEHER

21 EOIN O'CONNOR

22 PAUL NORTON

23 SHANE MARTIN

24 BRIAN CONLON

25 BRIAN FINN

26 LAURAUN RYAN

Team Management

Manager: Pat Cooney • Selectors: Paul Dillane, Sean Keane • Physio: Gary Pyke

PATHS TO THE FINAL

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2020

DAINGEAN ROUND 1

Daingean 2-17 • Ballinagar 1-9 24th July at Ballinagar

ROUND 2

Daingean 0-10 • Kilclonfert 0-8 25th August at Walsh Island

ROUND 3

Daingean 2-28 • Kinnitty 1-4 5th September at Kinnitty

SEMI-FINAL

Daingean 2-19 • Clara 1-8 19th September at Rhode

Scorers: Jamie Hayes 1-9 (0-2 frees), Shane Tierney 0-5 (0-2 frees), Odhran Connolly 1-1, Charlie Hayes 0-2, Ciaran McEvoy & Brian Darcy 0-1.

TULLAMORE ROUND 1

Tullamore 2-16 Rhode 1-9 26th July at Rhode

ROUND 2

Tullamore 1-17 Clara 1-4 25th August at Tullamore

ROUND 3

Tullamore 2-10 Edenderry 1-8 5th September at Tullamore

SEMI-FINAL

Tullamore 1-8 Kilclonfert 0-6 19th September at Gracefield

Scorers: Patrick Cosgrove 1-3 (0-1 free), Daniel Fox 0-2 (marks), Liam Dillane (free), Shane Kelly (free) & Michael Fox 0-1 each.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2020

KILCORMAC-KILLOUGHEY ROUND 1

Clonbullogue 0-11 • Kilcormac-Killoughey 0-10 25th July at Clonbullogue

ROUND 2

Kilcormac-Killoughey 2-17 • St Brigid's 1-6 24th August at Mountbolus

ROUND 3

Kilcormac-Killoughey 5-15 • Doon 2-9 4th September at Pullough

SEMI-FINAL

Kilcormac-Killoughey 4-14 ● Ballycommon 2-13

18th September at Tubber

Scorers: Stephen Leonard 2-3, Cathal Donoghue 1-2, James Gorman 0-5 (0-3 frees), Conor Mahon 1-0, Dylan Murray 0-2, Thomas Geraghty & Mark Gleeson 0-1 each.

ST RYNAGH'S ROUND 1

St Rynagh's 1-11 • Raheen 1-9 24th July at Geashill

ROUND 2

St Rynagh's 0-9 • Clodiagh Gaels 1-6 25th August at Pullough

ROUND 3

St Rynagh's 2-6 Ballycommon 0-7 4th September at Tubber

SEMI-FINAL

St Rynagh's 1-9 Clonbullogue 1-7 18th September at Croghan

Scorers: Gary Mahon 0-4 (0-2 frees), Graham Lynch 1-0, Joey O'Connor 0-2 (frees), Dermot Shortt 0-2, Eoghan Flynn 0-1.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

SENIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2020

DURROW ROUND 1

Durrow 4-11 Ballycumber 0-6 26th July at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

ROUND 2

Durrow 2-21 Walsh Island 2-8 24th August at Tubber

ROUND 3

Durrow 1-12 Ferbane 1-9 5th September at Killeigh

SEMI-FINAL

Durrow 2-9 Tubber 1-11 19th September at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

Scorers: John Murphy 1-1, Billy Fogarty 1-1, Kevin McDermott 0-2 (0-1 free), Stephen Fitzgerald (free), Jack O'Brien, Bobby O'Dea & Brian Duignan 0-1 each.

GRACEFIELD ROUND 1

Gracefield 1-11 Tubber 2-8 25th July at Daingean

ROUND 2

Gracefield 2-20 Shannonbridge 0-8 25th August at Faithful Fields

ROUND 3

Gracefield 4-11 Erin Rovers 2-8
5th September at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

SEMI-FINAL

Gracefield 3-9 Ballycumber 0-11
20th September at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park
Scorers: Stephen Flanagan 2-2 (0-1 mark), Philip
Hurley 1-1, Jack Walsh 0-3, Jason Slatery 0-2, Jamie
Evans 0-1.

A 50th Anniversary To Savour For PAT 'BIRDY' KEENAN

The 50th anniversary of a title success is always an occasion to savour, and it is especially so for Pat 'Birdy' Keenan this weekend.

In 1970, Pat lifted the Dowling Cup as captain of Gracefield and he will be present in Bord na Móna O'Connor Park as his grandson Oisín Keenan Martin is lining out for Tullamore against Rhode in the SFC final.

One of the bright young stars in the Tullamore squad, Oisin will hope to add another medal to the family collection.

Gracefield defeated Éire Óg by 1-8 to 0-9 in the 1970 final to win the title for only the second time in the club's history. Pat was a star player with Offaly in the late '60s and early '70s, representing the Faithful County on 27 occasions between Championship and League.

PREVIOUS WINS

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

DAINGEAN

1907 - Daingean 0-7 • Edenderry 0-3

1927 - Daingean 3-2 • Erin's Own 2-4

Joe O'Reilly, Eddie Henry, Dinny Finlay, Paddy Mahon, Hugh Mahon, Jim Walsh, Pat Lynch, Ned Greene, Tom Wright, Bernie Mulrennan, Jack Fox, George Mourne, Jack Evans, Jim McMaken, Joe Quinn.

1937 - Daingean 4-7 • Ferbane 0-1

Paddy Mallon (capt.), Jack Evans, Dick Shaughnessy, Andy Buckley, Bill Stronge, Joe Arnold (0-1), Paddy Sheeran, Larry Mallon, Tom Wright (1-3), Mick McDermott, JJ Hanlon (1-0), Alfie Byrne (1-0), Tom Weymes (0-3), Gerry Buckley (1-0), Mick Ryan.

1953 - Daingean 3-3 • Cloghan 1-1

Seán Farrell; T Glynn, Jimmy McEvoy (capt.), T Wright; P Murphy, Paddy Galvin, J Rourke; Leo McGill (0-1f), Peter Carey (0-1), Martin Fitzpatrick (1-1), Joe Quinn, Jack Greene (1-0); P Fitzpatrick, P Sheeran, Mick Galvin (1-0). Sub: Tommy Greene.

2014 - Daingean 1-7 • Clonbullogue 1-6

Shane Owens; Dallan Goulding, John McCourt (capt.), Tommy Cocoman; Stephen Burns, Conleth Carey, Alan McEvoy; David Walsh, Tommy Kelly (0-1), Paul O'Rourke; Gary Comerford (0-3), Kieran McEvoy, Charlie Hayes (0-1f), Jamie Hayes (0-2, 0-1f), Shane Tierney (1-0). Subs: Páuric Mangan, Seán Ferguson, Cónan Curley, Cathal McGarrigle.

TULLAMORE

1907 - Tullamore awarded (unfinished)

1930 - Tullamore 7-1 • Birr 4-1

1942 -Tullamore 2-3 • Cloghan 0-5

Barney Connor (capt.), Paddy Kelly, Patsy Hogan, Charlie Molloy, Séamus Morris, Jimmy Adams, Séamus Martin, Jack Conroy, Joe Cassidy, Pat Connell, Brendan Bolger, Bobby Kelly, Noel Conroy, Tommy Flynn, Séamie Lowry.

