

Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

HISTORIC MINOR HURLING CROWN

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FOR BALLINGARRY IN 1971

Friday 28th May 2021

The following is a record of some the 1971 Limerick County Hurling and Football Championship Finals with Ballingarry winning a first ever minor hurling title defeating Kilmallock 4-5 to 1-8 in the decider, and Claughaun, a great triple senior hurling and football double and U16 football title.

County Senior Hurling Championship Final 1971

Claughaun 6-6, South Liberties 2-13 The large attendance at the Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship final in 1971 at Pairc na nGael on 12th December enjoyed every moment of a most exciting and sportingly contested game that only switched the Claughaun boys' way in the closing minutes for a five point 6-6 to 2-13 victory to take their ninth Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship title in the John Daly Cup for the first time since 1968. Claughaun: Jim Hogan goal, Billy O'Gorman, Mick Savage, Seán O'Connor, Sam McAuley, Eamonn Cregan, Conor Cregan, Mick Graham, Dan Sheehan, Billy Galligan, Mick Cregan, Ralph Prendergast, Andy Dunworth, Mick Tynan, Liam Moloney. Sub: Eugene Tuohy. South Liberties: John O'Connell goal, Joe Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Ben O'Riordan, Mike Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Mick Butler, Eamonn Grimes, Seamus Hartigan, Tom Ryan, Larry Grimes, Mick Shanahan, Walter O'Do-

County Senior Football Championship Final 1971

noghue, Eamonn Dooley, Denis O'Sullivan.

Claughaun 2-12, Oola 1-2.

Claughaun and Oola met in the Limerick County Senior Football Championship Final for the second successive year in 1971 not played until 21st May 1975 at Pairc na nGael. It was a disappointing decider which resulted in Claughaun claiming their sixth and back-to-back Limerick County Senior Football Championship title over Oola with a comfortable 2-12 to 1-2 victory to complete the County Senior Hurling and Football Championship double in 1971. Claughaun: Ollie O'Brien, Peter O'Dwyer, Harry Cox, Liam Moloney, Michael Cregan, Paddy O'Dwyer, Mick Graham, Conor Cregan, John Hehir, Ollie Keating, Eamonn Cregan, Ralph Prendergast, Calum Keating, Mick Tynan and Dan Sheehan.

County Junior Hurling Championship Final 1971

Monaleen 3-12, Dromin/Athlacca 4-5 City champions Monaleen recaptured the Irish Press Cup after a gap of ten years on December 5th 1971 at the expense of South champions Dromin/Athlacca who they beat 3-12 to 4-5 to claim their second Limerick County Junior Hurling Championship title, a first since 1961. Monaleen: T. Fitzgerald, J.J. Fitzpatrick, M. Fitzpatrick, B. Coffey, J. O'Brien, E. Franklin, J. Bresnihan, M. Fitzgibbon, N. Bridgeman, T. McMahon, D. Fitzpatrick, S. Scanlon, S. Moynihan, D. Foley, D. Coffey. Sub: N. Crowe. Dromin/Athlacca: M. Sheehan, J. Mulcahy, J. Sheehan, J. Kelleher, M. O'Leary, J. Carmody, P. Murphy, K. Murphy, J. O'Dea, P. Ryan, S.

County Junior Football Championship Final 1971

Kelleher, J. Neenan, W. Neenan, T. Lavery, J.

Breen.

Carrickerry 2-8, Pallasgreen 1-5

West Limerick champions Carrickerry took their lone Limerick County Junior Football Championship title in 1971 beating east champions Pallasgreen by six points 2-8 in the final not played until May 21st 1972.

Carrickerry: Mick O'Connor, Haulie Foley, Moss O'Connor, Maurice Windle, John Kennedy captain, Tommy Cregan, Jack Windle, Paddy O'Connor, Stephen Kenneally, Aidan Murphy, Jim Burke, Sonny Crowley, Tom Greaney, John Hartnett, Tommy Upton.

Pallasgreen: Bill O'Connell, Michael Connolly, Connie O'Dwyer, Paddy Barry, Ollie Dillon, Jack O'Dwyer, Dermot O'Dwyer, Maurice Power, Jim Redpath, Patrick Connolly, Paddy Hayes, Brendan Carr, Ted O'Dea, Paddy Gleeson, Willie Shanahan.

County U21 Hurling Championship Final 1971

Patrickswell 1-13, Doon 2-7 (draw)

In 1971 city champions Patrickswell made it back-to-back Limerick County U21 Hurling Championship Final wins over Doon by 1-13 to 2-7 to claim their third title in the delayed 1971 decider at Kilmallock on March 8th 1972.

Patrickswell: Laurence Fenton, Mike Sheehan, Oliver Mann, Terence Murray, Benny Nolan, captain, Willie Fenton, Leonard Enright, Richie Kelleher, Liam Foley, Frankie Nolan, Christy Jeffers, Joe Lynch, John Morrissey, Noel Darcy. Sub Timmy O'Neill.

Doon: D. Morrissey, M. Ryan, P. Ryan (Simon), J. Ryan, P. Ryan (Mahoney), J. Cummins, Patsy Ryan, J. Quinlan, P. Anderson, F. Ryan, B. Ryan, B. Butler, J.J. Howard, W. Moore, T. McLoughlin. Subs: T. McGrath, R. Maher.

