

Na Gaeil notes Monday 2nd May 2022.

Senior team: Na Gaeil travelled to Miltown on Sunday last to play Beaufort in round five of the Co. League. The field in Beaufort was not available as they were doing some remedial work. We thank Miltown for making their fabulous facilities available. Unfortunately, with a depleted team, we chased the game from the beginning. Beaufort were ahead by three points to nil after eight minutes when we got our only point from play of the half, per Dan Goggin. Beaufort got a goal within a minute and added three more points to our two pointed frees from Dara Devine to leave the half time score 1–06 to 0–03. The second half continued in much the same manner with the close marking of Beaufort putting our forwards under great pressure. We got five points in this half three from play, Jack Sheehan, Dan Goggin and Fergal Barry. Dara Devine and Dan Goggin added two frees. Beaufort added six points, one mark and five from play. Though under constant pressure our back performed well and were very disciplined, giving away only two points from frees, both in the first half. Man of the match had to be Kieran Dennehy for Beaufort who scored 1-05 and seeing that their full back line and centre-field got three points it shows that our backs had their hands full from all parts of the field. Final score 1 – 12 to 0 – 08.

B Team: Our B team played Dingle at home on Saturday evening going down on a score of 2–10 to 3–10. This was a most entertaining game where both teams gave of their best and got the spectators involved, especially in the second where all remained until the final whistle. We were down by 0–03 to 0–07 at half time, our scores coming from John Kearney, Aaron Dewey and Liam Óg Kingston. The second half was a dinger with the highlights being two goals in quick succession by Aaron Dewey and some fine points from Donal Moynihan, Tadhg Reen, Graham Sheehy. Unfortunately after our goals Dingle hit us for two goals within a minute which was too much to haul back with only minutes left.

Sympathy: The club would like to offer its sincere sympathy to PJ O'Halloran on the recent passing of his sister Mary McGrath in Abbeydorney. May she rest in peace.

Sympathy: Last Friday we lost a great friend of Na Gaeil with the passing of Joe Hanley. Joe was our go-to photographer for all our club events, big and small. We will miss him greatly. May he rest in peace.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 26th April. No winner. Numbers drawn were 1, 10, 27, 31. Lucky dip winners of €20 each were Micheal O'Neill, Denis Dillane, Billy Donovan & Maggie Kinsella, Ger & Katie Doyle, Ciarán Carroll. Next week's jackpot will be €6,950. Why not try your luck on the club lotto. The links is as follows:

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

Kerry U20s: Well done to Devon Burns & Enda O'Connor who were part of the Kerry u20 team who defeated Cork in the Munster final last Monday night. Next up for them is an All-Ireland semi-final versus Tyrone.

Na Gaeil Quiz Night: First Thursday of the month at 9pm in the Clubhouse - launching 5th May! Great prizes! Stand-up bingo! Get your team together agus bígí linn-it to winnit....!!!!

New referees: The club is delighted to have 7 new juvenile referees namely Seán Warr, John Kearney, Séamus O'Neill, Seán Barrett, Rory Reen, Shane Kelly and Paul Burke. All these lads are part of our u17 team.

U14 girls: Co League fixture: May 8th home to Kerins O'Rahillys.

U9 boys: The u9 boys headed to the Spa to take on Churchill last Sunday morning. We had 3 teams and all players put in a great effort. Thanks to Churchill for hosting us and we look forward to welcoming them to Na Gaeil in the near future. Training continues on Thursday 6pm-7pm in na Gaeil.

U11 boys: Wonderful turnout by our u11 lads last Sunday morning. We did some shooting drills, maintaining possession while being tackled and finished with an exciting penalty shootout which everyone enjoyed.

U13 boys: Congratulations to our u13 player Danny Kingston who has been selected on the Kerry Cumann na mBunscol team who play their Cork counterparts in Páirc Uí Rinn next Sun.

