

Na Gaeil Notes Monday April 8th 2019

Seniors Na Gaeil played Firies in the first round of the Premier Junior Championship in Austin Stack Park on Sunday afternoon in what were perfect conditions for football. Na Gaeil played with the wind at their backs in the opening half. Unfortunately Na Gaeil's No. 7 Eoin Walsh fell awkwardly while going for the ball and dislocated his shoulder after just one minute of play and had to leave the field. He was replaced by Eoin Doody. Ian McCarthy put Na Gaeil on the scoreboard after three minutes with a fine point. In the fifth minute Dara Devine was at the end of a slick passing movement to skilfully crash the ball to the corner of the opposition net, a move started in the half back line where Damien Bourke turned over a Firies ball. Diarmaid Herlihy and Eoin O'Neill fired over two more points for Na Gaeil before Firies registered their first score, a pointed free from their no. 10 William Courtney after twenty minutes. This score got Firies going and they scored the next two points through Donnacadh O'Sullivan and Mike Daly to make it a three point game after twenty three minutes of play. But Na Gaeil settled again with Jamie Lowham, Mike Griffin and Diarmuid O'Connor all scoring from play. Firies No. 13 pointed a 30 metre free before referee Mike Hennessy blew the half time whistle. Score at the interval: Na Gaeil 1-06; Firies: 0-04.

Na Gaeil won the throw in at the start of the 2nd half and midfielder Diarmuid O'Connor raced through the Firies defence to score a peach of a point. Firies won the resultant kick out and went on the attack. Their no. 10 William Courtney raced in on goal. His point plank shot seemed destined to hit the back of the Na Gaeil net but goal keeper Timmy Culloty brought of a magnificent save to deny Firies a green flag. The first of two great stops from the Na Gaeil net minder. William Courtney put over the resultant 45 for Firies. Na Gaeil now upped the ante and through some great interplay and team work scored the next four points on the trot through Jack Barry, Diarmaid Herlihy, Diarmuid O'Connor and Mike Griffin to go nine ahead on the 40 minute mark. Firies pulled one back with a pointed free from Donnacadh O'Sullivan. This was to be their last score of the half as their forwards were getting no change from the rock solid Na Gaeil defence. Our midfield of Jack Barry and Diarmuid O'Connor were also on top soouer forwards were getting a plentiful supply of ball. with Dara Devine pointed two frees and one from play. Mike Griffin scored a point and Diarmaid Herlihy chipped in with two more before referee Mike Hennessy blew for full time. Final score: Na Gaeil: 1- 17; Firies: 0-06. Na Gaeil will be happy with the display of their whole team and the subs introduced but know that they cannot rest on their laurels. They play Skellig Rangers in round two at home next weekend in what should be another tough encounter.

Team: Timmy Culloty, Damien Bourke, Kieran Dineen, Eoghain Sheehy, Kieran O'Donovan, Andrew Barry, Eoin Walsh, Diarmuid O'Connor(0-03), Jack Barry(0-01), Ian McCarthy(0-01), Eoin O'Neill(0-01), Mike Griffin(0-03), Dara Devine(1-03), Jamie Lowham(0-01), Diarmaid Herlihy(0-04). Subs: Eoin Doody for Eoin Walsh (inj.); Dan O'Connor for Diarmuid O'Connor; Dan Goggin for Jamie Lowham; Ryan O'Neill for Eoin O'Neill; Jordan Murphy for Mike Griffin.

Premier Junior Championship Na Gaeil play Skellig Rangers at home in Killeen in round 2 of the Premier Junior Championship on Saturday evening April 13th at 6.30pm.

Speedy Recovery Everybody in the club wishes Eoin Walsh a speedy recovery after he sustained a shoulder injury in the game versus Firies on Sunday and hope that he will be back playing with the senior team in the not too distant future.

Minors In the Division 1 County League Na Gaeil minors defeated Austin Stacks on Wednesday evening on a scoreline of 3-10 to 1-07. On Friday night they defeated Dr. Crokes by three points, 14 points to 11. They play Rathmore at home on Tuesday evening April 9th at 6.45pm. They are now into the league semi final.

