

 **Ulster Bank**

**Markey Cup & Corn Mac Neasa
Finals**

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Coláiste Na Carraige

v

Virginia College

Brewster Park Enniskillen - (Markey Cup)

Referee: Barry Cassidy (Derry)

Thursday 13th March 2014

St Clare's College

v

Crana College

Garvaghey Centre - (Corn Mac Neasa)

Referee: Sean McCartan (Tyrone)

Thursday 13th March 2014





Teachtaireacht ó Cathaoirleach an Choiste na nGairmscoileanna, Chuige Uladh

Is cuis mor athatas dom, ar mo shon fein, agus ar son an Choiste Chumainn na nGairmscoileanna Uladh, failte a chur roimh gach duine inniu. Failte ar leith roimh le foirne Colaiste na Carraige, Carrick and Virginia College, Cavan. Ta suil agam go mbeidh cluiche maith sportuil againn.

On behalf of the Ulster Vocational Schools Committee, I welcome you all today to our Ulster Bank Markey Cup final between Colaiste na Carraige, Carrick, Co Donegal and Virginia College, Co Cavan. It would be fair to say that these two schools epitomise all that is good in the promotion of Gaelic Games, and it is no coincidence that they have been extremely successful in their respective counties down through the years. Both schools are always meticulously prepared by their coaches/teachers, in particular Mr Ward, Mr Boyle and Mr Doherty in Carrick and Mr Sheridan and Mr Flanagan in Virginia. Virginia go into this final having won the Arthurs Cup in 2012 and the Mc Devitt Cup in 2011, so the progression is obvious. However these facts will not daunt Colaiste na Carraige who have not tasted success in this grade since 1985. Having emerged from their group, Virginia accounted for Glenties Community School Donegal in their semi-final and Carrick defeated Monaghan winners Largy College in theirs.

We also welcome two new schools, St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff and Crana College, Bunrana to the first final of our new U-14 competition, the Corn Mac Neasa. One of them will be crowned champions today, but all of the teams who participated this year have experienced the joys and disappointments of an Ulster Championship, where they pitted their skills against the champions of the other counties.

We would also like to express our gratitude to the clubs who give of their facilities so willingly to ensure the successful completion of our competitions. Today we especially thank Enniskillen Gaels and Garvaghey Centre for the use of their excellent facilities.

I would like to thank Ulster Bank for their continued support and sponsorship. The Ulster Bank sponsorship of the GAA is almost universal now but their enduring support of na nGairmscoileanna is vital to the promotion of our games in our schools. I sincerely thank them for this support.

Ta suil agam go mbeidh cluiche thar barr le feiscint agus go mbainfidh gach einne taitheamh agus sasta astu, agus go mbeidh an bua ag an foireann is fearr.

Aodh Ó Cleircin.

Cathaoirleach.

Ulster Bank Markey Cup Paths to the Final

Quarter finals

Virginia College, Cavan v St Mark's High School, Warrenpoint
Glenties Community College 1-13 East Tyrone 0-7
Largy College, Clones 5-11 Newry SRC 3-10
Colaiste na Carraige 6-12 St Malachy's High School, Castlewellan 1-5

Semi Finals

Glenties Community College 1-12 Virginia College, Cavan 3-13
Colaiste na Carraige 4-15 Largy College, Clones 2-5

Coláiste Na Carraige

Coláiste Na Carraige is a small vocational school located in a rural Gaeltacht area in the South West of Donegal. The current student population is 127 boys and 111 girls and provides a comprehensive range of subject up to Leaving Certificate level. The school strives to meet the educational needs of the local community as outlined in its mission statement. 'Coláiste na Carraige welcomes all members of the community and strives for excellence in delivering holistic educational services and supports based on the principle of respect, co-operation and partnership.' The school is a strong and spirited microcosm of the local community, with a sense of pride and open communication between all members of the school community. The school prides itself in the promotion of Gaelic games and the success of this years football teams reflects the schools endeavours to promote personal and social confidence and encourage the development of individual talents.

