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Fáilte mhór romhaibh uilig inniu chuig Port Chluain Eoghain ar lá speisealta fan chumainn anseo agus fa nár peileadóirí sa sraith.

We benefit again from an exceptional welcome from the Casements of Port Chluain Eoghain on what is a special day for the club and ourselves as a county. Having hosted the club's first ever national league fixture last week, which

seen a healthy victory for our senior hurlers against Meath, we are delighted to return today for perhaps our most important match of the year against Limerick.

Moving Day is a term sometimes used in American sports to describe the critical day in a league campaign, where games of determinative significance take place which will have a bearing on the final league places. Today is such a day for both of our senior teams.

We welcome Limerick today who are unbeaten in the league and rightly sit at the top of the table, however we have targeted maximum return from our home fixtures so today is a must win. Victory today will place us one point behind Limerick, heading into the last two games, away to Wicklow on 15th March and finishing at home against Waterford a week later on 22nd March. Second place in the league will secure a place in the league final at Croke Park. Limerick also still have to play Wexford who have won their last 3 games since losing to us on day one, so it is all to play for.

Similarly our hurlers face a crucial contest today away to Kerry. The mathematics are much more straightforward. If we win today in Kerry, we will be in the league final, by virtue of our strong scoring difference, helped in no short measure by last week sharp shooting of 5.27 against Meath but also by a mean defence which has kept our opponents to an average of 12 points per match, conceding a single goal (in the last minute last week).

This year's Scór Sinsir Final will take place today in St Joseph's Parish Centre, Antrim, and I would encourage all Gaels in the county to attend after today's game. Scór is a huge part of club life in our County and a fantastic, inclusive aspect of the GAA that fosters and promotes our culture and heritage. Antrim won 3 Scór na nÓg Ulster and All Ireland titles and 1 Ulster Scór Sinsir title in 2019, an incredibly proud day for the County having been represented in 4 categories in the All Ireland Final in Castlebar Ceili Dancing (Aghagallon), Recitation (Mary Kate Bonnes, Randalstown), Léiriú Stáitse (Aghagallon) and Quiz (Con Magee's, Glenravel). To have 4 acts reach an All Ireland Final was a huge achievement for any County.

Many thanks again to Club Aontroma for preparing our match programs today which includes player profiles today and a review of the exceptional capital developments of our host club. I would encourage any local small businesses to avail of the advertising opportunities to promote their businesses on these pages and equally I would encourage all of our patrons to support those businesses that contribute to county development. Ní neart go cuir le chéile!!

Go raibh maith agaibh a chairde, we are very appreciative of your continued support, year in year out.

Le gach dea-ghuí,

Ciarán Mc Cavana/ Ciarán Mac an Mhanaigh

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Sinne Fianna Fáil, atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn, Buíon dár slua thar toinn do ráinig chugainn, Faoi mhóid bheith saor Seantír ár sinsear feasta, Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráill. Anocht a théam sa bhearna baoil, Le gean ar Ghaeil, chun báis nó saoil, Le gunna scréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar, Seo libh canaídh amhrán na bhfiann

TODAY'S MATCH OFFICIALS

REFEREE Paul Faloon (An Dún)

STAND BY Barry Cassidy (Doire)

LINESMAN Stephen Johnson (An Lú)

SIDELINE Stephen Murphy (An Lú)

NIAL DELARGY

AGE 26 CLUB Roger Casement's Portglenone POSITION Half Back PRIMARY SCHOOL St Mary's Portglenone POST PRIMARY SCHOOL St Louis Ballymena HONOURS U21 Antrim Club Cship, Antrim Intermediate Cship, Div 2 Football League, All Ireland Colleges Int. Football Cship OCCUPATION Marketing for Acorn IT Solutions

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INTER-COUNTY DEBUT

COMPETITION McKenna Cup YEAR 2013 OPPOSITION UUJ

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TOUGHEST DRILL 1v1 Pressure Cookers

