



# ROSCOMMON GAELS

## Gaelforce News

WEEKENDING August 7th, 2020



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# WIN A SUBARU

We had a great response from our Club Members returning books of sold tickets for the August Bank Holiday Bonus Draw for the Win A Subaru 10 Free Entries. Winner of the 10 Free Entries will be announced over the coming days.

There still are a number of books out there in the community yet to be collected by the Subaru team who are working tirelessly at retrieving funds. We encourage anyone who has unsold tickets left in any book, to give one final push to get them sold. Every penny collected counts!

If anyone needs to return funds and ticket stubs you can bring to the next training session and give to your trainer any of the Subaru Team or drop into McNeills Store in Abbeytown. The Subaru team are named below:

Garreth Carroll, Cahal Mahon, Orla Fleming, David Waldron, Ollie Moran, Declan Molloy, Nicola Nerney, Tommy Mulrey, Aisling Neilan.



The Under 16's Camogie crew enhancing our Win A Subaru Signage at Lisnamult during the week!!



## Covid

We are six weeks back playing and training in camogie, football and hurling, nearly 4 million health questionnaires have been filled in nationally and club competitions have commenced in all codes and grades.

There has been a very positive response to our Covid 19 protocols and procedures in Lisnamult and the Hyde but we cannot afford to let ourselves get complacent.

- If coaches or players are feeling unwell then they must not attend training or matches
- Continue to ensure that Health questionnaires are completed before every training session / match.
- The Covid Supervisor for each team is identifiable with their green high vis jacket and they should remain active and vigilant with their players, mentors and people attending the facilities – ensuring lists, HQs etc are up to date and to remind those entering and leaving to sanitise.



- All players and personnel must sanitise on entering and exiting the grounds.
- The toilets will be open for training sessions / matches for emergency use only and the area should be sanitised after session ends before locking up.
- Dressing rooms will NOT be open. The players must arrive togged out and observe the “get in-train-get out”. No showers available.
- The players must be dropped off and picked up according to the traffic management plan
- Cleaning equipment / chemicals for the toilet and equipment is available to clean surfaces and equipment after each session. If stocks of these chemicals or hand sanitiser fluid in dispensers are running low at the end of training please contact Parks & Facilities via Philip Mullen (085 8016162) to ensure they are topped up before next group requires them.

**If families / players / mentors return from travel abroad they must adhere to the Government guidelines in relation to self isolation and refrain from playing / involvement/ attending GAA facilities in line with these guidelines.**

### DO THE RIGHT THING FOR YOU & YOUR CLUB

**1. UNDERSTAND AND FOLLOW THE SAFE RETURN TO GAELIC GAMES GUIDELINES**

**2. WASH YOUR HANDS**

**3. MONITOR YOUR HEALTH**

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- Only to travel to and from training / games in own car / in their family unit.
- **All players must bring their own water bottle clearly labelled – no sharing**
- Encourage the HSE guidelines of hand washing, social distancing, coughing & sneezing etiquette etc
- Discourage high fives, hand shaking, clapping on back, embracing, spitting etc. by players and mentors
- Social distancing of 2m must be maintained in groups and when coaches are talking to players, group meetings etc

### BE A TEAM PLAYER ON AND OFF THE FIELD

**1. BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLE**

**2. DON'T SHAKE HANDS**

**3. FOLLOW THE LATEST HSE ADVICE**

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If coaches have any queries or suggestions regarding Covid 19 return to play protocols do not hesitate to contact the club Covid team – Chairperson Maire Allen (086) 8171698.

Thank you to everyone in Roscommon Gaels for their cooperation and work to date in the safe return to play of our GAA games and the adherence to the Covid 19 guidelines. We need to continue to do the right thing and to follow the correct practices to control the spread of the virus.

If we continue to follow all the guidance to the best of our ability then we won't lose the playing of games and people being able to go training and matches which has been so very important for our physical and mental well-being.

**Everyone has a role to play.  
Ultimately, safe return to contact  
sports is the PERSONAL  
RESPONSIBILITY of each  
participant.**

**This is central to the success of  
preventing the spread of Covid 19.  
Roscommon Gaels club and its  
volunteers will work on its best  
endeavour to ensure that we are  
doing all we can for the safe return  
to playing of Gaelic Games.**

## Hurling

### U-16 Championship

Roscommon Gaels 0-11

Athleague/Tremane/Oran 4-18

Our U-16s played Athleague/Tremane/Oran in the third round of the U-16 Hurling Championship in Athleague last Saturday morning. This was always going to be a very tough game, due to an exceptionally strong opposition, with six Oran players involved with Athleague/Tremane.

Without the services of Rodhan Dowd and DJ Hession for the Gaels, we were always up against it. We started very well with a fine point from play by Ryan Conlon. Just a minute later, however, a very opportunistic goal by Ath/Tre/Oran went into the back of the Gaels net through a crowded goalmouth. We played very well against a light breeze and went in at half-time 2-11 to 0-5 points down via further points from Jack Fleming and Ryan Conlon.

