



Granagh & Ballingarry GAA

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GREAT TREBLE FOR CLAUGHAUN AND MONALEEN IN 1978

The following is a record of the 1978 Limerick County Hurling and Football Championship Finals with Claughaun winning a great treble minor U14, U12 hurling and Monaleen senior U21 and minor football.

County Senior Hurling Championship Final 1978

South Liberties 2-9, Bruree 2-5. Bruree eliminated Killeedy from the 1978 championship and bridged a gap of 85 years when qualifying once more for a County Senior Hurling Championship Final whilst South Liberties disposed of the holders Patrickswell but only after a replay. The final was at Pairc na nGael on Sunday September 17th 1978 (gate receipts £5,326) and the large crowd thoroughly enjoyed the hurling which was close and hard fought all the way with the South Liberties holding out for a four point 2-9 to 2-5 victory to claim their sixth title and the Daily Cup for the first time since 1976. South Liberties: Mike Lundon goal, Joe Grimes, Pat Hartigan, Ben O'Riordan, Mike Grimes, Walter Shanahan, Mikey Butler, Michael O'Brien, Eamonn Grims (0-4), Mike Shanahan, Joe McKenna (0-1), James Moynihan (0-1), Mikey Butler (1-1), Denis O'Sullivan (captain), Tom Ryan 1-2. Sub: Larry Grimes. Bruree: Mike O'Brien goal, John Moloney, Daniel Mullane, F. O'Dea, Pat Potter, Jim O'Brien, H. Cotter, Gearóid Mullane (0-3), Ger Moloney, Frank McDonagh (1-2), Pat O'Brien, Larry Moloney (1-0), Pat Joe Boyce, Mike Maloney, John Lyons. Sub: Michael Mullane. Referee: Neilly Duggan, St. Mary's Rathkeale.

County Senior Football Championship Final 1978

Monaleen 3-14, St. Kieran's 0-9. It was a first time success for city side Monaleen when they put in a power-packed display to beat west champions St. Kieran's by 14 points 3-14 to 0-9 in the County Senior Football Championship Final at Pairc na nGael on Sunday 28th October 1978. Gate receipts – £1,826. Monaleen: Gerry O'Doherty, Eugene Leonard, Eamonn Nicholas, John O'Brien, Diarmuid Hyde (0-2), Tom Griffin, Noel Leonard, Diarmuid Leonard, Brian Spillane (1-1), Niall McDonnell (1-1), Wilfred Cremins (0-2) (captain), Ged O'Dwyer (0-1), Mike Moloney (1-5), Eddie Franklin (0-1), Noel Bridgeman. Sub: John Lenihan (0-1). St. Kieran's: S. Kenneally, J. Flynn, D. Enright, D. Greaney, S. Murphy, P. Nolan, J. Windle, S. Crowley, T. Keane, G. O'Connor, P. Leahy (0-5), M. O'Connor (0-2), J. Keane, J. Sheedy (0-2), T. Greaney. Referee: Brendan Cross, St. Patrick's.

Note: in qualifying for the 1978 County Senior Football Championship Final St. Kieran's disposed of the holders Munster and All Ireland club champions Thomond College 1-12 to 2-8 in a real thriller played at Askeaton in front of a big crowd. County Junior Hurling Championship Final 1978 Garryspillane 3-10, Castletown/Ballyagran 1-6 Garryspillane put their name on the County Junior A Hurling Championship trophy (Irish Press Cup) for the third time, a first since 1970 at Fitzpatrick Park, Kilmallock on Sunday 5th November 1978 when they beat Castletown/Ballyagran by 10 points 3-10 – 1-6 in the first even all south division County Junior A Hurling Championship Final. Garryspillane: W. Hayes, T. O'Donnell, B. Bourke, J. Bourke, W. Chawke, P. O'Grady, M. Carroll (captain), B. Carroll, M. Quish (0-1), M. Gubbins, J. Burke, D. Ryan (1-2), J. Lynch (0-1), P. Tobin (1-1), S. Burke (1-5). Castletown/Ballyagran: P.J. Lake, J. Gorman, P. O'Leary, M. Donegan, T. Donegan. W. White, W. Dolan, J. Cullinane (0-4), N. Farrell (0-1), E. Cagney, W. Donegan (0-1), D.J. Hourigan, J. Murphy, C. Farrell, H. Dore (1-0). Sub. L. Murphy. Referee: Seán O'Connor, Claughaun.

