

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 8th May 2023

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 2nd May 2023. No winner. Numbers drawn were 3, 4, 6, 10. Lucky dip winners of €20 were Louis Byrne, Niall O'Meara, Cáit O'Connor, Timmy Culloty, Marian Murphy. Tomorrow night's jackpot will be €2,800. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows:

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

Lotto QR Code: Another way to play our lotto.....Watch out for the Lotto QR codes located around the bar. Just scan the QR code and follow the steps to play.

Registration: We have made it very easy for all parents to pay membership by following the link to Klubfunder: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/Membership> The family membership is a great option to help support our ever expanding club.

RIP: Our deepest sympathy to our Chairman Conor Kavanagh and his wife Niamh on the passing of Niamh's father Ivo O'Sullivan last week. May he rest in peace.

Kerry Team: Well done to Jack, Diarmuid & the Kerry team on their win in the Munster Final yesterday. Their next fixture will be a home game V Mayo on the weekend of May 20th/21st.

Primary Game: Congratulations to Na Gaeil's Eoin Tansley who had the privilege of representing Kerry in the primary game at half time in the Munster final yesterday in Limerick.

Kerry Minor: Congratulations to Peter Doyle on being named on the Kerry GAA Minor Football panel for 2023. This is a fantastic achievement for Peter and is just reward for the years of hard work that he has put in. Peter is a brilliant role model for all our young footballers. This is also a proud time for Peter's brothers, sister and his parents Ger & Katie.

Senior Mens Co. League: Round 6 of the League next weekend will see our lads take on St. Marys in Cahirciveen next Sunday.

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. Please note our bingo is now open to over 18s only.

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.

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

U7 Boys & Girls: We had 28 players attend U7's training in Killeen yesterday morning. The boys and girls practiced their soloing, hand passing, defending, kicking skills and finished with a game. Training continues Thursday evening at 6pm.

U11 Boys: Well done to our under 11 squad who played superb football against Listowel last Thursday. This game marked the end of round 1 of the County League. Well done boys. Then the lads had a busy training session yesterday morning. We started with some running before moving on to mini games and finishing off the session with a full pitch game.

U13 Boys: A mighty day out was had by our U13s as they took in the Kerry v Clare Munster Final in Limerick yesterday. Luckily the weather stayed dry as the lads cheered on Diarmuid O'Connor, Jack Barry and their Kerry teammates. At half time, one of our own, Eoin Tansley played for Kerry in the Primary Game, giving a typically tenacious and skillful performance. Well done to the lads on exemplary behaviour, the craic was mighty and it was super to see great memories being made.

U15 Boys Féile: On Friday last Na Gaeil under 15s played two group games in the Féile competition in John Mitchels. First up was a strong Mitchel's side. An early goal for them put us on the back foot straight away and despite plenty of possession we found it difficult to create scores against a packed defense. We worked very hard from our full back line right up to our forwards and heart will be taken from the determination shown by every player. Unfortunately it wasn't to be for us on the day and Mitchel's ran out deserved winners. Next up was Firies, our second game on the night that began only minutes after the Mitchel's game. Despite tired legs everyone gave an excellent account of themselves and we found scores much easier to come by than in the previous match. Moving the ball quickly into the full forward line we got some excellent scores. Our backs defended heroically but the fresher legs of Firies got some early goals that proved decisive in the end. Certainly some lessons were learned on the night but the attitude of everyone was superb and there is plenty more to come from this squad of players this season.

U15 A Boys: Last Wednesday evening our U15A team played the last group game in the Division 1 Co. League against Legion in Killeen. The prize for our boys was to top the group and earn a semifinal place in Division 1. From the start we were down our regular goalie, Jacob, due to injury but credit to Fionn Daly who donned the number 1 jersey and did not disappoint. The game was a thriller from the throw in and both sides played great football. Our full backline of Donnacha Hartnett, Gearóid Moynihan and Jack Kelly were awesome and defended excellently against a very strong Legion full forward line. However, Legion took their scores well throughout the first half with the aid of decent breeze and led at halftime on a score line of 1-09 to 2-03. Our two half backs, Philip McEaney and Maurice Costello worked tirelessly all evening between the two 40's and center back Cillian Griffin commanded our own 40 in defense and brought the game to Legion whenever he was on the ball. Goalkeeper Fionn Daly had outstanding kickouts and found a Na Gaeil player almost every time. That solid platform was the reason our inside forwards Ryan Sheehy, Danny Kingston and Darragh Callaghan were delivered great early ball and were a constant threat against a strong Legion full backline and managed 2-07 between them. Centre-forward Shane O'Donovan was the link player throughout the match and seemed to cover every blade of grass on the field. Midfield pairing of Samson Abubakar and Brian Heaphy were excellent also and working alongside our two wing forwards, Victor Malakov and Sean Óg O'Connor, together seemed unstoppable for periods of the match. Despite owning the ball for most of the second half we found it difficult to convert possession into scores and the final score was Legion 2-10 and Na Gaeil 2-08. Subs were Eoghan Daly, Luke Gannon, Karl Cronin, David Buckley and Ruairí Lacey. Karl Cronin was introduced for Victor Malakov just after halftime and Luke Gannon was introduced for Brian Heaphy who came off injured with 5 mins remaining. It was a tough one to lose but meant we finished 3rd in the group and rightly earned a home semifinal in Division 2 against Austin Stacks on May 10th at 7pm. Thanks to Legion for a sporting game and referee Paul Hayes for a great match also.

U15 B Boys: Na Gaeil B U15s travelled to Ballymac on Bank Holiday Monday evening and met a very strong Ballymac team. Ballymac got off to a very strong start catching us off guard with 2 fast goals. Na Gaeil tightened up their defence and good play from centerfield and better passing movement got us back in the game but the pressure from Ballymac was relentless and they broke through with some accurate shots on goal. Our second half performance improved but with 2 injuries and substitutes needed we again found ourselves under pressure and Ballymac finished strongly to win out the game.

U17 Boys: Last Monday night our u17 boys played their first game in the Central Region league when they hosted John Mitchels. Our lads who got off to a flier and led by 1-7 to 0-0 after 15 minutes but Mitchels then had the better of the second quarter to leave the halftime score Na Gaeil 1-9, John Mitchels 1-4. The second half was very evenly contested with our lads just shading it and ran out winners on a final score of Na Gaeil 1-15, John Mitchels 1-9. Team: Iarla Ó hAiniféin, Daragh Morris, Kevin O'Donoghue, Jeaic Canty, Ruadhan Clifford, Jamie Schoenmaker, Cillian Griffin, Conor Lucey, Séan Barrett, Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Dara Cunningham, Jack Costelloe, Brian Heaphy, Mark Lynch, Seán Barry. Tonight our lads are away to Castlegregory in Round 2 at 7pm.

Kelloggs Cúl Camp: The Kelloggs Cúl Camp will be held in Na Gaeil on the week commencing Monday 3rd July.

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

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.

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.