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TODAY'S REFEREE



Conor Lane (CORK)

When did you start refereeing? I started refereeing in 2004.

What finals / All-Ireland Senior matches have you refereed?

In Munster I have refereed Minor and Under 21 Munster finals and also Junior and Senior Club Championship finals. At National level, I've refereed the Division 2 and Division 3 League Finals and also the Connacht Senior Football Final (2013) and the All-Ireland Minor Football Final (2013). I have been to Dubai refereeing the Dubai games. I refereed the 2016 All-Ireland Senior Football Final (drawn game) and the 2019 All-Ireland Senior Football Final (replay). I took charge of the 2020 All-Ireland Club Senior Football Final.

Describe your funniest moment to date as a referee?

The funniest moment I had was when I fell on the pitch in Pairc Uí Chaoimh during the 2009 County Football final.

What advice would you have for any aspiring referee?

The advice I would give to up and coming referees is to get as much advice and help from other referees and have respect for players at all times. Oh and enjoy it!

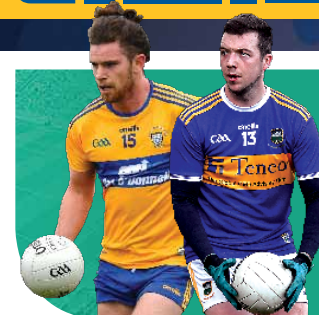
Match Officials

Standby Referee - Anthony Nolan (Wicklow).
Linesman - David Murnane (Cork).
Sideline Official - John Hickey (Carlow).
Umpires - Ray Hegarty, Kevin Roche, DJ O'Sullivan and Pat Kelly (Cork).

2020 Munster GAA Senior Football Championship Fixtures



ROUND				DATE	VENUE	REFEREE
QF	1	Waterford	Limerick	31/10	Fraher Field Dungarvan @ 7pm	Brendan Cawley (Cill Dara)
QF	2	Tipperary	Clare	1/11	Semple Stadium Thurles @ 1pm	Conor Lane (Corcaigh)
SF	3	Cork	Kerry	8/11	Páirc Uí Chaoimh @ 4pm	
SF	2	Clare or Tipperary	Waterford or Limerick	7/11	Fraher Field Dungarvan, LIT Gaelic Grounds or Cusack Park Ennis @ 1:15pm	
FINAL				22/11	@ 1:30pm	



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The Tipperary Senior Football Backroom team includes Robbie Cannon (Strength & Conditioning Coach), Ronan Crosse (Physio), Stephen McGrath (Masseur), Paul Sculley (Team Doctor), Colin O'Riordan (Team Mentor), Murt Kennedy (Kitman) and Jim Murphy (Team Administrator).

The Clare Senior Football Backroom team includes Claire McMahon (Doctor), Shane McNamara (Physiotherapist), Bernard Keane (Liaison Officer), Jim Murrinan (Kitman), Jody O'Connor (Video Analyst) and Brian O'Connell (Stats).

BELOW: MICHAEL QUINLIVAN OF TIPPERARY KICKS A POINT UNDER PRESSURE FROM JACK GILHEANY OF LEITRIM DURING LAST SUNDAY'S ALLIANZ LEAGUE GAME



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PREVIEW

Closely fought encounter in store

By ED DONNELLY

Simple Stadium Thurles hosts today's Munster Senior Football Championship Quarter-Final. Sadly, no supporters will be allowed in to see this game given the current Level 5 restrictions and will tune in around the globe via GAA Go.

However, had this game been played as planned in May, arguably Clare and Tipperary's best players for the last five years could also have been watching from afar. Clare's Gary Brennan and Tipperary's Michael Quinlivan (along with a few others from both panels) had plans to travel in 2020 and were to be unavailable for selection.

If there's any positive to be taken out of 2020, at least the restrictions on travel will see a vast majority of the best hurlers and footballers lining out for their respective counties when in other years, there was always a cohort of players who took a year out.

Tipperary are favoured to win today's meeting though apart from having home advantage, it's hard for this scribe to see this one as anything but a 50-50 clash.

Tipperary's Football graph was on the incline from the start of the last decade. Under 20 Munster titles in 2010 and 2015, Minor Munster titles in 2011 and 2012 and a famous All-Ireland Minor success in 2011 culminated in a memorable run to the All-Ireland Senior Semi-Final in 2016 where they lost out to a late Mayo goal.

