



Dolphin v Rainey Old Boys

AIL DIVISION 2A



SAT 9TH OCTOBER 2021



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On behalf of everyone at Energia, I'd like to say how delighted we are to see the Energia AIL resume for the 2021/22 season.

Following the most challenging of years, the absence of sport has been a reminder of how important it is in our lives and we hope that the return of the Energia AIL will help to reignite the passion for our grassroots game in communities across the country.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the clubs, players and volunteers for their efforts to incorporate and adhere to the health and safety requirements and guidelines that have allowed for the safe return of teams and supporters. This has been a significant undertaking.

This year we celebrate 30 years of the All Ireland League and now more than ever it's important that we harness the power of #PositiveEnergy that is the core of Energia's commitment to rugby at all levels and to shine a light on the quality of our grassroots game across the 60 clubs partaking in this Energia AIL.

We are excited for everyone involved in the game of rugby to get back in their clubs, on the buses and on the pitches. After a long period on the side-lines, we're sure this will be a very special season.

Gary Ryan

Managing Director

Energia Customer Solutions

Welcome from the President of Dolphin



It is my great privilege and honour to welcome you all to Musgrave Park for the 2021/2022 season. I hope you enjoy the warm and friendly atmosphere of our Club.

This is the 119th season in the history of our Club. Such history forms an important part of the ethos of our Club. The tradition of Equality, Sportsmanship, integrity and love of the game have been ingrained in us by the generations who have gone before us in Dolphin RFC.

The future of our Club lies in our Under Age structure for both boys and girls. We are deeply indebted to all the coaches volunteers and parents who freely give of their time. The future of our great Club is in very good hands.

I am particularly delighted with the introduction of Women's/Girls rugby into our Club this season. They are welcomed with open arms and I'm quite certain they will make an enormous contribution to our Club.

We could not exist without the financial support of our sponsors. We are indebted to our Main Sponsors, Kearys Nissan and our sponsorship partners McDonalds and Readons and our all our other team sponsors, pitch and programme sponsors. I strenuously urge all members and their families to support our sponsors and put as much business as possible their way. They deserve our full support.

To all our volunteers, thank you. Without you, our Club would not exist. You make our Club the vibrant, fun filled place that it is.

To all our teams, good luck for the season. Make our Club proud by playing good running Rugby and very importantly give all referees 100% respect as without them there is no Rugby.

Donal Daly
Club President

Dolphin RFC

Rainey Old Boys RFC



We welcome Rainey Old Boys to Musgrave Park for the first time. We travelled to Hatrick Park and were defeated 27-9 in November but the return fixture was never played. They will become the 14th Ulster side that we have hosted in the AIL and the 47th in all.

The club was founded in 1928 as Magherafelt RFC, it was not until 1947 did they become known as Rainey Old Boys RFC, from the Rainey Endowed School, better known as "The Rainey".

In 2004-05 they won the Ulster Qualifying League but lost to Naas & Nenagh Ormond, both by a point in the Round Robin, the following season they made no mistake and topped the Round Robin and qualified for the AIL and defeated Youghal in the final of the All-Ireland Junior Cup.

In December 2019 they won the Ulster Senior League for the first time, they went on to defeat Blackrock College in the Division 2B Promotion Play off Final to be promoted to Division 2A.

Their Head Coach is Ian McKinley, the well-known former Leinster & Italian International. He retired having lost the sight in his left eye in a rugby accident and moved to Italy to coach but with the aid of specially made goggles he played in a 3rd Division game. He scored 28 points that day and he was back. He went on to play with Viadana, Zebra and Treviso and represented Italy 9 times. Following 6 years in Italy he returned to Ireland, to his wife Cordelia's home village of Bellaghy about 5 miles from the club grounds.

The doc/film Look Beyond which has been available on Netflix since 10/09/21 is on the life of Ian McKinley, his story of growing up in Ireland, his dream of a rugby career, the accident that changed his life and his 2nd opportunity in Italy.

One thing both clubs have in common is they both started up Women's sides this season, Dolphin are slightly ahead as the Rainey Valentines was launched on 14th September.

Dolphin are hoping to put their 9th Oct record behind them, having played AIL rugby twice on that date, lost to Bangor 20-15 away & Blackrock 21-16 at home.

Like Dolphin they had an opening day victory, they did it the hard way, 0-17 down at home to Old Crescent after 15 minutes, ended up with a 24-17 victory.

