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I am pleased to welcome all to Páirc Uí Chaoimh this afternoon for the eagerly awaited Bons Secours Cork County Premier Senior Football Championship Final 2020. This long awaited fixture will bring closure to the 2020 competitions and will provide the winner with the ultimate prize in Cork football and both clubs will have a spring board into the 2021 campaign which commences shortly.

The weight of history and expectation will press heavily on both teams this afternoon as each will strive to attain victory. Whilst geography and demographic trends set both clubs poles part, team spirit and connectivity with their respective communities provides a common bond. A long time has passed since the semi finals in the Autum of 2020

The generosity and support of our football championship sponsors, the Bons Secours Hospital is much appreciated and adds greatly to this occasion and all our football championships.

Our referee is Conor Lane of Banteer and we wish him and his officials a successful afternoon also.

A special word of appreciation to our voluntary stewards and all who assisted with the organisation of today's game.

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■ *Eleven months after it was originally scheduled Nemo Rangers and Castlehaven finally get the opportunity to play in this eagerly awaited decider.*

A lot has happened in the interim, but somewhat unusually the final will be played in summer like conditions, on the perfect surface that is the 'Park, and with quality players on both sides that should ensure a cracking encounter.

Strange also that your first big C'ship game of the year, is a County final, and irrespective of the result both will be out again the following week in the first round of the 2021 C'ship.

It means there is just a 6 day turnaround to Nemo Rgs v Valley Rovers, while Castlehaven play West Cork rivals Newcestown, win or lose that's a big ask for players and management of both clubs.

Factor in the Cahalane brothers Damien and Conor who have to play in a County Final just 7 days after the heartbreak of last Sunday in Croke Park.

To be fair to both clubs they will have been aware of that in the last few weeks and have prepared accordingly.

A fact Nemo Rgs manager Paul O'Donovan alluded when he said, "we haven't even mentioned the 2021 C'ship all our focus has been on Sunday and I am sure Castlehaven will have the same approach."

One other aspect of the final is that Nemo are the holders and for this particular group retaining the title, they have not yet achieved.

Paul Kerrigan made that very point, "I was part of a 4 in a row winning team, but this is a new team and it is our ambition to retain the County, but we know that Castlehaven are a very good team and we will need to be at our best to win."

Castlehaven Manager James Mc Carthy said

their aim "was to get everyone in the parish focussed on the game, give them all something to look forward to after a tough period."

Looking at the players on view, it should be a cracker, Michael Hurley, Mark Collin's, the Cahalane brothers, Damien, Conor and given his form with the Cork under 20's Jack could also feature and Anthony Seymour will be key for the 'Haven.

Brian Hurley's absence with injury robs them of a key player and his scoring threat will be missed.

Nemo will look to Paul Kerrigan, Michael Aodh Martin, Kevin O'Donovan, Colin O'Brien, Luke Connolly, Mark, Stephen and Alan Cronin along with Barry O'Driscoll as they bid to retain their crown.

The semi-final wins were dramatic, Nemo hit a late point to defeat Duhallow, while the 'Haven knocked out the 'Barrs in a first ever penalty shoot out, but that was so long now they are irrelevant.

Picking a winner is almost impossible given the strange circumstances in which they both come into the game, but just a slight, and it's very slight nod to Nemo Rgs.

At the time of writing only 500 supporters will be allowed attend, which given that there was 40,000 in Croke Park last Sunday and a short few weeks ago over 7,000 from outside the county at an All-Ireland quarter-final in the very same stadium.

It should in my opinion be similar to that of Minor and Under 20 final's in Thurles last week 4,400, and you might not even get that, surely even at this late stage the numbers can be increased.



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A BRIEF LOOK AT NEMO RANGERS

Today will be the 29th time Nemo Rangers has contested in the Cork Senior Football Championship final, having previously won 21 and lost 4, and there have been 3 draws. Nemo played in their first final in 1970 losing out to Muskerry on a score line of 3-10 to 4-6. Their first win came in 1972 where they beat UCC 2-9 to 0-8.

