

# BLUE & WHITE

Coolaney/Mullinabreena  
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# Times



## Intermediate Champions 2011!

**And so it was to be, after two and a half hours of thrilling football, that only one team could emerge victorious from this enthralling encounter and that team - Coolaney/Mullinabreena. It took extra time, but this team simply brushed aside the opposition in that period to power eight points clear at one stage and finish out five in front at the whistle on a score line of 2.15 to 1.13. Best team triumphant? No question!**

Drumcliffe started the game stronger and were three to one ahead on nine mins with Kieran Finan pointing for C/M. Scores were traded again leaving it four to three on fifteen mins with Finan again the finisher, one a free. Drumcliffe still had the better of things and hit twice to go three clear as the interval approached. Crucially C/M responded late with first a long range free from Finan before Criostior Davey hit a fine score to leave only the narrowest of margins at the break.

### Big Scores! Big difference!

The supporters were hardly settled after the interval when Criostior Davey had goaled in superb style for C/M. It was a brilliant move and one/two with Eoghan O'Dowd followed by a scintillating finish. Green flag! Game on! The busy John McGowan then pointed to go three ahead. Drumcliffe hit a free before the influential Bary Kivlehan pointed. True to form with this final, it swung back once again.



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Drumcliffe were on a par within ten mins to leave it 1.07 to 0.10. Critically, Cian O'Dowd knocked the ball to safety with a magnificent goal mouth clearance before B Kivlehan fired over with an assist from Declan McCormack. Bravely, Drumcliffe found two scores to go one up with five mins left. Wing back Conor Gorman stood up with an outrageous effort which looped for an age before landing on the net. Deadlocked once again! Two mins to go! C/M had chances to win in normal time with a Finan free dropping short and an effort from E O'Dowd clipping the post. Finan was then cynically fouled by the dugout and a five min delay ensued to treat and replace the captain. The game resumed and was blown up a min later. 1.09 to 0.12. All square. Chance for breath! Next episode!

These men were not to be denied. Maybe for the wounded captain or maybe because they just could, they were inspired to celestial new heights in extra time. They outscored Drumcliffe 1.03 to 0.1 in the first period. Statement of intent! The Drumcliffe no.2 seeing a second yellow was a crucial

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**Team:** Francis Brennan, Shane Kivlehan, Sean Gorman, Shane Marren, Conor Gorman(0.1), Cian O'Dowd, Enda Kivlehan, Brendan Coleman, Raymond Gallagher(0.1), Declan McCormack(0.1), Barry Kivlehan(0.2), John McGowan(0.1), Criostoir Davey(1.01), Kieran Finan(0.4,2f), Eoghan O'Dowd(1.0). **Subs:** Raymond Connolly(0.4,4f) for Shane Kivlehan, Aidan Coleman for Kieran Finan(inj), Stephen Barrett for Conor Gorman, Cian Gorman for Eoghan O'Dowd, Kieran Duddy, Trevor Sexton, Barry O'Dowd, Darren Coleman, Colin Marren, James Conlon, Conor McCormack, Gerard Lynch, James Henry.

moment also. Two frees from sub Raymond Connolly and a gem from midfielder Ray Gallagher were followed by the defining score of this tie. E O'Dowd again linked with Davey before pilfering a goal of real class to extend the daylight. 2.12 to 0.13. The second period continued in the same vein. Two further clinical frees from Connolly and a fine effort from McCormack left a gap of eight. Drumcliffe did find the net through a deflected effort but time was blown on this gripping final. 2.15 to 1.13. Unbridled scenes of joy followed as Captain Kieran Finan accepted the Joe McMorro cup before the large contingent of supporters.

Custodian Frank Brennan was solid throughout. Shane Marren led the full back line with aplomb and was well supported by Sean Gorman and Enda Kivlehan. Cian O'Dowd again showed his class at No.6 whilst wings Conor Gorman and Shane Kivlehan kept the reigns tight all thru. Gorman's equaliser stood out. Midfield paring of Brendan Coleman and Ray Gallagher saved their best from for this replay and profited well all through. Barry Kivlehan was

the game's outstanding performer at no.11, influencing matters from start to finish. John McGowan had a game from the ages on the wing and Declan McCormack continued to impress to the end. On the inside line captain Kieran Finan again showed his undoubted pedigree, notching four points before leaving the arena injured. Either side Criostoir Davey and Eoghan O'Dowd tormented respective markers all game and displayed the finishing instinct of great forwards. Those goals never to be forgotten! Substitute Raymond Connolly proved deadly from placed ball with four from four. Aidan Coleman, Stephen Barrett and Cian Gorman all impressed when called upon. Spare a thought for injured soldiers Shane O'Brien, Colin Connolly and Matt Conlon. All played a part. It couldn't have been done without!

All told, this was a resounding team performance borne out of unrelenting work ethic, superior fitness and of course, no little class. It always outs in the end! This team has an ideal blend of experience and youthful audacity. Most importantly though all inculcated with belief and confidence

from the astute management team of Denis Gormalley and Brendan Kivlehan.

Great scenes of elation in the aftermath yes, but the difference this time being they want more. The next step on the journey is already in sight. Ambition is the new key word and so it should be! Sport witnessed at its finest!

**Captain Kieran Finan accepts cup from County Chairman Cyril Feely**



## Scrap Saturday Success

Many thanks to all those who donated items to our scrap metal collection fundraiser on Sept 23rd last at Nace O'Dowd Park. The response was truly overwhelming in what turned out to be a very successful event. The scenes on the day were reminiscent of the old 'meitheal' tradition with assistance and good will in abundance. The support of our communities is greatly appreciated. **Thank You!**

A special club donation of €500 has been made to the local Honda 50 rally from the proceeds of the scrap metal collection. They in turn are supporting the double causes of Northwest Hospice and Breast Cancer Care charities.



