

Na Gaeil Notes Monday August 31st 2020

Co. Championship Well done to the St. Brendan's team that defeated Legion in the quarter final of the County Championship on Saturday evening to ensure a place in the last four. Na Gaeil players Ian McCarthy, Diarmuid O'Connor Fergal and Jack Barry all acquitted themselves well with Jack and Diarmuid each scoring goals. We wish them the best of luck in the semi final.

Minor Co. Final St. Brendan's will play East Kerry in the Keane's Supervalu Minor County Championship Final on this Wednesday September 2nd in Austin Stack Park at 7pm. Tadhg Reen, Oisín Maunsell, Graham Sheehy, Liam Óg Kingston, Brendan Walsh and Jamie Fitzgerald are the Na Gaeil players involved. We wish the whole team and management the very best of luck.

Junior Football Leagues Na Gaeil play Kerin's O'Rahillys in Round 2 of the Junior Football Leagues on Friday evening, September 4th in Strand Road at 6.30pm. Then on the following Friday, September 11th they play Dingle at home at 6.30pm.

U14 Last Monday evening, August 24th we made the long journey to Foilmore for our first game in Phase 2 of the County League. Despite the inclement weather we got off to a great start with goals from Dylan McEaney and Conor Lucey. By the first water break we led 2-4 to nil. Further goals from Liam Cooper and Sean Barrett stretched our lead at halftime to 4-5 to 0-2 and it appeared we were well on our way to victory. However the second half proved to be an entirely different scenario. Foilmore's first attack resulted in a rather fortuitous goal. They attacked time and time again picking off some great points as we struggled to get the ball into our forwards. A point from Seán Morris was our only score of the second half. However, in the end we did enough to win on a scoreline of Na Gaeil: 4-6; St. Michael's Foilmore: 1-10.

Team: Iarla O hAiniféin, Jamie Schoenmaker, Oisín O'Sullivan, Fionn Heaslip, Jack Canty, Peter Doyle, Kevin O'Donoghue, Ruairí O hAiniféin, Sean Barrett, Conor Lucey, Liam Cooper, Dara Cunningham, Paddy McElligott, Dylan McEaney, Sean Morris.

Subs: Sean Warr, Fionn O'Brien, Samuel Barraro, Dara Morris.

We trained on Sunday and J.J. focused on the block down and decision making. Following our win in Foilmore last Monday we're on the road again next Wednesday evening September 2nd when we're away to Firies at 7pm. We wish a speedy recovery to Dara Cunningham who picked up a bad thumb injury last week.

U12 We had three U12 teams competing at our home venue on Sunday with Na Gaeil Gaeil White Team up against Laune Rangers in the morning. With Na Gaeil starting

very strongly we were well ahead at half time but Laune Rangers came back strong and it was down to the wire when the final whistle blew with Na Gaeil White Team just ahead on a scoreline of 4-15 to 4-13. The Gold Team took on Listry in a very exciting evening game and with a sustained team effort went on to win on a scoreline of 5 -21 to 5-11. Na Gaeil Green Team took on a strong Listry A team in another exciting encounter with the away team getting the win by 4 points. A lot of competitive football and a lot learned all round.

U10 On Thursday last we hosted Milltown. We fielded two strong teams but were well matched by Milltown's quality. On Sunday the boys enjoyed a lively training session where the focus of play was on hand passing. We are looking forward to the next few weeks as we have plenty of games lined up for the boys.

U8 Na Gaeil U8's went to Kerins O Rahillys on Sunday where they did very well and enjoyed their football on a beautiful sunny morning. Great job guys, well done!

Minor Ladies We hosted Listowel at Killeen last Friday evening in the last game to decide what team goes into the semi-final. We knew going into the game that this was going to be a tough match. We played into the breeze in the opening half and got off to a flying start when Cara Gannon broke through from centre forward and finished the ball to the back of the net. Listowel responded well with two points to narrow the gap to a point only for Eimear O'Donoghue to send the ball into the top corner of the Listowel net. There was a lot of hard work going on in the middle third with both sides vying for possession. Eimear slotted her second for the home side only for Listowel to turn over possession and break through the Na Gaeil defence – nothing Ciara could do about this one. For the next ten minutes both teams broke forward but could not break the oppositions defence. Cara Greilish, Aisling and Annie were holding the Listowel attack well. Listowel pulled back one more point to leave the score at half time : Na Gaeil 3-01; Listowel 1-03.

Emma Dewey opened the second half scoring for the home side with a point followed by one from Eimear Ní Shúilleabháin. Then Listowel upped the ante with five unanswered points (2 frees). Eimear O'Donnoghue got one more for the home side leaving the girls in green four points ahead at the water break. The halfback line of Dearbhla, Sarah and Caragh O'Neill were working well to hold off the Listowel attack. Freya at midfield made a clever run and picked off a lovely point off her left – now were now five ahead. Listowel cancelled this a minute later with a free. The game kept swinging, no team was giving up and Eimear Ní Shúilleabháin got another point for Na Gaeil. With seven minutes to go and five points in front we should have seen this one out, but Listowel had other ideas. The home side would score no more while the visitors narrowed the gap to 4 with five minutes on the clock. Then the sucker punch came. Listowel scored a goal, thus setting up a tense closing two minutes. Na Gaeil seemed to have enough to see it out only for Listowel to turn the ball over. They proceeded to win a free 15 yards out and having scored their last 3 frees from similar distance made no mistake. Seamus Mulvihill blew it up to leave the final score: Na Gaeil: 4-05; Listowel 2-11.

The home side, on reflection should have done better with some poor decision making costing them scores. It looks like the sides could meet in the semi-final in a few weeks time. We will have to see which side has learnt the most!

Clubhouse Open The clubhouse is open for food on Friday, Saturday and Sunday evenings from 6.30pm to 10.30pm. Club members can order a toasted sandwich, chips and salad plus a couple of more options for €9. Last food orders are at 8.45pm. This weekend went very well and there is very positive feedback from club members that availed of the service. Hope to see you there next weekend.

Clubhouse The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended until then 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.