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WEST JUNIOR A FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

GRANAGH-BALINGARRY 1-13 ST. KIERANS 2-9
2021 West and County Junior B Football Championship and defeated Munster finalists Granagh-Ballingarry with a strong all-round team performance took their third West Junior A Football Championship title a first since defeating Feohanagh-Castlemahon 2-8 to 1-10 in the 2016 decider at Séan Finns Park, Rathkeale on Sunday 17th September with hard fought one point victory over a gallant St.Kierans second string side in ideal conditionsat Mark Neville Park, Rathkeale on Monday evening. A good crowd attended this hell contested West Junior A Football Championship Final.

It was played on an excellent pitch with John McGrath Monaghea in Charge. St Kieran's with the wind at their backs made all of the years rumours with a well taken second minute white flag courtesy of their number 13 Conor Woulfe. A couple of wides were exchanged before a trio of white flags from open play for the boys in black and green courtesy of Denis O'Conor on 4 minutes. Cathal O'Keeffe on 6 minutes Cian McGory two minutes later to leave Croagh-Balungary two ahead 0-3 to 0-1 on 8 minutes. Ben Luke O'Flynn cut through St.Kierans defence only to his kick for goal go horribly wide before white flags were traded from open play by Brian Crowley on 10 minutes and Cian McGory on 12 minutes to leave Granagh-Ballingarry sail two ahead then after five minutes of scoreless play the first green flag of the final arrived through Brian Crowley to leave the St. Keirans on ahead for the second time 1-2 to 0-4 on 18 minutes Cathal O'Keeffe and Séan Murphy had wides for Granagh-Ballingarry before a pair of white flags for St.Keirans from placed balls this upon Pa O'Sullivan on 21 minutes and Brian Crowley on 23 minutes were cancelled out from open play by Luke Flynn on 25 minutes and Paudie Murphy two minutes later to leave St.Keirans still one ahead 1-4 to 0-6 on 27 minutes. A couple of wides were exchanged before Granagh-Ballingarry No.11 Aaron Smith split the uprights from a place ball on 30 minutes to send the sides in at the interval level St.Kierans 1-4 Granagh-Ballingarry 0-7.

The opening two minutes of the second half belonged to Aaron Smith of Granagh-Ballingarry with a cracking good following a good solo run followed up by a pointed free to leave the 2021 West and County Junior B Championship far ahead 1-8 to 1-4 on 32 minutes Ben O'Sullivan won a point back from a placed ball on 33 minutes before before points were traded from open play by Cian McGorey on 35 minutes and Brian Crowley two minutes later to leave three between the sides. Granagh-Ballingarry 1-9 St.Kierans 1-6 on 37 minutes. Wides were exchanged before Aaron Smith extended the Granagh-Ballingarry boys advantage to four when he split the upright from a placed ball on 40 minutes.

The St.Keirans boys far from averaged raised their second green flag through Anthony Molyneaux on 49 minutes before white flags were traded from open play by Micheál Flynn on 45 minutes and sub Keith O'Kelly on 47 minutes Anthony Molyneaux on 49 minutes and Luke O'Flynn on 51 minutes to leave one between the sides Granagh-Ballingarry 1-12 to St.Keirans 2-8 with nine minutes of normal time remaining on the clock.

Then after five minutes of scoreless play Paudie Murphy cut through the St.Keirans defence and split the uprights to extend Granagh-Ballingarry boys advantage to two 1-13 to 2-8 on 56 minutes. Then Anthony Molyneaux reduced the deficit to one when he split the uprights from a played ball on 59 minutes. The St.Keirans boys created a couple of scoring chances in the field, exciting minutes, which they failed to convert to leave Granagh-Ballingarry at the final whistle, if only just one point 1-13 to 2-9 winners of the third West Junior A Football Championship title, a first since defeating Feonagh-Castlemahon also by 9 points 2-8 to 1-10 in the 2006 decider a victory that also see them qualify for a meeting with South League Championship winners and defeated County Junior A Football Championship Finalists Comogue Rovers in the County Junior A Football League semi-final on the Saturday 18th June in Kilbeheny at 7pm.Granagh-Balungary scored 1-10 from play and 0-3 from free's St.Keirans scored 2-5 from play and 0-4 from free's.

