

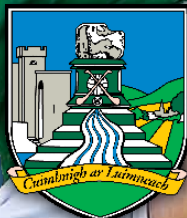
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Dia daoibh, a chairde, agus fáilte ar ais arís chuig na cluichí agus chuig an ócáid speisialta seo.

It gives me great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to you here to Semple Stadium Thurles on this most significant occasion and a match that forms part of the landmark that is the start of the 2020 inter-county GAA Championships, and also draws down the curtain on the Allianz Hurling Leagues.

It is fair to say that there have been several moments when it looked as if we would not be here in this position. In many ways the world we knew and took for granted last March seems a lot longer than seven months ago. So much has been lost, and more important than the freedoms and privileges we so badly miss are the lost lives of the more than 2,500 Irish people all over the island who passed away at the hands of the coronavirus and left a void in the lives of the loved ones who mourn them.

As we return to inter-county action the perils of the world we find ourselves in still exist. The virus remains undefeated and worryingly remains a serious threat. But it is not undefeatable, and a recovery remains possible. The GAA community was at the heart of so much positivity that was the community response to the initial wave and the countless stories of volunteering and supporting our most vulnerable and our frontline workers.

This led on to the phenomenal success that was the GAA's return to play which enabled club activity to thrive. The fact that we have had to regrettably pause the club activity on the eve of completing the remaining club championships is a reminder of the work that needs to be done and of the fact that the virus is a foe like nothing we have faced before. But the collective effort which gave us the resumption in the first place can work its magic again.

As the inter-county championships begin, I urge all of our members to continue to play the local leadership role we are renowned for, to follow the guidelines and fight back against our common enemy which is Covid-19. It has not been easy for players and their coaches and match officials and county boards to prepare and we salute their commitment to our games.

The ability to have Championships is a reflection of the important role that our Games play in the lives of so many people and it is up to all of us to ensure that the privilege that we have to be able to play is not wasted. Likewise, our sponsorship partners Allianz for the Leagues and Littlewoods Ireland, Centra and Bord Gáis Energy for the Hurling Championship also deserve our thanks for their outstanding support in these difficult times.

Today, Clare and Limerick get the chance to, belatedly, crown the form that set them apart so impressively in the first few months of 2020 when they topped Divisions 1A and 1B.

Of course, this meeting also doubles up as the opening exchanges in the Munster championship, a competition that rarely disappoints. John Kiely's Limerick stormed their way to hurling's top table in 2018 and spent most of 2019 proving they were not going to be going away quickly or quietly.

Brian Lohan was one of the most iconic figures of his generation when he was a full back fortress for Clare. The Banner County are rightly excited to see the impact he can have on a panel of players who are brimming with so much talent and ability.

We know that in the challenging months ahead that sport can play a key role in helping the mood of the nation as we continue our battle against the virus. Now is a good time to remember that we are all in this together and equally that ní neart go cur le chéile.

Rath Dé ar an obair.



UACHTARÁN CUMANN LÚTHCHLEAS GAEL

2020 Munster GAA Senior Hurling Championship Fixtures



MUNSTER
GAA
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CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND				DATE	VENUE	REFEREE
QF	1	Limerick	Clare	25/10	Semple Stadium Thurles @ 3:45pm	Fergal Horgan (Tipperary)
SF	2	Cork	Waterford	31/10	Semple Stadium Thurles @ 3:30pm	
SF	3	Tipperary	Limerick or Clare	1/11	Páirc Uí Chaoimh or LIT Gaelic Grounds @ 4pm	
FINAL				15/11	@ 4pm	

FERGAL HORGAN

(TIPPERARY)

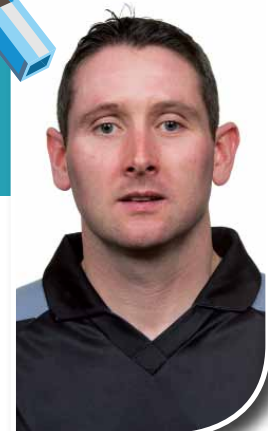
When did you start refereeing? 2009.

What finals have you refereed? Tipperary SH 2012, 2015, 2017 & 2019, Tipperary Under 21 2010, 2012, 2015, 2018, Tipperary IH 2010, Tipperary MH 2011, Munster Club JH 2011, Munster MH 2013, AHL Division 2A 2014, All-Ireland MH 2014, All-Ireland Club IHC 2014, Ulster SH 2014, Leinster SH 2016 & 2018, Munster SH 2017, All-Ireland SH 2017.

What advice would you have for any aspiring referee?
Referee as many games as possible and only take advice from co-ordinators /assessors as regards performance.

