



ROSCOMMON GAELS

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WEEKENDING July 29th, 2020



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WIN A SUBARU

The Win A Subaru campaign is in full swing now. The rescheduled draw will take place on August 29th. Over past two weeks the team have been busy creating promotional videos for the campaign. Thanks to the Parks Committee for all of their help getting the grounds prepared, and thanks to Caroline Keane, Keane Productions who produced all the videos.

https://www.facebook.com/WINASUBARUROSGAELS/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Please like and share if you see on Social Media and keep spreading the word that tickets are still available on www.winasubaru.ie or from any committee members.



Pictured above is Cian Mulry, who was busy helping to film with the Win A Subaru Team last week.

Hurling

U-12's

Our U-12 hurlers travelled to Annaghdown on Sunday morning to play the 2nd Rd of the Galway League. While continuing our policy of rotating the players who travel, our boys put on a fine display of skilful hurling mixed with plenty of determination. In what was a very exciting contest the teams could not be separated and a draw was a fair result. Our next game is on next Saturday evening v Ballygar. Training continues on Monday evening.

Pictured are the U-12 hurlers training.



A promotional poster for the 'Win a Subaru' campaign. It features a red Subaru Impreza. The text includes 'WIN a SUBARU.ie', 'August Bank Holiday Bonus Draw', 'Buy an Entry & Win 10 Free Tickets to Win a Subaru Draw', and 'DRAW ON 29th AUG. 2020'. At the bottom, it lists ticket prices: 1 ticket for €20, 3 tickets for €50, and 7 tickets for €100. The deadline is 'Entries to be in by Midnight Sunday 2nd August'. Logos for Subaru, RSK, TG4, Roscommon Gaels Fundraiser, and the hashtag #WINASUBARU are also present.

U-16 Hurling Championship

Roscommon Gaels 1-16 St. Dominic's 3-3

This was a very competitive game and a good start to the championship for our U-16 hurlers. Although the score-line may suggest otherwise, this game was a lot closer with 10 minutes to go. St. Dominic's started the game at a blistering pace with a slight breeze in their favour and were 2 points ahead after five mins. Our in-form full-forward Jack Fleming settled the nerves for the Gaels, and got a fine point from play. Indeed, it could well have been a goal if it were not for a fantastic save by the St. Dominic's goalie Gearoid Keenan.

Ethan O'Reilly, David Hough and Rodhan Dowd did trojan work in the backs to keep St. Dominic's at bay on several occasions. James Connolly would have made Davy Fitz proud with a fine string of saves to keep a hungry St. Dominic's team from getting more goals.

Further scores were added by DJ Hession, Ryan Conlon and Jack Fleming, until St. Dominic's caught our full back line off guard and got a great goal. The half-time score was 0-8 to Ros Gaels to 1-3 to St. Dominic's.

After a slow first-half for the Gaels side, they began to play with great fluency in the second-half. With the on-form DJ Hession covering every blade of grass in Lisnamult, the troops started to rally around him. We hit three points without reply until St. Dominic's hit 1-1 from play. Further scores from Jack Fleming, Senan Lambe and DJ Hession followed, until a third goal came for St. Dominic's.

The score was now 0-12 to 3-3 with 10 minutes to go, until a powerful run and a well-taken goal by Ryan Conlon gave us some breathing room. It was now 1-12 to 3-3 with nine minutes remaining. We very nearly added a second goal and Conor Grogan our second half substitute was very unlucky not to find the back of the net after some great play. Further points from DJ and Ryan gave us the lift we needed to see the game out. To be fair to St. Dominic's, they battled hard but the better team won on the day.

Next up is Athleague/Tremane next Saturday, 1st of August at 11.30 a.m. in Athleague. This will be a tough test after the same team beat Four Roads this weekend also by 5 points. Credit is due to Philip Mullen and his backroom staff, for the fantastic state of the main pitch and indeed the grounds itself.

Team: James Connolly, Cormac Feely, Rodhan Dowd, Fionnan Wynne, Adam Connolly, David Hough, Liam Og Corcoran, Senan Lambe, DJ Hession, Nathan Halligan, Ryan Conlon, Ethan O'Reilly, Daragh Ward, Jack Fleming, Thomas Connolly. Subs : Adam Murphy (came on for Thomas Connolly), Conor Grogan (came on for Adam Connolly), Eoin Keaveney, Jack O'Gara, Liam Og Naughten.

