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## U20 Championship Winners 2025















**CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN:** The Roscommon Gaels U-20 football panel and management that retained their Division One football championship title against Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg in Rockfield on Saturday last. Pictures: Gerard O'Loughlin

# Gaels stroll hints at brighter days

Roscommon Gaels ..... 1-20 (1-3-14)  
Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg ..... 2-3 (2-1-1)

Hannon's Hotel U-20 Division One Football Championship Final

## Ian Cooney at Rockfield

It's as if Roscommon Gaels wanted to leave the 2025 club season on some sort of cliff-hanger.

In a year where the balance of power has stayed in the south of the county, the Gaels — by virtue of this complete performance to retain their U-20 Division One title — sowed the seeds for potentially brighter days ahead at senior level, hinting that the club's quest for a first Fahey Cup since 2004 is being seriously addressed.

Certainly, their conveyor belt is laced with talent but, of course, the challenge will be to translate recent prosperity at this grade into adult silverware.

The Gaels' performances in the last two O'Rourke Cup fin-

ally nearly out the gap. Rory and Eoghan Carthy kicked two sublime two-pointers inside two minutes before a Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg player got his hands on the ball — Luke Ruane making a superb block to deny John McGuinness.

Only the comfort zone they had catapulted themselves into procured a bout of sloppiness, which culminated in corner-back Ciarán O'Reilly receiving a black card for a lazy tackle on Rob Heneghan.

But the damage in O'Reilly's absence was minimal as a Rory Carthy two-point free ate into Heneghan's 14th minute goal. From that point on, the Gaels reasserted their superiority and won pulling up.

In the main, it was a superb team display — a superbly-coached side that looked comfortable in possession, and worked their socks off without

while Ryan Dowling pitched in with some moments of magic.

To Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg's credit, they never threw in the towel with Luke Ruane, Daniel Hagney, Robert Heneghan, Brian Greene and Niall Heneghan trying hard. But the supporting cast wasn't at the opposition's level and, by the end, their only avenue for scores was reduced to high deliveries on top of the Gaels full-back line.

Shane Moran's side dominated from Dermot McDermott's opening whistle. The Carthy brothers swung over a couple of two-pointers before Eoghan Carthy, Bleisty and Dowling tagged on scores to light up a seven-point buffer.

A two-pointer from Brian Greene gave Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg a flicker of hope, and with O'Reilly off for ten minutes, Greene

played in Rob Heneghan who soccer-styled the ball to the net to bring his side right back into the game after 14 minutes.

But Rory Carthy ended his side's 11-minute scoring famine with an orange flag after winning a fortunate two-point free outside the 40-metre arc.

The Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg dam was at breaking point, and the damage was inflicted in injury time as Roscommon Gaels pounced for 1-2.

Eoghan Carthy's brilliant individual point was followed by a Ryan Dowling '45 before the Gaels broke up a Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg attack and moved the ball quickly upfield where Rory Carthy was in support to rifle the ball into the net past James Flynn.

Trailing by 1-11 to 1-2, Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg had a mountain to climb, and their mood didn't im-

prove when Brian Greene's goal was controversially ruled out for a square ball in the early stages of the new half.

Niall Heneghan would raise a green flag from a similar route at the three-quarter stage — the Roscommon U-20 player diverting a long delivery from Rob Heneghan to the net — but the game was gone from his side's grasp.

The Gaels continued to dominate the middle third and subsequently moved the ball swiftly and intelligently through the lines.

Dowling, the industrious Sam Hannon and Ciarán Mulry tagged on two points apiece, while Dowling '45 and Rory Carthy (two frees) also punished Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg indiscretions.

By the end, the Roscommon Town-based team had left their calling card. The key now will be to make hay while the sun shines.

## MATCH STATS

**ROSCOMMON GAELS:** Conor Mulry; F. Devane, J. Donnelly, C. O'Reilly, M. Gillooly, E. Carthy (0-4, one 0-2), C. Grogan; R. Carthy (1-6, one 0-2, one 0-2 free, two frees), Ciarán Mulry (0-2); L. Naughten, S. Hannon (0-2), A. Killion, T. Bleisty (0-1), R. Dowling (0-5, two '45s), J. McGuinness. Subs used: A. Dolan for Grogan (18 mins), L. Mulry for Naughten (56 mins), Z. Khan for Bleisty (57 mins), D. Carroll for Devane (57 mins).

**MICHAEL GLAVEYS/ÉIRE ÓG:** J. Flynn, J. Burke, C. Donnellan, S. Brehony; D. Hagney, L. Ruane, J. Greene; S. Gallagher, N. Heneghan (1-1, one mark); B. Lynch, S. Crawley, O. Kelly; M. Denning, R. Heneghan (1-0), B. Greene (0-2, one 0-2). Subs used: J. Noonan for Brehony (27 mins), C. Carthy for J. Greene (39 mins), J. Fitzmaurice for Lynch (44 mins).

**Wides:** Roscommon Gaels — 7; Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg — 3.

**Yellow cards:** Roscommon Gaels — Donnelly (28 mins); Michael Glaveys/Éire Óg — Denning (48 mins), B. Greene (49 mins), Carthy (50 mins).

**Black cards:** Roscommon Gaels — O'Reilly (12 mins); Michael Glaveys/Éire













