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Football Championship Weekend Preview



Following on from our opening encounters against St Sylvester's and Kilmacud Crokes our Senior Footballers look forward to their final group game of the Dublin Senior Football Club Championship against Ballymun Kickham's in Parnell Park this Friday at 8.15pm with the aforementioned teams in the group playing directly beforehand. A victory against St Sylvester's and a subsequent defeat at the hands of Kilmacud Crokes means that the stakes couldn't be any higher at this stage, from our perspective, with a win for us an absolute requirement in order to progress to the quarter finals stage. A draw would be insufficient as in those circumstances Ballymun Kickhams would progress by virtue of holding a superior point's difference.

While the upcoming match undoubtedly is going to be an intense challenge given the quality of the opposition we will be facing, minds are clearly focused on the task in hand and players and management are all acutely conscious of the level of performance that will be required in order to prevail. While there were certainly positive elements to our performance in the previous group match against Kilmacud Crokes equally there were certain areas that provided scope for improvement and hopefully the players focus and hard work since then will bear fruit in that regard with the achievement of a victory on Friday night. Given that our final two league matches have been deferred we have relied on challenge matches to complete preparations for Friday's match but in the final analysis what is required now is a



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high quality performance to put us in a position to win the game and progress to the knock out stages of the competition. It is sure to be a great occasion and all support from the club to bring voice and colour to Parnell Park would be greatly appreciated by the Senior Football players and management.



Our Senior 2 footballers play host to Thomas Davis on Saturday at 2pm in the final round of group games in the Intermediate County Club Championship. Having secured a good opening round win against St Sylvesters, the lads know that another good performance this time around will secure a quarter final berth. The squad have been preparing diligently all season for this championship campaign and feel battle hardened after some serious tests in Division 2 league football. Having not got out of the group stages last year, they are keen to make amends and make a big challenge for championship honours. All support for the lads on Saturday greatly appreciated!





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All three Junior Football teams play in Championship on Sunday. Junior A's will play their last group game against Clontarf and a draw will be enough for us to progress as runners up.

J8's play Whitehall and both teams are on the same points after two rounds of Championship. This is the last round of group stages but it is essentially knock out football as the winner of this match will take the last spot in Quarter finals. Lads have trained and played well and are ready for the hard task ahead as Whitehall are a high scoring team.

Its been a long wait for this match, 168 days to be exact between the previous Round of Championship and this one on Sunday. Hopefully with lots of SUPPORT from fellow members we can make sure the result was worth the wait.

Our AFL 10 team play local rivals St. Vincents this Sunday in Mobhi Rd at 3pm in the final Junior 4 group game. It's a winner take all match as whoever wins will qualify for the quarter finals. After an up and down league campaign, numbers have been up and training competitive and we're hoping to push onto the quarter finals. We are under no illusion that it will be a tough game like any previous games against Vincents have been. If anyone is around on Sunday afternoon the lads would love any support to cheer them on. The panel



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would like to wish the best of luck to all other Na Fianna teams involved in championship matches this weekend.

Camogie Championship



Our Senior Camogie team face Ballyboden at Mobhi Road on Sunday at 10 am. The next two games are a must win for the girls, and particularly to secure an easier semi final at home. The girls are hoping to pick themselves back up after the loss last weekend, and would appreciate a huge club support!

Vital fixture for our Senior 6's against Naomh Barróg on Sunday 6th October, postponed from this weeked. We will be playing the only unbeaten team in the group. A win would definitely give us a semi final spot and this is well within the capabilities of this group. The ladies are on a roll following consecutive wins over St Vincents and Naomh Mearnog. All support welcome.



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Turas Pháirc an Chrócaigh



Gaeilgeoirí ó Na Fianna ar turas go Páirc an Chrocaigh le Tom Ryan ar Culture Night an Aoine seo chaite. The Na Fianna group on their Culture Night tour of Croke Park, trí Gaeilge, with tour guide Tom Ryan, last Friday night.

