



Granagh & Balingarry GAA



JUNIOR B HURLERS BRIDGE FOUR YEAR GAP

2020 West Junior B Hurling Championship Final Granagh/Ballingarry 0-11 Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-10

Granagh/Ballingarry with a strong all-round team performance took their fourth West Junior B Hurling Championship title and the Mary Sexton Memorial Perpetual Cup, a first since 2016, with a hard fought one-point victory over a gallant Feohanagh/Castlemahon in the much delayed 2020 West Limerick Junior B Hurling Championship Final in ideal conditions at Dromcollogher on Friday evening. A good crowd attended this well contested much delayed West B Final.

It was played on an excellent pitch with Eoin Curtin of Gerald Griffin's in charge. Both sides were plagued with inaccuracy in the opening 10 minutes, each shooting four wides before Jamie Butler of Feohanagh/Castlemahon finally found the range when he cut a lineball straight between the uprights on 11 minutes cancelled out from open play by Jack Hartnett on 12 minutes before Granagh/Ballingarry captain Jim O'Keeffe split the uprights a minute later to leave it 0-2 to 0-1 in favour of the black and greens on 13 minutes.

A couple of wides were exchanged to leave the Granagh/Ballingarry boys still one ahead at the first water break at the end of the first quarter. Then after wides by both sides Granagh/Ballingarry were hit with a major blow when their team captain Jim O'Keeffe was forced to leave the field of play due to a finger injury replaced by Kevin Forde on 19 minutes.

Then Granagh/Ballingarry's Jimmy Shiels split the uprights from a long range placed ball on 21 minutes before a pair of white flags for Feohanagh/Castlemahon in as many minutes through Jamie Butler and Gerard Sexton to level the score for the second time at 0-3 each on 23 minutes 8 minutes later after inaccurate shooting by both sides.

John O'Grady of Granagh/Ballingarry finally found the range when he split the uprights from a placed ball one minute into added time cancelled out by Jamie Butler also from a placed ball to send the sides in at the interval level for the third time at 0-4 each. Jamie Butler and John O'Grady traded white flags from placed balls in the opening 3 minutes after the interval to leave the sides level for the fourth time at 0-5 each on 33 minutes. Then after 6 minutes of scoreless play a trio of white flags for Granagh/Ballingarry through sub Kevin Forde on 40 minutes and Gearóid Lynch on 41 and 43 minutes to put the boys from Knockfierna 3 ahead, 0-8 to 0-5 on 13 minutes. Then white flags were traded from placed balls by Jamie Butler on 44 minutes and Gearóid Lynch a minute later to leave Granagh/Ballingarry again 3 ahead 0-9 to 0-6 at the second water break at the end of the third quarter. When play got underway again Feohanagh/Castlemahon had wides from a placed ball and play in a 3 minute spell. The game was then held up for 8 minutes due to injury to Feohanagh/Castlemahon's No. 5 Michael Dunleavy and Granagh/Ballingarry's No. 3 Donagh McCarthy who were forced to leave the field of play. When play resumed again James Butler had white flags from placed balls on 57 and 61 minutes to reduce the deficit to one 0-9 to 0-8. Then a pair of white flags for Granagh/Ballingarry from placed balls by Gearóid Lynch on 64 and 67 minutes were cancelled out by David Kirwin from open play on 68 and Jamie Butler from a 65 on 71 minutes to close the gap to one.

The referee Neil Curtin sounded the final whistle from the puckout to leave Granagh/Ballingarry if only just one point 0-11 to 0-10 winner of their fourth West Junior B Hurling Championship title a first since 2016 and the Mary Sexton Memorial Perpetual Cup. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 0-5 from play and 0-6 from frees. Feohanagh/Castlemahon scored 0-3 from play 0-5 from frees 0-1 from a lineball and 0-1 from a 65.

Presentation

After the game West Board PRO Johnny Walsh congratulated Granagh/Ballingarry on winning their fourth West Junior B Hurling Championship title. He praised Feohanagh/Castlemahon for their part in the final and complimented Neil Curtin and his officials and the Dromcollogher/Broadford Club for having everything in top class order. He then presented the cup to Granagh/Ballingarry's winning captain Jimmy Shiels to the joy of the Granagh/Ballingarry supporters. Jimmy thanked team manager Conor Snow, selectors Stephen Stapleton, Denis Noonan, Andrew Holmes and first aid official Threasa Noonan.

