

# Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

# FIVE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES

John Lynch

FOR TREATY SARSFIELDS IN 1951



The following is a record of the 1951 Limerick County Hurling and Football Championship Finals: 1951 was a record-breaking year for city side Treaty Sarsfields who won five of the eight Limerick County Championships, senior hurling and football double, minor hurling and football double and the junior football title.

County Senior Hurling Championship Final 1951

Treaty Sarsfields 1-6, Geraldine's 1-2.

Geraldines beat holders St. Patrick's by 6-8 to 6-6 in the semi final of the 1951 Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship in a thrilling contest at Kilmallock on June 12th and in the other semi final also played at Kilmallock on August 12th 1951 Treaty Sarsfields beat Ahane 1-12 to 3-2.

The 1951 Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship Final was at Pairc na nGael in September 16th 1951 and in the all-city decider Treaty Sarsfields beat Geraldines by four points, 1-6 to 1-2 to claim their first Limerick County Senior Hurling Championship title and the John Daly Cup to add to the County Minor Hurling title won early that day with a four point, 3-4 to 0-4 victory over gallant Knockainey.

Treaty Sarsfields: Micky McDonnell 1-0 (captain), Seamus Keating, Jim Sadlier, Micka Fitzgerald, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Johnny Fitzgerald, Billy O'Callaghan, Timmy Murphy, Joe Mitchell, Mick O'Shea, Billy O'Shea, Mick McInerney, R. J. O'Dea, Liam McInerney, P.J. O'Shea, Christy "Duff" Ahern.

Geraldines: J.J. Power 1-0), M. Conroy, G. Martin, M. Sheehan, M. Clifford, J. Dooley, Phil Bartley, Johnny Stokes, Eddie Stokes, J. Corbett, J. Mulcahy, P. Corbery, J. Corbery, Paddy O'Dea, M. Bresnihan.

Referee: Bill O'Donoghue, Mungret.

## **County Senior Football Championship Final 1951**

Treaty Sarsfields 1-7, Claughaun 0-4.

1951 was Treaty Sarsfield's very special year and the senior footballers added their contribution to the record-breaking feat when at Pairc na nGael on 21st October 1951 they beat Claughaun by three points, 1-7 to 0-4, to take their fifth title and fourth in successive years to complete the elusive Limerick County Senior and Minor Hurling and Senior and Minor Football Championship double as they defeated Newcastlewest earlier in the that day in the Minor Football Championship.

Treaty Sarsfields: Noel Kelly, P.J. O'Shea, Paddy Reidy, Michael Carroll, W. O'Callaghan, Timmy Murphy, Michael Fitzgerald, Joe O'Leary, Paddy Nolan, Joe Mitchell, P. Connolly, P.J. O'Dea, Michael McDonnell, Johnny Fitzgerald, Willie O'Shea.

Claughaun: Paddy Quilligan, E. Madden, Michael McNamara, Phil Purcell, C. Mannix. Dom Scanlon, Pat Shortt, Paddy Rynne, Jimmy Callaghan, Steve Cronin, Jim White, Dermot Kelly, Michael O'Brien, Eugene O'Brien and Dick Rockett.

Referee: Frank Neenan, Rathkeale.

# **County Junior Hurling Championship Final 1951**

Bruree 5-6, South Liberties 6-2.

Bruree defeated by Ahane 8-5 to 1-3 in the 1930 County Junior Hurling Championship Final played at Croom on April 19th 1931 were back in the decider again 20 years later on October 21st 1951 at Kilmallock where the Bruree boys put their name on the Limerick County Junior Hurling Championship trophy (Irish Press Cup) for the first time when they beat east champions South Liberties 5-6 to 6-2 after Liberties led 3-2 to 2-1 at the interval. This County Junior Hurling title win by Bruree was the only adult Limerick County Championship title won by a club outside of Treaty Sarsfields who won five of the eight Limerick county championships for competition.

Bruree: M. Mullane (captain), F. Mullane, B. Mul-

lane, C. Simcox, D. Simcox, Michael Sexton, J. Burke, E. Barry, J.J. O'Brien, N. Jones, M. Potter, J. Canta, J. Kearney, C. Carroll, M. Riordan.

South Liberties: J.J. Power, M. Clifford, M. Ryan, P. O'Neill, P. Cremins, D. Godfrey, M. Butler, J. Power, J. Dooley, D. Power, J. Portley, J. Clifford, P. Power, P. O'Dea, M. Clifford.

Referee: Tom O'Sullivan, Army Limerick.

**County Minor Hurling Championship Final 1951** 

Treaty Sarsfields 3-4, Knockainey 3-0.

