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Aodh Ruadh Cloich Cheann Fhaola



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Fáilte on Cathaoirleach

Thar cheann CLG Dhún na nGall, is onóir mhór dom mar chathaoirleach ar bhord na condae, fáilte a chur romhaibh anseo inniu go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill.

Déanaim comhghairdeas leis na hoifigigh, na foirne bainistíocht, lucht tacaíochta agus go háirithe na himreoirí ó CLG, Aodh Ruadh agus Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus tá muid uilig ag súil le cluiche anseoí inniu. Go n-éireoidh leis an bhfoireann is fearr ar an lá.

On behalf of CLG Dhun na nGall it is a great honour for me as County Board Chairman 2020 to welcome you all to O'Donnell Park, Letterkenny, today. I congratulate the Officers, Mentors, you the supporters - whether here in person or following our Live Stream - but especially the panel of players, from Aodh Ruadh and Cloughaneely in the much awaited Intermediate Football Final.

The year 2020 shall without doubt be remembered for Covid-19 and all the obstruction it has brought to our lives and our communities. It has disturbed our families, our economy and our following and participation in GAA games and activities. We MUST continue to recognise its dangers and I use this opportunity today to encourage all our members old and young to increase our awareness and contacts in fighting its recent increase in spreading.

In 2019 today's teams Cloughaneely and Aodh Ruadh met in the semi final of this competition, with Cloughaneely getting ahead in the last few minutes to reach the final. Earlier this summer they repeated that performance with a victory in Ballyshannon, so today's final is being predicted as a very close encounter by two equally balanced teams. I wish all involved an enjoyable game, and may the best team win.

The referee today is Siobhán Coyle I wish her and her officials well. Naomh Ádhamhnáin, as always, have today's venue in top shape for the final and I would like to acknowledge the great work they put in throughout the season, year after year, to ensure Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill is always the best that it can be. I also recognise all the efforts behind the scenes by the County Competitions Control Committee in getting us to this stage of our championship. I also thank all our sponsors, Liam Mailey (Man of the Match award) and especially our main competition sponsor Michael Murphy Sports.

Mar fhocal scoir, ba mhaith liom buíochas a thabhairt do Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure i Leitir Ceanainn as an urraíocht. Iarraim ar achán duine cloí go hiomlán le rialacháin covid agus taithneamh a bhaint as an lá go sábháilte.

Mick McGrath

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- 03. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted within the ground and spectators are not permitted to bring alcohol into the ground.
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- 13. All persons in the grounds are reminded of their obligation under Section 18(3) of the Fire Services Act 1981 to ensure that their behaviour does not present a danger from fire to anyone using the grounds.

Siobhán Coyle – Referee Intermediate Club Championship Final



Siobhán, a primary school teacher in Scoil Mhuire Gleneely in Inishowen hails from the Gaeil Fhánadá club. She took up the whistle back in 2011. During this time, she has been refereeing in both the mens and ladies' game. Siobhan is currently a member of the LGFA National and Provincial Panels.

In the past 9 years Siobhán has been in the middle for a number of big games. She has refereed the Donegal LGFA Senior Final

on 2 occasions in 2016 and 2020, the Intermediate final in 2017 and 2019, and the Junior final in 2018. She has also refereed a number of underage finals throughout the years. Siobhan took charge of the Donegal GAA Junior B Final in 2016.

Siobhán has officiated at a number of high profile games nationally. She was on the line in the LGFA Senior Championship Finals in Croke Park in both 2017 and 2019. Siobhan took charge of the All Ireland Junior Club Final last year between McHale Rovers, Mayo and Donoughmore, Cork. She also refereed the Ulster Junior Final in 2019 and was in the middle for the Ulster Junior Club Final in 2017.

This is Siobhán's first mens' final having officiated at 5 championship games this season. She wishes the best to both sides and looks forward to a competitive game.

Siobhán has been privileged to have the opportunity to travel abroad to referee in the past. She travelled to Kuala Lumpur last November to referee at the Asian Games. In 2017 she travelled to Buffalo, New York to officiate at the CYCs.

Within her club, Gaeil Fhánada Siobhán has managed and coached a number of underage teams throughout the years. She played for the senior ladies which was established in 2015 and was a member of the team who won the Junior Championship in 2018.

Today's Officials

Referee: Siobhán Coyle

Standby Referee: Greg McGroary

Linesperson: Connie Doherty

Fourth Official: Kevin McGinley

Katie Mic Giolla Chomhaill

Katie Coyle has a great love for singing, music and the Irish language. She has represented Naomh Adhamhnáin at Scór na nÓg for the last two years, competing in Solo Singing, Ballad Group, instrumental Group and Ceilí Dancing. She was delighted to be crowned County Champion 2 years ago at Solo Singing.



Amhrán na bhFiann

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Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
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Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.





Commentary for today's stream will be supplied by Highland Radio's Head of Sport Oisin Kelly and with expert analysis from Martin McHugh, Brendan Devenney and Barry Meehan, the manager of 2019 Intermediate champions Naomh Náille.







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Aodh Ruadh - Player Pen Pics

Johnny Gethins	25yrs	5ft 11	Corner Back	Defence Forces
Nathan Boyle	22yrs	5ft 9	Forward	Student
Colm Kelly	24yrs	5ft 7	Corner Back	Data Analyst
Calum O'Halloran	23yrs	5ft 9	Corner Back	Student
Darren Drummond	31yrs	6ft	Midfield	Quantity Surveyor
Eamonn McGrath	25yrs	6ft 2	Midfield	Farmer
Eddie Lynch	23yrs	5ft 10	Centre Half Back	Defence Forces
Johnny Gallagher	33yrs	5ft 8	Defender	Wind Engineer
Diarmuid McInerney	30yrs	5ft 9	Wing Forward	Sales Representative
Michael McKenna	20yrs	6ft	Wing Back	Personal Trainer
Michael Ward	32yrs	6ft	Corner Back	
Niall Murray	27yrs	6ft 1	Forward	Defence Forces
Oisin Rooney	22yrs	6ft 3	Midfield/Forward	Student
Paddy Gillespie	24yrs	5ft 9	Wing Back	Oyster Farmer
Peter Boyle	28yrs	6ft	Goalkeeper	
Phillip Patton	23yrs	5ft 11	Wing Forward	Cashier
Shane Gillespie	19yrs	6ft	Wing Back	Farmer
Shane McGrath	22yrs	6ft 2	Forward	Student
Sean Taylor	20yrs	6ft 2	Full Back	Personal Trainer
David Dolan	29yrs	5ft 10	Forward	Defence Forces
Cian Dolan	30yrs	6ft 3	Midfield	Defence Forces
Donogh McIntyre	31yrs	6ft 2	Midfield	Program Manager
Senan Rooney	18yrs	5ft 11	Forward	Student
Gary Carty	28yrs	6ft 1	Wing Back	
Mark McGlynn	18yrs	5ft 9	Defender	Student
Jason Granaghan	22yrs	5ft 9	Defender	Defence Forces
Ryan Granaghan	25yrs	5ft 11	Forward	
Conor Patton	26yrs	6ft	Corner Back	Accountant
Daniel McGullion	32yrs	6ft	Defender	Sales Represetative
Mark Gallagher	20yrs	6ft	Goalkeeper	Student
David McGurrin	24yrs	6ft	Forward	Biotech Production Specialist

