



# ROSCOMMON GAELS

## Gaelforce News

WEEKENDING July 17th, 2020



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**29<sup>th</sup> AUG 2020**



# WIN A SUBARU

The Win A Subaru campaign is now up and running again. The rescheduled draw will take place on August 29<sup>th</sup>. This leaves the Club with just over 6 weeks until draw day. The Win A Subaru team have been meeting up over the past few weeks planning and working on how they, along with all Club members help, can successfully raise funds to develop the Car Park in Lisnamult. We are on the final straight now, and we are relying on all Club members to complete the sales of any tickets that you have and return cash to any committee members. Club members can expect to receive calls in the coming days if they have been given tickets in the past. If anyone needs more tickets please don't hesitate to contact Cahal Mahon or any of the committee members listed below, or the option of purchasing tickets online is also available on [www.winasubaru.ie](http://www.winasubaru.ie).

Keep an eye out over the next number of weeks for social media traffic on the fundraiser. Ensure to like and share everything and keep spreading the word.

Pictured below are some of the committee members at work up on Lisnamult planning a little something for us in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes peeled.



# Safe Return to Play

Last Friday's news of GAA Clubs in the Country having to close their doors again, hopefully only being a temporary measure, brings it home to us all that we must all continue to take individual responsibility on stopping the spread of this Covid 19.

Many of you took the road up to Lisnamult for the first time a week or so ago for the first time. One coach stated *"it felt like waiting for Christmas morning, for 6.30pm to come"* for their first training session in a number of months. You could see the "pep" in everyone's step as the kids hopped out of their parents cars at the drop off point.

Covid Supervisors, all in their bright green high vis vests working away with their clip boards checking each player off and making sure if Health Questionnaires have been submitted. Please bear with them all, they are working really hard at ensuring all the I's are dotted and T's are crossed.

No doubt this is going to go on for a lot longer, and with the postponement of the next phase going ahead allowing numbers of spectators to increase to 500, we have to take responsibility in every aspect of our daily workings, not only in GAA and help stop the spread of Covid 19. We cannot become complacent. Remember:

1. Submit your Q & A if coming to training
2. Sanitise your Hands at the Gate prior to entry
3. Play your Game / Training,
4. Sanitise your Hands at the Gate when leaving

**If you are attending a match, please remember to practice social distancing. It is recommended also that everyone should download the Covid Tracker App.**





# Hurling

## Under 16's

It has been wonderful to see so many of our hurlers back in action. Pictured is a group of U-16 hurlers who returned to training in Lisnamult last week.



A mixture of Under 16's & U18's ventured over to Longford Slashers on Wednesday evening. There was a great turn out of players. The game started off with Slashers dominating the play for the first 10 minutes or so scoring 2 goals. With some minor adjustments to the field, our lads settled into the run of the game showing some great hurling skills throughout. As the game progressed into the second half, it was clear that our lads were very comfortable on the ball and continued to finish out the game on top. We ran out winners by 4-15 to 3-10 in the finish with a strong 2nd half finish against the breeze. Well done to all the Lads.

Our U-16's start off their Hurling Championship Saturday week the 25th of July v Dominics in Lisnamult @ 11.30am. The U-18's kick start their 1st round Championship game v St. Dominics the following Tuesday the 28th of July @ 7.30pm.

# Ladies Football

## Under 16's

A photo attached of our Under 16 Ladies Footballers who are preparing for championship. They played St. Brigids in a challenge on Monday July 6th in Lisnamult in a very even contest narrowly losing out to the opposition. The Gaels girls put it up to the South Roscommon girls from the very start and just ran out of steam in the last 6 or 7 minutes allowing Brigids to clock up a few additional points.

Overall a superb display from the Gaels girls on their return to football. On Sunday 12th of July, they play Shannon Gaels in a challenge match at 7pm in

Croghan. Their first championship game is against Padraig Pearses on Tuesday July 21st.



## Minors

Our minor team played a very entertaining challenge against a strong Claremorris side whose aim is to win the Mayo minor championship. Their athleticism and strength showed early on and they ran into a 0-04 to 0-00 lead with strong running and excellent score taking. Our lads kept at it and 2 excellent scores from Mark Purcell settled us into the game. The Gaels were battling well and good defending from Ethan Reilly, the excellent Fionn Hoare and Jack Donnellan kept the Claremorris lads at bay. However their forward evaded some challenges and netted to leave the score at 1-05 to 0-03.

