

Great Football Treble for Newcastlewest in 1980

The following is a record of the 1980 Limerick County Hurling and Football Finals with Newcastlewest winning a great treble U21 Minor and U16 Football.

County Senior Hurling Championship Final

Killeedy 2-7, South Liberties 1-7.

Played at Pairc na nGael on 12th October 1980

Killeedy: Pat Meehan (captain), Michael Cunningham, Eddie Mullane, Ben Mullane, Jim Mulcahy, Paudie Fitzmaurice, Con Herbert, Gerard Magner, Willie Fitzmaurice 0-5, John McGrath, Mike Fitzmaurice 1-1, Michael Scanlon 0-1, Tom Mulcahy 1-0, Denis O'Connor, Donie Flynn. Sub Liam Shine.

South Liberties: Brendan Slattery, Seamus Butler, Joe Grimes, Ben O'Riordan, Michael O'Brien, Walter Shanahan (captain), Michael Grimes, Martin Butler, Eamon Grimes o-6, Tom Ryan, Larry Grimes, Michael Butler o-1, Joe McKenna 1-0, Pat Hartigan, Denis O'Sullivan. Subs: John Cresewood and Michael Shanahan.

Referee: Neilly Duggan (St. Mary's Rathkeale).

County Senior Football Championship Final 1980

Thomond College 2-8, Oola 1-6.

Played at Pairc na nGael 26th October 1980

Thomond College: C. Moynihan, B. Ladden, C. McGlynn, M. Clarke, F. Harrington, K. Keogh, B. McSweeney (captain), S. O'Reilly, T. Breen, S. O'Connor 1-2, M. Moyna, P. McNamara 6-3, P. Burke 1-3, R. McCarrick, P. Dillon. Subs: N. O'Donovan, M. McBrearty.

Oola: J. Ryan, D. Quinlan, P. Ryan, T. McGrath, W. Byrne, P. Ryan, J. Guerin, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Fitzgerald, W. Godfrey, D. Fitzgibbon, J. Landers o-1, P.J. Burke, T. Landers, J. Ryan 1-5. Subs: John Ryan and Denis Holmes.

Referee: Brendan Cross (St. Patricks).

County Junior A Hurling Championship Final 1980

The opening year of the 80s was the only occasion in the history of the Limerick County Junior A Hurling Championship that three games were necessary to decide the destiny of the Irish Press Cup. The first meeting of Boher and Kilfinane was at Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock, on Sunday 7th December 1980 and they drew 2-6 all.

The replay was at the same venue on the following Sunday 14th December and the result was a carbon copy of the first day, another draw with the score 2-6 each. On the third successive Sunday 21st December the pair met, on this occasion at Pairc na nGael where Boher ran out good winners, 2-9 to 0-5.

Boher: D. Leahy, T. Ryan, P.J. O'Shea, P. McNamara, T. Hickey, P. Laffan, P. O'Malley, I. Walshe, B. Quirke, M. Moore, D. O'Molloy, S. Hickey (captain), T. Hickey, P. McLoughlin, J. Brouder.

Kilfinane: P. McCarthy, H. Murphy, E. McCarthy, P. Heffernan, S. Palmer, J. McCarthy, J. McCarthy, K. O'Connell, P. Kelly, E. O'Keeffe, E. McGrath, D. O'Sullivan, P. McGrath, D. Costigan, T. Tobin. Sub: D. Creed.

Referee: Neilly Duggan, St. Mary's Rathkeale.

County Junior A Football Championship Final 1980

Garryspillane o-8, Bruree o-3.

Played at Pairc na nGael on Sunday 14th December 1980.

Garryspillane: W. Hayes, M. Murphy, R. O'Donnell, G. O'Brien, E. Davern, B. Burke, F. Mansell, B. Carroll, W. Burke 0-1, K. Walshe 0-4, J. O'Donnell, P. O'Grady, M. Gubbins, J. Burke 0-1, P. Tobin 0-2.

Bruree: M. O'Brien, H. Hogan, J. O'Brien, D. O'Dea, J. Moloney, G. Mullane, D. Mullane, P. Potter, J. Potter (0-3), M. Barron, P. O'Brien, D. Deady, M. Moloney, P. O'Shea, M. Mullane.