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health organisation in Donegal, have partnered with 50808 to promote the service in Donegal. We are delighted to feature the service on our broadcast today.

1 Minute with Diarmuid McInerney, Aodh Ruadh

Favourite Position: Wing Half forward

Favourite Pitch: Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill

Hobbies: GAA, Golf, Ski-ing, Boats, Soccer & Drama

Childhood hero: Roy Keane

Best Player you have played with: Brian Roper

Best Player you have played against: Ryan McHugh, Kilcar

Best game you have been involved in: 2016 Championship Quarter-final against

Milford

Best trainer within your club's squad: Eddie Lynch Worst trainer within the club's squad: Peter Boyle Best motivator within the squad: Johnny Gethins

Any superstitions: Magpies **Favourite Song:** Folsom Prison

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption **Favourite Holiday Destination:** Austria

Favourite Meal: Stirfry

Favourite Club Other than your Own: None

Best advice ever received: "Never is a long time" courtesy of William Doogan!!

Biggest influence on career: Family

Club Volunteer of note: Our top table - William Doogan, Lisa McTiernan and

Sabrina Brosnan

Song you listen to before big games: Eminen, Lose Yourself **Most important skill:** Honesty, Hard Work and Respect

Biggest Strength in your game: Kick Pass **Area of your game you would like to improve:** Speed

Advice for youngsters: Play as long as you can -don't give up sport

Young Player within your club to look out for:

Barry Campbell

Best thing about the GAA: No matter how much you think you hate it, you will do it all again

the next day

Batman/Superman: Superman

X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing: Strictly Come

Dancing

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Stair - Aodh Ruadh

The Aodh Ruadh GAA Club was founded on October 24th 1909 at a public meeting called by Father James O'Daly. From the outset it was established as a hurling and football club. Aodh Ruadh has maintained an unbroken existence ever since.

The first success for the club came in the 1920s with a hurling championship in 1924 with a 5-3 to 0-1 victory over Letterkenny. The first and only football and hurling double in the county was claimed in 1929. Aodh Ruadh footballers won their first title defeating Killygordon 0-7 to 0-5, while the hurlers again defeated Letterkenny. The 1930s saw the club enjoy continued success on the football front with one of the highlights being three minor successive championships in 1935, 1936 and 1937. Championships in Senior Football were won in 1932, 1937 and 1939. The club also claimed their first ever league title in 1930.

One of the early legends of the club was 'Red' Jack Gallagher who was part of the Ulster team which won the Railway Cup in 1942, the province's first win. Apart from senior football titles in 1942 and 1943, the major highlight of the 40s was the purchase in 1949 for the princely sum of £1,050 of a field at The Rock which was to become the permanent home of the club - Father Tierney Park. The ground was officially opened in 1954 with a challenge game against Armagh. In 1951 Hugh Daly was elected secretary of Donegal County Board, the start of a term of 23 years in the post He remained as Aodh Ruadh Club Treasurer throughout that period. 1951 also saw Aodh Ruadh defeat Saint Eunan's by 1-6 to 1-5 to win their seventh senior championship. Donegal won a first ever Ulster minor title in 1956 and Aodh Ruadh's Sean McHugh and Owen Roe O'Neill were on the team.

The 1960s saw the start of the Saint Joseph's era when a combined Ballyshannon / Bundoran team played at senior level. Both clubs continued to function as separate entities. It was an era when Ballyshannon players represented the county at all levels and a return to success on the hurling fields. Donegal won their first Ulster under 21 title in 1963 with Michael McLoone a key member of the team. Continuing the area's tradition of service in high office, Harry Carey, a native of Corlea, was President of Ulster Council from 1964 to 1967.

St Joseph's won the first and second unofficial

Ulster Club Championships in 1966 and 1967 defeating St John's and Crossmaglen respectively, before winning the first unofficial All-Ireland Club title in 1968, beating Dunmore McHale's of Galway.

Donegal's first ever senior Ulster title arrived in 1972 and Alan Kane, Pauric McShea and Martin Carney were on the final team, while Thomas Quinn and Josie Boyle were on panel, with Jim 'Natch' Gallagher as mentor. In 1974 Pauric McShea captained Donegal to second Ulster title with Martin Carney, Alan Kane and Thomas Quinn also on the panel with Jim 'Natch' Gallagher again mentor. Saint Joseph's won four Championships in-a-row from 1973 to 1976 and won their first official Ulster Club Championship in 1975. Saint Joseph's wound up in 1977 and in 1979 Aodh Ruadh won the first of four minor titles in a row.

In the 1980s the club had players involved in the winning of three All-Ireland titles, the most notable being the colleges win of De La Salle, while Brian Tuohy was captain of the county All-Ireland winning under 21 side in 1982. On the football front the Championship wins of 1986 and 1987 bridged a 25 year gap, while under 21 titles were claimed in 1981, 1982, 1988 and 1989, and there was unprecedented success at underage level. In 1987 Munday's Field, where Aodh Ruadh's first games were played in 1909, was purchased from Donegal County Council following an intense lobbying campaign.

In 1992, Gary Walsh, Brian Murray and Sylvester Maguire were all part of Donegal's first ever All-Ireland winning team. The 1990s saw success at all levels with Championships won in football (1994, 1997, 1998), hurling (1994, 1996) and camogie (1990, 1998). The decade saw the advent of ladies football with the highlight being winning the Senior Ladies title in 1995.