For a school of this size to be representing Donegal schools at this level is an unbelievable achievement in itself. Coláiste na Carraige is proud of its close links with its feeder clubs in Naomh Columba (Glenn Cholm Cille) and Cill Chartha (Kilcar) with the two parishes providing all the students. The school relies heavily on their support and the use of their facilities as the school itself is without a pitch.

Coláiste na Carraige has reached this stage of an Ulster Vocational Schools competition on three occasions before, and remains the only Donegal school with the distinction of winning the Markey Cup in 1985, managed by Mr Barry Campbell, and were also Arthurs Cup finalists in 2010 and 2013. From these panels many players went on to represent their county at various levels including: John O'Donnell, Mark Mc Shane, Noel Hegarty, Enda McHugh, John Joe Doherty, Paul Carr, Donal Donovan and Roger Mc Shane. Patrick McBrearty, Ryan McHugh, Kevin McNern, Eoin McHugh, Stephen Jones, Aodhan McGinley, Stephen McBrearty, Martin Byrne, Conor Doherty and Padraig Byrne.

Four members of the 1992 All Ireland Senior winning team were former pupils of the school, Martin McHugh, James McHugh, Noel Hegarty and John Joe Doherty. 2012 saw recent students Mark McHugh and Patrick McBrearty pick up Ulster and All Ireland Medals with Donegal, Mark also won an All-star for his performances throughout the year. U21 All Ireland winners include Martin McHugh and Maurice Carr (1982), Paddy Hegarty and Paul Carr (1987).

On the path to the final this team overcame Glenties Comprehensive School in the Donegal County final. They also defeated St Malachy's, Castlewellan and Largy College, Clones in their Ulster campaign.

Coláiste na Carraige has a proud record with in County Donegal having tallied up over 37 county titles in the last 30 years. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the local clubs Cill Chartha and Naomh Columba, for their continued support.

Adh mór go gach duine



Back row; L-R

Padráig Mac Seoin, Stiofan Mac Briartaigh, Eoin Ó Domhnaill, Rónan Ó Héir, Pól Ó Dochartaigh, Séan Mac Uidhir, Michéal Mac Cuinneagáin, Conór Ó Cínneadé, Rian Mac Giolla Easpug, Seamie Mac Fhionnghaile, Padraig Mac a'Bhaird, Cormac Ó Canáin, Padraig Ó Beirne, Stiofán Ó Ceallacháin, Cristóir Ó Beirne, Dominic Ó Gallachóir,

Front row; L-R

Máirtín Ó Beirne, Pauric Ó Neill, Peadar Ó Conaire, Padraig Mac Naillis, Jason Ó Coilín, Andrew Mac Clean, Pilib Ó Dochartaigh, Conor Dochartaigh, Padraig Mac Cuinneagan, Aodhan Mag Fhionnaile (Captaen), Pilib Mac Nearcain, Cristóir Ó Duibhgáin, ar iarraidh ó pictiúr Jason Mac a'Ghoill,



Coláiste Na Carraige TEAM

Team Colours: Navy & Red

Príomhóide: Pádraig O'Léime

Bainisteoir: Nollaig Mac a'Bhaird,

Fear Foirne: Niall O'Beirne,

Maor Uisce: Damien Mac Giolla Cearra,
Pádraig Mac Seoin.

Water Bank



Subs

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|-----|-----------------------|---------------|
| 16. | Rónan Ó Héir, | Naomh Columba |
| 17. | Pól Ó Dochartaigh, | Naomh Columba |
| 18. | Pauric Ó Neill | Naomh Columba |
| 19. | Máirtín Ó Beirne, | Cill Cartha |
| 20. | Jason Mac a Ghoill, | Naomh Columba |
| 21. | Stiofán Ó Ceallacháin | Naomh Columba |
| 22. | Dominic Ó Gallachóir, | Naomh Columba |
| 23. | Séan Mac Uidhir | Naomh Columba |
| 24. | Pádraig Mac Naillis, | Naomh Columba |

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| 25. | Jason Ó Coillín, | Cill Cartha |
| 26. | Eoin Ó Domhnaill | Cill Cartha |
| 27. | Pádraig Mac Seoin, | Cill Cartha |
| 28. | Peadar Ó Conaire, | Cill Cartha |
| 29. | Stiofan Mac Briartaigh, | Cill Cartha |

Virginia College

Virginia College was founded in 1962 and currently has an enrolment of 710 pupils. Virginia won the Markey Cup in 1975 and more recently in 2006 and 2007 (winning the All Ireland Senior Cup in both years). The school won the McDevitt Cup in 1984 and 2011, and the Arthurs Cup in 2012, the latter two wins featuring several of today's Markey Cup panel. Twelve of the panel started the Ulster Inter-county final for Cavan v Donegal last December.

