



Searcóg  
Shercock



Coill an Chollaigh  
Balleborough



Droim Dhúin  
Drumgoon



Droim an Laoigh  
Drumalee



Cill na Seanrátha  
Killeshandra



Cillín Chéir  
Killinkere



Cill Dalláin  
Kildallon



Loch Gambna  
Gowra



An Chill  
Kill



An Dinn  
Denn



Droichead an Bhuitléaraigh  
Butlersbridge



Gaeil an Chabháin  
Cavan Gaels



An Múileann Itraínn  
Swinlinbar



Droichead Úí Dhálaigh  
Mountingest



Gaeil na Sionainne  
Shannon Gaels



Cros ar Loch  
Crosserlough



Leamhaf  
Lavey



Mullach Odhráin  
Carrigan Carrigan Gaels



Corr na Féinne  
Carnafean



Muintir Chonnacht  
MuntarConnaught



Coill an Gharrái  
Killygarry



Teampall an Phoirt  
Templeport



Baile Mhic Aodha  
Ballymacshugh



Beal Tairbirt  
Belturbet



Corlach  
Corlough



Ámhobh  
Arva



Mullach Odhráin  
Mullahoran



Beal Átha hÉis  
Ballyhaise



Ramhar Aontaithe  
Ramor United



Réalta Dun an Rí  
Kingscourt



Leacan  
Lacken



Cúchulainn  
Cuchulainn



Cavan Minor Team 2017 - All Ireland Semi-Finalists

# CÓISTE BHREIFNE ÚI RAGHALLAIGH

# COMHDHÁIL BLIANTIÚIL

# 2017



An Machaire  
Mícheaire Mac Fíns



Beal Átha na nEach  
Ballinagh



An Cnoc Rua  
Redhills



Cnoc Bhríde  
Knockbride



Caislén Raibín  
Castlerahan



Droim Leathan  
Drumlane



Leathrach Aontaithe  
Laragh Ltd.



An Drong  
Drung



Ceiltigh na Muinchille  
Cooterhill



**Coiste Bhreifne  
Uí Raghallaigh**

**COMHDHÁIL  
BLIANTIÚIL  
2017**

HOTEL KILMORE, CAVAN

A chara,

The Annual Convention of County Cavan G.A.A. clubs will be held in The Hotel Kilmore, Cavan on Thursday 14th December 2017.

Each club is entitled to TWO voting delegates in addition to the representative(s) on the outgoing County Committee, i.e., each club will have 4 votes.

Please note that Convention delegates must be present at 6.30p.m. for registration and Convention itself will start at 7.00p.m. sharp.

A full attendance is requested.

**AN CLÁR**  
**(The Agenda)**

1. Minutes of last Convention.
2. Adoption of Standing Orders.
3.
  - (a) Treasurers Report
  - (b) Secretary's Report
  - (c) Youth Board Report
  - (d) Vocational Schools Report
  - (e) Competition Control Committee Report
  - (f) Hearings Report
  - (g) Cultural Officers Report
  - (h) Coaching Report
  - (i) Children's Officers Report
  - (j) PR IT and Communications Report
  - (k) Ladies Football Report
  - (l) Camogie Report
  - (m) Club Development Officers Report
  - (n) Health and Well Being Report
  - (o) Kingspan Breffni Park Report
  - (p) Insurance Report
4. Election of Officers.
5. Chairman's Address

## Minutes Cavan County Board Convention 2016

- Venue: Hotel Kilmore
- Date: 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2016
- Time: 7pm



### **Welcome:**

The Chairman Gerry Brady opened the meeting and welcomed all delegates to the 2016 County Convention.

Andrius McGovern, Chairperson of Killygarry GAA and as host club officially opened the convention by addressing the crowd and welcoming all delegates.

### **Minutes from 2015 Convention:**

Proposed by Declan Timmons agus Brendan Sweeney.

### **Standing Orders:**

Proposed by Jimmy Cooney agus Kevin Reilly

### **Treasures report:**

Martin Cahill gave a detailed report on the audited accounts presented in the Convention booklet. He also outlined the following:

- The major intakes in 2016 were as follows:
- Jailbreak @ €105,000
- Replay of the County Final @ €55,000
- KBP Levy @ €120,000
- + The restructuring of the loans.
- A special word of thanks to Tom Moore and Matt Kiernan for all their tireless work.
- Thanks to all of the finance committee and to all clubs for hosting games.
- Thanks to all of those who work the gates county wide.
- Thanks to the Youth Board for the half time draw, and good wishes to Michael Lyons.
- Martin also thanked, Brendan Young and Eileen Murphy in the office in Kingspan Breffni Park. Thanked his family also for their continued support.
- Finally Martin Cahill acknowledged the presence Dan Daly at convention.
- Martin answered some questions from the floor re-expenses.
- Gerry Brady concluded by thanking Martin and paying tribute to his continued work.

Proposed by Aidan Dwyer agus Peter Brady

### Secretary's report:

Liam McCabe full report was also presented in the Convention booklet.

Proposed by Jimmy Cooney agus Brendan Sweeney.

### Other reports:

- Youth Board - Brian Seagrave
- Cumann na mBunscol - All committee and coaches
- Cultural Officer report – Eugene Kiernan
- Coaching and Games – Jody Clarke
- Children's Officer – Anne Fortune
- Kingspan Breffni Park report - Kieran Callaghan
- IT- Tommy McGibney
- PR and Communications Committee report – Mark O'Rourke
- County Development Planning – Michael Reynolds.
- ASAP - Gerry Soden
- Insurance - Hugh Reilly
- CCC – Angela Hamilton
- Hearings – Kevin Reilly

Gerry Brady thanked all of the above.

Proposed in block by Declan Timmons agus Peter Brady.



Gerry Brady addressed Convention: (see overleaf)

A chairde Gael,

As I address you at the end of my second year in office as chairman of Cavan County Board I am delighted to see that once again we have an excellent representation from all the clubs for our annual Convention. I wish to thank you all for your presence and valued participation. I express my sincere gratitude to you all for your dedication and commitment in promoting our games in your communities.

### **Competitions & Fixtures**

2016 saw the implementation of the recommendations from our Competitions & Fixtures committee and I wish to take this opportunity to thank committee chairman Paddy Sheanon and his committee members on their excellent work. With the cooperation of the clubs and our CCC we managed to complete all our leagues before the end of October as was our aim. We had issues at the relegation stage of our Senior and Intermediate Championship's but thankfully they were resolved and I am confident that we have the right league and championship structures in place to improve the standard of club football at all levels within the county.

At national level I welcome our Ard-Stiúrthóir Páraic Duffy's proposals for the restructuring of the All Ireland Senior football championship. These proposals will see a tighter schedule for the Provincial and All Ireland championship therefore freeing up valuable weekend's for club championship fixtures. I feel that the proposal is an opportunity to refresh the All Ireland Championship and it will provide a more balanced fixture calendar between inter county and county club championship. It will also give the club player a more structured and definite yearly fixture plan. I encourage all clubs to give the proposals detailed consideration prior to our January County Committee meeting when hopefully you will give your support for the proposal.

### **Finance**

As outlined in our treasurers report 2016 has seen a great improvement in our financial accounts. This has been made possible partly by matters beyond our control i.e. county final replays but mainly by the increase in the club levy and the boards fundraising activities. At this point I wish to express my thanks to you the clubs for not only your support of our club levy but most importantly your commitment in meeting the monthly payments. Our Jailbreak fundraise was an outstanding success and I want to publically thank all who volunteered to go to jail and raised the €3,000 bail money. I thank Kieran Callaghan for chairing this fundraising even and ensuring it was such a major success. I thank Club Bréifne Cavan committee and its chairman Paddy Sheanon and Club Bréifne Dublin chaired by Breen McNerney for their very valuable work during 2016. In my 2015 address I stated that the board was planning on developing a Friends of Cavan fundraising relationship in the U S and London. I am delighted to say that our friends in the U S have contributed approximately €18,000 in 2016 and plans are in place to greatly increase this amount in 2017. I wish to acknowledge the contribution of Connie O' Reilly of O' Reilly's Bar's & Restaurants N Y

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and Crover House Hotel, Connie has been the driving force behind the fundraising in N Y and we are greatly indebted to him for his loyal support of Cavan GAA. Unfortunately we did not manage to establish a funding stream from the U K in 2016 but it is high on my agenda for 2017. At this point I wish to thank our many loyal local sponsors for their continuing valued support and I once again encourage all our patrons to support your club and our county sponsors whenever possible. I thank Treasurer Martin Cahill and Assistant Treasurer Tom Moore and their team for their excellent work during the year.

### **Minor Team**

Our Minor Team had poor Ulster Minor league and we hoped for better days in the Championship. Unfortunately this was not materialising as they were defeated by Armagh in the first round in Kingspan Breffni Park by 5 points. Danny Brady decided to step down from his position as manager and I wish to thank Danny and his management team for their contribution to Cavan GAA during their term as County Minor Management team. I wish our new Minor manager John Brady and his management team every success in 2017.

### **Under 21**

We had a new Under 21 management team in place in 2016 under the leadership of Niall Lynch. Unfortunately due to a late start Niall and his management team did not get the level of early preparation work completed that they felt the panel required. They met a very good Tyrone team in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the championship and after a promising start they eventually lost by two goals. I know that Niall and his backroom team are leaving no stone unturned this year and they and the panel are working very hard preparing for the 2017 campaign. I wish them well as I look forward to once again bringing Under 21 silverware back to Cavan.

### **Senior Team**

Our goal at the commencement of the 2016 season was to gain promotion to division 1 of the Allianz National League. Thankfully after losing the first two league games to Tyrone and Derry the team went unbeaten for the remainder of the campaign and as a result we can look forward to competing with the top teams in the country in 2017. On the back of our league success we eagerly awaited the commencement of the Ulster Championship and our Quarter final victory over Armagh set us up for a semi-final meeting with Tyrone who had defeated us by 5 points in the Division 2 league final in Croke Park. After a very entertaining game the sides were level and unfortunately Tyrone defeated us in the replay. Once again we were looking to the qualifiers and the visit of Carlow a game we won by 7 points. Our next round was against Derry in Kingspan Breffni Park and after controlling the game for long spells we suffered a very disappointing 2 point defeat and our championship season that promised so much ended in disappointment. This proved to be Terry Hyland's last game in charge of the

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Cavan senior team as he subsequently resigned from his position as manager. Terry has devoted a large portion of his life to the development and promotion of Cavan football and we will always be indebted to him for his immense contribution. His record of 1 All Ireland Junior Championship, 2 Leinster Junior Championships, 2 Under 21 Ulster Championships, All Ireland Quarter Final V. Kerry, double promotions in the Allianz National League and 2 Allianz National League final appearances in Croke Park has to be acknowledged as outstanding. I thank Terry for his dedication, honesty and total focus on doing all that was best for Cavan GAA. On behalf of the gaels of Cavan I wish Terry and the members of his management team who have also stepped down every success in the future. In the wake of Terry's resignation the search for a successor commenced and I am delighted that we succeeded in securing the talents of Mattie McGleenan. Mattie has an exceptional management record at club level and I am confident that he will build on Terry foundations and bring success to our county. I know you will all join with me in wishing Mattie and his management team every success in the years ahead.

### **Coaching and Games**

Coaching Officer Jody Clarke, GDM Dermot McCabe and our full time coaches had another very busy year as they have ensured that every effort was made to put the highest level of coaching structures in place for the youth of the county. Both Dermot, Jody and Liam McCabe deserve great credit in bringing the recent very successful Ulster Coaching Conference to the Hotel Kilmore. This was the first time that the event was held outside the 6 counties and the 400 attendance was the largest in the history of the event. Our Cúl Camps continue to go from strength to strength with in excess of 3,000 children attending this year. Once again this was due to the excellent promotion carried out prior to the event by all involved in coaching. I once again stress the importance of proper club coaching at youth level and focus on developing the skills of your youth. I wish Sean Doherty well as he takes up his new appointment with Fermanagh GAA and I thank Sean for his contribution to Cavan GAA. I thank Jody, Dermot and all our coaches for their excellent work during 2016.

### **Scór/Cultural Officer**

Unfortunately the number of clubs participating in both Junior and Senior Scór continues to decline despite the gallant efforts of our Cultural officer Eugene Kiernan and his Scór committee. Scór provides an opportunity for our members to promote our culture and traditions in your communities and it is great source of enjoyment for the club members who participate. I ask the clubs present who are not participating in Scór to enter acts in the upcoming 2017 Senior Scór competition. We had a large increase in applications for our Gaeltacht Scholarship scheme this year and this was mainly due to the excellent promotion by Eugene Kiernan and thankfully we were able to award Scholarships to all who applied.

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## **Hurling**

During the year we formed a hurling steering committee with a view to reviving the game throughout the county and presently they are focused in establishing new under age teams in a number of clubs. At County level our U17 team competed very well in the Celtic Challenge competition and our Minor team also performed well but unfortunately they only got to play two games and I feel that the Minor competition requires restructuring in order to provide more games for our minor players. We failed to field a U 21 team this year due to lack of player interest and this is very disappointing as the resources were put in place by the board but unfortunately the players did not respond. We have entered a Senior County team into the 2017 Lory Meagher cup and a number of training sessions have been arranged with quality coaches but to date the attendance has been disappointing. I appeal to all eligible players to commit to training or we will have to review our decision to compete in the competition. I thank Keith Green our HDA and Pauric Dowdall for their work in promoting hurling within the county.

## **2017 Féile**

I am delighted that Cavan will be co-hosting the 2017 Féile in partnership with Fermanagh and Monaghan. I encourage all out clubs to embrace Féile and to plan early for the event, please ensure that your host families are Garda vetted in plenty of time. I thank our Children's Officer Anne Fortune for her advice and assistance with Garda vetting. I wish to thank the Féile committee under the chairmanship of Dermott McCabe for their ongoing work in planning this event.

## **Health & Wellbeing**

Our Health & Wellbeing officer Gerry Soden had another busy year with the assistance of tutors Maggie Rudden and Phil Smith he organised a valuable training night for club Health & Wellbeing officers but unfortunately all clubs did not avail of this course. Cavan County Council and the HSE in conjunction with Gerry organised a very successful seminar in the Hotel Kilmore which was very well attended. I thank Gerry and his committee for his excellent work in this very important area and I also thank Maggie Rudden & Phil Smith we are very fortunate to have two trained tutors at our disposal within the county. I ask all clubs to fully support future training events during 2017.

## **Promotion of the GAA**

Our PR, IT and Communications committee played a major role in promoting our games during the year. Social media has become the modern way for instant communication and I

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thank the members PR, IT and Communications committees for keeping all our streams of communication up to date. Our county final programmes were extremely professional productions and our Sheridan Insurance Breffni All Stars awards night was a great success. Thanks to our PRO Mark O' Rourke and his committee members for all their hard work during the year.

### **Committees**

Our CCC under the leadership of Gerry McKiernan had a very busy year ensuring our competitions are run off professionally and that the agreed structures are adhered to. I thank Gerry, his committee members and a special word of thanks to secretary Angela Hamilton for all her hard work. I wish to thank you the clubs for cooperating with our CCC.

The Hearings Committee dealt with disciplinary matters and thankfully they did not have a very eventful year as we did not have any serious incidents. Noel McKeown Chairman has decided to step down from the Hearings Committee and I wish to thank him for his excellent service during his term as chairman. I thank all the committee members for the professional manner in which they carried out their duties.

The Youth Board once again completed an extremely busy calendar and I congratulate Brian Seagraves and his committee for another excellent year's activity. I especially thank all the members of the youth board who assist with our extremely successful half time draw.

### **Referees**

I thank all our referees their umpires and our Referees Administration Committee who play such a vital role for our association within the county. I was delighted that our referees who officiated at our County Senior, Intermediate and Junior finals were honoured at our Sheridan Insurance Awards night I feel it is very important to recognise the contribution our referees make to our association. I encourage more young men and women to come forward and take up refereeing. I also appeal to players, management and supporters to show proper respect to all our match officials as they carry out a very difficult job.

### **Staff & Officers**

I wish to acknowledge the support and contribution made by Liam McCabe and all the staff employed in Kingspan Breffni Park. Running a County Board is very demanding and your support and professionalism is greatly appreciated.

To all our officers and committee members I say a heartfelt thank you for your support to me and your commitment to Cavan GAA during 2016. I want to thank Gary Robins who has served his 5 years as assistant secretary, Gary you have been a pleasure to work with and on behalf of all present I thank you for your professionalism and courtesy at all times. During the past year we have lost many members of our Association and I wish to especially mention

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the late Paddy Donohoe and Phil Brady two past chairmen of our board who gave outstanding service to our association over many decades. I also want to record the contribution of the late Joe McGrthy, Joe contributed enormously to the development of our Under 21 teams and his passing is a great loss to Cavan GAA. Ulster GAA also suffered a great loss in the past week with the passing of Danny Murphy. Danny was an exceptional administrator for his club, county and province and his service to our association was unequalled. It is fitting that we remember all our deceased players, mentors, officers and supporter and we trust that they are all enjoying their eternal reward.

In conclusion, I thank you the clubs for your support during 2016 and I know that by working together we can look forward to 2017 with confidence. I wish all present and your families a very Happy Christmas and your clubs a very success in 2017.

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### **Election of Officers:**

#### **Ratification of 2017 committee:**

- Peter Brady (President): Proposed by Tony McCann agus Brendan Sweeney
- Dan Daly (Vice President): Proposed by Brendan Reilly agus Benny Clarke.
- Gerry Brady (Chairman): Proposed by Kevin Reilly agus Sean Kelly
- Paddy Sheanon (Vice Chairman): Proposed by Aidan Dwyer agus Larry McCluskey
- Angela Hamilton (Assistant Secretary): Proposed by Sean Kelly agus Noel Barkey
- Martin Cahill (Treasurer): Proposed by Larry McCluskey agus Cyrill O'Keefe
- Mark O'Rourke (PRO): Proposed by Sean Kelly agus Larry McCluskey
- Jody Clarke (Coaching Officer): Proposed by Philip Smith agus Philip Feeley
- Michael Reynolds (Development Officer): Joe English agus Noel Rogers.
- Tom Reilly & Declan Woods (Ulster Council): Proposed by Andrius McGovern agus Geraldine Lynch.
- Tom Moore (Assistant Treasurer): Proposed by Dan Daly agus Philip Smith
- Eugene Kiernan (Cultural officer): Proposed by Peter Brady agus Brendan Sweeney.
- Kieran Callaghan (Central Council): Proposed by Andrius McGovern agus Sean Kelly
- Anne Fortune (Children's Officer): this was chosen by Gerry Brady.

### **AOB:**

- Peter Brady as new president addressed convention and received a rapturous round of applause.
- The new Cavan Jersey would be launched on 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017.
- Delegates were asked to support the "Reunite Cavan constituency campaign"
- Barney Cully outlined the details on the Annual Church gate collection for Motor Neuron's disease.
- Tom Reilly gave details on the "Keep the home fires burning".
- Tim Harkin addressed convention on the Casement park redevelopment.
- George Cartwright and Rosanna Jordan were officially welcomed to convention.
- Larry McCluskey asked all clubs to work on their gender quotas and to get more Ladies involved.

- Patrick McDonald raised a question re recent comments made by Aogán Ó Feargháil, which were clarified by Gerry Brady
- Michael Sexton introduced the new Cavan Gaels chairperson Mary McCarthy. He also asked for more support for players who travel long distance to train and play matches.
- Maghera raised questions on transfers and the power of larger clubs. Kevin Reilly advised that all transfers were dealt with in accordance to rule and bye laws.
- See attached letter from the Brady Family.
- A reminder that there is no insurance covering Charity matches etc around Christmas.
- The first County Committee meeting would be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> of Jan 2017.
- A presentation was made to Gary Robins, who completed 5 years as Assistant secretary. (see below)

Gerry wrapped up by wishing everyone a safe night hope and a very Happy Christmas.



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## STANDING ORDERS

In order that all proceedings of the Convention be carried out without delay, the following standing orders will be observed

1. The proposer of a resolution of an amendment thereto may speak for five minutes, but not more than five minutes.
2. A delegate speaking to a resolution of an amendment thereto must not exceed three minutes.
3. The proposer of a resolution or an amendment may speak a second time for three minutes before a vote is taken, but no other delegate can speak for a second time to the same resolution or amendment.
4. The chairman may at any time consider a matter has been sufficiently discussed call on the proposer for a reply and when that has been given, a vote must be taken.
5. A delegate may, with the consent of the chairman, move "That the question now be put" after which, when the proposer has spoken, a vote must be taken.
6. Standing orders shall not be suspended for the purpose of considering any matter not on the agenda, except by the consent of the majority equal to two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

**REPORTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF**

**CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL,  
COISDE BHREIFNE UI RAGHALLAIGH,  
AN CABHAN.**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

**CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL,**  
**COISDE BHREIFNE UI RAGHALLAIGH, AN CABHAN**

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**CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL,**  
**COISDE BHREIFNE UI RAGHALLAIGH, AN CABHAN**

**STATEMENT OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Constitution of Cumann Luthchleas Gael requires Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Coisde Bhreifne Ui Raghallaigh, An Cabhan ("The County Committee") to require the Management Committee to prepare Financial Statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the County Committee and of the surplus or deficit of the County Committee for that period. In preparing those Financial Statements, the Management Committee is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the Financial Statements on the going concern basis.

The Management Committee is responsible for keeping proper books of account which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the County Committee. It is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the County Committee and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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**Gearóid O Brádaigh**  
**Cathaoirleach**

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**Mairtin O'Cathail**  
**Cisteoir**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF  
CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL,  
COISDE BHREIFNE UI RAGHALLAIGH, AN CABHAN**

We have audited the Financial Statements of Cumann Luthchleas Gael, Coisde Bhreifne Ui Raghallaigh, an Cabhan ("The County Committee") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes 1 to 5. These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council and promulgated by Chartered Accountants Ireland.

This report is made solely to the County Committee members, as a body. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the County Committee's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the County Committee and the County Committee's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Management Committee and Auditors**

As described in the Statement of Management Committee Responsibilities, the Management Committee is responsible for preparing the Financial Statements, in accordance with applicable law and accounting standards issued by the International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Our responsibility as independent Auditors, is to Audit the Financial Statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the Financial Statements give a true and fair view in accordance with International Standards on Auditing.

**Basis of Audit Opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the Management Committee in the preparation of the Financial Statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the County Committee's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our Audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the Financial Statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the Financial Statements.

**Opinion**

In our opinion the Financial Statements give a true and fair view in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland issued by the Financial Reporting Council Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of affairs of the County Committee as at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 and of its surplus for the year then ended.

Brendan Young, FCA.,  
For and on behalf of:  
McDwyer, Lennon & Co.,  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors,  
Esker Place,  
Cathedral Road,  
CAVAN.

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**ACCOUNTING CONVENTION**

The Financial Statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The format of presentation is in accordance with the standard format as recommended by Cumann Luthchleas Gael.

**TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed Assets are included at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated with reference to original cost to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

Buildings	2% per annum straight line
Fixtures & Equipment	12.5% per annum straight line

Depreciation is chargeable on building at 2% per annum on a straight line basis from 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2004. Land is not depreciated.

**CAPITAL GRANTS**

Capital grants are accounted for in the year in which they are confirmed as receivable and are credited to the Income and Expenditure account on the same basis as the related assets are depreciated.

**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

	2017 €	2016 €
Income	1,813,174	1,817,972
Expenditure	(1,583,995)	(1,527,636)
Surplus for the year	<u>229,179</u> =====	<u>290,336</u> =====

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**Gearóid O Brádaigh**  
**Cathaoirleach**

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**Mairtin O’Cathail**  
**Cisteoir**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2017**

	Notes	2017 €	2016 €
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			
Tangible Assets	1	5,395,479	5,169,156
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors and Prepayments		311,524	367,769
Cash at Bank and in Hand		243,841	137,359
		<u>555,365</u>	<u>505,128</u>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			
Bank Loans			
– Short Term Portion	4	(120,651)	(120,651)
Creditors and Accruals		(466,704)	(538,296)
		<u>(587,355)</u>	<u>(658,947)</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/ (LIABILITIES)</b>		<u>(31,990)</u>	<u>(153,819)</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>5,363,489</u>	<u>5,015,337</u>
Capital Grants	2	(2,487,789)	(2,299,214)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>2,875,700</u>	<u>2,716,123</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
<b>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</b>	3	1,806,494	1,577,315
<b>BANK LOANS - LONG TERM PORTION</b>	4	1,069,206	1,138,808
		<u>2,875,700</u>	<u>2,716,123</u>

**Gearóid O Brádaigh**  
**Cathaoirleach**

**Mairtin O’Cathail**  
**Cisteoir**

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER, 2017**

1. <b><u>TANGIBLE ASSETS</u></b>	<b>Freehold Land and Buildings €</b>	<b>Fixtures and Equipment €</b>	<b>Total  €</b>
<b>Cost</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2016	6,069,497	304,397	6,373,894
Additions	253,212	90,600	343,812
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	<u>6,322,709</u>	<u>394,997</u>	<u>6,717,706</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2016	958,055	246,683	1,204,738
Charge for the year	85,444	32,045	117,489
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	<u>1,043,499</u>	<u>278,728</u>	<u>1,322,227</u>
<b>Net Book Values</b>			
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	<u>5,279,210</u>	<u>116,269</u>	<u>5,395,479</u>
At 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	<u>5,111,442</u>	<u>57,714</u>	<u>5,169,156</u>
2. <b><u>CAPITAL GRANTS</u></b>	<b>2017 €</b>		<b>2016 €</b>
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2016	2,299,214		2,351,639
Receivable in year	250,000		4,000
Amortised in year	(61,425)		(56,425)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017	<u>2,487,789</u>		<u>2,299,214</u>

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3.	<b><u>ACCUMULATED FUNDS</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		€	€
	Surplus for the year	229,179	290,336
	Brought forward at 1 <sup>st</sup> November,	1,577,315	1,286,979
	Carried forward at 31 <sup>st</sup> October,	<u>1,806,494</u>	<u>1,577,315</u>
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4. **BANK ADVANCES**

As security for funds advanced, Ulster Bank Limited hold the following:

- (a) Land Certificate Folio No 16200 Co Cavan comprising 3.16 hectares.
- (b) Title Documents, 12 acres and football grounds including terraces known as Breffni Park, Cavan, Co. Cavan.

5. **CONTINGENT LIABILITY**

Cumann Luthchleas Gael Coisde Bhreifne Ui Raghallaigh, An Cabhan are guarantor to GAA, Pairc An Chrocaigh for Club Loans, with balances outstanding at 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2017 of €198,508.

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<b><u>SCHEDULE A</u></b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>2017</b> <b>€</b>	<b>2016</b> <b>€</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Gross Local Gate Receipts		331,373	374,047
National League Share		111,176	65,546
Commercial Income	<b>A1</b>	376,556	373,868
Fundraising Activities	<b>A2</b>	171,920	286,548
Other Income	<b>A3</b>	421,320	411,997
Income from Associated Bodies	<b>A4</b>	400,829	305,966
		<u>1,813,174</u> =====	<u>1,817,972</u> =====

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<b><u>Schedule A1 – Commercial Income</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	€	€
<b>Sponsorship:</b> Kingspan	65,000	55,000
O’ Neill’s	64,210	62,800
Hotel Kilmore	20,000	20,000
Declan Sheridan – Meadow View	10,000	10,000
Kiernan’s Service Station	7,500	7,000
Brady’s Arva	7,000	7,000
Sheridan Insurances	6,000	-
Streamline Coaches	5,000	5,000
Cully’s Bakery	5,000	5,000
DT One	5,000	5,000
Michael Fitzpatrick Architects	5,000	-
Riverfront Hotel	-	5,000
Farnham Arms Hotel	4,000	4,000
Wilton Waste Recycling	3,000	3,000
Lavey Inn	2,000	2,000
Lakeside Manor	2,000	2,000
Anselm Lovett – Cavan Box	860	-
McCabe Transport	300	-
Ground Rent	71,899	76,427
Advertising in Kingspan Breffni	28,148	30,500
Programme Sales and Advertising	24,639	34,141
O’Neill’s – Commission on Sales of Replica Jerseys	25,000	25,000
Shop Rent	15,000	15,000
	<u>376,556</u>	<u>373,868</u>
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<b><u>Schedule A2 – Fundraising Activities</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Jailbreak	-	136,597
Club Breifne	107,643	81,124
Half Time Draw	22,557	24,876
Friends of New York – Portugal Camp	-	17,904
Club Breifne - Dublin	20,850	14,780
Sponsor a Player	13,500	-
Awards Dinner	3,040	7,587
Under 21s	2,300	2,600
Donations	2,030	1,080
	<u>171,920</u>	<u>286,548</u>
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**Schedule A3 – Other Income**

Cul Camp Fees	176,243	169,384
Kingspan Breffni Development Levy	120,000	120,000
Club Coaching Levy	60,000	60,000
Kingspan Breffni Naming Rights	40,000	35,000
Membership	11,593	11,228
Irish Language Collection	5,000	5,000
Club Affiliation Fees	4,200	4,100
Door Receipts (Scor)	4,284	3,735
Cavan County Council Grant	-	3,550
	<u>421,320</u>	<u>411,997</u>
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**Schedule A4 Income from Associated Bodies**

	2017 €	2016 €
<b>Ulster Council:</b>		
Coaching and Games Development	97,988	98,993
Travelling and Hotel Allowances	15,000	7,166
	<hr/> 112,988	<hr/> 106,159
<b>Leinster Council:</b>		
Team Grants	-	1,000
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<b>Central Council:</b>		
Annual Distribution	175,000	175,000
Coaching and Games Development	26,000	16,000
Travelling and Hotel Allowances	39,249	7,807
Team Expenses	43,828	-
Licencing Distribution	3,764	-
	<hr/> 287,841	<hr/> 198,807
	<hr/> 400,829	<hr/> 305,966
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<b><u>SCHEDULE B</u></b>	<b>Schedule</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
		<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Match Expenses	<b>B1</b>	108,406	125,468
County Teams' Administration Expenses	<b>B2</b>	617,161	544,828
Upkeep and Maintenance of Grounds	<b>B3</b>	197,478	177,733
Financial Expenses	<b>B4</b>	53,352	61,498
Administration Expenses	<b>B5</b>	179,467	197,442
Grants and Subscriptions	<b>B6</b>	54,759	53,258
Coaching and Games Development Expenses	<b>B7</b>	317,309	319,660
Depreciation		117,489	106,164
Profit on disposal of Fixed Asset		-	(1,990)
Amortisation of Capital Grants		(61,425)	(56,425)
		<u>1,583,996</u>	<u>1,527,636</u>
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<b><u>Schedule B1 – Match Expenses</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	€	€
Medals and Trophies	5,651	11,087
Referee Expenses (net)	26,260	21,594
Security and Parking	20,643	16,800
Programmes	19,158	28,943
Amplification	3,375	6,584
Band Expenses	800	1,300
County Final Meals	9,159	19,157
Match Day Catering	18,133	18,806
Other Match Day Expenses	5,227	1,197
	<u>108,406</u>	<u>125,468</u>
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**Schedule B2 – County Teams’ Administration Expenses**

Team Travelling Expenses	251,555	199,277
Players’ Hotel Expenses	16,563	6,845
Sports Gear and Equipment	87,598	70,685
Medical Expenses	85,373	93,517
Fines	2,600	-
Catering	127,547	95,058
Training Facilities	10,560	7,493
Team Development Costs	31,922	29,692
Team Insurance	3,443	3,650
Portugal Training Camp	-	38,611
	<u>617,161</u>	<u>544,828</u>
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**Schedule B3 – Upkeep and Maintenance of Grounds**

	2017 €	2016 €
General Maintenance	48,827	55,850
Rates and Water Rates	15,182	17,035
Pitch Maintenance	46,023	22,614
Cavan Institute Training Facility	3,553	2,310
Wages & Salaries	30,733	30,733
Light & Heat	47,520	46,914
Public Liability and Fire Insurance	3,580	1,040
Hire of Equipment	2,060	1,237
	<u>197,478</u> =====	<u>177,733</u> =====

**Schedule B4 – Financial Expenses**

Bank Interest and Charges	53,352	61,498
	<u>53,352</u> =====	<u>61,498</u> =====

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**Schedule B5 – Administration Expenses**

	2017	2016
	€	€
Wages and Salaries	46,828	46,827
Phone, Postage and Stationery	24,487	22,339
Fundraising Event Costs	5,087	34,068
Club Breifne	20,194	16,942
Printing and Advertising	17,873	18,909
Travel & Subsistence	16,500	16,500
Audit and Accountancy Fees	6,500	6,500
IT Maintenance	15,375	5,085
Meeting & Congress Expenses	9,716	6,047
Expenses of County Board Officers	2,959	5,661
Functions/Presentations	6,417	8,660
Feile	1,187	1,000
Rent of Hall	760	660
Scor Expenses	2,870	4,509
County Convention	2,214	2,205
Official Guides	500	490
Legal & Professional	-	368
Sundry	-	672
	<u>179,467</u>	<u>197,442</u>

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<b><u>Schedule B6 – Grants and Subscriptions</u></b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Championship and National League Tickets	31,197	31,466
Membership Fees	12,130	10,142
County Board Grants:		
Vocational Schools	4,000	4,000
Gaeltacht	5,060	4,400
Donations	2,372	3,250
	<u>54,759</u>	<u>53,258</u>
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**Schedule B7 – Coaching and Games Development Expenses**

Wages & Salaries	118,126	136,734
Travel & Subsistence	37,488	47,652
Cul Camps	128,388	114,261
Coaching & Games Expenses	33,307	21,013
	<u>317,309</u>	<u>319,660</u>
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
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**DETAILS OF CONTRA RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**

	2017	2016
	€	€
<b>1. NATIONAL LEAGUE GATES</b>		
Gate Receipts	65,371	57,763
Returns to Croke Park	(65,371)	(57,763)
<b>2. ULSTER COUNCIL GRANTS</b>		
Received from Ulster Council	2,900	28,060
Paid out to Clubs	(2,900)	(28,060)
<b>3. GAA INJURY SCHEME</b>		
Received from GAA Injury Scheme	125,381	191,450
Paid out to Clubs & Players	(125,381)	(191,450)
<b>4. CENTRAL COUNCIL GRANTS</b>		
Received from Central Council	5,800	54,120
Paid out to Clubs	(5,800)	(54,120)
<b>5. ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP</b>		
Club's Share of Gate Receipts	6,270	8,243
Returns to Participating Clubs	(6,270)	(8,243)

## Secretary's Report 2017



### County Board Officers 2017

Front row (left to right): Anne Fortune (Childrens Officer), Martin Cahill (Treasurer), Peter Brady (President), Gerry Brady (Chairman), Liam McCabe (Secretary), Angela Hamilton (Assistant Secretary), Paddy Sheanon (Vice-Chairman).

