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Fear Manach v Cill Dara

Dé Sathairn, 3ú Feabhra 2023, 6.00pm Páirc Bhruisceoir, Inis Ceithleann





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As Chairperson of Fermanagh GAA to be able to welcome you all to Brewster Park, Enniskillen for our first home game in the Allianz Football league. I extend a warm Fermanagh welcome to the Kildare team, Officials and supporters. I thank all our volunteers assisting in today's games, the many stewards, officials assisting in this evenings game

We greatly appreciate the support and generosity of our many sponsors, in particular main sponsor Tracey Concrete, Patsy as the longest service county team sponsor is an instrumental part of supporting Fermanagh GAA to reach our goals. We are grateful to have such loyal supporter in Patsy and his family. We also thank our other sponsors McMahon Healthcare, Modern Tyres and Monaghan Brothers, we thank you for your continued support. I want to thank Club Éirne for all their fundraising to help all our teams succeed, I would ask you support Club Éirne and consider becoming a member.

I am delighted that we will be able to acknowledge the success of St. Aidans H.S., Derrylin on winning the Ulster GAA's McCormack Cup, this was a great achievement for the school and feeder clubs. I congratulate all the players, coaches, teachers, parents and principal Pat McTaggart on this achievement.

Finally, I wish all of our county teams the very best for 2024, enjoy this evenings game and I hope to see lots of you at the many games and get behind all out teams.

Beir bua is beannacht Brian Armitage

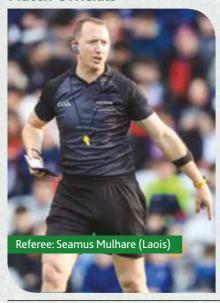
Míle Buíochas

Thank you all in the Print Factory for the production of today's programme.

A special thank you to all those who contributed to the programme, in particular Pauric McGurn, Katrina Brennan Fermanagh Herald, Gareth Caldwell Impartial Reporter and photographers Mary McElroy, Martin Brady and Donnie Phair for providing so many fantastic photos.

Deirdre Felloni Oifigeach Caideramh Poiblí

Match Officials



Referee:

Seamus Mulhare (Laois)

Standby:

Kevin Faloon (Ard Mhacha)

Line Umpire:

Ronan Hynes (Sligeach)

Sideline:

Mark McCloskey (Liatroim)

Score Umpires:

Conny Dunne, Phil Keogh, Séamus Lalor, Chris Grehan

Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil, atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua thar toinn do ráinig chugainn,
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsear feasta,
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill.
Anocht a théam sa bhearna bhaoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna-scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaig' amhrán na bhFiann.

Amhrán na bhFiann will be sung by Abigail Greene (Derrygonnelly Harps). From a very strong GAA family in Derrygonnelly Abigail has represented her club both on and off the field. She joined the Fermanagh Amhrán na bhFiann panel in 2022.



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Enniskillen Gaels

Klavs Paurnietis Richard Cirulis Conn Maguire Harry Waters Shea White Caiden Wilson Noah Cox Ciaran Dorian Seanie Gallagher Killian Gallagher Joseph Harris Eimear Gunn Aibhlin Holleran Clodagh Devine Naoimh McCaffery Madison Leonard Nevaeh Burns Maisie Curran



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Fermanagh will hope to build on an opening day draw against Meath when they host Kildare this evening at Brewster Park.

Kieran Donnelly's side have been tipped by many as favourites for a drop straight back down to Division Three following last season's promotion, but they will feel that if they can play as they did for long periods in Navan then it will give them every chance of holding their own in Division Two.

The Meath game was one that could have gone either way, Fermanagh left chances behind that could have saw them further ahead at the break but Meath had an opportunity to win it at the end that they failed to convert as it finished all square.

All in all, a point in Navan is a positive start for Fermanagh but there are plenty of big tests to come in the weeks ahead, starting tonight.

Fermanagh will be very aware that Kildare will travel to Enniskillen with a point to prove after their four-point loss to Cavan last weekend.

It is fair to say that the Breffnimen were excellent value for the win and the Lilywhites will know that if they suffer a second successive defeat it will have them looking over their shoulder already in the league.

A big and physical Kildare though are better than they showed last Saturday, and they have plenty of quality throughout the pitch.

Ben McCormack and Darragh Kirwan will be key men in attack while Daniel Flynn, Niall Kelly and Neil Flynn missed last week's game and would only add to their attacking threat if available.

It means that the Cullens, Shane McGullion et al will have to be at their best in defence for Fermanagh.

