

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael
Craobh Sinsear Liatroma Cluiche Ceannais 2021
Connacht Gold

Leitrim Senior Football Championship Final

17ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021 3.45pm

Maothail

Béal an Átha Móir Seán Ó hEislin

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Clár an Lae

- 15:15 Kiltubrid Pipe Band amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:28 Foireann Seán Seán Ó hEislin -Béal an Átha Móir amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:30 Foireann Maothail amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:35 Toss for choice of ends
- 15:37 Paráid na Fóirne
- 15:43 Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15:45 Connacht Gold Senior Football Championship Final 2021 commences
- 16:15* Half-Time Interval
- 16:17* Golden Jubilee Team Maothail 1971 SFC Champions, introductions on pitch
- 16:25* Second-half commences
- 16:55* Connacht Gold SFC Final 2021 concludes
- 17:00* Presentation of Fenagh Cup to the winning captain by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Eanna Mac Stíbhín.
The presentation of the of Man of the Match award by Adam Cronin Sheil on behalf of the sponsor, Gabriel Cronin, Dental Laboratories, Drumshanbo, will take place in conjunction with what has been decided in advance by TG4.

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Le geall na réoche faoi
lámhach na bpáirce,
Seo lán caonaig amháin na bhFiann*

If the Connacht Gold SFC Final is a draw at full time the match goes to a replay on the weekend of October 30/31.

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 Sinsear don bhliain dhá mhíle is fiche a haon. Again it is my honour as Chairperson of Leitrim GAA to welcome you all here today for the show piece of Gaelic football in this beautiful county of Leitrim.



As a society here like people all over the country, we are on a return journey to what we know as normal before the pandemic struck in March 2020. I welcome you our loyal supporters back to Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada and really hope you enjoy the match and may the best team win.

I wish our referee and his officials good luck today and ask the supporters to show them the respect they deserve. Also to each and every person who has officiated at our games throughout the year, I say thank you for a job well done. I want to welcome the victorious Mohill Senior team and management, champions from 50 years ago in 1971. The team members or their representatives will be presented to the supporters at the half time interval of today's match.

To our sponsors of the Senior Championship Aurivo, I want to say thank you for your continued financial support. Thanks also to Avant Money for their sponsorship of Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada. It is hoped to make plans to provide an all weather surface and flood lights in Páirc Seán. Thanks as always to Micheal Doherty, Sean McGoldrick and the Páirc Seán committee for having the grounds in perfect condition for today's game and indeed every game here throughout the year. I'm also delighted to have the Kiltubrid Pipe Band back on the pitch today.

To the local media, the Leitrim Observer, Shannonside FM, Ocean FM, Leitrim Daily and not forgetting our live streaming crew, I want to say a huge thank you for continuing to bring our GAA games into homes all over the world. I also want to thank TG4 for giving national coverage to our Senior Football championship final for the first time. It is really appreciated.

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.

I hope you enjoy the football served up by undoubtedly the two best football teams in Leitrim this year and it is my wish that all the other teams will strive to reach this level. Comhghairdeas leis na foirne go léir anseo. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine taitneamh ás an ócaid seo.

Eanna Mac Stibhín
Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma

Micheál Ó Domhnaill – the Leitrim Connection

Micheál Ó Domhnaill, who is anchoring today's live broadcast on TG4, has a Leitrim connection. His father-in-law is **Michael Davitt** (Davitt's pub Drumkeerín) and now living in Manorhamilton. **James Molloy** was on hand to photograph both of them outside Páirc an Chrócaigh, at the Allianz Division 4 final between Leitrim and Derry in 2019.



Focal ón Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Bairbre Ni Lochlainn Broinn



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 ás an ócaid seo.

Firstly, I would like to welcome you all here today to Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada. Once again we have reached the highlight of our year, County final Day. Special congratulations to outgoing Champions Mohill and Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins on reaching the Connacht Gold Championship final 2021. 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 Mohill and Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins, May the best team win but most importantly enjoy the occasion.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Tg4 to Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada today for their very first live coverage of our county final. We also extend a céad míle fáilte to the victorious Mohill team of 1971 who are being honoured here today.

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. I wish to thank our great team of **Brian Blake, Brendan Doyle, James Molloy, John Lynch** and his co comentators, **Martin Mc Gowan, Benny Guckian** and **Padraic Davis** and especially **Martin Costello** of AV Tech who did an extraordinary job with every production. Don't forget we will be livestreaming next week's Smith Monumentals Intermediate final. 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 also covering our games.

Special thanks to John Lynch and John Connolly for their wonderful articles for this production, to the club secretaries for their timely 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 your 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.



Leitrim Senior County Finals

Man of the Match Recipients 1990 - 2020

Year	Player	Club
2020	Keith Beirne	Mohill
2019	Conor Dolan	Glencar Manorhamilton
2018	Gary Plunket	Aughawillan
2017	Keth Beirne	Mohill
2016	Pearce Dolan	Aughawillan
2015	Darren Mc Loughlin	Mohill (drawn game against Glencar Manorhamilton)
2015	Ronan Gallagher	Mohill (replay)
2014	Gary Plunket	Aughawillan
2013	Clement Cuniffe	St Mary's Kiltoghert
2012	Paul Brennan	Melvin Gaels
2011	Gerry Hickey	Glencar Manorhamilton
2010	Paddy Maguire	Glencar Manorhamilton
2009	Paddy Maguire	Glencar Manorhamilton
2008	Shane Loughlin	Glencar Manorhamilton
2007	James Glancy	St Mary's Kiltoghert
2006	Shane Canning	Mohill
2005	James Gill	Kiltubrid
2004	David Mc Hugh	Annaduff
2003	James Mc Gowan	St Mary's Kiltoghert
2002	Donnacha Lynch	Allen Gaels
2001	Kevin Nolan	Allen Gaels
2000	Padraig Mc Loughlin	Aughavas
1999	Kieran Fox	Glencar Manorhamilton
1998	Joe Tiffoney	Melvin Gaels
1997	Noel Moran	Allen Gaels
1996	Dermot Reynolds	St Mary's Kiltoghert (drawn game)
1995	Gene Bohan	St Mary's Kiltoghert
1994	Aidan Mc Keon	Allen Gaels (versus winners Aughawillan)
1993	Declan Darcy	Aughawillan (drawn game against St Mary's Kiltoghert)
1992	Declan Darcy	Aughawillan (replay)
1991	John Owens	Allen Gaels
1990	Mickey Quinn	Aughawillan versus winners Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins



Keith Beirne (Mohill)
Man of the Match 2020

GROUND REGULATIONS Avontcard Páirc Seán MacDiarmada

All persons entering this ground are admitted only subject to the following Ground Regulations and the Rules and Regulations of Coiste Chontae Liatroma. Entry to the ground shall be deemed to constitute unqualified acceptance of all these Rules and Regulations.

1. Spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
2. The climbing of walls, stands or other buildings in the ground is forbidden.
3. Under no circumstances is it permitted to throw any objects.
4. Unauthorised persons are not permitted to enter upon the field of play and shall be ejected.
5. Any person who remains in the gangway or aisle may be ejected from the ground.
6. Any person who fails to comply with instructions from a steward or member of the Gardai may be ejected from the ground.
7. The stadium management reserves the right of admission.
8. No smoking in Páirc Seán MacDiarmada except in designated areas.
9. Fireworks, smoke canisters, bottles, glasses, cans, flags, banners, poles, and other similar articles or containers, including anything which could or might be used as a weapon, are not permitted within the ground, and any person in possession of such an article or container may be refused entry or ejected from the ground.

Match Officials For Today's Game

Gareth Foley is from the Melvin Gaels club and has been refereeing for 15 years. Born in Our Lady's Hospital Manorhamilton in 1973 he is married to **Christina** and they have two daughters, **Chloe** and **Saoirse**. He is a carpenter/boatbuilder by trade and also runs a very successful family bus hire business.

He has won county league and championship medals at all underage grades with his club.

In his long playing career, his many medal successes include a Connacht minor league medal for Leitrim in 1991. At county level his medal tally includes the intermediate league and championship in 1992, the senior championship in 1998 and junior championship in 2011. He was Melvin Gaels Minor team manager when they won the county championship in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

While representing Leitrim he participated in Connacht championship finals at under 18 in 1991, under 21 in 1994, senior in 2000 and junior in 2003. He was also part of the shield winning all Ireland masters team.

Gareth has refereed at all levels of football in Leitrim including ladies. To date he has officiated at championship finals at under 12, 14, 16, 18, 21, junior and intermediate. As he says himself, "today's senior final is the only one missing!!" He has been a member of the Connacht referring panel and the national support panel and has refereed Ted Webb, Connacht minor and FBD senior intercounty games. 19 years ago Gareth played in the senior final at wing halfback wearing the no 7 jersey and one of his umpires today, **Joe Tiffoney**, was at centre half back wearing no 6. They were defeated by Allen Gaels. Today he takes centre stage with the whistle in his hand.

Umpires: **Terry Tiffoney**, **Francis Mc Gloin**, **Joe Tiffoney** and **Paul Hamilton**.

Stand By Referee: **Patrick Guckian** (Fenagh St Cailins)
Linesman: **Vincent McMorrow** (Glencar Manorhamilton)
Sideline Official: **Donal Butler** (St Mary's Kiltoghert)





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Leitrim Connacht Gold Senior Football Championship 2021

SFC - Round 1

Mohill 6-14 Allen Gaels 1-05 Referee: Michael Mc Girt
Fenagh-St Caillin's 1-13 Seán Ó hEislin 0-13 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
Glencar-Manorhamilton 0-10 St Mary's-Kiltoghert 1-14 Referee: Enda Egan
Gortletteragh 0-10 Gaeil na Meilge 1-14 Referee: Patrick Guckian

SFC - Round 2

Allen Gaels 0-05 Achadh Mhaoláin 0-17 Referee: Martin Feeney
St Mary's-Kiltoghert 0-10 Leitrim Gaels 0-10 Referee: Patrick Guckian
Gaeil na Meilge 0-10 Glencar-Manorhamilton 2-12 Referee: Michael Mc Girt
Seán Ó hEislin 0-17 Mohill 1-17 Referee: Raymond Mc Brien

SFC - Round 3

Mohill 1-21 Fenagh-St Caillin's 2-10 Referee: Michael Mc Girt
Achadh Mhaoláin 0-09 Seán Ó hEislin's 2-13 Referee: Gareth Foley
Leitrim Gaels 1-14 Gaeil na Meilge 0-08 Referee: Raymond Mc Brien
Glencar-Manorhamilton 1-15 Gortletteragh 1-07 Referee: Seamus Mulhern

SFC - Round 4

Fenagh-St Caillin's 0-13 Achadh Mhaoláin 1-10 Referee: Raymond Mc Brien
Seán Ó hEislin's 4-20 Allen Gaels 0-07 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
Gortletteragh 4-12 Leitrim Gaels 1-18 Referee: Michael Mc Girt
Gaeil na Meilge 1-03 St Mary's-Kiltoghert 1-12 Referee: Patrick Guckian

SFC - Round 5

St Mary's-Kiltoghert 1-13 Gortletteragh 2-10 Referee: Michael Mc Girt
Leitrim Gaels 0-11 Glencar-Manorhamilton 0-11 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
Allen Gaels 1-09 Fenagh-St Caillin's 3-17 Referee: Vincent Mc Morrow
Achadh Mhaoláin 1-13 Mohill 0-26 Referee: Enda Egan

