



**County Division Two**

**Minor Championship Final**

**12<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Venue St Marys Convoy**

**Throw In 7-30pm**

**Extra Time if Required**

**Réiteoir      Shaun Mc Laughlin**

**Standby      Paul Clifford**

**Linesman      Leo Devenney**

## *Gaeil Fhanada*



### *Gorm agus Ban*

	1 Eoin Mc Gonigle	
2 James Sweeney	3 Jonathan Gallagher	4 Michael Sweeney
5 Liam Mc Grenahan	6 Matthew Gallagher	7 Brandon Mc Clafferty
8 Fergus Friel	9 Bernard Mc Gettigan	
10 Darren Mc Elwaine	11 Mark Mc Ateer	12 Eoghan McGrenahan
13 Joshea Mc Ateer	14 Shaun Kerr	15 John Friel

#### Substitutes

16, Liam Sweeney, 17, Kieran Coyle, 18, Eoghan Shiels, 19, Kane Mc Laughlin, 20, Casey Poole, 21, James Howe, 22, Michael O Conner, 22, Peter Carr.

Bainisteoir: Aidan Mc Ateer

Roghnoiri: Hughie Shiels, Bernard Mc Gettigan.

#### PATH TO THE FINAL

##### County Quarter Final

Gaeil Fhanada 1-12 Na Dunaibh 1-7

##### County Semi Final

Gaeil Fhanada 0-17 Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn 3-8

##### Replay

Gaeil Fhanada 0-16 Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn 2-6

## *Cill Chartha*



### *Gorm agus Or*

	1 Colm Garvey	
2 Dara Rowan	3 Dillian O Gara	4 Eoin Love
5 Eoin Mc Cormack	6 Kenny Doogan	7 Cormac Leime
8 Oran Doogan	9 Ryan O Donnell	
10 Ryan Mc Shane	11 Keelan Curran	12 Liam Gavigan
13 Shaunie Boyle	14 Pauric Love	15 Conner O Donnell

#### Substitutes

17, Evan Bonner, 18, Patrick Mc Neilis, 19, Ethan Mc Devitt, 20, Daithi Mockler, 21, Cian Rowan, 22, Matthew Cunningham, 23, David Byrne, 24, Shaun Gavigan, 25, Johnny Byrne,

Bainisteoir: John Mc Nulty

Roghnoiri: Alan Erskine, Gerry Carr, Paul Hegarty.

#### PATH TO THE FINAL

##### County Quarter Final

Cill Chartha 2-7 An Tearmainn 1-9

##### County Semi Final

Cill Chartha 0-6 Gleann tSuili 0-2

A Chairde

The Donegal Minor CCC would like to congratulate both clubs on reaching tonight's final and welcome everyone to St Mary's, ConvoY for the County Minor Division Two Championship Final

Reaching a county final at any level is an achievement and is just recognition of the hard work and effort which people in these two clubs are putting in to keep football to the highest possible standard.

We would like to thank the ConvoY club for the use of their grounds once again this evening; these are indeed excellent facilities for such an occasion.

The Minor CCC would like to thank all match officials who give their time so unselfishly to our games, without these officials our association would not run as smoothly as it does so we encourage everyone involved in our games to show respect to all Officials.

This year's Minor Division Two Championship has been sponsored by Creeslough Fencing @ Decking in association with the Donegal Gaa Health and Wellbeing Committee,

The key message in this year's championship is how our youth participation in the Gaa plays an important part in their physical, emotional, social and family wellbeing.

This all helps to build resilience and coping skills to manage the many challenges that confront our youth daily.

Is mise, le meas  
Seamus O Cuinn  
Rúnaí  
Bord an Minour

## GAA – CRESLOUGH FENCING AND DECKING MINOR DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

# Historic win for Gaeil Fhánada

GAEIL FHÁNADA .....2-12  
KILCAR .....0-10

BY RYAN FERRY

GAEIL Fhánada claimed their first ever county minor championship title when they defeated Kilcar in the Division 2 decider in Convooy on Wednesday night.

The team from the south were a typical Kilcar side – light but comfortable on the ball – and they stuck with their opponents well until the second half.

However, Gaeil Fhánada just had too much strength and power and they surged clear in the second half with goals from Darren McElwaine and Joshua McAteer.

Fanad did lose Mark McAteer and Matthew Gallagher to red cards in the final quarter, but were never in any real trouble, and they were full value for their victory.

Kilcar progressed through to the county final after a low-scoring semi-final against Glenswilly which they won on a scoreline of 0-6 to 0-2.

Gaeil Fhánada were tested in the last four by Letterkenny Gaels, and Aidan McAteer's team eventually prevailed after a replay.