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Rugby Union Club
Australia

Rugby Union Club
Japan

Rugby League Club
Australia

Shanghai Dolphins
Rugby Union Club - China



Rugby League Club
Australia

Rugby League Club
Australia

Rugby League Club
Fiji

Rugby Union Club
Namibia (established 1980)



Rugby Union Club
Australia

Rugby Union Club
Kenya

Rugby Union Club
Australia

Rugby League Club
Netherlands



Rugby League Club
Australia

Rugby League Club
Australia

Underwater Rugby
UK

The shortest Dolphin career of a British & Irish Lion



Mick Doyle played for Ireland in a 9-6 victory over Wales on Sat 12th March 1965, the following Wednesday's Cork Examiner, had the following report.

"Dolphin dropped a bombshell in Cork yesterday when they included international wing forward Mick Doyle of Cambridge University in their selected fifteen for next Sundays' Munster Senior Cup second round tie with Highfield."

**Castleisland born Doyle was injured during last Saturday's international v Wales but Dolphin hope that he will be fully recovered by the weekend and that he will turn out for them. It would be his first match in the Dolphin colours, although the Kerryman has previously played Leinster Cup rugby with UCD and Munster Senior Cup with Garryowen, In addition to this he once played at centre for Munster v Connacht in Galway."*

The Dolphin team is as follows.

P. Berkley, D. O'Shaughnessy, J. Byrne, W. Brady, F. Harrington, G. Barry, N. Kavanagh, W. Barry, D.O'Neill, P. O'Callaghan, M.O'Leary, J. O'Sullivan, R. Lucey, J.Walsh, M. Doyle.

If Doyle is unable to play M. O'Leary will revert to the backrow with J. Rolfe playing second row.

* Just to clarify one point, he was from Currow, this small village and its environs produced three B & I Lions - Mick Doyle, Moss Keane & Mick Galwey. Also Irish Internationals, Tommy Doyle & Siobhan Fleming while J J Hanrahan played for Ireland U 20 and Emerging Ireland.

Dolphin 3 Highfield 3

Highfield led by 3-0 from a penalty goal until Derry O'Shaughnessy scored a try which at the time was worth just 3 points to level the game. Mick Doyle's 2nd (and final) game for Dolphin ended in defeat, Highfield won 6-0 and went on to lift the Munster Senior Cup that season.

Career Highlights

His rugby career started at Newbridge College and from there he went to UCD to study veterinary science.

1965 was a busy year for Doyle. He made his Ireland debut against France on 23 January 1965, scoring a try in the game. Further representative honours were obtained on 07.12.1965, while studying at Cambridge University he gained a Blue in the 1965 Varsity match against the Oxford University. (5-5 draw)

He went on to earn the distinction of never being dropped during his 20 cap international career. Doyler, as he was affectionately known, made 11 appearances on the British & Irish Lions tour in 1968 including 1 test (South Africa) and scored two tries.

Two months after returning from the B & I Lions Tour, he made his final Irish appearance, in a victory over Australia.

Doyler played 20 times for Ireland, three of those appearances were with his brother Tommy appearing as the other wing forward.

He coached Leinster to Inter provincial Championship success five times between 1979 and 1983 before coming Ireland coach during the 1984–85 season. Under Doyle's stewardship, Ireland, in 1985 won the Triple Crown and Five Nations Championship.

He was the British & Irish Lions coach for the 1986 South African Tour. He led Ireland to the inaugural 1987 Rugby World Cup, but suffered a heart attack at the opening dinner.

After retiring from coaching, Doyle became a TV panellist with RTÉ television, starting with the 1991 World Cup. He was tragically killed in a car crash in Dungannon in 2004.

Dolphin's 13th International

After his death, the clubs he played for were listed as Blackrock College, UCD, Cambridge University, Edinburgh Wanderers, Cork Constitution and Garryowen. Now as seen above, he also played for Dolphin. He was never listed as a Dolphin International, just an International who played for Dolphin during his career.

Reviewing it now, it appears that he should have been be classed as a Dolphin International. He played for Dolphin on 20th March 1965 with the replay the following week and two weeks later (10th April) he played against South Africa. So unless he transferred in the 2 weeks, he was a Dolphin player when playing South Africa and should be recognised as Dolphin's 13th International.

