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SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER AT 4PM IN BALLYHAUNIS

2023 SENIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

BALLYHAUNIS V TOOREEN

REFEREE: EOIN SHAUGHNESSEY (CASTLEBAR MITCHELS)



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER AT 3.30PM IN WESTPORT GAA

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ST. CIARÁN'S V CASTLEBAR MITCHELS HURLING

REFEREE: EADHMONN MAC SUIBHNE, KILTIMAGH



Teachtaireacht o Cathaoirleach an Choiste Chontae

Is cúis mhór áthas dom ar mo shon féin, agus ar son a Coiste Chontae Mhiagh Eo, fáilte a chur roimh gach éinne go dtí Béal Átha hAmhnaís an deireadh seachtaine seo.

On behalf of Mayo GAA it is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 2023 Mayo Senior Hurling Final here in Ballyhaunis. We can look forward to another battle royal between two great rivals, Ballyhaunis and Tooreen, there is no doubt that there has been great contests in recent years between those great hurling rivals.

Tooreen County, Provincial champions and all Ireland finalists of 2022 losing a rip roaring contest in Croke Park in January of this year to Monaleen of Limerick. Ballyhaunis old rivals are back again for this year's final and there is no doubt they will leave no stone unturned in their efforts in bringing back that title in their home ground here in Ballyhaunis today.

I would like to give special mention to St Ciarans and Castlebar Mitchell's hurling teams who contests the County B Final in St Patricks Westport, There is no doubt hurling continues to grow thanks to the great work by our Hurling Committee, GPO's, CDO's club coaches etc. I want to thank all who have assisted in making arrangements for this weekend's games, particularly the voluntary stewards, gatemen, and others who have helped in many ways. Special thanks to the Ballyhaunis Club in hosting today's final. To our sponsors Connaught Gold we say

thank you for your continued support.

Also I want to thank the local press and radio for the extensive coverage that they give to our club fixtures. Thanks to our PRO John Walker and his team and all those involved in Mayo GAA TV who have endeavoured to bring our games to the widest audience possible, a special mention to Mayo Credit Unions our official broadcasting partner of Mayo GAA TV in the first County final.

To the hurling committee and the CCC committee who spend countless, unseen hours in planning our fixtures schedule, we say thank you.

Táim cinnte go mbeidh cluichíí mhaith again an deireadh seachtaine seo, agus go mbeidh an bua ag nafaíreanna is fearr.

Seamus O Tuaithaigh,

Cathaoirleach
Mayo GAA



Teachtaireacht ón gCathaoirleach Iomána

Fáilte romhaibh go léir go dtí cluichí ceannais iomána an chontae. Seo lá mór do na cumainn atá ag dul chun páirce inniu.

County Final Day is a special day in the calendar for all hurling people in the county. I am delighted that we now have four teams competing at senior level and ten teams competing in the Junior Hurling championship. St Ciarán's, an amalgamated team from all the junior hurling clubs, brings a new dimension to hurling in Mayo. We wish them well today and hope that this venture will go from strength to strength in time.

Thank you to all our players, mentors and volunteers at adult and underage level who keep the game of hurling alive and well in the county. Thank you to our County Board officers who support us in promoting hurling throughout the county. A special word of thanks to

our match officials for their work today and throughout the year. Thank you to our sponsor Connacht Gold for their support of our hurling championships. Good luck to the players, those who prepare them and their families and clubs. Ní neart go cur le chéile!

Seán Ó Raghallaigh

Cathaoirleach
Mayo GAA Hurling



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 baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil,
Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar,
Seo libh canaídh amhrán na bhfiann*

Match Preview by Adrian Hession

Mayo GAA Senior A Hurling Final 2023 – Tyrell Cup

The residence of the TJ Tyrell Cup for the coming season will be decided this Saturday 21st October as neighbours Tooreen and Ballyhaunis go head-to-head in Ballyhaunis GAA Club. This years finals are a fortnight later than usual, so the weather may have even more of a bearing on the outcome than it has in previous years.

