

Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

John Lynch Friday 29th Oct 2021



GRANAGH BALLINGARRY CLAIM 6th WEST B TITLE WITH LATE SCORES

WEST LIMERICK JUNIOR B FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL GRANAGH/BALLINGARRY......1-11



The game was played in front of a very small crowd for a west Championship final helped no doubt by the long journey both sets of supporters had to travel to the Athea venue, which was in top class condition with Derek Byrne of the host club in charge. Both sides were forced to lineout minus key players due to work, injury and other commitment but the players on duty for both sides served up 60 minutes plus of exciting fair with the issue in doubt right up to the final whistle. Knockaderry won the toss and elected to play with the aid of the wind in the opening half but it was Granagh/Ballingarry who were first of the mark with a second minute point from a placed ball by Aaron Smith. Wides were exchanged before a pair of white flags for Granagh/Ballingarry through Jack O'Donoghue from open play on 6 minutes and Aaron Smith from a placed ball three minutes later to leave it 0-3 to o-o in favour of the boys in black and green on 9 minutes. Then after 3 minutes of scoreless play Knockaderry finally opened their account through Robert Egan, with a point from a placed ball on 13 minutes cancelled out from open play by Jack O'Donoghue two minutes later to leave Granagh/Ballingarry three ahead 0-4 to 0-1 at the end of the first quarter at the water break.

On the resumption of play a pair of white flags through Aaron Smith from placed balls on 16 and 19 minutes extended the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' advantage to five 0-6 to 0-1. A couple of wides were exchanged before Michael O'Sullivan of Knockaderry split the uprights from a placed ball to reduce the deficit to four 0-6 to 0-2 on 23 minutes. The standard of football in the next five minutes was poor with both sides guilty of inaccurate shooting before Michael O'Sullivan of Knockaderry finally found the range and he split the uprights from a placed ball on 29 minutes to reduce the deficit to three to leave it Granagh/Ballingarry 0-6, Knockaderry 0-3 at the interval.

The opening five minutes after the interval were scoreless before white flags were traded from open play by Kieran Storin on 36 minutes and Jack Cagney on 38 minutes. Aaron Smith from a 45 on 40 minutes and Robert Egan from a placed ball two minutes later to leave three between the sides, Granagh/Ballingarry o-8, Knockaderry 0-5 on 42 minutes. Gearoid Lynch and Jack Hartnett had wides for Granagh/Ballingarry before Michael O'Sullivan of Knockaderry split the uprights from a placed ball on 45 minutes to reduce the deficit to two, Granagh/Ballingarry o-8, Knockaderry o-6 at the end of the third quarter at the second water break. When play got underway a couple of wides were exchanged before a pair of white flags from open play courtesy of Denis O'Connor on 50 and 53 minutes to extend the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' advantage to four, 0-10 to 0-6 with 7 minutes of normal time re-

The Knockaderry boys far from being over-awed had a cracking Kieran Storin goal on 55 minutes to reduce the deficit to one, 1-6 to 0-10. Knockaderry created a number of chances to level the score, which they failed to convert before Granagh/Ballingarry upped their game with a smashing goal by second half substitute Luke Flynn following a long solo run on 57 minutes and a well taken point by Denis O'Connor two minutes

later to leave the Knockfierna men five ahead but only just, 1-11 to 1-6 at the final whistle after a most enjoyable hard fought contest to take their sixth West Junior B Football Championship title, a first since 2018 to go joint top of the roll of honour with Knockaderry. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 1-6 from play, 0-4 from frees and 0-1 from a 45. Knockaderry scored 1-1 from play and 0-5 from frees.

Granagh/Ballingarry: David Clancy, Niall Cahill, Kieran Condron, Brendan Lynch Eoin Herlihy, Darragh Casey, Eoin Lynch, David Condron, Edward Sheehy, Jack Cagney 0-1, Jack Hartnett, Aaron Smith 0-5 (4 frees, one 45), Denis O'Connor 0-3, Gearoid Lynch, Jack O'Donoghue 0-2. Subs Luke Flynn 1-0, Damien O'Donovan, Thomas O'Donovan, Michael Russell and Niall Fitzgerald.