SFC - Relegation Final

Allen Gaels 1-07 Gaeil na Meilge 2-10 Referee: Patrick Guckian

SFC - Quarter Final 1

St Mary's-Kiltoghert 3-11 Achadh Mhaoláin 1-07 Referee: Mark Mc Closkey

SFC - Quarter Final 2

Mohill 4-25 Gortletteragh 1-01 Referee: Gareth Foley

SFC - Quarter Final 3

Fenagh-St Caillin's 0-12 Leitrim Gaels 1-13 Referee: Michael Mc Girt

SFC - Quarter Final 4

Seán Ó hEislin's 4-10 Glencar-Manorhamilton 0-08 Referee: Raymond Mc Brien

SFC - Semi Final 1

Seán Ó hEislin's 3-15 St Mary's-Kiltoghert 0-09 Referee: Patrick Guckian

SFC - Semi Final 2

Leitrim Gaels 1-09 Mohill 1-15 Referee: Michael Mc Girt

SFC - Final Sunday 17th Oct 2021
Seán Ó hEislin v Mohill Referee: Gareth Foley



Caoga Bliain ó Shin – Cluiche Ceannais 1971

le Seán Ó Súilleabháin

The front page of the Leitrim Observer on 4 September 1971 showed **Seán Bula McCrann** proudly holding the Fenagh Cup aloft after what was described as *"Mohill's shock win over the much fancied Ballinamore team."*

Ballinamore Seán O'Heslin's were red hot favourites to take the 1971 championship having won three titles in the previous four years, while Mohill hadn't been successful since 1929, over forty years earlier. Ballinamore had in their ranks well-known county players like **Noel Crossan, Michael Martin, Seán Kavanagh, Dermot Gannon** and **Paddy Dolan**.

In a low scoring game, the Mohill lads matched them from the start with **Michael McGuinness** and **John Baxter** outstanding. It ended 0-6 to 0-4 in Mohill's favour.

The lineouts on that famous occasion, fifty years ago were:

Mohill					
1 Shane Moran					
2 Brendan Gallagher			4 Seán 'Bula' McCrann (Capt)		
5 Anthony Canning			7 Brendan McGowan		
8 John Baxter			9 Des Keegan		
10 Ciaran Kelly			12 Christy Foley		
11 Gerry Keegan					
13 Martin Moran			15 Seán Bannon		
14 Michael McGuinness					
Sub used: Paul Greenan					
Team Manager: Matt Gaffey			Other Substitutes		
Selectors: Michael Gallagher,			17 Jim Boyle, 18 Sylvester Kivlehan, 19 PJ Reynolds, 20 Brian Gordon,		
Gabriel Moran, Johnny Rowley			21 Harry McCrann, 22 Joe Beirne, 23 Paddy Byrne, 24 Thomas Mella		
Cathaoirleach: Eamonn Duignan (Snr)			25 Liam Guckian and John Dunleavy		

Ballinamore					
1 Noel Crossan					
2 Paddy Friel			4 Brendan Burns		
3 Harry O'Dowd					
5 Michael Martin			7 Michael McTague		
6 Seán Kavanagh					
8 Hughie Smith			9 Patsy Prior		
10 Francis Duignan			12 Brian McKiernan		
11 Joe Gormley					
13 Seán McGill			15 Tommy McCormack		
14 Dermot Gannon					
Sub used: Paddy Dolan					

The referee in that 1971 final was **Seán Murray** from the St Mary's Kiltoghert club. Today, Seán takes his place on the sideline, acting as a steward - still providing a valuable service to Leitrim GAA after fifty years. In 1971, **George O'Toole** (St Mary's Kiltoghert) was Chairman of the County Board and **Tony McGowan** (Allen Gaels) was Secretary.

Today is the sixth occasion when Ballinamore and Mohill faced each other in a Senior Championship final. Their initial clash was in Leitrim's first ever Senior Championship final in 1890. Since then they met in 1913, 1922, 1930, 1971 and 1972. The results, as of now, are four to two in Ballinamore's favour. Conas mar a bheidh sé ag deireadh an lae?



THE TEAM BEHIND OUR TEAMS



On Sunday September 26th, the club launched its new sponsorship initiative - Ballinamore Le Chéile.
Covering all aspects of the club, including both Men's and Ladies adult teams.
The new sponsorship sees a new club jersey adorned with the new graphic Ballinamore Le Chéile.
The term translates simply to "Ballinamore Together"

Up Ceannabó



THE TEAM BEHIND OUR TEAMS



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All aspects of the club from the Saturday morning children's nursery through the underage activities of the club right through to our adult teams will benefit from the support this initiative will provide.

Many local businesses and people with connections to the locality have come together to make Ballinamore Le Chéile a reality. To these businesses and individuals we owe a huge debt of thanks and hope that we can somehow repay their support.

Up Ceannabó

Ballinamore Team Captain and Management

Dean McGovern is Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's captain in 2021.

Dean has played at all underage levels for the club, captaining an U14 team to championship success in 2010 while also winning U16 and Minor titles. He was a key member of the 2016 Intermediate Championship winning team. He has represented Leitrim at all underage levels including championship starts at Minor, U21 and Senior level. Dean, together with his teammates, have been fantastic in helping our underage players within the club. During some of the Covid-19 lockdowns he posted videos online for our younger players to help them develop their skills when collective training was paused. Dean has a degree in Business Studies from the Institute of Technology Sligo, where he represented the College in Sigerson Cup competitions. Dean is one of five children to parents **Dominic** and **Breege**. His two brothers **Niall** and **Barry** are both part of today's squad while his two sisters, **Emma** and **Megan**, are key members of the Ballinamore Sean O'Heslin's Ladies Senior team.



Dean McGovern

Dominic Corrigan (Manager)

Dominic is from Kinawley in Co. Fermanagh and is a teacher in St Michael's College Enniskillen. He played for his local club for over 20 years and represented Fermanagh between 1981 and 1993, playing at full forward on the Fermanagh team that reached the 1982 Ulster Final. He has coached at St Michael's for over 30 years and in that time the College has won 6 MacRory titles and in 2019 he guided St. Michaels to an historic All Ireland Hogan Cup success. At Club level Dominic has coached teams to 7 Senior Football Championships in Fermanagh and Tyrone. As an Inter-county manager Dominic led his native Fermanagh to a Division 1 League semi-final and an All-Ireland Quarter final. Dominic is married to Mary and they have three children, Tomás, Ruairi and Blánáid.



