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# Fáiltiú an Chathaoirligh



Welcome to our online platform! We are delighted to give you free access to this digital programme which will keep you informed on team news as you watch this weekend's two semi-finals in the Garvey's Senior Football Championship.

It is difficult for people to stay away from games particularly when it comes to the Garvey's Senior Football Championship. However Kerry GAA has endeavoured to provide opportunities for you to support your team through using a range of media platforms. We are delighted that TG4 are in a position to bring you live coverage of Friday's game and Saturday's game can also be enjoyed from the comfort of your home as it is available to stream on the Kerry GAA website.

I wish the players and management from all four teams the very best of luck this weekend. It is challenging to play such an important game in an empty stadium but the reward of bringing the Bishop Moynihan home is invaluable.

I wish to sincerely thank the Garvey Group for their continued sponsorship of this great Championship. We have had some great games already in the Championship and these two semi-finals will be hard to call with evenly matched teams involved.

I wish to thank Ger O'Mahony and the team at Austin Stack Park for having the grounds in immaculate condition.

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Wherever you are in the world, I hope you enjoy these games!

Le Buíochas

*Tadhg Ó Murchú*

Cathaoirleach, Coiste Chontae Chiarráí



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# St. Brendan's to ask tough questions of East Kerry's reign

By DONAL BARRY

**What a difference a year makes? Last season following East Kerry's rise to the top of the pile, there were bombfires lit across the Kingdom denoting that a new King was in place on the Kerry throne. It was foretold that it would be a long lasting reign and that the current crop would emulate their previous teams of 1968-1970 and 1997-1999 with three in a row victories.**

They may well still achieve this but in a year when it is back to straight knock out, East Kerry have experienced the weight that come with the heavy mantle of champions.

Their opponents St. Brendan's have already found the winning formula on one occasion to defeat East Kerry having completed that task in an earlier round of last year's Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football championship. Question is can they do it again and do it now when it matters most as they bid to get back to a final having last done so in 1992.

Their paths to tonight's clash have told very different stories along the way. St. Brendan's growing in confidence, while East Kerry have left themselves open for some tough questions as injuries and suspension begin to deplete resources.

Drawn against rank outsiders Feale Rangers they ambled to a comfortable if somewhat costly win with the loss of Kerry midfielder Liam Kearney through injury. Their manager Jerry O'Sullivan

spoke afterwards about how nonsensical it was that teams were wrote off before they got to play. "East Kerry came here today with nothing with respect for Feale Rangers and what they are trying to do. It is not easy but some of the headlines ahead of today's game were plain crazy," he said in the aftermath of a 1-14 to 0-3 win in a very wet Frank Sheehy Park in Listowel.

Having dispatched South Kerry, St. Kieran's showed little respect for their tag as outsiders and put East Kerry to the pin of their collar to escape the clutches of Jimmy Keane's men. In the end, it was a moment of brilliance once again from Kerry captain David Clifford that got them to this evening's game. Having trailed by 3 points mid-way through the second half and really struggling to find a gear it was Clifford's goal that brought his men to the semi-final. A semi-final that he misses having picked up a red card late on.

St. Brendan's made their championship exit at the hands of East Kerry last season with David Clifford scoring nine points in their semi-final clash. All but two from play. So maybe it was an omen that St. Brendan's opened their 2020 campaign with Ivan Parker repeating the trick for the divisional board men. He brought his shooting boots to Austin Stack Park and opened his championship returns with 0-9 (0-7 from play) the same as Clifford. It helped St. Brendan's to a 1-15 to 0-14 opening day win over West Kerry.

The result also signalled a new day for football around the Tralee area with both Kerin's O'Rahilly's and Austin Stacks making their exits, which for the first time saw the collective of Na Gaeil, Churchill, St. Pat's, John Mitchels and Ardfert flying the lone Tralee area flag.

They flew it again a week later to good effect as Kerry midfielder Diarmuid O'Connor turned in his most complete county championship performance as they dismantled with incredible ease the challenge of Killarney Legion. A year previously

O'Connor's goal was crucial in getting past the Killarney men 1-12 to 1-10 but on this occasion, they proved comfortable eleven point winners and certainly a more complete looking team.

So what do we need to watch for in what should be a real championship battle? St. Brendan's with both Jack Barry and Diarmuid O'Connor contain the most settled midfield left in the competition.