1949 - Tullamore 1-4 • Erin Rovers 0-4

Michael Noel Byrne; Paddy Hughes, Joe Cassidy, John Maher; Mick Shannon, Paddy Naughton, Billy Dowling; Alo Kelly, Pat Connell; Joe Conroy, Tommy Flynn, Artie Pyke; Joe Dowling, Tommy Droogan, Paddy Walsh. Sub: Lar O'Toole.

1972 - Tullamore 2-6 • St Rynagh's 0-7

Nicky Whelan; Donie Geoghegan, Joe Cassidy, Andy Gallagher; Liam Connolly, Noel Caulfield, Peter Weir, Tommy Kelly, Val Smith, Steve Coughlan, Brian Collins, Paddy Carroll, Donal Carrol, Martin Buggy, Martin Power. Sub: Seamus Dolan.

1984 - Tullamore 2-11 • Shannonbridge 0-2

Des Dolan; John Lonergan (capt.), John Galvin, Tom Feehan; Pat Conlon, Noel Brady, Mick Scully; Willie McFadden, Paul Conlon (0-1), Dónal Carroll (1-0), Séamus Reynolds (0-2), Stephen Egan (0-7); Des Walsh, Gerry Collins, Noel Mannion (1-1). Subs: Kevin McEntee for M Scully, Maurice Wogan for J Lonergan, Brian Collins for D Walsh.

1993 - Tullamore 0-13 • St Columba's 1-8

Jim Beatty; Brendan Owens, Niall O'Dea (capt.), Paul Galvin, Ray Martin, Kevin Martin, Cathal Daly; Damian Fox (0-2), Adrian Fitzpatrick (0-2), Alan Hogan (0-5, 0-3f, 0-1 '45), John Rouse, Paul Rouse; Peter Kelly (0-1), Séamus Reynolds (0-1), Ronnie Walsh (0-2). Subs: Derek Martin for P Galvin, Gary Walsh for J Rouse.

2013 - Tullamore 2-14 • Birr 2-5

Jamie Coyne; John Hickey, Paul Buckley, Séamus Allen; Stephen Egan (1-0), Conor McNiff, James Buckley (0-1); Niall Stack (0-1f), Thomas Fleming (0-1); Mark Hayes, Stephen Francis (0-2), Brian Maxwell (0-1); Dermot Martin, Stephen Keogh (capt., 1-4, 2f), Alan Martin (0-3). Subs: Niall McCabe (0-1) for D Martin, Simon Byrne for A Martin, Colin Bane for B Maxwell, Ger Crowe for J Buckley, Paddy Farrelly for M Hayes.

PREVIOUS WINS

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

ST RYNAGH'S

1955 - Cloghan 2-6 Clara 2-6

F Rafferty; J Cantwell, M Nugent, Joe Rafferty; P Dolan, J Wynne, T Mulhare; P Lawless, Jack Rafferty; L Mulhare, D Gunning, F Clarke (0-1); V Clarke (1-2), J Rogers (1-0), J Egan. Sub: T Gannon (0-3 frees) for Lawless, J Barry for P Dolan.

1980 St Rynagh's 2-8 Bracknagh 2-3 (replay after St Rynagh's 1-8 Bracknagh 2-5 draw)

Dinny Wynne; Ger Mahony, Tom Wynne, Terry Garvan; P Molloy, Frank Guinan, D Lynch; Pascal Healy, Paddy Dolan (0-1); Alo Brereton (1-0), John Bennett (0-1), Dermot Devery (1-1); Paudge Mulhare (0-3, 0-2 frees), Liam Mahony (0-2), Noel Molloy.

1986 - St Rynagh's 1-4 St Saran's 0-6

Dinny Wynne; John Hanamy, Tom Wynne, Noel Devery; Pat Molloy, Mick McIntyre, Martin Hanamy; Paddy Dolan, Pascal Healy (0-3); John Daly, Dermot Devery, Garry Daly (0-1), Hugh Walsh, Padraig Horan, Joe Dolan (1-0). Subs: Martin Healy for H Walsh, John Bennett for N Devery.

2005 - St Rynagh's 3-5 Walsh Island 2-7

Stephen Finneran; Dessie O'Connor, Diarmuid Horan, Tomás Flaherty; Stephen Clancy, Michael Dolan, John Kerin (1-0); Ger Rafferty (0-1), Pat McIntyre; Martin Grogan, Paudie Mulhare (0-1), Shane Horan; Gary Mahon (1-0), James Rafferty, Gary O'Connor (capt., 1-3, 0-1f, 0-1 '45). Subs: Ciarán Flannery for S Clancy, Adrian Clancy for M Grogan, Enda Mulhare for S Horan, Nigel Flynn for M Dolan, Enda Corcoran for P McIntyre.

2010 - St Rynagh's 1-11 Durrow 0-8

Gary Kelly; Tomás Flaherty, Stephen Clancy, James Rafferty; Joe Carroll, Ger Rafferty, Joey O'Connor; Pat Camon, Pat McIntyre; Gary O'Connor, Ciarán Flannery, Stephen Wynne (0-1); Gary Mahon, Paudie Mulhare (1-2), Niall Wynne (0-8, 0-5 frees). Subs: Aidan Hanrahan for P Camon, Odhran McIntyre for G Mahon, Enda Corcoran for C Flannery, Eunan Martin for P Mulhare.

KILCORMAC-KILLOUGHEY

1998 – Kilcormac-Killoughey 2-5 • Tullamore 0-10

Thomas Murphy; Séamus Kiely, Seán Guinan, Aidan Spain; Fergal Lynch, Niall Hand, Martin Murray; Mark Hand (0-1), Tony Spain; Stephen Byrne, Colm Cassidy, John Delaney; Séamus Spain (0-1, free), Jimmy Quinn (0-2, 0-1 sideline), Mark O'Brien (2-0, pens). Sub: James Buckley for J Delaney.

2013 – Kilcormac-Killoughey 3-8 • Shamrocks 2-7

John Deevy; Chris Guinan, Ger Healion, Mark Mitchell; James Geraghty, Damien Kilmartin, Killian Leonard; Peter Healion, Conor Mahon (1-0); Peter Geraghty (0-2), Colm Cassidy, Ciarán Slevin (1-0); Thomas Geraghty (0-3), James Gorman (0-3, 0-1 free), Dan Currams (1-0). Sub: Dylan Murray for M Mitchell.

