

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE  
DIVISION 2 - ROUND 7



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**SATURDAY 24 OCT 2020, 14.00**  
ST CONLETH'S PARK, NEWBRIDGE  
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# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaibh go léir go dtí Páirc Naomh Conlaith anseo i nDroichead Nua inniu agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh sár-thaitneamh as an dá chluiche

On behalf of Kildare GAA I want to welcome you all to St Conleth's Park today for the final round of the Allianz League Football Division 2 between Kildare and Westmeath. I want to extend a warm welcome to the Westmeath team, management and officials on their visit today. I expect that we will all be treated to very enjoyable, exciting and competitive match here this afternoon.

To ensure the running of our organisation and our games is of the highest standard it requires a lot of work behind the scenes. On that note I want to thank my fellow officers, our stewards, and all who continue to volunteer their services to Kildare GAA. Thanks also to our grounds men for having our pitch in excellent condition for today's game. I also want to express my thanks to Club Kildare who continue to raise funds for Kildare GAA.

Unfortunately, as anticipated the number of Covid-19 (Coronavirus) cases continue to increase. Kildare GAA

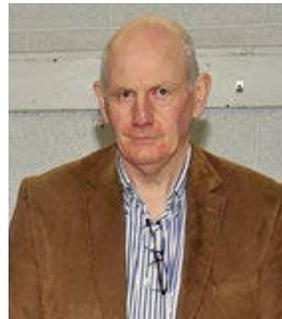
continue to liaise with Croke Park and The Leinster Council regarding how best to minimise the spread of this virus and we hope all keep safe and adhere to public health guidelines over the next few weeks.

I wish to thank our main sponsor Brady Family and all our sponsors for their continued support, we are extremely grateful, and we wish you continued success.

Finally, I want to thank all our loyal supporters and I hope you all enjoy today's game online, on GAAGO or on KFM and RTE radio.

Yours in sport

**Mick Gorman**  
**Cathaoirleach**



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# Coronavirus COVID-19



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**COVID-19**  
Public Health  
Advice

## Prevent the spread of Coronavirus



### Stop

shaking hands or hugging when saying hello or greeting other people



### Distance

yourself at least 2 metres (6 feet) away from other people, especially those who might be unwell



### Wash

your hands well and often to avoid contamination



### Cover

your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing and discard used tissue



### Avoid

touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands



### Clean

and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

# KILDARE AND WESTMEATH COLLIDE WITH EVERYTHING TO PLAY FOR

BY ROBERT CRIBBIN

A week has passed since the resumption of Inter County action and it all still feels a little surreal.

In some ways it's even an achievement that we have a game at all but thankfully the GAA has got the go ahead to proceed with matches at Senior Level albeit even if the Minor and Under 20 grade has fallen by the wayside for the time being.

It's a very unusual year way beyond any sport that may or may not take place but the conclusion of the League's is something that didn't look very likely even a few weeks ago so fair play for those in making it happen.

Games are being played behind closed doors with no crowd present and how their absence is keenly felt and while it was only six days ago that Kildare and Westmeath registered victories in the Allianz National Football League it seems like a lifetime ago with what has been going on this week.

Under normal circumstances in a Covidless year there will have been a lot more talk of what has to be said were

two excellent wins over Cavan and Laois last weekend for the teams present this afternoon.

Westmeath with John Heslin firing on all cylinders rather cruised to victory over a Laois side that could be in a bit of trouble by the close of play this evening.

The team in Maroon and White were 1-18 to 0-13 victors with Jamie Ganoud netting the vital goal for the hosts.

Heslin is the main man and after spending a period of his childhood in Rathcoffey he will be well primed for the Kildare test but in Ronan O'Toole, Ray Connellan and Kieran Martin they still have players who can do damage to a Kildare defence that conceded twenty points last weekend.

Kildare on the other hand came out on top against Cavan in a high scoring shootout with points going over at will.

It was a we attack you attack type of game and the Lilywhites flourished with a Fergal Conway goal putting Kildare ten points up at one stage but in typical

fashion they almost threw the game away at the end.

In some ways that will have been a perfect tonic for the Kildare management as they will have had plenty to improve on at training during the week and a win is no mean feat without the likes of Daniel Flynn and Jack Robinson.

One big positive Jack O'Connor will have been Jimmy Hyland returning to something like his Under 20 All-Ireland winning form and alongside Ben McCormack and debutant Darragh Kirwan the inside line was always a threat.

