

## Na Gaeil notes Monday 19th September 2022.

**Senior Co. Championship:** Despite a very much improved performance we came up short against a well drilled Mid Kerry side in our second game of the championship on a score of 0–16 to 0-20. Darragh Reen opened the scoring for us with a point which was cancelled out by Kieran Dennehy. Jamsie O'Connor put us one up before Mid Kerry got four on the trot. Diarmuid O'Connor pulled one back followed by another by Jamsie O'Connor. The visitors registered two frees on the twenty first minute before Diarmuid O'Connor pointed a free on twenty-two minutes. Darragh Reen and Andrew Barry completed the scoring for us while we conceded two to leave the half time score Na Gaeil 0–08 to 0–11. Jack Sheehan opened the scoring for us in the first minute and then forced a 45 in the second minute which Devon Burns duly converted. Mid Kerry came back with three. Diarmuid O'Connor pointed a free but Mid Kerry came back with three, one free. Jack Barry pointed a free before Diarmuid O'Connor forced a 45, converted by Devon Burns and Devon closed the scoring for us with a long distance free while Mid Kerry got 3 on the trot, one from play and two frees. Na Gaeil played well and the experience of playing at top level stood them in good stead. Our first half display was top drawer with six of our points coming from open play plus two frees. Our backs were under the cosh the whole time and certainly worked their socks off to keep us within three points. Things could have been better, but the mid Kerry goalkeeper pulled off an outrageous save from Dan Goggin. In the second half we got two from play, four from frees and two 45s. Overall, a satisfactory learning experience at the top level where we are competing very well. We look forward to an away game against West Kerry next weekend. Team: Devon Burns (0–03, 2 45's, 1 free), Jack Doyle, Niall O'Mahony, Enda O'Connor, Fergal Barry, Damien Bourke, Eoin Doody, Jack Barry (0-01, free), Diarmuid O'Connor (0-05, 4 free), Andrew Barry (0-01), Dan Goggin (0–01), James O'Connor (0–02), Kieran O'Donovan, Darragh Reen (0-02), Jack Bourke. Subs: Tomas O'hAinfein, Jack Sheehan (0–01), Luke Barrett, Dan O'Connor, Cian Devine, John Kearney, Kieran O'Connor, Seán O'Connor, Jimi O'Sullivan, Seamus Looney, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Dara Devine, Ryan O'Neill, Declan Cooney & Shawn Duggan.

**RIP:** Our deepest sympathy to the Roche family, Banna, especially Shona, Ayesha and Aisling on the passing of their mother Marie. May she rest in peace.

**Lotto results:** Lotto Tue 13th September. No Winner. Numbers drawn were 2, 3,5, 29. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Dónal Daly, Seán Herlihy, Kieran Fitzgerald, Moira Godley, Nora Herlihy. Next week's jackpot will be €1,150. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows:

<https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

**Senior Ladies:** Hard luck to our ladies who were defeated by Southern Gaels last Sunday in the County Championship on a scoreline of Na Gaeil 1-9, Southern Gaels 7-7.

**U14 girls:** Our girls put in a great performance last Sunday evening when they defeated Kerins O'Rahillys in the Town League by 15 points to 6.

**U9 boys:** The under 9s headed to Fossa on Sunday where they gave a wonderful display of football. Coaches commended the boys on their passing which resulted in all players getting a turn at scoring. Well done boys!

**U11 boys:** Our older 11s had a very tough and competitive outing in Ballyduff where we once again had to prove our mettle against a lively Ballyduff. Our defence really stood out led by Dean, Nathan and Rory and they definitely laid the platform for our victory. Well done to all 14 boys who took part and a special mention to the young ref from Ballyduff who reffed the game well and also a thank you to Ballyduff for hosting us.

**U13 boys:** Our Green Team host Ballymac in the Town League next Tuesday at 6pm while our White Team host Ballymac next Thursday at 6pm.

