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Cluiche Ceannais 2021

Smith Monumentals

Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Final

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Clár an Lae

- 14:13 Foireann Baile na gCléireach amach ar an bpáirc
- 14:15 Foireann Naomh Pádraig Droim Dhá Thiar amach ar an bpáirc
- 14:25 Toss for choice of ends
- 14:28 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 14:30 Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Final 2021 commences
- 15:00* Half-Time Interval
- 15:10* Second-half commences
- 15:40* Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Final 2021 concludes
- 15:50* Presentation of Frank Reynolds Cup to the winning captain by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Eanna Mac Stíbhín.
Presentation of Man of the Match award sponsored the Gabriel Cronin, Dental Laboratories, Drumshanbo.

*Subject to any additional time added

If the Smith Monumentals Intermediate Final is a draw at full time the match goes to a replay on a date yet to be confirmed by the CCC

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Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig' amhrán na bhFiann.

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

I dtús báire ba mhaith liom fáilte á chroí a chur romhaibh go leir go Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada an deireadh seachtaine seo le haghaidh ár cluiche ceannais I gCraobh Idirmheánach don bhliain dhá mhíle is fiche a haon.



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all here today for the 2021 Leitrim Intermediate Championship Final. Today's encounter brings together two teams from the northern half of the county. Dromahair and Ballinaglera are both worthy finalists and I have no doubt that their passionate supporters will turn Avantcard Páirc Seán into a sea of red and white! I wish both teams and their supporters a wonderful day out on this special day for both clubs.

I wish the referee and his officials the very best of good luck and I ask supporters from both clubs to give the man in black the respect that he and all referees deserve.

I want to thank our sponsors Smith Monumentals for their continued financial sponsorship of our Intermediate Championship. Also, thank you to Avantcard Money for their sponsorship of Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada and to the Páirc Seán Committee and all stewards for a job well done.

Thanks to all the media outlets for their continued coverage of our wonderful games in print, picture and sound.

I want in particular to welcome our new county Senior Football Management Team of Andy Moran, Mike Solan, Barry McWeeney & James Glancy. We wish them the very best of good luck in the year ahead.

Enjoy the day everyone and please remember the pandemic that is Covid-19, has NOT gone away and we ask that you respect the rules that are in place to keep everyone safe.

Go n-éirí an t-ádh libh, go léir
Éanna Mac Stibhin
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma



Enda Stenson Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma welcomed the new Leitrim senior management team to Avant Money Páirc Seán MacDiarmada before the start of the Leitrim Connacht Gold Senior Championship final last Sunday: From left: Barry McWeeney, Mike Sloan, Enda Stenson, Andy Moran and James Glancy.



Is onóir mór dom an Clár Oifigiúil a chur le chéile daoibhse mar Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí CLG Liatroma. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine taitneamh as an ócaid seo.

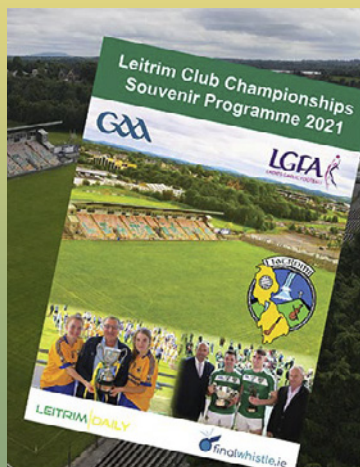
I would like to welcome you all here today to Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada. Again we have reached another highlight of the year, the Smith Monumental's Intermediate Final. Special congratulations to Dromahair St Patricks and Ballinaglera on reaching the final. Full credit must go to CCC Liatroma for getting us to this day in such a timely manner. I want to welcome the players, management and supporters of Dromahair and Ballinaglera; may the best team win but most importantly enjoy the occasion.

Once again the live streaming of our games has been a huge success, broadcasting to our ever loyal and valued patrons at home and abroad. Today's game will be enjoyed by Leitrim exiles right around the world. I wish to thank our great team of **Brian Blake, Brendan Doyle, James Molloy, John Lynch, Breifne Earley, Colm Moran, Denise Flaherty, Martin Mc Gowan, Benny Guckian and Padraic Davis** and especially **Martin Costello** of AV Tech who did an extraordinary job with every production. Thanks, as always, to our local media, Ocean Fm and Shannonside Northern Sound and their reporters; the Leitrim Observer's **John Connolly** and its correspondents and photographers and to **Breifne Earley** of Leitrim Daily/Final Whistle for his unrivalled coverage our games throughout the championships at the various grades.

Special thanks to **PJ Leddy** and **Breifne Earley** for their articles for this production and to the club secretaries for their assistance in collating and getting all their information to me. Thanks to **Seán Ó Súilleabháin** and **Declan Bohan** for all their help. Special mention also to all our sponsors and advertisers for their continued support.

Lastly my sincere thanks to **James Molloy** for his invaluable help in producing this programme and to DPS for their usual excellent production.