## CLUB LOTTO

Thank you to all those who have supported our club

Lotto once again this year.

This is the principal source of funding for the day to day expenses of our club and park. We simply could not continue funding club activity without it. We urge all supporters to sign up and help our club grow. You can join the Lotto at any time by simply contacting any club committee member. The current jackpot stands at €4200.

*It could be You!*

**JACKPOT**  
€4200

## Underage Player Lists 2011

**U-8:** Cian Goulden, Laoise Gannon, Clodagh Harding, Dina Lee Gorman, Norma Gilmartin, Danny Healy, Diarmuid Henry, Kevin O'Brien, Jack Coleman, Shane Feely, Aisling Feely, Paul Ruttledge, Darragh Henry, Conor Johnston, Sinead Johnston, Oisín Gorman, Eoghan Scanlon, Aoife SeEVERS, Niamh Doyle, Eoin Mulkeen, Ella Finan, Alana Finan, Rachel Hosey, Fionn McDermott, Jacob Kilcoyne, Michael Gorman, Dillon Hosey, Cian Gallagher, Shane Finan, Tadhg Henry, Conor Marren, James Gilmartin.

**U-10:** Kevin Gorman, Sile Gorman, Kieran Gorman, Michael O'Dowd, David Barrett, James Gannon, Joseph Connolly, Leigh Mullen, Sean Doyle, Ryan McCawley, Shane Tuohy, Eire Finan, Brian Marren, Racheal Henry, James Kilcoyne, Niamh McDonagh, Niamh McGuinness.

## U-8/U-10 Coaching

Any parents who wish to have their children introduced to gaelic football at the U-8/U-10 age groups can contact coaches **John Marren** on **087 6777226**, **Micheál Gorman** on **087 6312980** or **Trish Gorman** on **087 6640846**. Our trained coaches provide a fully supervised and enjoyable coaching session with the emphasis on skills development and fun.

## U-14/U-16/U-18 Summary

Our U-14 side had a good year reaching the B league shield final only to lose to Castleconnor. Our U-16 team did very well again this year reaching the quarter final of the A championship and eventually losing out to Castleconnor in the A2 championship. Our minor side did superbly well to reach the semi final of the A championship. They came up against a good St. Marys team but lost out in a gallant effort. Well done to all the players and coaches involved.

## Sligo U-16 Fr. Manning Shield Winners

Well done to club players Pearse Gorman and Eoin McDonagh on their success during the summer with the Sligo U-16 county team. Sligo defeated Leitrim in the Fr. Manning memorial Shield Final.

## Coaches and Officers

The club continues our appeal for parents or any local persons interested to get involved with any aspect of running the club be it coaching or administration. Contact club secretary **Leo Coleman** on **087 4184102**.

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## Reeling in the Years

### 1971 Senior League Final – 30 years ago...

The long delayed Senior league Division 1 final of 1971 was not actually played until mid-May 1972! Tourlestrane defeated Mullinabreena on a score line of 3.05 to 2.04, pipping our side with some late late scores. It is still acknowledged by many as the 'one' that got away!!

Team: S. Sweeney, M Anderson, J Brennan, F O'Dowd, B Kivlehan, R Lipsett, T Roddy, T Kilcoyne(0.2), F McCarrick(1.0), B Wilkinson(0.1), F Kilcoyne(1.0), P Walsh, J Finan, F Gallagher, E Sweeney(0.1).  
Sub: J McIntyre. Referee: Mickey Kearins.



The club golf classic was revived this year on the weekend of July 1st/2nd at Tubbercurry Golf Club and was a resounding success. About one hundred golfers, with widely varying degrees of talent, took to the course in glorious sunshine! Many thanks again to all the sponsors and teams that participated over the weekend.

### The results were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup>** – Brendan Leonard, Keith Feely, Danny Jones and Darren Leonard
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Eamon McGinley, Peter King, Pearse Henry and Gerard Henry
- 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Joe Kilcoyne, Mary Kilcoyne, Paul McLaughlin and Charlie Scanlon

WEBSITE

[www.coolaneymullinabreena.com](http://www.coolaneymullinabreena.com)

We encourage all club supporters to log on to our dedicated club website to keep up to date with all the latest news, fixtures, match reports and event news. Check out our extensive gallery section with lots of photos old and new.

### Facebook

We now have over 300 people who are keeping up to date with all the news on our official club Facebook page. Log on and 'Like' our page to keep posted on all the news, events and goings on. If it's on, it's online



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# U-12 B Shield Final Team

Our U-12 side performed admirably in the B shield competition at Markievicz Park this year. They defeated Castleconnor in the semi final but just lost out to Ballymote in the final on a score line of 11pts to 8pts. Well done to all involved.



**Back I-r:** Shane Gormally, Niall Connolly, Eoin Wims, Tony Healy, Barry Gorman, John Gilmartin, (Kieran Gorman) Paul Connolly, Conor Feely, Gavin Gorman.

**Front I-r:** Darragh McDonagh, Daniel Mullen, Kevin O'Kennedy, Michael O'Dowd, Niall Feely, Sean McGuinness, Peter Connolly, Gerard Mullen, David Barrett.

## COMPETITION!

It's Competition time again and to enter simply answer the following question:

**Q:** Name the Coolaney/Mullinabreena GAA Club home ground?

Answers by text with your name to 087 7981827 by Nov 6th. The lucky winner will receive a €25 Easons gift voucher!



## Word Search

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Can you find all the cool GAA nicknames hidden below?

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TRIBESMEN / CATS / ROYALS / PREMIER