This didn't faze our lads and Aaron Shannon goaled well to leave score at 1-08 to 1-04 to the visiting side at half time. The Gaels started well in the 2nd half and got the score to 1-08 to 1-06 when an unfortunate turn over changed the game as Claremorris goaled from this. A harsh lesson that you get punished for mistakes at the higher level. Claremorris were buoyed by this and dominated much of the next 15 mins but again one had to admire the Gaels lads honesty of effort and willingness to keep battling and some excellent saves by Mike Corcoran kept the away team from pulling further away. The Gaels finished well but on an evening when tiredness played a part Claremorris won out by 3-15 to 1-10.

From a Gaels point of view this was an excellent challenge and a game where all players contributed something during the game. Our full back line in particular battled all day against the odds, forwards showed signs when possession came their way and our middle sector kept looking for ball when many others would hide under such pressure.

A very enjoyable and educational game with many thanks to the Ref Declan Hunt for allowing the game to be played the way it should. Well done all!!

M Corcoran, E Reilly, J Donnellan, F Hoare, M Dwyer, B Hoare, P O'Sullivan, F Killion, D Kiernan, A Shannon, J

Finnegan, C Purcell, K Glynn, M Purcell, D Hynes, R Dowd, L Gregory, K Connaughton.

In their second challenge of the week

Our minors played a very strong Slashers team from Longford. The home team started the better and raced into a 0-05 to 0-01 lead before the Ref called for a water break. Some lacklustre defending throughout the pitch and again unforced turnovers cost the Gaels lads.

After the break matters worsened when the defence failed to hold onto a high probing ball and the Slashers forward palmed the ball to the net. Half time seen the Gaels lads in arrears by 1-07 to 0-02. The first 15 mins of 2nd half was a more competitive with the Gaels scoring 1-02, however more poor shot options and mix up's in the middle sector allowed Slashers to respond with a goal of their own. This took the wind out of the Gaels sails and slashers goaled again before the end to leave the final score at 3-11 to 1-07.

The Gaels lads will have learned that against quality opposition basic handling errors are punished and that to compete at the higher level huge effort and work rate is needed. They have shown spells during both games that they are capable of holding their own but need to bring more consistency for 60 mins to do so.

Tonight we seen Kevin Glynn and DJ Hession perform to the level and others should signs at different stages. Plenty of room for improvement which is well within this group.

Keep it up lads

M Corcoran, J Donnellan, F Hoare, C Purcell, DJ Hession, B Hoare, M Dwyer, F Killion, D Kiernan, L Gregory, D Hynes, K Glynn, A Shannon, M Purcell, R Dowd, R Conlon, S Lambe.



## 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 Western Gaels – July 25<sup>th</sup> - 5.00p.m. - Lisnamult**

**v St. Croans - August 1<sup>st</sup> - 7.00p.m. - Kiltoom**

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

### Junior:

**v St. Josephs - July 26<sup>th</sup> - 2.00p.m. - Lisnamult**

**v St. Kevin's C'rea - Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> - 1.30p.m. - S'Town**

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

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

## 20 Questions Segment

Thanks to everyone who posted in the correct named player in the last edition. It David O'Gara, Senior Player and County Senior Player.

So this week we will change it up and we have approached some Club Officials. Can you guess who this person is?



1. Age *Fortyish* Height *5'10"*
2. Nickname *None that I'm aware of* Position *No.10*
3. Biggest Achievement *Setting up my own business*
4. GAA Idol Growing Up *Tony McManus*
5. Best GAA Memory *2006 Minor All Ireland Final and the home-coming*
6. Best Friend *My Wife*
7. One bit of Advice to Underage Players *Reach for the Stars and Keep your Feet on the Ground*
8. Hopes for Roscommon Gaels for the future *For Liam McNeill to eventually and deservedly bring back the Fahy Cup to the Club*
9. Best thing about Roscommon Gales GAA Club *The Fantastic People that are involved in the Club*
10. Most scored in one game *Lets just say I kept the score board attendant quite busy !*
11. Favourite Movie *60 Shades of Purple*
12. Favourite Actress *The one and only .... Better not say !!*
13. Most Embarrassing Moment *Can't Remember*
14. Pet Peeve *People not being punctual*
15. Dream Job *Anything that doesn't involve answering a mobile phone*

16. Favourite Holiday Destination *Enniscrone followed by a delicious bite to eat in Paul Regans Restaurant "Dillions" Ballina*
17. The one food you could never eat *Snails*
18. Whose the most serious person on the Executive *A lot of serious members on the Exec however would have to say Harry Hoare – he's the money man – has to be serious.*
19. Whose the joker on the Executive *Has to be Davie Waldron – always cracking jokes about the Hurling.*
20. What do you do to Chill *Phone Off and Family Time.*

*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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