U-16 & U-18's Combined Roscommon Gaels v Tooreen

On Wednesday evening last Roscommon Gaels played Tooreen in a combined U-16/U-18 hurling challenge game. It was a great warm-up game for both the U-16s and U-18s who both play St. Dominics in the 1st round of their respective championships. While we lost the game 4-16 to 3-10, it was a great match with some excellent pieces of skill from both teams. Eoin Kiernan with 3-1 from play while only playing the first half, was the standout player on the night.

Upcoming Hurling Fixtures

- On 28/7/2020 our Minor hurlers also take on St. Dominics in our first game of the Minor Hurling Championship. It takes place in Lisnamult at 7.30 p.m.
- On 07/08/2020 our U-16 Hurlers play their second round game v a very strong Athleague/Tremane team in Athleague at 11.30am.
- Our U-14s were due to play Padraig Pearses in Woodmount next Wednesday at 7.30 p.m., however, it has been postponed for any day. To be confirmed.

Ladies Football

U16's

Our U16 ladies got the first round of the championship off to a flying start when they played Padraig Pearses in their opening game last Tuesday July 21st on the main pitch in Lisnamult which is in pristine condition! Roscommon Gaels got stuck in from throw in and very quickly got on the score board with an opening point from Claire Mc Neill followed by a spectacular goal from Grace O'Dwyer. The scores clocked up for the Gaels girls with further scores from Claire Mc Neill, Holly Harkins & Ava Mulry getting their names on the board. Shoulders were put to the wheel by Zara Fallon, Eadaoin Walsh, Jennifer Morris, Ellen Beisty & Ali Beirne in setting up scores. The first 30 minutes saw most of the attack play from the Gaels with serious defence play on the full back line from Megan Donohue, Carragh Kennedy & Caoimhe Walsh.

Exciting periods of play and solid tight marking from the trio reflected the Pearses scoreline at half time! Eimear O'Farrell and Mikayla Martin were at hand to collect and move the ball up the field with well executed moves all the way through from the full back line to the full forward line. Half time saw a healthy score line of Roscommon Gaels in front 03-07 to no score. Fresh legs were introduced going in to the second half with Alison Mc Namara and Eva Green taking up position in forwards. Pearses form picked up this half and they soon got their name on the score board with a point to applause from all on the sidelines and spectators. A couple of points were gradually added to the Gaels tally from Claire Mc Neill. Soon after a penalty against the Gaels was given by referee Paul Fahy. Isabelle Stephens Lohan in goals totally distracted the penalty taker with a shimmy on the goal line forcing a point for Pearses to be content with! Pearses determination saw them claw back the scoreline with 2 goals from play. Gaels Alison Mc Namara went on to convert a fine point from the wing. Gwen Killion came into play along with Carol Green who made great contributions on the field. Pearses managed another point from play but the Gaels girls upped the ante with Eadaoin Walsh converting a super point. Another point and goal from the Gaels girls saw the game finish Roscommon Gaels 04-12 to Padraig Pearses 02-02. Overall a superb display from the Gaels girls on a mild dry Summer's evening. Referee Paul Fahy did a good job allowing the game to flow and encouraging all players. Roscommon Gaels second round of the championship is against St. Dominics on Tuesday July 28th at 7pm in Knockcroghery. Hopefully they will keep the winning streak alive and keeping in with Covid-19 guidelines, all support is welcome!



Just before the Newsletter went to print news cam in that the girls notched up their 2nd win of the championship over Dominic's. Score: Roscommon Gaels 6-20 St. Dominics 4-6

Football

Under 12's

Our Under 12 boys resumed training two weeks ago and have already commenced competitive action. For

the second year running we will field three squads at U12 level.

On Wednesday night last we had a visit from Oran for a challenge with our Division 6 squad, this was a very interesting encounter and was great to get kicked off. The Summer League Campaign commenced Friday 25th of July. Our Division 1 Squad had a great start to their campaign.

They defeated Castlerea St. in O'Rourke Park in comprehensive style based on a very rounded performance by the whole team.

