



# College Corinthians AFC v Bohemians FC



FAI Mens Senior Cup 2021 Round 1. 25th July 2021



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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is a great privilege to welcome Bohemians FC team and supporters to Turners Cross this afternoon especially after their great 1-0 win away to Dudelange from Luxembourg in The Europa Conference League second qualifying round first leg. We wish them well in the second leg on Thursday.

It is disappointing that we cannot play this game in Corinthians Park and it would have been wonderful to begin our delayed 50th Anniversary Celebrations with the launch of our 50th Flag. However, Covid protocols, restrictions on attendance and work on our Astro development means that we are moving to the home of Cork soccer in Turners Cross. Many thanks to Barry Cotter of The MFA, Eanna Ryan and Paul Deasy of Cork City FC and Conor Brett of Conference and Event Staffing Solutions Ltd for their help.

We are delighted to have two of our Founder members of fifty years ago in attendance today and we extend a warm welcome to Denis Carey and Niall O Shea. Originally formed when players graduated from UCC, that link continues today and it is great to see so many former UCC players in this afternoons line up. We will have a number of events to mark our 50th and they will take place when it is safe to do so.

It is a great delight that our former goalkeeper and Coach Mr Gerry McAnaney was elected President of the FAI. It is a very challenging and prestigious role and we wish Gerry every good wish for his two year term. Unfortunately, he cannot be with us today as the FAI AGM is also taking place.

Thanks to our Club President Mr Dave Ronayne and Mainport for sponsorship of the Castletreasure Community Defibrillator and you can read more on this inside this programme. The incident involving Christian Eriksen at the Euro's highlighted the importance of having and being able to use defibrillators which saves lives. More training will take place on their use so look out for the announcements on social media.

Congratulations to former players Adam Idah, Chiedozie Ogbene on their careers in England, following in the footsteps of David Meyler, Brian

Lenihan and Eoghan O Connell. Well done to Matthew Healy who has secured a professional contract with Ipswich Town and Jake O'Brien who has recently signed with Crystal Palace. There is a feature here on Megan Connolly who is the third College Corinthians player to play for Ireland after sisters Caroline and Ronnie Nagle.

Work is currently underway on extending the existing Astro pitch and also laying the foundation for a new full size Astro next to the third pitch. Exciting times for sure and many thanks to Club members James Lynch, Brendan Murphy and Treasurer, Dave Geelan for their commitment to these projects.

It is strange for our adult teams to be playing competitive matches in July but it is great to be back playing. We have had memorable games with National League opposition before and we hope this continues today but hopefully with a different result. I know our lads cannot wait for the game to begin. Best wishes to team and staff of Joe Gamble, Gary Hackett, Austin O'Connor and Eric Mc Carthy.

Condolences to ex player and current sponsor John O'Rourke whose Father John passed away last Monday. May He Rest in Peace.

Many thanks to all our Committees, Coaches, players of all ages, parents, sponsors and supporters for their unwavering commitment to our Club. We wish our Director of Football, Tony Noonan a speedy recovery after a recent operation and delighted he is here today. We have great numbers attending matches, training and the summer academies run by Joe Gamble and Craig Donnellan. Our Girls section grows in popularity which is great to see.

Thanks to Plunkett Carter for his great contribution to this programme – always a great read and finally, thanks to the various sponsors for today's game, details inside. It is very much appreciated.

Enjoy the game

**John O Regan**  
**Chairperson**  
**College Corinthians AFC**



## PRESIDENTS ADDRESS

Welcome to Bohemians Football club on Sunday 25 July 2022

We are all looking forward to welcoming Bohemians players , support staff and hopefully some supporters to Cork . It will be a different type atmosphere pre and post match due to various Covid restrictions , but hopefully the match itself will be enjoyable for all the players .

