



Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall



Cluiche Ceannais Sóisear B - 1.00 in
Gael Leitir Ceanainn
V
Naomh Pádraig Leifear



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A Chairde, Fáilte go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill chuig na chluichí ceannais peile sóisearacha A agus B. Tá an chead chluiche (Sóisear B) idir Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn agus Naomh Pádraig Leifear agus tá Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn sa chluiche sóisear (A) chomh maith in éidean Na Dúnaibh.



Tá sé deas go bhfuil daoine abalta bheith i láthair ag cluichí arís agus tá súil agam go mbeidh lá maith agaibh go léir ach iarraim oraibh claoi le na rialacha maidir leis an phandéim chun fanacht sábhailte. Tá mé cinnte go mbeidh dhá chluiche maith againn. Go néirigh go geal le achán duine atá páirteach agus go mbeidh an bua ag na foirne is fearr sa dá chluiche

On behalf of CLG Dhun na nGall I welcome all to O'Donnell Park today for the 2021 Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Junior Championships. It is wonderful to have supporters back in attendance after the restrictions imposed by the Covid 19 regulations and I also welcome all the club officers, past and present, the four squads and mentors. Today's referee for the Junior A final is Marc Brown from the Four Masters Club and I wish him and his officials well. I also wish the best to Clint Marron from Urris who will officiate at the B final.

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn contest both finals here today. Their appearance follows a strong league campaign that seen them promoted to Division 2 for the first time in their history and they will be planning to solidify their progress with these Junior titles and the additional incentive of playing Intermediate football in 2022. In their path is an up-and-coming Downings team; already playing Division 2 football and looking to learn from, and progress after, defeat to St Mary's Convoy in the 2020 Junior final. Naomh Pádraig Lifford who extensively renovated their facilities this year with a two storey extension to their clubhouse and pitch improvements are pairing off against Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn in the Junior B final and I wish both teams the best of luck. One way or the other history will be made today as Gaels have never secured a Junior title and despite being in ten County finals Naomh Pádraig have yet to win one.

Naomh Adhamhnáin, as always, have Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill in top shape. They work hard all season, year after year, to ensure O'Donnell Park is always the best that it can be. Our main competition sponsor, Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure, are also sponsoring the Man of the Match trophies. They have been great supporters of club football in Donegal for many years and for that I thank them very sincerely.

Bainigí sult agus taitneamh as na chluichí agus go mbeidh ceiliúradh sábhailte ag na baiteoirí.

**Ádh Mór
Mick McGrath**



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- 11:45** - Gates Open
 - 12:35** - Both Secretaries to present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 12:40** - Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn take the field and proceed to River End goals. Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs.
 - 12:43** - Naomh Pádraig Leifear take the field and proceed to Clubhouse goals. Naomh Pádraig Leifear will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
 - 12:45** - Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 12:55** - Toss
 - 13:00** - Throw-in County Junior B Football Final
 - *14:19** - Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure
 - *14:20** - Presentation of the Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
 - *14:35** - Both Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn and Naomh Pádraig Secretaries present Team Lists to Referee.
 - 14:40** - Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn take the field and proceed to River End goals. Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn will use the River end seats. Wear Orange Bibs
 - 14:43** - Na Dunaibh take the field and proceed to Clubhouse goals. Na Dunaibh will use the Clubhouse seats. Wear Blue Bibs.
 - 14:45** - Match Officials out onto pitch
 - 14:55** - Toss
 - 14:57** - Amhrán na bhFiann
 - 15:00** - Throw-in County Junior A Football Final
 - *16:35** - Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure
 - *16:37** - Presentation of the McCloskey Perpetual Challenge Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae
- * depending on 'added time'***

Trophy Presentation Guidelines

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the winning captain should lift the trophy directly rather than it being presented to him. Special attention will be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

County Boards were advised to retain trophies until a later date after the presentation is completed but CLG Dhún na nGall have decided to allow the winning team to retain the Junior Trophies. It is expected, however, that the clubs will be sensitive to Covid guidelines in the use, and sharing, of the trophy.

Marc Brown – Junior A Club Championship Final

Marc is a dual referee and a member of na gCeithre Maistiri, Donegal Town. After taking up the whistle in 2013 Marc has had the privilege to be man in the middle for U21 "A" (2019), Senior B (2018) Intermediate B (2017), Junior B (2016) and this year's Minor "A" finals. In underage Marc has refereed all underage finals in both football and hurling.



Marc's umpires today are Four Masters clubmen Greg McGroary, Lee Jordan, Peter Wyatt and Ciaran Harley. Marc would also like to thank Shaun Campbell, Paddy Battles and Owen Doherty for doing the post for him this year and would like to remember former umpire and friend Sean "The Dub" Murray who we lost since covid, may he rest in peace.

Married to Geraldine and dad to Shay, Lucy and Fynn, Marc would like to thank them for their love and support over the last few years. A word of thanks also to Michelle Bennett, Lee Jordan, Pat Walsh, Shane Toolan and whoever else helped Marc out in his refereeing career to date. Finally to both teams and management the very best of luck in today's game which Marc is sure will be great final and players will do their club and families proud.

And remember "tough times don't last, tough people do"...

Today's Officials

Junior A

Referee: Marc Brown

Standby Referee: Connie Doherty

Linesperson: Pat Barrett

Fourth Official: James Connors

Junior B

Referee: Clint Marron

Standby Referee: Connie Doherty

Linesperson: James Connors

Fourth Official: Pat Barrett

Clint Marron – Referee Junior B Club Championship Final



Clint Marron a member of CLG Urris, and former Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan man moved to Donegal in 2016. Clint took up refereeing in 2017 following the footsteps of his late friend Shane McMahon whom he used to umpire for.

Clint would like to thank his wife Sinéad for all her support and encouragement over the past few years. Clint is currently employed at Inishowen Co Op, Buncrana.

Clint has referred two Underage County Finals this year and this is his first County Final. His umpires for today's final will be John Friel, Sean Mc Daid, John and Michael Farren, who he'd like to thank for all their help throughout the season along with Mark Gilmore and Alan Friel. Clint would also like to thank Michelle Bennett and Frank Dooley for all their hard work in such a difficult year that it was, you've both done a great job.

Clint wishes both teams the very best of luck for today's Junior B Final!

Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill

Sinéad is a member of CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin. She is honoured to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Junior Championship finals featuring Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn, Na Dunaibh and Naomh Pádraig Leifear in Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill. Sinéad is very involved with Scór, encouraging and mentoring young club members to participate. Sinéad herself is a former Senior Scór county champion in solo singing



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 sinsir feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunnascreách faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



Commentary for today's Donegal GAA TV stream of the Junior A Final will be supplied by Oisín Kelly, with expert analysis from Brendan Kilcoyne. Tom Comack will be joined by Francie Friel to provide the commentary for the Intermediate B Final.



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1 Minute with Conor McBrearty, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn

- **Favourite Position:** Full Forward
- **Favourite Pitch:** Páirc na nGael
- **Hobbies:** GAA, Soccer, Fantasy Premier League
- **Childhood hero:** Karl Lacey
- **Best Player you have played with:** Ciaran Byrne (Louth)
- **Best Player you have played against:** Jack McCaffrey - it was a tough 15 minutes (for him)
- **Best game you have been involved in:** Today, hopefully
- **Best trainer within your club's squad:** Brian Diver
- **Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Brendan O'Brien, if he comes at all
- **Best motivator within the squad:** Darren Hunter, knows when to speak
- **Any superstitions:** None
- **Favourite Song:** Give it Up - KC and the Sunshine Band
- **Favourite Film:** Law Abiding Citizen
- **Favourite Holiday Destination:** Anywhere with sun – Alicante is pretty good
- **Favourite Meal:** Hard to beat a good stir-fry
- **Best advice ever received:** Believe in yourself
- **Biggest influence on career:** My father
- **Club Volunteer of note:** Brian Sweeney
- **Song you listen to before big games:** Anything in Ryan Graham's playlist
- **Most important skill:** Kicking the ball over the bar
- **Biggest Strength in your game:** Being direct
- **Area of your game you would like to improve:** It's pretty good but il say left foot
- **Advice for youngsters:** Always think what can I do better
- **Young Player within your club to look out for:** Liam McAlary , younger within the club Michael Sweeney.
- **Best thing about the GAA:** Togetherness
- **Batman/Superman:** Batman
- **Up Early/Lie in:** Up early
- **Chinese/Pizza:** Pizza
- **Twitter Account:** @CMcBrearty
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Stair – Gael Leitir Ceanainn

Ag ceiliúradh 25 bliain de chluichí Gaelacha agus de chultúr Gaelach

Letterkenny Gaels GAA club are celebrating a very significant milestone in our Club's history this year as we mark our 25th Anniversary.