He complimented Feohanagh/Castlemahon on a great game and game them three cheers.

Granagh/Ballingarry: Jimmy Shiels 0-1 free, Mikey O'Keeffe, Donagh McCarthy, Mike Carroll, Brendan Lynch, Mark Tierney, Eoin Enright, Edward Sheehy, Mike Rourke, Seán Murphy, John O'Grady 0-2 frees, Brian Noonan, Jack Hartnett 0-1, Jim O'Keeffe (captain) 0-1, Gearóid Lynch 0-5 2 frees. Subs used: Kevin Forde 0-1, Brian Mulqueen, Marcus Moore, Niall Carroll, other panel members: Conor Mulqueen, Richie O'Keeffe, Robert Noonan, Niall Fitzgerald, Kevin Mulcahy. Feohanagh/Castlemahon scorers: Jamie Butler 0-8 (5 frees 1 65, 1 lineball), Gerard Sexton 0-1, David Kirwin 0-1. Referee: Eoin Curtin (Gerald Griffin's). Path to the 2020 West Junior B Hurling Championship Title Round 1: Granagh/Ballingarry 1-12, Tournafulla 0-13. Round 2: Granagh/Ballingarry 4-11, Adare 2-9. Round 3: Granagh/Ballingarry 4-19, Dromcollogher/Broadford 0-9. Round 4: Feohanagh/Castlemahon 2-13, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-12.

Quarter Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-16, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-12. Semi Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 3-13, Feenagh/Kilmeedy 0-9. Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-11, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 0-10. Granagh/Ballingarry West Junior B Hurling Championship Winning Teams 2003: Granagh/Ballingarry 3-9, Newcastlewest 2-8, at Croagh on Friday 3rd September 2003.