PREVIOUS SENIOR 'B' WINNING CAPTAINS

1987 Seán McEvoy, Daingean

1988 Pat Molloy, St Rynagh's

1989 Willie Colgan, Tubber

1990 Kieran Rigney, Doon

1991 Paul Daly, Cappincur

1992 – 2014 No championship

2015 Karl Daly, Ballycumber

2016 Diarmuid Carroll, Cappincur

2017 Gerry Spollen, Durrow

2018 Nigel Dunne, Shamrocks

2019 David Costello, Bracknagh



CILL CORMAIC/CILL AICTÍ Kilcormac/Killoughey

Dathanna: Glas agus Buí (Green and Yellow)





STEVEN ROSNEY



EOIN GLEESON



JAMES GERAGHTY



DANNY SPAIN



COLM LEONARD



DAMIEN KILMARTIN (C)



TOM SPAIN



CONOR MAHON



JORDAN QUINN



DYLAN MURRAY



THOMAS GERAGHTY



CATHAL DONOGHUE



STEPHEN LEONARD



JAMES GORMAN



OISÍN KEATING

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- 16 IOHN DEEVEY
- 17 MARK GLEESON
- 18 DAN MURRAY
- 19 BRYAN MULLEN
- 20 PHILIP COONEY

- 21 CIARAN MOORE
- 22 LIAM WHITE
- 23 TADHG DONOGHUE
- 24 JACK SCREENEY
- 25 NIALL EGAN

- **26 STEPHEN COONEY**
- 27 JACK MCLOUGHLIN
- 28 CATHAL KILMARTIN
- 29 JAMES CAROLAN
- 30 PETER GERAGHTY

Team Management

Manager: Brendan O'Malley • Selectors: Liam Melia, Mick Leonard, John Deevey





NAOMH RAGHNACH St. Rynagh's

Dathanna: Glas agus Bán (Green & White)



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IVAN HANAMY



TOMAS FLAHERTY



FERGAL HANAMY



DERMOT SHORTT



JOSEPH O'CONNOR



RONAN BUTLER



GER RAFFERTY



SEAN DOLAN (C)



DONAL MORAN



GRAHAM LYNCH



EOGHAN FLYNN



GARY MAHON



DARRAGH TIERNEY



SEAN HANAMY

FIR IONAID

16 ODHRÁN McINTYRE

17 PAT CAMON

18 STEPHEN CLANCY

19 MARTIN BYRNE

20 CONOR O'SULLIVAN

21 CONOR DALY

22 JOE CARROLL

23 DEAN FLYNN

24 ENDA FLYNN

25 GEARÓID DALY

26 CILLIAN TROY

27 CONOR DOLAN

28 MICHAEL DOLAN

29 NIALL WYNNE

Team Management

Manager: Gary O'Connor • Selectors: Kevin McGee, Stephen Finneran, Martin Grogan.

DAINGEAN'S Ciaran McEvoy

Name: Ciaran McEvoy.

Date of Birth: 22/05/1992.

Honours won with club: Junior A Championship, Junior C Championship, two Division 3 league, Division 4 league.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA?
Winning 2 Junior Championships in 2014.
Sporting idol when young? Kieran McGeeney.
Who will win the other three finals this weekend? Rhode, Gracefield, Kilcormac-Killoughey.

Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? Ireland winning the Grand slam at Twickenham in 2018.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Go for goal.

Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hogan Stand.

The forward mark in Gaelic football - keep it or scrap it? Scrap it.

The water break - keep it or scrap it? Keep it.

Should there be two inter-county football

teams in Dublin? No, I don't think so.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? A UFC event.

You're elected as GAA President – first thing you'd do? Spread funding more equally.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Instagram.

Choice of work – spreading turf or painting the house? Turf for me

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? The Killers – Mr. Brightside.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? Dubai. Some day.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? I'd buy Walshy a few pairs of shorts as he seems to turn up in just leggings a good bit!

Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden? I think Joe Biden will get in, but they're all mad anyway!

TULLAMORE'S Mark Conlon

Name: Mark Conlon.

Date of Birth: 22/8/1996.

goal.

Honours won with club: 2 SFC, 1 SHC, 1 IFC, 2 x U12F, 2 x U14F, 2 All-Ireland Féile, 1 x U14H, 2 x U16F, 1 x MFC.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? Winning SFC in 2007 & getting club Player of the Year.

Sporting idol when young? Roy Keane.

Who will win the other three finals this weekend? Kilcormac-Killoughey, Durrow, Tullamore.

Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? Shane Lowry winning Irish Open 2009. A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Go for

The forward mark in Gaelic football – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it.

The water break – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it after Covid-19 is gone.

Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hill 16.

Should there be two intercounty football teams in Dublin? No.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? World Darts Championship Final.

You're elected as GAA President – first thing you'd do? Try and resolve the issues around county and club fixtures.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Twitter.

Choice of work – spreading turf or painting the house? Spreading turf.

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? Kings of Leon – Sex on Fire.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? Bora Bora.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Go on a trip to Bora Bora.

Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden? Donald Trump unfortunately.



KILCORMAC/KILLOUGHEY'S Damien Kilmartin

Name: Damien Kilmartin. **Date of Birth: 16/08/1988.**

Your happiest occasion playing GAA?

Anvtime we've won.

Sporting idol when young? Roy Keane. Who will win the other three finals this weekend? Daingean, Gracefield, Rhode.

Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? The miracle at Medinah.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty - go for a goal or tap it over? Goal. The forward mark in Gaelic football - keep it or scrap it? Scrap it.

The water break - keep it or scrap it? Scrap it. Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hogan Stand.

Should there be two inter-county football teams in Dublin? Yes.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? Super Bowl.

You're elected as GAA President - first thing you'd do? Split club and county.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Twitter.

Choice of work - spreading turf or painting the house? Depends on the size of the job. Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? Come on Eileen.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? New Zealand.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Buy new kitchen appliances

Tough one to finish - who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden? Nothing would surprise me on that. I'll say Trump.

st. RYNAGH's **Sean Dolan**

Name: Sean Dolan.

Date of Birth: 14/5/1994.

Honours won with club: U12, U14, U16,

Minor B.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? Captaining St Rynagh's to SHC title in 2016. Sporting idol when young? Darragh Ó Sé. Who will win the other three finals this

weekend? Daingean (Junior), Durrow, Tullamore. Your favourite sporting memory outside of

GAA? Robbie Brady's goal in Euro 2016.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty - go for a goal or tap it over? Tap it over.

The forward mark in Gaelic football - keep it or scrap it? Unsure.

The water break - keep it or scrap it? Keep it. Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final - Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hill 16.

Should there be two inter-county football teams in Dublin? Yes.

Sporting event you'd love to attend?

World Cup Final.

You're elected as GAA President - first thing you'd do? Push for a more gender inclusive organisation.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Does WhatsApp count?

Choice of work - spreading turf or painting the house? Spreading turf.

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? Bill Withers - Lean On Me.

One place in the world you'd love to visit?

First thing you'd do if you won your club **lotto?** Pay the Treasurer.

Tough one to finish - who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden? Whoever has the most money!





AN RÓD Rhode



An Ród



KENNY GARRY



JAMES McPADDEN



JAKE KAVANAGH



BRIAN DARBY



GARETH McNAMEE



EOIN RIGNEY



NIALL DARBY



DYLAN KAVANAGH



CONOR McNAMEE



CIARÁN HEAVEY



RUAIRÍ MCNAMEE



STEPHEN HANNON



ANTON SULLIVAN



NIALL MCNAMEE



AARON KELLAGHAN

FIR IONAID

- 16 PHIL O'CONNELL 17 ALAN McNAMEE
- 18 KEITH MURPHY
- 19 PAUL McPADDEN
- 20 PAURIC SULLIVAN
- 21 DARREN GARRY
- 22 MARK RIGNEY
- 23 SHANE LOWRY 24 DONAL HICKEY
- 25 SHANE SULLIVAN
- 26 GAVIN YOUNG
- 27 JACK KILMURRAY
- 28 JACK MURPHY
- 29 BARRY COFFEY
- 30 JORDAN KILMURRAY
- 31 DAN O'BRIEN
- 32 LUKE SPOLLON
- 33 DAVID RIGNEY
- 34 DEAN MORRIS

35 HARRY JONES

Team Management

Manager: Malachy McNulty • Selectors: Anthony Murphy, Joe Kilmurray • S&C: Nigel Pearson • Physio: David Gaye Logistics: Pat McManus, Oliver Murphy

MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD

The Man of the Match Award for today's game has been sponsored by **Colton Motors.** The player to receive the award will be chosen by members of the local press, and will be presented immediately after the game.