County Junior Football Championship Final 1978

Patrickswell 2-8, Seán Finns (Rathkeale) 1-7 Patrickswell clinched their third County Junior Football Championship title, a first since 1970 when they beat Seán Finns, Rathkeale in the decider play at Pairc na nGael on Sunday 12th November 1978. Patrickswell: T. Bennis, J. Mulqueen, R. Bennis, E. Kelleher, P. Foley, S. Foley (1-0), Dom Punch, L. Enright (0-5), F. Nolan (captain), J. Murray, P. Bennis, David Punch, J. Lynch (1-1), P. Carey (0-1), J. shields (0-1). Sub Phil Bennis. Seán Finns (Rathkeale): T. White, J. Kennedy, T. Markham, D. Gallagher, L. Woulfe, D. O'Dea, J. Lynch (0-1), N. Hartnett, S. O'Doherty, M. O'Sullivan, M. Gallagher (0-3), S. Hartnett (0-3), S. Kennedy, J. Jones, J. McEniry 1-0. Sub: N.

Hogan. Referee Timmy Woulfe.

County U21 Hurling Championship Final 1978

Kilmallock 1-9, Adare 1-5. Played at Pairc nan Gael 10th September 1978. Kilmallock: Gerard O'Brien, Pat Quirke, P.J. Moore, Matt Brazill, John Houllihan, Pakie Hartnett, Shane O'Grady, T.J. Maloney, Eugene Ryan, Pat Lynch, Mike Burchill, Thomas O'Riordan, Pat Lewis, Michael Leahy, Donal Hayes, Thomas Moore, J.J. Donegan, Eddie Wiley, Donal Barry. Adare: Ger Hickey (captain), Pat Brennan, Michael Butler, John Canty, John O'Malley, Stephen Tierney, Eamonn Fitzgerald, Michael Alfred, Tom Normoyle, Tony Flynn, Tom Dunne, Seán Ryan, Gerard Mullane, Tom, Burke, Pat Hickey, P.J. Kinnevene, Pat Marron and Seamus Griffin.

County U21 Football Championship Final 1978

Monaleen 4-11, St. Kieran's ? Played at Bruff on 15th October 1978. Monaleen: K. McCarthy, J. Reddington, E. Nicholas (captain), G. Stokes, D. Hyde, N. Leonard, E. Leonard, D. Leonard (1-1), B. Spillane, J. O'Dwyer (1-1), W. Cremin (0-1), J. Lenihan (0-1), M. Moloney (1-4), N. McDonnell (0-1), T. Lenihan (1-2). Subs: D. McCarthy, G. Leonard, S. Cremin. St. Kieran's: M. Molyneaux, J. Ahern, D. Nolan, P. O'Connor, M. Magner, T. Hartnett, P. Guinane, A. Treacy, Michael O'Connor, M. O'Brien (0-2), J. Mulcahy, D. Nolan, P. O'Connor, P. Molyneaux (0-1) and M. Woulfe. Referee: Timmy Woulfe, Athea

County Minor Hurling Championship Final 1978

A second meeting was necessary to decide the 1978 Limerick County Minor Hurling Championship title winner. At the first effort Claughaun drew with Doon 2-7 to 1-10. The reply was at Bruff on October 1st 1987 and this resulted in Claughaun 2-9, Doon 2-4. The teams were as follows: Claughaun: G. Parker, M. Horgan, M. Phelan, J. Graham, P. Bennett, M. Molyneaux, T. Condon, P. Fitzgerald, V. Browne (captain), F. Kennedy, T. Synott, P. Slattery, D. white, G. Kenny, M. Ryan. Sub: J. Dowling. Doon: J. Maher, M. Keogh, P. Moloney, L. Ryan, M. Ryan, P. Keogh, J. Ryan, N. Maher, D. Coffey, R. Quigley, F. Ryan, P. Cunningham, P. Cummins, M. Ryan, P. McGrath. Sub: M. Hogan. Referee: John Sheehan Dromin/Athlacca.