Ballinamore management: James Boyle, Eddie Bouabbse, Dominic Corrigan Adrian Smith and Sean McCartin

Adrian Smith (Selector) The Monumental Sculptor who previously served as Club Chairman has been involved in every aspect from training underage teams, pitch development to designing signage for the Páirc. His family business is the sponsor of Leitrim's Intermediate Championship.

Sean McCartin (Selector) Sean was a selector on the team that won the Intermediate Championship in 2016. He continues to play with the club. An Electrician and self-confessed "bright spark" Sean is married to Mohill native, Caroline, and they have three children.

Eddie Bouabbse (Selector) Eddie hails from the St Malachy's club in Castletown Geoghegan, Co. Westmeath. Eddie was previously involved with the team in 2019. He brings a wealth of experience from his involvement with Westmeath County Senior, U21 and Development Squads.



Aidan Creamer (S&C) Aidan joined the backroom team earlier this year and has had a huge impact with his professionalism and high standards. A graduate of the Ulster University, he works in ROR Fitness in Ballinamore



Alan Banks (Kitman) A former Chairman and Secretary of the Club. Alan took on the role of Kitman in 2020 and ensures that all our adult men's teams have gear and equipment.

An ever present at all training sessions and matches Alan does a huge amount of work behind the scenes to help the club.

James Boyle (Stats) James is involved with both Men's and Ladies adult teams and his insightful statistics have helped both teams develop. James is Leitrim LGFA PRO.

Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins Club History



The GAA was founded in Ballinamore on the 31st January 1889 at a meeting in McGauran's Railway Hotel, now the Allied Irish Bank. A plaque was erected on the wall of the bank as part of the club's centenary celebrations in 1989.

Sean O'Heslin

Sean O'Heslin, a teacher in Ballinamore was a native of Drumcoman, Corraleehan, Ballinamore. Sean's mother was also a teacher in Clogher. Sean was the driving force behind the club in its most successful period, the 1930s. Fuair sé bás i 1942, nuair nach raibh ach 55 bliain slánaithe aige. The club was named after him in 1953.

Successful Teams

Sean O'Heslin's have been highly successful in every grade of football. The club contested the first ever Leitrim Senior Championship in 1890 and reached the final but lost to Mohill. Twenty-three years later they won their first senior championship, in 1913. The greatest periods in the club's history were the 1930s when five senior titles were won and then a prolonged period of success from 1964 to 1990 when twelve senior titles were won. Probably the club's greatest achievement was a three-in-a-row between 1967-1969. During the 1990s the club had a very strong team which coincided with Leitrim's period of greatness having no less than five players on the Leitrim panel which won the 1994 Connacht championship.

The club last won the Senior Football Championship in 1990, its twentieth title. In 2003 the club won the Senior B Championship, the club's only senior success since 1990. In 2016 the club won the Intermediate Championship after contesting the previous two finals. They subsequently reached the Connacht Intermediate Club Championship final, losing to, eventual All Ireland Champions, Westport.

Club Grounds

Páirc Seáin Uí hEislin was opened in 1952, the first GAA grounds in Leitrim. It was the main county grounds in Leitrim until the opening of Páirc Sean MacDiarmada in Carrick on Shannon in 1964. The Grounds were re-developed and reopened in May 2009 with two excellent pitches together with new dressing rooms and a seated stand for supporters.

Publications

There are three publications on the club's history:

Ballinamore Seán O'Heslins 1889-1984.

Fr Dan Gallogly (Editor)

Come on Cannaboe, 100 years of Ballinamore Seán O'Heslins GAA club.

Seán Ó Suilleabháin (Editor):

Ceann na Bó go Deo: The story of Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins GAA club.