Back Row (Left to right): Mark O Rourke (P.R.O.), Tom Moore (Assistant Treasurer), Eugene Kiernan (Cultural Officer), Tom O'Reilly (Ulster Council Delegate), Michael Reynolds (Development Officer), Jody Clarke (Coaching Officer), Declan Woods (Ulster Council Delegate), Kieran Callaghan (Central Council Delegate).

As we reflect on 2017 we had the start of the managership of Mattie McGleenan at senior level. The excitement and expectation of all Cavan Supporters was evident in the first league game v the All Ireland champions Dublin in Kingspan Breffni on a beautiful February day. Over 16,000 were in attendance. We gave a good account of ourselves but were defeated. Our league campaign was good at times and poor at others. When championship time came we had been relegated back to Division 2 but hopes were high of a good championship campaign. We lost narrowly to Monaghan in the Ulster Championship, defeated Offaly in the Qualifiers but a loss to Tipperary in round 2 was hard to take as we seemed to be cruising at half time.

We had the tragic death of Dominic Earley who was an important member of Mattie's back room team. He was travelling to meet some of the players when he was killed in a tragic car accident. A young man with his whole life in front of him when it was tragically taken from him.



We offer our condolences to his family and friends. Ar dheis go raibh a anam.

Our Under 21 team lost to Donegal in the semi-final of the Ulster Championship.

Our minor team reached the All Ireland semi-final for the first time since 1974 but lost out to a great Kerry team going for 4 in a row which they duly completed. Our U/17 team reached the Ulster Final falling to a superb Tyrone team who also went on to win the All-Ireland.

The Cavan Senior Hurling team entered the Lory Meagher competition and gave a good account of themselves for their first year back in competitive action. We are entering the A.N.H.L. in 2018 and good luck to them.

Cavan, Monaghan and Fermanagh ran a very successful Féile in June. Thanks to all in Cavan who contributed to this success. I hope that it bears fruit for the future of our games in Cavan.

I mentioned this a few years ago about the G.A.A. and the route its taking. At present, I am worried about the state of clubs who now have so many positions to fill at their A.G.M's that the volunteers are being over worked in doing all the extras that are being done by the G.A.A. Already, a number of Clubs have failed to fill important positions at the Annual meeting. Child protection and Health and Safety are becoming serious issues for Clubs along with other different routes we are taking. All that we are doing is fine and for good reason but are we getting away from our hardcore business which is playing our games.

We had the sad passing of Danny Murphy, Ulster Secretary, since our last Convention. He was a brilliant administrator and created new links which we thought would never happen. He had a great vision for the future and his legacy will live for a long time to come.

Padraig Duffy has announced his intention to retire in 2018 and we wish him well. He has worked tirelessly for the good of the Association in the last number of years. I personally thank him for his assistance to me over the years. Good luck to his successor who will be put in place in the coming months.

Aoghan O Fearaghail has almost completed his term of his presidency and we welcome him here tonight. We thank him for his assistance over the time and wish him well in the future.

During 2017 a piece of land became available for purchase. We decided that this would be just what we want to have another 2 pitches all in the Kingspan Breffni area. Fundraising has already started for this project.

The football started with the Hastings Cup.

## **Hastings Cup**

### **Round 1**

**Cavan 3-15 Roscommon 0-14**

### **2nd January in Gowna.**

Cavan Under 21s got 2017 off to a good start by virtue of a 3-15 to 0-14 win over Roscommon in round 1 of the Hastings Cup. The game was played in Gowna in almost perfect conditions. While Cavan had plenty of possession, they were rusty and had several missed chances in the first quarter. The visitors by contrast were clinical and raced into a 0-6 to 0-0 lead after 13 minutes with points from Aidan Murray, Eoin McCormack, Cian McManus and Michael Cox from play and Brian Kelly and the superbly accurate Hubert Darcy with frees. The hosts then kicked into action and netted twice in a minute to level things up. Bryan Magee palmed a good team move to the net before Caoimhín O'Reilly calmly finished to the bottom right corner of Paul Whelan's net. Daire McEnroe put Cavan into the lead with a free on 16 minutes, a lead they wouldn't relinquish. Roscommon registered two frees by Darcy but Cavan were now taking control. David Wilson, Peter Corrigan and McEnroe (2, 1f) all hit the target to give Cavan a 2-5 to 0-8 interval lead. Cavan dominated possession from the restart as the midfield sector were now on top. The Breffni lads kept the scoreboard ticking as both sides made changes. Ryan Connolly impressed kicking four points, two from the 45m line. In the tenth minute, Bryan Magee raced through the centre to raise Cavan's third green flag. Caoimhín O'Reilly, Keenan Donohoe, Daire McEnroe, Pierce Smith (2), and John Fitzpatrick also hit the target to ensure victory. While there's lots to work on, Niall Lynch and his backroom team of Ronan Carolan, Michael Hannon, Micheál Lyng, Dermot Sheridan and Brian Clarke will be happy with this performance. The back line and midfield were solid and nine different players registered scores.

Scorers for Cavan: Bryan Magee (2-0), Caoimhín O'Reilly (1-1, 1f), Ryan Connolly (0-4, 1f), Daire McEnroe (0-4, 2f), Pierce Smith (0-2, 1f), David Wilson, Peter Corrigan, Keenan Donohoe, John Fitzpatrick (0-1 each).

Scorers for Roscommon: Hubert Darcy (0-7, 6f), Cian McManus (0-3, 1f), Brian Kelly (0-1f), Aidan Murray, Eoin McCormack, Michael Cox (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Mark Fegan (Denn), Sean O'Connor (Cootehill Celtic), David Wilson (Lacken), Shane Fitzpatrick (Belturbet), Brendan Argue (Bailieborough), Eoin Sommerville (Ramor Utd), Stuart Dunne (Belturbet), Thomas Galligan (Lacken), Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns), Pierce Smith (Crosserlough), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane), Peter Corrigan (Kingscourt), Daire McEnroe (Castlerahan), Caoimhín O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Keenan Donohoe (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Sean Hendrick (Munterconnaught) for Donohoe, Rhys Clarke (Bailieborough) for Corrigan, Killian Maguire (Ramor United) for Magee, Jason McMahon (Killinkere) for Dunne, Thomas Edward Donohoe (Denn) for O'Reilly, John Fitzpatrick (Butlersbridge) for Connolly.

ROSCOMMON: Paul Whelan, Jack Casey, Keelan Beirne, Noel Watson, Shane McDonnell, John Duffy, Michael Cox, Tom Butler, Luke Kelly, Eoin McCormack, Cian McManus, Aidan Murray, Hubert Darcy, Aidan Brogan, Brian Kelly.

Subs: Cian McKeon for Murray, Ciaran McHugh for Watson, Kieran Connaughton for Kelly, Kieran White for Kelly, David Connaughton for McKeon, John Donohoe for Beirne.

Referee: Patrick Maguire (Longford).



## **Hastings Cup v Longford Round 2**

**Cavan 1-8 Longford 1-12**

**7th January in Sheelin Park, Ballymchugh.**

Cavan Under 21s hosted neighbours Longford in Rd 2 of the Hastings Cup last Saturday afternoon in Sheelin Park, Ballymachugh. The first half was a close encounter throughout. Peter Lynn opened the scoring for the visitors. Cavan then scored 1-2 without reply. Daire McEnroe with a free either side of Ryan Connollys goal, nicely finished following a good run through the Longford defence. The sides went point for point for the remainder of the half, the

Cavan scores all from Ryan Connolly (two frees and one from play). Longford raised a green flag on 20 minutes when Russell Brady ran through the Cavan defence and finished neatly to the bottom left corner. Half time score, Cavan 1-5 Longford 1-4. Cavan went three clear with frees from Ryan Connolly and Daire McEnroe. From then on Longford took over in the scoring sector and out scored Cavan 0-8 to 0-1. Longford made changes and had a number of players who impressed including Jayson Matthews who contributed two points after his introduction. Both players and management will be somewhat disappointed with today's performance particularly in the second half scoring only three points from frees. They travel to TEG Cusack Park, Mullingar for round 3 on next Saturday 14th.

Scorers for Cavan: Ryan Connolly (1-5, 4f), Daire McEnroe (0-3, 3f).

Scorers for Longford: Shane Kenny (0-4, 3f), Russell Brady (1-0), Jayson Matthews (0-2, 1f), Nigel Rabbitte (0-1), Peter Hanley (0-1), Peter Lynn (0-1), Darryl Carrigy (0-1), Aiden McElligott (0-1), David McGivney (0-1).

CAVAN: Fergal O'Rourke (Laragh United), Sean O'Connor (Cootehill Celtic), David Wilson (Lacken), Callum Mussi (Mullahoran), Dillon Raythorne (Templeport), Cormac Daly (Castlerahan), Stuart Dunne (Belturbet), Thomas Galligan (Lacken), Killian Maguire (Ramor United), Pierce Smith (Crosserlough), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane), Rhys Clarke (Bailieborough), Thomas Edward Donohoe (Denn), Daire McEnroe (Castlerahan), Conor Smith (Killygarry).

Subs: Jason McMahon (Killinkere) for Raythorne, Peter Corrigan (Kingscourt) for McEnroe, Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns) for Maguire, Caoimhin Carney (Cootehill Celtic) for C Smith, Evan Doughty (Cuchulainns) for Donohoe, Darragh Gannon (Killygarry) for McMahon (BC).

LONGFORD: Conor Gallagher, James Moran, Enda Macken, Kevin Sorohan, Eoin Higgins, Dessie Reynolds, Russell Brady, Shane Kenny, Peter Hanley, Cillian Lee, Nigel Rabbitte, Peter Lynn, Robbie Clarke, Darryl Carrigy, Darragh Doherty.

Subs Used: Cathal McCabe, Aiden McElligott, Daire Duggan, David McGivney, Jayson Matthews, Joe Kelly.

### **Hastings Cup Rd 3**

**Sat 14th Jan, Moate Westmeath 2-10 Cavan 1-16**

Cavan's under 21 footballers booked a date with Meath in this year's Hastings Cup semi-finals after a stirring display in Moate against a previously unbeaten Westmeath side. In rebounding from defeat, last time out, to Longford, Niall Lynch's well-balanced side led from start to finish and exuded a level of superiority which was more pronounced than their three point winning margin would suggest. Cavan produced a commanding performance; one that saw a consistency of effort, a grit and a degree of efficiency, from back to front.

A goal after just two minutes by Bryan Magee formed the core plank of a speedy, determined move off the starting blocks from Cavan and there was simply no catching them thereafter.

Overall, the blues only conceded three scores from play while, after a slow-to-the-boil stint, the team got to grips with their responsibilities in the midfield area while punishing the hosts in quite clinical fashion up front the longer the game wore on. Cavan were impressive at the back all through but they were asked some searching questions in the middle third in the first half which gave Westmeath not only a decent supply of the ball but hope and confidence as well. Westmeath lorded matters under their own kick-out but they shot eight first half wides – four in each quarter - which must have greatly undermined their self-belief as well as letting Cavan off the hook.

For their part, Cavan – playing with a light breeze at their backs - didn't record their first wide 'till the 17th minute at which stage they were 1-4 to 1-2 ahead with the 'bridge's Caoimhín O'Reilly spearheading things up front. On the yielding sod, it was dogged stuff with both sets of defences always marginally on top in what was a hard-hitting, high-tempo and always interesting contest. Westmeath arguably enjoyed the greater share of possession in the first half and their cause was greatly helped by a 13th minute goal from Boidu Sayeh who tapped the ball over the line, soccer-style, after Ronan O'Toole's pass was dispatched invitingly across the square by Tye Adamson. On the tight, claustrophobic pitch, goal chances were at a premium although it took a timely interception by Mattie McKenna to prevent Shane Clavin from goaling right on the half-hour mark.

Westmeath's business-like start to the second half saw them notch a brace of points to reduce Cavan's lead to two points once more (1-6 to 1-4) but a fine intervention by Micheal Smart to deny Robbie Curley a pop at goal stymied their progress. And when two successive fouls on Caoimhín Carney allowed fellow forward O'Reilly to split the posts, the Cavan lads were well on the way to victory. Cormac Daly's long-range effort (52) left Cavan 1-9 to 1-5 in front. Both management teams proceeded to ring the changes but the status quo was to remain unaltered with Westmeath's erstwhile control of the middle of the field being diluted by stealth and Cavan's more direct play creating more frequent chances in front of goal. In what was arguably the best move of the day, Cavan worked the ball up from the full-back line in the 51st minute and after a quick-fire exchange of passes between Thomas Galligan and Caoimhín Carney, Shane Fortune parted to Caoimhín O'Reilly and, in a jiffy, Cavan were 1-11 to 1-7 ahead and coasting. From there to the finish, Westmeath's appetite and the support of their home crowd ensured that they kept themselves in the game even if they never looked like overhauling Cavan's lead. Indeed, Cavan finished the stronger of the two teams and Ronan O'Toole's 64th minute penalty conversion only served to flatter the Leinster lads.

**Scorers for Cavan:** Caoimhin O'Reilly (0-9, 6f), Bryan Magee (1-4, 2f), Cormac Daly, Peter Corrigan, Thomas Edward Donohoe (0-1 each).

**CAVAN:** Mark Fegan (Denn), Micheal Smart (Ramor United), David Wilson (Lacken), Shane Fitzpatrick (Belturbet), Dylan Raythorne (Templeport), Eoin Sommerville (Ramor United), Jason McMahan (Killinkere), Cormac Daly (Castlerahan), Matthew McKenna (Killygarry), Peter Corrigan (Kingscourt), Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns), Shane Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Sean Hendrick (Munterconnaught), Caoimhín O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Caoimhín Carney (Cootehill Celtic). **Subs:** Stuart Dunne (Belturbet) for D Raythorne, Darragh Gannon (Killygarry) for S Fortune, Thomas Galligan (Lacken) for M McKenna, Ben Conaty (Denn) for S Hendrick, Evan Doughty (Cuchulainns) for C Carney, Pierce Smith (Crosseelough) for P Corrigan; Donal Monahan for S Fitzpatrick; Sean O'Connor for J McMahan; Thomas Edward Donohoe for D Gannon.

WESTMEATH: Kevin Fagan: Matthew Darling, Ronan Wallace, Peter Murray; Gavin Murray, Eoin Fox, Ian McGovern; Jack Kearney, Shane Clavin (0-1); Daire Conway, Ronan O'Toole (1-1), Boidu Sayeh (1-3, 3f); Tye Adamson, Conor Dillon, Robbie Curley (0-5, all frees).  
Subs used; Sean Flanagan; Val Sizychas; Ciaran Shanley; Mark Kelly; Jack Quinn; Eoin O'Brien

**Hastings Cup Semi Final**  
**Saturday 21st January**  
**Lynch Park, Abbeylara**

Cavan 1-8 Meath 2-9

Meath advanced to the final of the Hastings Cup today at Lynch Park, Abbeylara when they recorded a hard-earned, but merited 2-9 to 1-8 victory against a strong Cavan team. Meath shaded the exchanges in each half and were ahead by 2-5 to 1-5 at the interval. Jason McMahon getting the Cavan goal. Cavan reeled off three pointed frees from their top scorer Caoimhin O'Reilly who scored all Cavan's first-half points. However, Meath settled and countered with points from Thomas O'Reilly (three) and midfielder Sean Noonan (two). The third-quarter was a complete blank on the scoreboard as the game developed into a defensive affair. Meath out-scored Cavan by 0-4 to 0-3 in the second-half with O'Reilly (three) and Sean Meade on the mark. Cavan countered through O'Reilly, Bryan Magee and Pierce Smith but it wasn't enough. Cavan now prepare to play Fermanagh in Ulster Qtr Final in March.

Scorers for Cavan: Caoimhin O'Reilly (0-5), Jason McMahon (1-1), Pierce Smith, Bryan Magee (0-1 each).

Scorers for Meath: Thomas O'Reilly (0-6), Fionn Reilly (1-0), David McLoughlin (1-0), Sean Noonan (0-2), Sean Meade (0-1).

CAVAN: Mark Fegan (Denn), Sean O'Connor (Cootehill Celtic), Donal Monahan (Drumlane), David Wilson (Lacken), Jason McMahon (Killinkere), Conor Brady (Gowna), Stuart Dunne (Belturbet), Cormac Daly (Castlerahan), Matthew McKenna (Killygarry), Pierce Smith (Crosserlough), Peter Corrigan (Kingscourt), Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns) Evan Doughty (Cuchulainns), Caoimhin O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Conor Smith (Killygarry).

MEATH: Adam McDermott (Dunshaughlin), James Reilly (Gaeil Colmcille), Eoin Green (Skryne), Robin Clarke (Duleek/Bellewstown), James Mooney (Meath Hill), Brian Conlon (Simonstown Gaels), Sean Reilly (Moylagh), Daniel O'Neill (Wolfe Tones), Sean Noonan (Seneschalstown), Brian McGrath (Simonstown Gaels), Conor Moriarty (Curraha), Sean Meade (Nobber), Fionn Reilly (Gaeil Colmcille), Thomas O'Reilly (Wolfe Tones), David McLoughlin (Moynalvey).

**EirGrid Ulster U21 Football Championship Quarter Final  
Cavan 2-19 Fermanagh 0-4 15th March, Brewster Park,  
Enniskillen.**



Team Photo v Fermanagh

Back (L to R): Conor Bradley, Jason McMahan, Bryan Magee, Matthew McKenna, Sean O'Connor, Dónal Monahan, Liam Brady, Pierce Smith, David Wilson, Thomas Edward Donohoe, Killian Maguire, Patrick O'Reilly, Peter Corrigan, Mark Fegan.

Front (L to R): Luke Fortune, Stuart Dunne, Conor Smith, Keenan Donohoe, Darragh Gannon, Rhys Clarke, Cormac Daly, Caoimhin O'Reilly, Brendan Argue, Micheal Smart, Eoin Sommerville, Ryan Connolly, Thomas Galligan.

Cavan U21s got their Ulster Championship campaign off to a winning start with an impressive victory over neighbours Fermanagh at Brewster Park. Substitutes Conor Smith and Peter Corrigan netted for the Breffni lads in the second half. Cavan raced into an early lead kicking seven points before the hosts registered their first score in the 16th minute from Conor McAuley. Fermanagh had their best period kicking three points but failed to narrow Cavan's lead who kicked three of their own to lead 0-10 to 0-3 at the break with Caoimhin O'Reilly and Ryan Connolly registering eight points between them. Cavan's midfield duo of Thomas Galligan and captain Cormac Daly lorded the sector throughout and the back line dominated particularly in the second half endured the forwards had an ample supply of possession and they made it count. The visitors scored 2-9 to 0-1 in the second half with nine scorers through the game.

Scorers for Cavan: Caoimhin O'Reilly (0-7, 2f), Ryan Connolly (0-4, 1f), Bryan Magee (0-3, 1f), Conor Smith (1-0), Peter Corrigan (1-0), Conor Bradley (0-2), Matthew McKenna, Pierce Smith, Rhys Clarke (0-1 each).

Scorers for Fermanagh: Conor McAuley (0-2, 1f), Keelan Kelly (0-1), David Teague (0-1f).

CAVAN: Liam Brady (Ramor United), Micheal Smart (Ramor United), Dónal Monahan

(Drumlane), Luke Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Sean O'Connor (Cootehill Celtic), Eoin Sommerville (Ramor United), David Wilson (Lacken), Thomas Galligan (Lacken), Cormac Daly (Castlerahan), Pierce Smith (Crosserlough), Thomas Edward Donohoe (Denn), Matthew McKenna (Killygarry)  
Caoimhin O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane).

Subs: Conor Smith (Killygarry) for Connolly (34 mins), Rhys Clarke (Bailieborough) for Donohoe (40 mins), Brendan Argue (Bailieborough) for Wilson (44 mins), Conor Bradley (Ramor United) for McKenna (44 mins), Peter Corrigan (Kingscourt) for Pierce Smith (47 mins), Killian Maguire (Ramor United) for Daly (52 mins).

FERMANAGH: Jack Kelly, Ben Daly, Rory McCaffrey, Conor Carney, Cian McManus, Michael Óg McGarrigle, Danny Leonard, Niall Clarke, Damhan Sanderson, Keelan Kelly, Connor McAuley, Conor McShea, James Toye, David Teague, Conor McGee.

Subs: Lee Jones for Carney (13 mins), Aaron Burke for McShea (37 mins), Dáire O'Cathain for McGee (39 mins), James McCaffrey for Daly (56 mins), Michael Maguire for Teague (58 mins).

**Eirgrid Ulster U21 Football Championship Semi Final**  
**Wed 5th April**  
**Brewster Park, Enniskillen.**

Cavan 0-13 Donegal 3-17

A Cian Mulligan goal within the first minute of the second half ended this game as a contest with Donegal moving 10 points ahead against a hard working but ultimately outclassed Cavan side. They added a second goal from Michael Carroll ten minutes later in what was a dominant display. Both goals were as a result of free flowing moves with the speed of thought and action too much for the Cavan defence. Cavan battled bravely for the entire hour but they simply were second best all over the pitch for the majority of the game. Donegal had the luxury of removing most of their big games with 15 minutes to play in this encounter as they coasted to a big win with substitute Caolan McGonigle putting the icing on the cake palming to the net a third goal after yet another slice and dice move. They put in a 20 minute spell of football in the first half that simply blew Cavan away. Kicking ten points in a row Declan Bonner's men were brilliant in their movement of the ball. Dropping deep into defence when not in possession they broke as a unit and with scintillating pace. Stephen McBrearty was the epitome of this power and pace as he kicked three first half points with Carroll and Michael Langan contributing a brace a piece. Lorcan Connors at corner forward clipped over five first half points with four coming from frees as Cavan were left reeling. After five minutes the Breffni boys were leading having scored three of the game's opening five points. Conor Bradley looked dangerous and Ryan Connolly was popping over free kicks but that was to be as good as it got for Cavan who had more second half points from Connolly and Caoimhin O'Reilly.

Scorers for Cavan: Ryan Connolly 0-5 (4f), Caoimhin O'Reilly 0-4f, Luke Fortune, Sean O'Connor, Conor Bradley, Bryan Magee 0-1 each.

Scorers for Donegal: L Connors 0-06 (5f), M Carroll 1-2, S McBrearty 0-4, C Mulligan 1-1, M Langan 0-3 (1f), C McGonigle 1-0, N O'Donnell 0-01.

CAVAN: Liam Brady (Ramor United), Micheal Smart (Ramor United), Dónal Monahan (Drumlane), Luke Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Sean O'Connor (Cootehill Celtic), Eoin Sommerville (Ramor United), Patrick O'Reilly (Crosserlough), Thomas Galligan (Lacken), Cormac Daly (Castlerahan), Pierce Smith (Crosserlough), Conor Bradley (Ramor United), Matthew McKenna (Killygarry), Caoimhin O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Bryan Magee (Cuchulainns), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane). Subs: Conor Smith (Killygarry) for M McKenna (36), Brendan Argue (Bailieborough) for O'Reilly (42), David Brady (Ballyhaise) for Smith (42), Keenan Donohoe (Cavan Gaels) for Daly (45), Thomas Edward Donohoe (Denn) for Magee (49), Rhys Clarke (Bailieborough) for Bradley (55).

DONEGAL: D Rodgers; C Morrison, S McMenamin, E Ban Gallagher; D O Baoill, T McCleneghan, B McCole; J McGee, M Langan; J Brennan, C McLaughlin, M Carroll; L Connors, C Mulligan, S McBrearty. Subs: C Doherty for McLaughlin (HT), N O'Donnell for McBrearty (42), C McGonigle for Carroll (46), E O'Donnell for Langan (47), R Carr for Connors (51), N Friel for McCleneghan (55).

Referee: S Lavery (Antrim).

Thanks to all the players who played some part in the years games. I hope that we will see most of these players playing Senior Football in the future.

Thanks to Niall Lynch, Ronan Caralon, Dermot Sheridan, Michael Hannon, Micheal Lyng, Damien Keaney, Brian Clarke, Killian Morgan for their efforts along with the backroom team who also gave a great commitment to this team.

There is no U21 competition from now on only an U20 competition.

Kevin Downes will manage the team along with Marty Clarke (Down) and Jimmy Higgins. We wish them well.

## Mc Kenna Cup



Cavan Team v Tyrone 8th January 2017

Back row L to R . Turloc Mooney (Redhills) Alan O Mara (Oliver Plunketts) Gerard Smith (Lavey) Niall Mc Dermott (Ballinagh) Niall Mc Kiernan (Lacken) Tomas Corr (Denn) James Farrelly (Kingscourt) Killian Clarke (Shercock) Padraig Faulkner (Kingscourt) Enda Reilly (Mullahoran) Liam Buchanan (Ballymachugh) Jason Mc Loughlin (Shannon Gaels) Joshua Hayes (Cootehill)

Front Row L to R . Niall Clerkin (Shercock) James Galligan (Lacken) Shane O Rourke (Laragh Utd.) Paul O Connor (Cavan Gaels) Ciaran Brady (Arva) Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels) Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) Colm Smith (Cootehill) Killian Brady (Mullahoran) Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan) Shane Tierney (Lavey)

### **Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Rd 1** **Cavan 1-13 Tyrone 0-12 Kingspan Breffni**

Senior manager Mattie McGleenan began his Intercounty management career with a win. The Cavan lads put in superb shift over the seventy minutes to come away with a victory over Tyrone in the first game in this year's Dr McKenna Cup played before a good crowd of 4266 in Kingspan Breffni Park. Man of the Match Gerard Smith scored the games only goal on 19 minutes with a fisted effort over the out coming Niall Morgan following a good through ball from Paul O'Connor. Sean Johnston scored the first point after five minutes before Connor McAliskey equalised. Killian Brady put Cavan ahead before McAliskey equalised again. Cavan then scored 1-2 without reply, Tyrone failing to score for 17 minutes. Tyrone slowly worked their way back into the game through McAliskey's four-point haul in the first half, three from frees. Newcomer Cahir McCullagh scored their only other point of the first half, but Cavan hit three of the last four point through a Paul fisted effort, Tomas Corr, Gerard Smith and a Niall McDermott free to lead at the interval 1-7 to 0-5. Lee Brennan scored twice for Tyrone in the third quarter, but Cavan were able to keep a healthy margin ahead with Johnston's second-half frees keeping the scoreboard ticking. The game was competitive as both side went for the win. Things got heated on a couple of occasions, following one of which Cavan's Niall McDermott received a second yellow. Later Mattie Donnolly received a red card for Tyrone before Sean Johnston received a black card. Cavan had a number of players who made senior debuts including Niall Clerkin and Shane Tierney with Niall McKiernan, Shane O'Rourke and Colm Smith coming on as substitutes. Fergal Reilly (McKenna Cup), Joe Dillon (McKenna Cup) and Gerard Smith (Championship) had featured last year but got their first start last Sunday also.

Scorers for Cavan: Gerard Smith 1-2, Sean Johnston 0-4 (3f), Niall McKiernan 0-2, Martin Reilly 0-1, Paul O'Connor 0-1, Tomas Corr 0-1, Killian Brady 0-1, Niall McDermott 0-1f.

Scorers for Tyrone: C McAlliskey 0-5 (3f), L Brennan 0-3 (1f), R O'Neill 0-2f, C McCullagh 0-1, P Harte 0-1.

**Cavan:** James Farrelly (Kingscourt), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Ciarán Brady (Arvagh), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt), Padraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Liam Buchanan (Ballymachugh), Tomas Corr (Denn), Shane Tierney (Lavey), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Sean Johnston (Capt)(Cavan Gaels), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh), Niall Clerkin (Shercock).

Subs: Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for Buchanan (18), Niall McKiernan (Lacken) for Tierney (HT), Turloc Mooney (Redhills) for Dillon (44), Shane O'Rourke (Laragh United) for Corr (47), Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels) for O'Connor (62), Colm Smith (Cootehill Celtic) for Johnston (BC, 68).

Tyrone: N Morgan; A McCrory, J Munroe, R McNabb; M Cassidy, T McCann, N Sludden; D McClure, P McNulty; D McCurry, P Harte, C McCullagh; L Brennan, C McAlliskey, R O'Neill.

Subs: R Brennan for Cassidy (15), HP McGeary for R Brennan (30), M Donnelly for McNulty (HT), R McHugh for McCurry (57), N McKenna for McAlliskey (62).  
Referee: M McNally (Monaghan).

**Bank of Ireland Dr McKenna Cup Rd 2      Sun 15th Jan**  
**MacCumhail Park, Ballybofey**

**Donegal 1-6 Cavan 2-14**

Cavan travelled to Ballybofey following the first round victory over Tyrone to take on a youthful Donegal side and came away with a victory following a strong second half performance. Cavan started brightly scoring three points in eight minutes without reply from Martin Reilly and two frees from Sean Johnston. Donegal evened it up with a goal from Ethan O'Donnell. It remained close for the remainder of the half with both sides trading scores to leave it all square at the break 1-2 to 0-5. Cavan's other scores coming from Ciaran Brady and a Niall McDermott free. Cavan by now we're coming to terms with the Donegal defence and a strong second half performance saw the Breffni lads score 2-9 and run out convincing winners. The Cavan goals from Rory Dunne and Paul O'Connor.

Scorers for Cavan: Sean Johnston (0-4f), Rory Dunne (1-0), Paul O'Connor (1-0), Padraig Faulkner (0-3), Niall McDermott (0-1f), Martin Reilly, Ciaran Brady, Turloc Mooney, Gerard Smith, Killian Clarke, Christopher Conroy (0-1 each).

Scorers for Donegal: Ethan O'Donnell (1-0), Adam Neely (0-2, 1f), Conor Morrison (0-2, 1f), Michael Carroll (0-1), Jason McGee (0-1f).

CAVAN: James Farrelly (Kingscourt), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Padraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Gerard Smith (Lavey), John McCutcheon (Cootehill Celtic), Tomas Corr (Denn), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt), Turloc Mooney (Redhills), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Shane Tierney (Lavey), Niall McKiernan (Lacken), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Niall McDermott (Ballinagh) for Dillon (18m), Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Corr (29m), Rory Dunne (Redhills) for Tierney (HT), Christopher Conroy (Lavey) for McKiernan (50m), Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for Mooney (57m), Joshua Hayes (Cootehill Celtic) for Smith (65m).

DONEGAL: Dylan Doherty, Conor Morrison, Stephen McMenamin, Danny Monagle, Ciaran Gillespie, Ethan O'Donnell, Ciaran Gibbons, Tony McCleneghan, Michael Carroll, Daire Ó Baoill, Michael Langan, Niall O'Donnell, Conor Doherty, Gavin McBride, Adam Neely.

Subs: Brena McCole for Gillespie (18m), Jason McGee for McBride (42m).

Man of the Match: Sean Johnston (Cavan).

Referee: Barry Cassidy (Derry).

## UU 0-19 Cavan 0-15

Kingspan Breffni 18/01/2017



**Paul O'Connor fists a first-half point.**

Cavan have failed to reach the last four of the Dr McKenna Cup for the first time since 2013 after a poor performance saw them beaten tonight against UU. Donegal's Patrick McBrearty and Tyrone's Mark Bradley came off the bench at half-time to fire a combined tally of 0-8 as University of Ulster confined the Breffni men to their first defeat on Mattie McGleenan's watch. It took the students 23 minutes to open their account, by which stage Cavan had posted 0-5 – with newcomers Niall McKiernan and Shane O'Rourke to the fore - but three points in as many minutes dragged the visitors back into the game and they trailed by 0-8 to 0-7. And the introduction of the deadly duo to their full-forward line made the difference as they surged in front in the third quarter and ran out deserving winners. Bradley scored with 20 seconds of the restart and when they managed to put some daylight between the teams, the college side were always able to keep Cavan at arm's length, despite some superb Cavan scores from Enda O'Reilly (two), Dara McVeety and Gerry Smith. But the Blues were out of ideas and UU finished stronger, McBrearty sending over some good points and a 45, with Niall Madine repeating the latter trick with the last kick of the game.

**Cavan:** James Farrelly(Kingscourt), Jason McLoughlin(Shannon Gaels), Rory Dunne(Redhills), Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels), John McCutcheon (Cootehill), Conor Moynagh(Drumgoon), Ciaran Brady(Shercock), Brian Sankey(Shercock), Shane O'Rourke (Laragh Utd.) (0-2), Niall McKiernan (Lacken) (0-2), Turloch Mooney (Redhills), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough) (0-1), Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) (0-4, 2f), Conor Madden(Gowna) (0-1), Peter McCabe (Killinkere)

**Subs:** Enda O'Reilly(Mullahoran) (0-2) for McCabe (28 mins), Martin Reilly (Killygarry) for O'Rourke (33 mins), Killian Clarke (Shercock) (0-1) for Sankey (h/t), Gerard Smith (Lavey) (0-1) for Brady (h/t), Pdraigh Faulkner (Kingscourt) for Murray (41 mins), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels) (0-1f) for McKiernan (50 mins)

**UU:** T McConville, R Kelly, R Johnston, C McCann, C Boylan, J Rafferty, B Grant, D McKeown, T O'Brien, J Kearney, D Gallagher (0-3f), R McGlone (0-3), M Walsh (0-1), J Fitzgerald (0-1), N Madine (0-2, 45)

Subs: R McHugh for McCann (24 mins), M Bradley (0-3) for Fitzgerald (h/t), P McBrearty (0-5, 1f, 45) for Rafferty (h/t), R McNamee (h/t) for Grant, R McAnespie (0-1) for McKeown (h/t), Grant for McGlone.

## A.N.F.L. Div Round 1

05 February 2017 Cavan 0-11 Dublin 0-18



Cavan Panel v Dublin last Sunday in Allianz Football League .

Back Row (L to R): Joe Dillon, Gearoid McKiernan, Raymond Galligan, Shane O'Rourke, Niall McKiernan, Dara McVeety, Pdraig Faulkner, James Farrelly, Gerard Smith, Tomas Corr, John McCutcheon, Killian Brady, James McEnroe, Conor Madden, Sean Johnston, Jason McLoughlin, Joshua Hayes.

Front (L to R): Tom Hayes, Paul O'Connor, Niall Clerkin, Ciaran Brady, Conor Moynagh, Killian Clarke, Rory Dunne, Fergal Reilly, Stephen Murray, Shane Tierney, Martin Reilly, Colm Smith.



*Cavan's Niall Clerkin with Dean Rock of Dublin.*

Cavan hosted All Ireland and Allianz Football League champions Dublin in Mattie McGleenan's first league game at the helm before a 16,331 crowd in Kingspan Breffni Park. The atmosphere was electric as supporters from both sides came out in their droves for this attractive fixture. The Cavan lads were determined and led 0-3 to 0-2 after eight minutes of a frantic first half. Sean Johnston opening the scoring followed by John McCutcheon and a Johnston free, Kevin McManamon and Dean Rock (free) with the Dubs scores. An outstanding effort by Sean Johnston again, from what seemed an impossible angle along the sideline sailed

over the crossbar to put Cavan ahead 0-5 to 0-4 after 20 minutes. Dublin then tapped over five without reply through Man of the Match Niall Scully (2), Ciaran Kilkenny, Jack McCaffrey and a Dean Rock free, the visitors showed why they are All Ireland champions, moving the ball at pace with outstanding support play. The Cavan lads responded well and scores from Gerard Smith and a Niall McDermott free left three between them at the break, 0-10 to 0-7. Gerard Smith kicked another fine effort on the restart but at this stage the visitors looked in control and went 0-16 to 0-10 ahead with 60 minutes played. Conor Madden with a point in between two from Sean Johnston kept Cavan in touch and to their credit battled superbly with the Dubs throughout. In all, Cavan had seven league debutants with Fergal Reilly, Gerard Smith and Niall Clerkin getting their first starts and Stephen Murray, Shane O'Rourke, Conor Madden and Niall McKiernan being introduced.