Midfield will be a crucial area as always. Kildare have a formidable pairing in Kevin Feely and Kevin O'Callaghan but Brandon Horan and Joe McDade renewed their Hogan Cup winning partnership with St. Michael's and they will be aiming to build on the promising signs they displayed.

Key for Fermanagh will be taking their chances when they are presented. Against Meath, Fermanagh worked the ball well into scoring positions but did not always capitalise on them – it is something Kieran Donnelly's side will be striving to improve.

Sean Cassidy was a bright spark up front for the Ernemen last week, the Ederney man hitting 1-02, while Fermanagh will also look to Garvan Jones and Ultan Kelm for scores from an attacking sense although they also like to get players coming from deep to add scores too.

Kildare will rely on the likes of Mick O'Grady and Shea Ryan to keep tabs on the Erne forwards.

The last time the sides met was in 2019 in Brewster Park and saw Fermanagh shade a low scoring contest, 0-8 to 0-6. This has the makings of another tight affair and while it is only early in the league, there is plenty riding on it for both teams.







We have big plans for the future, from youth infrastructure and development squad plans, to the development of improved facilities and of course the continued support we give to all our county teams across all codes in the GAA and LGFA.

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One Minute With Josh Largo Elis 1. Age: 22 **Favourite Position:** Wing back 2. Favourite Pitch: Croke Park 3. Hobbies: Gaelic and soccer 4. Childhood Hero: Shane Goan 5. Best player you have played with: Gary Mason Maguire 6. 7. Best player you have played against: Conor Glass 8. Best game you have been involved in: Hogan cup final 2019 9. Best game you have ever seen: Dublin Vs Mayo All Ireland Final 2017 10. Best trainer on the panel: Decky McCusker- never misses. 11. Worst trainer on the panel: Darragh McGurn hasn't been seen in months. 12. Most disliked training drill: Pressure squares 13. Best motivator within the panel: Decky McCusker 14. Pre-Match meal: Chicken and Pasta 15. Any superstitions: None oneills 16. Favourite Song: Noah Kahan - Stick Season 17. Favourite Film: Top Gun Maverick 18. Streaming recommendation (Netflix/Disney progr mme): One of Us is Lying on Netflix 19. Best advice ever received: Never give up 20. Biggest influence on career: Family 21. Club volunteer of note: Joe McQuaid always giving his free time back to the club 22. Song you listen to before big games: Run this town- Jay-Z and Kanye West 23. Most important skill: Being able to kick and fist off both sides 24. Biggest strength in your game: My Pace 25. Area of your game you would like to improve: More confident when taking a shot. 26. Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Coa 27. Advice for youngsters: Believe in yourself. 28. Young player within your club to look out for: Conor O'Hanlon 29. **7 A-Side Team from the county:** Sean Quigley, Ultan Kelm, Johnny Cassidy, Che Cullen, Sean McNally, Mason Maguire, Brandon Horan 30. 7 A-Aide team from the rest of the country: Rory Beggan, Seanie O'shea, Ryan McHugh, David Clifford, Gavin White, Gareth McKinless, Conor Glass

31. Honours Won: Macrory Cup 2019, Hogan Cup 2019, senior div 2 2021, Centenary Shield 2019. College All Star 2020



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Bainisteoir: **Kieran Donnelly**





Lí Ó Cuilan **Lee Cullen**

Béal na Leice



Ché Ó Cuilan Ché Cullen

Béal na Leice

























Fir Ionaid/Substitutes:

- 16. **Ross Bogue** Inis Ceithleann
- 17. **Fionan O'Brien** Daimhinis
- 18. Callum Jones Inis Ceithleann
- 19. **Diarmuid King** Achadh Gé 20. **Tiarnan Bogue** An t-Iompú
- 21. **JJ O'Brien** Daimhinis

- 22. **John Reihill** Inis Ceithleann
- 23. Cian McManus Tigh Mór
- 24. Patrick McGovern Cill Náile
- 25. **Oisin Murphy** Tigh Mór
- 26. Conor Love Inis Ceithleann



Cill Dara Kildare



Bainisteoir: Glenn Ryan































Fir Ionaid/Substitutes:

- 16. **Didier Cordonnier** Two Mile House
- 17. Callum Bolton Sarsfields
- 18. **Eoin Doyle** Naas
- 19. **Alex Beirne** *Naas*
- 20. Killian Galligan Clogherinkoe
- 21. **Ryan Houlihan** Moorefield

- 22. Barry Kelly Athy
- 23. **Aaron Masterson** Moorefield
- 24. Aaron O'Neill Carbury
- 25. Shane O'Sullivan Clane
- 26. Sam McCormack Clane