For Bohs this is a match against a non LOI team and therefore they are expected to win , whereas for College Corinthians this is match where we are supposed to have nothing to lose , but of course all our players will want to take a 'scalp' from a LOI team . Our club are 50 years old this year, but the great Bohemians club are 130 years , so already they have one up on us ! In our club, many of us have great memories of previous LOI encounters when we all celebrated our win against Bray Wanderers in 1995 , and our heroic defeats against Newcastle west in The Mardyke, Shamrock Rovers in The RDS and twice beaten by Shelbourne in Tolka Park.

So while our young team will know that a tough task lies ahead, I am sure they will relish the challenge of playing against one of the best sides in the country.

Welcome to all our supporters and friends who can physically attend this match and we hope we will have many more watching the streaming coverage on LOI TV with our own Billy Barry as commentator, whom I am sure will be as professional and impartial as always . It is disappointing for all of us that we could not hold this match in our own grounds in Corinthians Park. We could have made some atmosphere in the tight viewing spaces around the pitch. However, we have to abide by various Covid protocols , so we are delighted to be able to play this match in Turners Cross .

This is the start of our year 50 , so hopefully we can start off the year with a great match , pleasant and welcoming atmosphere for all support staff and supporters from Bohemians and why not a great result from our young team , who have started so well so far this year .

Enjoy the game



*From left to right: Bernard Clayton, Dr. Tom O'Leary, Dave Ronayne (President), Ken O'Riordan, Denis Carey, Niall O'Shea*

## FOUNDERS MEMBERS ADDRESS

It's a great honour for us as founder members to be invited to participate in the 50th Anniversary of the club.

It started in August 1971 when our application to play in the Munster Senior League was successful. We need to thank UCC and its Director of Sports Kieran Dowd making the UCC "Farm" grounds available to us for our home games. It gave great strength to our application. Thanks also to the late Mr Donie Forde Secretary of the Munster Senior League and MFA for his support. We had a panel of 15 players including league of Ireland Players David O' Donovan and Jimmy Murphy. Our first Captain was Tom O'Leary and we tempted the tireless Derry O'Driscoll out of retirement ,Ex Cork Players Pat O' Doherty and later the great Billy Morgan. We finished mid table which was commendable.

It gives us great pleasure to see how successful Corinthians are today. It has blossomed from small UCC graduates club to a great Community Club serving a large area of the city. The club has gained

National Prominence over the years. This is a great tribute to the various committees and members over the 50 years. The club has excellent modern facilities at Castletreasure which are expanding every year. On the playing field the emergence of ladies and gents teams for all ages and the school boys sector has made Corinthians the new "Home Farm" of Irish football. We must also congratulate our players who have gained Senior International status. We are very proud of our member Mr Gerry McAnaney who is the President of the Football Association of Ireland. On behalf of the other founder members Tom O'Leary, Ken Riordan ,Finbarr Clayton and the late Bernard Clayton, every success to the Chairman John O' Regan and President Dave Ronayne during College Corinthians AFC 50th Anniversary.

Finally we wish our Senior team every success in their FAI Cup fixture v Bohemians today.

Denis Carey  
Niall O'Shea  
Founder Members.





Our three pitches are always in the best of condition. Many thanks to Stephen Forrest and Turftech for their continued support. Great daily care is always given by Denis Barry.

We realise that a lot of effort goes into making sure the pitches are ready for games throughout the year. We are indebted to Denis for his hard work and continued dedication to our Club.

***Thank You Denis!***

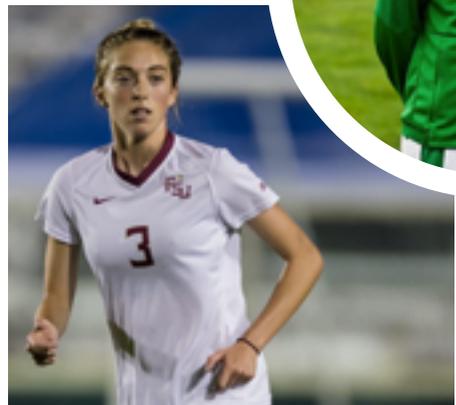


Match Ball Sponsor Steven Heaphy presenting the match ball to Gary Hackett College Corinthians AFC. At the Announcement, Steven congratulated the Club on getting to this stage of the FAI Senior Cup and is delighted to be associated with the game.

