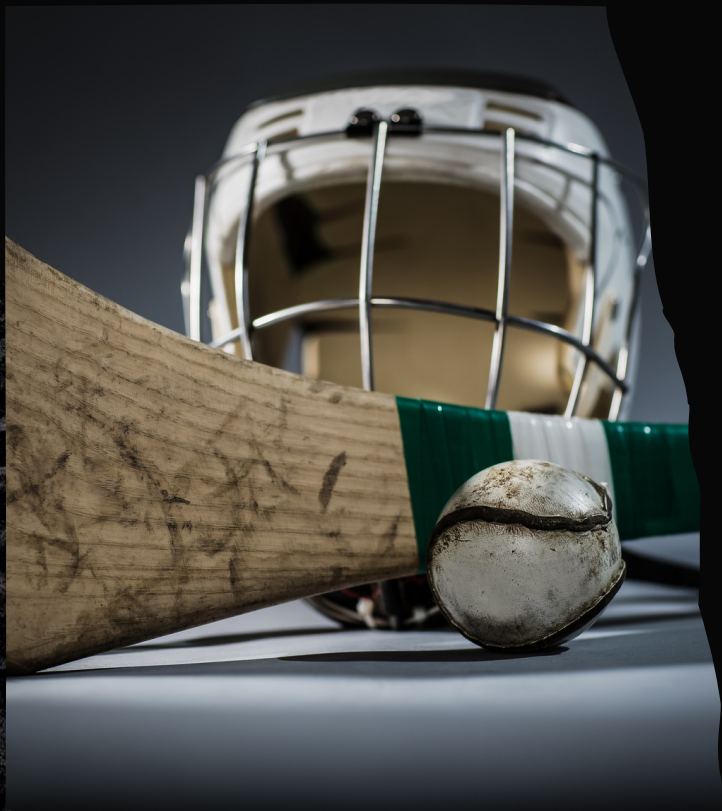


LEGENDS OF BALLYMARTLE GAA



KELLEHERS
KILLER ALL-STARS

V

DORNEYS
THIRSTY SCHOLARS

Referee – Pa 'SPUDS' O'Donoghue

Commentary – John 'JUNIOR' Hurley

Super Sub – Pat 'Hammy' O'Donovan

Televised on the Sunday Game in
Allens Bar at 10pm

📡 Sunday July 16th 4.30pm

RiverstickFestival



Shane's Killer All-Stars

1. EUSTACE BURKE
2. DANIEL COLEMAN
3. DAVID COLEMAN
4. BRIAN HIGGINS
5. JP DEASY
6. SHANE FEHILY
7. NOEL SHEEHAN
8. KEN HEALY
9. CATHAL O'CONNELL
10. KIERAN LORDAN
11. JAMES 'MANNIX' O'MAHONY
12. ANTHONY MCCARTHY
13. GER MCNEILUS
14. PAUL MADDEN
15. CHRIS WHITE



Patricks Thirsty Scholars

1. EOIN CORRY
 2. PA DWYER
 3. GAVIN CRONIN
 4. GER CUMMINS
 5. NOEL DEASY
 6. DECLAN MCCARTHY
 7. GAVIN HALLISSEY
 8. JAMES HEALY
 9. ADRIAN LOONEY
 10. BRIAN MCCARTHY
 11. DON LORDAN
 12. COLM SHEEHAN
 13. LIAM MCSWEENEY
 14. LEONARD CRONIN
 15. JONATHON MURPHY
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In their pursuit of glory, Shane Kelleher and Patrick Dorney are leaving no stone unturned when it comes to today's battle of the legends. We caught up with both managers for insights into preparation and team expectations in the run up to today's game.



Name: Shane Kelleher

Team Manager: Shane's Killer All-Stars

Roll of Honour: Questionable

1. This is the first test on the road this year, what's the comfort level like?

Mixed. As you will see, a few have put on a fair bit of condition from their prime. But we have high hopes for Kieran and Cathal, who are actually trimmer than their playing days. Doesn't say much about their training regime back in the day, but hopefully they can finally reach their full potential.

2. What are you looking for from your team in the first 5-6 minutes?

Staying alive. And don't breathe out – these new jerseys leave nothing to the imagination.

3. What's the preparation been like on the run up to the game?

Most of them can't spell it. However, the closing of the Babbling has not only lined Eamon's pockets, but it has also meant extra walking for some to get to the pub. Hopefully they can transfer that fitness to the field today.

