

Na Gaeil Notes Monday 6th May 2024

Lotto results: Lotto Tue 30th April 2024. Numbers drawn were 1, 9, 24, 29. No winner. Lucky dip winners of €20 were George Dennis, Mary Golden, Johnny Maunsell, Aoife & Liam Cooper, Guenter Siech. Our next draw will be tomorrow night and the jackpot will be €1,800. Why not try your luck in our lotto. The links is as follows: <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Na%20Gaeil%20CLG/lotto>

RIP: Our deepest sympathy to Eileen, John, Meabh, Jack, Andrew & Fergal Barry and the O'Driscoll family of Durrus, Co. Cork, on the passing of Eileen's mother Eileen O'Driscoll at the wonderful age of 103. Ar dheis dé go raibh a anam dílis.

RIP: Our sincere sympathy to Margaret Doody and her family on the recent passing of her brother-in-law Denis Doody, Rathfarnham.

New Arrival: Congratulations to Eamonn O'Neill and Caroline Dillane who welcomed the arrival of a baby girl into their family in recent weeks.

Bingo: Na Gaeil Bingo tonight at 8pm sharp. Our Mini Accumulator Jackpot House tonight is €260 in 46 calls. We also have a Raffle and Split the Bucket at half time. Bus available on (087) 2817577. Over 18s only. Hope to see you all there for an excellent night out.

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.

Scór: Scór is very much a 'niche' activity within Na Gaeil. Of course we're first & foremost a football club, but Scór is the cultural arm of the GAA and is a really great thing to be involved in - especially for kids. It gives them confidence & is good fun! If you're reading this & think you might like your child to be involved, please contact Margaret at 086 0855008. Or better again, if you're a parent with maybe something to offer to our small but enthusiastic Scór committee, please get in touch....

Senior Men: Our senior men were away to Beaufort last Saturday night in Round 6 of the Credit Union Co. League. On a perfect night for football it was Beaufort who got out of the blocks quickest and led by 4 points to 1 after just 6 minutes. A point from play and a well struck 45 from our top scorer on the night Dara Devine got us to within 1 of the home side. Beaufort added another point from play but then our lads took over and had their best spell in the game, notching 4 unanswered points in 5 minutes to leave us in a good position, 7 points to 5 ahead after 20 minutes. Two Beaufort frees had the sides level before a free from Damien Bourke put us ahead once more. Yet another free saw Beaufort draw level before Dara Devine again showed his accuracy from frees to nudge Na Gaeil ahead 9 points to 8 at the half time whistle. Unfortunately for Na Gaeil the first 6 minutes of the second half proved disastrous. On 3 minutes our defence failed to clear their lines and the home side snatched a goal. Soon afterwards things got even worse when a high ball into the square found the Beaufort full forward and he gave John Kearney no chance, blasting the ball to the net. Beaufort quickly followed with another converted free to leave us trailing by 2-9 to 0-9. To be fair to our lads they rallied and two frees and a 45 from Dara Devine reduced the margin to just 3 points with only 12 minutes of the second half gone. At this stage it looked like we were right back in the game but sadly it wasn't to be as we failed to register a score for the remainder of the game and Beaufort added 5 more points to their tally. Final score: Beaufort 2-14, Na Gaeil 0-12. Team: John Kearney, Enda O'Connor, Ryan O'Neill, Seán Barrett, Peter Doyle, Eoin Doody, Jack Costello, Jamesie O'Connor, Damien Bourke, Cian Devine, Dara Devine, Kieran O'Connor, Mark Lynch, Kieran O'Donovan, Jack Sheehan. Subs: Shane Daly, Shane Kelly, Seán O'Connor, Kian Sheehan, Kevin O'Donoghue, Ruairí Ó hAiniféin, Oisín O'Sullivan, Oisín O'Brien, Aaron Dewey, Tadhg Reen, Seamus Looney, Dan O'Connor, Shawn Duggan, Liam Óg Kingston, Jack Rodgers.

Senior Ladies: Our senior ladies will be hoping for another good performance in the Donal Curtin Cup today when they host Scartaglen at 4pm.

Kerry (Ladies) Munster Championship: Well done to the Kerry Ladies, especially Deirdre Kearney, Mary O'Connell, Bríd O'Connor, Eilís O'Connor and Jadyn Lucey, who defeated Waterford in Round 3 of the Munster Championship in Cordal yesterday by 1-8 to 1-7. The win sees them into the Munster Final on May 18th where they will renew rivalries with Cork.

Kerry (Men) Munster Champions: Congratulations to Diarmuid O'Connor and the Kerry team who defeated Clare in the Munster Final yesterday in Ennis.

Kerry Hurling: Hard luck to the Kerry senior hurlers, especially the Na Gaeil lads, who lost to Laois in Round 3 of the Joe McDonagh Cup last Saturday.

Kerry U20s: Well done to the Kerry u20's who defeated Cork last Wednesday night in the Munster Final in Austin Stack Park. Good luck to the team & management as they take on Meath in the All-Ireland semi-final next Saturday in Semple Stadium, Thurles.

Kerry Minors: Well done to the Kerry minors who defeated Cork last Tuesday night in the Munster championship quarter final in Austin Stack Park. They will face Tipperary tomorrow night at 7pm in Semple Stadium in the Munster semi-final.