Referee: J. McGrath, Claughaun.

County U21 Hurling Championship Final 1980

Ballybrown 2-5, Adare 1-6.

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Played at Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock on Sunday 30th November 1980.

Ballybrown: M. McElligott, P. McElligott, E. Quinn, G. O'Reilly, P. O'Reilly, E. Cliffe, C. Keyes, T. Hall (0-1), J. Mann, P. Hartigan, M. Mulqueen (1-0), O. O'Connor, O. Coughlan (0-4), Kenny and T. Kenny (1-0).

Adare: P. Brennan, G. Butler, M. Butler, M. Dundon, S. Ryan, T. Normoyle, E. Fitzgerald, M. Alfred (0-1), S. Tierney, L. Burke, G. Hickey, M. Benson (0-3), T. Flynn, P. J. Kinavane (0-1) and J. Dunne. Sub T. Butler (1-1) for L. Burke.

Referee: Neilly Duggan, St. Mary's, Rathkeale.

County U21 Football Championship Final 1980

Newcastlewest 0-9, Galbally 1-2.

Played at Patrickswell on Sunday 7th December

Newcastlewest: M. Tagney, B. Kilmartin, P. Kenny, D. King, S. Breen, L. Murphy, D. Quilligan, L. Shine (0-3). W. O'Doherty 0-5, J. McSweeney, K. O'Grady, T. Kelleher, G. Murphy, H. O'Grady. Subs: D. O'Doherty, S. Sexton, T. Roche 0-1.

Galbally: T. Quinlan, J. O'Donovan, T. Looby, S. Carew, M. McGrath, J. Dunne, D. O'Brien, J. Scully, T. Cummins (0-1), C. Martin, D. Donovan, J. Morrissey, D. Casey (1-0), J. Fraher and J. Cummins (0-1)

Referee: Seán O'Connor (Claughaun).

County Minor Hurling Championship Final 1980

St. Patrick's 1-13, Kilmallock 1-7.

Played at Pairc na nGael on Sunday 12th October

St. Patrick's: Tony Malone, Andrew Faul, Adrian Costelloe, Brendan Gavin, Colm Cregan, John O'Neill (captain), Martin Clancy, Derek Power, Shane Higgins, Peter Sheehan, John Faul, Brendan Hedderman, John Murphy, Tommy Healy, Damian O'Callaghan. Subs: Martin Faul, M. Prendeville, T. Moloney.

Kilmallock: Gerard O'Riordan, Liam Tobin, J.J. O'Riordan, Tim Hanley, John O'Sullivan, John Clery, Michael Donegan, J. J. Donegan, Eddie Wiley (captain), Maurice Halligan, Tommy Mulcahy, Noel Hanly, Donal Barry, John Healy, Gerard McCarthy. Subs: Billy Salter, Pat O'Riordan.

Referee: Kevin Walsh, Garryspillane.

County Minor Football Championship Final 1980

Newcastlewest o-3, Na Piarsaigh o-3.

Played at Pairc nan Gael on Sunday 26th October

Na Piarsaigh: D. Bartiscale, P. Freeney, P. Coyle, R. McInerney, D. McDermott, J. Hickey, B. Flanagan, J. Hanrahan (0-3), R. O'Callaghan, L. White, M. Fenton, P. Cahalane, J. Kavanagh, F. Ruschitzko, P. Mangan. Subs: M. Fallon, B. Long.

Newcastlewest: M. Cagney, P. Power, M. Lane, L. O'Donoghue, M. Mulcahy, L. Murphy, L. Roche, M. Quilligan, J. McMahon, K. O'Grady, L. O'Doherty (0-1), D. Sammon, S. Gleeson, L. Shine (0-1), G. Golden. Sub D. Cremin.

Referee: S. Shanahan, Croom.

County Minor Football Championship Final (replay) 1980

Newcastlewest 3-9, Na Piarsaigh 2-7

Played at Pairc na nGael on 30th November 1980.