In our second competitive U12 outing our Division 5 squad were defeated by St. Ronans in Kilronan on Saturday the 25th. There wasn't much between the sides but, in the end St. Ronan's managed to close out the game.

Both squads will have learnt a lot from these games.

All three squads look forward to welcoming Clann na Gael next Saturday August 1st at home in Lisnamult.

Thanks to our opposition teams and to parents for travelling.

Training continues every Wednesday at 7:30 sharp.

Minor

Our Minors had a very beneficial workout this evening against a very talented Oran Side. The game was free flowing and both teams served up some excellent spells of football for the small crowd gathered.

The Gaels started well and raced into a 1-05 to 0-02 lead by the time the ref broke for water. The break reinvigorated the Oran lads and some lapse defending allowed Oran score 2-05 without reply to lead 2-06 to 1-05, however excellent frees and a long-range point by the Gaels lads left the H/T score 2-07 to 1-08 in Oran's favour

Both teams continued with free-flowing enjoyable football with the Gaels having some great spells moving into a lead of 2-13 to 1-13 midway thru the half. The Gaels lads goaled again quickly after putting a squeeze on the kick outs to go 5 points clear. The maintained this lead until injury time but again a lapse of concentration allowed Oran to Goal to leave 2 points in it at the end.

This was a very enjoyable Game with the Lads showing great skill and effort particularly in the 2nd half. There was clear signs of the team improving but much more to be done to be competitive at Division 1 level. Well

done Lads on serving up an entertaining hour of football.

Seniors

ROSCOMMON GAELS 0-7 WESTERN GAELS 0-10

On a blustery, showery day it was the Gaels from the West that blew strongest. Due to the strange year we are in, both teams struggled to settle early on and after 20 mins both teams were level 0-3 each. The slow start did not help Roscommon Gaels as they were playing with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half. After the water break Western Gaels were hungrier in the tackle and forged ahead by 0-6 to 0-4 by halftime.

Despite playing against the wind in the second half Roscommon Gaels battled hard to stay in touch. Unfortunately, Roscommon Gaels missed some good chances from free kicks and this allowed Western Gaels to maintain a 3 point gap as the game entered injury time. Roscommon Gaels were now forced to try and force a goal chance to salvage a draw but the men from the West held out and earned a deserved win.

Training Schedules for Boys Underage and Minor

The Sessions below are as of today (Wednesday July 7th) 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.

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| 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 St. Croans - August 1st - 7.00p.m. - Kiltoom

v Fuerty - August 16th - 1.00p.m. - M'Hern Prk

Junior:

v St. Josephs - July 26th - 2.00p.m. - Lisnamult

v St. Kevin's C'rea - Aug 2nd - 1.30p.m. - S'Town

v St. Dominics - Aug 14th - 4.30p.m. - Kiltoom

v Western Gaels - Aug 30th - 2.00p.m. - Tulsk

20 Questions Segment

So last weeks 20 Questions were answered by none other than Seamus Carthy, our current Club Assistant Chairperson. Thank you to Seamus for being a good sport.



Next up is another Club Person who is works tirelessly for our Club. Can you guess who he is?

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| 1. Age | 60 | Height | 5Ft 7 |
| 2. Nickname | Bulldog | Position | Corner Back |
| 3. Biggest Achievement | My Children | | |
| 4. GAA Idol Growing Up | Dermot Earley | | |
| 5. Best GAA Memory | Ennis 2006 | | |
| 6. Best Friend | Des Bruen | | |
| 7. One bit of Advice to Underage Players | Keep Practicing | | |

8. Hopes for Roscommon
Gaels for the future *Win a County
Championship*
9. Best thing about
Roscommon Gales GAA
Club *Great Club Members*
10. Most scored in one
game *2 Points*
11. Favourite Movie *The Night Watch Man*
12. Favourite Actress *Kate Winslet*
13. Most Embarrassing
Moment *Getting Caught at....*
14. Pet Peeve *No Indicators*
15. Dream Job *Manager the
Roscommon Senior
Football Team*
16. *France*
17. Favourite Holiday
Destination
18. The one food you could
never eat *Commercial Bread!!*
19. Whose the most serious
person on the
Committee you
Currently are working
with? *Cahal Mahon*
20. Whose the joker on the
Club Committee you
currently are working
with? *Garreth Carroll*
21. What do you do to Chill *Go To France*

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