Scorers for Cavan: Sean Johnston 0-5 (2f), Gerard Smith 0-2, Niall McDermott 0-2f, John McCutcheon 0-1, Conor Madden 0-1.

Scorers for Dublin: Dean Rock 0-7 (6f), Niall Scully 0-2, James McCarthy 0-2, Michael Darragh Macauley 0-1, Brian Fenton 0-1, Ciaran Kilkenny 0-1, Kevin McManamon 0-1, Jason Whelan 0-1, Jack McCaffrey, Cormac Costello 0-1f.

**CAVAN:** James Farrelly (Kingscourt), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Pdraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), John McCutcheon (Cootehill Celtic), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Rory Dunne (Redhills), Ciarán Brady (Arvagh), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for McDermott, Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for McCutcheon (HT), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar) for Dunne (42 mins), Conor Madden (Gowna) for Moynagh (47), Niall McKiernan (Lacken) for Clerkin (61) and Shane O'Rourke (Laragh United) for Madden (65).

**DUBLIN:** Stephen Cluxton, Michael Fitzsimons, Philip McMahon, Jack McCaffrey, James McCarthy, John Small, Eric Lowndes, Brian Fenton, Michael Darragh Macauley, Ciaran Kilkenny, Kevin McManamon, Paul Mannion, Dean Rock, Niall Scully, Jason Whelan.

Subs: Cormac Costello for McManamon (42 mins), Colm Basquel for Whelan (46), Eoghan O'Gara for Mannion (55), Ciaran Reddin for Macauley (63), Conor McHugh for Rock (69).

**REFEREE:** Pdraig O'Sullivan (Kerry)



*Sean Johnston of Cavan tackled by Monaghan's Ryan Wylie*

**Monaghan 0-7 Cavan 0-7**      **Castleblaney**      *12 February 2017 Round 2*

Cavan and Monaghan were too close to separate in this afternoon's low-scoring Allianz League Division 1 derby in Castleblaney. With both teams only managing a tally of 0-14 between them over the 70 minutes, it was Gearoid McKiernan's point from long range which saved a point for Cavan before a crowd of 7,983 at St Mary's Park. Monaghan's first point in this contest hadn't arrived until the 23rd minute via their main scoring outlet Conor McManus, but two more scores from the same man would be enough to see them take the lead before going in level at the break. The hosts pushed on in the second-half to open up a two-point lead and looked the more likely outfit before sub Conor Madden and talisman McKiernan - making his first start of the season - ensured the Blues took a point with them on the short trip home. It took 11 minutes for the first score in this drab derby affair to arrive via a free from the trusty boot of Sean Johnston, after the visitors had been wasteful during the opening stages. Sherock's Niall Clerkin - making his second league appearance for the Blues - doubled his side's advantage six minutes later as Breffni boss Mattie McGleenan made some early changes in the form of forward pairing Madden and Niall McDermott in place of Niall McKiernan and the injured Conor Moynagh, respectively. A McManus free would get Monaghan off the mark on 23 minutes and the Clontibret sharpshooter repeated the trick a minute later before sending over one from play to undo all their opponents' work in a mere three minutes. Amazingly, the hosts looked like bringing in the lead despite only raising the umpire's white flag three times but Ciaran Brady was able to break through for Cavan's leveller on the eve of half-time. A third McManus free and a sweetly struck point from Kieran Hughes, partnering his brother Darren at centre-field, had Malachy O'Rourke's charges back in the driving-seat - 0-5 to 0-3 - within five minutes of the restart, with Dermot Malone and Ryan McAnespie having entered the fray for them at the break. Johnston (free) and Conor McCarthy traded scores before the former nailed his third and final free to bring the difference back to one heading towards the closing 20 minutes. During that time, O'Rourke would empty his bench in pursuit of the victory, with Owen Duffy and Barry McGinn coming in, while the returning Jack McCarron replaced the black-carded Shane Carey towards the finish. Fintan Kelly weighed in with a superb point that looked to have the home side heading towards the post but they'd endure a scoreless closing quarter, which ended up costing them both points here. Cavan looked to make the most of it through a fantastic long range score from Madden, who gave McGleenan some food for thought after being withdrawn some 10

minutes into his league debut as a substitute against Dublin last week. With a little over 12 minutes remaining, McKiernan drew the sides level for the third and final time with a trademark left-footed effort from distance. Both teams had their chances to take the spoils late on but it finished all square in the end, with Cavan earning themselves a point in the top flight for the first time in 13 years.

Monaghan - R Beggan; F Kelly (0-1), D Wylie, R Wylie; N McAdam, C Walshe, K O'Connell; D Hughes, K Hughes (0-1); K Duffy, S Carey, G Doogan; C McCarthy (0-1), T Kerr, C McManus (0-4, 3f). Subs: D Malone for T Kerr, R McAnespie for K O'Connell, O Duffy for G Doogan, B McGinn for C McCarthy, J McCarron for S Carey (BC).

**CAVAN:** James Farrelly (Kingscourt), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Padraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Tomas Corr (Denn), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Niall Mc Kiernan (Lacken) Ciarán Brady (Arvagh) 0-01, Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Niall Clerkin (Shercock)0-01, Gearoid Mc Kiernan (Swanlinbar)0-01, Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels)0-03.

Subs: Conor Madden (Gowna)0-01 for Niall Mc Kiernan, Niall Mc Dermott(Ballinagh) for Conor Moynagh, Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Gerard Smith), Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for Ciaran Brady, Rory Dunne (Redhills) for Tomas Corr

Referee - D Coldrick.

### **Allianz Football League Division 1 Rd 3 Sunday 12th March Healy Park, Omagh**

#### **TYRONE 0-19 CAVAN 1-9**

This game was played at the second time on asking as the original fixture was postponed due to water logged pitch. A magnificent first half by Cavan in from of a crowd of over 5000 in Healy Park saw them lead 1-8 to 0-7 at the break, the Cavan goal coming from the fist of Gearoid McKiernan. It was all about the second half for Tyrone, however, who overturned the half time deficit to claim the win which moved them to the top of Division One in the Allianz Football League. The introduction of Mark Bradley was crucial. He scored three points, the first within seconds of coming on in the 47th minute to bring Tyrone to within a point. Darren McCurry's point brought them level and there was only one winner once Bradley's second point put them in front, 0-13 to 1-9 after 49 minutes. Tyrone then scored 10 unanswered points. Cavan set up defensively and hit Tyrone perfectly on the break and it worked to a tee, Martin Reilly profiting from slack marking on three occasions to score three left-footed points from play. Tyrone led briefly, at 0-3 to 0-2, when Padraig McNulty burst through the middle to score in the 14th minute but apart from that, Cavan had the better of things.

Gearoid McKiernan nailed 1-4 in the first half, including two frees, with Tyrone struggling to break down Cavan's packed defence. Yet the Red Hands managed to stay in touch for the opening half hour, with five frees from Sean Cavanagh and Peter Harte as well as a great point from an acute angle by Colm Cavanagh. Harte's free brought them level for the sixth time at seven points all, but Cavan finished the half strongly.

McKiernan's swinging shot while off balance was an inspirational point and he palmed the ball over Niall Morgan's head for the opening goal after 34 minutes. It was a familiar theme as another Tyrone attack broke down and Cavan broke quickly, Paul O'Connor's pass to the excellent McVeety opening space in front of them.

He fisted the ball to Conor Madden who flicked it across to McKieran and he calmly flicked the ball over Morgan's head as the 'keeper rushed off his line to put Cavan 1-8 to 0-7 ahead at the break. Tyrone grew in confidence once the points started to fly over. Mattie Donnelly, playing mostly at full-forward, hit a great score over his shoulder to get them going. Tyrone subs Bradley and Ronan O'Neill hit 0-5 from play between them in the second half, with Mattie Donnelly and Kieran McGeary also on target as the Red Hands moved ahead of Dublin into the league's top spot.

Scorers for Cavan: Gearoid McKiernan 1-4 (2f), Martin Reilly 0-3, Dara McVeety, Conor Madden 0-1 each.

Scorers for Tyrone: Peter Harte 0-4 (4f), Sean Cavanagh 0-3 (3f), Mark Bradley 0-3, Ronan O'Neill 0-2 Colm Cavanagh, Pdraig McNulty, Mattie Donnelly, Kieran McGeary, Darren McCurry, Tiernan McCann 0-1 each, Niall Morgan 0-1 (f)

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Rory Dunne (Redhills), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Tomas Corr (Denn), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), Conor Madden (Gowna), Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Cian Mackey (Castlerahan) for C Brady (HT), Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for N Murray, Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), for McLoughlin (49), John McCutcheon (Cootehill) for Corr (56), Niall McKiernan (Lacken) for O'Connor (64).

TYRONE: Niall Morgan; Aidan McCrory, Pdraig Hampsey, Cathal McCarron; Tiernan McCann, Justin McMahan, Rory Brennan; Colm Cavanagh, Pdraig McNulty; Conor Meyler, Kieran McGeary, Peter Harte; Darren McCurry, Sean Cavanagh, Mattie Donnelly.

Subs: Ronan McNamee for Brennan (HT), Jonathan Munroe for McNamee (BC, 46), Mark Bradley for McNulty (46), Frank Burns for McMahan (50), Ronan O'Neill for McCurry (BC, 47) Conal McCann for McGeary (67)

REFEREE: David Gough (Meath).



*Cavan's Cian Mackey attempts to make a block on Ciaran Thompson of Donegal.*

For a team allegedly in transition, Donegal were mightily impressive as they purred to a 1-16 to 0-11 victory over Cavan at Kingspan Breffni. The surface in Cavan town was passed fit for purpose earlier in the day and Rory Gallagher's new-look charges in turn passed all inspections, with young midfielder Ciaran Thompson (0-5) particularly impressive. Eoin McHugh buried the only goal of the game to the roof of the net in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute and substitute Jamie Brennan helped himself to three points. Without Patrick McBrearty as well as the nine defectors from their 2016 squad, the visitors reeled off the first five points through captain Michael Murphy (two frees), U21 star and Man of the Match Thompson, McHugh and Frank McGlynn, while the hosts didn't register until the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute. But Mattie McGleenan's men battled back with points from Sean Johnston (two frees), Conor Madden and Gearoid McKiernan (free) to a solitary Ryan McHugh response to somehow turn around just two adrift, 0-6 to 0-4. However, the Breffni boys suffered a major blow three minutes before the break when captain Killian Clarke was shown a straight red card for a heavy tackle on Eoghan Ban Gallagher. They finished the game with 13 as Cian Mackey picked up a late black card with the full complement of subs already used. McHugh's goal left six between the teams and the gap was pared back to four a couple of times but Donegal pulled away for a deserved win. Poignantly, Mark and Ryan McHugh were both on target for Donegal tonight. Mark came off the bench to fire over the last score on what was a very emotional night following the sudden death yesterday of their grandmother, Ann O'Donnell, for whom a minute's silence was observed before throw-in. In the end, a welcome two points that move Donegal up to a satisfactory five Cavan remain second from bottom on one point, but have a game in hand.

**DONEGAL:** M A McGinley; P McGrath, N McGee, E Ban Gallagher; C Ward, F McGlynn (0-1), E McHugh (1-1); J McGee, C Thompson (0-5, 1f); M Carroll, M O'Reilly, R McHugh (0-1); H McFadden (0-1), M Murphy (0-3f), D O'Connor. Subs: J Brennan (0-3) for D O'Connor, D McLoughlin for M Carroll, M Langan for J McGee, E Doherty for H McFadden, M McHugh (0-1) for E McHugh, P Brennan for E Ban Gallagher.

**CAVAN:** Raymond Galligan(Lacken) Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Pdraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Ciarán Brady (Arvagh)0-01 Gerard Smith (Lavey), Tomas Corr (Denn), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Michael Argue (Bailieboro), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough)0 -02, Conor Madden (Gowna)0-02 Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Gearoid Mc Kiernan (Swanlinbar)0-03, Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels)0-03. Subs:, Rory Dunne (Redhills) for Tomas Corr. Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Michael Argue, Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Killian Brady, Cian Mackey (Castlerahan) for Sean Johnston, Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) for Fergal Reilly, John Mc Cutheon (Cootehill) for Ciaran Brady

Referee - C Lane. Allianz Football League Division 1 Rd 5

**19th March**  
**Elverys MacHale Park, Castlebar**

**CAVAN 1-14 MAYO 0-15**



**Rory Dunne contests the kick out v Mayo**

Cavan boosted their survival hopes in division one with a superb win over Mayo in Castlebar on Sunday afternoon, going in at the break trailing by a single point they were by far the better side in the second half and ran out two point winners against last year's beaten All Ireland finalists. When the game was there to be won Cavan dug deepest and led by the inspirational Gearoid McKiernan who kicked 1-5 they curtailed the Mayo attack and broke from defence with power and pace setting up numerous counter attacks. Mayo went into an early two point lead through scores from Tom Parsons and Andy Moran, McKiernan got the Cavan scores rolling with a well hit free, before two more Mayo scores put them back in control of the game after 15 minutes.

The sides traded scores with McKiernan and Dara McVeety (twice) hitting the target for Cavan and Moran, Kevin McLoughlin, Conor O'Shea and Danny Kirby kicking points for Mayo to put them into a 0-9 to 0-4 lead with two minutes left before the half time whistle. Two minutes into injury time the vital score of the day came. Killian Clarke climbed high to win a mark from a kick-out and set in motion a move that saw Martin Reilly playing a defence splitting pass that ended up with McKiernan finding the back of the net from close range to send his side in trailing by just one point at the break. Mayo pushed that lead out to two seconds after the restart thanks to a Kirby score, but Cavan hit four points on the bounce through Rory Dunne, Conor Madden, McKiernan and Tomas Corr. Cavan were hassling and harrying the Mayo attack forcing them to turnover the ball and setting up blistering counter attacks. Both sides swapped points with Andy Moran and two monsters from Lee Keegan finding the range for Mayo and Martin Reilly and Corr hitting the target for the visitors to leave the score all square at 0-14 to 1-11 with 15 minutes left. Shane Nally edged Mayo back in front for the final time on 58 minutes, but Cavan came on strong again and kicked the final three points of the game, through a McKiernan free, a long range effort from McVeety and substitute Joe Dillon. Cavan's defence was top class in the second half, and Mayo's lack of shooters from range cost them as they were forced to constantly recycle the ball over and back outside of scoring range. Cillian

O'Connor was held scoreless for the day and he ended up on the losing side to a team that contained his first cousin Paul O'Connor, who came off the bench for the Breffni men in the closing stages.

Scorers for Cavan: Gearoid McKiernan 1-5 (3fs), Dara McVeety 0-3, Tomas Corr 0-2, Rory Dunne, Conor Madden, Martin Reilly, Joe Dillon 0-1 each.

Scores for Mayo: D Kirby 0-4, A Moran 0-3, C O'Shea and Lee Keegan 0-2 each, T Parsons, F Boland, K McLoughlin (f) and S Nally 0-1 each.

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Rory Dunne (Redhills), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Tomas Corr (Denn), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), Conor Madden (Gowna), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Cian Mackey (Castlerahan) for Johnston, Ciaran Brady (Arvagh) for Clerkin, Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for N Murray, Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) for Madden, Paul O'Connor (Cavan Gaels) for Corr.

MAYO: D Clarke; B Harrison, K Higgins, P Durcan; C Boyle, L Keegan, D Vaughan; T Parsons, D Kirby; F Boland, C O'Connor, C O'Shea; K McLoughlin, A Moran, C Loftus.

Subs: S Coen for Vaughan, S Nally for Boland, N Douglas for O'Shea, E Regan for Loftus, J Gibbons for Parsons.

Referee: A Nolan (Wicklow).

## Allianz Football League Division 1 Rd 6 26th March Kingspan Breffni



**Gearoid Mc Kiernan gains possession v Kerry**

### **Cavan 1-10 Kerry 0-13**

A late free from sub Sean Johnston earned Cavan a share of the spoils before 8,000 supporters at a sunny Kingspan Breffni. Kerry coughed up a two-point lead at the death but Cavan deserved at least a point from this clash. The visitors led by 0-6 to 0-4 at the end of the first half. A swirling wind made conditions difficult. Cavan played their best football of the first half in the opening 10 minutes but had seven successive wides in the lead-in to the interval which proved costly. A sublime individual point from Breffni captain Killian Clarke opened the scoring and two more top-class scores from Niall Clerkin and Conor Madden gave the Blues a two-point lead. Paul Geaney cancelled out Clarke's opener with a free and he added two more from the hands to level matters with 15 played. A minute later, referee Maurice Deegan spotted a foul on Madden from 50 metres away and Gearoid McKiernan converted for Cavan. Kerry then landed the final three points of the half through Donnchadh Walsh, Geaney (free) and Jack Barry but they were still being held fairly well by a rigid Cavan back-line. With the excellent David Moran providing steady leadership in the middle third, the Kingdom looked poised to push on in the second half and that feeling was intensified when sub Bryan Sheehan sent over a huge point with his first touch. But Cavan manager Mattie McGleenan had thrown Dara McVeety into the inside forward line and the Crosserlough man's pace immediately began to cause Kerry problems. He won a free which Madden converted and then after a great pass over the top from Cian Mackey, McVeety burst clear and planted a terrific shot to the net. Sheehan replied with a free but when McVeety earned another and McKiernan converted it, Cavan were now 1-6 to 0-8 in front and victory in their sights. Barry John Keane clipped over a good score for Kerry but again Cavan responded through two well-struck frees from sub Niall McDermott. Geaney replied with a similar effort and with 10 minutes to go, Kerry levelled through a super Stephen O'Brien effort. In the frantic final minutes, Kerry looked like they had done enough when Keane kicked a beauty and Sheehan curled in a tremendous free from the left wing. But Cavan dug deep and Joe Dillon punched over a crucial score before sub

Sean Johnston, with his first touch, nailed a difficult 40-metre free to secure a draw. Kerry had one final chance but Geaney's free from the right wing trailed wide.

Scorers for Cavan: Dara McVeety (1-0), Conor Madden (0-2, 1f), Gearoid McKiernan (0-2f), Niall McDermott (0-2f), Sean Johnston (0-1f), Killian Clarke, Joe Dillon, Niall Clerkin (0-1 each).

Scorers for Kerry: P Geaney (0-6f), B J Keane (0-2), B Sheehan (0-2, 1f), S O'Brien, J Barry, D Walsh (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Rory Dunne (Redhills), Tomas Corr (Denn), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), Conor Madden (Gowna), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt).

Subs: Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels) for K Brady (19 mins, BC), Cian Mackey (Castlerahan) for Clerkin (40), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh) for Madden (46), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh) for Smith (50), Stephen Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Dunne, Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels) for Dillon (69).

KERRY: B Kealy, F Fitzgerald, M Griffin, R Shanahan, P Crowley, T Morley, P Murphy, D Moran, J Barry, A Spillane, K McCarthy, D Walsh, J Savage, P Geaney, S O'Brien.

Subs: D O'Sullivan for McCarthy (8 mins, BC), B Sheehan for Spillane (28 mins), BJ Keane for Savage (40), J Lyne for Crowley (61), M Geaney for Barry.

Referee: M Deegan (Laois).

**Allianz Football League Division 1 Rd 7 2nd April Dr Hyde Park, Roscommon  
Roscommon 1-13 Cavan 1-10**



Dara Mc Veety pushing forward v Roscommon

Cavan's hopes of remaining in Division 1 were dashed in an entertaining clash at Hyde Park when a Roscommon side, who were already relegated, picked up their first points of the campaign. The sides were level at 0-08 at the break after an entertaining opening half before Cavan enjoyed a great start to the second-half when Dara McVeety found the net. But the Roscommon response was excellent with Cathal Compton shooting home an equalising goal inside a minute and they never trailed from there to the end. The sides were level six times during the first with never more than two points between the sides. Cavan, needing to win to have any chance of survival, led by 0-04 to 0-02 at the end of the opening quarter but efforts from Niall Kilroy and Sean McDermott saw Roscommon draw level. The sides continued to exchange points to the interval, with six Cavan players finding the target while Roscommon had seven different scorers. The second-half exploded into action with McVeety hitting the net from close range for Cavan less than two minutes after the restart. Roscommon, however, did not fold and they struck back immediately with Compton showing good composure to fire home a goal straight away. And Kevin McStay's men never looked back from there. They were the only side in the entire league without a point going into the final round of games and were clearly determined to rectify that.

They hit three good points in succession to take a firm grip on the match with Diarmuid Murtgh, Kilroy with his third effort and Ciaran Murtagh with another free, putting them 1-11 to 1-08 in front after 55 minutes.

Gearoid McKiernan responded with a pointed free for Cavan to cut the gap with ten minutes remaining but struggled to create chances. Thomas Corcoran and Conor Devaney extended Roscommon's lead to four going into the closing stages. Another free from McKiernan reduced the margin to three but Cavan never looked like getting the goal required to save the day.

Scorers for Cavan: Dara McVeety (1-1), Niall McDermott (0-3, 2f), Gearoid McKiernan (0-2f),

Raymond Galligan (0-1f), Martin Reilly, Ciaran Brady, Joe Dillon (0-1 each).

Scorers for Roscommon: N Kilroy (0-3), C Compton (1-0), C Devaney (0-2), C Murtagh (0-2f), D Murtagh (0-2f), S McDermott, C Connolly, D Smith, T Corcoran (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Killian Brady (Mullahoran), Rory Dunne (Redhills), Fergal Reilly (Castlerahan), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh), Tomas Corr (Denn), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh).

Subs: Cian Mackey (Castlerahan) for G Smith (35 mins), Niall Clerkin (Shercock) for Dillon (46 mins), Jack Brady (Ramor United) for McDermott (58 mins), James McEnroe (Ramor United) for C Brady (60 mins), Conor Madden (Gowna) for Murray (65 mins).

ROSCOMMON: C Lavin, D Murray, G Patterson, N McInerney, S McDermott, U Harney, C Devaney, T O'Rourke, E Smith, N Kilroy, C Murtagh, D Smith, D Murtagh, C Compton, C Connolly.

Subs: S Killoran for Patterson (35 mins), B Stack for D Smith (50 mins), R Stack for McDermott (60 mins), T Corcoran for Connolly (60 mins).

Referee: C Brannagan (Down).



Cavan Team v Roscommon

**Ulster Senior Football Championship Quarter Final**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2017**  
**Kingspan Breffni**

**Cavan 0-15 Monaghan 1-15**

Monaghan and Cavan threw up a typically feisty and hard-fought local derby at Kingspan Breffni, with a 60th minute goal from Conor McManus all that separated the sides and the width of the post denying Ryan Connolly and Cavan at the death.

Malachy O'Rourke's men trailed for long spells and were left to breathe a sigh of relief as Cavan's Ryan Connolly struck the inside of the post with a rasping shot in what was the final play of the match. Playing with the wind, Cavan built up a 0-9 to 0-7 lead at half-time and were still one in front with a dozen minutes to play, but McManus's well-taken green flag gave them a two-point lead for the first time and they had the composure and experience to close it out. The first half was extremely tense and closely-contested, with the sides level on five occasions. Cavan opened the scoring with a Niall McDermott free only for Owen Duffy to level it. Cian Mackey, possibly the hosts' best player on the day, curled in his first and the attritional nature of proceedings continued as points from Liam Buchanan, McManus (two frees and one from play), Rory Beggan (45), McDermott (free) and Mackey left it all square at 0-5 apiece on 22 minutes. Cavan, playing with a strong wind, were struggling to make the ball stick inside and were forced to run it or shoot from long range to engineer scores. A huge point from centre-back Conor Moynagh was cancelled out by a 55-metre Beggan free and when McManus kicked another beauty, Monaghan were in front for the first time approaching half-time. But Cavan finished the opening period strongly, Johnston tacking on a free and then James McEnroe and Gearoid McKiernan landing fantastic scores from distance to leave it 0-9 to 0-7 at half-time. Owen Duffy kicked their first point on the restart and although Martin Reilly replied with a 44-metre free from the deck, Jack McCarron was now growing into the game and he latched on to a great Kieran Hughes pass to point. Latton clubman Owen Duffy levelled it on 41 minutes, Cavan hit back with frees from Johnston and McDermott but Farney sub Conor McCarthy blasted over a beauty with his first touch to make it a one-point game again. And when Monaghan captain Colin Walshe held his nerve to squeeze in another terrific effort, the sides were level once more. Cavan put their best foot forward, Johnston drawing a foul and converting before Cavan goalkeeper Raymond Galligan saved acrobatically from McCarron with a superb save. But Beggan floated over the resulting 45 to tie matters again. Mackey and sub Dara McVeety combined well for the Castlerahan man to kick his third with 12 minutes on the clock, but, from there till the finish, Monaghan would kick for home. First, McManus skipped inside and buried a daisycutter under Galligan; then, Owen Duffy pointed another after Monaghan forced a turnover. From a poor Cavan kick-out, McCarthy slotted his second and although Johnston grabbed a free and debutant Connolly came so close three minutes into injury time, it wasn't to be.



Scorers for Cavan: Sean Johnston 0-4 (4fs), Cian Mackey 0-3, Niall McDermott 0-3 (3fs), James McEnroe 0-1, Conor Moynagh 0-1, Liam Buchanan 0-1, Gearoid McKiernan 0-1, Martin Reilly 0-1 (f)

Scorers for Monaghan: Conor McManus 1-5 (3fs), Conor McCarthy 0-2, Rory Beggan 0-2 (1f, 45), Owen Duffy 0-3, Jack McCarron 0-2, Colin Walshe 0-1

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Pdraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), James McEnroe (Ramor United), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Liam Buchanan (Ballymachugh), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Cian Mackey (Castlerahan), Conor Madden (Gowna), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels).

Subs: Ciaran Brady (Arvagh) for Madden (26 mins), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough) for Buchanan (HT), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane) for McDermott (53 mins), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) for Clerkin (65 mins), Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels) for McEnroe (65 mins), Caoimhin O'Reilly (Butlersbridge) for N Murray.

MONAGHAN: Rory Beggan, Fintan Kelly, Drew Wylie, Ryan Wylie, Colin Walshe, Vinny Corey, Neil McAdam, Kieran Hughes, Karl O'Connell, Gavin Doogan, Kieran Duffy, Dermot Malone, Owen Duffy, Jack McCarron, Conor McManus

Subs: Ryan McAnespie for Doogan (half-time), Conor McCarthy for Malone (48 mins), Dessie Ward for Kieran Duffy (55 mins), Dessie Mone for D Wylie (68 mins), Darren Hughes for McCarron (68 mins), Shane Carey for K Duffy (black card, 70 mins).

Referee: Patrick Neilan (Roscommon).

## **All-Ireland SFC Qualifier Rd 1B Sunday 25th June Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, Tullamore**

### **CAVAN 1-17 OFFALY 0-16**

Cavan produced a ten minute burst after half time at Bord na Móna O'Connor Park, the key score a goal from Gearoid McKiernan, and in doing so put to bed this qualifier tie against Offaly. Both sides were clearly feeling the effects of local derby defeats in their respective provincial championships in the early stages, and, while Cavan enjoyed the lion's share of possession, some errant shooting with the aid of the breeze meant that they left Offaly in touch for long spells. At 0-11 to 0-9 in front at the break, the Ulster side could have been vulnerable to a second half surge from an Offaly side that was capable of scoring, but instead Cavan picked up the pace after half time and put eight points between the sides, an advantage that was never going to be relinquished. McKiernan's contribution to Cavan's victory wasn't limited to his goal either. The Swanlinbar man came up trumps with four key points from play in the first half, showing his forward line the way. Gerard Smith provided a moment of magic to set the tone for Cavan at the start of the second half and really push his team to move up a gear. He showed incredible athleticism and power to drive forward from wing back and kick a towering point into the wind, and by the fourth minute of the half McDermott and Liam Buchanan had added points. Another pacey run, this time from Dara McVeety, helped to set up McKiernan for the game's only goal in the 42nd minute.

Brian Darby, Rúairí Allen and substitute Niall McNamee all kicked nice points for Offaly to peg back the gap while Cavan continued to miss chances, but Offaly never looked like scoring a goal, and so their championship ended without a victory, while Cavan will be part of tomorrow mornings 2B qualifier draw.

Cavan Scorers: Gearoid McKiernan 1-4, Niall McDermott 0-4 (0-2f), Sean Johnston (0-2f), Ryan Connolly (0-2f), Liam Buchanan 0-2, Conor Moynagh, Gerard Smith, Ciaran Brady 0-1 each.

Offaly Scorers: N Dunne 0-5 (0-2f), B Allen & G Guilfoyle 0-2 each, S Doyle, R McNamee, M Brazil, B Darby, P Cunningham, R Allen & N McNamee 0-1 each.

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Pdraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), James McEnroe (Ramor United), Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels), Gerard Smith (Lavey), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh), Liam Buchanan (Ballymachugh), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Cian Mackey (Castlerahan), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Dara McVeety (Crosserlough), Niall Clerkin (Shercock), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels), Niall McDermott (Ballinagh).

Subs: Ryan Connolly (Drumlane) for Johnston (22), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels) for Moynagh (34), Killian Clarke (Shercock) for Smith (42), Tomas Corr (Denn) for Buchanan (55), Thomas Galligan (Lacken) for Corr (56 BC), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) for McDermott (69)

OFFALY: A Mulhall; B Darby, E Rigney, S Pender; D Hanlon, P Cunningham, C Donohoe; G Guilfoyle, C McNamee; S Doyle, R McNamee, M Brazil; R Allen, N Dunne, B Allen.

Subs: J Lalor for Pender (37), D Brady for Rigney (46), J O'Connor for Doyle (48), J Moloney for Allen (51), N McNamee for C McNamee (55), A Sullivan for R McNamee (63)

Referee: Derek O'Mahoney (Tipperary)

## All Ireland SFC Qualifier Rd 2B Saturday 8th July Kingspan Breffni



**Killian Clarke advancing forward v Tipperary.**

### **Cavan 0-18 Tipperary 2-15**

Tipperary came from six points down to score a 2-15 to 0-18 win over Cavan in this Round 2B qualifier clash at Kingspan Breffni. Cavan were magnificent in the first half. Two points each from Gearoid McKiernan, Martin Reilly, Tomas Corr and Caoimhin O'Reilly helped Cavan to a 0-12 to 0-06 interval lead, with Conor Sweeney hitting four Tipp scores. But the visitors switched to all-out attack, with Sweeney netting from a penalty and Robbie Kiely smashing home a goal as they made their attacking flair count when it mattered most. Sweeney and Jack Kennedy shot early points as the Munster men pressed strongly with the wind in their backs. Conor Moynagh made a couple of vital intercepts, the second of which sent Gearoid McKiernan in for Cavan's opening score in the seventh minute. The Breffni men pushed up on Ciaran Kentrick's kick-outs, and profited through Caoimhin O'Reilly's leveller. The Ulster side went in front for the first time in the 14th minute when Martin Reilly landed a long-range effort. Conor Moynagh was a constant threat going forward, linking well with O'Reilly to ease Mattie McGleenan's men three ahead, with Tomas Corr hitting a couple of scores as they pulled clear towards half-time. Four scores in as many minutes had them five in front, but Tipp crafted a goal chance when Brian Fox got in to collect Jimmy Feehan's pass, but smashed his shot against a post. Liam Kearns's side went ten minutes without a score, before Sweeney knocked over another free, but their offensive strategy lacked variety, incisiveness and penetration. Cavan were able to stretch their opponents with a more expansive approach, with O'Reilly sending them in with a double scores lead at the break, 0-12 to 0-06. Tipperary pushed Kennedy and Kevin O'Halloran into the inside line, and both were on target, along with Sweeney, as they narrowed the gap to three inside five minutes of the restart. Cian Mackey's energy helped the hosts break free following ten minutes of intense pressure, winning the free that McDermott knocked over.

Tipperary's attacking threat was further strengthened by the introduction of All-Star Michael

Quinlivan on 47 minutes, while Philip Austin's power was another positive addition. O'Halloran's 50-metre free cut the deficit to two points. They showed no fear as the committed men forward without inhibition, and Austin made a vital intervention, bringing them level before winning the penalty that Sweeney sweetly stroked home in the 56th minute. Austin and Sweeney were involved again in the move that ended with Kiely smashing home their second goal in the 62nd minute, and Quinlivan's point had them six clear. Cavan did pull back points through Sean Johnston, Thomas Galligan and Pdraig Faulkner, but their season was beyond rescue, and Tipp marched on.

Scorers for Cavan: Gearoid McKiernan (0-3, 1f), Tomas Corr (0-2), Martin Reilly (0-2), Caoimhin O'Reilly (0-2), Sean Johnston (0-2, 1f), Niall McDermott (0-2f), Pdraig Faulkner, Conor Moynagh, Cian Mackey, Dara McVeety, Thomas Galligan (0-1 each).

Scorers for Tipperary: C Sweeney (1-5, pen, 5f), R Kiely (1-1), J Kennedy (0-3, 2f), K O'Halloran (0-2, 1f), B Fox, D Foley, P Austin, M Quinlivan (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Raymond Galligan (Lacken), Pdraig Faulkner (Kingscourt), Killian Clarke (Shercock), Jason McLoughlin (Shannon Gaels), James McEnroe (Ramor United), Niall Murray (Cavan Gaels), Conor Moynagh (Drumgoon), Gearoid McKiernan (Swanlinbar), Tomas Corr (Denn), Cian Mackey (Castlerahan), Martin Reilly (Killygarry), Ciaran Brady (Arvagh), Caoimhin O'Reilly (Butlersbridge), Liam Buchanan (Ballymachugh), D McVeety (Crosserlough).

Subs: Niall McDermott (Ballinagh) for Brady (12), Ryan Connolly (Drumlane) for Buchanan (HT), Thomas Galligan (Lacken) for Corr (47), Joe Dillon (Kingscourt) for McDermott (56), Sean Johnston (Cavan Gaels) for O'Reilly (59), Niall Clerkin (Shercock) for McVeety (BC 60).

TIPPERARY: C Kenrick, C O'Shaughnessy, A Campbell, E Moloney, B Maher, R Kiely, J Feehan, L Casey, G Hannigan, J Keane, K O'Halloran, B Fox, J Kennedy, C Sweeney, L Boland.

Subs: D Foley for Boland, P Austin for O'Shaughnessy (HT), M Quinlivan for Hannigan (47), L McGrath for O'Halloran (67), K Bergin for Maher (73).

Referee: F Kelly (Longford)

This was a very disappointing finish to the year as we seemed in complete control at half time. This was the third time in the season that we failed miserably in the second half of games (Tyrone--Roscommon--Tipperary).