As per usual Division 2 is turning into an absolute minefield of a competition and even second guessing what will happen is an amateur's game.

Remarkably there are still four or five teams that could still be either promoted or relegated so winning has never mattered as much.

Against the odds Westmeath come to Newbridge with a real shot of promotion and a win could easily see them slip into the top two with Armagh facing into a difficult enough trip to Ennis to take on Clare.

Kildare only sit a point behind the Lake County but their priority is a lot more simple, win and they will retain their Division 2 status.

In some ways this game is more important than any Leinster Championship contest over the coming weeks and even more so for Westmeath who have the shadow of the All Ireland six in a row chasing Dublin locking horns with themselves in the opening round.



**Remarkably there are still four or five teams that could still be either promoted or relegated so winning has never mattered as much.**

Defeating Westmeath is something Kildare usually routinely do but they actually lost the last time the sides met in the Championship when current selector Tom Cribbin oversaw the demise of his own county but deservedly so it must be said with the Lakesiders qualifying for that year's Leinster Final after edging a one point encounter against Cian O'Neill's men.

The Clane man did a fine job with Westmeath but he will be looking for a vastly different result this time around.

Westmeath will be looking for a similar result though and with a chance at Division 1 Football possibly appearing in the rear view mirror they will be doing everything in their power to try claim the success they will need.

Even though they won't have any supporters cheering them on Kildare will still be favourites playing at St. Conleth's Park and a repeat performance of the Cavan showing should see them there or thereabouts come the final whistle.

Championship may only be a fortnight away for both but with so much still on the line this may just be Kildare and Westmeath's season over the next 70 minutes.

It's all set up.

## PLAYER PROFILE

# DAVID HYLAND

**Age:** 26

**Height:** 6ft 1ins

**Occupation:** Management Consultant at Accenture

**Club:** Athy

**Position:** Centre Back

**GAA Honours (Club & County):** County – Leinster U21 medal Club – 2 Senior Championship, 2 minor championships & 2 under-21 championships College – Sigerson cup with UCD in 2016.

**What age were you when you started play Gaelic football:** 4

**Someone who has had an influence on your career:** My mother & father. Coaching wise Joe Kelly.

**Three words to describe yourself as a player:** Hard-working, determined & trustworthy.

**Favourite Sportsperson:**

Kieran McGeeney

**Who is the best player you played with:**

Niall Kelly

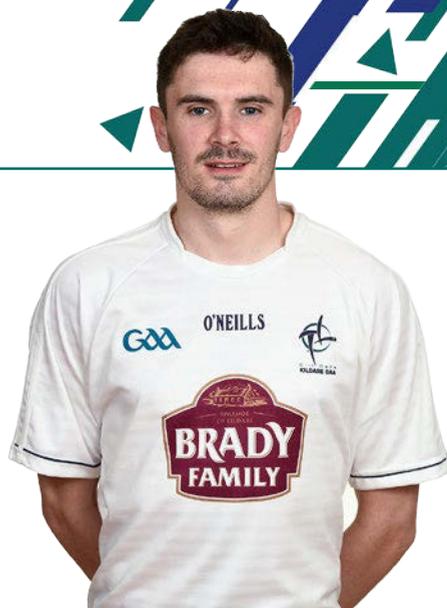
**Best player you played against:**

Conor McManus

**Most memorable GAA sporting moment:**

Kildare winning Leinster in 1998

**Favourite Club Player:** Joe Kihan



**Favourite County Player:** Kevin Feely

**Best grounds you have ever played in:** Croke Park

**What do you most enjoy about being part of the GAA:** Being able to share a common goal with your best friends while also trying to make your family & community proud.

**Best Advice someone has given you:**

The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender

**How do you prepare for games:** I would always make sure I have something to do the day before & morning of matches.

**What advice have you for the young players in the county:** It may not always be your day, but the bare minimum you can bring to the party is work rate.