Newcastlewest: M. Cagney, P. Power, M. Lane, L. O'Donoghue, M. Mulcahy, L. Murphy, L. Roche, M. Quilligan, J. McMahon, K. O'Grady, L. O'Doherty, D. Sammon, S. Gleeson, L. Shine, G. Golden. Sub: D. Cremin.

Na Piarsaigh: P. Freeney, P. Coyle, R. McInerney, D. McDermott, J. Hickey, B. Flanagan, J. Hanrahan, R. O'Callaghan, L. White, M. Fenton, P. Cahalane, J. Kavanagh, F. Ruschitzko, P. Mangan. Subs: M. Fallon, B. Long.

Referee: L. Shanahan, Croom.

County U16 Hurling Championship Final 1980

Old Christians 2-3, Cappamore 1-1

Played at Meanus on Sunday 7th December 1980.

Old Christians: M. Timmons, M. Kiely, J. Dwane,

J. Hegarty, D. Costelloe, P. Conway, J. Lyons, Cantillon, M. O'Brien, T. Byrnes, J. Hegarty 0-3, E. O'Donovan, G. Penny, M. O'Rourke 1-0, P. Byrnes (1-0).

Cappamore: D. McKenna, D. Carbery, D. McKenna, P. McKenna, L. Maher, G. Lynch, G. Lonergan, B. Hogan, P. Creamer, D. Mulcahy, N. Sheehan (1-0), T. Gough, S. Lynch, P. Mullane, J. O'Molley (0-1).

Referee: Tony Hayes, Bruff.

County U16 Football Championship Final 1980

Newcastlewest 2-3, St. Mary's City 1-1.

Played at Adare on 1st November 1980

Newcastlewest: Mike Sammon, M. Sammon, John Danagher, John Hurley, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Liam Roche, Joe McMahon, Denis Kelly, Anthony Hoyne, Tommy Kelly, Seán Gleeson, Noel O'Grady, Liam Keane, Gerard Murphy. Subs: John O'connor, James Connelly, Moss

St. Mary's: Christopher Morgan, Tommy Griffin, Ciaran Barry, Denis Duiggan, Niall McNamara, Richard Flanagan, Michael Hehir, Pat Butler, Gary Hayes, Conor McDermott, Donal Keane, Donal Mulcahy, Patrick O'donoghue, John Carey, Kevin Rathcliffe, Gerard McInerney, Tim. Carey, Brian O'Brien, Dermot Lyons.

Referee: Pat Lane, Foynes.

O'Shea.

County U14 Hurling Championship Final 1980

Claughaun 4-4, Newcastlewest 0-1.

Played at Bruff 10th August 1980

Claughaun: L. O'Connor, K. Brown, J. Fitgerald, K. Fitzgerald, F. Hardaker, A. Cunneen, E. Hackett, M. Clancy, A. O'Grady, B. O'Meara, S. Ryan, S. Leo, J. Ward, P. O'Connell, M. Galligan.

Newcastlewest: O. Cremin, J. Kenny, S. Kelly, D. O'Connor, M. Browne, L. Cremin, B. Kelly, G. Murphy, D. McMahon, T. Danagher, L. Hanley, J. Lee, D. Normoyle, S. Corbett, J. Upton.

County U14 Football Championship Final 1980

Old Christians 2-5, Glen 2-1.

Old Christians panel: W. McNamara, R. McCarthy, T. Shinnors, M. O'Brien, D. Nelligan, T. Phayer, D. Healy, D. Crowne, A. McMahon, G. Lyons, G. Moore, J. Fitzgerald, E. O'Donovan, A. Byrnes, M. Kiely, F. Downey, G. O'Brien, A. Kelleher, P. Lyons, D. Considine, D. McInerney, F. O'Brien, R. Smith, G. Corbett.

Glen panel: J. Wallace, P. McMahon, D. McNamara, B. MacEaer, P. O'Connor, J. Daly, J. Hogan, JK. Long, T. Wallace, M. Ryan, J. McNamara (captain), L. Roche, J. O'Sullivan, M. McLaughlin, P. Martin.

