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**Coiste Chontae Liatroma**  
**Cluiche Ceannais Idirmheánach 2024**  
Páirc Seáin Uí hEislin  
13ú Deireadh Fómhair 2024

**Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football**  
**Championship Final 2024**



**Gaile na hAilne**  
v  
**Gaile na Meilge**



**Réiteoir: Eamonn Dolan (Carrigallen)**

**Standby Referee: Martin Feeney**

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# CHONTAE LIATROMA

## CLUICHE CEANNAIS IDIRMHEÁNACH 2024

### 13Ú DEIREADH FÓMHAIR

#### CLÁR AN LAE



15:00	Kiltubrid Pipe Band amach ar an bpáirc
15:08	Foireann Gaeil na hAilne amach ar an bpáirc (Team Photograph)
15:10	Foireann Gaeil na Meilge amach ar an bpáirc (Team Photograph)
15:18	Toss for choice of ends
15:22	Paráid na bhFóirne
15:28	Amhrán na bhFiann
15:30	Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Final 2024 commences
16:01*	Half-Time Interval
16:16*	Second-half commences
16:48*	Smith Monumentals IFC Final 2024 concludes
16:55*	Presentation of Man of the Match award by Gabriel Cronin, Cronin Dental Laboratories Presentation of Frank Reynolds Memorial Cup to the winning captain by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Éanna Mac Stibhín. (In stand above the Central Tunnel)

\*Subject to any additional time added on.  
If the game ends level at full time it will be replayed.

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Sinne Fianna Fáil, atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,  
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Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,  
Seo libh canaig' amhrán na bhFiann.

## Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

Today is a wonderful occasion for the supporters, officials, players and management of these two great clubs. Both clubs have on numerous occasions reached the top tier of football here in Leitrim and are now in the process of rebuilding teams to again rise to greatness.



I'd like to thank and acknowledge the endless hours of voluntary work that is put into the running of those clubs and indeed every club in the county. Without those volunteers, GAA in Leitrim could not survive. I wish good luck to our referee Eamon Dolan from Carrigallen and his team of officials who take charge of today's game and I want to thank all our referees and officials who take charge of our matches each week.

I want to thank the Ballinamore club and all their stewards for their professionalism in hosting all our championship matches whilst Pairc Sean MacDiarmada is being upgraded, you have been a credit to GAA in Leitrim. Thank you also to our media outlets, Leitrim Observer, Ocean FM, Shannonside Radio and our live streaming team of John Lynch, Martin McGowan, Brian Blake and Martin Costello.

Comhghairdeas leis na foirne go léir anseo agus tá súil agam go mbainfidhsibh taitneamh as an ócáid seo inniu.

*Eanna MacStibhin  
Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Liatroma*

## Focal ón Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí



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 ócáid seo.

I would like to welcome you all here today to Páirc Seáin Uí hEislin, Ballinamore.

We have reached another highlight of our sporting calendar, the Smith Monumentals Intermediate Final. Special congratulations to Melvin Gaels and Allen Gaels on reaching the Intermediate Football Championship final 2024. 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 their supporters here today. No matter the results, 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. I wish to thank our great team of Brian Blake, John Lynch and his co commentator Martin Mc Gowan, James Molloy and Brendan Doyle for their behind the scenes work and especially Martin Costello of AV Tech who does an extraordinary job of 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 also giving us coverage. Special thanks to John Lynch, and PJ Leddy 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 Sean O Suilleabhain and Declan Bohan for all their help. Special mention also to all our sponsors and advertisers for your continued support.

As this is my final year as county PRO I would like to record my gratitude to all those Gaels throughout the county who have made me feel welcome at the various events I attended over the past five years both here and abroad. Your support and the courtesy shown made my task all the easier. Mile buíochhas daoibh go leir.

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  
Focal ón Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí*



## Match Officials for today's final

### Referee – Eamonn Dolan (Carrigallen)

**Eamonn Dolan** works as a Category Buyer with ESB and is a member of Carrigallen GAA Club. He has been refereeing for 5 years and during this time Eamonn has represented his club officiating at games in Leitrim and Cavan at club level and in Connacht at provincial level at various underage academy competitions. Eamonn was the referee for the 2023 Junior A Championship final and this year has the whistle for the Intermediate Championship final for the first time.

Eamonn has played championship football at all levels for his club Carrigallen, including an intermediate championship winner's medal in 2006 and narrowly missed out on senior championship medal in 2009 losing that final to Glencar Manor by a single point.