TULACH MHÓR Tullamore

Dathanna: Gorm agus Bán (Blue and White)



CIARÁN BURNS

KEVIN O'BRIEN

PAUL McCONWAY (Joint Capt.)

DECLAN HOGAN

PATRICK ROBILLIARD

OISÍN KEENAN MARTIN

CIARÁN FGAN

AARON LEAVY

NIGEL BRACKEN

MICHAEL BRAZIL

LUKE PLUNKETT



PETER FOX

JOHN MOLONEY (Joint Capt.)

LUKE EGAN

FIR IONAID

- 16 COREY WHITE
- 17 MICHAEL FEENEY
- 18 GER WARD
- 19 AARON HENSEY
- 20 SHANE DOOLEY
- 21 PADDY MADDEN
- 22 JOSH EVANS
- 23 DIARMUID EGAN
- 24 KEN HOGAN
- 25 JAY SHEERIN
- 26 MIKE FOX
- 27 LIAM DILLANE
- 28 TOM FURLONG
- 29 JOHNNY KAVANAGH
- 30 MARK CONLON
- 31 PAUL O'TOOLE
- 32 DANIEL FOX
- 33 SHANE KELLY

Team Management

Manager: Niall Stack • Selectors: James Buckley, Gary Heffernan, James Keane • Coaches: Justin O'Brien, Peter Martin Stats & Analysis: Pat Nolan, Martin Hynes • Team Secretary: Paul Dillane • Physio: Gary Pyke



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RHODE'S Niall Darby

Name: Niall Darby.

Date of Birth: 9/12/1987.

Honours won with club: All Under-Age Medals up to and including Minor. 9 Div 1 League Medals and 9 SFC Medals.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? Winning any final.

Sporting idol when young? John Kenny.
Who will win the other three finals this
weekend? I have absolutely no idea so will just go
for Daingean, St Rynagh's and Gracefield.

Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? Shane Lowry winning the Open last year and watching the Super Bowl.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Go for goal.

The forward mark in Gaelic football – keep it or scrap it? Keep it.

The water break – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it. Should there be two inter-county football teams in Dublin? No.

Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hogan

Stand although I would sit on the roof of Croke Park to see Offaly in an All-Ireland Final.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? The

Masters or the Super Bowl.

You're elected as GAA President – first thing you'd do? Shorten the season.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Not on any social media platforms.

Choice of work – spreading turf or painting the house? Painting the house. I'd leave the turf to Niall McNamee.

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? The Rocky Road to Dublin.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? Dubai.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Book a holiday then hand the rest back.
Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden?
Donald Trump.

TULLAMORE'S Johnny Moloney

Name: John Moloney.

Date of Birth: 05/10/1990.

Honours won with club: U12 A, U14 A, U14

Féile x2, Minor A, U21x2, 1 SFC.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? 2013 Dowling Cup win.

Sporting idol when young? Cathal Daly.
Your favourite sporting memory outside of
GAA? Shane Lowry Open win.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Goal (there is a chance it could go over!!)

The forward mark in Gaelic football - keep it or scrap it? Scrap it.

The water break – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it.
Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill
16 or Hogan Stand? Hogan Stand.

Should there be two inter-county football teams in Dublin? No.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? Ireland at a World Cup in soccer.

You're elected as GAA

President – first thing you'd do? Address the funding imbalance.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Twitter I'd say.

Choice of work – spreading turf or painting the house? There is no good answer here.

One place in the world you'd love to visit?

South America

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Head off to South America!

Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden?
Donald Trump?



DURROW'S Oisín Cusack

Name: Oisín Cusack.

Date of Birth: 22/6/1995.

Honours won with club: Senior B Football Medal, Junior A Hurling Medal, Divison 2 and 4 League Medals, U14 Feile Hurling Medal.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? Winning U14 Feile Hurling Medal.

Sporting idol when young? Cristiano Ronaldo. Who will win the other three finals this weekend? Daingean, Kilcormac-Killoughey, Tullamore.

Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? Ireland winning Rugby Grand Slam in 2009. A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Go for a goal.

The forward mark in Gaelic football – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it (defender's view!)

The water break – keep it or scrap it? Keep it.

Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill

16 or Hogan Stand? Hogan Stand.

Should there be two intercounty football teams in Dublin? No.

Sporting event you'd love to attend? Ireland in Rugby World Cup Final.

You're elected as GAA President – first thing you'd do? Establish a clear club and county season.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Instagram.

Choice of work - spreading turf or painting the house? Spreading turf.

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? Sweet Caroline.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? America.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Visit America.

Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden?
Joe Biden.

GRACEFIELD'S Jamie Evans

Name: Jamie Evans

Date of Birth: 09/04/1996.

Honours won with club: U12, U14, U16 & Minor medals.

Your happiest occasion playing GAA? Playing alongside Conor Sheedy!

Sporting idol when young? Niall Smith. Who will win the other three finals this weekend? Rhode, St Rynagh's, Daingean. Your favourite sporting memory outside of GAA? Liverpool winning the 2019 Champions League Final.

A point down in injury-time and taking a penalty – go for a goal or tap it over? Go for goal.

The forward mark in Gaelic football - keep it or scrap it? Keep it.

The water break – keep it or scrap it? Scrap it. Supporting Offaly in an All-Ireland final – Hill 16 or Hogan Stand? Hill 16.

Should there be two intercounty football teams in Dublin? No, someone will

surely beat them. **Sporting event you'd love to attend?**Champions League Final.

You're elected as GAA President – first thing you'd do? Give Offaly a bye to a Leinster final.

Social media platform you check-in with most? Twitter.

Choice of work – spreading turf or painting the house? Paint the house.

Song you'd perform in Lip Sync Battles? Mysterious Girl.

One place in the world you'd love to visit? Tramore.

First thing you'd do if you won your club lotto? Probably go on a holiday.

Tough one to finish – who'll win the U.S. election, Donald Trump or Joe Biden?

Joe Biden





DARÚ Durrow

Dathanna: Glas agus Dearg (Green & Red)





STEPHEN FITZGERALD

2

CIARAN BURKE

5

DAVID MAGNER

3

OISÍN CUSACK (Joint Capt.)