DVD produced by **Seán Ó Suilleabháin** and **Tomás Ó Moráin**

FÍR IONAD

16 Denis Dolan

Donncha Ó Dúláin
Willowfield

17 Mark McGrory

Marcas Mac Ruairí
Lahard

18 Stephen McTague

Stiofán Mac Taidhg
Dromore

19 Peter Reynolds

Peadar Mac Ránaill
Willowfield

20 Brian Banks

Brian Ó Bruacháin
Willowfield

21 Andrew Burns

Aindriú Ó Broin
Clenaghoo

22 David Duignan

Daithí Ó Duigeannáin
Kiltymooden

23 Jack Cullen

Seán Ó Cuillin
Aghadark

24 Barry McGovern

Barra Mac Samhráin
Lisacarn

25 Darragh Murphy

Dáire Mac Murchaidh
Cornacree

26 Shane Murphy

Seán Mac Murchaidh
Ardrum

27 James Honeyman

Séamus Mac an Meala
Tullyscar

28 Cyril óg Smith

Coireall Óg Mac Gabhann
Lahard

29 Séamus Wisley

Séamus Mac an Mhisli
Tully

30 Nathan McCartin

Natháin Mac Artáin
Tarmon

31 Philip Farrelly

Pilib Ó Faircheallaigh
Ardrum

32 John Fanning

Seán Ó Fainín
Ardrum

33 Kevin Prior

Caoimhín Mac an Phríora
Drumrane

34 Philip Murphy

Pilib Mac Murchaidh
Ardrum

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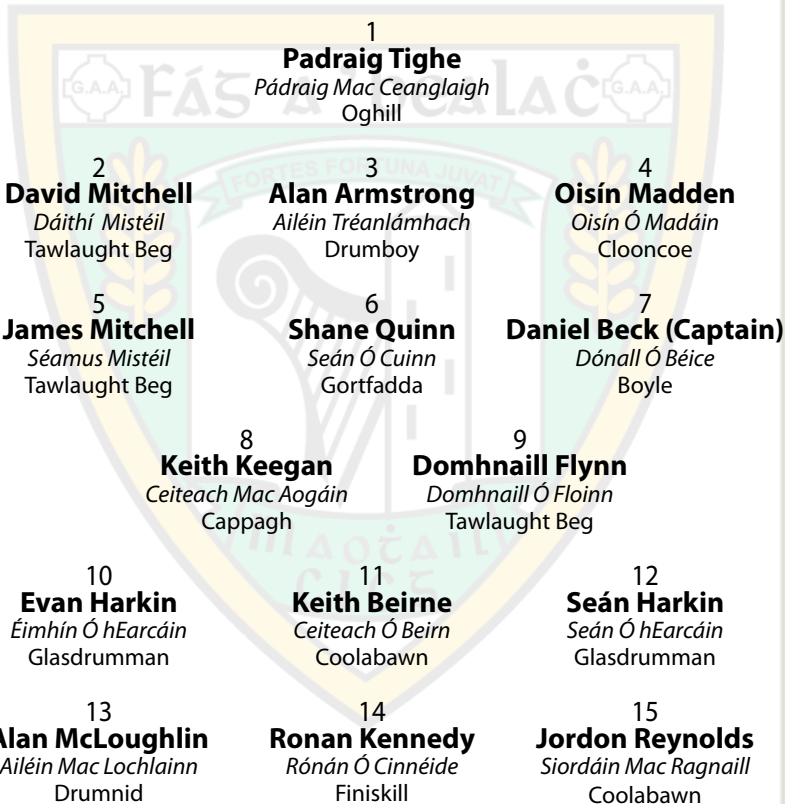
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	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seachai	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1adh Leath					
2adh Leath					
IOMLÁN					

Mohill



FÍR IONAD

- 16 Jason Farry**
Deasún Ó Farraigh
Townemore
- 17 Cailín Canning**
Caillín Ó Cainín
Lisdadan
- 18 Liam Rowley**
Liam Ó Rothlín
Shannagh
- 19 Fiachra McGuinness**
Fiachra Mac Aonghusa
Drumhanny
- 20 Shane McGowan**
Seán Mac Gabhann
Mohill
- 21 Ronan Gordon**
Rónán Mac Mhuirneacháin
Shannagh
- 22 Jonathan Reynolds**
Seán Mac Ragnail
Coolabawn
- 23 Darragh Gordon**
Darrach Mac Mhuirneacháin
Shannagh
- 24 Darren McLoughlin**
Daire Mac Lochlainn
Drumnid
- 25 Donal Duignan**
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Mohill Team Captain and Management

36 year old Daniel Beck is our Senior team Captain and is delighted to have captained this team and group of players for the last nine years. Danny is the eldest son of Valerie & Paul. Danny now lives in Boyle with his wife Gillian and daughters Emma and Chloe. He works as a Sales Manager for EIR. Danny has achieved so much in his sporting career. He has won various underage medals at U 16, minor level and a senior championship medal with Mohill in 2006, also picking up FBD League medals with Leitrim in the past and more recently winning the double league and championship in 2015 and league in 2016. He has always been involved in sporting activities in the local community and is always willing to give a helping hand.



Mohill' captain Danny Beck

Liam Keenan – Team Manager

Liam Keenan is our Senior Team Manager. Liam lives in Ardagh Co. Longford with his wife Charissa and 3 children Rachel, Darragh and Rory. This is his third year as manager with Mohill having previously managed the Longford U20's, Ballymahon and his own Club Ardagh St. Patricks. Liam was also part of Glen Ryan's Longford management team in the past decade that won back to back Division 3 and 4 National league titles.

As a manager he has had success with Mohill winning last years Championship to add to the 2019 Division 1 League. In Longford winning Division 2 leagues with Ballymahon in 2017 and his own club Ardagh St. Patricks in 2012 along with managing his own club to the Longford Intermediate title in 2013.

Liam played with his club at Senior level for 13 years winning an Intermediate championship in 2006 and has represented his county of Longford for over a decade at centre field winning an O Byrne cup in 2000.



Mohill's Mickey Quinn, Liam Keenan, Michael McGuinness and Enda Gillen

Micheal Quinn – Selector

Mickey hails from Cloone GAA club, former Cloone and Leitrim midfielder and represented Leitrim at every age level from underage to senior. Mickey managed both Mohill Ladies and the Mohill minors to a number of league and championship titles.

Michael McGuinness – Selector

Michael is a former Mohill player winning senior championships with the club in 2006 and 2015 and has also represented his county and province at all grades.

Enda Gillen – S&C Coach

Enda Gillen from Ardagh is our S&C coach and is delighted to be working as part of the coaching staff at Mohill GAA this year. Enda played with his local club Ardagh St Patrick's all through underage and senior for 20 years and has worked in the fitness industry for 20 years.

He now is involved in coaching at underage at GAA and rugby and also runs his own kids camps and works with local authorities in schools and clubs teaching kids fundamental movement skills. He lives in Ardagh with his wife Tess and two children, Eoghan 7 years old and Hayley 1 year old. The couple have run their gym Longford Fitness for the past 9 years.

Mohill Club History

The Mohill Faugh a Ballagh Club was founded in rooms on Glebe St. on the 27th of January 1889; the first active club in Leitrim and going strong ever since. Mohill won the first ever Leitrim Senior Football Championship a year later in 1890. We again added Senior Championships in 1914 and 1929 but it was 42 years until we tasted success at Senior level again winning the 1971 Championship. We contested the 1972 and 1974 finals but it would be another 35 years before the Fenagh Cup would spend the winter in Mohill again. In a classic final in Páirc Naomh Mhuire, Cloone on the 8th of October 2006, we snatched victory in a dramatic finale coming from 5 points down with 8 minutes to go to win by one on a scoreline of 0-13 to 1-9; our fifth Senior Championship title.



In 2015 we added our 6th Senior title beating Glencar-Manorhamilton in a replay and once again in dramatic circumstances. The man who had kicked the winning point in the 2006 final deep in injury was in the right place once again. The ball fell to Ronan Kennedy who made no mistake in despatching the ball to the net in one of the most dramatic finishes to a County Final in Leitrim football history with Mohill winning out 1-4 to 0-6.