The second-half was much more competitive and our lads really showed grit and determination. Jack Fleming got onto lots of ball and was very unfortunate not to hit the top corner of the net with a great strike from 20 yards out which went narrowly wide. The same player was also unlucky with another goal chance. Despite having three players around him Jack still managed to get a shot

on target. However, Micheál Hussey in goals for Ath/Tre/Oran was in fine form and nothing was getting by him easily on the day.

Senan Lambe really came to life in the second-half and got two great points on the trot from play midway through the second-half. The ever-reliable Ryan Conlon kept putting scores on the board also, through frees and from play. David Hough at full-back was like the rock from Cork in his day, terrorising forwards that came near the square and continuously cleared the danger area. Ethan O'Reilly did trojan work throughout the midfield area. Thanks to his brilliant footwork, Ethan always managed to find space to launch an attack.

A special mention has to go to Eoghan Keaveny in goals who pulled off two remarkable saves in the first-half.

One of those was a one-on-one situation but Eoghan somehow managed to save it and the sliothar flew over the bar. Conor Grogan, our other U-14 player, was playing his usual wristy work throughout the midfield and forwards area.

**Our next game is next Saturday the 8th of August v Padraig Pearses @ 11.30am in Lisnamult. If we win this game, we are guaranteed a semi-final spot in this year's U-16 Hurling Championship.**

Team: Eoghan Keaveney, Cormac Feely, David Hough, Fionnan Wynne, James Connolly, Senan Lambe, Liam Og Corcoran, Ethan O'Reilly, Jack Fleming, Nathan Halligan, Ryan Conlon, Adam Murphy, Adam Connolly, Conor Grogan, Thomas Connolly.



## Hurling Fixtures

- 08/08/20 – U16's V Padraig Pearses @ 11.30 - HOME
- 13/08/2020 U-18 Hurling Championship: Roscommon Gaels v Four Roads, Venue: Four Roads Community Pitch at 7.30pm

## Football (Ladies)

### Under 12's

Roscommon Gaels Ladies Football Under 12 team took to the main pitch in Lisnamult on Sunday August 2nd at 6pm for their opening match against Shannon Gaels in the King and Moffat Championship.

It was a tight contest for much of the match but Roscommon Gaels triumphed 7 to 4 with a strong finish in the final 10 minutes. The football on display was played to a very high standard and very much appreciated by the family and friends from Roscommon Gaels and Shannon Gaels that travelled to support. Roscommon Gaels backline was very strong throughout. Made up of Goalkeeper Ava Connaughton, Grace Gannon, Faye Satchwell, Ruth King and Sadie Devaney. Midfield battled throughout and edged the game toward the end. Aoife Connolly and Grace Campbell clocked a lot of mileage with their carries from defence to the forwards. The under 12 debutantes made a great impact on the field and held their own against a strong Shannon Gaels team.

### Full Panel

Ava Connaughton, Ruth King, Faye Satchwell, Grace Gannon, Sadie Devaney, Simone Carroll, Aoife Corcoran, Ciara Burke, Grace Campbell, Aoife Connolly, Sarah Reilly, Roiri Gately, Amy Gannon, Emily Reilly, Aoife Mc Guinness, Nicole Dowd, Melanie Robak, Katelyn Winston, Cara Shannon, Etain Fallon



## Goal Keeper Session

Declan Hoare took a goalie coaching session with some of the Roscommon Gaels ladies goalkeepers this morning which was very beneficial to the girls. Thanks to Deckie for his time and knowledge.



## Football (Men)

### Under 12's

Our 3 u12 boys teams took on Clann na nGael on a sunny Saturday morning 1st August in Lisnamult.

First up was our Division 1 team who won on a score line of 7 pts to 4 pts. This was a tough game for our lads, Clann had some big players around the middle but we got the better of them in the end.



Our Division 5 team took on Clann's Division 5 team and after a great display of football and scoring ran out easy winners.



## Junior Men

Roscommon Gaels 2-12  
St Kevins Castlerea 1-7

Our Junior footballers took to the field again, to prove they aren't in this Junior championship to make up the numbers. From the throw in, to the final whistle, this contest was never in doubt with Roscommon Gaels putting St Kevins Castlerea to the sword in Strokestown.

The free rolling football was a joy to watch, with a young panel proving they can produce the goods under the guidance of Mick Byrne. Gustavo Rodriguez is one to watch for the future, his lightning pace had Castlerea in tangles, while Conor McNamara showed his eye for goal, bagging two from play. The Gaels ran out comfortable with an 8 point victory.

## Senior Men

Our Senior men's team got their championship campaign back on track with a 1-15 to 0-12 triumph against St. Croan's at Kiltoom. The team stood up and answered their critics with a high intensity well deserved victory. Their direct fast flowing football into the full forward line had

everyone on their feet. This match wasn't always one sided. St Croans used the same tactics to put our full backs under intense pressure at times. James Featherstone proved again and again why he is one of the best keepers in the county with some top class saves and high fielding.

Mark Healy and Orin Walsh put in a solid shift in the middle of the park, always showing for the ball and creating options. The hard working Scott Oates ran riot throughout the match, popping up everywhere, always finding space and ultimately notched over four excellent points from play.

