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Night Of Mixed Fortunes in Parnell Park

It was a night of mixed fortunes for Na Fianna last night in Parnell Park when our Inters won and our Seniors were beaten in a Championship double header against St Vincents. Our Seniors who put it up to the reigning Dublin Champions for much of the game held Vincents scoreless for eighteen minutes and were just three points behind late in the game. Much can be taken from the performance of our young side last night and without a doubt the future is looking good. Full match report can be seen at following link

<http://www.dublingaa.ie/news/goals-crucial-as-vincents-progress-to-sfc-quarter-finals>

Meanwhile our Inters (Senior 2's) had a great win against St Vincents in the night's opening game. Ten minutes in, Na Fianna were a point down but goals from Gavin King and Tom Connell saw Na Fianna march ahead going in at halftime leading 2-12 to 2-3. An early second half goal from Seán Caffrey laid the ground for more of the same and the lads put the heads down to carve out a well deserved win with a final scoreline of 6-20 to 4-6.

Thanks to all who made it to Parnell Park to support.

Weekend Fixtures

Championship football continues Sunday with Junior A's playing Quarter finals in Mobhi Road at 10.30am against Kilmacud and at 3pm our AFL10's are away in D Championship to Templeogue Synge Street, see previews on page 2. AFL8's away to Portobello in league at 11am, Our three Minor hurling teams play Sunday morning, A's host Lucan in Mobhi Road at 12.15pm, B's against St Maurs in Collinstown and C's away to Sylvesters, both at 11am. Full fixture list on website, best of luck to all teams, support welcome.

<http://www.clgnafianna.com/fixtures/>





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Football Championship Preview

Junior A Footballers v Kilmacud Crokes – Mobhi Road Sunday 10.30am

Our AFL5 footballers play 2nd round of Junior A Championship on Sunday morning at 10.30 in Mobhi Road against Kilmacud Crokes. After breaking our duck in this Championship in the previous round, we now take on the defending champions who compete in AFL4 so another serious test awaits. Wedding and work issues along with some injuries are depriving us of key players but after the last round victory we will be hoping for a win. Lads will be hoping for strong home support.

Junior D Footballers v TSS – Dolphin Park Sunday 3pm

Our AFL10 team are play Templeogue Synge Street away this Sunday in the 2nd round at 3pm. After our 1st round win against Ballinteer St John, spirits have been high and we are getting over twenty people out to each training session. Competition for places is strong and everyone is pushing hard to start and there are few injuries to contend with also but will still have a large panel to choose from on the day. We are coming up against a team in a higher division so it will be a much tougher test but are confident that if we play our own game of football from the start we can then get through the game and qualify for the quarter finals. Any and all support would be greatly appreciated.

Hurling Championship Review

Following the Senior Hurlers' success against O'Tooles in Round 2 of the Championship on Thursday 4th May, Na Fianna's three other teams played in Championship last weekend. See round up below of all teams' Championship outings.

Senior Hurlers – Na Fianna 0-12 O'Tooles 0-11

(Courtesy of Conor Dunne , GrassRoots GAA)

Na Fianna were able to grind out a victory on Thursday in a match that, barring a goal, had just about everything: red cards, sidelines scored, both keepers scoring ; a championship feel.



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There were a lot of switches made before throw in and throughout the match. The most notable of these saw O'Tooles' Peadar Carton move to midfield, and Na Fianna's Dublin defender, Shane Barrett, move to centre forward. The physical standard was set from the throw in when O'Tooles' Peadar Carton was possibly lucky to only have been booked in an incident that left his opposite number needing attention.

In fact, there was barely a break in play during the opening 10 minutes where there wasn't some amount of 'getting to know each other' as O'Toole's appeared to test the water to see if this young Na Fianna side would roll over. Both teams systematically played a sweeper from the outset. Kevin Ryan for O'Toole's and Tomas Waters for Na Fianna were to be found covering space in their respective defences.