Match Officials

Standby Referee - Colm Lyons (Cork).
Linesman - Sean Cleere (Kilkenny).
Sideline Official - Nathan Wall (Cork).
Umpires - Sean Bradshaw, Mickey Butler, Alan Horgan and John Ryan (Tipperary).



If you could change one rule in hurling, what would it be?
Increase the number of steps to 6, it would be much fairer.

2020 Munster GAA Senior Football Championship Fixtures



MUNSTER
GAA
FOOTBALL
CHAMPIONSHIP

ROUND				DATE	VENUE	REFEREE
QF	1	Waterford	Limerick	31/10	Fraher Field Dungarvan @ 7pm	
QF	2	Tipperary	Clare	1/11	Semple Stadium Thurles @ 1pm	
SF	3	Cork	Kerry	8/11	Páirc Uí Chaoimh @ 4pm	
SF	2	Clare or Tipperary	Waterford or Limerick	7/11	Fraher Field Dungarvan, Uí Chaoimh or Cusack Park Ennis @ 1:15pm	
FINAL				22/11	@ 1:30pm	

Fáilte ón gCathaoirleach



A Chairde go Léir,

Ar son Comhairle na Mumhan, is cúis mór áthais domsa, mar chathaoirleach, Céad míle fáilte a chur roimh na daoine ar fad atá ag féachaint ar chluiche ceathrú ceannais na Mumhan sa bhaile, agus iad siúd atá ag féachaint thar sáile.

Fáilte faoi leith roimh iománaithe an Chláir agus imreoirí Luimnigh, cuirim fáilte roimh na foirne Bainistíochta, na hoifigí ón dá contae, an réiteoir agus a fhoireann agus na daoine atá ag obair inniu i bPáirc Semple. Ní gnáth bliain í seo 2020, ach caithimid cur suas leis. Tá an tadh linn go bhfuil na cluichí idir chontae ag dul ar aghaidh. Táimid ag súil le sár cluiche idir na comharsa béal dorais.

On behalf of Comhairle na Mumhan I welcome the Players and their Management Teams of Clare and Limerick to Semple Stadium Thurles for the first round of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship. The winners today will also be crowned Allianz Hurling League Division 1 Champions which is an added incentive, if one were needed, when these keen rivals and neighbours meet. Best wishes also to referee Fergal Horgan and his officials.

In these strange times, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to the people at County, Club and Council level who organise and steward our venues. In a normal year, they operate behind the scenes to ensure all supporters who attend our games enjoy the occasion. In 2020, with many matches behind closed doors, their role has changed but is all the more important to ensure that everyone attending our games does so safely. The wearing of masks, the hand sanitizer dispensers dotted throughout our grounds and the term "social distancing" are

items which we didn't think about before 2020 but are essential to keep the Covid 19 virus at bay.

As our country goes in to Level 5 restrictions again, I would like to thank all GAA units across the province and further afield for the way you have handled adversity during 2020. During the first lockdown, the GAA was uniquely placed to provide help and support to the vulnerable in society and the community spirit shown during those challenging times by our club members was commendable. As we head in to further restrictions, I am sure the GAA clubs will once again rise to the occasion. The excellent fare provided by Clubs up and down the country during the summer months is also testament to the outstanding work being done at local level and I congratulate all those who were successful in their respective Championships.

The GAA also made their facilities available to assist with the response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Many of our stadiums were used as testing centres and are still in use in some cases. The Munster GAA offices in Limerick were made available free of charge for a number of months to Limerick City Council to accommodate a Covid-19 response hotline. While numerous clubs have organised successful fund-raising initiatives to assist those most affected by the pandemic.

To finish, as we embark on the Inter-County Championship season, I wish all the counties the very best of luck and urge everyone involved to follow the Health and Safety guidelines to ensure we keep everyone safe during these challenging times.

Bainigí taitneamh as ár gcluichí.

Beir bua is beannacht

Liam Ó Loineacháin

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2020 MUNSTER SHC Q-FINAL/AHL DIVISION 1 FINAL CLARE v LIMERICK

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MESSAGE FROM OUR SPONSOR

A Chairde,

On behalf of all the team in Allianz, I would like to extend a warm welcome to the Clare and Limerick teams and staff who have travelled today to contest a game which doubles as both the Allianz Hurling League Division 1 Final and the Quarter-Final of the Munster Senior Hurling Championship.

I would usually use these notes as an opportunity to also welcome supporters of both teams, however this Final takes place in unusual circumstances, the least of which is that these teams are meeting in October. The last round of games in March, which seems like a lifetime ago now, saw Limerick defeat Waterford and Clare see off Dublin in Divisions 1A and 1B respectively, before life in Ireland changed dramatically.

