

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

**Munster Junior Final** All roads lead to Mallow GAA Complex on Sunday next December 8<sup>th</sup> for Na Gaeil V Mullinahone in the Munster Premier Junior Championship Final. It's a first in the history of the club so don't miss out on this great occasion. Come out and support the team on Sunday.

**Match Transport** Buses will be leaving Na Gaeil at 1.45pm for Mallow GAA Complex on Sunday. The Munster Premier Junior Hurling Final is the curtain raiser to the Na Gaeil game so there will be traffic congestion and parking will be at a premium. Book your seat on the bus as soon as possible in the clubhouse or with any club officer. The cost of the bus is €10 return and U18's are free.

**St. Brendan's Board Championship Final** St. Pat's of Blennerville were Na Gaeil's opposition in the St. Brendan's Board Senior Championship Final played under lights in cold and dry Austin Stack Park on Friday evening last. While not as consistent as in previous games Na Gaeil were always in control in this tie and were two points up after ten minutes of play courtesy of points from Dara Devine and James O'Connor. In the eight minute the St. Pat's goalie batted a ball down onto the path of the in rushing Diarmaid Herlihy and he struck it low into the opposition's net to give them a five point lead. Fergal O'Brien opened the scoring for the Blennerville side with a point on eleven minutes which was cancelled out almost immediately by a Dara Devine pointed free. Na Gaeil's Diarmaid O'Connor and St. Pat's Paul McMahon traded points entering the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter but it was Na Gaeil that tagged on the last three points of the half with another Dara Devine pointed free and one each from Diarmaid Herlihy and Kieran O'Donovan. Half time score: Na Gaeil: 1-07; St. Pat's: 0-02.

Dara Devine again pointed a free on the re-start and it was a full ten minutes before the next score came, a point from St. Pat's busy corner forward Fergal O'Brien. The Blennerville side battled hard and followed up again with another point from play from Brian Murphy to narrow the gap. Dan Goggin fired over for Na Gaeil entering the final quarter. Fergal O'Brien pointed a free for St. Pat's before Dara Devine also fired over a free at the other end. In the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute Jack Barry after a great run laid off the ball to his Kerry team mate Diarmuid O'Connor and he raced through the centre of the St. Pat's defence to score one of his trademark goals from 20 metres out giving net minder Paidí Bailey no chance. Na Gaeil management now ran their bench using their six substitutes and all impressed when introduced. Dara Devine and wing back Fergal Barry fired over two more for Na Gaeil before Jamie Lowham blasted the ball to the roof of the St. Pats net on 58 minutes. Darragh Reen scored a fine point on the run from 40 metres for the Killeen side. But credit to St. Pat's they never gave up and fought to the very end with their no. 6 Luke Mulligan kicking the last score of the game before referee Paul Hayes blew full time. Final score: Na Gaeil: 3-20; St. Pat's: 0-06. Na Gaeil will be delighted with the performance of their defence with captain Eoin Doody leading by example. Midfield were also on top and while the forwards played well they will be disappointed that their final touch often left them down. All in all it was a good competitive game that should stand them in good stead before they take on Mullinahone of Tipperary in the Munster Final next Sunday. Chairperson of St. Brendan's Board Liam Sayers presented the Phil

McCarthy Cup to Na Gaeil captain Eoin Doody and he wished him and his team the very best of luck in their quest for Munster Glory next weekend.

**Team:** Timmy Culloty, Kieran Dineen, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry(0-01), Andrew Barry, Eoin Doody, Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor(1-01), Kieran O'Donovan(0-01), James O'Connor(0-01), Dan Goggin(0-01), Diarmaid Herlihy(1-01), Eoin Walsh, Dara Devine((0-06). **Subs:** Darragh Reen(0-01) for Diarmaid Herlihy; Jamie Lowham(1-0) for Eoin Walsh; Seamus Looney for Kieran O'Donovan; Darragh Sheehy for Kieran Dineen; Ian McCarthy for James O'Connor; Jordan Murphy for Dan Goggin.

**Race Night** There was a great crowd in Na Gaeil Clubhouse on Saturday night last for the Annual Race Night sponsored by Leahy's Pharmacy. It was a great occasion with nine races on the card, tote facilities, raffle prizes galore and a best dressed lady and gent competition. This fundraiser was very well supported by the local business community through buying ads, sponsoring races, raffle prizes or purchasing horses. We thank them all most sincerely for their generosity and support. Thanks also to our club members for their huge support of this event. Best dressed lady was won on the night by Mary O'Connor and best dressed gent was won by Mike O'Brien. Thanks to our fashion judge Seán Hussey for officiating on this occasion. The funds raised will go towards catering for our senior team's needs as they contest the Munster Final on Sunday next, catering for all other teams both male and female in our ever expanding club and also towards the cultural activities that our members are involved in. A big thank you to Donal Lucey and his hard working committee for organising the event and to all who helped out on Saturday night. Denis Sugrue was an excellent MC on the night and could be a racing commentator in another life. All in all a fantastic night was had by all.

**Flags For Sale** Na Gaeil flags, car flags and children's wristbands are on sale in the clubhouse. It is important that we flaunt our club colours on this historic occasion and support this great group of players as they face into the Munster Final on Sunday next December 8<sup>th</sup> in Mallow.

**AGM** Na Gaeil AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All members are welcome to attend. All motions should be handed in by now.

**Coiste na nÓg AGM** The AGM of Na Gaeil Coiste Na nÓg will take place in the clubhouse at 8pm on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Sympathy** We extend our sincere sympathy to Jimmy Adams and Family, Racecourse Lawn on the death of his mother Delia recently. Ar dheis De go raibh a h-anam dílis.

**Na Gaeil Cycling Club** Na Gaeil Cycling Club summer schedule: Saturday mornings at 9.00am 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 €2,700 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 2, 14, 23, 28. There was no winner. €50 winners were Tom O'Loughlin, Manor West and Mossie Lane, Abbeyfeale. €25 winners were Seán Gleasure, Bateman's Green, Dick Maguire, Racecourse Lawn, Mícheál Herlihy, Clogherbrien and Dan Lucey, Chestnut Drive. Next week's jackpot is €2,800. 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.