Club Office Phone Line Down

We are currently experiencing difficulties with our Club Office landline (01-8370210). Until the problem is rectified, members are asked to refer all queries to the following email address administrator.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie

Weekend Fixtures

Full programme of Adult and Juvenile games again this weekend, please see website for details <http://clgnafianna.com/fixtures/> Best of luck to all teams, all support welcome.



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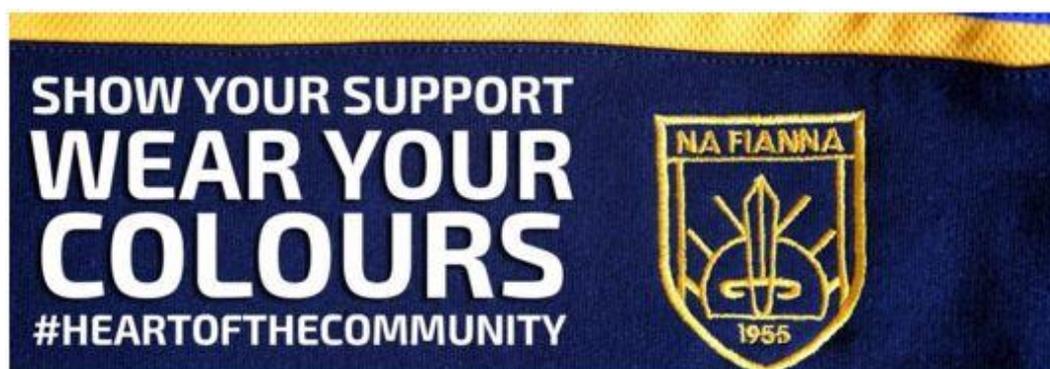
Jnr B Hurlers Make Championship Final

Na Fianna 3-17 Realt Dearg 2-8

Following last Sunday's semi-final win our Junior B Hurlers will play Round Towers Clondalkin in O'Toole Park on Saturday 5th October in Championship final.



Early goals at the start of both halves laid the foundation for the lads' Championship semi final victory over Realt Dearg last Sunday in Mobhi Road. This provided our lads with the impetus to dictate the play over the course of the game while Realt Dearg never recovered from these early blows. Impressive performances from Dessie Brosnan and Peadar Ó Laoire kept the scoreboard ticking over while solid performances at the back by Stephen Fitzgerald and Ritchie Moore kept the opposition at bay for most of the game. A good win was secured in front of a strong home support.





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Pic Of The Week



Congrats to our U16-B Ladies Football team on last weekend's Championship win away to St Pat's Donabate.

U10 Boys Fall Short in Cup Final in Westmeath

The 2009 boys sent a squad of 13 players down to Westmeath last Sunday, as The Downs GAA club hosted an 8-team invitational blitz on a soggy day in the Midlands. Na Fianna were drawn in a novel group, having never faced their Westmeath opponents (St. Loman's and Mullingar Shamrocks) or Meath's Ballivor before.

The Na Fianna boys had been dominant in the blitz in Mobhi Road in June, but the first couple of minutes of their opener against Loman's showed that this tournament was going to be harder. Loman's looked sharp and strong, and it was mainly down to the tough defensive play by Sean Ledwith and Cian Cassidy (who brilliantly fielded a number of high balls in defence all day) that Na Fianna were able to go into half time with a 1-4 to 1-2 lead. The second half was no easier but despite carrying an injury for the tournament, Sé Povey curled over one of his many crucial scores all day to ensure Na Fianna survived a late rally to run out narrow 1-6 to 1-5 winners.



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Another clash against a local team followed, with the lads playing Mullingar Shamrocks next. Na Fianna were dominant from the off with Adam Treacy and Garbhan Burke showing great energy in bounding up and down the field, keeping their men in check and contributing to a number of good team scores. Conall Grey showed his class with a couple of accurate points with Na Fianna going into half time 1-8 to 0-0 ahead. The second half was a rare chance to relax, but Lochlann Noonan caught the eye with some excellent driving runs and two lovely points. Na Fianna ran out comfortable 1-11 to 1-3 winners.