We're undoubtedly living through uncertain times. Over the past few months, we have seen Irish people display extraordinary courage and community spirit in the face of the Covid-19 crisis which has taken so much from us. When the sliotar is thrown in today however there will be only one thing on the minds of the players; to win and thus secure the Allianz League Division 1 title and a place in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship Semi-Final. That is the joy of sport and it is great to see the Allianz Leagues Finals being played.

Limerick had an excellent campaign in Division 1A, beating all comers, with Clare's draw with Kilkenny the only thing stopping the Banner from doing likewise in Division 1B. With these unbeaten records on the line, as well as progression in the Munster Championship, I look forward to a thrilling contest between these two sides.

This season marks the 28th year of our support of communities and GAA through our sponsorship of the Allianz Leagues, as well Allianz Cumann na mBunscol. During this time, we have witnessed the competition grow from strength to strength and in February, we were delighted to announce the renewal of our sponsorship of the Allianz Leagues for a further five years, until 2025.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish the squads and management of Clare and Limerick the very best of luck this afternoon, and to thank the supporters of each team also. Although you can't be present on the ground today, your continued passion for your county is what makes the Allianz Leagues so special.

Go raibh maith agaibh,

Sean McGrath,

CEO ALLIANZ IRELAND



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DIVISION 1

Top Scorers



		SCORE	TOTAL
1	PATRICK HORGAN (CORK)	3-49	58
2	TONY KELLY (CLARE)	0-51	51
3	JASON FORDE (TIPPERARY)	1-44	47
4	ROSS KING (LAOIS)	0-41	41
5	MARTY KAVANAGH (CARLOW)	1-35	38
6	ALAN MURPHY (KILKENNY)	1-32	35
7	STEPHEN BENNETT (WATERFORD)	3-24	33
8	AARON GILLANE (LIMERICK)	1-28	31
	KILLIAN DOYLE (WESTMEATH)	1-28	31
10	PAUL MORRIS (WEXFORD)	0-27	27



ALLIANZ HURLING LEAGUE TABLES

DIVISION 1A

2020



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
1	Limerick	5	5	0	0	5-107	3-88	10	+25
2	Waterford	5	3	0	2	7-92	5-93	6	+5
3	Galway	5	3	0	2	6-93	5-75	6	+21
4	Cork	5	2	0	3	11-90	5-110	4	-2
5	Tipperary	5	2	0	3	7-107	9-91	4	+10
6	Westmeath	5	0	0	5	2-72	11-105	0	-59

DIVISION 1B

2020



POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Diff
1	Clare	5	4	1	0	4-102	2-72	9	+36
2	Wexford	5	4	0	1	7-101	4-77	8	+33
3	Kilkenny	5	3	1	1	11-97	5-75	7	+40
4	Dublin	5	2	0	3	5-89	7-88	4	-5
5	Laois	5	1	0	4	5-76	9-98	2	-34
6	Carlow	5	0	0	5	1-57	6-112	0	-68

IS AN OCTOBER SURPRISE IN STORE?

BY ED DONNELLY

Every four years, the voters across the Atlantic take to the polls to elect the President of the United States. In advance of such contests, the media always look out for an "October Surprise" to help determine the outcome. In the crazy world we live in, maybe that has happened already in political circles? Time will tell.

On the Hurling front, with no inter-county competitive action since March due to the Covid 19 pandemic, its fair to assume

AARON GILLANE OF LIMERICK CELEBRATES AFTER SCORING HIS SIDE'S FIRST GOAL AGAINST CLARE IN THE 2019 MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP

PREVIEW

that the upcoming Championships are sure to throw up more than their fair share of surprises. With the opening round of the Munster Championship between Limerick and Clare also doubling up as the Division 1 League Final, it's a unique occasion in many ways.

One needs to go back 35 years to the only meeting of Limerick and Clare in the Division 1 Final. The Banner County went undefeated in Division 2, earning promotion to Division 1 and a place in the League Quarter-Finals. Wins for Clare over Kilkenny and Galway in the Quarter-Finals and Semi-Finals respectively set up a League Final clash with Limerick. Sadly, that game did not live up to the pre-match billing as Limerick won their second League title on the trot thanks to a 3-12 to 1-7 victory at Semple Stadium Thurles on April 14th 1985 as full-back and captain Leonard Enright picked up the trophy.



