



FAI JUNIOR CUP FINAL 2026



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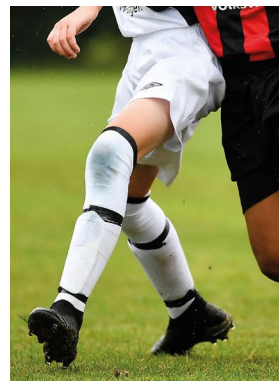
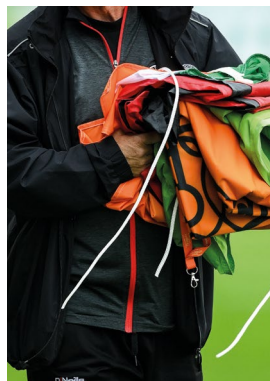
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WELCOME

A very warm welcome to everyone gathered here today for what promises to be a truly special occasion – the 2026 FAI Junior Cup Final. It is a genuine pleasure to see such anticipation and support for one of the most prestigious competitions in Irish amateur football.

Today, we celebrate not only a national final but also a fantastic showcase of football, as Coachford AFC and Evergreen FC, go head-to-head for this coveted trophy. Reaching this stage is a testament to the immense hard work, dedication, skill, and resilience demonstrated by both clubs throughout a demanding cup campaign. Each team has navigated tough opposition and challenging matches to earn their place here, and they deserve huge credit for their achievements.

The FAI Junior Cup holds a unique and cherished place within our football landscape. It represents the pinnacle for clubs operating at this vital level of the game – a level that bridges grassroots participation and acts as a crucial development ground for players, coaches, and administrators. Both Coachford and Evergreen have proud histories and are deeply embedded within their communities, fostering talent and providing invaluable opportunities for people to engage with our sport.

On behalf of the FAI, I want to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who makes days like today possible: the volunteers at both clubs whose tireless efforts underpin everything they do; the match officials who play such a crucial role; the organising committee and venue staff for their preparation; and of course, you, the supporters, whose passion fuels the players on the pitch. We anticipate a competitive and compelling final, showcasing the quality and commitment that define Junior football in Ireland.

I wish both Coachford and Evergreen, their players, management teams, and supporters, the very best of luck this afternoon.

Enjoy the occasion!

Paul Cooke

President

Football Association of Ireland





COACHFORD AFC



Picture Back Row L to R

Luke Casey, Billy Casey,
Craig Naughton, Diarmuid
McCarthy, Adam Murphy,
Keith Linzell, Mark O'Connell,
Cialan O'Sullivan, Jamie
Griffin, Matthew Bradley,
Cathal O'Neill, Ardghal
O'Buachalla, Gavin
O'Sullivan

Front Row Left to Right

Cathal Sheehan, Paul
Mullins, David Thompson,
Dara Lynch, Sean O'Sullivan,
Jack O'Sullivan, Filip Rzymek,
Stephen Murray, Neil
Moynihan, Eric Murphy, Ryan
Leahy, Sam Murphy, Emmet
Ahern

PATH TO FINAL

Round 1

Mayfield United **0-6** **Coachford AFC**

Round 2

Glasheen FC **0-2** **Coachford AFC**

Round 3

Doolan's Cow FC **3-3** **Coachford AFC**

Round 4

Avenue United **0-5** **Coachford AFC**

Round 5

Coachford AFC **2-1** Mungret Regional

Round 6

Ballyheane FC **3-4** **Coachford AFC**

Quarter-Final

Cockhill Celtic **1-2** **Coachford AFC**

Semi-Final

Trim Celtic AFC **1-1** **Coachford AFC**

PEN 1-4

COACHFORD AFC

SQUAD

NAME	POSITION
Stephen Murray	Goalkeeper
Peter O'Riordan	Goalkeeper
Cathal Sheehan	Goalkeeper
Dara Lynch	Defender
Ryan Leahy	Defender
Keith Linzell	Defender
Paul Mullins	Defender
Mark Murphy	Defender
Matthew Bradley	Defender
Neil Moynihan	Defender
Filip Rzymek	Defender
Billy Casey	Defender
Craig Naughton	Defender
Emmet Ahern	Defender
Jack O'Sullivan	Midfielder
Adam Murphy	Midfielder
Gavin O'Sullivan	Midfielder
Sean O'Sullivan	Midfielder
Mark O'Connell	Midfielder
Cialan O'Sullivan	Midfielder
Ciaran O'Connell	Midfielder
Ardghal O'Buachalla	Midfielder
Diarmuid McCarthy	Midfielder
Eric Murphy	Midfielder
Cathal O'Neill	Forward
Luke Casey	Forward
Jamie Griffin	Forward
Sam Murphy	Forward
David Thompson	Forward

