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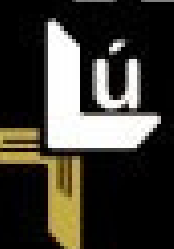
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4		<b>LONGFORD</b>	<b>7PTS</b>
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7		<b>LEITRIM</b>	<b>3PTS</b>
8		<b>LOUTH</b>	<b>0PTS</b>

## This weekends fixtures



Sunday 25th October 2020

2pm throw ins

Louth v Down, St.Brigids Park, Dowdallshill

Longford v Cork, Glennon Bros Pearse Park

Offaly V Derry, O'Connor Park

Leitrim v Tipperary, Pairc Sean MacDiarmada





# Chairmans Address



A chairde,

On behalf of Coiste Contae Lú, I extend a very warm welcome to all who are viewing this e-programme prior to todays game in Pairc Naomh Bríd in Dowdallshill, for our final game of the Allianz Division 3 League for 2020 against our neighbours from Down.

We welcome the Down team, their match officials and those of you watching the game online on GAAGO and listening in on local and national radio.

In what has been a tough year for all, we are delighted to have been able to see out the league in full. 2020 has presented us all with great challenges both on and off the field. Having been relegated to Division 4 last weekend, we will be hoping for a swift return back to Division 3 next year. We do however look forward in optimism to our first outing in the 2020 Leinster Championship next weekend when we take on Longford. With new restrictions imposed upon us due to the rising numbers of Covid 19 cases countrywide, we do hope all Louth Gaels look out for each other and enjoy these games in a safe and responsible manner.

Our fundraising draw ,our Wee County Double House Draw is well underway again and huge congratulations to Dennis Pena who collected €5000 in our September promotion. Dont forget to check out [www.pickahouse.ie](http://www.pickahouse.ie) for our October promotion were 5 x €1000 prizes are up for grabs.

Finally I would like to thank all our match officials and stewards for their work at todays game and for all the work they have put in throughout the year. We wish Wayne and his team the very best of luck today.

Slan tamail,  
Peter Fitzpatrick  
Cathaoirleach  
Coiste Contae Lú



## Today's Referee



### Reiteoir



**Martin McNally**  
(Muineachain)

**Standby Referee-Fergal Smith (Uibh Fhaili)**  
**Linesman-Patrick Coyle (An Mhí)**  
**Sideline-Dan Mullen (An Dún)**





# Last meeting between the sides

25 March, 2019 Allianz Football League Division Three

Down 1-6 Louth 0-10

The old saying goes that the clue to football is in the name. Never was it more so than in Páirc Esler yesterday as Down's promotion hopes blew up. Down seldom had the ball, and when they did, their ineffectiveness, reticence even, to use the boot was shown up by the stark contrast to how Louth played. The first part of the problem was the bigger half of it. Down have had a struggle on their own kickouts going back a full generation now, and yesterday they took another hammering on restarts.

With a significant height at advantage at midfield in the shape of Tommy Durnin and James Califf, the visitors pushed right up. Rory Burns kicked long more often than not, and Louth won it more often than not. 13-4 they won the kickout battle in the first half, and that was the platform on which Wayne Kierans' side built a fine first half display. Playing into the gums of a gale, they stuck by their principles. They always had a presence in the half-forward line and always had at least one, mostly two, inside at all times.



When they turned the ball over, they kicked. The movement of Sam Mulroy, who gave Ruairi Wells a tough day, and Declan Byrne was hard to handle, and they were fed with a supply so well-rehearsed that it completely nullified Kevin McKernan as sweeper. Down hit three points in the opening nine minutes and then didn't score again until Darren O'Hagan's rocket of a 52nd minute goal that sparked a late revival that fell just short of rescuing the whole situation. Ryan Johnston, Conor Poland and Caolan Mooney - the latter firing over after a searing run right through Louth's heart - suggested promise, but that was where it ended.

Their attacking play for the rest of the half was haphazard in the extreme. They went the route of thinking the wind would do the work for them and started to shoot blind from range, leaving Donal O'Hare standing shivering on the square's edge as he watched ball after ball fly over his head. There were two sides to the tactical argument. Down had a wind and set up with McKernan posted in his usual sweeping role until they brought on Paul Devlin and pushed up for the rest of the half on 29 minutes. Down didn't do enough to push up and contest Louth's kickouts, meaning Fergal Skeery got a lot off short, but equally the Wee County carried a real threat on the counter. They had runners breaking the line in the middle third all day and it's quite possible that had McKernan not played where he was, Louth would have been out the gate at half-time.