In 2000 Aras Aoidh Ruaidh was officially opened as the Club's Millennium Year Project. In 2007 Tom Daly was elected Ulster Council President. On the pitch Brian Roper set the Donegal appearances record in 2009. The past decade has seen a rejuvenation in fortunes on the field with league titles in 2016 (Division 3) and 2017 (Division 2), while off the pitch the club made a bit of history in 2012 with the appointment of our first all-female club executive, Chair Betty McIntyre, Secretary Emma Gaughan, and Treasurer Catherine McKee.

Winners will be worthy Champions following Treacherous Paths to the Final

For the purposes of the fixtures the Intermediate championship was divided into two groups of six teams but like the Senior Championship all results were aggregated in a single league table. Aodh Ruadh and Cloich Cheann Fhaola were in the same group and met in Round 3 of their four league games.

Aodh Ruadh opened their campaign with a 0-11 to 0-6 home win against Burt and followed this up with a convincing away way in Páirc Naomh Bríd on a 2-9 to 1-18 scoreline. Clocih Cheann Fhaola also started with a win and while only a kick of the ball separated them from Gaeil Fhánadá on a 1-12 to 2-12 scoreline it was a good outcome in a tricky fixture. Their second game was a thriller in PCC Falcarragh when they shared the spoils with Naomh Columba in a high-scoring 2-13 to 3-10 draw. Facing the daunting task of getting something out of Fr Tierney Park, they came from behind to eke out narrow 3-10 to 3-12 win. Aodh Ruadh, needing a win to secure treasured home advantage for their quarterfinal stepped up the plate with a convincing 0-8 to 0-15 win in Fanad. Cloich Cheann Fhaola fought off the challenge of a Naomh Bríd side struggling to avoid the relegation play-offs with a good 1-14 to 1-9 win.

	Р	W	D	L	F	Α	Pts	Diff
Buncranncha	4	4	0	0	81	50	8	31
Naomh Columba	4	3	1	0	75	50	7	25
CCF	4	2	1	0	75	65	7	10
Aodh Ruadh BAS	4	3	0	1	66	50	6	16
Naomh Muire	4	3	0	0	59	49	6	10
Aodh Rua CngC	4	2	0	2	58	56	4	2
Maláinn	4	2	0	2	63	58	4	5
Gaeil Fhánadá	4	1	0	3	49	56	2	(7)
Naomh Brid	4	1	0	3	53	67	2	(14)
Naomh Colmcille	4	1	0	2	58	74	2	(16)
An Bheart	4	0	0	3	34	64	0	(30)
Naomh Ultan	4	0	0	4	43	75	0	(32)

The quarterfinals pitted fourth-placed Aodh Ruadh against fifth place Naomh Mhuire. The Lower Rosses side led at the break but assissted by a strong breeze the Ballyshannon men eased through to the semi-finals with a 0-15 to 1-7 victory. The semi-final against Naomh Columba in Fintra was a tougher encounter. Behind for most of the game, late Aodh Ruadh goals forced extra time and they squeezed into the final on a 2-10 to 1-12 scoreline. Cloich Cheann Fhaola had only four points to spare - 0-13 to 0-9 - against Red Hughs but still never looked stretched in their quarterfinal win. An early penalty in O'Donnell Park put Cloughaneely in the driving seat against Buncrana and they stayed there throughout although a late spurt by the Inishowen side set up an exciting finish with just two points between the teams 1-13 to 0-14. Both clubs have come through tough fixtures to get to this stage and the winners on Saturday afternoon will be worthy champions.



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Dé Sathairn 26ú Mean Fómhar 2020

03.00 PMGates Open

03:46 PMAodh Ruadh take the field and proceed to river end goals. Aodh Rudah will use river end seats.

03:48 PMCloich Cheann Fhaols take the field and proceed to clubhouse goals. Cloich Cheann Fhaola will use the clubhouse end seats.

03:57 PMAmhrán Na bhFiann

04:00 PM2020 Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Donegal Intermediate Football Final

05:30 PMPresentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Mailey Trophies

05:35 PMPresentation of the Cathal McLoughlin Memorial Trophy by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

Trophy Presentation Guidelines

Covid Guidelines advise the physical handing over of cups be avoided. Instead the trophy will be placed on a stand on a presentation podium between the presenter and the recipient. Hand sanitising measures will be in place.

Special attention will be be paid to facilitating speeches. The sharing of microphones will be avoided; with two people will be speaking there will be two microphones available to avoid their sharing.

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

Tight Intermediate Final Expected

BY RYAN FERRY - DONEGAL NEWS

The Intermediate Final between Cloughaneely and Aodh Ruadh promises to be a tight encounter. Both teams have been pushing hard to get back into senior football in recent seasons, and they will think this is their opportunity.



Cloughaneely have a strong team themselves. Cian and Ciaran McFadden are good defenders, while Darren McGeever has been lining out at centre half-back this year. County star Jason McGee

will be at midfield, while Kevin Mulhern has now relocated to centre half-forward, and inside you have the dynamic duo of Paul Sweeney and John Fitzgerald.

Aodh Ruadh were beaten in the 2018 final by Glenfin, while Cloughaneely lost last year's decider to St Naul's. Both sides will carry regrets from those defeats, and they will be determined to put things right this time out.

If Barry Ward's Aodh Ruadh are to win then they will need big displays from their goalkeeper Peter Boyle, as well as Colm Kelly and Conor Patton in defence. They do boast a talented forward line with Philip Patton, Shane McGrath, Nathan Boyle, and David Dolan all potent finishers.

It will also be worth keeping an eye out for promising youngsters Shaun Curran and Conor Coyle, who helped Cloughaneely to a Northern Board Minor Division 2 title last week. The Falcarragh men edged out Aodh Ruadh in the semi-final last year, with McGeever scoring a last-gasp goal in a replay.

It is likely to go right down to the wire again this time, and the side that performs the best will land the Cathal McLaughlin Cup.



