

Club Championships 2020



Darver Centre of Excellence
SATURDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2020

Anchor Tours Senior Hurling Championship Final
Knockbridge HC v St. Feichins



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KNOCKBRIDGE HC V ST. FECHINS

An Réiteoir: Kevin Brady (Pearse Óg)

Standby Referee: Brian Brady

Umpires: Pat Harnett (Pearse Óg), Paul Ward (Pearse Óg),
Paul Callan (Pearse Óg), John Kerr (Dowdallshill)

TODAY'S REFEREE

KEVIN BRADY PEARSE ÓG

Pearse Óg whistler Kevin Brady takes charge of today's game between St. Fechins and Knockbridge. Kevin is a member of the national referees panel and has been a regular officiator across Christy Ring, Nicky Rackard and Lory Meagher games.

We wish Kevin and his team the best of luck today.

AMHRÁN NA bhFIANN

Sinne Fianna Fáil
A tá fé gheall ag Éirinn,
buion dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
Fé mhóid bheith saor.
Seán tír ár sinsir feasta

Ní fhagfar fé'n tiorán ná fé'n tráil
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna screach fé lámhach na
bpiléar
Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na bhFiann.

National Anthem sung by Fra Kieran



Ar son Coiste Chontae Lu, is cuis mhor athais domsa faite faoi leith a chur romhaibh chuig Darver inniu.

On behalf of Louth County Board, I welcome all to Louth GAAs Centre of Excellence here in Darver. I welcome

both Knockbridge HC and St Fechin's taking part in today's Louth Senior Hurling final.

I would also like to welcome those lucky supporters who have managed to get their hands on a ticket and for the first time ever all those watching on our streaming service LuTV, who have subscribed from near and far to watch the biggest games in adult football in County Louth.

This year has been a year like no other in recent memory. We acknowledge greatly the hardship and sacrifice everyone has had to endure since the outbreak of the pandemic in early March. The GAA has stood strong throughout all this, providing help and support for all and really showing that community is at the heart of everything the GAA is about.

Back in March, we did not think that we would reach this weekend. The CCC had the arduous task of planning fixtures, not knowing if their efforts were to be futile or whether a single ball would be kicked or pucked at all this season. Thankfully down to the efforts of every single person we managed to get society open again and in turn we managed to get our games back on, but in a much more condensed manner than we have ever seen before. Games started mid August and one month later we have reached the final of each grade. Huge credit goes to the CCC, to the clubs, the match officials and county board officers for ensuring that all games have ran

so smoothly that we have reached our showpiece games.

In today's final we have Knockbridge and St Fechins. It should be a close match as both teams start with hope and a nervous ambition that only the championship final brings.

A big thank you to our Louth Hurling Senior final sponsor, Anchor Tours and LMFm for their continued support of Louth GAA.

Sadly over the past few months our clubs and county have lost members, friends and Louth Gaels. We would like to offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends of all deceased.

Finally, I would like to extend my appreciation to all our volunteers and officials who work tirelessly to ensure that these games can be played in a safe environment. We would ask you to assist stewards in every way possible today. We would ask that congregating in groups is kept to a minimum, social distancing protocols are adhered to and that all public announcements made are followed to ensure the smooth running of our finals as the health and safety of our players, officials and you our supporters is our number one priority.

I wish our two teams the best of luck today.

Is mise le meas
Peadar Mac Giolla Phadriag
Peter Fitzpatrick
Cathaoirleach
Coiste Contae Lú