Na Gaeil Ladies We played Castleisland at home on Sunday morning in Killeen in the 2nd round of the Mary Jo Curran Cup. Meabh got us going with a point from a 30 yard free. Castleisland did equalise with a point but we replied quickly with a goal from Maria after a great pass from Meabh. Mary won the kickout and bore down on goals and scored the 2nd goal. Nora won the ball in midfield and laid it off to Maria who again found the back of the net. Our defence of Mags, Brid, Blaithnaid, Muireann, Sarah Quigley and Kateanne didn't let Castleisland score anymore in the 1st half. With points from Meagan, Clodagh and Carla, we finished the 1st half off strongly. Castleisland made a rally for the start of the 2nd half scoring a goal and a point and then winning a penalty which Kate Anne was very unlucky not to save. But we settled down quickly with Freya, Sarah Barrett and Emma coming in and steadying the ship. Erika set up Meabh for another point before Carla played in Meagan for a point. Another great run forward from Brid set up Meagan for a clear run on goal and she made no mistake finding the back of the net. Eimer and Muire came on and injected energy into the team as Maria scored another point from a tight angle before Emma found Meagan again and she popped it over the bar for the last score of the game.

Team: Sarah Quigley, Mary O'Connell, Brid O'Connor, Nora O'Connell, Meagan Sheehy, Meabh Barry, Kate Anne O'Connor, Maria Quirke, Megan O'Connor, Clodagh McHugh, Erika O'Sullivan, Emma O'Keeffe, Marguerite Maunsell, Muireann Moriarty, Caragh O'Neill, Freya O'Connor, Sarah Barrett, Carla Hanafin, Muire Kingston, Blaithnaid O'Connor, Eimer O'Sullivan,

We played away to a very strong Laune Rangers team on Sunday evening in the U14 Division 3 County League. We got off to a good start with Chloe scoring the 1st point of the game. Grainne fed Siena with the ball and she promptly put it over the bar. Rangers replied with a flurry of points before Siun scored a point. Rangers started take control for about 10 minutes putting pressure on our defence with Rangers getting three quick goals but with half time looming, Aisling, Cara and Siun got the ball forward and we put the pressure on scoring two goals through Siena and Chloe just before halftime. Rangers took control at the start of the 2nd half and scored 2.04. It took us a while to getting going but we started to get ourselves back into the game with a point from Siun after Eve played a superb pass. Grace, Aoife and Elsie Peig were standing strong with Priya and Captain Elizabeth Slattery in super form. We kept putting the pressure on Rangers but they had a great keeper in goals as she made save after save before Roisin made a run and laid the ball off to Caoilinn to find the back of the net. Aisling won the kickout and played in Siena for another goal but alas we ran out of time and luck. But the girls showed great fighting spirit throughout the game.

Team: Elizabeth Burke, Grace Savage, Aoife Barrett, Elsie Peig Rogers, Elizabeth Slattery, Aisling Casey, Priya O'Donovan, Siun Fitzgibbon, Cara Gannon, Siena Lucey, Caoilinn O'Brien, Roisin O'Mahony, Eve Broderick, Grainne Breen, Cashla Mullen, Chloe Quillinan, Sorcha Casey, Niamh Ryan, Roisin O'Mahony, Shania McCarthy.

We played Corca Dhuibhne in Lispole on Thursday night in the Ladies Division 2 County League in mixed weather conditions. But it did not deter the girls from a great display of football. With goals coming from Siun and Caoilinn early in the game, we set the tone for how the game was going to play. More scores from Ciara, Muire and a goal from Siena kept us on top. Meagn, Eimer, Sarah, Cara and U16 debutant Aisling were superb in defence as time and time again they stopped Corca Dhuibhne runs through and when Aoife was needed, she stood strong and had great kickouts. Freya worked tirelessly and she covered nearly every blade of grass on the pitch. Emma scored another point to put us in the driving seat as we held on for a good win

Team: Aoife Barrett, Aisling Casey, Megan Fernane, Eimer O'Sullivan, Siun Fitzgibbon, Cara Grealish, Emma Dewey, Sarah Barrett, Freya O'Connor, Siena Lucey, Ciara Rath, Caoilinn O'Brien, Muire Kingston.