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Covid-19 Adjustments to Match Regulations

Restrictions due to Covid-19 required a number of adjustments to Match Regulations for Gaelic Games during 2020. These include:

- **1.3** A maximum of 20 players (starting 15 and 5 panel members) shall be allowed within the pitch enclosure during the playing of the game. Any additional panel members should be outside the pitch enclosure.
- 1.4 A maximum of 4 (football) & 5 (hurling) Team Officials shall be allowed within the pitch Enclosure during the playing of our games one Bainisteoir, one Maor Foirne, one Medic, One Club Official and One Maor Camán (Hurling only).
- 1.5 Each team will be allocated an area of the pitch (the Team Officials & Players Zone) between the 20m and 45m lines in advance of the game by the Committee-in-Charge. Their team officials and panel of players, as per regulations 1.3 & 1.4, shall be positioned during the game. The Zones will have ten seats positioned to ensure compliance with Government social distancing guidelines (currently 2 m). Dugouts may be used provided government guidelines around social distancing are observed.
- 1.7 Ball boys are not permitted.
- **1.8** Accredited photographers with media passes will be permitted pitch-side. They are restricted to the opposite side of the pitch to the Team Officials and they are not allowed behind either set of goalposts.
- 2.8 Water Breaks One water break will take place between the 15th & 20th minute in each half. The referee will signal for the water break only when the ball has gone out of play following a score, wide or during a stoppage called by the Referee. The breaks should last no longer than a minute, with players coming to the area in front of their team zone and drinking from their own clearly marked bottle. The time taken for the break will be added to the end of each half as part of the additional time. If a venue has a match clock, it should continue during this time. Players are permitted to position their clearly marked water bottle around the outside of the pitch. Maor Uisce are not permitted in either Football or Hurling.
- **2.10 Substitutes** Substitutes are not allowed a kick/puck around at half-time. A maximum of three substitutes wearing designated distinctive tops may warm up on sidelines at any one time. A maximum number of 5 substitutes are allowed within the pitch enclosure at any one time. As per rule, there is no limit on the size of a club match day panel.
- 5.1 The following guidelines are issued to Players & Team Officials to reduce risk and maximise personal safety: no handshakes before or after games; no spitting or nose-clearing; team huddles should only take place where social distancing is observed; use hand-sanitisers before and after every match; players should use their own clearly marked water bottles; interaction with opponents & match officials should be kept to a minimum after the match.
- **5.2** Players & team officials are reminded of the following disciplinary rules during the Covid-19 Emergency. **Note:** All suspensions below are the minimum and can be increased by the relevant committee.

Player

- Spitting at an opponent, team mate or match official is dealt with in Rule 5.20 (Hurling) and Rule 5.18 (Football) Red Card; Cat III; one-match ban
- Deliberately coughing in the face of an opponent may be considered "behaving in a way which is dangerous to an opponent" (5.17 H; 5.19 F) Red Card; Cat III; one-match ban
- Challenge the authority of the Referee, Umpire, Linesman or Sideline Official (6.1 H & F) Yellow Card
- Remonstrate in an aggressive manner with a Match Official (5.13 F) Black Card (football)
- Threatening or abusive conduct to a Match Official (5.39 H; 5.35 F) Red Card; Cat V; 12 weeks

Team Official

- Any type of physical interference with an Opposing Player or Team Official Cat II a; 8 weeks Suspension
- Abusive language to Match Official Cat I a; 4 weeks Suspension
- Threatening or abusive conduct to Match Official Cat III a; 12 weeks Suspension
- Assault on Match Official Cat IV a; 48 weeks Suspension
- The **Referee** has authority during the game to send any person in breach of Match Regulations to the stand/outside the pitch enclosure and such person cannot be replaced.





Our live stream of the Intermediate final begins at 3.30 and goes behind the scenes at both Aodh Ruadh and Cloich Cheann Fhaola and recognises the work of volunteers behind the scene that makes these clubs tick. At Aodh Ruadh that includes interviews with William Doogan, Lisa McTiernan, John Hughes, Peter Gallagher, Tom Daly, John Travers, Peter Gallagher and Catherine McKee.





Volunteers working hard behind the scenes in Cloich Cheann Fhaola that are featured in the preview of our game in the Live Stream include Mary McClafferty, Teresa Lynch, Seamus Coll and Paddy McClafferty





Good luck to Aodh Ruadh Team



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Aodh Ruadh Manager, Barry Ward

It has been an honour to manage the Aodh Ruadh senior team for the last two seasons and I will take great pride in being given the responsibility of overseeing the players in today's county final.

I have been lucky enough to play in

a few senior finals and while it's a different experience as a manager it doesn't take away from the excitement and anticipation a final brings. Each season begins with the hope of some form of success and today we have given ourselves the opportunity to reward our efforts. As is the case for Cloughaneely, we know what it's like to be on the wrong side of the result in an intermediate final and the disappointment it brings. Credit must go to both teams on regrouping again this year and the quality of football they have played in getting to the final. As I'm sure every commentator will observe over the weekend, it's great that there has been club football this season, given the difficult year that we all have experienced. Today thankfully we are taking a small step back towards normality with a limited number of supporters allowed to attend the game. The County Board must be commended on the fantastic job they have done to date in organising the competition and facilitating the streaming of all games in difficult circumstances.



This year's intermediate championship saw a slight change to the format and thankfully we emerged from the group stages having been in the most difficult side of the draw. The team have stood up

The team have stood up to every challenge they have faced and today will be no different. The

semi-final against Naomh Columba was a test to say the least and I don't think the supporters watching at home fully appreciated the difficult weather conditions on the day. It was game that was in the balance a few times and we took great confidence in eventually overcoming the Glen challenge.

On today's opposition, Cloughaneely are an established division 1 team and with that they rightly carry the tag of strong favourites into today's game. A fit again Jason McGee is a huge addition for both Cloughaneely and Donegal in the future. Our approach today will be to leave everything on the pitch, play our football and when the referee blows the final whistle, I'm sure we will not be far away.

I would like take this opportunity to thank everybody at Aodh Ruadh and in particular the club executive for all their time and effort throughout the year. They do a thankless job which has been further complicated by Covid 19.

Finally I hope that everybody enjoys today's game and best of luck to all the players and officials involved.

Aodh Ruadh Chairperson, William Doogan

As Chairman of the Aodh Ruadh Club, it is a great honour to have our Senior Men in today's Intermediate final. We have been in a number of semifinals and a final over the last 5 years. Indeed we have met Cloughaneely on a few times last year, I am sure it will be close battle again today.