I want to thank the players for their time and commitment in 2017. The life of an Inter county footballer presently is a big commitment and I do wonder how many more hours they can put into this. To Mattie and his backroom team (Lorcan Martin, Finbarr O'Reilly, Eoin Maguire, Jimmy Higgins, Martin McGovern, Philip Caralon, Simon Gaffney, Brendan Sherry, Plunkett McCallan, Ollie Martin, Brian Henry) a big thank you for all your efforts in the year. Eoin Maguire and Finbar O'Reilly have moved on and we thank them and wish them all the best in their future. Jimmy Higgins will be with the U/20s in 2018.

## **Ulster U17 & Minor League**

As in 2017 the Ulster U17 and Minor football leagues were played together as double headers. This has worked well over both years. Other teams had a successful league campaign.

The league began on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March away to Armagh in the Athletic Grounds. The minors had 3-11 to 1-13 win while the 17s were very dominant in their win 7-14 to 0-6. Down were next in round 2 which were played in Cornafean. Both games were more competitive with the minors winning by a four-point margin with the U17s finishing level 1-11 each. Round three was also a home game for Cavan which were played in Killinkere against Monaghan. The minors would face each other in a few weeks in the championship and Monaghan didn't field a number of their regulars. Cavan played the strongest team available and ran out winners 2-8 to 0-5. The U17s also proved too strong and like the minors topped the group to qualify for semi-finals.

Tyrone was the opposition in both semi-finals played in Killygarry. A poor first half left Cavan minors trailing 1-7 to 1-0 and playing catch up in the second half. The Cavan goal scored by Karl Cosgrove. As was to become more evident later in the summer, this team know how to battle and a much better second half saw the gap close to three when Ruairi Curran netted but the lads ran out of time and Tyrone progressed 1-12 to 2-5.

The U17s got a great start in their semi-final netting two goals by Patrick Lynch and Shane Hanley in first half to lead 2-4 to 0-6 at the break. The second half was competitive but Tyrone found scores that bit easier to come by and the Cavan lads were pipped at the post by the narrowest margin 2-9 to 0-16.

### **U17 Championship**

#### **Ulster U17 Football Qtr Final**

**Saturday 6th May**

**Kingspan Breffni**

#### **Cavan 3-16 Derry 1-8**

Cavan progressed to the Ulster semi final of this inaugural competition which is played in addition to the minor championship. Minor competition in 2018 will move to the U17 age grade. A dominant first half saw the Cavan lads net three times through Patrick Lynch (2) and Callum Lynch to set the platform for victory, leading 3-4 to 0-4 on the quarter hour mark and the Cavan lads tagged on five points without reply during the second quarter.

That trend continued through the second half, whenever the Derry lads threatened to close the gap, the Breffni lads were always able to pull away again and ran out comfortable winners 3-16 to 1-8.

Scorers for Cavan: Patrick Lynch (2-7, 4f), Seanie Keogan (0-4, 1f), Callum Lynch (1-0), Cian McGovern (0-2), Dylan Molloy, Shane Hanley, Cian Shekleton (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Stephen Lovett (Killygarry), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Fionn O'Reilly (Munterconnaught), Kelan Smyth (Cootehill Celtic), DJ Cassidy (Knockbride), Philip Nulty (Knockbride), Gareth Mannion (Ramor United), Kenth Fadoju (Munterconnaught), Dylan Molloy (Cavan Gaels), Cian McGovern (Swanlinbar), Shane Hanley (Munterconnaught), Callum Lynch (Drumalee), Seanie Keogan (Ramor United), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Sean Martin (Redhills).

## **Ulster U17 Football Semi Final Saturday 13th May**

### **Cavan 5-11 Antrim 2-11**

Similar to the Derry game in the quarter final, the young Cavan lads set the foundation for victory in the first half, raising five green flags, the goals coming from Shane Hanley, Dylan Molloy, Seanie Keogan, Callum Lynch and a Sean Martin penalty.

The Breffni lads didn't have it all their own way however and Antrim netted a goal of their own from Mark McAfee who ran through the Cavan defence and blasted low to the net. Ruairi Brolly was a threat throughout and kicked four first half frees. Half time score Cavan 5-5 Antrim 1-5.

The second half was even with the sides trading points throughout. The only major score of the half came from Antrim full forward Peter Harvey, who kept the ball low and well placed in the corner giving Stephen Lovett no chance in the Cavan goals. Cavan kept the scoreboard ticking and ran out winners 5-11 to 2-11 and a place in the Ulster final.

Scorers for Cavan: Seanie Keogan (1-2), Dylan Molloy (1-2), Shane Hanley (1-1), Sean Martin (1-1, Pen), Callum Lynch (1-0), Cian McGovern (0-2), Patrick Lynch (0-2, 2f), Thomas Smith (0-1).

CAVAN: Stephen Lovett (Killygarry), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Fionn O'Reilly (Munterconnaught), Kelan Smyth (Cootehill Celtic), DJ Cassidy (Knockbride), Philip Nulty (Knockbride), Gavin Brady (Mullahoran), Kenth Fadoju (Munterconnaught), Dylan Molloy (Cavan Gaels), Cian McGovern (Swanlinbar), Shane Hanley (Munterconnaught), Callum Lynch (Drumalee), Seanie Keogan (Ramor United), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Sean Martin (Redhills).

Subs: Thomas Smith (Ballinagh) for S Hanley, Mark McSherry (Denn) for DJ Cassidy, Kyle Tyler (Ballinagh) for C Lynch, Cian Shekleton (Kingscourt) for S Martin, Kevin Curtis (Kingscourt) for F O'Reilly.

**Ulster U17 Football Championship Final**  
**Sunday 11th June**  
**Kingspan Breffni**



**U/17 team v Tyrone Ulster Final**

**Cavan 0-6 Tyrone 3-14**

TYRONE swept to victory in the Ulster U17 Football Championship final at Kingspan Breffni, where they dominated a Cavan side from start to finish.

The Red Hands would go on to claim All-Ireland honours at this grade, no surprise such was their display in this Ulster final.

First half goals from Cormac Donaghy and Thomas Hoy had them well in control, and they pushed on with the wind in their backs in the second period, adding a third major through Michael Conroy.

Tyrone manager Colin Holmes revealed that he chose to play against the wind in the event of winning the toss, and it was a key decision that gave his side an early impetus that they never lost.

Cavan opened the scoring after just 10 seconds through Dylan Molloy. Tyrone, playing into the wind, worked the ball through the hands to exploit gaps in the Cavan defence, and scores from Darragh Canavan and Thomas Hoy had them ahead by the fourth minute. They struck for their first goal in the 12th minute, Thomas Hoy taking on a couple of defenders out wide before crossing to the far post, where Donaghy palmed home.

Goalkeeper Lorcan Quinn kicked a terrific 45 metre free into the wind and rain, and there were scores from Hoy and Ethan Jordan.



Cavan lost one of their key players, centre forward Shane Hanley, to a black card after 17 minutes, and they failed to score in the second quarter, while the Red Hands grabbed a second goal in stoppage time.

It was Daniel Miller who supplied the incisive pass for Hoy to finish low and accurate to the bottom corner of the net. It was 2-5 to 0-3 at the interval, and there wasn't much joy for Cavan in the second half either, despite the promptings of the industrious Cian McGovern. Patrick Lynch converted a couple of frees, but Tyrone were always in control.

Scorers for Cavan: Patrick Lynch (0-3f), Ben Smith, Dylan Molloy, Seanie Keogan (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Stephen Lovett (Killygarry), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Philip Nulty (Knockbride), Kelan Smyth (Cootehill Celtic), DJ Cassidy (Knockbride), Kenth Fadoju (Munterconnaught), Gavin Brady (Mullahoran), Ben Smith (Ramor United), Dylan Molloy (Cavan Gaels), Cian McGovern (Swanlinbar), Shane Hanley (Munterconnaught), Callum Lynch (Drumalee), Seanie Keogan (Ramor United), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Sean Martin (Redhills). Subs: Gareth Mannion (Ramor United) for G Brady, Peter Smith (Crosserlough) for Hanley (BC), Kyle Tyler (Ballinagh) for Keogan, Keogan for McGovern, Cian Shekleton (Kingscourt) for P Smith, Kevin Curtis (Kingscourt) for Molloy.

TYRONE: L Quinn (0-1, f); A Fox (0-1), M McCusker, C Ward; T Quinn, C Munroe, R Slane; M Murnaghan (0-1), J Oguz; C Donaghy (1-3), D Canavan (0-2), D Miller; E Jordan (0-1, f), C Donnelly, T Hoy (1-2). Subs: M Hayes for Donnelly, N Connolly (0-1) for Jordan, M Conroy (1-2, 0-1f) for Hoy, C Slevin for Miller, O McHugh for Ward, K Barker for Murnaghan.

Referee: C Mooney (Down).

## MINOR CHAMPIONSHIP REPORTS

### Ulster Minor Football Championship Qtr Final

Sunday 28th May

Kingspan Breffni

#### Cavan 3-14 Monaghan 1-15

The Electric Ireland Ulster Minor Championship produced a cracker of a game at Kingspan Breffni on Sunday evening as Cavan came back from a 0-11 to 1-5 half time deficit to defeat Monaghan 3-14 to 1-15. This was a game that will live long in the memory of the three thousand plus crowd that paid in to watch it. Monaghan came into the game as clear favourites following their very impressive demolition of Fermanagh in the preliminary round. However, they found themselves on the back foot early on as the home side began strongly. The teams swapped early points and were tied at 0-3 apiece when James Smith rose highest to punch an Oisín Pierson free to the net. Cavan added two further points from Pierson to move five clear midway through the half and put themselves in pole position. However, Monaghan rose to the challenge and led by Dean Connolly, Andrew Woods, Sean Burns and Robert McAlister they reached the break three in front following eight unanswered points. They simply blew Cavan away in the closing ten minutes of the first half and the Breffni men reached the break lucky to be only three in arrears. Cavan looked a different team after the restart as Patrick Lynch, Ruairi Curran, Ryan Coyle, Cormac Timoney and Cian Madden led the fightback. Curran had what appeared a perfectly good goal ruled out in the thirty fifth minute but Cavan put that setback behind them as they hit 1-5 inside the opening ten minutes of the second period to move 2-10 to 0-11 in front. Back came Monaghan with scores from Burns and Conor Doyle before Cavan corner forward Pierson slotted over two fine points.

The pace of the game never let up as both teams went toe to toe in search of scores. Gary O'Rourke in the Cavan goals made three superb stops to keep his team in front but he was powerless to stop Robert McAlister finding the net and reducing the gap to two points. That score saw momentum swing in the direction of the Farney lads as the game entered the final quarter. Cavan were in danger of being over-run but Cian Madden got the all important score when he found the net for the Breffni blues as he finished a fine team move to the net to put further day light between his side and Monaghan. With time running out Monaghan's Conor Doyle carried the ball seventy yards only to lose control as he was about to shoot with the goal at his mercy. Doyle and Pierson did swap late scores and although there were over seven minutes of added time played Monaghan were unable to close the gap and Cavan made it through to the semi finals where they will meet the winners of next week's clash between Down and Armagh.

Scorers for Cavan: James Smith (2-0), Oisín Pierson (0-6, 3f), Cian Madden (1-2), Ruairi Curran (0-2), Patrick Lynch (0-2, 1 45), Ryan Coyle, Tiarnan Reilly (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke (Ballyhaise), John Cooke (Crosserlough), Patrick Meade (Kingscourt), Eavan Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Philip Rogers (Knockbride), Cormac Timoney (Ballinagh), Ryan

Coyle (Lacken), Ronan Patterson (Ramor United), James Smith (Crosserlough), Ruairi Curran (Swanlinbar), Cian Madden (Gowna), Danny Cusack (Lavey), Oisin Pierson (Gowna), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Tiarnan Reilly (Drung).

Subs: Killian Brady (Ramor United) for E Fortune, Oisin Kiernan (Denn) for P Meade, Karl Cosgrove (Castlerahan) for R Curran, Ryan Madden (Gowna) for R Patterson, Sean Keogan (Ramor United) for C Madden.

## **Ulster Minor Football Championship Semi Final**

**Sunday 25th June**

**Athletic Grounds, Armagh**

### **Cavan 0-15 Down 2-7**

Cavan minors came from six points down to deservedly advance to their second Ulster final in three years with a classy attacking performance at the Athletic Grounds. In an entertaining, free-flowing contest, Down went in at half-time holding a four-point lead, thanks to two identical goals. Down opened the scoring three minutes in with a free from the lively Conor McCrickard but Cavan, who had ousted a fancied Monaghan in the quarter-final, hit back with points from Oisin Pierson and James Smith. However, when Down galloped through the centre in the 12th minute and Ruairi McCrickard planted home a goal, the Mourne lads took the lead and, playing with a strong wind at their backs, they followed up with a second major eight minutes later, Liam Kerr this time providing a smart finish. They tacked on another free from full-forward McCrickard before Cavan – who lost star midfielder Ronan Patterson to a black card 10 minutes before the break – finished the half strongly with points from Smith and a Patrick Lynch free to go in four down. But the second half was all about the Blues, who were led brilliantly by Man of the Match James Smith. The powerful midfielder turned in an exhibition of high fielding and on this platform, Cavan built their second-half surge, with Pierson, Lynch and Cian Madden also sparkling. Two super Madden points inside 90 seconds cut the deficit but a magical point from Kerr kept the James McCartan-managed Down in front. Pierson, Seanie Keogan and Declan McClements traded scores next before Pierson curled in a free from the right wing to level it at 2-4 to 0-10.

A turning point arrived in the 42nd minute when Cavan goalkeeper Gary O'Rourke pulled off a smart save from Brendan Gallen – from the resulting counter, Pierson won a free, Lynch converted and Cavan grew in confidence. Lynch and McCrickard exchanged frees but Cavan finally kicked for home and pulled clear with three well-worked scores in succession from Madden, Lynch and Pierson and when the latter fired over another sweet effort, Cavan were four up and cruising. As the clock ticked down and Down pressed, they were forced into some last ditch defending but John Brady's charges showed impressive maturity to hold possession and close it out to book their place in the provincial final against Derry.

Scorers for Cavan: Oisin Pierson (0-5, 1f), Cian Madden (0-3), Patrick Lynch (0-3f), James Smith (0-2), Seanie Keogan (0-2).

Scorers for Down: Liam Kerr (1-1), Conor McCrickard (0-4f), Ruairi McCrickard (1-0), Ruairi McCormack (0-1), Declan McClements (0-1).

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke (Ballyhaise), John Cooke (Crosserlough), Patrick Meade (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Philip Rogers (Knockbride), Evaan Fortune, (Cavan Gaels), Danny Cusack (Lavey), Rónán Patterson (Ramor United), James Smith (Crosserlough), Kevin Hendrick (Munterconnaught), Cian Madden (Gowna), Oisín Kiernan (Denn), Oisín Pierson (Gowna), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Seanie Keogan (Ramor United).

Subs: Karl Cosgrove (Castlerahan) for Patterson (20 mins, BC), Philip Nulty (Knockbride) for Fortune (45 mins), Tiarnan Reilly (Drung) for Cosgrove (54 mins).

DOWN: J Hazard, C Fitzsimons, B Gallen, T Gordon, F McElroy, P Fegan, S Annett, R McCormack, R McCrickard, R Anderson, C Clarke, D McClements (0-1), T Prenter, C McCrickard, L Kerr.

Subs: L Middleton for Prenter (40 mins), R McEvoy for Anderson (54 mins), A Gribben for R McCrickard (54 mins), R Carr for McClements (57 mins).

Referee: Sean Laverty (Antrim).

### **Ulster Minor Football Final Sunday 16th July St Tiernach's Park, Clones**



### **Derry 1-22 Cavan 2-12**

Derry claimed their second Ulster Minor Football title in three years after defeating Cavan by four points at St Tiernach's Park in Clones. Despite losing captain Paddy Meade (to injury) and midfielder James Smith (to a black card) Cavan trailed by just four at the break, running in 0-

14 to 1-7 down. But confident Derry, with captain and man of the match Pdraig McGrogan sweeping in the second half, never looked in any real danger as they cruised to victory with McGrogan lifting the Fr Murray Cup. Come from behind wins over Monaghan and Down reunited Cavan and Derry in a repeat of the 2015 final which Damian McErlain's team won narrowly. Derry's campaign this year included victories over Tyrone and Antrim as the Oakleafers looked to make amends for last year's final defeat at the hands of Donegal. Derry repeated their early blitz against Antrim and raced to a 0-4 to no score lead after just five breathless minutes. Paddy Quigg opened the scoring before a Conleth McShane point was sandwiched by scores apiece by the McWilliams twins Lorcan and Oisin.

Cavan responded superbly when midfielder James Smith countered swiftly before burying the ball past Oran Hartin for the only goal of the half. A Cian Madden point straight after signalled that Derry, despite their early dominance, were very much in a contest. Stung into action the Derry lads rallied impressively, hitting seven of the next eight points including a brace from Bellaghy's Declan Cassidy. But once again Cavan fought back and finished the half the stronger. Patrick Lynch hit the first Breffni point for ten minutes in the 20th minute, but that was soon followed up by white flags from Cian Madden, Tiarnan Reilly and a couple of clinkers from the impressive Philip Rogers. Two rapid fire scores from Oisin Pierson left Cavan just two adrift shortly after the restart. But after that Derry took control, and the introduction of the athletic Callum Brown was their catalyst with the Limavady man's high fielding ability and his direct running. Ben McCarron, Paddy Quigg and Declan Cassidy continued as they left off in the first half and found important scores for their side, before Cavan found a crucial lifeline through a palmed Philip Rogers goal in the 42nd minute. A neat Lorcan McWilliams point soon after stretched the Oakleaf lead to 0-19 to 2-9 with ten to go. A Ben McCarron goal, Derry's only major, would prove to be the key score of the second half in the 52nd minute. Cavan battled right to end, with Oisin Pierson and John Cooke adding late scores, before points from substitutes Alex Doherty and Fergal Mortimer wrapped things up for the new Ulster champions – Derry.

Scorers for Cavan: Philip Rogers 1-2, Oisin Pierson 0-4 (0-2f), James Smith 1-0, Cian Madden 0-2, Patrick Lynch 0-1, Cian Madden 0-1, Tiarnan Reilly 0-1, John Cooke 0-1.

Scorers for Derry: Lorcan McWilliams 0-6 (0-3f), Ben McCarron 1-3, Paddy Quigg 0-4 (0-1f), Declan Cassidy 0-3, Conleth McShane 0-1, Pdraig McGrogan 0-1, Tiarnan McHugh 0-1, Alex Doherty 0-1, Fergal Mortimer 0-1, Oisin McWilliams 0-1f.

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke (Ballyhaise), Evaan Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Paddy Meade (Kingscourt), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Danny Cusack (Lavey), Cormac Timoney (Ballinagh), Kevin Hendrick (Munterconnaught), Ronan Patterson (Ramor United), James Smith (Crosserlough), Oisin Kiernan (Denn), Cian Madden (Gowna), Philip Rogers (Knockbride), Oisin Pierson (Gowna), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Sean Keogan (Ramor United).

Subs: John Cooke (Crosserlough) for P Meade (21), Tiarnan Reilly (Drung) for J Smith (BC 24), Philip Nulty (Knockbride) for K Hendrick (39), Niall McCabe (Knockbride) for S Keogan (49), Callum Lynch (Drumalee) for O Kiernan (51).

Rest of Panel: Stephen Lovett (Killygarry), Ruairi Curran (Swanlinbar), Paul Smith (Laragh United), Lee Reilly (Laragh United), Ryan Coyle (Lacken), Peter Galligan (Lacken), Eoghan Donoghue (Cuchulainns), Ryan Madden (Gowna), Sean Martin (Redhills), Shane Duffy (Kingscourt), Kelan Smyth (Cootehill Celtic), Ben Smith (Ramor United), Karl Cosgrove (Castlerahan), Algirdas Mockus (Ramor United).

DERRY: Oran Hartin, Oran McGill, Conor McCluskey Sean McKeever, Simon McErlain, Dara Rafferty, Conleth McShane, Padraig McGrogan, Oisin McWilliams, Patrick Quigg, Richie Mullan, Declan Cassidy, Ben McCarron, Lorcan McWilliams, Mark McGrogan. Subs: Tiarnan McHugh for M McGrogan (HT), Callum Brown for R Mullan (HT), Alex Doherty for O McGill (39), Martin Bradley for D Cassidy (47), Fergal Mortimer for P Quigg (55), Cormac Murphy for B McCarron (57)

**All-Ireland Minor Football Quarter Final**  
**5th August 2017**  
**Páirc Seán MacDiarmada, Carrick On Shannon**



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**Madden v Galway**

**CAVAN 1-11 GALWAY 0-11**

Cavan minor footballers qualified for the All Ireland semi final for the first time since 1974 with a fantastic win over a fancied Galway side in Carrick-On-Shannon on Saturday afternoon. The tribesmen dominated the opening quarter and led by three (Padraic Costello, Matthias Barrett and a Darragh Silke free) before Oisin Pierson opened Cavan's tally on 14 minutes. This was quickly followed by a Tiarnan Reilly point. Further scores from Padraic Costello,

Darragh Silk (f) and Conor Campbell for Galway and two from Ruairi Curran (one beauty with the outside of the right boot) and Philip Rogers left the minimum between the sides at the break 0-6 to 0-5 in favour of the Connacht champions. As they did in the first, Galway opened the second half the brighter and would lead 0-10 to 0-6 on the three quarter mark. From here on it was all Cavan as they outscored their opponents 1-5 to 0-1 to seal a famous victory. Oisín Pierson sent a bullet to the roof of the Galway net giving keeper Oran Burke no chance. Cian Madden who was magnificent throughout scored three top class points and two more from Pierson (one free) sealed a famous victory. Cavan now play Kerry in the semi final on August 20th in Croke Park.

Scorers for Cavan: Oisín Pierson 1-3 (1f), Cian Madden 0-4 (1f), Ruairi Curran 0-2, Tiernan Reilly 0-1, Philip Rogers 0-1.

Scorers for Galway: Darragh Silke 0-5 (4f), Padraic Costello 0-3 (2f), Matthias Barrett 0-1, Evan Murphy 0-1, Conor Campbell 0-1.

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke (Ballyhaise), John Cooke (Crosserlough), Eavan Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Killian Brady (Ramor United), Philip Nulty (Knockbride), Cormac Timoney (Ballinagh), Danny Cusack (Lavey), Ronan Patterson (Ramor United), James Smith (Crosserlough), Ruairi Curran (Swanlinbar), Cian Madden (Gowna), Philip Rogers (Knockbride), Oisín Pierson (Gowna), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Tiernan Reilly (Drung).

Subs: Ryan Coyle (Lacken) for Brady (22 mins, BC), Oisín Kiernan (Denn) for Timoney (BC, 32 mins), Niall McCabe (Knockbride) for Reilly (42 mins), Sean Keogan (Ramor United) for Lynch (46 mins).

GALWAY: Oran Burke, Eoin McFadden, Sean Mulkerrin, Colin Murray, Jack Glyn, Sean Fitzgerald, Liam Boyle, Matthias Barrett, Evan Murphy, Brian Harlowe, Darragh Silke, Liam Costello, Conor Campbell, Padraic Costello, Daniel Kenny.

Subs: Martin Kerrigan for Harlowe (HT), MacDara Geraghty for L Costello (HT), Matthew Tierney for Geraghty (55 mins).

Referee: James Bermingham (Cork).

**All Ireland Minor Football Championship Semi-Final**  
**Sunday 20th Aug**  
**Croke Park**



Cavan Minor Team v Kerry All -Ireland semi- final.

**KERRY 2-22 CAVAN 2-10**



Gary

O'Rourke blocking.

David Clifford struck a brilliant 1-10 at Croke Park as Kerry secured a remarkable fourth consecutive Electric Ireland All-Ireland minor football final place. Clifford, one of four players

who lined out in last year's final win over Galway, oozed class and kicked 1-7 of his haul from open play. It was Cavan's first semi-final at the grade since 1974 and they enjoyed a purple patch in the third quarter of the game when they kicked 1-5 without reply to reduce a 13-point deficit to just five. But Kerry finished strongly with that Griffin goal. Beaten Ulster finalists Cavan turned their season around with a big quarter-final win over Galway. The Breffni County were on level terms twice inside the first 10 minutes here, but fell 0-4 to 0-2 behind following Kerry points from Clifford and Diarmuid O'Connor and never recovered. A burst of six Kerry points without reply between the 16th and 26th minutes moved the Munster champions 0-10 to 0-03 and hinted at a rout. By this stage, Clifford had claimed five points and won a free for Donal O'Sullivan to convert. Cavan, who had created some opportunities for points, but wasted them, were thrown a lifeline in the form of a fortunate 27th minute goal. Patrick Lynch's long free in wasn't dealt with by Kerry's full-back line or goalkeeper and Oisín Pierson bundled the ball home from close range. Pierson then tapped over a free and suddenly Kerry led by just 0-11 to 1-4 at half-time when it should have been more. Kerry restarted with gusto though and closed out the game within minutes.

Clifford twice went close with goals, hitting the side-netting and then drawing a fine save from Gary O'Rourke before eventually netting in the 35th minute. Friel and then Clifford again added points to put Kerry 1-14 to 1-4 clear. James Smith stemmed the green and gold tide with a 46th minute point for Cavan. There was that solid response from Cavan and Smith fired their second goal while Pierson took his tally to 1-5 for the day, but it was too little, too late and Kerry rallied in stoppage time.

Scorers for Cavan: Oisín Pierson 1-5 (2f), James Smith 1-2, Cian Madden 0-1, Ronan Patterson 0-1, Philip Rogers 0-1.

Scorers for Kerry: David Clifford 1-10 (1f, 2 45s), Jack Griffin 1-1, Brian Friel 0-4, Fiachra Clifford 0-2, Diarmuid O'Connor 0-1, Barry Mahony 0-1, Donnchadh O'Sullivan 0-1, Donal O'Sullivan 0-1 (1f), Eddie Horan 0-1.

CAVAN: Gary O'Rourke (Ballyhaise), John Cooke (Crosserlough), Evaan Fortune (Cavan Gaels), Ryan Coyle (Lacken), Philip Nulty (Knockbride), Cormac Timoney (Ballinagh), Danny Cusack (Lavey), Ronan Patterson (Ramor United), James Smith (Crosserlough), Ruairi Curran (Swanlinbar), Cian Madden (Gowna), Philip Rogers (Knockbride), Oisín Pierson (Gowna), Patrick Lynch (Crosserlough), Oisín Kiernan (Denn).

Subs: Sean Keogan (Ramor United) for Kiernan (HT), Killian Brady (Ramor United) for Coyle (37), Niall McCabe (Knockbride) for Lynch (45), Tiarnan Reilly (Drung) for Curran (51), Patrick Meade (Kingscourt) for Patterson (60), Ryan Madden (Gowna) for Timoney (68).

KERRY: Deividas Uosis; Niall Donohue, Chris O'Donoghue, Sean O'Leary; Patrick Warren, Michael Potts, Cian Gammell; Barry Mahony, Diarmuid O'Connor; Adam Donoghue, Brian Friel, Fiachra Clifford; David Clifford, Donnchadh O'Sullivan, Donal O'Sullivan. Subs: Jack Griffin for Donnchadh O'Sullivan (43), Eddie Horan for Warren (47), Cathal Ferriter for Donal O'Sullivan (51), Ciaran O'Reilly for F Clifford (58), Michael O'Leary for Mahony (61), Ryan O'Neill for Gammell (68).

REFEREE: Liam Devenney (Mayo).



Oisin Pearson who was named on the Electric Minor team of the year. Congratulations and well done.

Congratulations and thanks to John Brady, our team manager and his team management and back room team, coaches Keelan Melaniff and Jack Brady, selectors John Young, James Moynagh, Barney Brady, Louis Lyons, Ciaran O'Malley, Colin Oates, coordinator Angela Hamilton, kitmen Martin Colwell and Emmet Henry, goalkeeping coach Sean McGovern and also Liam Brady & Aaron Farrelly who helped out earlier in the year. Looking after stats & analysis were Peadar Soden and Sean Keady. Thanks to physios John O'Neill and Caroline Smith, for this achievement in getting to Croke Park. I hope this will be a valuable help to our younger players having played at the highest level. John and his team put in serious work with both teams and this proved to be the key in reaching both Ulster Finals. There is no more U/18 competitions next year so John and his team will be in charge of the U/17 for 2018. We wish them well.



Darren Sheridan and Matthew Hynes Lory Meagher All- Stars 2017. Congratulations lads.

## **Senior Hurling Championship Final**

### **Sunday 24th September**

#### **Kingspan Breffni**

Mullahoran St. Joseph's 4-19  
Cootehill Celtic 0-5

The Mullahoran side had it all too easy with their superior technical skills allied to their greater physical strength making for an all-conquering display in claiming the senior hurling championship in a sunny Kingspan Breffni.

On a perfect day for hurling, Cootehill were a poor shadow of their normal selves and were in trouble from the get-go.

A goal in the 4th minute by Man of the Match Michael Carr had the winners-elect on the road to victory. Cootehill remained under the cosh and Carr goaled again in the 17th minute to make it 2-6 to 0-2. Despite points from Diarmaid Carney and Fiachra Hughes, Cootehill looked down and out as they slumped to a 0-2 to 2-9 half-time deficit.

The lights remained stuck on blue and gold on the restart although Cootehill performed better in the second half.

Mullahoran's third goal arrived in the 44th goal from dual star Philip Brady after sloppy defence by the Celts, making it 3-14 to 0-2 for the would-be winners.

Cootehill made a fight of it in the last quarter but Mullahoran showed their mettle again with a fourth goal from Adam Mulcahy. Mullahoran refused to pull up in the finishing straight and points from Conneely and Dalton sealed victory.

Mullahoran face Tyrone champions Naomh Colmcille in the first round of the Ulster JHC.

Scorers for Mullahoran: M Carr (2-3); P Brady (1-3); K Conneely (0-3); D Dalton (0-5, 4f); A Mulcahy (1-0); N Browne (0-2); S Harten (0-1); A Sheridan (0-1).

Scorers for Cootehill Celtic: F Hughes (0-2); D Carney (0-2); C Carney (0-1)

Mullahoran St. Joseph's:

D Sheridan, S Og Brady, C O'Brien, A Sheridan, K O'Reilly, M Hynes, R O'Hagan, D Kelly, S Sheils, N Browne, K Conneely, D Dalton, M Sexton, M Carr, P Brady.

Subs: S Harten for M Hynes, S Sheridan for S Óg Brady, A Mulcahy for P Brady, F O'Reilly for D Dalton, B Nannery for K O'Reilly.

Cootehill Celtic:

A Hamilton, J Kelly, A Fitzpatrick, J McKitterick, N Clerkin, E Shalvey, J Fitzgerald, R Everett, F Hughes, C Carney, J Carney, D Carney, E Magee, C Farrell, M Moffett.

Subs: C Wall for C Farrell, O McDonald for J McKitterick, C Shalvey for C Carney, M Hayes for A Fitzpatrick, G O'Rourke for R Everett.

Referee: Martin Cleary (Cavan).



**Mullahoran St. Joseph's Senior hurling Champions 2017**



## Cavan Minor Hurling Team

### **Ulster Minor Hurling Shield Quarter Final Friday 21st April Cloghan**

Cavan 2-10 Monaghan 2-17

Our minor hurlers travelled to Cloghan this evening to take on Monaghan in the Ulster shield quarter final. Despite a competitive game the hosts finished the stronger and ran out seven point winners.

In essence, the Monaghan lads sealed victory with their first half performance, scoring freely while the Cavan lads had to work harder for their scores. Monaghan opened with three points before Diarmaid Carney registered Cavan's first score after five minutes. Over the next 5, the visitors had a purple patch and posted three more scores. Eoghan McGrath sandwiching two from Diarmaid Carney, all from play. Monaghan then went on a scoring spree with 1-6 without reply, Ciaran Guinan netting for the farney lads. Two points before half time from Carney (free) and McGrath left it 1-12 to 0-6 at the break in favour of the hosts.

The Cavan lads set about closing the gap and that they did with purpose. Jesse Holland had a super point after two minutes and followed it with a goal a minute later. A second Cavan goal

from Michael Smith followed by points from McGrath & Carney closed the margin to three and it was game on. However, a long Monaghan ball found its way to the net to put the result beyond doubt as the final whistle loomed.

Scorers for Cavan: Diarmaid Carney (0-6, 2f), Michael Smith (1-0), Jesse Holland (1-1), Eoghan McGrath (0-3).

CAVAN: Colm Shalvey (Cootehill Celtic), Cian McEntee (East Cavan Gaels), Gary O'Rourke (Cootehill Celtic), Fionn Fleming (St Feilims), Oisín McDonald (Cootehill Celtic), Peter Devine (Woodford Gaels), Michael Smith (Annalee Gaels), Mark Sexton (Annalee Gaels), Jack Barry (East Cavan Gaels), Philip McCabe (East Cavan Gaels), Eoghan McGrath (St Feilims), Conor Smith (Annalee Gaels), Jesse Holland (Cootehill Celtic), Diarmaid Carney (Cootehill Celtic), Conor Shalvey (Cootehill Celtic). Subs: Sean McMahan (East Cavan Gaels) for C Smith, Ryan Gargan (East Cavan Gaels) for F Fleming,

MONAGHAN: P Bermingham, A Grennan, D McAree, L McQuillan, D Cassidy, D Irwin, J Marron, R McMahan, O Kiernan, H Brennan, C O'Rourke, C Guinan, D Whelan, N O'Donoghue, P McGahon.

## The Celtic Challenge



Cavan Celtic Challenge Hurling team.

The Celtic Challenge U17 hurling competition proved to be a great success again this year with every county taking part.

Our first outing was to Carrick on Shannon on Wed 3rd May to play Leitrim. Both side were guilty of wayward shooting early on but Leitrim settled the better and led by two at half time 0-4 to 0-2, the Cavan scores coming from Jesse Holland and Conor Shalvey. Cavan battled well in the second half, scoring 1-2, the gaol from Jack Barry. However, a strong second finish by Leitrim saw them winning 3-8 to 1-4.

We hosted Monaghan in Kingspan Breffni in round 2 on Wednesday 10th May and the Cavan lads had an emphatic win. Conor Masterson opened the scoring for Cavan after four minutes which was quickly cancelled out by a Hugh Brennan strike. Cavan went three up through Jesse Holland with two 65s and Cormac Smith before Pdraig McGahon pulled one back for the visitors. Jesse Holland and Conor Masterson, who both impressed, got two point apiece to Monaghan's one before the break to leave five between the sides at the break. Cavan 0-8 Monaghan 0-3. Cavan management of Mark Hayes, Rossa Gaffney, Kathryn Flynn and Keith Greene and Monaghan's Aidan Morgan and Derek Maguire introduced players from the bench throughout the second half. Each player gets gametime on match days in the Celtic Challenge which is a positive move particularly as these games are often played on county grounds.