ABOVE: 1985 NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE FINAL PROGRAMME COVER

Its 23 years since the National Hurling League Final took place in October. A decision to play the 1997 League in the one calendar year decreed that the group stages would take place from March through May with the knockout stages overlapping with the Championship. The League Quarter-Finals took place in July, the Semi-Finals in August



before Limerick (captained by Gary Kirby) defeated Galway by 1-12 to 1-9 in the League Final played at Cusack Park Ennis on the 5th of October. While the calendar year schedule was retained, the experiment of overlapping League and Championship was scrapped.

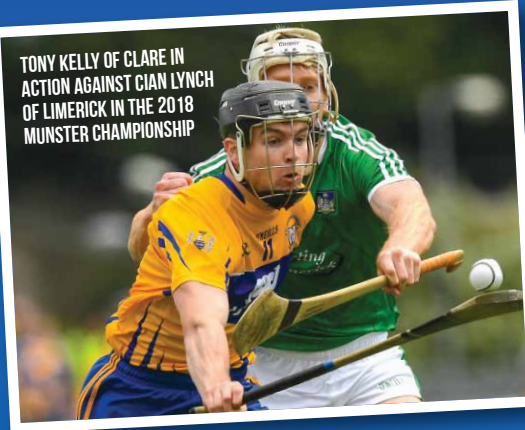
Playing a Munster Championship match so late in the year isn't as unusual as one would think as this will be the 20th time that at least one game in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship takes place in October. The first 18 of those Munster Championships were played between 1889 and 1926 when the games were often played in the back end of the year.

The last time a Munster Senior Hurling Championship game was played in October was a bit more controversial. The 1941 Championship was severely disrupted by a serious outbreak of Foot and Mouth disease which affected many counties across Munster and Leinster. Tipperary defeated Waterford while Limerick accounted for Clare before the Department of Agriculture intervened and requested that Tipperary's semi-final with Cork was cancelled. With Tipperary precluded from taking part due to the outbreak, Cork took on the defending All-Ireland Champions Limerick for the right to represent Munster in the All-Ireland Final with Cork winning by 8-10 to 3-2.

Cork would go on to prove too strong for Dublin in the All-Ireland decider on September 28th 1941 and win what would become the first of four All-Ireland titles in a row. Bill O'Donnell of Tipperary was the referee. Four weeks later on October 26th 1941, Tipperary were cleared to take on Cork in the Munster Final. The newly crowned All-Ireland champions had no answer to the Premier County as Tipperary ran out winners by 5-4 to 2-5 captained by wing-back Johnny Ryan with Bill O'Donnell (referee for the All-Ireland Final) scoring 2-3 for Tipperary.

And so, to today's encounter and aside from the lack of known form, both teams are short a number of players since their last Championship meeting in June 2019 when Limerick ran out as 1-28 to 0-13 winners at the Gaelic Grounds en route to capturing Munster honours later that month. For the Shannonsiders, Mike Casey, Richie English and Shane Dowling won't be involved this time around while Clare are missing the services of Colm Galvin, Peter Duggan, John Conlon and Podge Collins.

While those absences will be clearly felt by both teams, its an obvious opportunity for both counties to introduce new talent to the



Senior Championship stage. Since 2010, the Munster Minor Hurling Final has included either Limerick or Clare with Limerick winning 3 titles and Clare 2. Such a consistent conveyor belt of talent should present both counties with prospective stars of the future and Championship debuts are to be expected as the teams take to the field today.

Limerick will be strong favourites, having captured All-Ireland honours in 2018 followed by League and Provincial titles in 2019. Manager John Kiely in his fourth year believes he is leading a side that could be going for three All-Ireland's in a row if not for an agonising one-point defeat at the hands of Kilkenny in last year's All-Ireland semi-final. An impressive, undefeated League campaign last spring just reinforced their standing as one of the top hurling teams in the land.

Clare on the other hand are being led by their all-time great full-back Brian Lohan ably assisted by former Galway All-Star Sean Treacy alongside selectors James Moran and Ken Ralph. The defensive pedigree of their Manager was there for all to see in their five League games as just Kilkenny's Ger Aylward and Dublin's Eamonn Dillon managed to raise green flags against a resolute Clare rearguard which secured four victories and a draw in Nowlan Park versus Kilkenny. That form earned them a place in the Allianz League knockout stages before events transpired to postpone the planned knockout stages.

As the GAA Calendar for 2020 was being reshaped, a decision was taken to play a straight League Final between the winners of Division 1A (Limerick) and Division 1B (Clare). When the counties were drawn in the first round in Munster, it made sense to play one game to determine who progresses in the Championship and who is crowned as Allianz League champions.

