

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday September 28<sup>th</sup> 2020

**Seniors** Na Gaeil played St. Pat's Blennerville in the semi- final of the St. Brendan's Board Championship in Saturday in Killeen. They led by 1-06 to 0-04 at half time with the goal coming from the boot of Jack Sheehan very early in the game. Na Gaeil dominated the 2<sup>nd</sup> half also with further goals from Eoin O'Neill and Jack Sheehan to win comprehensively in the end.

**U10** Na Gaeil U10's hosted St. Pat's of Blennerville on Sunday morning as part of Go Games 2020. It was a great encounter from start to finish with a lot of blocks, tackles and runs by Na Gaeil. It was a very enjoyable morning for both groups of players.

**U6** Our U6's also had a great morning's football on Sunday when they hosted Austin Stacks. Both sets of players showed some great skill.

**Minor Ladies** We made our inaugural visit to the Keel pitch for our Division 2 County Semi Final against Milltown/Keel/Listry. It was a lovely evening for a game and the pitch was in great shape. The girls were looking forward to the challenge. However it was always going to be an up-hill battle as MKL finished top of the table and we were fourth. We played with the fall of ground in the first half and got off to a dream start when Ciara Butler netted after two minutes. Muire popped over a free three minutes later. Caoilin and Ciara Rath picked off a point each within a minute. The girls in green had settled well. MKL got their first point after eight minutes and scored a second two minutes later. MKL made a good break out from their half back line and caught the Tralee side on the hop finishing with a goal. There was the bare minimum between the sides after the first quarter. Ciara Butler scored another point to open the gap to two but another fast counter attack from the Mid-Kerry side led to their 2<sup>nd</sup> goal and they led for the first time in the game. Mary picked up the ball in her own half back line and made a solo run getting past a number of MKL defenders before slotting it to the back of the net. What a game! Na Gaeil ahead by two. But a minute later MKL cancelled this out with their third goal. Muire leveled with a good point on the stroke of half time.

Na Gaeil would lead one more time after a free from Muire at the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. MKL then scores 1-02 without reply before Ciara Gannon got the visitors last score. At the water break we were still in the game being five points in arrears. But it was MKL that turned on the pressure picking off some lovely long range points. They were making the most of the fall of ground advantage and dominated the last quarter. Our girls can be proud of their efforts though and fought to the final whistle. Unfortunately it was the strength of the divisional side that won out in the end on a score line of Na Gaeil: 3-06; MKL; 6-12. Áine put in a solid game in goals with Caragh, Aisling and Annie holding off attack after

attack until the strength of their opponents won through in the end. Freya, Sarah and Dearbhla put in a tough shift in the half back line trying to quell many of the MKL attacks. MKL were very strong in the middle diamond where Mary and Cara worked well together and got nothing easy. Eimear O'Donoghue, Ciara Butler and Muire played well in the first half but were not getting a sufficient supply of the ball in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to have the same impact. Likewise the full forward line of Caoilin, Ciara Rath and Eimear Ní Shúilleabháin were unable to have as much impact in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as they did in the 1<sup>st</sup> as we were not able to get good ball into them. Our subs Cara Grealish, Emma, Sorcha and Elizabeth all played well when introduced but the damage was done at that stage. Although this has been a shorter season than normal due to the impact of Covid-19 these girls have played some lovely football. We extend a big thank you to Eddie Sheehy, Mike O'Brien and Mike Barrett for all the work they have put in.

**Coffee Morning** Thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to making our recent Hospice Coffee Morning/Bake Sale such a huge success! €1,800 was raised which was a phenomenal amount, especially when you consider that we only opened at 9.30am and closed again at 12.30pm! A special word of thanks to Jackie Carlos and Johnny Maunsell, who facilitated us by opening the clubhouse early, assisted in the setting up of tables etc, AND helped with the clean up at the end!

**Split the Bucket** Well done to Ailbhe Daly who won €210 in our second Split the Bucket draw which took place in the clubhouse on Saturday evening. Buckets are in Terry's Butchers, Ray's Loaded Lunches and in the clubhouse. Please continue to support this essential fundraiser.

**Mothers and Others** Our Mná Na Gaeil football team is up and running again with training on Tuesday and Saturday evenings. Gaelic for Mothers and Others is for those who may have retired from football and also for those that have never played football. It's a fun way of making new friends, having a bit of fun, getting a bit fit and learning some football skills. There is also the social side of it which is probably the most important part. Everyone is welcome from the young to the more experienced.

**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. This means that our Monday night bingo, Tuesday night

lotto and Wednesday night card playing are suspended until then as well as all other activities that normally took place there on a weekly basis.

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