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Clár an Lae

15:00	Kiltubrid Pipe Band amach ar an bpáirc
15:13	Foireann Eanach Dubh amach ar an bpáirc
15:15	Foireann Gaeil na Meilge amach ar an bpáirc
15:18	Toss for choice of ends
15:21	Paráid na bhFóirne
15:27	Amhrán na bhFiann
15:30	Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship Final 2023 commences
16:00	Half-Time Interval *
16:47	Gaeil na Meilge Jubilee Team Leitrim Senior Football Champions 1998, introductions on pitch.
16:15	Second-half commences
16:45	Smith Monumentals IFC Final 2023 concludes
16:55	Presentation of Man of the Match award by Gabriel Cronin, Dental Laboratories, Drumshanbo.
11	Presentation of Frank Reynolds Memorial Cup to the winning captain by Cathaoirleach Coiste Chontae Liatroma Éanna Mac Stibhín
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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.

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach

I dtús báire ba mhaith liom fáilte á chroi a chur romhaibh go leir go Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada an deireadh seachtaine seo le haghaidh ár cluiche ceannais I gCraobh Idirmheánach don bhliain dhá mhíle is fiche a trí.

It's an honour and indeed privilege for me to welcome each and every one of you to Avant Card Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada, for the Intermediate Football Final. I genuinely hope that every supporter, player and official has a truly memorable day.

County Final Day is a very special occasion, when young men put their best foot forward to represent themselves, their families and above all their club and strive might and mane to emerge victorious and be crowned champions of Leitrim 2023.

We welcome the men from Melvin Gaels and Annaduff. I have no doubt that **Aidan Murray** and **Joe Cox** will have their respective players at the peak of their powers and serve us up a match worthy of County Final Day. May the best team win!!!

I want to welcome our referee **Enda Egan** as he takes charge of his second Intermediate Final and his team of officials. Good luck to you all and, as ever, I appeal to both teams and supporters to respect the referee and his officials. Mistakes are made in every match at every level, by players, management and officials; please do not single out one group for special attention.

Thanks to our media people; Leitrim Observer, OceanFM, Shannonside Radio and the Final Whistle.

Finally, after a very difficult year weather-wise, I want to pay tribute to the Avant Card Páirc Seán Committee and grounds people, who at all times have the playing surface in the best condition possible.

So enjoy your day out in Avant Card Páirc Seán. It's wonderful to be here for County Final 2023.

Comhgairdeas leis na foirne go léir anseo agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh taitneamh as an ócáid seo inniú.

Eanna MacStibhin Cathaoirleach Coiste Contae Liatroma

Intermediate Final Man of the Match 2022



Aaron Hoare is presented with the Smith Monumentals IFC Final Man of the match award by Cillian Cronin of Cronin Dental Laboratories Drumshanbo with Leitrim GAA County Board Chairman Enda Stenson

Focal ón Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí

Bairbre Ni Lochlainn Broinn

Is onóir mór dom an Clár Oifigiúl a chur le chéile daoibhse mar Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí CLG Liatroma. Tá súil agam go mbainfidh gach duine taitneamh ás an óscaíd seo.

Firstly I would like to welcome you all here today to Avant Money Páirc Seán Mac Diarmada.

Again we have reached another highlight of the year, the Smith Monumentals Intermediate Final. Special congratulations to Melvin Gaels and Annaduff on reaching the Intermediate Championship final 2023. Bearing in mind the disruption the weather has caused to the grounds in the county I want to acknowledge the roles of CCC Liatroma, the match

caused to the grounds in the county I want to acknowledge the roles of CCC Liatroma, the match officials and various grounds committees in getting us to this day in such a timely manner. I want to welcome the players, management and their supporters here today. No matter the results, enjoy the occasion.

As with previous years, the Live Streaming of our games has been a huge success, broadcasting to our ever loyal and valued patrons at home and abroad. I wish to thank our great team of **Brian Blake**, **John Lynch** and his co commentator **Martin Mc Gowan**, and to **James Molloy** and **Brendan Doyle** for their behind the scenes work and especially **Martin Costello** of AV Tech who does an extraordinary job with every production.

Thanks as always to our local media - Ocean Fm and Shannonside Northern Sound and their reporters, the Leitrim Observer's **John Connolly, Willie Donnellan** and **P J Leddy** and its correspondents and photographers and to **Breifne Earley** of Leitrim Daily/Final Whistle for also giving us coverage.