Knockaderry: Eamonn Fitzgerald, Paudie Dore, Patrick Downes, Cormac Lyons, Donagh O'Sullivan, Mark Danaher, Donagh O'Callaghan, Colm O'Connor, Kieran Storin 1-1, Sean Duffy, Micheal O'Sullivan o-3 (frees), Robert Egan 0-2 (frees), Bryan Mortell, Brendan Guiry, Ray Lacey. Subs Michael Molly, Jack Corkery.

Man of the match Aaron Smith, Granagh/Ballingarry. Referee: Derek Byrne, Athea.

Presentation

After the match Johnny Brosnahan, assistant treasurer of the West Board complimented both sides on a great close, hard fought final despite the difficult wet and windy conditions, congratulated Granagh/Ballingarry on winning their first title since 2018 and praised Granagh/Ballingarry for their part in the final and wished both sides the best of luck in the County quarter-finals. He complimented referee Derek Byrne and his officials and the Athea club on having everything in order. He then presented the cup to winning Granagh/Ballingarry captain Niall Cahill. Niall complimented the referee and his officials and the Athea club for hosting the final, thanked the players and the management of Shane O'Grady, Denis O'Sullivan and Andrew Holmes and the supporters and called for three hearty cheers for sporting Knockaderry, and wishing them the best of luck in the county quarter

Winning Granagh/Ballingarry West Junior B Winning Captains

Previous Granagh/Ballingarry West Junior B Football championship winners captains have been Padraig Forde, Ballingarry 1989, Niall Condron 1996, Michael Corrigan 2010, Edward Sheehy 2016 and 2018, Niall Cahill 2021.

West Junior B Football Championship Roll of Honour

Granagh/Ballingarry (6) Ballingarry 1989, Granagh/Ballingarry 1996, 2010, 2016, 2018, 2021. Knockaderry (6) 1988, 1999, 2005, 2006, 2015 and 2019.

Dromcollogher/Broadford (3) 1992, 2009, 2017. Kilcornan (3) 1994, 2007, 2008. Newcastle West (3) 2003, 2011, 2012.

Adare (3) 1997, 1998, 2020. Killeedy (2) 1986, 1987. Mountcollins (2) 1990, 2000.

Feenagh/Kileedy (2) 1984, 2013. Ballysteen (20 2001, 2014.

Feohangh/Castlemahon (2) 2002, 2003.

County Junior B Football Championship Quarter-final

Staker Wallace GAA Grounds in Kilbreedy is the venue tonight Wednesday 27th October at 8p.m. for the eagerly awaited meeting of newly crowned West champions Granagh/Ballingarry and East runners-up Fedamoe in the quarter final of the County Junior B football championship which is the first ever meeting of those sides in this competition. Your support would be appreciated in Kilbreedy tonight at 8p.m. to cheer on the boys in black and green and their management team in their bid to reach the County Junior B Football Championship semi-final for the first time since 2018.

October County Club Draw

The next Limerick County GAA Club Draw is on this Saturday 30th October with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prizes to be won, 2ndr €3,000, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,000, 5th exclusive prize of two nights hotel break with dinner, 6th to 9th €500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €1,000. Entry to the draw is just €10 per month with the option to join our own ten monthly draw and County Club draw for €150. Granagh/Ballingarry has three winners to date, Nora Farragher who won €100 in March and Paul McCarthy who won €100 in May and T. McCarthy won the exclusive star prize in August. If you would like to renew your subscription please follow the link **HERE** and select Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club and the number of draws you wish to sign up for. You may also contact the Granagh/Ballingarry Club draw co-ordinator Stephen Stapleton on 086-19600301.

Note: All new names to be included in the October 30th draw must be in by today Wednesday 27th October

Limerick Number Plates

The official number plates 21-L-Liam are now available in shops in Limerick city and county. Please support as proceeds go to the Limerick hurling and football training fund.

€15,500 Jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €15,400 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club lottery on Saturday 23rd October. The numbers drawn were 4, 7, 16 and 32. The lucky dips of €20 each went to Eileen Power, promoter online; John Hayes, O'Gradys Shop, Ballingarry, Pete Healy, promoter Mike Healy, Anthony Quaid, promoter Andrew Holmes. The next draw for a jackpot of €15,500 will be held on Saturday 30th October

Tickets are €2 each or three for €5 and are on sale in local shops and bars and from promoters.

You can now play the weekly draw online and the link to play is **HERE** and finishes at 6pm every Saturday. Thank you for your support.

