

# SENIOR FOOTBALL 'ALL-STAR' TEAM

## **1 Darren McDonnell (Clontibret)**

There were obviously a number of contenders for this position, but the Clontibret custodian got the nod as he did not concede a single goal in this year's senior football championship. He made his championship debut in 2013 and picked up his first senior championship medal the following year and contributed substantially to Clontibret's march to regaining the title this year.

## **2 Ryan Wylie (Ballybay)**

One of the best defenders in the game this man had a big impact for Ballybay with his positional sense, speed off the mark to make vital interceptions, his man marking and distribution were all vital components in Ballybay reaching the semi-final, while his penchant for counter-attacking saw him score a magnificent solo point against Inniskeen.

## **3 Conor Boyle (Clontibret)**

One of Clontibret's most consistent players all season, he helped anchor the defence with outstanding displays in the championship and was the man in the gap on more than one occasion especially in the County final, where his anticipation saw him appear from almost nowhere to prevent a shot by Conor McCarthy going into the net.

## **4 Owen Coyle (Latton)**

A strong, forceful player Owen Coyle, as joint captain put in a series of dominant displays where he was not only the sheet anchor in the defence, but also the springboard for numerous counter attacks that saw him scoring a couple of valuable points.

## **5 Ryan O'Toole (Scotstown)**

One of the new breed of players coming through in Scotstown from underage ranks this young man showed this year that he is developing into a very accomplished defender where he has come into his own at wing half back and proved very adept at limiting the influence of some fairly high-profile wing half forwards, putting in a particularly impressive display in the semi-final replay against Ballybay.

## **6 Dessie Mone (Clontibret)**

A vastly experienced player, at inter-county level and the holder of two Ulster senior championship titles and now the holder of seven Monaghan senior championship medals, Dessie rolled back the years in this year's championship with a series of commanding displays at centre back that proved the sheet anchor for Clontibret's progress in some very close contests and registering 1-2 in the process.

## **7 Colum Greenan (Clontibret)**

Colum was looking for his second senior championship medal this year, having won one at full back, with Clontibret back in 2014. This year Colum was operating at left half back, the same position that he held in the 2016 county final team, and again has proved very effective with his organisational ability and reading of the game, winning vital possession and always distributing the ball to good effect.

## **8 Francis Hughes (Clontibret)**

Like his midfield partner, this man is one of a new generation of players with his club and despite his youth has contributed in no small measure to Clontibret's successful run this year. He made his championship debut in 2017 and picked up his first medal this year, contributing six points in total from his midfield berth, including one in the County final.

## **9 Killian Lavelle (Clontibret)**

One of a new generation of players with the O'Neills this young man is developing into a very accomplished midfielder and played a key role in his club winning the championship. He was particularly effective in the semi final against Latton and in the final itself he was superb and capped a fine performance with a point.

## **10 Aaron Mulligan (Latton)**

Although he is just out of minor grade Aaron Mulligan was one of the sensations of this year's senior football championship with a veritable tour de force as he demonstrated a range of skills that set him apart as a very special player. Fleetness of foot saw him work his way out of very tight situations to then demonstrate his deadly accuracy, that saw him finish as third highest scorer in the senior championship with 2-16.

## **11 Michael P O'Dowd (Clontibret)**

A son of former Clontibret and County player Mick O'Dowd, this man made his championship debut in 2014 and picked up his second medal this year rowing in with five points in all, including two in the County final itself.

## **12 Brian Greenan (Clontibret)**

As captain this year this man joined an elite club of men who have led Clontibret to senior championship success, and as captain this year he led by example all through. He made his championship debut in 2013 and was on Clontibret's successful team the following year, so now the holder of two senior championship medals and this year the contributor of three points in all, including a very valuable one in the County final.

## **13: Conor McCarthy (Scotstown)**

Was top scorer with Scotstown in last year's senior championship, finishing with a tally of 1-14, 1-3 of which he scored in the final, following on his similar placing in 2017 when he finished with 4-19, 1-8 of which he scored in the final. This year he was also well up the charts finishing with a total of 3-16 and put in a power packed display in the semi-final replay where his goal was the catalyst for an increasingly dominant display that ended Ballybay's hopes of reaching the decider.

## **14 Paul Finlay (Ballybay)**

Paul Finlay was Ballybay's top scorer in the championship last year when they reached the final and was second in the charts in 2017 even though Ballybay went out at the semi final stage. This year his team failed to reach the final, losing to Scotstown after a replay in the semi final, but the Ballybay and former Monaghan talisman was still stroking them over from play and frees and going into the county final he was top of the charts with 3-22.

