



Wicklow GAA NEWSLETTER



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Senior Football Team

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Offaly took the spoils in the opening round of this Allianz Football League Division 3 South encounter in sundrenched conditions in Aughrim. A solid first half display by the Faithful County laid the foundation for this victory. A goal on the stroke of

halftime, dealt Davy Burke's charges a huge blow.

Both sides traded chances in the opening moments, before Mark Jackson saved brilliantly from a Peter Cunningham piledriver, the ball fell to Ruairí McNamee, who fisted over a point for the opening score of the game in the 6th minute. Offaly lost possession in the middle of the park, Conor Byrne gathered the ball and made a darting run through the Offaly rearguard and offloaded to the onrunning Eoin Darcy, the Tinahely man drilled his shot to the top right hand corner, a tonic start for the Garden County outfit. Back came Offaly with a Bernard Allen effort, his goalbound shot was saved brilliantly by Jackson out for a 45, goalie Paddy Dunican split the uprights from the resultant 45. Pádraig O'Toole bombed over a point for the homeside in the 10th minute. Offaly then took a stranglehold on proceedings, moving forward at pace, breaking through tackles, tallying on three points, the pick of them from Jordan Hayes right boot. The first water break followed with Offaly leading 0-5 to 1-1.

Offaly harvested the next four points on the bounce before Dean Healy stopped the rot with an excellent point for Wicklow in the 33rd minute. A long range point from the boot of Mark Jackson cut the deficit to three, as the homeside found some momentum going into injury time. However Wicklow were dealt a massive blow as wing back Colm Doyle guided the ball into Jackson's net, seconds before the half time whistle sounded, as Offaly now led 1-9 to 1-3 at the interval.

Wicklow had the better of chances on the restart, Kiltegan's Pádraig O'Toole cursed his luck as his low piledriver took the paintwork of the wrongside of the upright, Andy Maher landed a superb point in the 4th minute. Conor Byrne picked up a Black Card and was off for the next ten minutes, another blow to the

homesides cause. Offaly had two great chances of increasing the lead, but some tenacious tackling by Nicky Devereux cleared the danger. Bill Carroll pointed from a mark, for the visitors in the 17th minute of the 2nd half, as the waterbreak was signalled. Each side introduced a number of fresh legs as players on both sides started to cramp up in the warm conditions.

On resumption, Cian Farrell picked up a Black Card for Offaly for a pull down on an opponent. Avondale's Conor Byrne returned to the fray and raised Wicklow's 5th white flag of the game, to cut the margin to 5. Niall McNamee replied with a point before Eoin Darcy found the target with a sweet point. Wicklow upped the ante as Mark Jackson pointed from a placed ball before an excellent point from Dean Healy, cut the deficit to three. Offaly put some daylight between the sides again with a brace of points before Dean Healy pointed his 3rd of the afternoon. Niall McNamee put the result beyond doubt with a point for John Maughan's side, before Mark Kenny closed out proceedings with a point for the homeside.

Wicklow will make the long journey to Thurles next Saturday, in a huge encounter in a must win game against the reigning Munster champions, Tipperary.

WMOTM : Nicky Devereux.

Scorers:

Wicklow; Eoin Darcy 1-01 (1f), Dean Healy 0-03, Mark Jackson 0-2 (2f), Andy Maher 0-1, Pádraig O'Toole 0-1, Conor Byrne 0-1, Mark Kenny 0-1



Wicklow : Mark Jackson (Baltinglass) ; Nicky Devereux (Ballinkeer St.Johns), Jamie Snell (Rathnew), Oisín Manning (St.Judes); Andy Maher (AGB), Niall Donnelly (St.Patricks), Dave Devereux (Ballinkeer St.Johns); Pádraig O'Toole (Kiltegan), Dean Healy (St. Patricks); Darragh Fitzgerald (AGB), Mark Kenny (Ballymanus), Conor Byrne (Avondale); Eoin Darcy (Tinahely), Seanie Furlong (Kiltegan), Cathal McGee (Bray Emmets) SUBS: Ross O'Brien (Rathnew), Patrick O'Connor (Blessington), Arran Murphy (Bray Emmets), Kevin Quinn (Blessington), Eoin Murtagh (Dunlavin), James Sheerin (Garrycastle) JP Hurley (AGB),

Offaly: Paddy Dunican (0-1(45)); Declan Hogan, Eoin Rigney, Niall Darby; Colm Doyle (1-00), Johnny Moloney, Jordan Hayes (0-1); Peter Cunningham, Eoin Carroll; Bill Carroll (0-1), David Dempsey, Anton Sullivan (0-1); Bernard Allen (0-2), Joe Maher (0-2 2f), Ruairi McNamee (0-1)
SUBS: Shane Horan (0-1), Niall McNamee (0-2), Cian Farrell (0-1), Carl Stewart, Rory Egan, Cian Donohue

Ref : Seamus Mulhare (Laois).