Special thanks to **Tommy Moran** and **John Lynch** for their wonderful articles for this production, to the club secretaries for their timely assistance in collating and getting all their information to me. Thanks to **Seán Ó Súilleabháin** and **Declan Bohan** for all their help. Special mention also to all our sponsors and advertisers for your continued support

Lastly, my sincere thanks to **James Molloy** for his invaluable help in producing this programme and to DPS for their usual excellent production.



Match Officials for today's final

Referee – Enda Egan (Fenagh St Cailin's)

Enda Egan is from the Fenagh St Callins GAA Club and has been refereeing for 10 years. This is his second Intermediate final to officiate. Over his refereeing career he has taken charge of games at all levels in Ladies and Mens football including several underage finals. He is also the man in the middle at hurling matches. Outside the county he has refereed and assisted at Connacht underage games.

He has played football at all grades for his club Fenagh St Caillins winning titles at Underage, Senior B and Senior League and has represented Leitrim at Under 16 and Minor. He is a keen handballer with Connacht medals among his collection.

Enda is carrying on the family tradition – his late father Pat RIP, who left us all far too soon, was a distinguished referee and in his time was in charge of four senior county finals. He would indeed be a proud man today to witness his son follow suit. Enda has one son, Caiden who is 13 years old. His umpires today are Ciaran Crinnigan, David Mitchell, Enda Mc Greevy and Damien Mc Govern.

Standby Referee: Martin Feeney, Linesman Seamus Mulhern, 4th Official Adrian Mc Cartin.







In attendance during last year's GAA Referees Respect Day at Croke Park were referees, from left, Colm Lyons, David Coldrick Thomas Gleeson and Sean Hurson

"Our GAA manifesto, 'Where We All Belong', requires no one is left out and that includes our match officials undoubtedly. They make a huge contribution to our games ... a contribution that our games cannot exist without them. They're as important as players, as coaches, as committee members."

Vachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael

Larry McCarthy

Hugh Leddy never wore a tracksuit, nor a baseball cap, when he was trainer, manager, goalies coach, backs coach, midfield coach, forwards coach, strength and conditioning coach, team psychologist ---- the whole shebang, with Annaduff, back in the fifties. A proud Hugh is in the team photo of the 1958 Junior Finalists, complete with overcoat, Sunday suit and shoes, collar and tie, topped off with his best hat. Battie White, the Melvin Gaels Chairman, the same, in a photo of the senior championship team of 1960, all decked out in his Sunday best and fellow officials Thomas Kelly, Hugh Gallagher and Gerry Gilmartin also high in the fashion stakes. All they were missing was a hat, Hugh Leddy was ahead on that score. That was then, this is now.

When Willie Donnellan, James Molloy and a host of others are snapping the teams today, there will be no officials dressed in all their glory. Anyway, there wouldn't be space for them, with the panels the clubs have now, enough subs to fill a bus and half the newborns in the parish as mascots in the front row. Many mascots over the years have gone on to be stars with the clubs' ladies or gents teams, so it is good to start them early.

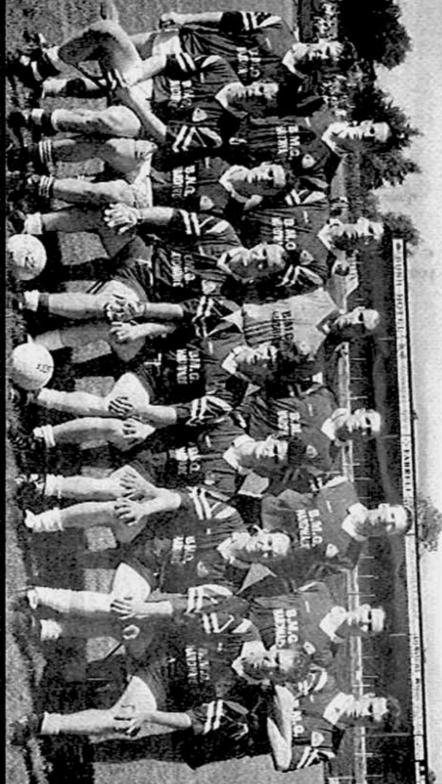
Neither Annaduff nor Melvin Gaels believe they should be here today, in an Intermediate Championship, a sort of an in-between grade, above Junior, but not just Senior. Their ambition is to be top of the pile. For Annaduff, their dream is to again get their hands on the Fenagh Cup as they did in 2004, so long after their first county title of 1928, the year after Leitrim's first Connacht win, with Annaduff stars Nipper Shanley and Peter Masterson as part of that historic side. Then later the club had other players of the very best, Ray Beirne, Eugene Boland, Mel Kiernan the hat trick hero of the 1977 Leitrim Under 21 team and a multitude of Shanleys and Coxs and one of the tallest players in Ireland, J P Newton. They also had Terry McGuinness. Any time I was refereeing an Annaduff game, the good humoured Terry would come up to me before it started, remarking "You might as well book me now, you'll be doing it before long anyway". He was always right!!