Scór na bPáistí The County Final of Scór na bPáistí was held on Saturday afternoon in Glenbeigh GAA Club and a great days entertainment was had by all.

Congratulations of the day must go to our superb young Quiz Buffs who were crowned worthy champions after a very tightly fought competition against twenty four other teams from all over Kerry, all fighting for County honours. So Well Done to Liam Cooper, Ruairí O hAiniféin, Ruadhan Clifford and Cillian Griffin on a wonderful performance and making a bit of Scór history in winning back to back titles! A huge thank you to mentor Tomás O hAiniféin for his trojan work in getting these young boys to the winners enclosure. Commiserations to our wonderful Ballad Group of Elsie Peig Rogers, Sorocha Casey, Nicole Arajeeve, Lauren Flaherty and Matthew Reardon who performed superbly on the day but just missed out on a medal position. And also a big THANK YOU to mentor Therese for the many hours of practice in getting this group to County Final day. You did Na Gaeil proud! As the curtain comes down on Scór for another year we would like to thank everybody who performed, mentored and supported our club throughout the year and look forward to many more memorable and successful years ahead. Na Gaeil Abú

Free Digital Skills Course Our Club are looking for members who are interested in participating in a Free Digital Skills Course. Topics covered include: surfing the net, email, social media, shopping and banking online. If interested drop into the club house and sign up. Course duration is 10 hours and will be run over a couple of evenings in the clubhouse. Dates and times will be scheduled depending on demand. This is a great opportunity for anybody wishing to brush up on their computer skills and it's free. So please come along and sign up as soon as possible and we will get the course up and running.

Date for your Diary Na Gaeil Annual Golf Classic will take place in Mahony's Point, Killarney on Friday 31st May, which is the bank holiday weekend.

Na Gaeil Cycling Club Na Gaeil Cycling Club winter schedule: Saturday mornings at 10am from the clubhouse. ALL ARE WELCOME, High Vis essential.

Fir Na Gaeil Light Football Training for Men who have retired from playing football and for those that have not played and would like to try it out. Very little skill is required. This is a great way to keep fit with light training, ball games and a bit of a laugh. . Training is on Monday and Friday nights in Na Gaeil. Contact Eddie at 0876791460 for more info

Mná Na Gaeil We are a Gaelic for Mothers and Others team who come together and do a bit of exercise, football training and socialising. Anyone who would like to join are most welcome, No skills are required, just a good attitude and a sense for fun. Training is on Wednesdays and Sunday evenings. Contact Eddie at 0876791460 for more info.

Lotto The draw for the jackpot of €2,300 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 4, 6, 8, 16. There was no winner. €50 winners were Jim & Renee Fitzgibbon, Leeside and John Carroll, Riverside Drive. €25 winners were Craig Henry, A/F Security, Dick Carmody, Laharn, Seamie O'Neill, Derrylea and Pat Boyle, Ragoonane. Next week's jackpot is €2,400. All are welcome for the draw in the club each Tuesday night at 10.30pm.

Bingo Bingo is on every Monday night at 8.30pm sharp. We have prize money of over €1,000 guaranteed every week with a mini jackpot that increases fortnightly when not won. A door prize and a half-time raffle with lovely prizes will also take place every week. A bus service is available at 087 2817577. You can ring this number for pick up and drop off. 100% of the funds raised go back directly into the club. The bingo is run on a totally voluntary basis by our club members. A huge thank you to all the parents who offer their time to run this vital fundraiser for the club. If anyone wants to donate a spot prize for our weekly bingo raffle, please leave it at clubhouse and mark it "Bingo". Thanks to all our patrons who support this event on a weekly basis.

Cards A card game is held every Wednesday night in the clubhouse. This is a very sociable occasion where you meet your friends for a great night's entertainment and relaxation. Starting time is 9.30pm and everyone from novice to senior will enjoy a relaxing game of 45.

Clothes Collection There is now a Clothes Collection Bin situated in Na Gaeil car park. If anyone has bags of old clothes to dispose of please drop them in the bin. If the bin is full, they can be dropped into the clubhouse. It would be much appreciated.

