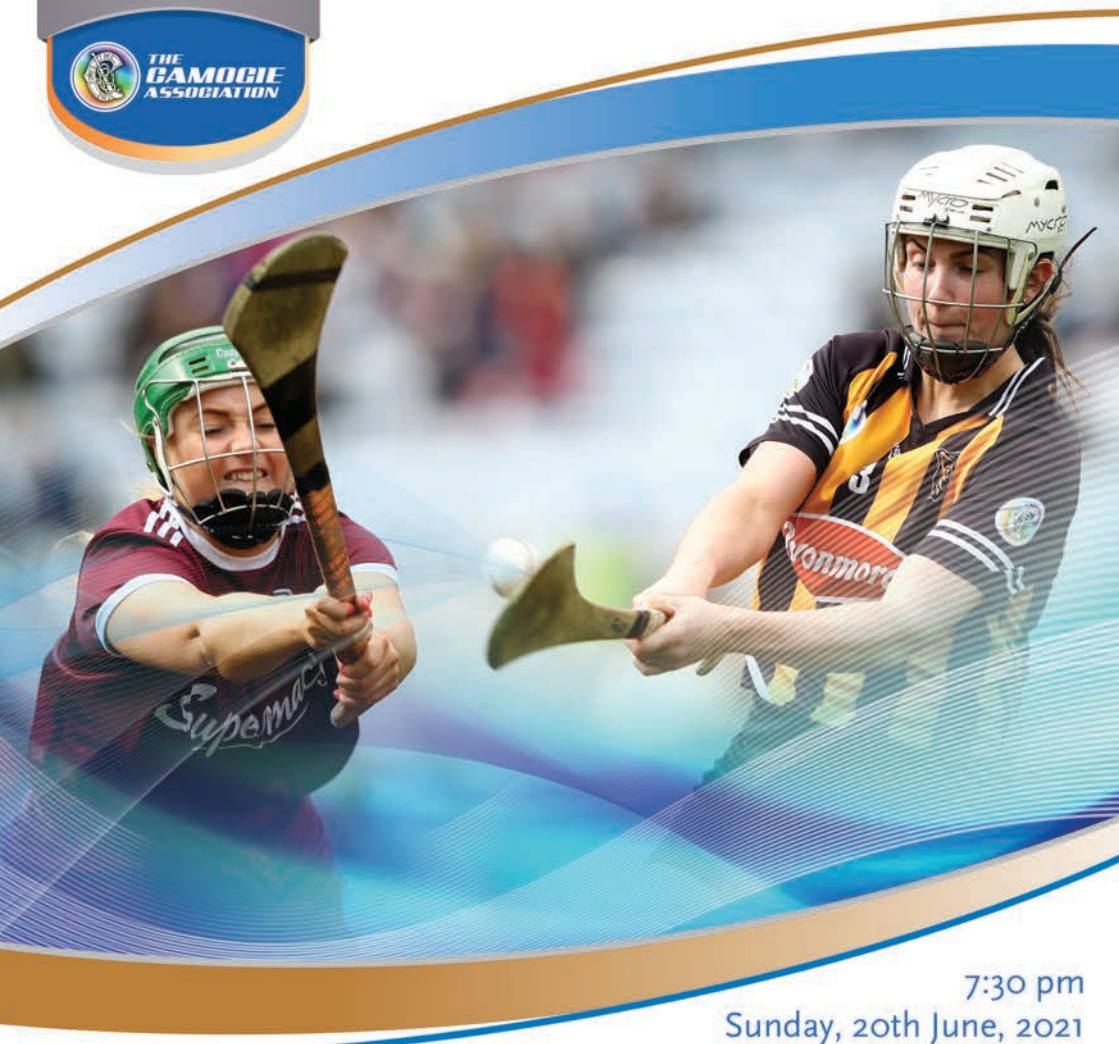


Littlewoods Ireland

# CAMOGIE LEAGUES



THE  
CAMOGIE  
ASSOCIATION



7:30 pm  
Sunday, 20th June, 2021  
Croke Park

## Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 Final Galway v Kilkenny



#LetsGetVisible

*Sinead McNulty*

Ard Stiúrthóir

Clár Oifigiúil • Luach €2



# A message from our Sponsor



Littlewoods Ireland is proud to be sponsoring the National Camogie Leagues for a fifth year.

We're thrilled to welcome you today to the 2021 Littlewoods Ireland Camogie League Final, whether that's from home or in stadium.