County Minor Football Championship Final 1978

Monaleen 3-10, Newcastlewest 3-6 Monaleen made it back to back County Minor Football Championship titles when they beat Newcastlewest by four points, 3-10 to 3-6 in a rousing decider at Pairc na nGael on October 10th 1978. The sides lined out as follow: Monaleen: T. O'Connor, F. Stokes, R. Stokes, H. Byrnes, J. Reddington, G. Stokes, D. McCarthy, N. Leonard, B. Spillane (0-3), T. Lenihan (2-2), W. Cremins (0-1) captain, N. McDonnell, J. Murphy (0-3), S. Cremins (1-1), J. Doyle. Subs: E. Ryan, G. Clohasey. Newcastlewest: M. Lane, B. Toomey, S. Breen, M. Quilligan, D. King, B. Gilmartin, T. Herbert, M. Upton, N. Carr (0-1), L. Murphy, L. shine (0-1), B. Sexton, H. O'Grady, P. Kenny (2-4), T. Kelliher (1-0). Referee: Timmy Woulfe (Athea).

County U16 Hurling Championship Final 1978

Old Christians 2-4, Granagh/Ballingarry 1-3 Played at Meanus on September 3rd 1978. Old Christians:P. Henehan, E. Byrnes, P. Howard, D. Crawley, P. Conway, G. Toomey, W. Nicholas, R. Kiely, T. Sheehan, M. O'Brien, J. McNamara, N. O'Brien, O. Lyons, M. Redden, R. Burke. Sub: P. Ryan. Granagh/Ballingarry: John Hogan, Seán Mullane, John Lynch, Tom O'Regan, Joe Hennessy, Kevin Clifford, Joe Power, Martin Riordan, Mike Quaid, Tadgh Costello, Joe Noonan, Jim Lynch RIP (captain), Ned Cagney, Paddy Tierney, Tom Enright. Referee: Tim Lyons, Caherline.

County U16 Football Championship Final Replay 1978

Kilmallock 2-9, Oola 2-0 Played at Pairc nan Gael on September 10th 1978. Kilmallock: B. Mulcahy, B. Salter, J.J. Riordan, B. O'Dwyer (0-1), J. O'Sullivan, M. Donegan, E. Wiley (0-1), J.J. Donegan, J. Flaherty (0-3), D. Barry (1-3), T. Mulcahy (0-1), P.J Riordan, P. Noonan, M. Nelligan, J. Leahy. Oola: S. Maher, J. Ryan, P. Ryan, R. Quigley, M. Landers, J. Ryan, M. Ryan (1-0), T. Cummins, M. Hayes, P.J. O'Riordan, J.J. Thompson, J. Lynch, J. Ryan (1-0), F. Ryan (1-0). Referee: Pat Lane, Foynes.

County U14 Hurling Championship Final 1978

Claughaun 4-4, Newcastlewest 2-2 Played at Bruff on October 1st 1978 Claughaun: P. Clancy, N. Kelly, C. Bulfin, G. Bennett, M. Graham, P. Galligan, J. Kelly, L. McNamara, D. O'Brien, J. Hannon, L. Kennedy, K. Kennedy, R. Kennedy, L. Godfrey, F. O'Grady. Newcastlewest: M. Sammon, K. Reidy, J. Danaher, G. Murphy, D. Cremin, M. Mulcahy, K. McMahon, J. McMahon, T. Kelly, J. Hoyne, S. Gleeson, N. O'Grady, M. Sammon, J. O'Connor, D. Kelly. Referee: T. Hickey, Caherline.

County Under 14 Football Championship Final 1978

St. Mary's (City) 0-9, St. Mary's, Rathkeale 0-10 played at Meanus, 26th August 1978. St. Mary's City: Christopher Morgan, Thomas Griffin, Kerian Barry, captain, Denis Duggan, Niall McNamara, Richard Flanagan, Michael Hehir, Conor McDermott, Gay Hayes, Donal Mulahy, Pat Butler, Gerard McInerney, Christy Keogh, John Airey, Kieran Rathcliffe. St. Marys, Rathkeale: Jimmy Meskill, Mike Fitzgerald, Olly Hartnett, Ray O'Doherty, Pat O'Grady, Gerard O'Connor, Paul Dillon, David O'Brien, Barry Dillon, captain, Stephen Muckell, John Roche, Tom Meehan, Brian O'Dwyer and James Feane.

