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Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

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Back to back County Junior A & B Football Championship Titles



LIMERICK COUNTY JUNIOR A FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY.....1-12 MUNGRET/ST. PAUL'S.....0-10

Granagh/Ballingarry winners of five Limerick County Junior B Football Championships made it back to back County Junior A and B Football Championship titles with a hard-fought five point 1-12 to 0-10 victory over gallant Mungret/St Paul's to claim their first ever County Junior A Football Championship title in the 103 year history of the competition in difficult wet and windy conditions at Croom on Saturday.

The Croom club had their fifth in top class condition for this 10rd Limerick County Junior A Football Championship final played in front of 250 spectators who gave great support to their sides with Michael Woulfe of Patrickswell in charge. The opening five minutes in Croom despite the heavy rain were close and exciting with points traded from pen play by Conor Garvey and Cathal O'Keeffe, Donal O'Grady and Eoin Ryan for 0-2 each. A couple of wides were exchanged before a pair of white flags for the boys in black and green courtesy of Aaron Smith from a placed ball on 9 minutes and Luke Flynn from open play four minutes later to leave the Knockfierna boys two ahead 0-2 to 0-4 on 13 minutes. Then points were traded by Peter Harrington from open play on 15 minutes and Aaron Smith from a 45 on 17 minutes before Peter Harrington landed his second white flag from play for the Mungret/St. Paul's boys to reduce the deficit to the minimum, Granagh/Ballingarry 0-5, Mungret/St. Paul's 0-4 on 20 minutes. The Granagh/Ballingarry boys with the wind at their back began to up their game with a cracking Jack Cagney goal on 22 minutes following good work by David Condrón followed up by a trio of white flags through Sean O'Connor (play) on 24 minutes, team captain Cathal O'Keeffe (play) on 26 minutes and Aaron Smith from a placed ball three minutes later to send the boys in black and green in at the interval leading by seven 1-8 to 0-4.

The Mungret/St. Paul's boys with the wind at the backs had a point from open play through their No. 14 Sean Moran in the second minute after the interval to reduce the deficit to six, 1-8 to 0-5. Both sides were guilty of inaccurate shooting in the difficult, windy conditions until Darragh O'Sullivan of Mungret/St. Paul's finally found the range when he split the uprights following a good solo run on 39 minutes cancelled out from open play a minute later by Donal O'Grady to leave six again between the sides Granagh/Ballingarry 1-9, Mungret/St. Paul's 0-6 on 40 minutes. Then Aaron Smith extended the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' advantage to seven with a well taken point from open play on 42 minutes before a trio of white flags for the Mungret/St. Paul's boys through their No. 9 Darragh O'Sullivan in a ten minute spell to reduce the deficit to four, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-10, Mungret/St. Paul's 0-9 on 52 minutes. Then points were traded from placed balls by Aaron Smith on 55 minutes and Eoin Ryan on 57 minutes before Jack Cagney kicked between the uprights on 59 minutes to seal a hard fought five point 1-12 to 1-10 victory for the Granagh/Ballingarry boys and a historic Limerick County Junior A Football Championship title and County Junior A and B Football Championship titles, after a most enjoyable, hard fought contest which must compare with any of the 103 finals of the past. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 1-8 from frees and 0-1 from a 45. Mungret/St. Paul's scored 0-9 from play on 0-1 from a free.

Granagh/Ballingarry: David Clancy, Brian Sheehy, Niall Cahill, Eoin Casey, Luke Flynn 0-1, Darragh Casey, Sean Murphy, David Condrón, John Quille Mulcaire, Cathal O'Keeffe, captain 0-2, Jack Cagney 1-1, Sean O'Connor 0-1, Aaron Smith 0-5 (3 frees, 1 45), Donal O'Grady 0-2, Sean Murphy. Subs used Damien O'Donovan, Eoin Herlihy. Other panel members Denis O'Connor, Brendan Lynch, Keith O'Kelly, Kevin Ford, Denis Sheehy, Cian McGoe, Owen Lynch, Elin Lynch, Marcus Moore, Padraig McKenna, Adam Long, Niall Fitzgerald, Brian Mulqueen, Dean Clancy, Gearóid Lynch.