In what has been a very strange year for us all, praise must go to the players dedication to training before Covid lockdown and especially on their own during lockdown. Also to Barry and his management team of Damien, Gregory, Ronan, John & Yvette, they have shown huge dedication and effort to get the lads to the final. Without the support from families, girlfriends and wives, the management and lads would not be able to give so much time and commitment. The club would like to extend our thanks to you all.

The Senior team is the lighthouse within any club. With the huge work that happens



through our Bord na nOg we would not have the players coming through to our senior teams. Without the hard work of our underage mangers, coaches and a vibrant Bord na nOg set up, the senior panel would never exist. I am also extremely grateful to the hard work and all our volunteers and club officers;

without these people the club would not function.

It would be great for Aodh Ruadh to push on and return to Senior Championship!

Best wishes to the Siobhán Coyle and match officials today. I am sure it is a proud day for Siobhan's family and her club.

I would also like to thank all the sponsors of the club, to Maurice Mc Laughlin for his huge support over the last number of years and to Kernan's Spar who came on board as a 2nd tier sponsor to the senior team last year. Without this financial support from local business, clubs would not survive so as a club, we ask you all to support the local businesses.

Aodh Ruadh Captain, Johnny Gethins

A chairde, It is an honour and privilege as Captain/
Joint Captain of the Aodh
Ruadh team that I lead them out today at 3.50 pm for this
Intermediate Championship
Final. Today we meet a familiar opponent in CLG
Chloich Cheann Fhaola,

a team who are also very passionate about their football and like ourselves, have been knocking on the door for this Championship in recent years. Our season this year, like every club in Donegal, has been challenging and it is absolutely



brilliant for not just the players and management to be standing here today but for all the club officials, family and friends that have made it all possible. I hope today is again a good game of football but also the day that Aodh Ruadh step back into Senior

Football in Donegal. This group of players and management deserve every bit of it for their time, effort, sacrifices and the sheer determination shown from the start of the season.





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18 Cian Dolan

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21 Callum O'Halloran

22 Michael Ward

23 Gary Carty 24 David Dolan

25 Daren Drummond

26 Sean Taylor 27 Paddy Gillespie 28 Jason Granaghan

29 Senan Rooney

30 Ryan Granaghan

Bainisteor: Barra Mac A Bháird

The Stream Team for today's game is Bradas Video Productions, Joe's Tech Help and Aidan Spence Web Graphics and Marketing. Bradas O'Donnell has vast experience in the live broadcasting and streaming of Gaelic Games and has worked for Sky Sports, RTE, TG4, and Eir sports covering live games as a cameraman & also as covering live streams across the country for Nemeton TV along with Joe's Tech Help. Joe Brennan controls all the technical end of the live stream & broadband issues which is a difficult job at some venues, with poor reception, but we work to the best of our ability to get the pictures to the viewers. Aidan Spence looks after the PPV (Pay per view) and also has responsibility for the Donegal GAA website - updated regularly, the site is crucial to CLG Dhún na nGall's public relations, keeping our Gaels up to date with everything happening in the world of Donegal GAA.

GAA Museum announces plans to remember Bloody Sunday 100 years on

The GAA Museum at Croke Park has launched a poignant commemorative events series to mark the centenary of Bloody Sunday, the darkest day in the history of the GAA and a pivotal day in the Irish War of Independence. As the national custodian of the archives and artefacts of the Gaelic Athletic Association, the

GAA Museum has unveiled a diverse and sensitively curated series of events entitled 'Remembering Bloody Sunday', 100 years on from the day 14 civilians were killed by the RIC and 60 more were injured during 90 seconds of gun fire during a football challenge match between Dublin and Tipperary at Croke Park.

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The programme includes talks, tours, a new exhibition and a community programme runs until November 2020. In keeping with the Bloody Sunday commemorations, the focus is on Sport, Peace & Reconciliation - examining the role sport can play in the peace and reconciliation process and the impact that sport has on international affairs. The focal point for the centenary commemorations will be a new Remembering Bloody Sunday exhibition at the GAA Museum, opening in September, which will explore the tragic events of the fateful day and their impact on Irish history through artefacts, newspaper reports, official documents, photographs, and victim stories. Part of this exhibition will include a specially commissioned Bloody Sunday centenary painting by artist David Sweeney, who is a former Dublin GAA senior hurling captain and the GAA's eLearning Manager at Croke Park. The painting is titled 'Transilience', which means an abrupt change or leap from one state to another. Entry to the GAA Museum and the new exhibition is complimentary with all tours at Croke Park.

The GAA Museum is also running special weekly commemorative Bloody Sunday guided tours of Croke Park starting 15 August, which will take visitors through the sequence of events on the fateful day and discuss the impact Bloody Sunday had on both the GAA and Ireland itself. In addition, a weekly evening 'Mondays at the Museum' lecture series with leading historians will examine Bloody Sunday from every angle, bringing thought provoking discussion on a diverse range of topics. This runs on Mondays from 14 September. A special edition of RTÉ Radio One's Sunday Miscellany will take place the GAA Museum on Saturday 14 November, focusing on Croke Park, the GAA and the events around Bloody Sunday. The GAA Museum has also teamed up with History Ireland to host one of their Hedge Schools, titled 'History, Memory & Bloody Sunday'. Taking place in the museum on November 18, it promises to be a lively and unfettered round-

As part of the commemorations, community based creative writing project Fighting Words will run a series of workshops for local older residents that will involve having conversations to uncover a more personal history of the area and its people over the last 100 years. Participants will discuss general history and accounts of Bloody Sunday that may have been passed down through generations. The process will culminate in the creation of a book capturing the stories, co-written by those who take part.

Commenting on the Remembering Bloody Sunday commemoration events, GAA Museum Director Niamh McCoy said, "Celebrating Ireland's national games and how the GAA has contributed to our cultural, social and sporting

contributed to our cultural, social and sporting heritage is at the heart of everything we do at the GAA Museum. Remembering Bloody Sunday is therefore of utmost importance, as it is one of the most tragic and significant events in GAA and Irish history. The events have been sensitively curated to honour the victims of the day and safeguard their memory for generations to come". Julianne McKeigue, Education & Events Manager at the GAA Museum and Grand Niece of one of the victims of Bloody Sunday, Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan, said, "The GAA Musueum Bloody Sunday centenary programme will remember the loved ones that were lost and remind people of who they were. This is their story, and we aim to tell it in a respectful and thought-provoking way." At the launch John Horan, President of the GAA, said, "November marks a significant anniversary in GAA and Irish history, and the GAA Museum has curated a fantastic programme to mark the centenary. The GAA will announce further events in the coming weeks and we look forward to working together to mark this historic occasion and respectfully honour the victims."

