

ALLIANZ FOOTBALL LEAGUE



# CILL DARA -V- AN CABHÁN



**SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020**  
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 resumed Allianz League Football Division 2 game between Kildare and Cavan. I want to extend a warm welcome to the Cavan 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 TG4 or on KFM and RTE radio.

Yours in sport

**Mick Gorman**  
**Cathaoirleach**

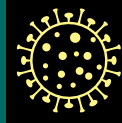


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# Coronavirus COVID-19



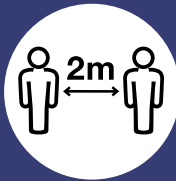
Coronavirus  
**COVID-19**  
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Advice

## 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

# NO SEANIE, BUT LOTS AT STAKE, AS KILDARE AND CAVAN RESUME LEAGUE ACTION

TOMMY CALLAGHAN SPORTS EDITOR, LEINSTER LEADER

There was a time, and not too long ago I hasten to add, that if your county was still playing football in August your favourites were enjoying more than a decent season.

In Leinster, from a footballing point of view, it meant you had made it to August Bank Holiday weekend and with it a place in the Leinster Senior Football final and the dream of winning silverware was alive and well.

Now, here we are, all but a fire cracker away from Halloween, and the Allianz Football League is still in operation and, wait for it, the Leinster Football Championship has not even commenced.

Who would have believed it.

All down, of course, to the coronavirus.

And so today, Sunday October 18, Round 6 of the AFL (Division 2) throws-in with Cavan visiting St Conleth's Park, in a game that throws-in at 2 pm, behind closed doors.

To say it will be strange is a bit of an understatement, but the fact that the league is being finished is a real bonus, and hopefully everything, and more importantly, everyone, players, officials, etc, get through it safely.

Speaking of Cavan and it's not too long ago when one of The Breffni county favourite sons discarded the blue and white of his native county for the all-white of Kildare.

The great Seanie Johnston, talented footballer, and sometimes hurler.

The entire episode made headline news in print, radio and TV but to be eligible to don the white of Kildare, Johnston had first to play a club game in Lilywhiteland which led to him lining out in a hurling game representing Coill Dubh, a game that attracted a big crowd to Conneff Park, Clane, that included no less than two TV crews.

Less than ten minutes into that game, Seanie was withdrawn to the safety of the dug-out, his eligibility secured.

Seanie made his inter-county debut for Kildare, under Kieran McGeeney against (and you just could not make this up) Cavan in an Allianz Football League game, coming on as a sub and scoring a point, a game Kildare won.

The entire Johnston saga, was not a success however, as despite putting in a monumental effort, the Cavan native was plagued with injuries, in particular a hamstring problem, that prevented him from making any real impact, failing to get a decent injury-free run with McGeeney's side.

In 2016, and following a change of management in Cavan, Seanie returned to his native county where he once again showed his undoubted talent.

And so to Sunday, a vital game for both counties.

Division 2 is a very tight division with just five points separating top team, Armagh, from bottom side, Fermanagh. Cavan are in a better place than their opponents on Sunday it has to be said, lying in third spot with six points, while Kildare are in seventh, on four points. However, such is the tightness of the division that depending on this weekend's results, any county, with the exception of bottom placed Fermanagh could find themselves catapulted right up the table.

Cavan's six points have come with wins over Fermanagh, Laois and Westmeath with loses to Clare and Armagh while

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Division 2 is a very tight division with just five points separating top team, Armagh, from bottom side, Fermanagh.

Kildare have defeated Fermanagh and Laois, losing out to Armagh, Roscommon and Clare. Kildare's final game, next Saturday, sees them entertain Westmeath, while Cavan have a home fixture, against Roscommon.

The Lilies, due to the infamous three county lockdown, find themselves somewhat behind in their preparation and along with the County Senior Football Final, just two weeks ago, manager Jack O'Connor and his management team, have had very limited time with their panel of players, and even less with the full panel, but as the former successful Kerry boss said, “such is life, we just have to get on with it.”

Difficult game to call and in fairness that can be said about the vast majority of Allianz Football League games being played this weekend. The only sure thing about the Kildare and Cavan game is that one Seanie Johnston will not be toggging out.

For either Cavan or Kildare.

Stay safe!