We returned on Final Day in 2017 with Glencar-Manorhamilton the opponents once again. In a fantastic game which produced football of the highest standard, we were triumphant on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-11. This day will always be remembered as club stalwart Mary Kennedy lifted the Fenagh Cup on behalf of our club on front of a joyous sea of supporters on the Pairc Seán pitch below. Sadly Mary passed to her eternal reward eight months later and she will be in all of our thoughts today in what would be such an important day for her.

Last year's County Final win secured our third senior title in six years as we defeated St Marys on a scoreline of 0-14 to 0-9 in a year that will be remembered for the outbreak of Covid 19 which temporarily halted the playing of GAA in the country between March and June.

To add to our success at Senior level we have won 2 Intermediate, 6 Junior A, 6 Under 21, 12 Minor A and 13 Under 16 Championship titles. We have always been a prominent club at underage level in the county tasting a lot of success throughout the decades which contributed greatly to winning at senior level. The club has a very active Coiste na nÓg at present with coaches out every Saturday morning organising and attending blitzes for our U6's up to U11's. Great work is also being put in with our U13's, 15's and 17's as they compete well in every competition at a high level.

Although today's final pairing have met in the Senior Final on six occasions, we have to go all the way back 49 years ago to 1972 for the last meeting between the sides on final day which Ballinamore won on a scoreline of 1-12 to 1-7. The previous year in 1971, the two teams also met which is a day that holds a special place in the hearts of many Mohill gael as Mohill bridged that 42 year gap to win the Senior title. It is quite fitting that 50 years on from 1971 that Mohill and Ballinamore meet once again on County Final Day. We in Mohill hope that we can replicate the result from that famous day to mark the occasion. We wish the panel and management every success today. Fág a'bealach!

Páirc Philb MhicAonghusa

Football was first played at St Manchans GAA Park in the 1940's with many important county games being played there during the 40's and 50's. The pitch was closed in February 2010 for revamp and reopened in 2012. It was rededicated in memory of the late great Philly McGuinness who sadly passed away in April 2010. Philly played at full forward in the 2006 Senior final alongside brothers Michael and John in what was a historic day for our club. Michael is a selector with the Senior team for today's final.



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John Lynch will commentates on his **25th Leitrim senior football final** on OceanFM today. He reflects on some memories of the biggest day of the year in Leitrim Club football.



Padraig Davis, John Lynch, Barbara Loughlin-Byrne and Martin Costello on broadcasting duties during this year's championship.

25 years is a long time to be working at the same job but you could also say that time flies when you are having fun and the latter is perhaps the best description of my time commentating and reporting on Leitrim GAA matters which has now spun across four decades.

My first County final to work on was as an assistant in 1996, the drawn encounter between Allen Gaels and St Marys. Seamus Duke did the commentary on that day for Shannonside FM and to be present in the old press box in Carrick-on-Shannon and watch the master in action set a seed for a love of Leitrim County final day which continues today. My first commentary on

senor final day arrived a year later after Seamus had moved to Radio Ireland and I was assigned Leitrim matches. The final of 97 was between Aughavas and Allen Gaels and there are still fresh memories in my mind from that game including a certain goalkeeper by the name of **Martin McGowan** saving a penalty.

Every county final writes its own unique history. There are stories in them all, memories of how they were won or lost. In 1998 Melvin Gaels defeated Ballinamore Sean O' Heslins in the battle of traditional giants. In 1999 Glencar Manor scored a late goal to break Fenagh hearts. Aughavas secured the title they deserved in 2000 while in 01 and 02 Allen Gaels went on to win two more titles at the expense of Aughavas and Melvin Gaels. There were then some major breakthrough champions over the following years as St Marys under **Noel Crossan** in 03 secured their first title since 1995. The excitement was fever pitch for a number of years after as Annaduff, Kiltubrid and Mohill all claimed historic titles.

The 2006 final was played in Cloone and was the only one that I ever covered outside of Pairc Sean. It was a serious comeback by Mohill manged by **Tommy McCormack** who would later manage Aughawillan to success. St Marys under **Matt Gaffey** were beaten finalists in 06 but the Mohill man was back the year after to mastermind a St Marys win at the expense of Kiltubrid. By 2006 I had taken over as head of sport with Shannonside and was acutely aware of what sport and especially the GAA meant to the county. The media nights prior to the final were always enjoyable and reminded me of the Mass Stations in the past with the County board playing host to the participating clubs and celebrating their achievement with the wider community.

In 2008 the longest spell of dominance that any team enjoyed in Leitrim Club football during my watch started when Glencar Manor won 4 senior titles in a row - Bornacoola, Carrigallen and St Marys could find no way to end their monopoly on the championship. The drive for five was stopped by their greatest rivals Melvin Gaels in 2012. Since Glencar Manor completed the four in a row, no team has retained the title. **Tom Crowe's** St Marys were champions in 2013 but fell at the final hurdle against Aughawillan a year later in the final. 2014 was the last time a Leitrim team tasted success in Connacht when Sean Pierson's men won down in Sligo.

Longford managers then started to dominate the championship in Leitrim. **Padraig Davis** (Mohill) and **Tommy Mc Cormack** (Aughawillan) rotated titles between 2014 and 2018. The 2015 Mohill success and the late **Ronan Kennedy** goal in the replay of the County final was as dramatic ending that any final could ever produce. Glencar Manorhamilton went on to lose four finals since their last success in 2011 but their luck changed in 2019 when in dramatic circumstances the Ward/Fox management team guided them to a thrilling victory over Sean O'

Heslins. The Ballinamore club, who boast the most senior titles in the county, has never won a senior championship in my time!!! Could that change today?

