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# Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

# SMITH GOAL DENIES KNOCKADERRY!

27th August 2021

# West Junior B Hurling Champioship

Group 2 Round 1
Granagh/Ballingarry.....1-12
Knockaderry.....1-11

A fisted goal by Aaron Smith two minutes into added time earned Granagh/Ballingarry a two-point victory over unlucky Knockaderry in Round 1 of Group 2 in the West Limerick Junior B Football Championship in a most enjoyable contest in ideal conditions at Newcastlewest on Wednesday evening.

The game was played on an excellent pitch in front of a small crowd helped no doubt by the live coverage of the Cork v Galway All Ireland U20 Final on TV with Michael Browne of Drom/Broadford in charge. Granagh/Ballingarry had five wides in the opening five minutes before Robert Egan of Knockaderry finally found the range when he split the uprights following a good solo run on six minutes cancelled out by William O'Regan two minutes later for o-1 each on eight minutes. A couple of wides were exchanged before white flags were traded by Granagh/Ballingarry's No 11 Aaron Smith from a placed ball on 11 minutes and Donal O'Sullivan from open play on 13 minutes before Granagh/Ballingarry's No. 15 Jack O'Donoghue, back after injury playing his first game in a couple of years, split the uprights to leave the boys in black and green one ahead, 0-3 to 0-2 at the end of the first quarter at the first water break. When play resumed the Granagh/Ballingarry keeper Denis Sheehy made a top class save from Robert Egan before Donal O'Sullivan on 18 minutes and Darren Normoyle on 21 minutes had white flags for the Knockaderry boys and then white flags were traded from open play by Seán O'Connor on 23 minutes and Kieran Storan two minutes later left the Knockaderry boys one ahead, 0-5 to 0-4 on 25 minutes. Then Granagh/Ballingarry's No 11 Aaron Smith split the uprights from a placed ball on 26 minutes to level the sides for the fifth time at 0-5 before a pair of white flags courtesy of Kieran Storan on 27 minutes and Brendan Guiry on 30 minutes sent the Knockaderry boys in at the interval leading by two, 0-7 to 0-5.

Micheál O'Sullivan from open play and Aaron Smith from a placed ball traded white flags in the opening five minutes after the interval before a pair of white flags from open play for the Granagh/Ballingarry boys through Gearóid Lynch on 38 minutes and Aaron Smith two minutes, left the sides level for the sixth time at 0-8 each on 40 minutes. Both sides were guilty of inaccurate shooting in the next four minutes before Granagh/Ballingarry were hit with a major blow on 45 minutes when Micheál O'Sullivan cut through the Granaghj/Ballingarry defence to finish past keeper Denis Sheehy to leave the Knockaderry boys three ahead 1-8 to 0-8 at the end of the quarter at the second water break. When play got underway again white flags were traded by Brendan Guiry on 47 minutes and Seán O'Connor on 49 minutes before a pair of white flags for Granagh/Ballingarry through former county minor Keith O'Kelly from open play on 51 minutes and Aaron Smith from a placed ball two minutes later to reduce the deficit to one, Knockaderry 1-9, Granagh/Ballingarry 0-11 on 52 minutes. Then white flags were traded from open play by Kieran Storan on 54 minutes and Granagh/Ballingarry sub M.J. Purtell on 57 minutes before Brendan Guiry split the uprights a minute later to increase the Knockaderry boys' advantage to two 1-11 to 0-12 with two minutes or normal time remaining on the clock. Granagh/Ballingarry, far from being overawed, had a pair of wides before a long delivery from Edward Sheehy following a good solo run was fisted past Eamonn Fitzgerald in the Knockaderry goal to leave the black and greens one ahead. The final whistle sounded shortly after to leave the Granagh/Ballingarry boys one point ahead, but only just, 1-12 to 0-11 after a most enjoyable contest to take the two league/championship points on offer. The Granagh/Ballingarry boys next outing in the West Junior B Championship on Saturday 28th August against Newcastlewest in Knockaderry at 3pm and team manager Shane O'Grady requests a full turnout of players for this game as he had only a panel of 16 players to select from on Wednesday evening.

Knockaderry's next outing is also on Saturday 28th August when they play Glin in Newcastlewest at 3pm Granagh/Ballingarry scored 1-9 from play and 0-3 from frees. Knockaderry scored 1-11 all from play.

**Granagh/Ballingarry:** Denis Sheehy, Niall Cahill, Niall Condron, Niall Fitzgerald, Eoin Lynch, Darragh Casey, Brendan Lynch, Gearóid Lynch 0-1, Aaron Smith 1-5 (0-3 frees), William Cregan 0-1, Brian Mulqueen, Keith O'Kelly 0-1, Jack O'Donoghue 0-1. Sub used M.J. Purtill o-

Knockaderry: Eamonn Fitzgerald, Darragh Lyons, Patrick Downes, Colm O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Mark Danaher, Cormac Lyons, Donal O'Sullivan 0-2, Kieran Storin 0-3, Robert Egan 0-1, Michéal O'Sullivan 1-1, ray Lacey, Bryan Mortell Brendan Guiry 0-2, Darren Normoyle 0-1. Subs used Seán Duffy, Liam Molyneaux, Enda Quinlan.

#### League of their own Limerick do the double

All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Final **Limerick.....3-32** 

Limerick......3-32 Cork.....1-22

Hearty congratulations to the Limerick senior hurlers, manager John Kiely, captain Declan Hannan, our own Donal O'Grady and the rest of the management team on their thrilling 16-point victory over gallant neighbours Cork 3-32 to 1-22 at Croke Park on Sunday to capture their third All Ireland title and the Liam MacCarthy Cup in four seasons, their 10th overall and back-to-back wins for the first time in the history of the competition.