Melvin Gaels, though they might have been in a valley period lately, probably have more to brag about, especially from the fifties and sixties, than Annaduff. It was amazing that a club, only formed in 1954, could go on to produce such a talented championship winning side, just a few years later. Of course, with men like Martin Bernard McGowan and his family, Battie White, John Foley, Mickey McGloin, Patrick McGowan, Willie Gilmartin and Jackie Gallagher involved the results would surely be positive. As well as that, a number of their players had already lined out with clubs like Ballaghameehan and Sean McDermott's, so competitive football was nothing new to them, the Foleys, Gallaghers, McGloins and a small army of McGowans. Hopefully, one of those McGowans, star footballer, hurler, club and county team manager and former County Board Chairman Michael, will feel well enough to be at today's final. Beidh fáilte roimhe.

So today is a big one for the two clubs, a victory will put them back in senior football next year, the first step to what they really want. There will be no shortage of advice or energy drinks or magic bottles from the sidelines. Years ago I was doing the line in a Drumreilly match. Pat Prendergast hobbled to the sideline to ask the team manager Kevin McNamee for a spray. "God, Pat, the only spray I have is Dithane, get back out there and play away". (Dithane was the successor to washing soda and bluestone, for the spuds.) Pat took back to the pitch and played a stormer.

Sprays might not win a match, but heart will. Good luck to Annaduff and Melvin Gaels today.

Gaeil na Meilge Jubilee Team Leitrim Senior Football Champions 1998



Back (I-r): David Gillespie, Daniel Branley, David Mc Nulty, Gareth Phelan, Martin Mc Carron, Aiden Dolan, James Phelan, Fergal Mc Gowan. Front (I-r): Liam Gilmartin, Jason Regan, Simon Foley, Joseph Tiffoney, Alan Sheerin,Gareth Foley, John Gallagher

Craobh Peil Idirmheánach Liatroma

Leitrim Intermediate Football Championship Roll of Honour (to 2022)

	(Compiled by Seán O Súilleabháin)							
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	Achadh na Sileann	(3)	2008, 2017, 2022					
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	Carraig Álainn	(2)	1991, 2006					
	Droim Oir Bhealaigh	(2)	1998, 2007					
	Cluain	(2)	1972, 2009					
-	Naomh Caillian-Fíonach	(2)	1974, 2018					
-	Droim Dhá Thiar	(2)	2014, 2021					
	Gaeil na hÁilne	(1)	1989					
-	Baile na gCléireach	(1)	1996					
	Eanach Dubh	(1)	2001					
	Cill Tiobraid	(1)	2002					
	Achadh an Mhuilinn	(1)	2010					
1	Béal an Átha Móir	(1)	2016					
	Gael Liatroma	(1)	2019					

The 2023 Smiths Monumental Intermediate football championship final has thrown up the perfect north v south pairing with Melvin Gaels facing Annaduff.

The Gaels would have always been a likely finalist after making the drop last year; however there were probably at least two stronger contenders than Annaduff that many would have fancied to reach the final.



We were wrong and once again Joe Cox's men have defied the odds and are back chasing a title that has narrowly eluded them in recent years.

The teams reached the finals in different ways, Melvin Gaels secured the top spot after the initial group stages were completed and as a result avoided the task of playing a quarter-final.

A string of narrow defeats including a local derby reversal against neighbours St Patrick's Dromahair sealed Melvin Gaels fate at senior level last year and while you could say they were unfortunate to be relegated there are others that claim you make your own luck. The big difference between 2023 and 2022 is that the men from Kinlough have turned narrow defeats into narrow victories. Performances like their opening-day win against Ballinaglera and indeed the semi-final victory over Kiltubrid provide ample evidence that they know how to grind out results. In Cillian McGloin they have one of the finest footballers in the county but they are far from a one trick pony and have strength in all lines. For instance, Kevin McGloin has all the qualities needed to be a successful modern-day goalkeeper. In defence Peter Connolly and JJ Lipsett offer assurances while the half-back line is also a launch pad for many attacks. Conor Sheridan and Peter McGowan also offer attacking threats and a decent spread of scorers is a good way to enter the final and being unbeaten throughout the championship is vital and provides a glowing endorsement for the management team's game plan.