County Under 12 Hurling Championship Final 1978

Claughaun 0-3, Caherline 0-1, played at Bruff on 23rd September 1978. Claughaun: L. O'Connor, J. Fitzgerald, M. Clancy, K. Browne, P. O'Connor, N. O'Connor, A. Cineen, A. Ryan, El Hackett, B. O'Meara, K. Hanrahan, S. Leo, O. Richardson, D. Mulcahy, sub J. Ward. Caherline: B. Murnane, M. O'Connell, J. Rainsford, IH Halvey, P. Nelligan, S. Riordan, N. O'Connell, D. Lennon, M. Hill, S. Breen, M. Kiely, V. Murnane, B. Healan, P. Kennedy, P. McCarthy, sub I Owens. Referee: T. Hayes, Bruff.

County Under 12 Football Championship Final 1978

Old Christians 5-6, Killeely-Dromkeen 1-1, played at Bruff, 16th September 1978. Old Christians: Gerard Lyons, Michael O'Brien, Thomas Shinnors, Stephen Fleming, Brian Gavin, Ger Moore, Jack Fitzgerald, Noel Kiely, Tony Byrnes, Dermot Taite, Gerard O'Sullivan, Eddie O'Donovan, Denis McInerney, Frank Downey and K. Kelleher. Killeely-Dromkeen: John O'Keeffe, William James, Tom Ryan, Kevin Barry, Kevin Heffernan, Michael O'Neill, Gerard O'Dea, Pat Redahan, Eamonn O'Dwyer, Liam O'Dea, John Murphy, Larry Ryan, Noel O'Dea, Tom O'Dea and John Wallace. Referee: T. Hayes, Bruff.

Players Loss of Wage 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.

Limerick GAA to stream historical commemoration of Limerick's murdered players on Sunday

Limerick were the 1921 All-Ireland Senior Hurling champions and were the first county to life the Liam McCarthy Cup with 1921 being the first year the famous trophy was played for 100 years ago. As Limerick are again in possession of the Liam McCarthy. Bob McCarty and Declan Hannon from a unique and historic centenary connection. March 7th 1921 was also the date of a shocking and profound night in Limerick hurling, when the sitting and previous mayor of the city George Clancy and Michael O'Callaghan along with Joseph O'Donoghue were brutally murdered. As a gesture of remembrance for those who died, all of whom were Gaelic league and GAA activists. Limerick GAA in partnership with Limerick City and County Council are hosting an online evening of history recalling and remembering these terrible events exactly 100 years to the very date on which the murders occurred. A compelling panel of speakers will discuss what occurred that night and will outline about Limerick being a bustling vibrant city economically politically and culturally at the time. The panel includes Profession Gearoid O'Tuithaigh, former Vice President NUIG and former member of the council of state; Dr. Brian Murphy OSB Glenstal Abbey; Sharon Slater MS and Curator of Limerick's Life and Thomas Twomey historian and author of the War of Independence in Limerick 1912-1921. The event will be broadcast live and

free of charge through Limerick GAA TV Facebook page and will commence online at 8pm on this Sunday March 7th. The discussion will be chaired by former Limerick Senior hurling cpatina and two time All-Star Mark Foley. Limerick County GAA Secretary Mick O'Riordan will unveil a special edition 1921 Commemorative Jersey on the night. Poignantly, the current Mayor of Limerick City and County Council Cllr. Michael Collins will address the online attendance, with the introductory welcome by the chair of Limerick County GAA Board John Cregan.

