

CLÚICHÍ CEANNAIS CORN A&B CLG SÓISEAR 2023

De Sathairn 14ú Deireadh Fómhair – Pairc Uí Dhomhnall



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Cluiche Ceannais Sóisear A – 4:00i.n.

NA ROSSA v BUN AN PHOBAIL



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Cluiche Ceannais Sóisear B – 2:00i.n.

NAOMH MHUIRE v ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD

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COUNTY CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

A Chairde Gael,

Mar chathaoirleach ar CLG Dhún na nGall ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir anseo inniú go Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill chuig na cluichí ceannais peile sa chraobh ag leibhéil shóisearacha A agus B. Fáilte ar leith roimh na himreoirí, na foirne bainistíochta, na hoifigigh agus lucht tacaíochta ó na clubanna go léir atá páirteach sna cluichí anseo inniú. Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chuir roimh na meáin chomh maith. Tá sé tábhachtach go gcinnteoidimid go bhfuil ár gcluichí clúdaithe go maith sna nuachtáin, na meáin shóisialta agus ar an raidió.

On behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall, I would like to welcome everyone here today to the finals of the Junior A and Junior B football championships which are sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports.

A big céad míle fáilte to the players, management teams, officials and supporters of all the clubs taking part in the two finals here today. In the junior B Football final, Roibeard Eimíd will lock horns with Naomh Mhuire Conmhaigh while in the Junior A Championship Final Bun a' Phobail meet Na Rossa.

There is little to choose between Robert Emmett's and Naomh Mhuire Conmhaigh in the Junior B decider as they drew when the sides met back in August. Ádh mór ar an dá fhoireann. The junior A decider sees Na Rossa back in a final for the first time since 2008 when they appeared in the Intermediate final and they go back 24 years to the last time they won a decider when they were victorious at Intermediate level in 1999 against Malin. Bun a' Phobail won the junior A championship in their first year of existence in 1996. Since then, the men from Moville have won one and lost



one in the junior A championship. Both sides will hope to add a new chapter to their club history today.

On behalf of CLG Dhún na nGall I wish to sincerely thank our many sponsors whose ongoing financial support we greatly appreciate and it is important that our sponsors know how much we value this help.

Míle buíochas to CLG Naomh Adhamhnáin for all their assistance in hosting today's two junior football finals. Great credit is due to all involved in ensuring that the playing surface and all the other facilities within the ground are maintained to the highest standard. This ensures that players and supporters alike have a pleasant experience and many thanks to everyone who plays a part in this.

Sincere thanks to our stewards and everyone who is helping out in any way here today. The work of our volunteers is greatly appreciated and should never be underestimated. Coinnigh suas an obair mhaith.

Once again, I wish the teams taking part in both finals today the best of luck. I trust that each and every one of you here in Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill will enjoy the two matches today.

Faoi scáth a chéile a mhaireann na daoine agus ní neart go cur le chéile. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sult agus taitneamh as na cluichí agus bígí cúramach ar bhur mbealach abhaile.

Is mise le meas

Fergus MacAoidh

Cathaoirleach CLG Dhún na nGall

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KATIE COYLE



Katie Coyle has a great love for singing, music and the Irish language and has represented Naomh Adhamhnáin at

Scór na nÓg for the last two years. She has competed in the Solo Singing, Ballad Group, Instrumental Group and Céilí Dancing events. She was delighted to be crowned county champion 3 years ago in the Solo Singing competition.

AMHRÁN NA BHFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fáil
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn.
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsir feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunnascreach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.

CLÁR AN LAE – Dé Sathairn 14ú Deireadh Fómhair 2023

- 12:45** Gates Open
- 13:30** Both Club Secretaries or Nominated Person to present Team Lists in Referees Room
- 13:40** Robeirt Eimid amach ar an bpáirc
- 13:42** Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh amach ar an bpáirc
- 13:45** Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 13:55** Toss
- 14:00** Tús an chluiche
- 14:35** Leath-am
Robeirt Eimid to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
Naomh Mhuire, Conmhaigh to leave the field once Robeirt Eimid have cleared the tunnel
- 14:50** Tús an dara leath
- 15:25** Críoch an chluiche
- 15:30** Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award
- 15:35** Presentation of Junior B Cup by Fergus MacAoidh, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae.
- 15:30** Both Club Secretaries or Nominated Person to present Team Lists in Referees Room
- 15:40** Bun an Phobaill amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:42** Na Rossa amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:45** Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
- 15:52** Toss
- 15:56** One minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann
- 15:57** Amhrán na bhFiann. Players should stand to attention respectfully facing the flag
At least 30 seconds will be provided to teams after the anthem, this is to allow for any team huddles or warmups before they are required to get into position for the start of the game.
- 16:00** Tús an chluiche
- 16:35** Leath-am
Bun an Phobaill to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
Na Rossa to leave the field once Bun an Phobaill have cleared the tunnel
- 16:50** Tús an dara leath
- 17:25** Críoch an chluiche
- 17:30** Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award
- 17:35** Presentation of Cathal McLaughlin Cup by Fergus MacAoidh, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae.

OLD FRIENDSHIPS TO BE SET ASIDE FOR 60 MINUTES

Na Rossa team boss Declan Bonner will be locking horns with an old ex Finn Harps comrade as they take on Moville in the Donegal Junior A Championship final in O'Donnell Park next Sunday.



For he and the feisty John Quigg were playing on the left side of the Harps defence back in 1991.

On Sunday, they will be in opposite camps, but the friendship and the banter has survived the years.

"Yes, we are old team-mates and we have remained friends and John has done quite a bit of work with Derry City.

"He is coaching Moville and is a good operator and we had some great days with Harps.

"And of course, I looked after him when we both played for the Harps all those years ago as I was sweeping behind John." he quipped.

But that friendship will be put firmly on hold, as Bonner and Na Rossa go for their first Donegal title since 1999.

The last time that Na Rossa won a Junior county championship was in 1982 when they beat Gaoth Dobhair B and Bonner was a key player

They took an Intermediate title when we they beat Malin in 1999, and the last time they were in an Intermediate final was in 2008 when they lost to Sean MacCumhaill's.

Bonner managed Na Rossa that year after coming from managing neighbouring Gaoth Dobhair.

So, 1999 is a long time without a trophy for one of Donegal's smallest clubs.

"I am back in this year and for a small area it is great, and we are getting ready for Moville who are a very good side.