Paul Kerrigan will play in his 107th championship match for Nemo today equalling the record held by Dinny Allen. Dinny made his debut in 1970 where he scored 2-6 against Cobh. He made his final senior championship appearance in 1991 where Nemo lost out to Duhallow at the semi-final stage in Mitchelstown. After losing the first final in 1970, Dinny went on to contest a further 8 finals, winning them all. Paul made his debut against St Michael's in Round 4 in 2005 scoring a point. Paul also won 8 County titles and only lost once in a final, which was in 2013 against Castlehaven.

Nemo have played Castlehaven 3 times in the County final, winning in 2015 after a draw and losing in 2013.

They have met 12 times in senior football championship, with Castlehaven winning 5 and Nemo 4. There have also been 3 draws. Their first meeting was in 1979 at the semi-final stage where Castlehaven prevailed on a score line of 1-7 to 0-9.

The Nemo team that started the semi-final against Duhallow in October last year had collectively played 615 championship games before that game. The highest for a Nemo Rangers team taking the field in a senior football championship is 704 games. Some of the more experienced players on that day were Paul Kerrigan who was playing his 106th game, Colin 'Tucker' O'Brien playing his 83rd game, Barry O'Driscoll playing his 73rd game and Luke Connolly playing his 55th game.

Luke Connolly has a career average of 5 points per game in senior championship, only second in

the club to Colin Corkery who has an average of 6 points per game. Other notable players are James Masters with an average of 4.5 points and Eoin O'Mahony with an average of 4.7 points.

Luke, with 5-22 in the championship so far in 2020, will become the highest scorer for Nemo in a Cork Senior Championship season for the 7th time unless Mark Cronin can score around 20 points in the final.

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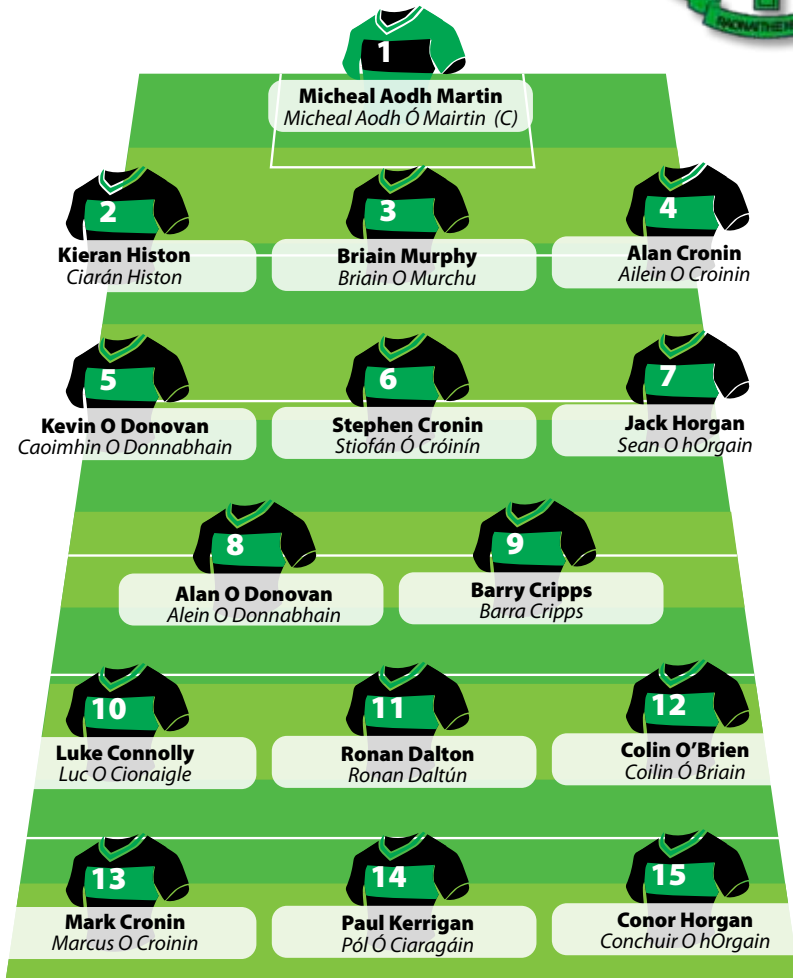
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William Morgan, Harry Cripps, Paul O'Donovan (Manager), James Masters, Gearóid O'Sé (missing is Ger Keeley, goalkeeping coach)