DOLPHIN'S MEN IN FRANCE

There are currently six former Dolphin players playing in Top 14 or Pro D2. Is this a record for an Irish Club? And a coach as well.

Sean Dougall was also playing in Pro D2 last year but his side, Valence Romans Drome were relegated at the end of last season.



They are already five games into the season, how are they doing.

The Biarritz pair of Dave O'Callaghan & James Cronin have seen victories over Bordeaux and Racing 92. James Cronin started three of their games, but Dave O'Callaghan was forced off after 31 mins in their second game.

Dave Ryan's Agen run in D2 is not going any better than last seasons winless Top 14 season as they are 0/5. Dave has started three of those games.

Probably the most surprising results have been for Darren O'Shea's Vannes. They were unlucky not to be promoted last year, but have lost their opening five games this season.

John Madigan has featured in each of Beziers opening five games, starting in three. The club currently occupy 6th place, the final play off place.

Darren Sweetnam started the first two games for Oyonnax, they are presently 5th in the table.



Coach James Coughlan has seen some mixed performances at Toulon, Home form good, away form, could do better.



Congratulations Tomás and the best of luck in your new job.

We all know that Tomás was a CBC and Dolphin scrumhalf, but here is a question. Has he started more internationals than any other Dolphin scrum half with links to both CBC & Clongowes?

No doubt you have picked up from the way the question was asked, the answer is no. John O'Meara moved from CBC to Clongowes and the Dolphin No 9 earned 22 Irish caps, all starts. Tomás has 24 appearances from 19 starts and 5 as a replacement.



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Dolphin recognises it's **VOLUNTEERS**

Our club only survives because of our dedicated volunteers. We are giving members the opportunity to acknowledge the work of these volunteers to nominate them as the Dolphin Volunteer of the Year.

We will be looking for Nominees for Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb & Mar/Apl, the Volunteer of the Year will be chosen from these four people in April 2022.

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Last year we were one of 21 clubs in the country that sold 1,000 tickets and raised €10,000 to assist in the running of the club, all online and with no club rugby being played. We are setting our sights higher this year as we have 2 months to achieve our targets.

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The link is also available on the Club Website, News Section.



ALL Opening Round Statistics

- o This is the 14th season we have met UL Bohemian's, just the 2nd time it has been the opening fixture.
- o Prior to last week, had lost last six opening round fixtures.
- o The last win was also in Limerick, a 30-13 victory over Garryowen in 2013.
- o Three of the last four opening day wins have been away from home.
- o Last home opening league game win was in 2010, however, there was a run of five consecutive away opening games after that.
- o Dolphin's recent AIL form v UL Bohemians had not been good, seven consecutive losses.
- o Having been on the same number of AIL appearances as John O'Mahony since February 2020, Dave O'Mahony finally reached 124 last Saturday. He is now 2nd behind Barry Keeshan, if he plays every game he would catch up with Keesh on the opening game in 2026-27.
No pressure Dave.
- o Brian O'Mahony became the 19th Dolphin player to score a try on his AIL debut.
- o Dolphin along with Blackrock College conceded the least number of points in the five Divisions (50 clubs) last weekend. (But we scored one more point than BC, and we were away). It appears that Dolphin & Blackrock College are the only teams not to concede a try.



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BLUE CRANE

Paarl Boys High School in South Africa ran an U15 Festival for the top 16 schools in the country between 18–21 st March 2016. From the 220 players that took part 21 were selected to represent South Africa under the name Blue Crane Invitational side, (the Blue Crane being the National Bird of South Africa.) 12/21 of the squad came from Greys College, in 2019 when this side were U18 and in their final year, they went through the year unbeaten.

The tour took place five years ago this month, visiting Dublin, Limerick and Cork. The name Blue Crane will not mean much to many Dolphin members, apart from the team that took on the highly talented visiting side. In fairness to the Dolphin side they were still in the game until the last quarter. The talk around the club that night was how many of the Blue Crane side would make it to the top. So five years on, at the age of 20, how many have already entered the professional ranks.

Andre-Hugo Venter – has played URC with the Stormers, during the summer he was a replacement against the British & Irish Lions. Came up against another Dolphin man last Saturday night, as replacement hooker against Niall Scannell (for nine minutes)

Jan-Hendrik Wessels, like Venter, played for South African Schools. He moved to Clermont for a while after leaving school, returning to South Africa and has played Currie Cup for the Bulls.