This sponsorship is greatly appreciated. I am sure you will all agree that The Corner Flag which was recently renovated to a very high standard has a sensational viewing area of the pitch on the balcony and will be much sought after for both match and non match days.

We wish Steven and his team in The Corner Flag every success

# MEGAN CONNOLLY RISE TO THE TOP



## Dreams Do Come True

Our girls section is gaining in numbers which is great to see. We want everyone to feel included and to enjoy their football at all levels. However, as you can see from the photos of Megan's career to date, Dreams do come true.



Darragh O Sullivan Connell  
Age - 19  
Position - Midfielder



David O Connor  
Age - 25  
Position - Defender



Destiny Okonkwo  
Age - 19  
Position -Forward



Evan Browne  
Age - 28  
Position -Forward



Evan Galvin  
Age - 25  
Position -Forward



Aidan O Mahony  
Age - 38  
Position - Midfielder



James Kirby  
Age - 35  
Position - Goalkeeper



Andrew Neville  
Age - 30  
Position - Defender



Jerome Glavin  
Age - 26  
Position -Forward



Brian Simpson  
Age - 19  
Position - Defender



Killian O Brien  
Age - 19  
Position - Defender



Cian Murphy  
Age - 26  
Position - Defender



Paul Deasy  
Age - 32  
Position -Midfielder



Colin O Mahony  
Age - 21  
Position - Defender



Ross Welch  
Age - 23  
Position - Midfielder



**Conor Walsh**  
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**Karl Caulfield**  
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Position - Midfielder



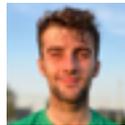
**Craig Donnellan**  
Age - 25  
Position -Midfielder



**Cory Galvin**  
Age - 25  
Position -Forward



**Sean Brosnan**  
Age - 29  
Position -Forward



**Liam Cronin**  
Age - 24  
Position -Midfielder



**Shane Sherlock**  
Age - 34  
Position - Goalkeeper



**Eoghan Murphy**  
Age - 27  
Position - Defender



**Shane Daly-Butz**  
Age - 25  
Position -Midfielder



**Manager:**  
**Joe Gamble**

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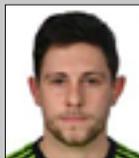
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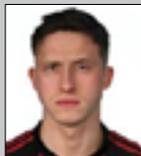
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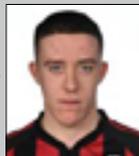
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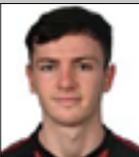
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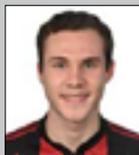
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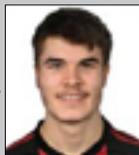
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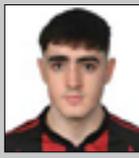
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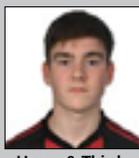
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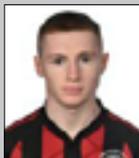
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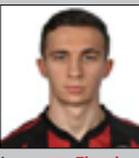
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Home: **John Gartlan**  
Away: **Jim Egan**  
Third: **Rob O'Rourke**

FOCUS: DEFIBRILLATORS

# ERIKSEN EPISODE PUTS SPOTLIGHT ON NEED FOR DEFIBRILLATORS ACCESS

BY EAMON SCOTT

(L-R): FAI President Gerry McAnaney, Gillian Tobin, Margaret Fox, Honorary President of College Corinthians and CEO of Irish Mainport Holdings, Dave Ronayne, and Denis Barry at the unveiling of new defibrillators at the gates of College Corinthians - for use by the local community - sponsored by Irish Mainport Holdings.



DENMARK'S Christian Eriksen was given emergency CPR on the pitch after collapsing just before half-time in Saturday's Euro 2020 game between Denmark and Finland; team doctor Morten Boesen said 29-year-old was "gone", but swift intervention of Simon Kjaer and medical staff saved his life. The incident, which received global exposure, highlighted the importance of rapid access to defibrillators and medical expertise.