6

GERRY SPOLLEN

4

MARK HUGHES

7

JACK O'BRIEN



BOBBY O'DEA

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ROSS RAVENHILL



DARRAGH WYER

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SHANE MOLLOY

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DAN WYER



KEVIN McDERMOTT (Joint Capt.) 14

BRIAN DUIGNAN

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ALAN GEOGHEGAN

FIR IONAID

16 JOE SMYTH

17 JOE MAHER

18 DAN MOLLOY

19 JACK FOGARTY

20 BILLY FOGARTY

21 LUKE WYER

22 JOHN MURPHY

23 MICHAEL MOONEY

24 LIAM CLAVIN

25 SEAN HUGHES

26 MICHAEL MCDERMOTT

27 SHANE MCDERMOTT

28 PAUL TROY

29 COLIN WATERS

30 JAMIE MCKEOGH

Team Management

Manager: Shane Curran • Coach: Owen Mooney • Selectors: Kevin Ward, Gerry Murphy, Declan Meehan





PÁIRC DE GRÁS Gracefield

Dathanna: Dubh agus Dearg (Black & Red)





AARON WHELAN

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ÓISÍN O DEA

4

NIALL PARKER



MARK WARD

6

TRISTAN LAMBE



GAVIN SMYTH



JAMIE EVANS (C)



NIALL SMITH



PADDY HURLEY



PHILIP HURLEY



JASON SLATTERY



JACK WALSH



CRAIG DUNNE



STEPHEN FLANAGAN

FIR IONAID

- 16 DECLAN HENNESSY
- 17 JAMES FLANAGAN
- 18 PAURIC DUFFY
- 19 CAOIMHGHIN MURPHY
- 20 CONOR PARKER

- 21 CIAN MURPHY
- 22 BOBBY FITZPATRICK
- 23 JAKE NICOL
- 24 PADDY DEMPSEY
- 25 BRIAN BRERETON

Team Management

Manager: Pat Daly • Selectors: Vinny Byrne, Eugene Hyland • Maor Foirne: Adrian Murphy

WEEKENDS LIKE THIS ARE WHAT LIFT OUR SPIRITS

By Kevin Egan

"I've had a lot of people talking at me the last few days. Everyone just lining up to tell me how unimportant I am. And I've finally figured out why. Power. I have it. They don't. This bothers them."

Buffy the Vampire Slayer.

The beauty of a show like Buffy the Vampire Slayer, where the protagonist makes a seven-year journey through dealing with both the natural and the supernatural demons that life throw at you, is that there are lessons therein which are applicable to any situation that might arise.

Local sport in the time of a global pandemic? Absolutely.

Because we live in an unspeakably grim time, when everything that makes life worth living is deemed of minor importance in comparison to the endless and unpalatable diet of cases, hospitalisations and deaths, there is no shortage of authority figures stepping up to remind sport and sporting followers of how unimportant it all is, relative to flattening the curve, controlling the spread, protecting the population, or whatever threeword catchphrase they're using now.

As I write this piece, there's over a week to go before this publication hits the public eye, so presumably a new one will emerge by then.

We've been hearing how "the next week/ten days are crucial" for so long that it feels like time is standing still. The vast majority of people – sporting followers or not – are doing all they can in terms of handwashing, social distancing, wearing masks in public and all the rest, not to mention a second lockdown here in Offaly, and understandably, fatigue has set in. There is no end line in sight, and it seems like the only answer that some officials have is to keep adding more spin doctors and advisors, hoping to hit on a magical formula to recapture the public imagination.

Whether Rhode or
Tullamore lift the Dowling
Cup this weekend won't be
a matter of life or death
for anyone, but it will
make two passionate GAA
communities feel alive.

County finals, and the scenes of celebration (not to mention the post-match celebrations, a long way from the field of play) have all drawn criticism, and yet in a world that is simply exhausted from Covid-19, the poetry and the drama of club football is not the vaccine we need, but it's the placebo we have. For many of us, injecting copious quantities of it

into our veins is the only way to keep moving on and putting one foot in front of the other. Simply put, right now, sport, and club gaelic games in particular, has the power to make people passionate about life, and to keep a spring in their step. Sport has that power – public health messaging doesn't. This bothers them, to paraphrase Buffy.

Whether Rhode or Tullamore lift the Dowling Cup this weekend won't be a matter of life or death for anyone, but it will make two passionate GAA communities feel alive. Within the eight panels that are preparing to do battle, there are four players that don't realise that they're on the cusp of producing a man of the match performance, something that will cement their place in local history and folklore for generations.

Some Tullamore players weren't even born when Kevin Martin came off the bench to score a vital goal to win the championship for the Blues in 2000. In a career that featured All-Star awards, Celtic Crosses and a litany of success as player and manager, that moment is still one he – and all of Tullamore – will treasure.

In Rhode, there are players who will be remembered as giants of Offaly football regardless of what happens, togging out alongside those who are trying to carve out their own niche in the annals of an incredible club.

For sixty years, Gracefield were part of the furniture in the top tier of Offaly club football, and since Pat Fitzgerald captained the Blackthorns to their fourth county title in 1984, they've known county final heartbreak on four separate occasions. For a club of that stature to go so long without their flagship team tasting success is remarkable, and that can all change this weekend.

Growing up, the footballers of Daingean stood toe to toe with the leading clubs in the county while wearing the yellow jerseys of St. Vincent's, but now they have the chance to take a momentous step forward of their own.

Kilcormac-Killoughey and St. Rynagh's have had much more joy on the hurling front than with the big ball in recent years, yet there is a proud dual history in both parishes, traditions that need fertilisation with fresh success. Recent success hasn't been in short supply for Durrow, particularly for members of the panel who also like to swing a hurl, but there the aspiration will be to prove that they can learn from their most recent, all too brief sojourn in the top tier.

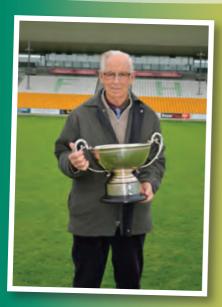
These are the stories where the finale is yet to be revealed, and every one is enthralling.

At a time when the state of the world leaves us with a heavy heart, weekends like this are what lift our spirits. Dreams come true, legends are made, memories are

formed that will stay imprinted in our minds long after our faculties depart. Come Sunday evening, four groups of players will feel incredible heartbreak, alleviated only by the pride and gratitude of their local communities, who will appreciate the sacrifices required to bring about these incredible afternoons when the rest of the world is left behind.

For the other four, they will have achieved something that will outlive any virus, any climate catastrophe, any outbreak of election-inspired civil war in the United States, and indeed all of us here today.

In a time of crisis, we all need heroes. Buffy the Vampire Slayer taught us that too!



THE DOWLING CUP

Bill Dowling of Tullamore (pictured) has more than one reason to cherish the Dowling Cup.

The Cup was donated to the Offaly County Board by his brothers Christy, Mick and Joe after they emigrated to the U.S. Tullamore had the honour of becoming the first team to receive it in 1954, with Bill playing a key role in their county final victory over Rhode.

Sadly Mick and Joe have passed away, as has another brother John, who was, of course, the only Offaly man elected GAA President.

But now in his 90s, Christy retains a keen interest in Offaly and Tullamore GAA from his home in New York and Bill is a popular figure at games in O'Connor Park, where he hopes to see his beloved 'Blues' regain the famous Cup which his family generously donated all of 66 years ago.

