



# CONNACHT

## GAA

M. Donnelley GAA Wheelchair Hurling  
Inter-Provincial League 2023

Round 4



Boyle Sports Complex, Co. Roscommon

Saturday 9th September 2023

**M. Donnelly GAA**  
**Wheelchair Hurling**  
**Inter-Provincial Tournament**



## CLAR AN LAE

					Time		
Set Up					09.30	10.00	
Morning Tea					10.00	10.40	
Welcome					10.40	10.45	
Amhrán na Bhfiann					10.45	10.47	
	Round 1	Connacht	V	Munster	10.50	11.10	
	Round 2	Leinster	V	Ulster	11.15	11.35	
	Round 3	Leinster	V	Connacht	11.45	12.05	
	Round 4	Munster	V	Ulster	12.10	12.30	
	Round 5	Munster	V	Leinster	12.40	13.00	
	Round 6	Connacht	V	Ulster	13.05	13.25	
	Break	Down			13.30	14.00	
Referee	James Judge						

### Table (after Round Three)

Table	P	W	D	L	GF	PF	GA	PA	Total (F)	Total (A)	Diff	Total
Ulster	9	6	1	2	20	0	9	1	60	28	32	35
Munster	9	6	0	3	32	3	9	1	99	28	71	33
Leinster	9	4	1	4	10	3	23	3	33	72	-39	27
Connacht	9	1	0	8	6	2	27	2	20	83	-63	13



#### Match Referee:

The ever popular James Judge is from the Tooreen Hurling Club in Co. Mayo. He has been an Intercountry Referee for the past 12 seasons having officiated at all grades including Allianz Hurling Leagues and Club Championships.

### Leading Goal Scorers

Name	Goals	Team
Maurice Noonan	12	Munster
Ciaran Bradley	10	Ulster
Cian Horgan	9	Munster
Sultan Kakar	6	Munster
James McCarthy	5	Munster
Alex Hennebry	4	Leinster





## Teachtaireacht Ó Uachtarán Comhairle Chonnacht.

Fearaim fáilte go dtí Ros Comain don comórtas tabhachtach seo agus tá súil agam go mba-infidh sibh go léir taitneamh as imeachtaí an lae.

On behalf of Connacht GAA I extend a warm welcome to you all to the Boyle Sports Complex for this joyful celebration of sporting participation. This is the second occasion for an Interprovincial Wheelchair hurling event to take place in Co. Roscommon and I hope it showcases it's skill and excitement to a new audience. I commend everyone responsible for bringing this event about - it is truly reflective of the concept of "Games for all". In particular I applaud the participants from every corner of the country. You have all overcome adversity, pursued your love of the game of hurling and have the honour of representing your province here today. You will partake competitively, striving to give of your best but always mindful that your very participation represents significant success in itself. I hope you all enjoy the occasion.

I want to commend the organisers, the coaches, the stewards, the helpers, the media and everyone who has helped bring this event about. It has been new territory for the local organising committee and they have certainly risen to the challenge. I also want to acknowledge the work of the Connacht Health & Wellbeing and Games for All Committee under the chairmanship of Mattie Kilroy for overseeing the planning of this venture and in particular the input of Barry Lowe, Pat Carty, Tim Hynes & Denis O' Boyle for ensuring that every detail was attended to. A special word of thanks to Martin Donnelly for his sponsorship of this event.

This is a truly noble and worthwhile undertaking and I salute the selfless dedication of everyone involved. I am looking forward to the day's activities.

Rath Dé ar an ó air

Seán Ó Murchú  
Uachtarán Comhairle Chonnacht.



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## Connacht

14- Niall Dempsey(Athenry- Galway), 13- Shane Curran(Moycullen- Galway),  
 12- Pat Carty(Tourlestrane- Sligo), 11- Aidan Hynes(Calry St Josephs- Sligo),  
 10-Liam O'Boyle (Knockmore- Mayo), 9- Stephen Melvin(Owenmore Gaels- Sligo),  
 7-Padraig Keogh(Knock- Mayo), 6- Elaine O'Halloran(Strandhill- Sligo).  
 5- Tom Fleming(Charlestown- Mayo), 4- Peter Egan (Kilmovee- Mayo),  
 3- John Blake (Athenry- Galway),

Coaches- Pat Carty & Tim Hynes (Sligo).