## PLAYER PROFILE

## TOMMY MOOLICK



**Age:** 28

**Height:** 6ft 4'

**Occupation:** Teacher

**Club:** Leixlip

**Position:** Midfield

**GAA Honours (Club & County):**

U21 Championship with Leixlip

U21 Leinster Championship, Division 2 League and O'Byrne Cup with Kildare

**What age were you when you started playing Gaelic football:** 5

**Someone who has had an influence on your career:** My Dad

**Three words to describe yourself as a player:** Hardworking, Motivated and Committed

**Favourite Sportsperson and why:**

Jayson Tatum (Boston Celtics) because he is hardworking and skilful

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

Johnny Doyle

**Best player you played against:** Colm Cooper

**Most memorable GAA sporting moment:** Newbridge or Nowhere

**Favourite Club Player:** Kyle Costello

**Favourite County Player:** Neil Flynn

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

**What do you most enjoy about been part of the GAA:** The opportunity to represent my family, club and county

**Best Advice someone has given you:** There's never a lost cause

**How do you prepare for games:** Relax the day before and make sure I have enough carbs and water on board and I pack my gear bag the night before my game.

**What advice have you for the young players in the county:** Work hard and make sure to always enjoy playing

**Expectations for the team for 2020:** Our focus now is to obtain Division 1 league status

# JOHN JOE O'REILLY

who captained Cavan to 1947  
All-Ireland win in New York  
had links with Kildare GAA  
and the Curragh

Supporters keeping an eye on the action from St Conleth's Park today for this crucial Division 2 clash between Kildare and Cavan may have heard their forefathers recall great encounters between the counties in the late 1920s and '30s. In that era during an eight-year period the teams met in two All-Ireland finals. In 1928, Kildare, led by their legendary captain Bill 'Squires' Gannon, defeated Cavan by a point to win their fourth All-Ireland title. This was the first year that Sam Maguire was presented to the All-Ireland winners. Cavan had to wait until 1935 to get revenge when they defeated Kildare by four points to win their second title.

***John Joe also made a significant contribution to the GAA in Kildare.***

He was the mainstay and captain of the great Curragh team of the 1940s. These were great years for Kildare club football with seven different teams winning the Kildare senior championship

in that decade namely Carbury, Athy, Raheens, Ellistown, Sarsfields, Curragh and Ardclough. The clashes between the Curragh and Sarsfields and Ardclough during that decade were the highpoints of Kildare club football with attendances at county finals smashing all previous records. John Joe captained the Curragh to their only Kildare championship in 1948. In addition to playing with the Curragh John Joe never refused to assist a club team whenever he was asked, and he coached Kilcullen, Moorefield, and Ballymore Eustace etc. at different times. He was also a noted referee and he officiated regularly for Kildare county board whenever he was available, and he took charge of the 1950 county final.

### **New Book Coming Soon**

The links between both counties was further forged during the 1940s and early '50s by the presence of the great John Joe O'Reilly in Kildare. Few in Kildare



know much about John Joe's early life in Cavan and few in Cavan know much about John Joe's career in Kildare. Now, thanks to a forthcoming publication, ***The Gallant John Joe, Cavan's Millennium Man***, we get an extensive biography of the great man's life and his many achievements.

The author has gone to considerable detail, interviewing many of the surviving players in Cavan, Kildare and elsewhere to get an extensive picture of the man. The biography covers his childhood days, his school days, his years in St Patrick's College and his early football days in Cornafean and Cavan. It records in detail his many successes on the field of play including his county championships with his club Cornafean, 11 Ulster championship medals with Cavan and four Railway Cups with Ulster. The highlight of his career was captaining the Cavan team to a unique All-Ireland victory over Kerry in the Polo Grounds, New York in 1947 and again in 1948 when they defeated Mayo. The book is laced with lore and anecdotes about great victories and agonising defeats all set in the historical and social context of the time. It includes a fine collection of photographs, many previously unpublished.

***The book also chronicles John Joe's life in his adopted county of Kildare.*** On October 29, 1937 he began his life in the army when he entered the Cadet School at the Curragh Military Camp. He soon gained rapid promotion. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1939, promoted to Captain in 1942 and Commandant in 1945. The 1940s was



an important decade in our country's history and John Joe played a key role in the Curragh during the Emergency and post war era when strong leadership was needed.

***Above all else John Joe was a family man*** and he lived in the Curragh with his wife Olive and their four young children. They were due to move into their new house on the outskirts of Naas at the end of 1952. But this wasn't to be. John Joe's sudden death on November 22, 1952 at 34 years of age numbed his family, his playing colleagues, and his many friends in both counties and nationwide. He is best remembered as a great leader, a sportsman supreme and above all else a gentleman.