TECHNICAL STAFF

NAME	POSITION
Donal Moynihan	Head Coach
Ciaran Lucey	Coach
Gary Foulkes	Coach
Peter O'Riordan	Goalkeeper Coach
Jim Martin	Coach
Sean Delaney	Coach
Shane Martin	Kit And Equipment Manager
Colm O'Grady	Performance Analysis



EVERGREEN FC



Picture Top Row L to R

Kostiatyn Solobchuk, Jamie Byrne

Middle Row L to R

Regan Downey, David Fitzpatrick, Isaac Okorafor, Jackson Oyo, Dean Cornally, Jim Crowe, Robert Quan, Craig Wall, Jamie Owens, Andrew Wall, Ify Nzewi, Harry Cummins, Niall Dwan, Jack Canavan, Paddy Cahill, Michael Cornally

Front Row L to R

Dara Keane, Xoliswa Stafford, David Brookes, Mikey Clifford, Ben Hickey, Michael Drennan, Gary Maher, Lee Delaney, Sam Johnston, David Grincell, Killian Dolan, Ethan Phelan, Sam Hickey

PATH TO FINAL

Round 1

Evergreen FC BYE

Round 2

Evergreen FC 5-0 Arklow Town FC

Round 3

North End Utd FC 1-2 **Evergreen FC**

Round 4

Kildare Twn FC 1-4 **Evergreen FC**

Round 5

Evergreen FC 1-0 Kildrum Tigers FC

Round 6

Colga FC 0-1 **Evergreen FC**

Quarter-Final

Pike Rovers FC 0-2 **Evergreen FC**

Semi-Final

Castlebar Celtic 1-3 **Evergreen FC**

EVERGREEN FC

SQUAD

NAME	POSITION
Kostiatyn Solobchuk	Goalkeeper
Cian Rowe	Goalkeeper
Jamie Byrne	Goalkeeper
Sam Johnston	Defender
David Fitzpatrick	Defender
Sam Hickey	Defender
Andrew Wall	Defender
Jackson Oyo	Defender
Lee Delaney	Defender
David Brookes	Defender
Niall Dwan	Defender
Killian Dolan	Defender
Ify Nzewi	Midfielder
Michael Drennan	Midfielder
Michael Clifford	Midfielder
Ben Hickey	Midfielder
Regan Downey	Midfielder
Harry Cummins	Midfielder
Dean Cornally	Midfielder
Dara Keane	Forward
Diarmuid Behan	Forward
Ethan Phelan	Forward
Xoliswa Stafford	Forward
David Grincell	Forward
Isaac Okorafor	Forward

TECHNICAL STAFF

NAME	POSITION
Gary Maher	Head Coach
Craig Wall	Coach
Jamie Owens	Coach
Robert Quan	Coach
Jim Crowe	Coach
David Grincell	Coach
Rory Whyte	Physio

FAI JUNIOR CHALLENGE CUP ROLE OF HONOUR

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP
1923-24	Brideville	Cobh Ramblers
1924-25	St. Mary's United	Sligo Celtic
1925-26	Bunswick	St. Vincent's
1926-27	Richmond United	Bohemians 'C'
1927-28	Richmond United	Cahir Unknowns
1928-29	Sligo Rovers	Grangegorman M.H.
1929-30	Rossville	Bohemians 'C'
1930-31	Distillery	Southern Rovers
1931-32	Clontarf Corinthians	Southern Rovers
1932-33	Queen's Park	Amiens Celtic
1933-34	B. & I.	Cobh Wanderers
1934-35	Athlone	Evergreen United
1935-36	Evergreen United	Shelbourne
1936-37	Amiens Celtic	St. Patrick's (Dundalk)
1937-38	Athlone	Bendigo United
1938-39	Drumcondra Juniors	Killybegs
1939-40	Drumcondra Juniors	Drogheda United
1940-41	St. Patrick's Athletic	Galway Hibernians
1941-42	Distillery 'B'	Drogheda United
1942-43	No competitions	
1943-44	Coastal Defence (Cork)	Drogheda United
1944-45	Rockville (Cork)	Wembley Rovers (Limerick)
1945-46	St. Patrick's C.Y.M.S.	Rathfarnham
1946-47	Hibernians (Waterford)	Iona C.Y.M.S. (Dublin)
1947-48	St. Paul's	Pike Rovers (Limerick)
1948-49	Rathfarnham	Caledonians (Limerick)
1949-50	Griffith Rangers	Irish Raleigh
1950-51	Bray Wanderers	Drogheda United
1951-52	Rathfarnham	Bohemians (Waterford)
1952-53	Evergreen (Waterford)	Swilly Rovers
1953-54	Bray Wanderers	Ierne
1954-55	Home Farm	Belgrove
1955-56	Grange United	Bohemians (Waterford)