Eriksen has now sent out a message for the first time since the incident via a tweet from the Danish FA's account, which read: "Hello everyone. Big thanks for your sweet and amazing greetings and messages from all around the world. It means a lot to me and my family. "I'm fine - under the circumstances. I still have to go through some examinations at the hospital, but I feel okay."

Here in Ireland, many FAI affiliated clubs have installed defibrillators on their premises and clubs like College Corinthians in Cork have recently installed additional units on site including one at the club gates for use by the local community. "We've had one on site for some time and Irish Mainport Holdings generously sponsored the additional ones. "We sent 500 flyers to the local community alerting them as to where to access one in case of an emergency," said John O'Regan College Corinthians' club chairman.



**MSL Champions 1995**

*Back row: John Fitzgerald, Fergus Mc Daid (Manager), Kieran Moran, Pat Maher, Don Bevan, Gerry Mc Ananey (current FAI President), Ray Clifford, Aidan Maloney, Paddy Shortt (Coach, RIP) & Declan Farmer (Chairman)*  
*Front Row: Paudie O Malley, Eugene Barrett, Eric Hogan, Noel Healy, Pat Burke (Captain), Mossie O Mahony, Dave Morley, Niall Abbott, Aidan Logan*



**Winners of The Chris Andrews Cup 1973**

*Back Row (left to right): Brian O'Mahony, Tony Herrick (Decd), Bernard Clayton (Decd), Pat O Doherty, Dave O'Donovan, Barry Long, John Roche, Joe McCrum (President)*  
*Front Row (left to right): Philip O'Doherty, Denis Carey, Tom O'Leary, Brendan O'Mahony, Jim Murphy (Capt), Finbarr Clayton Niall O'Shea, Derry O' Driscoll*

# FORMER COLLEGE CORINTHIANS PLAYERS



Matthew Healy Ipswich Town



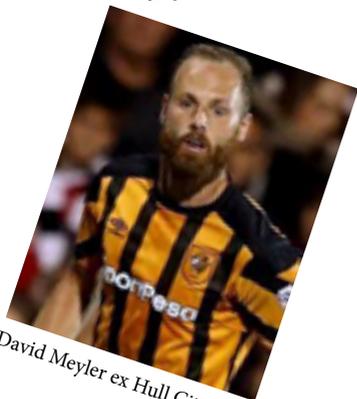
Brian Lenihan ex Hull City



Eoghan O'Connell ,Rochdale FC



Jake O'Brien Crystal Palace



David Meyler ex Hull City & Ireland



Adam Idah, Norwich city & Ireland



Chidozie Ogbene Rotherham Utd & Ireland

## CORK BOHS FAI CUP RIVALRY *by Plunkett Carter*

There never has been any necessity to define 'The Cup'. For everyone in Ireland that brief reference automatically implies the FAI Cup which is traditional as well as being part of our social history and our culture that is undated and timeless in its appeal. Today's unique pairing at Turner's Cross in the first round sees one of the country's oldest teams Bohemians, founded in 1890, putting their reputation on the line against College Corinthians who this year celebrate their Golden Jubilee. Corinthians, recognized as one of our finest soccer academies, first qualified for the FAI Cup in 1991. In the intervening years they featured regularly and defeated League of Ireland outfit Bray in the opening round in 1995 when Ray Clifford netted the game's only goal. Bohs who won the Irish FA Cup in 1908 have captured the Republic's Blue Riband on seven occasions. Having suffered the ignominy of

defeat to St Francis in the 1990 cup semi-final they learned to their cost that non-league opposition can never be taken for granted.

Leeside non leaguers have in the past given Bohs some major scares; in 1954 they needed a replay to advance against Albert Rovers while heroic Ringmahon only succumbed by a single goal at Dalymount in 1976. Corinthians, thrilled to have drawn a quality side like Bohs, realistically now need a St Francis effort to provide a scare.

