

Na Gaeil Notes Monday July 19th 2021

Seniors Na Gaeil played Dr. Crokes in Round 4 of the County League in sun drenched Killeen and in blisteringly hot conditions on Sunday. Na Gaeil's Declan Cooney was first off the mark with a fine point from play after 2 minutes. Dr. Crokes wing back Mark Fitzgerald replied with a point followed by a point from Andrew Barry on 6 minutes. Dan Goggin for Na Gaeil and Killian O'Regan exchanged points before Jack Bourke fired over for the home side on 11 minutes. Full forward Michael Casey scored a fine point for Dr. Crokes before Dan Goggin nipped in for a well taken goal after 13 minutes of play. Dr. Crokes scored the next two points through Terry Sparling and Brian O'Shea to leave the score at the first water break: Na Gaeil; 1-04; Dr. Crokes: 0-05. Na Gaeil were struggling with Dr. Crokes running game and were it not for three excellent saves by goalkeeper Devon Burns it could have been a different story. On the resumption of play Paul Clarke finished the ball to the net for Crokes, followed by two pointed frees from their corner forward Brian O'Shea. But Na Gaeil settled again. Declan Cooney scored his 2nd point on 30 minutes followed by two pointed frees from the boot of Darragh Carmody to level matters. But Paul Clarke responded with a point for Crokes to leave them one ahead at the break on a score line of Dr. Crokes: 1-08; Na Gaeil: 1-07

Na Gaeil came out a team transformed in the 2nd half and proceeded to pick off points at will. Playing into a fairly stiff breeze, Tomás O hAiniféin won the throw in, off loaded to Darragh Reen and his fine effort sailed over the bar. Eoin O'Neill pointed almost immediately for Na Gaeil followed by a great long range free from keeper Devon Burns. Na Gaeil was dominating all sectors at this stage. Dara Devine, Declan Cooney and Darragh Carmody (fr) lofted over points before Seán McCann pulled one back for Dr. Crokes. Darragh Carmody was on hand again to get the next two scores leaving Na Gaeil seven points in front at the 2nd water break. Devon Burns pointed another long range effort after the water break. Seán McCann pointed two frees for Crokes but Na Gaeil finished with a flourish scoring the next three points through Tomás O'hAiniféin, Dara Devine and a third long range placed ball from Devon Burns. Final score: Na Gaeil: 1-20; Dr. Crokes; 1-11. Na Gaeil will be very happy with their second half performance after a rather sluggish first half opening. Devon Burns heralded his return between the posts with an excellent display of shot stopping and free taking. All six backs were on top in the 2nd half with Andrew Barry's trade mark runs a feature. Tomás O hAiniféin fielded some great ball in the middle while Darragh Reen, Dan Goggin and Dara Devine impressed up front.

Na Gaeil: Devon Burns(0-03), Kieran O'Donovan, Damien Bourke(0-01), Enda O'Connor, Fergal Barry, Eoin Doody, Andrew Barry(0-01), Eoin O'Neill(0-01), Tomás O hAiniféin(0-01), Darragh Reen(0-01), Dan Goggin(1-02), Declan Cooney(0-03), Jack Bourke(0-01), Jack Sheehan, Darragh Carmody(0-05). **Subs:** Dara Devine(0-02) for Jack Bourke; Ian McCarthy for Eoin O'Neill; Luke Barrett for Jack Sheehan; Jamie Lowham for Darragh Carmody; Dan O'Connor for Declan Cooney.

Division 6 Na Gaeil B team travelled to Dingle to take on the home team in Round 4 of the county league but was defeated. Na Gaeil B team is at a disadvantage as they are playing on the same time and day as the A team and have a very minimum amount of players at their disposal. However all the players involved are enjoying the experience of playing County League football and these games will stand to them

U15 Last Wednesday evening, July 14th, we welcomed Tarbert to Killeen for the semi final of the U15 Division 4 County League. A heavy mist made conditions difficult for the players but despite this it proved to be a good, competitive game. The first quarter was evenly contested. Tarbert scored 2-01 to our lads' 5 points. The second quarter proved to be crucial though as we failed to register a score while Tarbert managed 1-02.

Ultimately that proved to be the difference. Two well-taken goals from Dylan McEneaney kept us in the game in the 3rd quarter. Again the last quarter was evenly balanced with both team exchanging points. Despite our best efforts we just couldn't reduce the deficit and Tarbert won on a final score of Na Gaeil: 2-09; Tarbert: 4-08.

Team: Iarla O hAiniféin, Jamie Schoenmaker, Jeaic Canty, Ruadhan Clifford, Peter Doyle, Ruairí O hAiniféin, Conor Lucey, Seán Barrett, Oisín O'Sullivan, Kevin O'Donoghue, Liam Cooper, Paddy McElligott, Dara Cunningham, Jack Costello, Seán Morris, Daragh Morris, Dylan McEneaney, Fionn Heaslip, Fionn O'Brien, Sean Warr.

U13 The U13 boys were out on Sunday in Round 1 of Phase two of the County League. The Green Team was away to Listowel Emmets and the game ended on a score line of Na Gaeil: 2-06; Listowel Emmets: 4-12. The White Team travelled to Ballymac, but after a close contest throughout, Ballymac finished strongly to secure victory on a score line of Na Gaeil: 2-10; Ballymac: 4-15.

U11 The U11 boys trained in blistering heat on Sunday morning and practiced their shooting skills. A penalty shootout at the end caused great excitement! The boys are looking forward to starting the 2nd phase of the Lee Strand League on this coming Thursday.

U7 & U9 The U7 and U9 players continue to train on Sunday morning with large numbers attending. All are enjoying the social outing, camaraderie and learning the basic skills of the game.

U20 The Kerry U20 team played a very talented Cork team in the Munster Championship on Thursday evening in Páirc Uí Chaoimh. They were unlucky not to snatch a draw at the end. Na Gaeil net minder Devon Burns was a member of the squad and returned to the Na Gaeil team on Sunday for their game against Dr. Crokes and was outstanding between the posts.

Kerry Hurlers The Kerry hurlers came up against a very strong Westmeath team in the Joe McDonagh Cup Final in Croke Park on Saturday where they were beaten by seven points after putting up a great fight. James O'Connor and Niall O'Mahony were part of that squad and will now be available again to play with Na Gaeil which will be a great boost to the club.

Minor Final The Kerry minors were very unlucky to be denied at the death of All Ireland Final victory in Tullamore on Sunday. While it is very disappointing for them now they will have good days ahead and many of them will wear the Kerry jersey in the future. We are very proud of their inspirational captain Oisín Maunsell who had a fine game and also of all his team mates and their management team. We are looking forward to having Oisín back playing football with Na Gaeil in the coming weeks.

Munster Final We wish Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor and the Kerry Senior Team the very best of luck in the Munster final in Fitzgerald Stadium, Killarney on Sunday next where they take on arch rivals Cork. Throw in is at 4pm.

Lotto Our Lotto draw was held on Tuesday last July 12th. Numbers drawn were: 3, 12, 13, 16. There was no winner of the jackpot. €20 Lucky Dip winners were: Noelle Kingston, Castlawn Drive, Michael Lynch, C/O Na Gaeil, Adrian O'Connor, C/O Na Gaeil, Tim Behan, Meadowlands and Seán Hussey, Ashe St. Next week's jackpot is €4,900.

Tea and Coffee Teas, coffees, hot chocolate, drinks and snacks are served every Sunday morning on our outdoor terrace at the clubhouse during our Juvenile Academy sessions. We look forward to seeing you there!

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