Now, you might ask how did our Club get established?

Well, an idea, that started as a conversation between neighbors around December 1995, quickly grew arms and legs and was progressed to the point where we became an affiliated Club of Donegal GAA in March 1996. All of this was down to the vision of four men whose DNA was, and remains, steeped in the GAA. These four men, James Frain, Enda Mannion, Garry Coll and Michael O'Malley, after testing and being convinced of the level of interest in the local community, following a public meeting in January 1996, commenced the application process to affiliate to Donegal GAA in early February 1996. Following a number of meetings and approval of our affiliation, CLG Gael Leitir Ceanainn / Letterkenny Gaels GAA Club was formed at its inaugural AGM on Sunday, 10th March 1996.

As these four men knew well at the time from their involvement in their native clubs, they could not set up and run a new GAA club on their own and that initial display of community support was evidenced by a well-attended inaugural AGM when every position on the Club Executive was filled and team managements were put in place. That community support and goodwill has remained steadfast and consistent throughout our existence and it is something that is both valued and cherished by us all.

Over the years, our Club has ticked all the boxes in fulfilling the objectives of the GAA and is very much family and community driven. On the fields of play, we have had our share of successes, both at underage and adult levels, and also achieved County, Ulster and All-Ireland titles in Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsir.



All that has been achieved is as a result of dedication, hard work and great determination to ensure that we not only survive as a club but thrive. Letterkenny Gaels is a family; we pride ourselves in feeling like a family and like all families we have had our ups and downs. But more importantly we have faced any setbacks

and difficulties head on and come out stronger as a result. Our ups have been celebrated with good grace and humility. We may be based in Donegal's largest town, but we want to ensure that the sense of belonging often felt in small, rural clubs is to the forefront. We are a club for all ages who are interested in both Gaelic Games and our Irish language and culture. We are happy to say that not only is this something we, as club members feel, it is often remarked on by other individuals and clubs.

As with all anniversaries, it is also timely to remember our deceased members and their family members who were with us at the start of or during this great journey and sadly, are no longer with us to be part of our celebrations and our future. May they rest in peace.

We also look with pride and confidence to our youngest members and their families knowing that the very strong foundations built all those years ago allows us as a club to look forward with hope.

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Paths to the Final

The path to the final has not been completely smooth for either Gaels or Downings with neither topping their league group. Na Rossa topped Group A winning four out of four including a narrow win at Páirc na Dunaibh 0-11 to 1-9. Prior to that setback Downings sauntered through their opening games - both played away with 23 point wins in Castlefin against Robert Emmetts and in O'Donnell Park against St Eunans. They bounced back from the Na Rossa setback to overcome Urris 5-12 to 1-6.

In Group B Letterkenny Gaels opened their account with a 1-11 to 1-6 home win against Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin, followed by a resounding 15 point win in Newtown against Naomh Colmcille before crashing to a 2-11 to 1-5 defeat against Group A table-toppers Carndonagh. Carn went through the Group stages unbeaten but drew with Muff. The Gaels final game, a comfortable win against Pettigo, placed them second in the table and lined up a home quarterfinal against Movice, third-placed in Group A.

Movice provided a tough test with the Gaels squeezing through by the minimum margin 0-11 to 0-10 in Páirc na nGael. Downings, second in their group, also had the benefit of home venue and had five points to spare against Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoin. Against Group B table-toppers Carndonagh, Downings again won by 5 coming out on the right side of a 0-14 to 0-9 scoreline. Letterkenny Gaels' semi-final was a tighter encounter, as they overcame Group A winners Na Rossa, winning 1-9 to 0-10.

Having played in different divisions in recent years and avoiding each other in Championship there is little recent history between these two sides. Next Sunday's final, however, should be a tight and competitive encounter. Gaels were bridesmaid in 2019, Downings last year. Both will play Division 2 football in 2022 and are well capable of stepping up to Intermediate level. Only one of them will though and it should be entertaining finding out which.

Naomh Pádraig Leifear meet Letterkenny Gaels in the B final having already beaten them in the league stages. That result might make them marginal favourites but conditions were atrocious that day and Lifford had home advantage. Sunday will be a different ball game and it is difficult to pick a winner. Elsewhere in this programme, the Donegal Democrat's Chris McNulty weighs up the options for both finals.

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Donegal GAA Urgently Needs Referees

There is currently a severe shortage of referees in Donegal with many of the current roster completing two and three games at adult level every weekend while also officiating at underage games during the week. Giving out about referees is a constant refrain across many sports but is particularly prevalent in the GAA.

Donal Smyth, former Meath goalkeeper believes there is no point complaining about refs until you have walked in their shoes. Having played in the great Meath teams under Sean Boylan, injury ended his career in the 1990s but coaching and later referee-ing gave him an opportunity to give something back. He is now the GAA's National Match Official's manager and is encouraging more people to take up the whistle and give it a go.

"An involvement in the GAA has been a constant all my life. Wherever we have lived it has always provided me with opportunities and friendships and sport has also provided me with life skills. Having played hurling and football for my Club, Navan O'Mahony's in Meath, I was lucky enough to be a part of the Meath Senior football Team of the 80s and early 90s, and fortunate to have some success along the way. I played until 1998 when a wrist injury forced me to stop playing; the fact that I was a goalkeeper it was not possible to continue. I got involved in coaching and enjoyed being involved with Clogherinkoe in Kildare, the Meath U16's and Minors and a number of Clubs in Meath.

"I had always wanted to try Refereeing. It was something that attracted me and it was the opportunity to give something back to the GAA which had given me so much. One of the things I realised when I got involved was how little I knew about the rules of the games. Players and coaches think they know the rules; the question is do they?! I continue to referee hurling and football in Meath, and I find refereeing teaches you mental toughness, good people skills, it also gives you the best view of a game and teaches you how to view the games in a different light - one which puts an emphasis on fairness, integrity, decisiveness, and good judgement. It has provided me with great days, and I greatly enjoy the fact that I can be still actively involved in the participation of our games, for fitness, mental health and friendship. It provides a pathway for ambitious people to Referee at the highest level and for people to make a major contribution to your Club and County.



In my role as the National Match Officials Manager for the GAA it is very noticeable the shortage of Referees we have around the Country, we continue to increase the number of games played but with the same number of Referees. Every club should have an active Referee, there is no point giving out about Referees until you walk in their shoes. Recruitment is the responsibility of clubs and Counties and we need to encourage participants for all levels.

The importance of Referees to our games cannot be overstated, without them the games will not be played. Each club should actively recruit and support the Referees who are valuable members of the club." Being a good ref often means having the courage of your convictions – even if the decision is not popular. Donal is adamant that people interested in giving refereeing a try should do just that – and not be put off by any worries about criticism of being the man or woman in the middle.

Donal added: "The positives outweigh the negatives and the contribution you make is always a far more valuable contribution to the Association than the people who are interested in being critical of a referee. We also have the rule book to deal with these individuals and I'd always encourage referees to report these instances and do not shy away from doing what they feel is right.

"Referees are human, and we all can make mistakes, but there is great training and assistance within the GAA to develop and nurture referees through the system. In everyday life we have supporters and critics. Self-control is as important as gaining confidence, especially for new Referees. We need to be prepared for the fact sometimes people will not agree with your decisions. With experience you learn composure and keeping the wits about you when everybody else is agitated. Learning how to cope with different personalities is a learned and life skill. Going into games as a team with the other match officials and supporting each other is very important and sharing information and experiences with others will help."

Donegal GAA urgently needs referees. To get involved please contact the County Board administrator.donegal@gaa.ie or the referee's administrator Michelle Bennett at refereesadministrator.donegal@gaa.ie

OFFICIAL GAA PLAYING RULE CHANGES

THE KICK OUT

AIM: To encourage teams to kick the ball further up the field from the kick out; To present opportunities for the skill of clean catching by bolstering the existing Mark rule.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

During the Allianz National Football Leagues, when the kick out was taken from the 20m line, there was an increase in the number of Marks claimed by teams compared to the 2018 Championship.

During the Allianz National Football Leagues 2019 there was also a significant increase in the number of contested kick outs (i.e. between both teams) compared to the recently concluded 2019 All-Ireland Championship.



