



ROSCOMMON GAELS

Gaelforce News

WEEKENDING September 5th, 2020



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Congratulations Jamie Leonard

The Win A Subaru Fundraiser crossed the finish line on Saturday evening in Hannon's Hotel at approximately 7.30p.m. Much to the disappointment of the Subaru Team the planned event which was to take place to celebrate the end to the campaign had to be paired back as a result of Covid Restrictions and only 6 people could be present in the room when the draw took place. The draw was live streamed on the Clubs Facebook Page where at one stage there was an audience of over 335.

Thank you to the MC for the evening Asst. Chairperson of the Club Seamus Carthy, our new Marty Morissey, and Teresa Hession Chairperson, our new Miriam O'Callaghan, who steered the ship and got the show over the line. Thanks also to Seamus Sweeney, Co. Board Chairperson who pulled the winning ticket from the drum and to James Fitzmaurice, RBK Accountants, Roscommon/Athlone & Dublin who oversaw the running of the draw to ensure everything ran smoothly. Thanks also to Cahal Mahon whose thorough administration ensured the execution of the draw ran very smoothly and to Orla Fleming who videod the event. After a monstrous effort by numerous club members over the past 6 months & especially in the final weeks, 7571 tickets were placed in the

drum on Saturday evening. When asked, Seamus Sweeney pulled the winning ticket and the winner **Mr. Jamie Leonard, Palmerstown, Dublin.** Jamie is due to collect his new car this Friday. We will have photos to show in next weeks newsletter.



Football Under 12's

The **Division 1** squad had a hard-fought win over Padraig Pearses last Saturday week up Woodmount. This game was played to a very high standard and was competitive to the end. Our lads won on a final score of 9 scores to 8. It was great for the Gaels to win such a tight game.

This group now have a place in the county final with a final group game to come against St Brigid's on Saturday 22nd. The boys had a successful victory coming out of this game also with a scoreline of 10 scores to 7 scores.

The County Final has been set for Saturday September 5th, 2020 in Ballyforan at 11.30 a.m. We would like to wish them every success and hope they enjoy themselves.

Our **Division 5** team travelled to Frenchpark to take on Western Gaels. Roscommon Gaels had a great win on a scoreline of 20 scores to 5. Some very good performances and score taking by our lads.

They then went onto defeat Elphin-Ballinameen last Saturday the 29th. This was a tricky encounter but the lads finished convincingly in the end with a few scores to spare.

Their next group game is this coming Sunday the 6th versus St. Barry's GAA in Lisnamult, throw in at 11:30. Victory here will secure a county semi final so all to play for.

The **Division 6** squad took on Pdraig Pearses Div 6 team. There was some great performances and they kept fighting to the end. Unfortunately, on this occasion they lost on a scoreline of 9 scores to 6. This squad have now completed their group games and have a Shield final to look forward to.

Full details to be confirmed.

U 16

August 17th

In the second Division 1 Championship fixture of the season the team played a strong Michael Glaveys/Eire Og team in Lisnamult on a very miserable Monday evening (August 18th). In heavy conditions our lads played very good football in spells, taking some fine points from distance on their way to a 1-20 to 1-9 win. Our defense stood up well to the hard running of Glaveys and this proved the foundation for our performance.

Back Row: Ethan O'Reilly, Andriu Oates, Calum Grogan, Michael McAteer, Ryan Conlon, Fionnan Wynne, Cormac Dolan, Ciaran Purcell, DJ

Hession (Captain), Edimar Filho, Senan Lambe, James Connolly, David Hough.

Front Row: Kilan O'Brien, Eoghan Gilleran, Rory Carthy, Cormac Feeley, Ciaran O'Reilly, Rodhan Dowd, Jack Donnelly, Jack Fleming, Zawy Khan.



Aug 21st:

Roscommon Gaels v Boyle (Div 1)

Given the recent bad weather, it was nice that our Div 1 lads had a fine evening to play against Boyle in Abbey Park on Aug 21st. In a roller-coaster of a performance (some very bad lows and some very good highs), our lads finished the match strongly to claw back to a 9 point deficit to draw at the final whistle 1-12 to 1.12.

The resilience shown by our lads to "dig-in" and finish the match in the manner they did will stand to them in their upcoming fixtures.