Mungret/St. Paul's: Darren Coffey, Jason Hasset, Gearóid Hanrahan, John O'Donovan, James Garvey, David Riordan, David Guilfoyle, Cian O'Doherty, Darragh O'Sullivan 0-3, JJ Harrington, Eoin Ryan 0-2 (1 free), Peter Harrington 0-3, Conor Garvey 0-1, Sean Moran 0-1, Liam Moran. Subs used Conor Galvin, Mark Moroney. Referee Michael Woulfe, Patrickswell.

Presentation

After the game County Football Board Secretary Wayne Fitzgerald complimented both sides on a great hard fought final despite the difficult conditions. He congratulated Granagh/Ballingarry on winning their first ever County Junior A Football Championship title and back to back Junior A and B titles, praised Mungret/St. Paul's for their part in a

great final. He complimented the referee Michael Woulfe and his officials, the Croom club and the Woodlands Hotel for their kind sponsorship. He then presented the County Board Cup to winning captain Cathal O'Keeffe. Cathal complimented the referee and his officials and the Croom club for hosting the final, thanked the management team of manager Shane O'Grady, coach Mark O'Sullivan, selector Andrew Holmes and first aid official Theresa Noonan and the supporters and called for three cheers for sporting Mungret/St. Paul's. Man of the Match – Former dual county minor player wearing the No. 8 jersey for Granagh/Ballingarry received the man of the match award. Path to the County Junior A Football Championship Title

Group 2 Round 1: St. Patrick's 1-8, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-8.
Round 2: Ahane w.o Granagh/Ballingarry scr.
Round 3: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-13, Adare 0-4.
Round 4: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-16, Camogue Rovers 1-6.
Round 5: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-14, Hospital/Herbertstown 0-12.

Semi-final: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-16, Hospital/Herbertstown 0-10.
Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-17, Mungret/St. Paul's. Final Snippets

* Saturday's County Junior A Football Championship Final was the 103rd final since they first played for at the turn of the century, the year 1900 to be exact. It was the time of the Boer War and national feeling was running high at the time. This was reflected in the team names and the sides that contested the first final were Newcastle West Boers and Kilmallock Rebels played in Feenagh on July 28th 1901, the Western boys won 2-10 to 1-4.

* David Clancy who lined out in goal for Granagh/Ballingarry in Saturday's County Junior A Football Championship Final was also keeper when Granagh/Ballingarry defeated Newcastle West in 1998 County Junior A Hurling Championship Final.

* Donal O'Grady who lined out at full forward for Granagh/Ballingarry in Saturday's County Junior A Football Championship Final played at wing forward on the Granagh/Ballingarry side that defeated Newcastle West in the 1998 County Junior A hurling championship final.

* Cathal O'Keeffe who captained Granagh/Ballingarry to County Junior A Football Championship honours on Saturday is son of Davy O'Keeffe who captained Ballingarry to County Junior A Football Championship honours in 1979.

* When Mungret/St. Paul's won their first and only Limerick County Junior Football Championship title in 1990 they defeated Granagh/Ballingarry, ????? Knockfierna Gaels narrowly in the semi-final before going on to defeat West finalists Gerald Griffrins in the final.

Ladies Football Facebook

Limerick Co. U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 4 Round 1

Granagh/Ballingarry....2-20 Killacolla Gaels.....1-14

Last year's B champions Granagh/Ballingarry got their Limerick County U-21 A hurling championship campaign off to a winning start with an impressive nine point victory over neighbours Killacolla Gaels Bruree/Castletown/Ballyagran in difficult, wet conditions played on the Astro turf pitch in Mick Neville Park Rathkeale on Bank holiday Monday.

A good crowd turned out to watch this clash of neighbours in the opening game of Group 4 in the Limerick County U-21 A Hurling Championship despite the heavy rain with Johnny Murphy Ballylanders in charge. Gearóid Lynch from open play and David Riordan from a placed ball traded white flags in the opening 2 minutes before a trio of white flags for the Killacolla Gaels boys through Paddy Lynch (play), Sam Cronnelly (free) and Paddy Lynch (play) were cancelled out from open play by Paudie Murphy, Luke Flynn and Michael Russell to leave it 0-4 each on 14 minutes. Then Brian Mulqueen (play) on 15 minutes and David Riordan (play) on 16 minutes traded white flags before a pair of white flags for the Granagh/Ballingarry, courtesy of Luke Flynn (play) on 17 minutes and Michael Russell (free) a minute later to leave the boys in black and green two ahead 0-7 to 0-5 on 18 minutes. Then points were traded by David Riordan (free) on 19 minutes and Josh Mulcaire-Quille (play) on 20 minutes, Mark Riordan (play) on 21 minutes and Michael Russell (play) two minutes later to leave the Granagh/Ballingarry boys still two ahead 0-9 to 0-7 on 23 minutes. The Granagh/Ballingarry boys now began to up their game and dominated the remaining seven minutes of this lively opening half with four unanswered white flags through Sean Murphy (play) on 24 minutes, Brian Sheehy (play) on 26 minutes, Paudie