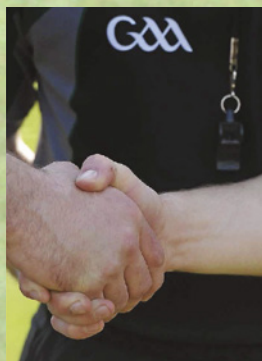
Eamonn has also managed teams at all levels within his club and was part of the management team when Carrigallen won the Junior A Championship in 2022. Currently he is vice-chairman of his club Carrigallen and is proud to be fortunate enough to behold the responsibility of referee at the 2024 Leitrim Smith Monumental Intermediate Football Final.

Eamonn has equal gratitude towards his team of umpires who have traveled with him from the start of his refereeing career. His umpires today are **Rory Harte, Eamonn O'Malley, JP McManus** and **Andrew McManus** all former teammates from the Carrigallen Gaa club.

Standby Referee: **Martin Feeney**, St Patrick's Dromahair

Linesman: **James McCaffrey**, Aughnasheelin

4th Official: **Frank Niblock**, Gortletteragh



## Melvin Gaels Club History



This year marks the 70th anniversary of Melvin Gaels CLG, a club deeply rooted in the picturesque village of Kinlough, nestled in North Leitrim. The club's foundation dates back to November 19, 1954, though the groundwork was laid a year earlier with its inaugural meeting. The first executive board, comprised of esteemed local figures, featured Cannon Dolan as President, Martin Bernard McGowan as Chairman, Bat White as Secretary, and Owen Greene as Treasurer. Greene's involvement added a historical touch, as he had bravely fought in the 1916 Rising at Boland's Mill.

Geographically, Melvin Gaels sits at the heart of an area that borders three counties—Donegal, Fermanagh, and Sligo. While Kinlough remains the club's home, its reach spans into the surrounding areas of Tullaghan, Askill, Glenade, Rossinver, Glenaniff, and even Ballintrillick in County Sligo. Despite Ballintrillick being outside Leitrim, it has long contributed players and support, reflecting the club's strong community ties across parish lines.

On the field, Melvin Gaels has built an impressive legacy. The club has claimed seven Leitrim Senior Football Championships, the latest in 2012, alongside four Intermediate Championships, most recently in 2015. The addition of a reserve team in the mid-90s sparked further success, with Junior League and Championship titles, culminating in a third adult team formed in 2022. Remarkably, this fledgling side captured the Leitrim Junior C title in their first season.

With a thriving youth structure catering to both boys and girls from Under-7 to Under-19, the future of Melvin Gaels looks bright. The blue and white jerseys, a nod to Rev. J. Dolan P.P., a founding member and proud Cavan native, continue to inspire generations.

As Melvin Gaels celebrates its 70th year, it remains a symbol of passion, pride, and perseverance in Leitrim football.



## Melvin Gaels Captains and Management

**Shane McGloin (Captain)** The 23-year-old captain of Melvin Gaels, has quickly established himself as a key player and leader on the field. A native of Castlegal, Shane made his Senior debut in 2019 in a Division 1 game under the guidance of then-manager James Phelan, where he was part of the starting fifteen that secured a victory against Gortletteragh. Shane's talent and leadership were evident early in his career. At just 15, he played a pivotal role in Melvin Gaels' U18 team that won the Minor A Championship in 2016. He continued to add to his list of achievements, winning the U17 B Championship in 2018 and the U20 A Championship in 2019. Now, as captain and a half-back for the Gael, Shane is known for his strong leadership and determined presence on the pitch. A building contractor by profession, he brings the same work ethic and reliability to football, always ready to support his teammates and drive the team forward with his commitment and passion. Shane McGloin embodies the spirit of Melvin Gaels, leading by example and playing with the grit and determination that inspires his teammates every time he steps onto the field.



**Aidan Murray (Manager)**, a native of Ballyshannon, is now in his second year at the helm of Melvin Gaels, where his impact as a manager is being felt. In his first year, he successfully guided the Gaels to the intermediate final, showcasing his leadership and tactical prowess. Before joining Melvin Gaels, Aidan managed Naomh Bríd, where he achieved a significant milestone in 2022 by leading the club to a Division 3 final victory. This triumph marked Naomh Bríd's return to Division 2 after a decade-long absence, underlining Aidan's ability to revive and inspire teams. As a player, Aidan enjoyed a decorated career in Donegal, winning three intermediate reserve championships. His extensive managerial and coaching experience across all age levels at the club level makes him a versatile and knowledgeable leader. Aidan's skills as a manager were further recognised when he served as a selector for the Donegal Masters team in 2020. Under the management of his father, Val Murray, the team reached the pinnacle of success, securing All-Ireland glory—a proud achievement for both Aidan and his family.