"Ciaran Diver is a huge player for them, and they have one of the top keepers in the county in Dylan Doherty.

"But they have some great scorers in Danny Murphy while Joshua Lafferty and Michael Barr are also key players.

"I know they got through on penalties against Naomh Padraig, Muff but they are always hard to beat."

But Na Rossa has some formidable aces of their own in Bonner's other son Cillian who has been plagued with a long- term injury all season.

Bonner is hopeful that he will be able to make some form of contribution.

They also have ex Naomh Conaill and Dungloe aces in Johnny Bonner and Adrian Sweeney to add experience to an attack where Aidan McHugh has been simply brilliant.

John McDyre is also a great warrior while Oisín Caulfield is also a major figure.

"We had tough tests against Naomh Conaill and Convoy but the lads fought hard to the end and it really was a very good comeback against Naomh Conaill.

"There are players stepping up to the mark and probably for the first time we have a squad and lads that can come off the bench and make a difference.

"Cillian will need surgery at the end of the season, but we are hopeful he will be able to make some contribution."

Freelance Journalist

Gerry McLaughlin

JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP – PATH TO THE FINAL

Na Rossa opened their 2023 Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Championship dropping a point at home to Naomh Conaill C hitting 11 points to the visitors 3-4. Three victories later away wins against Urris (1-15 to 1-8) and St Eunan's C (2-14 to 3-9) and a 0-17 to 3-5 win in Madavagh against Naomh Pádraig Leifear seen them top Group A alongside Naomh Conaill C. In a play-off a one point win (0-10 to 1-6 seen them headC straight to the semi-final. An impressive semi-final performance saw them beat a fancied Convoyside 2-14 to 2-9 to earn their place in today's final.

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Na Rossa	4	3	1	0	95	56	7
2	Naomh Conaill	4	3	1	0	46	30	7
3	Naomh Pádraig Uisce Chaoi	4	2	1	1	53	34	5
4	Urris	4	1	0	3	40	58	3
5	Naomh Pádraig Leifear	4	1	0	3	41	89	2
6	Naomh Aghnamhán/St Eunan's	4	0	1	3	59	83	1

Rank	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
1	Naomh Mhuire Camraigh	4	4	0	0	76	33	8
2	Naomh Urris	4	3	0	1	79	67	6
3	Moville	4	2	0	2	66	57	4
4	CLG Camdunnaigh	4	1	0	3	52	67	2
5	Naomh Colmcille	4	0	0	4	41	96	0

Moville's path to the final was not quite as smooth. Round 1 saw them record an impressive away win (3-8 to 2-8) in Carndonagh. However, successive defeats at home to Convoyside by the narrowest of margins (1-10 to 0-14) and away to Naomh Ultan (2-15 to 1-12) left them needing a win in their final game, at home to Naomh Colmcille. They duly obliged with a convincing 2-15 to 1-5 victory. A one point win against Naomh Conaill C set up a tight semi-final against Naomh Pádraigh Magh with Moville winning on penalties after the game ended 1-11 to 0-14 after extra time.

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SEAMUS MCGONIGLE – REFEREE JUNIOR A

Seamus has been refereeing at adult level for a long number of years. He has refereed many county finals including four senior deciders.

This is his second junior final having previously taken charge of the Malin,



Naomh Colmcille final.

On Saturday he will be ably assisted by umpires Henry McGarvey, Gary Bogle, Michael Farren and Bosco Gallagher.

KENNETH BYRNE – REFEREE JUNIOR B

Kenneth Byrne is a member of the Naomh Columba club and is a secondary school teacher in St Columba's College Stranorlar.

Kenneth is married to Denise and has 2 sons Ryan & Luke. He started refereeing in 2017. He has previously



refereed the Senior B final in 2021.

He is looking forward to a competitive final today between Roibéard Eiméad and Naomh Mhuire Conmhaigh. He would like to thank all his umpires who have helped him out during the year.



MICHAEL JACK PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

With the club football championships nearing an end, amateur photographers are reminded that the inaugural GAA photography competition in memory of the late Michael 'Jack' O'Donnell is open and inviting entries.

Photographers are invited to submit a photograph on a Donegal GAA theme, or of a Donegal landscape, by 23 October, the day after the county senior football final.

The winning image, to be selected by a panel of judges, will receive the inaugural Michael Jack 'Pandy' Memorial award.

The award was launched in February at the Naomh Conaill GAA club dinner dance by Donegal GAA assistant secretary Ed Byrne who had approached the O'Donnell family, and his beloved partner Bernie, about establishing the award to commemorate Michael and his rich contribution to the Association.

Michael spent more than 40 years on the sidelines capturing countless thousands of images from Gaelic games across the county and the country.

A passionate Naomh Conaill man, Michael was never prouder than when his club won the Dr Maguire Cup, or 'Pandy' as he called it, for the first time in 2005, and was privileged to photograph their victories again in 2010, 2015



and 2019.

Sadly, Michael passed away in May 2021, a few months before Naomh Conaill won the covid-delayed 2020 final. He was aged just 67.

"His body of work, in photographing everything from our biggest days in Croke Park to the club sports day, captured the essence of our Association and his love for our games.

"We hope this award will inspire photographers to capture an image that encapsulates what the GAA means to them."

COMPETITION RULES

Amateur photographers can submit a maximum of 5 [FIVE] photographs, on a GAA or Donegal theme, to michaelfjackpandy@gmail.com by 5pm on Monday 23 October.

Images must be entered by e-mail as attachments in the digital jpeg format, and must be no more than 20mb in size. Hard copies cannot be accepted.

Entries must be accompanied by: the photographer's name, email address, a caption describing the photograph and the location at which it was taken, otherwise your entry will not be considered.

Photographs must have been taken during 2023 and should not have been previously published.



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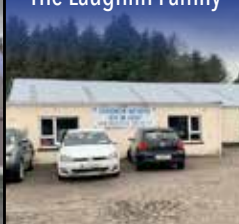
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Give it your all!
From Declan, Michelle
& all at Gweebarra Bar



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From Daniel &
all the Elliott Family
at Elliotts Bar



GOOD LUCK NA ROSSA

You've had a great year
Packie Gallagher
from Packies Bar



NA ROSSA HISTORY

Na rossa clg were founded in 1976 with their catchment of players picked from the lettermacaward/doochary areas of the parish.

We are playing adult football for the past 47 years and have had championship success and heartache in that period of time.