Bairbre Ni Lochlainn Broinn
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí



'The Leitrim Club Championships 2021 Souvenir Programme' was a mammoth task undertaken this season by **Breifne Earley** of Leitrim Daily and Final Whistle. It involved the co-operation of all of the clubs of the county, GAA and LGFA, in collating a souvenir programme of all the various personnel involved in the playing of our games across all levels of adult football this season. We acknowledge the excellent effort and initiative of Breifne and his staff in ensuring that, long after the myriad of results of this year's competitions are forgotten, the importance of capturing names and images of all of those who played their part will not have been forgotten. This is a 'must have' record which pays equal tribute to all. In stressing the importance of their involvement in 2021, we salute their efforts and sacrifices in playing our games, long after they have exited the competitions.



Cronin Dental Laboratories Man of the Match Leitrim Smith Monumentals Intermediate Final 2020

Gortletteragh's **Jack Heslin** returned from injury to lead Gortletteragh to the 2020 Smith Monumental Intermediate title. He was also named the Cronin Dental Laboratories Man of the Match for his outstanding performance in the final. *Photo courtesy finalwhistle.ie*

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Match Officials For Today's Game



Ray McBrien with his umpiring team of Sonny McCartan, his brothers Peter and Fintan and Gerry Gallogly when he refereed the New York – Roscommon Connacht Minor Championship match in Croke Park in 2011.



Stand By Referee: Michael McGirl (Drumreilly)

Linesman: Seamus Mulhern (Naomh Mhuire Cill Tochairt)

Sideline Official: Adrian McCartin (Achadh an Mheasa)

Ray McBrien is a member of the Aughavas club. He is a sales agent with the food distribution company Chef in a Box. An accomplished footballer Ray won one Senior Championship, two Intermediate Championship and two Junior Championship medals while playing with his club. He also represented his county at Under 16, Minor and Under 21 levels.

Since the end of his playing career he went on to serve in various executive positions with the Aughavas club including Cathaoirleach for three years. He is the current coaching officer. He also coaches the Leitrim under 15's, under 16's and under 17 boy's teams. In the recent past he has managed numerous mens' and ladies' teams.

In addition to refereeing at Leitrim club matches down through the years, Ray's abilities as a referee were recognised at a national level in both the mens' and womens' codes and he has officiated at various intercounty matches during his eighteen years as the man in charge.

At a county level, he has officiated at three Senior Championship Finals, three Junior Championship Finals and numerous Underage Finals. This is his first Leitrim Intermediate Final.

On the national stage he has refereed two Connacht Minor Finals and two Under 21 Connacht Finals in addition to numerous provincial club games. 2011 saw his refereeing skills acknowledged when he was in charge of the unique pairing of the New York – Roscommon Connacht Minor Championship match in Croke Park. To mark his retirement as an intercounty referee he was presented with an award at the GAA Referee's Awards Banquet in Croke Park in 2016. Ray will be assisted today by umpires **Gerry Devine, JP Mc Manus, Peter Mc Brien and Martin Canning.**



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Leitrim Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship 2021

2021 Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Group 1

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pt
Naomh Pádraig-Droim	4	3	1	0	47	39	8	6
Cill Tiobraid	4	2	1	1	58	49	9	5
Annaduff	4	2	1	1	59	51	8	5
Ballinaglera	4	1	3	0	38	61	-23	2
Achadh na Sileann	4	1	3	0	48	50	-2	2

2021 Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Group 2

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pt
Drumreilly	4	3	1	0	67	51	16	6
Drumkeerin	4	3	1	0	69	64	5	6
Achadh an Mheasa	4	2	2	0	62	57	5	4
Bornacoola	4	1	3	0	56	68	-12	2
Carrigallen	4	1	3	0	49	63	-14	2

IFC Round 1

Ballinaglera 0-11 Annaduff 3-12 Annaduff Referee: Seamus Mulhern
 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 0-14 Achadh na Sileann 0-09 Referee: Gareth Foley
 Bornacoola 1-09 Achadh an Mheasa 2-09 Referee: Pat O Toole
 Drumkeerin 1-11 Drumreilly 1-12 Referee: Enda Egan

IFC Round 2

Achadh an Mheasa 1-13 Carrigallen 0-08 Referee: Martin Feeney
 Achadh na Sileann 1-07 Ballinaglera 1-08 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
 Annaduff 2-08 Cill Tiobraid 1-11 Referee: Enda Egan
 Drumreilly 4-10 Bornacoola 0-09 Referee: Jimmy Stenson

IFC Round 3

Cill Tiobraid 0-14 Achadh na Sileann 1-10 Referee: Pat O Toole
 Ballinaglera 0-06 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 0-11 Referee: Gareth Foley
 Carrigallen 1-11 Drumreilly 1-10 Referee: Enda Egan
 Bornacoola 3-08 Drumkeerin 1-16 Bornacoola Referee: Seamus Mulhern
 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 1-09 Cill Tiobraid 0-11 Referee: Seamus Mulhern
 Achadh na Sileann 1-13 Annaduff 0-11 Referee: Eamon Dolan
 Drumkeerin 0-16 Carrigallen 1-12 Referee: Gareth Foley
 Drumreilly 2-11 Achadh an Mheasa 1-11 Referee: Patrick Guckian