Na Fianna almost succumbed to a big shock in their final group game. Only the team topping the group would go into the Cup final, and Meath team Ballivor still had a chance to deny Na Fianna. Some defensive lapses by Na Fianna and some uncharacteristic misses by the lads meant Na Fianna went into half time down 1-3 to 0-2. In truth, Na Fianna needed a number of key interventions from their key ball winner Tom Howley to keep in touch at the break. But when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Ainle O'Donnell was imperious at the back and Peadar Maher capped a fine day of midfield play by nailing a long-range effort to put Na Fianna ahead with a few minutes remaining. Finally, Fionán O'Connell capped off a wonderful comeback with a beautiful late effort as Na Fianna ran out 3-6 to 1-4 winners to clinch a place in the Cup final.

The hosts awaited in the final, and they had waltzed their way through the other group. Na Fianna started very slowly and were a long way behind at half time as a combination of exceptional skill from The Downs and a couple of Na Fianna injuries took their toll. The game was practically gone, with Na Fianna 0-10 to 0-0 down at half time. But the coaches asked the lads for a response and got it in the second half. Jamie O'Brien and Jake Lockton were typical of the Na Fianna lads – with many tough tackles to dispossess The Downs players and both setting up scores as they had done all day. Na Fianna ended up losing 0-13 to 0-4 against an incredibly talented opposition team, who are easily the finest team we have faced.

So a disappointing end to a very enjoyable day. The blitz was great fun and well-hosted, and the boys and mentors have learned lots. In particular, the dominant winners have shown up a number of potential areas for improvement. As always with the 2009 boys, the lads were a credit. Never giving up, always playing fair and grateful recipients of the generous lunch from the hosts.



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Back Row: Tom Howley, Sean Ledwith, Lochlann Noonan, Fionán O'Connell, Peadar Maher, Cian Cassidy, Sé Povey

Front Row: Jake Lockton, Ainle O'Donnell, Garbhan Burke, Adam Treacy, Jamie O'Brien and Conall Grey

Mentors: Barry Maher and Tom O'Brien (not pictured)

Turas go Gaeltacht na Rinne

Tá turas go Gaeltacht na Rinne, Co Port Láirge, á eagrú don deireadh seachtaine an 1ú Samhain seo chugainn. Daoine fásta amháin. Ag fanacht i gColáiste na Rinne, oíche Aoine an 1ú agus oíche Shathairn an 2ú Samhain. Ag fillleadh abhaile tráthnóna Domhnaigh. Bia, lóistín, ranganna Gaeilge, siúlóidí agus ceol. €150 an duine. Má tá suim agat, cuir téacs nó glaoch ar Tom Ó Flaithearta 085 1743645.

A trip to Ring Gaeltacht, Co Waterford, is being organised for the weekend of the 1st of November. Adults only. Staying in Ring College, Friday night the 1st and Saturday night the 2nd November. Returning home Sunday afternoon. Food and lodgings, Irish classes, walks and music. €150 per person. If interested, text or call Tom Flaherty on 085 1743645.



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September 23rd 2019

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Jackpot €4500 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €65 - Winner

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Lucky Pick Winner - €20

Karen Granville
Peter Clifford
Gerard McDonald (Sat. Morn)
Pat Brennan c/o Vinny
Roisin B.B.

Next Jackpot €4750

Tesco Community Fund

CLG Na Fianna has been nominated for the Tesco Community Fund. Continuing over the next 2 weeks, Na Fianna we will be one of 3 recipients of the Blue Tokens available in Tesco Phibsborough. All you have to do the support the Club is to visit Tesco Phibsborough, make your purchases and before you exit the store, grab a good fist of blue tokens from the bowl and place them lovingly in the Na Fianna chute, see pics above. If you can't make it in person, tell your family, friends and neighbours. If you can make it, bring your family, friends and neighbours and see who can gather up the most blue tokens!

