

CHIEFTAIN'S CUP FINAL 2025



19TH JULY 2025
CANNICH
14.30 THROW UP

President's Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Cannich for the 2025 Chieftain's Cup Final – a competition introduced in 2022 to celebrate and support our proud single-team clubs.

This year's finalists, Oban Celtic and Ballachulish, are two of the oldest teams in the game, featuring prominently in the records of trophy winners in the past. It is great to see them both make their first appearance in a national final in many years, and I offer my warmest congratulations to both squads for their achievement. Their presence here is a testament to commitment, community spirit, and the hard work of the volunteers that make our sport happen.

We are honoured to bring the final to Cannich, the home of Captain Archibald Macra Chisholm, founding father of Strathglass, first author of the game's rules, and the inaugural Chief of the Camanachd Association in 1893.

My thanks go to Strathglass for hosting today's final and for helping us honour a man whose passion and vision shaped the game we love.

Best of luck to both clubs – and may the final reflect all that is best in shinty.



Burton Morrison

President, Camanachd Association

Ceann-suidhe, Comann na Camanachd



THE TEAMS

OBAN CELTIC
SHINTY CLUB



BALLACHULISH
CAMANACHD CLUB

1. Cameron McCallum
2. **Davy Hill (C)**
3. Duncan MacEwan
4. Pearce Mcbeth
5. Finlay Cameron
6. Gabriel Tidser
7. Innes Jackson
8. Ryan Macinnes
9. Kyle MacFarlane
10. Lennon Campbell
11. Scott Dempster
12. John Turnbull
14. Thomas Thomson
15. William MacEwan
16. Ruairidh Horne
17. Jamie MacFarlane
18. Alex Dunnings

Head Coach: Cammy MacCallum

1. Dougie Rankin
2. Grant Symmers
3. Conal Crew
4. Ross Maclean
5. **David Wilson (C)**
6. Cian MacPhee
7. Nathan Macleod
8. Aaron Macintyre
9. Marcus Spence
10. Lewis Moran
11. David Grant
12. Patrick Maclean
14. David Malcolm
15. Ellis Nicolson
17. Michael Slez
18. Cameron Macleod
19. Duncan MacDonald

Head Coach: Ross Maclean

Referee: Aly Paterson

RULES

If the scores are level after 90 minutes, extra time of 15 minutes each way will be played. If the scores are level after extra time, a penalty play off will determine the winners.

At Full Time, the trophy and medals will be presented by John MacKenzie, Camanachd Association Chieftain.

ROAD TO THE FINAL

Oban Celtic 3-1 Lochcarron

David Hill (35') Kyle MacFarlane (60', 70')
Danny MacRae (10')

ESA 2-6 Ballachulish

Matt Mossop, Alex Amos
Pat MacLean x2, Ellis Nicolson x2, Marcus Spence, Cameron MacLead

Oban Celtic 3-2 Glengarry

Kyle MacFarlane (8') Gabriel Tidser (17') Lennon Campbell (55')
Daniel MacLennan (14') Raymond Robertson (35')

Uddingston 3-4 Ballachulish

Lee Thompson (51') Martin Downie (83') Andrew MacAlister (111')
Pat MacLean (57') Lewis Moran (67', 105', 119' (P))



CHIEFTAIN'S CUP CANNICH 2025

Today's final is held in Cannich in honour of Captain Archibald Macra Chisholm of Glassburn.

Captain Chisholm, born in Strathglass in July 1825, was a towering figure in Highland life. A veteran of the Black Watch, a respected Justice of the Peace, and a skilled piper elected to the Highland Society of London, he was a man deeply rooted in Gaelic culture and tradition.

Yet it is his contribution to shinty that secures his place in history. Founder of Strathglass Shinty Club in 1879, author of the sport's first written rules in 1880, leader of his Strathglass men onto the field for the historic 1887 and 1888 matches against Glenurquhart at Bught Park and a driving force behind the formation of the Camanachd Association in 1893, Captain Chisholm was elected its very first Chief and remained in this role until his death in 1897. His vision and leadership helped shape the modern game.

Strathglass Shinty Club President Roddie MacLennan said "We are delighted to host this first Chieftain's Cup Final in Cannich, the home of the Camanachd Association's first chieftain, Captain Archibald MacRa Chisholm "Glassburn". We look forward to hosting Oban Celtic and Ballachulish, and putting on a great day out as we welcome everybody to Strathglass."

PREVIOUS WINNERS OF

THE CHIEFTAIN'S CUP

2022 Col-Glen

2023 Glengarry

2024 Glengarry

The Chieftain's Cup is shinty's newest cup competition, first being competed for in 2022 as the "Single Team Cup". Open to teams with only one team, it aims to provide the opportunity for shinty's smaller clubs to win silverware and introduce a new even level of competition to these clubs.