The great pity of course is that today's game will be played behind closed doors but as we have seen in the recent Club Championship, once the ball is thrown in, anything can happen. Let's hope for a great game to kickstart the 2020 Championship and may the best team win.

AN CLÁR



1
E. Ó Cuileagáin
Eibhear Quilligan
Feakle

2
S. de Brún
Jack Browne
Ballyea

3
C. Ó Cleirigh
Conor Cleary
St. Josephs Miltown Malbay

4
S. Ó hAllúráin
Stephen O'Halloran
Clarecastle

5
S. Ó Móra
Seadna Morey
Sixmillebridge

6
P. Ó Conchúir
Pat O'Connor
Tubber

7
A. Mac Carthaigh
Aidan McCarthy
Inagh/Kilnamona

8
D. Mac An Airchinnigh
David McInerney (C)
Tulla

9
A. Ó Ceallaigh
Tony Kelly
Ballyea

10
D. Ó Riain
Diarmuid Ryan
Cratloe

11
D. Ó Riada
David Reidy
Éire Óg, Inis

12
D. Mac Gearailt
David Fitzgerald
Inagh/Kilnamona

13
R. Ó Taiilliúir
Ryan Taylor
Clooney/Quin

14
C. Ó Maoileoin
Cathal Malone
Sixmillebridge

15
S. Ó Dónaill
Shane O'Donnell
Éire Óg, Inis

FIR IONAI

- 16.** D. Ó Tuathaigh
Donal Tuohy Crusheen
- 17.** P. Mac Giolla Phádraig
Paidi Fitzpatrick Sixmillebridge
- 18.** R. Ó hAodha
Rory Hayes Wolfe Tones Na Sionna

- 19.** D. Mac Mathúna
Domhnall McMahon Michael Cusacks
- 20.** A. Ó Seanachair
Aron Shanagher Wolfe Tones Na Sionna
- 21.** A. Mac Cuinneagáin
Aaron Cunningham Wolfe Tones Na Sionna
- 22.** S. Mac Carthaigh
Jason McCarthy Inagh/Kilnamona

- 23.** G. Ó Cuana
Gary Cooney O'Callaghans Mills
- 24.** C. Mac Giolla Phóil
Colin Guilfoyle Newmarket On Fergus
- 25.** L. Ó Corra
Liam Corry Éire Óg, Inis
- 26.** P. Ó Flanagan
Paul Flanagan Ballyea

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Brian Lohan; **Coach:** Sean Treacy;
Roghnóirí: Ken Ralph & James Moran.

	Cúil	Cúilíní	Seacháí	65m	Saor Pocanna
1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
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LUIMNEACH



1
N. Mac Uaid
Nickie Quaid
Effin

2
S. Ó Finn
Sean Finn
Bruff

3
D. Ó Muireasa
Dan Morrissey
Ahane

4
B. De Nais
Barry Nash
South Liberties

5
D. Ó Broin
Diarmaid Byrnes
Patrickswell

6
D. Ó hAnnáin
Declan Hannon (C)
Adare

7
P. Ó Lochlain
Paddy O'Loughlin
Kilmallock

8
C. Ó Loingsigh
Cian Lynch
Patrickswell

9
L. Ó Donnchú
William O'Donoghue
Na Piarasigh

10
G. Ó hEigeartaigh
Gearoid Hegarty
St. Patrick's

11
C. Ó hAodha
Kyle Hayes
Kildimo/Pallaskenry

12
T. Ó Muireasa
Tom Morrissey
Ahane

13
G. Ó Maolchathaigh
Graeme Mulcahy
Kilmallock

14
A. Ó Giolláin
Aaron Gillane
Patrickswell

15
P. Ó Casthasaigh
Peter Casey
Na Piarasigh

FIR IONAI

- 16.** B. Ó hAonasa
Barry Hennessy Kilmallock
- 17.** C. Ó Bailláin
Conor Boylan Na Piarasigh
- 18.** J. Ó Bailláin
Jerome Boylan Na Piarasigh

- 19.** A. Ó Braoin
Adrian Breen Na Piarasigh
- 20.** R. Ó Conghaile
Ronan Connolly Adare
- 21.** S. Ó Flanagan
Seamus Flanagan Feohanagh-C/mahon
- 22.** R. Ó hÁinle
Robbie Hanley Kilmallock

- 23.** D. Ó Donnabháin
Darragh O'Donovan Doon
- 24.** B. Ó Gráda
Brian O'Grady Killeely-Dromkeen
- 25.** D. Ó Riada
David Reidy Dromin-Athlaccan
- 26.** P. Ó Riain
Pat Ryan Doon

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IMPRESSIVE LIMERICK TRIUMPH OVER BANNER

LIMERICK 1-28 CLARE 0-13

Report by Daragh Small courtesy of GAA.ie

Aaron Gillane hit 1-11 as the reigning All-Ireland champions Limerick made it clear they have no intention of giving up their title without a fight as they cruised to an 18-point win over neighbours Clare at the LIT Gaelic Grounds in Limerick.