## **15 Conor McManus (Clontibret)**

Rated in recent years as being one of the top forwards in the entire country, Conor McManus has been the top scorer in the Monaghan senior football championship for seven years, years even when Clontibret did not reach the County final, an example being, registering 1-18 in 2017 and 1-24 last year when his side also exited at the semi-final stage. This year his six points, two from frees in the county final brought him into the top five scorers for the 13<sup>th</sup> year in a row, this year finishing with 1-18 and a man of the match performance in the final to boot.



**DARREN McDONNELL**  
Clontibret



**RYAN WYLIE**  
Ballybay



**CONOR BOYLE**  
Clontibret



**OWEN COYLE**  
Latton



**RYAN O'TOLLE**  
Scotstown



**DESSIE MONE**  
Clontibret



**COLUM GREENAN**  
Clontibret



**FRANCIS HUGHES**  
Clontibret



**KILLIAN LAVELLE**  
Clontibret



**AARON MULLIGAN**  
Latton



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Clontibret



**BRIAN GREENAN**  
Clontibret



**CONOR McCARTHY**  
Scotstown



**PAUL FINALY**  
Ballybay



**CONOR McMANUS**  
Clontibret



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# INTERMEDIATE FOOTBALL 'ALL-STAR' TEAM

## 1. Conor Forde (Emyvale)

A JFC All-Star with Scotstown in 2018, Conor Forde impressed at Intermediate level with Emyvale in 2019. Forde combined an ability to get on the ball with accurate kick-outs and four points from long-range placed kicks as Emyvale made the semi-finals. He also made a string of saves, including a penalty save against Donaghmoynce.

## 2. Paul McArdle (Magheracloone)

Paul McArdle was a key member of the Magheracloone defence as they went all the way to winning the Ulster Club IFC. Handed several man-marking tasks, including being assigned to the prolific David Garland in the county final, McArdle was tigerish throughout a successful campaign for the Mitchells.

## 3. Aodhán Óg McAnespie (Monaghan Harps)

Featuring at both full-back and midfield, Aodhán Óg McAnespie was a driving force for Monaghan Harps throughout 2019. McAnespie captained the Harps in a campaign where two of their games were decided in extra-time and he had good duels with the likes of Michael Metzger (Magheracloone) and Keith McEnaney (Corduff)

## 4. Peter Ward (Magheracloone)

It has been a big 2019 for Magheracloone captain Peter Ward, who led the Mitchells to county and Ulster IFC titles. Ward led by example throughout at the heart of the champions' defence, not least when snuffing out the threat of Cormac O'Connor in the county final.

## 5. Stephen Finnegan (Donaghmoynce)

Stephen Finnegan's pace was a key factor in Donaghmoynce reaching the IFC Final. The county panellist launched many attacks from deep and chipped in with eight points from play along the way.

## 6. Ryan McAnespie (Emyvale)

Ryan McAnespie helped lead Emyvale to a JFC title in 2018 and he remained a central player this year as they reached the last four of the IFC. The versatile McAnespie, who has won Ulster titles at minor, U-21 and senior levels for Monaghan, mostly manned the centre of the Emyvale defence and managed to kick 0-10, including six frees.

## 7. Kevin Loughran (Monaghan Harps)

Kevin Loughran's consistent form for Monaghan Harps in 2019 saw him earn a call-up to the county panel. A former Ulster minor and U-21 championship-winning captain for Monaghan, Loughran showed his ability to man-mark and his pace on the counter-attack to good effect.

## 8. Gavin Doogan (Magheracloone)

2019 Intermediate Footballer of the Year Gavin Doogan was a driving force for Magheracloone throughout their successful run. Doogan, who recently retired from the county scene, mixed ball-winning ability with his trademark powerful runs from midfield and he contributed 1-10 from play as his side secured a quick return to senior, where he was an All-Star recipient in 2017.

## 9. Pádraic Keenan (Corduff)

Pádraic Keenan was to the fore as Corduff made it to the IFC semi-finals. The former county minor captain hit three points for the south-Monaghan side, but that was just a small indication of his contribution in the middle third as his strong running played a part in many scores in each game.

## 10. Fergal Hanratty (Corduff)

Fergal Hanratty captained Corduff to the IFC semi-finals after again leading the scoring for his club with almost half of their championship total. Also part of this selection in 2018, Hanratty was once again the IFC top scorer going into the final with 0-30, only to be overtaken in the end, this time by Alan McCahey (Magheracloone).