Raonaithe Nemo

Dathanna: Glas agus Dubh



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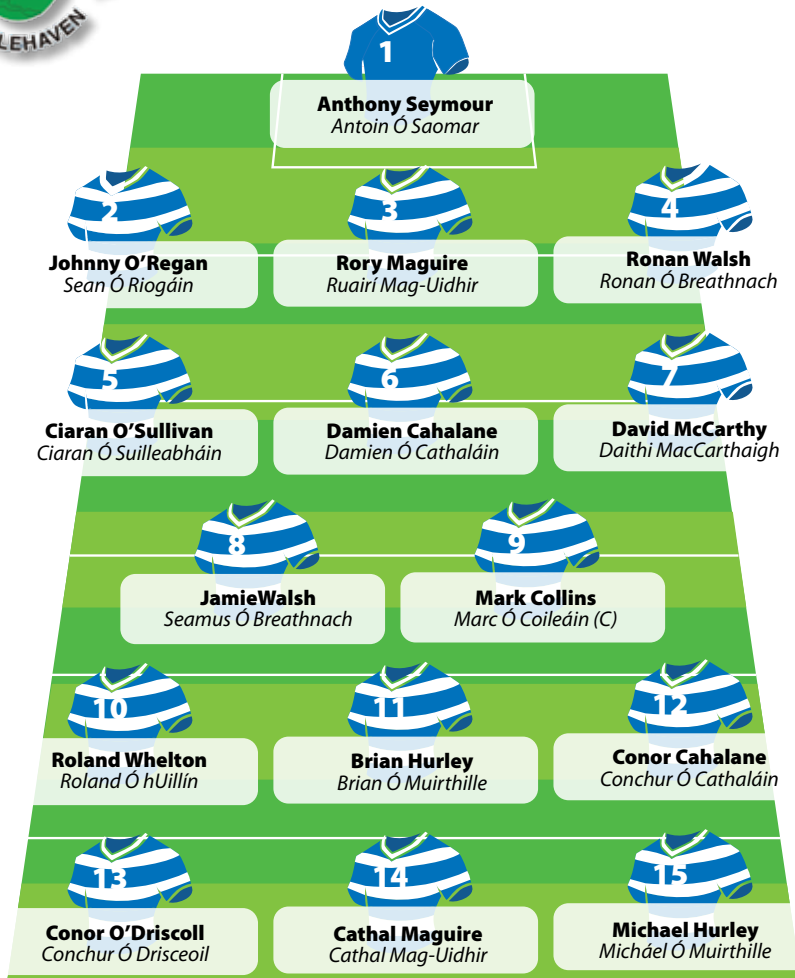
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Additional Squad Members; Andrew McGowan, Shane O Dwyer, Conor Shalloe, Killian Martin.



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| 17 David Whelton
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<i>Alex Ó Muineacháin</i> | 28 Patrick O'Brien
<i>Padraig Ó Bhrian</i> |
| 19 Jack Cahalane
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<i>DÓnal Ó Mathúna</i> |
| 20 Kevin O'Donovan
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<i>Padraig Ó Muirthille</i> |

ROGHNÓIRÍ

Manager - **James McCarthy**

Selectors - **John Cleary, Bernie Collins, Brendan Deasy Physio - David Williams**

Additional Squad Members; Conor Nolan Shane O'Driscoll Seanie Cahalane Daniel Hegarty
Liam O'Mahony James McNulty Rory Courtney Liam Browne James Davis Thomas O'Mahony
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A BRIEF LOOK AT CASTLEHAVEN GAA

The 2020 county final is the club's 10th senior final appearance since achieving senior status in 1979.

Castlehaven GAA club has undoubtedly come a long way since the early training days in John Cahalane and John O Donovan's fields near Castlehaven Creamery in the late 1960's. The club did not possess a pitch of their own until the opening of their splendid grounds and pavilion on July 28th 1990, when Ulster champions at the time, Donegal, came to Castlehaven to take on Cork for the official opening of the grounds.

