

# Na Gaeil Notes Monday 21st August 2023

**Lotto results:** Lotto Tue 15th August 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 5, 7, 9, 23. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Katherine Duggan, Patrick Donovan, Mary Golden, Billy Donovan & Maggie Kinsella, Ann O'Sullivan. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €3,550. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

**Senior Men:** Killeen was the venue last Saturday night for Round 2 of the Kerry Petroleum senior club championship and Spa were our opponents. Having lost against Kenmare Shamrocks in Round 1 the pressure was on our lads to get a positive result. Spa played with the aid of the breeze in the first half but it was Na Gaeil who took an early lead through a Jack Sheehan point from play. Spa replied immediately with a point from their impressive centre-back Shane Cronin. This same player proved to be a thorn in our side for the duration of the game. On 3 minutes it took a great save by Devon Burns to prevent a Spa goal and fortunately for us they sent the resultant 45 wide. But Spa continued to dominate possession and added 5 unanswered points as our defence struggled to clear their lines. Mid-way through the half Dara Devine got his first point of the afternoon, following some good work by Jack Sheehan and moments later Diarmuid O'Connor brought our total to 3 points. Then Dara Devine slotted over a free to reduce the gap to just 2 points and Na Gaeil were right back in contention. Spa replied with another point from play and then came a huge moment in the game. Na Gaeil tried to play the ball out of defence but a misplaced pass was pounced on by Spa and they raced through to bury a goal. That score seemed to deflate our lads and Spa quickly added 2 more points to extend their lead, 1-9 to 0-4, with 5 minutes remaining in the half. Worse was to follow though as Spa added another goal just moments before the halftime whistle to leave them with a comfortable 11 points lead at the break. Spa started the 2nd half with pace and added another point to their tally. Then things went from bad to worse for Na Gaeil when Jack Sheehan picked up a black card and having already received a yellow card in the first half he was sent to the line. Spa added another point before a Darragh Reen mark & a point from play by Jack Barry brought our total to 6 points. Two more Spa points were cancelled out by scores from Dara Devine (free) & a great point from Jack Doyle as the game petered out to its inevitable conclusion. Kieran O'Connor was unlucky not to grab a goal as his goal-bound shot was tipped over the bar by a Spa defender but Spa had no such problems at the other end and managed to bag a third goal with 2 minutes remaining. A last minute point by Dara Devine left the final score reading Na Gaeil 0-10, Spa 3-14. Team: Devon Burns, Ryan O'Neill, Niall O'Mahoney, Jack Doyle, Kieran O'Donovan (capt), Oisín Maunsell, Damien Bourke, Jack Barry, Diarmuid O'Connor, James O'Connor, Tomás Ó hAiniféin, Jack Sheehan, Morgan Madden, Dara Devine, Jack Bourke. Subs: Seán O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor, Shane Daly, Seamus Looney, Jimi Ó Suilleabháin, Kian Sheehan, Eoghan Daly, Enda O'Connor, Tadhg Reen, Luke Barrett, Eoin Doody, Ruairí O'Sullivan, Shane Kelly, Darragh Reen, Stefan Okunbor, John Kearney, Declan Cooney, Shawn Duggan, Rory Reen

**U15 County Championship:** St. Brendan's Board u15s face a trip to Kenmare on Wednesday to take on Kenmare District in the semi-final of the County Championship Shield competition. Throw-in is at 6.45pm.

**U17 County Championship:** The St. Brendans Board u17 team beat Mid Kerry in the Co. Championship Shield semi-final last Monday night in Currow and they will face West Kerry in the final tonight in Austin Stack Park at 6.15pm. Please come out and support the lads.

**U5 Boys & Girls:** New members are always welcome. Contact Denis on 087-2808719.

**U7 Boys & Girls:** Our U7's group practiced their soloing, block downs, side stepping and finished with a game in Killeen yesterday morning. We also welcomed a few new players to our group. Any boys or girls interested in joining the U7's group should contact Shane Moriarty 086 8380434 or Conor Boyle on 087 7540281. Training continues Thursday 24th at 6:00pm. We play Churchill in a Go-Games match at home next Sunday, August 27th.