IFC Round 4

Annaduff 2-07 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 1-07 Referee: Raymond Mc Brien
 Cill Tiobraid 1-16 Ballinaglera 0-10 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
 Carrigallen 0-12 Bornacoola 2-12 Referee: Patrick Guckian
 Achadh an Mheasa 0-17 Drumkeerin 3-11 Referee: Enda Egan

IFC Round 5

IFC - Relegation Final Achadh na Sileann 1-16 Carrigallen 1-10 Referee: Gareth Foley

IFC - Quarter Final 1 Drumreilly 1-07 Ballinaglera 1-08 Referee: Seamus Mulhern

IFC - Quarter Final 2 Cill Tiobraid 1-10 Achadh an Mheasa 0-08 Referee: Vincent Mc Morrow

IFC - Quarter Final 3 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 1-18 Bornacoola 0-11 Referee: Enda Egan

IFC - Quarter Final 4 Drumkeerin 1-11 Annaduff 1-12 Referee: Patrick Guckian

IFC - Semi Final 1 Annaduff 1-08 Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair 0-13 Referee: Enda Egan

IFC - Semi Final 2 Ballinaglera 1-10 Cill Tiobraid 0-06 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey

IFC Final Ballinaglera v Naomh Pádraig-Dromahair Referee: Raymond Mc Brien 24th October 2021

Could you measure up?

The officials at today's final (including the umpires) will be in constant communication with the referee throughout the game via their headsets. **Patrick Guckian** is pictured getting his earpiece fitted by the county referee's co-ordinator **Eamon O'Grady** prior to last week's Senior County Final.



It is widely acknowledged that the standard of refereeing in Leitrim has greatly improved over the years. It is a demanding but fulfilling role and we are always on the lookout for new people to come on board. If you are interested in finding out more information please get in touch with the county referee's coordinator **Eamon O'Grady** (eamon.ogrady.referee@gaa.ie). You'd never know – a few years from now you could be in charge of a county final if you have the following skillsets:

- A thorough knowledge of the rules
- Be physically and mentally fit
- Deal courteously with players and officials
- Have the ability to remain calm
- Operate strictly in accordance with the principles of justice and fair play
- Have the moral courage to take decisions which are correct
- Be able to live with unfair criticism
- Be able to accept constructive criticism
- Retain a good learning graph
- Be alert and decisive on the field
- Enjoy refereeing
- Be committed to the protection of players and the prevention of abusive or violent conduct
- Be a good communicator on and off the field
- At all times be well presented
- Behave with dignity both on and off the field
- Have a sense of humour and the ability to smile; while these qualities are not requirements they are great assets
- Above all things else, retain integrity, consistency and uniformity



Wishing Ballinaglera
the best of luck
in the county final today.
Pat and Lorna McGourty



***Wishing the
Ballinaglera team
the best of luck today
Bring it home!
Brendan O'Rourke***



***Wishing
the Ballinaglera team
and management
the very best of luck
in today's final.
Declan McLoughlin***



***Best of luck to
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 and management
 in the final today***



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Ballinaglera Team Captain and Management

Ryan Crawford and Padraig Clarke Joint Team Captains



Ryan Crawford

Ryan Crawford is aged 23 and works as an agricultural contractor. He generally plays at half back and is very solid, strong and fit. His is the first name on the team sheet. Ryan is one of four brothers who play for the club with his eldest brother **John** playing alongside him today.



Padraig Clarke

Padraig Clarke is aged 25 and is employed as a plumber. He is a leader on and off the pitch, evasive and strong with a great tackling technique. He will be joined today by his brother **Gerard** while his sister **Annette** serves as the team medic.



From left: **Gavin Durkin** (Roghnóir); **JP Kane** (Bainisteoir); **Seamus "Jack" McGovern** is a player of some note but due to a long term injury missed the 2021 season. He is a tremendous athlete who is helping out with the strength and conditioning of the team. **Padraig Cornyn** unfortunately suffered a serious injury early in the championship and won't feature for the final. He is the coaching and stats man. **Adrian McGourty** (Roghnóir), with his daughter **Alice** and **Padraig Loughlin** Club Chairman).

JP Kane (Bainisteoir)

A native of Gortletteragh, JP lives in Fenagh. He is married to Aoife and has four children. He works as a blocklayer. He has extensive experience in training men and ladies football in Leitrim and north Longford. This is his first year with Ballinaglera and under his enthusiastic management the team has made great strides. He played as a full forward for his club.

Roghnóirí:

Adrian McGourty

A long time servant of the club he played his football at full back and centre back and was noted for his tough and uncompromising style. He was a member of the county senior panel in the early 2000's. This is his first year to serve as a selector with the senior team. He is married to Sharon and they have three children.