**U15 boys:** Last Wednesday night our U15 boys hosted Ardfert in the Kellihers Toyota Central Region Div. 3 semi-final. It turned out to be a thrilling game that ebbed and flowed for 60 minutes. Despite not having a game for almost 2 months our lads got off to a flying start and led by 2-5 to 0-1 after 15 minutes. However Ardfert then took over and dominated the remainder of the half to leave the sides level at halftime, 2-6 apiece. An early goal for Na Gaeil at the start of the second half put us in front once more. But again Ardfert enjoyed a purple patch, adding 2-5 to just a single point for us to leave them 7 points ahead with just 15 minutes remaining. Two excellent quick-fire goals by our lads got us right back in the game before Ardfert added 2 points to push them ahead by 3 points again. Again Na Gaeil got through for 2 goals and with just 5 minutes remaining we were 3 points up. Ardfert weren't done yet though. They raced upfield and buried a goal of their own to level the match. This was soon followed by an Ardfert point and it looked like they might take the spoils. However our lads braved it out and struck for the equalising point with time almost up. Well done to all our lads on a great game. We look forward to the replay next Wednesday in Ardfert at 6.15pm. Team: Iarla O hAinféin, Cathal Fitzgerald, Daragh Morris, Jack Kelly, Jamie Schoenmaker, Ruadhan Clifford, Cillian Griffin, Jeaic Canty, Conor Lucey, Jake Coffey, Liam Cooper, Karl Cronin, Paddy McElligott, Danny Kingston, Brian Reidy. Subs: Luke O'Donoghue, Fionn O'Brien, Sean Óg O'Connor, Darragh Callaghan & Gearóid Moynihan.

**U17 boys:** U17 County Championship Shield final. On a gloriously warm Saturday afternoon in Currow, our u17s did us proud against a bigger and stronger Knocknagoshel/Brosna side. Na Gaeil started off the stronger but in truth both sides exchanged scores until Knock/Brosna struck a goal after 10 minutes to leave the score at 1-1 to 0-1. Not to be disheartened, our u17s showed great resolve and rallied to score 2 quick fire goals from Ruairí O'hAinféin and Seán Barrett to put our side into the lead. The game ebbed and flowed and as the first half came to an end we found ourselves four points up. Some serious intensity in the tackle and quick counter attacking took its toll as the game recommenced. Knock/Brosna came out like a steam train and hit us hard but fair. Backed by Kerry Minor Midfielder Jack O'Sullivan, the amalgamation were able to cease our momentum and despite some excellent hustle by our young side, it wasn't to be and we came away empty handed. But that's football and our lads battled hard and did the green jersey proud. Final score: Na Gaeil 2-11, Knock/Brosna 2-16.

**Coffee Morning:** A Coffee Morning/Bake Sale in aid of Kerry Hospice will be held in the clubhouse on Sunday the 25th September from 9.30am to 12.30pm. This has been a great fundraiser for many years, and we hope 2022 won't disappoint! Put the date in your diary, and come along for a cuppa, a chat, and the opportunity to buy some wonderful home baked treats.

**Bingo:** Every Monday evening in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm sharp. Over €1,000 in cash prizes guaranteed every week, with an accumulator jackpot in play each week. Double book €10, Single book €6, Mini book €3. Jackpot Sheets €2 each. Bus service available on 087-2817577.

**Race Night 2022:** Date for your Diary. On the 11th of November Na Gaeil will host their annual Race Night in the clubhouse and will also broadcast live on Facebook. We welcome back the Tote which always adds an extra element of fun and excitement to the night. This year will also include an Auction for a signed Kerry Jersey. Highlight of the night will be the "The Na Gaeil Gold Cup" with a top prize of €1,000 to the winner. The Race Night Committee members are actively co-ordinating this year's event and will be appealing to all club members to give their support in raising vital funds for our club.

**Executive Meeting:** Last Thursday night 15th September we held our monthly Executive Meeting. All matters football (ladies and mens) were discussed as were the club lotto, bingo and events in the bar. The next Executive Meeting will be on Thursday 20th October.

**Na Gaeil cycle club:** Cycle each Saturday at 9am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle.

**Cards:** The weekly 45 card game is back. Every Wednesday night, starting at 9pm sharp. Bring your own partner or come along and we will get you a partner.

**Notes:** If you'd like anything included in the club's weekly notes please send it to me at [pro.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie](mailto:pro.nagaeil.kerry@gaa.ie) before 9am on Monday and I'll do my best to include it.