That 2016 side were quite young and having contested the All-Ireland Finals at both Minor and Under 21 Level in 2015, there was more talent coming on stream. For whatever reason, the Premier County have not kicked on since then. Having been a late score away from gaining promotion to Division 1 in the Allianz Football League, Tipperary were relegated a year later to Division 3 and needed two post-Covid narrow victories over Offaly and Leitrim in the past two weekends to avoid a drop down to Division 4. It's a far cry from the heights of earlier in the decade.

Manager Liam Kearns stepped down after the 2019 season and the Bainisteoir who helped oversee much of the underage success mentioned above is now in charge. David Power will hope that he can inspire some of the

now experienced Senior players who captured All-Ireland Minor success nine years ago and bring on some younger players to mould a successful outfit and reclaim their position as the 3rd best Football team in Munster behind Kerry and Cork.

The undoubted owner of that title over the last couple of years at least has been Clare who have secured their position in Division 2 of the Allianz Football League for the last few seasons. In the spring, Clare secured narrow victories over Kildare and Cavan. They also suffered one-point defeats at the hands of Westmeath and Laois showing how competitive the Division is. In the past two weekends, Clare needed at least one more victory to secure their Division 2 status. That victory arrived thanks to a two-point victory over a depleted Fermanagh side.

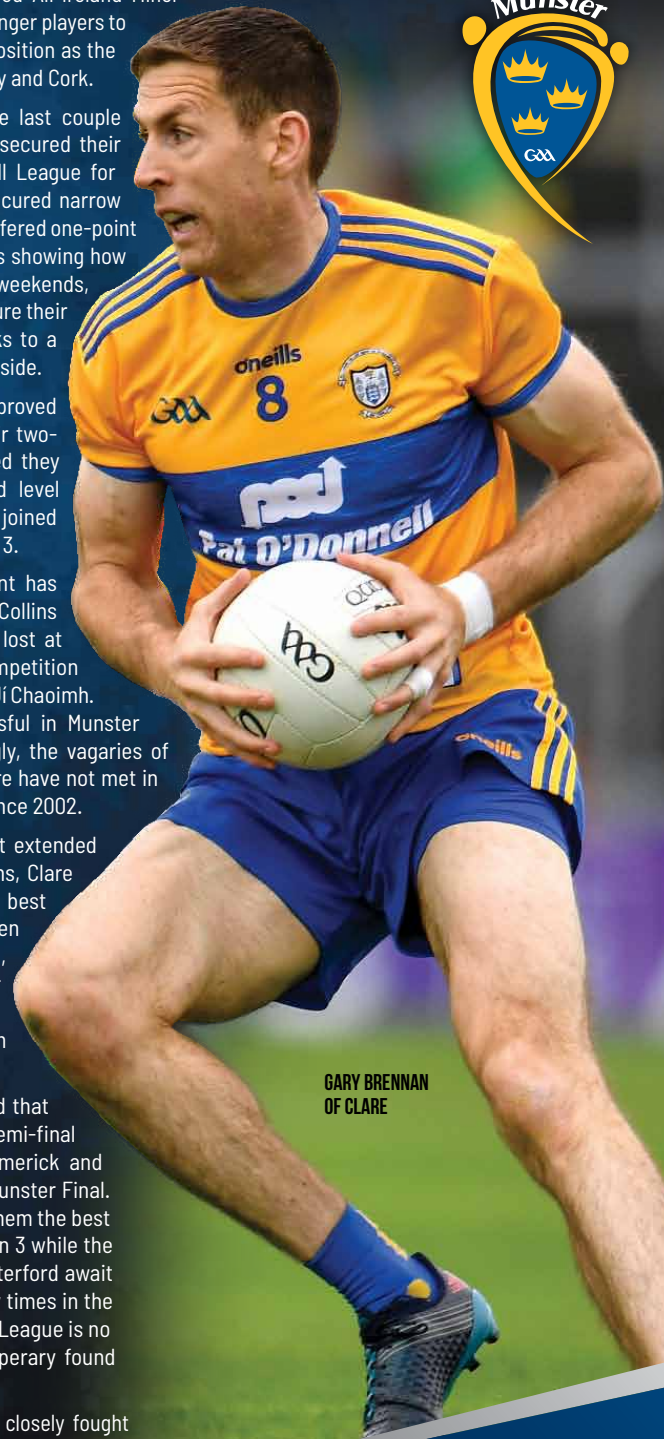
A final round loss to Armagh last weekend proved not to be detrimental to their status as their two-point win over Cavan back in March ensured they won the tiebreak scenario having finished level on points with the Ulster side as Cavan joined Fermanagh as the relegated sides to Division 3.