The Monaghan lads battled well throughout but the hosts continued to keep the scoreboard ticking, with five goals in the second half from Jack Barry, Philip McCabe, Mark Sexton, Brían O'Rourke and Jesse Holland. There was points also from Jesse Holland (2), Conor Masterson, Jack Barry, Philip McCabe and Odhran Keating to Monaghans's three from Pdraig McGahon with two frees and Hugh Brennan.

Scorers for Cavan: Jesse Holland (1-6, 3f), Conor Masterson (0-4), Jack Barry (1-1), Philip McCabe (1-1), Mark Sexton (1-0), Brían O'Rourke (1-0), Cormac Smith (0-1), Odhran Keating (0-1).

Scorers for Monaghan: Pdraig McGahon (0-4f), Hugh Brennan (0-2).

CAVAN: Eoghan McGrath, Michael Smith, Cian McEntee, Conor Harten, Mark Sexton, Aaron Kenny, Ross O'Gorman, Jack Barry, Peter Devine, Conor Masterson, Jesse Holland, Donal O'Gorman, Conor Shalvey, Donal Keapock, Cormac Smith.

Fionn Fleming, Conor Smith, Philip McCabe, Ryan Gargan, Brían O'Rourke, Liam Maguire, Declan Mernagh, Conall Wallace, Patrick Larkin, Darragh Donnellan, Aaron Crowe, Cian Donoghue, Odhran Keating, David Emmo, Sean McMahan.

MONAGHAN: Michael Maguire, Logan McQuillan, Sean Conway, Declan Hughes, Darragh Cassidy, Niall Birmingham, Daniel Boyle, Steven Beattie, Ronan Boyle, Hugh Brennan, Pdraig McGahon, Ciaran Guinan, Darragh Whelan, Jarlath McGahon, Emmett Walsh. David Irwin, Aaron Boyle, Ethan O'Gorman, Cathal O'Rourke, Conor Gernan, Ciaran Slevin, Kian O'Connor, Aaron Treanor.

Referee: Noel Mullaney (Monaghan).

Best and Fairest Awards: Conor Masterson (Cavan) and Ciaran Guinan (Monaghan).

Round 3 was played on Wed 17th May in Edwin Carolan Park, Mullagh. Louth who remain unbeaten in this competition set the foundation for victory with a dominant first half, scoring 1-12 to Cavan's 0-2. Jack Barry and Jesse Holland getting the Cavan scores. Ciaran McGlynn hit six points for the Louth boys in the opening half and their goal came from the stick of Paul McEvoy. The hosts worked hard to get back into the game and outscored Louth in the second half, Jesse Holland (2) and Philip McCabe with the Cavan scores to leave final score: Louth 1-12 Cavan 0-5 Cootehill Celtic's Jesse Holland and Louth's Paul McEvoy picked up the Best and Fairest awards after the game.

CAVAN: Eoghan McGrath, Ross O’Gorman, Cian McEntee, Fionn Fleming, Mark Sexton, Peter Devine, Conor Masterson, Jack Barry (0-1), Jesse Holland (0-3), Conor Harten, Michael Smith, Donal O’Gorman, Conor Smith, Philip McCabe (0-1), Conor Shalvey, Ryan Gargan, Brian O’Rourke, Liam Maguire, Declan Mernagh, Conall Wallace, Patrick Larkin, Cormac Smith, Darragh Donnellan, Aaron Crowe, Cian Donoghue, Odhran Keating, David Emmo, Sean McMahon, Aaron Kenny, Donal Keappock.

LOUTH: Jack Murray, Eoghan O’Hora, Evan Morgan, Danny Morgan, Ciaran Brennan, Pdraig Fallon 0-2, Ryan Walsh 0-1, Finn Madden, Dan McCabe, Ciaran McGlynn 0-7, Sean Kerrisk 0-1, Stephen Beirth 0-1, Ciaran Brennan, Paul McEvoy, 1-0, Jack Tobin, Cian Fitzpatrick, Shane McAllsiter (St Fechins), Darren Geoghegan.

Referee: Michael Loftus (Armagh).

Next up was Meath Kings in round 4 played in Trim on Saturday 27th May. The Meath lads proved to be stronger both in their general play and their ability to take scores. Meath led 5-4 to 1-1 at the break, Jesse Holland getting both Cavan scores. Meath maintained their dominance in the second half and ran out winners 9-5 to 1-2. Following the group games, all teams go into playoffs based on their finishing position. Cavan would travel to play Kildare Cadets on Saturday 10th June in Kilmessan. A great entertaining game ensued between two evenly matched teams. While Kildare led at the break 1-7 to 0-5, the Cavan lads had missed at least two goal chances and were very competitive throughout with Jesse Holland very much to the fore scoring four with Donal Keappock getting the other.

Within six minutes of the restart, Cavan had closed the gap to a single point when Jesse Holland rattled in a goal having previously scored a point. 1-2 without reply for Kildare opened a six point lead again as the game entered the final quarter but the Cavan lads kept battling and reduced the margin to two with points from Jesse Holland (4) and Conor Shalvey to leave the final score Cavan: 1-11 Kildare Cadets: 2-10.

Scorers for Cavan: Jesse Holland (1-9, 4f), Donal Keappock (0-1), Conor Shalvey (0-1).

CAVAN: Eoghan McGrath, Ross O’Gorman, Cian McEntee, Fionn Fleming, Mark Sexton, Peter Devine, Conor Masterson, Jack Barry, Jesse Holland, Conor Harten, Michael Smith, Donal O’Gorman, Conor Smith, Philip McCabe, Conor Shalvey, Ryan Gargan, Brian O’Rourke, Liam Maguire, Declan Mernagh, Conall Wallace, Patrick Larkin, Cormac Smith, Darragh Donnellan, Aaron Crowe, Cian Donoghue, Odhran Keating, David Emmo, Sean McMahon, Aaron Kenny, Donal Keappock, Cian Smith.

A big thank you to Mark Hayes, Rossa Gaffney and Keith Greene for their work with the Minor and U/17 teams. They are doing great work keeping these young lads interested in playing at this level.

## LORY MEAGHER REPORTS

**Lory Meagher Cup**  
**Saturday 22nd April**  
**Kingspan Breffni**

**Cavan 1-14 Warwickshire 3-28**



Cavan senior hurlers returned to senior action in 2017 competing in the Lory Meagher Cup. The first game was to host a strong Warwickshire team in Kingspan Breffni (who would go onto win the competition). Warwickshire were comfortable winners on the day but there were some notable Cavan performances with this being the first action for many of the Cavan lads at this level.

Scorers for Cavan: Diarmuid Cahill (0-8, 7f), Lonan McKenna (1-0), Kevin Conneely (0-2), Sean Keating (0-2), Rob Everett, Mark Moffett (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Darren Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Daithi Neary (Woodford Gaels), Mark Hayes (Cootehill Celtic), Matthew Hynes (Mullahoran St Josephs), Caolan Kelly (St Feilims), Diarmuid Cahill (Coill Dubh), Niall Browne (Mullahoran St Josephs), Rob Everett (Cootehill Celtic), Kevin Conneely (Mullahoran St Josephs), Cillian Sheanon (Cuala), Sean Keating (St Feilims), James McCormack (Bannow / Ballymitty), Fiachra Hughes (Cootehill Celtic), Anthony Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Conchur Ó Droma (Realt Dearg).

Subs: Lonan McKenna (Cootehill Celtic) for C Ó Droma (HT), Ronan O'Hagan (Mullahoran St Josephs) for C Kelly (HT), Colum Sheanon (Cuala) for J McCormack (HT), Neasan Neary (Woodford Gaels) for F Hughes (46), Mark Moffett (Cootehill Celtic) for N Browne (70).

Referee: Shane Hynes (Galway).

**Lory Meagher Cup Rd 2**  
**Saturday 29th April**  
**Páirc Seán MacDiarmada, Carrick on Shannon**

**Cavan 0-12 Leitrim 1-20**

Cavan travelled to Carrick on Shannon for round 2 of the Lory Meagher Cup. A good first half saw just one point between the sides at the break with the hosts pulling away in the second half. This game was closer than the scoreline suggests with some notable improvements in Cavan's play from the Warwickshire game. Cavan led by two as half time approached with some outstanding points from Rob Everett and Sean Keating in particular. However, Cavan suffered a sucker blow when Zac Moradi blasted a goal in the last play of the half. Leitrim would tag on seven without reply in the third quarter. Cavan were working hard and scored five points in the last fifteen but Leitrim closed the game out with the last three scores to win 1-20 to 0-12.

Scorers for Cavan: Kevin Conneely (0-4), Sean Keating (0-3), Rob Everett (0-2), Diarmuid Cahill (0-2, f, 65), Niall Browne (0-1).

CAVAN: Darren Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Daithi Neary (Woodford Gaels), Mark Hayes (Cootehill Celtic), Matthew Hynes (Mullahoran St Josephs), Ronan O'Hagan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Anthony Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Rob Everett (Cootehill Celtic), Diarmuid Cahill (Coill Dubh), Kevin Conneely (Mullahoran St Josephs), Neasan Neary (Woodford Gaels), Sean Keating (St Feilims), Mark Moffett (Cootehill Celtic), Niall Browne (Mullahoran St Josephs), Lonan McKenna (Cootehill Celtic), Fiachra Hughes (Cootehill Celtic). Subs: James McCormack (Bannow / Ballymitty) for N Neary (24), Derrick Dalton (Mullahoran St Josephs) for A Sheridan (HT), Kevin O'Reilly (Ballymachugh) for M Moffett (43), Conchur Ó Droma (Realt Dearg) for F Hughes 55).

**Lory Meagher Rd 3**  
**Saturday 6th May - Kingspan Breffni**  
**Cavan 0-9 Sligo 1-20**

In round 3 Cavan hosted Sligo with similar results to the Leitrim game. The extra games the opponent teams had in the Allianz League were beneficial but there were improvements in the Cavan team yet again with games. The first half was competitive with Sligo leading 1-10 to 0-7 at the break.

A dominant second half from the visitors saw them outscore the Breffni lads 10 points to 2 and run out convincing winners.

Scorers for Cavan: Kevin Conneely (0-3, 1f), Sean Keating (0-2, 1f), Niall Browne (0-2), Fiachra Hughes (0-1), Anthony Sheridan 0-1, '65).

CAVAN: Darren Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Daithi Neary (Woodford Gaels), Mark Hayes (Cootehill Celtic), Matthew Hynes (Mullahoran St Josephs), Ronan O'Hagan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Anthony Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Rob Everett (Cootehill Celtic), Niall Browne (Mullahoran St Josephs), Sean Keating (St Feilims), Derrick Dalton (Mullahoran St Josephs), Kevin Conneely (Mullahoran St Josephs), Fiachra Hughes (Cootehill Celtic), Stephen Harten (Ballymachugh), Lonan McKenna (Cootehill Celtic), Owen Roe O'Reilly (Mullahoran St Josephs).

**Lory Meagher Rd 4  
Old Bedian Sports Grounds, Lancashire**

**Cavan 1-18 Lancashire 0-24**

Ronan Crowley stole the show in Manchester as his 20 point tally broke Cavan's hearts in the Lory Meagher Cup.

The Bandon native was in unerring form from placed balls and from open play in perfect conditions at the Old Bedian Sports Ground.

Cavan led by 1-18 to 0-20 with just over five minutes remaining in the game but three unanswered points from Crowley and one from Thomas Duane got the exiles out of jail.

Despite their lack of NHL experience this year, both sides showed little signs of being rusty in what turned out to be an exciting, high-octane, tit-for-tat affair.

With Crowley to the fore, the hosts led by 0-7 to 0-4 before Cuala clubman Colum Sheanon goaled for Cavan to gain parity for the raging hot underdogs.

Cavan were forced to play catch-up for most of the match but they were deservedly on level terms (1-8 to 0-11) at the interval.

The third quarter was confined mainly to a shoot-out, from frees, between Crowley and Cavan's Diarmaid Cahill, son of team-manager Dinny. Cahill's converted free in the 54th minute served to edge the visitors into the lead (1-14 to 0-16) for the fifth time in the match.

Lancashire trailed by 0-19 to 1-18 when they had defender Simon Wallace red-carded.

With 65 minutes on the clock, still led by a single point but Crowley and co. refused to lie down. The Breffni blues went behind for the final time to a Crowley free (72) but that wasn't the end of the matter.

In a final dash for the chequered flag, Cahill rifled the sliotar low and hard from a 25 metre free but his attempt at goal was batted out to safety by a posse of Lancashire defenders manning their own goal-line.

Cavan scorers: Colum Sheanon (1-6); Cillian Sheanon (0-2); D Cahill (0-5, 4f); S Harten (0-2); F Hughes (0-2, 2f); M Sexton (0-1).

Lancashire scorers : R Crowley (0-20, 15f); A Slattery (0-2); D O'Brien (0-1); T Duane (0-1).

CAVAN: Darren Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Daithi Neary (Woodford Gaels), Mark Hayes (Cootehill Celtic), Donal Kelly (Mullahoran St Josephs), Kevin O'Reilly (Ballymachugh), Anthony Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Matthew Hynes (Mullahoran St Josephs), Niall Browne (Mullahoran St Josephs), Diarmuid Cahill (Coill Dubh), Stephen Harten (Ballymachugh), Colum Sheanon (Cuala), Fiachra Hughes (Cootehill Celtic), Cillian Sheanon (Cuala), Rob Everett (Cootehill Celtic, Michael Sexton (Mullahoran St Josephs).

Subs: Conchur Ó Droma (Realt Dearg) for D Kelly (HT).

LANCASHIRE: VMorrissey, L Knocker, C Larkin, J Cleere, S Wallace, G Jacob, N Unwin, T Duane, D Cahalane, D O'Brien, S Duncan, R Crowley, S Power, D Maskey, A Slattery.

Subs; P Duggan for S Power (HT); D Coughlan for N Unwin (51).

**Lory Meagher Rd 5**  
**20th May**  
**Lisbellaw**

**Cavan 4-17 Fermanagh 0-17**

Cavan had a successful outing in the final round of this years Lory Meagher Cup when they were convincing winners over Fermanagh in Lisbellaw. There was steady improvement in the Cavan performances as players got game time and became accustomed to playing at this level.

The Cavan lads were dominant in all sectors of the field and were enjoyable to watch as some of the passing and score taking was of the highest calibre and the visitors had a commanding lead 3-12 to 0-7 at the break, the goals coming from Kevin Conneely, Cillian Sheanon and John Sheanon.

Cavan continued to tag on scores as Fermanagh worked to close the gap. A second goal from Cillian Sheanon and some outstanding defending at the back ensured Cavan would seal the first victory and finish the campaign on a high.

Scorers for Cavan: Colum Sheanon (2-5), John Sheanon (1-6, 1f), Kevin Conneely (1-0), Diarmuid Cahill (0-1f), Ronan O'Hagan, Cillian Sheanon, Sean Keating, Michael Sexton, Niall Browne (0-1 each).

CAVAN: Darren Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Daithi Neary (Woodford Gaels), Mark Hayes (Cootehill Celtic), Matthew Hynes (Mullahoran St Josephs), Ronan O'Hagan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Anthony Sheridan (Mullahoran St Josephs), Rob Everett (Cootehill Celtic), Niall Browne (Mullahoran St Josephs), Diarmuid Cahill (Coill Dubh), Sean Keating (St Feilims), Colum Sheanon (Cuala), Michael Sexton (Mullahoran St Josephs), Cillian Sheanon (Cuala), Kevin Conneely (Mullahoran St Josephs), John Sheanon (Cuala).

Subs: Stephen Harten (Ballymachugh), for S Keating (50m), Donal Kelly (Mullahoran St Josephs) for R Everett (61), Fiachra Hughes (Cootehill Celtic), for M Sexton (65), Owen Roe O'Reilly (Mullahoran St Josephs) for Cillian Sheanon (68), Kevin O'Reilly (Ballymachugh) for M Hynes (68).



## Cavan Senior Hurling team v Lancashire

Cavan are back in County Senior Hurling action.

The process started before Christmas last year with a little success regarding numbers at training etc. After a meeting with Sean Farrell, Eamonn Dalton, Seamus Hughes and Peadar Neary the County Board entered the team in the Lory Meagher competition.

We competed well but didn't have our full-compliment of players until the last game v Fermanagh. We have entered the A.N.H.L. and Lory Meagher for 2018.

Michael Carr has been appointed as manager for 2018. We wish him and his backroom all the best for the future.

I want to sincerely thank Sean Farrell, Eamonn Dalton, Seamus Hughes and Peadar Neary for their efforts in getting the team back on track. They never gave up the fight and we are where we are because of them. I also want to thank Dinny Cahill for his work with the team. Thanks to Mark O'Rourke who attended all games and helped me with the planning of the trip to Lancashire. He went to Manchester and organised the schedule for the weekend. To the players a big thank you for sticking to your guns and getting organised to take part. You have shown great commitment and I believe a bigger commitment in 2018 could reap great benefits for you as a team. Best of luck.

## Cavan Results 2017

### Hastings Cup U21

Rd 1	Cavan	3-15	Roscommon	0-14
Rd 2	Cavan	1-8	Longford	1-12
Rd 3	Westmeath	2-10	Cavan	1-16
Semi Final	Cavan	1-8	Meath	2-9

### EirGrid Ulster U21 Football Championship

Qtr Final	Cavan	2-19	Fermanagh	0-4
Semi Final	Cavan	0-13	Donegal	3-17

### BOI Dr McKenna Cup

Rd 1	Cavan	1-13	Tyrone	0-12
Rd 2	Donegal	1-6	Cavan	2-14
Rd 3	Cavan	0-15	Ulster University	0-19

### Allianz Football League Division 1

Rd 1	Cavan	0-11	Dublin	0-18
Rd 2	Monaghan	0-7	Cavan	0-7
Rd 3	Tyrone	0-19	Cavan	1-9
Rd 4	Cavan	0-11	Donegal	1-16
Rd 5	Mayo	0-15	Cavan	1-14
Rd 6	Cavan	1-10	Kerry	0-13
Rd 7	Roscommon	1-13	Cavan	1-10

### Ulster Senior Football Championship

Qtr Final	Cavan	0-15	Monaghan	1-15
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### All Ireland Qualifiers

Rd 1B	Offaly	0-16	Cavan	1-17
Rd 2B	Cavan	0-18	Tipperary	2-15

### Ulster Minor Football League

Rd 1	Armagh	1-13	Cavan	3-11
Rd 2	Cavan	2-15	Down	2-11
Rd 3	Cavan	2-8	Monaghan	0-5
Cup Semi Final	Cavan	2-5	Tyrone	1-12

### Ulster U17 Football League

Rd 1	Armagh	0-6	Cavan	7-14
Rd 2	Cavan	1-11	Down	1-11
Rd 3	Cavan	0-16	Monaghan	0-1
Cup Semi Final	Cavan	2-9	Tyrone	0-16

### Ulster Minor Football Championship

Qtr Final	Cavan	3-14	Monaghan	1-15
Semi Final	Cavan	0-15	Down	2-7
Final	Cavan	2-12	Derry	1-22

### All Ireland Minor Football Championship

Qtr Final	Cavan	1-11	Galway	0-11
Semi Final	Cavan	2-10	Kerry	2-22

### **Ulster U17 Football Special Competition**

Qtr Final	Cavan	3-15	Derry	1-9
Semi Final	Cavan	5-11	Antrim	2-11
Final	Cavan	0-6	Tyrone	3-14

### **Ulster Minor Hurling Shield**

Qtr Final	Cavan	2-10	Monaghan	2-17
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### **Celtic Challenge U17 Hurling**

Rd 1	Leitrim	3-8	Cavan	1-4
Rd 2	Cavan	5-14	Monaghan	0-6
Rd 3	Louth	1-12	Cavan	0-5
Rd 4	Meath Kings	9-5	Cavan	1-2
Playoff	Cavan	1-11	Kildare Cadets	2-10

### **Lory Meagher Cup**

Rd 1	Warwickshire	3-28	Cavan	1-14
Rd 2	Leitrim	1-20	Cavan	0-12
Rd 3	Cavan	0-9	Sligo	1-20
Rd 4	Lancashire	0-24	Cavan	1-18
Rd 5	Fermanagh	0-17	Cavan	4-17

## Cavan Senior Football Championship



Cavan Gaels came back strong from a disappointing year in 2016 to claim the Oliver Plunkett Cup at the expense of Castlerahan. The Gaels under the management of Jason O Reilly, were favourites from the off and went through unbeaten .

They also claimed the League title and were unbeaten in Cavan Competitions in 2017

Man of the match in the Final (Sean Johnston).

In the Ulster Club Championship, they defeated Lamh Dearg (Antrim) drew with Derrygonnelly and won the replay but lost the final to Slaughtneil.

28/07/2017	Rd 1	Ramor United	1	13	Cúchulainns	1	12
28/07/2017	Rd 1	Cavan Gaels	1	14	Lacken GAA	2	7
29/07/2017	Rd 1	Castlerahan GAA	0	16	Arva	0	13
29/07/2017	Rd 1	Lavey	2	9	Cootehill Celtic GAA	1	12
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Crosserlough	2	13	Ballinagh	1	13
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Kingscourt	1	15	Mullahoran GFC	0	4
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Killygarry GAA	2	9	Gowna	0	9
04/08/2017	Rd 2	Castlerahan GAA	2	8	Lavey	2	8
04/08/2017	Rd 2	Cavan Gaels	3	15	Arva	0	9
05/08/2017	Rd 2	Ramor United	2	12	Kingscourt	2	11
05/08/2017	Rd 2	Cúchulainns	2	12	Killygarry GAA Club	3	14
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Lacken GAA	1	7	Ballinagh	2	11
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Mullahoran GFC	0	8	Cootehill Celtic GAA	0	13
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Crosserlough	0	12	Gowna	2	13
11/08/2017	Rd 3	Ramor United	1	7	Cavan Gaels	2	14
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Arva	1	11	Lavey	0	14
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Cootehill Celtic	2	11	Cúchulainns	3	10
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Killygarry GAA	2	8	Lacken GAA	0	15
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Crosserlough	2	17	Mullahoran GFC	1	17
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Ballinagh	1	6	Castlerahan GAA	1	11
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Kingscourt	3	16	Gowna	2	12
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Arva	0	11	Ramor United	4	19
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Gowna	0	10	Lacken GAA	0	10
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Kingscourt	0	7	Killygarry GAA Club	1	16
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Cootehill Celtic	2	5	Cavan Gaels	0	11

26/08/2017	Rd 4	Crosserlough	0	14	Castlerahan GAA	0	15
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Mullahoran GFC	0	11	Ballinagh	1	17
26/08/2017	Rd 4	Lavey	2	16	Cúchulainns	1	18
02/09/2017	Playoff Game A	Cootehill Celtic	4	10	Ballinagh	0	22
03/09/2017	Playoff Game B	Crosserlough	2	12	Kingscourt	3	12
06/09/2017	Playoff Replay	Ballinagh	0	11	Cootehill Celtic	3	12
09/09/2017	Quarter Final	Killygarry GAA	0	12	Kingscourt	1	10
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Ramor United	3	9	Lavey	1	11
10/09/2017	Playoff Game C	Ballinagh	0	9	Crosserlough	2	13
10/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Gowna	2	8	Arva	0	7
16/09/2017	Quarter Final	Cavan Gaels	1	14	Crosserlough	3	6
16/09/2017	Quarter Final	Castlerahan	0	18	Cootehill Celtic	0	12
16/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Lacken	3	15	Cúchulainns	1	10
23/09/2017	Semi Final	Cavan Gaels	2	10	Kingscourt	0	8
23/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Ballinagh	2	14	Mullahoran GFC	1	14
24/09/2017	Semi Final	Castlerahan	0	10	Ramor United	0	9
08/10/2017	Final	Castlerahan	0	8	Cavan Gaels	0	13

### Cavan Intermediate Championship.



Shercock claimed the victory in the Championship over a fancied Ballyhaise team to win their first Intermediate title since 1984

Man of the match in the Final (Niall Clerkin)

They played a strong Newbridge from Derry and were defeated.

28/07/2017	Rd 1	Killeshandra	1	9	Ballyhaise	5	11
28/07/2017	Rd 1	Drumlane	1	15	Redhills	0	10
29/07/2017	Rd 1	Killinkere CLG	2	11	Belturbet	1	15
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Butlersbridge	0	13	Laragh Utd	0	16
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Shercock	0	12	Cornafean	2	5
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Swanlinbar	2	10	Drumgoon	2	20
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Denn	1	10	Bailieborough	1	14
04/08/2017	Rd 2	Killinkere	1	10	Killeshandra	0	10
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Butlersbridge	0	9	Ballyhaise	2	20
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Redhills	2	5	Denn	2	17

06/08/2017	Rd 2	Cornafean	0	13	Swanlinbar	2	14
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Shercock	1	7	Drumgoon	2	8
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Drumlane	0	6	Belturbet	0	11
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Bailieborough	0	8	Laragh Utd	1	13
11/08/2017	Rd 3	Redhills	1	15	SSwanlinbar	3	11
11/08/2017	Rd 3	Laragh Utd	0	18	Drumlane	0	9
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Bailieborough	0	15	Butlersbridge	0	15
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Drumgoon	1	10	Belturbet	0	11
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Ballyhaise	1	16	Killinkere	1	10
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Denn	1	12	Shercock	2	12
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Cornafean	2	13	Killeshandra	0	7
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Drumlane	0	13	Swanlinbar	0	13
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Laragh Utd	2	9	Shercock	2	8
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Butlersbridge	0	10	Belturbet	1	11
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Killeshandra	0	0	Drumgoon	0	0
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Denn	0	20	Ballyhaise	1	10
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Cornafean	1	17	Redhills	2	11
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Bailieborough	3	12	Killinkere	1	13
01/09/2017	Playoff Game A	Denn	0	7	Shercock	0	13
06/09/2017	Playoff Game B	Denn	4	8	Cornafean	2	21
08/09/2017	Quarter Final	Belturbet	2	9	Bailieborough	1	9
09/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Killinkere	0	6	Butlersbridge	2	8
09/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Drumlane	0	6	Redhills	2	12
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Drumgoon	2	10	Cornafean	0	13
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Laragh Utd	2	7	Shercock	2	8
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Ballyhaise	5	12	SSwanlinbar	1	9
16/09/2017	Semi Final	Ballyhaise	1	6	Belturbet	0	9
16/09/2017	Semi Final	Shercock	2	13	Drumgoon	1	13
22/09/2017	Semi Final Replay	Belturbet	0	13	Ballyhaise	0	14
23/09/2017	Relegation Playoff	Denn	1	9	Killeshandra	1	10
01/10/2017	Final	Ballyhaise	1	9	Shercock	2	11

### Cavan Junior Championship.



Ballymachugh came back from losing the final in 2016 to claim their first Junior Championship title since 1921 against a gallant Drumalee team.

Man of the match in the Final: (James Kiernan)

In Ulster, they defeated Patrick Sarsfields Antrim before losing to Naomh Colmcille in the Quarter final.

29/07/2017	Rd 1	Kildallan	0	17	Kill Shamrocks	2	15
29/07/2017	Rd 1	Templeport	1	11	Drung	1	13
29/07/2017	Rd 1	Ballymachugh	0	12	Drumalee	0	7
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Shannon Gaels	2	13	Corlough	0	13
30/07/2017	Rd 1	Mountnugent	2	5	Cnoc Bríde	0	9
01/08/2017	Rd 1	Munterconnaught	2	12	Maghera MacFinns	1	10
04/08/2017	Rd 2	Corlough	2	7	Kill Shamrocks	4	11
05/08/2017	Rd 2	Shannon Gaels	0	14	Drumalee	1	13
05/08/2017	Rd 2	Templeport	2	6	Ballymachugh	1	18
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Mountnugent	1	12	Munterconnaught	0	15
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Cnoc Bríde	2	7	Drung	1	10
06/08/2017	Rd 2	Kildallan	4	23	Maghera MacFinns	0	4
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Corlough	1	11	Kildallan	6	11
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Kill Shamrocks	3	13	Munterconnaught	2	10
12/08/2017	Rd 3	Drung	2	9	Ballymachugh	0	12
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Cnoc Bríde	2	18	Maghera MacFinns	0	4
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Templeport	1	11	Drumalee	2	15
13/08/2017	Rd 3	Shannon Gaels	3	12	Mountnugent	3	12
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Drung	2	10	Munterconnaught	1	11
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Ballymachugh	1	20	Shannon Gaels	1	3
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Templeport	2	9	Kildallan	3	13
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Mountnugent	1	13	Kill Shamrocks	0	8
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Corlough	0	7	Cnoc Bríde	2	29
27/08/2017	Rd 4	Drumalee	2	21	Maghera	1	5
02/09/2017	Playoff	Shannon Gaels	2	14	Munterconnaught	1	12
09/09/2017	Quarter Final	Ballymachugh	3	11	Mountnugent	0	9
09/09/2017	Quarter Final	Kildallan	1	13	Cnoc Bríde	1	13
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Drung	0	8	Shannon Gaels	0	8
10/09/2017	Quarter Final	Drumalee	1	16	Kill Shamrocks	2	12
16/09/2017	Replay	Kildallan	1	13	Cnoc Bríde	2	11
16/09/2017	Replay	Drung	0	8	Shannon Gaels	0	10
23/09/2017	Semi Final	Ballymachugh	3	12	Cnoc Bríde	0	7
24/09/2017	Semi Final	Drumalee	0	13	Shannon Gaels	2	5
01/10/2017	Final	Ballymachugh	2	11	Drumalee	0	13

Congratulations to the following winners:

**A.C.F.L.**

**Division 1 – Cavan Gaels.**



Relegated: Mullahoran and Belturbet

**Division 2 – Crosserlough**



Promoted: Crosserlough and Killygarry.

Relegated: Killeshandra and Drumlane

**Division 3 - Butlersbridge.**



Promoted: Butlersbridge and Knockbride.

Minor A Champions: Ramor Utd.



Minor B Champions Mullahoran



Minor C Champions Cootehill



**Minor A Championship Results**

22/08/2017	Rd 1	Laragh Utd	2	9	Cnoc Bríde	3	12
24/08/2017	Rd 1	Ramor United	4	5	Southern Gaels	2	14
29/08/2017	Rd 1	Crosserlough	3	15	Cavan Gaels	0	5
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Crosserlough	4	11	Ramor United	2	7
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Southern Gaels	0	0	Cavan Gaels	0	0
06/09/2017	Rd 2	St Joseph's	3	12	Cnoc Bríde	7	13
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Laragh Utd	1	9	Crosserlough	5	15
24/09/2017	Rd 3	Cavan Gaels	7	9	St Joseph's	1	9
24/09/2017	Rd 3	Cnoc Bríde	2	14	Ramor United	1	10
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Crosserlough	3	13	Southern Gaels	4	10
30/09/2017	Rd 4	St Joseph's	3	13	Laragh Utd	2	21
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Cavan Gaels	3	7	Ramor United	4	11
08/10/2017	Rd 5	Laragh Utd	1	9	Southern Gaels	3	15
08/10/2017	Rd 5	St Joseph's	1	10	Cnoc Bríde	4	8
14/10/2017	Playoff	Laragh Utd	2	11	Ramor United	2	16
21/10/2017	Playoff	Cavan Gaels	1	7	Ramor United	2	17
22/10/2017	Semi Final	Crosserlough	1	11	Southern Gaels	2	10
28/10/2017	Semi Final	Cnoc Bríde	1	8	Ramor United	4	9
05/11/2017	Final	Southern Gaels	0	12	Ramor United	2	9

**Minor B Championship Results**

23/08/2017	Rd 1	Castlerahan GAA	0	11	Belturbet Rory O'Moore's	3	14
25/08/2017	Rd 1	Maghera MacFinns	1	16	Killygarry GAA Club	1	11
28/08/2017	Rd 1	Annalee Gaels	3	15	Denn	1	8
29/08/2017	Rd 1	Mullahoran GFC	7	15	West Cavan Gaels	2	14
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Blackwater Gaels	0	9	Mullahoran GFC	3	13
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Denn	1	15	Maghera MacFinns	2	14
08/09/2017	Rd 2	Kingscourt	3	13	Killygarry GAA Club	3	7
09/09/2017	Rd 2	Castlerahan GAA	3	9	Annalee Gaels	2	12
12/09/2017	Rd 2	West Cavan Gaels	4	12	Lough Uachtar Gaels	4	13
16/09/2017	Rd 3	Killygarry GAA Club	1	6	Mullahoran GFC	3	15
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Annalee Gaels	5	12	Lough Uachtar Gaels	3	10
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Blackwater Gaels	2	16	Castlerahan GAA	2	5
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Belturbet	1	11	West Cavan Gaels	3	12
24/09/2017	Rd 3	Denn	2	9	Kingscourt	4	19
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Blackwater Gaels	1	13	Belturbet Rory O'Moore's	1	10
30/09/2017	Rd 4	West Cavan Gaels	0	0	Denn	0	0
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Lough Uachtar Gaels	0	0	Killygarry GAA Club	0	0
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Mullahoran GFC	6	20	Maghera MacFinns GFC	0	6
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Kingscourt	0	0	Castlerahan GAA	0	0
08/10/2017	Rd 5	Belturbet	3	6	Annalee Gaels	6	17
08/10/2017	Rd 5	Maghera MacFinns	0	15	Blackwater Gaels	1	15
13/10/2017	Playoff	Kingscourt	1	17	Lough Uachtar Gaels	1	13
20/10/2017	Playoff	Blackwater Gaels	6	12	Lough Uachtar Gaels	4	11
21/10/2017	Semi Final	Annalee Gaels	2	12	Kingscourt	2	12
27/10/2017	Semi Final	Mullahoran GFC	1	11	Blackwater Gaels	1	11
28/10/2017	Semi Final	Replay Kingscourt	1	21	Annalee Gaels	1	10
03/11/2017	Semi Final	Replay Mullahoran	0	10	Blackwater Gaels	1	6
11/11/2017	Final	Kingscourt	0	9	Mullahoran GFC	0	10

### Minor C Championship Results

22/08/2017	Rd 1	Bailieborough	1	6	Cootehill Celtic GAA	6	13
24/08/2017	Rd 1	Ballinagh	9	13	Cúchulainns	4	11
28/08/2017	Rd 1	Templeport	7	17	Naomh Brid	2	11
29/08/2017	Rd 1	Drumgoon	1	6	Killinkere CLG	5	11
29/08/2017	Rd 1	Searcóg/Shercock	0	0	Lavey	0	0
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Cúchulainns	5	18	Naomh Brid	3	7
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Ballinagh	0	16	Templeport	0	13
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Cootehill Celtic GAA	6	19	Drumgoon	1	13
05/09/2017	Rd 2	Killinkere CLG	5	13	Searcóg/Shercock	3	14
06/09/2017	Rd 2	Lavey	3	15	Bailieborough	3	10
16/09/2017	Rd 3	Bailieborough	0	0	Killinkere CLG	0	0
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Naomh Brid	0	0	Drumgoon	0	0
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Cootehill Celtic GAA	5	16	Templeport	4	8
23/09/2017	Rd 3	Cúchulainns	3	12	Lavey	5	6
24/09/2017	Rd 3	Searcóg/Shercock	2	7	Ballinagh	5	20
29/09/2017	Rd 4	Killinkere CLG	4	10	Templeport	5	13
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Naomh Brid	0	0	Searcóg/Shercock	0	0
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Cootehill Celtic GAA	9	16	Lavey	5	12
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Drumgoon	0	7	Cúchulainns	4	23
30/09/2017	Rd 4	Bailieborough	0	0	Ballinagh	0	0
15/10/2017	Semi Final	Ballinagh	2	9	Cúchulainns	4	15
15/10/2017	Semi Final	Cootehill Celtic	5	14	Lavey	1	11
22/10/2017	Final	Cúchulainns	2	13	Cootehill Celtic GAA	4	10

**Reserve ACFL 2017: Winners.**

**Division 1 – Cavan Gaels**



**Division 2 – Killygarry**



**Division 3 - Drumalee**



**Reserve Championship**

**Division 1 – Ramor Utd.**



**Division 2 – Killygarry**

**Division 3 - Knockbride**



**Minor League.**

**Division 1 – Ramor Utd.**

**Division 2 – St. Josephs**



**Division 3- Mullahoran**



**Division 4-Templeport**



**U/21**

**Division 1-**

**Division 2-**

## Féile 2017

John West Féile Peile na nÓg

Cavan Winners:

### Boys

Shield Div 1: Gowna                      Shield Div 2: Ballyhaise

Shield Div 4: Killinkere                Shield Div 8: St Finbars

### Girls:

Shield Div 1: Killygarry                Shield Div 3: Lurgan                      Cup Div 6: Knockbride

Castlerahan/Denn beaten in Div 1 Cup Final.