County U12 Hurling Championship Final 1980

Adare 3-4, Bruff o-o

Played at Pairc na nGael 4th October 1980.

Adare: L. Griffin, A. Benson (1-0), G. Cahill, K. O'Mahony, B. Costelloe, B. Heffernan, T. Butler, T. Reidy (0-1) captain, S. Collins, B. Setright (0-1), R. Barrett (2-1), P. Griffin (0-1), S. Setright, L. O'Mahony. M. Moore. Subs: W. Reidy, T. Fitzgerald

Bruff: D. Moran, L. Griffin, M. Carroll, J. Kenny, J. Purcell, M. Browne, B. Meaney, J. O'Riordan, B. O'Donnell, J. Kirby, J. Reardon, T. Ryan, G. Donovan, J. Enright, K. Garvey.

Referee: D. Coffey, Monaleen.

U12 County Football Championship Final 1980

Mungret 3-4, Kilcolman o-o

Played at Adare 25th October 1980

Mungret: C. Barrett, J. Ryan, C. Neville, C. O'Neill, M. Hayes, G. Cummins, S. Tobin, M. Boland (0-2), N. Barry (1-0), M. Finucane 0-1, S. Mulcahy, M. Whelan, O. Shanahan 0-1, N. Ryan 2-0, B. Halpin.

Kilcolman: M. Moran, S. Liston, T. Wall, N. Moran, S. Liston, M. Buckley, B.J. Madigan, S. Culhane, S. Carrig, C. Buckley, E. Liston, M. Flynn, C. Mulcahy, J.B. Meade, J. Donovan. Sub: C. Brouder.

Players' Loss of Wage Cover

Croke Park and the County Board has advised clubs to inform players that the Player Injury Scheme for 2021 will not cover for loss of wages. Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club officials encourage all adult club players to consider getting personal injury insurance to cover loss of wages before the various competitions and championships resume as the club will not be in a position financially to cover loss of wagers players injured while playing in an official sanctioned game or training session.

GAA Museum Virtual Book Club

While it's not possible to visit the GAA Museum or its library and archives in person right now, you can still learn more about gaelic games and the history of the association by becoming a member of their new Virtual GAA Museum Book Club. Each month the GAA Museum team will chose a well-known GAA book to read and review. At the end of the month, the museum will host a free online interview with the author in which members can submit questions and comments. The ambition of the book club is to review some of the great GAA books and to give us all a muchneeded sporting boost as we all stay at home. You can find out more and how to get involved via the following link:w hhttps://crokepark.ie/bookclub.

Friends of Limerick Football fundraiser

The Friends of Limerick Football in association with Limerick GAA are running a Last Man Standing fundraiser to raise much needed funds to further develop football throughout the county. All proceeds go towards the running costs of the football academy for young players from the age of 14 to 17 years.

This year the Limerick Football committee are starting an emerging talent squad to cater for the players that are on the periphery of the U20 squad and players who are over 20 that are on the periphery of the senior squad.

Proceeds also go to the U2os and the senior footballers training fund to assist them to build on the huge success of 2020.

Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated. To participate please click on the following link; www.klubfunder.com/friendsof limerick or you can contact Wayne Fitzgerald, the Limerick Football Development secretary on secretary.football.limerickatgaa.ie or phone o98 8813594, Gerry Phillips the Football Development chairman on footballchairperson.limerickgaa.ie or phone o86 8813594, Gerry Phillips the Football Development chairman on footballchairperson.limerickatgaa.ie or phone o87 2511968, Colette O'Grady the Football Development PRO on colletteogradyatgmail.com or phone o86 8476299.

Membership Due

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club membership fees for 2021 are now due and are 40 for adult players (120 with club draw), 20 for students and non players, 15 for Bord na nÓg (120 per family). Non players who pay 100 club draw fee in full will automatically become members for 2021. Fees should be paid on or before 31st March to club registrar John Carroll or any club official. To train or play for the club you have to be insured. If you have not yet registered we ask you to do so. It is generally felt by club officers that any member or player should feel obliged to get their membership paid a.s.a.p. and we must reiterate that people who have not paid will not be covered by insurance or entitled to any privileges whatsoever from our club.