As expected, Tooreen have floated through the round-robin section of this years Senior Hurling Championship with convincing wins over Castlebar, St Ciarans and today's opposition Ballyhaunis. In that opening round encounter between today's finalists, Ballyhaunis were down many of their regulars – and so will prove a much stronger opposition in today's decider. Tooreen are reigning Connacht Intermediate club champions and have improved steadily on last year as recent challenge games suggest. The loss of key marksman Cathal Freeman however to Australia could be a telling factor in the heat of championship battle, but with that a number of young Tooreen players have stepped up to the mark in recent months.

Mayo GAA Senior B Hurling Final 2023

This years sees the return of the Mayo GAA Senior B Hurling final after an absence of three years, as the St Ciarans Amalgamation and Castlebar do battle on Saturday 21st October at 3.30pm in Westport GAA Grounds. This competition was last competed for in 2020 when Westport overcame Castlebar after a penalty shoot-out.

The St Ciarans side will feature players from all seven of our Junior hurling sides in 2023, with clubs Caiseal Gaels, Moytura, Westport, Ballina, Ballyvary, Claremorris and Gaeltacht Iorrais coming together to provide an extra dimension to this years SHC. This is the first year of the St Ciarans Senior side and has been a baptism of fire for the team and management thus far. Heavy defeats to Ballyhaunis and Tooreen haven't dampened the spirits of the side however, and Sean McGahon's charges go into this final knowing they are not far away from getting their first win at senior level. In their round-robin meeting last month, St Ciarans ran Castlebar to just four points, while the extra time together for the amalgamation outfit may help to bridge that gap. Chief marksman Luke Hurley

Officials

Please play your part in welcoming our teams of officials to this years Senior Hurling Championship finals. We are blessed here in Mayo GAA to have so many trained officials who are willing to give up their spare time to make our games happen. They make up very important teams who have to make important decisions in the heat

For Ballyhaunis, they will know they can raise their game and can put Tooreen to the pin of their collar on county final day. They were last successful in the Senior Final in 2020, when they came away from Tooreen with a 1-15 to 1-12 win, and will be looking to repeat that ambush this weekend. New players Eamon Phillips and Michael Farrell will add extra firepower to the Ballyhaunis attack this year, in an effort to record the sides 14th county Senior Hurling title.

Today marks the first county Senior Hurling final for Ballyhaunis without their club general Pierce Higgins RIP. Pierce sadly passed away earlier in the year and was a stalwart of the hurling club throughout the past 25 years. The emotion of going to battle without their lost hero will generate an extra step in the Ballyhaunis camp, and may be the extra percentage needed to push the county champions all the way.

(Ballina), along with his Ballina team-mates are looking to add a SeniorB title to the JuniorA title they picked up earlier in the season, while Sean Mulroy (Ballyvary), Keelan & Michael Gallagher (both Westport) will need to bring their previous senior hurling championship experience to the table, if St Ciarans are to overcome their first round defeat to the Mitchel's.

For Castlebar Mitchel's, this year has been another learning block in their development at senior level. Their opening round win over St Ciarans was their first SHC win in a number of years, but losses to Tooreen and Ballyhaunis brought the county town side back to reality. Nevertheless, many young players have gained invaluable experience this year and will bring that commitment to county final day. Abbi Abbassi scored a hat-trick of goals against St Ciarans in September, and if let get a run on goal again, may prove the difference between the sides again. Winning the JuniorB Championship earlier this season proved positive for the Mitchel's, giving silverware to the club at adult level for the first time in recent years.

of battle, so your support and encouragement towards our officials is gratefully appreciated. 'Never criticise a man unless you have walked in his shoes'. For anybody interested in hurling refereeing in 2024, please email refereeadministrator.mayo@gaa.ie to enrol for an upcoming hurling referee course.