Wicklow put up a spirited performance but ultimately came up short in their battle with Munster Champions Tipperary in their Division 3 game in Thurles on Saturday.

Wicklow, who made 3 late changes to the starting fifteen started the brighter

with Dean Healy sending a high ball in to Seanie Furlong who fielded and fisted over the opening score inside the opening minute.

In the 5th minute JP Hurley was shown a black card for pulling down his opponent near the halfway line. Frees from Sean O'Connor and a point from play from Steven O'Brien helped Tipperary open up 0-4 to 0-1 lead after 10 minutes.

Wicklow soon found their stride and were very unfortunate not to have had the games first goal only for goalkeeper Michael O'Reilly to pull off a good

double save to deny Conor Byrne. However points from Andy Maher, Eoin Darcy and Podge O'Toole had Wicklow level at the Water Break.

Tipperary started the 2nd quarter well and Conor Sweeney nearly took full advantage of a long ball into the square only to see his fisted effort deflect wide of Mark Jacksons goal. Straight from the kickout Darcy nipped in off the right and fisted a lovely score to put Wicklow back into the lead 0-5 to 0-4.

Soon after Maher was forced from the field to be replaced by Kevin Quinn who set up Niall Donnelly from the resulting restart to knock over another score.

On the half hour Tipperary struck for their first goal. A well worked team move which resulted in Conor Sweeney stroking the ball under Jackson into the net. Jackson helped repair some of the damage by converting a wonderful free from near the "65" for the final score of the half, sending the teams in level 1-4 to 0-7.

The second half started off slowly with only 4 points in the opening fifteen minutes, two Tipperary frees with Jackson and Furlong replying for Wicklow.

Tipperary then struck for their 2nd goal in the 52nd minute when a handpass by Nicky Devereux went astray and debutant Shane Ryan received a pass from Sweeney to finish low into the net and put his side up by 3 for the first time since early in the opening period 2-6 to 0-9. This was soon extended to 4 with a nicely taken score from wide on the right and brought up the Water Break.

Wicklow kept in the game with attacking runs especially from Quinn who won a free that was tapped over by Murtagh to help reduce the margin to three with a 16 minutes to go. Wicklow then had a great chance of a goal only for Quinn to blaze wide after great build up.

Tipperary kept the scoreboard ticking over with points from the likes of Sweeney and O'Connor but with 6 minutes left Wicklow were thrown a lifeline when Tipperary defender Emmet Moloney was shown a second yellow card for a dangerous tackle.

Wicklow struggled to take advantage and another score from Steven O'Brien extended Tipperary's lead 2-11 to 0-11.

With time running out Mark Kenny knocked over a point from a difficult angle and when Jackson knocked over his 3rd free the lead was all of a sudden down to 4 with six minutes of additional time given.

Tipperary showed their experience but Davy Burkes

side never gave up and Kevin Quinn won a penalty in the dying moments that was eventually given by referee Seamus Mulvihill after talking to all his officials. The penalty was coolly slotted by Furlong to reduce the deficit. Unfortunately for Wicklow the final whistle blew immediately after.

Wicklow now host Limerick next Saturday in a must win encounter to have a chance of staying in Division 3.

Wicklow scorers:

Seanie Furlong 1-2 (1-0 pen, 0-2f); Eoin Darcy 0-3(0-2f); Mark Jackson 0-3(0-3f); Andy Maher, Niall Donnelly, Podge O'Toole and Mark Kenny 0-1 each

Tipperary scorers:

Conor Sweeney 1-3 (2f); Sean O'Connor 0-5(4f); Steven O'Brien 0-3; Philip Ryan 1-0; Conal Kennedy 0-1

Wicklow: Mark Jackson (Baltinglass), Nicky Devereux (Ballinteer St John's), Ross O'Brien (Rathnew), Oisín Manning (St Judes), Andy Maher (AGB), Niall Donnelly (St Patrick's), Dave Devereux (Ballinteer St John's), Podge O'Toole (Kiltegan), Dean Healy (C) (St Patrick's), Darragh Fitzgerald (AGB), Mark Kenny (Ballymanus), Conor Byrne (Avondale), Eoin Darcy (Tinahely), Seanie Furlong (Kiltegan), JP Hurley (AGB).

SUBS: Jamie Snell (Rathnew), Eoin Murtagh (Dunlavin), Chris O'Brien (Ballymoney), Daniel Keane (Eire Og Greystones), Patrick O'Connor (Blessington), Kevin Quinn (Blessington), Cathal McGee (Bray Emmets)

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Wicklow made the short journey down to Netwatch Cullen Park on Sunday afternoon to take on the hosts Carlow, in the opening round of the Allianz 2A National Hurling League. This was always going to be a very stern test for Eamonn Scallan's charges, with Carlow

coming down from the Liam MacCarthy last season to ply their trade in the Joe McDonagh Cup this coming season.

