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FIRIES **V**

CASTLEGREGORY

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Ionad: Austin Stack Park • **Dáta:** Sunday 14th November

Réiteoir: Daniel Clifford (Laune Rangers)

Tosnú: 2.30pm • *Extra Time & Result on the Day*



Firies fancied to defeat Castlegregory but it promises to be a cracker

By MURT MURPHY

Firies v Castlegregory, Austin Stack Park, Tralee Sunday 14th November, 2.30pm

CASTLEGREGORY, like a Phoenix rising from the sand dunes, have put their disappointment at having lost the 2020 final to neighbours Annascaul in late August to make it back to the 2021 Kerry Petroleum County Junior Final three months later and under new management.

Firies have also fallen from lofty heights because they find themselves in this Junior Championship as a result of losing the 2020 Premier Junior relegation play-off to Ballyduff only this September. So given another set of results both could have been contesting the Premier Junior Final but such are the vagaries of sport in a pandemic year.

But credit to both teams for picking themselves up and dusting themselves down to now be contesting the final and it is a game that could go either way.

Castlegregory defeated both Beale and Cordal in the knockout stages to reach the final once more as Firies got the better of both Kilgarvan and Renard in their quarter and semi-final wins respectively. Although Firies

have been operating at a higher level in recent years (they reached the Premier Junior Final in 2017 losing to Dromid Pearses after extra-time), Castlegregory are more recent Club Championship winners as they won the Junior Championship back in 2009 (when it was the third tier Championship) on their way to All-Ireland success the following February of 2010.

Firies' last Club Championship win in Kerry was back in 1995 when they beat St. Michael's/Foilmore in the Novice final (when it was a fourth tier Championship competition) as their manager Tim Foley was a member of that winning side. Castlegregory manager Gavin O'Connor was a member of the Castle side that achieved the club's finest hour in 2010 and he will hope the hurt of last August's defeat can be turned into a win on this occasion.

Firies are without Con O'Mahoney for today's final after he picked up a broken ankle in their win over Renard in the semi-finals.

They have a couple of other concerns as well while although Castlegregory are reporting no injury concerns they are waiting on the availability of some players.

Both sides finished first and second in their group in Division 4 of the County League during

the summer with Firies winning their meeting out west by 0-13 to 1-7. Firies went up of course while Castlegregory missed out in the third promotion place play-off with Skellig Rangers.

Castlegregory will have Maurice O'Connell and Thomas O'Donnell who are former Kerry minors and playing in the Corn Uí Mhuirí with Tralee CBS. They have a nice blend of youth and experience and have a very dangerous forward line with Brandon Hoare, Jimmy O'Grady and Michael Scanlon dangerous when given a decent supply of ball. Alan Fitzgerald is a top class midfielder while Shane Kenny might be around a while but he is a superb shot stopper. Eoghan Lyne, Gavin O'Connor and Gearóid Fitzgerald are tenacious defenders but they will have to be against a very talented and dangerous Firies attack.

However Firies have Donnacha O'Sullivan kicking

points for fun, Jack Sherwood anchors their defence while Niall Donohue is as solid a centre back as you will find. Darragh O'Donoghue has shown at underage level what he can do.

VERDICT: It is hard to look beyond Firies based on their form over recent games but Castlegregory do not want to feel the hurt of another final loss especially since it's still pretty raw so they will give it their best shot. It will all come down to who brings their A game to Austin Stack Park today but Firies are marginal favourites.



