

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021

**Seniors** Na Gaeil will open their County League campaign on the weekend of June 12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> with a home game against Ballydonoghue. Na Gaeil 2<sup>nd</sup> team is away to Spa on the same weekend.

**Minor County League** Na Gaeil will play Renard/St. Mary's at home in Killeen on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Round 1 of the Minor County Football League.

**U15** The U15 squad trained on Sunday evening in glorious sunshine. The boys are looking forward County League which commences on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Their next training session is on Wednesday evening and Kerry GDA Tom Joy will be in attendance to lend a helping hand.

**Lotto** Na Gaeil Lotto Draw was held live on our Facebook page on Tuesday evening last at 7.30pm. The numbers drawn: 1, 21, 25, 30. There was no winner. €20 Lucky Dip winners were: Maurice Whelan, The Coin, Tralee, David Fitzgerald, Oakfield Square, Tralee, Seán Murphy, Riverside, Oakpark, Tralee, Dónal Leahy, Clounalour, Tralee and Allan O'Connor & Mel Scanlon, Cloondara, Oakpark, Tralee. Next week's jackpot is €4,550.

**Kerry** Well done to the Kerry senior football team, on their victory over Roscommon in Hyde Park on Sunday. Diarmuid O'Connor had another fine game at midfield. He covered every blade of grass and chipped in with three well taken points. We look forward to seeing his Na Gaeil clubmate Jack Barry back in action with the county before long.

**Kerry U14** Congratulations to Na Gaeil's Priya O'Donovan on being selected on the Kerry U14 team for the coming season. We wish her the best of luck.

**Súil Siar** St Brendan's Board U14 League Final Monday April 9<sup>th</sup> 2012: Na Gaeil and Ardfert played the `A` final of the St. Brendan's Board League in Ballyheigue on Monday night last. A rain soaked pitch and a strong breeze made playing conditions tough but both teams put in a great effort to deliver a

thriller to the on looking supporters. The strong breeze favoured Na Gaeil in the first half with Dara Devine pointing from a free and a long kick by Segun Duyaile, hopping over the goalies head. Ardfert looked strong in attack and put some good moves together to secure their first point after six minutes. Diarmuid O'Connor proved hard to mark and covered a lot of ground in search of play. His first point came in the ninth minute when he worked his way towards goal with a hop and a solo and drove it over the bar. A goal came a minute later when he rolled the ball past the goalie to put Na Gaeil into a comfortable lead. Ardfert launched waves of attack on the Na Gaeil goals and eventually found the net after thirteen minutes. Na Gaeil worked hard with Stefan Okunbor, Segun Duyaile, Seamus Looney, Jonathan Myers and John O'Carroll winning ball around the middle of the field and driving it into their forwards. Morgan Moriarty and Dylan Burns put pressure on the Ardfert backs. Two pointed frees by Dara Devine and a point from Stefan Okunbor, from a kick out ball, put seven points between the sides. Influential player, Segun, increased the lead to ten points with another goal in the 22<sup>nd</sup> minute. Ardfert put a lot of pressure on the Na Gaeil defence for the remainder of this half but stalwart defending by Niall O'Mahony, Cathal Curran, Eamonn Lawlor, Tim Kelliher and Ryan O'Neill kept them at bay. Wave after wave of Ardfert attacks were pushed back, not allowing any scores to be conceded. Half time score: Na Gaeil: 3 – 05; Ardfert: 1 - 01. Na Gaeil had a ten point lead going into the second half but with the strong breeze now blowing in favour of Ardfert, was this enough? Ardfert started strong and within four minutes, had driven four quick points over the crossbar. Na Gaeil again defended well and prevented opponents from scoring any much needed goals. By the 17<sup>th</sup> minute they reduced the margin to four points. Shawn Duggan was excellent on the goal line and kept his team on track for a win. Against the strong wind Na Gaeil made good advances into Ardfert territory. Na Gaeil's first score came in the 19<sup>th</sup> minute when Shane Costello and Ryan O'Neill put pressure on the Ardfert defence resulting in an own goal. Declan Horgan also made great contributions. A well-engineered move from midfield through to the forwards gave Dara Devine a much needed Na Gaeil goal late in this half. Ardfert never gave up, tagging on three more points keeping the tension high. At the final whistle, Na Gaeil ran out deserving winners with a final score of Na Gaeil: 5 – 05; Ardfert: 1 – 10. The silverware was presented to captain Seamus Looney who thanked his mentors, Kevin Murphy, P.J, Murphy and Noel Ó'Murchú for all their hard work. Other players involved in helping them achieve this win and were out through injury were Joe Slattery, Eamonn Sheehy, Rory Kelly and James Roche.

**Clubhouse** The clubhouse is closed for all outside activities and the gym will also be closed until there is further clarification from GAA Headquarters as to when they can re-open.

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