Officials for this Weekend's Games

Senior A Hurling Final Tooreen V Ballyhaunis **Referee:** Eoin Shaughnessy, Castlebar
Linesmen: John Walker, Cill Chomáin **4th Official:** Sean O'Neill, Balla

Senior B Hurling Final St. Ciarán's V Castlebar Mitchels Hurling **Referee:** Eadhmonn Mac Suibhne
Linesmen: Joe Greaney, The Neale **4th Official:** Mick Herr, Crossmolin



2023 SENIOR A HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

BALLYHAUNIS



GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	FREES	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

Team Mentors: Tadhg Buckley, JP Coen, Frank Browne, Trevor Kelly, Gary Conway, Katelyn O'Sullivan, Christopher McCrudden, Michael Walsh, Kevin Morley, Lorcan Higgins

- 1

Donal O'Brien
- 2

Jack Coyne
- 3

Stephen Hoban
- 4

Adrian Brennan
- 5

Brian Hunt
- 6

Keith Higgins
- 7

Danny Hill
- 8

Kieran McDermott
- 9

Eoghan Collins
- 10

Cormac Phillips
- 11

Adrian Phillips
- 12

Patrick Kiely
- 13


Michael Farrell
- 14

Eamon Phillips
- 15

Jason Coyne
16. Hannan Iqbal
17. Diarmuid Phillips
19. Eoin Ryan
20. Sean Griffin
21. Gearoid Keane
22. Shaun Morley
23. Sean Gildea
24. Mark Phillips
25. Kevin Kilbride
26. Micheal Richardson
27. Joe Flynn
28. Dara Healy
29. Damien Keadin

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CASTLEBAR MITCHELS



GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	FREES	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

Manager: Mark Deely Selectors: John Enright & John Waldron

- 1

Martin Parsons
- 2

Ronan Treacy
- 3

James Lowe
- 4

Anthony Rowland
- 5

Pearce Murray
- 6

Ryan Butler
- 7

Conor Murray
- 8

Tony Sweeney
- 9

Bernard Kennedy
- 10

Barry Lane
- 11

Alan Gavin
- 12

James Lyons
- 13

Colm Enright
- 14

Abdullah Abassi
- 15

Ciaran Treacy
17. Kieran Horan
18. Sean Kelly
19. Colman Munnelly
20. Joe O'Donnell
21. Liam Sweeney

TOOREEN



GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	FREES	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

Manager: Ray Larken Selectors: Brian Delaney, Dom Greally Physio: Austin Kenny

- 1

Bobby Douglas
- 2

Gary Nolan
- 3

Michael Morley
- 4

Conal Hession
- 5

Joe Boyle
- 6

Stephen Coyne
- 7

David Kenny
- 8

Seán Kenny
- 9

Daniel Huane
- 10

Liam Lavin
- 11

Fergal Boland
- 12

Oisín Greally
- 13

Shane Boland
- 14

Kenny Feeney
- 15

Eoin Delaney
16. Davog Frayne
17. John Cassidy
18. Shane Crinnigan
19. James Byrne
20. Darren Murray
21. Brian Morley
22. David Harrison
23. Ciarán Finn
24. Conor Henry
25. Sean Regan
26. Shane Morley
27. Daniel Cunnane
28. Fiarcha Galvey
29. James Greally
30. Sean Lynskey
31. Padraic Mooney
32. Eddie Groarke
33. Darragh Freeman

ST. CIARÁN'S



GOALS	POINTS	WIDES	FREES	
				1st HALF
				2nd HALF
				TOTAL

Manager: Sean McGahon Selectors: Gary Barrett, Brendan Walsh, Norman Finnerty

- 1

Kevin Duffy
- 2

Shane McGahon
- 3

Luke Connor
- 4

Chris Walsh
- 5

Eoghan Mcgrath
- 6

Sean Mulroy
- 7

Michael Gallagher
- 8

Jack Doocey
- 9

Alan Ferguson
- 10

Darragh Gallagher
- 11

Luke Hurley
- 12

Ronan Fallon
- 13

Kealan Gallagher (C)
- 14

Matthew Connor
- 15

James Gallagher
16. Steven Lane Spellman
17. Gavin Hunt
18. Paddy Dozio
19. Darren Williams
20. Keith Collins
21. Killian Gallagher
22. Matthew Connor
23. Mark Gilmartin
24. Adam Walsh
25. Joe Merrick
26. Peter Murphy
27. James Keavney
28. Brian Loughrey
29. Mark Jordan
30. James Wooley
31. Brendan Mcgrath

Tooreen Hurling Club – A Brief History

Tooreen Hurling club was formed in 1957, when a group of young men led by Michael Henry decided to form a dedicated hurling club. Monsignor James Horan was the first President of the club. The early years were difficult ones, and while the team achieved no success on the field, they consolidated and kept the club alive. After losing a County final in 1963, Tooreen won their first Senior Hurling championship in 1966, captained by the aforementioned Michael Henry.