Bloody Sunday was one of the most significant events in the Irish War of Independence, marking a decisive turning point in the military struggle between the British forces and the IRA. On Sunday 21 November 1920, sixteen British intelligence agents were shot dead and five were wounded in Dublin City by Michael Collins' IRA squad. Later that evening thousands gathered at Croke Park to watch a great challenge match between rivals Dublin and Tipperary, when combined forces of RIC and British Military surrounded the grounds and opened fire on the crowd in retaliation. Tipperary footballer Michael Hogan, along with 13 spectators, lost their lives, and more than 60 were injured. Later than evening, the killing of two high ranking Dublin IRA Officers, Dick McKee and Peadar Clancy, in Dublin Castle brought the tragic day to an end. Bloody Sunday marked a decisive turning-point in the military struggle between the British forces and the IRA.

The events will adhere to the Government Road Map for reopening society and the easing of public health restrictions. The team at the GAA Museum will continue to monitor the evolving Covid-19 situation. The GAA Museum is operating to Government's guidelines with hand sanitising stations, queuing systems and contactless payment. The museum has also reduced the entry numbers on tours to make social distancing easy at all times.



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Cloich Cheann Fhaola – Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Michael McGinley	38	6'2"	Goalkeeper	Carpenter/TikTok Influencer
Cian McFadden	26	5'11"	Corner Back	Teacher/Stock Replenisher
Fionn McGinley	20	6'1"	Corner Back	Student/Babysitter for Noels
Michael Fitzgerald	22	6'0"	Corner Back	Student/Sommelier
Mark Harley	23	6'0"	Half Back	Plumber/Conduit Specialist Asst
Ciarán McFadden	21	5'11"	Half Back	Engineer/Hunskelper
Jason McGee	22	6'4"	Midfield	Student/FCMinor
Marty Maguire	30	6'2"	Midfield	Builder/Blocklaying Boffin
Ciaran Scanlon	34	6'1"	Midfield	Plumber/Conduit Specialist
Michael McHugh	20	5'10"	Half Forward	Student/Gynaecologist
Neil Kelly	20	5'11"	Corner Back	Tinder Consultant
Aidan Doohan	20	5'10"	Half Forward	Student/Banana Bender
Sean Geaney	19	5'9"	Corner Forward	Student/Climate Change Activist
Cillian Gallagher	25	5'10"	Corner Forward	Engineer/Trump 2020 Advocate
Shaun McClafferty	26	6'2"	Goalkeeper	Printer/Vegan
Shaun Maguire	35	6'0"	Full Forward	Builder/Head of Potatoes
Ciaran McGeady	23	5'11"	Half Forward	Builder/Releaser of Hounds
Darren McGeever	28	6'1"	Midfield	Mechanical Engineer/Barista
Noel Sweeney	21	6'0"	Corner Back	Student/Social Justice Warrior
Kevin Mulhern	30	6'0"	Half Forward	Tyre Fitter/Mechanical Technologist
John Fitzgerald	25	6'1"	Corner Forward	Engineer/Glass Hse Tomato Sprayer
Cian Doogan	18	5'9"	Corner Forward	Student/Turf Cutter
Paul Sweeney	30	6'1"	Full Forward	Teacher/Feminist
Conor Coyle	18	5'11"	Half Forward	Student/Ghost Hunter
Shaun Curran	18	6'1"	Half Back	Student/WC Retail Executive
Stephen Rodden	26	6'0"	Half Forward	Body Builder/Penguin Breeder

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Cian McFadden



Noel Sweeney



Shaun Curran



Darren McGeever



Ciaran McFadden



Kevin Mulhern



Martin Maguire



Conor Coyle



Mark Harley



Kieran McGeady

John Fitzgerald



Shaun Maguire

- 1 Michael McGinley
- 8 Jason Magee
- 10 Ciaran Scanlon
- 11 Michael McHugh

12 Cillian Gallagher



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Cuireann an Chumann Luathcleas Gael an-béim ar cur chun chin na Gaeilge. Ón bhliain 1884 ar aghaidh, bhí ról lárnach ag ár dteanga in imeachtaí agus rialacha an C.L.G. Rial 1.4. Aidhmeanna Breise: "The Association shall actively support the Irish language, traditional Irish dancing, music, song, and other aspects of Irish culture..." Creidim go hiomlán go bhfuil seo a dhéanadh ag CLG Dhún na nGall. Seo forbhreathnú gairid ar na príomhghníomhaíochtaí cultúrtha a chuir muid chun cinn le cúig bliain anuas.

Scór: Tháinig méadú mór i nDún na nGall ar líon na gclubanna agus na ngrúpaí a ghlacann páirt i Scór. Le cois sin d'éirigh go maith linn ag leibhéal Uladh agus leibheal Uile Éireann. Le linn na tréimhse cúig bliana sin bhain muid 8 dteideal Uladh agus 4 theideal Uile Éireann san iomlán. An mór chuid díofa seo (5 Uladh agus 3 Uile Éireann) i Scór na nÓG. Comhghairdea le na clubanna a bhain ag leibheal Condae, Cúige agus Uile Éireann. Is cúis mhór bróid dúinn go bhfuil Dún na nGall anois ar cheann de na contaetha is mó le rá in Éirinn ó thaobh rannpháirtíochta i Scór leis an mórchuid de na clubanna ag glacadh páirt. Idir Scór na nÓg agus Scór sinsir, ghlac thart fa 38 de na clubanna sa chontae páirt bliain amháin ar a laghad le cúig bliain anuas.