Churchill's Eoghan O'Brien has been solid in goal. He can also hit a long range free or two. Lawrence Bastible has had two good outings at full back with Fergal Barry filling in for his brother, the injured Andrew at centre back. Trevor Wallace and Thomas Kearns are earning reputations as tight markers while up front Ivan Parker's scoring return will be vital with Alan O'Donoghue and Michael Kelliher both happy to chip in when they can. However, will it be enough to trump the champions?

Jerry O'Sullivan has successfully managed to embed his new arrivals from Rathmore with Shane Ryan already earning his stripes with a penalty save against St. Kieran's which certainly kept the two in a row bid on the line. Jack Sherwood, like he did last season, has been commanding in the full back role and can prove accurate when given the chance to shoot on a trip up the field.

Paul Murphy has been solid in both his games to date as he adds to the East Kerry half back line with Spa clubmates Shane Cronin and Dan O'Donoghue ever reliable.

Last time out Dan O'Brien and Ronan Buckley were trying to form a new partnership at midfield in the absence of Liam Kearney but they learned a lot from their battle with St. Kieran's.

However, it is up front that East Kerry can still pack the power. Paudie Clifford in his two games to date has been outstanding with a return of 1-4 as Darragh Roche and Evan Cronin continue to be a thorn in opposition defences.

Both managers will know that their sides are well capable of booking a final spot, the trick on this occasion for Jerry O'Sullivan and Seamus Murphy is to make sure that their players know it with no place for doubt as the two most in-form districts of recent times look for that golden ticket.

