

Football ► SENIOR RELEGATION SEMI-FINAL

# Ballyvaughan are now on the brink

**Shannon Gaels 1-7  
Ballyvaughan 0-6**  
*At Hennessy Park, Miltown*

Jerome Hogan

SHANNON Gaels are safe in the senior ranks for another year, but Ballyvaughan are on the brink of a fast return to the intermediate ranks after this one-sided replay that started at high noon in Miltown on Sunday.

A virtuoso performance from the Gaels' corner forward David Neylon - he bagged 1-5 out of his side's 1-6 total was the difference between the two sides. The goal came in the first half as the Gaels built up a comprehensive 1-5 to 0-2 interval lead.

They played with the wind in this period, restricting Ballyvaughan to breakaway points from Jason McDonagh and John Martyn. Matters improved for the north Clare outfit on the turnover when the restricted the Gaels to two points over the 30 minutes, but still couldn't reel them in, coming up four points short in a brave comeback bid.

It now means that two years after their historic county intermediate final success over Michael Cusack's, Ballyvaughan must beat St Joseph's in the relegation decider to retain



their senior status. St Joseph's were winners in the most recent game between the sides - the Division 3 semi-final replay.

**Shannon Gaels** Keith Ryan, Brian Birmingham, Tomás Madigan, Eugene Flanagan, John Birmingham (0-1), John Neylon, Tomás Cleary, Noel Kennedy, Francis Cleary, Brian Cunningham, Michael O'Donoghue, Michael Coughlan, Shane Tubridy, John Paul O'Neill, David Neylon (1-5, 4f). **Subs** Brian O'Shea (0-1) for Tubridy, Eugene O'Neill for Cunningham, Mike O'Shea for Coughlan.

**Ballyvaughan** David McNamara, Nark Walsh, Philip Monks, Damien Martin, Mark O'Loughlin, Kieran Casey, Killian Mahon, Raymond Casey, James Hynes, Phelim Coyne, Stavia Hynes, John McCormack, Cian Walsh, Jason McDonagh (0-5, 2 f), John Martyn (0-1). **Subs** Jack Quastly for Cian Walsh, Seán Moran for John McCormack.

**Man of the Match**  
David Neylon (Shannon Gaels)

**Match Official** Michael Talty (Kilmurry Ib)

Above: Michael Coughlan of Shannon Gaels.

## Gaa fixtures

### Hurling

**Senior Championship Semi-Final**  
Newmarket-on-Fergus v Clonlara @ Cusack Park, Sunday 3.30pm

**Senior Championship Quarter-Final Replay**  
Broadford v Cratloe @ Cusack Park, Saturday 4.30pm

**Senior B Championship Semi-Final**  
Ballyva v O'Callaghan's Mills @ Shannon, Sunday (Time to be confirmed)

**Senior B Championship Quarter-Final**  
Stamilebridge v Corofin @ Tulla, Sunday 1.30pm

**Senior Relegation Play-Off**  
Scariff v Smith O'Brien's @ Tulla, Sunday 12 noon

**Intermediate Relegation Play-Off Replay**  
Moolick v Parteen @ Sixmilebridge, Saturday 2pm

**Junior A Championship Final**  
Corofin v Inagh/Kinamona @ Claracastle, Saturday 2pm

**Junior A Relegation Play-Off Replay**  
St Joseph's Doora/Barefield v Crusheen @ Tubbar, Saturday 2pm

### Football

**Senior Relegation Play-Off Final**  
St Joseph's Doora/Barefield v Ballyvaughan @ Ennistymon, Sunday 12 noon

**Junior B Championship Quarter-Final Replay**  
St Joseph's Doora/Barefield v Clondagad @ Éire Óg, Sunday (Time to be confirmed)