THE SIN BIN

AIM: To reduce a rise in cynical play/'professional' fouling and implement a penalty 'on the day' which encourages behavioural change.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

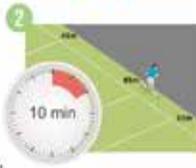
On average during the 2019 NFL, teams with an extra player scored 2.9 points compared to 1 point for the opposition in the same period (i.e. during the period when an opponent was in the sin-bin).

The average 'ball in play' time during a sin bin throughout the Allianz National Football League 2019 (30 games analysed) was 5:15 - entirely consistent with the remainder of the game.

The proposed introduction of the Sin Bin also offers teams a greater level of equity in that it removes the effect of a strong group of substitutes who, under current rule, would replace any player who received a black card.



Black Card is shown



10 minute clock starts once the player has left the field of play. Game will re-commence at the same time that the Sin-Bin period commences.

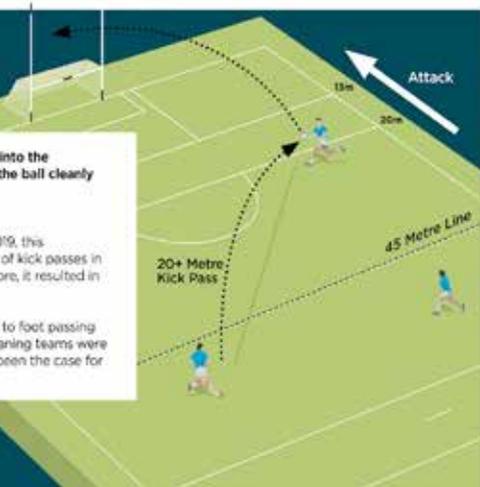
THE ADVANCED MARK

AIM: To offer an incentive for the longer kicking of the ball into the opposition's defensive area and reward players who catch the ball cleanly under these circumstances with a Mark.

Supporting evidence and rationale:

During its trialling in the Allianz National Football Leagues 2019, this experimental rule provided for a 24% increase in the number of kick passes in the game (2019 NFL v 2018 C'ship) - 132 v 107 and, furthermore, it resulted in an increase in the number of contested foot passes (6%)

It provided for the first reduction in the ratio of hand passing to foot passing in ten seasons (3.51 in the 2018 C'ship to 2.9:1 NFL 2019), meaning teams were inclined to kick the ball more and hand pass it less than had been the case for at least the last decade.



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Two Ambitious Clubs Vying for Junior Title

by Chris McNulty - Donegal Democrat

The beaten finalists in the last two years clash in the Junior final hoping to atone for defeats that still sting. Downings lost 3-10 to 1-3 against St Mary's, Convoy last year and Buncrana defeated Letterkenny Gaels 2-12 to 2-8 in the 2019 final.



we want to get that Junior one too.”

A heavy away defeat at Carndonagh along the way acted as a kick for Sean McBrearty's men. Wins over Moville and Na Rossa in the quarter

and semi-finals have them back on county final day.

Letterkenny Gaels are vying for a first ever Junior A Championship in the club's 25th anniversary year with Downings hoping to add to the titles won in 2016, 2012, 1977, 1957 and 1948.

“It would be nice to get over the junior hurdle that we haven't managed yet,” said Letterkenny Gaels captain Darren Hunter. There are a lot of people in the club who deserve some kind of a reward”.

“It will be a tough ask but we'll give it our best. Junior football in Donegal is a very high standard. Anyone you play has the ability to turn you over.”

Letterkenny Gaels already have something to toast in 2021 having won promotion to Division 2. Hunter said: “Getting promoted was some achievement. We trained on our own for a long time and there was a lot of uncertainty.

“It was nice to get some reward then when things did get underway. It was a tough, strange year but it was nice to get something out of it - and now

Hunter said: “We got back on track. It would have been a tough way to finish it with that defeat. We bounced back with two tough games. We had to grind through them.”

Downings have been operating in Division 2 of the All-County League. Back in the final after tasting defeat last time around, Downings are gunning for glory again.

Captain Ben McNutt said: “We would like to think that we're an Intermediate club. We didn't step up to the mark in the last couple of years, but hopefully now we can right some wrongs and get back there.

“It's tough when you get relegated. it's not as simple as playing games and getting back up there.

“A lot of people would say that we should be doing better. Maybe it's harsh, but with us not performing it's hard to argue. Hopefully we can push on and get back to Intermediate.”



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Bainisteoir Gaeil Leitir Ceannainn - Sean McBrearty

Is mór an onóir dom a bheith mar bhainisteoir Chumann Luthchleas Gaeil Leitir Ceannainn an bhliain stairiúil seo.

It is a great honour for me to manage this Letterkenny Gaels team on our 25th Anniversary year. The Management team are delighted and honoured to lead this group of players to our second Junior championship Final in 3 years. These players have showed great commitment and dedication throughout the season. We have already gained promotion to Division Two. The team have put in some massive performances in the league and championship and they will be ready to give our supporters another match winning performance today. On behalf of the management team and players I wish to express our



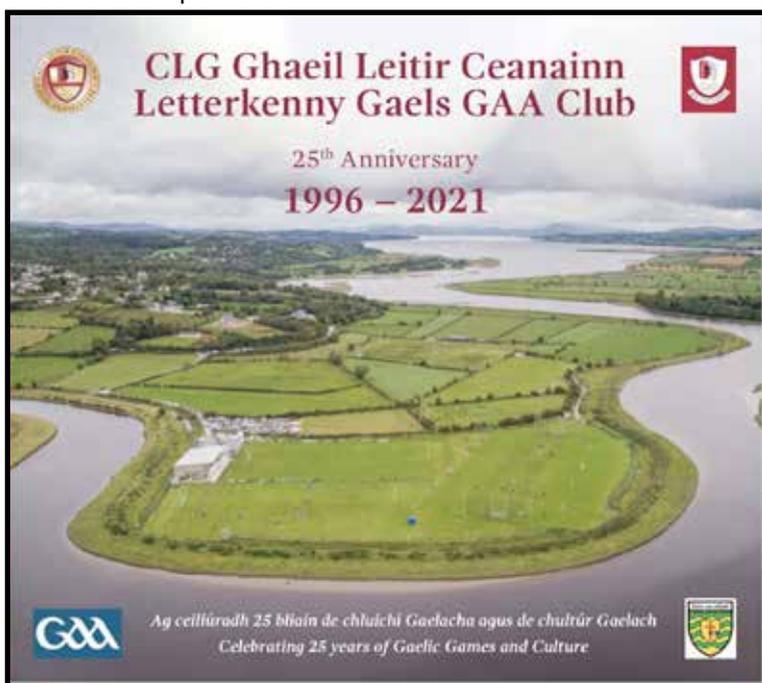
gratitude to the club committee for their support throughout the year.

Special thanks to our Main Sponsors Arena 7 and Divers Hyundai for their continued support. Thanks also to all who supported our various fundraisers during the Covid pandemic. To our

families, wives and girlfriends who have put their lives on hold for the team

We thank all our supporters who have been with us throughout the year and hopefully we can do you proud today. Very Best Wishes also to our reserves who play Lifford in today's Junior B Final

We look forward to two exciting and hopefully rewarding County Finals. Go mbeidh an lá linn.



Cathaoirleach, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn - Danny Cahill

On this our 25th anniversary since our foundation, we in Letterkenny Gaels are very proud to have our senior and reserve teams reach the Junior A and B Championship finals.



of the management, coaching and support staff; Antoin McFadden, Sean McBrearty, John McDermott, Tommy Daly, Monica O'Connor and Seamus Bradley.

The final pathways for both teams have not been easy, with many close fought encounters along the way. But the commitment, hard work, discipline and no little talent has seen our teams prevail to this year's finals. We want as a club to commend the players for their endeavours as well as the leadership and dedication

Our club cannot function without all those members who quietly, behind the scenes, offer their time and expertise to ensure that days like today are possible. Finally, to our sponsors and supporters thank you for your unfailing backing.

Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn, Captaen - Darren Hunter and Sean McDonagh

As captains of Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn we would like to welcome everyone to the 2021 Junior Championship Final. It is an honour for us to lead this team and a proud day for the club having involvement in both junior A and B finals.



support throughout the year in particular Enda Nichols & Arena 7.

A special thanks to all our supporters throughout the year and we hope you enjoy the occasion.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our club committee, management team and everyone involved who have worked tirelessly to get us to where we are. We would like to also thank our sponsors for their continued

With this year being our club's 25 year anniversary it would something special to bring some championship silverware back to Páirc na nGael for the first time.