GAA Museum Virtual Book Club

While it's not possible to visit the GAA Museum or its library and archives in person right now, you can still learn more about gaelic games and the history of the association by becoming a member of their new Virtual GAA Museum Book Club. Each month the GAA Museum team will chose a well-known GAA book to read and review. At the end of the month, the museum will host a free online interview with the author in which members can submit questions and comments. The ambition of the book club is to review some of the great GAA books and to give us all a much-needed sporting boost as we all stay at home. You can find out more and how to get involved via the following link: crokepark.ie/bookclub.

Friends of Limerick Football fundraiser

The Friends of Limerick Football in association with Limerick GAA are running a Last Man Standing fundraiser to raise much needed funds to further develop football throughout the county. All proceeds go towards the running costs of the football academy for young players from the age of 14 to 17 years. This year the Limerick Football committee are starting an emerging talent squad to cater for the players that are on the periphery of the U20 squad and players who are over 20 that are on the periphery of the senior squad. Proceeds also go to the U20s and the senior footballers training fund to assist them to build on the huge success of 2020. Your support and participation would be greatly appreciated. To participate please click on the following link; klubfunder.com/friendsof_limerick or you can contact Wayne Fitzgerald, the Limerick Football Develop-ment secretary on secretary.football.limerick@gaa.ie or phone 098 8813594, Gerry Phillips the Football Development chairman on football.chairperson.limerick@gaa.ie or phone 086 8813594, Gerry Phillips the Football Development chairman on football.chairperson.limerick@gaa.ie or phone 087 2511968, Colette O'Grady the Football Development PRO on colletteogradyatgmail.com or phone 086 8476299.

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 become members for 2021. Fees should be paid on or before 31st March 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.

Club Limerick Draw 2021

The Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club are once more promoting the Limerick County Club draw for 2021. There will be monthly draws from March to December with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prizes to be won: 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2000, 4th €1000, 5th to 9th 500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €100. There will again be exclusive monthly prizes to be won. Entry to the draw is just 10 per month or €100 for the ten draws with the option to join our own ten monthly draw and county club draw for €150. If you would like to renew your membership for 2021 please follow the link limerickgaa.ie/club-limerick-draw-signup/ and select Granagh Ballingarry GAA Club and the numbers of draws you wish to sign up for. You may also contact the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club draw co-ordinator Stephen Stapleton on 086 1960301. Note: the first Club Limerick draw for 2021 will take place on Saturday 27th March.

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 groceries 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 it 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.

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 referee? 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.

New Age Groups

The age grade for underage hurling and football teams will change for 2021 in line with national policy. The age grades will move to uneven numbers (U7, U9, U13, U15, U19 and U21). The fixtures at club level will be co-ordinated by the following committees: Coaching and Games U7, U9, U11. County Bord na nÓg U13, U15, U17. County Senior Board U19, U21 Junior A Intermediate and Senior. Divisional Boards Junior B Hurling and Football formats/dates, etc will be circulated ASAP.

2021 Competitions

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.

Collective Club Training

All collective club training for all adult and underage hurling and football teams is suspended until further notice and any breach of this regulation will be dealt with as per appropriate rule. First New York GAA President Larry McCarthy, a native of Bishopstown in Cork city, a member of the Sligo GAA club in New York made history at the first every virtual GAA Annual Congress on Saturday when he became the 40th President of the GAA and the first as a representative of New York GAA. We wish Larry the best of luck in his new position and thank you to outgoing President John Horan, Dublin, for the huge contribution he made to the association in the course of the past three years. All motions on the Clár were past.

Club Shop Open

Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club show which is managed by Laochra Sports is open until Monday 8th March, [click here](#) to view the full range of gear to suit all ages from Bord na nÓg to adults. The orders will be compiled after March 8th and dates for collection will be arranged in a couple of weeks after that. For further enquiries or queries contact John Carroll on 087-2396515.

€12,100 jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €12,000 jackpot in the Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club lottery on Saturday 27th February. The numbers drawn were 2, 6, 20 and 21. Lucky dips of €20 each went to Monah Power, Willie Power promoter; Tadgh Keating, Dinny Ahern, promoter; Niall Kennedy, Eoin Kennedy promoter; John English, O'Grady's Shop, promoter. The next draw will be held on Saturday 6th March for a jackpot of €12,100. Tickets are €2 each or three for €5 and are on sale in local shops from promoters. Thanks for your continued support.