



2021 CLUICHE CEANNAIS PEILE FAOI 20

AN DÚN v MUINEACHÁN



An Dún



COISTE CHONTAE MHUINEACHAIN CLG

30Ú IÚIL 2021

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RÚNAÍ: Brian Muir Fh. Bhu.

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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



Is mór an onóir liom é fearadh na fáilte a chur romhaibh chuig Páirc Lúthchleasaíochta Ard Mhacha inniu don chluiche ceannais idir An Dún agus Muineachán do Chraobhchomórtas Eirgrid Uladh Faoi 20. Tá an aoisghrúpa seo againn in áit Faoi 21 ó bhí 2018 ann, agus tá an corn againn i ndilchúimhne ar iar-rúnaí na Comhairle, Danny Murphy.

It is a great honour to welcome all here today to the Athletic Grounds, Armagh for the Eirgrid Ulster Under 20 Football Championship Final between An Dún and Muineachán. This age grade replaced the Under 21 competition in 2018 and the cup is in memory of former Rúnaí Chomhairle Uladh, Danny Murphy. It is fitting that Danny is honoured by Ulster GAA.

This evening's game is tinged with sadness following the tragic death of Monaghan team captain Brendan Óg Duffy on Friday 16th July. Hours earlier, he had led by example as his team overcame a five point half time deficit to defeat Donegal and progress to an Ulster Final. I presented him with the Fr Murray Cup in 2018 and he seemed a lovely young man. On behalf of Comhairle Uladh, I extend my sincere sympathy to his family, friends, club and county colleagues at this extremely difficult time. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis. I measc na n-aingeal agus na naomh go raibh Brendan Óg.

The Eirgrid Under 20 Football Championship operates on a straight knockout format, with both Down and Monaghan impressing en route to this stage. Down had comfortable wins over both Cavan and Fermanagh to get to this stage. Monaghan had

to see off the stern challenges of Derry and Donegal in tighter circumstances.

I acknowledge and thank all the Ulster Council and Ard Mhacha GAA personnel involved in hosting today's game. Everyone plays their part; supporters and stewards, medics, match officials and players, sponsors, local authorities, media, County Boards and Provincial Council.

I also wish both teams, their County Boards and management every success in their respective outings today and the match officials whose role should never be overlooked.

Finally, to you the supporters. Your support, attendance and attention is highly valued and we hope the experience of today will encourage you to follow today's winners as they take on the mantle of Ulster representatives in the All-Ireland Semi Final against the Roscommon next weekend.

Aisling O'Hare

Oilibhear Ó Gealagain
Uachtarán Chomhairle Uladh.

The Anthem will be sang this evening by Aisling O'Hare (Ballymacnab)



Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil,
atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsear feasta,
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig' amhrán na bhFiann.

TODAY'S GAME

30Ú IÚIL 2021
ATHLETIC GROUNDS
ARMAGH

EIRGRID ULSTER GAA FOOTBALL UNDER 20 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (7:30PM)

In the event of a draw, Extra Time & Result on the Day if required

AN DÚN v MUINEACHÁN

Réiteoir: Kieran Eannetta (Tír Eoghain)

Réiteoir ar fuaireachas: Sean Laverty (Aontroim)

Maor Líne: Conor Dourneen (An Cabhán)

Oifigeach Taobhlíne: Mark Loughran (Tír Eoghain)

Maor: Cathal McCrory, Paul Gallagher, John Kerlin & Fabian McGlone

CLÁR AN LAE

18.55 Teamsheets given to Match Referee

19.08 AN DÚN amach ar an bpáirc

19.11 MUINEACHÁN amach ar an bpáirc

19.15 Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc

19.22 Toss

19.28 Amhrán na bhFiann

19.30 Tús an chluiche

A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half**

20.03* Leatham

20.13* Tús an dara leath



An Dún



A water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute of the half**

20.48* Críoch an chluiche

IF GAME GOES TO EXTRA TIME

20.57 Toss & updated Teamsheets to Referee

20.58 Start of Extra Time 1st Half

21.09* End of Extra Time 1st Half

TEAMS REMAIN ON THE PITCH

21.11* Start of Extra Time 2nd Half

21.25* End of Extra Time 2nd Half

-- IF STILL LEVEL, PHASE 2 (PENALTIES) --

21.26 Players registered with the Referee & Toss

21.27 Penalties

AN RÉITEOIR

Kieran Eannetta

Club: Omagh St Enda's

Contae: Tír Eoghain

Kieran is a member of the Omagh St Enda's club in County Tyrone, and has been refereeing for over 10 years now. In 2016 he joined the Ulster Referee Academy – a development programme for young referee's in the province – which followed in 2018 with his first provincial assignment, the Minor Championship game between Down and Monaghan on his home ground at Healy Park.