Gowna



Castletara



Killinkere

## Media.

I want to thank the Anglo Celt, Northern Sound and We are Cavan for their help in promoting, reporting and commentating on our games. We have a good working and understanding relationship with the local media.

## Elegant Gems / Virginia International Logistics Breffni Allstars Awards night



Mattie McGleenan and Brendan Murtagh



Gerry Brady and Colleen McCabe making a presentation to Brendan and Martha Murtagh for their wonderful contribution to Cavan G.A.A down the years.



2017 Breffni All Stars



Killian Clarke, Club Breifne Senior County Player of the year.



Sean Johnston Senior player of the year



Niall Clerkin Intermediate player of the year.



Mark Kiernan Junior player of the year.



Ronan Patterson Minor player of the year



Darren Sheridan Hurler of the year.

### Corporate Night.

A very successful Corporate night was run in the Kilmore Hotel on Friday 3rd November.

I want to thank Donal Keogan for sponsoring the night and the committee who ran the event. This event raised a large amount of money which will be ring fenced for the development of the new land purchase.



Members of the organising committee and special guests.

Front Row (left to right) Dara Maloney, Anthony Daly, Brendan Cosgrove.

Back Row (left to right) Declan Woods, Ross Mealiffe, Liam McCabe, Gerry Brady, Paul Henry, Donal Keogan.

### Referees.

I would like to thank all the Referees in Cavan for their participation at our games in 2017. Refereeing is a difficult occupation and I applaud those who take on the job. We are still seeking more referees and we need the help of the Clubs to recruit more.



Gerry Sheridan Referee Senior Championship final



Chris McCaffrey Referee Intermediate Championship Final



James Clarke Referee Junior Championship Final.

### **Club Breifne**

Paddy Sheanon (Vice Chairman) Chairman of Club Breifne sought assistance in promoting this in 2017. Michael Reilly Redhills came on board and the membership has increased thanks to his and others work in this area.

The Dublin Club Breifne committee again ran a very successful Race Day in Punchestown and they are already planning this event for 2018. I think there is a great opportunity to raise more funds especially in Dublin as the country seems to be getting back on its feet.



Conor Moynagh with two eager Cavan fans at the Cavan Senior team open night in Kingspan Breffni.

## **Cavan Age Friendly Alliance.**

Cavan G.A.A. organised a day for our senior citizens on the day of the Cavan v Kerry game in Kingspan Breffni. We had a great response to this with 150 people turning up. They were treated to a talk by George Cartwright and surprise guest Michael Ó Muircheartaigh and given lunch before travelling to Kingspan Breffni by bus. They received a Garda escort to the game and received a match programme on arrival and escorted to V. I.P. seats. They really enjoyed their day and thanks to Tom O Reilly for his work on this event. We hope to have a similar event next year.

## **Committees**

The **CCC** have been the hardest working committee in Cavan G.A.A. and I thank Gerry McKiernan Chairman, Angela Hamilton Secretary, Gary Robins and the rest of the committee for their tireless work throughout the year.

**Hearings Committee**, thanks to Tommy Mc Gibney Chairman, Kevin Reilly Secretary and the rest of the committee for their work over the past year.

**Youth Board**, Brian Seagrave and Orla O Reilly were at the helm of the Youth Committee. Thanks to you both and your committee for the smooth running of the Youth Board. A new challenge awaits in 2018 as the Age grades change and the U/17 competitions will be run by the Youth Board. A special word of thanks to the youth Board for their work in the Half Time draw. This is going from strength to strength and this is seen in the County Board accounts.

I want to thank my fellow officers for their contribution in 2017.

Gerry Brady for his excellent work in the role of Chairman and the long long hours he puts in for the good of Cavan GAA.

Paddy Sheanon for his help and work especially Club Breifne. He is giving great assistance with the fund raising for the new pitches.

Angela Hamilton for her continued support and help to me and minute taking at all meetings. Angela is probably the busiest person in Cavan G.A.A. at present as she fulfills a number of important roles.

Martin Cahill for his excellent work in keeping the books in order and Tom Moore his able assistant. They put in serious work collecting gates around the county during championship times.

Thanks to all the gate people for their work during the year.

Kieran Callaghan Central Council Rep. It is important we have a say at the top table and Kieran provides this for his County.

Tom Reilly and Declan Woods are now in their roles a couple of years and this experience is of great value to our County.

Jody Clarke Coaching Officer has now served his five years and takes a well deserved break. Jody put in a serious effort in the five years and I thank him sincerely for that. I look forward to working with his successor Martin McGovern Killinkere who takes over at the Convention.

Anne Fortune the Children's Officer has had a very busy year in dealing with a lot of issues in Clubs. Also, when Feile was hosted in Cavan Anne put in a huge amount of work to see all matters of Child protection were observed.

Mark O'Rourke. P.R.O - Mark is at the forefront of Cavan G.A.A. He carries out his duties to the highest standards. He is also seen at all County matches in both codes and indeed a lot of Club games keeping the non-attendees up to date with scores. Personally, I thank him for his help to me, not alone for this report but for assistance in general. Thanks to all your committee, Colleen McCabe, Susan Brady, Barney Cully, Greg Meehan, Rory Traynor and Peadar Soden for their work in 2017.

I'd like to thank our IT Officer Tommy McGibney, for his continued work with clubs on registration and IT. Tommy is also Chairman of the Hearings committee and has a vast knowledge of the Official Guide.

Club Planning and Development committee: thanks to Michael Reynolds for his work with clubs in 2017. Michael goes about his business in a quiet and efficient manner. Michael will head a committee for the Cavan Strategic Plan in 2018

Eugene Kiernan keeps the traditional needs of Cavan G.A.A. in good stead and thanks to him and the Scór Committee for their work in 2017. I hope Eugene and his committee are making strides in getting more Clubs involved at Junior and Senior Scór. They also need the help of the clubs for this. Thanks to all the singers who performed the National Anthem at our games in Kingspan Breffni.

Gerry Soden is working hard as the Health and Wellbeing Officer and with his committee he has attended many meetings in Croke Park and Ulster.

John Keating, Peter Reilly and Kevin Smith form the rest of the management committee and I thank them for their contribution also.

Thanks to our Insurance Officer Hugh O'Reilly for his continued good work. Kingspan Breffni is a safer place now than it was a number of years ago and this is down to Hugh and other people on the committee. Hugh keeps all County officers and Clubs briefed on any developments in Insurance and safety guidelines.

Thanks to Tommy Reilly for his continued work with the Clubs and County teams. In these times it's important to team managers to have their DVD of the game ready as soon as possible and Tommy is fulfilling this role very well.

I want to thank Dermot McCabe, Games Development Manager for his continued good work in the Coaching and Games department. He also is working hard in the area of funding with the local authorities. His department has once again increased the number of children attending Cúl camps and this has to be good for the future. Thanks also to Jackie and Peadar for their work in the Coaching office.

Thanks to our three coaches Finbar O'Reilly, Aidan McCabe, Andy McGovern for their hard work and commitment to their roles. We have taken steps to employ four more coaches and they should be ready to go in January 2018.

Thanks to Finbar O'Reilly for his work coaching with us for the last number of years. Finbar has left our employment and we thank him and wish him well in the future.

Thanks to Keith Greene and Pauric Dowdall for their work on the promotion of Hurling. A number of meetings were held with the view to hold intercounty club leagues. We hope the clubs embrace this and maybe new underage teams formed in 2018.

I would like to thank other sub-committees for their contribution during the past year.

Management Committee,

Kingspan Breffni Committee,

C.C.C. Committee

Finance Committee,

Commercial Committee,

Referees Committee.

Ladies Football Board.

Referees Administration Committee.

Health and Wellbeing.

Insurance officer.

Club Breifne.

Games Development Committee,

Information Technology Committee,

Communications Committee,

Scór Committee,

Cumann na mBunscol,

Camogie Board,

Secondary Schools Committee

Rounder Board.

Handball Board.

County Board Officers.

## **Sponsorship.**

We have to thank all our Sponsors new and old for their contribution to Cavan G.A.A.

Our Chairman Gerry Brady would always encourage clubs and their members to support our County and Club Sponsors. With the economy improving we hope to attract new sponsors in 2018.

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I want to thank the F.Á.S and Breffni Integrated workers for their great contribution to the upkeep and running of Kingspan Breffni and also thank Siobhan Finnegan, Pat Downey, Maureen Duffy and Catherine O'Reilly Supervisors for their help and co-operation.



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# The Lavey Inn



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Thanks to Seamus Galligan and the caretaker for their continued contribution to the upkeep of the Stadium. We have received €150,000 from the Sports Capital grant and we have a big decision to make shortly to see when the main pitch will be redone. Thanks to John Wrenne for his help. John has been in ill health recently and we wish him a speedy recovery and hope to have him back in Kingspan Breffni soon.

I want to say a big thank you to the stewards in Kingspan Breffni and also at the 3G pitch. Thanks to Philip Smith Safety Officer, Carmel O Neill for her work with the stewards and also to Siobhan Dunne for the refreshments. Thanks also to the Denn Club for the smooth running of the car parking.

The Gardaí under the leadership of Jimmy Coen and Damien Galligan continue work closely with the County Board in running big games in Kingspan Breffni and we thank them for that.

Noel Burke and the Civil Defence, for their continued great work on matchdays.

Eddie McDonald who keeps us up to date on the Scoreboard and is an integral part of match days in Kingspan Breffni.

A big thanks to Eileen Clarke in the office for her work and dedication to duty. Eileen goes about her job in an effective manner and has all accounts up to date on a monthly basis.

Finally, thanks to my wife Bernie for her continued support for me in this role.

### **Comhbhrón.**

Like all years past, we lost loved ones in 2017 and I offer our sympathies to all bereaved families. Just to mention a few:

Dominic Earley, Tattyreagh, Tyrone

Patrick Bannon, Ballymachugh. Cavan Senior Hurling team

Brendan Donoghue, Drumalee. Cavan Senior team

Brendan Brady Ballinagh, Cavan Minor in 1952

Sean Kelly, Cavan Junior Team

Michael Walsh, Drumalee and Cavan Senior team.

Mattie Cahill, Cavan Senior team

John Sullivan, Cavan Team Doctor

Peadar Burns, Cavan Senior team

Fr Brian McNamara, Belturbet Cavan Senior Team

If I have left somebody out of this list I apologise but it is not intentional.

Liam Mac Cabá (Runaí)

## **Youth Board Report**

As the Youth Board fixtures for 2017 is complete we can look back and review our year. Like every other year there are positive comments and some negative comments and also areas where we all can improve.

I would like to thank our hard working committee for their time and effort they input into the smooth running of fixtures. To our treasurers Matt and Michael and to our children's officer Anne who organise and run the very successful youth board draw and stand doing gates for semi finals and finals in hail, rain or snow. The Youth Board always has the full backing of the Senior Board a big thank you for all your help especially to Gerry, Liam and Angela. I especially like to thank them for making Kingspan Breffni available to us for the Championship Finals where possible.

Our games would not be complete without our referees. Thanks to all referees who officiated in our games and some at very short notices too! To you the clubs for your co-operation throughout the year and sticking by the guidelines made it all the easier for us to stick with our master fixture plan. Thank you to the clubs who provide their venue to us for semi finals and finals.

Our first obstacle of the year seemed to be hurling on a Monday night. This caused a stir among a lot of clubs. But as a Youth Board we done our best to avoid Monday nights for football and going forward to 2018 we will be highly recommended that this day is to be changed. Another obstacle we hit every year is schools football. I have no problem in accommodating school football and fully support it but it leaves it very hard for the Youth Board committee when they don't have a fixture plan in place. I would ask clubs not to be always changing clubs games because our plan stays the same where possible.

Our County was honoured to host Feile in the Summer time with Monaghan and Fermanagh. A massive amount of work went into this competition by the committee, each club, parents and team management and all the hard work paid off.

Our Competitions got under way in March and was completed with an Under 13 blitz run by coaching and games in November. Each competition was very competitive and the finals proved to be very tight and exciting games. However there was still a lot of games conceded especially at Under 14 level. This would need to be addressed by clubs and management as we at the Youth Board don't believe that kids give out about playing football. It was also very disappointing to see the Division 5 Championship Final (replay) conceded also. On a positive note it was fantastic to see Division 1 Under 14 Championship going to 15 aside and I couldn't but mention the Killinkere Club who when they seen it was 15 aside in this competition asked to be moved to Division 1. Well done to them. Congratulations to all winners of all our competitions.

### **Under 16 League:**

Division 1 – Drumloman Gaels

Division 2 – Trinity Gaels

Division 3 – Lavey

Division 4 – Drumgoon

### **Under 16 Championship:**

Division 1 – Lough Uachtar Gaels  
Division 2 – Killygarry  
Division 3 – Bailieborough (after a replay)  
Division 4 – Laragh Utd

### **Under 14 League:**

Division 1 – Gowna  
Division 2 - Castletara St Mary's  
Division 3 – St Joseph's  
Division 4 – Cornafean

### **Under 14 Championship:**

Division 1 – Bailieborough  
Division 2 – Killygarry  
Division 3 – Castlerahan (after a replay)  
Division 4 – Lacken  
Division 5 – Killygarry

### **Under 13 Blitz:**

Cup Winners: Lavey, Belturbet and Denn  
Shield Winners: Kingscourt, Dernacrieve Gaels and Cornafean  
Plate Winners: Arva, Castlerahan and Lacken

### **Under 12 Summer League:**

Cavan Gaels, Belturbet, Kingscourt, Killygarry, Naomh Brid, St. Finbarr's, Laragh Utd and Bailieborough.

The Under 13 blitz was run by Coaching and Games. Thanks to Dermot, Aidan and Andy for all their work on this competition. It proved to be a very successful and enjoyable competition. Once again 37 out of the 40 clubs took part in it with three clubs entering two teams. This is not an easy task in November but thanks to all team management and parents for their co-operation in having the kids available for this competition.

Going forward in 2018 we are going to see plenty of change and plenty of obstacles. I would just ask for everyone's co-operation in this transition of age grades. This is new to us all so we all have to work together on this to make it work!

Finally I would like to wish you, your club, your families a very happy and safe Christmas and here's to a sporting 2018.

Is mise le meas

*Orlaih Ni Raghallaigh*

## Report for Convention 2017

2017 has seen another very busy and successful year for the Co Cavan Post Primary schools GAA competitions. We have renamed our competitions from Cavan Vocational schools to Cavan Post Primary Schools to better reflect our participating schools and in line with Croke park policy. Our upcoming finals are being held on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of December.

All our schools are also competing under the same umbrella of Ulster Schools GAA: at different levels. The competitions got underway in the third week of September and have been in full swing since. At the time of writing all of the competitions are progressing well, with teams facing new opposition from neighbouring schools in Monaghan and Fermanagh. This has proved to be an exciting and very welcome development for all our players allowing them to test themselves against players from another county, which can only be a positive in their education as a developing footballer.

We are promoting our games using the 'Twitter' social networking and all of our fixtures, results and photographs can be found on the Co Cavan Post Primary GAA Twitter account @CavanPPGAA and on the Ulster schools account @ulsterschools

In our schools we have over 25 teachers giving up their time training and coaching Gaelic Football. These teachers work with teams at lunchtimes and after school in order to promote our games. It is important to acknowledge the contribution these teachers are making in developing the talent available in our county and feel confident that our underage success is owing at least a small part to the work of our teachers; and will continue to do so in the future.

Thanks to all clubs who allowed us to use their grounds during the year often at very short notice. Without the help of the clubs we would not be able to run our games. Hopefully, we are sending back your players with good experience and improved skills. The 3G pitch has also been a fantastic facility to use, and we thank the Co. Board for making it available for the schools to use, enabling us to fulfil all of our fixtures despite the often inclement weather. Thanks are also due to all the referees, linesmen and umpires who officiated at our games during the year.

We acknowledge the work done by the Games development team and our visiting coaches who help out in our schools. They do a lot of good work in conjunction with our teachers and we appreciate their efforts. Thanks also to the county board for their continued support.

We thank Cavan Institute for their support of our competitions and for organizing the very popular Cavan schools all star scheme. A trial day was held in December and 15 players were honoured with all star positions.

Below is a list of the schools that became the Co Cavan School champions in the 2016-17 school year in the various competitions, and represented Co Cavan in Ulster post primary competitions.

U14A champions: St Aidans, Cootehill

U14B champions: St Mogues, Bawnboy

U16 A champions: Bailieborough Community school

U16 B champions: St Bricins, Belturbet

U18 A champions: St Clare's College, Ballyjamesduff

U 18 B champions: St Bricins Belturbet

James Sherry (Chairman)

## CCC Report to Convention – 2017

In 2017, from February 4<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup>, 806 games will have been fixed in Cavan at Minor and Adult Level, completing another successful year in the running of our Club Fixtures.

The ACFL commenced with a reduced number of divisions as per the agreed 2016 Structure Changes, with 12 Teams in Division 1 and 14 in Divisions 2 and 3. Games commenced on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and were completed on Saturday, Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Division 1, all 11 Rounds were played by 19<sup>th</sup> August with the League Final fixed for that same date, given that the participants were already known. It did not go ahead as fixed due to issues presented to the CCC by the Clubs involved. It was then proposed to play on Oct 14<sup>th</sup> but again, issues presented by the Clubs involved prevented it from going ahead. It was finally played and the ACFL Division 1 completed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Division 2, all 13 rounds were completed on Nov 4<sup>th</sup>. Again, participants in the League Final were known at this point and the ACFL Final fixed for that date but due to agreement reached by the 2 Clubs involved to postpone, it was played on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. In Division 3, all rounds were fixed by Oct 14<sup>th</sup> but due to the high-level of games conceded, a playoff to decide the second team promoted and qualification for the Final was necessary. The Final took place on Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. From the point of view of the CCC, we came extremely close to fully completing the ACFL by the October 31<sup>st</sup> deadline and if the Finals in all 3 Divisions had to go ahead as originally fixed, Nov 5<sup>th</sup> would have ended the League for 2017. Looking forward to 2018, with the new Structures now in place for Inter-County Competitions, it may be necessary to review the leverage given to Clubs to change games over the year as well as the reliance on County Players for League Fixtures. A common wish from Clubs is that the ACFL finish fully prior to the Championship. This will not be achieved without some give and take from all parties involved and will be reviewed in detail over the weeks ahead.

An area where Clubs were particularly happy this year was Reserve Football. The Reserve ACFL began on March 25<sup>th</sup> and ended on the 18<sup>th</sup> June, with all 3 Finals played on that date. In the Championship, games began on 28<sup>th</sup> June and were completed by the 22<sup>nd</sup> September, with the Division 2 Final. It is worth noting that the Semi Finals in all Divisions were played by the 16<sup>th</sup> August. Those playing in the Reserve League and Championship got to complete both competitions over the best months of the year and enjoyed, for the most part, certainty in when their fixtures would take place. The only downside to the Reserve Competitions were the high-level of conceded games, especially in the League. There is currently no penalty in place for the conceding of games in Cavan, but it is an area that will have to be looked at. We ask each year for all Clubs to be certain of numbers prior to entering a second or even third team, in Reserve Competitions. But the percentage of conceded games increased once again in 2017 and a solution to this must be found going forward.

Minor Football in 2017 again brought us some of the most competitive games of the year. The League commenced on February 4<sup>th</sup> with the last of the 4 League Finals on 8<sup>th</sup> August. The Championship commenced on August 22<sup>nd</sup> and continued to its completion on Nov 11<sup>th</sup>, leaving the season for Minor Footballers the longest of all. Several Clubs and Individuals would have voiced considerable concern at this but the introduction of an additional Intercounty Competition at U17, the considerable success at both U17 and Minor for Cavan this year and the continued crossover of players in this age bracket into Adult Competition all contributed to the length of the season, as did the normal allowances for exams. 2018 will see significant changes, the most important being the amendment from U18 to U17 for Minor Competition. This should certainly go

a long way to providing a shorter and more certain fixture schedule for Minor Footballers, a surety that will undoubtedly be welcomed by all.

The Championship in 2017 was again the high light of the Club Football season in Cavan, with the Senior Competition this year taking on the format introduced at Junior and Intermediate in 2016. While some have reservations over the number of games involved in the current Championship Structure, for the majority, the new Championship format has provided a most welcomed boost to the Competition, providing a considerable increase in interest in the Championship at all Levels. In particular, some concern has been voiced over the extension of the competition due to the playoff rule currently in place but as this was only agreed while additional teams were facing relegation from Senior and Intermediate over the last 2 years, the regulations governing qualification will revert to rule from 2018, once promotion and relegation have returned to normal.

Overall in 2017, as every year, Club Football had its positives and negatives from a fixture prospective. The Competition Structures agreed in January 2016 continue to provide positive improvements to our Adult Competitions, specifically the reduction of Divisions in the ACFL, more competition nature of Reserve ACFL and considerable changes to the Championship. We are still committed to completing the Club Season by Oct 31<sup>st</sup> each year, with the current exception of the U21's, but with the changes now in place in the Inter County Structures from 2018, Clubs will have to work with the County Board to put certain measures in place to ensure this can still happen. Feedback received from Clubs and Individuals over the last few months on the Fixtures Calendar has one common thread, to complete the ACFL prior to the Championship. Clubs need to think long and hard on what needs to be put in place for this to be a reality going forward. Another constant in 2017 was the ever- growing number of requests we receive for changes to fixtures or more commonly, fixture free dates. It seems to require highlighting every year that this continues to be an issue and while we have done our very best to accommodate all Clubs on such requests received for a wide variety of reasons, it was, at times, impossible and this is where the most conflicts occurred. This, quite honestly, cannot continue. The choice here is simple. We put a complete stop on the acceptance of requests and agreements to amend fixtures already in place, ensuring all games go ahead as per the original fixture date or Clubs look seriously at the growing list of reasons such requests or agreements are required in the first place. Is it absolutely necessary to re fix a League game for 1 missing player or because the manager has a wedding the day before?? I have yet to come across any other County that allows the number of agreed postponements that we do, certainly none that will allow for the number of requests we consider during the Championship. Something we all must think about. Finally, again in 2017, as every year, a number of complaints were received about 2 subjects in particular, outside of actual fixtures. Refereeing being one and the 3G Pitch being the other. It is well worth pointing out that the very same statement is true for both, we would have considerably less Club Football in Cavan if we had neither. Something to keep in mind.

On that note, the CCC would like to sincerely thank all our Referees for their continued commitment to the most difficult job within our association. We would like to thank Referees Administrator John Duffy for his assistance throughout the year and to the Referees Committee, chaired by Jimmy Galligan, for their invaluable contribution in overseeing the panel of Referees within our County.

We wish to thank Chairman Gerry Brady, County Secretary Liam McCabe and all officers of Cavan County Board for their help and support throughout the year. Thanks also to Eileen, Seamus and

John in Kingspan Breffni who do so much to assist us during the year. Year after year, Kingspan Breffni is prepared to the very highest of standards for all Clubs games and it is a credit to Seamus, John and all who assist them in preparing for our games.

To the Breffni Park Committee, most especially the men and women who turn up week in week out to steward our games and look after the car park, we sincerely thank you for the time you give up but most importantly the easy and efficient manner in which you carry out your role. It is a pleasure to work alongside you throughout the year and we simply couldn't run our games without you.

To the Clubs of Cavan, we wish to sincerely thank you for all your assistance throughout the year. A special word of appreciation to the Club Officers with whom we would work closely with, making our job so much easier. Special Thanks must go to the Clubs who made their pitches available throughout 2017 for our games. No is rarely the response when asked and it is a huge help to us in the running of fixtures each and every year. 2018 will see an increase in the number of Championship Games played outside of Kingspan Breffni and this will require considerable help from all Clubs with regards to the hosting of our games. We have no doubt that the Clubs of the County will continue to provide us with the help needed. We wish to sincerely congratulate all Clubs on their successes in 2017 and look forward to seeing what 2018 brings for all.

I would like to say a special thank you to all the members of the CCC. To Aiden Rudden, John Keating, Tom Moore, Barney Cully, Fergal Hartin, Gary Robins and Angela Hamilton, who all work tirelessly to get our Leagues and Championships played, at all levels, throughout the year. It is no small commitment of time to sit on this committee, most especially during the Championship, and it is done, without any hesitation, by all involved.

Finally, once again, a sincere thank you to all the Clubs for their cooperation in 2017. I hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a successful 2018, on and off the field of play.

Gearoid Mac Thiarnáin  
Cathaoirleach

Choiste Cheannais na gComórtaistí

## **Report of Hearings Committee to Convention 2017**

The Hearings Committee comprises six members: Tommy McGibney, Chairperson (Cornafean), Kevin Reilly, Secretary, (Killygarry) Tom Boylan (Ballyhaise), Jim Sherry (Denn), Paddy O'Reilly (Shercock), Tony McCann (Templeport).

The Hearings Committee function is to administer the GAA disciplinary code. It also has responsibility for adjudicating on appeals relating to player transfer requests in accordance with the County Committee Transfer bye-laws.

Any member may seek a Hearing where he/she does not accept the penalty proposed by the Competition Controls Committee (CCC). As a point of interest the CCC does not have powers of exoneration in relation to infractions. It is duty bound to propose a penalty appropriate to the infraction noted in the referees report. The Hearings Committee, having considered the evidence put forward by the defending party, may or may not impose a sanction. Under rule a referees report, including any clarification thereto, is presumed to be correct in all factual matters and may only be rebutted where unedited video or other compelling evidence contradicts it. The Committee may decide to impose a lesser sanction where it is satisfied that an infraction was proven but was of a less serious nature than that considered by the CCC.

The Hearings Committee met on ten occasions up to end November 2017. It considered fifteen hearing requests. The Committee also adjudicated on one appeal against a decision of the CCC relating to a transfer.

I wish to again take the opportunity to remind club officers that the GAA disciplinary code requires strict adherence to rule and procedure. It is important therefore that Club Administrators are fully familiar with the rules governing discipline, in the interest of fairness to all parties. While discipline at all levels is important, in particular clubs need to remind players that certain infractions, such as those resulting from altercations with match officials, carry severe penalties. These can severely impact a player, both psychologically and otherwise, long after the indiscretion has been committed.

I wish to thank my fellow Committee members for their efforts throughout the year. Sincere thanks also to the CCC, Chairman, Gerry McKiernan, Secretary Gary Robins in particular, for all their co-operation, including attendance at Hearings during the year.

Caoimhín Ó Raghallaigh  
Runai

## **Cultural Officers Report**

Coiste Scór an Chabháin.

Secretary's Report 2017

Both Scór na nÓg and Scór Sinsear were highly successful in 2017. Twenty three clubs entered Scór na nÓg while a total of twelve clubs were represented in Scór Sinsear.

Congratulations to the two teams from Cornafean who reached the All Ireland Final in Tráth na gCeist. In Belfast.

On the promotion of the Irish Language, we held interviews in May and were in a position to provide eighty five scholarships for students from the County clubs for a three week stay in the Gaeltacht in Rannafast, Coláiste na Phiarsaigh, Coláiste na bhFiann and Gaoth Dobhair, Dún na nGall during June and July. Students reported back that they had a most enjoyable time, while enhancing their knowledge of the Irish language, native games and culture.

Cavan Scór Committee and Cultural Officer wish to thank all clubs for taking part so sportingly in the competitions. A special word of thanks must go to County Board Chairman, Gerry Brady for his ongoing interest in Scór. Great credit must also go to County P.R.O. Mark O'Rourke, who is always on hand to make sure Scór participants get the honour of singing Amhrán na bhFiann at all big matches in Kingspan Breffni.

We would like to thank all the officers of the County Scór Committee and Irish Officers for all their help and support during the last year. A sincere word of thanks also to County Secretary Liam McCabe and Eileen in Breifne Park for their assistance and courtesy to us at all times. We look forward to another successful year at Scór and Cultural events in 2018.

At the recent very well attended AGM of Coiste Scór an Chabháin it was decided that our aim for this season is to increase the participation of clubs in the county, and all members undertook to recruit neighbouring clubs to participate in the competition, so we look forward to increase in numbers in the future.

Eoghan Mac Tighearnáin

(Oifigeach Cultúrtha)

Gearóidín Ní Dhugáin (Rúnaí Scór)

Firstly, Our Coaching Officer for the last 5 years, Jody Clarke, is leaving this role and the Coaching & Games department is in a good structure and very appreciative of his work in the 5 years. We take this opportunity to thank him for his huge commitment and passion to the role and all within the department have huge respect for him and the work he did. We hope that he will remain heavily involved in the future. To his successor, Martin McGovern, we look forward to working with you and progressing Jody's work as well as putting your stamp on Cavan GAA. Best of luck in the coming years to both of you.

As 2017 draws to a close, Cavan Coaching and Games wishes to thank everybody who helped out in the running of the various activities that have taken place this year. Due to the amount of help and cooperation that we have received it will not be possible to name everybody individually in this report, but we would like to acknowledge the great support that we have received from all Clubs Members, Club Officers, Cuman Na mBunscoil, Development Squad Managements, Cul Camp staff and County Board personnel this year.

This year the coaching and games has been overseen by Coaching Officer Jody Clarke, County Games Development Manager Dermot McCabe and the County Coaches Aidan McCabe, Andy McGovern, Finbar O'Reilly and Keith Greene.

A special mention needs to go to Finbar, who has recently left for pastures new and All in Cavan GAA thank Finbar for his great work over the years and wish him every success in the future.

**Go Games Blitzes.**

Changes occurred within GO GAMES format this year. With children numbers provided by clubs and ability assessment by County Coaches from their work within the Primary Schools, groups were formed of evenly matched teams. All teams played each other once or twice (home & away) depending on number of clubs within the group. This has proved to be popular for a number of reasons:-

1. Put a responsibility on each club to take part as some clubs were not showing to blitz event when a number of clubs were involved.
2. All Children got to play as numbers were even – on occasion this was not the case as clubs provided incorrect numbers or no numbers at all
3. Playing different teams rather than always local
4. U8 & U10 games were played at same time on each Saturday

Groups were as follows: -

Crosserlough	Shercock	Drumlane	Redhills
Killygarry	Knockbride	Templeport	Belturbet
Bailieboro	Lavey	Cornafean	Killinkere
Cuchulainns	Mullahoran	Ballymachugh	Killeshandra
Cavan Gaels	Gowna	Arva	Mountnugent
Kingscourt	Cootehill	Denn	Drumalee
Ramor	Ballinagh	Ballyhaise	Kildallan
Butlersbridge	Laragh	Lacken	Kill
Castlerahan		Drung	Maghera
		Drumgoon	Munterconnaught

## **Hurling**

Pauric Dowdall again in place as our RHDO and Keith Greene was employed as HDA and has worked extremely hard in setting up club visits, after school programs, coaching in 32 national schools from clubs in greatest need as well as Super Games Centres in 3 of our Secondary Schools. Keith has tried to allow as many children as possible have a hurl in their hand – as well as those mentioned above through hurling rounders, hurling at Cul Camps and stand-alone hurling camps.

## **Super Games Centres**

We held Super Games Centres in 2017 in a number of different venues and age groups. These are as follows.

### 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> SGCs

St Aidens, Cootehill: 8 weeks program

Kingscourt: 6 weeks program

Castlerahan: 8 weeks program

Mullahoran: 6 weeks program

### U13 SGCs

3G Kingspan Breffni: 4 weeks program

### U16 SGCs

3G Kingspan Breffni: 4 weeks program

## **Development squads**

U12 & 14s

Sessions were held on the last Saturday of each month from March to August with an average of 30 players attending each session. The u14s participated in 3 Blitz competitions and 2 challenge games with Monaghan throughout these Months

U16

The Under 16s trained as part of the U17 Celtic Challenge squad in 2017. They did not participate in the National Blitz in Carrick On Shannon

## **Hurling Specific Camps**

We held a Camp in Castlerahan GAA pitch for all kids of primary school age which was attended by 32 children.

There was an u12 & u14 2 day camp held on the 3G in Kingspan Breffni which was attended by 44 with all the clubs represented in this.

## **Workshops**

Ulster Council CDP

There was a CDP course ran by RHDOs Pauric Dowdall & Ryan Gaffney in St Patricks College Cavan on 16<sup>th</sup> November aimed at educating coaches in using Gaa learning to organize and track training sessions.

## **Foundation Course**

A Hurling specific Foundation Course will be held in Kingspan Breffni on December

## **National Schools**

Since September 2017 we have been working in the feeder schools to a number of Clubs these were:

<u>East Cavan Gaels</u>	<u>Castlerahan</u>	<u>Mullahoran</u>
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Kingscourt	Castlerahan	Mullahoran
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Muff	St Claires Ballyjamesduff	Gowna
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The Vale	Mountnugent	
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St Annes	Crosserlough	
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<u>St Felims</u>	<u>Ballymachugh</u>	
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Ballinagh	Ballinarry	
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Bruskey

The classes that got coaching in these schools were 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>

## **Secondary schools**

First year coaching was offered to all Feeder Secondary schools. To date the following have got 6 weeks coaching

Bailieborough CS

St Aidens Cootehill

St Claires College Ballyjamesduff

## **Croke Park Activity Day.**

This year 2 players from each club got the opportunity to participate in the annual Croke Park activity day for U12's. The day includes a stadium, dressing room and museum tour but the highlight for all is always getting the opportunity to show case their skills of Hurling or Gaelic Football on the hallowed turf of Croke Park itself. This event is a wonderful day and was extremely enjoyable for both players, volunteers and spectators.