Club Limerick Draw 2021

The Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club are once more promoting the Limerick County Club draw for 2021. There will be monthly draws from March to December with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prizes to be won: 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2000, 4th €1000, 5th to 9th 500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €100 . There will again be exclusive monthly prizes to be won. Entry to the draw is just 10 per month or €100 for the ten draws with the option to join our own ten monthly draw and county club draw for €150. If you would like to renew your membership for 2021 please follow the link llimerickgaa.ie/clublimerick-draw-signup/ and select Granagh Ballingarry GAA Club and the numbers of draws you wish to sign up for. You may also contact the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club draw co-ordinator Stephen Stapleton on 086 1960301.

Note: the first Club Limerick draw for 2021 will take place on Saturday 27th March.

Limerick Dominate 2020 Hurling All Stars

Friday 26th February 2021

Limerick's status as the current benchmark in hurling excellence has been underlined with their domination of the final 15 in the PWC All Stars for Hurling 2020.

The announcement was made as part of a special programme to honour both the 2020 hurling and football all-stars shown on RTE on Saturday night after their clean sweep of all major trophies in 2020. The all-star champions were rewarded with nine players Micky Quaid (Effin), Seán Finn (Bruff), Dan and Tom Morrissey (Ahane), Diarmuid Byrnes, Cian Lynch, aaron Cullane (Patrickswell), Kyle Haves (Kildimo/Pallaskenry) and Gearóid Hegarty (St. Patrick's) on the starstudded team, a record equalling total and eclipses the five awards the Shannonsiders claimed in 1973 and six awards in 2018 when they won the McCarthy Cup. Nine is the highest number of all-stars won by any team. It not only sees Limerick match their football counterparts Dublin in 2020 but puts them in an exclusive group with the great Kilkenny hurling teams of 1983, 2000 and

2008 and iconic Dublin and Kerry football teams of 1977 and 1981 as the only other teams to claim nine awards. Limerick rounded off a great 2020 with their towering wing forward Gearoid Hegarty chosen by his peers as the GAA/GPA Hurler of the Year with the St. Patrick's star claiming his first award. Raheny's midfield maestro Brian Fenton was chosen as the Footballer of the Year with the Dublin star having previously won the top prize in 2018. Eoin from Ballyhale/Shamrocks, Kilkenny was chosen as the Young Hurler of the Year and Óisín Mullin from Kilmaine, the Mayo Young Footballer of the Year in what is the 50th year of the prestigious awards scheme. It means that Waterford's sharp-shooter Stephen Bennett is the 1500th all-star award recipient since the launch of the scheme in 1970.

All Star Hurling Team 2020

Nicky Quaid (Limerick), Seán Finn (limerick 2018/2019), Dan Morrissey (Limerick 2018), Dáithí Burke (Galway 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018), Diarmaid Byrnes (Limerick), Tadgh de Burca (Waterford 2015), Kyle Hayes (Limerick), Tadgh de Burca (Waterford 2015), Kyle Hayes (Limerick), Jamie Barron (Waterford 2016, 2017), Tony Kelly (Clare 2013), Gearóid Hegarty (Limerick), Cian Lynch (Limerick 2018), Tom Morrissey (Limerick), Aaron Gillane (Limerick 2019), T.J. Reid (Kilkenny 2012, 2014, 2015, 2019) and Stephen Bennett (Waterford).

Hurler of the Year: Gearóid Hegarty (Limerick)

Young Hurler of the Year: Eoin Cody (Kilkenny)

All Star Football Team 2020

Raymond Galligan (Cavan), Óisín Mullin (Mayo), Michael Fitzsimons (Dublin 2017, 2019), James McCarthy (Dublin 2014, 2017, 2018), John Small (Dublin), Eoin Murchan (Dublin), Brian Fenton (Dublin 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019), Thomas Galligan (Cavan), Niall Scully (Dublin), Ciarán Kilkenny (Dublin 2015, 2016, 2018), Con O'Callaghan (Dublin 2017, 2019), Cillian O'Connor (Mayo 2014), Conor Sweeney (Tipperary), Dean Rock (Dublin 2016, 2017).