Blustery cross-field windy conditions weren't very suitable for the small ball game throughout. Both sides traded chances in the opening moments but to no avail. Carlow's Chris Nolan opened the scoring with a point in the 7th minute. Carlow's next two points came from defensive mistakes by the Wicklow rear-guard. Wicklow got off the hook when Chris Nolan gathered possession from a short puck-out and his shot somehow blazed over the crossbar.

It would be the twelfth minute before Christy Moorehouse registered Wicklow's first score, a point from a placed ball. Carlow replied with a brace of points before Christy Moorehouse landed the Garden County's second and third points before the Galway official signalled for the 1st waterbreak, as the hosts led 0-7 to 0-3.

Another pointed free by Christy cut the deficit to three on the restart. It was a shootout between both opposing free takers as every free was blown up early with little or no advantage being allocated by the Galway official. Christy Moorehouse and Marty Kavanagh exchanged pointed frees before the half time whistle sounded with the scoreboard now reading 0-13 to 0-8 in favour of the Barrowsiders. Carlow took a stranglehold on the game on the restart when Marty Kavanagh landed a major from an acute angle, after sidestepping two defenders, firing low to the back of the net. Bray's Eoin McCormack landed the Garden County's first point from play in the next attack after collecting a great pass in from Shaun Cranley. Wicklow introduced a trio of fresh legs to the fray, however the hosts rallied with scores from Jack and Marty Kavanagh and Craig Wall to build up a ten point cushion as the 2nd half water break was signalled, the scoreboard now read 1-17 to 0-10.

Another major soon followed from the hurl of the Carlow number 13, who was on song through-out the

70 odd minutes. Glenealy's Danny Staunton fired over two long range points before a Ross Smithers goal sealed the deal for Tom Mullally's side, however Wicklow rallied in the closing moments with Andy O'Brien landing an outrageous point before Mikey Lee split the posts, with both men laying down markers for a starting spot next day out. Andy O'Brien found the target again before a brace of points from Michael Boland closed out the game. Wicklow will play Meath in Round 2 in Aughrim this coming Saturday at 3pm.

Wicklow MOTM : Shaun Cranley (Eire Óg Greystones)

Scorers for Wicklow :

Christy Moorehouse 0-8,(8f), Andy O'Brien 0-3, Danny Staunton 0-2 (1f), Michael Boland 0-2, Eoin McCormack 0-1, Michael Lee 0-1.

Carlow : Brian Tracey; Dion Wall, Paul Doyle, Michael Doyle, Ger Coady, David English, Ross Smithers (1-00), Jack Kavanagh (0-2), James Doyle, John Michael Nolan , Aaron Amond, Craig Wall (0-3); Martin Kavanagh (2-09,8f), Kevin McDonald, Chris Nolan (0-03)

SUBS : Gary Lawlor, Eoin Hosey, Jack McCullagh, Niall Bolger, Tony Lawlor.

Wicklow : Cian Staunton (Glenealy); Warren Kavanagh (Glenealy), Michael Mangan (Stratford/Grangecon), Martin O'Brien (Annacurra), Gary Byrne (Glenealy), John Henderson (Bray Emmets), Pádraig Doran (Carnew Emmets), Shaun Cranley (Eire Óg Greystones), Luke Evans (Kilcoole), Daniel Staunton (Glenealy), Andy Walsh (Eire Óg Greystones), Mark Lennon (Bray Emmets), Eoin McCormack (Bray Emmets), Christopher Moorehouse (Bray Emmets), Michael Boland (Bray Emmets).

SUBS : Andy O'Brien (St. Patricks), Jack Doyle (Carnew Emmets), Mikey Lee (Bray Emmets), David Maloney (Bray Emmets), Mark Murphy (Stratford/Grangecon)

Ref : Shane Hynes (Galway).



Allianz Hurling League Roinn 2A
 Saturday May 15th | 3pm | Aughrim | Round 2




0-11 | 0-20
WICKLOW v MEATH

HALFTIME 0-05 | 0-10

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Meath were the visitors to Aughrim for this Round 2 encounter of the Allianz Hurling League and the Royals took home the spoils in a very wet, damp and miserable Aughrim. Wicklow lined out with a number of

struck over a sublime point. Wicklow lost possession after a late hit went unpunished by the referee, Meath broke up the field to add a point, then Daithi McGowan picked up a yellow card for the late hit after a linesman call. Wicklow were guilty of turning over possession and were punished when Gavin McGowan levelled proceedings, just before the 1st water break was summoned. Well if both sides didn't get enough water on board during the interval, they got it in bucketful's as they lined up for the restart, monsoon conditions with driving rain followed over the next couple of minutes. The Meath men were finding their range far easier, accumulating three pointed frees on the bounce. James Kelly and Mark O'Sullivan stretched out the Royal's lead out to 5, with a point apiece as Wicklow

changes in personel from last weekends starting fifteen in Carlow. Eamonn Scallan's side started the brighter in the opening exchanges with Bray's Eoin McCormack firing over a sweet point for the opening score in the third minute. Meath replied with full forward Mark O'Sullivan levelling matters in the next attack. Christy Moorehouse opened his account from a placed ball after great play by the Danny Staunton to edge Wicklow ahead. Tenacious defending by the Wicklow backs, with two great blocks, denying certain points for the Royals in the next period followed. However, Patrick Conneely restored parity in the next play with a long range point.



struggled in the wet conditions. As the half time whistle sounded the scoreboard read 0-10 to 0-5.