Allianz Football League Division 2

ROUND 2

SATURDAY 03 FEBRUARY
Armagh v Meath
SUNDAY 04 FEBRUARY
Louth v Cork
Cavan v Donegal

ROUND 3

SATURDAY 17 FEBRUARY
Donegal v Fermanagh
at 14:00 Venue: Letterkenny
Cork v Cavan
SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY
Meath v Louth
Kildare v Armagh

ROUND 4

Fermanagh v Cork at 14:00 Venue: Ederney Meath v Kildare Louth v Cavan Armagh v Donegal



RESULTS

ROUND 1

Meath 0-12 1-9 Fermanagh Kildare 0-12 0-16 Cavan Armagh 0-12 0-11 Louth Donegal 1-20 2-6 Cork



SATURDAY 02 MARCH
Fermanagh v Armagh
at 18:00 Venue: Brewster Park
Cavan v Meath
SUNDAY 03 MARCH
Donegal v Louth
Cork v Kildare

ROUND 6

SATURDAY 16 MARCH
Kildare v Donegal
Armagh v Cavan
SUNDAY 17 MARCH
Louth v Fermanagh
at 13:00 Venue: Ardee
Meath v Cork



ROUND 7

SATURDAY 23 MARCH
Cavan v Fermanagh
at 19:00 Venue: Kingspan Breffni
Kildare v Louth
Donegal v Meath
Cork v Armagh

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	CAVAN	1	1	0	0	16	12	2
	ARMAGH	1	Ð	0	0	12	11	2
4	FERMANAGH	1	0	1	0	12	12	1
	MEATH	1	0	1	0	12	12	1
	LOUTH	1	0	0	1	11	12	0
	KILDARE	1	0	1	1	16	12	0
	CORK	1	0	1	1	12	23	0



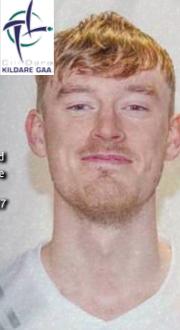






One Minute With Paddy McDermott

- 1. Age: 22
- 2. Favourite Position: Middle 8
- 3. Favourite Pitch: Croke Park
- 4. Hobbies: GAA, Listening to Music, Relaxing.
- 5. Childhood Hero: Eammon Callaghan
- 6. Best player you have played with: Eammon Callaghan
- 7. Best player you have played against: David Clifford
- 8. Best game you have been involved in: 2021 Kildare County Final.
- Best game you have ever seen: Dublin v Mayo 2017 All Ireland Final.
- 10. Best trainer on the panel: Eoin Doyle.
- 11. Worst trainer on the panel: Everyone trains well.
- 12. Most disliked training drill: Tackling squares.
- 13. Best motivator within the panel: Eoin Doyle
- 14. Pre-Match meal: Chicken & Pasta
- 15. Any superstitions: None
- 16. Favourite Song: Unwritten Natasha Bedingfield
- 17. Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption
- Streaming recommendation (Netflix/Disney programme): Suits (Netflix).
- Best advice ever received: Be uncommon amongst uncommon people.
- 20. Biggest influence on career: Family.
- 21. Club volunteer of note: Frank Joyce.
- Song you listen to before big games: Not a big fan of music before games.
- 23. Most important skill: All skills are important
- 24. Biggest strength in your game: Pace
- 25. Area of your game you would like to improve: Everything
- 26. Which club do you like to see do well apart from your own: Tourmakeady, Mayo (Mothers Club)
- Advice for youngsters: Listen to your coaches & stick to the basics.
- 28. Young player within your club to look out for: Rob Murray
- 29. Honours Won: X3 Kildare Minor Football
 Championships, X3 Kildare Senior Football
 Championships, X2 Kildare Senior Football Leagues.
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Ulster Champions St. Aidan's High School, Derrylin

At last! That was the feeling among pupils, staff and the entire St. Aidan's, Derrylin community when the under 16.5 boys won a first boys' Ulster title for the school.

It took 51 years of trying but on 12 January the wait was over.

After emerging from their group, the Derrylin schoolboys dispatched of Scoil Mhuire, Buncrana by 5-8 to 3-6 in the quarter-final.

Two Dan O'Connor goals and one from Ronan Fitzpatrick proved to be the catalyst for their victory, setting up a semi-final meeting with near neighbours and holders St. Kevin's, Lisnaskea.

In a much-anticipated semi-final at Louis Leonard Park in Donagh, St. Aidan's staged a spirited comeback, coming from two points down with seven minutes to play.

