

U13 HURLING MATCH

Ahane GAA

V

Gaeil Colmcille /
Loughcrew Gaels

Sunday, 28th May - 2023

Venue: Ahane GAA

11:30 am

Referee: Patsy Coffey

Don't miss the action!



Ahane Club History

Ahane GAA club was founded in 1926 and is situated in East Limerick approx. 6 miles from Limerick City and within 2 miles of the University of Limerick campus. It covers the parochial area of Ahane, Castleconell and Montpelier and has 3 National schools. The population of the Parish has grown enormously in recent years. We welcome this growth and the challenges and opportunities it presents. Every young person in the parish is encouraged to come along to the field and perfect their skills at hurling, football and camogie.

Within a few years of its foundation, Ahane became one of the leading hurling teams in Ireland along with Blackrock and Glen Rovers in Cork, Thurles Sarsfields and Toomevara, Tipperary, Faughs in Dublin and Tullaroan in Kilkenny. In the Thirties and Forties, Ahane won an unprecedented 15 county senior hurling and 5 county senior football titles. Ahane players played a major part in the success of the great Limerick teams in the Thirties and early Forties - the Golden Age of Limerick Hurling - whilst Timmy Ryan in 1934 and Mick Mackey in 1936 and 1940 had the honour as Captain of bringing the McCarthy Cup to Limerick and Ahane. Another senior hurling title was added in 1955. Inevitably, after such a successful era a lean period followed and whilst the senior hurling team of the Seventies was amongst the best in the County they could not make that crucial breakthrough to win county honours.

However, with the purchase of fine new playing fields in Newgarden in 1982, a new era dawned. The club gave total commitment to the development of under-age teams and are now reaping a rich harvest. Today, Ahane has the finest collection of dedicated players from under 8 up to senior level. Major achievements in recent years have been the winning of county titles in 1982 U.14 Hurling, 1984 and 2006 U16 Hurling, 1986 U21 Hurling, 1991 Minor Hurling, 1992 Minor Football, 1998, 1999 and 2004 Senior Hurling. Several U12 and U14 county and Feile titles have been won in recent times culminating in our finest moment when the U14 Feile team won the All-Ireland Feile title in 2004 bringing the Christy Ring trophy to Limerick for the first time in 20 years. Most recently Ahane secured the prestigious Limerick Premier Minor County Championship in 2014. Ahane currently have 2 senior players on the Limerick Senior Hurling panel brothers Dan and Tom Morrissey. Success within the club is largely due to the teachers in the school and the dedicated trainers and selectors of the various teams. Since 1992 Ahane has also excelled at camogie producing many Intercounty players, winning a number of County Championships and reaching several All-Ireland finals.

In 1995, our spacious new clubhouse, incorporating modern dressing rooms, bar and function rooms was officially opened and has become a focal point for the whole Community and outside of G.A.A. activities is utilised for chess, Irish Dancing, Scouts, etc. The club subsequently purchased adjoining lands and our additional new playing fields were opened in Spring 2008. And so the traditional Ahane GAA battle cry of ‘Come on Ahane, the spuds are boilin’ is still alive and well. Today, Ahane is a thriving and forward looking club with excellent playing fields, a spacious new clubhouse, incorporating modern dressing rooms, bar and function rooms and has become a focal point for the whole Community.

Kilskyre and Gaeil Colmcille

Chairmans address

Tom Gilsenan - Kilskyre Hurling & Camogie Club

Kilskyre Hurling Club was founded in 1904 by Brian O’Higgins, writer, poet, politician and activist in the 1916 Easter Rising.

A proud hurling club for over 120 years Kilskyre has a long tradition of players coming from afar to play for this north Meath Club, particularly men from Galway, Limerick, Tipperary and Kilkenny. Our reach is not just the small village of Kilskyre but our sister clubs Ballinlough, Carnaross, Kilmainham, Oldcastle and Moylagh.

In 2011 Kilskyre, Moylagh, Carnaross and Kells hurling community joined forces at underage to form Loughcrew Gaels-Gaeil Colmcille which is going from strength-to-strength year-on-year. Teams are flourishing at all age levels from U7s up to U17s, with numbers up, coaching standards rising and players exceeding their own expectations.

Just this year Camogie commenced with almost 50 registered players for U7s, U9s & U11s. The future is very bright!!

Comhghairdeas do chách

Tom Gilsenan

Cathaoirleach

Kilskyre Hurling & Camogie Club

Niall Gogarty - Gaeil Colmcille

Hello everyone, Just a short little note from me as you embark on your fun day to the Limerick v Cork Munster GAA Hurling Senior Championship – Round 5 on 28th May 2023. I hope you have a really great trip and I want to pay particular thanks to:

1. Your coaches John, Mark, Lavina, Jim, Brian and Seamus for taking the time to bring you all to Limerick. They have tirelessly given their time to help you develop your hurling skills and it is very much appreciated by me and all in Gaeil Colmcille, Juvenile Section.
2. You, our players, for all the efforts you put in at training and during matches representing our amalgamation, Gaeil Colmcille/Loughcrew Gaels. I have watched some of your games and I appreciate all the effort you are putting in.
3. Our GAA friends in Ahane GAA club. A club steeped in Limerick GAA History with 19 Limerick Senior Hurling titles, two Limerick Junior Hurling Championships and four Limerick Minor Hurling Championships. They are hosting the challenge match for us and also putting on refreshments for our team and supporters. This is a very kind gesture and it is very much appreciated by all.