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP
1956-57	Belgrove	Virginians
1957-58	Virginians	Swilly Rovers
1958-59	St. Saviour's	Glenmore Celtic
1959-60	Pearse Rangers	Hibernians (Waterford)
1960-61	Valley United	Hibernians (Waterford)
1961-62	Swilly Rovers	Castlevew (Cork)
1962-63	T.E.K. United	Blackrock (Cork)
1963-64	East Wall United	Swilly Rovers
1964-65	Fairview Rangers (Limerick)	Douglas (Cork)
1965-66	East Wall United	Everton (Cork)
1966-67	Swilly Rovers	Orchard United (Dublin)
1967-68	Finn Harps	Telephones United (Dublin)
1968-69	St. Francis	Talbot United
1969-70	Caledonians (Limerick)	Tolka Rovers
1970-71	Hoganville (Dublin)	Caledonians (Limerick)
1971-72	Talbot United	St. Mary's United
1972-73	Tolka Rovers	St. Patrick's C.Y.M.S.
1973-74	St. Michael's (Tipperary)	Tolka Rovers
1974-75	Dunleary Celtic	Arbour United
1975-76	Whitehall Rangers	Ballynanty Rovers
1976-77	Dunleary Celtic	Dingle United
1977-78	Inchicore Athletic	Cherry Orchard
1978-79	St. Patrick's C.Y.M.S.	East Wall United
1979-80	East Wall United	Arbour United
1980-81	St. Teresa's	Belgrove
1981-82	Cherry Orchard	Diamond Celtic
1982-83	St. Francis	Ballynanty Rovers
1983-84	Beggsboro	Evergreen (Kilkenny)
1984-85	Cherry Orchard	St. Kevin's Boys
1985-86	Cherry Orchard	Usher Celtic
1986-87	Cherry Orchard	Temple United (Cork)
1987-88	Usher Celtic	Beggsboro
1988-89	Tolka Rovers	Waterford Bohemians
1989-90	Cherry Orchard	Avenue United (Clare)
1990-91	Cherry Orchard	Donaghmede Celtic
1991-92	Neilstown Rangers	Rosemount
1992-93	Kinvara Boys	St. Kevin's Boys
1993-94	Clonmel Town	New Ross Celtic

YEAR	WINNER	RUNNER UP
1994-95	Cherry Orchard	Kilmore United
1995-96	Bohemians(waterford)	Mungret Regional
1996-97	Fairview Rangers	Portmarnock FC
1997-98	Fairview Rangers	Waterford Crystal
1998-99	Fairview Rangers	Ballymun United
99-2000	Portmarnock FC	St Michaels FC
2000-01	Ballymun United	St Kevins Boys
2001-02	Fairview Rangers	St Michaels FC
2002-03	Fairview Rangers	Portmarnock FC
2003-04	Fairview Rangers	Carrick United
2004-05	Westport United	Waterford Crystal
2006-07	Killester United	St John Bosco
2008-09	Carrick United	Killester United
2009-10	Fairview Rangers	St Michaels FC
2010-11	Pike Rovers	St Michaels FC
2011-12	Sheriff YC	Kilbarrack United
2012-13	Sheriff YC	Kilbarrack United
2013-14	St Michaels FC	Ballynanty Rovers
2014-15	Liffey Wanderers	Sheriff YC
2015-16	Sheriff YC	Pike Rovers
2016-17	Sheriff YC	Evergreen FC
2017-18	North End United	Pike Rovers
2018-19	St Michaels FC	Sheriff YC
2019-20	Fairview Rangers	Usher Celtic
2021-22	Villa FC	Pike Rovers
2022-23	Newmarket Celtic FC	St Michaels FC
2024-25	Cockhill Celtic FC	Gorey Rangers FC
2025-26	Fairview Rangers FC (pictured)	North End United FC



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