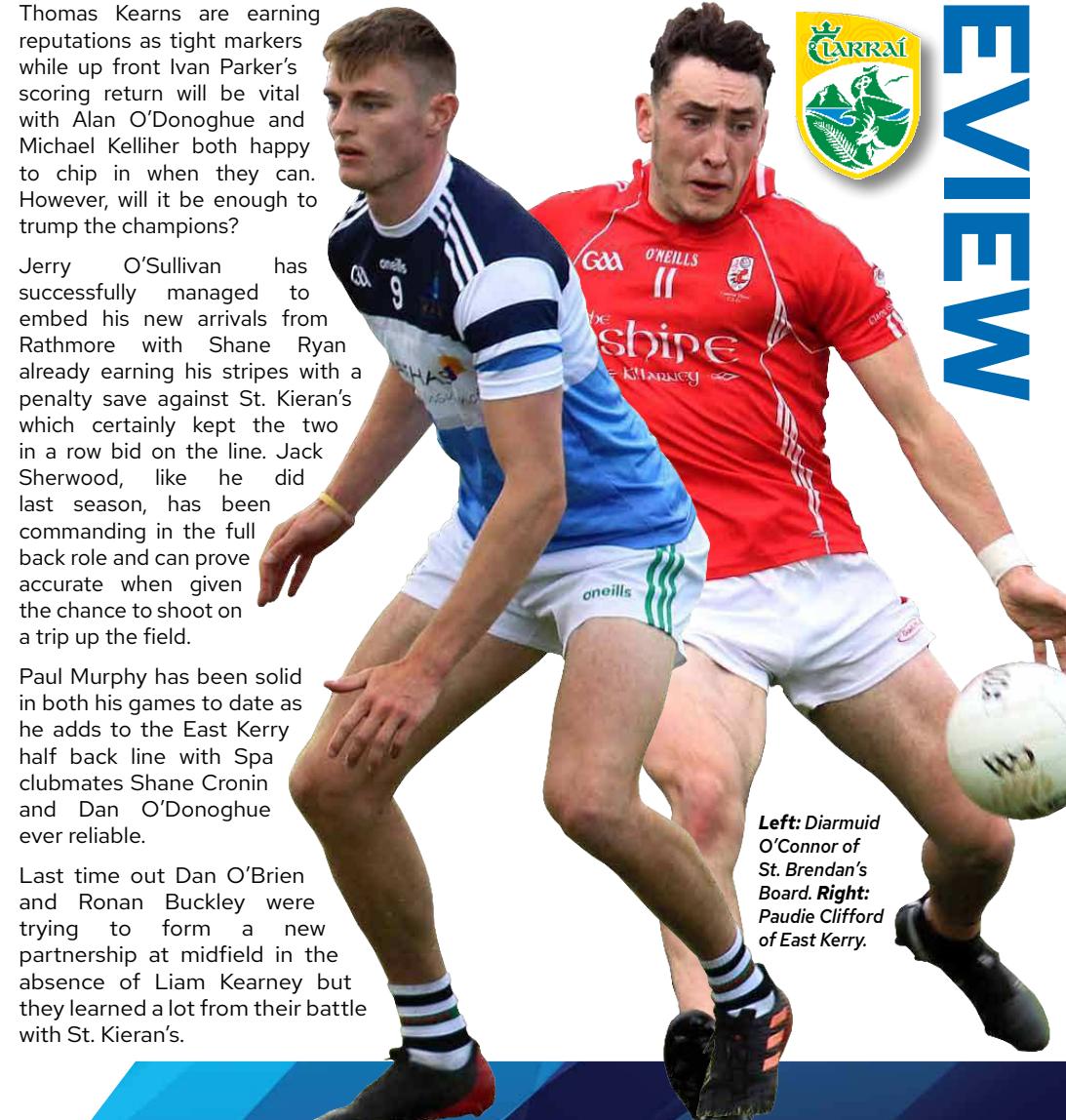


**Left:** Diarmuid O'Connor of St. Brendan's Board. **Right:** Paudie Clifford of East Kerry.



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PREVIEW



# EAST KERRY



**Shane Ryan**  
(Rathmore)



**Chris O'Donoghue**  
(Glenflesk)



**Jack Sherwood**  
(Firies)



**Pa Warren**  
(Gneeveguilla)



**Shane Cronin**  
(Spa)



**Dan O'Donoghue (C)**  
(Spa)



**Paul Murphy**  
(Rathmore)



**Dan O'Brien**  
(Glenflesk)



**Ronan Buckley**  
(Listry)



**Dara Moynihan**  
(Spa)



**Paudie Clifford**  
(Fossa)



**Brendan O'Keeffe**  
(Rathmore)



**David Clifford**  
(Fossa)



**Darragh Roche**  
(Glenflesk)



**Evan Cronin**  
(Spa)



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## FIR IONAID

16. **Mark Kelliher**  
(Glenflesk)
17. **Mike Foley**  
(Spa)
18. **Brian O'Donoghue**  
(Glenflesk)
19. **Niall Donohue**  
(Firies)
20. **Padraig Doyle**  
(Gneeveguilla)
21. **David Spillane**  
(Spa)
22. **Mark Ryan**  
(Rathmore)
23. **Padraig de Brun**  
(Firies)
24. **Jeff O'Donoghue**  
(Glenflesk)
25. **Brian Friel**  
(Rathmore)
26. **Eoin Fitzgerald**  
(Spa)
27. **Dan Murphy**  
(Rathmore)
28. **Patrick Darcy**  
(Glenflesk)
29. **Shane Courtney**  
(Glenflesk)
30. **Mike McCarthy**  
(Spa)



## FIR IONAID

16. **Devon Ó Broin**  
**Devon Burns**  
(Na Gaeil)
17. **Pádraig Ó Cearnaigh**  
**Padraig Kearney**  
(John Mitchels)
18. **Seán Ó Midhir**  
**Jack Myers**  
(John Mitchels)
19. **Mícheál Breathnach**  
**Michael Walsh**  
(John Mitchels)
20. **Roibeárd Ó Riagáin**  
**Bobby O'Regan**  
(Ardfert)
21. **Caoimhín Ó Seanacháin**  
**Kevin Shanahan**  
(Ardfert)
22. **Tomás Ó Leannacháin**  
**Thomas Lenihan**  
(Churchill)
23. **Seosamh Ó Leannacháin**  
**Joseph Lenihan**  
(Churchill)
24. **Fearghal Ó Briain**  
**Fergal O'Brien**  
(St. Pat's)
25. **Eoin Ó Gearbháill**  
**Eoin O'Carroll**  
(St. Pat's)
26. **Liam Ó Domhnaill**  
**Liam O'Donnell**  
(Churchill)
27. **Pól Mac Mathúna**  
**Paul McMahon**  
(St. Pat's)
28. **Conchúr De Módhra**  
**Connor Moore**  
(St. Pat's)
29. **Seoirse de Bastábla**  
**George Bastible**  
(John Mitchels)
30. **Síúrtán Ó Conbhuí**  
**Jordan Conway**  
(St. Pat's)