Darren Hunter and Sean McDonagh



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Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn A – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Aaron Stewart	32	5ft 7	Back	Operations Manager
Ben Gallagher	19	6ft 3"	Midfielder	Student
Brendan O'Brien	37	6ft 2"	Midfielder	Finance
Brian Diver	22	6ft 1"	Back	Student
Conor Cullen	21	5ft 11"	Back	Student
Ciaran Kilfeather	21	5ft 7"	Forward	Student
Ciaran Lynch	27	6ft 0"	Back	Financial Services
Conor Browne	25	6ft 2"	Back	Quantity Surveyor
Conor McBrearty	27	6ft 3"	Forward	Financial Consultant
Conor Walker	20	5ft 10"	Forward	Student
Cormac Cannon	24	5ft 11"	Forward	Business Dev. Rep.
Diarmuid Ó Cathail	21	5ft 10"	Back	Student
Darren Hunter	29	5ft 11"	Back	Primary Teacher
John Doran	28	5ft 10"	Goalkeeper	Accountant
Kevin Kilkenny	28	6ft 2"	Back	Accountant
Kevin Langan	36	5ft 11"	Forward	Accountant
Liam McAlary	19	5ft 11"	Back	Student
Niall Diver	20	6ft 2"	Back	Student
Oisín McElhinney	27	6ft 0"	Midfielder	Financial Consultant
Oran Mac Macken	26	5ft 11"	Forward	Factory Worker
Paddy Doherty	25	6ft 3"	Midfielder	Garda
Ray Quinn	35	6ft 0"	Back	Garda
Ronan Frain	20	6ft 2"	Forward	Student
Shaun Crossan	27	6ft 0"	Back	Accountant
Sean Mc Donagh	25	5ft 10"	Back	Sales Rep
Ryan Graham	22	6ft 3"	Goalkeeper	Student





Letterkenny Gaels



Ryan Graham



Niall Diver



Conor Brown



Kevin Kilkenny



Diarmuid Ó'Cathail



Darren Hunter



Brian Diver



Paddy Doherty



Oisín McElhinney



Sean McDonagh



Cormac Cannon



Conor Walker



Ciarán Kilfeather



Ben Gallagher



Ciarán Lynch

FIR IONAD

- 16 John Doran
- 17 Conor McBrearty
- 18 Brendan O'Brien
- 19 Shaun Crossan
- 20 Kevin Langan
- 21 Odhrán McMacken

- 22 Aron Stewart
- 23 Liam McAlary
- 24 Ray Quinn
- 25 Ronan Frain
- 26 Anthony Diver

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Ben McNutt



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Ethan Cullen



Gary "Ban" McClafferty



James Lee McBride



Danny McBride



Keelan McGroddy



Alan Pasoma



Lorcan Connor



Connor Boyce

FIR IONAD

16 Aaron McClafferty
20 Luke McBride
21 Max Davis
22 Aodh McBride
23 Kyle McFadden
24 Paul McGroddy
25 Shane McTeague

26 Dean McBride
27 Hugo Davis
28 Ciaran McTeague
8 Oisín Boyce
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Na Dúnaibh – Player Pen Pics

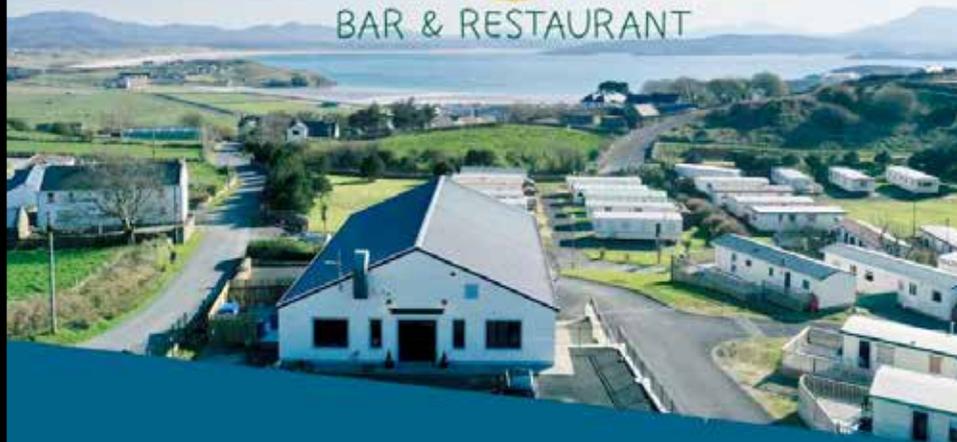
Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Michael McGinley	41	5'11"	Goalkeeper	Carpenter
John Mc Groddy	27	6' 1"	Goalkeeper	
Ross Cullen	20	6'	Defender	Student
Tiernan Mc Bride	18	5'11"	Defender	Student
Max Davis,	30	6'	Defender	Analyst
Hugo Davis	27	5'11"	Defender	Skipper
Kevin "Gooch" Doherty	26	5'10"	Defender	Construction worker
Gary" Ban"Mc Clafferty	32	5" 10"	Forward	Fisherman
Aaron Mc Clafferty	30	5'11"	Forward	Student
Johnny McGroddy	19	5'11"	Forward	Student
Keegan McGroddy	21	6'	Midfield	Student
Paul McGroddy	19	6'2"	Midfield	Student
Lorcan Connor	25	5'9"	Forward	Accountant
Eric Roberts	31	5'10"	Forward	SNA
James LeeMcBride	25	6'	Midfield	Healthcare employee
Danny Mc Bride	35	5'10"	Defender	Plasterer
Alan Pasoma	26	5'10"	Defender	Trainee Electrician
Oisín Boyce	31	5'11"	Midfield	Accountant
Shane Boyce	29	6'2"	Midfield	Supermarket Manger
Ben Mc Nutt	27	6'	Defender	Businessman
Pauric Mc Ginty	20	6'	Defender	Student
Kyle Mc Fadden	19	5'10"	Forward	Student
Ciaran Mc Teague	25	5'11"	Defender	Computer Analyst
Shane Mc Teague	21	5'10"		Garda
Aodh Mc Bride	20	6'	Goalkeeper	Trainee Electrician
Conor Boyce	20	5'10"	Forward	Student
Ethan Cullen	19	6'2"	Midfield	Student
Ultan Mc Groddy	19	6'	Forward	Student
Dean Mc Bride	19	5' 11"	Defender	Student
Dale Mc Bride	18	5'11"	Defender	Student
Fallon Mc Bride	18	5' 10"	Defender	Student
Luke Mc Bride	27	6'2"	Forward	Business Manager
Ronan Gallagher	20	6'1"	Midfield	Student
Patrick Mc Elwee	18	6'	Forward	Student



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We are glad to be here again in a county final for the second year in a row. We've a few new young players in from last year's final so hopefully they can enjoy the build-up and the day of the final, with the help of the old guard.

We'd like to thank the board for all their help since we got involved, anything we have asked it's never been a problem. We'd also like to thank the Downings Bay Hotel for sponsoring the team this year. Thanks to everyone in the parish for supporting the lads all year, home and away. Hopefully days like the final will help bring more kids and adults from around the parish into the club.

A special thanks to all the players, reserve and senior, everything we asked all year you have done and more. From driving home from college midweek, to standing in a baltic tide after, nothing was ever an issue. A



massive thanks to everyone of you and your families.

Come Sunday at 3 o'clock we are under no illusion that Letterkenny Gaels are going to come at us with everything they have. They're the form team this year, they got promoted to division 2, they beat Na Rossa to make the final and Na Rossa beat us a few weeks prior to that. They have a top trainer in this year. and it is their 25-year anniversary. So, we know were going to have to meet them with hunger in every department on the field. We'd like congratulate Letterkenny Gaels on their 25th club anniversary and wish them all the best on the day.

Thanks again to everyone for their support. Go and enjoy the day, get home safe and witness one hell of a junior final.

CLG na nDúnaibh abu

Captaen, Na Dúnaibh, Ben McNutt

I am privileged to lead this Na Dúnaibh team out to a county final. A couple of months back it didn't look like we'd get playing football at all this year so to finish of the year with the chance of silverware is great.

Letterkenny Gaels have had a great season and we look forward to the challenges they bring us. Finals always bring a great atmosphere and excitement around the parish which helps spur us on come game day. Lucky unlike last season our supporters are allowed to the game, which will be



a massive boost for us and we are hoping to put on a performance they are proud of.

This season has been challenging for all clubs including ourselves so I'd like to thank the players for all

their effort, sacrifices and time given from the start of the season and to both sets of managers for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you to the club also for their continued support. Go raibh maith agaibh.

Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Cathaoirleach, Na Dúnaibh - Eoin Byrne

Mar chathaoirleach CLG na nDúnaibh, ba mhaith liom comhghairdeas a dhéanamh lenár bhfoireann shinsearach agus lenár mbainisteoirí as áit a bhaint amach san chluiche ceannais.

Buíochas mór do choiste an chumainn agus d'achan duine a bhí ag obair go crua i rith na bliana seo, agus na dúshláin ar fad a bhí le sárú againn mar chumann agus mar eagraíocht. Buíochas mór do lucht gnó an cheantair a thug urraíocht dúinn i mbliana. Míle buíochas libh ar fad.

As chairperson of CLG na nDúnaibh,

I would like to congratulate our senior players and managers on reaching the junior final.



I would also like to thank the club committee and volunteers who have worked so hard for our club over the past couple of very challenging years. Many thanks to those businesses who sponsored the club this year.

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Naomh Pádraig plan on ending Losing Sequence

by Chris McNulty - Donegal Democrat

Naomh Padraig, Lifford have been rebuilding in more ways than one of late.

The new Pairc MacDiarmada was reopened this summer and now the club hopes to cap off 2021 with the addition of the Junior B title.

There were real fears for the club's future when John McDermott, the club chairman, reached out to Sean McConnell to return as manager.

"It has been a long way back," McConnell said. "There are some fantastic players in Lifford and we want to make sure that we get to these days more often".

"We have a panel of 29 going out on Sunday. We have turned a part of the corner. We have a longer plan to have two competitive teams. For now, we want to get through Sunday.

"We have young players who are sampling senior football for the first time and they're bedding in nicely."

In December 2015, the pitch was submerged in devastating floods. The Foyle overflowed and the water was the height of the pitch's perimeter fence.

The club decided to raise the height of the pitch by four metres and a major redevelopment began.

In 2018, the club unveiled



ambitious plans for an upgrade of the facilities, announcing the planned addition of two sand-based pitches, the construction of two new changing rooms, two disabled toilets and a conference room.

The facility has provided the backdrop for the run to today's final.

McConnell said: "We have a good home now and a first class facility with further plans for the next stage. The other part of that is developing on the field. That will take a couple of years to come to fruition but Sunday's final is stage one."

Naomh Padraig have lost their last nine finals and are hoping to end the sequence on Sunday.

They lost Junior A finals to Burt (2011), Naomh Muire (2007), Convoy (2005) and Urris (1999). They were also beaten by Ardara (2012), Kilcar (2000 and 2001), Ardara (1987) and Naomh Columba (1985) in Junior B deciders.

Captain Paul Lynch has been one of their mainstays of the two decades.

He said: "Success breeds success, If we go out and win a final, young children would feed off that and numbers would increase. It would be a massive boost for the club."

Stair - Na Dúnaibh

Cuireadh CLG Na nDúnaibh ar bun í leithinis Ros Goill sa bhliain 1938. Cuireadh foireann sóisir 'na páirce ag an am agus bhain said craobh sóisir na contae sa bhliain 1948 agus 1957. Ón bhliain 1965 go dtí 1977 bhí CLG Na nDúnaibh conaschta le leithinis Fhánada faoin ainm Gaeil na Maoile Ruaidhe ar dtús agus ainm Ruairi Mac Easmainn. Cha raibh de thoradh ar an chónascadh seo ach craobh sóisir contae sa bhliain 1968.

Chuaigh CLG Na Dúnaibh a mbealach fhéin arís sa bhliain 1977 agus d'éirigh leo an chraobh sóisir i nDún na nGall a bhaint arís. Bhuaigh said craobh idirmhéanach na contae

agus Comórtas Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta i ngrád na sóisir sa bhliain 1981 agus d'éirigh leo an Comórtas Náisiúnta a bhaint arís sa bhliain 1982. Ba sa bhliain 1983 a bhí an toragh is fearr acu nuair a d'éirigh leo Comórtas Peile na Gaeltachta ngrád na sinsir a bhaint, ag fáil an bhuaidh ar Ard a' Ratha I gcluiche ceannais Chomortas Peile na Gaeltachta sa chontae ar dtús agus ansin ag fáil an bhuaidh ar Béal an Mhuirthéadsa chluiche ceannais Náisunta i nGaoth Dobhair.

Bhain Na Dúnaibh an Craobh Sóisear freisin sna blianta 2012 agus 2016.



Plean Teanga Thuaisceart Dhún na nGall

Fánaid, Ros Goill, Gleann Bhairr, An Chraoslach, An Tearmann, Gleann Domhain



Limistéar Pleanála Teanga Thuaisceart Dhún na nGall

Is Limistéar Pleanála Teanga (LPT) mór faisings é Tuaisceart Dhún na nGall atá comhdhéanta as ceantracha Gaeltachta Fhánaid, Ros Goill, Gleann Bhairr, An Chraoslaigh, An Tearmainn agus Ghleann Domhain.

This Language Planning Area North Donegal is an expansive Language Planning Area (LPT) made up of six different Gaeltacht districts, Fánaid, Ros Goill, Gleann Bhairr, An Craoslach, An Tearmann and Gleann Domhain.

Cad é atá i gceist le Pleanáil Teanga? Is éard atá i gceist leis an phleanáil teanga ná modhanna pleanáilte faoina ndéanann an pobal féin iarracht tionchar a imirt ar chleachtas agus ar nósanna teanga a labhraítear inár gceantar féin. Tá líon na gcainteoirí laethúla Gaeilge faoi bhun 29% den phobal in achan cheantar i dTuaisceart Dhún na nGall. Tá sé mar sprioc ag an Phlean Teanga seo ná líon na gcainteoirí a ardú agus an Ghaeilge a chur i lár an aonaigh i saol an phobail i dTuaisceart Dhún na nGall. Rinne muid ár dtaighde féin Rinne muid ár dtaighde féin agus tá na beartais inár bpleann teanga bunaithe ar thorthaí an taighde sin.



What is Language Planning?

Language Planning involves the community agreeing on actions that will have a positive impact on how a language is used and spoken in an area. According to the latest census all areas in our language planning area have a percentage of daily active speakers below 29%. It is the aim of this Language Plan to increase the number of Gaeilge speakers in this area.

Dearcadh an Phobail i Leith na Teanga: Deir 95.48% den phobal a deir go bhfuil sé tábhachtach go mairfeadh an Ghaeilge sa Ghaeltacht. Tá 76.85% den phobal sásta feabhas a chur ar a gcuid Gaeilge.

The Community's Attitude to the Language 95.48% Think it important that the language survives in the Gaeltacht, 76.85% Are willing to improve their Irish language skills.

Buaicphointí ar bPlean Teanga: Plean ilghnéitheach cuimsitheach é a bhaineann le hiomlán an phobail.

• **Oldeachas/Education:** Beidh tumaideachas in achan scoil/ *Immersion Education in our primary schools*

• **An Óige/ The Youth:** Beidh clubanna óige, iarscoile agus

deiseanna eile ann don óige an Ghaeilge a chleachtadh

• **Foghlaimoiri/Learners:** Beidh ranganna & scéimeanna ar nós Gaeilchra ar nós d'fhoghlaimoiri/ *Classes & schemes such as "Gaeilchra" for learners.*

• **An Earnáil Ghnó/ Business Community:** Spreagfar gnónna na háite le níos mó úsáid a bhaint as an Ghaeilge/ *Local businesses will be encouraged to make more use of the language.*

• **Na Meáin Chumarsáide/ Media:** Beidh eolas ar imeachtaí agus ar chúrsaí Pleanála Teanga ar fáil ar líne agus i gcló/ *Information on events will be updated online*

• **Caitheamh Aimsire/ Past Times & Océaid Sóisialta/ Social Events:** Beidh imeachtaí Gaeilge ar siúl go rialta in achan cheantar/ *Regular Gaeilge events in all areas*

• **Teaghlach/Families:** Tabharfar tacaíocht dóibh siúd ar mhaith leo úsáid a bhaint as an Ghaeilge/ *support for those who wish to use Irish*

Líon na gcainteoirí Gaeilge laethúla a ardú le 4% thar saol ré an Phlean Teanga seo/The percentage of daily Irish speakers in the area will be raised by 4% over lifespan of the language plan

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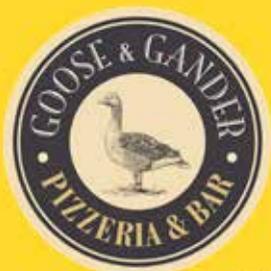
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Ádh mór ar CLG Na Dunaibh ar Cluiche Ceannais Soisear inniu