## Ulster

Damhan Hughes	Colm Brady	Ciaran Bradley
David Doherty	Ruarai McDermott	Martin Lavery
Conor Connolly	Cathal McAtamney	Peadar Heffron
Thomas Fox	John McElhatton	Barry McElhatton
Paul Hannan		

Coaches: Shane McCann, Paul Callaghan & Geraldine McGarrigle





### Leinster

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Sean Bennett  | 2. Tom White        |
| 3. Sandy Cooper  | 4. Melanie Griffith |
| 5. Conor Dufficy | 6. Stephen Robbins  |
| 7. Alex Henerby  | 8. Ciaran Cushen    |
| 9. Niall Creagh  | 10. Caoimhe Byrne   |

Coaches: Keith Quinn & Brian Carberry



### Munster

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|----------------|---------------------|
| James McCarthy | Maurice Noonan      |
| Edel Morrissey | Ellie Sheehy        |
| Sultan Kakar   | Darren Dineen       |
| Cian Horgan    | Gary O Halloran     |
| Kieran Bennis  | Caroline O Halloran |
| Steve Casey    | Paul Kelly          |
| Cormac Downey  | Sean Hassett        |

Coaches: John Carey & Dave Fitzgerald.



## M.Donnelly Interprovincial Wheelchair Hurling League - Round 4

Boyle Sports Complex in County Roscommon plays host to the fourth round of the M.Donnelly GAA Interprovincial Wheelchair Hurling League on Saturday 9th September 2023. It will be the second time that an All-Ireland Wheelchair Hurling event will be hosted in Co. Roscommon, having previously being held in 2016 in the same venue. The Connacht GAA Health & Wellbeing and Games for All Committee under the chairmanship of Mattie Kilroy will be responsible for co-ordinating this Wheelchair Hurling Interprovincial event in Roscommon.

Connacht GAA Council are sponsors of this event which sees teams and players travelling from Ulster, Munster and Leinster as well as Connacht, competing in this National Competition.

The Interprovincial Wheelchair Hurling League and Championships were formed in 2014 and provide a competitive sporting environment for wheelchair users. The competition has gone from strength to strength in the past 10 seasons with the Provincial Councils providing the platform for the players to compete.

This is the fourth round of the League with the finals of the competition scheduled for Saturday 21st October in SETU, Carlow.



### International Floorball Tournament in Prague

Congratulations to Connacht Wheelchair Hurling players Shane Curran and Aiden Hynes who represented Ireland and the GAA at the International Floorball Tournament in Prague which took place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**Photograph:** Connacht GAA Wheelchair Hurling Players Shane Curran and Aiden Hynes who were selected for the Irish GAA team to play in the International Floorball Tournament held on the 9th to 12th August in Prague, Czech Republic.

(Front L to R) Aidan Hynes and Shane Curran,

(Back L to R) Denis O'Boyle, Tony Watene, GAA President, Larry McCarthy and Ger McTavish.



### What is Wheelchair Hurling?

**Answer** - Ground hurling, played by Wheelchair users.

### How old is the sport?

Wheelchair hurling was 'invented' in 1998 in a Dublin Special Needs school, by school Principal, Tim Maher.

### How many players are involved?

Teams are 6 a side, made up of: 2 Forwards, 1 Midfielder, 2 Backs and 1 Goal keeper.

### Does the game have zones?

Yes, there are three zones.

- 1) Attackers and Defenders must stay in their appropriate
- 2) Midfielders can travel in both the attacking and defensive zones.
- 3) The Goal keepers are the only players allowed in the goal keeping zones.

**For more information about Wheelchair hurling,**  
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# International Floorball Tournament



The Irish Wheelchair hurling team flew out from Dublin airport to compete in the 2023 at the International Floorball Tournament in Prague which took place from the 9th to the 12th August.

The 12-person panel was made up of wheelchair hurlers from each of the four provinces, and the team represented the GAA in the competition against Floorball teams from the Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland. The team which was sponsored MyClubShop.ie, owned by long-standing wheelchair hurling sponsor Martin Donnelly and is captained by Limerick Paralympian, James McCarthy. The squad was:

James McCarthy (Capt) (Limerick), Melanie Griffith (Vice Capt)(Carlow)

Sean Bennett (Laois), Ciaran Bradley (Down), Shane Curran (Galway), Paul Hannon (Armagh), Alex Hennebry (Waterford), Cian Horgan (Kerry), Damhan Hughes (Tyrone), Aidan Hynes (Sligo), Maurice Noonan (Limerick), Ellie Sheehy (Limerick)

Team management: Paul Callaghan (Donegal), Tom Carey (Kildare), John Carey (Clare), Shane McCann (Tyrone)

Floorball is a game being considered for addition to the list of sports in the Paralympics. It differs from wheelchair hurling in that players play on a field and use a stick, like those used in ice hockey. The invitation to play in Prague, offered a chance to some of our very best players the opportunity, to not only compete at a very high level, but to represent their families, their clubs, their counties and our Association, on the international stage.

The Irish hurlers were very much underdogs at the Para Games Floorball International event as they had to adjust to a sport that differs somewhat to wheelchair hurling. The sticks and balls used are different to their hurleys and sliotars, and, unlike in wheelchair hurling when you can contest for the ball in the air and palm it down with your hand, in Floorball you can't bring the stick above the height of the wheel. Over the 3 day tournament the team played in 5 games competing well against experienced opposition.

