

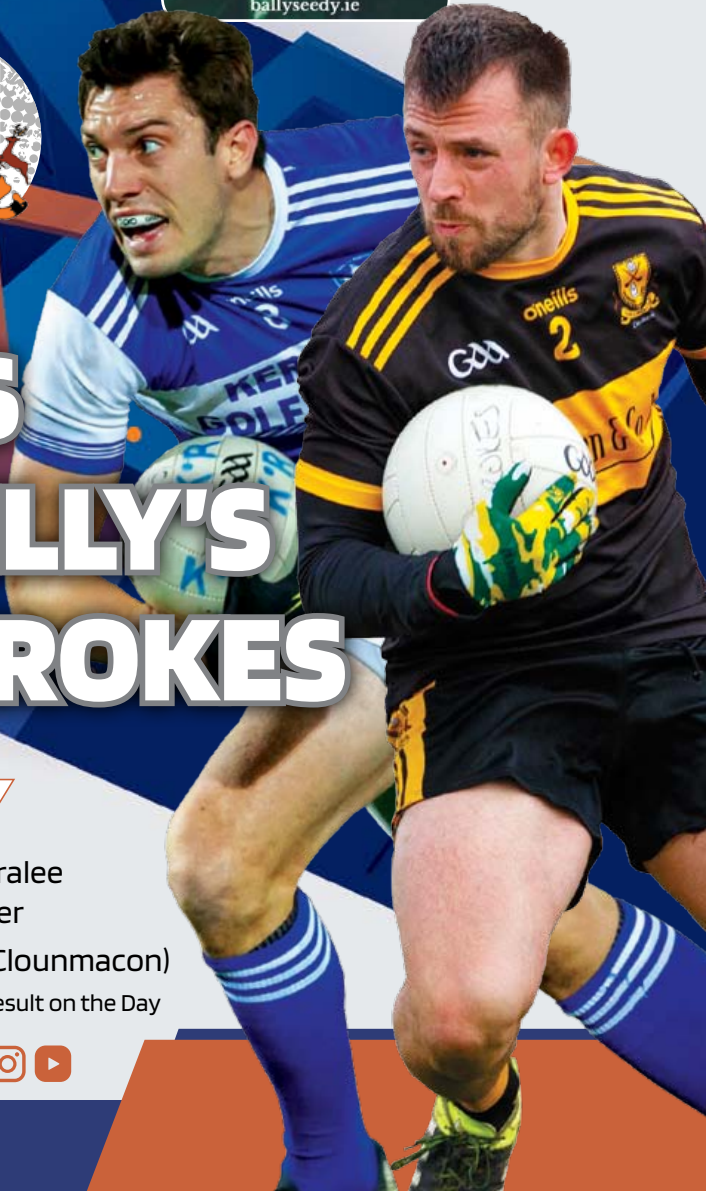


2021 Garvey's
SuperValu County
Senior Football
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KERINS O'RAHILLY'S V DR. CROKES

GAA WHERE WE ALL BELONG

IONAD: Austin Stack Park, Tralee
DÁTA: Sunday 21st November
RÉITEOIR: Brendan Griffin (Clounmacon)
TOSNÚ: 2.30pm Extra Time & Result on the Day

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PREVIEW

2021 GARVEY'S SUPERVALU COUNTY SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL

One to savour as Crokes and O'Rahillys go head to head

By JIMMY O'SULLIVAN DARCY

Kerins O'Rahilly's v Dr. Crokes, Austin Stack Park, Sunday 21st November, 2.30pm

THIS should be one to savour. To be honest, Dr. Crokes looked adrift in the Club Championship and weren't on anybody's radar for the championship after defeats to both Templenoe and Kenmare Shamrocks.

They were hit by injuries, but that didn't look like their only malaise. Quite simply, that certain insouciance born of confidence was missing. Part of that was bleeding new players – the likes of Evan Looney, Harry Potts, Tom Doyle, and Cian McMahon will be all the better for the experience.

By God, but they got their mojo back! Johnny Buckley's return has provided a reassurance in midfield. Gavin White, unsurprisingly, has been blistering. Brian Looney has played 69 County



Tommy Walsh (Kerins O'Rahilly's) in action against Conchubhar Ó Súilleabháin (Dingle) during the recent County SFC quarter-final at Austin Stack Park.

Championship games at this stage – there's a reason he has lost very few of them. Micheál Burns is a playmaker turned scorer when need be. David Shaw looked like he was carrying an injury to me; he appears to be moving freely again. Certainly he looks a lot more like himself now, and that's not good for opposition teams. And Tony Brosnan? Yet again, Tony Brosnan looks like the most dangerous forward in the Kerry County Championship. Just get the ball up there, and he'll do the rest.

A note of caution, and a strong one. I don't mean to be disrespectful, but West Kerry and Templenoe are not exactly opposition of the highest calibre at this grade.

Rahillys are unquestionably a different proposition. It may have been a while since they stood on the top steps (Gavin O'Brien's father gave one of the all-time great displays that day in 2002) but they are always there or thereabouts.

