



ROSCOMMON GAELS

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Junior B Camogie County Final

On a bright sunny Sunday afternoon in Lisnamult Roscommon Gaels played Tulsk in the Junior B Camogie Final. The game started with the intensity expected for a final with the ball travelling from end to end during the opening minutes. Karina Jones in goals for Tulsk, made a great save to deny the Gales a goal early on. The Gaels got the opening score around 10 minutes into the game with a fine point from Ella Killion. The game ebbed and flowed for the next few minutes until Isobelle Cullen took full advantage of a melee in the Tulsk backline, needing the assistance of a Tulsk hurley to deflect the shot into the goal. Tulsk opened their scoring with a fine point from Alisha Lenehan from a 45 during the 15th minute. She followed this up with another point a minute later after a poor clearance from the Gaels. Coleen Kelly, from a difficult angle added another point for the Gaels. Louise Brady got Tulsk's only goal of the afternoon with a low handpass into the back of the Gaels net to leave the game poised at 1-2 each.

Eimear O'Farrell came on for the Gaels as a blood substitution for Isobelle Cullen after the water break. The Gaels began to dominate the next period of the game scoring two goals to Tulsk's two points. Laura Crean delivered a fine pass into Colleen Kelly who in turn passed the ball into Ruth McNeil who deflected the ball into the net for Gael's second goal. Ella Killian sent a long ball deep into the Tulsk square where Ruth McNeill batted the ball into the net getting Gael's third goal. Tulsk kept the pressure on the Gaels with Alisha Lenehan scoring from another 45 and Gillian Dufficy adding another before the break. Gaels lead 3:2 to 1:4 at half time.

Isobelle Cullen returned to the field of play at the start of the second half with Eimear O'Farrell remained on the pitch replacing Ruth McNeill. The Gaels opened their second half scoring with a fine point from Mia Fallon. Both teams exchanged wides before Alisha Lenehan added what turned out to be Tulsk's last score of the day from a free. Gillian Dufficy (injured) was replaced by Aisling Conroy for Tulsk early into the second period. Ella Killion scored another point from a 45 before the water break to keep the pressure on Tulsk. Roscommon Gaels started to make changes at this time adding Rachel Tarmey for Laura Crean and Aoife Tully for Niamh McCourt (injured).



Rachel proved to be very effective providing a long ball into Colleen Kelly who secured Gael's first goal of the second half. The Gael's followed up on this with another Kelly goal a few minutes later. Eimear McCormack replaced Niamh Tully and Michella Bracken replaced Colleen Kelly. Ball provider Isobelle Cullen turned scorer a few minutes later to get the Gaels last score of the day and secure victory.

Overall, the Gaels were the stronger team on the day with fine individual performances from Niamh Kelly, Lisa Mullen, Etain Hession, Mis Fallon, Isobelle Cullen, Eimear O'Farrell, Nessa Madden, Ella Killion, Colleen Kelly and Ruth McNeill. Tusk were well served by Shona Hanly, Bridget Moylan, Alisha Lenehan, Gillian Dufficy and Louise Brady.

Final Score Roscommon Gales 5:5, Tusk 1:5.

Roscommon Gaels; K Nugent, N Tully, N Kelly, N Madden, E Hession, L Mullen, S Regan, M Fallon (0-1), Isobelle Cullen (1-1), E Killion (0-3), N Madden, L Crean, R McNeill (2-0), N Mc Court, C Kelly(2-1), E Mc Cormack, M Bracken, A Tully, T Tarmey, N Raftery, A Corcoran, A Donlon, E Crean, E Killeen, E Feeley, E O'Farrell, M Tully, E Horan, K, Mc Philips, J Brennan.

Tusk; L Murray, J Devine, M Jones, S Hanly, A Conway, B Moylan, S Earley, A Lenehan (0-4), G Dufficy (0-1), L Brady (1-0), K Coonan, S Flynn, M Donoghue, G Cribbin, N Flanagan, A Conroy, K Jones.