Kevin McNally
Caoimhin Mac an Aili



Conor Kerrigan
Conchúr Ciaragáin



Ronan Byrne
Rónán O'Broin



Mark Wallace
Marcus de Bhaileis



Robert Wallace
Roibeard de Bhaileis



Andrew Smyth
Aindriu Gobhan



Ricky McKeown
Risteard Mac Eoin



James Costelloe
Seamus Mac Coistella



Liam Molloy
Liam O'Maolmhuaidh



Peter Brennan
Peadar O'Brainin



David Kettle
Daithi O'Ciotal



Shane Fennell
Seán O'Fionnail



Gavin Kerrigan
Gavan Ciaragáin



Gareth Hall
Gearoid de Halla



Sean Marry
Sean O'Mearaigh

FIR IONAD

- 16 Ronan Murphy**
Ronán O Mhurichú
- 17 Stephen Kettle**
Stiofan O'Ciotal
- 18 Stephen Hoey**
Stiofan Mac Eochaidh
- 19 Daire McKiernan**
Daire Mac Tighearnain
- 20 Neil Thornton**
Neil O Droighneáin
- 21 Kevin Hearty**
Caoimhín Ó hAghartaigh
- 22 Conor Deane**
Conchúr O'Daoighin
- 23 Gerard McKeown**
Gearoid Mac Eoin
- 24 James Searson**
Seamus MacSaoghair
- 25 Keenan McGavisk**
Cian Mac Gavisic
- 26 Tomás O'Connor**
Tomás Ó Conchobhair
- 27 Adam Plunkett**
Ádam Pluincéad
- 28 Ronan Mulholland**
Rónán O Maolcholuim
- 29 Conor Byrne**
Conchúr O'Broin
- 30 Ciaran Brennan**
Ciarán O Braonáin
- 31 Tony "Cha" Brennan**
Antóin Braonáin

Bainisteoirí: Brendan McNally & Declan Fehily
Maor Foirne: Seán Byrne
Fisice: Donal Ferris
Cathaoirleach: Gerry Dunne
Rúnaí: Shane D'Arcy

FIR IONAD

- 16 Barry Devlin**
Barra Ó Doibhilin
- 17 Cathal Doherty**
Cathal Ó Dochartaigh
- 18 Bob Grace**
Roibeard Grás
- 19 Conor Higgins**
Conchubhair Ó hUiginn
- 20 Seán Hodgins**
Seán Ó hOistigín
- 21 Seán Kerrisk**
Seán Mac Fhiarais
- 22 Tomas McCreesh**
Tomás Mac Raois
- 23 Michael Ryan**
Micheál Ó Riain
- 24 Ryan Walsh**
Riain Breathnach
- 25 Eoghan Ryan**
Eoghan Ó Riain
- 26 Evan McGrane**
Eoghan Ó Riain
- 27 Ciarán Brennan**
Ciarán Ó Braonáin
- 28 Paddy Reddy**
Pádraig Ó Roidigh
- 29 Colin Griffin**
Colin Ó Griffin
- 30 Zac Lennon**
Zac Mac Leannáin
- 31 Josh Murtagh**
Josh Mac Muireartaigh
- 32 Brian Stephenson**
Brian Mac Stiofáin
- 33 John Stephenson**
Seán Mac Stiofáin
- 34 Ross Berkery**
Ros Ó Bearthagra

Bainisteoir: Mattie Rice
Maor Foirne: Stephen Hackett
Medic: Mark Rafferty
Club Official: Donal Lynch
Maor Caman: Cathal Brennan
John Joe Conneely



John Crosbie (gk)
Seán Mac an Chrosáin



Cormac McAuley
Cormac Mac Amhaláí



Seaghán Conneely
Seaghán Ó Conghaile



Danny Morgan
Dónal Ó Muireagáin



Micheál Byrne
Micheál Ó Broin



Donal Ryan
Dónal Ó Riain



Oisín Byrne
Oisín Ó Broin



Jamie McDonnell
Seámas Mac Dónaill



Jack Murray
Seán Ó Muiri



Patrick Lynch
Pádraig Ó Loinsigh



Peter Fortune (c)
Peadar Ó Foirtheirn



Conor Mathews
Conchubhair Ó Maitiú



David Stephenson
Daithi MacStiofáin



Anthony Byrne
Antóin Ó Broin



Paul Mathews
Pól Ó Maitiú



Chairman's Address

Cuirim fáilte roim go léir go dtí an cluiche ceannais Craobh iomána sinsir inniú. Ta an-áthas orm an réamhfhocal seo a cur le clár an chómortas i mbliana agus ta súil agam go mbainfidh gach éinne a lán taitheamh as an cluiche agus an ócaid spreaguil seo.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to everyone involved on this the flagship day for hurling in the Louth GAA calendar. Knockbridge arrive in the final after straight but narrow wins in the group stages and St Fechins are here after a convincing win over Naomh Moninne in the semi-final. Today's final will be very close as both teams start with hope and a nervous ambition that only the championship final brings.

But Knockbridge is not only about the senior hurlers; a huge amount of work goes in at juvenile level with teams at every age group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following; Shane D'Arcy, Dermot Plunkett, Mick Landon, Yvonne Quigley, Sean and Ronan Byrne, Bernie Reidy, Alan Dunne, Jimmy Hagan, Declan Fehily, Donal Foley, Orla Mc Geaney, Deirdre Mc Ardle, Diarmuid Duffy, Conor Kerrigan, Micky Mc Kenna, James Searson, Aoife Lawrence, Gerry Dunne and Graham Mc Nally.

