

# Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

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# Granagh-Ballingarry Ease Into B Quarter-Final

# West Junior B Hurling Championship Group 3 Round 3

Granagh/Ballingarry ......5-15
Askeaton.....0-8

In ideal conditions at Newcastlewest on Saturday afternoon holders Granagh/ Ballingarry recorded a comfortable victory over gallant Askeaton in the third and final Group 3 game in the West Limerick Junior B Hurling Championship to finish second in the group behind Adare on two points to qualify for a quarter final meeting with Group 1 winners Newcastlewest on this Sunday 3rd October in Pairc Caoimh Uí Luing, Feenagh at 5pm.

20 spectators saw this final Group 3 stage game played on an excellent pitch with Joe Mulcahy of Killeedy in charge. Richie O'Keeffe and Kevin Forde of Granagh/Ballingarry had wides in the opening couple of minutes before a long delivery by Askeaton's No. 11 Dervan Gallaher looked to have gone wide but the umpire raised the white flag and the referee Joe Mulcahy allowed the point to give the Askeaton boys the lead on three minutes. Granagh/Ballingarry dominated the next eight minutes with five unanswered white flags through Richie O'Keeffe from a lineball, Jack Hartnet (2 play), Richie O'Keeffe (free) and Brian Noonan (play) to leave the boys in black and green four ahead 0-5 to 0-1 on 12 minutes. Then Maurice Somers finally ended 11 minutes without an Askeaton score when she split the uprights following a good solo run on 14 minutes before Granagh/Ballingarry's No. 14 finished past the Askeaton keeper Cathal Anglim a minute later to leave holders Granagh/Ballingarry six ahead 1-5 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter water break. On the resumption of play Granagh/Ballingarry's No. 14 Forde again showed his class when he raised his second green flag on 16 minutes and Eoin Lynch followed this up a minute later with a well taken point from open play to leave the holders from Knockfierna 10 ahead 2-6 to 0-2 on 27 minutes.

A couple of wides were exchanged before white flags were traded by Maurice Somers from a placed ball on 20 minutes and Jack Hartnett from open play on 21 minutes, Kevin Forde from open play on 23 minutes and Maurice Somers from a placed ball two minutes later to leave Granagh/Ballingarry still 10 ahead 2-8 to 0-4 on 25 minutes. Maurice Somers closed the gap to nine with a fine point following a good solo run on 27 minutes before the black and greens' captain Jim O'Keeffe finished past keeper Cathal Anglim on 29 minutes to send the Granagh/Ballingarry boys in at the interval leading by 12, 3-8 to 0-5. Maurice Somers raised a white flag for a placed ball for the Askeaton boys in the second minute after the interval before Kevin Forde of Granagh/Ballingarry made it a hattrick of green flags on 34 minutes and white flags were traded from open play by Brian Noonan on 35 minutes and Dervan Gallagher on 36 minutes before Kevin Forde, Granagh/Ballingarry's No 14 showed his class when he split the uprights following a good solo run two minutes later to bring his tally to 3-2 to put the game out of the Askeaton boys' reach. Granagh/Ballingarry 4-10, Askeaton 0-7 on 38 minutes. Mike Griffin and Declan Ryan had wides for Askeaton before Jack Hartnett raised the GranaghBallingarry boys' fifth green flag on 42 minutes and Jack O'Donoghue on 44 minutes and Richie O'Keeffe a minute later followed up with white flags for the boys in black and green to leave it Granagh/Ballingarry 5-12, Askeaton 0-7 at the end of the third quarter at the second water break. When play got underway again Richie O'Keeffe extended the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' advantage with a pair of white flags from open play on 49 minutes and a placed ball on 52 minutes before Dervan Gallagher won a point back from open play for the Askeaton boys three minutes later to leave it Granagh/Ballingarry 5-14, Askeaton 0-8 on 55 min-

The final score of this one-sided contest fell to Richie O'Keeffe of Granagh/Ballingarry when he split the uprights from out near the sideline on 59 minutes.

At the final whistle holders Granagh/Ballingarry were worthy 22-point winners, 5-15 to 0-8 to finish second in Group 3 of the West Junior B Hurling Championship behind Adare on two points to qualify for a meeting with Group 1 winners Newcastlewest in the quarter final on this Sunday 3rd October in Pairc Caoimh Uí Luing, Feenagh at 5pm.