**Joe Tiffoney, (Selector)**, a dedicated Gael and a key selector for Melvin Gaels, has been deeply involved in the GAA community throughout his life. Hailing from Glenade, Joe's football journey began in Aghanish National School, where he made his mark early on, winning the all-Ireland "Two Teacher National Schools Championship" in both 1984 and 1985. At just 16 years old, Joe made his Junior football debut for Melvin Gaels, showcasing his talent at a remarkably young age. His playing career reached a peak in 1998 when he captained Melvin Gaels to a historic Senior County Championship victory—the club's first in 35 years. He also tasted success in 1991, winning the Intermediate Championship. Joe's talents were not limited to club level. From 1996 to 2000, he represented Leitrim as a wing half-back, proudly wearing the county jersey and bringing his hard-working, determined style of play to the inter-county stage.

**Val Murray (Selector)**, father of current Melvin Gaels manager Aidan Murray, returns to the club as a selector, bringing with him a wealth of experience and a history of success. Val previously managed Melvin Gaels in 2008, guiding the team to a Division 1 title. His deep understanding of the game and tactical expertise are widely respected.



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## Allen Gaels Club History

The first GAA Club was formed in Drumshanbo in 1889 under the name “St. Patrick’s”. Over the following 70 years the Club struggled, survived, died and revived. Finally, in 1962, it established a permanent place in the community and never looked back. Drumshanbo, then called St. Francis, won it’s first county title in any grade in 1963 – the Leitrim Junior Championship.

Allen Gaels was formed in 1969 when Drumshanbo and next-door neighbours, Ballinaglera, decided to amalgamate and taking their name from Lough Allen, they went on to win 3 successive Senior League Titles in 1973, 1974 & 1975 as well as 2 Senior Hurling Titles in 1975 & 1977. The combination parted amicably in 1981 when Ballinaglera opted to form their own club, with Drumshanbo continuing on their own and retaining the name Allen Gaels.

After an initial slump, when the Club first team competed in the Junior B grade, a steady climb to success began with a Junior League Title in 1986. It progressed rapidly with Minor A, Junior A & Intermediate Championship wins in the following 3 years and culminated in Drumshanbo’s first Senior Championship in 1991, to climax a remarkable period of success under manager, Frank McKeon. The Club added 4 more senior championships in 1996, 1997, 2001 and 2002 under managers, Eamonn McGowan, Denis Conerton & Denis Johnson. The Connacht Club Final appearance in 1997 was a particular highlight when the Club lost to eventual All Ireland Champions, Corofin on a scoreline of 2-10 to 0-11.

The Club’s last appearance in a senior final was in 2002 when they defeated today’s opponents, Melvin Gaels, 0-11 to 0-07 with Donnacha Lynch scoring 0-08 points. All of Drumshanbo will settle for a repeat in this year’s final! Since 2002, the Club has only competed in one adult championship final in the flagship competitions, winning the Junior A Championship in 2008. The Club retained senior status until 2021 and has competed in the Intermediate grade since, reaching the semi-final in both 2022 and 2023.

The Club has enjoyed regular underage success throughout this period and consistently produces excellent juvenile teams. Indeed, several players from our most recent Minor A success in 2020 take the field today. Ladies football in the Club has enjoyed a welcome revival with great numbers taking part and the St. Francis Ladies have shown the way with Intermediate success last week! Both Michelle Monaghan and Lauryn McKeon represented the Club on the successful Leitrim Team that claimed the All-Ireland Intermediate Title in August.

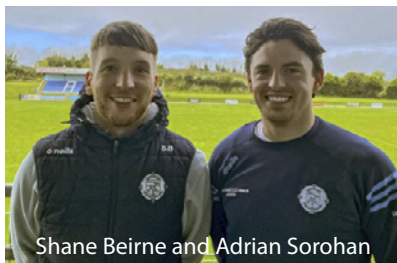
Since a new pitch and clubhouse were opened in 2008, the Club’s facilities have expanded, and a new all-weather flood lit training pitch is in the pipeline and is due to open at Shane McGettigan Park in 2025. We look forward to an exciting future on and off the field.



## Allen Gaels Captains and Management

### **Shane Beirne & Adrian Sorohan (Joint Captains)**

**Shane** a HR professional has been an ever-present member of the senior panel since his debut in 2011. One of the most loyal and committed players in the Club, this is his second year as joint Captain, and he has lifted the Division 2 League Cup last year and the Spring League Trophy this year. He was also part of the management team of the club's U-15 team this year, further highlighting his commitment to the club.



Shane Beirne and Adrian Sorohan

**Adrian** is in his first year as joint Captain. A Committed player known for playing with a smile on his face. Adrian made his debut for Allen Gaels in 2012 and is well regarded as one of the best man markers the club has produced. He is a maths teacher by trade, and his positivity and energy has been a great benefit to the team since his return home two years ago.