TEAM MESSER Toss up between Marc Jordan and Fintan Burke

FAVOURITE PRE MATCH MEAL Beans on Toast

FAVOURITE MACHINE IN THE GYM Free weights

FAVOURITE WORK OUT SONG One - Swedish House Mafia

BIOGRAPHY

FAVOURITE VENUE O'Cahan Park, Portglenone

FAVOURITE MUSIC Gerry Cinnamon

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Cuirimid fáilte speisialta róimh an Foireann Aontroma agus an Foireann Luimnigh innniu go bPáirc Uí Ceallaigh. We welcome the footballers, team officials and supporters of Antrim and Limerick today to Kelly Park, Portglenone. Roger Casement's GAC are delighted to host the first National League football game ever to take place in Portglenone. We were equally privileged to host the Division 2A hurling game last Sunday between Antrim and Meath. Portglenone have a rich history of having representation at County level, we currently have three players in the Senior football panel and our Club Treasurer also holds this position at County Level.



We are pleased to make available our recently completed facilities: a second full-size Pitch, with flood-lighting, spectator and ball stop fencing, with vehicular access, parking facilities, boundary fencing and sub shelters. A designated pedestrian access with amenity lighting provides access from the Club's existing site. Through a massive fundraising initiative this 1.2 million pounds project has been achieved with all bills paid. We were delighted to receive the 2018 Ulster Council President's Award for the best facilities in Antrim and the runners-up in Ulster.

Founded in 1941 the Club moved to its current home in Gortgole fifty four years

ago, after purchasing a small farm of seven acres at a cost of £1,050. In 2015 the Club embarked on its most ambitious phase, the development of a Second Playing Pitch in the adjoining field of seven acres, effectively doubling its footprint. Any inspection of GAA facilities especially here in SW Antrim would clearly underline the important role that the GAA performs, holding communities together, providing first class facilities, providing employment opportunities, and so on. Casements have relied on the professional skills of its membership, whether design, building, financial, advisory, and they have responded in great measures.



As Casements and Geraldines approach our Eightieth Year the Committee has very ambitious plans to mark this milestone. 2019



New pitch completed



New pitch completed 2

was marked with the opening of a Gym for use by both the footballers and camogs alike. Phase Five of our Development is well in hand. All made possible by the assurance of voluntary labour and general volunteerism. The establishment and continued presence of Club Portglenone has proved to be the backbone and driving force of all future development. We are committed to investing for future generations, determined to improve our facilities, drawing on the skills and drive of our members and enthusiastic to set and achieve the necessary fundraising targets.



3D plan of pitch before development



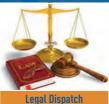
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- 17. Fintan Burke *(Ciceam an Creagán)*
- 18. Patrick Cunningham (Lámh Dhearg)
- 19. Dermot McAleese (Ruairí Mhic Asmáint, Port Chluain Eoghain)
- 20. Adam Loughran (Naomh Mhuire, Achadh Galláin)
- 21. Kevin Quinn (Lámh Dhearg)
- 22. Mick McCann (Clann na hÉireann, Carragan)
- 23. Ryan McNulty (Naomh Eoin)
- 24. Conor Small (Ciceam an Creagán)
- 25. Eoin Nagle (Naomh Éanna)
- 26. Eunan Walsh (Naomh Mhuire, Achadh Galláin)



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- 16. Cian Shorten *(Rathcoala)*
- 17. Garrett Noonan (Dromcollcoille Beal an Atha)
- 18. David Connolly (Áth Dara)
- 19. Sean O'Dea (Cill tSíle Drom Caoin)
- 20. Josh Ryan (Úbhla)

- 21. James Naughton (Naomh Seanáin)
- 22. Seamus O Carroll (Caisleán Cnucha)
- 23. Davy Lyons (Áth Dara)
- 24. Gerard Stack (Gearóid Ó Gríofa)
- 25. Peter Nash (Cill Dioma/Pailis Chaonraoi)
- 26. Colm McSweeney (Gearóid Ó Gríofa)



Saffron Business Forum

The Saffron Business Forum has nearly 100 members and facilitates local businesses with an affinity to Antrim GAA promote their business interests and gain access to a wider market by association with a large sporting organisation.

The Saffron Business Forum will promote business between its members and others through networking events, business referrals and social media. The forum hosts four business networking events every year, which consist of one fundraising lunch and three business breakfasts.