Murphy (play) on 28 minutes and Michael Russell (free) on 30 minutes to send the boys in black and green in at the interval leading by six 0-13 to 0-7. The Killacolla boys made a good start to the second half with a trio of white flags in a four minute spell through Sam Williams and Paddy Lynch from open play and Sam Cronnelly from a placed ball before points were traded from open play by Brian Sheehy on 35 minutes and Paddy Lynch a minute later to leave it Granagh/Ballingarry 0-14, Killacolla Gaels 0-11 on 36 minutes. Evan White won a point back for the Bruree/Castletown-Ballyagran boys from open play on 37 minutes before a cracking goal by Gearoid Lynch on 39 minutes and a well taken point from open play by Luke Flynn two minutes later to extend the Granagh/Ballingarry advantage to six 1-15 to 0-12 on 41 minutes. Then green flags were traded by Gearoid Lynch on 43 minutes and Mark Riordan two minutes later to leave the Granagh/Ballingarry boys still six ahead 2-15 to 1-12 at the end of the third quarter. Then white flags were traded by Michael Russell (play) on 47 minutes and David Riordan (free) on 49 minutes before a pair of white flags from open play for Granagh/Ballingarry through Owen Lynch on 51 minutes and Michael Russell two minutes later to extend the boys from Knockfierna's lead to eight 2-18 to 1-13 on 53 minutes. Sam Cronnelly won a point back for the Gaels from a placed ball on 55 minutes before Granagh/Ballingarry finished strong with a pair of white flags through Michael Russell (play) on 57 minutes and Darragh Casey from a 65 on 60 minutes to leave the Granagh/Ballingarry boys impressive nine points 2-20 to 1-14 winners of the two league championship points on offer. They can now look forward with confidence to their next game against Newcastle West on Friday 11th November in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 8pm. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 2-17 from play, 0-2 from frees and 0-1 from a 65. Killacolla Gaels scored 1-8 from play and 0-6 from frees.

Granagh/Ballingarry: Keith O'Kelly, Eoin Herlihy, Eoin Enright, Mark O'Shea, Owen Lynch 0-1, Darragh Casey 0-1 (65), Sean Murphy 0-1, Brian Sheehy 0-2, Josh Mulcaire-Quille 0-1, Eoin Lynch, Michael Russell 0-7 (3 frees), Luke Flynn 0-3, Gearoid Lynch 1-2, Paudie Murphy 0-2???, Brian Mulqueen 0-1. Subs used Cian McGoe and Eoin Horgan.

Killacolla Gaels: Fionan O'Driscoll, Evan White, John O'Connell, William Sexton, Cillian Cotter, Sam Williams 0-1, Conor Frawley, Fionn O'Brien, Matthew Howard, Sam Cronnelly 0-3 (frees), Fionnbar Fitzpatrick, Paddy Lynch 0-4, Colin Bresnihan, Mark Riordan 1-2, David Riordan 0-4 (3 frees). Sub used Frankie Barrington. Referee: Johnny Murphy (Ballylaners).

Limerick Dominate 2022 Hurling All Stars

Limerick's stats as the current benchmark in hurling excellence have been underlined with their domination of the final 15 in the PWC All Stars for Hurling 2022. The announcement was made as part of a special programme to honour both the 2022 Hurling and Football All Stars shown on RTE on Friday night after winning 3-in-a-row All Ireland hurling titles in 2022. The All Ireland Champions were rewarded with seven players Nickie Quaid (Effin), Barry Nash (South Liberties), Diarmaid Byrnes (Patrickswell), Gearoid Hegarty (St. Patrick's), Kyle Hayes (Kildimo/Pallaskenry), Declan Hannon (Adare), Aaron Gillane (Patrickswell). Limerick rounded off a great 2022 with their towering wing back Diarmaid Byrnes being chosen by his peers as the GAA/GPA Hurler of the Year.

