

Breaffy Ladies Team & Friends

Players from Breaffy: Aoife Connaughton, Ashling Carney, Katelyn McManamon, Fionna McGuire, Niamh Connaughton, Roisin Kelly, Claire McDonagh, Orna Campbell, Joanne Malone, Meabh O'Shea, Vivian Ward, Niamh Heneghan, Ellie Mahon, Anita Mahon, Aoife Rabbette, Nicole Hughes, Karen Rumley, Emma Mulchrone

Friends From Castlebar Mitchels: Lisa McManamon Katie, McManamon, Kathryn Sullivan, Louise Dervan.

Vancouver Ladies Team & Friends from Fraser Valley Gaels

Aisling Slevin, Belinda Flynn, Emily Joyce, Grainne O'Connell, Grainne Warren, Jackie Leonard, Joan Leonard, Joanne Maguire, Katie Dawson, Louise O'Farrell, Mandy Doohan, Roisin Finnegan, Rosie Slevin, Shona Conway, Sinead Eade.

Breaffy Men's Team & Friends From Castlebar Mitchels & Parke

Players from Breaffy: Robbie Hennelly, Colum Dravins, Colm Kelly, Paul McDermott, Gerry Jennings, Gareth Dunne, Paul Walsh, Mark Dervan, James Minogue, Gary Walsh, Conor O'Shea, Robbie Fadden, Michael Hall, Dylan Cannon, Keith Mulchrone, Seamie O'Shea, Brian Howley, Oisín Burns, Daire Morrín, Paddy Burke, Peter Dravins, Mattie Ruane, Ben Murphy, Steve McDermott, Conor Beirne, Adam Ruane, David Livingston, Rory Martyn, Aidan O'Shea, Alan Durcan, Eimhin Morrín, Kenny McDermott, Eddie Conroy, Tommy O'Reilly, John Deane, Pádraig Mylett, Micheal Jennings, Martin Clarke, Fergal Murphy, Ciaran Rice, Steve Jordan, Conor Jordan, Colm Jordan.

Friends From Castlabar Mitchels & Parke: Aidan Walsh, David Joyce, Mark Towey, Brian Tobin, James O'Boyle.

ISSC Vancouver Men's Team & Friends From Fraser Valley Gaels & Vancouver Eire Og

Adam Moore, Alan Dunne, Alan Roche, Anthony O'Brien, Brian Crowley, Brian Fleming, Conall Joyce, Conor Davey, Daniel Lane, Danny Kindlon, David Mulhern, Declan Ryan, Eoin McCluskey, Gary Hennelly, Gregg Murphy, Jamie Travers, Johnny Brennan, JP McLoughlin, Karl Martin, Keith Reville, Kevin Sheehy, Mark Dowling, Martin Costelloe, Matthew Shortall, Michael Sweeney, Mick Kirwan, Oisín Lynch, Owen O'Brien, Pádraig Rattigan, Paul Devlin, Paul Sweeney, Richard Bradfield, Russy Cleere, Stephen Ruane, Tadhg Egan, Trevor Farrell.

Other
Clubs
Represented



In all disasters and tragic situations, there inevitably comes some good. Invariably, people are the catalyst - it is the human nature in us all.

David was a real people person, he made friends easily and always saw the good in people. Through David's tragedy, we have met some amazing human beings who are now close friends of ours. We have been humbled by the support & kindness of people, particularly from you, the GAA community. We do count ourselves fortunate that David enjoyed himself so much being part of both the Breaffy and Vancouver GAA scene, where you all made him so welcome.

Thank you all so much for being here today. We deeply appreciate the sacrifices you are making, being away from your families & friends, particularly at this time of year.

As you all know, David was passionate about Gaelic football and he will, no doubt, be with us today in spirit, smiling away, striding up that pitch and kicking every ball. We are looking forward to meeting you all and having an enjoyable day.

We also remember today our Breaffy clubmate, Faye Lavin, who was also tragically taken from us in 2017, and whose birthday was just last week.

Mick, Angela, Aoife & Ciara

On behalf of Breaffy GAA Club I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all present today to honour the memory of David Gavin. A special Cead Mile Failte to all who have travelled from ISSC in Vancouver and also some members of their rival clubs and those who have travelled from the four corners of Ireland to take part in this Memorial challenge game to pay tribute to our dear friend David, who was loved and respected by everyone. And it's a fitting tribute to him that so many of his playing colleagues have turned out today to honour his memory.

It's a great honour for Breaffy club to host this event and to thank those wonderful people who supported not only the Gavin and O'Malley families, but the members of this club during the loss of David. Later this evening I invite you all to join us in Breaffy GAA clubhouse for refreshments and I'm sure we will share some wonderful tales of David's time with you in Vancouver.

Gerry Bourke, Breaffy GAA Chirman

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to everyone in Breaffy GAA, and to the Gavin and O'Malley families who have invited us to be here today. While we wish the circumstances of this game were different, it is a great opportunity for everyone in Vancouver GAA, past and present, to meet with so many people who offered us huge support during some challenging times in 2017.

While David played with us at the *ISSC Vancouver*, his girlfriend Ciara chose to play with our arch rivals the *Fraser Valley Gaels*. When we now consider their blue and white colours, and David's fondness for wearing his blue and white GAA gear, it was a big stroke of luck on our part that David ultimately chose to join us. In our defence, we had a significant Mayo contingent that probably swung him our way.

While today's game has been displayed as a game between Breaffy and *ISSC Vancouver*, it really is a collective gathering of all of the GAA clubs in Vancouver. We are delighted that players from the *Fraser Valley Gaels* and *Vancouver Eire Og* have also made the journey to be with us here today. While we are rivals on the field, we all remain good friends away from the field of play, and our collective friendships were never more prevalently displayed than they were in the summer of 2017.

While David's time with us in Vancouver was short, his impact will be ever-lasting. His qualities as a person, friend, and athlete are a true testament to the people with whom he spent his most significant time in life, and that is all of the people here in Breaffy, Castlebar and in Mayo. When David, and his family, needed you most, you answered the call and provided support, in many various forms, that had, and continues to have, such a significant effect on them and to those who were closest to David.

While we wish David's story and his time in Vancouver, could have been so different, we know that we were blessed to have had him, if even for such a short time. As a person, and as a GAA player, he was an All-Star in every way possible.

Tadhg Egan

ISSC Vancouver Men's Football Player/ Manager and Chairman in 2017.



David Gavin Memorial Matches



Breaffy

VS

ISSC Vancouver

Venue: Ballyheane

Date: Saturday 29th December

Time: 1pm & 2.30pm