Gavin Durkin

A great coach, with a lot of experience coaching both men's and ladies' teams.. In recent years he has mentored both St Francis and Drumkeerin ladies in recent years. Unfortunately a promising career as a pacey and powerful forward was cut short by recurring shoulder injuries. Despite this he still lines out at Junior level for the club. He is married to Carol and has three children.

Ballinaglera Club History

There is very little mention of Ballinaglera in the GAA history books; however, the records show that we had representation at the 1889 County convention with **Hugh Ferguson** and **John Mc Sweeney** representing the Ballinaglera Gladstonians.



Games were played locally during these early years with 4 teams drawn from the Ballinaglera parish often playing each other and playing local matches in Aughnasheelin, Drumkeerin and Gubaveeney. Ballinaglera was also represented on the famous Connacht winning Leitrim team of 1927 by a **Fr. Rynn** - most likely from Tullynaha. Ballinaglera is in a unique position in Leitrim GAA because, in so far as we know, it was a hurling team rather than football that was first formally set up within the confines of the parish thanks to **Jim Wall** (Wexford) and **Tom Shine** (Cork) who lived in the parish for a period in the early 1950's. But when Wall and Shine were no more the team also faded away. A Junior football club was soon formed under the Dowra name in 1959. The driving forces behind this formation were the bank manager in Dowra at the time, **Kevin Mahon** and a curate in Doobally by the name of **Fr O'Dowd**. The team wore a red and white hooped jersey, similar to our club colours today. They contested and won a North Leitrim Junior Final in 1961. The team was a disparate group, with players from far and wide, but backboneed by Glera men - **Mick Gildea, Frankie Wynne, Joe Maguire, Paddy Mc Morrow, Paddy Mc Tiernan, Mick Wynne, Owen Wynne** and **Jim 'Skerry' Rynn** as captain. Prior to 1959 there was no formal club set up in the parish. A lot of what we know of football prior to this time is passed down as folklore and by word of mouth. Great players mentioned before this time include, **Hughie Creamer, Sonny O' Hara, Charlie Mc Morrow, Peter Durkin, Francie Mc Greal, Paddy Wynne** to name a few. A flat field to play the game in was also hard to find in this mountainous parish. But places such as **Sonny Patrick's** Sraheen in Slievenakilla, **Brown's Field** in Fahy, **Sonny Ned's Hill** in Dowra and **Mc Morris Point** in Fahy and **Tierney's Tully** in Stradrina were used frequently by the young sportsmen of the parish to play the games they loved and to hold local tournaments.

After the demise of the Dowra team in the early 1960's, those Ballinaglera players that had not emigrated, joined a football club serving the Lough Allen area which was known as St Francis's. It was made up of mostly Ballinaglera and Drumshanbo players, **Sonny O'Rourke, Packie Joe Dolan** and **Pee Mc Hugh** were the driving forces of the GAA within the parish at the time. A new club was then set up in 1969 to serve the area and became known as Allen Gaels. They were very successful and quickly went on to win 3 successive Senior League titles in the 1970's, an U 21 Championship and two senior hurling titles.

Allen Gaels at the time formed the backbone of the county senior team, with names like **Mulvey, Cullen, Mc Gourty, Mc Morrow, Gilmartin** and **O'Rourke** often lining out for the Green & Gold during this period. In fact at one League game against Laois in the mid-1970's there were six Ballinaglera men on the pitch at one time. Spurred on by this depth of talent, in 1981 Ballinaglera formed their own club and quickly proved competitive winning the Junior C title in 1984. In 1992 the Junior A team won both the League and Championship double with the championship that year being won after a replay against today's opponents Dromahair. The pinnacle for the club however was in winning the Intermediate title in 1996 defeating Annaduff in the final. We contested at Senior level for approximately 10 years after this but failed to win any silverware at the top grade in Leitrim.

The first recognised grounds the Ballinaglera GAA club used was a field rented off **Paddy O'Rourke** in Tullyvacan from 1981-1988. Our new club grounds Páirc Naomh h-Aodh were opened in 1988. A training pitch was added in 2009 along with a children's playground and a new indoor sports hall was finished just this year. We look forward to the future with optimism, regardless of today's result.