Sunday's opposition took the scenic route through the quarter-finals and perhaps that tussle with Ballinaglera could be the making of Annaduff. They looked like they were gone but a late goal saved their season and ignited the blue touch paper for another extended championship run.

It was fairly obvious that Annaduff were heavily dependent on Conor Reynolds in general and Ray Cox for scorers over the last number of years but the pressure has now been taken off some of the other elder statesmen with the emergence of Darren Cox in championship 23.

His personal tally of 2-6 in the semi- final v Allen Gaels will grab the headlines but he has been consistent throughout the campaign. I commentated along with Martin McGowan on that quarter-final and we agreed that while he is still learning his trade, his attitude and enthusiasm is brilliant. If something does not work out for him or he ships a heavy tackle he does not disappear from the game - he's back for the next ball and that is encouraging to see.

Ray Cox, Conor Reynolds, Kenny Cox, Shane Morrison Dillon Keane, and Daniel Bosquette are also big game players and with the pain of previous years they know now is the time to shine

MÍLE BUÍOCHAS

The Leitrim GAA Patrons Committee **Andy Moran**, **Joe Layden**, **Padraic White**, **Seamus Clarke** and **Eamonn Duignan** would like to sincerely thank all our Patrons who are financially supporting the Leitrim County senior football team over the next three years.

Such financial support ensures the Leitrim team is professionally prepared similar to all successful teams with proper medical support, strength and conditioning, nutritional needs, and up to date gym equipment.

To our patrons in Ireland, UK and USA we thank you sincerely and confirm we are doing everything we can to bring football success back to the county



2023 Smith Monumentals Intermediate Football Championship								
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Allen Gaels	4	2	0	2	66	43	23	6
Annaduff	4	3	1	0	61	55	6	6
Carrigallen	4	2	2	0	61	56	5	4
Cill Tiobraid	4	1	1	2	56	52	4	4
Ballinaglera	4	1	1	2	41	41	0	4
Drumkeerin	4	1	2	1	44	44	0	3
Achadh an Mheasa	4	1	2	1	47	66	-19	3
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17 Jamie Moore Séamus Ó Mordha Kinlouah

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19 Matthew San Pedro Maitiú Naomh Peadar Kinlough

20 Declan Roper Déaglán Roper Edenville

21 Adam Dolan Ádam Ó Dúláin Creevykeel 22

23 Eoghan Gallagher Eoghan Ó Gallchoir Fdenville

24 Darragh McSharry Darach Mac Searraigh

25 Liam McSharry Liam Mac Searraigh Moneen

26 Paul Simpson Pól Mac Shim Kinlough

27 Ben Higgins Beircheart Ó hUiginn Aghadunyane

28 Dáithí McGloin Dáithí Mac Giolla Eoin Glenade

29 Jamie Curran Séamus Ó Corráin Laughta

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(Vail Ó Múirí)

Melvin Gaels Gaeil na Meilge

Kevin McGloin Caoimhín Mac Giolla Eoin

Glenade

Patrick McGowan Pádraig Mac Gabhann

Glenade

Kieran Clancy Ciarán Mag Fhlannchaidh Kinlough

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Peter Connolly Peadar Ó Conghaile Kinlough

5 John James Lipset

Seán Séamus Lipset Drummonds

6 Cillian McGloin Cillian Mac Giolla Eoin Glenade

Shane McGloin Seán Mac Giolla Eoin Castlegal

Conor Sheridan

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9 Peter McGowan Peadar Mac Gabhann Kinlough

10 Philip McGowan

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Micheál Ferguson Mícheál Mac Fhearahais Manorhamilton

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12 **Declan Clancy**

Déaglan Mag Fhlannchaidh Kinlough

Gary Clancy

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Keelan Lynch Caolán Ó Loinsigh

5 **Tommie Taylor** *Tomás Táilliúir*Drumsna

6 **Dillon Keane**Diolún Ó Catháin
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7 **Conor Reynolds** Conchubhar Mac Ránaill Annaduff