Your trip to Limerick is a day of appreciation for all the efforts you make when representing our club. It will be a day of fun with your teammates and coaches and a day for creating special memories to look back on in the years ahead. It is also a day of learning, watching one of best teams in the country, at the moment, 3 time All Ireland winners Limerick (2020, 2021 & 2022).

Finally stay safe on your trip and I look forward to engaging with you all throughout 2023.

Is mise le meas

Néil Mac Fhógartaigh

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael

Gaeil Colmcille, Cathaoirleach Óg (Juvenile Chairman)

Meet the teams

Gaeil Colmcille / Loughcrew Gaels - U13 hurling team

	<div>1. Aodhan Early Gaeil Colmcille</div>	
<div>2. Peter Smith Moylagh</div>	<div>3. Adam Gillespie Kilskyre</div>	<div>4. Ronan Fitzpatrick Moylagh</div>
<div>5. Fionn Sheridan Gaeil Colmcille</div>	<div>6. Simon Fox Kilskyre</div>	<div>7. Conan Clarke Gaeil Colmcille</div>
	<div>8. Conor Larkin Gaeil Colmcille</div>	<div>9. Charlie Crawley Moylagh</div>
<div>10. Adam Harte Kilskyre</div>	<div>11. Cillian Burke Gaeil Colmcille</div>	<div>12. Tomás Cahill Moylagh</div>
<div>13. Ciaran Walsh Kilskyre</div>	<div>14. Donnacha Ryan Gaeil Colmcille</div>	<div>15. Enda Fanning Moylagh</div>
Subs:		
<div>16. NN</div>	<div>17. Killian Connell Kilskyre</div>	<div>18. Conor Thornton Gaeil Colmcille</div>
<div>19. Fionn Owens Kilskyre</div>	<div>20. Sean Gilsenan Kilskyre</div>	<div>21. NN</div>

Player profiles - Gaeil Colmcille/ Loughcrew Gaels team



Back row - Left to right

Peter Smith - 1st from left

Club: Moylagh, Position: Backs

A relatively new member to the squad from the Oldcastle/Moylagh corner, great dedication to training and a solid man marker in defence. Has another year left at this grade.

Sean Gilsenan

Club: Kilskyre, Position : Anywhere

Where to start. Sean is in his 2nd year at u13s and still 2 more years to go. A natural leader, knows where the posts are. Big days ahead.

Enda Fanning

Club : Moylagh, Position: Forwards

One man that will give 100%, no pause button here, straight in head first. Great man to have going into battle, won't be found wanting, could also play in goals or backline.

Fionn Sheridan

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: wing back

One of the elder statesmen on the squad. Huge dedication to training at home has brought Fionn to a whole new level, could probably play anywhere on the field, great speed and loves to push forward as an attacking wing back. Recently played in 1st year Leinster final for St Pats.

Charlie Crawley

Club : Moylagh, Position: Anywhere

Another versatile player with raw talent in abundance. They say Mick Mackey (Ahane) invented the solo run..Well Charlie invented "The Charlie". Will we see one today I wonder?

Donnacha Ryan

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Anywhere except Midfield.

In his 3rd year at this level and has played in every position except Midfield. Recently converted to full forward withan eye for goals. Not bad with the oval ball either!

Conor Larkin - 7th from left

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position : Midfield

Where to start...I say Midfield but Conor will cover every blade of grass on match day. Can be seen clearing his goal line and finishing the ball to the net 2 minutes later...A huge talent with an even bigger engine. A naturally born leader who also hurls with our 15s with distinction. Not a bad footballer either!

Conan Clarke

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: anywhere!

One of the most versatile players on the squad. Possibly the best pair of wrists on the team, beautiful strike of the ball and has floated many a point over on that left flank.

Cillian Burke

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position:Centre Forward

One of our most experienced hurlers in his 3rd year at this grade, has probably covered all positions at this stage but is really excelling at centre forward Where he is also top scorer from play with our 2nd u15 team also. A real sportsman and a natural leader.

Simon Fox

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Centre Back.

Took a while to figure out his best position but after a display for the ages against Trim at centre back, I think Simon has found his spot. Who can forget that point from all of 70 yards!

Scott Brown - Not playing today

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Backs

A very passionate hurler, beautiful striker of the ball and not one to shy away from a tackle. Scott is playing in the Junior Irish Golf Open today and we wish him luck.

Player profiles - Gaeil Colmcille / Loughcrew Gaels team

Front row - Left to right

Killian Connell - 1st from left

Club: Kilskyre, Position: Backs

Another one of our U11s , skills and composure far beyond his years. Will be a household name in North Meath in years to come!

