



Cluichí Leath Ceannais Craobh Idirmheánach 2021

Naomh Columba v An Clochán Liath

Cloich Cheann Fhaola v Buncranncha



MICHAEL MURPHY SPORTS & LEISURE

Deireadh Fomhair 23ú agus 24ú

i Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill agus Páirc Sheáin Mhic Chumhaill Clár Óifigiuil - €0:00

County Board Chairperson - Mick McGrath

Ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur romhaimh go léir chuig na cluichí leathcheannais i gcraobh peile idirmheánach na contae an deireadh seachtaine seo. Tá sé deas go bhfuil deis ag daoine theacht amach ag na cluichí arís agus cé go bhfuil srianta ann go foill is féidir linn taitneamh níos fearr a bhaint as na cluichí seo tríd a bheith i láthair. Ar ndóigh tá sé tábhachtach a chinntiú go gcomhlíonaimid treoirlínte maidir leis an bpaindéim.

Dóibh siúd nach dtig leo bheith i bPáirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill beidh an chuiche idir Cloich Cheann Fhaola agus Buncranncha a shruthlú beo agus dóibh siúd nach dtig leo bheith i bPáirc Uí Dhomhnaill beidh an cluiche idir An Clochán Liath agus Naomh Columba le feiceál beo ar Donegal GAA TV.



Is cinnte go mbeidh dhá chluiche de ard chaighdean againn agus guím gach rath ar an ceithre fhoireann atá fágtha sa chraobh.

I welcome all four clubs, their supporters and match officials to this weekend's Michael Murphy Sports Intermediate Championship semi-finals in Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill and Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. The prospects are good for two cracking semi-finals between four evenly matched teams, each of whom will have designs on being crowned 2021 Intermediate Champions. Both games are being streamed for supporters in Donegal still nervous of travelling to matches, for Gaels elsewhere in Ireland and supporters across the globe. The links to all the weekend's streams and to the virtual programmes can be found on www.DonegalGAA.ie.

As we move towards the concluding games in our championships we also face into a new phase of Covid-19 regulations in our country. GAA facilities and attendances are heading towards a post-Covid opening, with 100% attendance at this weekend's games, but we must all remain cautious - we still have to protect ourselves and others, particularly with regard to social distancing and mask-wearing. It's only right that I recognise the tremendous efforts by our GAA Clubs and their members in this unprecedented battle. We especially remember all those who passed away on our island during these tough times. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a nAnamnacha.



Mick McGrath

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Dates, Venues and Time

Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill

Saturday Oct 23, 12.30 Cloich Cheann Chaola v Naomh Columba Saturday Oct 23, 14:30 Naomh Columba v An Clóchan Liath Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill

Sunday Oct 24, 15:00 An Clochán Liath v Buncranncha Sunday Oct 24, 17:00 Buncranncha v Cloich Cheann Fhaola









RTE RAIDIO

Radio na Gaeltachta's Damien Ó'Donaill will be joined by analyst Danny O'Donnell in Páirc Uí Dhomhnaill on Saturday afternoon for the first of the Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Intermdiate Championship semifinals when Dungloe take on Naomh Columba.



The second semifinal - Buncrana v Dungloe - on Sunday will be played in Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill and commentary duties for the Donegal Stream team will be provided by Liam Galbraith & Stephen McGonagle.

Both Games will be streamed live on Donegal GAA TV and links to the 247 PPV site can be found on www. donegalgaa.com.







Sinéad Ní Dhomhnaill

SinéadisamemberofCLGNaomhAdhamhnáin. She is honoured to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann at today's Michael Murphy Sports Intermediate Championship sem-final between An Clochán Liath agus Naomh Columba in O'Donnell Park. Sinéad is very involved with Scór, encouraging and mentoring young club members to participate. Sinéad herself is a former Senior Scór county champion in solo singing.





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OFFICIAL GAA PLAYING RULES CHANGES 2021

DENYING A GOAL SCORING **OPPORTUNITY: HURLING**

(Senior Inter-County only)

If any of the following infractions are committed, on an attacking player with a goal-scoring opportunity, either inside the 20-metre line or the semi-circular arc.

- To pull down an opponent or To trip an opponent with hands, arm, leg, foot, or hurley or
- the following penalties shall apply -(i) A penalty puck shall be awarded to the team affected
- Additional to being issued a caution (yellow card), the offender shall be sent to the sin bin for 10 minutes.

Exception: If the infraction is a second cautionable infraction, the offender shall be ordered off for the remainder of the game, including extra-time when played.



TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTION:

A player who sustains a suspected head injury, if instructed by the referee shall temporarily leave the field of play for further assessment before the ayer's fitness to return is determined.