FÍR IONAD

16 Dylan Wynne

Kilmore
Díolainn Ó Gaoithín

15 Aaron McCawley

Eden
Aaron Mac Amhlaidh
17 Gerard Clarke

Carntulla
Gearóid Ó Cléirigh

18 Fergal Gilmartin

Druminalass
Fergal Mac Giolla Mhartain

14 Frank Cornyn

Slievenakilla
Proinsias Ó Coirín

20 Pádraig Cornyn

Kilduff
Seamus Mag Réill
22 Séamus McGovern

Druminalass
Seamus Mac Samhráin

23 Oisín McGourty

Druminalass
Oisín Mac Dhorcaidh

24 Anton McGourty

Cleighranmore
Antóin Mac Dhorcaidh

25 Enda Keegan

Dowra
Eanna Mac Aogáin

26 Luke Bradley

Dowra
Lúcas Ó Brolcháin

28 Fergal Wynne

Cornamuckla Nth
Fergail Ó Gaoithín

29 Niall McGourty

Corralubber
Niall Mac Dhorcaidh

30 Colm Maguire

Kilduff
Colm Mag Uidhir

31 Damian McGourty

Slievenakilla
Damian MacDhorcaidh

32 Michael Crawford

Kilmore
Michael Mac Riath

33 Robert Crawford

Kilmore
Riobaird McRiath

34 Christian Wynne

Cornamuckla Nth
Crist Ó Gaoithín

35 Shane Mulvey

Dernahona
Sean Ó Maoilmhíadhaigh

36 Daniel McLoughlin

Tullinamoyle
Daniel MacLochlainn

27 Rory McPartlin

Kilmore
Ruairi MacPhartlain

Bainisteoir

J.P. Kane
Roghnoiri
Gavin Durkin
Adrian McGourty

Baile na gCléireach CLG

1

Conor O'Brien

Greaghnafarna
Conchubhar Ó Briain

19

Barry Gilmartin

Druminalass

Barra Mac Giolla Mhartain

3

Brendan McGourty

Slievenakilla

Breandán Mac Dhorcaidh

4

James McDowell

Tullynaha

Séamus Mac Dubhghaill

2

Ryan Crawford

Kilmore

Rian Mac Raith

6

Pádraig Clarke

Carntulla

Pádraig Ó Cléirigh

12

Patrick McGrail

Greaghnafarna

Pádraig Mag Réill

11

Ciarán Cornyn

Slievenakilla

Ciarán Ó Coirín

9

John Crawford

Kilmore

Seán Mac Raith

13

Wayne Reynolds

Cleighranmore

Wayne Mac Raghnaill

7

Jamie McGreal

Kilmore

Seamus Mag Réill

10

Seamie McMorro

Fahy

Séamus Mac Muiri

5

Thomas Cornyn

Kilduff

Tomás Ó Coirín

8

Enda McGuire

Lurgandill

Eanna Mag Uidhir

21

Barry Maguire

Lurgandill

Barra Mag Uidhir

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Saor Ciceanna

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2adh Leath

IOMLÁN

Naomh Padraig Droim Dhá Thiar

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John McGoldrick
Seán Mac Gualraic
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Kyle Harte
Kyle Ó hAirt
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Rory Kelly
Ruairí Ó Ceallaigh
Flaughanagh

4
Leon Harte
Leon Ó hAirt
Ardnakip

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Caillin McLoughlin
Caillin Mac Lochlainn
Banagher

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Jamie Conlon
Séamus Ó Conalláin
Corglancy

7
Martin Clancy
Mairtin Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen

8
Adrian Fowley
Adrian Ó Fuallaigh
Cornalaughta

9
Shane Fowley
Seán Ó Fuallaigh
Carrowcrin

10
Bertie Cunningham
Beircheart Mac Cuinneagáin
Moneyduff

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James Morrison
Séamus Mac Muiris
Killeen

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Michael Clancy (Capt)
Mícheál Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen

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Gary Fowley
Gearóid Ó Fuallaigh
Killennummery

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Martin Feeney
Máirtín Ó Fiannai
Towneyhoosey

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James Clancy
Séamus Mac Fhlannchaidh
Killeen