# REMEMBERING MICK SAMMON FROM CLANE

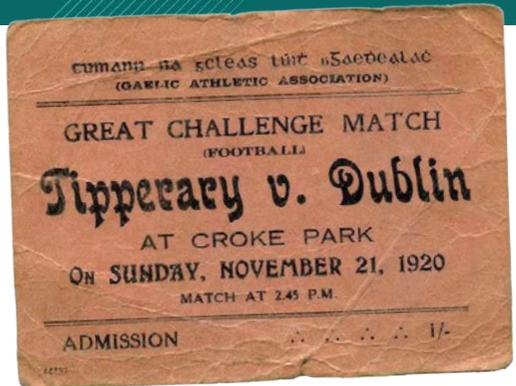
## *The Forgotten Bloody Sunday Referee*

The GAA has publicised plans to commemorate the centenary of Bloody Sunday on 21 November 1920. On that occasion, 14 people, including Tipperary player, Michael Hogan, were killed by British Crown forces during a football match between Tipperary and Dublin.

***In all the accounts of what happened on Bloody Sunday, there was little or no mention made of the referee on that fateful day. Who was Mick Sammon, and why was he appointed to such a significant role?***

Mick Sammon, was born on 7 February 1893 in Clane, County Kildare. As a prominent footballer with Kilcullen and Clane, he played with the Lilywhites from 1918 to 1921 and won an All-Ireland medal in 1919 at centrefield alongside Larry Stanley.

As a Sinn Féin officer, he served time in three prisons due to a reading of a Sinn



Féin manifesto in Kilcullen on 15 August 1918.

On Sunday 21 November 1920, Mick refereed the tragic Tipperary v Dublin challenge match, which became known as Bloody Sunday. The whistle he used is displayed in the GAA Museum.

Ten minutes into the game, the Auxiliaries and the Black and Tans arrived on the pitch. The subsequent firing by Crown forces resulted in the deaths of 14 people

including Tipperary player, Michael Hogan, in whose memory the Hogan Stand in Croke Park is named.

Mick Sammon served on sporting committees including the Tailteann Games Committee, the National Athletic and Cycling Association of Ireland and a sub-committee of GAA Congress to report on the formation of an Irish Athletic Governing Body.

He refereed the 1923 All-Ireland Junior football final and the 1924 All-Ireland Junior semi-final. In addition to involvement in the GAA, he also had an interest in dogs and enjoyed significant success at dog shows and coursing.

On Monday 26 June 1922, Mick married Elizabeth Gill from Buttersteam, Clane. They had two daughters, Betty and Maura. He purchased The Railway Hotel (now The Abbey Lodge Pub) in Celbridge. He died on Thursday 24 April 1947 at a relatively young age of 54 and was interred in the family plot in Clane.

The Mick Sammon Commemoration Committee is seeking contributions, background or artefacts of any kind for an exhibition on Mick Sammon in November. We are keen to hear stories about Mick and his family, their time in Clane, Kilcullen, Dublin or Celbridge.

*Any information can be sent to Lorcán O'Rourke: [lorcanorourke142@gmail.com](mailto:lorcanorourke142@gmail.com)*

*The Mick Sammon Commemoration Committee will mark the centenary of Mick's death with a private wreath laying ceremony at his grave in Clane.*



Michael Sammon and his bride Elizabeth Gill.

#### **Committee Members:**

**Cllr Pádraig McEvoy**, Chairperson, County Kildare Decade of Commemorations Committee

**Lorcán O'Rourke**, Secretary

**Dave Cahill**, Secretary Kildare GAA County Board

**Fergus Sammon**, Grandnephew of Mick Sammon

**Seamus Cullen**, Historian, Baltreacy

**Marie Woods**, Clane GAA Club

**Eoghan Corry**, Travel Writer & GAA Historian

**Dr Ciarán Reilly**, Historian, Maynooth University

## PLAYER PROFILE

# KIERAN MARTIN

**Age:** 29

**Height:** 6ft

**Occupation:** Games Development Officer AIT/ Performance Games Development Officer Westmeath

**Club:** Maryland

**Position:** God Only Knows!!!!

**GAA Honours:** Division 3 National League (Division 3&4 National League Title, Intermediate Champions 2008

**What age were you when you started play Gaelic football:** 6 Years old

**Someone who has had an influence on your career:** Biggest influence has to be my family as they have always been hugely involved in GAA and have done everything they possibly could to help me throughout my career

**Three words to describe yourself as a player:** Hard Working, Passionate, Direct

**Favourite Sports person and why:** Usain Bolt, as he is not always serious and enjoys his sport. But when it comes down to that 10 seconds before his race he can totally focus on what he has to do

**Who is the best player you played with:** Luke Loughlin

**Best player you played against:** Diarmuid Connolly



**Most memorable GAA sporting moment:** Walking in the parade in Croke Park in my first Leinster Final

**Favourite Club Player:** John Egan, Athlone

**Favourite County Player:** Michael Murphy

**Best grounds you have ever played in:** Has to be Croke Park

**What do you most enjoy about been part of the GAA:** The people you meet from around the country, no matter where you go GAA links everyone together

**Best Advice someone has given you:** The harder you work, the luckier you get

**How do you prepare for games:** Eat as much as I can the day before

**What advice have you for the young players in the county:** Enjoy every moment you get a chance to put on the Westmeath jersey.

