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CATHAOIRLEACH ANTRIM LGFA



FÁILTE

Fáilte go Cluichí Ceannais Sinsir Chraobhchomórtas LGFA Aontroma 2024. Guím gach rath ar O'Donovan Rossa, Lámh Dhearg, Naomh Gall, Naomh Eoin, Naomh Comhghall, Clann na hÉireann Carraigin, Naomh Bríd agus Naomh Éargnait Muine Glás, i rud atá geallta a bheith ina deireadh seachtaine iontach peile.

Taispeánann na clubanna atá i gcluichí ceannais 2024 dár gCraobhchomórtas Sinsir gur éirigh le forás agus tallann LGFA Aontroma a bhuíochas don obair chrua agus don oiliúint ollmhór, ag roinnt na fíochmhaire, an paisean agus an sult atá le fáil in imirt na peile. Bígí bródúil as an gcluiche ceannais a bhaint amach.

Ba mhaith liom buíochas a ghabháil le gach duine a chuir an deireadh seachtaine seo ar fáil, agus Naomh Seosamh ar bharr an liosta as an bpáirc agus na háiseanna den scoth a chur ar fáil, chomh maith lenár gcuid oibrithe deonacha agus oifigigh go léir a chuir leis agus a bhí ag ullmhú leis na hoibreacha taobh thiar de na radhairc le seachtainí anuas.

Is é ár ndualgas comhchoiteann i LGFA Aontroma todhchaí níos gile agus níos láidre a chruthú tríd an bpeil dóibh siúd a leanfaidh sinn, is cuma cén ról aonair atá againn, chun ardán chomh tábhachtach sin a chur ar fáil dár gcaillíní óga. Níl aon amhras orm ach go spreagfaidh agus go spreagfar muid leis na cluichí ceannais seo, agus go bhfeicimid imirt iontach a líonfaidh muid le mothúcháin. Ba cheart dúinn gach ceann de na chuimhneacháin seo a cheiliúradh agus an bealach a réiteach do go leor eile a bheidh le baint amach sa todhchaí.

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2024 Antrim LGFA Adult Championship Finals. I wish O'Donovan Rossa, Lámh Dhearg, Naomh Gall, Naomh Eoin, Naomh Comhghall, Clann na hÉireann Carraigin, Naomh Bríd, and Naomh Éargnait Muine Glás all the very best in what promises to be an amazing weekend of football.

The clubs in our 2024 adult finals prove that Antrim's LGFA development and talent have progressed through tremendous hard work and training, sharing the hunger, passion, and joy of playing our football. Be proud to have reached a final.

I would like to thank everyone who has made this weekend possible, with Naomh Seosamh at the top of the list for providing an excellent pitch and facilities, along with all our volunteers and officials who have contributed and have been preparing for weeks with the behind-the-scenes work.

It is our collective duty in Antrim LGFA to create a brighter, stronger future through football for those who follow us, no matter what our individual role is, to provide such an important platform for our young ladies.

I have no doubt these finals will stimulate and motivate us, and we will witness great play that will fill us with emotion. We should cherish each of these moments while paving the way for many more to be enjoyed in the future.





Sarah Armstrong

O'DONOVAN ROSSA

Occupation: Software engineer

Debut: v St Comgalls, 2016

Honours: Junior B championship 2016, Junior league champions 2021

Sporting idol: My dad, Donal Armstrong

Most important advice ever got: Do what you love

Meet The Captains



Sinéad McCloskey

L A M H D H E A R G

Occupation: Banking

Debut: 2001

Honours: Antrim Div 2 League winners 2023 (Lámh Dhearg) Down Senior Championship winners 2012 (Bryansford), Down Div 1 League winners 2005, 2010 & 2011 (Bryansford), Down County Panel 2005-2009, Down Ladies Player of the Year 2008

Sporting Idol: Anthony Tohill

The most important advice you ever got: Keep turning up, work hard and with the right attitude.

O'Donovan Rossa

BEAL FEIRSTE

1

Eabha
Rea

2

Sophie
Bell

3

Sophia
Erskine

4

Sarah
Armstrong

5

Erin
Taylor

6

Grace
Holbrook

7

Eimear
Rogan

8

Erin
Doyle

9

Kayla
Ferran

10

Andrea
Copeland

11

Eimear
Matthews

12

Rachel
Tubridy

13

Meadhbh
Gallagher

14

Aoife
McKenna

15

Roise
Matthews

Ionadaithe

- 17 Bronagh Rogan
- 18 Gabrielle Ward
- 19 Sophia Brown
- 20 Riona Matthews
- 21 Orlaith Lyttle
- 22 Eimear Shannon
- 23 Emma Early
- 24 Gearoidín White Davey