This book should be of great interest to people in both counties and far beyond. It is published by Ballpoint Press and will go on general sale after the launch dates which have yet to be announced. **George Cartwright** (author)

# PLAYER PROFILE

# CHRIS CONROY

**Name:** Chris Conroy

**Age:** 28

**Height:** 5' 11"

**Occupation:** Games Promotion Officer

**Club:** Lavey GAA

**Position:** Forward/Defender

**GAA Honours (Club & County):**

2 Ulster U21 Championships, 2 Leinster Junior Championships, Junior All-Ireland, Club Intermediate Championship, 2 U21 Division 1 Championships

**What age were you when you started play Gaelic football:** 5 or 6

**Someone who has had an influence on your career:** Dad, Family and Underage Coaches

**Three words to describe yourself as a player:** Calm, Patient, Kicking

**Favourite Sportsperson and why:** Paul Scholes for his passing

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

**Best player you played against:** Jason McLoughlin

**Most memorable GAA sporting moment:** Ulster U21 Championship 2013



**Favourite Club Player:** Conor Martin

**Favourite County Player:** P. Faulkner

**Best grounds you have ever played in:** New Inns Lavey

**What do you most enjoy about being part of the GAA:** Being with your friends

**Best advice someone has given you:** Play your game and do what your good at

**How do you prepare for games:** Try to relax and enjoy the experience

**What advice have you for the young players in the county:** Enjoy the game and enjoy playing with your mates while you can

**Expectations for the team for 2020:** A step further with club and county

# LEAGUE FIXTURES

## 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

## Remaining Allianz Football League Fixtures:

### Round 7

Kildare v Westmeath

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm

Venue: St. Conleth's Park



## Dates for your Diary

### Christy Ring Cup

#### ROUND 1

Kildare v Offaly

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October,  
1.30pm

Venue: Bord Na Mona  
O'Connor Park

### Leinster Senior Football Championship

#### QUARTER-FINAL

Kildare v Carlow/Offaly  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November,  
5.30pm

Venue: MW Hire  
O'Moore Park,  
Portlaoise

### Electric Ireland

#### Leinster Minor Football Championship

#### QUARTER-FINAL

Kildare v Wexford/  
Louth

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>  
October  
(Venue/Time TBC)

# 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 Fícheallaigh  
Ath í



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



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



**Paddy Brophy**  
Pádraig Ó Bróithe  
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, Fíodh Aluaine
- 19 **Keith Cribben**, Ceitheach Mac Róibín, Droichead Baile Sheain
- 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 CABHÁN



**Raymond Galligan**  
Réamonn Ó Gealagáin  
Leacain



**Jason McLoughlin**  
Iasón Mac Lochlainn  
Gaeil Na Sionainne



**Killian Brady**  
Cillian Ó Brádaigh  
Mullach Odhrain



**Killian Clarke**  
Cillian Ó Cléirigh  
Searcóg



**Gerard Smith**  
Gearóid Mac Gabhann  
An Leamhaí



**Chris Conroy**  
Críostóir Ó Conraoi  
An Leamhaí



**Ciaran Brady**  
Ciarán Ó Brádaigh  
Ármhach



**Gearóid McKiernan**  
Gearóid Mac Thiarnáin  
Gaeil an Chabháin



**Padraig Faulkner**  
Padraig Ó Fachtna  
Dún a Rí



**Oisín Kiernan**  
Oisín Mac Thiarnáin  
Caisleán Reathain



**Martin Reilly**  
Máirtín Ó Raghallaigh  
Coill an Gharraí



**Oisín Brady**  
Oisín Ó Brádaigh  
Coill an Gharraí



**Conor Smith**  
Conchúr Mac Gabhann  
Coill an Gharraí



**Conor Madden**  
Conchúr Ó Madáin  
Loch Gamhna



**Evan Doughty**  
Evan Ó Dabhtaigh  
Cuchulainn

## FIR IONAIÐ

- 16, Liam Brady**, Liam Ó Brádaigh, Ramor Aontaithe  
**17, Cormac O' Reilly**, Cormac Ó Raghallaigh, Mullach Odhrain  
**18, Caoimhan McGovern**, Caomhán Mag Shamhráin, Gaeil Na Sionainne  
**19, Niall Murray**, Néil Ó Muirí, Gaeil an Chabháin  
**20, Paul Graham**, Pól Ó Gréacháin, Gaeil an Chabháin  
**21, Cian Reilly**, Cian Ó Raghallaigh, Coill an Gharraí  
**22, Finbar McAvinue**, Fionnbharr Mac Dhuibhne, Ármhach  
**23, Bryan Magee**, Brian Mag Aoidh, Cuchulainn  
**24, Cormac Timoney**, Cormac Ó Tiománaí, Béal Átha na nEach  
**25, Danny Cusack**, Dónall Ó Cíosóg, An Leamhaí  
**26, Ryan Connolly**, Rian Ó Conghaile, Droim Leathan

Bainisteoir:  
Mickey Graham

Maor Fóirne /  
Roghnóir:  
Dermot McCabe  
Martin Corey  
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