FÍR IONAD

16 Jason McKenny
Deasún Mac Cionnaith, Cashesl

17 Declan Fowley
Déaglan Ó Fuallaigh, Killeen

18 Jamie McLoughlin
Séamus Mac Lochlainn
Banagher

19 Gary Clinton
Gearóid Cliontún, Castlefield

20 James Clinton
Séamus Cliontún, Millbank Glen

21 Conor Morrison
Conchubhar Mac Muiris, Killeen

22 Terry O'Rourke
Toirealach Ó Ruairc, Ardvarney

23 Mark McGee
Marcas Mag Aoidh, Mullagh

24 Fergal McMorro
Fergal Mac Muiredaigh
Ardnakip

25 Diarmuid Giblin
Diarmuid Ó Gibealláin, Lisgorman

26 Jamie Cawley
Séamus Mac Amhlaoibh, Fawn

27 Cian Forde
Cian Mac Giollarnáth, Buggaun

28 Niall Hopper
Niall Hopper, Market St

28 Killian Torsney (W)
Cillian Mac an tSasanaigh
Killeen

29 Caolan McDermott
Caolán Mac Diarmada
Cornalaughta

29 Noel Hynes (W)
Nollaig Ó hEidhin, Edergole

30 Darragh McMorro
Darragh Mac Muiredaigh
Friarstown

31 Seán Foley
Seán Ó Foghlú, Killennummery

32 Dallan Clancy
Dallan Mac Fhlannchaidh, Killeen

33 Patrick McTernan
Pádraig Mac Tiarnáin
Carrickacrogheary

34 Ciarán Devaney
Ciarán Ó Dubhanaigh
Corrigeonor

35 Kevin McDermott
Caoimhín Mac Diarmada, Moragh

36 Shea Kelly
Séamas Ó Ceallaigh, Castlecourt

37 Conor Banks
Conchubhar Ó Bruacháin
Killennummery

38 Michael Ó Conalláin
Mícheál Ó Conalláin, Fawnlton

39 Ruairi Power
Ruairi de Paor, Duncran

40 Niall Clinton
Niall Cliontún, Cleen

41 Stephen Burke
Stíofán de Burca, Speers Green

42 Daniel Lee
Dónall Ó Laoi, Carrickeaney

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Ailéin Caomhánach, Rockvalley

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IOMLÁN

Dromahair Team Captain and Management

Michael Clancy was given the honour of captaincy for the years 2020 and 2021, in which Dromahair St. Patricks reached the Intermediate Championship Semi Final 2020 and the Intermediate Championship Final 2021. Michael is one of the remaining starting players from the Intermediate Championship 2014 winners, along with teammates **Jamie Conlon, Declan Fowley** and **Rory Kelly**. Since 2014, Dromahair St. Patricks underwent a squad transition and re-built a team under the captaincy terms of Jamie Conlon and Declan Fowley. Two key elements to the building of the current panel are the second-string players, who are looking to win the double with league and championship titles this year, and the aspiring upcoming young players of Dromahair. Michael, along with teammates Rory Kelly and Martin Clancy have been involved with Dromahair's underage teams during the past few years, which has seemed to make the transition from underage football to adult football that bit easier for the young players. When 26 year old Michael is not on the football pitch, he spends his time running his Catering Business, MC Catering and Cakes. GAA runs through the bloodline in Michael's family with himself and three of his brothers playing for Dromahair St. Patricks and three of his sisters playing for Dromahair Ladies.



Michael Clancy

Padraig Clancy

A member of the St. Michaels Club Ballintogher, Padraig has been involved in managing teams from under-age to senior level throughout the years. Padraig is in his second year with St. Patricks Dromahair and his willingness to develop players, young and old, has ensured steady progress for the club since he became manager.

Terry Leyden

Terry played for St. Patricks Dromahair for a long number of years and is still of the opinion that he is not retired from playing. He won several under-age and adult titles with St. Patricks and has developed a keen interest in coaching. He has completed numerous marathons and ultra-running events.

Bing Morrison

A native of Tyrone and living in Dromahair for a long number of years. Brendan has two sons on the panel and he has contributed greatly to under age and adult teams over the past number of years.

Declan Sheridan

Declan is a former player with St. Patricks Dromahair and Glencar-Manorhamilton. He has contributed massively to the development of both adult teams since he became involved.

Adrian Fitzpatrick

Adrian is the physio for the team and has gotten to know the players very well over the last few years.

David Magee

David is kit man for the team and is always at training and willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed.



David Magee, Terry Leyden, Michael Clancy, Padraig Clancy, Bing Morrison, Declan Sheridan

St Patrick's Dromahair Club History



St Patrick's GAA Club Dromahair has existed in its current format since 1955. Prior to this there would have been 3 clubs in the area at different times namely Killenummery, Creevelea/Killargue and Dromahair Joe Biggars. There was some initial success for the club winning the North Leitrim Junior and Minor titles in 1956.

In the 60s the club had some success at juvenile level particularly in 1966/67 and this was thanks mainly to the tireless work of **Josie Torsney** who also worked with our young people on the cultural side with Scor and the club was very prominent on this scene winning many titles in the following years.

In 1976 the club won its first Junior County title and in what was a very successful year also added the U12 County Championship. However, like many clubs emigration hit the club hard with many players moving on. In the 1980s the juvenile side of the club was reorganised with more coaches and regular training bringing U12 and U14 Rural Championship titles in the middle of the decade. It wasn't until 1998 that the fruits of this labour paid off with the Junior Championship returning to Dromahair after victory over Eslin in the final.

In 2001 the Junior Championship was won again and the club built on this competing well in the Intermediate Championship and earning promotion to the Senior League in 2009. This was also the year that saw the club take part in the RTE television show *Celebrity Bainisteoir* under Leitrim comedian **Katherine Lynch** beating Cuala from Dublin and Rockwell from Tipperary before being pipped at the final hurdle by Glasdrumman from Co Down in a memorable final in Parnell Park. The sense of community generated by this will live long in the memory.



We reached the final of RTE's *Celebrity Bainisteoir* in 2009 under the stewardship of **Katherine Lynch**

In 2014 the club finally won the Intermediate Championship title for the first time in its history defeating Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's in the final and going on to compete in the Senior Championship until our relegation in 2019. We aim to get back there again on Sunday!