Meath pointed on the restart from another placed ball. Good work and quick thinking by Danny Staunton bought a free for Andy O'Brien who fired over to stem the Royal onslaught. However Meath were finding their comrades with greater ease all over the pitch and tagged on a couple of points to stretch out the lead, one following from a blatant push in the back on John Henderson. Christy Moorehouse and Jack Regan traded pointed

frees as Wicklow brought on fresh legs. Christy fired over another pointed free as the water break was signalled, with Meath now leading 0-14 to 0-8. Another Regan point was followed by a powerful score from Danny Staunton as the home side found some momentum. However some wayward shooting

freed as Wicklow brought on fresh legs. Christy fired over another pointed free as the water break was signalled, with Meath now leading 0-14 to 0-8. Another Regan point was followed by a powerful score from Danny Staunton as the home side found some momentum. However some wayward shooting



MAN OF THE MATCH

DIVISION 2A HURLING LEAGUE | ROUND 2

WICKLOW v MEATH

0-11 | 0-20

**JOHN HENDERSON**

from placed balls went amiss from a number of Wicklow free taker's in the next period before Moorehouse landed Wicklow's tenth white flag. Regan added a brace of points for Meath going into the closing stages. Michael Mangan who was keeping full forward Mark O'Sullivan fairly quiet through out proceedings took one for the team, when he took out an opponent bearing down on goal. This resulted in a penalty and a yellow card for the Wicklow fullback, who was off into the bin under the new rule in hurling, was signalled by the match referee. Up stepped Jack Regan to look for the first major of the game, however goalie, Conor McNally was up to the task and saved the peno.

Andy O'Brien was clean through on goal and it appeared like he was cleaned out as he was going to pull the trigger, "play on" was the call from the ref as we entered the dying minutes of the game. Gary Byrne was busy defending in the next couple off plays, clearing anything that came his way. However, Adam Gannon fired over a brace of points as the full time whistle sounded. Wicklow will seriously have to improve on a tally of 5 points from play going forward into the next Sunday where they will meet Down in Aughrim at 2pm.

Wicklow MOTM : Danny Staunton.

SCORERS :

Wicklow : Christy Moorehouse 0-5 (5f), Danny Staunton 0-2, Andy O'Brien 0-2 (1f), Luke Evans 0-1, Eoin McCormack 0-1.

Meath : Jack Regan 0-6, (5f), Padraic O'Hanrahan 0-3 (2f), Gavin McGowan 0-3, Mark O'Sullivan 0-2, Alan Douglas 0-2 (1f), Adam Gannon 0-2, Patrick Conneely 0-1, James Kelly 0-1.

Wicklow : Conor McNally (Bray Emmets), David Maloney (Bray Emmets), Michael Mangan (Stratford/Grangecon), Martin O'Brien (Annacura)' Gary Byrne (Glenealy), John Henderson (Bray Emmets), Peter Keane (Eire Óg Greystones), Jack Doyle (Carnew Emmets), Luke Evans (Kilcoole); Daniel Staunton (Glenealy), Andy Walsh (Eire Óg Greystones), Eoin McCormack (Bray Emmets); Christy Moorehouse (Bray Emmets), Andy O'Brien (St Patricks), Michael Boland (Bray Emmets)

SUBS : Wayne Kinsella (Shillelagh/Coolboy), Torna Mulconry (Avondale), Mark Murphy (Stratford/Grangecon), Matthew Traynor (Glenealy), Padraig Doran (Carnew Emmets), Gavin Weir (Glenealy), Ciaran Breen (Barrow Rangers)

Meath : Charlie Ennis, Michael Burke, Shane Whitty, Sean Geraghty, Keith Keoghan, James Toher, James Kelly, David Reilly, Padraic O'Hanrahan, Daithí McGowan, Jack Regan, Alan Douglas, Gavin McGowan, Mark O'Sullivan, Patrick Conneely. SUBS : Damien Healy, Stephen Morris, Jack McGowan, Adam Gannon,

Ref : David Hughes.





Blessington GAA Club is delighted to announce that we have been selected by Sports Direct to be part of their grassroots GAA sponsorship programme to 2024. This makes our club the 11th Club to benefit from Sports Direct grassroots GAA sponsorship programme.