O'Tooles, playing into a deceptively stiff breeze, constantly dropped midfielders back and crowded their defence, particularly on Na Fianna's puck outs which were long and looping deliveries. This led to almost every one of these puck outs being broken down and the greater O'Toole's numbers generally winning possession. It was Na Fianna's ability to run from midfield, and draw frees, that was to be O'Tooles' undoing in the opening minutes. By the 11th minute Colin Curry had scored 4 frees to go along with Feargal Breathnach's long range effort to leave them 0-5 to 0-1 up.

For the rest of the half, however, Na Fianna struggled to secure possession in their forward line and O'Tooles began to reel them in. Brendan McLoughlin's puck outs were a joy to watch, as he drove them, arrow like, to open players around the middle. The O'Toole's half backs, Ger O'Meara in particular, pulled wide to leave space for their pacey team mates to get free. Had it not been for the glaring sun coming in from the church end, O'Toole's would have had an even better platform from which to attack. As it stood, crisp striking amongst their forwards, leading to two points from Ger Arthur as well as two frees for Niall Arthur, drew them level at five points apiece in the 24th minute. Donal Burke tagged on another Na Fianna point before half time to leave the scoreline at 0-6 to 0-5, but no doubt O'Toole's would have been the happier of the two sides after playing into the wind.

As the second half started, Shane Barrett moved back to centre back where he would place himself under many of McLoughlin's booming puck outs. Ryan and Waters remained as sweepers as the dynamics of the match changed very little during the opening few minutes of the second half. The only significant difference was that McLoughlin could now hit his half



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forwards with ease from puck outs, while Treacy in the Na Fianna net, now attempted bullet like pucks, mainly to the towering Sean Ryan at wing forward. Even though he was giving up close to 6 inches in height, O'Meara, with the aid of the sun, did very well in stopping Ryan from gaining much possession from these puck outs. O'Tooles found themselves two points ahead in the 35th minute when McLoughlin landed a massive free to go with points from Niall Arthur and Mick Carton.

The turning point in the match, however, came when Andrew Jamieson-Murphy was introduced for Na Fianna. Within three minutes of his introduction, 'AJ' had scored a fantastic sideline cut, but more importantly, his pace and movement began to cause problems for the O'Tooles defence. With Liam Hayes often having his marker as well as one or two Na Fianna sweepers around him close to goal, there were chances for O'Tooles to keep the scoreboard moving more regularly. However, they were wasteful in their shooting, racking up six wides during the second half.

With the Jamieson-Murphy led forward line now moving well, Na Fianna were more clinical in their shot selection. Had Eoghan McHugh converted what was a glorious goal opportunity in the 42th minute, Na Fianna would really have been in the ascendancy. As it transpired, Na Fianna would have to play the last 15 minutes with 14 men after Sean Burke was given a red card in an incident which saw Liam Hayes booked. With the score level at this stage, and with the wind at their backs, O'Tooles must have felt that they were in a good position. However, they failed to make the extra man count. This, added to their increasing wide tally, meant they only added three Niall Arthur frees during the closing period.

Na Fianna's forwards (and goalkeeper from a 56th minute free), on the other hand, were able to combine for four hard earned points after the red card to earn a victory that visibly meant a lot to the Mobhi Road side.

O'Tooles: B McLaughlin (0-1 1f), C Gethings, K Ryan, E Darcy, R Walker, G O'Meara, C Kimmage, G Arthur (0-2), C Mulligan, M Carton (0-1), N Arthur (0-6 6f), C Kenny, C Wilson (0-1), L Hayes, P Carton Subs C Carton (Wilson 48) P Bradshaw (G Arthur 56)

Na Fianna: J Treacy (0-1 1f), C Doran, T Waters, S Burke, D O'Maoleidigh, H Fenlon, S Barrett, P O'Dea, F Breathnach (0-1), G King, E McHugh, S Ryan, C Curry (0-6 6f), C O'Fainin, D Burke (0-1) Subs A Jamieson-Murphy (0-2 1sl) (O'Maoleidigh 35) O'Maoleidigh (O'Fainin 39) S Murphy (0-1) (E McHugh 53) C McHugh (S Ryan 57)



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Inter Hurlers - Kilmacud Crokes 0-10 Na Fianna 1-15

The Intermediate Hurlers had a comfortable 1-15 to 0-10 win over Kilmacud Crokes in Glenalbyn on Saturday evening. Best performers on the night were Sean Baxter, Peter Feeney, and David Murtagh. That makes it two wins from two in the Championship for the lads. Next group game is on June 7th against St Peregrines while next league match is against St Vincent's on May 20th.