Aug 23rd:

Roscommon Gaels v St. Dominics (Div 4)

St. Dominics had beaten us in our home fixture a few weeks ago, so while not playing particularly well, we were in a comfortable position with a couple of minutes to go to half time – we conceded two soft goals. The lads re-grouped at half time and put a solid and committed second half performance dominating possession to win out on a score line of 3-7 to 2-3.

Aug 27th:

Roscommon Gaels v Clann na nGael (Div 4)

With two evenly matched teams, this was a good game of football finishing with both sides level. Final score: Roscommon Gaels 1-14 Clan na nGael 2-11

Aug 31st:

Roscommon Gaels v Strokestown (Div 1)

In Lisnamult on Monday night Aug 31st, the Division 1 Team took on Strokestown. The game was played at a very fast pace with some lovely football played by all the lads. There were times then when our lads had to step up a gear with the fast pace of a number of their opponents. With managements reaction, some switches were made and players adjusted and adapted to the flow of play. With an untimely power cut that lasted over 10 minutes, the game was held up due to poor light. However, the lads kept their focus and didn't let the distraction sway their play. When play resumed the game concluded with the final scoreline of 3 - 13 to 1 - 8

Hurling

U-8

The Gaels U-8 hurlers had a challenge match against Ballygar in Lisnamult last Sunday week. The Gaels fielded two teams, including a junior team comprising players who have only started playing hurling this year. All the players should be congratulated as this was their first match for Roscommon Gaels and within the GAA forum. All the players put in super performances and it was a great experience for all involved.

The second team, our senior U-8 team, played three seven-minute games against Ballygar. They put in a very strong performance. Over the course of the three games, Roscommon Gaels came out on top by a goal and a point.

Pictured are all the U-8 hurlers who took part in the matches against Ballygar

U-10

Pictured is the Roscommon Gaels U-10 hurling team who did very well in a competitive match against Athleague/Tremane in their first match of the season last week.



U-12

Sunday August 23rd will be remembered as an historic day for underage hurling in our club.

Congratulations to the players and management of our U-12 hurlers who defeated Tuam in the Galway League Shield Final. On what proved to be an exceptional performance by our young boys, we were ran out comprehensive winners on a score line of 5-12 to 1-4 .

This group again showed what a fine group of players they are in a display full of skill, determination and discipline. Led by our captain David King, our boys took control of the game early on and were relentless in their pursuit of victory. It should be noted that this win is as a result of hard work by many mentors and club officials over a 4-5 year period .Thank you to each of you . A big 'Thank You' must also be extended to our boys parents . Without your help and cooperation our participation in the Galway League would not have being possible. We hope the joy on your sons face at the final whistle made the effort all worthwhile.

Our attention now returns to the Roscommon Championship. We play Pdraig Pearses in round 4 on Wednesday evening next in Woodmount. Time to be confirmed

Roscommon Senior Hurling Championship

Athleague 3-23 Roscommon Gaels 0-6

This was effectively a quarter-final, as the winner of this game were to advance to the Semi-Finals. This was down to the fact both teams were in the three-team group stages with Tremane. It started off very well for this Gaels team who are very much in transition. A great score from play into the town end of Hyde Park by Paul Lennon very much settled the home side. However, that was as good as it got for this young team. An unanswered 1-10 by Athleague left last year's county finalists leading 1-12 to 0-02 at half time.

The second half was again dominated by a well seasoned and rejuvenated Athleague team. Brendan Quinn, our new recruit from Gort, played well and added three points to the overall tally. The bright shining lights of youth coming through the Gaels team was the great positive of this game. A couple of great scores from play by Eoin Kiernan and Mark Purcell showed what talent we have coming through. Indeed, five minors finished the game for the Gaels, which was indicative of the bright future that lays ahead for the Gaels hurlers. They were Michael Corcoran, Eoin Kiernan, Mark Purcell, Kevin Glynn, Eoin Bracken and Ronan Lambe.

So while this year was not to be for Pat Clancy's charges, having 30 players toggled for the Gaels senior hurlers is a step in the right direction. Well done to Pat Clancy, Liam Casey, Davy Casey and Davy Hoare for their time and effort put into the Senior Hurlers in difficult times in 2020.