This is an exciting sponsorship for the club as it will allow us to continue to invest and promote our juvenile boys' and girls' teams, our adult teams, our Healthy Club Programme, and our schools coaching programme which will incorporate camps.

Each year for the next three years Sports Direct will sponsor several teams across our club as well as



CONTINUED SPONSORSHIP FOR OUR SENIORS



Senior team are very excited that Dean Siney and Nutri Quick will continue to sponsor them for this coming season.



Our club is involved in the Healthy Club Project. The team is as follows Lisa Jackson, Michelle Richardson, Karen Richardson, Nessa Quinlan, Dave Greville, Graham Keogh, and Simon Taylor. They have been busy over the last 18 months and didn't let Covid get in the way of their plans.

Between becoming a Smoke/Vape free grounds, promoting healthy eating with online video tutorials, organising care packages for our elderly and vulnerable friends in our community we also took part in the Community Heart Campaign that was rolled out nationwide in April by Croke Park and in

association with Heart-Safety Solutions. The campaign was to hold a fundraiser to raise money to upgrade old outdated Defibrillators and install a new state of the art model.

Before the campaign kicked off we were chosen as one of the clubs to promote this event and we welcomed Marty Morrissey to our grounds for a photo shoot and a to provide a demonstration on how the new Defibrillator works.

The entire club got involved with this and we went with the title How Far Would You Walk To Save A Life. We asked our members to Walk/run/cycle 5K and in doing so donate 5 Euro to the fund. This was a great success and we hit our target within the week.



Last September 2020 we took part in the National Inclusion & Diversity campaign. We organised an academy style training session for children with additional needs. This was such a massive success that it is now a permanent fixture in our weekly calendar. We run



our All Stars session every Sunday morning from 9am-10am and this is not only for the children of Blessington we also welcome any child from the wider community. We incorporate fun games and basic introductory to Gaelic football, but we also find



that these sessions are very child led on a week to week basis. We have loads of support from the club including some of our minor footballers, our Ladies section that very generously sponsored footballs for all of the children and also to Wicklow Sports

Partnership who very kindly offered us a grant, some of which we have used to further our coaches in training with CARA autism in sports and also Sports Direct that supplied us the biggest most colourful parachute that the children all love.



Rathnew GAA club is happy to be back on the pitch, it has been tough over the pass few months with restrictions. Now that we are back its great to see so many new members along with previous players.

Nursery has started back with as many as 65 kids from 4 to 6 year olds. James Staffard has for another year taking up the roll as hier mentor. James has many people which from time to time will help him out on a Saturday morning.

Rathnew LGFA are delighted to announce our times for the girls training.

- u8 Saturday morning @10.45
- u10 Tuesday & Thursday @6.30
- u12 Saturday @ 10.30
- u14 Tuesday & Thursday @6.30
- u16 Tuesday & Thursday @7.30

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We took part along with other clubs from the county in a step by step challenge **#TalktoTom**. It was a great turn out and we all enjoyed it so much, thanks to all who took part and donated.

Camps are back again this year and please book early to avoid disappointment.

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Rathnew GAA

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Ashford GAA Club are delighted to have activity back in our grounds. From the Talk To Tom fundraiser to the return to play for all of our teams it has been a busy few weeks which has seen our pitch come alive again.

We were delighted to take part in the Talk To Tom fundraiser which saw the whole community come together to support a great cause. From underage teams to Committee members and sponsors - all those with any affiliation to our club were well represented on the 24 hour walk/run and want to thank them all for their contribution again.

We would also like to thank everyone in the club who has put in the work over the past few weeks to see our return to play plan implemented. The effort has been huge and the pay off is now seeing the pitch alive with training again. We must also acknowledge the efforts of the coaches and volunteers, especially with the growth in numbers, for all of their time and effort.

We are very proud to see such growth in the club and welcome all new members to come along and join us.

Juvenile Training times are as below:

Ashford GAA:

Nursery Boys and Girls 4-6 years Tues 6:30-7:15pm

U7 - Tuesdays 6:30

U9- Tuesday 6:30

U11 / U13 - Friday 6:30 contact Stephen 0866018781

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U14 6:30 Thursdays and 9:45 Saturday

U16 6:15 Mondays and 11am Saturdays

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Return to Play

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces back on the pitch in last number of weeks. This is the first year that our club has started a nursery team, this means that children who are starting primary school in September of this year will get the chance to get a feel for playing gaelic football over the summer. This nursery group are on the pitch every Wednesday evening from 5:45 p.m. We have had a great turn out at each training session for our juvenile teams. Our U7's, U9's &

winners, each participant is entered into a Lucky Dip to win €50. The easiest way to purchase your lotto tickets is through Clubforce App, which the link is shared widely on our Social Media platforms. With the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions, the bi-weekly Club Lotto draw is taking place virtually. The Lotto numbers are selected using an online random number generator and the draw is video recorded and also observed by at least three members of the executive committee using the Zoom video conference application. Congratulations to all our May winners.