Playing against a better quality of opponent has obviously benefited The Banner and Colm Collins and his management team. Clare have not lost at the Munster Quarter-Final stage of this competition since 2011 when going under to Cork at Páirc Uí Chaoimh. During that time, Clare have been successful in Munster against Waterford and Limerick. Interestingly, the vagaries of the draw have meant that Tipperary and Clare have not met in the Munster Senior Football Championship since 2002.

Success at the Quarter-Final stages has not extended to the Semi-Finals as in the last four seasons, Clare met Kerry on each occasion with their best performances coming in 2017 and 2019 when they lost by six points. As luck would have it, when Clare had a positive All-Ireland Qualifier campaign and qualified for the All-Ireland Quarter-Final, it was Kerry who awaited them as they bowed out of the Championship.

Finally in 2020, the luck of the draw decreed that Cork and Kerry were drawn to meet in a semi-final giving an incentive for Clare, Tipperary, Limerick and Waterford an easier path to qualify for the Munster Final. With Clare being in Division 2, it should give them the best opportunity to overcome Tipperary in Division 3 while the winners of Division 4 sides Limerick and Waterford await in the semi-final. As has been the case many times in the past though, being in a higher Division in the League is no guarantee of Championship success as Tipperary found out against Limerick last year.

In summary, today's game looks like being a closely fought encounter with the first goal perhaps being the decisive factor. May the better team be successful and enjoy the game.



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1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
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BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: David Power; **Head Coach/Roghnóir:** Paddy Christie; **Coach/Roghnóirí:** Joe Hayes, Charlie McGeever; **Lead Analyst/Roghnóir:** Tommy Toomey.

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Bainisteoir: Colm Collins; **Maor Fóirne/Roghnóir:** Enda Coughlan; **Roghnóirí:** Declan Downes, Declan O'Keefe; **Traenálaí:** Brian Carson, Rob Mulcahy (S&C).



Cahir's Bloody Sunday hero Jimmy McNamara Remembered



Left to Right: John Devane (Chairman Tipperary County Board), Larry Queeney (Chairman Cahir GAA), Margaret O'Brien (relation of Jimmy McNamara), Barry O'Brien (Chairman Tipperary Football Committee) and Michael Power (Treasurer of Tipperary County Board) at the plaque unveiling outside Cahir GAA Club (Photo by Kevin Hanly)



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By ENDA O'SULLIVAN

Cahir's Jimmy McNamara, the most successful footballer the town has ever produced, was remembered last September with a wreath-laying ceremony at his final resting place followed by a plaque unveiling outside their GAA grounds on St. Mary's Road. Clubman Colm O'Flaherty also produced a fantastic booklet chronicling the life of "Might Mac" who unfortunately died just nine years after he lined out at centre half forward on Bloody Sunday in 1929.

An all-round sportsman Jimmy excelled at soccer with Cahir Park AFC and, along with his inter-county teammate Tommy Ryan from Castlegrace, was offered an £8-a-week contract by Scottish giants Celtic FC however, both men turned down what was an incredible amount of money at the time and choose to stay at home and focus on Gaelic games.

At 5 foot 4, Jimmy was small for an inter-county footballer and adapted his game to rely on speed and sidesteps to avoid his opponents. Excelling in selling the dummy, Jimmy was noted for his incisive solo runs and moving quickly up the field while in possession. Chatting to Colm O'Flaherty in the 1980s, his Bloody Sunday teammate Bill Ryan from Laha remarked that he was "very fast and skilful".

The youngest of four boys, Jimmy worked in his parents Anne and William's business on Barrack St. which comprised a pub and general provisions shop. At the time, Tipperary were one of the most dominant teams in Gaelic football and Jimmy won a remarkable three Munster Senior Championships (1918, '20 and '22) as well as an All-Ireland Senior medal in 1920. However, due to the political situation in the Country at the time, that game was not played until 1922.

Jimmy was unfortunate not to capture the 1918 All-Ireland title when they were, controversially pipped at the post by the famous four-in-a-row winning Wexford team, 0-5 to 0-4. During the second half Tipperary were denied a goal after the Wexford netminder stepped over the line with the ball however the umpires declined to wave the green flag. To add further woe, star forward Gus McCarthy kicked a last minute chance to level the game wide.

Jimmy continued to play Senior for the County until 1926 and was a selector with the 1928 side which were the last Tipperary team to defeat Kerry in the Championship, 1-7 to 2-3.

Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Tipperary GAA Bloody Sunday Commemoration Committee have had to postpone the majority of their events to remember victims of that awful day however it is hoped that these events can proceed in 2021.



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