

Na Gaeil Notes Monday June 21st 2021

Seniors: Our seniors travelled to Caherciveen on Sunday to play St. Mary's. Missing some key players, we found ourselves up against it from the very start. St. Mary's backs covered tigerishly from the throw in and forced our forwards to take shots from very awkward angles. The home team got opening score a point from A Walsh after some broken play around the centre. Following a clash, we lost Tomás O'hAnifin who was replaced by Ruari O'Sullivan. The home team got the next two scores before Darragh Reen got our first point, from play, after sixteen minutes. Under huge pressure we conceded two more before the water break 0 – 05 to 0 – 01. St. Mary's kept up the pressure and made it 0 – 08 to 0 – 01 with points from Dan Daly and the everlasting Brian Sheehan. Following some good work by our half backs, Barry and Doody both Jack Sheehan and Darragh Reen converted to leave the half time score 0 – 08 to 0 – 3 in favour of the home team. After the break St. Mary's managed two more before Darragh Carmody and Darragh Reen make it 0 – 10 to 0 – 05. Dan Daly and Darragh Carmody swop points which seems to raise Na Gaeil. Darragh Reen makes it 0 – 11 to 0 – 07. Then Dan Daly scores on the water break 0 – 12 to t 0 – 7. Immediately after the water break a well worked goal from Aidan Walsh put the game beyond our reach being, in arrears of seven late in game. Jer O'Connor, Jack Sheehan, and Darragh Carmody closed the scoring to leave it at 1 – 12 to 0 – 10. Considering that we had a very depleted team we can look forward to better results when injuries sort themselves out. Na Gaeil extends its sympathy to St. Mary's on the death of Maurice Junior Murphy, May he rest in peace.

Senior B: Played in ideal conditions in Killeen Firies got off to a far better start, outscoring the home side 1 – 08 to 0 – 04 in the first period Their centre field and forwards found their men in good space allowing Pat Browne 1 – 00, Conal Murphy 0 – 03, TJ Palmer 0 – 03 and Conor Henderson and B O'Rourke 0 – 01 each. For Na Gaeil Owen Sheehy, Cian Devine a free, Lorcan Seymore and Tadhg Reen got a point each. Half time score 1 – 08 to 0 – 04. Na Gaeil played much better in the second half outscoring Firies 0 – 10 to 1 – 04. Late in the game Na Gaeil were well in touch when Brian Burke got the second goal which really killed of the game. Palmer and Murphy got the points for Firies. Scorers for Na Gaeil were Chris Horan, Jimmy O'Sullivan, Cian Devine, Owen Sheehy. Jimmy O'Sullivan, Rory Murphy and Owen Sheehy played well for the home side while TJ Palmer, Pat Browne and Brian Stack were prominent for Firies.

Minors: Na Gaeil minors were defeated By Knock/Brosna/Duagh last week in Knocknagoshel. They play John Mitchel's this Monday June 21st at 7.30pm in John Mitchel's.

U15: Round 2 of the U15 County League was played last Wednesday 16th June and saw us away to Firies. Despite playing against the breeze, we started well and led by 1-04 to 0-02 at the first water break. Firies then had a purple spell and outscored us by 2-02 to 0-02. Just before halftime Na Gaeil hit back with a vital goal to put us ahead 2-06 to 2-04 at halftime. An early 1-02 at the start of the 2nd half saw us race into a 7-point lead. By the second half water break we were up 4 points. From there until the end Firies exerted severe pressure on our defence but we held on to win by 3 points on a score line of Firies: 5-09, Na Gaeil: 5-12.

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

Remember our under 15 team are out again on Wednesday 23rd. to play Dr. Crokes. Training as usual as arranged by managers.

UNDER 13: On Sunday evening the U13 boys were playing in round 2 of the Lee Strand County league. The white team were away to Kerins O'Rahillys, and after a very entertaining game, the hard work and determination resulted in a great win for the lads, final score, Na Gaeil 5-18, Kerins O'Rahillys 4-6. The U13 green team were also in action Sunday evening where they were away to Kilcummin. Despite the great effort put in by the lads, they came up short on a score line of Na Gaeil 4-2, Kilcummin 4-9.

UNDER 11: All 3 Na Gaeil teams were in action on Thursday evening in the Lee strand u 11 league. The green and gold teams were away to Mitchell's and the white team hosted Lispole.

Lotto: Na Gaeil Lotto draw was held on Tuesday night last. Numbers drawn were: 1, 5, 10, 12. There was no winner of the jackpot. €20 Lucky Dip winners were: Anna Griffin, C/O Na Gaeil, Kieran Fitzgerald, Bateman's Green, Mary O'Sullivan, Lios Dara, Eileen & John Doherty, Ard Na Lí and Donal Rooney, C/O Na Gaeil. Next week's jackpot is €4,700.

Executive Meeting: Na Gaeil executive held its monthly meeting on Thursday last June 17th with many topics being discussed. The field committee was thanked for its great work of late. The field has been sanded and aerated recently and is cut on a regular basis. Coiste na nÓg is catering for huge numbers at the juvenile academy on Sunday mornings and the many coaches were commended for their great work, commitment and organizational skills. Na Gaeil outdoor bar was opened last weekend as the weather was so fine and proved to be a huge success. The club lotto is going well with the numbers playing online growing week by week.

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

THANKS: Thanks to Margaret Doody and committee who provided much needed, excellent, sustenance to the players after the game

SYMPATHY: Na Gaeil expresses deepest sympathy to Kevin Murphy and family, especially his mother Breda, on the death of his father John in Meadowlands, last weekend.