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Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

FINAL SPOT FOR FEENAGH/KILMEEDY!



11th June 2021

2020 West Junior B Football Championship Semi Final

**Feenagh/Kilmeedy....1-17
Granagh/Ballingarry..0-11**

A far more complete and physically stronger Feenagh/Kilmeedy came from 0-9 to 0-8 down at the interval to give a strong second half performance with the wind at their backs to kick 1-9 and holding their gallant opponents Granagh/Ballingarry to two points in the much delayed 2020 West Junior B Football Championship semi final at Knockaderry on Monday to qualify for their first final since 2013 against Adare on Thursday 17th June at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed.

This much delayed semi final which was the first game played in the West Division in 2021 was played in front of 52 spectators in dry windy condition on an excellent pitch with Eoin Curtin of Gerald Griffins in charge. Prior to the start of the game a minute's silence was observed for all the Gaels in both Granagh/Ballingarry and Feenagh/Kilmeedy who passed away since the start of the year. Granagh/Ballingarry with the wind at their backs made all the early running with white flags from open play courtesy of Luke Flynn and Cathal O'Keeffe in the opening five minutes. Then Darragh Kiely son of club chairman Vincent opened the Feenagh/Kilmeedy boys' account with a well taken point on six minutes cancelled out by Cathal O'Keeffe a minute later to restore the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' two-point 0-1 to 0-3 advantage on seven minutes. The Feenagh/Kilmeedy boys now began to up their game and dominated the next 16 minutes with five white flags through Colm Ryan (four (3 frees, 1 play) and John O'Gorman play without reply from Granagh/Ballingarry to leave it 0-6 to 0-3 in favour of the boys in blue and white on 23 minutes. The next six minutes belonged to Granagh/Ballingarry playing text book football. With the wind at their backs they landed five unanswered points through Seán O'Connor (two), Cathal O'Keeffe, Jack Cagney and Aaron Smith (free) to lead by two 0-8 to 0-6 on 29 minutes. Then Feenagh/Kilmeedy's No. 11 John O'Gorman made the sides level for the third time in this hard fought opening half with a pair of white flags from open play before Darragh Casey of Granagh/Ballingarry following a good solo run kicked between the uprights four minutes into added time to send the boys from Knockfierna in at the interval leading by one 0-9 to 0-8. Aaron Smith extended the Granagh/Ballingarry boys' advantage to two when he split the uprights from a placed ball in the opening minute after the interval. Feenagh/Kilmeedy with the wind at their backs dominated for the next nine minutes with six unanswered white flags through Colm Ryan three (2 frees, 1 play), Jimmy O'Sullivan, Gerard O'Gorman and John O'Gorman to leave four between the sides, Feenagh/Kilmeedy 0-14, Granagh/Ballingarron 40 minutes. Then Aaron Smith finally ended 1`4 minutes without a Granagh score when he landed his third white flag from a placed ball on 45 minutes to reduce the deficit to three at the end of the third quarter. The final quarter was again all Feenagh/Kilmeedy with a Brian Hannigan goal followed by a trio of white flags through Jimmy O'Sullivan and Colm Ryan two frees without reply from Granagh/Ballingarry. At the final whistle Feenagh/Kilmeedy were worthy nine-point winners 1-17 to 0-11. They now qualify for their first West Junior B Football Championship Final since 2013 against Adare who received a walk-over from Knockaderry in the second semi final on Thursday 17th June at 7.30pm. Venue to be confirmed. Feenagh/Kilmeedy scored 1-10 from play and 0-7 from frees. Granagh/Ballingarry scored 0-8 from play and 0-3 from frees. Feenagh/Kilmeedy: Daniel Gayer, Michael O'Connor, Maurice Fitzgibbon, Kevin Murphy, Bryan Hannigan 1-0, Gerard O'Gorman 0-1, Seán Murray, Liam O'Gorman 0-4, Diarmuid Coleman, Colm Ryan 0-9 (3 frees), Darragh Kiely 0-1, Luke Ryan. Subs used: Ronan O'Connor, Denis O'Sullivan, William Irwin, John Nix, Neilus Irwin. Subs used: Ronan O'Connor, Denis O'Sullivan, William Irwin, John Nix, Neilus Irwin. Granagh/Ballingarry: Gearóid O'Leary, Eoin Casey, Niall Cahill, Thomas O'Donovan, Darragh Casey 0-1, Luke Flynn 0-1, Josh Quill, Mulcaire, Jack Cagney 0-1, Aaron Smith 0-3 frees, David Condon, Seán O'Connor 0-2, Cathal O'Keeffe 0-3. Sub used Edward Sheehy. Referee: Eoin Curtin (Gerald Griffins).