After a few lean years at the end of the 1960s, Tooreen won their second County title in 1972, and this heralded a golden age for the club. Indeed Tooreen competed in every County final between 1972 and 2004, 33 successive finals, a remarkable record. Tooreen won 25 of these finals, including 10-in-a-row between 1978 and 1987, seven in-a-row from 1989 to 1995, and four successive titles from 1998 to 2000. In all they won 21 of the 23 finals played from 1978 to 2000. Tooreen also dominated underage hurling during this period, winning many county titles. In Connacht they competed annually in the Connacht Club championships, reaching finals on 11 occasions between 1974 and 1999. They also competed in the Kilmacud Crokes All-Ireland seven-a-side championships, winning Shield titles in 1983 and 1990.

Many great hurlers played with Tooreen during this period, and like many rural clubs families made a big contribution – the Henrys, the Freemans, the Delaneys, and the Greallys among others. Joe Henry was recognised as one of the best hurlers in Ireland in the 1970s and 1980s, and he won three Railway Cup medals with Connacht, was twice selected as an All-Star replacement in 1979 and 1986, and was picked to represent the Rest of Ireland against All-Ireland champions Kilkenny in 1979. His brothers Vincent & Tony were also serial medal winners with Tooreen.

After 2000, the success dried up for Tooreen, as their neighbours Ballyhaunis emerged as kingpins in Mayo. After winning the 2003 championship, Tooreen had to wait ten years for their next title in 2013. Since then they have won further titles in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022, their 32th title since their first in 1966. They followed up their 2017 win by achieving Connacht success when they overcame Ballinderreen to win their first Connacht Intermediate Club championship. In the All-Ireland semi-final they lost out to St Patricks Ballyraggett. In 2019, Tooreen again won the Connacht Intermediate title, beating Kinvara in the final, before falling to Fr. O' Neills from Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final. 2020 and 2021 saw further Connacht titles, with Tooreen losing out to Naas in the 2020-21 All-Ireland Semi-Final, before earlier this year they made it all the way to Croke Park for the Final, where they lost a thrilling encounter to Monaleen of Limerick by 1-17 to 1-15 following a titanic battle.

Ballyhaunis Hurling Club – A Brief History

In the late 1920s, encouraged by men like Paddy Harty a Tipperary man, and a Garda Martin O'Connell hurling began in the parish and continued into the 30's with a lot of dual players such as Philip Morley, Pete Hannon (Lucan) and Garda Kennedy.

At this time the only hurling activity was when there were Garda and Bank clerks domiciled in the town but those were never long enough in the parish to pass on the skills and enthusiasm to the locals, never the less the club did win the Junior hurling championship in 1936, the team consisted of a mixture of Garda, teachers and locals.

Hurling matches were played from time to time in the 40's, 50's and 60's. Other players that have to be mentioned are Joe Webb (Tooraree), Michael Curley, Henry Madden, Thomas Lyons, Tony Gavin and Patsy Keane. In fact Tony Gavin played in Goals for the Connaught seniors and Thomas Lyons played in goal for the Mayo minors.

In the 50's a hurling club was formed in Tooreen and club members played their hurling with Tooreen, with great success and many of our players helped to make Tooreen the leading club in the county. As a

result of that success and the part that our players played in it, in the middle 80's the hurling aficionados decided that it was time for Ballyhaunis to branch out on its own and to promote hurling in the parish. As a result of the deliberations at the AGM of the club in 1988 a motion was proposed and passed to promote hurling in the club. The rest is history from that time on the club has amassed numerous county titles at under age and adult level.