Minor Hurling Championship

Athleague/Tremane/Oran 3-20 Roscommon Gaels 3-11

Our Minor Hurlers played a very entertaining game against Athleague/Tremane/Oran on Friday night last. Athleague/Tremane/Oran started the best and got two points from play on the board with a breeze playing in their favour into the Town End. Then a long ball goes straight into the talented Eoin Kiernan, and with a quick turn he rifles the ball to the roof of the net. A great point from play by Ethan O'Reilly followed. Great scores by Finn Killion and Jack Fleming along with two more points from Eoin Kiernan left the scoreline: Athleague/Tremane/Oran 2-10 to Ros Gaels 1-5.

Athleague/Tremane/Oran took up where they left off and got two quick-fire points. Then the spirit in this Gaels team lifted and they rallied with an unanswered 1-2 from play: a fantastic individual goal by Finn Killion along with a point from play by Ryan Conlon, and a 65 by DJ Hession. Athleague/Tremane/Oran found their second wind with some lovely high fielding in their full forward line. Mikey Corcoran in goals was very solid and kept them at bay on many occasions. Further points by Ryan Conlon, Mark Purcell and DJ Hession, along with a great individual goal by Kevin Glynn, reduced the gap to four points. However, Athleague/Tremane/Oran finished strongest and finished up winners 3-20 to 3-11. Next game is v Pdraig Pearses in Woodmount at 7pm on Tuesday the 8th of September.

Team: Michael Corcoran; Cormac Feeley, David Hough, James Connolly; Eoin Bracken, Ronan Lambe, Daragh Kiernan; Kevin Glynn, Ethan O'Reilly; Finn Killion, Mark Purcell, Ryan Conlon; Coman Hanily, Eoin Kiernan, Jack Fleming. Subs Senan Lambe for Cormac Feeley, DJ Hession for Daragh Kiernan, Jack O'Gara for Kevin Glynn, Daragh Ward, Thomas Connolly, Nathan Halligan, Adam Connolly, Adam Murphy, Fionnan Wynne, Rodhan Dowd.



Ladies Football

Roscommon Gaels U16's Ladies v St. Ciaran's on last Tuesday 18th of August, Lisnamult.

Tuesday the 18th saw Roscommon Gaels Under 16 Girls face St. Ciaran's in the last of the round games. St. Ciaran's took the first score of the game but the Gaels girls didn't delay in responding with Ellen Beisty putting one over. The Gaels missed a couple of scoring chances playing into a strong sun and St Ciaran's clocked up another point. A great point from Eva Green on the wing saw the teams level on 2 points a piece. Ali Beirne playing in forwards to give a dig out with Ellen Biesty adding to her tally. St Ciaran's responded shortly after with a point from play. A superb working of the ball up the field with a super pass from Jennifer Morris into Zara Fallon in the corner saw Zara put the ball in the back of St Ciaran's net. Holly Harkins got her name on the board with a fine point from play. Carole Green who recently and gallantly took up as keeper in goals for the Gaels due to Isobelle Stevens Lohan carrying an injury, made a wonderful save that even Stephen Cluxton would be proud of! St. Ciaran's added 3 points in succession to the score board. Full forward Ciara Dowd for St. Ciarans while playing well had her work cut out for her when full back Carragh Kennedy got to measures of her but Eimear O Farrell was reassuringly steady in front. Realising they were getting sucked up the pitch a little, Eadaoin Walsh and Jennifer Morris switched wings and got to grips with the opposition. The Gaels girls settled back and upped the ante playing a high tempo, high pressing game with points from Claire Mc Neill, Zara Fallon, Holly Harkins and Ellen Beisty resulting in them racing into a 01-10 to 0-6 lead going in at half time.

With the sun behind them, the second half saw an early point from Claire Mc Neill followed by a hat trick of points from Ellen Beisty. Eimear O'Connor had entered the field of play and made her mark from the offset! St. Ciaran's didn't get much of a look in for the first 15 minutes of the second half - this was due in no small part to the corner backs Megan Donohue and Caoimhe Walsh who

constantly outfought and outthought the St. Ciaran's forwards, who proved to be having a frustrating evening struggling for most of the game to get past the two defenders. Grace Dwyer and Alison Mc Namara made an impression when they came on in forwards. Ava Mulry got on the score board with 2 points in succession followed by a point from Claire Mc Neill. Ellen Biesty put the next one over and next one under!