Junior B Football Championship Semi Final

Friday June 11th in Knockaderry at 7.30pm sees the eagerly awaited clash of 2019 defeated finalists Granagh/Ballingarry and Feenagh/Kilmeedy in the much delayed 2020 semi final of the West Junior B Hurling Championship. Granagh/Ballingarry will be aiming to read their fifth final in six seasons and their second in succession after going under to Tournafulla by nine points 4-10 to 1-10 in the 2019 decider

at Dromcollogher and the Feenagh/Kilmeedy boys hoping to make it to their first final, although they did reach the Junior B Special Hurling Final in 1994 played in difficult wet and windy conditions on Sunday 30th October in Knockaderry where the Granagh/Ballingarry boys captained by Noel O'Brien were four points winners by 1-8 to 1-4.

Both sides are in Friday's semi final on merit after playing a lot of good hurling on the way. Feenagh/Kilmeedy finished top of Group 1 on five points and went straight through to the semi final. Granagh/Ballingarry finished level with Feohanagh/Castlemahon on six points on top of Group 2 with the Feohanagh/Castlemahon boys going straight to the semi final on scoring difference and Granaghj/Ballingarry in the quarter final against the third team in Group 1 neighbours Croagh/Kilfinny.

Results

West Junior B Hurling Championship 2020 Group 1

Round 1: Feenagh/Kilmeedy 0-18, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-14.

Round 2: Feenagh/Kilmeedy 0-15, Killeedy 2-7 (draw).

Round 3: Feenagh/Kilmeedy 1-13, Newcastlewest 1-6.

The winning Feenagh/Kilmeedy team was Peter Irwin, Brian O'Regan, John Coleman, Ian Kelly, Eoin Galvin, Timothy McCarthy, Denis O'Sullivan, John O'Gorman 0-8 (0-6 frees 0-6 65 0-1 play), Liam Lynch, Damien O'Riordan 0-1, William Irwin 0-1, Dylan Murray O'Connor, Charles McCarthy, Shane Ryan 1-1, Ronan O'Connor. Subs: John Nix, Eoghan O'Sullivan, Billy O'Sullivan.

West Junior B Hurling Championship 2020 Group 2

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 0-13

Quarter Final: Granagh/Ballingarry 2-16, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-12

Granagh/Ballingarry: Conor Mulqueen, Mark Tierney, Donagh McCarthy, Michael Carroll, Brendan Lynch, Colm Noonan 0-3 (frees), Marcus Moore, Edward Sheehy 0-1, Seán Murphy 0-1, Mark Snow, Jim O'Keeffe 0-1, Richie O'Keeffe 0-5 (3 frees), John O'Grady 1-0, Brian Noonan 0-2, Jimmy Shiels 1-3 (0-3 frees). Subs used: Mickie O'Keeffe, Brian Mulqueen, Jack Hartnett.

The best of luck to the Granagh/Ballingarry boys and their management team on Friday evening in Knockaderry at 7.30pm in their bid to reach their second successive West Junior A Hurling Championship Final and their fifth is six seasons against Feohanagh/Castlemahon in a couple of weeks time.

Note: Due to restrictions the maximum panel is 24 mentors is a maximum of 12 and chairman and secretary can attend also extra to the 12. Players come toggged out with no dressing room facilities available

In the event of a draw the following applies: 10 minutes a half extra time, 5 minutes a half extra time, penalties.