Limerick would have surrendered their All-Ireland crown if they lost but they controlled the game from the outset as Clare fell to a second successive heavy defeat in the Munster SHC and are no longer in control of their own destiny.

John Kiely's men pulled away towards the end of the first half. Peter Duggan was Clare's only scorer as they turned around facing a 0-15 to 0-7 deficit at the interval. Limerick were awesome and already had eight different players on the scoresheet.

And once Gillane struck a goal in the second half Limerick raced through the gears to make a statement in the sun.

It was fascinating first half in front of 29,611. The home side dominated largely, but Clare stuck in the game and only fell away in the closing five minutes.

Gillane scored a free in the second minute but Duggan cancelled that out with his first of six first half frees. The impressive Gillane tapped over his first from play and Limerick could have run away with it, as they pulled clear and took a 0-6 to 0-1 lead after 10 minutes.

It was hectic stuff, Gillane scored a third point before further efforts from Hayes, Gearoid Hegarty and an inspirational point from Declan Hannon, after a pass from Tom Morrissey.

But following a difficult week for the county Clare were never likely to reproduce the form that saw

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them hammered at home to Tipperary, and Duggan took the fight to Limerick. He scored his and Clare's second point in the 12th minute and added two more frees either side of a Gillane point, also from a free.

Clare only trailed by a goal but they were being made to work hard for their scores while Tom Morrissey and Graeme Mulcahy scored at will up the other end.

The personal battle between John Conlon and Sean Finn continued to bristle, but the Limerick All-Star cornerback wasn't giving much away to his All-Star opponent.

Duggan kept tagging on frees and he scored Clare's first point from play on the half-hour mark. At that stage Clare only trailed 0-11 to 0-7 but Limerick finished the half like champions. They scored four points in a row with William O'Donoghue, Hegarty, Gillane and Peter Casey all on target. The hosts took a comfortable eight-point lead into the break.

Gillane drove an early nail in the coffin, his free made it 0-16 to 0-7 inside two minutes of the resumption. Tony Kelly became the second Clare point-scorer in the 40th minute and although Duggan scored again Limerick were just too far in front.

Limerick began to cut loose and they hit five successive points, with Gillane's ninth giving them a 0-21 to 0-9 advantage with 20 minutes left. Limerick flexed their muscles with Darragh O'Donovan, Shane Dowling, Dan Morrissey, Seamus Flanagan and Pat Ryan all introduced en route to a devastating win.

Scorers for Limerick: Aaron Gillane 1-11 (7fs, 65), Peter Casey 0-4, Tom Morrissey 0-3, Gearoid Hegarty 0-2, Graeme Mulcahy 0-2, Shane Dowling 0-1(f), Declan Hannon 0-1, Kyle Hayes 0-1, William O'Donoghue 0-1, Diarmaid Byrnes 0-1, Darragh O'Donovan 0-1. **Scorers for Clare:** Peter Duggan 0-11 (0-8f, 0-1sl), Tony Kelly 0-1, Colm Galvin 0-1.

LIMERICK: Nickie Quaid; Sean Finn, Mike Casey, Richie English; Diarmaid Byrnes, Declan Hannon, Paddy O'Loughlin; Cian Lynch, William O'Donoghue; Gearoid Hegarty, Kyle Hayes, Tom Morrissey; Aaron Gillane, Graeme Mulcahy, Peter Casey. **Subs:** Darragh O'Donovan for O'Donoghue (55), Shane Dowling for Hegarty (56), Dan Morrissey for Hannon (62), Seamus Flanagan for Casey (62), Pat Ryan for Mulcahy (68).

CLARE: Donal Tuohy; David McInerney, Patrick O'Connor, David Fitzgerald; Cathal Malone, Conor Cleary, Jack Browne; Shane Golden, Colm Galvin; Peter Duggan, Tony Kelly, Podge Collins; Aron Shanagher, John Conlon, Shane O'Donnell. **Subs:** Jason McCarthy for Cleary (2, blood), Cleary for J McCarthy (5), J McCarthy for Cleary (28, blood), Cleary for J McCarthy (30), Aidan McCarthy for Golden (half-time), Diarmuid Ryan for Shanagher (49), Seadna Morey for Fitzgerald (52), J McCarthy for Collins (58), Niall Deasy for O'Donnell (66).