One of the most accomplished referees in the county, Kieran is a regular in the Tyrone All-County League Division 1 games, and in 2019 he refereed the Tyrone Junior Championship Final when Rock overcame Kildress. That was followed a few months later by his first provincial final, the Ulster Junior Club Championship game between Blackhill of Monaghan and Donegal's Bunrana. Kieran followed up that successful year with the Tyrone Intermediate Final in 2020 when Edendork overcame Gortin, and is looking forward to completing the set by taking charge of the Senior Final in the near future.



A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR



On behalf of all at EirGrid, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to you all at the Athletic Grounds for today's EirGrid GAA Football U20 Ulster Final between Down and Monaghan.

I would like to share my sincere condolences to the family, friends, teammates and coaches of **Brendán Óg Duffy** who died tragically after leading his team to today's final, our thoughts are with you all at this very sad time. **Brendán was an exceptional character and leader and will be sorely missed by all. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.**

I would like to thank the friends, families and supporters who are here today, and to those that are not, for the continuous support you have given the players over the course of their playing careers. I'm sure that this will be an unforgettable occasion no matter where you are tuning in from. As an organisation we are proud to have partnered with the GAA since 2015, as sponsor of the EirGrid GAA Football U20 Football All-Ireland Championship and have recently extended our commitment to this competition until the 2024 season.

Thank you to all those who continue to make this U20 competition such a success; all in the GAA, Ulster GAA Council, referees and officials throughout the province and particularly the team here in the Athletic Grounds who have kept the pitch and surroundings in such good condition.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish the very best of luck to Down and Monaghan for what promises to be a very exciting EirGrid GAA Football U20 Ulster Final.

Go raibh maith agaibh.w

Michael Mahon
Chief Infrastructure Officer
EirGrid Group

GROUND REGULATIONS

1. All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and to the Rules and Regulations of the Gaelic Athletic Association. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.
2. Fireworks, smoke canister, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, air horns and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground, and any person in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry. Should any flag cause an obstruction or present a risk to health & safety, due to the size or type of flagpole used, the GAA reserves the right to have that flagpole removed from the grounds. Flags other than the national flag, Association flag and the flags of competing teams should not be flown from flagpoles at our games.
3. The consumption of intoxicating liquor is permitted only in authorised places and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
4. Smoking is permitted only in designated areas.
5. The authorised climbing of stands, seats or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
6. Unnecessary noise such as that from the use of radio sets, air horns and behaviour likely to cause confusion or nuisance of any kind, including foul or abusive language, is not permitted in any part of the ground.

7. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any object onto the pitch.
8. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play.
9. Any person who fails to comply with the instructions from a steward may be ejected from the ground.
10. In general, the right of admission is reserved to the Ground Management.
11. Any person who remains in a gangway may be ejected from the ground.
12. The Ground Management reserve the right for its servants or agents to remove from the ground/arena any person who does not comply with the Ground Regulations or whose presence in the ground could reasonably be construed as constituting a source of danger, nuisance or annoyance to other spectators.
13. Patrons are not permitted to enter the field of play, before, during, or after the game.

Lost Children:

Children who have become separated from their parents/guardians should be brought to the designated First Aid points.

Safety Notice:

We have established the above regulations for health and safety reasons, to avoid serious injury or harm. We thank you for your co-operation.