## 11. Allan Kieran (Magheracloone)

Allan Kieran was the focal point of much of Magheracloone's good attacking play during 2019, proving an effective link man at centre half-forward. Kieran came into his own in the county semi-final and final, hitting seven points over those two games, and he accumulated 1-16 from play across the county and provincial campaigns. Like Doogan, Kieran was on the SFC team of 2017.

## 12. Paudie McMahan (Magheracloone)

Paudie McMahan burst onto the scene at senior level in recent years, with his pace and direct running catching the eye. McMahan produced some electric performances during 2019, keeping his best football for the county and Ulster finals, where he hit a combined 3-5. A total of 5-11 en route to the provincial title made him the highest scorer from open play.

## 13. David Garland (Donaghmoynce)

David Garland is the second player to make this team in back-to-back years. The livewire forward's 1-8 in the IFC Final couldn't inspire Donaghmoynce to a second title in four years at this level. Improving as the championship progressed, the Fontenoys captain racked up 1-26 to finish just two points behind top scorer Alan McCahey.

## 14. Keith McEnaney (Corduff)

Keith McEnaney was the focal point of the Corduff attack in 2019. His physical presence gave Corduff a good option as they reached the semi-finals and he chipped in with six points from play in total and a strong performance almost guided his side past Donaghmoynce into the final.

## 15. Alan McCahey (Magheracloone)

Another diminutive and prolific corner-forward completes the IFC selection for 2019. Alan McCahey was the county IFC top scorer with 2-25 as Magheracloone went all the way, with his nine points in the final seeing him selected as Man of the Match. Injury disrupted his Ulster Club campaign, but McCahey contributed handsomely to his side bouncing back from their 2018 relegation.



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# JUNIOR FOOTBALL 'ALL-STAR' TEAM

## 1 Enda Duffy (Drumhowan)

The Drumhowan net minder made his championship debut in 2006, and this year was looking for his fourth junior championship medal. A key operator in Drumhowan's strategic game plan. His kick outs were vital and he was among the scorers with a point from a forty-five.

## 2 Ryan Courtney (Blackhill)

This twenty-eight-year-old made his championship debut in 2007, so won his second junior championship medal this year, helping to make the Blackhill defence very difficult to break down.

## 3 Donal Courtney (Blackhill)

Made his championship debut in 2011 and picked up his second winner's medal this year, operating at full back where he put in a series of dominant performances that limited the influence of some highly rated forwards.

## 4 Thomas Courtney (Blackhill)

This man made his championship debut in 2015 and this year completed the all Courtney full back line, picking up his second winner's medal.

## 5 Owen Quinn (Drumhowan)

The Drumhowan captain made his championship debut in 2015, this year playing in a number of roles in defence, including full back, but picking up his champion 15 award in his favourite position of wingback.

## 6 Darren Duffy (Drumhowan)

Rated by his team captain as the best trainer in the squad, this man made his championship debut in 2006 and is the holder of two Monaghan Junior winners medals as well as an Ulster Junior club championship from 2008.

## 7 Anthony Courtney (Blackhill)

made his championship debut in 2010 and is now firmly established in the left halfback position from where he had a big influence in Blackhill's winning season, his goal in the final a particularly vital score.

## 8 Stephen Lambe (Toome)

One of only three players from outside the Junior championship finalists, Stephen was one of his side's most consistent players and literally dragged them over the line almost single handedly in at least one game.

## 9 Patrick Quinn (Drumhowan)

This eighteen-year-old made his championship debut this year and played some sparkling football to go into last October's junior final with 2-5 to his credit and added 1-1 in the final to finish with a very credible three goals and six points.

## 10 Philip Donnelly (Blackhill)

Philip Donnelly made his championship debut with Blackhill in 2010 and so collected his second Junior championship medal this year, his goal in the final, greatly helping his side to victory, leaving him finishing with 1-1 for the series.

## 11 Kevin Mooney (Drumhowan)

One of the more experienced members of the Drumhowan team having made his championship debut in 2007 and picking up an Ulster Junior club championship medal the following year. This year he was consistently on the scoreboard to finish with a total of 1-10.

## 12 Tommy Geehan (Blackhill)

It has to be superlatives all the way for one of the Geehan siblings with their great range of skills, pace, delicate footwork and accuracy, that saw Tommy going into the County final with six points to his credit and scoring two in helping Blackhill over the line.