Members and Associates include

- Antrim GAA Corporate & Commercial Sponsors
- Other Corporate and Commercial Business representatives
- Antrim GAA Patrons
- Local Businesses and SME's



Benefits of Membership include

- Networking opportunities
- Business Referrals
- Business Information Seminars & Workshops
- Marketing and Promotional Initiatives
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AGE 25 CLUB Roger Casement's Portglenone POSITION Half forward PRIMARY SCHOOL St Mary's Portglenone POST PRIMARY SCHOOL St Louis Ballymena HONOURS U21 Antrim Club Championship, Antrim Intermediate Championship OCCUPATION Admin at BES HEIGHT 6ft WEIGHT 84kg



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FAVOURITE MUSIC Coldplay

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The management and development of the GAA in Antrim is in a strong, confident and vibrant era.

With our new and ambitious capital projects at Casement Park and Corrigan Park and our Centre of Participation at Dunsilly, as well as the GaelFast initiative, we have much to look forward to and plan for.

Our shared goal is to increase support for Gaelic Games and cultural activity within our county and to promote support for our county teams.

Our new committee seeks to attract more members into Club Aontroma to increase the funds raised for the GAA in Antrim.

With the relaunch of our membership scheme we invite new members to be grass roots ambassador for our county. Membership is £10 per month, which affords entry to All Ireland final ticket draws and free admission to our county finals.

Our county is blessed with the success of the Saffron Business Forum and the crucial funds which it generates, however Club Aontroma will provide grass root access to support our teams and Gaelic ethos and ambitions for the future.

Ní neart go cuir le céile



BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP £10 PER MONTH

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- 1. Because Antrim belongs to all of us, it is our place and our home
- Because we share as a collective ambition, a desire to see our county being successful and the Antrim jersey being something all of our children aspire to wearing and taking pride in.
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26 JANUARY 2020 ANTRIM 3.10 WEXFORD 0.13

P CUNNINGHAM 0-6; R MCCANN 2-1 E WALSH 1-00; C DUFFIN 0-2 P MCBRIDE 0-1

2 FEBRUARY 2020 SLIGO 0.15 ANTRIM 0.14

P CUNNINGHAM 0-8; C MURRAY 0-2 D LYNCH 0-1; E WALSH 0-1 C DUFFIN 0-1; O EASTWOOD 0-1

9 FEBRUARY 2020 LONDON 0.10 ANTRIM 0.14

P CUNNINGHAM 0-4; D MCALEESE 0-3; P MCBRIDE 0-3; C DUFFIN 0-1 N DELARGY 0-1; C MURRAY 0-1 R MCCANN 0-1

23 FEBRUARY ANTRIM 0.11 CARLOW 1.8

P CUNNINGHAM 0-3; 0 EASTWOOD 0-3 C MURRAY 0-2; D LYNCH 0-1 C DUFFIN 0-1; P MCBRIDE 0-1

REMAINING FIXTURES

15 MARCH WICKLOW V ANTRIM 22 MARCH ANTRIM V WATERFORD

SCORERS 3.49

P CUNNINGHAM 0-21 (0.17 F); R MCCANN 2-2 C MURRAY 0-5; C DUFFIN 0-5 P MCBRIDE 0-5 (0.3 F); 0 EASTWOOD 0-4 (0.4 F) E WALSH 1-01; D MCALEESE 0-3 D LYNCH 0-2; N DELARGY 0-1





FOOTBALL FIXTURES =

SUNDAY 15 MARCH WICKLOW VS ANTRIM 2PM AUGHRIM SUNDAY 22 MARCH ANTRIM VS WATERFORD 1PM GLENAVY

	Р	W	D	L	GF	GA	TPF	TPA	+/-	PTS
LIMERICK	4	4	0	0	7	3	56	43	13	8
WEXFORD	4	3	0	1	8	5	65	48	17	6
ANTRIM	4	2	1	1	3	1	58	49	9	5
WICKLOW	4	2	0	2	4	7	61	58	3	4
SLIGO	4	2	0	2	6	3	68	61	7	4
CARLOW	4	1	1	2	2	3	40	46	-6	3
WATERFORD	4	1	0	3	3	5	45	55	-10	2
LONDON	4	0	0	4	1	9	40	73	-33	0

Total Points (TPF/TPA) Includes Goals (GF/GA) Head to Head Rule Applies