It's been an incredible season. Although shorter in length, the skill on offer was nothing short of brilliant. We were delighted to partner with the Camogie Association to showcase that skill to supporters far and wide by live-streaming games this season.

In addition to this, Our Style Meets Substance campaign sought to increase awareness of the game and player visibility. Research conducted by Littlewoods Ireland found that just 11% of the population can name a Camogie player. Pledging our 100% commitment to Camogie, we were determined to change this. We featured players in our TV and Print advertising, as well as across our social media platforms, in effort to increase this percentage.

For our finalists, Galway and Kilkenny, today marks a significant day. You've shown commitment, dedication and determination during a time of uncertainty. What a way to mark the end of this unique season with an occasion in Croke Park. I would like to welcome supporters here today, and those watching from home; and wish the very best of luck to both teams.

**Rossa Butler**  
Managing Director of Littlewoods Ireland



# Fáilte ón Uachtarán

Hilda Breslin, President of the Camogie Association

I would like to welcome you all here this evening to Croke Park for the Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 Final between Galway and Kilkenny.

In the dark winter nights, the thoughts of our games sustained not just our players but us all, tonight promises to be a wonderful occasion made more special by families, friends and supporters in attendance.

Galway the reigning Division 1 League Champions from 2019 play Kilkenny the reigning All-Ireland Senior Champions in a repeat of the 2019 League final pairing.. Both teams enter tonight having not lost a game in this year's league, for one team, this 100% record will come to an end on the final day of action.

Kilkenny having secured their passage to today's final with typical determination and ability to never panic have come through a challenging league campaign. Having been drawn into Group 3, The Cats overcame Dublin and Offaly in the group stages before an exciting match against Limerick followed in the Quarter-Finals.

After securing a three-point victory it was onto the Semi-Finals where an outstanding Tipperary side tested them to the final whistle with the experience of Kilkenny showing through, getting themselves out of trouble and battling into another Division 1 League final.

The Cats have yet to concede a goal in League action in their four matches prior to today. In attack they have scored 10 goals and 51 points in the same number of games, showcasing the strength in all areas of the pitch.

Galway's league games will give them much needed confidence ahead of today's final. The reigning League champions were drawn into Group 1 alongside Clare and Limerick, who they battled past to secure their direct passage to the Semi-Final stages.

Awaiting in the semi-final was Cork, and a thrilling, extra-time contest was played out. After a two-point victory the Tribeswomen advanced to another Division 1 League final appearance, their second consecutive appearance, where they will feature against the same opposition.

In 2019 this Galway side beat Kilkenny in two Croke Park finals in both the League and Championship. However they lost their grip of the All-Ireland title just six months ago and they will not want the same to happen to their League crown today.

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight the wonderful support of the Leagues by our title sponsors Littlewoods Ireland who have done another fantastic job this year. Their #styleOfPlay and focus on raising the profile of our camogie players campaigns have been outstanding ensuring 'Our game is getting bigger, and bigger, and bigger....'

I would like to wish all the players and match officials the very best of luck and I hope all our supporters really enjoy being back in Croke Park again.