Back in 1976 we were founded as a junior club and in 1977 we reached the junior semi final but lost out to downings by a single point.

We got to our first junior final in 1982 and brought home the silverware by defeating gweedore by a scoreline 3-4 to 2-6. Donal bonner younger brother of declan was only 15 at that time and he scored 2-1 of the teams 3-4 total.

Na rossa didn't reach another junior final until 2006 when naomh brid proved to strong on the day winning by a score line 2-10 to 0-6.

That was the clubs last appearance in a junior final until today.

After winning that junior title in 1982 we had to play in the intermediate championship in 1983 and in that year we reached the final only to lose out to glenfin 2-10 to 2-8.

We then reached the intermediate final in 1989 defeating naomh ultan in the replay by a score line of 3-8 to 2-8.

Our next appearance in the intermediate final took place in 1993 but downings triumphed that day 1-13 to 0-9.

It was 6 years later that we reached the intermediate final again this time winning the title defeating malin 1-13 to 11 points.

Our last appearance in an intermediate final was in 2008 but sean mac cumhaills won that final by 3 points 0-10 to 0-7.

A huge boost for the na rossa club was the emergence of an exceptional footballing family from doochary the bonners including sean , michael, declan, donal & aidan.

Sean the oldest of the brothers played at full back on the first donegal under 21 to win the all ireland title. That was in 1982.

10 Years later in 1992 declan played at corner forward scoring 4 points helping donegal win the all ireland title verses dublin.

Declan also managed the county team on 2 different occasions firstly from 1998 to 2000 and most recently from 2018 to 2022 winning 2 ulster titles in his first 2 years on his second stint as manager.

A proud new milestone as the club opened its new pitch in madavagh in 2020.

.Further development at the ground in 2024 as the new club house should be completed.

A mention must be made here of the late michael duddy who worked tirelessly along with his able assistant kevin mccready to ensure na rossa would have a new pitch in a central location with modern amenities.

For michael he must have been a proud man when he seen the facility opened just 2 years before he passed away.

Before i conclude i would like to mention

A person who was synonymous with the na rossa club for a very long period of time. Pat boyle was secretary of the club for forty years from 1982 to 2022 . He was also well known as the clubs delegate at county committee meetings for over thirty years. The club would like to wish pat all the best in his retirement.

DANIEL MARTIN – NA ROSSA CAPTAIN

After a good league campaign, the lads along with management knuckled down and we set our sights on the championship.

We feel that we have a good mix of youth and experience at the moment, and thankfully we have been on the right side of the results so far.



Our younger lads have brought a new energy to the group, and its great for them to now have the opportunity of playing in a championship final.

I know from past experiences that these occasions don't come around to often, so i am really looking forward to lining out in the final with a great group of lads.

DECLAN BONNER – NA ROSSA CHAIRMAN & MANAGER

It's great to be back in a county final with the last being 15 years ago so theirs a great buzz around the group and the Parish at the minute.

The lads have done well this season to date achieving promotion to division 2 and have trained hard leading into todays final. It was great to get over the semi final after losing the previous 3 .

We've had many a tight match verses Moville over the last few years and I expect this to be no different. They are very strong all over the field so we know the huge task a head of us. It should be a good game with the 2 sides evenly matched.

I'd like to thank all our supporters that have



been out with us all year shouting the team on. Also a big thanks to our main Sponsors Declan and Michelle Boyle the McCafferty group and to all who have sponsored the team this year.

Thanks also to the committee that work tirelessly in the back ground helping us get the team ready etc.

A special mention to the players and back room members whose commitment throughout the year has us in this privileged position we are in.

We look forward to the experience of the big day and hopefully we get one final big performance from the lads.



1 MINUTE WITH JOHN McDYRE

Club / Cumann: Na Rossa

Favourite pitch / An pháirc is fearr leat: Pairc Madavagh

Favourite hobby / An caitheamh aimsire is fearr leat: Socialising with Friends

Childhood hero / Laoch d'óige: Karl Lacey

Best player you have played with / An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir leat: Daniel Martin Melly

Best player you have played against / An t-imreoir is fearr d'imir i d'aghaidh: Peadar Mogan

Best game you have been involved in / An cluiche is fearr inar imir tú: U15 Gaeltacht Final against Gaoth Dobhair – going way back

Which team mate is the worst dresser / Cén ball foirne nach bhfuil faiseanta: Cillian Bonner – some questionable outfits for a night out

Favourite song / An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Fred Again – Adore u

Favourite film / An scannán is fearr leat: Stepbrothers

Favourite holiday destination / An áit is fearr chun saoire a chaitheamh inti: Ibiza

Favourite meal / An béile is fearr leat: Steak Sandwich from McCafferty's



Biggest influence on career / An duine is mó a raibh tionchar acu ort le linn na gairme: Mum & Dad – always creating a positive environment for me

Club volunteer of note / Oibrí deonach inmholta an chlub:

Conal Melly – does massive work around the club behind the scenes

Biggest strength in your game / Láidreacht do chluiche: Good on the ball

Area of your game you would like to improve / Rud ar bith a ba mhaith leat a fheabhsú insa dóigh a n-imríonn tú: Everything

Sporting hero you most admire / An laoch spóirt is mó meas agat air: Seamus Coleman

Advice for young players / Comhairle d'imreoirí óga: Always be willing to learn from your coaches and enjoy every time you step on the pitch

Best thing about the GAA / An rud is fearr faoin CLG: The way it brings the people in the community together