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Their big chance fell to Declan Byrne three minutes before the break, just after Down had pushed up. Tommy Durnin saw Fergal Donohoe in the huge space left in front of goal, and the ball ended up with Byrne. His shot was turned away by a superb save from Burns. The kickout issue runs far deeper than the goalkeeper, with the scarcity of options meaning he had no choice most of the time. When they created 4v3s in the full-back line in the second half, he worked it short. But it was a sign of the crowd's frustration when the first of those was met by an outbreak of ironic cheering.

That was how severe their struggle was. Louth deservedly led 0-4 to 0-3 at half-time, and they used the wind in the third quarter to stretch the gap right out to six points. Their own attacking display wasn't quite as cut-throat as it had been against the wind as they put a bigger focus on minding the house, but Mulroy was still a great option as an outlet for a kick. He finished with 0-5 from frees. His work in open play was excellent, but Louth were let down a bit by his decision-making and willingness to shoot from just about anywhere. If they can get him using his head, they'll have a serious baller.

Tommy Durnin - another whose shot selection was questionable, but whose workrate and effectiveness at midfield wasn't - and James Califf both scored in between three Mulroy frees to make it 0-9 to 0-3 heading into the final 20 minutes. From there, you can credit Down. As always, Darren O'Hagan was the man leading the charge. He kicked 1-1 in what became a desperate last stand. His goal was one any forward would have been proud of. Donal O'Hare's shot was brilliantly kept in by Connaire Harrison - although Louth argued the point on whether it actually was - and it fell to O'Hagan, who threw a dummy before slamming the ball into the stanchion in Fergal Sheekey's goal.

Fergal Donohoe pointed at the end of a move from the resulting short kickout but with 15 minutes to play, that was to be Louth's tenth and final score. They seldom crossed halfway for the remainder. Down took the invitation and piled forward. Connaire Harrison, looking the sharpest he has all season, fired over a brilliant score on the loop. It was fumbly and edgy, but when Paul Devlin and then O'Hagan landed points to cut the gap to one, it seemed as though Down were going to stick to form and find a way. But for the final eight minutes of play, including stoppage time, they couldn't. The last chance fell to Harrison but his effort tailed off in the wind. They simply hadn't played well enough to deserve it. Louth could now go up if they beat Westmeath, but for Down it's another year of purgatory to come.

Down: R Burns; R Wells, R McAleenan; D Guinness, P Laverty, K McKernan, C Flanagan, D O'Hagan (1-1); J Flynn, C Mooney (0-1); R Johnston (0-1), C Poland (0-1), B O'Hagan; D O'Hare, J Johnston  
Subs: P Devlin (0-1) for Flanagan (29), C Quinn for J Johnston (HT), S Fegan for Laverty (HT), B McArdle for Wells (45), C Harrison (0-1) for B O'Hagan (48)  
Yellow cards: J Johnston (30), D O'Hagan (64)

Louth: F Sheekey; J Craven, E Carolan; A Williams, B Duffy, F Donohoe, J Clutterbuck; T Durnin (0-1), J Califf (0-2); C Brannigan, C Downey, J McEneaney; A McDonnell, S Mulroy (0-5f), D Byrne (0-1)  
Subs: E Duffy for Brannigan (55), D Maguire for Clutterbuck (55), C Early for Califf (60), C McKeever for McDonnell (61), R Burns for McEneaney (69)  
Yellow card: E Carolan (60)  
Referee: J Hickey (Carlow)





**Craig Lynch**

(Naomh Mairtin)



**Bainisteoir**

**Wayne Kierans**



**Dan Corcoran**

(Gearaltaigh)



**Dermot Campbell**

(Dreadnots Ceann Clochair)



**Kevin Carr**

(Gormaithe Baile Nua)



**Anthony Williams**

(Dreadnots Ceann Clochair)



**Eoghan Callaghan**

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**John Clutterbuck**

(Naomh Mairtin)



**Tommy Durnin**

(Na hIartharaigh)