All Star Hurling Team 2022

Nickie Quaid (Limerick), Mikey Butler (Kilkenny), Huw Lawlor (Kilkenny), Barry Nash (Limerick), Diarmaid Byrnes (Limerick), Declan Hannon (Limerick), Padraic Mannion (Limerick), David Fitzgerald (Clare), Adrian Mullen (Kilkenny), Gearoid Hegarty (Limerick), Kyle Hayes (Limerick), Shane O'Donnell (Clare), Aaron Gillane (Limerick), TJ Reid (Kilkenny), Tony Kelly (Clare).
Hurler of the Year: Diarmaid Byrnes (Limerick).
Young Hurler of the Year: Mikey Butler (Kilkenny).
All Star Football Team 2022
Shane Ryan (Kerry), Chrissy McKaigue (Derry), Jason Foley (Kerry), Liam Silke (Galway), Tadhg Morley (Kerry), John Daly (Galway), Gavin White (Kerry), Conor Glass (Derry), Cillian McDaid (Galway), Paudie Clifford (Kerry), Seán O'Shea (Kerry), Ciarán Kilkenny (Dublin), David Clifford (Kerry), Damien Comer (Galway), Shane Walsh (Kerry).
Footballer of the Year: David Clifford (Kerry).
Young Footballer of the Year: Jack Glynn, Galway.

Results

County Junior A Football Championship Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-12, Mungret/St. Paul's 0-10.
County Junior B Football Championship Quarter-finals: Kildimo/Pallaskenry 1-9, Oola 1-7 (AET). Knockaderry 1-14, Ballylanders 3-6 (AET). Castletown/Ballyagran w.o. St. Kieran's scr.

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 1: Blackrock 2-13, Coshlea Gaels 1-13.
County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 3: Crecora/Manister/South Liberties 0-13, Croagh/Kilfinny/Rathkeale 1-6.
U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 2: Dromin/Athlaca w.o, St. Patrick's scr.
County U-21 BG Hurling Championship Group 1: Glenroe 4-14, Claughaun 1-15; Ballybricken/Bohermore/Fedamore 3-13, Templeglantine 1-14.
County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 2: Cappamore 0-13, Bruff 1-6.
County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 4: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-20, Killacolla Gaels 1-14.
County U-21 Hurling Championship Group 3: Knockaderry 3-13, Killeedy/Tournafulla 2-10.

County Junior B Hurling Championship Quarter-final

Fedamore is the venue at 12 noon on Sunday 6th November for the clash of West finalists Granagh/Ballingarry and South champions and last year's defeated finalist Bruff in the County Junior B Hurling Championship quarter-final. Your support for the boys in black and green and their management would be welcome in Fedamore at 12 noon on Sunday to cheer them on in their bid to reach the County Junior A Hurling Championship semi-final, after going under to a late Knockaderry goal in the West final.

October County Club Draw

The following were winners in the eight Limerick County GAA Club draw on Saturday 29th October: 1st prize €10,000 Mag Collum, Monagea. 2nd €3,000 Kitty Mulcahy, South Liberties. 3rd €2,000 Barry Phillips, Club Limerick. 4th €1,000 Jerry English, Croom. 5th exclusive star prize of a €500 voucher to Tully Travel – Bridget Mann, Patrickswell. 6th to 9th €500 Ciss Breen, Rathkeale, Marie Curtin, Staker Wallace, Margaret O'Sullivan, Knockaderry, Frank and Bridget Dineen, Ballylanders. 10th to 13th €250 Rose English, Rathkeale, Sarah Dore, Castletown/Ballyagran, Paula and Max Hennessy, Effin, Jim Long, Dromcollogher/Broadford. 14th to 30th €100 Nigel Casey, Old Christians, Norma Fogarty, Garryspillane, Peter O'Donnell, Oola, Aoife Moran, Ahane, Mark Phelan, St. Patrick's, David Harnett, Monagea, Liam Purcell, Patrickswell, Donal Hartnett, Na Piarasigh, Ann Wade, Bruff, Eamon Lyons, Kildimo/Pallaskenry, Michael Ryan, Dromin/Athlaca, Breda Moloney, Staker Wallace, Deirdre Greaney, Dromcollogher/Broadford, Rory Moyan, Murroe, Boher, Thomas O'Riordan, Kilmallock.