Twitter nó Facebook: Twitter

Instagram nó Snapchat: Instagram

Up early or Lie in: Up early

Chinese nó Pizza: Chinese

Playstation nó Xbox: Playstation

Superman nó Batman: Batman

Sock / No Socks – Stocaí / Gan stocaí: Socks

NA ROSSA – PLAYER PEN PICS

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Cormac McHugh	43	5 ft 8	Defender	Plumber
Christian Bonner	26	6ft	Half Back	Sales Representative
John McDyre	26	5ft 10	Midfielder	Project Manager
Oisin Caulfield	19	5ft 11	Half Back/Midfield	Student
Sean McMonagle	26	5ft 9	Half Back	Project Manager
John Paul McCready	43	5ft 8	Forward/Goalkeeper	Farmer
Denis O'Donnell	34	6ft 2	Defender	Tunneller
Michael McMonagle	36	5ft 10	Defender	Telecoms Manager
Jordan Gillespie	19	5ft 8	Half Forward	Student
Ryan Hennessey	33	5ft 11	Forward	Network Planner
Matthew Smith	36	5ft 11	Forward	Environmental Engineer
Odhran Molloy	27	5ft 10	Sweeper	Special Needs Assistant
Shane McGeehan	32	6ft	Corner Back	Coastal Windows
John Paul Breslin	43	6ft 2	Full Forward	Tunneller
Aidan McCahill	26	6ft 4	Goalkeeper	Network Planner
Adam McHugh	26	5ft 8	Half Forward	Network Planner
Brian O'Donnell	26	5ft 11	Corner Back	Tunneller
Jason Breslin	18	5ft 7	Corner Back	Apprentice Plumber
Gerard Breslin	27	5ft 8	Half Forward	Network Planner
Aidan McHugh	22	5ft 10	Center Half Forward	Network Planner
Mark Bonner	22	5ft 10	Corner Wing Back	Apprentice Plumber
Cillian Bonner	19	5ft 10	Corner Forward	Student
Adrian Hanlon	42	5ft	Forward	Tunneller
Adrian Sweeney	47	5ft 10	Forward	Plumbing Engineer
Brian Breslin	33	6ft 1	Half-Back	Carpenter
Conan Boyle	20	5ft 9	Forward	Student
Daniel Martin Melly	34	5ft 11	Full Back	Mechanical Engineer
Donal Trimble	45	5ft 11	Midfielder	Delivery Driver
Eugene Molloy	37	6ft 2	Midfielder	Distribuitor Warehouse
Manager				
Jason Hanlon	18	5ft 10	Wing Back	Digger Driver
Johnny Bonner	40	6ft	Defender	Construction worker
Keelan Devenney	35	5ft 11	Forward	Apple Developer
Patrick Melly	38	6ft 2	Full Forward	Construction Manager
Trevor Melly	45	5ft 9	Half Back	Supervisor Podtrak
Jamie Davenport	18	5ft 6	Corner Forward	Quantity Surveying



Na Rossa



A Mc Cahill



S Mc Monigle



D M Melly



D O'Donnell



O Caulfield



J Bonner



B Breslin



J Mc Dyre



E.Molloy



Adam McHug



A Mc Hugh



M Smith



C Bonner



Adrian Hanlon



O Molloy

FIR IONAD

16. JP McCready
17. B O'Donnell
18. A Sweeney
19. M Bonner
20. R Hennessey

21. K Devenney
22. G Breslin
23. J Hanlon
24. C Boyle
25. S Mc Geehin

26. JP Breslin
27. J Breslin
28. C. McHugh
29. P Melly
30. C Bonner

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33. Jordan Gillespie
34. D Trimble

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Brendan McClenaghan



Enda Faulkner



Oisin McElhinney



Michael Leech



Declan Diver



Eoghan Mc Laughlin



Padhraic Skelly



Ciaran Diver



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Danny Murphy

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16. Ciaran Bonner

17. Shaun Doherty

18. Jamie McCormick

19. Declan Logue

20. Evan Hudner

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22. Nigel McMonagle

23. Gareth Foynes

24. Eamon Reddin

25. Shea McLaughlin


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BUN an PHOBAIL – PLAYER PEN PICS

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Dylan Doherty	26	6'4"	Goalkeeper	Personal trainer
Brendan McClenaghan	18	5'10"	Corner back	Apprentice electrician
Enda Faulkner	31	6ft	Full back	Sales manager
Oisin McElhinney	19	5'11"	Cornerback	Lifeguard
Michael Leech	21	6'2"	Half back	Personal trainer
Declan Diver	25	6'0"	Half back	Irish Defence Forces
Eoghan Mc Laughlin	20	5'10"	Half back	Student
Padhraic Skelly	23	6'1"	Midfield	Barman
Ciaran Diver	27	5'10"	Midfield	Construction
Ronan Farren	19	6'0"	Half back	Student
Joshie Lafferty	26	5'6"	Half forward	Health and safety officer
Michael Barr	30	6'1"	Half Forward	Marine Engineer
Seamus Mc Laughlin	19	5'11"		Apprentice Electrician
Christy Hegarty	32	6ft	Full forward	Production Supervisor
Danny Murphy	34	5'10"	Forward	Garda
Ciaran Bonner	25	6'0"	Goalkeeper	Design Engineer
Shaun Doherty	29	6'1"	Forward	Courier
Jamie McCormick	27	5ft 11"	Forward	
Declan Logue	28	5'10"	Corner back	Farmer
Evan Hudner	19	6'2"	Forward	Student
Seamus Hegarty	44	5'10"	Half back	Accountant
Nigel McMonagle	39	5'7"	Forward	Finance Director
Gareth Foynes	24	5'10"	Forward	
Eamon Reddin	45	5'11"	Half back	Teacher
Shea McLaughlin	20	5'11"	Half forward	Barber



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1 MINUTE WITH DECLAN DIVER

Club: Merville GAA

Favourite pitch / An pháirc is fearr leat:

The newly laid convoy pitch, like playing on a carpet.

Favourite hobby / An caitheamh aimsire is fearr leat:

Recently golf but it's hard to beat an evening playing the PlayStation.



Biggest influence on career / An duine is mó a raibh tionchar acu ort le linn na gairme? Tony McGeady, coached me all the way through underage as far as minors.

Club volunteer of note / Oibrí deonach inmholta an chlub:

Bridget Harkin – always there at the Club whenever you need anything at all.

Childhood hero / Laoch d'óige: Karl Lacey, Frank McGlynn, two men that play in my preferred positions.

Best player you have played with / An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir leat: Malachy McDermott, had the influence to change a game.

Best player you have played against / An t-imreoir is fearr d'imir i d'aghaidh: Killian Faulkner from Four Masters GAA.

Best game you have been involved in / An cluiche is fearr inar imir tú: Beating NaRossa back in 2016 to gain promotion to Division 3.

Which team mate is the worst dresser / Cén ball foirne nach bhfuil faiseanta: Danny Murphy. Don't often see him out of the club gear.

Favourite song / An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Currently, Zach Bryan – Something in The Orange.

Favourite film / An scannán is fearr leat: The Longest Yard

Favourite holiday destination / An áit is fearr chun saoire a chaitheamh inti: Orlando Florida

Favourite meal / An béile is fearr leat: Hard to beat a good Sunday roast dinner.