## **Christopher Shiels Tournament**

Cavan C&G held a very successful Christopher Shiels Tournament with great numbers attending. Killygarry were successful after a great day's event and this tournament as gone from strength to strength.

## **U13 Club Blitz Tournament**

This year Coaching and Games ran a very successful U13 blitz competition in conjunction with Cavan Youth Board. 37 teams participated in this 10 aside competition. Held from October 28<sup>th</sup> to November 27<sup>th</sup>. Discussion with clubs and improvements could be an effective and useful way to run some of our competitions.

## **Development Squads.**

All Development Squads have been ran by volunteer coach involvement. C&G view development squads as an opportunity to develop playing and not entirely based on winning games at the cost of developing. Congratulations to all squads on competing in all blitz's and to our U16's & U17's for reaching the finals weekend in Ulster competitions. C&G would sincerely like to thank the following for the involvement within the squads:-

### **U-17 Dev Squad:-**

As this had a new format and all games accompanied the Minor competition the Minor Management, lead by Keelan Mealaniff and John Brady, took coaching of these teams providing training and huge playing opportunities.

Number on Squad: 24

### **U-16 Dev Squad**

Jody Clarke, Dermot McCabe, Pdraig Donohoe, Orla Smith

Number on Squad: 38

Number of Sessions\Games: 20

### **U15 Development Squad:**

Andy McGovern, Dan Wharton

Number on Squad: 46

Number of Sessions\Games: 20

### **U14 Development Squad**

Aidan McCabe, Jack Wharton

Number on Squad: 56

Number of Sessions\Games: 20

2017 seen the re-introduction of C&G staff to work with volunteer coaches in overseeing all development squads. Introduction of an U13 squad will have to be considered with the new U17 competition replacing U18 in 2018. C&G believe that Cavan Youth & Senior board will have to make changes to their competition to match National Competitions.

### **Primary Schools Coaching.**

Throughout the school calendar year our Coaching Staff continue to offer expert coaching in Hurling and Gaelic Football to all the primary school students in the county. As well as coaching, a lot of blitzes both internally and externally were organised for the schools. Since September and new term starting, we have focused on 6 major areas grading each student and providing an overall grade for each school. These areas are: -

1. Catch & Kick
2. Hand Pass & Receive
3. Travelling Skills
4. Fundamental Movement
5. Game Based Skills
6. Blitz

Cavan Coaching and Games has identified thirty schools who directly feed into hurling clubs within the county. Throughout the year the hurling coaches provide expert coaching and assistance to schools to promote hurling.

This has seen almost 3,500 children taking part.

### **Secondary Schools Coaching.**

In secondary schools coaching our Coaches have coached in all schools during the year. We have placed a greater importance on the secondary schools this year as we feel that the transition from primary school to secondary school needs to be followed coaching wise. A minimum of one coaching session a week have been made available to all schools and with most schools availing of at least one additional session. Alongside we have introduced our Transition Year (TY) program working a sports element to all their courses.

### **Kelloqs GAA Cúl Camps**

This year again we had increased numbers moving from approximately 3000 children to 3450 attending our camps. The camps are run Monday to Friday in 23 venues over a 6 week period. The camps give the children between 6 and 13 an opportunity to learn new skills and improve their knowledge of the games while meeting inter county players. A special thanks to all Cul Camp Co-ordinators, Club Coaching Officers, Club Volunteers, Summer Staff and Full time Staff for all their help in both the run up to the Camps and during the Course of the summer. We apologise for those who had a slight delay in receiving there Cul Camp gear.

### **Coach Education**

In total this year we have run 9 courses in either hurling or football. We have trained in excess of 200 newly trained and advanced coaches. These courses are 7 x Foundation, 1 x Level 1 and 1 x Level 2.

### **Workshops.**

This year we have run a number of workshops on various topics as follows: -

## **KICKING FOR POSSESSION**

This is an interactive indoor coaching workshop. It is open to all coaches and will use drills, games and video clips to coach the skill of kicking for possession. At the end of the Session Coaches will have a selection of Drills and Games to improve kicking for possession. For more information contact [roger.keenan.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:roger.keenan.ulster@gaa.ie)

## **GOALKEEPING**

This is an **indoor** observation session for all Coaches interested in the working with Goalkeepers in their club. There will be a number of drills and activities including positioning, shot stopping, kicking, ball handling etc.. shown using video clips on the night that can be used in your sessions when coaching goalkeepers in various aspects of their game. For more information contact [paul.callaghan.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:paul.callaghan.ulster@gaa.ie)

## **TACKLING**

This is an interactive indoor coaching workshop. It is open to all coaches and will use drills, games and video clips to coach the skill of tackling. At the end of the Session Coaches will have a selection of Drills and Games to improve individual and team tackling. For more information contact [gary.mallon.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:gary.mallon.ulster@gaa.ie)

## **BREKBALL**

This is an interactive class based workshop. It is open to all coaches and will use drills, games and video clips to break down the various coaching points for winning break ball and regaining possession. Focus on first step quickness, anticipation v reacting, body position and attitude. For more information contact [shane.mccann.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:shane.mccann.ulster@gaa.ie)

## **PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS**

Target Audience: All club coaches, working in any code, at any grade. *Content: A 75 minute workshop to introduce the basics of performance analysis. What is it? How simple can we make it? Why should we use it? And why is doesn't cost a fortune! This workshop will involve some quick, simple theory behind the area, an introduction to simple ways of analysing performance, and present some practical examples of effective use of PA in Gaelic games. The workshop will suit all coaches, with open questioning and participation welcome, but not essential, and will equip everyone with plenty of take home practices.*

*Specific Areas;*

*Basic performance analysis - the cycle and the integration to coaching;*

*Collecting, gathering and managing stats;*

*Applying analysis;*

*Advancing your analysis;*

*Keeping things cost free;*

For more information contact [kevin.mcguigan.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:kevin.mcguigan.ulster@gaa.ie)

## **KICKING FOR SCORES**

This is an interactive indoor coaching workshop. It is open to all coaches and will use drills, games and video clips to look at the skill of kicking for scores. At the end of the Session Coaches will have a selection of Drills and Games to improve Score-taking for Points and Goals. For more information contact [tony.scullion.ulster@gaa.ie](mailto:tony.scullion.ulster@gaa.ie) or 07795120438

### **Feile Peile Na Nog 2017 Football**

Over the weekend of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – 25<sup>th</sup> June, Cavan, Fermanagh & Monaghan hosted Feile Peile Na Nog 2017 Football.

There were 10 divisions for the Boy's competition and 6 divisions for the Girls competition with over 6000 children participating.

Our thanks to all the Clubs, Club Co-ordinators, Field co-ordinators, Host family and players for making this event hugely successfully for all. A thanks to Ulster organiser's, lead by Oliver Galligan, Jimmy Darragh, Eileen Jones & Bernie Fox and a special thanks to all that help locally from men's and ladies board.

#### **Coaching Officer:**

As my five years come to an end I would like to take this opportunity to thank clubs who elected me and supported me over term in office. I would especially like to thank members of Cavan co Board who I have worked with over last five years for their support and friendship.

Some of the highlights of my term were the increased numbers attending Cul Camps, increased number of people attending coaching courses and relevant coaching awards received in Cavan and also numbers attending the croke park club days. None of these would have been possible only for the tremendous leadership shown by our Games Development Manager Dermot McCabe. Someone who I hardly knew personally pre 2012 but who over last 5 years I have developed a strong working relationship with and on a personal note has provided huge support to me, especially when my father passed away in 2013 .

The overwhelming achievement of bringing coaching conference 2016 to Cavan is without doubt our greatest moment, with over 400 delegates attending a wonderful conference in Hotel Kilmore November last. To all staff past and present I thank them for their unstinting work for Cavan GAA. I wish our 4 new coaches every success in their roles.

A huge thank you to Eileen in Kingspan Breffni offices for her courtesy at all times. To Liam, who I had weekly and sometimes daily contact, it's been a pleasure to work with you .To Martin McGovern who succeeds me, we have shared many great days together and I know anything I have done you will add your expertise and experience to the roll. I will continue to support you at all times. To my wife, Bridget and Children, thanks for your support and allowing me the time to carry out the role. I wish each and every one of you a happy peaceful Christmas and a sporting new year.

Jody Clarke, Coaching Officer.

## **Children's Officer Report 2017**

### **Child Protection**

Preparations for the full commencement of the Children First Act on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017 together with Cavan's joint hosting of Feile has ensured a busy year for our club Children's Officers . Thank you to all Clubs and in particular the Children's Officers for the efforts made in the areas of GAA Garda vetting and coaches attending Child Protection & Foundation coaching courses . Apart from the legislative requirements , encouraging our Club Coaches to keep up to date with coaching methods, with child safeguarding training and other areas of learning are helpful for the smooth running of underage activities within our clubs . The Code of Behaviour Underage clearly sets out minimum appropriate levels of behaviour for everyone involved in GAA with the main aim to ensure that young people and children who play our games receive the best possible care, attention and protection while participating in our Gaelic Games . To this end, thank you to all the Clubs who supported the initiative to not allow camera phones in dressing rooms. The aims of this initiative of course being to raise awareness and to protect our young members in particular, in this age where just about everything appears, within minutes, on social media .

### **Health and Wellbeing**

Ulster GAA will run the Anti Bullying workshop in Kingspan Breffni on a date (TBC) in early 2018.

### **Youth Board**

Thank you to our half time draw sponsors; The Lavey Inn, Slieve Rossa & Luna Bars, The Sports Shop, Ciaran Gaffney Engineering, Garrett J Fortune & Co , Larry McGinn Printing, Tully Developments, Cavan Agri, Breffni Mushrooms, Hamilton Fencing, and Susan Brady, Balyhaise Post Office.

Thank you to our ticket sellers who turned out in all kinds of weather. I thank Matt Kiernan, Michael Lyons, Fergal Hartin, Thomas McKenna, John Keating, Angela Hamilton, Dessie Reilly, Kevin Smith, Eamon Brady, James Clarke, Aisha Kiernan ,Brian Seagrave, Tricia Reilly and Annette Geoghegan . Thank you to all who contributed to the draws.

To our Chairman, members of the Management Committee & Coaching and Games , thank you for your courtesy ,support and assistance during the year. I wish Jody Clarke all the best and thank him for all his work as Coaching Officer. Thank you to Eileen Clarke for her assistance.

### **Club Audit**

Thank you to the 33 clubs who completed the Audit. Results for the County are attached.

Finally, I wish all our teams every success in 2018.

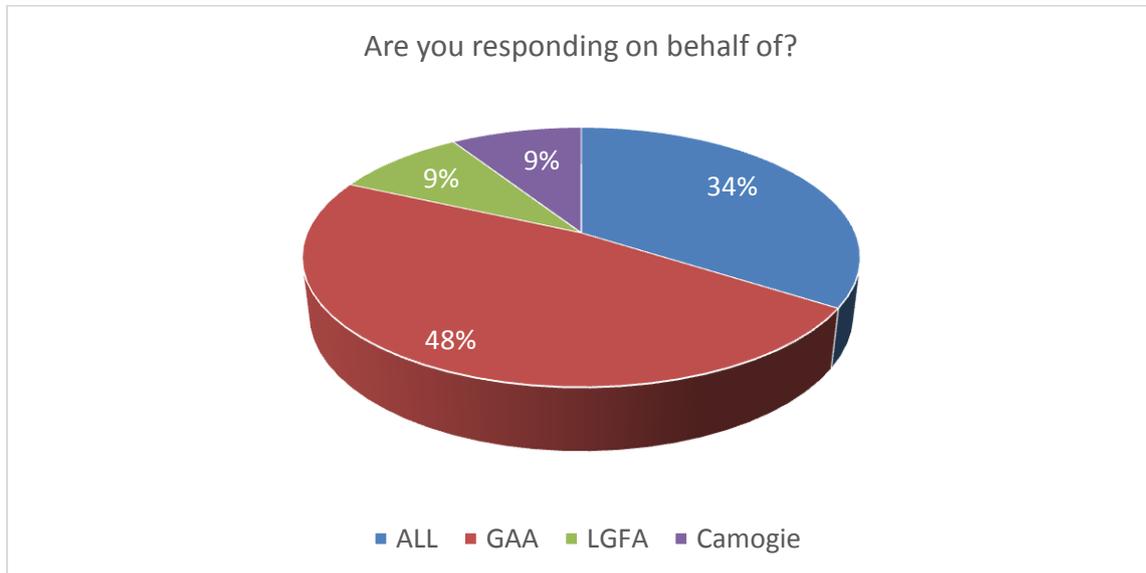
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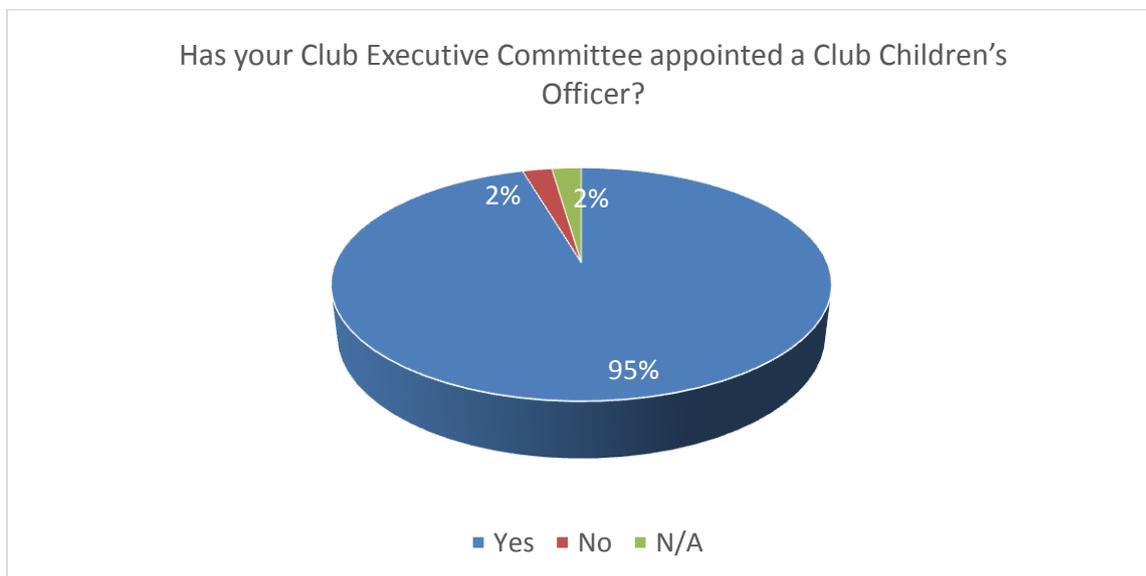
## National Club Child Welfare Audit- County Cavan

Total responses 44

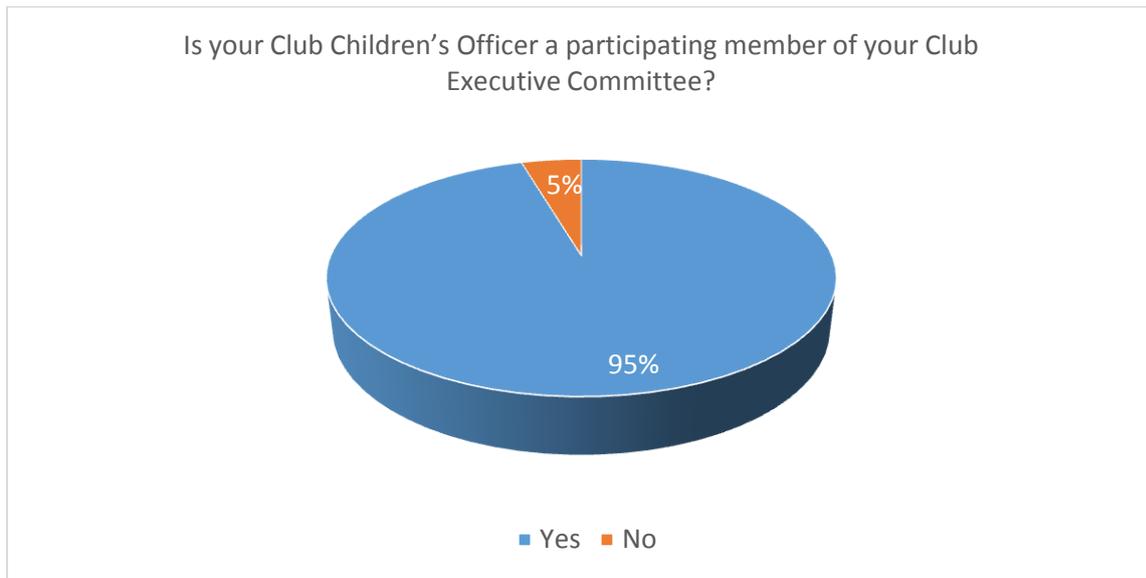
Q.3 Are you responding on behalf of?



Q. 4 Has your Club Executive Committee appointed a Club Children's Officer?



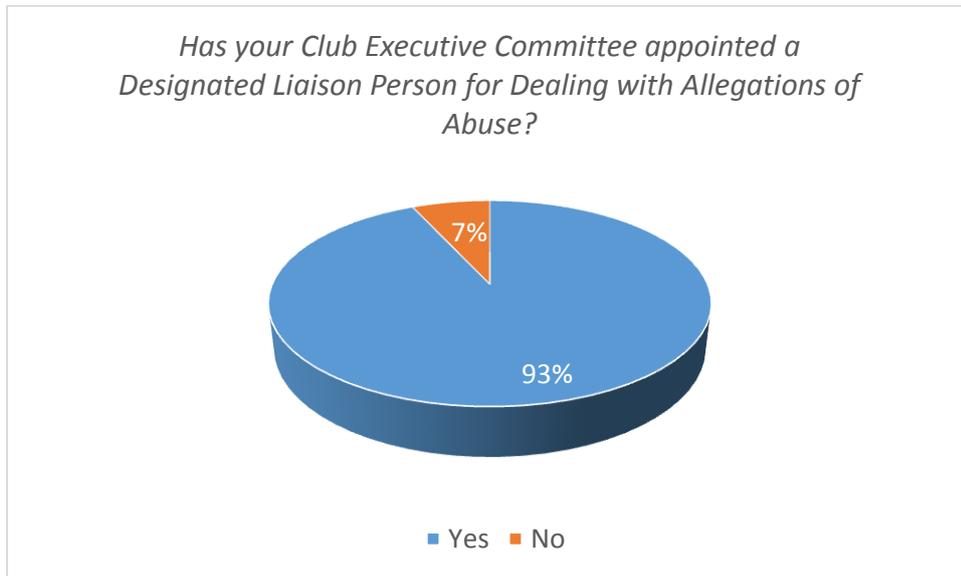
*Q5. Is your Club Children's Officer a participating member of your Club Executive Committee?*



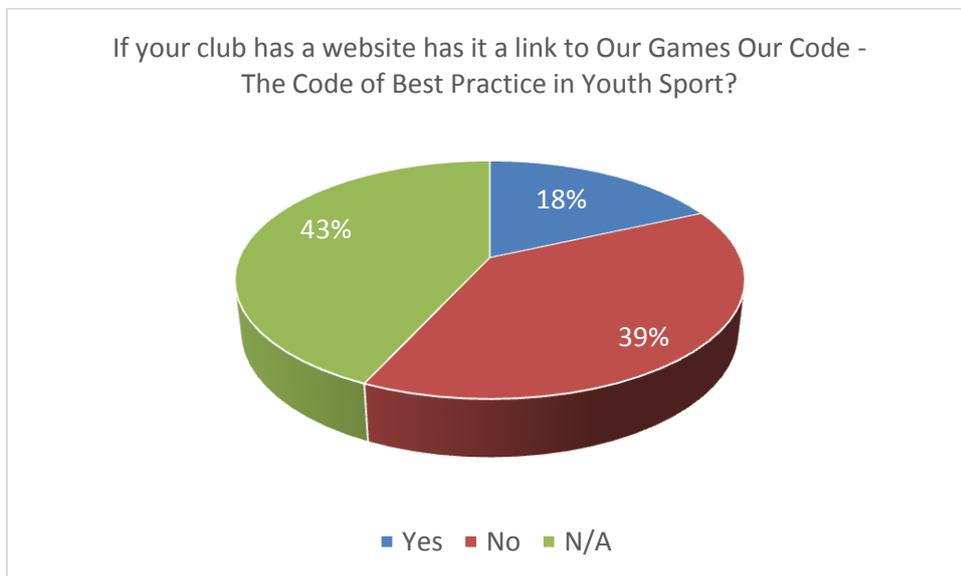
*Q6. Has your Club Children's Officer attended the Gaelic Games Children's Officer workshop?*



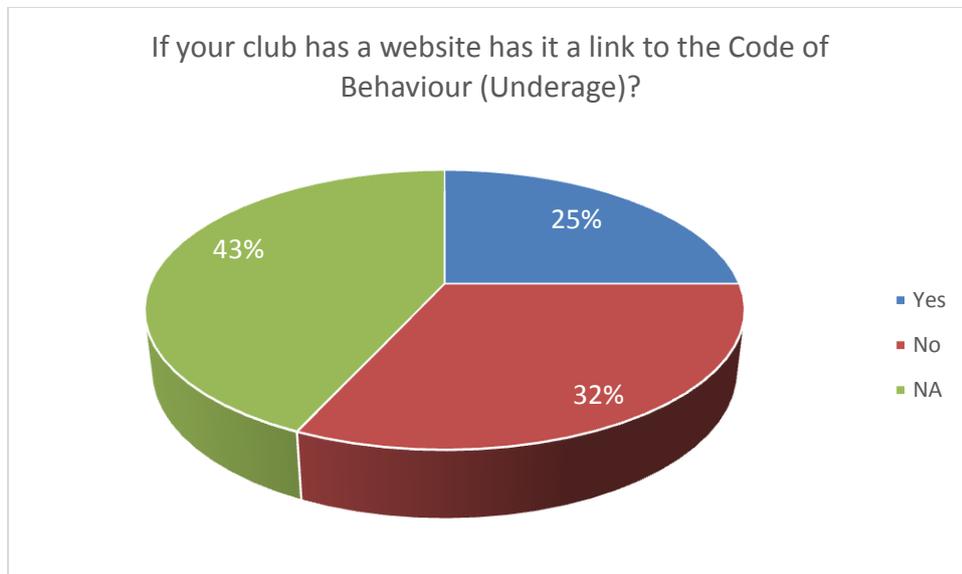
*Q7. Has your Club Executive Committee appointed a Designated Liaison Person for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse?*



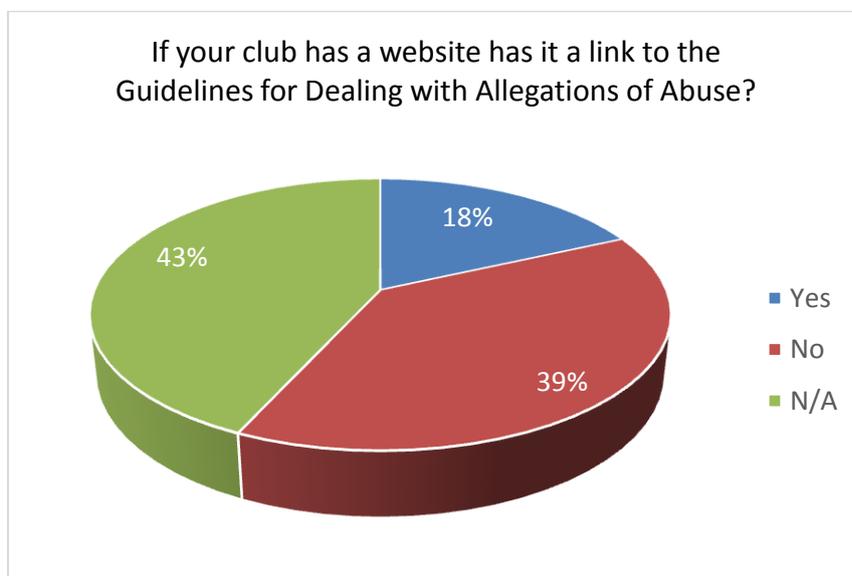
*Q.8 If your club has a website has it a link to Our Games Our Code-The Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport*



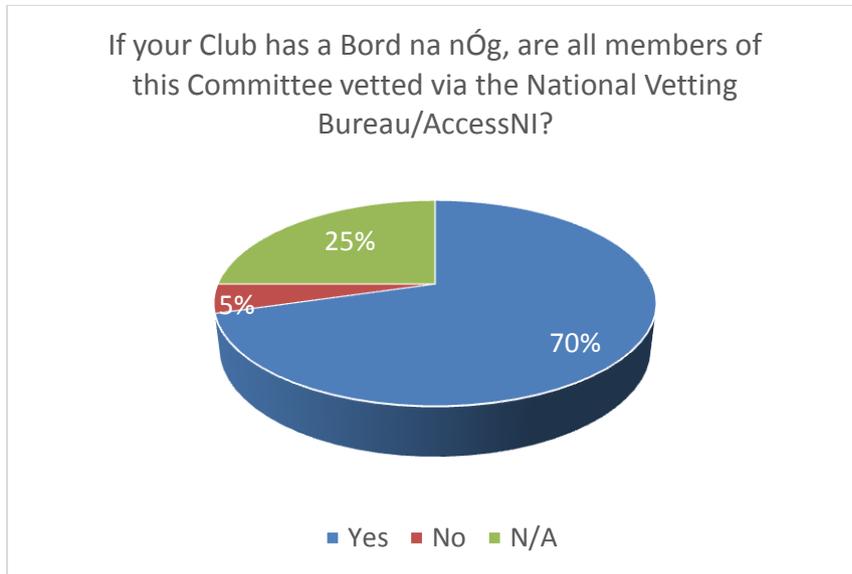
Q9. If your club has a website has it a link to the Code of Behaviour (Underage)?



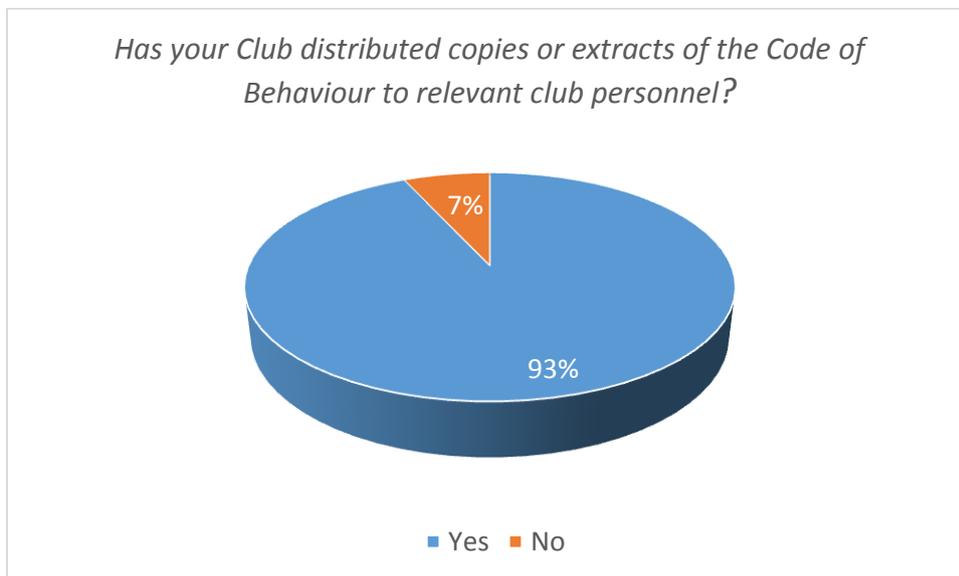
Q.10 If your club has a website has it a link to the Guidelines for Dealing with Allegations of Abuse?



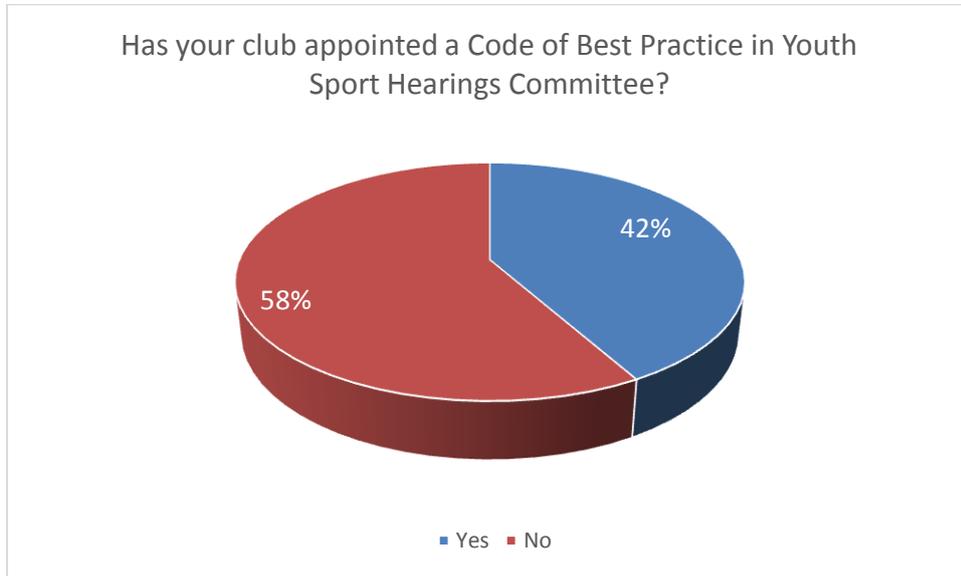
*Q.11 If your Club has a Bord na nÓg, are all members of this Committee vetted via the National Vetting Bureau/AccessNI?*



*Q.12 Has your Club distributed copies or extracts of the Code of Behaviour to relevant club personnel?*

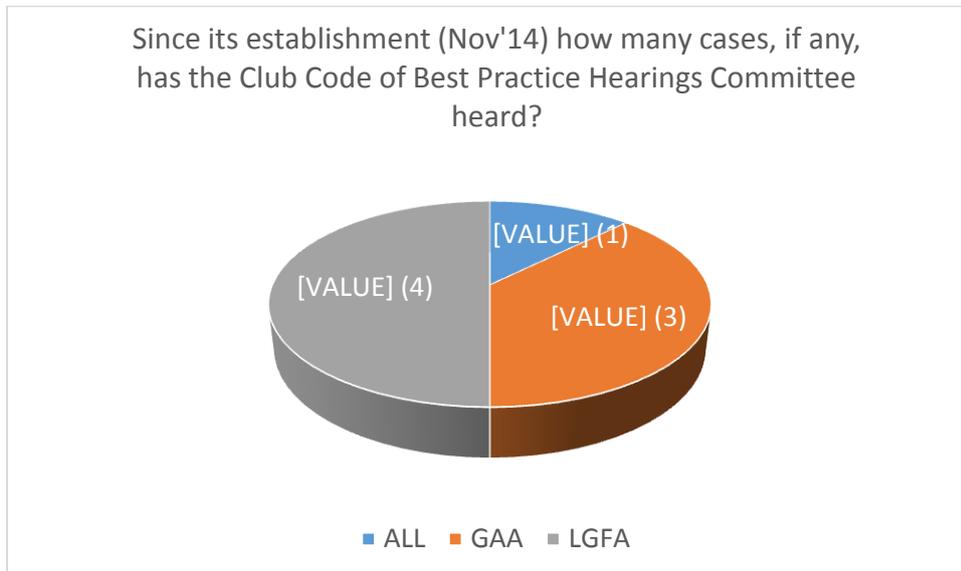


Q.13 Has your club appointed a Code of Best Practice in Youth Sport Hearings Committee?

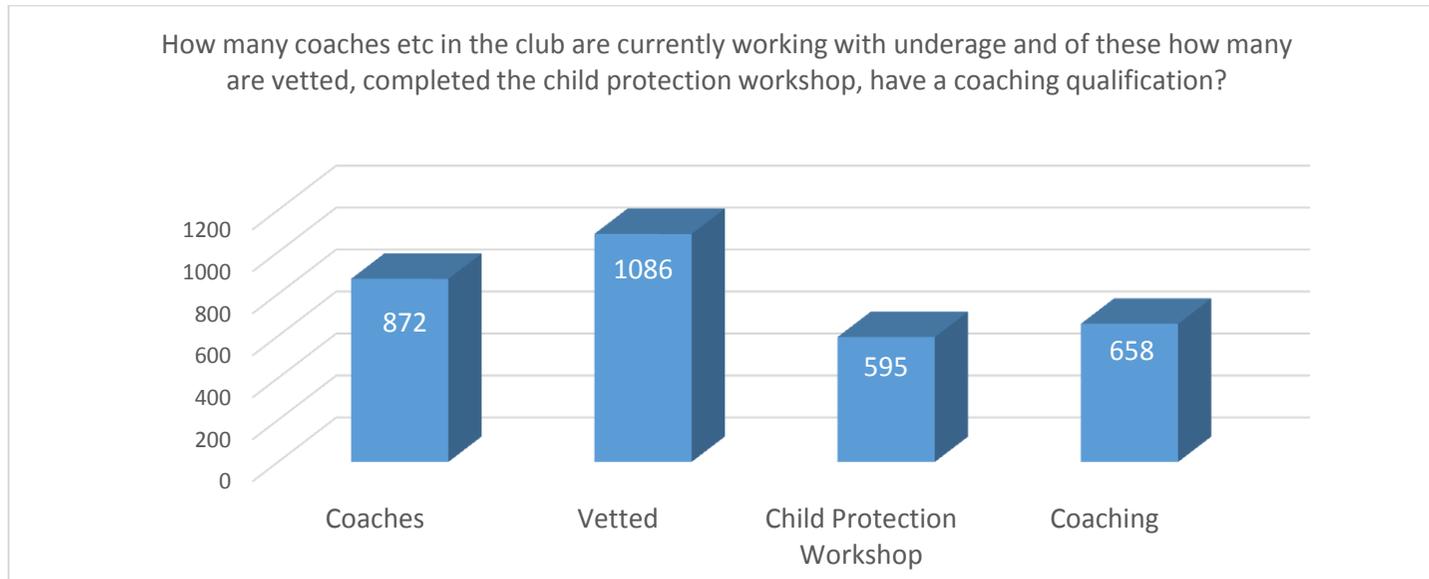


Q.14 Since its establishment how many Cases, if any, has the Club Code of Best Practice Hearings Committee heard?