**U11 Boys:** The under 11s had a great training session yesterday morning in Killeen. The boys practised kicking and blocking before a nail-biting game to finish the session. We look forward to travelling back to An Ghaeltacht this Thursday for our final Central Region game of the season.

**U13 Boys:** Congratulations to the Na Gaeil U13's who won the Rose Cup yesterday. Na Gaeil hosted 8 teams in Killeen on Saturday with our boys drawn in a tough group with Ardfert, Churchill and Keel/Listry. Conditions were tricky with a strong wind making scoring difficult. In our first game we beat Ardfert 1-6 to 0-4 with Andy Costello, Joseph Field and James Kelly on the scoresheet. Next up was Churchill where we won 3-9 to 1-3, this time Tom Slattery, Eoin Tansley and Eoin Hannon registered scores. In the final group game, despite a nervy finish we beat Keel/Listry 0-9 to 1-3. Winning the group meant we played a well fancied Douglas team, who had been very impressive in winning their group. In a sensational first half display with the aid of the wind we led at half time 0-10 to no score. We survived the inevitable comeback in the second half to book our place in the final with a final score-line of 0-14 to 1-4. After a busy morning in Na Gaeil we packed up and headed for Ballyrickard for the final against John Mitchels, who beat Galway outfit St. James in a cracking semi-final. Both teams know each other well and all the players served up incredible scores, drama and excitement for the sizeable crowd that had gathered. Na Gaeil started brightly but couldn't shake off Mitchel's and we went into the break 1-3 apiece. Again we started the second half well with Joseph Field, Eoin Tansley, Andy Costello and Dean O'Leary to the fore. With the action at fever pitch a quickfire from 1-1 from Mitchels had us down a point with 3 minutes remaining. A clinical finish from Nathan Anthony was quickly followed by Eoin Tansley calmly rounding the keeper to put the gloss on a magnificent team performance. Captain Seán O'Connell lifted the cup and ticked all the boxes in a great speech!! A huge thank you to all the parents who kindly volunteered their time and grub for the visiting teams. The club was complimented on our hospitality from visiting teams and all the credit for this goes to the parents of our young players. Squad: Ibrahim Altayan, Nathan Anthony, Jake Barrett, Jayden Chawke, Andy Costello, Aaron Donovan, Philip Doyle, Ephrem Falvey, Kieran Feely, Joseph Field, Eoin Hannon, James Kelly, Xavier Kurovski, Éanna Leahy, Rory John O'Brien, Donagh O'Connell, Seán O'Connell, Ben O'Sullivan, Dean O'Leary, Jonathan Sheehy, Roma Skchurin, Tom Slattery, Eoin Tansley.

**U18 Girls:** Our girls defeated Ballyduff last Tuesday night in the County League semi-final in Killeen. They will play Beaufort in the final next Wednesday night. Time & venue to be confirmed.

**Bingo:** Bingo in Na Gaeil clubhouse at 8pm tonight. 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. Please note our bingo is now strictly over 18s.

**Volunteers:** The club are looking for people to help out at bingo on Monday nights. If you can spare 2 hours every 5 or 6 weeks then Niamh (087-9863667) would be delighted to have you on board.

**Kerry GAA Race Night:** The annual Kerry GAA Race Night will be held at Tralee Greyhound Track on Friday 25th August. Tickets are €10 (adult) and are available to buy in the bar. Children have free entry on the night.

**Hire the Hall:** The hall in the clubhouse is available for parties or other events. Please email [nagaeilclubhouse@gmail.com](mailto:nagaeilclubhouse@gmail.com) if you'd like to make a booking.

**Na Gaeil cycle club:** Cycle each Saturday at 8.30am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle. Please note change of time.

**Cards:** The weekly 45 card game is held every Wednesday night, starting at 9pm sharp. Everyone is welcome.

**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.