Granagh-Ballingarry: David Clancy, Eoin Lynch, Niall Cahill, Eoin Casey, Edward Sheehy, Darragh Casey, Brendan Lynch, David Condron, Luke Flynn, 0-2 Cathal O'Keeffe 0-1 Aaron Smith 1-3 (0-3 free's) Séan Murphy Denis O'Connell 0-1 Paudie Murphy 0-2 Cian McCoy 0-3 Subs used: Keith O'Kelly 0-1 Marcus Moore Josh Quill Mulcare. Other Subs: Brian Sheehy, Brian Mulqueen, Damien O'Donovan, other players used in the Competition Thomas O'Do-

novan, Keiran O'Donovan, Eoin Herlihy, Owen Lynch, Gerard Lynch, Kevin Forde.

St.Keirans: Ray Noonan, Micheál Murphy, Cillian Heffernan, John O'Connor, Dan Gerathy, Anthony Mullins 1-1 Mike Upton, Mike O'Flynn 0-1 Séan Ryan, Liam Upton, Adam Lacey, Brian Crowley 1-3 (0-1 free) Conor Woulfe 0-1 John Doyle, Anthony Molyneaux (0-1 free) Subs used: Pa O'Sullivan (0-2 free) Brian O'Neill, Aongus Gannon. Referee: John McGrath (Managea)

PRESENTATION

After the match Johnny Walsh PRO of the West Board complimented both sides on a great close hard fought final. Congratulated Granagh-Ballingarry on winning the third West Junior A Football Championship title a first since 2006 and wished them the best of luck in the County Junior A Football League semi-final against Comogue Rovers on Saturday evening in Kilbethy, praised St.Keirans for their part in the final and wished both sides the best of luck in Junior A and Junior B championship due to commence in July. He complimented referee John McGrath and his officials and the Neville Park groundsmen on having everything in order. He then presented the winning Granagh-Ballingarry Captain Cathal O'Keeffe. Cathal complimented the referee and his officials and the Neville park for hosting the finally thanked the players and the management Shane O'Crotty, Mark O'Sullivan, Andrew Holman and Teresa Noonan first and official and the supporters and called for three hardy cheers for sporting St.Keirans and wishing them the best of luck in the Junior B Championship.

Granagh Ballingarry West junior A Football Championship Winning Captain 1990 Connor O'Keeffe 2006 Darragh O'Crotty 2022 Cathal O'Keeffe. Path to West Junior A Football League Championship Title
Round 1 Granagh-Ballingarry 4-19 Mountcollins 0-8
Round 2 Granagh-Ballingarry 3-15 St.Senans 0-4
Round 3 Granagh-Ballingarry 2-13 Culin 0-3
Round 4 Granagh-Ballingarry 0-15 Athea 0-10
Round 5 Granagh-Ballingarry 3-10 Ballysteen 1-7
Semi-Final Granagh-Ballingarry 1-13 St.Kierans 2-9
Note: nGranagh-Ballingarry have won 20 drew 1 and lost 1 of their 22 games played since defeating Knockaderry by 9 points 1-12 to 1-11 in the opening game of group 2 in the 2021 West Junior B Football on Wednesday 18th at Newcastle West.

West Junior A Football Championship Semi Final Granagh-Ballingarry.....1-18 St. Senan's.....2-6

2021 West and County Junior B Football champions and defeated Munster finalists. Granagh-Ballingarry recorded a comfortable victory over a gallant St. Senan's second string side at windy Dromcollogher on Thursday evening to qualify for their first West Limerick Junior A Football Championship final since defeating Feohanagh-Castlemahon by a point 2-8 to 1-10 in the 2006 decider on Sunday 17th September at Sean Finns Park, Rathkeale to qualify for a final meeting with St. Kieran's who defeated Ballysteen 4-2 after penalty shot in the second semi final at Ballyhahill. The game was played on an excellent pitch in front of only seven spectators with John Hunt of Athea in charge. St. Senan's won the toss and elected to play with the aid of the wind in the opening half but it was the Granagh-Ballingarry boys who made all the yearly running with a pair of white flags courtesy of David Condr on and Cathal O'Keeffe in the opening four minutes. Wides were exchanged before referee John Hunt awarded St. Senan's a penalty which Maurice Fitzgerald sent past Granagh-Ballingarry keeper David Clancy to leave the Saints one ahead, 1-0 to 0-2 on six minutes. The next nine minutes were close and exciting with white flags traded by Dominic Kearns (play) on eight minutes and Aaron Smith free on 10 minutes, Aaron Smith (play) on 11 minutes and Dominic Kearns (free) on 13 minutes and David Condron a second from open play two minutes later to leave Senans still one ahead 1-3, 0-5 at the end of the first quarter.