REFEREE: James Owens (Wexford).



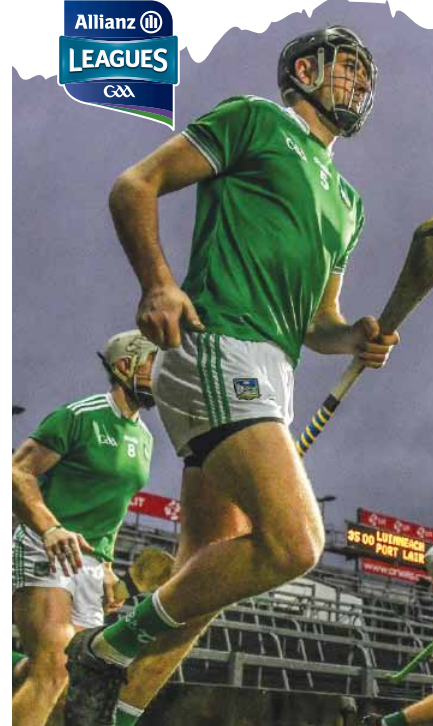
SEÁN FINN OF LIMERICK AND JOHN CONLON OF CLARE FACE OFF



LIMERICK MANAGER JOHN KIELY



PATHS TO THE FINAL



LIMERICK



January 25, Thurles - LIMERICK 2-14 TIPPERARY 0-18

Scorers: Aaron Gillane 1-6, David Dempsey 0-3, Gearóid Hegarty 1-0, Tom Morrissey 0-2, Diarmaid Byrnes 0-2, Séamus Flanagan 0-1.

February 2, LIT Gaelic Grounds - LIMERICK 1-19 GALWAY 0-14

Scorers: David Reidy 0-7, David Dempsey 1-1, Gearóid Hegarty 0-2, Tom Morrissey 0-2, Aaron Gillane 0-2, Darren O'Connell 0-1, Declan Hannon 0-1, Séamus Flanagan 0-1, Graeme Mulcahy 0-1, William O'Donoghue 0-1.

February 23, Páirc Uí Chaoimh - LIMERICK 0-29 CORK 2-21

Scorers: Aaron Gillane 0-13, Darragh O'Donovan 0-3, Kyle Hayes 0-2, Paddy O'Loughlin 0-2, Séamus Flanagan 0-2, Cian Lynch 0-2, Gearóid Hegarty 0-1, William O'Donoghue 0-1, David Dempsey 0-1, Tom Morrissey 0-1, Diarmaid Byrnes 0-1.

March 1, LIT Gaelic Grounds - LIMERICK 1-24 WESTMEATH 0-18

Scorers: David Reidy 0-8, Tom Morrissey 0-7, Séamus Flanagan 0-4, David Dempsey 1-0, Brian Ryan 0-2, Barry Nash 0-2, Darren O'Connell 0-1.

March 7, LIT Gaelic Grounds - LIMERICK 1-21 WATERFORD 1-17

Scorers: Gearóid Hegarty 1-5, Aaron Gillane 0-7, Graeme Mulcahy 0-4, David Dempsey 0-2, David Reidy 0-1, Paddy O'Loughlin 0-1, Robbie Hanley 0-1.

CLARE



January 26, Cusack Park - CLARE 1-27 CARLOW 0-14

Scorers: Tony Kelly 0-12, Shane O'Donnell 1-1, John Conlon 0-3, Ryan Taylor 0-2, Aidan McCarthy 0-2, David Fitzgerald 0-2, Pat O'Connor 0-1, David McInerney 0-1, Ian Galvin 0-1, David Reidy 0-1, Domhnaill McMahon 0-1.

February 2, Chadwick's Wexford Park - CLARE 0-18 WEXFORD 0-15

Scorers: Tony Kelly 0-12, David Fitzgerald 0-3, Ryan Taylor 0-2, Shane O'Donnell 0-1.

February 16, Cusack Park - CLARE 0-17 LAOIS 0-9

Scorers: Tony Kelly 0-8, Aron Shanagher 0-3, Ian Galvin 0-1, Aidan McCarthy 0-1, Jack Browne 0-1, Domhnaill McMahon 0-1, David Reidy 0-1, Aaron Cunningham 0-1.

February 22, UPMC Nowlan Park - CLARE 3-13 KILKENNY 1-19

Scorers: Tony Kelly 0-7, Shane O'Donnell 2-1, Ryan Taylor 1-0, John Conlon 0-1, Colin Guilfoyle 0-1, Diarmuid Ryan 0-1, David Reidy 0-1, Aaron Cunningham 0-1.