100 people can attend Friday evening's game, this amount includes children, €5 charge per person applies but once 100 are in no more will be allowed entry.

West Junior A/B Hurling League Round

Ballingarry is the venue on Sunday June 13th at 12 noon for the clash of great rivals Granagh/Ballingarry and Feohanagh/Castlemahon in the opening game of the West Junior A/B Hurling League. An exciting game is in prospect, please support.

West Limerick Senior Hurling League/Championship Round 1

Granagh/Ballingarry intermediate hurlers under their new management team of Eoin Kennedy (Monagea), Pat O'Connor, Newtown coach, Michael Clancy and Bobby Houlihan selectors and James Flynn play their first game of the season on Tuesday 15th June at home to Tournafulla in the opening game in the West Senior Hurling League/Championship. Your support would be welcome for the boys in black and green and their new management team at Ballingarry on Tuesday 15th June at 7.30pm to cheer them on in their bid to make a winning start to their Senior Hurling West League campaign.

West Junior A Football League 2021 Group 2 Wednesday 23rd June Round 2

Knockaderry v Granagh/Ballingarry in Knockaderry at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 30th June

Round 3 Round 3

Newcastlewest v Granagh/Ballingarry in Ballingarry at 7.30pm.

Wednesday 7th July Round 4

Adare v Granagh/Ballingarry in Adare at 7.30pm.

Note: top four teams from Group 2 qualify for semi finals.

Membership Due

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club membership fees for 2021 are now due and 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 became 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 clubforce 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.

National Football/Hurling League

Congratulations to All Ireland senior hurling champions who recorded their first win in Division 1A of the National Hurling League with an impressive eight point 0 to 2 round 4 victory over Cork at Páirc na nGael on Saturday.

We wish the best of luck to manager John Kiely and our own coach/selector and all involved with the Limerick senior hurlers who will be hoping to finish their Division 1A League campaign on a winning note when they clash with Westmeath on Sunday 13th June in Cusack Park, Mullingar at 1.45pm.

We wish the best of luck to manager Billy Lee and all involved with the Limerick senior footballers who play Derry in the National Football semi final on Saturday 12th June in Páirc Seán MacDiarmada, Carrick on Shannon at 4pm.

Re-instatment Loss of Wages Cover

Croke Park and the County Board has confirmed that a GAA players loss of wages cover will be re-instated in the GAA Player Injury Fund with effect from 1st June. It will form part of the GAA Players Injury Fund inline with previous years and will see the associated cover benefits restored in full.

A 25% levy will not be applied to our clubs' adult and U20 team registration costs with all claims fully administered from within the existing GAA Player Injury Fund and not via a separate insurance policy. This will see our adult team registration cost increase from, €1,000 to €1,250 and U20 team registration increase from €200 to €250. There will be no increases applied to juvenile team rates.

Note: the 2021/22 Player Injury Fund term will run from 1st June to 31st May 2022. Injury cover will commence once a player is registered on the Foireann System payment of our clubs' 2021/22 injury fund premium will be due by 20th August.

Challenge Games Not Permitted

Given the volume of the county leagues in both hurling and football and the increase rates of Covid within the County Limerick County GAA Board have decided not to permit challenge games within or outside the county until the completion of all rounds of the County Hurling and Football League. This includes Coise na nÓg and coaching and games also.

Best Wishes

Granagh/Ballingarry GAA club officials would like to wish the best of luck to all our players and members of the parish who are sitting their Leaving Certificate exams in the coming weeks

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 on www.kellogs.gaa.ie/booking

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Good Luck Croagh/Kilfinny

The best of luck to our neighbours Croagh/Kilfinny in their bid to win their first ever County Junior A Hurling Championship title when they play Patrickswell in the much delayed 2020 decider at 7pm in Páirc na nGael on Sunday 13th June.

Lotto Results 5th June 2021