**Bevan Duffy (c)**

(Naomh Feicin)



**Liam Jackson**

(Naomh Mhuire)



**Ciaran Keenan**

(Naomh Mhuire)



**Conal McKeever**

(Clan na Gael)



**Patrick Reilly**

(Naomh Bríd)



**Sam Mulroy**

(Naomh Mairtin)



**Ryan Burns**

(Baile Ragraire Fiach)

## Fír Ionad

## Foireann Bainistíochta

16. Luke Haggins (Olibheir Plunceid)

22. Ger McSorley (Na Gael Dun Dealgan)

17. Fergal Donohue (Gormaithe Baile Nua)

23. Eoghan Duffy (Naomh Feicin)

18. Oisín Murray (Na Gael Dun Dealgan)

24. Matt Corcoran (Na Gearaltaigh)

19. Conor Early (Oilibhear Pluinced)

25. Conor Whelan (Naomh Mairtin)

20. Robbie Curran (Clan na Gael)

26. Conor Grimes (Emmiti na Gleann)

21. Gerry Garland (Naomh Mocta)

Maor Foirne/Roghnoir: Liam Kelleher

Roghnoir: Cathal Murray

Roghnoir: Ciaran Marks

Physio: Aloisia O'Connell

Eamonn O Muircheartaigh

Kitman: Anthony Reynolds







An Dún



**John O'Hare**

*(An Ghleann)*



Bainisteoir  
Paddy Tally



**Stephen Fegan**

*(Boireann)*



**Ryan McEvoy**

*(Cill Chua)*



**Brendan Gallen**

*(Bredach)*



**Conor Clarke**

*(An Ríocht)*



**Conor McCartan**

*(Cumann Pheadair Naofa)*



**Shane Annett**

*(Droichead Mhaigh Eo)*



**Dylan Ward**

*(Cill Chua)*



**Niall Donnelly**

*(Tualach Lis)*



**Ryan Johnston**

*(Cill Chua)*



**Paul Devlin**

*(Cill Chua)*



**James Guinness**

*(Ceathru Aodha Dhuibh)*



**Barry O'Hagan**

*(Cluain Daimh)*



**Owen McCabe**

*(Ceathru Aodha Dhuibh)*



**Donal O'Hare**

*(Boireann)*

## Fír Ionad

16. Rory Burns *(Caislean Uidhilin)*

17. Ryan McAleenan *(Cumann Pheadair Naofa)*

18. Peter Fegan *(Boireann)*

19. Daniel Guinness *(Ceathru Aodha Dhuibh)*

20. Johnny Flynn *(Loch an Oileann)*

21. Ceilum Doherty *(Cill Chua)*

22. Patrick Murdock *(Cumann Pheadair Naofa)*

23. Sheelan Johnston *(Cill Chua)*

24. Conor McCrickard *(Liatroim)*

25. Caolan Mooney *(Caislean Ruairi)*

26. Liam Kerr *(Boireann)*





## 17 October 2020 Pairc Uí Chaoimh

### Cork 5-19 Louth 0-16

Cork secured their promotion from Division 3 of the Allianz NFL with a comprehensive victory over Louth this afternoon in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. The Rebels carried their spring form into the autumn in a dominant display that maintained their perfect record and sees them go up as champions while Louth will play their football in Division 4 in 2021. Louth started the brighter with points from Sam Mulroy and Anthony Williams but once Cork found their stride, the Wee County had no answer to their power and pace as the Rebels continuously punched holes in their defence.



They struck 3-06 without reply after Louth's initial burst with Paul Kerrigan providing the final pass to both Colm O'Callaghan and Ian Maguire for their goals before finding the net himself in the 23rd minute after good work from Maguire and Cian Kiely. O'Callaghan also tapped over a point in that spell, as did the ever willing Ruairi Deane, while Killian O'Hanlon and Paul Walsh kicked two each. A Tommy Durnin point finally stopped the rot for Louth and the game was more competitive coming up to the break as Mulroy kicked four more frees for Louth. Durnin tapped over a second while O'Hanlon, Kevin O'Donovan and Damien Gore found their range for the Rebels to give them a ten-point half-time advantage, 3-09 to 0-08.