Biggest strength in your game / Láidreacht do Chluiche: Speed and resilience.

Area of your game you would like to improve / An bhfuil rud ar bith a ba mhaith leat a fheabhsú insa dóigh a n-imríonn tú: Getting forward and taking a few points for myself.

Sporting hero you most admire / An Laoch Spóirt is mó meas acu orthu: Diarmuid Connolly, unplayable in his day.

Advice for young players / Comhairle d'imreoirí óga: There are going to be as many setbacks as high points. There are always going to be losses that stick with you and injury setbacks, but it's about learning from it to better yourself.

Best thing about the GAA / An rud is fearr faoin CLG: Working together as a team through the highs and lows.

Twitter / Facebook: Facebook

Instagram / Snapchat: Instagram

Up early / Lie in: Lie in, don't often get one,

Chinese / Pizza: Chinese.

Playstation / Xbox: PlayStation.

Superman / Batman: Superman.

Sock / No Socks – Stocaí / Gan stocaí: Socks.



Greencastle Nautical Supplies wish the very best of luck to Pat, John, Adrian and the Merville GAA team!

CIARAN O'DUIBHIR – BUN AN PHOBAIL CAPTAIN

A County Final with your Club is something you dream about as a young player. To be out there representing your Parish alongside boys that you have grown up with as lifelong friends is what it is all about.

There's been a lot of cold, dark nights on Carrick Field and in the gym to get us this far and these are the boys that you know



have your back and will go the extra mile for you every time.

We've worked hard and maybe surprised a few people to get here and we know that there is one more hurdle to overcome, but we're going to enjoy the game, show what we are capable of, and then see where that leaves us when the final whistle goes.

PADRAIG MACLOCHLAINN – BUN AN PHOBAIL MANAGER

It is a huge honour to be leading Bun an Phobail to a County Final in only my first year with the team. I know just how special these days are for the Club that I have followed since I was a boy and how big a day it is for the Parish.

We all know how tough a game it is going



to be – County Titles have to be won the hard way and Na Rossa will bring huge experience to the pitch with them, but we're here to give it our all and make sure we don't leave anything behind us. We can't wait to hear that crowd getting behind us

again and giving us the support that we thrive on as a team.

SEAN O'FATHNA – BUN AN PHOBAIL CHAIRPERSON

It is great to be back in a County Final after an eleven year wait. This is our fourth final, with only Seamus Hegarty remaining on the panel from our 1996 winning team – a fantastic achievement for him.

Danny Murphy, Nigel McMonagle and Enda Faulkner also have Championship medals from our 2009 victory but it is great now for the younger members of the Club to

see some success at adult level. It is also satisfying for the team of coaches and volunteers who put in so much effort across the Club to see the team pushing for a title.

Good luck to the management and the players in the final and hopefully the Cathal McLaughlin Cup will be coming back to Bun an Phobail on Saturday evening!



BUN AN PHOBAIL HISTORY

Gaelic games have long been played in one form or another in Moville Parish down through the years. Sadly, no records of organised club structures are available, with the exception of the late 40's to the early 50's when Brendan Keaveney and Owen McCann among others were successfully involved with a Moville Club at adult and juvenile level.

When Con O'Donnell first arrived in Moville in 1968, with the aid of Brendan and of Paddy McGroarty, work began at underage level. Joe McGeady arrived in 1971 and continued the good work at Moville Boys School.

On the 16th February 1976 at a meeting in Keaveney's Hotel a Club called "St. Bodens" was formed involving members from Moville and Carndonagh. However, this union was short lived and in 1977 Moville established "St. Finians GAA Club". The present Club name "Bun an Phobail" was adopted at the 1991 AGM in St. Eugene's Hall on 19th February 1992.

1996 proved hugely historic when Bun an Phobail became affiliated as an adult club for the first time and won the Junior County Championship. There were County successes also at Under 12, 14 and 16 age groups, a remarkable feat given that prior to this no boys team had won a County Title. In 1995 we purchased Carrick Field as our permanent home. December 2001 marked the completion of our brand new clubhouse, followed by flood lighting in 2005 (the first for a non-county ground in Donegal) and a new astro turf training pitch in 2007.

2000 was a significant year, with the introduction of Ladies football, and like their male counterparts in 1996, they achieved County Titles at Junior and U12 levels in their first year. Ladies football has since gone from strength to strength, winning every honour from U12 to Senior County, including six U16 championships in a row. Many of our club players have represented Donegal at Intercounty level in various age groups. In 2003 Aoife and Gemma Hegarty were members of Donegal's first All-Ireland Junior winning team.

More recently, four players, Sarah Faulkner, Niamh McLaughlin and sisters Niamh and Ciara Hegarty, were on the All-Ireland intermediate championship and league winning team of 2010. Donegal's first All-

Ireland winning minor team of 2009 also included four of our young players – Ciara Hegarty, Geraldine Harkin, Loirín Melarkey and Emma Cavanagh, with club member David McLaughlin on the management team.

Davy had further success in 2015 when he managed the Donegal U21 ladies team which included two from our club, Blathnaid McLaughlin and Charmaine McDermott to All-Ireland glory. Davy's 2015 success continued when he guided Donegal Ladies to a historic first ever Ulster Senior Championship victory with three of our club players Niamh Hegarty, Ciara Hegarty and Niamh McLaughlin playing a vital role in that success. Moville Ladies finally made the breakthrough in 2008, becoming Donegal Senior Champions for the first time. The team went on to reach the Ulster Club Championship Final.

2009 was one of the most successful years in the club's history with both senior men and senior ladies landing league titles, subsequently going on to win their respective championship finals on the same day. In 2010 Danny Murphy became the first male player from the club to win an Ulster Championship medal at U21 Intercounty level and in 2014 both Tony McClenaghan and Ciaran Diver lined out at Páirc An Chrócaigh on All-Ireland Final day with their Ulster Minor Championship medals already secured.

In recent years we have celebrated five Ladies Minor Titles in a row, a further Ladies Snr Title and All-Star awards for Niamh and Ciara Hegarty in 2017, and Donegal Captain Niamh McLaughlin winning both an All-Star and Player of the Year in 2022. Both Niamh's are again nominated for All-Stars this year as Ulster Champions, and we have developed a range of County Players in both Ladies and Men's football across the age groups. 2022 also saw a breakthrough at Underage, with our U13 Boys winning the Division 1 title and narrowly losing out in the Championship semi-final, as the fruits of a very active and dynamic youth development programme begin to show.