# LEAGUE RESULTS



## Allianz Football League Division 2

Round 1	Kildare	2-12	Fermanagh	0-14
Round 2	Kildare	0-10	Clare	0-11
Round 3	Kildare	0-10	Armagh	0-16
Round 4	Kildare	0-13	Roscommon	2-11
Round 5	Kildare	0-15	Laois	0-10
Round 6	Kildare	1-21	Cavan	0-20

### WEEK 7

### DIVISION 2 / FOOTBALL

1		<b>ROSCOMMON</b>	<b>9PTS</b>
2		<b>ARMAGH</b>	<b>7PTS</b>
3		<b>WESTMEATH</b>	<b>7PTS</b>
4		<b>KILDARE</b>	<b>6PTS</b>
5		<b>CAVAN</b>	<b>6PTS</b>
6		<b>CLARE</b>	<b>6PTS</b>
7		<b>LAOIS</b>	<b>5PTS</b>
8		<b>FERMANAGH</b>	<b>2PTS</b>

**HOW THEY STAND**

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# All-Ireland and World Handball Champion **Robbie McCarthy** from Mullingar has done it all in GAA Handball

When GAA handball action resumed last August, Westmeath's Robbie McCarthy was preparing for his 12<sup>th</sup> All-Ireland 60 x 30 final. He had won that championship on seven occasions since 2011 and cruised through the 2020 championship with consummate ease winning his last three matches by a total of 126 aces to 36. That brings his total All-Ireland Senior singles medal haul to 12, four of these in 40 x 20 (2014, '15, '16 and '19).

Now serving in the Defence Forces in Athlone, the 33-year-old Mullingar native spent several years in the Naval Service and was humbled and happy to take part in refugee rescue missions on the Mediterranean Sea.

The double All-Ireland champion has more county, provincial, national, US and World Handball titles than he can remember. The holder of 6 World underage titles

and 2 World Senior Doubles medals as well as 2 US Open Singles wins in the international-sized 40 x 20 court is a very confident player who declares,

***“I can play at an intense level and I'm happy to compete at this level and that's just it. I enjoy handball immensely and I give great credit to my parents who have supported me in every way possible from the time I could hold a ball and aim for a target.”***

When handball activity was stalled in March, McCarthy was in flying form and had qualified for the All-Ireland 40 x 20 final which had to be postponed and is now scheduled for 6 December.



Of the break in sport, he says,

***“I did a little bit of fitness training while handball courts were out of bounds but as I was really busy with work as the Defence Forces were doing a lot. It gave me a nice bit of a break. I just did a little bit of training to tick over, piled on a heap of weight and had to get rid of it when I went back. A huge advantage was that I got to spend more time at home with my wife and children.*”**

***“It was nice to get the break, but it wasn’t nice the way it happened. I didn’t want the break, but I got the break, so I took it.”*”**

Robbie is one of the best-known handball players in the world, but younger sister, Aoife, has made her mark in the sport with many wins in Ireland and abroad. Sha caused a major shock in the 2020 Ladies 60 x 30 championship defeating hot favourite, Caitríona Casey, 11-9 in a tie-break.

Their father, Robbie Snr., has an enviable record in the game and has medals to prove his ability in the traditional Irish handball code, as well as in 60 x 30 and 40 x 20. He has won several times on the international stage, and at all levels in the domestic game and coached and mentored his protégés for over 25 years.

Mention the McCarthy name in handball company, and the talk will inevitably focus on the family as well as on the amazing achievements of the individual players themselves.