Adam Gillespie

Club: Kilskyre, Position: Backs or Forwards!

A recent convert to the backline but equally as comfortable on the edge of the opposite square. Great pair of hands and ability to read the game.

Fionn Owens

Club: Kilskyre, Position: Corner Forward

Another naturally gifted hurler who probably sleeps with his hurley! Zero fear, has raised plenty green flags for us and always our impact sub. One to watch!!

Tomás Cahill

Club : Moylagh, Position:Wing Forward

A born natural forward, skill and vision (That's the Tipp breaking out in him). Hands like an artist, this lad has big days ahead!

Ronan Fitzpatrick

Club: Moylagh, Position: Backs

A good man to make a forward earn his supper!! Has taken to hurling like a duck to water, great to win possession and clears his lines with an eye for going forward, a raw talent with a bright future.

Aodhan Early (Front, 6th from left)

Club :Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Goalkeeper

One of our longest serving panel members.

Aodhan has really found his feet (and hands) this year as our Goalkeeper, a fantastic shot stopper and great vision with his puck outs.

Conor Thornton

Club: Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Forwards

Not played as much hurling as the rest but no doubting this lad has ability. Good hands and a great turn. Definitely a future here with this young man.

Ciaran Walsh

Club : Kilskyre, Position: Corner Forward

If there was an award for best hurling student, this young man is forever learning and improving. Hugely dedicated to training and a pleasure to coach.

Danny Kane - 9th from left, **Not playing today**

Club : Kilskyre, Position:Forwards

Another one of our talented U11's who has worn the U13 shirt occasionally, a real hurler with a keen eye for scores.

Adam Harte

Club : Kilskyre, Position:Wing Forward

One of the most natural hurlers on the squad . Hands, touch, speed,vision. Big days ahead for this young man, still underage again next year.

Following panel members not in photo and unavailable today.

Luke Dardis

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Anywhere!

A late starter to hurling but received "The most Improved" Player award at the end of last season. Gives everything at training and match Day. Luke is playing Handball for Meath today and we wish him luck.

Cormac Duignan

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Corner Back.

Recently returned to the squad after a few years absence. A tight corner back, has impressed in recent schools matches.

James Carolan

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Corner Back

One of our most experienced squad members. A big physical presence in the back line who is improving with every match.

Tadgh Morgan

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Anywhere

An all round talented sportsman. Gaelic, Soccer, Athletics, Swimming...An abundance of hurling talent also.

Daire Mullen

Club : Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Forwards

A recent addition to the squad after he gave hurling a go at the Easter Camp. Fast forward 5 weeks and banged in 2 goals in his debut v Navan O'Mahonys. Huge potential.

Jamie McNamee

Club: Kilskyre, Position: Corner Forward

Another young lad with potential, a good ball winner in the full forward line with a knack for winning frees.

Luke McDonnell

Club Gaeil Colmcille, Position: Forwards

An exciting prospect here, plays his hurling with no fear, a great touch and knows where the posts are.

Gaeil Colmcille / Loughcrew Gaels Mentors

Seamus Ryan, Jim Fox, Mark Owens, John Burke, Brian Cahill and Lavinia Gilsenan

Ahane GAA U13 hurling team



Back: (left to right)

Michael Hourigan
Darragh Connolly
Adam Sheahan
Jack Hickey
Tom Conway
Micheal O'Brien
John Farrell
Joe Quigley
Dylan Duclot
Joe Hartigan
Sam Hogan
Jack Bermingham

Ahane Mentors:

Dan Hogan
Diarmuid McCarthy
Gearoid Harnett
Mark Connolly

Front: (Left to Right)

Tom Hussey
Diarmuid O'Brien
John McConnell
Killian Maher
Tony Malone
Tom Blackwell
Aidan O'Connell
Michael Humphries
Daniel Reidy

Missing from photo:

Charley O'Connell
Dara Maher
Ollie Ryan
Joseph Murray
Liam Ryan
Sam McPhail

Gaeil Colmcille / Loughcrew Gaels

Hurling achievements



Peadar Ó Liathain Cup winners 2023:

Gaeil Colmcille/Loughcrew Gaels contingent of
Darren O'Higgins, Tiernan Anderson and Fergal Flynn



Meath u15 Hurlers including Ryan Corcoran
(Loughcrew Gaels) and Conor Óg Ferguson (Gaeil
Colmcille) .

Ryan Corcoran played against Derry and Conor Óg
played against Clare in challenges recently.



We also have 2 players involved with the Meath u14
hurling academy:

Eoin Smith : Loughcrew Gaels

Daniel Callary: Gaeil Colmcille



Kilskyre Hurlers Sean Geraghty, Daire and Tom Shine
after winning the National Hurling league earlier this
year. They have the Christy Ring Cup final to look
forward to next weekend. Sean was the last Meath
Captain to win the Christy Ring Cup.

Also pictured are 2 of our u13 players Fionn Owens
(Hat) and Sean Gilsenan (Front Right).