# ST. BRENDAN'S BOARD



**Eoghan Ó Briain**  
**Eoghan O'Brien**  
(Churchill)



**Lúcas Maolagáin**  
**Luke Mulligan**  
(St. Pat's)



**Lábhreas de Bastábla**  
**Lawrence Bastible**  
(John Mitchels)



**Treabhair de Bhailís**  
**Trevor Wallace**  
(Ardfert)



**Tomás Ó Céirín**  
**Thomas Kerins**  
(John Mitchels)



**Fearghal de Barra**  
**Fergal Barry**  
(Na Gaeil)



**Ciarán Ó Duibhir**  
**Kieran Dwyer**  
(St. Pat's)



**Jeaic de Barra**  
**Jack Barry (C)**  
(Na Gaeil)



**Diarmuid Ó Conchúir**  
**Diarmuid O'Connor**  
(Na Gaeil)



**Ian MacCarthaigh**  
**Ian McCarthy**  
(Na Gaeil)



**Daithí Ó Gríofa**  
**David Griffin**  
(Ardfert)



**Cillian Mac Gearáilt**  
**Cillian Fitzgerald**  
(Churchill)



**Ailín Ó Donnchadha**  
**Alan O'Donoghue**  
(John Mitchels)



**Ivan Páircéir**  
**Ivan Parker**  
(Churchill)



**Mícheál Ó Ceileachair**  
**Michael Kelliher**  
(John Mitchels)

## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Jerry O'Sullivan (Manager),  
Arthur Fitzgerald (Trainer/Coach),  
Ger O'Callaghan (Coach/Selector),  
Sean Cronin (Selector), Ruth Allen (Physio).



	Cúil	Cúlíní	Seachaí	45m	Saor Ciceanna
1 Adh Leath					
2 Adh Leath					
lomlán					

## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Séamus Ó Murchú (Naomh Pádraig), Traenálaí:  
Pádraig Ó Drisceoil (Ard Fhearta), Roghnóiri: Gearóid Ó Cearda (Cnoc na hEaglaise), Clive Ó Ceallacháin (Na Mistéalaigh), Breandán Mac Carthaigh (Na Gaeil), Éamonn Mac Fhearaíosa (Ard Fhearta).

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# DR. CROKES



Shane Murphy



David Naughton



Michael Moloney



Fionn Fitzgerald



David O'Leary



Gavin White (C)



Michael Potts



Johnny Buckley



Mark O'Shea



Cillian Fitzgerald



Micheál Burns



Brian Looney



Kieran O'Leary



Gavin O'Shea



Chris Doncel



## FIR IONAID

16. Nelu O'Doherty
17. Alan O'Sullivan
18. Cillian O'Regan
19. Brendan Falvey
20. John Payne
21. Billy Courtney
22. Brian Fitzgerald
23. Mark Cooper
24. Mikey Casey
25. David Shaw
26. Michael Lenihan
27. Harry Potts
28. Lorcan McMonagle
29. Sean Magann
30. Tony Brosnan



## FIR IONAID

16. Sean Coffey (Beaufort)
17. Jack Brosnan (Glenbeigh-Glencar)
18. John Tyther (Laune Rangers)
19. Sean O'Brien (Beaufort)
20. Caolim Teahan (Glenbeigh-Glencar)
21. Garry Sayers (Keel)
22. Tomas Ladden (Keel)
23. Cathal Moriarty (Milltown-Castlemafine)
24. Jack O'Connor (Beaufort)
25. Sean Kelliher (Beaufort)
26. Gavin Horan (Milltown-Castlemafine)
27. Daire Cleary (Laune Rangers)
28. Darren Houlihan (Cromane)
29. Jonathan O'Sullivan (Milltown-Castlemafine)
30. Eoin Clifford (Laune Rangers)

# MID KERRY



Stephen Cahillane (Keel)



Kieran O'Sullivan (Cromane)



Pa Wrenn (C) (Milltown-Castlemafine)



David Mangan (Laune Rangers)



Peter Crowley (Laune Rangers)



Mike Breen (Beaufort)



Pa Kilkenny (Glenbeigh-Glencar)



Colin McGillycuddy (Glenbeigh-Glencar)



Ronan Murphy (Beaufort)



David Roche (Milltown-Castlemafine)



Fiachra Clifford (Laune Rangers)



Ciaran Kennedy (Beaufort)



Gavan O'Grady (Glenbeigh-Glencar)



Liam Carey (Beaufort)



Darran O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh-Glencar)



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## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Edmund O'Sullivan,  
Eoin Brosnan, Luke Quinn,  
Jamie Doolan.