Junior A Hurlers – Clontarf 3-09 Na Fianna 2-14

Last Sunday saw the AHL6 team follow up their Junior D Championship opening round victory with another stellar performance against Clontarf and another victory giving them a great start to the group stages of the competition. There was a very impressive work rate shown in the warm conditions on Sunday afternoon and that work rate was justifiably rewarded with a win. There will now be a break from Championship until June 8th but the league campaign continues in earnest. Several members of the squad will also take brief hiatus from hurling to complete Leaving Certificate exams and will return in late June to complete the group stages of championship. The squad is looking forward to building on the solid foundations of the season so far.

Junior B Hurlers - Whitehall Colmcille 2-12 Na Fianna 1-09

Our Junior B team playing in F Championship put up a very spirited performance last Sunday against a more youthful Whitehall side. Indeed, Na Fianna led at half time and were still in contention with 10 minutes to go. Unfortunately, the extreme heat conditions and the loss of the influential Martin Rabbitte to injury put paid to our chances with Whitehall running out six point victors. Jimmy Deane, Gerry Bowe and Na Fianna man of the match Colin Flanagan gave magnificent defensive exhibitions while Graham O'Shea's two second half points could on another day have been goals to add to his first half strike. Eamonn Rainsford's late magnificent catch and strike drew an equally magnificent save from the Whitehall goalkeeper bringing back memories of previous glories. Similar high calibre performances in our two remaining games should leave Na Fianna with the possibility of a quarter final spot.



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Club Shops Open Tomorrow

Both shops open tomorrow, Saturday 13th May. Hurley workshop open 9-12 and Club shop open from 9-1pm in Club foyer. Nursery in action from 9.30-11am and teas/coffees from the cabin throughout.

**Na Fianna Senior Football
Team Golf Classic**

Donabate Golf Course
26th May 2017

4 person team cost €350

If you are interested in taking part or would like further details
please contact one of the following:

Pat Breen 087 689 1241
Gerry Donohoe 087 673 6294
John Caffrey 087 691 7295

Online Payment Issues

We are currently experiencing difficulties with the credit card machines. As a result, online payments are down at present and anybody paying memberships online, including instalments, are affected. We hope to get back up and running as soon as possible and will advise as soon as resolved.

Juvenile Mentor Meeting

The next Juvenile Mentor meeting will take place next Wednesday, May 17th at 8.45pm Mobhi Suite. A meeting agenda will be circulated nearer the date but guest speaker on the night will be Gearóid Devitt, Player Welfare Officer Croke Park and Na Fianna Junior hurler.



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Lotto Results

May 8th 2017

Numbers

6	18	23	30
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Jackpot €9500 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers €65 - Winner

Clara Fitzgerald (ID 413)	Numbers	4	6	18	23
Pearse Haycs c/o Vinny	Numbers	6	18	20	30

Lucky Pick Winner - €15

Aidan Irwin
Paddy O'Reilly
Bernard Hughes c/o Vinny
Pat & Ann
Rita Rocca c/o Vinny

Next Jackpot €9750

Mouthguard Fitting Service

Members will be aware that since 1st January 2014 the wearing of mouthguards has been compulsory for all age groups, adult and juvenile. While the club has no preferred provider of mouthguards, club member Celine Fenlon has agreed to provide customised fittings for anyone interested. This is a highly customised and professional service, made handy by providing it on-site in the club for two evenings. Celine will hold sessions in the Club on Tuesday and Wednesday 23rd and 24th May.

Dates – Tuesday 23rd May – 8-9pm, Collection/Fitting Tuesday 30th May

Wednesday 24th May – 7-8.30pm, Collection/Fitting Wednesday 31st May

Location – Club Landing.

Prices - Single Colour €50

2 Colours (yellow/blue, navy/blue etc.) €60

Multi Colours €70

First come, first served on the night!