Carrick Field is a proud home for Bun an Phobail and few days are prouder for the Club than appearing in a County Championship Final – we wish Pat, John, Adrian and the Boys the very best of luck today. Bun an Phobail Abú!

Susie's Bar

**BEST OF LUCK TO
CIARAN, DECLAN AND
THE MOVILLE TEAM
AND MANAGEMENT
IN THE COUNTY
FINAL FROM ALL AT
SUSIE'S BAR, MAIN
ST, MOVILLE!**



**Best of luck to Pat, John,
Adrian and the boys
from Timber & Duffy's -
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**Wishing Nigel
and everyone
at Moville GAA
the very best
of luck in the
County Final**



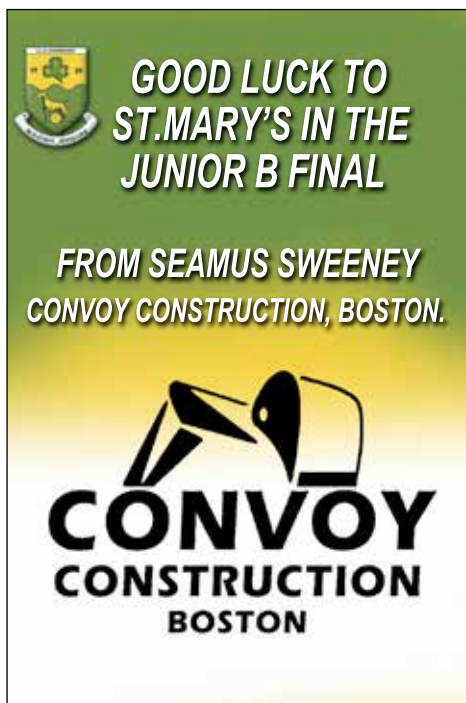
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TEAM IN THE COUNTY FINAL
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NAOMH MHUIRE HISTORY

St. Mary's GAA Club was founded in 1928. The Club caters for the parish of Raphoe, which includes Raphoe, Drumkeen and Convoys.

Members of the founding committee were Tommy Mc Namee, Paddy, Hooey, William O'Keefe, William O'Donnell, Paddy Mc Peake, Jim Mc Carrick, Dan Harkin, Eddie Harkin, Joe O'Donnell, Eddie Toner, William Sweeney and Toal Gallagher.

It all started off with a 7-a-side tournament in Raphoe and Convoys entered a team and from that it was decided they would form a club of their own.

Various fields were used on loan from locals

in the area at the time until finally in the 1980's the club purchased 7 acres of land on which the Clubhouse and Playing field are located.

Plans are currently underway at the Club to upgrade the clubhouse and facilities after completing a pitch renovation in the last year.

St. Mary's Club caters for teams from Nursery, Boys, Girls, Seniors – Ladies and Mens, Gaelic for Mothers and Others and Dads and Lads too. The club has served the parish well down through the years with a bright future ahead.

OLIVER PRUNTY – NAOMH MHUIRE CHAIRPERSON

On behalf of everyone involved in Naomh Mhuire Connmhaigh I wish our junior reserves men's team the best of luck in the Junior B 2023 final. Thanks to the hard work of the management team of Conor, Laurence and Paul. Thank you for your dedication and hard work in getting the team to the Final.

Thanks to our medics, Kate and Eugene for their all their work throughout the year

and the rest of the backroom team also. And lastly but by no means least, all the players and the families, we thank you for what you are doing for the club, and we hope you enjoy the day. I wish to the best of luck to the two teams, Naomh Mhuire Connmhaigh and our neighbours Robert Emmets and may the best team on the day win (hopefully St Marys!!)



LIAM PRUNTY – NAOMH MHUIRE CAPTAIN

It is my honour to captain St. Mary's in today's Junior B Championship Final, a great day for the parish. The effort put in by the squad this year going back to our first game in the Ulster League in February has been immense and it's great to have another County Final to compete in. Many of our squad have good memories of the victory in last year's Intermediate Final in O'Donnell Park and we're looking to take another piece of silverware home this afternoon.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Conor McDermott, Laurence McMullan and



Paul Lynch for their commitment and dedication in their coaching. To thank Eugene and Kate McGinley and Rory Craig for keeping the knocks at bay. To thank Mark Gillen for his input and motivation. To thank Ciarán and Pauric Gallagher for their help and insight and Go Raibh Maith Agaibh all of our club's great volunteers who put in so much of their time and effort so that we get to do what we do on the pitch.

There's added excitement to be facing our neighbours and I know Robert Emmets will give us a good sporting contest befitting a County Final.

CONOR McDERMOTT – NAOMH MHUIRE MANAGER

It is a privilege to have our St. Mary's Reserve squad in a County Final again. It's a great testament to the effort of the entire squad that we are back competing in Finals. Last years dramatic victory is behind us now and we know we will need a big performance to be lifting a trophy on Saturday afternoon.

A word of thanks to Laurence McMullan, Paul



Lynch, Pauric and Ciaran Gallagher and Liam Mailey for their support throughout and to Eugene and Kate McGinley and Rory Craig for their expert care during the year.

We look forward to a sporting encounter against our Finn Valley neighbours Robert Emmets. Ta súil agam go mbeidh cluiche bríomhar, spórtúil againn agus go mbainfidh sibh uilg sult as.

All the best to St. Mary's, ConvoY in the Junior B final from all at Millview Nursery



1 MINUTE WITH CORMAC MULRAIN

Club: St Mary's, Convo

Favourite pitch / An pháirc is fearr leat: Convo

Favourite hobby / An caitheamh aimsire is fearr leat: Farming

Childhood hero / Laoch d'óige: Brian Fenton

Best player you have played with / An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir leat: Paddy Dolan

Best player you have played against / An t-imreoir is fearr d'imir i d'aghaidh: Luke McGlynn

Best game you have been involved in / An cluiche is fearr inar imir tú: Last years Intermediate B final

Which team mate is the worst dresser / Cén ball foirne nach bhfuil faiseanta: Oran Paterson always looks like he's going to a funeral

Favourite song / An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Prada

Favourite film / An scannán is fearr leat: Fight Cl*b

Favourite holiday destination / An áit is fearr chun saoire a chaitheamh inti: Santa Ponsa

Favourite meal / An béile is fearr leat: Steak and Chips

Biggest influence on career / An duine is mó a raibh tionchar acu ort le linn na gairme? Parents