As motivation, Hammy has agreed to a 60-minute pub "Silence-athon" if he doesn't score at least 2 goals.

4. Any injury concerns?

The usual suspects have "twinges" and "tightness" but Noel our player/doctor (self-appointed), said "if it ain't falling off, you're fine". The question is probably more relevant for the opposition – we counted roughly 14 working knees between them.

5. Who or what is your biggest threat from the opposition and what are the tactics to control that threat?

From a hurling perspective, we don't see any threat to be honest. This will be a step up for most of them. A few ex-Cork stars in their ranks but that was back in the Barry's Tea days – doubt there would be colour coverage. But we all know the opposition manager is well versed in the dark arts, so we are expecting some unsavoury tactics. They also have a good few "mouthers" in their line up (Oh, I just saw Burkey and Carthy are with us). But there is a strong man in the middle, who we have the utmost faith in. If there are any shenanigans between the two 65s, we are confident he will spot it. We have also warned our more naive players not to get into a verbal argument with the likes of Looney and Deasy – there is no winning that. John Paul also said he has a plan for Don Lordan and Colm Sheehan – I think the quote was "Pair of cowards and when I am finished with them, it will be a long trip back to Lacknacumeen".

6. Final score prediction?

04-0 to 0-04 (Abandoned at 26 minutes due to medical advice)



Name: Patrick Dorney

Team Manager: Patricks Thirsty Scholars

Roll of Honour: Up for Debate

1. This is the first test on the road this year, what's the comfort level like?

Confidence is high, If they play the game like they talk it, we should get a good result.

2. What are you looking for from your team in the first 5-6 minutes?

I will be looking for signs that no one is getting a heart attack.

3. What's the preparation been like on the run up to the game?

Preparation has been good, the players have committed to an alcohol ban after 12 midnight Sat .

4. Any injury concerns?

Yes each and everyone of the team

5. Who or what is your biggest threat from the opposition and what are the tactics to control that threat?

Pat O Donovan, If he pops a hamstring he could take someone's eye out.

6. Final score prediction?

1 goal and 8 points, to 1 goal and 6 points to the scholars

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Adrian Looney
2. **Age:** 52
3. **Nickname:** Tunes
4. **Highest Grade Played:** The Legends game 2023
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Anywhere within 20 meters of Keith Coleman, he'd always have your back
6. **Titles Won:** 2 U21 championships, 1 Intermediate league, 2 Junior leagues and a lash of Junior B medals, plus won a bet for Hammy by scoring a goal in U21 football c/ship v Valley's
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Winning 2 U21 championships with great friends, we celebrated well and think I forgot to stop so it was all downhill from there
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Too many to single out anyone, so we'll look to the future and as Christy Ring said the best hurlers are to come yet!
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Don Lordan, Your strength, your Jersey's strength and your hurley's strength would be tested to the full and then the ball would come in
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Hitting the balls back in from Joe Butler's field as a kid at adult training and Ballymartle wining the U21 championship v Ballinhassig
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Finbarr Cummins, Kieran Lordan & Pa Spuds, just to listen to the 3 of them argue all evening, although it would be great to sit down again with Timmy "Ring" Murphy RIP & Fergal Murphy RIP, taken too soon
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
My son Sam

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Daniel Coleman
2. **Age:** 40
3. **Nickname:** Rodney
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Senior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Left corner back/full back
6. **Titles Won:** PI County, Munster and All-Ireland
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Beating Tracton in the 2010 County Final
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** John O'Mahony (Sausage)
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** John Kelly, he kept pulling his hamstrings
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Hunting sheep off the old pitch for underage training
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Sean Kelleher, Bob Regan and Ollie Webb
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Brian Tobin for his love of Rugby

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** James Healy
2. **Age:** 27
3. **Nickname:** Healy
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Junior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Wing-forward
6. **Titles Won:** U14 Cork Feile, numerous South East with both underage and Junior
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Winning the 2019 Junior B South East Final under the management of Pa Spuds
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Darren McCarthy
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Brian Geary, always likely to get a few belts off him when you have the ball
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Playing indoor hurling with Sliabh Rua in the community hall
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Brian Geary, Paul Geary and Mushy O'Connell
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** My girlfriend or else I'd be single

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Declan McCarthy
2. **Age:** 40
3. **Nickname:** Deccie Mac
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Senior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Goalie
6. **Titles Won:** All Ireland Intermediate Club, Munster Intermediate Club, Cork PIHC, Cork IHC, Munster Minor Hurling, 3 All Ireland IHC, 4 Munster IHC
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** 10/10/2010, the neighbors....
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** John "Sausage" O'Mahony
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** *I never had to mark people but..... Dan Dwyer, very loud!*
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Belgooly NS with the great Master Kelly
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** The current Junior A management team
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
Dan Mc, he'd LOVE it!!!