Best wishes to Rhode GAA from



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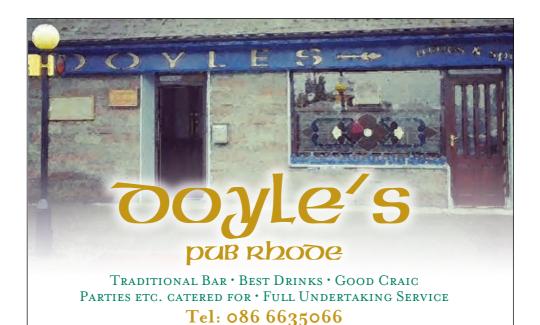
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Best wishes to Rhode GAA

REMEMBERING CROKE PARK'S BLOODY SUNDAY

100 YEARS ON

There is a certain irony in the current limitations on patrons attending matches in that 100 years ago, some very different and other starkly similar challenges also played havoc with the GAA's games programme. While today's difficulties are as a result of the dreaded Coronavirus pandemic, the dangers and difficulties in 1920 stemmed from a countrywide War of Independence, with the tail end of the Spanish Flu for good measure.

The Spanish Flu had claimed millions of victims across the world, including 10,600 during 1918 in Ireland alone. Six Tipperary footballers had caught the virus, while Davy Tobin, their scoring hero of a successful Munster campaign had died as a result of his illness.

The success of the Gaelic Sunday campaign in 1918 had seen off British Government efforts to stop attendance at GAA matches, which were now seen by patrons as a way to enjoy an interlude in an increasingly bitter guerrilla war.

Matches were also seen as a good way to raise funds and a number of high profile contests in hurling and football were organised to support relief for prisoners families during the independence struggle.

One such match, fixed for November 21st 1920, between Dublin, regular All Ireland finalists and Tipperary, who had emerged as a powerful force in Munster following their 1918 Provincial title attracted huge interest, to

the extent that many people made the difficult trip to Dublin from Tipperary's football strongholds.

The match was fixed for 2.45pm and there were already throngs of people in and around Croke Park from late morning when news began to spread of several shootings of key Dublin Castle personnel, as Michael Collins 'Squad' routed the so called 'Cairo Gang'. Fears of reprisal were considered, but for GAA General secretary Luke O'Toole and other officials, they had little choice but to go ahead with the game due to the huge crowds already in and around Croke Park, Indeed, such were the numbers filing into the Jones' Road venue that the match was put back for half an hour.

When the match eventually started at 3.15 pm, there was great excitement and noise amongst the crowd. Dublin's star forward. Carbury born sharpshooter Frank Burke was being marshalled by the powerfully built Michael Hogan, a 24 year old farmer from Grangemockler who had established himself as a particularly good man-marking corner back, defending the Canal goals in the first half. An aircraft flying overhead released a flare which in hindsight was more significant than excited supporters gave it credit for. Only 11 minutes had elapsed when the rumble of Crossley-Tenders screeching to a halt was followed by shots as a combination of Auxiliaries and Black and Tans began firing from the Canal Bridge on Jones' Road. Panic ensued as people rushed onto the field to avoid the fusillade of fire.

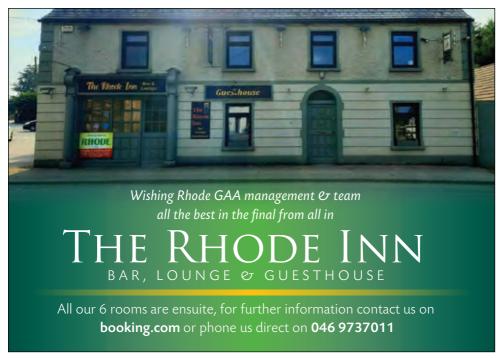
The first victim was William Robinson, an 11 year old schoolboy watching the game from a tree. Jerome O'Leary, a year younger, was the next victim. Fourteen year old John William Scott also died. The oldest victim, Patrick O'Dowd was 57. Jane Boyle, the only female victim died as she stood beside the man she was to marry 5 days later and was buried in her wedding dress. Laundry worker James Burke, bar manager Daniel Carroll and labourers James Matthews and Thomas Ryan also died. Great War survivor Michael Feery perished, as did Tipperary publican James Teehan. Joe Traynor was fatally wounded as he tried to scale a wall. Nineteen year old Gasworks employee Tom Hogan received a fatal wound while saying an Act of Contrition in the ear of the already fallen Michael Hogan, who died as he and Frank Burke scrambled for the boundary wall.

On November 21st, on the 100th anniversary, we will remember those people, a player and 13 supporters for whom a GAA match in Croke Park should have been a welcome relief from the stresses and troubles around them, but for whom it would prove a tragic and fatal place. We remember Michael Hogan in whose honour Croke Park's main stand is named. We also remember the 13 people who watched him do battle on the field before they all died in our most hallowed ground.

DAMIAN WHITE

(Kilcormac Killoughey)
Chairman, GAA History and
Commemorations Committee





THE MEN IN THE MIDDLE

SENIOR FOOTBALL



Marius Stones
Clara

Marius played for Clara at all grades winning one county minor and two senior medals and also played both minor and senior for Offaly. In his fifth year refereeing, he has quickly progressed

up the ranks and is a regular on the Leinster Provincial panel of referees, refereeing in the Leinster Minor Championships. He has refereed at all grades including an Offaly U20 final

SENIOR B FOOTBALL



Eamonn O'Connor

Ballycommon

Eamonn is a member since 2010 and was on the coaching staff when they won the Junior title 3 years ago. A rising star in refereeing, he is now a fixture on the

Leinster Referees panel and on the national back up panel. He has refereed at all grades in Offaly including two Senior semi-finals and has been the man in the middle for Leinster Minor Championships and the Intermediate Club semi-final.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL



Chris Dwyer

Chris is refereeing in Offaly since 2009 and a regular on the Leinster panel since 2015. He has refereed numerous games in Leinster including the 2017 Club IFC Final

and the 2019 Inter County JFC Final at Croke Park. As a player he has proudly represented his club at all levels in both Hurling and Football winning several County titles along with 2 SFC, 2 MFC medals & winning today's final on two occasions in 1999 & 2007. He works as a Construction Manager with Parson and is married to Leila.

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL



Fergal Smyth
Kilclonfert

Fergal is now one of Offaly GAA's most experienced football referees, and has already been the 'man in the middle' for two Senior Football Championship finals,

as well as the Senior B, Intermediate and Minor grades. Still playing with his club Kilclonfert, Fergal is also established on the inter-county panel of referees and has taken charge of a Leinster Club SFC final, Leinster MFC final and an O'Byrne Cup final.

PATHS TO THE FINAL

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL 2020

RHODE

Rhode have scored 6-60 while conceding 2-41 in their bid to reach today's final. Each of their three group games were won by nine points, before requiring extra time to overcome Edenderry in the semi-final. 14 players contributed to that scoring tally and these are as follows:

Niall McNamee 4-20, Anton Sullivan 0-13,
Niall Darby 0-8, Conor McNamee 2-0,
Rúairi McNamee 0-5, Stephen Hannon 0-3,
Dónal Hickey, Paul McPadden & Aaron Kellaghan
0-2 each, Ciarán Heavey, Eoin Rigney,
Darren Garry, Páuric Sullivan &
Shane Lowry 0-1 each.

ROUND 1

Rhode 1-19 • Clara 1-10 25th July at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

Scorers: N McNamee 1-7 (0-2 frees), A Sullivan 0-6, S Hannon 0-2, N Darby (free), R McNamee, C Heavey & D Hickey 0-1 each.