Club volunteer of note / Oibrí



deonach inmholta an chlub: Conor McDermot

Biggest strength in your game / Láidreacht do Chluiche: High Balls

Area of your game you would like to improve /

An bhfuil rud ar bith a ba mhaith leat a fheabhsú insa dóigh a n-imríonn tú: Shooting

Sporting hero you most admire / An Laoch Spóirt is mó meas acu orthu: Michael Murphy

Advice for young players / Comhairle d'imreoirí óga: Listen to your coaches

Best thing about the GAA / An rud is fearr faoin CLG: Meeting plenty of people

Twitter / Facebook: Facebook

Instagram / Snapchat: Snapchat

Up early / Lie in: Up early

Chinese / Pizza: Pizza

Playstation / Xbox: Xbox

Superman / Batman: Batman

Sock / No Socks - Stocaí / Gan stocaí: Socks



NAOMH MUIRE – PLAYER PEN PICS

Name	Age	Height	Occupation	Position
Conor Gordon	21	6'	Student	Half Back
Dannan O'Kane	26	6'2"	Optum	Goalkeeper
Ciaran McNamee	24	6'1"		Half Back
Rory Craig	20	5'9"	Student	Corner Back
PJ McDaid	22	5'7"	Sales Advisor	Corner Back
Kyle Harper	35	5'11"	Civil Servant	Defender
Michael Patton	26	6'	Student	Defender
Cormac Mulrain	18	6'2"	Student	Midfield
Gary Gillen	44	6'1"	Musician	Half Forward
Michael Ayton	26	6'	Panel Beater	Half Forward
Cathal Browne	22	6'	Student	Half Forward
Darren Bonner	25	6'2"	Accountant	Corner Forward
Jason McDaid	21	5'10"	Agricultural Contractor	Full Forward
Oran Paterson	19	5'11"	Barber	Full Forward
Laurence McMullan	40	5'7"	Teacher	Half Forward
Conor Bonner	22	5'10"		Half Back
Liam Prunty	32	5'9"	Teacher	Half Back
Shay Harkin	18	5'7"	Student	Forward
Ronan Donnellan	30	5'11"	Teacher	Full Back
Brendan Bonner	31	5'11"	Auto Repair	Midfield
Adam Quinn	22	5'10"	Student	Half Back





Naomh Mhuire



Dannon O'Kane



Kyle Harper



Ronan Donnellan



Conor Bonner



Rory Craig



Ciaran McNamee



Liam Prunty



Cormac Mulrine



Benny Bonner



Shay Harkin



Laurence McMullanConor Gordan



Darren Bonner



Michael Ayton



Cathal Browne

FIR IONAD

16. Anthony Bogle
17. Michael Patton
18. Oran Paterson
19. Jason McDaid
20. Gary Gillen

21. Andy McNamee
22. PJ McDaid
23. Gavin McDaid
24. Jake Gibson
25. Gareth Doherty

26. Kieran Doherty
27. Adam Quinn
28. Daniel McMenamen
29. Mitchell McLaughlin





1

Sam Mc Glinchey



2

Oran Farrell



3

Ryan Mc Girr



4

Dean Hughes



5

Owen Harran



6

Paul Farrell



7

Marcus Curran



8

Neil Mulcahy



9

Conor Dalton



10

Niall Quinn



11

Rory Dalton



12

Ciaran Dalton



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Daniel Dalton



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Darren Mc Bride



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Dylan Mc Namee

FIR IONAD

16 Jordan Tourish

17 Brian Lafferty

18 Andrew Mc Menamin

19 Ronan Kennedy

20 Ronan Mc Daid

21 Jordan Mc Kinney

22 Kynan Roe

23 Conor Mc Gettigan

24 Ryan Roe

25 Reece Gallagher

26 Dominic Mc Glinchey

27 Andy Hunt

28 Lorcan Mc Kee



ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD – PLAYER PEN PICS

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Sam McGlinchey	18	5'11	Goalkeeper	Student
Dean Hughes	19	5'10	Corner Back	Plumber
Ryan McGirr	27	5'10	Full Back	Lab Technician
Oran Farrell	21	5'8	Corner Back	Student
Owen Harran	18	6'2	Wing Back	Student
Paul Farrell	23	5'9	Centre Half Back	Engineer
Marcus Curran	39	5'5	Wing Back	Sales Rep
Neil Mulcahy	19	6'2	Midfield	Student
Conor Dalton	25	6'0	Midfield	QS
Ciaran Dalton	19	5'8	Wing Forward	Self- Employed
Rory Dalton	22	6'2	Centre Half Forward	QS
Niall Quinn	22	5'11	Half Back	Student
Daniel Dalton	19	5'8	Half back / Half Forward	Self Employed
Darren McBride	27	6'1	Full Forward	Electrician
Dylan McNamee	20	5'9	Corner Forward	Car Valet
Andrew McMenamin	33	5'8	Corner Forward	Technical Sales Advisor
Brian Lafferty	19	5'5	Full Back	Mechanic
Dominic McGlinchey	45	5'8	Forward	Youth Worker & Psychotherapist
Jordan Mc Kinney	21	5'9	Forward	Electrician
Jordan Tourish	25	5'7	Full Back	Cyber Security
Kynan Roe	18	6'0	Forward	Student
Ronan Kennedy	26	5'11	Forward	Glass Manufacturer
Ronan McDaid	18	5'8	Forward	Electrician
Ryan Roe	24	5'11	Half Back	Student
Andy Hunt	35	5'11	Forward	Project Manager
Lorcan McKee	18	5'8	Corner Back	Student
Conor McGettigan	25	6'4	Midfield	Site Engineer
Reece Gallagher	23	5'7	Forward	Physiotherapist

1 MINUTE WITH RYAN MCGIRR

Club: Robert Emmets

Favourite pitch: Emmet park on a dry day. Can't beat your home ground!

Favourite hobby : Lifting weights in the gym. Awful addicting.

Childhood hero: Owen mulligan, used to love watching him play for Tyrone when I was a kid.

Best player you've played with: Marcus Curran. The man doesn't give up.

Best player you've played against: Peter Cooke. Would have played against him in trials for Sigerson cup team for NUI Galway. Great midfielder!

Best game you've been involved in: The three match championship tie with Na Rossa in the junior championship. Two tied matches and it went to a decider in Mccumhaill park.