**Hilda Breslin**

Uachtarán

An Cumann Camógaíochta

# Littlewoods Ireland

## Camogie League Division 1 Final



# Gailimh Galway

Marún agus Bán • Maroon and White

1

S ní hÉilí  
**SARAH  
HEALY**  
St Thomas

2

S Ó hÉilí  
**SHAUNA  
HEALY**  
Ardrahan

3

S ní Doirbheán  
**SARAH  
DERVAN (C)**  
Mullagh

4

S ní Gairnéir  
**SIOBHÁN  
GARDINER**  
Ardrahan

5

R nic Giolla Dhuibh  
**ROISÍN  
BLACK**  
Oranmore-Maree

6

E Helebert  
**EMMA  
HELEBERT**  
Ballinderreen

7

T úí Cionaoith  
**TARA  
KENNY**  
Sarsfields

8

A ní Donnchadha  
**AOIFE  
DONOHUE**  
Mullagh

9

N nic Giolla Chainnigh  
**NIAMH  
KILKENNY**  
Pearses

10

N nic Craith  
**NIAMH  
McGRATH**  
Sarsfields

11

O nic Craith  
**ORLAITH  
McGRATH**  
Sarsfields

12

S úí Spealáin  
**SARAH  
SPELLMAN**  
Sarsfields

13

C ní Dúláin  
**CARRIE  
DOLAN**  
Clarinbridge

14

S nic Craith  
**SIOBHÁN  
McGRATH**  
Sarsfields

15

A ní Raghallaigh  
**AILISH  
O'REILLY**  
Oranmore-Maree

16 • Laura Glynn • L nig Fhloinn • Sarsfields  
17 • Dervla Higgins • D ní hUiginn • Athenry  
18 • Catriona Cormican • C nic Cormacín • Cappataggle  
19 • AnnMarie Starr • A M Starr • Killimor  
20 • Niamh Hanniffy • N úí hAinbhith • Oranmore-Maree  
21 • Catherine Finnerty • C úí Fiannachta • Mountbellew-Moylough  
22 • Noreen Coen • N ní Chadhain • Athenry  
23 • Ciara Murphy • C ní Murchadha • Clarinbridge  
24 • Rebecca Hennelly • R úí hIonnaile • Ardrahan  
25 • Maria Cooney • M ní Cuana • Sarsfields  
26 • Heather Cooney • H ní Cuana • St Thomas

**Manager** • Cathal Murray  
**Coach** • Donal O'Rourke  
**Coach** • John Connor  
**Selector** • Orla Kilkenny  
**Selector** • Mike Finn  
**S and C** • Robbie Lane  
**S and C** • John Duggan  
**Backroom** • Therese Maher  
**Backroom** • John Manton  
**Kit Man** • Micky Grealish  
**Kit Man** • Frank Duane  
**Nutrition** • Emma Brennan

**Physio** • Clíodhna Costello  
**County Board Representative**  
• Ann Kearny  
**Physio** • Aoife Williams

Sunday, 20th June, 2021 • Croke Park @ 7:30 pm

Referee: Justin Heffernan (Wexford) • Standby Referee: Owen Elliot (Antrim)

Line: Gavin Donegan (Dublin) • 4th Official: Louise Reilly (Cavan) • 5th Official: Orla Donnelly (Tyrone)

EXTRA TIME AND RESULT ON THE DAY

# Cill Chainnigh Kilkenny

Dubh agus Ómra • Black and Amber



1

A ní Noiréis  
**AOIFE  
NORRIS**  
Piltown

2

M ní Téacháin  
**MICHELLE  
TEEHAN**  
James Stephens

3

C ní Duidhíorma  
**COLLETTE  
DORMER**  
Barrow Rangers

4

D ní Tóbin  
**DAVINA  
TOBIN**  
Emeralds

5

C A ní Dúghaill  
**KELLYANN  
DOYLE**  
Piltown

6

M ní Fearuil  
**MEIGHAN  
FARRELL (C)**  
Thomastown

7

A. de Priondergais  
**AOIFE  
PRENDERGAST**  
Dicksboro

8

N ní Duíghíolla  
**NIAMH  
DEELY**  
James Stephens

9

G Breathnach  
**GRACE  
WALSH**  
Tullaroan

10

D Ní an Ghaill  
**DENISE  
GAULE**  
Windgap

11

M ní Chonail  
**MARY  
O'CONNELL**  
Clara

12

M Breathnach  
**MIRIAM  
WALSH**  
Tullaroan

13

M ní Cinnaolaidh  
**MICHEALA  
KENNEALLY**  
Windgap

14

C Ní Nualáin  
**KATIE  
NOLAN**  
St. Martin's

15

A Ní Dúghaill  
**AOIFE  
DOYLE**  
Piltown

16 • Emma Kavanagh • E ní Caomhánaigh • Rower Inistioge  
17 • Laura Murphy • L ní Mhurchú • O'Loughlin Gaels  
18 • Steffi Fitzgerald • S ní Gearailt • Young Irelands  
19 • Katie Power • C de Paor • Piltown  
20 • Lydia Fitzpatrick • L ní Giolla Phadraig • St. Lachtain's  
21 • Laura Norris • L Ní Nóireis • Piltown  
22 • Sarah Walsh • S Breathnach • Thomastown  
23 • Miriam Bambrick • M Bambrick • Barrow Rangers  
24 • Sarah Crowley • S ní Chraoileach • Mooncoin  
25 • Róisín Phelan • R ní Faoláin • Conahy  
26 • Ciara O'Keefe • C ní Chaoimh • Young Irelands  
27 • Ciara Phelan • C ní Faoiléan • Dicksboro  
28 • Leann Fennelly • L ní Chongaile • Mullinavat  
29 • Tiffany Fitzgerald • T ní Ghearailt • Young Irelands  
30 • Laura Hegarty • L ní Heagart • St. Lachtains / Lisdowney