Treaty Sarsfields became only the second Limerick club since Patrickswell (1956, 1957, 1958) to win a hat-trick of Limerick County Minor Hurling Championship titles when they defeated Knockainey by four points 3-4 to 3-0 at Pairc na nGael in the 1951 decider on Sunday 16th September 1951.

Treaty Sarsfields panel: Joe Barry, M. Hanrahan, N. Kelly, C. O'Halloran, J. Fitzgibbon, T. Fitzgerald, B. Fitzgibbon, D. Kenneally, G. Sheeran, B. Leonard, F. Pearse, T. Meade, M. Hassett, G. Tierney, E. Mulholland, M. O'Donoghue, Mick O'Shea (captain), P. Barry, B. McNamara, J. Murnane, E. Kirby.

Treaty Sarsfields 0-8, Newcastlewest 0-5.

Treaty Sarsfields defeated by two points 1-4 to 0-5 in the 1950 Limerick County Minor Football Championship Final by Ballyhahill at Adare on November 5th 1950 were back to contest the decider again the following year at Pairc na nGael on 7th October 1951 where they claimed the second Limerick County Minor Football Championship title in three seasons with a hard fought three point 0-8

to 0-5 victory over gallant west champions New-castlewest to complete the Limerick County Senior and Minor Hurling and Football Championship double.

Treaty Sarsfields: Noel Kelly, B. McMahon, D. Kennedy, E. Kirby, T. Meade, J. Murnane, F. Pearse, M. O'Shea, R. Leonard, T. Murphy, E. Mulholland, S. O'Halloran, J. Fitzgibbon, Seán Hoey.

Newcastlewest: P. Sammon, T. Dunworth, M. O'Connor, C. Magner, J. Nash, M. "Fox" O'Connor, J. Cleary, T. Ambrose, G. Keane, J. Scanlan, w. Tierney, M. Murphy, M. Condon, S. Magner, D. Massey.

#### County Junior Football Championship Final 1951

Treaty Sarsfields 0-2, Newcastlewest 0-2 (draw)

Treaty Sarsfields 0-6, Newcastlewest 0-5 (replay).

Treaty Sarsfields defeated by two points 1-2 to 0-3 by Athea in the 1950 Limerick County Junior Football Championship Final at Adare on 3rd December 1950 were back to contest the final again the following year against west champions Newcastlewest. 1951 was Sarsfields' greatest year when they won five of the eight Limerick County Championships then for competition. The Treaty's junior footballers' contribution to the club's historical quintuplet of Limerick County Championships was secured at the expense of Newcastlewest.

They drew in a low scoring decider 0-2 each at Kilmallock on 2nd December 1951 and at the same venue a fortnight later the city men had a narrow victory after an exciting contest to take their third Limerick County Junior Football Championship title after wins under the name of Thomond in 1937 and Sarsfields in 1943 to add to the County Senior and Minor Hurling and Football Championships won yearly in 1951.

Treaty Sarsfields: Aiden Darcy, Tony Nash, John Dillon, Jack Guinane, Tony Goodwin, Jim Murnane, Mick McInerney, Seamus Keating, Eugene Mulholland, Mick O'Shea, Pascal Ryan, Tommy Murphy, Maurice Fitzgerald and Tom Cleary.

Newcastlewest Panel: M. Dennehy, J. Nix, M. O'Connor, S. Herbert, M. O'Connor (Fox), M. Clifford, E. Vaughan, P. Devine, P. Hayes, Jim O'Grady, J. Woulfe, C. Magner, G. Keane, Mick Devine, Dave Hayes.

County U16 Hurling Championship Final 1951

St. Patrick's 4-3, Patrickswell 3-0.

St. Patrick's won their fourth Limerick County U16 Hurling Championship title, a first since 1939 with a deserved six point 4-3 to 3-0 victory over Patrickswell in the 1951 decider.

County U16 Football Championship Final 1951

St. Patricks 2-3, Claughaun 1-2.

St. Patrick's won their first Limerick County U16 Football Championship title in 1951 with a hard fought four point 2-3 to 1-2 victory over neighbours Claughaun in the decider to complete a County U16 Hurling and Football Championship double.

#### Treaty Sarsfields County Roll of Honour

County Senior Hurling Championship (4): 1891, 1951, 1952, 1953.

County Senior Football Championship (12): 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1956, 1957, 1963, 1973, 1974, 1975.

County Junior Hurling Championship (3): Sarsfields 1902, 1924, Treaty Sarsfields 1975.

County Junior Football Championship (3): Thomond 1937, Sarsfields 1943, Treaty Sarsfields 1951.