The underage club started in the 1960's under the guidance of Malachy O Sullivan (RIP), which helped in laying the foundations of the successes of our present day club.

The West Cork Junior B title in 1969 was a huge victory for the club, with the 70's being a glorious period for the club going from junior to senior status, within 10 years. The club contested its first senior final in 1979 losing out to the St. Finbarr's. It took the club another 10 years to make their next final in 1989, where Castlehaven went on to defeat the Barr's to win their first senior title, an unforgettable occasion in the club. Castlehaven have enjoyed many successes since then and have gone on to win Cork County Club titles in 1994, 2003, 2012, 2013, as well as three Munster Club Championships in 1989, 1994 and 1997.

While this year's final will differ from previous finals in many ways, it will be particularly different for our club, having lost three club stalwarts in the last twelve months. Paddy Hegarty was the inspiration behind the development of the club's home grounds at Moneyvollahane. Padraig Burke was a great player in the 70's and he was also involved in training the senior team to county final success in 1989. Club President Ned Cleary trained the club from 1969 to 1979, taking the club through the ranks, from junior status to senior prestige. He was also chairman of the club when it won its first county title in 1989. He has five grandsons on the team in the final today.

Blessed with gifted and dedicated players, shrewd administrators, a close-knit community of 1,200 and a loyal band of fanatical followers, the little club on the South Western tip of Ireland has really enjoyed a 'rags to riches' story. There is great credit due to the players and management keeping focused for the final today in these unprecedented times.

Undoubtedly, Castlehaven GAA has come a long way from the field behind the creamery. They acknowledge their humble beginnings with pride and gratitude and earnestly look forward to whatever the future may hold.





Wishing **Nemo Rangers**
and **Castlehaven** the best
of luck in this weekends
County Football Final.

Taoiseach

Micheál Martin

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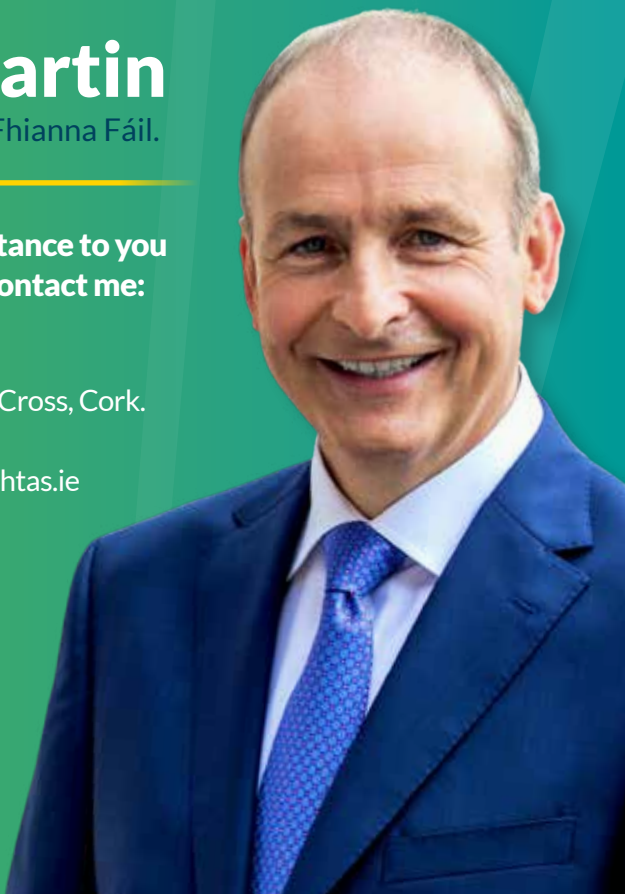
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A few words with

Luke Connolly

NEMO RANGERS



Please wait for me is Luke's plea ahead of the final.

His days of playing with Nemo go back to the time before they were at their present location at Trabeg.

He can recall playing in the street leagues at Capwell and the parade from Chríost Rí School behind the band to the club on finals day.

He remembers the old clubhouse with the pool table and the old dressing rooms that he said were always freezing.

The club have also a lot to thank Luke's grandfather Con for, as he was the one that used to bring him to the street leagues on a regular basis and as they say the rest is history.