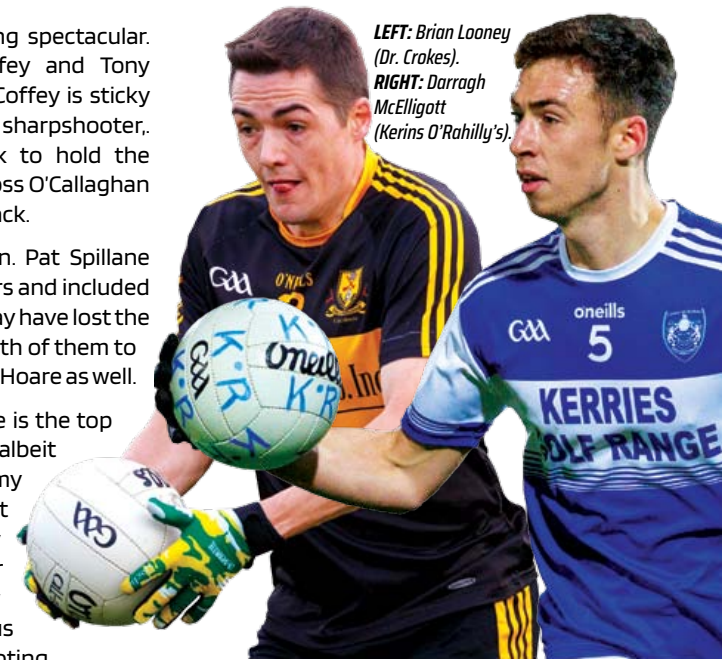


The defence is solid without being spectacular. The duel between Cormac Coffey and Tony Brosnan should be fascinating – Coffey is sticky and has the speed to stay with the sharpshooter. Equally, Shane Brosnan will look to hold the centre and is capable of it, while Ross O'Callaghan is a clever and accomplished full back.

In midfield you have David Moran. Pat Spillane recently listed his 30 top footballers and included both Tyrone midfielders – Kerry may have lost the game, but I thought David took both of them to school. He's ably backed up by Tom Hoare as well.

Up front is the magic. Jack Savage is the top scorer in this year's championship (albeit including a lot of frees). Tommy Walsh, while I think he was right to step back from inter-county football, is a colossal handful for any defender – literally. I know Tommy can appear a bit ponderous at times and he isn't really a shooting forward, but he's ponderous like an iceberg. How do you tackle that? He's also got great hands.

On either side of him you have Barry John Keane, looking back to his absolute best, and an equally dangerous Conor Hayes.



LEFT: Brian Looney (Dr. Crokes). RIGHT: Darragh McElligott (Kerins O'Rahilly's).

Midfield will be paramount here. Both teams funnel back fast, but I expect the one that dominates possession will also dominate the scoreboard.

VERDICT: Crokes have slightly more danger-men and a deeper bench; they get my nod.



Daithí Casey (Dr. Crokes) goes past the challenge of Mark Casey (Templenoe) during the recent County SFC quarter-final at Fitzgerald Stadium.

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KERINS O'RAHILLY'S



1
SHANE FOLEY



2
DONAGH BUCKLEY



3
ROSS O'CALLAGHAN (C)



4
CORMAC COFFEY



5
DARRAGH McELLIGOTT



6
SHANE BROSNAN



7
CIAN SAYERS



8
DAVID MORAN



9
TOM HOARE



10
GAVIN O'BRIEN



11
JACK SAVAGE



12
GEAROID SAVAGE



13
BARRY JOHN KEANE



14
TOMMY WALSH



15
CONOR HAYES



FIR IONAIÐ

16. ROBERT O'CONNOR
17. CON BARRETT
18. SEAN WALSH
19. SHANE McELLIGOTT
20. DIARMUID O'SULLIVAN
21. PATRICK BEGLEY
22. DANIEL BOWLER
23. SEAN COLLINS
24. JOHN C O'CONNOR
25. JEROME DALY
26. CONOR O'SULLIVAN
27. STEPHEN NIX
28. GEAROID HARTNETT
29. GEAROID DILLANE
30. SAM McCARTHY



FIR IONAIÐ

16. ADAM KELLY
17. MIKEY CASEY
18. JORDAN KIELY
19. CILLIAN O'REGAN
20. DAITHÍ CASEY
21. BRENDAN FALVEY
22. CHRIS DONCEL
23. TOM DOYLE
24. BRIAN FITZGERALD
25. JASON KERINS
26. EVAN LOONEY
27. DAVID NAUGHTON
28. HARRY POTTS
29. ALAN O'SULLIVAN
30. CIAN McMAHON

DR. CROKES



1
SHANE MURPHY



2
JOHN PAYNE



3
MICHAEL MOLONEY



4
FIONN FITZGERALD (C)



5
MARK COOPER



6
GAVIN WHITE



7
MICHAEL POTTS



8
MARK O'SHEA



9
JOHNNY BUCKLEY



10
GAVIN O'SHEA



11
MICHEÁL BURNS



12
BRIAN LOONEY



13
TONY BROSNAN



14
DAVID SHAW



15
KIERAN O'LEARY

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Manager: William Harmon. **Coach:** Daniel Murphy.
Selectors: John O'Connor & Paul Ryan.
Physio: Katie Costello.
Logistics: Frank O'Connor.



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BAINISTÍOCHT:

Manager: Edmund O'Sullivan. **Selectors:** Eoin Brosnan, Colm Cooper, Jamie Doolan. **Physio:** Jimmy Galvin.
Medical: Brian O'Callaghan. **Logistics:** Matthew Courtney, Joe Maye.

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31. Terry Sparling, **32.** Liam Randles, **33.** Mark Fitzgerald, **34.** Sean Magann, **35.** Padraig Looney.