U11's are back on the pitch every Wednesday evening from 6:30 p.m. Our U13's team have amalgamated with Ballinacor GFC and are looking forward to their season ahead. We would like to thank Cormac Noone, County Coordinator who took part in a training session with our Nursery group and spent some time with the U7's afterwards. The kids and coaches learned a lot and we look forward to welcoming him back over the summer. Both our Intermediate and Junior C team are back working hard on the pitch and are looking forward to starting their competitive season from the weekends 11th of June and 17th of June respectively.

Club Lotto:

Our Club Lotto, now more than ever, plays a vital role in our finances. This funding is vital to ensure that we have the financial resources to keep improving and expanding on the superb facilities we have. Please support if you are in the position to do so. The club lotto takes place bi-weekly on Monday evenings. (June 14th & 28th), the jackpot currently stands at €5,500, if it is not won it increases by €100 for every draw. A single match 3 wins €50 and multiple match 3's share €100. If there is no match 3

Leaving Certificate Exams:

We would like to wish all students who are completing their leaving certificate exams this month good luck, particularly our players, Andrew Nolan, Andrew Brancato, Alex Olohan and Luke Kearney. Best of luck for the future lads!

Death Notice

Laragh GFC would like to send it's sincerest condolences to Chairman Philip Bracken and his family on the sad death of his brother Joe (Spike) Murphy on Sunday 23rd of May in Alabama USA, formally of Glen Cottage, Glencullen. Our thoughts are with Philip and his family at this sad time. Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.





It is great to see life again out in the GAA Grounds in Corballis. Juvenile and Senior Training in both Hurling and Football is back in full swing and there has been an air of excitement around the community with the return of games in the coming weeks. The most recent lockdown has probably been the toughest one so far for many and the return of GAA is a welcome outlet for parents, kids, players and fans alike for both their physical and mental health!

On the fields our Senior and Junior Footballers and Hurlers have been training hard in their assigned pods since training re-commenced. Club stalwart Ray Nolan has taken the reigns of our senior hurlers for the season ahead and will be ably accompanied by clubmen Donal Browne, Benny Byrne and Liam Phelan. They have been drawn in a tough group for the senior championship this year with Bray and Carnew and potentially Kilcoole (if they win the IHC) in our group. This is a young team and Ray is hoping to breath some life back into the hurling after a tough couple of years of results where the gap between Avondale and the leading times in Wicklow has widened. David Burke, Pat Baker, Brendan Ward and Coach Maurice Leahy are back for a third term in charge of our senior football team. After last year's heart-breaking semi-final defeat on penalties and the

previous year's semi-final loss to champions St. Pats the management and players will be hoping to take it one step further and reach the clubs first Senior County final in well over a century. Avondale are seeded and won't enter the title race until Round 2 of the senior championship. This upcoming group will be looking to nail down their status as a top team in Wicklow with a strong performance but with a Senior Championship that is getting more and more competitive it as always will be a tough task ahead of them.

League games across both codes will hopefully be kicking off in June so keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram page for details/results from those games.

We would like to thank our members for their continued support in our club lotto. The jackpot is creepy very close to €7,000 mark with the draw taking place every Tuesday. Please get in contact with any member of the club or visit our clubs Facebook Page to see how you can buy your tickets online.

Hon de Dales!



At the start of the year we lost our club President Seán O'Toole who had served as President for 20 years Seán had also served as Treasurer of the club for 32 years (1953-1985) and was very much involved in the fundraising and purchasing of our current main pitch Seán also played on the team in the first senior final Baltinglass were involved in Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

In February two of our Balto ladies were named on the TG4 All Ireland Junior Championship team Sarah Jane Winders and Marie Kealy.

No on field action took place for nearly the first 4 months of 2021 due to Covid restrictions On Easter weekend we organised a challenge to run, walk or cycle any amount of km's and also to donate on a Go Fund me page for equipment for all teams The sun was shining and we had a fantastic amount of participants take part and break all targets set.

Our management and committee meetings continued online A lot of work goes on behind the scenes in preparation for the return of juvenile players and teams, a lot of recruitment and retention of coaches has to be organised alongside training schedules Our childrens officer ensuring garda vetting and child safeguarding course are completed Also a lot of work is done by a few people on grounds and facilities preparation.

We had our first big lotto winner of 2021 Bridget Prendergast winning the lotto Jackpot of €10,500 Our lotto is exclusively online each week and can be played on the clubforce app.

We were all delighted to see the club open and the return of all the juvenile players to training on Monday 26th April and followed shortly after by all club players on 10th May Roll on the games now beginning in June.