A couple of wides were exchanged before the Granagh-Ballingarry boys began to up their game with a trio of white flags from open play through team captain Cathal O'Keeffe on 18 minutes, Paudie Murphy on 21 minutes and Darragh Casey on 24 minutes before white flags were traded by Dominic Kearns from a placed ball on 26 minutes but a second from open play by Paudie Murphy two minutes later to leave Granagh-Ballingarry two ahead 0-9 to 1-4 on 28 minutes. Wides were exchanged before Cathal O'Keeffe landed his third white flag from open

play for Granagh-Ballingarry one minute into added time to send the 2021 West and County Junior B champions Granagh-Ballingarry in at the interval leading by three, 0-10 to 1-4.

Granagh-Ballingarry with the wind at their backs dominated the opening seven minutes after the interval, shooting 1-4 from open play though Darragh Casey 1-1, Aaron Smith, Cathal O'Keeffe and David Condron 0-1 to leave Granagh-Ballingarry ten ahead, 1-14 to 1-4 on 37 minutes. Then after five minutes scoreless play, white flags were traded by Gerard Hanlon from open play on 43 minutes and Aaron Smith from a placed ball two minutes later to leave the Granagh-Ballingarry boys still ten ahead 1-15 to 1-5 at the end of the third quarter. The sub Brian Mulqueen extended the Granagh-Ballingarry advantage to eleven when he raised his third white flag from open play on 47 minutes.

The St. Senan boys far from being overawed had a cracking Niall O'Connor goal to reduce the deficit to eight, 1-15 to 2-5 on 50 minutes. Then after five minutes of scoreless play, Cathal O'Keeffe on 56 minutes and Cian McGaey on 58 minutes added on white flags from open play for Granagh-Ballingarry before Dominic Kearns of St. Senan's split the upright from a placed ball on 60 minutes. At the final whistle the 2021 West and County Junior B champions Granagh-Ballingarry were comfortable nine points 1-18 to 2-6 winners to qualify for their first West Junior A Football Championship Final since defeating Feohanagh-Castlemahon by a point 2-8 to 1-0 in the 2006 decider on Sunday 17th September at Sean Finns Park, Rathkeale to qualify for a final meeting with St. Kieran's on Monday 13th June in Mick Neville Park, Rathkeale at 7.30pm. Granagh-Ballingarry scored 1-3 from play, 0-3 from frees and 1-0 from a penalty.

Granagh-Ballingarry: David Clancy, Eoin Lynch, Niall Cahill, Brendan Lynch, Eoin Casey, Darragh Casey 1-2, Sean Murphy, Luke Flynn, Edward Sheehy, Cathal O'Keeffe 0-5, Aaron Smith 0-4 (2 frees), Jack Hartnet, Cian McGaey 0-1, David Condron 0-3, Paudie Murphy 0-2. Sub used Brian Mulqueen 0-1.

St. Senan's: Dominic Kearns 0-5 (3 frees), Maurice Fitzgerald 1-0 (penalty), Niall O'Connor 1-0 and Gerard Hanlon 0-1.

Referee John Hunt, Athea.

2021 Medal Presentation on Friday

All road lead to the Woodlands House Hotel, Adare on this Friday 17th June in the Ryan Suite at 9pm for a night of nostalgia and celebrations at the Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club 2021 medal presentation function. Players and supporters will be celebrating the achievements of 2021 as well as looking forward to the club hurling and football championships due to commence in early July. We will honour the many acclaimed and outstanding successes of the Junior B footballers achieving a West and County championship double, reaching the Munster championship final where they were most unlucky to do under to Randel Óg, Cork after a replay and their counterparts in hurling winning the delayed 2020 West championship title. The fine displays given by the Intermediate hurlers reaching the County championship semi final for the first time since 2018 where they went under to eventual winners Effin by two points, reaching the West Senior Hurling League/Championship final where they went under to Adare by four points, winning the Jim (Twin) Lynch Memorial and Hennessy Cup, our under 21 hurler with only a panel of 17 players fought a great campaign to reach the County Ba final where they defeated neighbours Dromin-Athlaccá 0-18 to 0-7 to capture the clubs first County 15-a-side under 21 hurling championship title.

The following players will be part of the medal presentation which will be made by the guest of honour Billy Lee, Limerick football manager.