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The 2021 Smith Monumentals Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship has been fascinating to watch and commentate on for us all at Leitrim Daily and FinalWhistle.ie



There have been fine individual performances such as **Martin Feeney** hitting all of Dromahair's scores in their win in the original group meeting of today's finalists back in late August to Ballinaglera's fantastic underdog performances in the knockout stages since scraping into the quarter finals all those weeks ago.

I think even the most ardent 'Glera fan will agree that three defeats from four games isn't exactly championship winning form, but after squeaking through to the quarter finals they've shown exactly what they are capable of with impressive wins over Drumreilly and turned a ten point group stage defeat at the hands of Kiltubrid into a seven point semi final victory in just four weeks.

Ballinaglera have been the comeback kings of 2021 in Leitrim GAA and will take huge inspiration from Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's Senior victory last weekend having lost their opening two group games this season. They'll be looking for another underdog performance to leave Avant Money Páirc Sean Mac Diarmada this afternoon with their first Intermediate championship in 25 years.

Speaking of underdogs, a veteran of that storied Gaelic Games television series, **Jamie Conlon** has been for me the stand out player across the Intermediate Championship this season, while his team mate Feeney has been gathering the headlines for his scoring prowess. Centre back Conlon has been hugely influential in pulling the strings from his deep lying playmaking position for the north Leitrim side.

There are a lot of similarities between this final and the one we witnessed last weekend. Dromahair carry the favourites tag having made relatively light work of each of their opponents, with the notable exception of Annaduff. Have they really been tested in a game of consequence and will they be able to deal with the fighting performance that 'Glera have the potential to deliver today.? We'll know a little more in just over an hour.

At Leitrim Daily and Final Whistle our biggest additions for this year have been the Leitrim GAA Podcast in association with Leitrim GAA, the Club Championship Souvenir Programme, a 192 page book detailing all football clubs, men's and ladies', in the county featuring every senior squad player in each club.

I'm also very proud to have been able to add live commentary to almost each and every championship game across the Senior, Intermediate and Ladies Senior games throughout the county with today's game being the 71st broadcast live by a member of our team as well as four fixtures on the Leitrim GAA Live Stream at the Championship quarter final stages. Our sports team has grown from just myself armed with that original small backpack of equipment, to an audio / video studio space in the Hive in Carrick on Shannon, a team of eighteen commentators and contributors on our Leitrim GAA coverage and almost thirty freelance reporters working at a national level on FinalWhistle.ie for our Rugby and Soccer coverage with our national Gaelic coverage due to launch in early 2022 to grow the team even further.

A massive thank you must go to the production team of editor **Philip Rooney**, researcher **Con Doyle** and designer **Daniel Moran** who were all involved in creating and compiling our Championship preview book.

To our reporters and commentators **Seamus Gallagher, Derek Kelleher, Colm Moran, Declan Moran, Deniese O'Flaherty, Tony Ghee, Darren Mulvey, Peter O'Reilly, Ray Lannon, Joe Walpole, Brendan Guckian, Tommy Moran, Padraic Davis, Gerry Fowley, Frankie Reynolds, Niamh Kelly, Pat Flanagan & Clare Owens** who all lent their voices to us this summer, they deserve a huge thank you for bringing audiences to our games.

Dromahair and Ballinaglera's Special Day

PJ Leddy

Today is an important one for all the Leitrim GAA fraternity, but it is also especially so for every woman, child and man from the north Leitrim parishes of Dromahair and Ballinaglera, since their respective teams will do battle to become Leitrim's 2021 intermediate football champions in Avant Money Páirc Seán MacDiarmada.



Dromahair had an impressive run on the road to today's final when overcoming Aughnasheelin, Ballinaglera (by 5 points) and Kiltubrid in the Group 1 Preliminary games while suffering one defeat at the hands of Annaduff. In the quarter-final Dromahair got the better of Bornacoola and they beat Annaduff in the semi-final. Meanwhile Ballinaglera's only win in the Group 1 Preliminary games was over Aughnasheelin while they suffered defeats at the hands of Annaduff, Dromahair and Kiltubrid. But Ballinaglera were certainly impressive after that on their way to today's final with notable victories over Drumreilly in the quarter-final and against Kiltubrid in the semi-final.

The Dromahair Club was founded in 1886, just two years after the GAA was established in Hayes Hotel, Thurles, Co. Tipperary in 1884. Former St. Patrick's Dromahair stalwart, the late Terry Layden (Senior) when detailing the Club's early history, noted "two other (parish) Clubs were formed in the same year (1886), namely Killenummery and Killargue/Creevelea. "These three clubs now cover the catchment area of the St. Patrick's GAA Club. The Dromahair Club in 1886 was known as the Dromahair Joe Biggars. The formation of GAA Clubs, following on the foundation of the Gaelic Athletic Association, was rapid and widespread but the early enthusiasm did not last, mainly due to famine, emigration and agrarian unrest."