Mikayla Martin said "hello" with a fine point from play. Following on and much to the delight of supporters St. Ciarans got their first point of the second half. Grace O'Gara having come on narrowly missed out on a score. St. Ciaran's went on to clock up a further 2 points with a reply from Ellen Biesty. Anna Kelly came into backs giving assistance when required. St. Ciarans never gave up not by any means and with a few minutes to go put the ball in the back of the Gaels net. The Gaels didn't give up either and replied with 2 points from Ava Mulry. The Gaels girls used the wings well through out the game and contested every ball. They were impressive on the attack and resolute in defending winning most of the challenges. Plenty given but plenty more to give!

Result: Roscommon Gaels 2 – 23
St. Ciarans 1 - 09.

Aug 25th

Roscommon Gaels v St. Ciaran's

The Gaels had to do it all over again against St. Ciarans in the Semi-Final! A special mention of thanks to Isobelle Steven's Lohan and Chloe Donoghue who although carrying injuries have been at our games and assisting throughout.

Tuesday 25-08-2020 saw Roscommon Gaels Under 16 Girls face St. Ciarans once again in the Division 2(a) semi-final. Early points from Claire Mc Neill and Eva Green got our ladies off to a flying start with 2 goals in succession from Ellen Beisty and Grace O'Dwyer. Claire Mc Neill put another over from a free on Ava Mulry. St. Ciarans rallied and came back with 2 goals on the trot. Ava Mulry responded with a point followed by a point by Claire Mc Neill from a free given. Ciara Dowd for St. Ciarans responded with a fine point and from there the Gaels girls put one under and two over heading into the half time break with a 04-07 v 02-0. In the second half Ciarans came out attacking

with confidence and put 2 points over, a goal followed by a point in succession. Gaels goalie Carole Green wasn't to be phased by this. Zara Fallon and Jennifer Morris got their names on the score board. The Gaels moved into 5th gear and scores were got by Ellen Beisty, Ava Mulry and Grace O'Dwyer. Steady hard work from the back line of Megan Donohue, Carragh Kennedy and Caoimhe Walsh kept the rivals at bay throughout. After the water break Claire Mc Neill put one over and Eadaoin Walsh got her name onto the board. The Gaels girls upped the gears once more with further scores from Ellen Beisty, Claire Mc Neill, Zara Fallon and Holly Harkins. A couple wides (😬) here and there for us didn't on this occasion cause any major damage.. Good defence from Eimear O'Farrell assisted by Mikayla Martin aided the Gaels ladies. Gwen Killion, Alison Mc Namara and Anna Kelly gave fresh legs to the game and overall a strong solid team performance from all involved. Team and management send best wishes to St. Ciaran's goalie Mary Kate Miller who suffered a serious injury causing her to come off in the 2nd half. The end result was Roscommon Gaels 08-19 to St. Ciarans 05-04. We now meet Eire dog in the Final on Tuesday September 1st in Loughglynn at 6:30pm. Congratulations to our girls and coaches/management.

Some Pics below of the girls are their final training session before the final on Tuesday night against Eire Og in Loughglynn at 6.30 p.m.

The Very Best of Luck from all the Club !!



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Under 8's & Under 10's

Tulsk visited Lisnamult for on a lovely Friday evening last for a clash of the ash with our Under 8 and 10 Girls. All girls performed really well showing the skills they have being practicing with since the season began.



Under 14's



Roscommon Gaels u14 Camogie team pictured below beat Athleague in their match on Monday. This win secures them a place in the final to be held in 2 weeks time. Playing with a team of 12 when they are used to playing with 15 the girls dominated the game throughout. Scores came from Leah Lennon, Shauna Walsh, Alanna Sutton, Grace Geraghty, Emma Hough, Anna Kiernan, Shauna Carthy, Jane King with great performances by others. This outstanding group of girls have worked well together and are a team to watch in the future.

Other News

Club Tops Available to Purchase. Contact Ollie Moran if anyone interested. Available in Small Medium and Large. First Come First Served!

Cost €25