Lesley Botha & Marcell Muller both went to Mountpellier from school but due to Covid they came back early and they were both signed by Cheetahs and have played Currie Cup.



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MUNSTER SENIOR CUP

Waterpark v Tipperary
Ballincollig v UL Bohemian
Dolphin v Kerry
Skibbereen v Shannon/LIT

All games will be played on
17th October

Dolphin's first ever appearance in the Munster Senior Cup,
please give them your support.

*#nothinglikeit
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GIRLS YOUTH SECTION

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The girls' youth section is going from strength to strength and we now have 55+ girls playing with us across the age grades from U12s to U18.5. We would encourage any girls who want to join us to come along to training at 6:30pm on a Monday night. Complete beginners are more than welcome. The U18.5 league is now underway and the Dolphin girls who play as an amalgamation with Midleton and Youghal lost 34-7 to Carrick/Thurles on Saturday October 2nd. The match itself was much closer than the score suggests and the girls provided competitive opposition to a very strong Carrick/Thurles team.

The U14s played a friendly match against Clonakilty last weekend with resulted in a thrilling 40-40 finish with the Dolphin girls scoring a try in the closing minutes of the game. The U16s team will begin their season on Saturday October 9th with an away match against Cobh Pirates. After a long absence due to Covid it was great to get back to competitive games.



We hope you are enjoying the digital programme. There is a lot of time and effort going into produce this and we would ask you to show your appreciation by sponsoring a Page/Half Page advert, the monies raised will be used for the running and development of the club.

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MEMBERSHIP

We are now well into the season so we need to collect the remaining subscriptions. If you have already paid, thank you for your support, don't forget we now have five adult teams, six underage and eight minis to plan for.

Our club will only get stronger if we expand our membership base, if you were considering joining or if you can introduce new member(s) it's very easy.

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Minis



Some very good rugby played against Cork Constitution by our U 11 & 12's last Saturday. This Saturday it's the U9's & U10's turn when they take part in a Blitz with Ballincollig & Cork Constitution. Our thanks to the U 12's who are the match day ball boys for Dolphin and Rainey Old Boys AIL game.





Next Lotto Draw
10 October 2021
€3,800

Draw	Results	Jackpot	€25 Lucky Dip Winners
03.10.21	02,15,21,27	€3,700	Helen O'Neill, Billy Scannell
26.09.21	02,04,17,31	€3,600	Michael Dorgan, Luke O'Mahony
19.09.21	11,14,17,30	€3,500	Martin Lane, James Vaughan

In supporting our club Lotto you are helping raise much needed funds for the club - your generosity in this respect is, as always, most welcome and greatly appreciated.

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Musgrave Park



UPCOMING FIXTURES

Before you go to a game, please refer to Website for confirmation of venue and time.

8th October to 14th October

8th (Fri)	Junior 2	Clonakilty	J2 League	Musgrave Park	7.30 pm
9th (Sat)	Senior	Rainey Old Boys	AIL	Musgrave Park	2.30 pm
9th (Sat)	U 18.5	Cork Constitution	Munster Club Lge	Templehill	Tbc
9th (Sat)	U 16	Ballincollig	Munster Club Lge	Tanner Park	Tbc
9th (Sat)	U 14	Bantry Bay	U 14 League	Bantry	Tbc
9th (Sat)	U9 + U 10	Ballincollig	Blitz	Tanner Park	Tbc
9th (Sat)	U 11 + U 12	Dunmanway			Tbc
9th (Sat)	Girls U 16	Cobh Pirates	U 16 League	The Paddocks	tbc
11th (Mon)	Senior Seconds	Highfield	2nds League	Musgrave Park	7.30 pm
13th (Wed)	U 20.5	Highfield	D Walsh Trophy	Woodleigh Park	7.30 pm

15th October to 21st October

16th (Sat)	Senior	Queens University	AIL	Musgrave Park	2.30 pm
16th (Sat)	Girls U 18.5	Bruff	League	Kilballyowen Park	tbc
16th (Sat)	U 18.5	Ballincollig	Munster Club Lge	Dolphin/Carrigaline	Tbc
17th (Sun)	Women' Senior	Ballincollig	Senior Cup	Musgrave Park	1.00 pm