Niall Cahill, Junior B football captain; Sean O'Connor, Under 21 B hurling captain; Jim O'Keeffe, Junior B hurling captain; David Clancy, Kieran Condron, Brendan Lynch, Eoin Herlihy, Darragh Casey, Eoin Lynch, David Condron, Edward Sheehy, Jack Cagney, Aaron Smith, Denis O'Connor, Gearoid Lynch, Jack O'Donoghue, Luke O'Flynn, Damien O'Donovan, Thomas O'Donovan, Michael Russell, Niall Fitzgerald, Cathal O'Keeffe, Denis Sheehy Gearoid O'Leary, Keigh O'Kelly, Sean Murphy, Brian Mulqueen, William Regan, Kevin Forde, M.J Purtil, Josh Quill Mulcaire, Eoin Enright, Mark O'Shea, Eoin Lynch, Eoin Casey, Brian Sheehy, Paudie Murphy, Cian McGaey, Padraig McKenna, Jack Lynch, Jimmy Shiels, Mikey O'Keeffe, Donagh McCarthy, Mike Carroll, John O'Grady, Mark Tierney, Mike O'Rourke, Brian Noonan, Marcus Moore, Niall Carroll, Conor Mulqueen, Richie O'Keeffe, Robert Noonan and Kevin Mulcahy.

Special Presentations will also be made to the successful team managers Shane O'Grady, Graham Russell, Conor Snow, Eoin Kennedy, Pat O'Connor (hurling coach), Mark O'Sullivan (football coach), selectors Andrew Holmes, Mike Chawke, Thomas O'Donovan, Denis Noonan, Stephen Stapleton, Niall McCarthy, Niall Carroll, Michael Clancy, Bobby Houlihan, Teresa Noonan, Louis Enright, Anne Marie O'Keeffe for their work as first aiders, Jimmy Chawke in recognition of his dedicated service as club children's officer 2010 to 2021, Donagh McCarthy as coaching officer 2012 to 2020, Niall McCarthy as coaching officer 2021, Niall Duneorth and Niamh Carroll for their dedicated service streaming games live 2020/2021 and James Flynn, stats.

The MC will be Jimmy and there should be a good attendance from the parish for this night of celebra-

tion. A variety of finger food will be served on the night at 9pm and music will be provided.

Note: Admission at the door is only €10 and all are welcome.

Jim Twin Lynch Memorial Cup in aid of Red Cross

Three teams Feohanagh/Castlemahon, Granagh/Ballingarry (holders) and Feenagh/Kilmeedy are entered in the third annual Jim (twin) Lynch Memorial Cup 2022 with all the proceeds of both the semi-final and final going to the Irish Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal. The semi-final Granagh/Ballingarry v Feohanagh/Castlemahon is fixed for Sunday 26th June in Ballingarry at 7pm at the final Feenagh/Kilmeedy v Granagh/Ballingarry is fixed for Sunday 26th June in Ballingarry at 7pm and the final Feenagh/Kilmeedy v Granagh/Ballingarry or Feohanagh/Castlemahon (tbc).

June County Club Draw

The next Limerick County GAA Clubs Draw is on Saturday 26th June with a top prize of €10,000. There are a host of other prizes to be won – 2nd €3,000, 3rd €2,000, 4th €1,000, 5th Exclusive Prize of Capri 4 seater round rattan garden furniture set, 6th to 9th €500, 10th to 13th €250, 14th to 30th €100. Entry to the draw is just €10 per month with the option to join our own ten monthly draw which starts at the end of June and County Club Draw for 150??? Granagh/Ballingarry had 117 members in the May draw with John and Joan O'Grady winning €100. If you would like to still renew your membership please follow the link **HERE** Granagh/Ballingarry GAA Club and the number 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 all new members to be included in the June draw must be in by Wednesday 22nd June at 12 noon.

Results

All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Finals
Cork 3-27, Antrim 2-19; Wexford 3-30, Kerry 0-18.
All Ireland Minor Football Championship Quarter Finals.
Derry 0-12, Cork 0-6.
All Ireland Senior Football Championship Qualifiers Round 2
Cork 2-18, Limerick 1-6.
West Senior Hurling League/Championship Final Adare 1-14, Newcastlewest 1-13.
West Junior B Hurling League Final Feenagh/Kilmeedy 4-10, Croagh/Kilfinny 1-14.
West Junior A Hurling League/Championship Final Askeaton 1-15, Rathkeale 1-14.
South Senior Hurling League/Championship Final Garryspillane 2-17, Bruff 1-14.
South Intermediate Hurling League/Championship Final Hospital/Herbertstown 0-24, Bruree 0-19.
South Junior B Hurling League Final Glenroe 6-14, Castletown/Ballyagran 3-8.
East Intermediate Hurling League/Championship Final Doon 2-19, Ballybricken/Bohermore 2-13.
South Junior A Hurling League/Championship Final Garryspillane 2-12, Bruff 0-14.
West Junior A Football League/Championship Final Granagh/Ballingarry 1-13, St. Kieran's 2-9.
City/East Junior B Hurling League Final Na Piarasigh 2-15, Fedamore 1-7.
All Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter Finals