ROUND 2

Rhode 1-14 • Tullamore 0-8 24th August at Gracefield

Scorers: N McNamee 1-6 (0-2 marks, 0-1 free), N Darby 0-2 (0-1 '45), A Sullivan, E Rigney, D Hickey, S Hannon, P McPadden & A Kellaghan 0-1 each.

ROUND 3

Rhode 3-13 • Cappincur 1-10 6th September at Daingean

Scorers: C McNamee 2-0, N McNamee 1-3, A Sullivan 0-4, N Darby 0-3 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45), R McNamee, D Garry & A Kellaghan 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINAL

Rhode 1-14 • Edenderry 0-13 AET 19th September at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park

Scorers: N McNamee 1-4 (0-2 marks, 0-1 free), R McNamee 0-3, N Darby (2 frees) & A Sullivan 0-2 each, P Sullivan, P McPadden & S Lowry 0-1 each.

TULLAMORE

Tullamore scored 2-50 and conceded 2-49 on the road to today's final. The Blues were defeated in each of their first two group games while they recovered to beat Clara in round 3. The semi-final was an epic, Tullamore dethroning the champions in the first ever penalty shoot-out in Offaly GAA. 14 players got on their scoresheet this year and these are as follows:

Johnny Moloney 0-21, John Kavanagh & Shane Dooley 1-3 each, Luke Egan 0-6, Michael Brazil 0-3, Kevin Williamson, Luke Plunkett, Nigel Bracken, Declan Hogan & Aaron Leavy 0-2 each, Paddy Madden, Patrick Robilliard, Peter Fox & Ciarán Burns 0-1 each.

(Note: These scores do not include the penalty shoot-out against Ferbane in the Semi-Final.)

ROUND 1

Cappincur 0-12 • Tullamore 1-8 24th July at Clara

Scorers: J Kavanagh 1-3 (0-2 frees), J Moloney 0-3, P Madden & M Brazil 0-1 eac

ROUND 2

Rhode 1-14 • Tullamore 0-8

24th August at Gracefield

Scorers: J Moloney 0-3 (frees), K Williamson 0-2 (frees), L Plunkett 0-2, N Bracken 0-1.

ROUND 3

Tullamore 1-17 • Clara 0-9

6th September at Tubber

Scorers: J Moloney 0-7 (frees), S Dooley 1-2 (0-1 free), L Egan 0-4, M Brazil 0-2, D Hogan & P Robilliard 0-1 each.

SEMI-FINAL

Tullamore 0-17 • Ferbane 1-14 AET,

20th September at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park Tullamore won 9-8 on penalties

Scorers: J Moloney 0-8 (0-2 frees, 0-1 '45), L Egan & A Leavy 0-2 each, D Hogan, N Bracken, P Fox, C Burns & S Dooley 0-1 each.

RHODE AND TULLAMORE'S PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Compiled by Patrick Donegan

Rhode and Tullamore meet in a Senior final for the 11th time today. Their first such meeting was in 1928 when Rhode required a replay before bringing home the title. Blues and Village would go on to contest the final four further times in the following seven years. Their 1954 meeting would see the Dowling Cup presented for the first time, though somewhat surprisingly that would be their last final meeting until 2008. Tullamore hold a 6-4 lead in the head to head, and details of those 10 final meetings are:

1928	Rhode Rhode	3-2 3-4	Tullamore Tullamore	3-2 2-3	(draw) (replay)
1930	Tullamore	1-6	Rhode	0-2	
1931	Rhode Rhode	2-4 1-4	Tullamore Tullamore	1-7 1-3	(draw) (replay)
1932	Tullamore	4-0	Rhode	1-2	
1935	Tullamore	2-3	Rhode	0-6	
1944	Rhode	2-5	Tullamore	0-5	
1946	Tullamore	2-6	Rhode	2-4	
1954	Tullamore	3-7	Rhode	2-2	

Tullamore: Brendan Larkin, Andy O'Brien, Dickie Conroy, Noel Conroy, Noel McGee (capt.), Bily Dowling, Eamon Fox, Alo Kelly, Pat Connell, Oliver Byrne, Oliver Redican, Joe Bracken, Mickey Lambe, Phil O'Reilly, Barney Pyke. Sub: Joe Cassidy.

Rhode: Joe Murphy, Peter Jones, Pearse Dunne, Peter Leavy, Fay Eustace, Johnny Owens, Eamon Lenihan, Mick Casey, Tommy Murphy, Tommy Byrne, Jackie Byrne, Mick Kerrigan, Paddy Kerrigan, Billy McCabe, Chris Jones. Sub: Dermot O'Meara.

2008 Rhode 1-20 Tullamore 2-4

Rhode: Colm Masterson; Joe Kilmurray, Declan Murphy, Shane Sullivan; Ciarán Heavy, Brian Darby, Eoghan Byrne; Pauric Sullivan, Alan McNamee; Niall Darby, Roy Malone (capt.), Glen O'Connell; Garret Hickey; Pascal Kellaghan, Niall McNamee. Subs: Paul Glennon, Josh Kavanagh, Niall Cole.

Tullamore: Ken Furlong; Stephen Egan, Gary Heffernan, Mark Conlon; Paul McConway, Cathal Daly, James Keane; John O'Donoghue, Niall Stack; Michael Flynn, Gearóid O'Grady, Kevin Duffy; John Kenny, Bríain Fagan, Shane Dooley. Subs: Ger Ward, Shaun Martin, Ronan Monaghan, Simon Byrne, Mark Dunne.

Referee: Carthage Buckley

2013 Tullamore 2-7 Rhode 0-9

Tullamore: Eoin Brennan; Dean Carroll, Paul McConway, Mark Conlon; Kevin O'Brien, James Keane, Ger Ward; Johnny O'Donoghue, Michael Brazil; Nigel Bracken, Kevin Williamson, Ciarán Maloney; John Moloney, Shane Kelly, Shane Dooley. Subs: Brian Francis, John Kenny, David O'Neill.

Rhode: Ken Garry; Eoghan Byrne, Shane Sullivan, James McPadden; Ciarán Heavy, Brian Darby, Declan Murphy; Alan McNamee, Mark Dunne; Stephen Hannon, Glen O'Connell, Pauric Sullivan; Niall Darby, Niall McNamee, Paul McPadden. Subs: Eoin Rigney, Conor McNamee, Pascal Kellaghan, David Hope, Rúairi McNamee. Referee: Fergal Smyth.





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NIALL McNAMEE LEADS THIS YEAR'S SCORING CHART Compiled by Patrick Donegan

It will come as no surprise to Offaly Gaels to see Niall McNamee on top of this year's Senior football scoring chart. The Rhode forward has tallied 4-20 to date, with a spectacular 4-12 from play, and holds a five point lead over Ferbane's Joe Maher.

