



# **Coolaney/Mullinabreena GAA Club History**

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Overview

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The second Junior Football semi-final between Easkey and Ballymote takes place at Sligo at 4 p.m., with Mr. J. Noone as referee. This should be an exciting game, and this well-trained though inexperienced fifteen may well carry the day.

## **G.A.A. FANFARE**

**The South Sligo Divisional Final, in which Mullinabreena meet Cloonacool will be played at Mullinabreena on Sunday next, commencing at 3 p.m. This should be a very evenly contested affair as both combinations are first-class and the issue will certainly not be decided until the final stages when the game could go either way. Mr. J. Faul will referee.**

## MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

The Senior game will be preceded by the Minor Football Championship in which Mullinabreena meet Craobh Rua. This should be an interesting struggle but I expect Craobh Rua, who have an outstanding side this year, to capture the trophy. This game commences at 3 p.m. and Mr. F. Flannery will be referee.

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The Craobh Rua team will be chosen from the following: J. Rooney, L. Rooney, T. Conlon, M. Garvey, J. Mitchell, S. Fagan, P. Chatten, M. Lang, J. Kelly, M. Mooney, G. O'Hagan, B. Powell, D. Cadden, P. Kelly, D. McHugh, B. McHugh, G. Lynch, P. McSharry, J. Farry, T. Callaghan, M. Skeffington, S. Fallon, A. Kilfeather, D. Bradley, S. McGarry, J. Dolan and D. Monaghan.

In connection with the above

# Mullinabreena Win Minor Title

Mullinabreena, 1-8; Craobh Rua, 1-2

At Corran Park, Ballymote, on Sunday last, Mullinabreena defeated Craobh Rua to win the Co. Sligo Minor Football Championship. The game was evenly contested in the first half when the Sligo town club led by a point but on the resumption, there was never any doubt as to who would be the final victors as Mullinabreena dominated play for almost the entire half. The fact that Craobh Rua scored only one point in this period is true proof of this.

I would attribute the Craobh Rua defeat to the complete failure of their centre-fields to aid either the defence or the attack in the first half. It was in this half that they were favoured with a slight breeze but they could not turn this to advantage as the forwards received a very poor service.

Mullinabreena on the other hand might have won by a much greater margin had it not been for the inaccuracy of their forwards early in the first half. They recorded six "wides" before Tom Kilcoyne opened the scoring.

After the interval, the Mullinabreena attack were right on top and never looked like giving anything away to a tiring Craobh Rua fifteen.

Mullinabreena can thank their centre-field star, Tom Kilcoyne, who dazzled the Sligo defence with his speedy runs and lengthy place-kicking. He it was who put the South Sligomen on the road to victory, scoring no less than five points.

In the Mullinabreena defence E. Johnston, B. McLoughlin and P. Gallagher were outstanding while Kilcoyne and P. Magee had matters all their own way at centre-field. In attack, T. Johnston, P. Gorman and M. Gallagher were prominent.

The Craobh defeat could never be blamed on two of their defenders, Mick Lang and Brian Powell, who played their hearts out and gave really outstanding exhibitions of football. J. Farry, A. Lynch and D. Cadden were forwards of note.

## THE GAME

After five minutes, Cadden shot to the net following a Farry pass. Mullinabreena attacked and their forwards were inaccurate in their shooting efforts. After fifteen minutes T. Kilcoyne had a point from a 14 yards free and Johnston followed with a point from play. In the 24th minute B. McHugh had a point for Craobh Rua and T. Kilcoyne closed the scoring of the first half with a point in the 28th minute.

On the resumption, T. Kilcoyne registered points in the 2nd and 4th minutes and shortly afterwards P. Gorman had a goal from play. M. Gallagher added a further point in the 14th min. and McHugh had the only Craobh Rua point of this period. T. Kilcoyne had a point for the winners and Johnston closed the scoring with a point.

**Mullinabreena:** S. Kildrum; E. Johnston, L. Marren, M. Durkin; T. Walker, B. McLaughlin, P. Gallagher; T. Kilcoyne, P. Magee; T. Johnston, M. Kilcoyne, P. Gorman; M. Gallagher, J. Grady, W. Brennan.

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The recent storms uprooted tons of sea rods which are now being cast ashore along the Tireragh coast. Collectors have not yet been officially informed if there will be a market for sea rods this year but many of the residents in the district have already started gathering the rods as they hope for a bumper harvest.



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If you know of anyone locally anxious to join the F.C.A. bring him along.

Mr. Michael McGarry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael McGarry, Cashelgarron, leaves to-day for Co. Palmy where he will be auditioned for American Radio and Television by Messrs. C. Moore and N. Nelson, who are conducting a talent search in connection with W.E.E.I.C.B.S. Radio Boston, U.S.

Ballinful. Six teams took part in the football tournament and all matches were thrillers for a valuable set of silver cups. Bundoran beat Col-lera; Grange beat Soocy; and Mullinabreena beat Cliffoney. Semi-final Bundoran v. Grange, with Mullinabreena getting a bye to the final. This was one of the keenest games witnessed at this venue for some time, with the issue in doubt to the final whistle. Grange won by the single point, 2-5 to 2-4. Scorers for Grange were Feeney (2-2); Branley (0-3). Marksmen for Bundoran were Jones (2-0); O'Malley (0-3); and McGuire (0-1). Played in a down-pour of rain, the final had not a dull moment. In the first half Mullinabreena played Grange to a standstill and turned over with a lead of five points without reply from Grange. Once Grange found their feet in the form of a picture goal by Feeney, the tide was turned. Mullinabreena again put on pressure and were rewarded with a point. This was short lived, however, as a wonder goal by P. Gilmartin levelled matters and the final whistle blew with both sides standing 1-3 to 2-0. In extra time, Grange scored a point and a goal, Mullinabreena's only reply being a single point which left Grange deserving winners and Mullinabreena gallant losers. P. Hunt, P. Gallagher and N. O'Dowd scored for Mullinabreena, while Grange's marksmen were Feeney, Gilmartin and Branley. At a very successful dance in the local hall that night the cups were presented to the captain of the winning team, Mr. Paddy Watters, by Mr. P. E. Forde, Headmaster, Grange Vocational School.

**Mullinabreena** got off to a good start in the junior championship held at Mullinabreena on Sunday last when they defeated Gurtien by 4-8 to 1-1. After an evenly contested first quarter a McGowan goal set the winners on a scoring spree and they won as easily as the final score suggests. Best for Mullinabreena were Murtagh, McCarrick, Lang, McGuinness, Stenson, Johnson and Gallagher, while Gurtien were best served by Murray and Tausey.

**MULLINABREENA G. A. A. CLUB.**

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**IN ST. NATHY'S HALL, MULLINABREENA**

**On Thursday Night, 22nd August**

**MUSIC BY SONNY FLYNN'S BAND.**

**DANCING 9 P.M. TO 1 A.M.**

**Admission - - - - 3/6.**

At a recent meeting of the Mullinabreena branch of the G.A.A. it was decided to hold a dance in the Henry Hall, Coolaney, on Thursday night, 17th November. The Secretary congratulated the team on their success in winning the Junior County Championship and pointed out that they were now in need of funds due to expenses incurred travelling to matches during the year. A vote of sympathy was passed to the club's secretary, Mr. Michael Gannon, on the death of his grandmother, Mrs. Michael O'Hara, Carniara.

MULLINABREENA G.A.A. SUPPORTERS'

# VICTORY DANCE

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