Dermot Sheridan has represented Cavan at all levels, winning a Sigerson medal with DCU in 2010 and was captain of the Mullahoran League and Championship double winners in 2012. Michael Duffy has won several county under -14 and under-16 titles with Virginia College. He has been co-manager of the senior side with Dermot since 2011, winning the county title in 2011 and 2013. Bart McEnroe of Castlerahan GFC has been assisting the senior team in their preparations this year.

Ronan Flanagan is a past pupil and now PE teacher in Virginia College. He won an Ulster Vocational Schools Inter County medal in 2003, two Sigerson medals with DCU in 2006 and 2010, was Captain of the Cavan Seniors in 2009 and won Interprovincial medals in 2009 and 2012. Donna English, another PE teacher, captained the Cavan Ladies team to the All-Ireland Intermediate title in 2013.

Beth Farrelly-Magee, a fifth year student, has been selected for the Cavan Ladies panel for 2014. The Under-14 Girls side won the Ulster final in 2011. The Under-19 Girls team won the Ulster C title in 2013, and were All-Ireland finalists.

The Cavan senior panel who reached last year's All-Ireland quarter-final featured six former students, five of whom started the game v Kerry; Ronan Flanagan, Jack Brady, Cian Mackey, James McEnroe, Eugene Keating and Damien Barkey. The panel included Dermot Sheridan.

The Boys' under-16 team is coached by Ronan Flanagan and Ronan Flood. The Boys' under-14 team is coached by Sean Egan and Enda Fay.

Virginia College would like to thank our main sponsors, The Riverfront, Virginia, Ronan O'Reilly, Gownd Construction, St. Kyran's Country House and Restaurant, Virginia, Supervalu, Virginia and Donoghues Bus, Mullagh.

Thank you to all the teachers who give of their time to take teams at Virginia College.



Virginia College TEAM

Team Colours: Red & Black

Príomhóide: Karen Fitzpatrick

Banisteoiri: Dermot Sheridan & Michael Duffy

Maor Uisce: Dylan Farrelly and Rory Clarke

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1

Kealan O Connell
Ramor United

2

Pauric O Connell
Ramor United

3

Mark Magee
Ramor United

4

Patrick Gargan
Ramor United

5

Eoin Somerville
Ramor United

6

Brian O Connell
Ramor United

7

Cathal Maguire
Ramor United

8

Sean McDermott
Ramor United

9

Bryan Magee
Cucullians

10

Sean Reilly
Ramor United

11

Conor Bradley
Ramor United

12

Ryan Mannion
Ramor United

13

Adam O Reilly
Cucullians

14

Sean Brady
Ramor United

15

Daire McEnroe
Castlerahan

Subs

16. Liam Brady Ramor United
17. Joey O Connell Ramor United
18. James Brady Ramor United
19. Evan Doughty Cucullians
20. Conor Flanagan Cucullians
21. Jason McMahon Killinkere
22. James Connell Ramor United
23. Neal McEnroe Ramor United
24. Ciaran McConnon Lavey
25. Michael Smart Ramor United
26. Laurence Caffery Ramor United

27. Ciaran Daly Ramor United
28. Killian Maguire Ramor United
29. Jamie Smith Lavey
30. Darragh Brady Maghera
31. Niall Farrelly Ramor United
32. Stephen Gargan Ramor United
33. Daven Bent Ramor United
34. Aaron Brady Maghera
35. Oisín Flanagan Cucullians
36. Redmond Eagan Ramor United
37. Dara Greene Castlerahan
38. Liam McDermott Castlerahan

Crana College

This year's panel of players comes mainly from two clubs in the area, Bunrana and Burt, and one from the Urris club. The final, the 10th game in all competitions, has seen the team improve with victories over Mulroy College, Moville CC and Loreto Milford. Despite losing to Scoil Mhuire, our rival school in the group stages, we gained revenge by beating them in the final in a tremendous team effort, by a point. To reach the Ulster final the lads have beaten St Aidan's, Derrylin and St Brigid's, Armagh respectively.