Tomás Cathcart and O'Connor were the men up front to convert the vital winning scores but it took a huge team effort to dethrone the reigning champions.

With a first ever Ulster decider on the cards, final fever swept through Derrylin and the neighbouring villages of Kinawley, Teemore and Belnaleck.



Only Coláiste Feirste from the Falls Road, Belfast, stood in St. Aidan's way now.

On a perfect day for football in Augher, the Derrylin school and its supporters turned Fr. Hackett Park black and yellow.

After racing into a 0-6 to no score lead at the break, the Belfast boys came storming back but the St. Aidan's defence, led by Conal Crudden, Devin Quinn and Ronan Brennan stood strong and the Derrylin boys were crowned Ulster Champions on a scoreline of 0-9 to 0-6.

Former St. Aidan's vice principal and PE teacher, Tony McCaffrey, who is also the Ulster Vocational Schools' secretary, had the great honour of presenting the trophy to joint captains Ciaran Shannon and Dan O'Connor.



Principal, Pat McTeggart attributed the victory to all the past players 'who have worn the St. Aidan's jersey with distinction' on a day that filled everyone with an immense sense of pride.

Katrina Brennan Fermanagh Herald





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YOUNG FERMANAGH SIDE SHOWING SIGNS OF REAL POTENTIAL in 2024



By Pauric McGurn

Fermanagh hurlers prepare for the start of the new season as they head to face Leitrim next Saturday February 10th. The Ernesiders find themselves this year back in the basement of the NHL after last year's relegation from Division 3A.

Joe Baldwin's charges have been quite lucky this year with just the one away league game and three at Brewster Park. There is no doubting the Erne men were unlucky last year, the league table may have had them bottom withP5 - W1 - D1 - L3 - however, a 2 point defeat to Monaghan, while one point defeats to Louth and Armagh just emphasised how close Fermanagh came.

This season they start with Connacht side Leitrim in Carrick-on-Shannon before home games with Warwickshire,

Lancashire and Longford. Further down the line Fermanagh will face into the Lory Meagher Cup on April 13 and games to come are – Leitrim (A), Cavan (H), Warwickshire (A), Lancashire (H), and Longford (A) before the top two sides face off in a Final on Saturday June 1st.

Fermanagh have impressed this season with an encouraging showing in their opening game of the Conor McGurk Cup when they easily defeated Cavan, 0-13 to 4-18 at Kingspan Breffni Park. While a Quarter Final victory over Queens University, 1-18 to 0-29, once again showed the high scoring quality of the Erne attackers. Donegal would eventually defeat Fermanagh at the Semi Final stage in Brewster Park, 1-12 to 2-16, however Joe Baldwin would have been greatly encouraged from what he has seen in the Pre-season competition as he gets ready to face Leitrim next Saturday.

► FIXTURES

BELTER

Round 2

SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY
Leitrim v Fermanagh
at 14:00 Venue: Carrick-on-Shannon

Round 4

SATURDAY 09 MARCH
Fermanagh v Lancashire
at 14:00 Venue: Brewster Park

Round 3

SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY Fermanagh v Warwickshire at 14:00 Venue: Brewster Park

Round 5

SATURDAY 16 MARCH
Fermanagh v Longford
at 14:30 Venue: Brewster Park

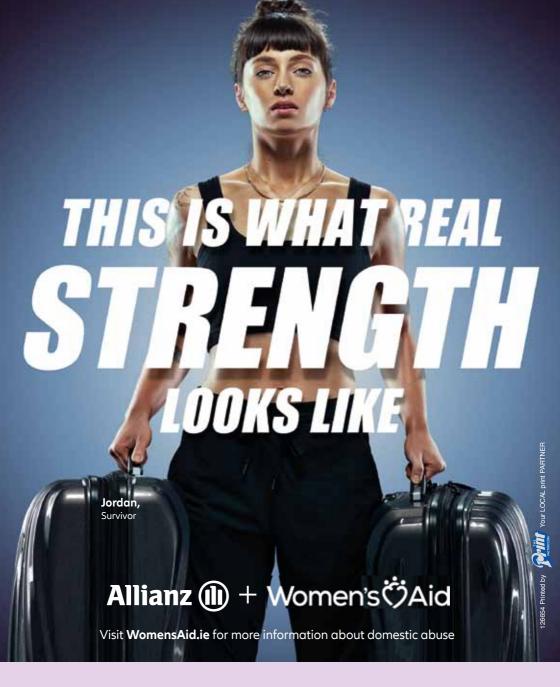
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