U15 boys: Last Wednesday night our u15s hosted Glenflesk in their final game in the county league Div 3B. We got off to a great start and got through for 1-1 after only 3 minutes. Then Glenflesk took over and put 6 points on the board without reply. Our lads had the better of the 2nd quarter however, to leave us ahead by 2-5 to 0-8 at halftime. Twice in the second half we led by 4 points only for Glenflesk to score a goal and peg us back. With about 8 minutes remaining we led by 5 points but Glenflesk added 1-1 to leave us just a single point ahead in injury time. We managed an insurance point from a free to leave the final score Na Gaeil 3-14, Glenflesk 3-12. I must give a special mention to our super goalie Iarla who saved 2 penalties during the game! Team: Iarla Ó hAinfeín, Jack Kelly, Daragh Morris, Cathal Fitzgerald, Ruadhan Clifford, Jamie Schoenmaker, Cillian Griffin, William Somers, Liam Cooper, Jake Coffey, Conor Lucey, Ryan Sheehy, Paddy McElligott, Jeaic Canty, Brian Reidy. Subs: David Walsh, Sean Cantwell, Luke O'Donoghue, Karl Cronin, Danny Kingston, Brian Heaphy, Fionn O'Brien.

U15 Féile: Our lads played 2 games in their group in the Féile competition in Kerins O'Rahillys pitch last Saturday knowing that they had to win both games in order to qualify for the semi-finals. Firstly we played a very strong, physical Kilcummin side and it took a great goal from Fionn Daly early in the second half to get us the win. Our second game was against Annascaul/Lispole. For long stretches of this game we were in arrears. At halftime we were down 4 points and we looked to be in trouble. However our lads showed great determination to narrow the gap to 2 points with about a minute remaining. One last attack found its way to Danny Kingston who got around his marker and blasted it to the net to incredibly send us through to the semi-final. The semi-final was played today, Monday in Currans and we played Sneem/Derrynane/Tuosist/Temploe. We got off to a poor start and were down 4 point to nil after 5 minutes. A great goal by Jeaic Canty brought us back into it and by halftime we were only a point behind. A wonder goal by Conor Lucey after a 50 yards solo run gave us a 5 point lead and we held out strongly to win by 4 points. The final saw us face Finuge. The first half was very evenly contested with Finuge just shading it by a point. With 5 minutes remaining the game was level but Finuge finished stronger adding 4 frees to their tally. Final score was Finuge 1-8, Na Gaeil 0-7. Our lads will be disappointed to fall at the final hurdle but over the 2 days they were a credit to themselves and the club. They played their hearts out. Thanks to Mici Griffin for providing jaffa cakes & cereal bars for the players on both days.

U17s: Division 4 Central region fixtures: May 9th Home to Dromid/Waterville; May 16th Home to Sneem/Derrynane/Tempnoe; May 23rd Away to Renard/St. Marys.

Limited Draw: Our Finance Committee have organised a limited draw (100 members) for a much sought after bottle of 2021 Midelton Very Rare Vintage Release Triple Distilled Irish Whiskey. The prize is generously sponsored by the Coin Off Licence, Bridge St., Tralee. The funds raised will help to purchase essential technical equipment for the transmission of Na Gaeil TV etc. Tickets are €10 and are available in the clubhouse or from any Executive member. Draw will take place in the clubhouse on Sat 2nd June.

Cúl Camps 2022: A note for your diary if you have little footballers in your houseNa Gaeil's Cúl Camp will be held from July 4th-8th.

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.

Volunteers needed: The club is at all times looking for new volunteers. If you'd like to give a hand with our bingo on a Monday night, our lotto on a Tuesday night or maybe helping with juvenile coaching we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can contact Colm on 087-9080465.

Win a House: Win a house in Killarney with Kerry GAA. For €100 you could win a stunning new build A-rated 3 bedroom house superbly located just off the Park Road in Killarney. Kerry GAA is also running numerous other promotional draws throughout the fundraising campaign. The earlier you purchase your "Win a House in Killarney" ticket (or tickets!) the more draws you will be entered into. Remember all tickets purchased before the deadline for each promotional draw will entitle you to be entered into all promotional draws thereafter. Support your club and support your county. Go to kerrygaa.ie and buy your ticket today. If you're not in you can't win!

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