

Na Gaeil Notes Monday June 14th 2021

Seniors Na Gaeil hosted Ballydonoghue in Round 1 of the Division 2 County League in a warm and sunny Killeen on Sunday afternoon. Ballydonoghue got off to the better start with Jack Foley pointing inside the first minute, followed by pointed frees from Jack Behan and Paul Kennelly to put them 3 ahead after 10 minutes. Andrew and Fergal Barry were making good runs into Ballydonoghue territory. Na Gaeil's Jack Sheehan had a point blank shot saved by Darragh O'Shea in the Ballydonoghue goals before Dara Devine pointed a free for the home side to open their account after 11 minutes of play. Paul Kennelly pointed another free after 13 minutes. Jack Sheehan made no mistake with his 2nd attempt on goal when he fired home from close range in the 19th minute to level the game at 1-01 to 0-04. Andrew Barrw slotted over a great point in the 26th minute after an incisive run through the middle but this was cancelled out by a point from Ballydonoghue's Kevin O'Donnell. Ian McCarthy pointed a free for Na Gaeil on 30 minutes followed by a point from Paul Kennelly for the North Kerry side on 34 minutes to leave matters all square at the interval. Na Gaeil: 1-03; Ballydonoghue: 0-06.

Eoin O'Neill won the throw in at the start of the 2nd half and after a surging run through the middle fired over a lovely point. Darragh Sheehy pointed from play for Ballydonoghue before their ace marksman Paul Kennelly hit two long range frees over the crossbar to put them ahead once more. The introduction of Darragh Carmody just before half time was to have a huge bearing on the outcome of this game and he kicked over his first point in the 14th minute of the half. It was tit for tat at this stage with nothing separating the sides. That man again Paul Kennelly pointed two more frees for Ballydonoghue. But Darragh Carmody was equally as accurate for the home side, kicking the next three scores for Na Gaeil to leave them one ahead with three minutes of normal time left to play. Paul Kennelly pointed the next two frees for Ballydonoghue to put them one ahead once more. Darragh Carmody leveled matters with a pointed free on thirty minutes but Jack Foley put Ballydonoghue ahead in the 34th minute. Na Gaeil had one last attack and after some good support play Eoin O'Neill finished a great move to fire over from 30 metres out to earn a well deserved draw which both teams were happy with in the end. Final score: Na Gaeil: 1-11; Ballydonoghue: 0-14. Paul Kennelly for Ballydonoghue and Darragh Carmody for Na Gaeil gave an exhibition of point scoring at either end of the pitch. Na Gaeil's Enda O'Connor had a marvelous game at corner back with Jack Sheehan very influential up front. Jack Foley and Brian O'Seanacháin were impressive for Ballydonoghue.

Na Gaeil: Adrian Quirke, Darragh Sheehy, Ryan O'Neill, Enda O'Connor, Fergal Barry, Eoin Doody, Kieran Donovan, Andrew Barry(0-01), Eoin O'Neill(0-02), Darragh Reen,

Tomás O hAiniféin, Tadhg Lynch, Ian McCarthy(0-01), Jack Sheehan (1-0), Dara Devine. **Subs:** Darragh Carmody(0-06); for Dara Devine(0-01), Luke Barrett for Darragh Reen; Declan Cooney for Ian McCarthy; Jack Bourke for Tadhg Lynch. In Round 2 of the County League Na Gaeil are away to St. Mary's next Saturday night June 19th at 7.30pm.

2nd Team Our 2nd senior team had a great win in their first game in Division 6 of the County League defeating Spa away on a scoreline of Na Gaeil: 2-13; Spa: 1-05. This is a very significant victory as it is the first time that Na Gaeil has fielded a 2nd team in the County League. Next Sunday June 20th Na Gaeil are at home to Firies in Round 2 with a starting time of 2pm.

Minors Na Gaeil minor team played Renard/St. Mary's in Round 1 of the County League in Killeen on Monday last, June 7th and the game ended in a draw. They travel to Knocknagoshel on Monday June 14th to take on Knock/Brosna/ Duagh in Round 2. Throw in is at 7.30pm.

U15 Last Wednesday, June 9th, saw the start of our U15 County League campaign when we travelled to take on Kenmare. We took an early lead but Kenmare hit back with a goal and 3 points to lead at the first water break. That pattern continued and by halftime Kenmare led by 3-5 to 0-6. Our lads played better in the 2nd half and the margin was down to 4 points at one stage. However despite our best efforts we couldn't bridge the gap and Kenmare eventually ran out winners on a scoreline of 5-8 to 2-11. **Team:** Iarla O hAiniféin, Jamie Schoenmaker, Oisin O'Sullivan, Fionn Heaslip, Peter Doyle, Kevin O'Donoghue, Ruadhan Clifford, Jeaic Canty, Sean Barrett, Dara Cunningham, Jack Costello, Conor Lucey, Paddy McElligott, Ruairí O hAiniféin, Seán Morris. **Subs:** Dylan McEnaney, Darragh Morris, Fionn O'Brien, Liam Cooper. We travel to Firies this Wednesday evening to take on the home team at 7.30pm.



U13 On Sunday evening the U13s had their first games in the Lee Strand County League when they welcomed An Gaeltacht to Killeen. Both the green and white teams were in action on what was a lovely evening for football. The green team got off to a great start, leading 3-5 to 2-1 at half time. An Gaeltacht made a strong comeback in the second half but the lads battled on to secure victory on a scoreline of 3-7 to 3-5. The white team also put in a great effort, but just came up short. Final score: Na Gaeil: 3-04, An Gaeltacht: 4-09.

U11 Our under 11 teams travelled to Cordal on Sunday where they played the home side in a challenge game. They had a very enjoyable outing. We thank the Cordal club

for hosting our young players and we look forward to welcoming them to Killeen in the future.

U9 Our U9 players made the short journey down to Austin Stacks on Sunday morning and played a number of friendly games in glorious sunshine. They really enjoyed themselves. Thanks to Austin Stacks for hosting our teams and we look forward to a return visit from them in the coming weeks.

Lotto Na Gaeil lotto draw took place on Tuesday last, June 8th. Numbers drawn were: 4, 6, 17, 24. There was no winner. €20 Lucky Dip winners were Seán Murphy, C/O Na Gaeil, Caroline & Jerry, C/O Na Gaeil, Paul Daly, Riverwalk, Tim Behan, Meadowlands and Barry O'Donoghue, Clogherbrien. Next week's jackpot: €4,650.

Congrats Well done to the Kerry team on their great win over Tyrone on Saturday to share the league title with Dublin. Diarmuid O'Connor continues to impress at midfield and Jack Barry when introduced capped off a solid performance by scoring his first goal in a Kerry shirt. They now prepare to meet Clare in the opening round of the Munster Championship in Fitzgerald Stadium in two weeks time. We wish them the best of luck.

Kerry Ladies Congrats to the Kerry Ladies football team and to Na Gaeil players, Mary O'Connell and Megan O'Connor, on their fantastic victory over Monaghan in the Lidl Ladies Division 2 National League semi final. It was heart stopping stuff with the game ending all square after extra time. A penalty shoot-out decided the final outcome with Kerry winning 4 to 3. Well done to all involved.

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