The danger man in the inside line Peter Gillooly did the most damage on the scoreboard contributing 1-06. His movement with and without the ball was a joy to watch.

However, we never like making things easy on ourselves, the victory came at a cost as both Richard Hughes and John McManus received straight red cards from Ollie Kelly in second-half stoppage time. Next up Fuerty in two weeks for another big test.

**Remember all Senior games will have up to date twitter scores on our Roscommon Gaels account.**

## Training Schedules for Boys Underage and Minor

The Sessions below are as of today (Wednesday July 7<sup>th</sup>) and may be subject to change. Coaches will always contact players if times need to be amended. All sessions are held in Lisnamult with the exception of Under 16's.

Boys Under 8 :	Saturdays: 9.45/10.00 - 11.00 a.m.
Boys Under 10:	Tuesdays: 6.30 - 7.00
Boys Under 12:	Wednesdays: 7.30 - 8.00
Boys Under 14:	Thursdays: 7.00 – 8.30 & Sundays: 10.00 – 12.00
Boys Under 16:	Tuesdays: 7.45 – 9.15 (Hyde) Fridays: 6.45 – 8.15 (Hyde)
Minor:	Tuesdays: 8.15 – 9.30 Thursdays: 8.00 – 9.00 Sundays: 12.00 – 1.00

## Scheduled dates for the Senior and Junior Championship

## Senior:

v Fuerty - August 16<sup>th</sup> - 1.00p.m. - M'Hern Prk

## Junior:

v St. Dominics - Aug 14<sup>th</sup> - 4.30p.m. - Kiltoom

v Western Gaels - Aug 30<sup>th</sup> - 2.00p.m. - Tulsk

# Camoige

Roscommon Gaels U16 Camogie girls played our U14 Camogie girls in a challenge match on Sunday morning in the Hyde. It was a great run out for both teams with the lead changing hands on a good few occasions.

Both teams displayed some great skills and we even had some serious sibling rivalry on show.

End result was a draw according to the ref (Thanks Tom O'Farrell) even if the Under 16 management didn't agree. However, real winner at the end of the day was Camoige and the future looks really bright for both of these teams going forward.

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Pictured Below are the Under 16 Camoige Team



# 20 Questions Segment

So last weeks 20 Questions were answered by none other than Declan Molloy. Declan Molloy, owner of Molloy's Bakery, has been a true Roscommon Gaels man throughout the years supporting the Club in many ways.

He currently is on the Win A Subaru Committee assisting with the Club Fundraiser.

The WaS Team love seeing Declan coming to meetings, I wonder why? Thanks for being a good sport Declan.



1. Age *51* Height *5'11*
2. Nickname *"T"* Position *Midfield/Forward*
3. Biggest Achievement *Won an All Ireland Colleges Medal in 1993 and coached school team to an All Ireland Title 2014*
4. GAA Idol Growing Up *Dermot Earley & Harry Keegan*
5. Best GAA Memory *My first time ever in Croke Park (1979) at a League football semi final – overwhelmed by the majesty, magic, history and size of the stadium and still am today!*
6. Best Friend *My Husband*
7. One bit of Advice to Underage Players *Practice every chance you get; learn to use both feet and sides, and enjoy being part of a team – you make friends for life. Also be proud of being in the Gaels!*
8. Hopes for Roscommon Gaels for the future *Further improve our facilities; to improve our skill standards at all grades which will feed into every strengthening adult teams in all 4 codes which will bring success. To foster a strong sense of club and belonging going forward.*

*Would love more people that finish up playing in the club would stay with and become involved.*

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| 9. Best thing about Roscommon Gales GAA Club                                       | <i>The People in It.</i>   |
| 10. Most scored in one game  | <i>4 Goals in the All Ireland Final</i>  |
| 11. Favourite Movie  | <i>Shawshank Redemption</i>  |
| 12. Favourite Actress  | <i>Saoirse Ronan</i>   |
| 13. Most Embarrassing Moment   | <i>As a coach cheering and celebrating in the U12 Camogie A final in 2018 at the final whistle thinking we had it won – but it was a DRAW !!</i> |
| 14. Pet Peeve  | <i>Litter, Slow walkers, Rudeness and putting dirty dishes in the sink, not in the Dishwasher !!</i>   |
| 15. Dream Job  | <i>Doctor</i>  |
| 16. The one food you could never eat   | <i>Angels Delight or Chocolate Desserts</i>  |
| 17.  |  |
| 18. Favourite Holiday Destination  | <i>Western Seaboard Ireland or Paris</i>   |
| 19. Whose the most serious person on the Committee you Currently are working with? | <i>Myself!!</i>  |
| 20. Whose the joker on the Club Committee you currently are working with?          | <i>Cahal Mahon</i>   |
| 21. What do you do to Chill  | <i>Read / Walk / Meet friends and Family</i>   |
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Remember: Any news, match reports or information that you would like to be added in the Weekly Newsletter, please forward on to one email addresses below:

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