Following a cagey start, it was the Fanad men who opened the scoring with McElwaine scoring from distance.

Kilcar soon settled into the game and Eoin Cormac kicked a fine score, before Oran Doogan landed a free.

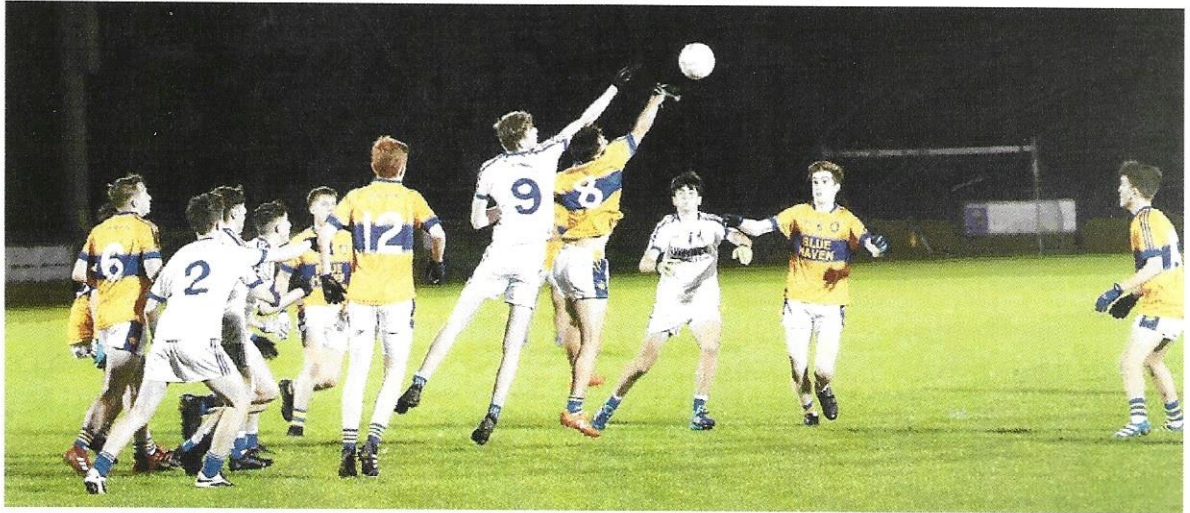
Mark McAteer responded with a neat point, and Fanad almost had a goal when Bernard McGettigan powered through, and laid off to Joshua McAteer.

The corner-forward's shot hit the post, but Shaun Kerr retrieved possession and curled over.

The Fanad men were now on top and they tagged on two points without reply with McElwaine and McGettigan both scoring.

Kilcar kept in touch with their midfielder Ryan O'Donnell kicking two quickfire points.

The classy Mark McAteer was a pleasure to watch and his delicate chip ups were a recurring feature in



A battle for the possession in Convooy on Wednesday night.

the first half.

McGettigan tagged on another point after a great charge up the field, but O'Donnell cancelled that out for the Towney men.

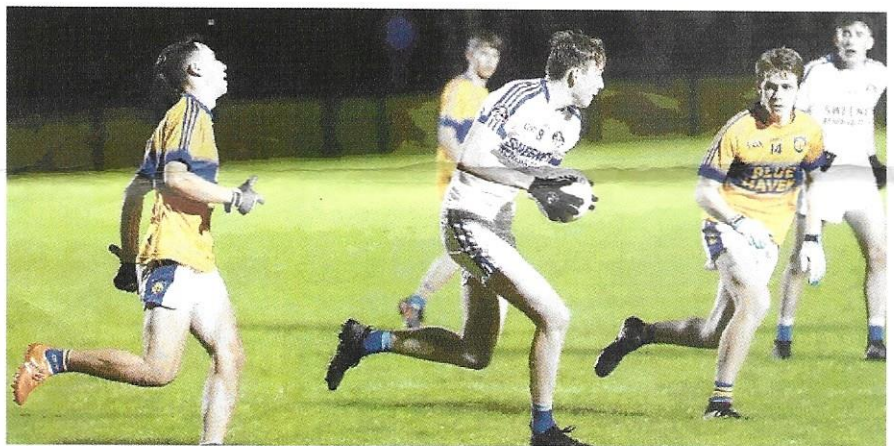
Gaeil Fhánada were physically much more imposing than their opponents, and another McGettigan free gave them a deserved three-point lead at half-time.

Ryan O'Donnell registered the first point of the second half after patient play, but McGettigan was soon on the mark with a booming effort from distance.

John McNulty's Kilcar were working hard and Oran Doogan dissected the posts with a lovely point, but they then suffered a significant blow when they conceded a goal in the 36th minute.