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Colm Sheehan
2. **Age:** 33 +VAT
3. **Nickname:** The quiet fellow!
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Senior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Mid-field
6. **Titles Won:** All-ireland football and hurling, other than that too many to list!
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Winning my first Junior B medal at 15 years of age
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Hammy and Eamon Kelleher
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Seamus Corry as he was always afraid to pull on the ball against me
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Going to underage matches with the Lackenacumeen boys in Donie Lordan's car
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Mad Dog as I know he wouldn't eat much, Daniel Edmonds as I know he wouldn't drink much, and Brian Corry as I know he wouldn't talk much!
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Dan McCarthy as I know he has the same love for Rugby as me!

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Patrick Dwyer
2. **Age:** 43
3. **Nickname:** PIT
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Cork intermediates
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Wing back
6. **Titles Won:** Intermediate County 2006, PI League 2007, 2009, 2010, PI County 2010, Intermediate Munster 2010, Intermediate All-Ireland 2011, Jun A South East 2022
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Captaining Ballymartle to All-Ireland title in Croke Park
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Ruairi Dwyer
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Don Lordan. After marking Don I usually ended up with either a broken hurley, a ripped jersey, sore ribs, torn shorts/jocks, a broken finger or sometimes all of the above!
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Pucking around at home with my father Dan
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Anthony McCarthy, Noel Sheehan and Danny Coleman as we dont see enough of each other , only about 4 nights a week at Intermediate training ...
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** My beautiful wife Julie as she says I spend more time with Anthony, Noel and Danny than with her!

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Cathal O'Connell
2. **Age:** 46
3. **Nickname:** Chaz
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Full back
6. **Titles Won:** All-Ireland Inter Firm, Jun A and Jun B titles
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Declan Lordans Sciath na Scoil exploits!
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Brendan Coleman
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Finbarr Cummins
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Cork winning 84 All-Ireland
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Shane Kelleher, Michael Tupper and Declan Lordan
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Fiona O'Connell

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Noel Deasy
2. **Age:** 53
3. **Nickname:** Leon (Noel backwards)
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Junior A
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Mid-field
6. **Titles Won:** Junior B League
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Beating Valley Rovers in 2006 Junior A hurling replay in Minane
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Darren McCarthy
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Don Lordan, filthy and tough.
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** 1977 All-Ireland Cork V Waterford
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Tom Allen, Pat O'Donovan and Liam Corry
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Cormac Deasy

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Eustace Burke
2. **Age:** 41
3. **Nickname:** Burkie/General
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Wing back
6. **Titles Won:** B's with the legendry team, Intermediate County
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Everytime we beat Tracton or Carrigaline
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Pa Dwyer
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Edmonds, because you have to listen to him talking shi*e
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Colm Sheehan doing his Zorro impression with a 37 hurley
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Shane Fehily to hear how he peaked ay U10, Finbarr Cummins, I carried him for enough years, I want an explanation!! Mushy he could do with a night off from feeding cattle
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** I'd sell the tickets and buy more cattle

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Kieran Lordan
2. **Age:** 49
3. **Nickname:** None that I know of!
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Center back on Junior B team, Center forwards don't move much at that level!!
6. **Titles Won:** Amnesia has set in but Cork Intermediate hurling county is the highest level of success I played in
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Winning Intermediate County in 2006 plus a few of the Junior B titles on Spuds Killer B's team - some craic afterwards!!
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** John 'Sausage' O'Mahony
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** John 'The Humane Killer' O'Mahony - no explanation needed!
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** 1984 Munster Final when Cork came back in the last minutes to beat Tipp. It was my first trip to Thurles.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Hammy 'Half-Baked Truth' O'Donovan, Patrick 'Anything But the Truth' Dorney and Shane 'Stir the pot with lies' Kelleher
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Playing this safe - my wife Joanne -but if that fails, i'm open to offers!!