Please note that this initiative is only available at Tesco Phibsborough. Full details of the Tesco Community Fund are available at following link <https://food-and-community.tesco.ie/home/supporting-local-communities/community-fund-stories/how-the-tesco-community-fund-works/>



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NURSERY

The purpose of the Na Fianna Nursery is to introduce girls and boys to Gaelic games in a safe and fun environment.

Location and Time

The Na Fianna Nursery, in association with Sherry Fitzgerald, is located at the Mobhi Road club-house and takes place every Saturday morning from 09:30 to 11.00. The Nursery runs from February to June (inclusive) and from September to November (inclusive).

What Ages does the Nursery cater for?

The Nursery caters for schoolgoing children age 4-7.

What do I need to bring?

All equipment is provided, just bring water, a snack and some sunscreen... or raingear, good weather is optional!

What sports will my child do?

Gaelic Football, Hurling, Handball and Athletic Development

Joining the Nursery

If you want your child to participate in the Na Fianna Nursery simply come along any Saturday morning at 09.20 and join in the fun. All children are welcome. If after a period of time you decide you want your child to continue in the Nursery then membership details are available on the club website.

Saturday morning traffic

Mobhi Road can be a busy place on Saturday mornings with the Nursery and other Juvenile team matches, so parents/guardians are encouraged to walk or cycle to the Nursery on Saturday mornings. If you must drive, please park considerately and please observe double yellow lines, the no parking signs and the yellow boxes, as they have all been put there for a reason. The cooperation of everyone to ensure that traffic flows smoothly in and out of the club is appreciated.



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Na Fianna Executive Committee 2019/20

The following Club Officers were elected to positions on the Club Executive at the recent AGM. We wish the best of luck for the year ahead to all appointed officers.

	Position	Elected by AGM
Uachtarán	President	Paddy King
Leas Uachtarán	Vice President	Donal Hickey, Frank Gray, Noel Clerkin
Cathaoirleach	Chairman	Cormac Ó Donnchú
Leas Chathaoirleach	Vice-Chairman	Stephen Behan
Runaí	Secretary	Aisling Deignan
Leas Runaí	Assistant Secretary	Lesley Jamieson
Cisteoir	Treasurer	Eoin Ó Ceallacháin
Leas Chisteoir	Assistant Treasurer	Feena Corcoran
Cathaoirleach Cluichí na nÓg	Chairman – Juvenile Games	Colm Davis
Cathaoirleach Cluichí Shinsir	Chairman – Adult Games	Aidan Downes
Oifigeach Caidreamh Poiblí	Public Relations Officer	Cormac O’Sullivan
Ionadaí na nImreoirí	Player Rep	Niall McGovern
Cultúr & Teanga	Cultural & Language	Donal Buggy
Ball den Comhar	Member of Executive	Carla Downes Annette Nugent
Oifigeach Tiomsú Airgid	Fundraising Officer	
Oifigeach na bPáistí	Childrens’ Officer	Kim Hayes



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....and finally

We welcome the latest addition to Na Fianna's pitchside signs. We are very grateful to The Helix DCU on their decision to advertise with us in Mobhi Road. Anyone interested in pitchside advertising in Na Fianna should email administrator.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie for a comprehensive range of packages.



Fógra Tabachtach

The objective of Na Fianna Nuacht is to communicate as much club activity as possible however it is important to note that all items for inclusion in either Club Notes or Na Fianna Nuacht are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a growing membership of over 3,000 and 175 teams now competing it is difficult to ensure all club activity is reported upon – **Do not assume** that your team's activity is already known to Na Fianna Nuacht or that someone else has reported it. When errors or omissions occur it is the policy of Na Fianna Nuacht to correct these in subsequent issues when they are reported to news@clgnafianna.ie