1 Minute with Oisín Boyce, Na Dúnaibh

- **Favourite Position:** Half forward
- **Favourite Pitch:** Fairly lucky our own home pitch is as good as you'll get
- **Hobbies:** Soccer, golf
- **Childhood hero:** David Beckham
- **Best Player you have played with:** Mattie Donnelly
- **Best Player you have played against:** Michael Murphy
- **Best game you have been involved in:** All-Ireland Junior Gaeltacht Final 2018 v Fanad Gaels
- **Best trainer within your club's squad:** John McGroddy
- **Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Keelan McGroddy
- **Best motivator within the squad:** Tiarnan McBride
- **Any superstitions:** None
- **Favourite Song:** NY State of Mind
- **Favourite Film:** Stepbrothers
- **Favourite Holiday Destination:** New York City
- **Favourite Meal:** Chilli Con Carne
- **Best advice ever received:** Your best ability is your own availability
- **Biggest influence on career:** All coaches I've worked with have influenced me in some way or another so couldn't say one in particular.
- **Club Volunteer of note:** Caitriona Frank McClafferty – whether you want a lotto ticket or not you're buying one.
- **Song you listen to before big games:** Meek Mill – Dreams and Nightmares or Patrick Topping – Be sharp say nowt.
- **Most important skill:** Being able to kick and hand pass with both hands and feet. Dad had us practicing that at a young age.
- **Biggest Strength in your game:** Versatility – have played from full back to full forward and like to think I always gave a decent account of myself
- **Area of your game you would like to improve:** Would love to improve my speed but at 31 think that ship has sailed – some people would even say it had sailed when I was 21.
- **Advice for youngsters:** Be consistent at going to training week in week out and if you're committed to that you will improve consistently as you get older into a good player regardless of where you were at when you started.
- **Young Player within your club to look out for:** Paddy McElwee – He's just out of minors and already shown up a few senior players at training.
- **Best thing about the GAA:** The companionship and sense of community you get from your teammates and club members alike and its big weeks like this that show just how much it means to everyone
- **Batman/Superman:** Batman
- **Up Early/Lie in:** Lie in
- **Chinese/Pizza:** Pizza and lots of it
- **Twitter Account:** None
- **Istagram Account:** @oisinboyce





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A blue rectangular logo for 'The Sibín Ceoil Singing Pub'. The text 'The Sibín Ceoil' is at the top in a white, stylized font. Below it, 'Downings * Co Donegal' is written in a smaller white font. A green shamrock is positioned between 'Since the' and '18th CENTURY'. The words 'SINGING pub' are written in large, white, stylized letters. Below that, 'One of Ireland's Oldest Pubs' is written in a smaller white font. At the bottom, 'AUTHENTIC TRADEMARK' is written in white capital letters, flanked by two small green and yellow decorative elements.

Ádh mór ar fhorainn na nDunaibh. Tá suil againn go mbeidh an lá leo

Bainisteoir Naomh Pádraig, Leifear - Sean McConnell

Naomh Pádraig Leifear are delighted to be back in a county final after a 10 year wait. I managed that 2011 team with Vinnie Gallagher and when I was asked to manage the team again in 2019 I was delighted to have Vinnie once more by my side. This time we have added Mark Foley (physio /selector) to our management team. We appreciate the work done by the club Chairman, John McDermott, in preparation for this final.



On behalf of the players and management team I would like to thank the Club Committee, Club Sponsors, members, supporters, and the player's families for their continuing support.

Today we face formidable opponents in Letterkenny

Gaels and go into this game fully understanding the challenge ahead. Some of our players have experienced county final day before, for others it will be their first experience. I'd like to commend the players on their approach this season. As a panel they have worked extremely hard and I know that they will do their utmost on Sunday to bring the first All County Adult title back to Lifford.

Since 2019 our pitch was undergoing development. That meant we had no home to train or play our games. In 2021 that changed and I feel that the new development has helped the team prepare this season.

Naomh Pádraig, Leifear Captaen - Brian Breslin

A chairde, on behalf of the Naomh Padraig Leifear players, I would like to welcome you all here today and to those watching the live stream who couldn't be here in person. It's a huge privilege and honour for us as a team to be representing our club and parish in the Junior B Championship Final.



Today we face strong opposition in Letterkenny Gaels, as a club they have been going from strength to strength and I would like to congratulate their senior team on getting promoted to Division 2 and congratulate their whole club on celebrating its 25th Anniversary this year.

I would like to thank our management team who have worked tirelessly with us all year, leading us to where we are

today and our club executive for their work and commitment in developing the new club pitch and training facilities over the last number of years.

It's a great honour for me to captain this team and I would like to thank all the players for their commitment and hard

work over the last year, whether it be in Lifford, Dublin or Belfast. Nothing would make me prouder than leading this team to our first championship trophy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out Naomh Padraig Leifear in any way this year, it is greatly appreciated and finally, a special thanks to our supporters for always getting behind the team, whether it be home or away. Go raibh maith agat.

Cathaoirleach Naomh Pádraig, Leifear - John McDermott

I would like to welcome everyone to O'Donnell Park as the Club once again contests a county Ffnal. This is our first championship final in 10 years and the tenth final in the history of our club, all of which we have come runners-up.



redeveloped our pitch and new floodlit training area into one of the finest in the county. This is a great credit to everyone involved who gave up their time and money.

I would like to thank our management team Sean McConnell and Vinny Gallagher and team physio Mark Foley and wish them all the best on Sunday and thank them for their hard work and commitment over the last 3 years.

I would also like to wish all the players who are taking to the field on Sunday the very best of luck and thank them for their hard work and commitment.

The club has undergone a major transformation over the past 3 years with the construction of 2 new changing rooms and a large hall upstairs. We have also

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our club executive for all their hard work in keeping our club going and performing at a professional level.

I would really like to thank all our underage coaches, players and parents for always bringing their children to their club every week, without which there would be no adult teams.

I also want to take this opportunity to remember all those loved ones who have passed away, Ar dheis Dé go raibh a n-anamacha.

Finally, a massive thanks to all the businesses and individuals for all their kind donations in the lead up to the final.

Naomh Padraig Abú.

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Stair - Naomh Pádraig, Leifear

The Naomh Pádraig GAA club in Lifford celebrates its 30th anniversary next year and this year is also the centenary of the first GAA club to be established in the Clonleigh parish, namely 'Triconaill Harps Murlog' in 1921. Gaelic football and Hurling have been played in the Clonleigh parish and wider area since the early 1900's. Prior to this Camán was played in the local area. In April 1903 a hurling match between Lamh Dearg and Raparees (Strabane) was played in Ballyduff Park, Lifford.

As mentioned at the outset, the first recorded GAA club in the Clonleigh parish was 'Triconaill Harps Murlog' and was founded in 1921 like so many other clubs after the war of independence. The McDermott family who are synonymous with Gaelic games in the Clonleigh parish to this very day, were founding members of this first club. Through the 1920's and 1930's numerous local clubs came and went in the parish, clubs such as Clonleigh Harps, Lifford, Porthall Rovers and Rossgier. There was also a Camogie team in Lifford in the 1930's called Lifford Gaels and they played their home games in Conneyburrow Park.

After several years with no affiliated GAA club in the parish due to emigration, Lifford GAA club was founded in 1953, the founding members were Harry Carey, Sgt T Brennan, Seamus Finnegan, Michael Murphy, Hughie Shiels, Barney McDermott, Billy and Paddy McKinney, Charlie Tourish and Hugh Doherty, Danny McNamee, J Crawford, J McGowan, M Sweeney, L Murphy, J Curry, TJ McManus. The club was very competitive in Football and Hurling through the 1950's and into the late 1960's. So much so that Lifford GAA club contested the County Hurling championship final for 4 years in a row, winning twice in 1958 and 1960. The club was also successful in Underage Hurling winning the Juvenile (U16) County Championship in 1964 and the County Minor championship in 1965, the late great Dessie McDermott was a member of these great underage Hurling teams.

After a period of no affiliated adult team in early 1970's, Lifford GAA club was reformed in 1977 under the Chairmanship of Packie Keeney, along with the McDermott family, Danny Bannigan and many more greats. During this time the club reached its first football final in 1985 and agonisingly lost by a last-minute goal and reached its second final in 1987, both under the management of Packie Keeney, who also held a position as county selector.