	Rannpháirtíocht - Clubanna	n Téidil Uladh	Téidil Uladh Eireann
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2016	28	0	0
2017	28	2	1
2018	30	0	0
2019	30	0	0
2020	29	3	2
Scór Sinsir			
2016	22	0	0
2017	20	2	1
2018	20	0	0
2019	20	1	0
2020	23	Gan aon chomórtas	Gan aon chomórtas

Tráth na gCeist Bord: Tá suim mhór i nDún na nGall sa chomórtas seo atá go hiomlán i nGaeilge agus sé ar siúl sa chontae achán bhliain ó thosaigh an comórtas sa bhliain 2007. Cé gur cuireadh deireadh leis an chomórtas ag leibheal naisiúnta ar feadh seal, lean Dún na nGall ar aghaidh. Thar na bliainta ghlac thart fá 25 de na clubanna sa chondae páirt agus le cúig bliain anuas déirigh go maith le Tráth na gCeist Bord i nDún na nGall.



Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha:

a fuair boinn Cré-umha agus boinn Airigid Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha ó Ghlór na nGaeil ag ocáid i bPáirc an Chróchaigh i mí na Nollaig anuraidh. An bhliain roimhe sin fuair Gaoth Dobhair bonn óir. Anuraidh fuair Naomh Adhamhnáin. Bun a' Phobail. Carn Domhnach agus Bun Cranncha boinn Airgid agus fuair Beart, Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn, Na Ceithre Máistrí, Naomh Columba, Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus Gleann tSúilí boinn Chré-Umha.

Bhí Uachtarán an CLG (John Horan) i láthair chomh maith le ionaidithe ó Ghlór Comhghairdeas le na clubanna as Dún na nGall (deichear)



na nGael, Foras na Gaeilge, Gael Linn agus clann Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha. Bhí bláth ar an obair a chuir na clubanna seo isteach agus caithfidh muid díriú anois ar an gcéad leibhéal eile. Tá buíochas ó chroí go hiomlán tuillte ag Caitríona Nic Seoin - Glór na nGael. Is í Caitríona a choinníonn brú orainn uilig leanúint ar aghaidh ó thaobh Fondúireacht Sheosaimh Mhic Dhonncha.

Bailiúchán na Teanga: Cé nach raibh sé ann imbliaina de bharr an víreags, tá bailúchán na teanga ar siúl i nDún na nGall le blianta fada. Seo thíos tá an méid a bhailigh clubanna CLG sa chondae le cúig bliana anus:

2016, €5,668.25; 2017 €5,805.76; 2018, €5,265.10; 2019: €7,512.23; 2020, €0.

Baineann Conradh na Gaeilge úsaid as an airgead seo le haghaidh scoláireachtaí ar fud Uladh i nGaeltacht Dhún na nGall do bhaill CLG. Is cúis mhór bróid dúinn gurb é Dún na nGall an príomhchondae sa tír maidir leis an mbailiúchán.

Scoláireachtaí: Achán bhliain cureann CLG Dhún na nGall scoláireachtaí ar luach €1.500 ar fáil do scoláirí o'n acontae mar chuidiú chun freastal ar chúrsaí samhraidh i nGaeltachtí Dhún na nGall agus le trí bliana anuas chuir Conradh na Gaeilge le seo €1,000 eile

Cúrsa Cuimhnéacháin Shéamuis de Faoite: Chuir an víreas cosc ar an gcúrsa dul ar aghaidh i mbliana. Le cúig bliain anuas tá an chúrsa seo ag dul ó neart go neart agus tá súil agam go rachfaidh sé ar aghaidh nuair atá an víreas seo imithe. Bhí cuid mhór baint ag Dún na nGall leis an chúrsa seo in na Dúnaibh agus le déanaí ghlac iomaitheoirí scór as an chondae páirt sa cheolchoirm. Le cois sin ghlac go leor daoine as an chondae páirt in imeachtaí mar an léacht agus ag teagasc. Tá seo go hiomlán urraithe ag Comhairle Uladh CLG agus soláthairaíonn

sé ranganna Gaeilge do dhaoine fásta atá ina mbaill den

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Coirneál na Gaeilge: Tá coirneál na Gaeilge anois i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill i Leitir Ceanainn, Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill i mBealach Féich agus i bPairc an tÁthair Uí Thiarnaigh i mBéal Atha Seannaidh. Tá súil againn go dtiocfaidh Gaeilgeoirí le chéile ag Coirneáil na Gaeilge ag na hionaid seo ar laethanta a bhfuil cluichí móra ar siúl agus go mbeidh an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus le cluinstin.



1 Minute with Shaun Maguire, Cloich Cheann Fhaola

Favourite Position: Full forward

Favourite Pitch: Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill

Hobbies: Swimming, Soccer **Childhood hero:** Ian Rush

Best Player you have played with: Denis Flaps Boyle

Best Player you have played against: Paddy Campbell, Naomh Conaill

Best game you have been involved in: 2006 Intermediate Final v Fanad Gaels

Best trainer within your club's squad: Probably myself

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Ciaran McGeady - always away running

after sheep

Best motivator within the squad: Kevin TV Mulhern

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Streets of Promise (Murphy's Sister)

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption
Favourite Holiday Destination: Santa Ponsa
Favourite Meal: Gweedore Bar Beef Dinner
Favourite Club Other than your Own: None

Best advice ever received: Big Joe once said "Get the ball inside and stop

playing Tiddly Winks"

Biggest influence on career: Joe the Tank McGarvey

Club Volunteer of note: Looking after u-6s

Song you listen to before big games: I don't get a say in the music - we have to

listen to Darren McGeever's love songs

Most important skill: Winning your own ball and able to read the game

Biggest Strength in your game: Running **Area of your game you would like to improve:**

None, because I'm nearly finished

Advice for youngsters: Keep working hard at

training and listen to your manager

Young Player within your club to look out for: Shaun

Curran

Best thing about the GAA: The craic and banter at

training and after games **Batman/Superman:** Superman

Up Early/Lie in: Up early

X Factor / Strictly Come Dancing: X-Factor

Socks / No Socks: Socks Chinese/Pizza: Chinese Playstation/X-Box: None

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Ádh mór ar CLG Cloich Cheann Fhaola ar Cluíche Ceannais Idirmheánach inniu

Bainisteoir, Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Michael O'Loingsigh

Is mór an onóir é dár n-imreoirí, ár bhfoireann bainistíochta agus mé féin go pearsanta a bheith ar ais i gCluiche Ceannais an Chontae le foireann, sinsear Cloich Cheann, **Fhaola**

After losing last years final it's great to get the opportunity to be back contesting for the championship again.