22nd October to 28th October

22nd (Fri)	Junior 2	Mallow	J2 League	Mallow	7.30 pm
23rd (Sat)	U20.5	Young Munster	D Walsh Trophy	Tom Clifford Park	2.30 pm
23rd (Sat)	U 11 & U 12	Highfield			
23rd (Sat)	U 14	Clonakilty	U 14 League	Musgrave Park	tbc
23rd (Sat)	Girls U 16	Killarney	U 16 League	Tbc	tbc
24th (Sun)	Women' Senior	Ennis	Division 2	Musgrave Park	1.00 pm

29th October to 4th November

30th (Sat)	Senior	Ballymena	AIL	Musgrave Park	2.30 pm
30th (Sat)	U 18.5	Highfield	Munster Club Lge	Carrigaline/Dolphin	tbc
30th (Sat)	Girls U 18.5	Nenagh Ormond	League	New Ormond Park	Tbc
30th (Sat)	U 16	Muskerry	Munster Club Lge	Muskerry	Tbc
1st (Mon)	Senior Seconds	Highfield	2nds League	Musgrave Park	7.30 pm
3rd (Wed)	U 20.5	UCC	D Walsh Trophy	Musgrave Park	7.30 pm

TEAM PLAYERS



Dolphin v Rainey Old Boys

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Dolphin

15. Tim Marron
14. Tim Phelan
13. Sam Boyle
12. Murray Linn
11. Rob Reardon
10. Cam O'Shaughnessy
9. Daryl Foley
1. Stewart Lynch
2. Cian Scott
3. Dave Jennings
4. Alex Denby
5. Dave O'Mahony
6. James Vaughan
7. Kevin Allen ©
8. Brian O'Mahony

REPLACEMENTS

16. Phil Dowling
19. Craig O'Herlihy
17. Dave Byrne
20. Craig O'Connell
18. Matt Barry

Rainey Old Boys

15. Martin Connolly
14. Andrew Donaghy
13. Damien McMurray
12. Conor Fitzsimons
11. Kane McIlroy
10. Scott McLean
9. Rory MacGinty
1. Deaghlán McErlain
2. Daniel O'Neill ©
3. Fintan Quinn
4. John McCusker
5. Connor Smyth
6. Michael McCusker
7. Calvin Smyth
8. Jack Bresland

REPLACEMENTS

16. Ben McCullough
19. Adam Bratton
17. Andrew Nevin
20. Andrew Brown
18. Daniel McElroy

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Referee: Padraic Reidy (ARLB)

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DIVISION 2A TABLE

POS	TEAM	PL	W	D	L	PF	PA	DIFF	TB	LB	PTS
1	▲ Queens University	1	1	0	0	40	24	16	1	0	5
2	▲ MU Barnhall	1	1	0	0	32	24	8	1	0	5
3	▲ Dolphin	1	1	0	0	20	6	14	0	0	4
4	▲ Rainey Old Boys	1	1	0	0	24	17	7	0	0	4
5	▼ Buccaneers	1	1	0	0	18	16	2	0	0	4
6	▼ Cashel RFC	1	0	0	1	16	18	-2	0	1	1
7	■ Old Crescent	1	0	0	1	17	24	-7	0	1	1
8	▼ Nenagh Ormond	1	0	0	1	24	32	-8	0	0	0
9	▲ UL Bohemian	1	0	0	1	6	20	-14	0	0	0
10	▼ Ballymena	1	0	0	1	24	40	-16	0	0	0

REMAINING FIXTURES

09/10/2021	Dolphin	v	Rainey Old Boys
16/10/2021	Queens University	v	Dolphin
30/10/2021	Dolphin	v	Ballymena
06/10/2021	Old Crescent	v	Dolphin
20/11/2021	Dolphin	v	Buccaneers
27/11/2021	Dolphin	v	M U Barnhall
04/12/2021	Cashel	v	Dolphin
11/12/2021	Dolphin	v	Nenagh Ormond
15/01/2021	Nenagh Ormond	v	Dolphin
22/01/2022	Dolphin	v	Cashel
29/01/2022	M U Barnhall	v	Dolphin
19/02/2022	Buccaneers	v	Dolphin
26/02/2022	Dolphin	v	Old Crescent
05/03/2022	Ballymena	v	Dolphin
26/03/2022	Dolphin	v	Queens University
02/04/2022	Rainey Old Boys	v	Dolphin
09/04/2022	Dolphin	v	UL Bohemians