In 1989 the club didn't affiliate for 3 years and then on the 1st January 1992 Naomh Pádraig Lifford was formed under the stewardship of many club greats such as Paul Melaugh, Brian McKinney, Dolores O'Kelly, Tony McDaid, Joan McDaid, Enda McDermott, John Francis McDermott, Austin Daly, Paucic McCrory and many more. The first major development occurred in 2003 with the construction of the first club house facilities.

The Gaelic club in Lifford has a unique honour in Donegal GAA of having 2 previous club members hold the high office of President of the Ulster GAA Council, namely Harry Carey and Tom Daly. Only 4 Donegal

men have held the position of President of the Ulster GAA Council. The last 2 have been Harry Carey & Tom Daly

Harry Carey was involved in Gaelic games in Clonleigh from the early 1930's to the late 1960's. He was Ulster GAA president in the mid 1960's, he held numerous other rolls such as County Secretary, County Treasurer, Ulster Delegate and County Hurling Chairman, he also was a highly regarded referee. He was a strong advocate for Hurling, Harry was also ahead of his time, he pioneered a prototype Fibreglass Hurley from a factory in Gaoth Dobhair in the 1960's away before Wavin or Cúltec, which Tom Daly now has in his possession.

Tom Daly who coincidentally worked under Harry Carey in Lifford County Council was a leading member during the rejuvenation of the club in the late 1970's as mentioned previously. Tom was particularly instrumental as club Treasurer in raising funds for the purchasing of the 7-acre field in the Roughan, Lifford in 1979 from the late Pat French. Prior to this the club did not have its own grounds and played in various fields throughout the parish. Today the grounds are named after the late great Barney McDermott. It could even be said Tom got his first taste for developing GAA grounds in Lifford, which he also did with his native Aodh Ruadh club in Ballyshannon and Tom is now trusted with the great honour and privilege of overseeing the redevelopment of Ulster's premier venue Casement park in Belfast.

In 1987 the club won the U14B County championship, which was the first underage title. The most recent success was in the U16C competition in 2018. In 2005 the team missed out on promotion to intermediate football on scoring difference, but in 2012 under Sean McConnell the team gained promotion to Intermediate football, which was a first in the history of the club.

In 2011 and 2012 the reserve team won the Division 4 Reserve league which was the first adult league title for the club. In 2012 the ladies team also gained promotion to Intermediate football, the wheels are currently in motion to establish a Ladies team for 2022.

Today will be the club's 10th Adult football final over the last 36 years, the club has previously contested 4 Junior-A finals in 1999, 2005, 2008 and 2011 and 5 Junior-B finals in 1985, 1987, 2000, 2001 and 2012. We've had more than our fair share of disappointments in the previous 9 finals and it's a testament to the players, management, committee and supporters that we are back in another final seeking that elusive County Football title.

As we look back over the last 100 years through all the ups and downs and look at how far GAA has come in our own parish with the completion of the new clubhouse, pitch and training area complete with flood lights under the Chairmanship of John McDermott. This truly is the beginning of a new and exciting chapter in the history of Gaelic Games in Lifford and the wider Clonleigh parish.



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1 Minute with Brian Breslin, Naomh Pádraig, Leifear

- **Favourite Position:** Centre Half Forward
- **Favourite Pitch:** Our own in Lifford
- **Hobbies:** Golfing and football
- **Childhood hero:** Mike Tyson, the fat Ronaldo and Paul Galvin from Kerry to name a few
- **Best Player you have played with:** Warner Mullen (Strabane)
- **Best Player you have played against:** Peter Harte (Errigal Ciaran & Tyrone)
- **Best game you have been involved in:** 2012 promotion to intermediate vs Castlefinn
- **Best trainer within your club's squad:** Probably Micky Gallagher
- **Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Probably myself, old knees at me a bit!
- **Best motivator within the squad:** Marty McHugh or Johnny Mahon
- **Any superstitions:** None really
- **Favourite Song:** Viva la Quinte Brigada - Christy Moore
- **Favourite Film:** Rocky 4
- **Favourite Holiday Destination:** Ah would have to be Bundoran
- **Favourite Meal:** Has to be the Kebab
- **Best advice ever received:** "Too many men trying to ride too many horses and their legs aren't long enough" - Dessie McDermott
- **Biggest influence on career:** My family
- **Club Volunteer of note:** Brian McKinney/ Kevin Tourish
- **Song you listen to before big games:** Adagio for strings - Tiesto
- **Most important skill:** To have a dummy in your locker and to be accurate!
- **Biggest Strength in your game:** Speed
- **Area of your game you would like to improve:** The defensive side of it!
- **Advice for youngsters:** Always believe in yourself!
- **Young Player within your club to look out for:** Eoin Breslin, Oran Gallen and Jeffery Crawford, especially Jeffery Crawford.
- **Best thing about the GAA:** The friendships you make
- **Batman/Superman:** Batman
- **Up Early/Lie in:** Lie in
- **Chinese/Pizza:** Pizza
- **Twitter Account:** @Brianbreslin08
- **Istagram Account:** Brianbreslin08



Naomh Pádraig, Leifear – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Jordan Nelson	26	5ft 11"	Goalkeeper	Software Developer
Shaun McBrearty	30	5ft 11"	Goalkeeper	Lecturer
Jeffery Crawford	33	5ft 10"	Goalkeeper	Retail
Gary Vambeck	27	5ft 7"	Back	Barber
Rory Brennan	18	5ft 7"	Back	Plumber
Mickey McBrearty	31	5ft 7"	Back	Joiner
Eoin Breslin	18	6ft 2"	Back	Leisure
Marty McHugh	27	5ft 9"	Back	Pipe Fitter
Micheal Ferry	37	5ft 10"	Back	Wholesale
Paul Lynch	36	5ft 11"	Half back	Civil Servant
Jack Mahon	25	5ft 10"	Half back	Business Analyst
Oran Gallen	19	5ft 8"	Half back	Student
Jaymee Stewart	20	5ft 10"	Half back	Plumber
Cameron Mahon	18	5ft 10"	Half back	Barber
Seamie Breslin	27	6ft 2"	Midfield	Pipe Fitter
Mickey Gallagher	30	5ft 11"	Midfield	Pipe Fitter
Charles Dooher	23	6ft 4"	Midfield	Farmer
James McNulty	26	6ft 2"	Midfield	Supervisor
Ailbe Glackin	20	6ft 2"	Half Forward	Student
Brian Breslin ©	29	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Pipe Fitter
Declan Lafferty	29	6ft 2"	Half Forward	Pipe Fitter
Kevin Lynch	25	5ft 11"	Half Forward	Civil Servant
Lorcan Glackin	26	5ft 7"	Half Forward	Consultant
Adam Cole	18	6ft 2"	Half Forward	Meat Operator
Mark Carlin	40	5ft 8"	Forward	Scaffolder
Kevin McBrearty	37	5ft 6"	Forward	Civil Servant
Conor Breslin	21	5ft 10"	Forward	Pipe Fitter
John Mahon	34	5ft 7"	Forward	Site Supervisor
Lorny Crossan	37	5ft 10"	Forward	Wholesale
Garret McDermot	47	5ft 10"	Forward	Construction



Naomh Pádraig, Lifford - Senior Team 2021

Back 3 to R: Vinnie Gallagher, Josh Marley, Kevin Lynch, Paul Lynch, Shaun McBrearty, Michael Gallagher, Garret McDermot, Eoin Breslin, Declan Lafferty, Jordan Nelson, Jeffery Crawford, Cameron Mahon, Ailbe Glackin, Brian Breslin, Charles Dooher, Seamus Breslin, James McNulty, Mark Fohy, John McDermot.

Front 3 to R: Sean McConnell, Adam Cole, Lorcan Glackin, Martin McHugh, Kevin McBrearty, Mark Carlin, Rory Brennan, Johnny Mahon, Gary Vambeck, Mickey McBrearty, Conor Breslin, Jack Mahon, Oran Gallen, Lorny Crossan, Micheal Ferry, Jaymee Stewart.