County U21 Football Championship Final

Oola 2-6, Carrickerry 1-6

West champions Carrickerry bravely made a bid to add the Limerick County U21 Football Championship title to the junior title won in 1971 but failed when going under to east champions Oola by three points 2-6 to 1-6 in the 1971 County U21 Football decider at Pairc na nGael on October 8th 1972 for a third County U21 Football crown for the Oola boys, a first since 1968.

Oola: Jim Riall, John Ryan, John O'Mahoney, Philip Ryan, Tim McGrath captain, Patsy Ryan, William Burns, John Ryan, don Fitzgerald, Seán Holmes, Tom Landers, Donal Anderson, Seán Fitzgibbon, Patrick J. Bourke, Bob Heuston.

County Minor Hurling Championship Final 1971

Ballingarry 4-5, Kilmallock 1-8

A new name was inscribed on the Limerick County Minor Hurling trophy at Pairc na nGael on 12th September 1971 where Ballingarry beat Kilmallock by 4-5 to 1-8 in a thrilling and exciting decider an hour of swaying fortunes with the lead alternating several times and the issue always in doubt. Kilmallock dominated the first half but were only ahead by three points 1-4 to 1-1 at the interval. The Ballingarry boys resumed in a whirlwind fashion and edged ahead with scores from Michael John Hourigan (1-0) and Joe Fitzgerald (0-2) Kilmallock regained the lead with nine minutes remaining on the clock were two points ahead. Ballingarry winners of the county juvenile title in 1969 staged an all-out rally and the spark they really needed came in the 21st minute of the second half when Michael Healy soloed his way through the Kilmallock defence before passing to John Cagney for a great goal. Then points from Joe Fitzgerald and Mike Chawke plus a late goal from Peter Dunworth clinched the issue in Ballingarry's favour for a thrilling six point 4-5 to 1-8 victory for the boys in green and gold to claim a first ever Limerick County Minor Hurling Championship title to add to the county juvenile title won in 1969 by the same panel of players. After the game Ballingarry winning captain Davy Clifford received the Limerick County Minor Hurling Championship Cup amid great scenes of jubilation.

Ballingarry: Jack Kelly, Bobby Reidy, Maurice Daly, Liam Fitzgerald, Billy O'Connor, Davy Clifford captain, Davy O'Keeffe, Seán Kennedy, Mike Chawke, Mike Healy, Joe Fitzgerald, Peter Dunworth, Michael John Hourigan, John Cagney, Dick Kelly, Davy Fitzgerald, John Chawke, Conor O'Keeffe, Paddy Dunworth and Paddy Hennessy.

West Limerick Senior Hurling League/Championship 2021

Saturday 12th June

Granagh/Ballingarry v Croagh/Kilfinny in

Croagh at 7.30pm. Thursday 17th June

Round 2: Granagh/Ballingarry v Tournafulla in

Ballingarry at 7.30pm.

Saturday 26th June

Round 3: Adare v Granagh/Ballingarry in Adare at 7.30pm.

Thursday 1st July

Round 4: Granagh/Ballingarry v?? in Ballingarry at 7.30pm

Sunday 4th July

Round 5: Feohanagh/Castlemahon v Granagh Ballingarry in Ballingarry at 7.30pm.

Saturday 10th July

Round 7: Granagh/Ballingarry v Newcastlewest in Ballingarry at 7.30pm.

Note: Top 4 teams qualify for semi finals.

Cul Camp

The Granagh/Ballingarry Club camp will take place in the club grounds in Ballingarry from Monday July 5th to Friday 9th July. Booking is now accepted online at

www.kellogscukamps.gaa.ie/booking.

Disappointing weekend in National League

It was a most disappointing weekend for both Limerick senior footballers and hurlers in the National League on Saturday. The Limerick senior footballers travelled to O'Connor Park, Tullamore where they were most unlucky to go under to the home-side Offaly by two points, o-16 to 1-11 in Round 2 of Division 3 South.

We wish team manager Billy Lee and all involved with the Limerick senior footballers as they travel to Aughrim this Saturday May 29th to play the home-side Wicklow at 3pm in the third and final round and a victory for the Limerick side will see them back in contention for a semi final spot.

All Ireland hurling champions Limerick suffered their second straight defeat in Division 1A of the National League when going under to Waterford by four points, 1-22 to 0-, a result that ends their hope of a hat-trick of league titles. Manager John Kiely and all involved with the Limerick senior hurlers will be hoping to get back on winning ways when they clash with neighbours Cork in Round 4 of the National League on Saturday 5th June in Pairc na nGael at 7.15pm.

Sympathy

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club officials, players and members extend sympathy to the Meehan family, the Downes', Ballingarry and the Donovan Houlihan and Mulqueen family, Granagh, on the death of Peter Meehan. Peter played hurling in his youth and was a great support of all Granagh/Ballingarry club teams down through the years.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Diary

Saturday 29th May

National Football League Division 3 South Round 3

Wicklow v Limerick in Aughrim at 3pm National Football League Division 2 South Round 3

Clare v Cork, Cusack Park, Ennis at 1.45pm.