County U21 Football Championship (1): 1974

County Minor Hurling Championship (3): 1949, 1950, 1951

County Minor Football Championship (16): Treaty 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939. Seoirse Clancy's 12936, Sarsfields 1941, 1942, 1944, 1945, Treaty Sarsfields 1949, 1951, 1957, 1964, 1971, 1973.

County U16 Hurling Championship (5): Treaty 1941, Sarsfields 1942, Treaty Sarsfields 1948, 1949, 1955.

County U16 Football Championship (12): Treaty 1941, Sarsfields 1942, Treaty Sarsfields 1948, 1949, 1955.

County U16 Football Championship (12): Treaty 1941, Sarsfields 1942, Treaty Sarsfields 1947, 1948, 1949, 1955, 1956, 1963, 1964, 1966, 1970, 1972.

#### **CUL CAMP**

The Granagh/Ballingarry Cul Camp will take place on the club grounds in Ballingarry from Monday July 5th to Friday 9th July. Booking is now accepted online **HERE** 

We look forward to welcoming all the children to the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club camp this July.

#### PLAYERS LOSS OF 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 wages for players injured while playing in an official sanctioned game or training session.

#### 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 groc-

eries 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

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.

#### **SUPPORT FOR GRIEVING**

The Irish Hospice Foundation have developed a free bereavement resource pack for anybody grieving in these very difficult times. It includes advice on coping with grief, funerals in exceptional times and supporting children/young people It can be downloaded **HERE** 

#### CON/ANNIE MEMORIAL STAKE SEMI FINALS

The semi finals of the Con and Annie Kirby Memorial Stake takes place this Saturday April 17th in the Limerick Greyhound Track which you can view on the new online greyhound racing show called Talking Dogs TV at 8pm.

#### **CLUB SNOODS**

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club snoods are now available for sale at €7 while stocks last in O'Grady's Spar shop in Ballingarry.

All proceeds to Bord na nÓg.

Please support.

#### **201 LIAM**

The official number plate 201 Liam are now available for sale in shops in Limerick county and city. Please support this fundraiser as all the proceeds go to the Limerick team training fund.

#### LIMERICKGAA.IE/SHOP

The Limerick GAA online shop is now live. Shop all things Limerick GAA from the website.

2020 Hurling All Ireland, 2020 Hurling All Ireland signed jersey, 2020 Hurling All Ireland signed photo, package deals, new 2021 jersey, 2021 commemoration jersey. All funds raised go towards the training of the Limerick hurlers and footballers **Shop HERE** 

### 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 ref-

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.

#### 2021 COMPETITIONS

Friday April 16th 2021

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 Championship abandoned.

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

County Junior A Hurling Championship Semi Finals 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.

#### **RETURN TO TRAINING**

Intercounty adult training resumes on Monday 19th April. Underage club training resumes on Monday 26th April in pods of 15. Neither adult or underage teams may train collectively and club games are not permitted but county league games are permitted from May 8th with the opening round of the hurling league. Any breach of the regulations will be dealt with as per appropriate rule.

#### **April County Club Draw**

The next Limerick County Clubs Draw is on Saturday 24th April with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prices to be won. Second prize €3,000, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,000 and 5th to 9th €500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €100. There will again be an exclusive monthly prize to be won. Entry to the draw is just €10 per month with the option of join our own ten monthly draw and County Club Dra for €150. Granagh-Ballingarry had 117 members in the March draw with North Farragher winning €100. If you would like to renew your membership, please follow the link limericgaa.ie/clublimerick-draw-signup/ and select Granagh-Ballingarry GAA club and the number of draws you wish to sign up for. You may also contact the Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club draw co-ordinator Stephen Stapleton on o86-1960301. Note: all new names to be included in April 24th draw must be in by Wednesday 21st April at 12 noon. Please support.

#### MEMBERSHIP CLOSING DATE EXTENDED

Due to the changed financial circumstances of many at this difficult time the closing date for membership of Granagh/Ballingarry Club for 2021 is extended to July 1st. Fees 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 July 1st 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.

# €12,700 Jackpot On Saturday Details Here

There was no winner of the €12,600 jackpot in the Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club lottery held on Saturday 10th April. The numbers drawn were 6, 15, 17 and 28. Lucky dips of €20 each went to James Tierney, O'Grady Spar, Ballingarry, promoter John O'Keeffe; John O'Keeffe, promoter Bill Loftus; Donagh McCarthy, promoter Stephen Stapleton; Stephen Stapleton, promoter. The next draw will be held this Saturday 17th April for a jackpot of €12,700. Tickets are €2 each or three for €5 and are

on sale in local shops and from promoters. **Thank you for your continued support.** 





Andrew Holmes Presents Cheques for €4000 each to Granagh and Ballingarry National Schools

