

Na Gaeil notes Monday 8th August 2022.

Kerry Petroleum Senior Club Championship 2022: Last Saturday, August 6th 2022 was an historic day for Na Gaeil senior mens team as they took part in the Senior Club Championship for the very first time in the club's history. Our opponents on the night were last year's beaten finalists, Kenmare Shamrocks and the venue was the Dr Crokes pitch in Killarney.

It was Kenmare who were quickest out of the blocks and led by 2 points to nil before the lively Mike Griffin slotted over 2 of his own to level the game after just 5 minutes. An excellently taken free from over 45 meters from Diarmuid O'Connor got our noses in front but Kenmare then added 3 points without reply and they led by 5 points to 3. Na Gaeil's Tomás Ó hAinfeín picked up an injury in the 20th minute and was replaced by Dara Reen who had an immediate impact, scoring a fine point. Stephen O'Brien then pointed for Kenmare to restore their 2 point lead. A point apiece from the hard-working James O'Connor and another from sub Dara Reen drew the sides level as the game entered injury time. Another Kenmare point saw them lead once more before Diarmuid O'Connor added his second of the game to leave the halftime score Na Gaeil 0-7, Kenmare 0-7.

Na Gaeil had a great start to the second half with a quick point from the outstanding Diarmuid O'Connor. He also added 2 frees to push us 3 points ahead but Kenmare replied with 2 Stephen O'Brien points. A great move upfield by Na Gaeil saw Dara Reen pick out the on-rushing Mike Griffin and his finish was clinical as he slotted home the game's first goal. Kenmare were now 4 points behind but Seán O'Shea added 2 frees for them to cut the gap to 2 with 18 minutes remaining. Another perfect free from Diarmuid O'Connor stretched our lead to 3 point again before Seán O'Shea converted a 45 to keep the game in the balance. With just 8 minutes remaining in normal time Kenmare were reduced to 14 men. Diarmuid O'Connor added another free to stretch our lead to 3 points and it was looking good for a Na Gaeil victory. But again Seán O'Shea kept Kenmare alive with another free. A 2 point lead can be a dangerous lead and so it proved when minutes later a quickly taken free by Kenmare caught our defence napping and they pounced for a goal. The next score was going to be vital and it proved to be the best score of the game. Diarmuid O'Connor made a surging run at the Kenmare defence, played a one-two with Jack Sheehan and buried the ball in the Kenmare net to the delight of the big Na Gaeil support present. Deep in injury time a great save by Devon Burns denied Kenmare a winning goal before Seán O'Shea added a final consolation point for his side. Final score: Na Gaeil 2-12; Kenmare Shamrocks 1-14. Team: Devon Burns, Enda O'Connor, Niall O'Mahony, Damien Bourke, Fergal Barry, Eoin Doody, Jack Doyle, Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry, Kieran O'Donovan, Tomás Ó hAinfeín, James O'Connor, Mike Griffin, Dan O'Connor, Jack Sheehan. Subs: John Kearney, Dara Devine, Dara Reen, Declan Cooney, Dan Goggin, Luke Barrett, Seán O'Connor, Kieran O'Connor, Andrew Barry, Jimi O'Sullivan, Cian Devine, Ruairi O'Sullivan, Seamus Looney, Shawn Duggan, Jack Bourke, Ryan O'Neill & Liam Óg Kingston.

RIP: Sincere sympathy to the Fitzgibbon and Moriarty families on the recent passing of Angela Fitzgibbon. May she rest in peace.

RIP: Condolances to the family of the late Seán Seosamh Ó Conchubhair who died recently. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

Park FC soccer: Congratulations to na Gaeil players Eoin Tansley, Tom Slattery and Joseph Field who were part of St Brendan's Park FC team that bagged silver medals in the Galway Cup tournament last week. Well done boys.

Sam Maguire: We look forward to having the cup in Killeen again during juvenile training next Sunday morning, August 14th.

U14 girls: Well done to our girls who defeated Dingle/Castlegregory/Annascaul in round 1 of the North Kerry League Div 2 last Sunday. Final score: Na Gaeil 3-6, Dingle/Castlegregory/Annascaul 0-11.

U9 boys: Our under 9 boys headed to Laune Rangers last Sunday morning for a challenge game. We fielded 3 teams and the boys played some fantastic football. Thanks to Laune Rangers for hosting us.

U11 boys: We had a good session last Sunday morning in glorious conditions with the u11 boys. Gavin started with warming the lads up. We then did diagonal passing both with hand and then foot. We then finished with a shooting drill where lads learned to make runs and then pass off the shoulder to supporting player who then finished. Great stuff everyone!

U13 boys: Na Gaeil's Green team played Austin Stacks on Sunday evening last at 5.30pm in Connolly Park. It was a great sporting game and the two teams played fantastic football. Na Gaeil scored the first point but Austin Stacks replied with a goal. They led by three points heading for halftime but Na Gaeil came back with a goal of their own almost on the halftime whistle to level it 1-4 each. The second half was more of the same with fantastic scores got by both teams and defending was outstanding especially by our own lads. Na Gaeil got the goals which separated the two teams in the end. Final score was 3-9 to 1-9. Great honest football was played by both sides.

Na Gaeil's White team played Austin Stacks at 6.45pm also in Connolly Park on Sunday evening. It was Na Gaeil that was the stronger on the day, displaying a fantastic team performance for the full duration of the game. Austin Stacks had some great periods and played great football also. On the night our lads took the scores better and their defending was outstanding as the Stacks attack was strong but our lads managed to keep them out. Final score was Na Gaeil 5-23 and Austin Stacks 4-8.

Thanks to Austin Stacks for two sporting games.

U15 boys: Well done to the Na Gaeil lads who were part of the St Brendans Board U15 team who defeated South Kerry in the County Championship shield competition last Wednesday. Those lads are Iarla Ó hAinfeín, Jamie Schoenmaker, Ruadhan Clifford, Conor Lucey, Jeaic Canty, Liam Cooper & Paddy McElligott.

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 2nd August. No winner. Numbers drawn were 3, 9, 12, 15. Lucky dip winners of €20 each were Joe Moriarty, Ynonne Eggleston, Noreen Dennehy, Kieran Coffey, Denie O'Connor. Next week's jackpot will be €7,650. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows:

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

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.

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 before 9am on Monday and I'll do my best to include it.