Granagh/Ballingarry scored 5-12 from play, 0-2 from frees and 0-1 from a lineball. Askeaton scored 0-5 from play and 0-3 from frees.

**Granagh/Ballingarry:** Jimmy Shiels, Mickie O'Keeffe, Donagh McCarthy, Kieran Condron, Patrick Shelton, Mark Tierney, Colm Noonan, Brendan Lynch, Eoin Enright, Brian Noonan 0-2, Jim O'Keeffe 1-0, Richie O'Keeffe 0-6, (2 frees, 1 lineball), Jack Hartnett 1-3, Kevin Forde 3-2, Eoin Lynch 0-1. Subs used Jack O'Donoghue 0-1, Niall Carroll and Niall Fitzgerald.

Askeaton: Cathal Anglim, Tadgh Hanley, Ciarán Bourke, Maurice Hayes, S. Duggan, R. Whelan, John Blackwell, David Holland, C. Rush, P. Neville, Dervan Gallagher o-3, Mike Griffin, Maurice Somers o-5 (3 frees), Declan Ryan, Rob Moloney. Referee: Joe Mulcahy Killeedy.

#### County Senior Football Championship Semi Finals Sunday 10th October

Galtee Gaels v Adare, Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock at 4pm.

Newcastlewest v Monaleen in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 4pm.

County Intermediate Football Championship Semi Finals Saturday 16th October

Kildimo/Pallaskenry v St. Senans in Askeaton at 4pm Gerald Griffins v Rathkeale in Newcastlewest at 4pm.

County Intermediate Football Championship Relegation Final Saturday 16th October

Monaleen v Crecora in Claughaun at 4.30pm.

County Premier Junior A Football Championship Semi Finals Saturday 16th October

Croom v Fr. Casey's, Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 4pm.

Sunday 17th October

Newcastlewest v Mountcollins in Dromcollogher at 12

**County Junior A Football Championship Semi Final** 

Banogue v Feenagh/Kilmeedy in Ballingarry at 12

Ballybricken/Bohermore v Camogue Rovers in Fedamore at 12 noon.

#### **Intermediate Quarter Final Preview**

All roads lead to Seán Finn's Park, Rathkeale on this Saturday October 2nd at 4pm for the eagerly awaited clash of Granagh/Ballingarry and neighbours Croom in the County Intermediate Hurling Championship Quarter Final. Tremendous support is anticipated for both clubs as Croom bid to reach the semi final for the third year in a row and Granagh/Ballingarry for the first time since 2018 when they defeated neighbours Knockaderry 3-15 to 1-16 at Newcastlewest on Saturday 6th October.

The last clash of the sides was in the opening game of Group 1 in the 2020 County Intermediate Hurling Championship on Saturday 25th July in Croagh where a well taken point from a placed ball out near the sideline on 63 minutes by Ethan O'Sullivan, to bring his tally for the game to 0-9 (7 frees), earned Croom a thrilling 2-16 to 1-19 draw with their neighbours Granagh/Ballingarry in a thrilling 3-8 score contest and the teams were

**Granagh/Ballingarry:** Keith O'Kelly, Eoin Casey, Niall Cahill, Eoin Cahill, Thomas O'Donovan 0-1, Donal O'Grady, Damien O'Donovan, Pat Carroll, Darragh Casey, Jack Cagney 0-7, Seán O'Connor 0-4 (2 frees), Denis O'Connor 0-6 (4 frees), Cathal O'Keeffe, David Condron 1-0, Luke Flynn 0-1. Subs used Eoin Chawke, Kieran O'Donovan, John Carroll and David Clancy.

**Croom:** Mark O'Kelly, Padraig Brennan, Marcus Cregan, Aidan Morrissey, Kevin Laffin, Conor Allis 0-2 (1 free), Kieran Larkin, Ryan O'Shea, Mark O'Riordan, Dara O'Farrell 0-1, Stephen Lucy 0-2, Ethan O'Sullivan 0-9 (7 frees), Mackey Cahill, Conor Laffin 1-2, James Malone 1-0 on route to Saturday's quarter final. Croom played a thrilling 0-17 to 1-14 draw with Pallasgreen on Saturday 4th September at Bruff and were impressive 1-23 to 0-13 winners over Hospital/Herbertstown also at Bruff on Saturday 11th September to finish top of Group 2 ahead of Pallasgreen on scoring difference.