Footballer of the Year: Brian Fenton (Dublin).

Young Football of the Year: Óisín Mullin (Mayo).

Ladies Football AGM

Granagh/Ballingarry Ladies Football Club will hold their AGM tomorrow Thursday 25th February at 8pm due to Covid 19 restrictions. The meeting will be held online via Zoom. To join the meeting please contact chairperson Mark O'Sullivan 086 3850365.

First Meeting of 2021 Deferred

The first special general meeting of the 2021 Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club is deferred to Friday 28th February at 8.15pm virtually through Microsoft. Teams due to the club awaiting formats, dates, etc for all hurling and football competitions to be circulated by the County Board.

Collective Club Training

All collective club training for all adult and underage hurling and football teams is suspended until further notice and any breach of this regulation will be dealt with as per appropriate rule.

Covid 19 Volunteers

The Granagh/Ballingarry Covid 19 volunteer group would like to remind parishioners that

their delivery service is still up and running.



Elderly, vulnerable or anybody who cannot leave their homes to get groceries or medication can ring O'Grady's, O'Gorman's, Snow's and O'Riordan's Pharmacy. You can give them your order and pay them over the phone or put it on your account. They will contact a member of the delivery team to drop them to your door. We ask you to please avail of this service as we all want to work together to keep our community safe.

Limerick GAA Referee Recruitment

Are you interested in becoming a referee? Think you can do better? Then put your whistle where your mouth is and become a GAA referee!

Why become a GAA referee?

Stay involved with the game as an alternative to playing.

It's a great way to keep fit.

Could you referee a County Final or All Ireland?

Learn more about the game. Give something back off players at the end of their playing days the opportunity to continue in the sport.

It helps to develop personal skills that are of value in all walks of life.

What qualities are required to become a GAA referee?

Good knowledge of the playing rules. Be physically and mentally fit. Have the ability to remain calm. Have the moral courage to take decisions which are correct.

If interested please forward your details a.s.a.p. to Patsy Coffey, Cappamore 087 9160344 or Mike Sexton, Bruree 087 9188375.

New Age Groups

The age grade for underage hurling and football teams will change for 2021 in line with national policy. The age grades will move to uneven numbers (U7, U9, U13, U15, U19 and U21). The fixtures at club level will be co-ordinated by the following committees:

Coaching and Games U7, U9, U11.

County Bord na nÓg U13, U15, U17.

County Senior Board U19, U21.

Junior A Intermediate and Senior.

Divisional Boards

Junior B Hurling and Football formats/dates, etc

will be circulated to clubs in mid-February. 2020/2021 Competitions

The County C.C.C. has informed clubs of the following decision with regard to the running of the remaining 2020 hurling and football county championships.

U21 Premier A/B 13-1-side Football Champion-ship abandoned.

Minor premier and A/B Football Championship Finals will be played at the next available date.

County Junior A Hurling Championship Semi Fi-

nals and Final will be played at the next available date.

County and Divisional Junior B Hurling and Football Championship will be played at the next

available date (county only will go ahead if time

permits). Clubs will be afforded sufficient lead

time to train prior to the commencement of their respective championships.

First New York GAA President

Larry McCarthy, a native of Bishopstown in Cork city, a member of the Sligo GAA club in New York will be confirmed as the 40th president of the GAA at the first every virtual GAA Annual Congress on Saturday 27th February. We wish Larry the best of luck in his new position and thank you to outgoing president Horan for the huge contribution he made to the Association in the course of the past three years.

€12,000 jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €11,900 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club lottery on Saturday 20th February. The numbers drawn were 3, 15, 27 and 32. Lucky dips of €20 each went to Margaret O'Sullivan, O'Grady's Shop promoter, Ann O'Connell, Pat Cagney promoter, Tom and Ann Hickey, Richard O'Donoghue T.D. promoter, P.J. Lake, John Lynch promoter.

The next draw will be held on Saturday 27th February for a jackpot of €12,000. Tickets are €2 each or three for €5 and are on sale in local shops from promoters.