Hurling

Under 12's

Our U-12 hurlers enjoyed a very good win v St Dominic's last Wednesday evening in the county semi-final played in Athleague. The 1-8 to 0-3 scoreline did not reflect the closeness of the game but our boys "never say die" attitude got us the victory. We now look forward to the County A Final **next Saturday in Athleague at 2.00 p.m. v Four Roads** who defeated the championship favourites Padraig Pearses in the other semi-final. While COVID guidelines restrict how many can attend, it is hoped parents can turn out to cheer on these wonderful boys. To say the Club is proud of them is an understatement.



On Monday evening, the Under 12 Hurlers, in preparation for their county final this Saturday had to friendly games. Splitting the panel into two teams, the first team played Athleague/Tremane in Lisnamult and the second team travelled over to Oran to play their Under 12 team. Many thanks to both Athleague/Tremane and Oran for arranging to play.



The Club wishes all the boys on the Under 12 panel the very best of luck this Saturday in their County Final. If travelling to the game, make sure to wear your Gaels colours and bring your flags!

Minors

Minor County Hurling Semi-Final – Tuesday the 22nd of September

On a wet evening in Athleague last night (Tuesday), Roscommon Gaels Minor hurlers went into this game as underdogs to add to the challenge. The same opponents prevailed on a score line of 3-20 to 3-11 in their earlier meeting in the round robin stages. So, this was always going to be an uphill battle.

The Gaels lads started with great intent, and a fantastic score by our wing forward James Connolly set the tone of the game. Another sublime score followed by Jack Fleming and a couple of frees from Finn Killion meant the Purple and Gold raced into a 04 points to 01 point lead after 10 minutes of play. An Athleague/Tremane/Oran goal followed, as Mikey Brennan cut his way through the Gaels

defence and found the back of the net. The same player scored a second goal minutes later and we had a real game on our hands. The Gaels lads found momentum again after a purple patch from their opponents, and after a short free by Finn Killion, Eoin Kiernan found the back of the net.

Half Time score Ros Gaels 1-08 to Athleague/Tremane/Oran 2-03

The second half started brightly for the town team again and showed real determination to get off to a good start. After a couple of good scores from Finn Killion and Eoin Kiernan, our centre forward Mark Purcell fielded a puck out, and cut clean through the defence to unleash a bullet to the back of the oppositions net. Game on, and the Gaels were now 7 points clear. However, the amalgamated team found their rhythm once again and hit an unanswered 1-02 to leave only 2 points between the sides going into the water break in the second half. After some heroic defending by Ryan Conlon, we won a sideline the opposite side of the stand facing the Keepak factory, about 40 yards out. A sublime sideline cut by Finn Killion found it's way to the top corner of the net to leave the Gaels with some breathing space and got back to 5 points clear. A great individual point by Mark Purcell followed. And after some trojan work by Senan Lambe, the talented DJ Hession capped off a great display of hurling with a fine solo run and point. Our full back line of Ronan Lambe, Eoin Bracken and Daragh Kiernan were very solid, and an unfortunate late straight red for Ronan took a slight gloss over a fantastic win for the town team.

A proud day for this Gaels team who now have a County Hurling Final to look forward to.

Final Score :

Roscommon Gaels 3-16
Athleague/Tremane/Oran 3-09



Thanks to all the team who continue to maintain the grounds.



Up-Coming Fixtures to keep an eye out for:

U12 Camogie County Final v Tulsk – in Tulsk on September 26th @ 10.00 a.m.

U12 Hurling County Final Div 1 in Athleague v Four Roads – September 26th @ 2.00 p.m.

U12 Football County Final Div 5 Sunday September 27th @ 4 p.m. – Venue TBC

Under 16 Football County Semi Final Div 1 – October 3rd v Eire Og/Michael Glaveys – Venue TBC

Minor Hurling County Final – October 4th v Four Roads in Athleague @ 4.00 p.m. a

Parks and Facilities

Great work as always continues at the grounds in Lisnamult. This week some additional storage has been added to accommodate machinery and maintenance equipment and training supplies.