The next draw is on Saturday 26th November with an exclusive prize of a €500 voucher for Smyths Toys. Thanks to all the 117 members who have already joined the Limerick County GAA Club Draw through the Granagh/Ballingarry Club. If you would like to still renew your membership please following the link **HERE** select GranaghBallingarry 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 November draw.

Note all new names to be included in the November draw must be in by 12 noon on Wednesday 23rd November.

Club Gear

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club tops, hoodies, track-suits, shorts and socks can now be ordered online **HERE**

€7,100 Jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €7,000 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club Lottery on Saturday 29th October. The numbers drawn were 3, 4, 5 and 11. The lucky dips of €20 each went to Peter Dunworth, promoter online; Kayleigh Twomey, promoter The Rock Bar, Granagh; Evfan Fox, promoter Adrian Farragher; Seamus Burke, promoter Mossie and Pat. The next draw is for a jackpot of €7,100 on Saturday 5th November in Buckley's Bar, Ballingarry. Tickets €2 and 3 for €5 and are on sale in local shops, bars and from promoters. You can now play online **HERE** finishes at 6pm on Saturdays. Thank you for your continued support.

Club Diary

Friday 4th November

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 1:

Coshlea Gaels v Monaleen in Doon at 8pm.

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 1: Kildimo/Pallaskenry v Bruff in Mick Neville Park Rathkeale at 8pm.

Saturday 5th November:

County Junior A Hurling Championship Final: St. Kieran's v Dromcollogher/Broadford in Newcastle West at 2pm.

County Junior B Football Championship Quarter-final: Knockane v Na Piarasigh in Caherelly at 2.30pm.

County Junior B Hurling Championship quarter-final: Ballybrown v Doon in Cappamore at 2pm

Sunday 6th November:

County Senior Football Championship Final: Newcastle West (holders) v Adare in Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock at 2.40pm.

County Premier Junior A Football Championship Final: Feohanagh/Castlemahon v Feenagh/Kilmeedy in Tournafulla at 11.45am.

County Junior B Hurling Championship Quarter-Finals: Bruff v Granagh/Ballingarry in Fedamore at 12 noon.

Bruree v Knockaderry in Ballingarry at 12 noon.
Kildimo/Pallaskenry v Fedamore in Croagh at 12 noon.
County Premier U-21 Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 3: Ballybrown v Patrickswell in Mungret at 12 noon.
Mungret/St. Paul's v Na Piarasigh in Claughaun at 12 noon.

County U-21 A Hurling Group 1 Round 2: Monaleen v Blackrock in Monaleen at 12 noon.

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 1: South Liberties/Crecora v Murroe/Boher in Crecora at 12 noon.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 3: Caherline v Dromin/Athlaca in Athlaca at 12 noon .

Monday 7th November:

County Premier U-21 Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 2: Ahane v Garryspillane in Doon at 7.30pm.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 3: Belville Gaels v Dromcollogher/Broadford in Mick Neville Park Rathkeale at 8pm.

Tuesday 8th November:

County Junior B Football Championship Semi-finals: Knockaderry v Castletown/Ballyagran in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 8pm.

Kildimo/Pallaskenry v Knockane/Na Piarasigh in Doon at 8pm.

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 3: Adare v Kildimo/Pallaskenry in Adare at 8pm.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 3: Pallasgreen v Killeedy/Tournafulla in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 8pm.

Wednesday 9th November:

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 4 Round 2: Newcastle West v Killacolla Gaels in Adare at 8pm.
County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 4: Belville Gaels v Knockaney in Mick Neville Park at 8pm.

Friday 11th November:

County U-21 A Hurling Championship Group 4 Round 3: Granagh/Ballingarry v Newcastle West in Mick Neville Park Rathkeale at 8pm.

Sunday 13th November:

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 4: Dromcollogher/Broadford v Knockaney in Dromcollogher at 2.30pm.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 2: St. Kieran's v Dromin/Athlaca in Coolcappa at 12 noon.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 3 Round 3: Pallasgreen v Knockaderry in Pallasgreen at 2p