## Manager

Coach

Coach

Coach

Coach

Perf Analysis

Perf Analysis

Performance Analysis

Logistics

Logistics

Logistics

Physio

Doctor

County Board

• Brian Dowling  
• Tommy Shefflin  
• Ray Challoner  
• Philly Larkin  
• Pat O'Neill  
• Philip Connors  
• James Fitzgerald  
• Sarah Burke  
• Breda Holmes  
• Angela Downey  
• John Scott  
• Nicola Aylward  
• Dr. Martin O'Brien  
• Sheila Norris (Chairperson)

## Extended Panel

Claire Phelan • Lisdowney  
Eva Hynes • Thomastown  
Niamh Sweeney • Emeralds  
Sophie O'Dwyer • James Stephens  
Aisling Curtis • Clara  
Hannah Larkin • James Stephens  
Asha McHardy • Dicksboro

# Champions V Champions!

## Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 Final Preview

By Sarah Stanley

It is a second consecutive Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1 Final pairing of Kilkenny versus Galway as the two counties battle it out once more for yet another piece of silverware to add to their growing collections.

We have been treated to a spectacle of Camogie so far throughout the campaign and we have the final two teams standing, with both sides boasting a 100% record ahead of today's final meeting.

In September of 2019 Cathal Murray's Galway side held the two biggest titles – completing the Division 1 League and Senior Championship double. How quickly Kilkenny managed to turn their fate around, allowing themselves the chance to take that mantle for themselves.

Having already earned their Senior title crown in December, they now go in search of their Division 1 crown, after today's nemesis prevented them from completing a Division 1 League four-in-a-row back in 2019.

It is a rather thrilling line up, with exciting player match ups and talent all over the field. Look no further than the two ring leaders, the 2019 Manager of the Year Cathal Murray, versus the 2020 Manager of the Year Brian Dowling.

In 2019 Galway could do no wrong in Croke Park Finals. They won both titles in front of thousands of supporters, and they were the team to beat across the country. Last year, Kilkenny sought revenge, and it felt so sweet under the Winter Croke Park lights, with the unfortunate sight of an empty stadium.

Nevertheless, the two teams have showed once again why they are the best two teams in the country as they battled through every obstacle that came their way throughout the last few weeks.

Kilkenny faced one match more in their campaign, which stood to them massively in their Semi-Final test by Tipperary. It was a tricky start to the group, but the Cats secured a five-point victory over Dublin and followed that up with an excellent performance against Offaly in the next round, before a Quarter-Final against Limerick. A three-point victory was enough to see Kilkenny overcome that challenge and enter the Semi-Final stages.

What followed in Nowlan Park was one of the best games of Camogie in recent years. Tipperary v Kilkenny. It was an incredible game of Camogie. Tipperary busted into life from the off, but a superb second-half showing from an experienced Kilkenny side proved crucial in Kilkenny getting over the line to earn their final place.

Galway had three games in their campaign to date and they looked as strong in those games as they have done in recent seasons. The Tribeswomen bagged 3-11 against Clare in the opening round, before following that up with 3-13 in their following match against Limerick.

After the group rounds it was straight through to the Semi-Final stages where they faced the experience of Cork in Nowlan Park and we were treated to yet another excellent Semi-Final fixture. After extra-time the reigning League champions prevailed by a solitary two points to advance to this evening's showdown.

Both teams are unbeaten ahead of today's game. Both teams have scored goals for fun in the campaign to date, and both have had sturdy and solid defensive lines. Most importantly, both teams have a dynamic sharpshooter capable of turning any game on its head in an instant. Kilkenny's Denise Gaule, versus Galway's Carrie Dolan.

It is the Champions, versus the Champions.

# PATHS TO THE FINAL



## GALWAY

### Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1

#### Group 1

Round 1	Galway 3-11	Clare 0-15
Round 2	Limerick 0-07	Galway 3-13
Semi-Final (after Extra-Time)	Galway 1-19	Cork 1-17

**Total Scored:** 7-43 (64 points)

**Total Conceded:** 1-39 (42 points)

## KILKENNY

### Littlewoods Ireland Camogie Leagues Division 1

#### Group 3

Round 1	Kilkenny 1-08	Dublin 0-06
Round 2	Offaly 0-08	Kilkenny 4-21
Quarter-Final	Kilkenny 2-10	Limerick 0-13
Semi-Final	Kilkenny 3-12	Tipperary 0-19

**Total Scored:** 10-51 (81 points)

**Total Conceded:** 0-46 (46 points)



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