## 13 Michael Tierney (Eire Og)

While Eire Og had a great start to the year but a difficult middle period, Michael Tierney was one of their more consistent players and despite his side not reaching the Junior championship final he finished fourth in the top five scorers for the 2019 junior championship with a personal tally of 2-13.

## 14 Darren Freeman (Clones)

Darren consistently produced the good for Clones, even though things were not going to plan in a number of matches, particularly in the semi-final against Drumhowan, where they were edged out by a single point, but despite not playing in the final, Darren still finished top scorer in the Junior championship with a personal tally of 1-25.

## 15 Michael Geehan (Blackhill)

The other half of the Geehan twin strike force, Michael's accuracy was a vital feature in Blackhill's progress that left him just outside the top five scorers in the championship, going into the final with 1-15, but he was still his club's top scorer and added 1-2 in the County final to finish joint third along with Adrian Alford on 2-17.



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# HURLING 'ALL-STAR' TEAM

## 1 Paul Murphy (Castleblayney HC)

The former club and County defender made a welcome return to action this year and operated between the sticks, where his experience was crucial in keeping their defence organised.

## 2 Eoin Leonard (Castleblayney HC)

The twenty-seven-year-old defender is now firmly established and added another winner's medal to his collection from last year, which included an Ulster Junior title.

## 3 Jim McHugh (Castleblayney HC)

One of the most senior members of the Castleblayney hurling club, Jim McHugh has amassed a vast array of honours at club and County level and this year was their defensive anchor at full back.

## 4 Deaglan Crowe (Castleblayney HC)

Didn't feature in last year's successful run that took the team to the All Ireland Junior club championship final, but made a telling return this year to re-establish himself in the defence.

## 5 Jamie Guinan (Carrickmacross HC)

was named at corner back on the champion fifteen. team last year but operated in the halfback line this year as Carrickmacross contested the SHC Shield final.

## 6 Eamonn Collins (Carrickmacross HC)

a versatile player, Eamon picks up his second champion fifteen award having also featured in last year's selection.

## 7 Martin Murphy (Inniskeen)

the Inniskeen stalwart completes the halfback line, having anchored the Inniskeen defence as they lifted the senior hurling championship shield title and competed in the Ulster Junior club series.

## 8 Mark Treanor (Castleblayney HC)

featured on the forty in last year's selection but in this year lined out in midfield beside his brother and in that role he made a telling contribution particularly in the senior hurling championship final where he scored 1-3

## 9 Peter Treanor (Castleblayney HC)

the strong man at the heart of the defence, Peter operated in midfield this year and was a key figure in Castleblayney HC retaining the senior hurling championship title, scoring two points in the final.

## 10 Pdraig McGahon (Inniskeen)

This man operated between midfield and the half forward line and got the nod for his accuracy which was underlined by his 1-5 in the Shield final.

## 11 Brian McGuigan (Castleblayney HC)

Rated by Peter Treanor as the best player he has played with Brian again underlined his vast array of skills in helping Castleblayney retain the senior hurling championship title.

## 12 Colin Merrick (Castleblayney HC)

this twenty-year-old is rapidly establishing himself as a very accomplished performer and while not scoring in the senior hurling championship final his work rate was vital to Castleblayney's progress.

## 13 Eamonn Sheehan (Gaeil Triucha)

While generally occupying a defensive role, this man also showed his attacking qualities during the year and scored two points, one from a free in the senior hurling championship final.

## 14 Aidan Coyle (Gaeil Triucha)

Was a central figure in Gaeil Triucha reaching the final of the senior hurling championship, where he underlined his qualities and talent by hitting 1-3.

## 15 Fergal Rafter (Castleblayney HC)

It is superlatives all the way for the man who occupies top of the left this year but he could just as easily figure in the half forward line. Castleblayney's top scorer in the championship, registering 0-10 in the County final and for his performances at County level was a nominee for a Rackard Cup All star and very unlucky to lose out in the final selection.



**PAUL MURPHY**  
Castleblayney HC



**EOIN LEONARD**  
Castleblayney HC



**JIM McHUGH**  
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**DEAGLAN CROWE**  
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**JAMIE GUINAN**  
Carrickmacross HC



**EAMON COLLINS**  
Carrickmacross HC



**MARTIN MURPHY**  
Inniskeen



**MARK TREANOR**  
Castleblayney HC



**PETER TREANOR**  
Castleblayney HC



**PADRAIG McGAHAN**  
Inniskeen Grattans



**BRIAN McGUIGAN**  
Castleblayney HC



**COLIN MERRICK**  
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