Ballinaglera GAA Club, according to the Club's Blog (ballinagleragaa.home.blog) has been formed since 1981. Prior to that Ballinaglera players lined out in the colours of Allen Gaels, when the Drumshanbo and Ballinaglera parishes were a combined force in Leitrim GAA affairs for many years.

Both Ballinaglera and Dromahair have won one Leitrim intermediate championship title each with Ballinaglera's win coming a quarter century ago in 1996, while Dromahair was victorious seven years ago in 2014. After today's All-North Leitrim Leitrim final, either Ballinaglera or Dromahair, will have added to one of their respective roles of honour with an additional intermediate championship county title to their credit.

Since 1928, when Mohill won the first Leitrim intermediate football championship, there have been 37 other Clubs crowned as county champions in this grade. After 1928 the Leitrim intermediate championship grade lapsed for another 43 years and afterwards only two championship football grades were played annually in the county, namely, senior and junior.

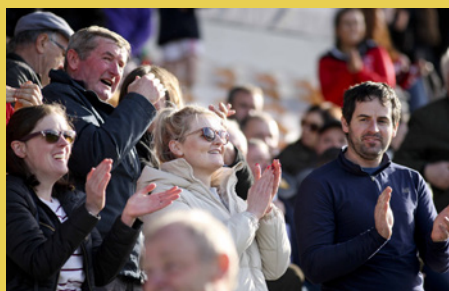
The Leitrim intermediate football championship was revived again in 1971 when Melvin Gaels were victorious but it lapsed again from 1975 to 1988. Since then the Leitrim intermediate football championship has taken place annually for the next 31 years. St. Mary's Kiltoghert and Melvin Gaels top the Leitrim intermediate football championship roll of honour list with four titles each won. Melvin Gaels claimed Leitrim intermediate football championship titles in 1971, 1992, 2011 and 2015 while St. Mary's victories came in 1995, 1997, 2000 and 2004.

My sincere thanks to Seán O'Súilleabháin for his valuable assistance with the research of this item.

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Leitrim Senior Management Team



This guy is worth the watching. County PRO Barbara Loughlin Byrne chatting with the new Leitrim management team of Barry Mc Weeney, Mike Solan, Andy Moran and James Glancy prior to the start of last week's Leitrim Connacht Gold Senior Championship Final.

Andy Moran, the new Leitrim manager was surely impressed with the performance and commitment of the players at last Sunday's Leitrim Connacht Gold Senior Championship Final. The Mayo legend's appointment to succeed Terry Hyland ended week's of speculation.

Speaking on *The Football Pod*,* Moran spoke about his excitement and looking ahead to the 2022 campaign. "I'm absolutely delighted," exclaimed Moran. "It just felt right. It felt right for me and my family life. I'm just delighted that the county board would take a risk on a rookie."

Moran was quick to mention that he acknowledges his inexperience and that this is a challenge that excites him. "People want to be pushed. They want to be challenged and taken out of their comfort zone. It was time for me to get away and start something out of my comfort zone.

"I'm a young coach and inexperienced but I'm getting a team that is willing to do whatever it takes to improve and so am I. "I'm sure there'll be plenty of mistakes along the way but the main thing is that you're learning and having fun."

The 2017 Footballer of the Year will be joined by former Leitrim players **Barry McWeeney** and **James Glancy** in his backroom staff. Moran sang the praises of the two former players. "McWeeney would've been a serious footballer in his own right. He knows Leitrim football inside out. "Glancy is the type that will question you. You don't want everyone to just say yes to everything. "I think the team we have - the players, the coaching staff - they compliment each other very well."

*Andy Moran and Paddy Andrews appear on a weekly podcast on *The Football Pod* hosted by OTBSPORTS <https://www.otbsports.com/podcasts/the-football-pod-paddy-andrews-andy-moran>

Craobh Peil Idirmheánach Liatroma

Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Roll of Honour (to 2020)

(Compiled by Seán Ó Súilleabháin)

Naomh Muire, Cill Tochairt	(4)	1995, 1997, 2000, 2004
Gaeil na Meilge	(4)	1971, 1992, 2011, 2015
Achadh Easa	(3)	1990, 1993, 1994
Gleann Chairthe/Cluainín	(3)	1973, 2005, 2013
Gort Leitreach	(3)	2003, 2012, 2020
Maothail	(2)	1928, 1999
Carraig Álainn	(2)	1991, 2006
Droim Oir Bhealaigh	(2)	1998, 2007
Cluain	(2)	1972, 2009
Achadh na Sileann	(2)	2008, 2017
Naomh Caillian-Fíonach	(2)	1974, 2018
Gaeil na hÁilne	(1)	1989
Baile na gCléireach	(1)	1996
Eanach Dubh	(1)	2001
Cill Tiobraid	(1)	2002
Achadh an Mhuilinn	(1)	2010
Droim Dhá Thiar	(1)	2014
Béal an Átha Móir	(1)	2016
Gael Liatroma	(1)	2019



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