8 **Eoghan Ridge** *Eoghan Mac an Iomaire*Annaduff

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10 **Eoin Gill**Eoin Mac an Ghaill
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23 Matty Cox Maitiú Mac an Choiligh Annaduff

24 Donal McNabola *Dónall Mac Con na Búille* Drumsna

25 Seán Quigley Seán Ó Coigligh Drumsna

26 David Duignan Dáithí Ó Duigeannáin

27 Jack Hughes Seán Ó hAodha

Drumsna **28 Marcus Guckian** *Marcas Mag Eocháin*

Drumsna 29 Shane Faughnan Seán Ó Fachtnáin Annaduff

30 Kenny Cox
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31 Frank Shanley Prionsios Mac Seanlaoich Annaduff

32 Jason Ward lason Mac an Bháird Annaduff

33 Liam McNamee Liam Mac Conmidhe Drumsna

34 Adam Maxwell
Adam Meiscill
Annaduff

35 Seán McNabola Seán Mac Con na Búille Annaduff

Manager Joe Cox

Seán Ó Gallchóir

Seosamh Mac an Choilligh **Coach & Selector** SeánGallagher

Padraig McGourty
Pádraig Mac Dhorchaidh
Goalkeeper Coach

Goalkeeper Coach Cormac Haslam Physiotherapist Ronan O'Rourke

Rónán Ó Ruairc **Physiotherapist** Cian Murray Cian Ó Muirí

Secretary & Selector Kevin Ludlow Caoimhín Ludlow





Back row, left to right, Shane Faughnan, Adam O'Hagan, Eoghan Ridge, Kieran Murray, Ray Cox, Frank Shanley, Hugh Moylan (Capt), Conor Reynolds, Shane Morrison, Aaron Duignan, Dillon Keane, Dan Bosquette, Matty Cox, Tommie Taylor, Liam Taylor.

Darren Cox, Eoin Gill, Marcus Guckian, Jack Hughes. Jason Ward, Caolan Quigley, Cillian Cox, Michael Murray, Conor Cox, Frank McNabola, Sean Quigley, Niall Quigley, Front row, left to right, Conall Keane, Kenny Cox, Keelan Shanley, Declan Gill, Alan Glancy, Donal McNabola

Melvin Gaels Club History



Melvin Gaels CLG was formed on 19 November 1954. Situated in the very north of the county the club is bordered by three Counties: Donegal, Fermanagh and Sligo.

Although based primarily in the village of Kinlough, the club draws its members from the areas of Tullaghan, Askill, Glenade, Rossinver, Glenaniff and Ballintrillick. Although Ballintrillick is in County Sligo, it is half the parish of Glenade and over the years it has provided many members for Melvin Gaels.

The club has a vibrant underage structure with boys and girls teams competing at all age grades from under 7 to under 19. The club now field three adult men's teams. The senior team last won a Leitrim Senior Football Championship in 2012 and has won the senior title a total of seven times., The club has also tasted success at intermediate level on four occasions, most recently in 2015. A reserve team was established in the mid-1990s and has won the Junior League three times (1999, 2003, 2011) and a Championship on three occasions (2004, 2011 & 2021). The club established a third team in 2022 and they went on to win the Leitrim Junior C championship in their maiden season.

The club colours are blue and white on the request of the late Rev. J. Dolan P.P one of the founding members of the Club and native of County Cavan. The club had been embroiled in the longest-running dispute in the history of the GAA over the 1962 senior county football championship. Although the Melvin Gaels beat Aughavas in the final, the competition was declared void following an objection by semi-finalists Ballinamore, who had failed to show up for their semifinal against Melvin Gaels, however the controversy was resolved in 2009 thanks to the contribution of

Ballinamore and Melvin Gaels were declared as champions.



Wishing Melvin Gaels the very best of luck in the County Final from everyone in BMG Homevalue

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Melvin Gaels Team Captain and Management



Manager Aidan Murray, Captain Paddy Mc Gowan and Selector Val Murray.

Team captain **Patrick McGowan**, having made his debut at 16 years of age, is already a Melvin Gaels veteran at 32. His adult footballing career was kick started in 2008 at the time our current Selector, Val Murray was Manager and spans a Senior Championship in 2012, two Intermediate Championships in 2011 and 2015, a Junior A Championship in 2011, a Junior B Championship in 2021 and a Division 1 league win in 2008. At under age Patrick also won honours at U14, U16 and U21. A Native of Glenade, Patrick is a highly committed and respected member of the Melvin Gaels Intermediate team, who also gives his time mentoring and coaching underage teams. Patrick as a key member in the Melvin Gaels defence along with his cousin Micheal Ferguson, will be looking forward to taking the field today representing the Melvin Gaels.