**Croom:** Ger Flynn, Kevin Laffan, Kieran Larkin, Kevin McNamara, Dara O'Farrell o-1, Cormac Behan, Damien Sexton o-1, Ryan O'Shea o-1, Eoghan Crogan, Seán Cahill o-1, Conor Allis on o-6, Mark O'Kelly o-3. Subs Stephen Lucey o-2, Mark Reidy 1-0 Jack Murray, Seán Cregan, Noel Hayes.

Granagh/Ballingarry came from two points down in added time courtesy of a cracking goal by second half substitute Cathal O'Keeffe and a long range Denis O'Connor pointed free paved the way for a thrilling two point 2-9 to 3-14 victory over Tournafulla at Pairc Caoimh Uí Luing, Feenagh on Sunday 12th September and were most unlucky to go under to Bruree by a point 0-19 to 1-15 courtesy of a late Kieran O'Dea pointed free at Croom on Saturday 18th September in Croom to finish second in Group 2 behind Bruree to qualify for Saturday's quarter final clash with neighbours Croom.

**Granagh/Ballingarry:** John O'Grady, Eoin Herlihy, David Clancy, John Keraly, Eoin Casey, Donal O'Grady, Niall Cahill, Darragh Casey 0-1, Jack Cagney 0-1, Luke Flynn 0-1, Cathal O'Keeffe, Denis O'Connor 1-5 (0-2 frees), Niall Kennedy 0-1, David Condron 0-1, Seán O'Connor 0-2, subs used Eoin Chawke and John Carroll.

## Support

A proverbial mouth-watering clash awaits with neither side fearing the other and both confident of victory so on this Saturday 2nd October at 4pm at Seán Finn's Park, Rathkeale is the place for all Granagh/Ballingarry fans to cheer on the boys in black and green and their management team of Eoin Kennedy, Michael Clancy, Bobby Houlihan and Pat O'Connor (Newtown) to victory and a place in the Limerick County Intermediate Hurling Championship Semi Final for the first time since 2018 when they went under to neighbours Dromin/Athlacca 2-26 to 1-9 at Ballyagran.

#### **Tickets**

Tickets for the Granagh/Ballingarry v Croom County Intermediate Hurling Championship quarter final in Seán Finn's Park, Rathkeale on this Saturday 2nd October at 4pm can now be purchased on www.universe.com and search for Granagh/Ballingarry club. The link to purchase tickets is also posted on the Granagh/Ballingarry Facebook or Twitter, €10 per adult, €6 per student, €2 for U6s.

No tickets will be on sale at the gate.

# County U19B Hurling Championship Quarter Final

The meeting of neighbours Granagh/Ballingarry and Dromin/Athlacca in the County U19B Hurling Championship semi final goes ahead on Monday 4th October in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale or Kilbreedy, time t.b.c.

#### Colin Ryan Crowned National Poc Fada Champion

Congratulations to Colin Ryan of Pallasgreen who was crowned national Poc Fada champion last Saturday in Louth. The Pallasgreen clubman won the Corn Setanta Cup after winning the M. Donnelly All Ireland Poc Fada Final of Annaverna Mountain in the Cooley Peninsula and becomes the fifth Limerick man to be crowned national Poc Fada champion.

The first staging of the competition was in 1961 when Limerick native Br Vincent Godfrey was winner. Pat Hartigan of South Liberties was the winner in 1981 and 1983 and another two-time winner was also a South Liberties clubman Albert Shanahan in 2001 and 2005. The late Tommy Quaid of Feohanagh/Castlemahon won the title in 1991. Now it's a great honour for Colin Ryan of Pallasgreen to join that illustrious list of Poc Fada winners after finishing ahead of Cathal Kiely of Offaly with Laois senior hurling keeper Enda Rowland in third. Defending champion Cillian Kiely was back in sixth position.