## BAINISTÍOCHT:

Peter O'Sullivan (Glenbeigh-Glencar),  
Damian Murphy (Milltown-Castlemafine),  
Kevin O'Brien (Beaufort).  
Medical: Amy Phelan.

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# Brosnan loss opens the door for Mid Kerry

By DONAL BARRY

**Dr. Crokes hopes of reaching a fifth Kerry Senior Football final in five years has certainly got a little bit tougher with the news that they will have to do it without their ace marksman Tony Brosnan who picked up a season ending injury at training last weekend.**

Brosnan has been the top forward in this year's Garvey's SuperValu Senior Football Championship already with 2-18 in the competition but Edmund O'Sullivan will now reshape his attack unit for the task of Mid Kerry.

In any other year Mid Kerry's arrival at the semi-final of the SFC would be one of the stories of the championship. A side that exited the 2019 campaign rather timidly to Kilcummin a side that just avoided relegation have in two perfect performances found themselves just one more perfect game away from a county final. The four time winners, having lost finals in 2014 and 2011 to both Austin Stacks and Dr. Crokes.

And it was both Stacks and Crokes that served up a dynamite start to this year's championship and with the safety net of a back door removed; it proved to be a proper championship encounter as the Killarney side won in extra time win.

It was a result that sent the confidence back to



a side who for a decade were the standard by which teams set their bar. After all seven county titles in ten years is a record that speaks for itself.

That confidence certainly took a battering at the backend of 2019 when East Kerry defeated them by double scores in the Senior County Final. They were then defeated by their town rivals Killarney Legion in the East Kerry championship and all that added to their loss in the senior club final to Austin Stacks, suggested that the tide was turning.

However, with the smell of championship, under the lights of Austin Stack Park and in front of a live TV audience, it was back to business for the Killarney side as Brian Looney and Tony Brosnan inspired a victory after extra time. Next up was Templenoe, somewhat surprise winners over Dingle but there was no surprises in store in front of the empty stands of Fitzgerald Stadium as Gavin White made a return from injury and it was business as usual. Even if they were slow to get out of the blocks with Killian Spillane more than menacing for the opening 25 minutes in which he hit 0-5.

Menacing too are District sides that can find the right form at the right time and Mid Kerry certainly fit that category. Few would have been brave enough, outside their own camp, to reasonably believe that they would be in the final four. However, their clubs have shown great form in their club championships. Laune Rangers, Glenbeigh/Glencar and Beaufort are all still in the mix in the Intermediate championship and that form and a new togetherness is evident from their recent performances.

First, an impressive dismissal of Kilcummin as they reversed last year's result before producing a dominant final quarter to edge out senior

club finalists Kenmare Shamrocks in which they proved that could change tact mid course with an impact from their bench.

So as Edmund O'Sullivan will have to move around the kitchen furniture a bit for today's game, Damien Murphy will certainly be looking for more of the same from his charges. A half back line of Peter Crowley, Mike Breen and Pa Kilkenny will be key to stopping the Dr. Crokes supply line with Ronan Murphy and Chris McGillycuddy more than capable of holding their own around the centre.

And while Murphy depends on no single forward for big scoring returns he knows that Gavin O'Grady will hold the forward unit together as players like Liam Carey, Fiachra Clifford and Darran O'Sullivan look to press the issue.

With the absence of Brosnan, Crokes will again ask Micheál Burns, Brian Looney and Kieran O'Leary to go to the well but form would suggest that all three are more than capable of carrying extra loads.

Veteran Johnny Buckley might have lost a yard of pace but his judgement is still sound around the middle and he showed signs against Templenoe that he is growing into the championship, as is Mark O'Shea into the role of midfielder.

While when it comes to the defence Fionn Fitzgerald has adapted to the role of man marker with Kieran Donaghy and Killian Spillane already matched up in previous games. Mike Moloney, the ever present rock at the heart of the Crokes back line, never lets his side down as Micheal Potts and Gavin White look to add some pace and attacking options, which could prove vital.

It's funny how a year is a long time.

This time last year people were writing off Dr. Crokes' chances of making another final and most were not even putting Mid Kerry in the same sentence as final but here we are just sixty minutes away from at least one of them proving a lot of people wrong.

## PREVIEW



Left: Liam Carey (Mid Kerry). Right: Mark O'Shea (Dr. Crokes)



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