I would like to thank our club executive for conducting club affairs both off the field and around match days. A special word of thanks must go to our main sponsor Con Mc Namee and our other sponsors Knockbridge Vintage Club, Kettle Engineering, Oxy Arc, Cluskeys and Soroghans

County final day requires an immense amount of preparation, organisation, and logistics to make it possible, not just by the participating teams but also by the Louth County Board and Darver officials and ground staff. The Club appreciates all your hard work and effort. A special word of thanks also to our senior hurling panel, who have trained and prepared well under the guidance

of the management team Ronan Byrne, Declan Fehily and Brendan Mc Nally. The Club is hoping for victory for the senior hurlers, with ten duel players from the St Bride's team that won in the Intermediate football championship last weekend, and also hope to emulate the Senior Championship win by St Brides camogie team two weeks previous. We wish all our patrons and supporters' fond memories of a great final. Finally, we would like to convey to everyone the sentiments of our Club motto; Dulce Amare Ludum; (enjoy your sport).

**Is mise le meas,
Gerry Dunne
Cathaoirleach Droichead an Chnoic**



**Knockbridge Managers: Ronan Byrne,
Declan Fehily & Brendan McNally**

KEENAN MCGAVISK, 22
Occupation: An Garda Síochána

TÓMAS O'CONNOR, 32
Occupation: Architect
Hons: 1 Senior Football Championship (Clare)

RONAN MURPHY, 21
Occupation: Barber
Hons: Louth U17 Player of the Year 2017

SHANE FENNELL, 36
Occ: An Garda Síochána
Hons: 8 Senior Hurling C'ships, 11 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

KEVIN MCNALLY, 31
Occupation: Primary School Teacher
Hons: 7 Senior Hurling Championships, 7 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

CIARAN BRENNAN, 19
Occupation: Student
Hons: 1 Minor Hurling Championship, 1 U16 Hurling League, 3 All Ireland 'C' Championships

GAVIN KERRIGAN, 30
Occupation: Clerical Officer
Hons: 5 Senior Hurling Championships, 7 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

PETER BRENNAN, 30
Occupation: Actuary
Hons: 4 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

LIAM MOLLOY, 22
Occupation: Carpenter
Hons: 1 Senior Hurling Championships, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship, Louth Senior Hurling Captain 2020

DAVID KETTLE, 32
Occupation: Site Engineer
Hons: 6 Senior Hurling Championships, 7 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League, 1 Lory Meagher, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

SEAN MARRY, 22
Occupation: Electrician
Hons: 1 Senior Hurling Championship, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 2 Junuoir Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

JAMES COSTELLOE, 26
Occupation: An Garda Síochána
Hons: 2 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

STEPHEN KETTLE, 27
Occupation: Primary School Teacher
Hons: 2 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, Nicky Rackard All Star, 1 Intermediate Football League, 1 McConville Cup

STEPHEN HOEY, 29
Occupation: Advisor for PTSB
Hons: 1 Senior Hurling Championship, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

CONOR DEANE, 27
Occupation: Accountant
Hons: 5 Senior Hurling Championships, 7 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

NEIL THORNTON, 18
Occupation: Student
Hons: 1 Minor Hurling Championship, 1 U16 Football Championship, 1 U16 Football league, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

JAMES SEARSON, 32
Occupation: Civil Engineer
Hons: 2 Senior Hurling Championships, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship, 1 U21FC(Clare), 1 SFC (London), 1 SFL (London), 2 SHL (London)

ANDREW SMYTH, 26
Occupation: Electrician/Turkey Farmer
Hons: 1 Senior Hurling Championship, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 2 Junuoir Hurling Leagues, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

ROBERT WALLACE, 26
Occupation: Ground Worker
Hons: 2 Senior Hurling C'ships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League, 1 Intermediate Football C'ship, 3 Junior Hurling C'ships, 2 Junior Hurling Leagues, 1 Inter Football C'ship

DAIRE MCKIERNAN, 28
Occupation: Environmental Consultant
Hons: 2 Minor Football Championships, 4 Minor Hurling Championships, 2 Senior Hurling League, 2 Junior Hurling Leagues

TONY "CHA" BRENNAN, 28
Occupation: Farmer
Hons: Most improved player 2020, Tractor Reversing Champion

RICKY MCKEOWN, 28
Occupation: Electrician
Hons: 3 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Lory Meagher Cup, 1 Tain League

GERARD MCKEOWN, 29
Occupation: Plumber
Hons: 4 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

CONOR BYRNE, 18
Occupation: Student
Hons: 1 Minor Hurling Championship, 1 U16 Hurling League, 3 All Ireland 'C' Championships