### **Poc Fada Roll of Honour**

1961 Vincent Godfrey (Limerick) 1962 Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny) 1963 Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny), Tom Geary (Waterford) and Dinny Donnelly (Meath). 1964 Oliver Gough (Kilkenny) 1965 Denis Murphy (Cork) 1966, 1967, 1968 Finbar O'Neill (Cork) 1969 Liam Tobin (Waterford) 1970-80 (eleven year hiatus) 1981 Pat Hartigan, South Liberties (Limerick) 1982 Gerry Goodwin (Tyrone) 1983 Pt Hartigan, South Liberties (Limerick) 1984/85/86/87/88/89/1990 Ger Cunningham (Cork) 1991 Tommy Quaid, Feohanagh/Castlemahon (Limerick) 1992 Albert Kelly (Offaly) 1993 Albert Kelly (Offaly)

1994/95/96 Michal Shaughnessy (Galway)
1997 Colin Byrne (Wicklow)
1998 Albert Kelly (Offaly)
1999 Davy Fitzgerald (Clare)
2000 Colin Byrne (Wicklow)
2001 Albert Shanahan (Limerick)
2002 Davy Fitzgerald (Clare)
2003 Paul Dunne (Louth)
2004 Brendan Cummins (Tipperary)
2005 Albert Shanahan, South Liberties, Limerick
2006/2007/2008 Brendan Cummins (Tipperary)
2009 Gerry Fallon (Roscommon)
2010 Graham Clarke (Down)

2012/2012/2013/2014/2015 Brendan Cummins (Tipperary)
2016 James McInerney (Clare)

2017 Tadgh Horan (Galway)
2018/2019 Cillian Kiely (Offaly)
2020 Cancelled due to Covid 19
2021 Colin Ryan, Pallasgreen (Limerick)
Camogie Poc Fada Roll of Honour
2004 Stephanie Gannon (Galway)
2005 Denis Lynch (Clare), Mary Henry, Westmeath
2007/2008 Lyndsey Condell (Carlow)
2009/2010/2011/2012/2013/2014/2015 Patricia
Jackman (Waterford)

2016 Aoife Murray (Cork)1 2017 Susan Ferner, Galway

# September Limerick Draw Winners The following were winners in the seventh Limerick County CAA Club Draw of a cat hold on Setunday Sep

County GAA Club Draw of 2021 held on Saturday September 25th.

1st 10,000 John Cooney, South Liberties. 2nd 3,000 John M./ O'Connell, Mountcollins. 3rd 2,000 Annette Crotty, Galtee Gaels. 4th 1,000 John Griffin, Banogue.

5th Exclusive star prize of a 128 GB Ipad, David

O'Connor, Dromcollogher/Broadford, 6th/9th 500 alice Meather, Garryspillane, Donie Browne, Mungret/St. Paul's, John and Carmel O'Keeffe, Pallasgreen.

10th/13th 250 Emer Cronin, Kilmallock, Ruth and Pierce Griffin, Crecora, Dave ????, Na Piarsaigh, Bridget Burns, Oola.

14th to 30th 100 Seán Madden, Drom/Broadford, Eoin Stapleton, Club Limerick, Dublin; Tom Quane, Galtee Gaels, Jim (Rocky) Hayes, Garryspillane, John ryan (senior) Feohanagh/CVastlemahon, Declan Brickley, Gerryspillane, Michael Luddy, Galtee Gaels, Emma McManus, Galvally, Simon Lenihan, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Killian Cleary, Ballygowan, Seán Tadgh Ó Gairbhí, Rathkeale, Ronan Kirby, Bruff, John Corry, Croom, Damien McElligott, Castletown/Ballyagran, Martina Doyle, Na Piarsaigh, Val Murnane, Caherline, Bill and Patricia Mansell, Ballylanders.

The next draw is on Saturday 30th October with an exclusive prize of two-night hotel break with dinner etc. Thanks to all the 117 members who have already joined the draw through the Granagh club. If you would like to still renew your membership, please follow the link **HERE** and select Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club and the number of draws you wish to sign up for. You can also contact the Granagh/Ballingarry Club draw co-ordinator **Stephen Stapleton on 086 1960301** to be included in the October 30th draw. Note: All new names to be included in the October 30th draw must be in by 12 noon on Wednesday 27th October.

### €15,100 Jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €15,100 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club lottery draw on Saturday 25th September in Buckley's Bar, Ballingarry. The numbers drawn were 7, 15, 25, and 31. Lucky dips of €20 each went to Alan Connolly promoter (online), Mikey O'Keeffe promoter Rock Bar, Granagh; Lyndsey and Toby promoter Buckley's Bar, Ballingarry; Mary Browne promoter Pat Cagney. The next draw for a jackpot of €45,100 will be held on Saturday 2nd October on Condron's Bar, Ballingarry. Tickets are €2 each or three for 5 and are on sale in local shops and bars and from promoter.

Note: You can now play the weekly draw online, Just click on the lotto pic to play.

Thank you for your continued support.