ADVANTAGE RULE FOOTBALL & HURLING

When an aggressive foul is committed, the referee may allow the play to continue if he considers that this presents the potential of a goal-scoring opportunity or another advantage to the team offended by creating or capitalising on time and space.

He shall signal that advantage by raising an arm upright and shall allow the advantage to run by maintaining his arm in the upright position for up to five seconds after the foul or for less time if it becomes clear that no advantage has accrued

If he deems no advantage to have accrued, he may subsequently award a free for the foul from where it occurred, except as provided under exceptions (v) and (vi) of Rule 2.2. He shall apply any relevant disciplinary action



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INTERFERING WITH A KICK/PUCK OUT

It's now a foul to interfere with a goalkeeper by jumping up and down, waving hands or hurley, or any other physical or verbal interference considered by the referee to be aimed at distracting the player taking the kick/puck out.



MISCONDUCT AT GAMES BY TEAM OFFICIALS (Inter-County only)

The following changes were made to the rules around misconduct at games by team officials and the introduction of the issuing of yellow & red cards and match suspensions in place of term suspensions for several infractions.

Yellow cards can now be issued to team officials for the following Infractions.

- To make an unauthorised incursion onto the field of play.
- To challenge the authority of a referee, umpire, linesman
- or sideline official. To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to an opposing
- player or team official. To threaten or to use abusive or provocative language or gestures to a player of own team

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Red cards can now be issued to team officials for the following Infractions.

- To use abusive language to a referee,
- umpire, linesman or sideline official. To engage in disruptive conduct. Any type of physical interference
- with an opposing player or team official.
- To interfere with the playing of the
- game. Minor physical interference with (e.g. laving a hand on, pushing,
- pulling or jostling), threatening or abusive conduct towards, or threatening language to, a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official.
- Any type of assault on a referee, umpire, linesman or sideline official



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Streaming both Intermediate semi-finals is C-Live Sport which consists of Hugh Quirke on Camera and Sean Quirke looking after all technical aspects of the live stream, including switchers, graphics, score, etc,

Hugh and Sean have a combined tenure in the video-graphy business of over 50 years. Together they aim to bring live streams, of the highest possible quality, of sporting events at a local and national level to the general population.







Níamh Douglas

Niamh Douglas is a member of CLG Malainn. From the age of 10, Niamh has participated in many Scór na nÓg competitions representing her club in both solo singing and ballad group categories. Having progressed from Scór na nÓg to Scór Sinsir, Niamh was crowned county champion in solo singing in February of this year. Niamh is proud to represent her club and county by singing Amhrán na bhFiann in MacCumhaill Park today.



Intermediate Big Four Provide Juicy Senifinals - Ryan Ferry (Donegal News)

THERE has been much chat this year about the 'big four' in the Senior Football Championship but there is no doubt that four sides have been a step above in the Intermediate Championship as well.



Naomh Columba, Dungloe, Cloughaneely and Buncrana are still standing, and a lively semi-final weekend lies ahead. The meeting of Naomh Columba and Dungloe on Saturday has the makings of a tasty affair.

Naomh Columba have been excellent so far in the championship, winning all their games.They eased Naomh Brid to one side in their quarter-final last week. Aaron Doherty is their star name, but Eric Carr has been impressive while Ryan Gillespie and Lanty Molloy know where the posts are.

Dungloe are also unbeaten in the championship, and they have adapted to life in the Intermediate seamlessly. They got the better of their neighbours Naomh Muire in the Rosses derby last week and that contest was effectively over at half-time. The Curran brothers – Mark, Barry, and Darren – have all been in good form, while Daire Gallagher and Oisin Bonner are talented young forwards.

When these sides met in Division 2 at Pairc na nGael, Dungloe won a tight affair and it's likely to be close again this time out.

Cloughaneely and Buncrana face off on Sunday and that is a repeat of the 2020 semi-final. On that occasion, Cloughaneely

prevailed by 1-13 to 0-14.

The Pairc Naomh Fionnan men are aiming to make their third successive Intermediate decider, and they have been in good form since losing their opening championship encounter against Glen. They also got the better of Buncrana at the Scarvey

in the group stages so that might provide an edge heading into this week's match.

Blake McGarvey has excelled in his first year out of minor for Cloughaneely while Paul Sweeney is always a handful at full-forward, and Jason McGee will need to have a big game at midfield. Buncrana lost two of their group games but still made it through and then saw off Fanad in a decent quarter-final last week. Oisin Hegarty was superb in that encounter while John Campbell impressed at full-forward and county star Caolan Mc-Gonagle got through a mountain of work.

However, they will be concerned about three goal chances they gave up to Gaeil Fhánada in the second half. There is rarely much in it when these teams meet and it would be a surprise if there is more than a score between the sides come the full-time whistle.

All in all, we should be in for an entertaining Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure Intermediate (and Senior) semi-final weekend.



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