Aidan Murray (Manager). a native of Ballyshannon, is in his first year with Melvin Gaels and only his second year in a management position of a senior team. He guided Naomh Bríd to a Division 3 final win in 2022, taking them back into Division 2 after a 10 year hiatus. In his playing career, the Donegal man has won three intermediate reserve championships and brings with him extensive managerial and coaching experience at all age groups at club level. His ability as a manager was recognised when he was a selector on the management team in 2020 of the Donegal Masters team, who along with his father Val as manager, brought to all-Ireland glory.

Val Murray (Selector). father of the current manager Aidan, and returning to Melvin Gaels after managing them in 2008 and bringing them success with a Division1 title. He played county minor and under 21 football for Donegal. He has won five county senior championships with his club in Donegal, Aodh Ruadh, captaining the last team for Ballyshannon to win a Donegal Senior Championship in 1998. Val has extensive coaching and management experience with his home club at all levels and managed the Donegal Masters team with his son Aidan as a selector to an All Ireland title in 2020. Val is a respected referee in Donegal and has refereed at the highest levels in both Championship and League.

Míceál McGinty (Selector). A native of Derry, has been involved with Melvin Gaels coaching teams at different grades, since moving to Kinlough in 2007. Míceál has been Club Secretary for the last 3 years and joins the management team, bring with him, experience of having represented his native county in hurling at different levels throughout his playing career.

Gareth Phelan (Physio and Strength & Conditioning Coach) is a lifelong member of Melvin Gaels and has extensive experience and success as an ex-player at county and club level. With over 25 years' experience as a therapist and sports coach he works from his clinic based in the Atlantic coastal town of Tullaghan. Gareth has been helping the team with their physical preparation and Injury management throughout the year. As a coach Gareth has been involved with the development of many U19 and U20 teams in Melvin Gaels over the years with much success, most recently, winning an U19 championship this year, with many of that squad playing here today.

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Annaduff Club History



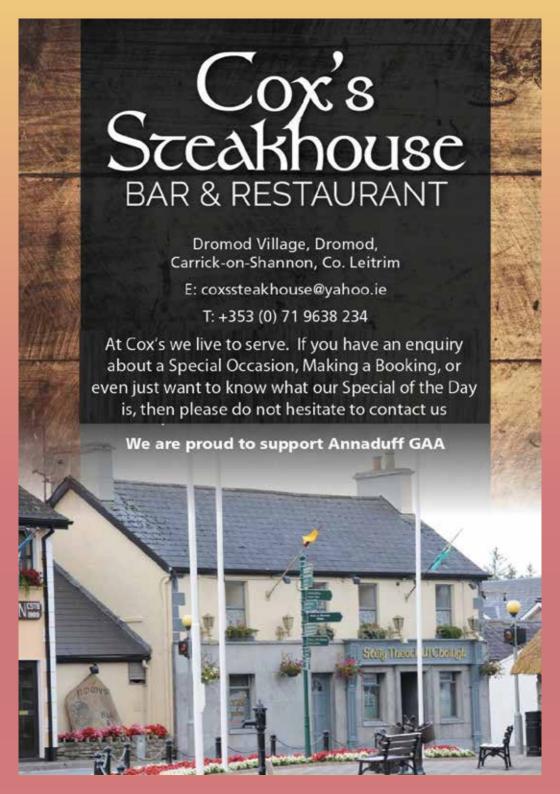
In common with most of Leitrim, the GAA came to Annaduff in 1889 with the formation of Annaduff Parnellites and Drumsna Connaught Rangers, but this flowering was to the short lived. While the Club came and went during subsequent years, due to emigration and lack of players, some notable successes were achieved, the most significant being the winning of our first Senior Championship in 1928 with a team backboned by Nipper Shanley and Pee Masterson.

From then up to the Club's reformation in 1958, Annaduff came and went on the Leitrim GAA scene, enjoying some success at Junior level. When the Club fielded a Junior team in 1958, it would have been hard to imagine that it would begin an era of over 60+ years on continuous existence. But great things have happened in that time. Our park, named in honour of the late Stanley Cox was officially opened in 1983, which coincided with the long-awaited Junior Championship success. The Park has been consistently upgraded in the intervening years and is now one of the finest club grounds in Leitrim.