Which team mate is the worst dresser: Andrew McMenamin - wearing sleeveless Aussie rules tops all the time at training.

Favourite song: Muse- Uprising

Favourite Film: Interstellar

Favourite Holiday Destination: Salou, can't beat the heat and cheap drink

Favourite meal: Beef stroganoff

Biggest influence on your career: Dominic McGlinchey. Helped me a lot when I ruptured my Achilles last year. I thought i wasn't going to play football again. He was always on the phone giving me advice and encouraging me back to play. And look at us now we're in the final.



Club volunteer of note:

Camillus Mulcahy - puts a lot of work in making sure lads get to training, he lifted me and the missus from sea sessions this year to bring me to play convoy in the league and dropped me back up after. He'll do anything for for the team!

Biggest strength in your game: As Marcus Curran told me this year, I'm not the most skill-full but I do the simple things right! Was a great compliment

Area of your game you would like to improve: My shooting is horrible. The lads don't seem to like to see me crossing the halfway line for some reason.

Sporting hero you admire: Conor McGregor- his determination to be the best he can be is unbelievable. Could listen to motivational videos of him all day

Advice for young players: Consistent hard work and determination will beat skill all day on the field. No matter what keep plugging away and you'll be rewarded.

Best thing about the GAA: No matter where you go in the world, you can play Gaelic and meet Irish people. When I moved to Vancouver, I had no job and showed up for training at a gaa club called Eire óg. First thing one of the lads said to me was if I had a job. He told me to show up Monday morning at the site and he'd get me sorted.

Twitter/Facebook: Facebook

Instagram/snapchat: Snapchat

Up early/ lie in: lie in

Chinese/ pizza: Chinese

PlayStation/Xbox: PlayStation

Superman/batman: Batman

Socks/ no socks: no socks

CONOR DALTON – ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD JOINT CAPTAIN

I am very privileged to be in the role of joint captain along with Ryan this year. It is a great honour for the group to be able to represent our parish on county final day. We have seen huge boosts this year with the young lads stepping in and getting a taste for adult football.

They all have had good success throughout their underage years, and they have had



a real positive effect on this team. There is a great feeling around the camp and a real togetherness amongst the group.

I would like to mention our community and supporters for sticking by this young team and let's hope the group can go on and make great memories and days for the community in the years to come.

RYAN MCGIRR – ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD JOINT CAPTAIN

It's a brilliant achievement for this young team to be where we are at the moment. I was a great feeling to be nominated as co-captain along with Conor Dalton after the year I've had, going from such a low being out injured for 10 months with a ruptured Achilles to the high of being in a final!

For years the older lads on the senior team have watched and waited on this group of young players to come up through the underage system to get into our senior team. We feel as a group that we have a good young side now that could progress in the coming years and this process of us climbing up the rankings starts with us



in this final. I know that this group of players will stick together and we hope to see emmets seniors climb to higher achievements in the coming years.

We're all very thankful of Liam Sweeney coming in and creating such a positive atmosphere in the group. I don't think I've ever had such a positive minded manager before. He has great faith in the youth in our team and for us all to reach the final this year is a great achievement in itself. There has been a great buzz around the team over the past few months and we collectively feel like a more confident team.

LIAM SWEENEY – ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD MANAGER

County Finals are a great achievement for any club, no matter the Grade or the age group. We all strive towards being able to play in one or in my case being able to manage/ coach a group of fine young men in one.

Emmett's set out at the start of this year to win a game of Gaelic football. To those on the outside looking in this appears a bit pathetic, an under achievement or whatever. But when you are down looking up at every other club in the county, the whole of the world rests on your shoulders.



This youthful group have matured throughout the season and the results of late have been a testament to their character and application to training the last 8 months.

We have made great strides in the last couple of months especially and I have no doubt will give a good account of ourselves on Saturday in O'Donnell PK.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the club committee for putting their faith in me to lead the team on this journey, and hopefully this fine group of young men will do you all proud on Saturday.

ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD CLUB HISTORY

Robert Emmets formally known as St. Marys was founded in 1918. Robert Emmets is located in the parish of Castlefinn and is amongst the smallest parishes in the County.

The clubs first success came in 1922 when they won their one and only Senior championship facing Naomh Conaill GAA in the final. The club continued to play at senior level 1926 and 1930 they finished in the runners up in the County League Competition. In 1939, the club reached its first Junior Championship Final facing Cloughaneely GAA and in 1945 they won the Junior championship for the first time defeating Corlea.

The club went on to win two Junior championships between 1951-1954 coming against St.Nauls in both Finals.

In 1955, the club was renamed to Robert Emmets, and this started a real optimism in the club. Robert Emmets went on to

win the Junior league and Championship double in 1956.

In 1957 the club was crowned Division Two League Champions. In 1961 saw the club achieve its second double winning the Junior league and Championship.

Robert Emmets were again crowned Division Two Champions in 1975. In 1987 Robert Emmets were crowned Junior Champions for the 6th time. In 2002, came the last time Robert Emmets won a Junior Championship when they defeated Naomh Brid. In 2008, Robert Emmets became League Champions and contested in the Junior Championship which they were defeated by Carndonagh.

This weekend will be the first Championship final in 15 years for Robert Emmets and we hope there is many more to come!

SEAN O'DUBHARTAIGH - ROIBÉARD EIMÉAD CHAIRPERSON

This is a very proud day for Robert Emmets and I am honoured to be Chairperson on this occasion.

Sometimes you have to take a step back to make a step forward. This championship has allowed our players to grow in confidence and display how good of footballers they really are.

This group of young men with an average age of 19 1/2 have shown great maturity and despite the obstacles put in front of them have stood up to those challenges. We needed a culture change in Robert Emmets and that culture change has been brought about by these young men who have all started their journey from under 6's.

They want to represent the parish they were born and reared in, this is what the GAA stands for. They want to play for their

club. Their coaches at all the underage grades must take great credit on the fine players they have helped move to adult level.

A huge thank you to our manager Liam Sweeney who has helped install a new culture and who has breathed new life into the club. Liams positivity has rubbed off on us all.

Also thanks to Liams selectors, mentors and physio team of Paul, Camillus, Dominic, John and Angie.

Thanks to all our sponsors and our community who support us no matter what. Also to our volunteers who continue to work tirelessly for Robert Emmets. I ask all our supporters to be in full voice and enjoy the game today.

Best of luck to our boys in blue.



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