Ryan Bradley, a Bunrana GAA clubman, has been on the Donegal senior squad on two occasions but his second spell under Jim Mc Guinness was his most successful as he was a regular starter as the team went to win the Ulster championship (2011 & 2012) and All-Ireland championship 2012. Conor Harkin from the Burt Club is the most recent county player and has played on the Minor team for two years 2011 & 2012 as well as playing on the Donegal Vocational school.

The school has a good connection with the GAA as a number of teachers are active workers within their own clubs whilst also coaching school teams year after year. These teachers include Shane Mc Art, Rory O'Neill and Ciaran Mc Elwaine. The school Principal, Liam Galbraith, is heavily involved with the Bunrana GAA club and was an important figure in the setting up of Colaiste Inis Eoghain who are now in their first Mac Larnon Cup Final.

The school participates in all GAA competitions within the Donegal schools programme including Gaelic (boys and girls), Hurling and Camogie. The school has not tasted success at county level since 1998 when county player Ryan Bradley led the College to the county title under the stewardship of Mr. Rory O'Neill. In order to increase the link between feeder primary schools and the local GAA club the school organised a 'GAA For All' blitz. The focus of these games is on fun and inclusion and enables students to mix with students from other schools. This year we had nearly 150 children taking part from 8 different schools. Team Bainisteoir - Laurence Mc Mullan PE teacher

Mr McMullan, senior team captain of St Mary's, Convoys also coaches a number of under age teams in the club. A former member of the Donegal Senior backroom team and is currently part of the county U21 football management team.

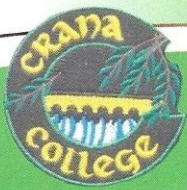


Back row L to R.

Ryan Mc Laughlin (Mentor), Laurence McMullan (Teacher & Bainisteoir), Oisín Tynan, Eoin Redmond, Kieran Brady, Shaun McBride, Adam Duffy, Ciaran Bradley, Kyle Devlin, Shane Bradley, Kyle McDaid, Jack Callaghan, Ronan McLaughlin, Conor O'Donnell (Mentor).

Front Row L to R.

Jordan Doherty, Oisín Hegarty, James Barber, Oisín Doherty, Oisín Hegarty, Kevin Gallagher, Mathew McDermott, Jack O'Brien, Jack Lynch & Peter O'Neill.



Crana College Bun Cranna TEAM

Team Colours: Green & White

Príomhóide: – Mr Liam Galbraith

Bainisteoir: Laurence Mc Mullan

Fear Foirne: Ciaran Mc Elwaine

Maor Uisce: Mathew Porter and
Conor O'Donnell



1

Ciaran Bradley
Beart

2

Eoin Redmond
Bun Cranncha

23

Kyle Devlin
Iorras

4

Oisín Doherty
Bun Cranncha

5

Jack Callaghan
Bun Cranncha

6

Adam Duffy
Bun Cranncha

7

Shane Bradley
Beart

8

Shaun McBride
Beart

9

Kieran Brady
Beart

10

Mathew McDermott
Beart

11

Jack O'Brienn (Captain)
Beart

12

Peter O'Neill
Bun Cranncha

13

Oisín Hegarty
Bun Cranncha

14

Kyle McDaid
Bun Cranncha

15

Jordan Doherty
Beart

Subs

17	Jack Lynch	Bun Cranncha
18	Oisín Tynan	Bun Cranncha
19	James Barber	Bun Cranncha
20	Ryan Hegarty	Bun Cranncha
21	Kevin Gallagher	Bun Cranncha

St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff

St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff celebrated their 50 year anniversary last year. GAA forms an integral part of the schools extra curricular activities. St Clares College have a proud tradition of competing in Ulster Vocational Schools football. Fergal Reilly and Liam Buchanan were integral parts of the Cavan minor team which won the Ulster Championship in 2011 and last year they led us to the Senior A Cavan championship.