James Deane, Paddy Beirne, James Flynn and Stephen Tiernan

### **Manager: James Flynn**

James is a long-term servant of Allen Gaels. He joined the Senior Panel in 2003 and made the transition to management during 2022. Married with four proud Allen Gaels boys, he also coaches the under 7's and under 9's in the club. He is a woodwork teacher in St. Mogue's College Bawnboy, where he has coached them to two Ulster Schools titles.

### **Selector: Stephen Tiernan**

A lifelong Allen Gaels man and former player who has been selector for three years now. Running his own business and with a young family he still finds the time for his beloved Gaels, with an infectious energy and enthusiasm for the game.

### **Coach: James Deane**

James hails from the Shannon Gaels club in Roscommon. This is his second year on the management team. James has a wealth of experience in coaching at all levels at both club and county and has been a great asset to the group.

### **Stats: Paddy Beirne**

Originally from Drumshanbo, Paddy is now married and living in Fenagh. This is his first year on the management team and he has brought a great level of detail and expertise to the role.

# Allen Gaels Underage Teams



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On Sunday 2nd of June the community of Drumshanbo, neighbouring parishes and further afield joined the Moran Family and Allen Gaels GAA Club to celebrate the first Shroomsday, a family fun day in memory of Ronan Moran.

Ronan was a much loved and valued member of our Senior Panel, club and community, who sadly passed away on 8th February 2023.

Ronan or "Shroom" as friends and teammates called him, with his open nature and legendary smile had a great gift of developing friendships with all ages so a family fun day "Shroomsday" was chosen as the most fitting way to remember him

Fun and games hosted by players from Allen Gaels Senior Men's and St. Francis Ladies Senior Ladies Teams, A Monster BBQ, Facepainting, Music, Raffle, The Sam Maguire and Liam McCarthy Cups were in attendance and the Andrew O'Neill Cup from the Leitrim u20 Hurling Team.

Shroomsday was, as hoped, filled with lots of fun, energy and smiles. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of people who attended and those who donated an amazing €17,000 raised. The success of this day was no doubt due to the high regard in which Ronan and the entire Moran Family are held.

In early August a presentation evening was held & the following were the beneficiaries from the day;

**Childhood days, St Ciarans Day services, Rurui Higgins, Michael Barry, Drumshanbo Christmas lights, Drumshanbo tidy towns, Drumshanbo Senior Citizens, Drumshanbo Vocational School, St Patrick's National School, Drumshanbo Vincent De Paul, Leitrim's Calling & Casa**