Saturday 25th June Clare v Derry in Croke Park at 3.45pm; Dublin v Cork in Croke Park at 6pm.
Sunday 26th June Galway v Armagh in Croke Park at 1.45pm; Kerry v Mayo in Croke Park at 4pm.
Granagh-Ballingarry Club Gear
Granagh-Ballingarry GAA club tops, hoodies, track-suits, shorts and socks, can now be ordered online at laochrasport.ie/product-category/clubsgranaghballingarry club

Exams

Best of luck to all Granagh-Ballingarry students and students everywhere who are doing their leaving and junior cert exams.

All Ireland Senior Football Championship Foulifer

Round 2

Cork.....2-18

Limerick.....1-16

Hard luke to manager Billy Lee and all involved with the Limerick senior footballers whose brave bid to reach the All Ireland Senior Football Championship Quarter Final for the first time since 2011 failed when going under to neighbours Cork by five points at Pairc Uí Chaoimh on Sunday to advance to the final right for the first time since 2019. Limerick lost nothing in defeat on Sunday and enjoyed a very successful season reaching the Division 3 National League and Munster Chamionship finals and promotion to Division 2 for 2023.

€5,100 Jackpot on Saturday

There was no winner of the €5,100 jackpot in the Granagh-Ballingarry GAA club lottery draw held on Saturday 11th June in McAuliffe's Bar, Ballingarry. The numbers drawn were 8, 22, 24 and 31. The Lucky Dips of €20 each went to Tadhg Keating (Junior), promoter online, Yvonne Condron, promoter

Condron's Bar, Ballingarry; Shane O'Grady, promoter Mossie and Pat; Bertie and Marion Hanley, promoter Eoin Kennedy. The next draw for a jackpot of €5,100 will be held on Saturday 18th June in Buckley's Bar, Ballingarry. Tickets are €2 or three for €5 and are on sale in local shops, bars and from promoters, you can now play online and the link is available on the club facebook/twitter which finishes at 6pm on Saturday. Thank you for your continued support.

Check Lotto Results & Buy Ticket Here

Club Diary

Wednesday 15th June

County Junior B Hurling League Semi-Final: Na Piarasigh v Glenroe in Hospital at 7pm; Fedamore v Feenagh-Kilmeedy in Fedamore in Clarina at 7pm.

Thursday 16th June

County Junior A Football League Semi Final: Ballybricken-Boher v Mungret/St. Pauls in Ahane at 7pm.

Friday 17th June

County Senior Hurling League/Championship Final: Cappamore v Murroe-Boher/South Liberties in Fedamore at 7pm.

County Junior A Hurling League Semi Finals: Askeaton v Ahane in Clarina at 7pm; South Liberties v Garryspillane in Hospital at 7pm.

All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship Semi Final: Offaly v Clare in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 7.30pm; Granagh-Ballingarry GAA Club 2021 Medal Presentation function Woodlands House Hotel in the Ryan Suite at 9pm sharp.

Saturday 18th June

All Ireland Senior Hurling Championship Quarter Finals: Galway v Cork in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 1.45pm; Clare v Wexford in Semple Stadium, Thurles at 3.45pm.

County Junior A Football League Semi Final: Camogue Rovers v Granagh-Ballingarry inKilbreedy at 7pm.

Sunday 19th June

Senior Football (Táilteann Cup) Semi Finals: Sligo v Cavan in Corke Park at 1.45pm; Westmeath v Offaly in Croke Park at 4pm.

All Ireland Minor Hurling Championship Semi Final: Tipperary v Galway in Páirc na nGael at 2pm. County Senior Hurling League Semi Final: Na Piarasigh v Garryspillane in Fitzgerald Park, Kilmallock at 7pm.

Tuesday 21st June

County Intermediate Hurling League Semi Final: Ballybricken-Bohermore v Tournafulla in Páirc Caoimh Uí Luing, Feenagh at 7pm; Hospital-Herbertstown v Doon in Kiltelly at 7pm.

Wednesday 22nd June

County Junior A Football League Final: Granagh-Ballingarry or Camogue Rovers v Ballybricken-Bohermore or Mungret at 7pm, venue TBC.

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