MANAGER'S FOREWORD ANDY CALLAN

I am honoured to be part of the Monaghan U20 Management team for today's game. I would like to thank the numerous people who have helped us in any way on our journey to this Ulster final. I want to thank the panel of players for their hard work and dedication over the past seven months. This is your day, enjoy it! I especially would like to thank my management team of Owen Lennon, Paul O'Connor and Tony Graham for their commitment, application and diligence throughout the season.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the backroom team: John Connolly, Philly McEvoy, Phil McDonald, Mark Kellett, Richie Ford, Ciaran Croarkin, Conor Browne, Cian Maher and Edel Tierney. I'd like to thank the County Board for their backing and full support throughout the season and the Monaghan supporters who have followed us around Ulster to give us their vociferous encouragement. Also, we would like to wish the Monaghan senior team and management the very best of luck tomorrow. We arrive at today's final in very unique and trying circumstances, following the recent tragic death of our captain and spiritual leader Brendan 'Ogie' Dufaigh. Ogie is now performing the sweeper role in the sky and we feel his strength of will and guiding hand on this evening's proceedings. We will endeavour to perform in a manner befitting of a young man who will never be forgotten by his family, friends and teammates. An enduring inspiration to us all - we know he is looking down on us today.

To all of the O Dufaigh clan, Brendan, Esther, Claire and Aine, you are very much in our thoughts today, and everyday.



CONOR LAVERTY

It is a great honour for us as a management team to be involved with this group of players. I could not have asked any more from them, and they have proven to be an honest hardworking panel who have come together as a team. I would like to thank their clubs for the work they have done in developing these players. They are a credit to them.

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We have all heard of how highly Ogie was thought of and what a special young man he was. This became clear to me after listening to his father speak at his funeral, and what else could he have been with such a role model at home. His words and the way he spoke with dignity and grace will stay with us for a very long time. We hope the game is played in the spirit that would do Ogie proud. It is important to remember that winning isn't everything and when the game is done we will shake hands and keep him and his family and friends in our thoughts. I have been lucky in that I have had great friends over the past 18 months in Monaghan, and I wish Banty, David and the lads all the best tomorrow. Finally, we all share a common love for the GAA, and over the past few weeks we have seen once again why that is. The GAA community is very special and we are lucky to be part of that. Enjoy the match and stay safe.





An Dún

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BAINISTEOIR: CONOR LAVERTY

1

Cathal Mac Gabhann
Charlie Smyth
Droichead Mhaigh Eo

2

Tiarnan Fioutan
Tiarnan Fettes (C)
Cill Chua

3

Rian Mac an Ghoill
Ryan Magill
Boireann

4

Padraig Ó Cartháigh
Patrick McCarthy
Boireann

5

Tomas Mac Gabhann
Tom Smyth
R.G.U.

6

Seán Mac Cathmhaoil
Sean Campbell
Baile Cholmáin

7

Antaine Ó Muireagáin
Anthony Morgan
Cill Chua

8

Ordhan Mac Muireataigh
Ordhan Murdock
Boireann

9

Tomás Ó Cluasaigh
Tom Close
Chluain Daimh

10

Donall Mac an Ghoill
Danny Magill
Boireann

11

Shealan Mac Seáin
Shealan Johnston (C)
Cill Chua

12

Seán Mag Shamhráin
John McGovern
Baile Cholmáin

13

Aindreas Mac Giolla Mhuire
Andrew Gilmore
Naomh Eoin

14

Eamon Mac an Bhreithiún
Eamon Brown
Chluain Daimh

15

Ruairi O hÍr
Ruairi O'Hare
Naomh Phadraig Sabhall

FIR IONAIID SUBSTITUTES

- 16. **Thomas Burns** Ath Bhrian
- 17. **Lorcan Toal** Ceathru Aoidh Duibh
- 18. **Peter McMullan** Loch an Oileain
- 19. **Patrick Brooks** Gleann
- 20. **Liam McManus** Droichead Mhaigh Eo

- 21. **Shea Croskey** Achadh Líós na Fínne
- 22. **Sean Og McCusker** Cill Chua
- 23. **Jack Murtagh** Baile Cholmáin
- 24. **Justin Clarke** Cill Chua



MUINEACHÁN:

BAINISTEOIR: ANDY CALLAN



1

Rian Ó Faircheallaigh
Ryan Farrelly
Machaire Cluain

2

Rónán Ní Gréacháin
Ronan Grimes (C)
Cill Éanna

3

Tomás Mac Philib
Thomas McPhillips
Leachtain

4

Rónán Ní Gréacháin
Ronan Boyle
Gaeil Tríúcha

5

Dáire Mac Giolla Earna
Darragh McElearney
Druim Shamhain

6

7

Seán Ní hAnrachaigh
Shane Hanratty
Inis Caoin

8

Gabhán Mac Philib
Gavin McPhillips
An Bhoth

9

Joel Mac Liam
Joel Wilson
Achadh Na Muileann

10

Dáire Mac Thréinfhir
Darragh Treanor
Tigh Thalainn

11

Deasún Ó hEireamhóin
Jason Irwin
Eodhruim

12

Micheál Ní Miacháin
Michael Meehan
An Bhoth

13

Séan Ó Sléibhín
Shane Slevin
Leachtain

14

Donnachadh Swinburne
Donnach Swinburne
Carraig Mhachaire Rois

15

Darrach Ó Díomasaigh
Darragh Dempsey
Leachtain

FIR IONAIID SUBSTITUTES

- 16. **Shane Black** Leachtain
- 17. **Jack McGeown** Carraig Mhachaire Rois
- 18. **Robbie Hanratty** Fág an Bealach
- 19. **Michael Hamill** Scairbh na gCaorach
- 20. **Cian Maguire** Gaeil Tríúcha

- 21. **Seán Jones** Inis Caoin
- 22. **Liam McDonald** Domhnach Maighean
- 23. **Kyle Connolly** Cill Éanna
- 24. **Oisín O'Hanlon** Carraig Mhachaire Rois
- 25. **Jack Doogan** Machaire Cluain





BRENDAN ÓG Ó DUFÁIGH

Tá pobal CLG Mhuineacháin faoi néal dorcha bróin agus Brendan Óg Ó Dufaigh, captaen fhoireann faoi 20 Mhuineacháin, imithe uainn ar shlí na fírinne i ndiaidh taisme bóthair.

In the early hours of a balmy Saturday morning our GAA Family was plunged into shock and profound sadness as the devastating news filtered through of the tragic passing of Ógie O Dufaigh. We haven't done royalty in Ireland since the demise of Tara, but in Monaghan we lost a prince. Hours before, we had witnessed the sheer excitement, joy and pride on his face as Ógie captained his County Under 20 side into an Ulster Final after an epic and courageous comeback.

Gaelic games were not just sport to Ógie, his club and county were an extension of his family - his beloved GAA family.

In his very short 19 years Ógie gave the people of Monaghan so much joy, countless treasured memories that filled our hearts with pride by wearing his county and club jersey with distinction. He was an exceptional talent that thrived year after year, and what a privilege to have witnessed this. On the field, Ógie was the model and motivator who did not stop until he got that job done. A player who worked tirelessly with passion, commitment, determination and love for his jersey. He executed his role as captain with the greatest of honour and upmost respect.

His legacy will live long in our hearts and no more that this evening as we enter into the Athletic Grounds here in Armagh. We are reminded of the echo of his voice making that unforgettable acceptance Captain's Speech in 2018 entirely as Gaelige.

Legends can be born or made. For us in Monaghan Ógie simply ticked all the boxes. Presenting to his club, Monaghan Harps at a very early age Ógie was moulded, coached and nurtured into an outstanding footballer. Coming up the ranks, it was in Gavin Duffy Park he was given the opportunity to enrich this distinctive talent, enhance his skills and discover his character; not just as a player but an esteemed member of the community which shaped this young footballer into a role model.

Although we are all still stunned and shattered by

this untimely passing, we have been completely overwhelmed with the incredible love, outpour of emotion, heartfelt support and poignant tributes we have received locally, nationally and internationally.

This unbelievable support, love and strength which we have experienced from that Saturday epitomises the dearly held mantra that "GAA is family".

Our prayers and thoughts once again are extended to Ógie's family, his father Brendán, his mother Esther and his sisters Claire and Áine, to his many friends & workmates, his under 20 county teammates and management team and to his club Monaghan Harps.



U20 FINAL PREVIEW



An Dún



Sport. Enthralling, intense; Demanding, exciting; Cruel, energetic; Pressurised, passionate. Sometimes we hold these young men on the pitch this evening on such a high pedestal, yet we can forget the range of emotions that playing sport, particularly the sport we all love and enjoy, can put them through. Some of these emotions have been all too common in the past two weeks.