Granagh/Ballingarry: Jimmy Shiels, Liam Carroll, Ollie O'Brien, Aidan Barrett, Brian Fitzgerald (captain), Shane Clifford, Neil Dunworth, John Carroll 0-1, Kieran Mulqueen, Conor Mulqueen, John O'Sullivan 0-1, Brian Kennedy 0-1, Jim O'Keeffe 0-1, Billy O'Connor 2-1, John Paul Morrison 1-4. Subs: Edmond Cullhane, Neville O'Donnell, Kevin Carroll, Mick Houlihan, Shane O'Grady, Mark Tierney, Andrew Holmes and Paul McCarthy. Newcastlewest avenged this eight weeks later with a one-on-one point 0-8 to 0-7 win to capture county championship honours on Sunday 28th October at Dromcollogher courtesy of a late Vincent Sheehan point. 2015: Granagh/Ballingarry 0-12, Feohanagh/Castlemahon 1-8 at Dromcollogher on Saturday 19th September 2015. Granagh/Ballingarry: Conor Mulqueen, Michael O'Keeffe, Eoin Cahill, Stephen Hickey, Mark Tierney (captain), Michael Walsh, Edward Sheehy, Eoin Casey 0-1, Brian Fitzgerald, Mark Snow 0-1, Kieran Condrón, Michael O'Rourke, Padraig Lynch 0-1, John O'Grady 0-7, Jacko Donoghue 0-1. Subs: Kevin O'Kelly 0-1, Richie O'Keeffe. Other panel members used in the course of the 2003 championship: Neil Dunworth, Alan Chawke, Niall Carroll, Patrick Potter, Kevin Forde, Patrick Shelton, Aaron Smith, Brian Healy, Kevin Mulcahy, Gordon Cagney, James Hayes, Marcus Moore, Dean Clancy, Aaron O'Kelly, Brian Noonan, Niall Cahill and Brendon Lynch. 2016: Granagh/Ballingarry 3-13, Newcastlewest 1-14 at Dromcollogher on Saturday 17th September 2016. Granagh/Ballingarry: Jimmy Shiels, Mickie O'Keeffe, Eoin Cahill, Michael O'Rourke (captain), Patrick Shelton, Thomas O'Donovan 0-2, Stephen Hickey, Edward Sheehy 0-1, Mark Snow 0-1, Marcus Moore 0-1, Brian Fitzgerald, Kevin O'Kelly 0-2, Eoin Casey 0-1, Damien O'Donovan 3-6, Darragh O'Grady. Sub used: Kieran Condrón. Other panel members used in the course of the 2020 championship: Conor Mulqueen, Michael Walsh, Richie O'Keeffe, Kieran O'Donovan, Brian Noonan, Aaron Smith, Patrick Potter, Neil Dunworth, Kevin Mulcahy, Niall Carroll, Brendan Lynch, John O'Grady, Cathal O'Keeffe and Eoin Kennedy. Granagh/Ballingarry Crowned 2020 U16 Football 13-A-Side Champs! Heartly congratulations to the Granagh/Ballingarry U16 football team and management on captaining the 2020 13-a-side county championship title with an impressive victory over a gallant Caherconlish in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale on Saturday afternoon. Goals Vital to Knockaderry's Second Win West Senior Hurling League/Championship Round 3 Knockaderry 3-20, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-20 A trio of cracking goals courtesy of Kieran Storin on 9 minutes, Michael Molloy on 30 minutes and Liam O'Sullivan 49 minutes were crucial to Knockaderry's six-point 3-20 to 1-20 victory over Granagh/Ballingarry to take their second brace of points in the West Senior Hurling League/Championship in ideal conditions at Knockaderry on Saturday evening. A good crowd turned out to watch this round 3 tie played on an excellent pitch with Joe Mulcahy of Killeedy in charge. The home side, helped on by Storin and Molloy's goals led at the interval by 2, 2-9 to 0-13 when the Knockaderry boys third goal arrived 9 minutes into the second half. The score read 3-12 to 0-16 in the home side's favour. When Granagh/Ballingarry No. 14 Cathal O'Keeffe finished past Knockaderry's keeper at the end of the third quarter it left 4 between the sides, Knockaderry 3-14, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-16. That was as close as the Granagh/Ballingarry boys were to get as the Knockaderry boys played textbook hurling in the final quarter to run out deserving 6-point 3-20 to 1-20 winners to join Granagh/Ballingarry and Feohanagh/Castlemahon on 4 points on the West Senior Hurling League/Championship table. Knockaderry scored 3-9 from play 0-10 from frees and 0-2 from 65. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 1-14 from play 0-5 from play 0-1 from a lineball out 0-1 from a 65. Granagh/Ballingarry: Keith O'Kelly, Eoin Herlihy, John Kealy, Edward Sheehy, Eoin Casey, Darragh Casey 0-1, Mike O'Rourke 0-1, Luke Flynn 0-1, Thomas O'Donovan, Denis O'Connor 0-8, Damien O'Donovan 0-4, Seán O'Connor 0-2, Robert Noonan, Cathal O'Keeffe 1-3, Michael Russell 0-1. Subs used Gearóid Lynch, Eoin Lynch. Knockaderry scorers: Mark Danaher 0-15, Ciarán Storin 1-2, Liam O'Sullivan 1-2, Michael Molloy 1-0, Robert Egan 0-1, Don Hanley 0-1. Referee: Joe Mulcahy (Killeedy).

West Senior Hurling League/Championship Round 4

Ballingarry is the venue tomorrow Thursday 1st July at 7.30pm for the clash of holders Adare and Granagh/Ballingarry in Round 4 of the West Senior Hurling League/Championship. Adare are on top of the table on 6 points after two straight wins over Newcastlewest and Feohanagh/Castlemahon and a walkover from Tournafulla while Granagh/Ballingarry are on 4 points with Feohanagh Castlemahon and Knockaderry after two straight wins of Tournafulla and Newcastlewest but went under to neighbours Knockaderry by 6 points 3-20 to 1-20 last time out. Your support would be welcome for the boys in black and green and their management team at Ballingarry tomorrow Thursday 1st July at 7.30pm to cheer them on in their bid to get their West Senior Hurling

Jim (Twin) Lynch Memorial Cup Final and West The second annual Jim (twin) Lynch Perpetual Memorial Cup Hurling Final will be contested by holders Granagh/Ballingarry and Feohanagh/Castlemahon on Sunday 11th July in Ballingarry at 7.30pm with all proceeds of a bucket collection going to Milford Care Centre.

Membership Due

The closing date for membership is tomorrow Thursday 1st July. Fees are fixed €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. Note: All adult players' membership fees must be paid through the club force app with direct debit options available before the return to play on June 7th.

To train or play for the club you have to be insured. If you have not yet registered we ask that you do so. It is generally felt by club officers that any member or player should feel obliged to get their membership paid asap and we must reiterate that people who have not paid will not be covered by insurance or entitled to any privileges whatsoever from the club.

