

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Seniors** Na Gaeil played Spa, Killarney in Round 6 of the Senior County League in Killeen on Sunday in damp misty conditions. Spa's wing back Ciaran Spillane opened the scoring after two minutes with a point and this was cancelled out with a point from Na Gaeil's Jamie Lowham at the other end. Spa's Cormac Cronin crashed home a goal from close range 16 minutes in followed by a point from their no. 6 Dan O'Donoghue. Na Gaeil battled hard and Dara Devine pointed a free on 20 minutes. Na Gaeil had the lion's share of possession at this stage and on 23 minutes a shot from Jamie Lowham was fumbled by the Spa keeper and ended up in the net. Spa's Michael O'Donoghue pointed a free for the Killarney side and then at the other end Ian McCarthy sent a low hard shot to the left hand corner of the Spa net with 4 minutes left to half time to put us two ahead. Jamie Lowham and Michael O'Donoghue traded points before referee Stephen Mulvihill blew the half time whistle. Score at the break: Na Gaeil: 2-03; Spa: 1-04.

Dara Devine and Spa's Michael O'Donoghue exchanged points early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half before Spa's Niall McCarthy sneaked in for a goal. Dara Devine responded with a pointed free for Na Gaeil to level the match again with 15 minutes gone. Mike McCarthy pointed for Spa followed by two good points from Dara Devine, one from a free. With 20 minutes gone Spa's Shane Cronin got inside the Na Gaeil defence for another goal followed by a point from their no. 12 Niall McCarthy. But Na Na Gaeil showed great heart all through this game and responded in great fashion. The ball was delivered to Ian McCarthy who made an incisive run through the middle to set up Dara Devine for a great goal and level up matters again with 4 minutes of normal time left to play. But Spa won the resultant kick out and worked the ball down the field for another goal scored this time by their full forward Michael Foley. They scored a point through Shane Cronin before Mike Griffin slotted over for Na Gaeil and Dara Devine had the last say with a pointed free to leave the full time score: Na Gaeil 3-08; Spa : 4-08. This was a game Na Gaeil were unlucky not to get something out of but must be heartened by their gutsy display where every player gave their utmost on the day. Na Gaeil now travel to Caherciveen in two weeks time to take on St. Mary's.

**Team:** Timmy Culloty, Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Dineen, Dara Sheehy, Kieran O'Donovan, Eoin Doody, Shane Fitzgerald, Mike Griffin, Seamie O'Neill, Ian McCarthy, Dan Goggin, Darragh Reen, Jordan Murphy, Jamie Lowham, Dara Devine. **Subs:** Joe Hayes for Jordan Murphy.

**Junior League** Na Gaeil play Austin Stack's C away in Round 3 of the Junior Football League on this coming Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm.

**Minor Co. Championship** St. Brendan's play Killarney Legion in the first round of the Minor County Championship on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in John Mitchel's.

**U12** The U12 boys were away to Annascaul/Lispole in Round 4 of the County League Division 6A/6B on Sunday evening last. In a close contest the A team unfortunately lost out on the points. Well done to the B team on their win. Next up we will be playing at home against Renard on Sunday evening next, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Training will continue as normal during the week.

**Na Gaeil Ladies** After a hard fought campaign, we played Beaufort in the Div 3 U14 County League Final on Sunday evening in Firies GAA pitch. Both sides gave away very little chances in the first 10 minutes as both sides remained scoreless. With Grainne Quirke and Aisling being strong through the centre of our defence, we were hard to break down. Cara intercepted a ball being played into the Beaufort forwards and found Róisín. Roisin played in Eve who finished with her usual coolness to find the back of the net. Beaufort replied with a point from a free. But again we replied quickly with two points from Caoilinn. Beaufort scored another two points from free kicks. But just as Beaufort thought that they were getting themselves back into the game, Grainne Breen won the kick out, found Cara who quickly played in Caoilinn for a goal. From the resulting kick out, Eve won the ball and found Siena in space and she scored her 1<sup>st</sup> goal of the game. As halftime approached Beaufort made a rally back as they scored a quick 1.03 but Siena finished off the half with a point from a free. Halftime score 3.03 to 1.05. We were in for a tough 2<sup>nd</sup> half as Beaufort had the wind and the hill. Beaufort came out of the blocks on fire for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and scored 3 quick points. But we battled back with Cara and Róisín starting to take control of midfield. With towering performances from the half back line of Ciara Lynch, Aisling Casey and Elizabeth Slattery who were winning our kick outs, setting up attacks and along with Beaufort struggling to get through them. But the few times they did, they came up against the wall of Grace, Grainne Quirke and Priya and with Elsie Peig coming on with fresh legs to make some important interceptions as they made sure Beaufort scored no more than 3 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. And with keeper Aoife Barrett in goals, we were in safe hands, as she held any long range shots and set up many attacks with her kick outs. Beaufort couldn't get through us and we punished them on the other side with Grainne setting up Siena for her 2<sup>nd</sup> goal, Sorcha now came into side and made an impact finding Cashla in space who beat the keeper. Our midfielders were pushing up and Beaufort struggled to win their kick outs. Siena completed her hat trick after Ciara, Cara and Róisín combined to play her in. With the final whistle looming, Captains Aisling and Cara drove forward and found Siun who skipped around three players and hammered the ball into the back of the net. Before the game, we said that the final would be won on team play and with a final score of 8.03 to 1.08, it was the team play, hard work and support for each other that won it for them. Well deserved for all the hard work that they put in to make the final. A huge thanks also must go to the huge support that we had at the game as well. Well done to everyone.

**Team:** Aoife Barrett, Grace Savage, Grainne Quirke, Elizabeth Slattery, Aisling Casey, Priya O'Donovan, Siun Fitzgibbon, Cara Gannon, Siena Lucey, Caoilinn O'Brien, Roisin O'Mahony, Eve Broderick, Grainne Breen, Cashla Mullen, Chloe Quillinan, Sorcha Casey, Ciara Lynch, Maya Cieslak, Jessie Grealish, Elsie Peig Rogers, Hayley Buckley, Elizabeth Burke.

**Exams** We wish all our Junior and Leaving Cert students the very best of luck in their exams and hope that all goes well for them.

**Free Digital Skills Course** Our Club are looking for members who are interested in participating in a Free Digital Skills Course. Topics covered include: surfing the

net, email, social media, shopping and banking online. If interested drop into the club house and sign up. Course duration is 10 hours and will be run over a couple of evenings in the clubhouse. Dates and times will be scheduled depending on demand. This is a great opportunity for anybody wishing to brush up on their computer skills and it's free. So please come along and sign up as soon as possible and we will get the course up and running.

**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 €3,300 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 8, 12, 23, 26. There was no winner. €50 winners were Michael Lynch, Ballybeggan and Eamon Breen, Killeen Woods. €25 winners were Denis Henry, A.F. Security, Marie Cregan, Lios Dara, Colm O'Conchubhair, Racecourse Lawn and Jim McPeake, Woodlands. Next week's jackpot is €3,400. 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.