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**Naomh
Pádraig, Leifear**



Jordan Nelson



Rory Brennan



Marty McHugh



Micky McBrearty



Oran Gallen



Paul Lynch



Jack Mahon



Michael Gallagher



Seamie Breslin



Lorcan Glackin



Ailbe Glackin



Kevin Lynch



Kevin McBrearty



Michael Ferry



Brian Breslin

FIR IONAD

- 16 Jeffrey Crawford
- 17 Jonny Mahon
- 18 Conor Breslin
- 19 Declan Lafferty
- 20 Mark Carlin
- 21 Lorny Crossan
- 22 Jamie Stewart

- 23 Eoin Breslin
- 24 Garret McDermott
- 25 Gary Vambeck
- 26 Shaun McBrearty
- 27 Charles Dooher
- 28 Adam Cole
- 29 Cameron Mahon

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Sean Montieth



Shay Doherty



Declan Gallen



Charlie Creevy



Peter Doherty



Joe Friel

FIR IONAD

- 16 James Carr
- 17 Aidan Hanley
- 18 Liam Doherty
- 19 Anthony McDaid
- 20 Keelan Margey

- 21 Eoghan Harkin
- 22 Jack Patton
- 24 John Kilrehill
- 25 Cormac Doherty



Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Aaron Stewart	32yrs	5ft 8	Defender	Entertainment Manager
Adam Duncan	19yrs	6ft 2	Midfield	Hospital Porter
Aidan Hanley	24yrs	5ft 11	Forward	Cloud Engineer
Anthony Mc Daid	46yrs	6ft 0	Defender	Business Analyst
Charlie Creevy	41yrs	5ft 10	Forward	Analyst
Conor Cullen	20yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Cormac Doherty	20yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Darren Mc Brearty	30yrs	6ft 3	Midfield	Financial Consultant
Declan Gallen	19yrs	6ft 2	Forward	Student
Eoghan Harkin	23yrs	5ft 10	Forward	Retail Supervisor
Jack Patton	23yrs	6ft 1	Forward	Accountant
James Carr	25yrs	5ft 7	Goalkeeper	Muinteoir Bunscoile
Joe Friel	24yrs	5ft 11	Forward	Construction
John Kilrehil	26yrs	6ft 0	Forward	Garda
Keelan Margey	20yrs	6ft 3	Forward	Sales Man
Liam Doherty	29yrs	6ft 1	Midfield	Miner
Nicky Mc Garrigle	40yrs	5ft 10	Defender	Delivery Driver
Peter Doherty	28yrs	6ft 0	Forward	Construction
Sean Crossan	26yrs	6ft 1	Defender	Accountant
Sean Mc Gilloway	20yrs	5ft 11	Defender	Student
Sean Monteith	33yrs	5ft 8	Forward	Carpenter
Shane Gildea	33yrs	6ft 2	Defender	Civil Engineer
Shane Graham	24yrs	6ft 2	Goalkeeper	Student
Shay Doherty	22yrs	5ft 11	Forward	Barman



1 Minute with Aaron Stewart, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B

- **Favourite Position:** Wing Back
- **Favourite Pitch:** Mac Cumhaill Park
- **Hobbies:** Watching Motorsport
- **Childhood hero:** Colin McRae
- **Best Player you have played with:** Diarmuid Ó'Cathail
- **Best Player you have played against:** Willie Gillespie
- **Best game you have been involved in:** Winning the League against Convoy in 2014
- **Best trainer within your club's squad:** Anthony McDaid
- **Worst trainer within the club's squad:** Charlie Creevy
- **Best motivator within the squad:** Mise
- **Any superstitions:** None
- **Favourite Song:** Any 80's hits
- **Favourite Film:** Shawshank Redemption
- **Favourite Holiday Destination:** Lanzarote
- **Favourite Meal:** Turkey and Ham
- **Best advice ever received:** Never let yourself down
- **Biggest influence on career:** My parents
- **Club Volunteer of note:** Mark McFadden
- **Song you listen to before big games:** Al Pacino (Any Given Sunday)
- **Most important skill:** Teamwork
- **Biggest Strength in your game:** Speed
- **Area of your game you would like to improve:** Shooting
- **Advice for youngsters:** Believe in yourself
- **Young Player within your club to look out for:** Jamie Cullen
- **Best thing about the GAA:** Community Spirit
- **Batman/Superman:** Superman
- **Up Early/Lie in:** Up early
- **Chinese/Pizza:** Chinese
- **Twitter Account:** na
- **Instagram Account:** na





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Best wishes

to both Letterkenny Gaels teams today in
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Bainisteoir, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B, John M

It is a great honour for us to lead this group of players into the 2021 Junior B final. This is a very special year for our Club as we celebrate our 25th anniversary and to see our Club contest both of the junior finals is testament to all of the hard work put in by so many volunteers during this time.



Our squad for the Junior A final today demonstrates the importance of the various B finals in the development of young players and we are very proud to see three players who played in the 2019 Junior B final now stepping up to the A final in 2021. Our thanks are extended to the County Officials for all their work in promoting the B competitions and giving players the opportunity to develop and progress.

Our panel today again includes a great mix of youth and experience with players like Charlie Creevy and Nicky

Mc Garrigle enjoying All Ireland success with Donegal Masters and younger players such as Sean Mc Gilloway and Declan Gallen are the fruits of all the hard work going on at underage level in the Club. We enjoy a very good relationship with Sean and his Naomh Padraig and would know them well

from both competitive and friendly games over the last numbers of years. Hopefully both teams can play to their full potential on the day and the spectators in O Donnell Park are treated to a great game of football.

Finally we wish to sincerely thank our main sponsor Arena 7 for their ongoing support. Enda and his team have helped us in so many ways during the year and nothing is ever too much to ask. Our thanks also to our other sponsors who work away in the background to ensure we looked after in so well.

Captaen, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn B,

We are delighted to be given the honour of leading this team into the 2021 Junior B final. It is a huge achievement for our Club to be contesting both final for the second time in three years and hopefully we can move forward from the disappointment of 2019 and bring both trophies back to Parc Na Gael. The senior panels have put in a huge effort all year in what is a very special time for our Club and hopefully we can bring that intensity into our performance today.



On behalf of the players we would like to thank our management team and Club Officials for all the unseen

work that goes on the background to give us these special days. We also congratulate Clint and his team on the appointment to officiate the final as without their work and commitment

these occasions would not happen. Our thanks also to our neighbours, St Eunans for hosting the game in O Donnell Park and hopefully we can follow on from their tremendous achievements last week.

Finally we wish Naomh Padraig well in the game today and hopefully between us we can produce a sporting game which is worthy of the occasion.

Forbhreathnú gairid ar ghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha sa chontae

le Caitriona Nic Suibhne agus Fergus Mac Aoidh CLG Dhún na nGall

Cuireann an Chumann Luathcleas Gael an-béim ar cur chun cinn na Gaeilge. Ón bhliain 1884 ar aghaidh, bhí ról lárnach ag ár dteanga in imeachtaí agus rialacha an C.L.G. Rial 1.4. Aidhmeanna Breise: “The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture...” Tá seo a dhéanadh ag CLG Dhún na nGall. Seo forbhreathnú gairid ar chuid de na príomhghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha atá ar siúl ag CLG Dhún na nGall.

Scór:

Tháinig méadú mór i nDún na nGall ar líon na gclubanna agus na ngrúpaí a ghlacann páirt i Scór. Le cois sin d'éirigh go maith linn ag leibhéal Uladh agus leibhéal Uile Éireann. Le linn tréimhse gairid (ó 2016) bhain muid 9 dteideal Uladh agus 4 theideal Uile Éireann san iomlán. An mór chuid díofa seo (5 Uladh agus 3 Uile Éireann) i Scór na nÓG. Tá muid brodúil go bhfuil Dún na nGall anois ar cheann de na contaetha is mó le rá in Éirinn ó thaobh rannpháirtíochta i Scór leis an mórchuid de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt. Idir Scór na nÓG agus Scór sinsir, ghlac thart fa 38 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt bliain amháin ar a laghad le cúig bliain anuas.

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am atá thart agus ó'n am i láthair) a faigheann an deis Amhrán na bhFiann a cheol ag gach ceann de na cluichí craobhchomórtais thábhachtacha i nDún na nGall. Tá muid fíor brodúil as caighdeán ár n-amhránaithe atá againn sa chontae.

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Tá suim mhór i nDún na nGall sa chomórtas seo atá go hiomlán i nGaeilge agus ta sé ar siúl sa chontae achán bhliain (taobh amuigh den dá bhliain seo cáite) ó thoisigh an comórtas sa bhliain 2007. Cé gur cuireadh deireadh leis an chomórtas ag leibhéal naisiúnta ar feadh seal, lean Dún na nGall ar aghaidh.

Thar na blianta ghlac thart fá 25 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt agus le roinnt blianta anuas déirigh go maith le Tráth na gCeist Bord i nDún na nGall.

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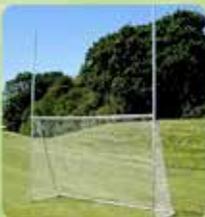
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