The Intermediate Championship has proven to be very competitive over the past few years and this holds true again this season. I would like to congratulate the County Board and the CCC on running a well organised competition in very difficult circumstances

County Final day will be very different

this year with limited spectators but we will be doing our best for everyone watching and listening at home. I would like to thank them for all their support throughout the year.

Guím gach rath fosta ar an reiteoir agus a fhoireann don chluiche.

Thanks to our club committee for all their help throughout the year and to all other club members who helped in anyway. I would also like to thank our sponsors for support through the year.

Ádh mór fosta ar ár n-iomaitheoirí Aodh Ruadh Dá n-imreoidh an dá fhoireann de réir a gcumais beidh cluiche ar dóigh ann.

Captaen, Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Mark Harley

I am privileged to lead this cloughanneely team to a county final. It's been a strange year but it's great to be back on the pitch and playing football again. Finals don't come around to often and although we lost last years final we hope we can go a step further this year.



Finals bring a great atmosphere and feeling around the parish and I hope we can put in a performance that they can be proud of, I'd like to thank our management for the hard work and dedication they've put in over the last year and to our fans who are ever present through

the years. Go raibh maith agaibh

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Cathaoirleach, Chloich Cheann Fhaola, Seosamh Mac Gairbhieth

Mar Chathaoirleach ar CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola cuirim fáilte rómhaibh uilig anseo inniu, go háirithe muintir Chloich Cheann Fhaola.

Is ábhar bróid dúinn go bhfuil an fhoireann sinsear sa chluiche ceannais Idirmhéanch. Ba sa bhliain 2014 a bhain

an fhoireann sinsear an chraobh go deireanach. Ní raibh cluiche ar bith furast ag an fhoireann i mbliana agus is iomaí cluiche cadranta crua a d'imir siad; ach le díogras, tiomantas agus dúthracht d'éirigh leo na cluichí sin a bhaint. Tá muid thar a bheith buíoch don lucht leannta dílis a thaisteal go gach cearn den chontae le tacaíocht a thabhairt don fhoireann seo, roimhe tháinig srianta Covid 19 i bhfeidhm. Ba mhaith liom gach ádh a ghuí ar Michael Ó Loingsigh, foireann bainistíochta na sinsir agus an fhoireann sinsear.

Ba mhaith liom an deis seo a ghlacadh buíochas a ghabháil le príomh urraitheoir an fhóchumann



We are very proud to have our senior team reach the Intermediate Final. The seniors last claimed the title in 2014. It hasn't been an easy path to the final with both teams having

over-come many close fought battles on the pitch along the way; but their sheer determination, commitment & composure stood them well. We are very grateful to the supporters who have travelled throughout the county all year to support these teams pre- Covid 19 restrictions. I would like to wish Michael Lynch, the senior management team, team captain Mark Harley and the senior team the very best of luck today.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our clubs main sponsor Óstán Loch Altan for their continued help & support down the years.



Ádh mór ar CLG Cloich Cheann Fhaola sa Cluiche Ceannais Idirmheánach inniu

Stair -Cloich Cheann Fhaola

Tá stair shaibhir ag an Cumann luthchleas gael I gCloich Cheann Fhaola a théann siar go dtí 1918 nuair a imríodh cluiche idir foireann mhic Easmains as Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus an Chraoslach. Be iomaí imreoir clúiteach dár gcuid a tharraing orthu geansaí glas agus buí Thír Chonaill, Niall Mac Aoidh a bhí ar an chéad fhoireann as Dún na nGall a d'imir i bPáirc an Chrócaigh go dtí an lá inniu nuair atá fear óg Jason Mac Aoidh páirteach ar an fhoireann contae.

Tá traidisiún láidir agus rathúil ag CLG Chloich Cheann Fhaola i gcomórtais Liathróid Láimhe agus Scór thar na blianta agus bíonn muid go fóill páirteach iontu beirt. Bhí Comórtas Náisiúnta Peile na Gaeltachta ar siúl sa pharóiste dhá uair agus d'éirigh linn an comórtas sin a bhaint faoi thrí, an ceann is deireanaí sa bhliain 2011. Bhain muid Craobh na Contae sa chomórtas sa bhliain 2017.

The club also has a very successful under-age set up with many titles

being brought back to the club in recent years; a testament to the effort put in by our minor board committee, volunteers & coaches. Our seniors last won an Intermediate title in 2014. The day after the final they went on to play in the Ulster quarter final. They were defeated by Warrenpoint in the Ulster Semifinal. They reached Intermediate quarterfinals in 2016 & 2017. Cloughaneely reached the final again in 2019 after a strenuous and demanding championship campaign. In the path to the 2019 final they played 3 intense championship games in the space of 10 days then lined out for the final 4 days after a thrilling semi-final replay against Aodh Ruadh. They were unfortunate to narrowly lose out to St. Nauls in a closely fought final 1-13 : 1-10. They were also promoted to Division 1 in 2017; but lost out to Aodh Ruadh for the Division 2 league title that year. They have managed to retain their Division 1 status since then in what is a very competitive league.

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OFFICIAL GAA PLAYING RULE CHANGES

THE KICK OUT

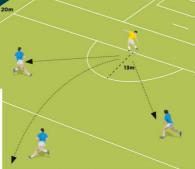
AIM: To encourage teams to kick the ball further up the field from the kick out; To present opportunities for the skill of clean catching by bolstering the existing Mark rule.

45m

Supporting evidence and rationale:

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

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



THE SIN BIN

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

Supporting evidence and rationale:

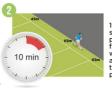
On average during the 2019 NFL, teams with an extra player scored 2.9 points compared to 1 point for the opposition in the same period (i.e. during the period when an opponent was in the sin-bin).

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

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



Black Card is shown



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

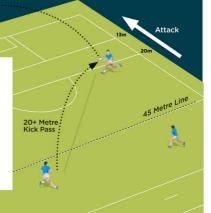
THE ADVANCED Mark

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

Supporting evidence and rationale:

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

It provided for the first reduction in the ratio of hand passing to foot passing in ten seasons (3.5:1 in the 2018 C'ship to 2.9:1 NFL 2019), meaning teams were inclined to kick the ball more and hand pass it less than had been the case for at least the last decade.



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