Lámh Dhearg

BAILE HAINE

1

Orlaith Webb

2

Clodagh Hayes

3

Sinead McCloskey

4

Emer McGarry

5

Niamh Quinn

6

Niamh Webb

7

Ciara Larkin

8

Ráichéal Mulholland

9

Ciara Larkin

10

Aoibheann Larkin

11

Robyn Murray

12

Isla Annett

13

Maeve Diamond

14

Ciara Doherty

15

Méabh Martin

Ionadaithe

- 16 Meidhbhín Megraw
- 17 Sara Kennedy
- 18 Laoise Stone
- 19 Cara Lynch
- 20 Lila McCann
- 21 Aoife McKinley
- 22 Lauren Smyth
- 23 Aoife Fitzsimmons
- 24 Amelie Annett
- 25 Dervla McAufield
- 26 Holly Black
- 27 Dymphna Clenaghan
- 28 Tamara Daly



Celebrating 50 Years of Ladies Gaelic Football



The LGFA was officially founded on July 18, 1974 in Hayes' Hotel, Thurles, County Tipperary—the same venue where the GAA was established in 1884. Before the LGFA's formation, women's Gaelic football was played on an informal basis in various parts of Ireland, but there was no formal structure or national organisation.

Although the Camogie Association has its roots way back in 1904, it would be a further 70 years before the big ball game for women started to be played on an organised basis.

Early Days (1970s-1980s)



Throughout the late 1970s and 1980s, the sport gradually expanded, with more counties forming teams and getting involved in competitions. However, resources and support were limited compared to their male counterparts, and women's Gaelic football struggled for recognition and funding.

Growth and Development (1990s - 2000s)

The 1990s saw significant growth in the sport, with increased participation and media coverage. The All-Ireland Senior Ladies Football Championship became a key event in the Irish sports calendar. Iconic rivalries, such as those between Mayo, Waterford, and Cork, helped raise the profile of the game.



Modern Era (2010s-Present)

In the 2010s, the LGFA experienced unprecedented growth in terms of participation, popularity, and professionalization. The number of registered players increased, with more young girls taking up the sport at underage levels. The All-Ireland final in Croke Park became a major annual event, attracting record attendances and creating a festival atmosphere.

Watch Hayley Kilgallon's video on the history of the LGFA



The Future

Today, the LGFA is one of the largest and most vibrant women's sports organizations in Ireland. With a strong grassroots presence, competitive leagues, and continued support from sponsors and media, the future of women's Gaelic football looks promising. The ongoing efforts to integrate the LGFA into the broader GAA structure are expected to further strengthen the game and enhance opportunities for female players at all levels.



The LGFA's journey from its humble beginnings in 1974 to its current status as a leading sports body is a testament to the determination and passion of those who have worked to promote women's Gaelic football in Ireland.



Gleannta, Tuath's Cathair Le Chéile

THE GLENS, COUNTRYSIDE AND CITY TOGETHER

From small things, big things one day come...

Antrim LGFA was established in Cargin's Clubrooms on 11 April 1995. A small number of clubs participated in the opening season with Con Magee's Glenravel coming out on top in both the league and Championship of 1996.

Now, With three All-Ireland titles at the Junior Grade and an Ulster Intermediate title in 2023 to go with that year's Division 4 win, despite 2024's setbacks, Ladies Football is on the up in Antrim.

There are now 35 affiliated clubs, from Aghagallon to Coughmills, with string development throughout the county.

Moving towards integration

It's been a year of big anniversaries for the Gaelic Games Associations this year. The GAA celebrated 140 years, 120 years for the Camogie Association and 50 years for the LGFA.

By 2027, the plan is to have all three bodies under the same organisation, ensuring a level playing field for the six codes.



Marie McKee, Chairperson of the Antrim Ladies Gaelic Football Association, presents the Antrim League Shield to Glenravel captain, Olive Higgins, after her team had beaten Rasharkin in Sunday's play-off in Glenravel. 47BT30JS.

Antrim Chairperson Marie McKee presents the Antrim League Shield to Glenravel Captain Olive Higgins after the first All County Championship in 1996.



Men's and Ladies' Football, Hurling and Camogie came together for the Championship Draws at an event at Shaw's Bridge in May 2024.

A successful integration would mark a new era for Gaelic games, providing equal opportunities and recognition for all players, regardless of gender, and ensuring the long-term growth and development of our national games.

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Cathy Carey holds aloft the 2023 Ulster Intermediate Trophy, Antrim's highest graded LGF Honour.



Geraldine McCann lifts the All Ireland Junior Football Championship for the first time in 2009



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NAOMH BRÍD (BELFAST) - NAOMH BRÍD (CLOUGHMILLS) - NAOMH COMHGHALL - NAOMH ÉANNA - NAOMH GALL
NAOMH PÁDRAIG - NAOMH PÓL - NAOMH SÉAMAS - NAOMH SEOSAMH - NAOMH ÚNA - O'DONOVAN ROSSA
OISÍN GLENARIFFE - PÁDRAIG SÁRSÉIL - PATRICK PEARSES - ROGER CASEMENTS - ST ERGNATS - ST MALACHY'S
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