Luke said he was the designated driver and use to bring him to the club for the street leagues and there were plenty of occasions he had to coax him along on a Saturday morning.

He said the priority at underage level, and it remains so, is the development of players, but he was lucky to enjoy success along the way as well.

It is a community and a close-knit group at this club and that all starts at underage level, with Luke saying that a lot of that comes down to the people who would be involved in coaching.

Luke said that you would be normally coached by someone who is a legend of the club and has won it all so there is an element of respect for them and also for the club itself when you step onto the pitch.

He won city championships at U12, 14, and 16 level and vividly remembers the U14

county final.

Luke says that was his first time coming across John O'Rourke and just seeing how exceptional he was even back then.

He also says he can vividly remember playing his first minor championship game as an U16 against the Barrs out at CIT (now MTU) and he didn't have a bad start scoring 2-5 in that encounter.

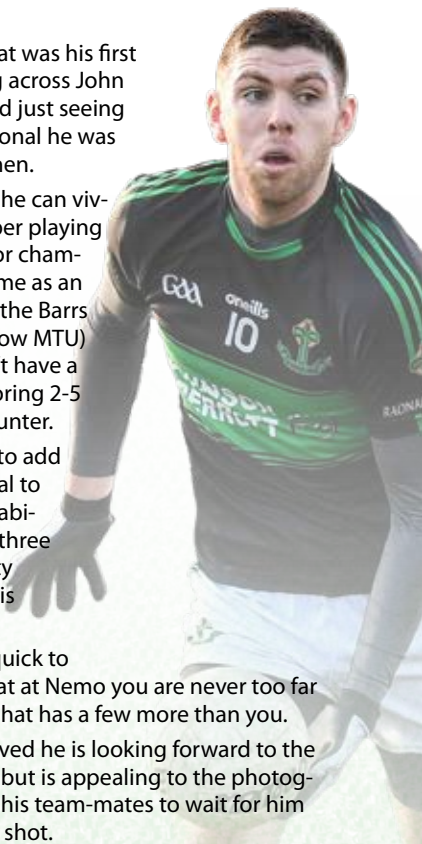
He went on to add an U21 medal to the trophy cabinet and has three senior county medals at this stage.

But Luke is quick to point out that at Nemo you are never too far from a fella that has a few more than you.

Like all involved he is looking forward to the game today but is appealing to the photographers and his team-mates to wait for him for the team shot.

He is slightly superstitious and has to be last out of the dressing room and because of this, his father gives out to him for missing team pictures over the years, be it with club or county.

So Luke is hoping that they will hang around for a few seconds so he can get there and join his side for the photo to keep his dad happy.





*The Bantry team who won the
County Senior Football Championship final in 1995.*

A few words with

Mark Collins

CASTLEHAVEN



From mascot to senior star... Mark's connection with Castlehaven go back a few years at this stage and he recalls his father bringing him down to the club in the 90s and being a mascot for them in the county final against O'Donovan Rossa in 1994.

The Haven won that day and Mark has gone on to enjoy his own fair share of success with them since.

When he first started playing at under-age level Mark said it was the numbers that got to him and how they might only have six or seven on the age and you often found yourself playing up a few levels.

He made his debut at U21 level as a 16-year-old and was on their side who won at that level in 2007 and a few years later added a second such title to his trophy cabinet.

With the small numbers Mark said they had to literally hang on to every player and then get the best out of them.

Brendan Deasy, a current senior selector, is one of several people Mark has to thank as he used to drive him and other players up and down to Union Hall for training and he said the car journeys were always great craic and you would go for that alone.

He said it was kind of a social thing and when you were that young it was one of the highlights of the week to be heading down.

When we were playing in Union Hall nearly everyone from the village would walk up to watch and there was a great community feeling about playing there said, Mark.

There were many stand-out games for Mark aside from finals, one like their clash with the Barrs in the U21 championship in 2010.

Since then he has added two senior medals to his tally, but also suffered the heartbreak of two losses as well.

So Mark will be hoping to tip the balance in favour of the winning side today to make it 3-2 and no doubt enjoy another journey down to Union Hall.

Rory Noonan

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