The club won the junior title in 1999, the first adult title since 1936. The defining moment came in 2002 when the club won the senior hurling title defeating Tooreen in the final. Ballyhaunis have now won 13 Senior titles, the most being their 2020 success. There have being ups and downs over the years but hurling has gone from strength to strength in the club and great credit is due to the following for their foresight and enthusiasm they showed in the 80's, Peter Higgins, John Joe Hoban, John Joe Kelly and Jimmy Walsh. Recent success in the Nicky Rackard Cup under the captaincy of Keith Higgins and managed by Derek Walsh showcased the talent and progress of hurling in Mayo. Both Ballyhaunis and Tooreen players made up the majority of the Mayo winning team of 2021. Ballyhaunis will be looking to put an end to Tooreen's winning run in Finals this afternoon.

County Hurling Championship Roll of Honour

1902 Castlebar Gaels	1935 Ballyheane	1957 Ballina Stephenites	1979 Tooreen	2001 Belmullet
1904 Castlebar Dr Hydes	1936 Ballyheane	1958 Belmullet	1980 Tooreen	2002 Ballyhaunis
1905 Castlebar Dr Hydes	1937 Ballyheane	1959 Westport	1981 Tooreen	2003 Tooreen
1906 Castlebar Dr Hydes	1938 Westport	1960 Manulla	1982 Tooreen	2004 Ballyhaunis
1907 Ballina Stephenites	1939 Westport	1961 Manulla	1983 Tooreen	2005 Ballyhaunis
1910 Castlebar Mitchels	1940 Westport	1962 Westport	1984 Tooreen	2006 Ballyhaunis
1916 Swinford	1941 Westport	1963 Moy Slashers	1985 Tooreen	2007 James Stephens Ballina
1917 Swinford	1942 Westport	1964 Westport	1986 Tooreen	2008 Ballyhaunis
1918 Swinford	1943 Westport	1965 Cong	1987 Tooreen	2009 Ballyhaunis
1919 Swinford	1944 Westport	1966 Tooreen	1988 North Mayo	2010 Ballyhaunis
1923 Ballaghaderreen	1945 Castlebar Mitchels	1967 Cong	1989 Tooreen	2011 Ballyhaunis
1924 Ballaghaderreen	1946 Ballina Stephenites	1968 Claremorris	1990 Tooreen	2012 Ballyhaunis
1925 Ballina Stephenites	1947 Westport	1969 Westport	1991 Tooreen	2013 Tooreen
1926 Army Westport	1948 Ballina Stephenites	1970 Westport	1992 Tooreen	2014 Ballyhaunis
1927 Ballyheane	1949 Castlebar Mitchels	1971 Claremorris	1993 Tooreen	2015 Ballyhaunis
1928 Westport	1950 Ballaghaderreen	1972 Tooreen	1994 Tooreen	2016 Ballyhaunis
1929 Ballyheane	1951 Castlebar Mitchels	1973 Ballinrobe	1995 Tooreen	2017 Tooreen
1930 Ballina Stephenites	1952 Charlestown	1974 Tooreen	1996 Ballina Stephenites	2018 Tooreen
1931 Ballina Stephenites	1953 Ballaghaderreen	1975 Tooreen	1997 Tooreen	2019 Tooreen
1932 Ballina Stephenites	1954 Castlebar Mitchels	1976 Ballinrobe	1998 Tooreen	2020 Ballyhaunis
1933 Ballina Stephenites	1955 Castlebar Mitchels	1977 Ballinrobe	1999 Tooreen	2021 Tooreen
1934 Westport	1956 Swinford	1978 Tooreen	2000 Tooreen	2022 Tooreen

SUMMARY OF TITLES:

Tooreen 32; Westport 15; Ballyhaunis 13; Ballina Stephenites/James Stephens 11; Castlebar Gaels/Dr Hydes/ Mitchels 10; Ballyheane 5; Swinford 5; Ballaghaderreen 4; Ballinrobe 3; Manulla 2; Cong 2; Belmullet 2; Claremorris 2; Army Westport 1; Charlestown 1; Moy Slashers 1; North Mayo 1.

2023 Connacht Intermediate Hurling Championship

The winners of this afternoon's Mayo Senior Hurling Championship will play the Roscommon champions Four Roads in the Quarter-Final of the Connacht Championship on the weekend of 28th/29th October. The winners of this game will travel to face the London champions on the weekend of 11th/12th November in the Semi-Final, with the Final is fixed for the weekend of 25th/26th November, with the Galway Intermediate champions to face the Semi-Final winners.



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