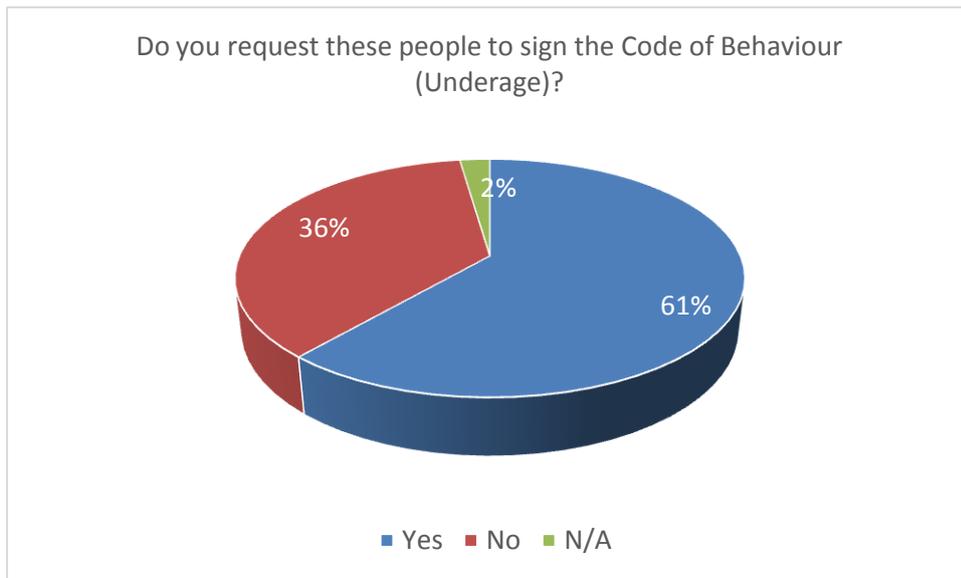
**Total No. of 8, by 6 clubs**



Q.15/16/17/18 How many coaches/mentors/selectors/managers in the Club are currently working with children up to and including Minor or with players under 18 yrs of age playing at Senior, Intermediate or Junior levels?

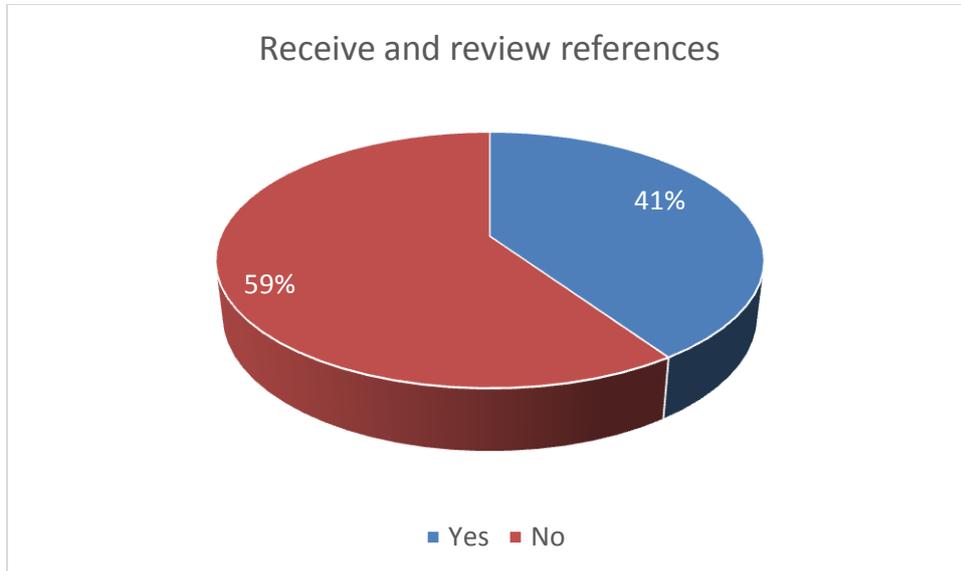


Q 19. Do you request these people to sign the Code of Behaviour (Underage?)

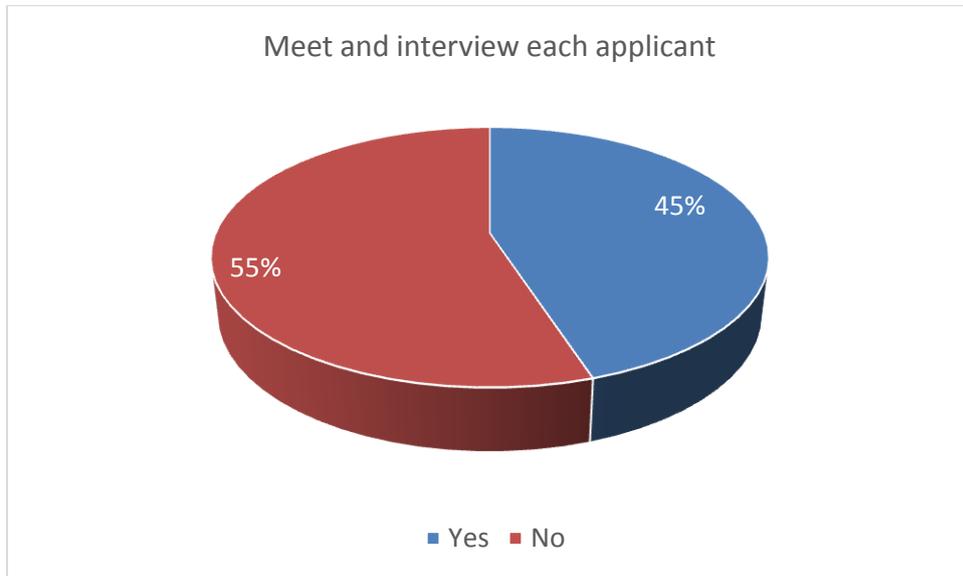


As a policy does your Club ensure that the following procedures are adhered to when recruiting people to work with children?

\*20. Receive and review references



21. Meet and interview each applicant



## **PR and Communications Report**

As we approach the end of the year, we reflect on 2017. Our minor footballers reached the All-Ireland semi-final, our U17s reached the Ulster final while our U21s reached the Ulster semi-final. Our senior hurlers returned to action in 2017, competing very well in the Lory Meagher Cup, while the U17 hurlers had another successful campaign in the Celtic Challenge. Our senior footballers had some great performances in the Allianz League, recording a great win against Mayo and draws with Monaghan and Kerry. Who will forget the fantastic atmosphere in Kingspan Breffni on the opening day, hosting Dublin before a crowd of 16,500. We had an intriguing contest with Monaghan in the Ulster championship quarter final only to be denied by the post to force a replay. We had a good win over Offaly and a magnificent first half display against Tipperary in the qualifiers. However, a below par second half resulted in our exit.

We congratulate all competition winners at club level. Congratulations to Cavan Gaels on reaching the Ulster senior club final and on doing the double in Cavan, undefeated throughout is an outstanding achievement.

To the clubs, especially Chairpersons, Secretaries, PROs and team managements. Thank you, firstly, for the efficient manner in which you sent team-lists for programmes throughout our championships and secondly, for the excellent promotion of our games.

Social media now plays a big role in the promotion of our games and activities. Between Clubs and County Board there are now up on 100,000 followers on our combined club and county platforms. We joined Snapchat this year and we thank Rory Traynor for his assistance. While, we do our utmost to provide updates on all games, we do rely on clubs help also. I ask clubs to continue to provide regular updates on games, fundraisers etc. However, we must not forget about the traditional methods of promoting our association which are very important.

I thank the Anglo Celt especially sports editor, Paul Fitzpatrick, photographer Adrian Donohoe and local radio Northern Sound with John Lynch, Sean McCaffrey and the two local lads Damien Donohoe and Mickey Brennan for their continued support. John Lynch has moved to pastures new and we wish him well. We have an excellent working relationship with all these people and the continuous promotion of our games is vital and you have done a great job once again. The audio streaming of our games through 'We are Cavan' continued to grow again in 2017 especially through live facebook broadcasts and the weekly podcasts have become very popular indeed, especially for our overseas supporters. I thank Damien Donohoe and Mickey Brennan for their professionalism in hosting the Breffni Allstars and Awards night. I thank all who supplied articles and editorials for match programmes, Paul Fitzpatrick, Damien Donohoe, Owen McConnon, George Cartwright and Kevin Carney.

We remember all who passed away in 2017. I want to especially mention Dominic Earley and Patrick Bannon who lost their lives tragically during the year. Two young men in their prime with so much to give, taken too soon. Patrick was a member of the Cavan senior hurling panel. He was a leader and had previously represented Cavan at minor and U21 level. Dominic was a member of our senior football backroom team, a gentleman who had a huge knowledge of the game.

Websites are a very valuable source of information for our members and followers. There are two website packages available for clubs through Ulster Council and Croke Park at reasonable cost. Please contact me for further information.

To the team managements, I thank you for your cooperation and willingness to provide information in a timely manner. Thanks to our senior, U21 and Minor team managements and backroom teams who are always a pleasure to work with. It makes my job easy when releasing teams and providing information to media and for match programmes etc. Their dedication, professionalism and efforts at all grades are second to none. I wish new U20 team manager Kevin Downes and senior hurling manager Michael Carr, their backrooms and all management teams every success in the year ahead. I wish Niall Lynch and the outgoing senior hurling management of Dinny Cahill, Seamus Hughes, Sean Farrell, Eamonn Dalton and Peadar Neary all the best. These men were instrumental in the return of the senior hurling team in 2017.

We launched a new Cavan Jersey in January ahead of the Allianz league. I thank all who had an input into the design of the new jersey.

I thank my fellow officers for your continued help and support. Your ideas are invaluable and any time you want something published or promoted, feel free to contact me.

A huge thank you to our committee of Colleen McCabe, Susan Brady, Barney Cully, Peadar Soden, Greg Meehan and Rory Traynor for their help, advice, ideas and suggestions. I thank Angela Hamilton, Eileen Clarke and Liam McCabe in the office for their help with match programmes, particularly during the busy times and John Duffy and Caoin McCabe for their help on matchdays, to Seamus Galligan and John Wrenne for their continued help and to all the stewards and anyone who helps in any way. It is much appreciated. To Larry McGinn who printed our match programmes. Thanks for your patience and efficiency.

I wish all clubs, our teams and team managements and committees every success in the year ahead. Finally, I take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful and happy Christmas and I look forward to working with you again in 2018.

Is mise le meas,

Marc O Ruairc  
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

## **Cavan Ladies Secretary Report 2017**

2017 was yet again a very busy year for all involved with ladies football throughout the county. Once again our underage teams reign supreme in Ulster.

Our county u14 team improved with every game they played this year and made their way to the Ulster A final with relative ease. They met a very good Monaghan side in the final and after a very exciting game our girls retained the ulster cup. On the same evening our u16 girls overcame a strong Antrim team to hold on to their ulster title. The minor competition this year was extremely competitive. Our girls played some wonderful football; having their only loss to Tyrone they went on to win the ulster B minor championship in style. Due to decisions made at central council no Cavan underage team could go forward in the B competition. Our u14 and u16 teams unfortunately lost out at semi-final stage where they met very strong Munster teams in their respective all Ireland semi-finals.

In 2017 Cavan ladies entered an u15 development league team in the Ulster competition. The girls and their management had a very short run in to the competition and the improvement as the competition progressed was very noticeable. I believe that this group of players really enjoyed their experience and gained very valuable skills wearing their cavan jerseys.

We are extremely proud of all underage players, and we congratulate them on their achievements. We would also like to acknowledge the huge commitment of parents in bringing girls to trainings etc and for their support throughout the year

A huge amount of work is being done by our underage managers at all levels and we want to acknowledge the amount of time and dedication they give. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and are much appreciated by all.

### **Cavan Ladies senior team**

Division 2 is a hugely competitive division and our seniors proudly finished top of the division, having overcome Clare in the semi-final, the stage was set for the division 2 league final against Westmeath in Parnell park. As we all know it took a replay to separate the sides and unfortunately the result was not in our favour. Although it is of little consolation to the panel or management the team can be very proud of their 2017 league campaign. In the ulster championship our girls fought hard against a Monaghan team whose experience was really the difference on the day

In the All Ireland series one could see the renewed determination within the team. The game against Laois showed some of the lessons learned from the Monaghan game and the will within the squad to win

The loss to Waterford in the senior championship qualifier was heart-breaking for players, management and supports alike. Everything that is good was on show that day and perhaps it just epitomised the year our seniors had. There was huge improvements made and success really is just within touching. We really want to commend all our senior players for their commitment and dedication to cavan ladies. We know the sacrifices you make and we are very proud of you all

We would once again like to take this opportunity to thank Aiden Mc Cabe and Simon Fay for their dedication and commitment to our footballers and board over the past number of years.

We acknowledge their input and realise the significance of the continual improvements that the Cavan Senior Ladies team have achieved during the past few years under their watch. We wish both men every success in their respective roles within the GAA and LGFA in Cavan.

**New County Manager** James Daly has been ratified as the new senior manager. A native of Armagh, James is no stranger to ladies football having an impressive track record at all levels. Trials began on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We wish James and our senior team every success in 2018.

**Ulster PPS All Star Panel 2017-2018** Massive congratulations to Niamh Keenaghan, Knockbride and Loreto College, Katie Mulligan Ballymachugh and St. Clare's Ballyjamesduff and Shanise Fitzsimons Castlerahan/Denn and St Clare's Ballyjamesduff who have made this year's Ulster PPS All-star team.

**Volunteer award** Congratulations to Aiden O'Reilly from the Castlerahan Club who was recipient of the County Volunteer Award at the Ulster 25th Anniversary Celebrations in Kelly's Inn Co Tyrone in early November. This award is a testament to Aiden's lifetime dedication and support of ladies football within Club and County.

**ALL Star** Congratulations to Ashling Doonan for her nomination for the LGFA all star award.

**Team of the league** Congrats to Sinead Greene, Donna English, Aisling Doonan and Aishling Sheridan on being chosen on the LIDL National League Division 2 team of the league 2017.

**Interprovincial team** Massive congratulations to Aisling Doonan, Ailish Cornyn, Sinead Greene, Donna English and Mona Sheridan who were part of the Ulster Interprovincial team that won the All Ireland Interprovincial tournament today in May.

**DCU player of the year** Well done to Cavan senior Ladies player Aishling Sheridan who won DCU O'Connor cup player of the year.

On the club scene it was an extremely busy year, there were over 1,200 games played which represents a 50% increase in games in the 3 years from 2014. I don't think anyone of us comprehend fully the work involved in organising this amount of games, none of which would be possible without the commitment and dedication of our very small but very determined fixtures committee.

At this point I would like to express a special word of thanks to all clubs who made their grounds available for finals and for their help in hosting and stewarding at games.

As an association ladies football within the county is growing rapidly, while this is very welcome it of course adds to the work load for our volunteers at both club and county level. As we grow and change we must always remember that the club is the cornerstone of our association. We support all our volunteers who work tirelessly for the love of their club and those who give so selflessly to our county. Together we have a responsibility to encourage volunteers to get involved.

Our clubs and our club delegates must remember that you have the power and the responsibility to bring about change, you are the county board and the people who sit at the top table are merely officers elected by you the clubs to carry out the instructions from your clubs through your county board delegates. Clubs have a huge responsibility to ensure that the delegates you send to county board meetings are informed and enabled to speak and vote on your behalf and then to bring back information to the club.

Our championship finals days were both wonderful occasions. A huge thank you to everyone who helped in any way on both days. Congratulations to all our finalists.

Our finals were streamed live with live commentary on "*we are cavan*" along with live updates on Northern sound radio, allowing our supporters worldwide to tune in. I want to thank Aideen our hardworking PRO who has worked tirelessly all year promoting cavan ladies.

To our counterparts on the Cavan County Board we thank you for your support and guidance in 2017 and look forward to working with you all in the new year

Cavan ladies first Golf classic took place in June, spear headed by Benny Byrd, Sean Lynch and Fergal Brady they were assisted by Aidan O'Reilly, Patsy Fitzpatrick, David Daly, Gerry Sheridan, Pat Farrelly, Martin Sexton and Tomas Doonan. We thank all the friends of cavan ladies for their work in making the weekend such a success. We are very grateful to all who sponsored the event and to all the teams who played. We reserve a special mention for Ciaran Brady who was the main sponsor of the classic

Thank you to our main sponsor Donal keogan for his loyalty and belief in Cavan Ladies and to all our other associated sponsors without whose help it would not be possible to run a county board.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and very healthy and successful sporting year in 2018.

Yours in Sport

Mary Daly

# **Cavan Camogie Review 2017**

## **SENIOR LEAGUE**

Ballinagh, Castletara, Crosserlough, Denn Lacken & Laragh

Crosserlough and Laragh contested the senior final on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Crosserlough proved the stronger side on the day and were crowned Senior League Champions 2017.

## **JUNIOR LEAGUE**

Crosserlough- Junior A League Winners                      Lacken- Junior B League Winners

## **SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Teams contesting Senior Championship were Castletara, Crosserlough, Lacken and Laragh, Denn. Crosserlough & Laragh reached the final. This was to be a cracking final played in Kingspan Breffni Park on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August with both teams giving it their all and both sides hungry for victory. Crosserlough won on the day and Crosserlough captain Erin Galligan and lifted the Katie Fitzpatrick Cup.

## **SENIOR SHIELD**

Castletara & Lacken played the final of the Senior Shield with Lacken coming out as winners.

## **JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP**

Ballinagh & Kill reached the final. This final was played as a double fixture with the Senior Championship in Kingspan Breffni Park on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> with Ballinagh being crowned champions

Crosserlough Junior B Championship Winners

## **ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Crosserlough crowned Ulster Champions

In the Bridie McMenamin Ulster competition, Ballinagh bowed out at in the first round.

## **COUNTY TEAM**

We didn't have a County Team entered in 2017 as the divisions were deemed too strong.

## **JUVENILE CAMOGIE**

The Juvenile year started back in January with the Indoor Winter League. It is very encouraging to see an increasing number of schools taking part each year especially the schools that do not have a local club for backup. 25 teams took part in this competition at U9's, U11's & U13's.

## **PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION**

After the Easter break the Primary Schools league started. Again there were a big number of schools taking part. The increase in numbers is in no small measure due to the hard work and dedication of teachers in the schools throughout the county. Also the immense work by the clubs in setting up training programmes for girls from U9 upwards and the hard work by our Juvenile committee. This will pay dividends in the future of Cavan camogie.

Division 1	Laragh	Division 1 Shield	Castletara
Division 2	Denn	Division 3	Laragh
Division 4	Virginia NS		

## **U14**

The U14 competition this year was run over the summer months with 2 divisions. There was a good entry for this competition with Denn winning Division 1 and Lacken winning Division 2.

## **U16 CHAMPIONSHIP**

The U16 competition had 2 divisions. There was a good entry for this competition with Laragh winning Division 1 and Denn winning Division 2.

## **U18 CHAMPIONSHIP**

The U18 competition this year was run in October with 2 divisions. Crosserlough winning Division 1 and Laragh winning Division 2.

**DEVELOPMENT SQUADS.** We ran development days for U9's, 11's & 13 with guest coaches over the spring with great participation.

**U14 COUNTY Cavan U14** trained by Mark Nolan competed in U14 blitz days during the summer with 2 squads taking part under the guidance of Mark Nolan. The girls won Div 2 in Armagh blitz on sat 7<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**U16 COUNTY** Trained by Paul Maher with Ger Gribbin coming on board. Girls completed all games but found division strong. Problems with availability due to Gaeltacht, holidays etc.

## **GAA**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Cavan GAA County Board and Clubs for the use of their pitches and facilities. Without their support we would not be able continue. A special word of thanks to Liam McCabe & Angela Hamilton for their cooperation and assistance in booking slots for the 3G & back pitch in Kingspan Breffni Park for county squads and development squad training. The importance to the squads of having this facility for training cannot be underestimated.

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Michelle Smith

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## Development Officer's Report

**Club Leadership:** Training focusing on the main officer functions was delivered again this year at national, provincial and local level to new and existing club officers. Twenty three clubs attended the training held locally in March. There was a good representation of chairpersons and secretaries, however treasurers and PRO's were a bit thin on the ground.

As I said last year, club roles are demanding and evolving, so it's important both new and ongoing officer training is undertaken not only for the benefit of your club, but also your enhanced enjoyment and protection in the job. Put simply, the bespoke training is on tap- try to avail of it, particularly if you've missed one recently or have a knowledge gap.

**Club Planning:** I'm delighted that 2017 has seen a big uplift with seven clubs at the very early stage. While delayed a bit at national level, the good news is, it was worth waiting for, is now fully up and running, is more flexible and has highly trained and competent Planners in place. Together with the Club Leadership initiative, this is top of the GAA 's priority list for obvious reasons. –A plan simply documents the club's aims and objectives following consultation with local interests. Progress can then be reviewed and measured over the duration. A typical plan would probably address the following headings;

- *Club Structures and Administration*
- *Finance and Fundraising*
- *Coaching and Games Development*
- *Facilities and Development*
- *Communications and PR*

And has the following benefits

- *Reduced Main Officer Workload*
- *New Volunteer Recruitment*
- *Better Volunteer Retention*
- *Clear and measurable goals*
- *Improved Governance*
- *Enhanced Club Profile*

**Sports Capital Programme:** Good luck to all successful clubs-thanks to Fionntan O'Dowd Ulster Council for his clinics.

I'm available to assist in any way I can with any issues relating to Officer Training, Club Planning, GAA Borrowing Approval, Trustee issues, Grants etc. – feel free to contact me anytime.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all the clubs for their efforts and support during the year and hope everybody has a fantastic 2018.

Finally, I'd also like to thank Gerry Brady, our County Board Chairman, my fellow officers and the staff at Kingspan Breffni for their support and assistance.

Michael Reynolds

Development Officer

## **Health and Wellbeing Report 2017**

The GAA Health and Wellbeing Programme continues to evolve and change to meet the needs of the GAA Community at National, Provincial, County and Club level. From 2018 onwards the Healthy Club Officer will replace what was formally known as the Health and Wellbeing Officer. All Clubs in Cavan have been informed about this important change and are asked to make this important Club appointment at their AGM.

During 2017 Cavan GAA continued to promote the GAA Health and Wellbeing Programme.

In February we had a Health and Wellbeing Training night for our Club Health and Wellbeing Officers. The training was delivered by our County Tutors Maggie Rudden and Phil Smith and 35 Club Officers attended the training. Cavan GAA is lucky to have 2 trained Tutors and we thank them for their time and effort. In early 2018 there will again be training nights for existing and new Healthy Club Officers.

We held our Social Initiative event at the Cavan Kerry NFL game in Kingspan Breffni Called "Keep the Home Fires Burning" This involved inviting older members from all 40 Clubs in Cavan to pre match food in the Kilmore Hotel. In the hotel they heard from Paul Fitzpatrick sports editor with the Anglo Celt who spoke about the famous 1947 All Ireland Final in Polo Grounds in New York and also from GAA Historian and former County Board Chairman George Cartwright. This part of the event concluded with a wonderful few word from the one and only Michael O Muirecheartaigh. The group which numbered about 185 in total were then taken by coach to the game where they were guests of Cavan County Board. A wonderful day was had by all. Special thanks to Tom Reilly for the huge amount of work that he did in helping to make the day such a success.

3 safeTALK training nights have taken place hosted by 3 different Clubs, Killeshandra GAA Club, Butlersbridge GAA Club, and Drung GAA Club. 75 Club volunteers undertook this training. Thanks to the Officers of the 3 Clubs for their help in making the trainings evenings a great success in all 3 locations. The 2 Clubs involved in the Healthy Clubs project, Cavan Gaels and Killygarry also held safeTALK training events.

Cavan GAA have benefited from our partnership with the HSE in Cavan / Monaghan without whom it would not have been able to run safeTALK training. Special thanks to Emer Mulligan Resource Officer for Suicide Prevention in Cavan / Monaghan for all her help in this area and we look forward to working with the HSE again in 2018.

Cavan Gaels and Killygarry continued on their Healthy Club programme during 2017 and have been great ambassadors for Cavan GAA at National Level.

Looking forward to early 2018 a number of events will take place. Cavan County Board GAA will adopt a Critical Incidence Response Plan, (CIRP) and then all Clubs will be asked to adopt a plan that is suitable to their particular Club.

I would like to thank a number of people for their help and advice during 2017. Ciaran McLaughlin Chairman of the National HWC has continued to be an excellent Chairman and is available at all times to give help and advice. Colin Regan the GAA Health and Wellbeing Manager continues to lead the GAA Health and Wellbeing Programme at National level and is ably assisted by Stacey Cahill and Ronan Flynn.

At Provincial level help and assistance is always available from Cathal Hand Chairman of the Ulster HWC and also Maura McMEnamin Ulster GAA Health and Wellbeing Manager.

I would also like to thank our own Chairperson Gerry Brady, County Secretary Liam McCabe, PRO Mark O'Rourke and the County Management Committee for their help and advice and support during 2017. Also to Eileen Clarke for her help at all times.

Finally to you the Club Officers for your help and support in helping to promote the GAA Health and Wellbeing Programme. You continue to perform a very important function and please continue to do so in 2018.

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Cavan County Board GAA Health and Wellbeing Officer.

**A Chairde**  
**Kingspan Breffni Park**

**Kingspan Breffni**

In 2017 again we have made great strides to improve the facilities in Kingspan Breffni , the purchase of the adjoining land and the proposed development of 2 grass pitches will create a central of excellence in kingspan breffni .

we carried out minor projects such as roofing the shop to the rear of the stand upgrading the generator on the 3G.

Power hosing of the stadium terraces and seating areas ,Painting of steps and all offices and meeting rooms, is continually carried out under the direction of seamus galligan who Works with all the FAS workers who have maintained the Kingspan Breffni to the highest standards .

John Wrynn has worked in Kingspan breffni for a long time , his attention to detail , his passion for the pitch surface ensuring it is to the highest standards , marking the pitch and numerous other jobs he has carried out , I wish john a speedy recovery from his illness.

**Event Management**

We have facilitated meetings prior to games and the week after games with -Ulster council ,An Garda , Fire Officer , Civil Defence , Ambulance control ,senior stewards , safety officer , Chairman , Secretary, treasurer ,PRO , denn carpark stewards , tunnel and back gate stewards stewards .To all of the above , i want to sincerely thank you for your input as the only way we all learn is from each other .These meetings have been very beneficial to improving the efficiency of Kingspan Breffni Park.

**Central Council Report**

I am delighted to have the opportunity to represent Cavan at national level, i will continue to do my very best in representing Cavan .

Looking forward to 2018  
Kieran Callaghan  
Central council Delegate

# **Insurance Administrator's Report to County Convention 2017**

## **GAA Players Injury Benefit Scheme**

### ***Preferred Provider Arrangements***

In recent weeks clubs will have been provided with details of the new medical preferred provider arrangements. These arrangements have been sought for a number of years and have at last been agreed. It is expected that they will achieve savings both for the Benefit Scheme nationally and for individual clubs.

Players must attend the hospitals and clinics on the agreed list to avail of the agreed rates. Where a player opts to avail of services from a clinic not on the list, then only the cost agreed with a clinic on the list will be refunded. Refund of any balance will be a matter between the player and his club.

### ***Loss of Income Benefits***

The change in benefits with regards to loss of earnings which was introduced for 2017 related to the reduction in the number of weeks loss of earnings benefits from 52 to 13 with a provision for a further 13 weeks subject to the claimant attending a medical assessment at the request of Willis and being certified as been unable to work.

## **Public Liability**

- ***Insurance Cover for Social and Fundraising Events***

As with previous years clubs need to be aware that social and fundraising events are not automatically covered by GAA Public Liability Insurance unless a request is made to Willis to cover them. Otherwise in the event of a claim, indemnity may be refused.

Cavan clubs have once again in 2017 being to the fore in notifying Willis and Croke park directly or through myself of events they are organising. For this I would like to express my sincere thanks.

Once an Event management plan has been completed cover is generally provided for events with the exception of which are expressly excluded from the GAA Public Liability policy. Regretably some clubs still decide to have bouncy castles and other inflatables at events. Recently a successful claim was brought against a GAA club in Leinster. Liability was apportioned between the supplier of the inflatable and the GAA club, with the result that the club had to pay €25k as their share of the claim as no cover was or indeed could have been put in place.

- ***Building / Developments***

When club development work is taking place, e.g. renovations /construction work, etc on club premises and pitches, it is a requirement that relevant health and safety and insurance arrangements are put in place. Only minor maintenance work is covered by the current policy.

- ***Hiring of Club facilities***

The claims experience arising from non-core events held at GAA clubs continues to grow. This is due largely to the absence of insurance arrangements being put in place with the hirer. A second related factor is that facilities are being made available to third part /hirers that are not safe. I recently wrote to Club Secs on this matter and advised of some measures to take to ensure that the facilities are safe before being made available.

While it is important that clubs make their facilities available to local community groups or for commercial benefit, it is essential that (a) insurance arrangements are put in place with hirers, be they a family hiring the club for a birthday party or a local group using it for meetings, activities, etc and (b) secondly the facilities are safe, e.g. external lighting is in place, no trips hazards, etc.

- ***Management and Supervision of Community Employment Scheme participants***

A second worrying trend which has emerged in recent years at national level is that of claims against the GAA from CES participants who are based at GAA grounds. These claims are due to CES participants being asked to do work for which they have not been trained, e.g. use of equipment and /or inadequate supervision. Improved supervision of these CES participants is seen as key to minimising these claims.

### **Property Cover**

There are three key elements to the policy with effect from 1.11.2017, these being:

- A list of all club facilities must be submitted for each club to Croke Pk. A questionnaire has been forwarded to each club in the county. Many have responded but a number are still outstanding.
- The policy excess has increased from €4k to €5k for the coming year for general property damage, €6k for ball stopping net s caused by storm with winds in excess of 100km per hour, €20k for water losses for clubs which had a claim in 2010 /2011. The latter reverts to €5k if the club can show that the GAA's Freeze Prevention Measures were implemented.
- The club meets its statutory requirement under the 2005, Safety Health and Welfare at Work Act by having a Safety Statement in place.

### **Conclusion**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chairman and Officers of Coiste Breffni O'Raghallaigh and to the staff in the County Board offices for their continued assistance and support.

I would like to thank in particular all the clubs within the county for their continued efforts in meeting safety and insurance requirements.

**Signed**

**Aodh O'Raghallaigh**

**Insurance Officer, Coiste Breffni O'Raghallaigh**

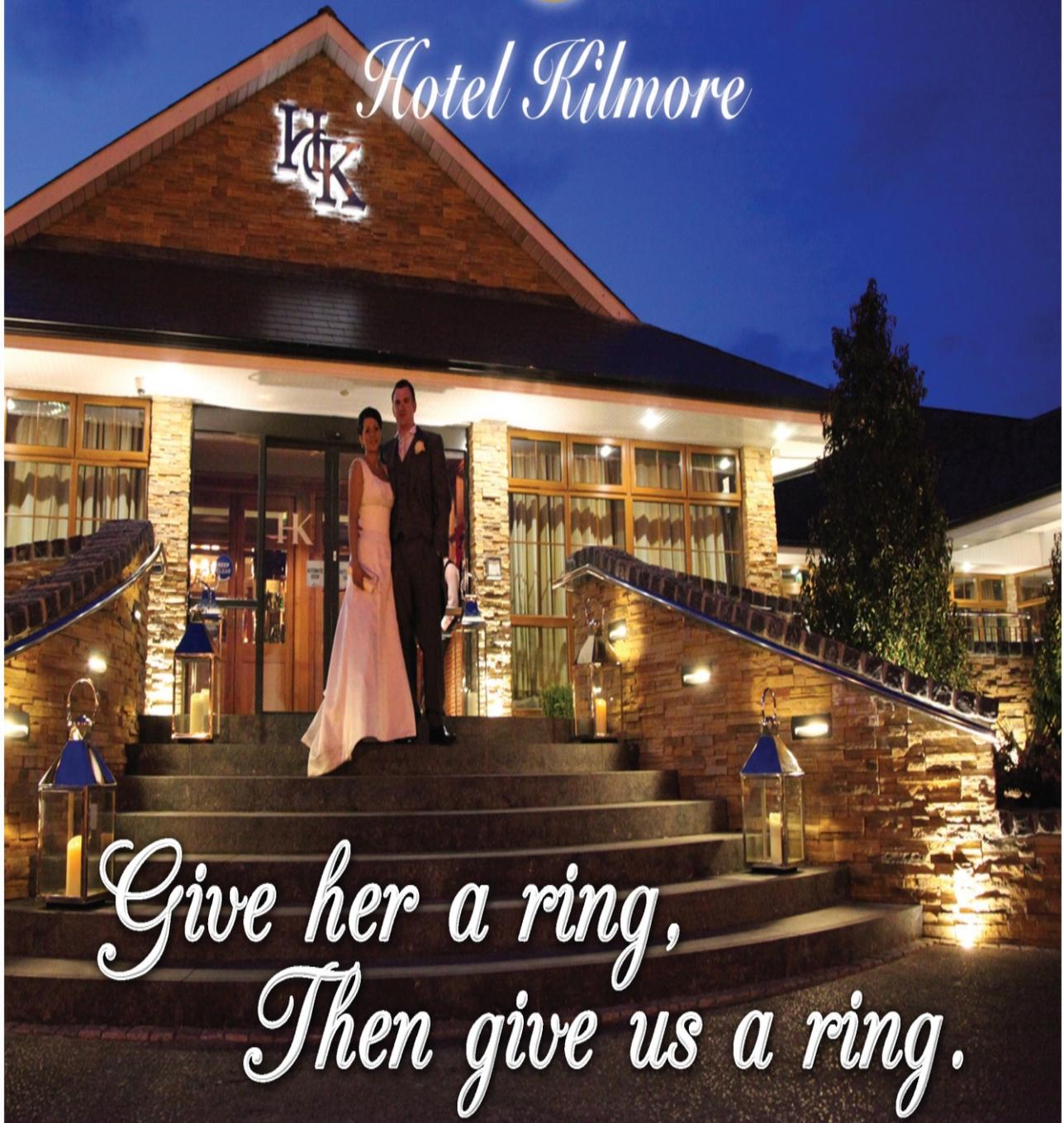
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## **LIST OF NOMINATIONS 2017**

<b>Uachtarán: (President)</b>	Phil Smith (Butlersbridge)
<b>Leas Uachtarán: Vice President:</b>	Packie Smith, John Andy McCabe, Dan Daly, Jim McDonnell, John Foy, Peter Brady, Brendan Keaney, Paddy Carolan, Tom Boylan
<b>Cathaoirleach: (Chairman)</b>	Gerry Brady
<b>Leas-Cathaoirleach: (Vice Chairman)</b>	Paddy Sheanon
<b>Leas- Runaí : (Asst. Secretary)</b>	Angela Hamilton
<b>Cisteóir: (Treasurer)</b>	Martin Cahill
<b>Leas Cisteóir: (Asst. Treasurer)</b>	Tom Moore
<b>Oifigeach Caipreamh Poiblí: (P.R.O)</b>	Mark O'Rourke
<b>Teachtaí do Comhairle Uladh:</b>	
<b>(Ulster Council Reps)</b>	Tom Reilly Declan Woods
<b>Teachtaí do Árd Comhairle:</b>	
<b>(Central Council Rep.)</b>	Kieran Callaghan
<b>Oifigeach Óiliúna:</b>	
<b>(Coaching Officer)</b>	Martin McGovern
<b>Oifigeach Forbartha:</b>	
<b>(Development Officer)</b>	Michael Reynolds
<b>Oifigeach Cultúir</b>	
<b>(Cultural Officer)</b>	Eugene Kiernan
<b>Congress Delegates</b>	Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Central Council Delegate plus 1 other to be decided
<b>Ulster Convention</b>	To be decided



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