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Ger Cummins
2. **Age:** Well I played Junior B in 1985 so do the maths ...
3. **Nickname:** Not that I know of..
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Senior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Center-forward (thanks to Con Roche)
6. **Titles Won:** Won a few along the way but the friendships forged far and wide was as good as any titles won.
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** 2006 was great to eventually win a county, but those moments after big championship wins were always special
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** John O'Mahony, played alongside John for many years, he was incredible in full flow
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Keith or Danny Coleman or Don Lordan ... (experts at the dark art of defending)
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Travelling the high ways and by ways every Sunday with Teddy Cummins going to a match, and in particular the 1975 County Semi-final Ballymartle 2:12 V Ballyhea 1:09
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** John Hurley, Pa Spuds & Anthony Mac (3 of the most successful managers/coaches our club has had .. plus Anthony will pick up the bill for the dinner!
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
The City of Love, it would have to be Linda Cummins

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Eoin Corry
2. **Age:** 36
3. **Nickname:** none
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Half-back
6. **Titles Won:** Not worth mentioning!
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** County Final 2006
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Ger Cummins
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Brian Coleman, ball always seemed to be stuck to his hand
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Gabby Coleman dropping the first hurleys to the Corry household.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Any 3 of the lackenacumeen lads.
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
My darling wife

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** James O'Mahony
2. **Age:** 45
3. **Nickname:** Mannix
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Physio bench
6. **Titles Won:** Have no idea..
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** The Spuds 6-in-a-row
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Brendan Coleman
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Don Lordan, pure filth. He still hasn't replaced my Andre Agassi Nike top and shorts.
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Ballymartle beating St.Catherines 2 years in a row.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Don, Anto and Pit, there would be nothing left to eat.
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Dan Mac, we love the rugby.

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Don Lordan
2. **Age:** 40++
3. **Nickname:** None
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Started playing Jun B 30++ years ago and will retire soon
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Anywhere inside the white line
6. **Titles Won:** Not too many
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Winning U-21 a few years back!
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Brendan Coleman
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Cormac Deasy, as he used to get a kick out of seeing if I had any blood left in me.
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Going to U12 games with my father and wondering would I ever be old enough to play with them.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Patrick Dorney, Tommy Murphy and John O'Mahony
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
The highest bidder!

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Noel Sheehan
2. **Age:** 30 plus VAT
3. **Nickname:** none
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Senior
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Wing back
6. **Titles Won:** Cork Munster Minor, U21 & Intermediate All Ireland U21. Intermediate A County, PI County, Munster & All-Ireland. 4 Intermediate Leagues.
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** County Final 2010
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** All the present group that have committed 100% this year, Great attitude.
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Ruairi Dwyer, He could take it and give it, never held back.
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Getting the head pucked off me by Colm with a hurley in the back garden.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Noel Deasy, Kieran Lordan and Finbarr Cummins, I wouldnt have to say a word for the night.
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** After a long think I suppose Amie maybe

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** David Coleman
2. **Age:** 47
3. **Nickname:** None that I know of!
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Junior A
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** _Corner forward
6. **Titles Won:** Junior B hurling championship and league, Junior A football league
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Beating Tracton 6-6 to 6pts in a Junior B championship match
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Brendan Coleman
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Colm Sheehan, he never stopped running..
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Wandering around pitches at games my father was playing in
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** The Mighty Man, Humane Killer and Spuds.
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Herself

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Ger McNelis
2. **Age:** 21 plus a fair bit of VAT
3. **Nickname:** Gelby
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Only ever played 2 games in my life ... both for Ashbourne U-14 in the ultra competitive South Meath Division 3 hurling league
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Sub
6. **Titles Won:** Nothing in hurling, loads in football and rugby including county and Leinster titles
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** This will be the first time I have ever worn a Ballymartle jersey ... feck I really hope it fits.
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Huge respect for all the current and former players involved in training and developing the next generation of boys and girls. The winter training nights have been a huge success.
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Going to say Kieran Lordan.. enjoying a few quiet pints in Allens last week, before I knew it , I'm signed up for this match. He defo lined me up from a distance.
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Being subbed in a game that I wasnt even playing in ... long story.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** The fella who gets me a jersey that fits, the fella that can lend me a helmet, and maybe my marker from Sunday ... last person TBC though
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** Finally an easy question, my wife Katie.