# CILL DARA



**Mark Donnellan**  
Marcus Ó Donalláin  
Maigh Nuad



**Shea Ryan**  
Shea Ó Riain  
Na Sairsealaigh



**Mick O'Grady**  
Mícheál Ó Gráda  
Cill Droichid



**Eoin Doyle**  
Eoin Ó Dúghail  
Nás na Ríogh



**David Hyland**  
Daithí Ó hAoláin  
Ath í



**Con Kavanagh**  
Conn Caomhánach  
Na Sairsealaigh



**Kevin Flynn**  
Caoimhín Ó Floinn  
Cill Droichid



**Kevin Feely**  
Caoimhín Ó Ficheallaigh  
Ath í



**Aaron Masterson**  
Aaron mac an Mhaistir  
Acadha Mórdha



**Paul Cribbin**  
Pól Mac Róibín  
Droichead Baile Sheain



**Paddy Brophy**  
Pádraig Ó Broíthe  
Cill Droichid



**Liam Power**  
Liam De Paor  
Na Raithiní



**Ben McCormack**  
Beirheart MacCormaic  
Na Sairsealaigh



**Darragh Kirwan**  
Darragh Ó Ciarubháin  
Nás na Ríogh



**Jimmy Hyland**  
Seamus Ó hAoláin  
Baile Thaigh

## FIR IONAD

- 16 **James Robinson**, Séamus Mac Róibín, Na Cloigthishe
- 17 **Mark Dempsey**, Marcas Ó Diomasaigh, Acadha Mórdha
- 18 **Darragh Malone**, Dara Ó Maoileoin, Fiodh Aluaine
- 19 **Eoghan Bateman**, Nás na Ríogh
- 20 **Tommy Moolick**, Tomás Moolick, Léim an Bhradáin
- 21 **Luke Flynn**, Lúcas Ó Floinn, Droichead Baile Sheain
- 22 **Fergal Conway**, Fearghal Coinmheadh, Cill Droichid
- 23 **Eanna O'Connor**, Eanna Ó Conchuir, Acadha Mórdha
- 24 **Neil Flynn**, Neil Ó Floinn, Maigh Nuad
- 25 **Conor Hartley**, Conchubhar Ó hArtaile, Na Sairsealaigh
- 26 **Daragh Ryan**, Dara Ó Riain, Na Sairsealaigh

Bainisteoir:  
Jack O'Connor

Maor Fóirne /  
Roghnoir:  
Ross Glavin,  
Bryan Murphy,  
Tom Cribbin



# AN IARMHÍ



**Jason Daly**  
J. Ó Dalaigh  
St. Lomans Mullingar



**Jack Smith**  
S. Mac Gabhann  
Skerries Harps



**Ronan Wallace**  
R. Bhailis  
Multyfarnham



**Boidu Sayeh**  
B. Sayeh  
Rosemount



Jamie Gonoud  
S. Mag Nuad  
Tyrrellspass



Kevin Maguire  
C. Mag Uidhir  
Caulry



James Dolan  
S. Ó Dúláin  
Garrycastle



**Ray Connellan**  
R. Ó Conalláin  
Athlone



**Sam Duncan**  
S. Ó Donnacháin  
Milltownpass



**Luke Loughlin**  
L. Ó Lochlainn  
The Downs



**Ronan O' Toole**  
R. Ó Tuthail  
St. Lomans Mullingar



**Paddy Holloway**  
P. Ó hAilmhich  
Castledaly



**Lorcan Dolan**  
L. Ó Dúláin  
Castledaly



**John Heslin**  
S. Ó hEislin  
St. Lomans Mullingar



**Kieran Martin**  
C. Ó Máirtín  
Maryland

## FIR IONAID

- 16 **Eoin Carberry**, E. Ó Cairbre, Rosemount
- 17 **Ger Egan**, G. Mac Aogáin, Tyrrellspass
- 18 **Callum McCormack**, C. Mac Cormaic, Maryland
- 19 **David Lynch**, D. Ó Loinsigh, St. Malachys
- 20 **Killian Daly**, C. Ó Dalaigh, Mullingar Shamrocks
- 21 **Anthony McGivney**, A. Mac Dhuibhne, Multyfarnham
- 22 **Conor Slevin**, C. Ó Sléibhín, Tyrrellspass
- 23 **Brandon Kelly**, B. Ó Ceallaigh, Milltownpass
- 24 **Darren Giles**, D. Ó Glaisne, Coralstown Kinnegad
- 25 **Noel O'Reilly**, N. Ó Raghallaigh, Milltownpass
- 26 **Alex Gardiner**, A. Gairnéir, Garrycastle

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