CONOR KERRIGAN, 36
Occupation: Local Authority Town Planning
Hons: 8 Senior Hurling Championships, 11 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League, 1 Lory Meagher Cup, 1 National Hurling League

MARK WALLACE, 32
Occupation: Electrician
Hons: 7 Senior Hurling Championships, 9 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League, 1 Lory Meagher, Lory Meagher Hurler of the Year 2016

ADAM PLUNKETT, 18
Occupation: Student
Hons: 1 U16 All Ireland Hurling Championship, 1 Minor Hurling Championship, Minor Football League, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

RONAN MULHOLLAND, 25
Occupation: Special Needs Assistant
Hons: 2 Senior Hurling Championships, 5 Senior Hurling Leagues, 1 Tain League

RONAN BYRNE, 34
Occupation: Production Manager
Hons: 1 Lory Meagher, 1 National Hurling League, 1 Nicky Rackard All Star, 11 Senior Hurling Leagues, 9 Senior Hurling C'ship, 1 Tain League, 1 Intermediate Football C'ship, 1 Leinster Inter Football Championship, 1 Senior football Championship

GARETH HALL, 27
Occupation: PE Teacher
Hons: 1 Senior Hurling Championship, 2 Senior Hurling Leagues, 2 Junuoir Hurling Leagues, 1 U21 Football Championship, 1 Intermediate Football Championship

KEVIN HEARTY, 26
Occupation: Electrician
Hons: 1 Lennon cup, 1 Leinster Colleges, 1 Minor Football Championship, 1 Division 2 Football League, 1 Intermediate Football Championship



Chairman's Address

A Chairde,

It's a great honour for me to be Chairman, as St.Fechins appear in their Senior Hurling Final for the 8th year in a row. Hurling has come a long way in the club since the early days on the Sheetland Road in 1997. The team playing today has a number of players that first picked up a hurley in 1997, they are joined by so many more who have come through our underage ranks.

The strength of hurling in the club is clear, with teams fielding from U6 to senior. In 2017 we also began to field underage camogie team. From humble beginnings we have come to be a major force within Louth Hurling at all ages. This strength has also expanded beyond our own club, as our players and mentors have joined our county panels at development, minor and senior levels

Our club fields in Hurling, Camogie, Football and ladies Football. This couldn't have happened and continued to happen without the support of all mentors involved, our committee and all our sponsors and the huge support of the local community. Thanks to the great cooperation between the hurlers and footballers a number of dual players will take to the field today.

We at St.Fechin's are immensely proud of all our players and mentors in all codes, and I want to take the opportunity to wish everyone representing the club today the best of luck. In particular I want to thank the team management Mattie Rice, Donal Lynch & John Joe Conneely for their hard work and dedication this year in preparation of such an excellent side.

As we return to Darver, I must compliment the county board, groundsmen, video streaming team and all involved in hosting this years championship, in the face of unprecedented challenges. Now more than ever, our games are a vital support to the physical and mental wellbeing of our members. I wish the referee and his officials best of luck and look forward to a great game. I would like to take the opportunity to wish both teams a great sporting occasion. We hope to get to winning ways today and bring the Paddy Kelly Cup home to Termonfeckin.

MICHEÁL BYRNE, 27

Occupation: Student
Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3 JHC; JHL

OISÍN BYRNE, 27

Occupation: PhD Student
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3

CATHAL DOHERTY, 19

Occupation: Student **Hons:** 2 Louth MHC; 1 U16; U16 C All-I

CONOR HIGGINS, 21

Occupation: Student
Hons: MHC x 2.

TOMAS MCCREESH, 19

Occupation: Student
Hons: U14/U16/MH C'ships

JAMIE MCDONNELL, 25

Occupation: Teacher
Hons: Wexford MFC

EVAN MCGRANE, 21

Occupation: Student
Hons: Louth MHC; Louth SHC.

DANNY MORGAN, 20

Occupation: Student
Hons: Louth MHC

BARRY DEVLIN, 33

Occupation: Factory worker
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3; Louth Sp L x2 and SpC x 2.

JOHN CROSBIE, 33

Occupation: Primary Teacher
Hons: Wexford Intern A Hurling C'ship; Middle East Hurling C'ship; Wexford JHC; Wexford U21 and Minor Hurling and Football Championships

SEAGHÁN CONNEELY, 26

Occupation: Retail Assistant
Hons: Louth MHC; Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Lory Meagher; Táin x 3.