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Brian Higgins
2. **Age:** 39
3. **Nickname:** Higgins, Higgy, Higgs
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Premier Intermediate
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** 7
6. **Titles Won:** dont know
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** 2008 South East
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Everyone who took to the field in the 201/11 winter hurling training, it was well below freezing most nights.
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Colm Sheehan, last man in Ireland to weild a 37 hurley, dangerous!
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** The abundance of sliothars you find in the old pitch after training or a match ... jackpot if you got a 'sheedy'
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** AN Other
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
Fiona

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Chris White
2. **Age:** 21 plus VAT
3. **Nickname:** Chris Blak (is bak)
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Junior A Hurling in Cork and Kildare
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Mid-field/Center forward
6. **Titles Won:** Fan of the Millennium (first place)
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** Man of the match V Valleys in a Junior B Football South East Championship. I didnt miss a free that day. Chris Murphy called me 'Chris the Gooch White' afterwards in Allens.
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Declan McCarthy, a perfectionist and obsessed with hurling.
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Kieran Ryan, too stringy, too quick, and his bloody boot laces were always untied!
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Cork doing the double in 1990, met some of the stars in Turners Cross.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Gavin Hallissey, Shane Fehily and Colm Sheehan, all on the vino of course.
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?** I'd have to bring the legend Seanie O'Connell to Paris to watch the rugby #COYBIG

Sidebar - My favourite moment would have to be when Bally won the Premier Intermediate defeating Dicksboro in Croker in 2011 with the last puc of the match going top corner, hit by the ledge Darren McCarthy AKA Caesar IV ... and not forgetting the epic celebrations afterwards.

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Paul Madden
2. **Age:** 39 and feeling fine
3. **Nickname:** Naughton
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Got the last minute call-up (nothing to do with numbers!!)
SHL V The Glen
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Corner Forward
6. **Titles Won:** 5 Junior B hurling medals
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** 2010 when we won all around us!!
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Ger Cummins
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Mad Gog (AKA Dec Dwyer) because he was such a sticky corner back, he was just impossible to get away from
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Liam McCarthy cup coming to Scoil Chriost Ri in 1990.
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** John 'Junior' Hurley to cook, Eamon Kelleher to provide the drink, Declan McCarthy to pay the bill
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
Ken Healy in the van and he would buy the 99's

PLAYER PROFILE



1. **Name:** Liam McSweeney
2. **Age:** 51
3. **Nickname:** Spider
4. **Highest Grade Played:** Junior A Football
5. **Favourite Position (On the Field):** Corner Forward
6. **Titles Won:** Junior B City Championship 1993 with Ballyphehane
7. **Best sporting moment with Ballymartle as a player:** never played with Ballymartle
8. **Most admired Ballymartle hurler:** Rory Dwyer
9. **Worst person to mark at training and why:** Paul Long
10. **Earliest hurling memory growing up:** Seanie Leary goal v Tipp Munster Hurling Final 1984
11. **What 3 Ballymartle players would you bring to dinner:** Pass
12. **Who would you bring with you to Paris if you won the astro fundraising draw?**
My wife Ciara

THE LAST WORD



... goes to Ballymartle GAA's renowned 6-in-a-row legend, Patrick 'Spuds' O'Donoghue.

A turn of events for you today Patrick, being chosen to referee this very important game, how do you feel about being inside the white line?

Nothing new for me. I have spent my life telling so called “managers” the right way to do things. Only difference now, is they will have to listen to me. They talk a good talk but let’s see what they produce today. The first team “Co-management” set up is here today (None of them would man up to take the Manager role I understand, that’s what Paul told me anyways). It may be a rude awakening for some of the current younger players to see their mentors on their knees trying to execute a roll lift.

What style of refereeing will you be implementing?

Sedate. With Eustace on one side and Colm on the other, I’m fairly sure any fouls will be relayed back to me in a calm and professional manner (Not).

In the event of a melee, have you reinforcements on standby?

Can’t see them having the fitness levels for a melee. A sit-down argument with sandwiches may break out, and I’d be happy to join that. If a melee does occur, our sponsors have kindly offered to bring the fleet down to clear the field afterwards.

Huge rivalry between these 2 teams, who will come out on top?

Whoever has the biggest envelope.