It is impossible to preview this game without the memory of Monaghan captain Brendan Óg Duffy at the forefront of everyone's mind, not least his Monaghan teammates. In many ways, the most natural thing for many of these players will be to get back out on the green grass and express themselves as the highly talented footballers they are.

Excuses could be made about players being injured, or those missing who will line out in Croke Park tomorrow in pursuit of the Anglo-Celt, but Monaghan have gone about their business in the most professional manner possible to date. A battling performance away in Celtic Park against Derry in the quarter final. A real turnaround victory against Donegal in the semi-final. They have done their talking on the pitch before and will aim to do it there again come throw-in.

Meanwhile, tucked away in the mountains of Mourne, Down are aiming to collect their first title at this grade (or its U21 predecessor) since 2009. It is over a decade since the county made that surprise All-Ireland Senior Final appearance in 2010, but you don't need to stretch beyond using your fingers to count the number of provincial underage games they have won in the barren period since.

Shealan Johnston and John McGovern spearhead a potent attack, with Andrew Gilmore and Ruairi O'Hare chipping in with scores along the way. Goalkeeper Charlie Smyth has kicked five points in the two games so far, while Sean Campbell and Peter McMullan form the spine of a solid defensive unit.

There is no doubting the talent which these Down players possess, and whether they collect the Corn Dónall Ó Murchú this evening or not, manager Conor Laverty will undoubtedly have one eye on helping these players make the step up to the Senior side in the coming years.

Three years ago, these two sides served up a classic in Healy Park during the Qualifier Round 3 game in the Ulster Minor Championship. Monaghan eventually prevailed after extra time, and the crowd in the Athletic Grounds this evening can expect another game high in quality, befitting of the players involved and the occasion they find themselves in.



CORN DÓNALL Ó MURCHÚ

Danny Murphy (1949-2016)

2018 saw the introduction of the Ulster U20 Football Championship and ultimately our counties competing for the 'Corn Dónall Ó Murchú. A three handled Cup in the Art Nouveau style made by Sharman D. Neill of Belfast, it is an extremely rare piece of antique Irish silver in the Art Nouveau style and is hallmarked Dublin 1905.

Danny died aged just 67 on the 7th December 2016 while still holding the Administration Office of Secretary/Chief Executive of Ulster GAA; he was a very loyal stalwart to the GAA in Ulster for over three decades and it is a very fitting tribute to Danny that the Council have named the U-20's Football Championship Cup in his memory. A native of Burren in Co. Down, Danny made a significant contribution to the GAA in Ulster, Ireland and across the globe; through twinning partnerships, Danny was also a very good support to the GAA in Britain and Canada.

Danny was first elected to serve on the Ulster Council in 1981 as the Down GAA delegate to the Council. Throughout Danny's time on the Ulster Council he held every Officership possible - PRO, Treasurer, Vice-Chairperson, President to Secretary & Chief Executive Officer of Ulster GAA and to this day, Danny is the only person to have held the positions of both President and Secretary at the same time. A former Vice-President of the



Association Danny served on many National Committees as well as holding many positions on the Down County Committee including Chairperson of Down GAA.

The Ulster Council is very grateful to the Murphy Family and thank them most sincerely for this very generous gift and we know that Danny's memory will live on for many years to come.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

What happens next? That's the question everyone will be asking should today's game finish in a draw. If the teams finish level after normal time, the game will go to the standard extra-time of 2 periods of 10 minutes each way. Should that fail to produce a winner, then we move to a penalty shootout.

The GAA's "Result on the Day" protocols were introduced in

2017, with a free-taking competition the method proposed for breaking the deadlock. That was subsequently changed to penalties.

So here is what happens next;

- 1 Well first thing first, only goals will count at this stage.
- 2 Each team will pick five penalty takers, a goalkeeper and a substitute goalkeeper. These are the only players who will take part until we find a winner.
- 3 All these players had to be on the field at the end of extra-time to take part (apart from the substitute goalkeeper, who can come from the panel and will only be used if the goalkeeper is injured during the penalties).
- 4 These players are registered with the referee along with the order the penalty takers will take their penalties.
- 5 Five penalties each, and whoever scores more wins the game.
- 6 If they're still level after five penalties, then there will be sudden death until we find a winner. The same five penalty takers must be used, though they don't have to be in the same order as before.

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