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Lionhearted Hurling Heroes



Thirty years ago, 1987, three young men played U-21 Hurling Championship for Na Fianna, losing narrowly to Craobh Chiarain in the semi-final. Last Sunday the same three lads, pictured above, I/r Neil Loftus, Jim Deane and Gerry Bowe, made up Na Fianna's full back line in Junior Hurling Championship against Whitehall Colmcille, losing out 2-12 to 1-9 score line. Shining examples to all Juvenile hurlers.

Camogie Notes

Na Fianna's Senior Camogie team play St Judes in Premier League in Mobhi Road next Tuesday night, 16th May at 7.30pm. A win here would put our ladies in a three way tie and into a play off. A win for Judes would give them the league title. Our ladies will be looking for serious home support on Tuesday night, so put it in your diaries now. Best of luck to our Senior ladies, all support welcome.



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Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Dublin's Minor hurlers including Seán Currie, Kevin Burke and Michaél Murphy in Saturday's Leinster MHC semi-final against Wexford in Parnell Park at 3pm. Best of luck also to Karen O'Connell and Dublin's U-16 Ladies Footballers in Saturday's Leinster Final against Meath in Clane.

Championship Tickets

Details on the ticket ordering process for Dublin's Hurling Championship opener against Galway on Sunday 28th May in O'Connor Park Tullamore are now available to view on the club website <http://www.clgnafianna.com/follow-the-dubs/> Members should note that details of ticket orders made through the club will be used as basis for allocating tickets later in the Championship.

Car Parking



For those who don't know, Na Fianna's Facilities Committee put yellow boxes in the club car park for very good reasons. They are put there to ensure traffic flows in and out of the car park at all times and they are not, as some people obviously think, convenient private parking spots.

The kind of inconsiderate parking demonstrated in the above photograph can result in mayhem in the car park especially on a busy day or night as drivers try to negotiate ways in and out around illegally parked cars. An appeal is being made again to all members to please respect yellow boxes in the club car park and to park considerately. Failure to comply will result in offending cars being clamped with a release fee being charged.



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Tommy Norton RIP

Tommy Norton who passed away recently was a founding member of Na Fianna and was the first Vice Chairman of the Club. He played a major part in those early days and indeed for many years afterwards. He played, he was a mentor on many teams, mostly underage, and was a selector with the Dublin Senior Hurlers. His family were also involved with sons John, Harry and Larry at different times also playing for Dublin.

During the early days of the Club and particularly during the dispute out of which Na Fianna was born, it was Tommy along with Tom Fitzpatrick and Tony Carr who were the main people who represented our Club side in the many meetings which were fraught with rancour and argument at the time. Following the foundation of the Club, Tommy played a major part in its development and his contribution went in no small way to the stage at which Na Fianna finds itself today.

Tommy was born in Urlingford Co. Kilkenny in 1925. He came to Dublin with his family when he was six years old. Later he joined the C.J. Kickhams club where he played football. He played hurling with Eoghan Rua where he won a Senior Dublin Hurling medal in 1952 and he represented Dublin in the same year at centre half forward. Tommy was also a successful business man and in 1963, with his brother Danny, he founded the well known office supply business T & D Norton.

Tommy, who had been pre-deceased by his wife Patricia, had been in bad health for a number of years. He will be remembered by many in Na Fianna for his enormous contribution to the Club from its foundation right up to the time of his passing. Tommy will be missed by a wide circle of friends in Na Fianna and the sincere condolences of the Club are offered to his family.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.



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Wedding Bells



Congratulations to Na Fianna Junior Footballer and Minor Football mentor Danny McGowan and his bride Sarah Jane Bennett who were married last weekend. Best wishes to bride and groom for a happy and healthy life together.

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Just to let you know that for personal reasons I will be taking a break from my Club PRO duties and will be temporarily standing aside from the role. Will be back in touch again soon.

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Sincere sympathies of the club are offered to the Foley and Dolan families on the passing of Mr Michael Foley, Father of Jo, Father in law of Mark Dolan (U-11 Boys Mentor) and Grandfather of Jack (U-11 Boys). Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

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 pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie or texted to 087 9250697 by Sunday evening. With a membership of 2700 and approx 100 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 pro.nafianna.dublin@gaa.ie