Cork continued on from where they left off after the break with two points from O'Hanlon and Gore before Kerrigan slipped home goal number four after being set up by Deane. Louth's woes were exacerbated when Fergal Donohue picked up his second yellow card but Mulroy kept showing his class, adding four more points to his personal tally. Kerrigan then popped over a free before being replaced by Mark Collins and the Castlehaven man immediately made his mark, kicking 1-01 to leave Cork leading by 5-13 to 0-12 as they broke for water.



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The game petered to its inevitable conclusion thereafter. Eoghan McSweeney and O'Donovan both split the posts for Cork, Collins added four more points to his tally while Mulroy, Durnin and Conor Whelan found the target for Louth who finished with 12 men after incidents involving Patrick Reilly and Emmet Carolan. Louth will play Down next weekend while Cork travel to Longford, though now they can afford to focus on their clash with Kerry in the Munster semi-final.

Cork: M Martin; K Flahive, M Shanley, P Ring; K O'Donovan (0-02), M Taylor, C Kiely; I Maguire (1-00), P Walsh (0-02); R Deane (0-01), K O'Hanlon (0-04, 0-01 free), K O'Driscoll; D Gore (0-02), C O'Callaghan (1-01), P Kerrigan (2-01, 0-01 free). Subs used: N Walsh for Ring (43mins), M Collins (1-05, 0-03fs, 0-01m) for Kerrigan (46mins), E McSweeney (0-01) for O'Driscoll (51mins), N Hartnett for Walsh (56mins), S Meehan for O'Hanlon (59mins).

Louth: C Lynch; D Corcoran, B Duffy, K Carr; F Donohoe, E Carolan, A Williams (0-01); T Durnin (0-03), L Jackson; C Early, R Curran, C McKeever; P Reilly, S Mulroy (0-11, 0-10 frees, 0-01 mark), R Burns. Subs used: C Keenan for Curran (ht), J Cluttercuck, Carr (44mins), C Whelan (0-01) for Burns (51mins), D Campbell for Early (54mins), G Garland for McKeever (62mins).

Referee: S Mulhare (Laois).





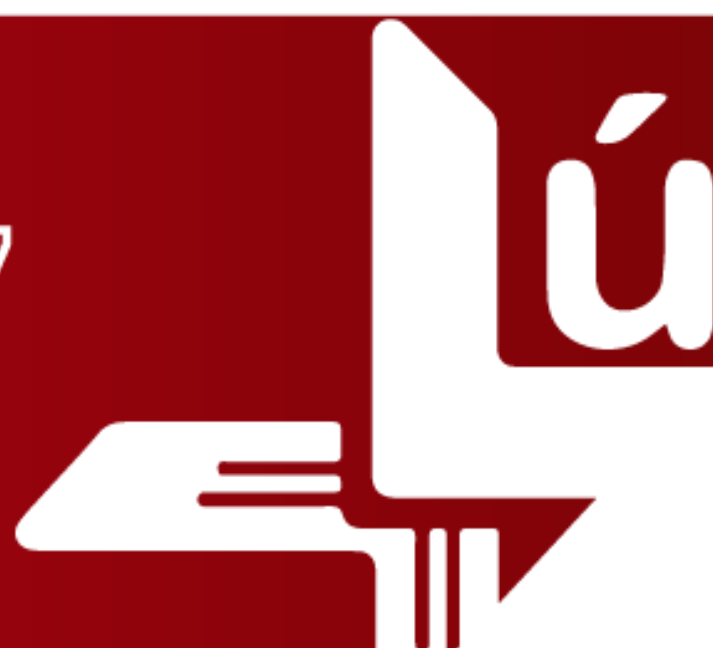




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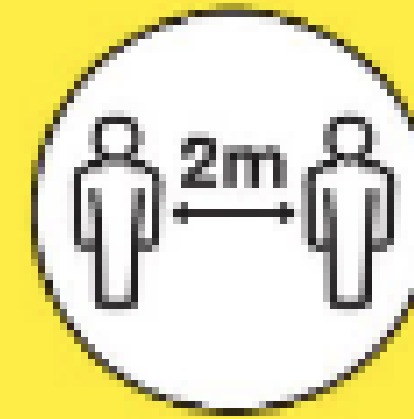
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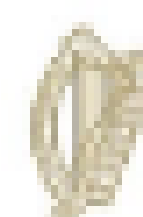
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