CIARÁN BRENNAN, 19

Occupation: Student teacher
Hons: Louth and All-I Féile; U14 League and C'ship; Ulster League; Louth MHC.

JOHN STEPHENSON, 22

Occupation: Student
Hons: U14 Féile; U14/U16/U18 championships (part of the 5 in a row winning MHC team); SHC x 2; SpHC;

PETER FORTUNE, 27

Occupation: Teacher
Hons: Carlow SHC x 4; Carlow IHC x 2; Carlow U21AHC and U18AHC; Ryan Cup

BOB GRACE, 28

Occupation: Personnel Manager
Hons: Kilkenny/Leinster/All-I Intermediate club HC

COLIN GRIFFIN, 27

Occupation: Transport & Logistics
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3; Sp HC; Sp.HL.

RYAN WALSH, 19

Occupation: Student
Hons: All-I Féile; U16 and U18 MH championships; U16 Football c'ship; U16 All-I Hurling championship x 4; Fresgers' College Championship; Intermed. SFL

SEÁN HODGINS, 25

Occupation: Wealth Management Executive
Hons: Louth U14; Louth U16 x 2; Louth U18 x 2; Louth SpC.

SEÁN KERRISK, 19

Occupation: Student in TUD
Hons: U14 All-I x 2; U16 All-I; All-I Féile; Louth U16 Hurling and Football; Louth MHC x 2; Louth Div 2 Football League

ZACK LENNON, 18

Occupation: Student
Hons: Club All-I Féile; All-I C with Louth x 2.

PADDY LYNCH, 25

Occupation: Student Teacher
Hons: Louth U14 and Féile; Louth U16 and MHC x 2; Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Lory Meagher; Táin x 3.

PAUL MATHEWS, 23

Occupation: Student
Hons: U14 and Féile; Louth U16 and MHC x 3; Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3.

CONOR MATHEWS, 25

Occupation: Application Engineer
Hons: Louth U14 and Féile; Louth U16/MHC x 2; Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Lory Meagher; Táin x 3.

CORMAC MCAULEY, 35

Occupation: Financial Services
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3. 23 proud years of hurling with St Fechins

JACK MURRAY, 20

Occupation: Student
Hons: U16 Div2 Football League; Louth U16 HC; U16 Ulster C; U16 All-IHC x3; Louth MHC; Louth SpHL

JOSH MURTAGH, 18

Occupation: Student
Hons: All-I Féile; Louth U16 All-I; U16 Div 1 F c'ship.

BRIAN STEPHENSON, 31

Occupation: Accountant
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3.

DONAL RYAN, 27

Occupation: IT
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3

MICHAEL RYAN, 23

Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 3; U14/U16/MHCs

EOGHAN RYAN, 18

Occupation: Student
Hons: U14/U16/U18 Louth H c'ships; All-I U14 Féile; All-I C with Louth x 3; Leinster Schools' title

PADDY REDDY, 30

Occupation: Primary Teacher/Childrens' author/Calendar salesman
Hons: Kildare Minor League; Kildare Junior C'ship; Kildare Intermed. C'ship; Louth SHL x 2; Louth SHC x 2; Táin League x 3; Louth SpC x 2; Louth SpL x 2

ROSS BERKERY, 22

Occupation: Salesman
Hons: Louth U14 and U16 Hurling and Football championships; Louth Minor Hurling championships; Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Leinster B Schools' Football Championship

ANTON BYRNE, 26

Occupation: Homeless Service Manager
Hons: Collection of Hurling medals to begin today

DAVID STEPHENSON, 27

Occupation: Operations
Hons: Louth SHC x 2; Louth SHL x 2; Táin x 2. Louth SpL & SpC

SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Roll Of Honour



1987 Naomh Moninne
1988 Wolfe Tones HC
1989 Naomh Moninne
1990 Wolfe Tones HC
1991 Wolfe Tones HC
1992 Naomh Moninne
1993 Naomh Moninne
1994 Wolfe Tones HC
1995 Naomh Moninne
1996 Wolfe Tones HC
1997 Naomh Moninne

1998 Naomh Moninne
1999 Naomh Moninne
2000 Knockbridge
2001 Knockbridge
2002 Pearse Og
2003 Knockbridge
2004 Pearse Og
2005 Knockbridge
2006 Knockbridge
2007 Knockbridge
2008 Knockbridge

2009 Knockbridge
2010 Naomh Moninne
2011 Knockbridge
2012 Pearse Og
2013 Pearse Og
2014 Knockbridge
2015 St Fechins
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2017 Naomh Moninne
2018 Knockbridge
2019 Naomh Moninne

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