FÍR IONAD

16 **Conor Flood**  
Conchúr Ó Maoltaile  
Drumcoora

17 **Martin Raftery**  
Máirtín Ó Reachtaire  
Corryard

18 **Bryan Beirne**  
Brian Ó Beirn  
Mahanagh

19 **Shane Walsh**  
Seán Breathnach  
Derrintober

20 **Shane Beirne**  
Seán Ó Beirn  
Mahanagh

21 **Jason Loftus**  
Jason Ó Lachtáin  
Corryard

22 **Emmet Moran**  
Eimeid Ó Mórdáin  
Cornashamsoge

23 **Aidan Dowler**  
Aodhan Ó Dallachair  
Derrintonny

24 **Prezmek Zaremba**  
Prezmek Zaremba  
Moneynure

25 **Cian Beirne**  
Cian Ó Beirn  
Mahanagh

26 **Ryan Higgins**  
Rian Ó hUiginn  
Disternan

27 **Eoin Guckian**  
Eoin Mag Eocaháin  
Aughriman

28 **Gareth Gilmartin**  
Gearóid Mac Giolla Mhártain  
Cornashamsoge

29 **Evan Foley**  
Éimhín Ó Foghlú  
Moneynure

30 **Cathal Kenny**  
Cathal Ó Cionnaith  
Drumduff North

31 **Kevin Moran**  
Caoimhín Ó Mórdáin  
Aughnagallopp

32 **Adam Casey**  
Adam Ó Cathasaigh  
Grattan Avenue

33 **Kacper Baginski**  
Kacper Baginski  
Disternan

34 **Ciaran Woods**  
Ciarán Mac Conchoille  
Towneycorry

35 **Dan O'Loughlin**  
Dónall Ó Lochlainn  
Disternan

36 **Brian Gunning**  
Brian Ó Conaing  
Lisconnor

37 **Barta Orawiec**  
Barta Orawiec  
Disternan

38 **Wayne Gunning**  
Uaithne Ó Conaing  
Drumherriiff

39 **David Wynne**  
Dáithí Ó Gaoithín  
Disternan

# Gaeil na hAilne

1  
**Danny Egan**  
Dónall Mac Aogáin  
Drumcoora

2  
**Adrian Sorohan**  
Adrian Ó Soracháin  
Drumshanbo

3  
**Mark Gunning**  
Marcas Ó Conaing  
Lisconnor

4  
**Kyle Flynn**  
Kyle Ó Floinn  
Ardcolumn

5  
**Seán Lynch**  
Seán Ó Loingsigh  
Drumgorman

6  
**Allan Wynne**  
Ailéin Ó Gaoithín  
Corryard

7  
**Karl Foley**  
Cearúll Ó Foghlú  
Moneynure

8  
**Brian Mulvey**  
Brian Ó Maoilmhiagh  
Drumcoora

9  
**Radek Oberwan**  
Radek Oberwan  
Drumcoora

10  
**Colin Moran**  
Coilín Ó Mórdáin  
Murhaun

11  
**Jake Tobin**  
Jake Tóibín  
Barrack Square

12  
**Arek Oberwan**  
Arek Oberwan  
Drumcoora

13  
**Ciaran Mc Morrow**  
Ciarán Mac Muirí  
Aughnagallopp

14  
**Caleb Duffy**  
Caleb Ó Dubhthaigh  
Moneynure

15  
**Ciaran Walsh**  
Ciarán Breathnach  
Derrintober

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# Gaeil na Meilge

1  
**Kevin McGloin**

*Caoimhín Mac Giolla Eoin*  
Glenn Éada

2  
**Eoghan Gallagher**

*Eoghan Ó Gallchoir*  
Eadan Mheilbhe

3  
**Kieran Clancy**

*Ciarán Mac Fhlannchaidh*  
Cionn Locha

4  
**Kyle O'Driscoll**

*Kyle Ó Drisceoil*  
Bocóid

5  
**Shane McGloin**

*Seán Mac Giolla Eoin*  
Caisle Geala

6  
**Liam Ryan**

*Liam Ó Riain*  
Gob an Chrionaigh

7  
**Seán McSharry**

*Seán Mac Searraigh*  
An Chluain

8  
**Conor Sheridan**  
*Conchubhar Ó Sirideáin*  
Gob an Chrionaigh

9  
**Peter McGowan**  
*Peadar Mac Gabhann*  
Cionn Locha

10  
**Philip McGowan**

*Pilib Mac Gabhann*  
Cionn Locha

11  
**Caolan Clancy**  
*Caolán Mac Fhlannchaidh*  
Cionn Locha

12  
**Declan Clancy**  
*Deaglán Mac Fhlannchaidh*  
Cionn Locha

13  
**Gary Clancy**  
*Gearóid Mac Fhlannchaidh*  
Cionn Locha

14  
**Mícheál Ferguson**  
*Mícheál Mac Fearghais*  
Cluainín

15  
**Jack Roynane**  
*Seán Ó Rónáin*  
Cionn Locha

## FÍR IONAD

### 16 David Cleary

*Dáithí Ó Cléirigh*  
An Chluain

### 17 Joseph McGloin

*Seosamh Mac Giolla Eoin*  
Glenn Éada

### 18 John James Lipsett

*Seán Séamus Lipsett*  
Na Dromanna

### 19 Gero Gilmartin

*Gero Mac Giolla Mhártain*  
Úrach

### 20 Declan Roper

*Déaglán Roper*  
Éadan Mheilbhe

### 21 Darragh McSharry

*Darragh Mac Searraigh*  
An Móinín

### 22 Aidan Keegan

*Aodhán Mac Aogain*  
An Leachta

### 23 Iarlath Keegan

*Iarlaith Mac Aogain*  
An Leachta

### 24 Patrick McGowan

*Pádraig Mac Gabhann*  
Glenn Éada

### 25 Paddy Harnett

*Pádraig Ó hAirtnéada*  
An Tulachán

### 26 Liam McSharry

*Liam Mac Searraigh*  
An Móinín

### 27 Paul McGowan

*Pól Mac Gabhann*  
Cionn Locha

### 28 Luke Clancy

*Lúcás Mac Fhlannchaidh*  
Éadan Mheilbhe

### 29 Jamie Moore

*Séamus Ó Mordha*  
Cionn Locha

### 30 Michael Neil Gallagher

*Mícheál Niall Ó Gallchoir*  
An Ascaill

Cúil Cúilíní Seachai 45m Saor Ciceanna

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2adh Leath

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# Melvin Gaels Leitrim GAA Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Finalists 2024



Back row from left: Joe McGloin, Paul McGowan, Liam McSharry, Sean McSharry, Iarlath Keegan, Caolan Clancy, Declan Roper, David Cleary, Kevin McGloin, Micheál Ferguson, Conor Sheridan, Peter McGowan, Kyle O'Driscoll, Paddy McGowan.