March 1, Cusack Park - CLARE 0-27 DUBLIN 1-15

Scorers: Tony Kelly 0-12, David McInerney 0-4, Shane O'Donnell 0-3, Domhnaill McMahon 0-2, David Reidy 0-2, Diarmuid Ryan 0-1, Aron Shanagher 0-1, John Conlon 0-1, Gary Cooney 0-1.



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EXTRA TIME AND FINISHING GAMES ON THE DAY

All games in the 2020 Munster GAA Senior Hurling Championship that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as per the GAA Ard Chomhairle Regulations approved on the 19th January 2019 and in accordance with Rules of Specification 3.4. & 3.6 T.O. Part 2 2019, that relevant games that finish level after normal playing times should be completed as follows -

PHASE 1

- Proceed to Extra time as provided for in T.O. Cuid II (two periods of ten minutes each way)

PHASE 2 (Penalty Kicks/Pucks)

If still level, a "penalty competition" to decide the outcome:

- The relevant rules in T.O. Cuid II shall apply in relation to Penalty Kicks/Pucks, unless otherwise stated.
- Penalties will be taken for goals only.
- The Referee shall choose the end at which the penalty kicks/pucks will be taken. The end may be changed by the referee if it becomes unplayable during the course of the penalties.
 - If a penalty is scored, the goal umpire, will wave the green flag once the referee has signalled
 - If the penalty is saved or missed the point umpire will signal a wide once the referee has signalled
- Each team shall register five penalty takers, a goal keeper & a substitute goal keeper with the referee and indicate in which order the penalty takers will take their penalties. (A penalty taker can also be a goalkeeper or a substitute goalkeeper.)
- Only players who are on the field of play at the end of Phase 1 (i.e. end of Extra Time), shall be allowed to be registered as a penalty taker or goalkeeper. Exception: The substitute goalkeeper can come from the team panel.
- Subject to the conditions below both teams will take five penalty kicks/pucks which are taken alternately by the teams. The game is awarded to whichever team scores more of their five penalty kicks/pucks.
 - If, before both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks, one team has scored more goals than the other team could score, even if they were to complete their five penalty kicks/pucks, no more penalty kicks/pucks shall be taken.
 - If, after both teams have taken five penalty kicks/pucks and both teams have scored the same number of goals, the penalty competition will continue but in sudden death format using the same five registered players until one team has scored a goal more than the other from the same number of kicks/pucks.
 - In sudden death, the same sequence of penalty takers does not have to be followed as in the first round of penalty kicks/pucks.
- Each penalty kick/puck is taken by a different player. All registered players must take a penalty kick/puck before any player can take an additional penalty kick/puck.





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1925/26 - Cork
1927/28 - Tipperary
1928/29 - Dublin
1929/30 - Cork
1930/31 - Galway
1932/33 - Kilkenny
1933/34 - Limerick
1934/35 - Limerick
1935/36 - Limerick
1936/37 - Limerick
1937/38 - Limerick
1938/39 - Dublin
1939/40 - Cork
1940/41 - Cork
1945/46 - Clare
1946/47 - Limerick
1947/48 - Cork
1948/49 - Tipperary
1949/50 - Tipperary

1950/51 - Galway
1951/52 - Tipperary
1952/53 - Cork
1953/54 - Tipperary
1954/55 - Tipperary
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1962/63 - Waterford
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1967/68 - Tipperary
1968/69 - Cork

1969/70 - Cork
1970/71 - Limerick
1971/72 - Cork
1972/73 - Wexford

1973/74 - Cork
1974/75 - Galway
1975/76 - Kilkenny
1976/77 - Clare
1977/78 - Clare
1978/79 - Tipperary
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2016 - Clare
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No Competition
1926/27, 1931/32,
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JOINT CLARE CAPTAINS CIAN DILLON, LEFT,
AND TONY KELLY LIFT THE CUP AFTER THE
2016 AHL DIVISION 1 FINAL REPLAY VICTORY
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TROPHY

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CLARE (4),
Dublin (3), Waterford (3),
Offaly (1).





LIMERICK

SENIOR HURLING MANAGEMENT 2020

LEFT TO RIGHT: ALAN CUNNINGHAM, AONGHUS O'BRIEN,
JOHN KIELY, DONAL O'GRADY AND PAUL KINNERK



RIGHT: Limerick Senior Hurling Captain - **DECLAN HANNON**



CLARE

SENIOR HURLING MANAGEMENT 2020

LEFT TO RIGHT: JAMES MORAN (SELECTOR), BRIAN LOHAN
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