The "Gypsies" came face to face with the almost invincible Cork Utd, League Champions five times in seven seasons, in the 1947 FAI Cup final at Dalymount. On a very windy day 20,500 spectators saw Bohs fight back from 2-0 down to force a replay against the Leesiders.



*Cork Utd 1947 FAI Cup winners. Back: Jackie O'Reilly, Tommy Moroney, Sean "Big" McCarthy, Jim "Fox" Foley, Dave Noonan, John McGowan. Front: Jackie O'Driscoll, Owen Madden, Florrie Burke, Sean "Small" McCarthy, Paddy O'Leary.*

United needed a fortuitous goal to take the lead when a long range O'Reilly punt was dropped over the line by Bohs keeper Denning. Famed striker Big Seanie McCarthy increased the lead before Flanagan gave Bohs hope with a fine equalizer shortly before the break. Brave Bohs raised their game in the second half and were rewarded when Burke was adjudged to have pushed a Bohs player in the box and Halpin converted to send the game to a replay. The folly of asking the teams to return to Dalymount for a 6.30 kick-off on the following Wednesday proved to be a disastrous mistake as just 5,000 attended on a wet and windy evening. Those who stayed away missed an excellent game after which United won the Cup for the second time with splendid goals from Big Seanie and Tommy Moroney.

Do you remember Dave Tilson? Cork City certainly do and have painful memories of the striker's memorable contributions to Bohs FAI Cup victories over City in 1991 & 92. Tilson, signed from UCD for a sizable fee, had a few miserable seasons with the Gypsies. However, he soon rediscovered his golden touch when recalled to the starting eleven in 1990.

The highlight of the 91 season for Tilson came at Turner's Cross where he scored a hat-trick to eliminate Cork City from the FAI Cup. Unfortunately for the Leesiders, they'd suffer even more costly cup woe at the hands of Tilson the following season.

When the teams met in the 1992 FAI Cup final at Lansdowne Road it offered Bohemians an opportunity to end a long wait for silverware. The club's list of major honours hadn't been upgraded since their League Cup triumph of 1979. The decider remained goalless until the 78th minute when John Connolly's kick-out was helped into Tilson's path by Tommy Byrne and Pat Fenlon. Tilson lifted the ball over City goalkeeper Phil Harrington, Bohs held out to secure their fifth FAI Cup and Tilson's status as a club legend was sealed a few days before his 24th birthday.

Without a Premier Division title in 15 years, Bohs only needed a draw away to Dundalk on the final day of the 1992-93 season to clinch the title. However, it turned out to be an unforgettable day for Eamonn Gregg's side as Dundalk's Tom McNulty scuppered their plans with the only goal of the game.

Had goal difference been used to separate teams who finish level on points, as is now customary, then Bohs would have been crowned champions irrespective of their defeat by Dundalk. Instead, they were preparing for a three-way play-off against Shelbourne and Cork City.

In the resultant two-legged three-way play-off, Cork beat Bohs at home, Bohs beat Shels at home and Shels beat Cork at home. The return fixtures were all drawn. The three teams finished on three points. Another play-off was required! This time, home and away was scotched. They each faced each other once. Cork beat Bohs 1-0 in Turner's Cross.

It all ended at the RDS on Saturday, May 22, when City were crowned champions for the first time when they defeated Shels 3-2 in a dramatic finale with goals from Pat Morley, Dave Barry and Paul Bannon. A disappointed Bohs roused themselves to beat Shelbourne 1-0 and they headed for the UEFA Cup.

Twelve months earlier City drowned their sorrows in O'Donoghue's Pub, Dublin after their cup final defeat where they matched victors Bohs in a lively singalong. This time, caught up in the emotion of it all, tears flowed, champagne corks popped and the leedsie anthem was sung again and again with great gusto.



*Dave Tilson with Bohs*

## COLLEGE CORINTHIANS MANAGEMENT TEAM



*Eric Mc Carthy, Gary Hackett, Joe Gamble & Austin O Connor*



Best Wishes from Anthony Cambridge and staff

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