

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday November 25<sup>th</sup> 2019

**Munster Semi Final** Na Gaeil played Michael Cusack's of Clare in the Premier Junior Munster Semi Final in Austin Stack Park on Saturday in what turned out to be a stroll in the park for the Tralee side. It took all of five minutes for Na Gaeil to settle in but once they did the scores came thick and fast. Jack Barry fisted over in the sixth minute which was quickly followed up with two points from Diarmaid Herlihy. Dara Devine pointed two frees and Diarmaid Herlihy scored his 3<sup>rd</sup> from play in the twelfth minute to put Na Gaeil five ahead. Dara Devine pointed from a placed ball once more before Diarmuid O'Connor split the uprights. It was all one way traffic with Na Gaeil on top in every position and the Clare side were finding it difficult to get to the pace of the game. Andrew Barry scored a peach of a point on twenty eight minutes. Then after good interplay between Jack Barry and Dan Goggin Diarmuid O'Connor burst through the Michael Cusack's rearguard to blast the ball past net minder Eoin Farrell. A minute later Jack Barry passed to Diarmaid Herlihy. He drove in along the end line and sent the ball across to Jamie Lowham who finished it to the net for Na Gaeil's 2<sup>nd</sup> goal. Half time score Na Gaeil: 2-08; Michael Cusack's: 0-00. Na Gaeil were first out of the blocks after half time with Diarmaid Herlihy and Diarmuid O'Connor firing over from the first two attacks. Michael Cusack's registered their first score in the 38<sup>th</sup> minute when Hugh Kelly pointed from play which was cancelled out by another Dara Devine pointed free. After 40 minutes Na Gaeil management ran their bench. James O'Connor scored a point after being introduced quickly followed by a well worked Darragh Reen point. The next six points came from the trusty boot of expert place kicker Dara Devine, four from frees and two from play. The hard working Dan Goggin goaled from close range in the 60<sup>th</sup> minute followed by a pointed free from Michael Cusack's Domhnall McMahon. Kieran Donovan pointed the last free of the game on 64 minutes. Final Score: Na Gaeil: 3-20; Michael Cusack's: 0-02. A rather facile victory for Na Gaeil with their midfield and defence controlling matters from start to finish and ensuring a plentiful supply of ball to the forwards. They will face a much sterner test in Mallow on December 8<sup>th</sup> when they take on Mullinahone of Tipperary in the Munster Final.

**Team:** Timmy Culloty, Ryan O'Neill, Kieran Dineen, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Andrew Barry(0-01), Eoin Doody, Diarmuid O'Connor(1-02), Jack Barry(0-01), Dan O'Connor, Eoin O'Neill, Dan Goggin(1-0), Diarmaid Herlihy(0-04), Jamie Lowham(1-0), Dara Devine(0-9). Subs: Darragh Reen(0-01) for Jack Barry; Eoin Walsh for Dan O'Connor; James O'Connor(0-01) for Diarmuid O'Connor; Tadhg Lynch for Diarmaid Herlihy; Shane Fitzgerald for Ryan O'Neill; Kieran Donovan(0-01) for Fergal Barry.

**St. Brendan's Board Championship Final** Na Gaeil will play St. Pat's Blennerville in the St. Brendan's Board Championship Final on Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in Austin Stack Park.

**Race Night** All roads lead to Na Gaeil Clubhouse this Saturday Night November 30<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Race Night which is being sponsored by Leahy's Pharmacy. It is always a great night out and an occasion not to be missed. All races will be shown on the big screen and there will be tote facilities at the event. Don't forget to come in your finery as there will be a prize for the best dressed lady and gent. Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Munster Final** Every man, woman and child from Na Gaeil will be heading to Mallow GAA Complex on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> as the senior team continue on their historic journey and contest the Premier Junior Munster Final for the first time ever. Their opponents will be Tipperary Champions Mullinahone. We hope to see a sea of green and white in the stands on the day.

**Flags For Sale** Na Gaeil flags, car flags and children's wristbands are on sale in the clubhouse. It is important that we flaunt our club colours on this historic occasion and support this great group of players as they face into the Munster Final on December 8<sup>th</sup> in Mallow.

**Annual Mass** A large crowd attended our annual November mass in the clubhouse on Thursday last. Thanks to Fr. Barasa of St. John's Parish for celebrating the Eucharist with us and for his lovely homily. He led the prayers for all the deceased members of our club and blessed our clubhouse and everybody present. He congratulated Na Gaeil senior team on their recent success and wished them well in their quest for Munster glory. Everybody joined him for a cup of tea and a chat afterwards. Thanks to all those who prepared the tasty sandwiches, cakes and refreshments for the occasion.

**Congrats** Heartiest congrats to Na Gaeil senior player Damien Bourke who played at corner back on the U.C.C. Freshers team that defeated University of Limerick in the Division 1 All Ireland Final on Thursday last on a score line of 1-19 to 0-14. Well done Damien.

**AGM** Na Gaeil AGM will be held in the clubhouse on Friday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All members are welcome to attend. All motions should be handed in by now.

**Coiste na nÓg AGM** The AGM of Na Gaeil Coiste Na nÓg will take place in the clubhouse at 8pm on Thursday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. All are welcome.

**Referee Foundation Course** A Referee Foundation Course is organised for Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Kerry Centre of Excellence, Currans Village, V93 A4N6 at 7.30pm for both dates. The 3<sup>rd</sup> date for this course will be early in January 2020. Date and time to be confirmed. All nominations for the referees foundation course will need to be submitted through your Club's Senior Secretary to either Mark Griffin at [refereesadministrator.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:refereesadministrator.kerry@gaa.ie) or Jer Lynch at [jer.lynch@yahoo.ie](mailto:jer.lynch@yahoo.ie)

**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 €2,600 took place on Thursday evening last. Numbers drawn were 3, 11, 12, 14. There was no winner. €50 winners were Tom Nolan, Ballylongford and Trina Hussey, C/O Hussey's Shop. €25 winners were Michael Forrest, Lios Dara, Eoin Doody, Ballybeggan, John Browne, Currovough and The Knockers, C/O Na Gaeil. Next week's jackpot is €2,700. 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.