On the playing fields, Annaduff has been successful at all levels, winning titles in every grade, the most significant being the Senior Championship in 2004 and our last triumph at Intermediate level in 2001. Our sister club, Annaduff Ladies also captured three Senior titles during this time.

Our population is increasing again which is welcome and this has been recognised by the Club, which has a very active and successful Bord na Óg with our Academy serving the younger members of our club from under 5's to 17's. As a result of our increasing membership and demand on our facilities Annaduff GAA has embarked on an ambition phased development program. Phase 1 is a 40m x 20m floodlit Astroturf facility which was completed in March 2023, Phase 2 is a bollard lite walkway around our main & training pitches currently in construction, phase 3 will be a playground and phase 4 will be the resurfacing and full floodlighting of our main playing pitch.

Annaduff GAA welcomes all donations and sponsorship towards our ambition development program, please contact club secretary Kevin Ludlow at secretary. annaduff.leitrim@gaa.ie or 087-8132242.



Annaduff Team Captain Hugh Moylan

Occupation

Metrology Engineer at Prior PLM Medical, Carrick on Shannon

GAA Achievements:

Division 2 (2015) multiple underage Connacht Minor League (2014)

Favourite player

Sean O'Shea

Sporting ambition

Win intermediate championship today and senior in years to come

Best teammate

Dillon Keane and Conor Reynolds

Interests

Man United, Boxing, Golf, Fishing, Basket Weaving



Annaduff Team Manager Joe Cox



Joe Cox is the manager of the Annaduff team. Joe has been a stalwart for both club and county over the years both as a player and official. He is the current leas cathaoirleach of the Leitrim County Board. Helping Joe along the way today are: Padraig McGourty - Coach & Selector, Sean Gallagher - Coach & Selector, Cormac Haslam - Goalkeeping Coach

Annaduff GAA Development Plan LEGEND Phase 1 - MUGA Phase 2 - NEW Walk-way around existing training field Phase 3 - Proposed Playground. Existing concrete footpath PHASE 1 - MUGA facility. PHASE 2 - Extension of walkway with Bollard Lighting. PHASE 3 - Playground. PHASE 4 - Community Center Extension/upgrade. PHASE 5 - Existing Pitch drainage and Lighting Upgrade PHASE 6 - Tarmac Existing Car park with Lining. Annaduff GAA grounds Layout Phase 2 - Proposed Walkway. Phase 3 - Proposed Playground. Phase 2 - NEW Walk-Lighting Plan

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AIB CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Quarter Finals		11th /12th November			
(A) SLIGO	٧	ROSCOMMON			
(B) MAYO	V	LONDON			
Semi-Finals		18th /19th November			
SLIGO/ROSCOMMON	V	LEITRIM			
GALWAY	V	LONDON/MAYO			

AIB CONNACHT CLUB SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL: 2ND/3RD DECEMBER

ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL 7th/8th JANUARY 2024. C v M; L v U
ALL IRELAND FINAL 20th/21st JANUARY 2024

AIB CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals		11th /12th November
(A) MAYO	v	LEITRIM
Semi-Finals		18th /19th November
ROSCOMMON	v	SLIGO
(A)	v	GALWAY

CONNACHT CLUB INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL FINAL: 25TH/26TH NOVEMBER

ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL 7th/8th JANUARY 2024 C v M; L v U

ALL IRELAND FINAL 13th/14th JANUARY 2024

AIB CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Quarter Finals		11th /12th November
(A) GALWAY	V	ROSCOMMON
Semi-Finals		18th /19th November
(A)	V	MAYO
SLIGO	V	LEITRIM

CONNACHT CLUB JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL: 2nd/3rd DECEMBER ALL IRELAND SEMI FINAL 7th/8th JANUARY 2024 C v M; L v U

ALL IRELAND FINAL 13th/14th JANUARY 2024

CONNACHT CLUB U 17 A & B FOOTBALL 2023

Quarter Finals			CONNACHT CLUB U 17
(A) SLIGO	٧	MAYO	A & B FOOTBALL FINALS
Semi-Finals		31st October	FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER
(A)	٧	LEITRIM	All games in Connacht GAA Centre.
GALWAY	٧	ROSCOMMON	All games finish on the day



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