Fanad probed out around the '45', before they injected pace into the move, and McElwaine forced his way through before showing composure to bury the ball low into the corner of the net.

The wing-forward added a brilliant point three minutes later to extend



Gaeil Fhánada's Bernard McGettigan takes control in Convooy on Wednesday night.

Fanad's lead out to six points.

Gaeil Fhánada had too much power for Kilcar, and Joshua McAteer slotted over after another slick move.

Doogan replied with a free for Kilcar, and Fanad were then reduced to 14 men in the 47th minute after Mark McAteer lashed out at Ryan O'Donnell off-the-ball.

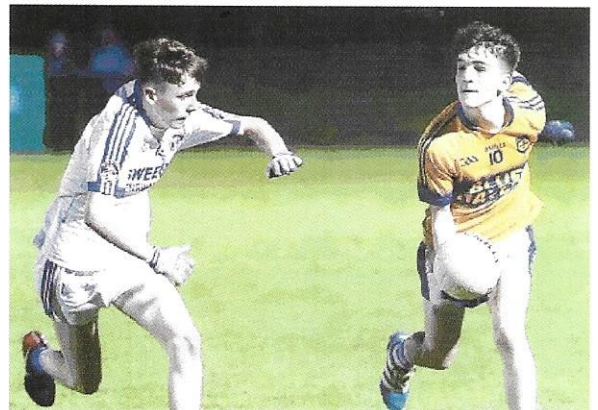
It was always going to be an uphill battle for McNulty's men even with the extra man, and Fanad killed off the game in the 52nd minute.

They worked the ball well up the right side of the pitch, but the play appeared to come to an end when Joshua McAteer dropped possession.

However, McAteer then instinctively pulled on the ball on the ground with his left foot and drilled it into the bottom corner.

Matthew Gallagher was given his marching orders deep into injury-time after stopping a Kilcar attack, but his team were never in any great danger. There was still time for O'Donnell and James Howe to trade points in more than nine minutes of additional time, before Paul Clifford brought an end to proceedings, and Gaeil Fhánada captain Gallagher collected the silverware.

**Gaeil Fhánada:** Eoin McGonigle; James Sweeney, Jonathan Gallagher,



Kilcar's Ryan McShane and Gaeil Fhánada's John Friel in action.

Michael Sweeney; Liam McGranaghan, Matthew Gallagher, Brandon McCafferty; Fergus Friel, Bernard McGettigan (0-5, 2fs); Darren McElwaine (1-3), Mark McAteer (0-1), Eoghan McGranaghan; Joshua McAteer (1-1), John Friel, Shaun Kerr (0-1). Subs: Liam Sweeney, Kieran Coyle, Eoghan Shiels, Kane McLaughlin, James Howe (0-1), Peter Carr.

**Kilcar:** Colm Garvey; Dara Rowan, Dillon O'Gara, Eoin Love; Eoin Cormac (0-1), Kenny Doogan, Cormac O'Leime; Oran Doogan (0-4, 3fs), Ryan O'Donnell (0-5); Ryan McShane, Keelan Curran, Liam Gavigan; Shaunie Boyle, Paucie Love, Conor O'Donnell. Subs: Evan Bonner, Patrick McNelis.

**Referee:** Paul Clifford (Buncrana).

## The Game at a Glance

### MAN OF THE MATCH

Darren McElwaine had a terrific game for Gaeil Fhánada and finished with a personal tally of 1-3. He put in a hard-working shift for his team, and also landed a number of excellent scores. He just edges out Bernard McGettigan, who was also outstanding, while Fergus Friel, Mark McAteer, and John Friel also had their moments. Ryan O'Donnell and Oran Doogan battled well for Kilcar.

### TURNING POINT

Kilcar were hanging tough in the match until the 36th minute when Darren McElwaine drove through and scored an excellent goal. That put his team five ahead and they never looked like relinquishing their lead.

### THE WHISTLER

The referee Paul Clifford brandished a harsh black card to Shaunie Boyle in the first half when it really should have been a yellow for a slide tackle, but Mark McAteer and Matthew Gallagher could have no real qualms about their dismissals. More than nine minutes of injury-time at the end of second half was excessive, and it was hard to know where the official got that time from.

### TALKING POINT

The Gaeil Fhánada club have worked hard with this group of players, and they have enjoyed a good bit of success as they marched up through the ranks. Matthew Gallagher, Brandon McCafferty, Fergus Friel, Bernard McGettigan, and Mark McAteer have already played senior football for Fanad, and they are going to be key players going forward, while there are a few others who are more than capable of making the step up as well.