Front row from left: Aidan Keegan, Declan Clancy, Gary Clancy, Eoghan Gallagher, Jack Roynane, Philip McGowan, Shane McGloin, JJ Lipsett, Liam Ryan, Kieran Clancy.



# Allen Gaels

## Leitrim GAA Smith Monumentals

### Intermediate Football Finalists 2024



Back row from left: Shane Beirne, Cian Beirne, Conor Flood, Evan Foley, Kyle Flynn, Dan O'Loughlin, Karl Foley, Alan Wynne, Colin Moran, Emmet Moran, Radek Oberwan, Kevin Moran, Brian Gunning, Jason Loftus, Eoin Guckian, Caleb Duffy, Shane Walsh, Mark Gunning.

Front Row from left: Adam Casey, Prezmeck Zarembo, Gareth Gilmartin, Aidan Dowler, Brian Beirne, Arek Oberwan, Daniel Egan, Adrian Soroohan, Sean Lynch, Brian Mulvey, Ciaran McMorro, Ciaran Walsh, Ciaran Woods, Jake Tobin, Kacper Baginski. Front of players - Rian Flynn.



## A Return to the Top Table

Dining at the top table of club football in Leitrim is where today's teams contesting the Leitrim Intermediate final believe they belong. It's difficult to argue when you consider their tradition and the level of talent within their current ranks. It might be a little early to start making any sort of predictions on how suitable they would be as senior outfits but I genuinely could see either of these teams at least holding their own.



When I first took up the mic for Leitrim commentaries back almost 30 years ago Allen Gaels were enjoying a golden era, they won 5 senior county senior titles between 1991 and 2002, the legacy of that great team has been difficult to match over the past twenty years until perhaps now. In Drumshanbo optimism has to be increasing for a number of reasons, Radek Oberwan's performance in the semi-final victory over Drumkeerlin was outstanding, his brother Arek along with the likes of Foley, Tobin, and Duffy present evidence why the current generation could in time challenge the dominance of Mohill, Ballinamore and St Marys. Allen Gaels have strength in depth and have players such as Sorohan, Flynn, Wynne, and Mulvey that have experience of getting the job done.

Tradition and being compared to the successful teams from bygone eras is something that the Melvin Gaels players have to live with. From working on some of their games in recent years, the words 'resilient' and 'determined' spring to mind. The point was made to me before the semi-final that in Kinlough supporters are waiting for this team to ignite, on closer examination however the game plan which has been so effective in getting them this far does not really lend itself to free flowing attacking football. Melvin Gaels would, I'd say be happy to dig into the trenches and grind this one out. Several times against Kiltubrid they were on the edge but clawed themselves back and then in the semi-final they strangled the life out of Carrigallen. Once Melvin Gaels scored their goal in the first half there was only ever going to be one winner; if they get a lead to defend, they are dangerous and difficult to beat.

They too have potential match winners - Ferguson is a real threat, Peter McGowan has struggled with injury, but his presence alone is huge for Melvin Gaels. Liam Ryan's work rate and helping the transition from defence to attack is key and in Kevin McGloin I see a goalkeeper that reminds me of Martin McHugh but more comfortable of meeting the current needs of being that plus one in the modern game. Conor Sheridan, the Clancy's and Philip McGwoan are also players to watch today.

Allen Gaels avoided the quarter finals after finishing second once the group stages were completed. In the semi-final they cut loose in the second half against Drumkeerlin. They had the ability to take goals while enjoying a bounce from their bench. But there is room for improvement from the semi-final, they were slow to get motoring - this could be one of the downsides of no quarter final. The other area that concerned me was the panic the long ball that dropped in between full back and goalkeeper caused. This had a domino effect on other areas of their performance.

Melvin Gaels have a game plan that is built on a huge work rate and all 15 players working like dogs, but when 15 becomes 14 and 14 becomes 13 space opens and a team like Allen Gaels could destroy you. Discipline will be massive today. It is one thing breaking up a game and strategic fouling is part of the course nowadays for all teams; however, if a referee loses patience the dynamics totally change.

It's time since 2002 that the teams have clashed in a final. Allen Gaels were 5 point winners that day with Angus Fee scoring the crucial goal 22 years ago in the senior decider. The first goal scored today could be a big factor if Melvin Gael score it then expect them to execute a well worked game plan; if Allen Gaels establish an advantage, then the shackles would have to come of for both teams and we could get an enjoyable match.