Return of underage training 2024: Our juveniles are back in training for the 2024 season. Contact details for the various age groups are as follows: U5's - Denis Sugrue (087) 2808719. U7's - Shane Moriarty (086) 8380434. U9s - Bryan O'Mahony 087 9585331. New members are always welcome and can contact the relevant team coach above.

U11 Boys: Our u11 boys play Laune Rangers in Killeen next Thursday at 6.30pm in the Co. League.

U15A Boys: U15A county league result: Na Gaeil 1-7, Laune Rangers 2-10. A difficult Division 1 campaign came to an end last Wednesday night (1st May) with a home defeat to a strong Laune Rangers team. Despite opening the visitors up in the opening plays we couldn't find the final pass to breach the Rangers defense. Battles were fierce throughout the park and both sets of players were playing some superb football. At the break we trailed 8 points to 3. The start of the second half saw our best passages of play this year as Samson Abubakar, Joseph Field and Darragh O'Callaghan thundered into the game. Danny Kingston and Shane O'Donovan got on the scoreboard as we drew level with 10 minutes remaining. Rangers upped the ante and finished the stronger running out 6 point winners. Well done to all players and with a period of training ahead we've no doubt that results will come with the talent in the group. Team; Sean O'Connell, Donncha Hartnett, Gearóid Moynihan, Eoin Tansley, Sean Óg O'Connor, Samson Abubakar, Philip McEaney, Maurice Costello, Darragh O'Callaghan, Joseph Field, Shane O'Donovan, David Buckley, Aaron O'Donovan, Danny Kingston, Jacob Drzymala, Ruadh O'Brien, James Kelly, Luke Gannon, Ruairí Lacey, Fionán Collins, Eoghan Daly, Jake Barrett.

U15B Boys: Well done to our U15 B team who made it two wins from two after a superb comeback win over Glenflesk/Kilgarvan last Friday night. The opening quarter was low scoring as both teams struggled to find their scoring touch. Despite apparent parity around the field Glenflesk/Kilgarvan struck a purple patch and banged in three quick goals, which could have been more telling had Seán O'Connell not pulled off two superb saves from the visitor's penalties. Coupled with a goal from Luca Cronin and the strength of our squad, we still had hope. At the small break we trailed by 9, 1-3 to 3-6. In the second period Na Gaeil came into their own. The strength of numbers played a toll on the visitors as Krys Karpovic, Joseph Field & Ruadh O'Brien came to the fore. Philip Doyle covered massive ground and clipped three lovely points. Luke Gannon was very impressive on the night, his boundless energy a huge factor in the win. As we led by 7 points with 10 minutes to go, our keeper Sean O'Connell faced an unprecedented third penalty of the game. Amazingly, for the third time he defied the odds and kept his opponent at bay, pending a record check, surely he is the first Na Gaeil man to save three penalties in a game! We finished the game strongly with Rory Lacey, Gannon & Field on the scoresheet. Well done all and thanks to Glenflesk/Kilgarvan for a sporting game. Squad: David Buckley, Krzysztof Karpowicz, Philip Doyle, Ethan Doyle, Luca Cronin, Jonathan Sheehy, Finn Murphy, Rhys O'Connor, Sean O'Connell, Jake Barrett,

Joseph Field, Eoghan Daly, Ruadh O'Brien, Ibrahim Altayan, Aaron O'Donovan, Rory Lacey, Luke Gannon.

Minor Co. League: Our u17 boys did just about enough to hold off a late rally from Keel/Listry in Round 2 of the Central Region competition last Monday night. This evening they face the long journey to Sneem to take on Na Fianna in their third and final group game. Throw in is at 5pm.

Girls Training: Na Gaeil Ladies juveniles (u8/u10/u12) are back training for the new season. New members are always welcome. For more information contact Eddie on 087-6791460.

U16 Girls: Hard luck to our u16 girls who were defeated by Austin Stacks last Monday night in Connolly Park in the North Kerry League.

U18 Girls: Our minor girls were unlucky to lose by just a single point to Legion last Tuesday night after a marvellous 2nd half fight back. Their final game until after the exams will be tomorrow night when they take on Fossa in Killeen at 7.30pm.

Cispheil (Basketball): Last Wednesday in Tallaght the girls of Gaelcholaiste Chiarraí finished runners-up to Crescent College in the All-Ireland School's A final. It was a great achievement for the school. Well done to the Na Gaeil girls involved namely Avril Doyle, Orla Costello and Niamh Fitzgibbon.

Big Screen: All football championship games will be shown live on the big screen in the bar throughout the season.

Sponsorship Opportunity: If you have a business and would like to promote it with Na Gaeil we have various sponsorship packages available to suit all budgets. Enquiries to Donal (087-2577729) or Terry (086-8293261) or Colm (087-9080465) or Mike (086-2440158) or any member of the club Executive.

Club History: During the year Michael Golden spent many hours putting together a list of notable club results & other information about the club since its foundation in 1978. This can now be found on our website (www.nagaeil.ie). Click on "Club News" then "Weekly notes" and select "Old results by Michael Golden".

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 9.30am from Na Gaeil club. Everyone is welcome to come for a nice friendly cycle.

Cards: The weekly 45 card game is held every Wednesday night starting at 9pm. 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 before 9am on Monday and I'll do my best to include it.