

Na Gaeil Notes Monday April 27th 2020

We hope you are all keeping safe and well in your homes and we send our best wishes to everybody in our community, especially to those cocooning at this time. We are all looking forward to next Tuesday week May 5th hoping that there might be a slight easing of restrictions but slight is really all that we can hope for. You are all doing a great job in abiding by the restrictions and your efforts are working in preventing the spread of this virus. We are very thankful to those who are working so hard to keep us safe and well during these difficult times, especially the front line staff in our hospitals and care homes and all the people working in shops and supermarkets. Keep your spirits up and we will get through this. At least the weather has been lovely so we can enjoy the sunshine in the comfort of our back gardens over the last few weeks.

Na Gaeil Volunteers Na Gaeil GAA Club volunteers continue to assist those cocooned in our community with their shopping requirements and also collecting medical supplies for them from their local pharmacies. We thank them for their great work. We are getting very positive feedback from the local community and everybody cocooned at home are very appreciative of the great work that you are doing. You are making a difference so keep up the good work. Please let people know that this service is available. You can contact any of the following co-ordinators: Mícheál Herlihy (0862438902); Cathy Carey (0863554499); Eddie Sheehy (0876791460), Colm O'Súilleabháin (0879080465); Tim Lynch (0874184239). You can also contact the shops directly. Please God we will all stay safe and come back stronger. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

Sympathy We in Na Gaeil GAA Club offer our sincere sympathy to Conor Kavanagh and family on the recent passing of his mother Una of College street, Killarney. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a h-anam dílis. We also offer our condolences to Aidan Carmody and family on the recent death of his uncle Con Carmody, Moyvane Village. May he rest in peace.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus / Covid 19 pandemic in Ireland and the impact it's having on cultural events, consequently the Irish / Gaeilge Summer Courses held in Chorca Dhubhne area of West Kerry and the annual GAA Gaeltacht Scholarship scheme have all been CANCELLED for 2020.

Past GAA Matches The GAA in conjunction with the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, have launched the GAA Digital Archive at Croke Park providing free access to past GAA matches to internet users all around the world. 113 All Ireland Finals since 1961 are included in the archive and provincial finals from 1961 also feature. The new archive also include All Ireland Club Finals since 1989. In all over 500 football and hurling matches were retrieved from broadcasters and information such as date, result, venue, referee, scorers and teams and substitutions were added.

This might be useful to GAA fans during this time of isolation. The link is <https://www.gaa.ie/gaa-now/archive/>

County Novice Final 2010 As we have no matches to report on due to the suspension of all GAA activities we will take you back in time with this report on the County Novice Final of 2010 which was played in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on August 21st of that year. It might bring back memories to players and supporters of that time.

Na Gaeil: 1-10; Listry: 0-09. Novice Champions once again. After a nail biting first half, Na Gaeil in the 2nd half eased to a four point win over a fine Listry side that competed to the end. This as the cliché goes was a game of two halves. Playing with the breeze in the first period we could only manage three points courtesy of Diarmaid Herlihy, David Culloty and a Paul Daly free. However the 2nd half more than compensated. Na Gaeil started the game the brighter with Dan O'Connor intercepting the ball after Listry had won the throw in, laying off the ball to Dermot Flaherty who found Diarmaid Herlihy and he pointed just after 35 seconds. David Culloty extended the Na Gaeil's advantage two minutes later after winning the ball in his own half back line. Na Gaeil then found it extremely difficult to get their momentum going and struggled for the next twenty minutes. Eoin Doody going off with a recurring shoulder injury probably disrupted the rhythm even though substitute Dylan Brazil had a great game. Listry took control of the game, and after eleven minutes were on level terms. With 22 minutes gone and a point down keeper Tim Cotter pulled off a fantastic double save earning a free out for his troubles. Na Gaeil's only other score in the first half came through a Paul Daly free leaving Listry two points up at the break. Na Gaeil: 0-03; Listry: 0-05.

Two personnel changes and some astute positional switches changed the game completely in our favour in the 2nd period, where we outscored Listry 1-07 to 0-04. Early in the 2nd half Na Gaeil had Tim Cotter to thank again for a fabulous diving save. From the resulting kick out Dan O'Connor won possession in midfield, laying a quick ball into Diarmaid Herlihy who scored from twenty yards. From the kick out Eoin O'Neill won the breaking ball at midfield, sent another quick ball into Diarmaid Herlihy who found the inrushing Dermot Flaherty and he fisted over the bar. Seamie O'Neill intercepted Listry's attempt at a quick kick out, laying the ball off to Paul Daly whose point brought Na Gaeil back on level terms. Dermot Flaherty put Na Gaeil in front two minutes later with a fine score from 30 yards. The turning point came in the 13th minute when Na Gaeil countered after a narrow miss by Listry, when David Culloty goaled after he finished what he had started in his own half back line. Seamie O'Neill. Eoin O'Neill, Kieran O'Shea and Declan Doody extended Na Gaeil's lead, leaving the full time score Na Gaeil: 1-10; Listry: 0-09. Tim Cotter in goal brought off three outstanding saves. Full backs David Ross, Ritchie Barrett, and Eoin Doody/Dylan Brazil played as a unit and were well on top over the hour. David Culloty, Colm Lyons (captain) and Niall Lucey were the dominant line of the team winning their personal battles and cleaning up all the breaking ball. Declan Doody and Dan O'Connor have a perfect understanding at this stage and really compliment each other at midfield. Half forwards Eoin O'Neill, Dermot Flaherty and Eamon O'Neill covered all the necessary ground and delivered fabulous ball to the inside forwards, Paul Daly, Seamie O'Neill and Diarmaid Herlihy who were more than a handful for their markers. Proving that it is a panel game Kieran O'Shea, Dylan Brazil and Michael Griffin had excellent games when introduced. Thanks to Anthony

Gleeson and selectors Nelie O'Sullivan, Mike Barrett and Neil O'Meara, all of whom have put in an amount of work since the season began.

Team Tim Cotter, David Ross, Ritchie Barrett, Eoin Doody, Niall Lucey, Colm Lyons, David Culloty, Declan Doody, Dan O'Connor, Eoin O'Neill, Dermot Flaherty, Eamon O'Neill, Diarmaid Herlihy, Seamie O'Neill, Paul Daly, Kieran O'Shea, Dylan Brazil, Michael Griffin, Aidan Quirke, Dylan Seymour, Ian McCarthy, Kieran Dineen, Dan Lucey, Donal Rooney, John Reen.

Juveniles We hope that all our juvenile players are doing well and not finding the restrictions too taxing. It is important to stay positive and hopefully you will all be back playing in Na Gaeil in the not too distant future. In the meantime this is the ideal opportunity to get out into the back yard or garden and improve your array of skills. When you eventually get back to Na Gaeil you will be a much better player and enjoy your football even more. So get out there and start today.

Club Activities Suspended As we know all club activities are suspended until further notice and by the looks of things it could be a while. The pitches and the gym are closed and will remain so until the restrictions are lifted. We know that this is an inconvenience for everybody but we also know that things will get back to normal in the not too distant future. We all must play our part.

Clubhouse The clubhouse will be closed for the foreseeable future. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended indefinitely as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park for use by all members of the public.