The win sees Limerick's winning captain 2018/2020/2021 Declan Hannon of Adare join a very elite club with only Mikey Maher, Tubberadora, Tipperary 1895/1996/1898, Dick Walsh, Mooncoin, Kilkenny, 1967/1909/1913, Glen Christy Ring, Rovers, Cork, 1946/1953/1954. Ring and Hannon are the only two captains to be presented with the Liam MacCarthy three times as the cup was first presented 100 years ago for the 1921 final to replace the Great Southern Cup. The 1921 game was not played until March 1923 and Limerick became the first winners when they beat Dublin by 8-5 to 3-2 captained by Bob McConkey of Young Irelands. 11 Limerick players were selected on RTE Sunday Game Team of the Year.

**Team:** Eoin Murphy Kilkenny, Brian Finn Limerick, Conor Prunty Waterford, Barry Nash Limerick, Diarmuid Byrnes Limerick, Declan Hannon Limerick, Kyle Hayes Limerick, William O'Donoghue Limerick, Tony Kelly Clare, Jack O'Connor Cork, Cian Lynch Limerick, Tom Morrissey Limerick, Aaron Gillane Limerick, Seamus Flanagan.

#### All Ireland Hurling Final Scoring Record

Limerick not only achieved back-to-back All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship titles for the first time on Sunday, they became the first team to top 40 points in a final. The Limerick boys' tally of 3-32, 41 points, was two better than the previous record of 39 points set by Cork in 1970 (their 6-21 scored in the brief days of the 80-minute final and equalled by Kilkenny in 2003, 3-30).

#### Top Ten Highest Scores in All Ireland Senior Hurling Finals

41 Limerick 3-32 (2021 v Cork) 39 Cork 6-21 (1970 v Wexford), Kilkenny 3-30

(2008 v Waterford)

38 Tipperary 814 (1896 v Dublin)

36 Tipperary 4-24 (1989 v Antrim)

25 Cork 5-20 (1894 v Dublin), Tipperary 2-29 (2016 v Kilkenny)

34 Tipperary 7-13 (1898 v Kilkenny), Tipperary 3-25 (2019 Kilkenny)

33 Kilkenny 3-24 (1972 v Cork)

All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Roll of Honour

Kilkenny 36, Cork 30, Tipperary 28.

Limerick 10, Dublin 6, Wexford 6.

Galway 5, Offaly 4, Clare 4.
Waterford 2, Kerry 1, London 1, Laois 1 (1915).

# **August County Club Draw**

The next Limerick County GAA Club draw will be held on this Saturday 28th August with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prizes to be won, 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2,000, 4th €100, 5th Exclusive prize of a 2-night bed and breakfast in a Corrib room at Ashford Castle table d'hote in the George V dining room on the night. Corrib Cruise for two aboard the Isle of Innisfree based on two people sharing 6th to 9th €500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €100. Entry to this draw is just 10 per month with the option to join our own ten-monthly draw which commences in early September and County Club Draw for €150. Granagh/Ballingarry had 117 members in the July draw and two winners to date, Nora Farragher €100 in March and Paul McCarthy €100 in May. If you would like to still renew your membership, please follow the link **HERE** and select Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club and the numbers of draws you wish to sign

You can also contact the Granagh/Ballingarry Club Draw co-ordinator **Stephen Stapleton on o86-1960301** to be included in the August 28th Draw.

Note all new names to be included in the August 28th draw must be in by today Wednesday 25th August at 12noon.



# **Club Diary**

#### Wednesday 25th August

County Junior A Football Championship, Group

Banogue v Drom/Broadford in Kilbreedy at 6.45pm.

#### **Thursday 26th August**

County Intermediate Football Championship Group 1

Kildimo/Pallaskenry v Drom/Broadford in Askeaton at 6.45pm.

County Intermediate Football Championship Group 2

Mungret/St. Paul's v St. Patrick's in Caherdavin at 6.45pm.

County Intermediate Football Championship

Pallasgreen v Gerald Griffins in Croagh at

County Intermediate Football Championship Group 4

Monaleen v Bruff, Fedamore at 6.45pm.

County Premier Junior Football Championship Group 1

Cappagh v Feohanagh/Castlemahon in New-castlewest at 6.45pm.

County Premier Junior Football Championship

Group 2

Athea v Croom in Feenagh at 6.45pm County Premier Junior Football Championship

Group 3 Kilteely/Dromkeen v Monagea in Croom at

6.45pm.

# Saturday 28th August

West Junior B Football Championship Group 2 Round 2

Granagh/Ballingarry v Newcastlewest in

Knockaderry at 3pm.
Gline v Knockaderry in Newcastlewest at 3pm.
County Senior Football Championship Group 1

Galtee Gaels v Ballysteen in Claughaun at 6.45pm. County Senior Football Championship Group 2

Na Piarsaigh v Adare in Clarina at 6.45pm County Senior Football Championship Group 3

Monaleen v Claughaun in Caherdavin at 6.45pm.

County Senior Football Championship Group 4 Fr. Casey's v Newcastlewest in Feenagh at 6.45pm.

# Sunday 29th August

County Intermediate Football Championship Group 4

Monaleen v St. Senan's in Clarina at 6.45pm. County Junior A Football Championship Group

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Banogue v Mungret/St. Paul's ion Fedamore at 6.45pm.

County Junior A Football Championship Group

Na Piarsaigh v Ballybricken/Bohermore in

Rathbane at 6.45pm.

County Junior A Football Championship Group

Feenagh/Kilmeedy v South Liberties in Croom

at 6.45pm. County Junior A Football Championship Group

4 Adare v Camogue Rovers in Kilbreedy at 6.45pm.

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