Our current U-14 team started poorly losing their first 4 matches but have regrouped in excellent fashion. Captained by national shot putt champion, Oisín Kiernan, the team has recovered to grind out tight wins over Bailieborough Community school, Bellbawn and then Cootehill in the Cavan final.

The Ulster series started with a good win in the quarter final and followed with an outstanding performance in the semi final. Today's Ulster final will be the first time St Clare's College have had the honour of competing in an Ulster gaelic football final.



Back Row: L - R:

Donnacha Cusack Smith, Keelan McCabe, Sean Briody, Nathan Galligan, Adam O Connor, Peter Smith, Oisín Kiernan (Captain), Eddie Devereux, Daniel Murdoch and Oisín Lynch.

Front Row: L - R:

Karl Symes Hughes, Mark McSherry, Stephen O Callaghan, Patrick Lynch, Evan Charters, Cian Courtney, Eoghan McCaul and Brian Malocca.

St Clare's College TEAM

Team Colours: Blue & White

Príomhóide: Ms. Maeve Sweeney
Bainisteoir: Stephen Doohan.
Selectors: Christopher Smyth, Brian Mc Dermott, Shaun Stewart.
Mentors: Joe Coll, Ryan Quinn, Mark Harley.

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Subs

16. Karl Symes Hughes	Castlerahan	20. Keelan Mc Cabe	Denn
17. David Smith	Lavey	21. Bartoz Biernacik	Castlerahan
18. Stephen O Callaghan	Crosserlough	22. Aaron Courtney	Denn
19. Cian Courtney	Denn	23. James Galligan	Ballymachugh



Ulster Bank Markey Cup

ULSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ROLL OF HONOUR

U-18 Football (Ulster Bank Markey Cup)

Newry College of Further Education (7) – '76, '77, '78, '81, '82, '83, '86
 Holy Trinity College, Cookstown (6) – '98, '99, 2003, 2011, 2012, 2013
 St. Malachy's, Castlewellan (6) – '94, '95, '97, 2008, 2009, 2010
 Dungannon College of Further Education (5) – '87, '88, '89, '90, '91
 St. Ciarán's, Ballygawley (5) – '92, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005
 Virginia College, Cavan (3) – '75, 2006, 2007
 St. Pius X, Magherafelt (1) – '79
 La Salle, Belfast (1) – '80
 Armagh College of Further Education (1) – '84
 Carrick Vocational School (1) – '85
 Cavan Vocational School (1) – '93
 Fermanagh College of Further Education (1) – '96
 St. Aidan's Cootehill (1) – 2000

ULSTER VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS' RECORD AT ALL-IRELAND LEVEL

All-Ireland U-18 Champions

Newry College of Further Education (6) – '76, '77, '81, '82, '83, '86
 Dungannon College of Further Education (2) – '89, '90
 St. Ciarán's, Ballygawley (2) – 2002, 2005
 Virginia Vocational School (2) – 2006, 2007
 St. Malachy's, Castlewellan (2) – 2008, 2009
 Holy Trinity College, Cookstown (2) – '98, 2012
 St. Pius X, Magherafelt (1) – '79
 Armagh College of Further Education (1) – '84
 Fermanagh College of Further Education (1) – '96

Ulster Bank Corn Mac Neasa - Paths to the Final

Quarter Finals

Ballybay Community School 3-6 St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff 5-10
 Drumragh Integrated College, Omagh 8-2 St Colman's High School, Ballynahinch 8-7
 St Brigid's High School, Armagh 8-10 Oakridge Integrated College, Derry 2-2
 Crana College, Bunrana 7-8 St Aidan's High School, Derrylin 1-7

Semi Finals

Crana College, Bunrana 7-11 St Brigid's High School, Armagh 2-3
 St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff 6-10 St Colman's High School, Ballynahinch 2-5