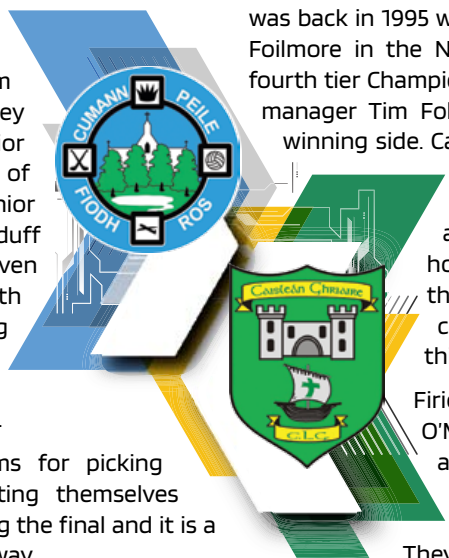
PATHS TO THE FINAL

FIRIES

- 12th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 3 ROUND 1 ASDEE 0-8 FIRIES 2-19**. Venue: Jack Walsh Park (Asdee). Referee: Maurice Murphy
- 19th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 3 ROUND 2 FIRIES 3-18 LISPOLE 0-6**. Venue: Farranfore (Firies). Referee: Stephen Mulvihill Snr
- 26th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 3 ROUND 3 CORDAL 2-10 FIRIES 0-9**. Venue: Castleisland Desmonds. Referee: John Ross
- 10th October - Junior Club Football Championship **QUARTER-FINAL KILGARVAN 0-6 FIRIES 3-17**. Venue: Kilgarvan. Referee: Brendan Brosnan
- 16th October - Junior Club Football Championship **SEMI-FINAL RENARD 2-7 FIRIES 1-15**. Venue: Austin Stack Park. Referee: Daniel Clifford

CASTLEGREGORY

- 12th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 2 ROUND 1 TUOSIST 0-8 CASTLEGREGORY 7-13**. Venue: Tousist. Referee: Brendan Brosnan
- 19th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 2 ROUND 2 CASTLEGREGORY 4-11 CROMANE 1-9**. Venue: Blennerville (St. Pat's). Referee: George O'Donnell
- 26th September - Junior Club Football Championship **GROUP 2 ROUND 3 CASTLEGREGORY 1-10 RENARD 1-10**. Venue: Castlegregory. Referee: Cathal Ó Dúbhda
- 3rd October - Junior Club Football Championship **QUARTER-FINAL CASTLEGREGORY 0-15 BEALE 1-7**. Venue: Castlegregory. Referee: James O'Connor
- 17th October - Junior Club Football Championship **SEMI-FINAL CORDAL 2-11 CASTLEGREGORY 1-18**. Venue: Strand Road, Tralee. Referee: Maurice Murphy



FIRIES



1
BILLY
O'ROURKE



2
PETER
COSGRAVE



3
DIARMUID
BROSAN



4
PADRAIG
O'CONNOR



5
TOMÁS
CLIFFORD



6
NIALL
DONOHUE (C)



7
DIARMUID
O'MAHONEY



8
JACK
SHERWOOD



9
PAT
DALY



10
PADRAIG
DE BRÚN



11
DARRAGH
DONOHUE



12
SHANE
O'DONOGHUE



13
AARON
FLYNN



14
DONNACHA
O'SULLIVAN



15
MIKE
DALY

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Tim Foley. Roghnóirí: Donal Spring,
Eugene Cosgrave, Ger Foley & Eamon Foley.

Stats: Con O'Mahoney
& Sean Cooper.



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16. CONALL MURPHY
17. DARRAGH BROSAN
18. SEAN BURKE
19. LIAM BROSAN
20. CONOR HENDERSON
21. TJ PALMER
22. CHRIS PALMER
23. EVAN COSGRAVE
24. JOHN O'ROURKE
25. DAN O'SHEA
26. GER FITZGERALD
27. DAN SHEEHY
28. MIKE BROSAN
29. TOMAS SCOTT
30. BRIAN O'LEARY



FIR IONAIÐ

16. EOIN KENNEDY
17. GEAROID FITZGERALD
18. ANTON KELLIHER
19. COLM O'MAHONY
20. JOE SCULLY
21. CIAN CRONIN
22. TADGH KERIN
23. STEPHEN SMITH GALVIN
24. TOMAS O'CONNOR
25. CONOR GREANEY
26. VINCENT HUSSEY
27. JIMMY O'GRADY
28. CIARAN HOWLEY
29. JACK NIX
30. JACK SHANNON
31. SHANE SPILLANE
32. JOE O'CONNOR
33. MAURICE JAMES FITZGERALD

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CASTLEGREGORY



1
SHANE
KENNY



2
PODGE
ROHAN



3
JOHN JOE
HUSSEY



4
SEAMUS
LYNE



5
EOGHAN
LYNE



6
TIMMY
MORIARTY



7
MICHAEL
SCANLON



8
ALAN
FITZGERALD (C)



9
MAURICE
SLATTERY



10
THOMAS
O'DONNELL



11
PATRICK
O'DONOGHUE



12
CIAN
O'GRADY



13
BRANDON
HOARE



14
MAURICE
O'CONNELL



15
CAOLAN
O'CONNELL

BAINISTÍOCHT:

Bainisteoir: Gavin O'Connor.
Roghnóirí: John Fitzgerald
& Liam Goodwin.

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