June Club Limerick Draw Winners

The following were winners in the fourth Limerick County GAA Club Draw of 2021 held on Saturday 29th May 1st prize €10,000 Martin Whelan, Askeaton/Ballyusteen Bord na nÓg, 2nd €3,000 John Hanlon, St. Senans 3rd €2,000 Catherine Mullins, Blackrock Bord na nÓg, 4th €1,000 Bridget Mann, Patrickswell 5th Exclusive star prize of a 75-inch Smart TV Stan Hurley, St. Patrick's, 6th to 9th €500 Eddie Vereker, Rathkeale, Kieran O'Brien, Monaleen, Mary Daly, Dromin/Athlaca, Nora O'Loughlin, Caherline, 10th to 13th €250 Margi Sheehan, Na Piersaigh, Mary Hogan, South Liberties, John Aherne, St. Patrick's, Rachel Costello, Cappagh, 14th to 30th Pakie Hayes, Gerald Griffins, Eoin Sheehy, St. Senan's, Ciarán Gloster, Cloughaun, David Clohessy, Club Limerick, Philip and Brenda O'Sullivan, Ballylanders, Patsy Hurley, Fedamore, Caherline GAA Club, Caherline, Dominic Enright, Bruree, Dáithí and Martina McCarthy, Glenroe, Patarick Enright, Rathkeale, Tom Kennedy, Pallasgreen, Finbarr O'Mahony, Adare, Finton Fitzgerald, Mungret/St. Paul's, Maeve Butler, Ballinacurra Gaels, F. Moloney, Galtee Gaels, Evelyn Shanahan, Monagea, Caitriona Lynch, Bruree. The next draw is on Saturday July 31st with an exclusive new Dilusso bathroom suite. Thanks to all the 117 members who have already joined the Limerick County GAA Club draw through Granagh/Ballingarry GAA and our club co-ordinator Stephen Stapleton. Cul Camp The Granagh/Ballingarry

Cúl Camp will be held in the club grounds in Ballingarry from Monday July 5th to Friday 9th.

Booking is now accepted online at www.kellogs.gaa.ie/booking

Scroll Presentation

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club were delighted to welcome Limerick mayor Michael Collins to Ballingarry on Saturday to present a beautifully framed scroll to acknowledge our club's contribution and assistance to the scroll to acknowledge our club's contribution and assistance to the community in both Granagh and Ballingarry during the Covid 19 pandemic

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club officials are very grateful to all the volunteers who gave of their time to look after the members our wider community over the past year.

Congratulations Limerick

Congratulations to the Limerick senior footballers on their impressive 2-18 to 0-12 victory over Waterford in the Munster Championship Quarter Final at Páirc na nGael on Saturday to qualify for a semi final meeting with Cork on Saturday 10th July at 3pm.

The best of luck to the Limerick minor hurlers who play holders Galway in the 2020 All Ireland Semi Final on Friday 2nd in Cusack Park, Ennis at 7.30pm and to the Limerick senior hurlers, Munster and All Ireland champions, as they face Cork in the Munster Championship Semi Final on Saturday 3rd July in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7pm.

€13,800 Jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €13,700 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club lottery on Saturday 26th June. The numbers drawn were 3, 7, 10 and 20. Lucky dips of €20 each went to Kay O'Donoghue, Edward Kennedy, John Carroll and Jim O'Keeffe. The next draw will be held this Saturday 3rd July for a jackpot of €13,800. Tickets are €2 each or three for €5 and are on sale in local shops and bars and from promoters.

Thank you for your continued support.

Club Diary

Thursday 1st July West Senior Hurling League/Championship Round 4: Granagh/Ballingarry v Adare in Ballingarry at 7.30pm. Friday 2nd July 2020 All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship Semi Final Limerick v Galway in Cusack Park, Ennis at 7.30pm Saturday 3rd July Limerick Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final Limerick v Cork in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7pm. Sunday 4th July Munster Senior Hurling Championship Semi Final Limerick v Cork in Páirc na nGael at 3pm, Tipperary (holders) v Kerry in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7pm. Sunday 11th July Jim (Twin) Lynch Perpetual Memorial Cup Hurling Final West Senior Hurling League/Championship Round 5: Granagh/Ballingarry v Feohanagh/Castlemahon in Ballingarry at 7.30pm.

John Lynch

**Friday 2nd July
2021**