**John Lynch Ocam FM**

# The Smith Monumentals Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship 2024

Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	+/-	Pt
Carrigallen	4	3	0	1	55	33	22	7
Allen Gaels	4	2	0	2	65	37	28	6
Gaeil na Meilge	4	3	1	0	59	46	13	6
Drumkeerlin	4	2	1	1	39	34	5	5
St Mary's-Kiltoghert	4	2	1	1	49	47	2	5
Cill Tiobraid	4	2	2	0	50	35	15	4
Achadh an Mheasa	4	2	2	0	38	56	-18	4
Achadh na Sileann	4	1	2	1	36	47	-11	3
Ballinaglera	4	0	4	0	42	53	-11	0
Drumreilly	4	0	4	0	25	70	-45	0

Saturday, 3rd Aug 2024

6:00 I.F.C. - Round 1	Drumreilly	0-07	2-10	Cill Tiobraid	Venue: Drumreilly	Referee: Cyril Mc Keon
6:00 I.F.C. - Round 1	St Mary's-Kiltog	1-09	0-12	Allen Gaels	Venue: Pairc Naomh Muire	Referee: Patrick Guckian
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 1	Achadh an Mheasa	0-11	0-09	Gaeil na Meilge	Venue: Aughavas	Referee: Kevin Mallon

Friday, 9th Aug 2024

7:30 I.F.C. - Round 1	Carrigallen	0-10	1-04	Ballinaglera	Venue: Carrigallen	Referee: Kevin Mallon
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Saturday, 10th Aug 2024

7:00 I.F.C. - Round 1	Drumkeerlin	0-07	0-07	Achadh na Sileann	Venue: Drumkeerlin	Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
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Friday, 16th Aug 2024

7:00 I.F.C. - Round 2	Cill Tiobraid	2-13	0-08	Achadh an Mheasa	Venue: Kiltubrid	Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 2	Ballinaglera	0-10	1-11	Drumkeerlin	Venue: Ballinaglera St Hughes Park	Referee: Gareth Foley

Saturday, 17th Aug 2024

6:00 I.F.C. - Round 2	Achadh na Sileann	0-11	0-04	Drumreilly	Venue: Aughnasheelin	Referee: Enda Egan
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 2	Allen Gaels	0-08	0-08	Carrigallen	Venue: Allen Gaels	Referee: Seamus Mulhern
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 2	Gaeil na Meilge	3-12	0-10	St Mary's-Kiltog	Venue: Melvin Gaels	Referee: Michael Mc Girt

Friday, 23rd Aug 2024

7:00 I.F.C. - Round 3	Achadh na Sileann	1-07	0-11	Carrigallen	Venue: Aughnasheelin	Referee: Martin Feeney
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 3	Cill Tiobraid	1-04	1-07	Drumkeerlin	Venue: Kiltubrid	Referee: Seamus Mulhern

Saturday, 24th Aug 2024

7:00 I.F.C. - Round 3	Drumreilly	0-06	2-11	St Mary's-Kiltog	Venue: Drumreilly	Referee: Paul Martin
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 3	Ballinaglera	1-14	3-10	Gaeil na Meilge	Venue: Ballinaglera St Hughes Park	Referee: Patrick Guckian
7:00 I.F.C. - Round 3	Achadh an Mheasa	0-09	2-14	Allen Gaels	Venue: Aughavas	Referee: Enda Egan

Sunday, 8th Sep 2024

1:00 I.F.C. - Round 4	Carrigallen	3-17	1-05	Drumreilly	Venue: Carrigallen	Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
1:00 I.F.C. - Round 4	Gaeil na Meilge	0-10	1-05	Cill Tiobraid	Venue: Melvin Gaels	Referee: Martin Feeney
1:00 I.F.C. - Round 4	Drumkeerlin	1-05	0-10	Achadh an Mheasa	Venue: Drumkeerlin	Referee: Seamus Mulhern

1:00 I.F.C. - Round 4

1:00	I.F.C. - Round 4	St Mary's-Kiltog	2-04	0-08	Ballinaglera	Pairc Naomh Muire	Enda Egan
						Venue:	Referee:
1:00	I.F.C. - Round 4	Allen Gaels	2-19	1-05	Achadh na	Allen Gaels	Kevin Mallon

Saturday, 14th Sep 2024

4:15 I.F.C. - Quarter Final	Drumkeerlin	2-13	0-10	St Mary's-Kiltog	Venue: Mohill	Referee: Kevin Mallon
6:00 I.F.C. - Quarter Final	Cill Tiobraid	1-07	2-04	Gaeil na Meilge	Venue: Mohill	Referee: Enda Egan

Sunday, 22nd Sep 2024

1:00 I.F.C. - Quarter Final Replay	Cill Tiobraid	2-10	2-18	Gaeil na Meilge	Venue: Allen Gaels	Referee: Michael Mc Girt
2:00 I.F.C. - Relegation Semi Final	Achadh an Mheasa	4-07	1-03	Drumreilly	Venue: Carrigallen	Referee: Enda Egan
2:00 I.F.C. - Relegation Semi Final	Achadh na Sileann	0-08	1-07	Ballinaglera	Venue: Leitrim Gaels	Referee: Martin Feeney