In 2017 I commentated on my last match on Shannonside when Mohill beat Glencar Manor to claim the championship - the memory of the late **Mary Kennedy** lifting the cup the abiding moment from that day. Mary was lady who always made you welcome when in Mohill for media occasions or matches. I remember visiting on one occasion for a league semi-final and having **Michael** my son with me. Mary looked after him so well that he was a regular visitor for subsequent games in Mohill. By now media coverage of GAA was beginning to change with so many different platforms showing matches. On a personal level, other projects were in the offering.

Another frequent obstacle every Autumn was when finals would occur in Leitrim, Longford and Roscommon on the same day. (This was before radio stations had websites so there were always challenges in juggling coverage). County board officials were very good at staggering times so the coverage could be spread as fairly as possible. It was the same for OceanFM or North West Radio in balancing output in Leitrim, Sligo and Donegal. It's wonderful to see TG4 here today to televise the County final and a wonderful opportunity to show what this championship has to offer.

Over the years I have worked for Setanta Sports, Eir Sport, RTE Sport, Pundit Arena, Mid West Radio, the LGFA Streaming, Connacht GAA, GAA Go and Connacht LGFA. BBC and Galway Bay FM. I have worked on several commentary matches all over the country and overseas but nowhere beats home. In 2018 an opportunity to work in the OceanFM Newsroom came up and three years later I am enjoying each and every day of working with Ocean in news, current affairs and of course sport. OceanFM is a locally owned station with a strong local agenda and extremely talented broadcasters. **Austin O' Callaghan**, who worked with the BBC for many years, heads up the sports department and I have had the pleasure of commentating for Ocean FM on the 2018, 2019 and indeed will be behind the mic for today's final.

In 2020 the Covid-19 pandemic struck and indeed we are still waiting for life to return to normal. We all endured the challenges lockdown brought and being at home at weekends was a strange experience for somebody that was always covering matches



Brian Blake - recording the action

The restrictions also sped up the launch of GAA streaming. It's been a pleasure to have been part of the Leitrim Stream team in 2020 and 2021. It's a privileged position to be able to commentate on these games and it was humbling when GAA greats such as the late **Packy Mc Garty's** family and friends mentioned at the time of his passing how he watched coverage with interest from his home in Dublin in 2020. It was also fitting that Mohill went on to win the championship last year, something I know Packy enjoyed. **Brendan** and **Con Doyle** were integral and crucial to the project

in the start-up phase last year. In 2021 once again **James Molloy** and County PRO **Barbara Loughlin-Byrne** have helped drive the project on from the Leitrim IT committee. **Martin Costello's** technical ability with the streaming of matches from various locations and indeed the use of replays has made the product one of the finest in the country. Our eagle-eyed cameraman **Brian Blake** is one of the best that I have worked with at any level.

Commentary teams need to have chemistry; they need good interaction, be able to inform and entertain. They need to be compatible. For many years I like to think that **Seamus Gallagher** and I had that partnership. Seamus is now taking over commentary duty

on the Final Whistle service along with **Breifne Earley** and this is another exiting project. I have also worked with the likes of **Clare Owens, Maeve Quinn, Martin McHugh, John O Mahony, Padraig Kenny, Brian Breen, Declan Rowley, Padraig Davis, Benny Guckian** and **Aidan Rooney** on Leitrim matches over the years -- all wonderful at providing cutting edge



A special mention of **Martin McGowan** who has had to suffer me through radio and streaming over many years. Martin has that unrivalled knowledge and passion that is invaluable when it comes to broadcasting Leitrim GAA games and indeed matches in Connacht as well. The genial Drumshanbo man makes life so easy for any commentator and I thank him for all of his help and friendship down the years.

analysis and their expertise add so much to the broadcasts. The commentator or anchor, if wise, piggybacks on to this and it enhances the coverage.

Leitrim GAA has a proactive approach to the streaming project and working with **Enda Stenson, Declan Bohan** has always been enjoyable. County Board and current Connacht Treasurer **Martin Mc Cartin** is hugely impressive in the role and with whom I have worked with very closely in Connacht and in Leitrim with over the past number of years. Both organisations are fortunate to have a man of his ability and integrity.

What will the future hold? Exciting new technology will enhance GAA coverage for radio and streaming in the future. Competition in the industry has never been as intense, with an increasing number of outlets broadcasting games and endless podcasts. Back in 1997, **John Connolly**, the late **Comrac Mc Gill, PJ Leddy, Paschal Mooney** and myself were the regular fixtures in press boxes. Now many more have joined the ranks of the hacks! Times, as with the games, have changed. Some of these changes are for the better - some I am still not sure about. What hasn't changed though is my appreciation and gratitude to all the officers, players, supporters and colleagues for their help over the years. You know another 25 would be great - fingers crossed.

The Leitrim Connacht Gold Senior Semi Finals



Back to the future on County Final day

Before a whistle was blown or a ball kicked in this year's Connacht Gold Leitrim SFC, Mohill and Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins cast a long shadow over the competition and now, over two months later, we're exactly where we thought we would be.

This year's final is the 50th anniversary of Mohill and Ballinamore Sean O'Heslins clash in the 1971 decider, a game Mohill won 0-6 to 0-4 so you might be forgiven for thinking that we're "Back to the Future" once more with two old foes renewing an age old rivalry.



But it is not that simple and both the clubs in today's decider have experienced long, lean years. It has been one of the enduring mysteries over the last three decades of how Ballinamore fell from their preeminent position at the top of the ladder in club football in the county. When I joined the Observer as a callow 20-year-old in 1990, my first taste of County Final day was a triple header capped off by a tumultuous Senior decider that saw Sean O'Heslins land two late goals from Paul Kieran to snatch the title from the grasp of Aughawillan. Ballinamore, Aughawillan and Gortletteragh had such a stranglehold on club football at that time that clubs didn't even dare dream of beating them. Allen Gaels were the first to dent the invincibility of the legendary trio, a shock so seismic that I rank it as the biggest final upset of my time with the Observer.