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ALL NEW
MEMBERS
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Girls U8
Saturday 10^{am}

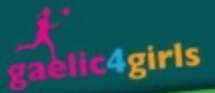
Girls U10
Saturday 10^{am}

Girls U12
Monday 6.30^{pm}
Thursday 6.30^{pm}

Girls U14
Tuesday 6.45^{pm}
Friday 6.45^{pm}



Academy starting in September
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JUNIOR INFANTS** starting school in 2021



Boys U7
Wednesday 6.30^{pm}
Saturday 10^{am}

Boys U9
Monday 6.45^{pm} (Astro Pitch)
Saturday 10^{am}

Boys U11
Monday 6.45^{pm}
Thursday 6.45^{pm}

Boys U13
Tuesday 6.45^{pm}
Thursday 6.45^{pm}



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Club Championships



The Championship Draws were made at the Coiste Bainistí on Tuesday 25th May.

In the SFC, IFC and J AFC all the teams who reached the semi-final stage in 2020 got a bye in R.1.

Boom & Platform Hire SFC

Preliminary Round

Bray Emmets v Blessington

Eire Óg Greystones v St. Patricks

Round 1

Donard/Glen v Kiltegan

Eire Óg Greystones/St. Patricks v Newtown

Dunlavin v Bray Emmets/Blessington

Winner of preliminary round losers game v Rathnew

Darcy Sands IFC

Round 1

Valleymount v Ballinacor

Ballymanus v Kilmacanogue

Annacurra v Hollywood

An Tochar v Laragh

Stratford Grangecon Bye

Lightning Protection Ireland SHC

Group 1

Bray Emmets

Carnew Emmets

Avondale

Kilcoole (if they win 2020 IHC Final)

Group 2

Glenealy

Kiltegan

Eire Óg Greystones

St. Patricks

Fitzgerald Kitchens J AFC

Round 1

Rathnew v St. Patricks

Aughrim v Hollywood

Eire Óg Greystones v Shillelagh Coolboy

JBFC WInner v Enniskerry

Baltinglass Bye



Coiste na n Óg



FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Fixture
Monday	7th June	Under 11 Football League Finals 2020 Under 15 Football Championship Semi Finals 2020
Wednesday	9th June	Under 13 Football Championship Semi-finals 2020
Friday	11th June	Football Go Games U7/U9 2021
Saturday	12th June	Football Go Games U7/U9 2021
Monday	14th June	U10 Football PPL 2021
Wednesday	16th June	Under 15 Football Championship Finals 2020 U11 Football 2021
Sunday	20th June	Under 13 Football Championship Finals 2020
Monday	21st June	Minor Football Player Pathway League 2021
Friday	25th June	Football Go Games U7/U9 2021 U12 Football PPL U15 Football D Championship ONLY 2021
Saturday	26th June	Football Go Games U7/U9 2021 Leinster Minor Football Championship 2021 Round 1 Wicklow V Carlow
Sunday	27th June	U14 Football PPL 2021
Monday	28th June	Minor Football Player Pathway League 2021 Under 13 Football Championship 2021
Wednesday	30th June	U11 Football 2021 U15 Football Championship 2021 Leinster Minor Celtic Challenge 2021 R 1 Wicklow V Roscommon

HURLING

Day	Date	Fixture
Friday	11th June	Under 15 Hurling Championship Semi Finals 2020 One Under 11 Hurling League Final 2020 One Under 11 Football League Final 2020
Sunday	13th June	Under 13 Hurling Championship Finals 2020
Friday	18th June	Under 15 Hurling Championship Finals 2020 U12 Hurling PPL 2021 Hurling Go Games U7/U9 2021
Monday	21st June	Minor Football Player Pathway League 2021 U10 Hurling PPL 2021 U13 Hurling Championship 2021
Wednesday	23rd June	U11 Hurling League 2021 U15 Hurling Championship 2021



a big thanks to club members and local families for entering their clubs into the competition.

Starting on 28th June and running up to 27th August, the 2021 Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps will run in line with government guidelines and subject to the advice of the relevant authorities.

The number of camps and capacity at this year's camps will increase as we get closer to the summer months with some already on sale, so parents are reminded to book early to avoid disappointment as demand is expected to be higher than ever.

Sarah Ferguson, Kellogg Ireland General Manager said "Kellogg is very proud to

be involved in a partnership which involves children the length and breadth of the country, each of whom will get the chance to meet up with their friends and enjoy themselves in a healthy and safe outdoor environment. This is the tenth year of our sponsorship and we are thrilled to watch the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps to continue to go from strength to strength and it was particularly pleasing to see how well it worked last year during a difficult year. We are also very proud of supporting the grass roots of the GAA and are delighted to once again announce the competition for clubs nationwide."

Calling all Wicklow GAA Clubs

Kellogg launches nationwide competition with prizes worth €40,000 up for grabs for local GAA club. All GAA clubs across the county are in with a chance of winning incredible prizes as part of Kellogg's sponsorship of the Kellogg's GAA Cúl camps. Kellogg, now in its tenth year sponsoring the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps, has launched the nationwide on-pack promotion for all GAA clubs to be in with a chance to win prizes worth €40,000 – a game-changing amount for any GAA club.