14 players have scored 0-10 or more in this year's championship. Rhode have two players on the list with Anton Sullivan joining McNamee, while Johnny Moloney is Tullamore's sole representative. That list is as follows:

32	Niall McNamee, Rhode	4-20	0-4 frees, 0-4 marks
27	Joe Maher, Ferbane	1-24	0-13 frees
22	Mikey Cunningham, Bracknagh	3-13	0-6 frees, 0-1 mark
21	Johnny Moloney, Tullamore	0-21	0-12 frees, 0-1 '45
18	Peter Cunnngham, Bracknagh	1-15	0-2 frees
18	Cian Farrell, Edenderry	1-15	0-7 frees, 0-2 marks
18	Nigel Dunne, Shamrocks	0-18	0-9 frees
17	Cian Johnson, Ferbane	2-11	
17	Seán Doyle, Edenderry	1-14	0-8 frees
13	Anton Sullivan, Rhode	0-13	
12	Paddy Dunican, Shamrocks	2-6	1-0 pen, 0-1 free
12	Cormac Delaney, Clara	0-12	0-11 frees
11	Pa Smith, Clara	2-5	2-0 pens, 0-2 frees
10	Ronan McGuire, Ferbane	1-7	0-1 mark

INDIVIDUAL SCORING FEATS

This year's top individual scoring feat was scored by Senior championship newcomer Mikey Cunningham, the Bracknagh player scoring 2-5 against Edenderry in round 3. A tally of 0-7 or equivalent was scored on 15 occasions. Niall McNamee achieved the feat three times, while Tullamore's Johnny Moloney is listed twice.

The full list is as follows:

Mikey Cuningham	2-5	(0-3 frees, 0-1 mark) v Edenderry in round 3
Nigel Dunne	0-10	(0-7 frees) v Bracknagh in round 1
Niall McNamee	1-7	(0-2 frees) v Clara in round 1
Joe Maher	1-7	(0-3 frees) v Bracknagh in round 2
Niall McNamee	1-6	(0-2 marks, 0-1 free) v Tullamore in round 2
Cian Johnson	2-2	v Bracknagh in round 2
Seán Doyle	1-5	v Shamrocks in round 2
Pa Smith	2-2	(2-0 pens) v Cappincur in round 2
Johnny Moloney	0-8	(0-2 frees, 0-1 '45) v Ferbane in semi final
Cian Farrell	1-5	(0-3 frees) v Bracknagh in round 3
Seán Flynn	1-4	(0-1 '45) v Bracknagh in round 2
Johnny Moloney	0-7	(0-7 frees) v Clara in round 3
Niall McNamee	1-4	(0-2 marks, 0-1 free) v Edenderry in semi-final
Thomas Deehan	2-1	v Bracknagh in relegation final
Robin Galbraith	2-1	v Clara in relegation final

(Note: These scores do not include the penalty shoot-out in the Tullamore v Ferbane Semi-Final.)

JUNIOR A FOOTBALL ROLL OF HONOUR

8 TITLES Tullamore: 1907, 30, 42, 49, 72, 84, 93, 2013

6 TITLES Clara: 1911, 19, 28, 54, 99, 2007

5 TITLES Birr: 1918, 46, 92, 2001, 05 • Daingean: 1908, 27, 37, 53, 2014

Ferbane: 1924, 52, 64, 95, 2016

4 TITLES Doon: 1944, 70, 87, 2019 • Cloghan: 1915, 29, 34, 39

Erin Rovers: 1943, 51, 59, 62 • Ballycumber: 1935, 48, 63, 66

Rhode: 1917, 94, 2003, 08

3 TITLES Durrow: 1941, 47, 2009 • St Columba's: 1969, 82, 2000

Walsh Island: 1932, 61, 96 • Belmont: 1923, 50, 85 • Edenderry: 1925, 33, 97

Cloneygowan: 1914, 26, 60 • Kilcormac/Killoughey: 2002, 06, 12

Clonbullogue: 1965, 80, 2015

2 TITLES Cappincur: 1976, 2011 • Ballinamere: 1983, 98 • St Brigid's: 1968, 78

St Rynagh's: 1974, 75 • Gracefield: 1931, 58 • St Mary's: 1945, 55

Banagher: 1910, 2013 • Kilclonfert: 1938, 2004 • Clonmore Harps: 1916, 2010

Ballycommon: 1977, 2017

1 TITLE Clodiagh Gaels: 2018 Mucklagh: 1991 • Ballyfore: 1990 • Shannonbridge: 1989

Ballinagar: 1988 • Tubber: 1986 • Kilcormac: 1981 • Killeigh: 1979

Drumcullen: 1973 • Na Piarsaigh: 1971 • St Carthage's: 1967 St Coleman's: 1957 • Rahan: 1956 • Wheery: 1940 • St Kieran's: 1936

Eglish: 1920 • Bracknagh: 1912 • Geashill: 1909 • Delvin: 1906

INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL ROLL OF HONOUR

5 TITLES St. Brigid's: 1984, 1990, 1997, 2008, 2012

Erin Rovers: 1952, 1985, 1995, 2003, 2017

4 TITLES Ferbane: 1957, 1959, 1996, 2018 • St Rynagh's: 1980, 1986, 2005, 2010

Bracknagh: 1978, 1983, 2000, 2016

3 TITLES Tullamore: 1953, 1999, 2004

2 TITLES Shannonbridge: 1991, 2019 • Kilcormac/Killoughey: 1998, 2013

Tubber: 1988, 2006 • **Ballyfore:** 1992, 2001 • **Belmont:** 1951, 1993 **Doon:** 1949, 1989 • **Daingean:** 1954, 2002 • **Raheen:** 1981, 2014

Cappincur: 1987, 2015

1 TITLE Durrow: 1950 • Cloghan: 1955 • Clara: 1956 • St. Coleman's: 1958

Gracefield: 1960 • St. Carthages: 1979 • Ballycommon: 1982 • Ballycumber: 1994

Edenderry: 2007 • Walsh Island: 2009 • Rhode: 2011

SENIOR FOOTBALL ROLL OF HONOUR

29 TITLES Rhode: 1900, 1918, 1920, 1923, 1927-29, 1931, 1939-40, 1944, 1949, 1955,

1958, 1966-67, 1969, 1975, 1998, 2004-06, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016,

2017, 2018

27 TITLES Tullamore: 1896-99, 1908, 1911-13, 1917, 1924-26, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1941,

1946, 1948, 1954, 1956, 1963, 1973, 1977, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2013

12 TITLES Walsh Island: 1933-34, 1937-38, 1942-43, 1978-83

Ferbane: 1914, 1971, 1974, 1976, 1986-90, 1992, 1994, 2019

11 TITLES Edenderry: 1936, 1951, 1953, 1957, 1985, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2011,

2015

6 TITLES Clara: 1960, 1964, 1991, 1993, 2003, 2009

5 TITLES Geashill: 1902, 1904-07

4 TITLES Gracefield: 1961, 1970, 1972, 1984

3 TITLES Daingean: 1909, 1962, 1965

2 TITLES Cloghan: 1903, 1945 • Killeigh: 1915-16, • St Mary's: 1947, 1950

1 TITLES Shannonbridge: 1996 • Durrow: 1952 • St Patrick's: 1959

Ballycumber: 1968 • Quarrymount: 1901 • Banagher: 1910

Clonmore: 1919

SENIOR B FOOTBALL FINALS

The Senior 'B' football championship was resurrected in 2015, having previously operated for a five year period from 1987 to 1991. Gracefield are seeking their first win at the grade, while Durrow attempt to add to the championship they previously won in 2017.

Results from previous Senior 'B' football finals are:-

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