Back on that glorious golden day at the end of August (County Finals were held then if you can believe it), if you told a Leitrim GAA fans in 1990 that Ballinamore would not lift the Fenagh Cup for at least 31 years or that Aughawillan would go 20 years without reaching a final or that Gortletteragh would only contest one Senior final, in 2000, well I think the men in the white coats would have been sent for pretty damn quick!

Mohill know all about famines - 2021 is the 50th anniversary of their fourth triumph in 1971 but, for a club who contested eight of the first 11 County Finals, that victory came 42 years after their previous triumph and either side of a glorious spell from 1971 to 1974, they had gone 30 years before and 32 years after without contesting a Senior Final. Now they are going for a fourth title in seven campaigns - how times change!

In the year that the great Packie McGarty passed to his eternal reward, it is staggering to think that he never contested a final with his native Mohill. One of the most indelible memories I have was the sight of Packie addressing a hushed Mohill dressing room in 2017, his heart filled with pride to see his native place lifting the Fenagh Cup.

Many, many great players in this county never got to experience County Final day although a staggeringly high 14 clubs have reached the Senior Final since 1990. St Mary's Kiltoghert lead the way with 11 appearances, one ahead of Glencar Manorhamilton but back in 1990, both clubs wouldn't dare dream of such sustained excellence.

So if there has been a sense of inevitability about this year's championship, the reality is that it isn't all that inevitable. We've waited nearly 50 years for another Mohill and Ballinamore Final so the message for today's players is, win, lose or draw, cherish today's experience - it doesn't come around too often.

John Connolly
Sports Editor Leitrim Observer

Leitrim Senior Football Championship Roll Of Honour (to 2020)

Seán Uí Eislín-Béal an Átha Móir	(20)	1913,1922,1930,1933,1935,1936,1939,1956, 1964,1967,1968,1969,1972,1973,1975,1979, 1982,1986,1988,1990
Achadh an Mhuilinn	(12)	1923 (Kiltyhugh), 1976, 1978, 1983, 1984, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1994, 2014, 2016, 2018
Cluain	(11)	1911,1934,1937,1942,1944,1946,1947, 1948,1950,1951,1980
Achadh Easa	(9)	1915,1940,1949,1952,1954,1955,1963, 1966, 2000
Maothail	(8)	1890,1914,1929,1971, 2006, 2015, 2017, 2020
Gaeil na Meilge	(7)	1959,1960,1961, 1962,1965,1998, 2012
Gleann an Chairthe/Cluainín	(7)	1977, 1999, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2019
Naomh Caillian-Fíonach	(5)	1906,1910, 1912,1919,1932
Gortleitreach	(5)	1905,1970,1981,1985,1987
Gaeil na hAilne	(5)	1991,1996,1997,2001,2002
Naomh Muire-Cill Tochairt	(5)	1958,1995,2003, 2007, 2013
Barr na Cuile	(4)	1938,1943,1953,1957
Gorvach	(4)	1924,1925,1926,1927
Aislínn	(3)	1891,1916,1917
Carraig Álainn	(2)	1941,1945 (Tully)
Eanach Dubh	(2)	1928, 2004
Droim Óir Bhealaigh	(1)	1931
Achadh na Síleann	(1)	1918
Gaeil Sí Mór	(1)	1974
Cill Tobraid	(1)	2005

Leitrim Senior Management Team

We are delighted to bring the process of selecting a person to lead the County's Senior Team into competitive action for the 2022 season to a conclusion with the appointment of the former Mayo Senior Footballer **Andy Moran** to this position. We look forward to a year of progress, as we, hopefully, head into a playing season in which normality will have resumed, following the continued Covid pandemic disruption of the 2020/2021 playing seasons. Andy will be assisted in his role by fellow Ballaghaderreen GAA man, **Mike Solan** as Assistant Manager, and former Leitrim players **Barry McWeeney** and **James Glancy** as selectors.



Andy Moran played senior Inter-County Football with Mayo from 2004 to 2019. The holder of the all-time Mayo appearances record has played six All-Ireland Finals with Mayo over that period. He is a two-time All-Star winner and holder of eight Connacht SFC Medals and was chosen as Footballer of the Year in 2017. He currently co-manages his native Ballaghaderreen GAA Senior Team while still a playing member of the team in the Mayo SFC. He has previously coached the Mayo Under 20 Team in 2020.

Mike Solan, who joins Andy as Assistant Manager, has previously managed Mayo at Under 20/21 level over the seasons 2016-2020. During that period, he presided over two Connacht Championship winning selections, while also being at the helm as Mayo captured the 2016 Under 21 All-Ireland title. He is currently Joint Manager with Andy at Ballaghaderreen GAA and has won two Mayo SFC titles with the club as a player in 2008 and 2012.

Barry McWeeney is a former Aughnasheelin footballer and has played with Leitrim at all levels. He was a very committed member of the Leitrim Senior Football Panel from 2005 to 2014 and was a most accomplished defender. With his club he has won two Leitrim Intermediate Football Championships in 2008 and 2017, the latter of which saw him captaining the team to victory. He is currently heavily involved in coaching within his own club.

James Glancy, a former Glencar/Manorhamilton footballer has had a long career in the colours of Leitrim at all levels, representing the Seniors from 2003 to 2014. He has had representative honours with Connacht in the Interprovincial series, and is the holder of five Leitrim SFC Medals with his club, having featured in nine senior deciders and being a member of the famed 4-in-a-row team of 2008-2011. James has vast coaching experience at all levels.

Leitrim GAA is delighted to announce currently that this quartet will lead the fortunes of the County Senior Footballers forward over the next two seasons. Interesting to note that Andy Moran, Barry McWeeney, and James Glancy won a Sigerson Cup together with Sligo IT in 2005.

Any additional members of the extended backroom team will be announced at a later date.



Andy (and the Nestor cup) is no stranger to Leitrim

It might be a few years since Leitrim got their hands on the Nestor Cup but these young GAA fans at the Glencar Manorhamilton Summer Camp in 2013 enjoyed the feeling when the then Mayo captain Andy Moran visited the camp the day after Mayo were crowned champions of Connacht.

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