County U-21 B Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 1 and 1

A busy few days of action lies ahead for Granagh/Ballingarry in Group 2 of the County U-21 B Hurling Championship. On this Sunday 31st October they travel to Knockaderry to play the home side at 3pm. On Tuesday 2nd November Na Piarsaigh GAA grounds in Caherdavin is the venue at 8.3op.m. for the clash with Ballybricken/Bohermore/Fedamore. Hopefully all the lads in both Granagh and Ballingarry will travel to Knockaderry this Sunday at 3p.m. and to Caherdavin on Tuesday 2nd November at 8.3op.m. to support the boys in black and green and their management team.

CLUB DIARY Wednesday 27th October

County Junior B Football Championship Quarter Final

Granagh/Ballingarry v Fedamore in Kilbreedy at 8pm. County U19A Hurling Championship Final Coshlea Gaels v Naomh Eoin in Knocklong at 8pm. County U21A Hurling Championship Group 4 Round

Cappamore v Glenroe in Rhebogue at 7.30pm.

Thursday 28th October

Kildimo/Ballaskenry v Rathkeale in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 7.30pm.

Friday 29th OctoberCounty Senior Football Championship Final

Adare v Newcastlewest in Páirc na nGael at 7.30pm. County Junior A Hurling Championship Semi Final St. Patrick's v Caherline in Knocklong at 7.30pm. County Premier U21 Hurling Championship Group 2 Round 3

Patrickswell v Ahane in Caherdavin at 7.30pm.

Saturday 30th October

County Junior A Hurling Championship Semi Final St. Kieran's v Ballybricken/Bohermore in Clarina at 3pm.

County Junior A Hurling Championship Relegation

Old Christians v Monaleen St. Enda's at 2pm County Premier Junior A Football Championship Final



Fr. Casey's V Newcastlewest in Tournafulla at 3pm. County Junior A Football Championship Final Feenagh/Kilmeedy v Camogue Rovers in Croom at 2pm.

County Junior B Football Championship Quarter Finals

Galbally v Mungret/St. Paul's in Bruff at 3pm, Croom v Claughaun in Fedamore at 3pm, Knockane v Knockaderry in Kilfinane at 2pm.

County Premier U21 Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 1

Sunday 31st October

Adare v Kilmallock in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 12noon.

County Premier U21 Hurling Championship Group 2, Round 2

Mungret/St. Paul's v Croagh/Kilfinny/Rathkeale in Clarina at 12noon. County U21A Hurling Championship Group 1 Round

2 Newcastlewest or Blackrock v Kildimo/Pallaskenry in

Kildimo or Kilfinane at 12 noon. County U21A Hurling Championship Group 2 Round

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Monaleen or Bruff v Murroe/Boher in Bruff or Boh at 12 noon.

County U21A Hurling Championship Group 3 Round 3

Killacolla Gaels v Belville Gaels in Bruree at 12 noon. County U21A Hurling Championship Group 4 Round

Cappamore of Glenroe v Coshlea Gaels in Glenroe or Kilbreedy at 12 noon.

County U21B Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 2

Askeaton v St. Patrick's in Askeaton at 12 noon. County U21B Hurling Championship Group 2 Round

Granagh/Ballingarry v KNockaderry in Knockaderry at 3pm.

Ballybricken/Bohermore/Fedamore v Croom in Fedamore at 3pm.

County U21B Hurling Championship Group 3 Round 2

Drom/Broadford v Claughaun in Dromcollogher at 12 noon. Templeglantine v Dromin/Athlacca in Templeglantine

at 3pm.
County U21B Hurling Championship Group 4 Round

2 Caherline v St. Kieran's in Caherconlish at 12 noon.

Monday 1st November

County U19B Football Championship Final Banogue v Knockaderry in Caherdavin at 8.30pm.

Tuesday 2nd November

County U21B Hurling Championship Group 2 Round

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Granagh/Ballygarry v Ballybricken/Bohermore/Fedamore in Caherdavin at 8.30pm.

County Premier U21 Hurling Championship Group 1 Round 3

Kilmallock v Doon in Knocklong at 7.30pm. Adare v Na Piarsaigh in Rhebogue at 7.30pm. County Premier U21 Hurling Championship Group 2

Round 3

Garryspillane v Mungret/St. Paul's in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 3rd November

County U19A Hurling Championship Final St. Kevin's v Kildimo/Pallaskenry in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 8pm.