At a time when fundraising has proved challenging, this competition provides GAA clubs with an incredible opportunity to claim great prizes through a simple mechanic. In order to nominate your club, all that is required is to pick up a promotional box of Kellogg's Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies or Bran Flakes. Using the unique on-pack code, log on to kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/competition and nominate the club of choice. All nominations will be entered into a final draw to win one of three cash prizes - €25,000, €10,000 or €5,000.

Last year saw Skryne GFC of Meath, Wicklow's Rathnew GAA club and Newmarket on Fergus GAA club in County Clare win the prizes. Celebrating the news, last year's winners acknowledged how important the funds were to the local club particularly in terms of maintaining activities for the children and wider community. They also extended

GAA Cúl Camps co-ordinator Charlie Harrison added "It's time to make Summer plans! Keeping in line with Government guidelines we are thankfully in a position to deliver the camps during the months of July and August 2021 to children living in all 32 counties. Naturally, after the year we've all had to endure, the idea of finally getting out of the house, being active and seeing other children sounds hugely appealing. We are mindful of the reality that Covid 19 will still be with us however, and we will be very much guided by the government and relevant authorities to ensure all reasonable safety measures and protocols are adhered to in the rollout of our camps."

For more information on the Kellogg's GAA Cúl Camps visit

www.kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie/

Important Documents

The Official Guide 2021 is available from Official Wicklow GAA website under Documents here; <https://officialwicklowgaa.ie/club-information/>

The downloadable information includes

[Covid-19](#)

[CCC](#)

[Wicklow GAA](#)

[Insurance](#)

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[Membership Forms](#)

GAA Playing Rules Update (Club) | May 2021

Below is a summary of the GAA playing rules changes introduced in 2021 at club covering the following:

Advantage Rule

Temporary substitution: Suspected Head Injuries

Interfering with a kick/puck out

Unauthorised Incursions onto the Field of Play

Aggressive Infractions

Number of Players

New Rules that affect Inter-County Only

Note:

These new rules are in for all club competitions including 2020 competitions not completed.

Should any conflict arise between the information contained in this document and the text of the latest GAA Official Guides, the text of the latest GAA Official Guides shall prevail.

The following new rules changes only apply at Inter-County in 2021

The issuing of Yellow & Red Cards to Team Officials for Misconduct at Games.

This will be introduced at club level in January 2022.

Denying a goalscoring opportunity.

Only applies to Senior Inter-County League & Championship in 2021.

Seven substitutions at five separate occasions.

This was a temporary rule change for the Allianz League 2021 ONLY

The full information can be obtained here;

<https://sway.office.com/oGfXGmhpn0e0P2Tk?ref=Link>

Minor hurling

The county minor hurling management team has been announced and ratified by the County Board . Dara Kissane is the new manager and he is being assisted by Karl Cooke of Kilcoole ,Pat Brennan of Blessington and Colm French of Glenealy. Dara is also the S&C coach with the senior hurling team.

They commenced their preparations on Saturday the 22nd with trial games in Ballinakill. They had a great turnout of 50 players divided into 3 teams and played 3 x 30 minute games. The team management were very happy with both the commitment and indeed standard of skill on display. They continue with another trial game in Ballinakill on Saturday 29th. A panel will be announced later in the week to commence training twice a week with a few challenge games in between.

This team will compete in the Celtic cup for the CORN MICHAEL HOGAN. Their first game is against Roscommon on Sat 3rd of July.

New Referees needed

The 2021 Referees Committee is chaired by Eddie Leonard, secretary is Fintan Fanning, with committee members: Ciaran Goff, Eire Og, Robert Roche, Carnew, and William Byrne, Avondale.

The function of the Committee is as follows :

"be responsible for the Administration and Development of Refereeing in the County, including the recruitment, training, assessment and classification of referees".

Referees make a huge commitment to the development of all GAA sports, juvenile and adult at every standard. Indeed, a growing number of our referees are being invited to consider a role at provincial level and at national level.

There is a constant need to identify individuals who would be good and willing to referee. Currently the panel is about 50 people who referee underage and adults in all codes.

This year (2021) we have a significant demand for referees, as we have a few matches from last year and whatever this year brings across both codes at Adult, Minor and underage levels.

With the increase demand in the time available combined with withdrawals due to COVID fears, age, etc. comes an additional requirement for new referees.

Without an increase in referee numbers CCC will be unable to guarantee referees for all games in the coming season.

Wicklow GAA Referee Administration are asking Club delegates to contact members who maybe interested in refereeing in 2021 and beyond ask them to email us as;

referee.administrator.wicklow@gaa.ie

By Wednesday 10th June.