

Na Gaeil Notes Monday July 29th 2019

Seniors Na Gaeil travelled to Killarney on Saturday evening to take on Dr. Crokes in Round 10 of the County League. Na Gaeil were up against it from the start with the Killarney side fielding a full strength team for the tie. While the Killeen side battled hard all over the field they found it hard to match the power and the running of this Crokes outfit. The half time score was 1-10 to 0-01 with the point coming from Diarmaid Herlihy. Mike Griffin scored a point early in the 2nd half but Crokes banged in two goals in the 4th and 5th minute. Na Gaeil never gave up with Eoin Walsh scoring a good point from wing back followed by a cheeky goal by Mike Griffin from a 20m free. Points from Jamie Lowham and Fergal Barry and a Mike Griffin pointed free narrowed the gap somewhat. Substitute Eamon Sheehy popped up at the edge of the square to score a great goal in the closing stages of the half. Final score: Dr. Crokes: 3-19; Na Gaeil: 2-06. The Last game of the County League will be at home to Rathmore but this fixture will not go ahead until Kerry exit the All Ireland series which we hope will not be for some time yet.

Kerry Minors Congratulations to Na Gaeil's Devon Burns who had a great game between the posts for the Kerry Minors in the All Ireland Quarter Final against Tyrone on Sunday. He made two wonderful saves which helped keep Kerry in the game at a vital stage. Congrats also to Tomás O hAiniféin who played well when introduced and to Enda O'Connor, Oisín Maunsell and Jack Sheehan who were all part of the panel.

Good Luck The best of luck to Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor and the Kerry team as they travel to Navan to take on Meath in the last round of the Super 8's on Saturday next.

Na Gaeil Ladies Division 2 County League Minor B Final. It was nice to make a final, especially when it was being played at Currans – Centre of Excellence. For a long time leading up to the game it looked as if we would not have enough to field a team, so a big thank you to all who togged out on the night, particularly the younger players. Legion had good numbers but unfortunately had to play down to 11 as is the rule for this competition.

Mary O'Connell captained the side and chose to play with the wind in the 1st half having won the toss. As we were down our 1st and 2nd choice keepers, Caragh Greilish stepped into goal. We won possession from the throw in and swiftly moved the ball up the pitch with Mary finishing with a point. Legion responded straight away with a point to level the game. We were getting the upper hand in middle of the pitch and a well worked attack saw Sienna Lucey break into space in front of goals and finish with the ball in the back of the net. Legion responded with another point. Three minutes later Sienna broke into space again received a lovely pass and again placed the ball in the back of the net. Two minutes later Freya O'Connor broke up from the halfback line and from a tight angle managed to score a goal. Sarah Barrett added another point two minutes later. Na Gaeil were in control at this stage but started to lose their shape a bit and would score no more in this half as Legion mounted a comeback scoring 2-04 (2 penalties) before the break to leave the halftime score Na Gaeil 3.2 Legion 2.6.

There was good talk amongst the girls at halftime and they went back out in a positive mood. This mood was made better when Caragh, who had swapped positions with Emma Dewey, picked up a pass near the Legion goal and reacted quickly to put the ball in the back of the net. We were back in front and would not relinquish the lead any more. The second half performance was a true team effort. Considering we had no subs and were playing into the wind, our girls really got stuck in and fought for each other right to the end. Emma put in a great shift in goals and was smart with her kick outs. Megan Fernane held the back line which allowed Eimer Ni Shuilleabháin and Freya to break forward and set up attacks. Sarah dropped into the centre back role and put a stop to many of the Legion attacks. Clodagh O'Connor moved into midfield with Mary and added to the scoring with a well taken point after 7 minutes. Muire Kingston and Ciara Rath were keeping the Legion defence busy with runs up either wing and Ciara added a point after ten minutes. Sienna was a nuisance in at the edge of the square and won two frees in the space of a couple of minutes, converting both. She was then fouled in the square and the ref pointed to the penalty spot, Mary gave the Legion goalie no chance with a well struck penalty. A couple of minutes later Mary added a point from play. Legion were doing their best to break our defence and managed to score 1-02 but never managed to put a hold on the game like they had in the second quarter. Muire and Ciara kept attacking from the wings and scored a point each as we approached fulltime. The Na Gaeil girls played some very sensible football in the closing minutes. Not panicking they passed the ball around ensuring Legion could not get possession to counter attack. At this stage Sienna had moved into goal and Emma took her place in full forward. Emma went through on goal and was fouled, another penalty. Sarah stepped up this time and coolly slotted it into the net. Having played five minutes of extra time the ref finally blew for fulltime. Final score: Na Gaeil 6-09; Legion 3-08.

Team: Caragh Greilish(1-0), Megan Fernane, Emma Dewey, Freya O'Connor(1-0) Clodagh O'Connor(0-01), Mary O'Connell(1-02) Sarah Barrett(1-01) Eimer Ni Shuilleabháin, Ciara Rath(0-02), Muire Kingston(0-01), Sienna Lucey(2-02), Caragh O'Neill (injured).

Thanks to Legion for the sporting game. It was nice to pull one back after some hard trips to Killarney; thanks to Nora Feely and the County Board for organising this competition. Thanks also to Currans for the use of their fine facilities. A special thanks to the parents who keep giving of their time so that their girls get the chance to play these games. Also, where would we be without Eddie who keeps giving of his time training along with all the many other activities he is involved in for our Ladies Club. And finally, thanks to Sean and the staff at the bar for our pizza celebration when we got home.

Super 8's Tickets for the All Ireland Senior football Championship Quarter Final Phase 3; Kerry V Meath in Páirc Tailteann, Navan on Saturday, August 3rd at 6pm are now on sale in Centra and Super Valu Stores, online at tickets.ie, in the Kerry GAA Store in Killarney and at the County Board office in Tralee. Adults: €25; Student/Senior: €20; Juveniles: €5. Tickets are general admission so first come first served into stand/terrace.

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 €3,900 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 13, 23, 24, 28. There was no winner. €50 winners were John Flynn, C/O Na Gaeil and Michael Milner Currovough. €25 winners were Terry Healy, Terry's Butchers, Junior Locke, Shanakill, Pat Boyle, Ragoonane, and Kieran Dillane, Currovough. Next week's jackpot is €4,000. 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.