Saturday, 28th Sep 2024

5:00 I.F.C. - Semi Final	Allen Gaels	4-10	1-06	Drumkeerlin	Venue: Mohill	Referee: Vincent Mc Morrow
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Sunday, 29th Sep 2024

2:00 I.F.C. - Semi Final	Carrigallen	0-05	1-09	Gaeil na Meilge	Venue: Allen Gaels	Referee: Martin Feeney
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Saturday, 5th Oct 2024

5:00 I.F.C. - Relegation Final	Achadh an Mheasa	0-08	0-10	Ballinaglera	Venue: Leitrim Gaels	Referee: Mark Mc Closkey
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**Relegated: Drumreilly, Aughnasheelin, Aughavas**

**Smith Monumentals Intermediate Final  
Allen Gaels v Melvin Gaels  
at Ballinamore 13th October 2024**



# **Craobh Peil Idirmheánach Liatroma**

## **Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Roll of Honour (to 2023)**

(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
Achadh na Sileann	(3)	2008, 2017, 2022
Maothail	(2)	1928, 1999
Carraig Álainn	(2)	1991, 2006
Droim Oir Bhealaigh	(2)	1998, 2007
Cluain	(2)	1972, 2009
Naomh Caillian-Fíonach	(2)	1974, 2018
Droim Dhá Thiar	(2)	2014, 2021
Gaeil na hÁilne	(1)	1989
Baile na gCléireach	(1)	1996
Eanach Dubh	(2)	2001, 2023
Cill Tiobraid	(1)	2002
Achadh an Mhuilinn	(1)	2010
Béal an Átha Móir	(1)	2016
Gael Liatroma	(1)	2019

## Who will sail into the 2025 Leitrim Senior Championship?

**P J Leddy**

Since both today's finalists – Melvin Gaels and Allen Gaels – are both strongly associated with two of the county's major lakes, namely, Lough Melvin and Lough Allen, the question to be answered this afternoon is who will win the Smith Monumentals decider and sail into the 2025 Leitrim senior championship ranks?



On their way to the final Allen Gaels had a comprehensive thirteen point's semi-final win over Drumkeerin in Mohill on Saturday, September 28. One day later Melvin Gaels overcame the top team from the preliminary championship rounds, Carrigallen with seven points to spare in Drumshanbo.

Since Allen Gaels and Carrigallen emerged as the two top teams after their four preliminary championship games both got straight through to the semi-finals. Meanwhile Melvin Gaels gained a semi-final spot when they got the better of Kiltubrid in a quarter-final replay at Drumshanbo by an eight point's margin on Sunday, September 22.

In the preliminary stages of the championship Allen Gaels drew with St. Mary's Kiltoghert and Drumkeerin and registered wins against Aughavas and Aughnasheelin. In their preliminary championship games Melvin Gaels lost to Aughavas but then went on to beat St. Mary's Kiltoghert, Ballinaglera and Kiltubrid.

Allen Gaels played five games in the intermediate championship in order to reach today's final and have had a shorter journey to travel in their bid to claim the Frank Reynolds Cup. On the other hand Melvin Gaels have had to play seven games in their longer journey to seek the Leitrim intermediate title for the second year in a row after having lost out to Annaduff in last year's decider by just two points.

Melvin Gaels perhaps as a result of last year's loss to Annaduff in the 2023 county final will be a little hungrier for victory than Allen Gaels today. Or maybe Allen Gaels, who took the most direct route to today's final will capitalise on their advantage of being fresher than Melvin Gales for this afternoon's showdown.

Meanwhile this year in the county's second most important club's competition – the Masonite Leagues – Allen Gaels lost all the Division One games this season while Melvin Gaels won five of their seven Division Two games to reach the final in which they were defeated by old north Leitrim rivals, Glencar Manor by a three point's margin (1 – 13 to 0 – 13).

To answer the question I posed in my first paragraph – who will win today's Smith Monumentals decider and sail into the 2025 Leitrim senior championship ranks – Allen Gaels who took the shorter championship route or Melvin Gaels who will want to erase the memory of the defeat by Annaduff a year ago? Whichever way it goes - let's hope football is the winner.

**P J Leddy Ocean FM**



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Semi-Finals		18th /19th November
ROSCOMMON	v	SLIGO
(A)	v	GALWAY

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Quarter Finals		11th /12th November
(A) GALWAY	v	ROSCOMMON
Semi-Finals		18th /19th November
(A)	v	MAYO
SLIGO	v	LEITRIM

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GALWAY	v	ROSCOMMON

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