

## Gaels start well, keep foot on pedal

**Shannon Gaels.....3-9**  
**Rockland.....2-4**

Shannon Gaels came out blazing on all cylinders, and continued to do so for most of the game, while limiting Rockland to infrequent heads of steam in the replay of the u 12 league final. The Gaels were on the attack from the throw-in as an incisive run from Aidan Mooney ended with a point. Indeed the strong running of Mooney along with that of his midfield partner Sean O'Connell, kept the Rockland rearguard under incessant pressure, while their astute distribution created optimal opportunities for their busy forwards.



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Christian Devlin was also making his presence felt as he off-loaded to Mooney and Sebastian Jamshahi for them to hit the target. Sean Smith and Ciaran Shalvey then swapped points before a "45" from Jack Healy was blasted to the net for a powerful goal by Brendan Tarsnane to tie up the game midway. However the Gaels were soon back in front as good play by Jamshahi and Devlin ended with the latter firing to the net.

The Gaels maintained the momentum as North Kerry style defending from the Corridan brothers, Eamon Kelly and company kept the defense tight, while up front Sean Smith and Jason Lee tapped over nice points to leave their team ahead by 1-6 to 1-1 at the break. Rockland upped their performance on resumption, but a superb block by Luke Corridan denied Ciaran Shalvey a certain goal after he was at the end of a good move involving Eoin Moriarity and Dylan Shalvey. However he had to settle for a point, but it failed to ignite his team.

Rockland went on a scoring spree; Sean Smith was creating havoc on the wing as he hit 1-3, while Sean O'Connell cut through for a goal. Still Rockland battled despite the growing deficit to hit back with 1-1 from Ciaran Dalton and a point from Dylan Shalvey. Overall the Gaels were decisive winners as their defense was tight and tenacious; their midfielders were superb, while their forwards worked like a well-oiled machine. Rockland's Eoin Moriarity, Brendan Tarsnane, Ciaran Dalton, Liam McCarville, Jack Healy and the Shalveys tried to the end, but they were never able to find the rhythm or the pace to seriously trouble a Gaels team that functioned well from net minder to the corner men.



Michael Murphy of Glenswilly and James Sherry of Roslea in action during the Ulster club semifinal at Healy Park in Tyrone. Irish GAA coverage begins on Page 36.

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**SHANNON GAELS:** Jack Kirk, Oisín Mathers, Robert Corridan, Luke Corridan, Páidí Mathers, Sebastian Jamshahi, Eamon Kelly, Sean O'Connell, Aidan Mooney, Sean Smith, Christian Devlin, Jack Hogan, Luke Duggan, Jason Lee, Julian Ferdman. Subs Eoghan Doran, Oisín Foy, Julian Ferdman, Pascal Kavanagh, Senan Price, Des Ward.

**ROCKLAND:** Cormac Shelby, Sean O'Connor, Eoin Moriarity, Liam Collins, Conor James, Sean Lyons, Liam McCarville, Brendan Tarsnane, Brian Curtis, Emmett Moore, Jack Healy, Hughie Durcan, Dylan Shalvey, Ciaran Shalvey, Daragh McKenna. Subs John Fitzgerald, Darren Moriarity, Ciaran Dalton, Cian Conroy, Brian Coughlan.  
**REFEREE** Pat Donoghue.

### JOHN BRADY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Minor Board hosted a very successful John Brady Memorial tournament for the under 10s on Saturday at Gaelic Park with twelve participating. In the A division there were Rockland A, Shannon Gaels A, Rangers A and St. Patrick's A. On completion of the round robin section, Shannon Gaels finished first with their keen rivals Rangers second, thus setting the stage for the final. Rangers got off to a great start with points from Chris Mulvihill and Niall McKenna. Indeed McKenna was keeping the Rangers on the offensive as he forced a great save from keeper Mulally.

However the Gaels soon jumped in front with a goal from Luke Duggan, but not for long, as Chris Mulvihill replied in kind. The Gaels struck back on the double as Oisín Mathers and Senan Price rattled the net. It was now end to end stuff being played at a hectic pace as Niall McKenna burst up the field to strike his major and tie the game. The Gaels inched

ahead before the break with a brace of points from Pascal Kavanagh and Julian Jamshahi to lead by 3-2 to 2-3 at the break. The Rangers started the second half strongly as Chris Mulvihill crashed the ball to the net after Ashton Walsh had worked the ball inside.

However that was as good as it got for Rangers. Then Colin Gargan's incisive run through the Ranger's defense was impeded, and in the blink of an eye Luke Duggan buried the ball in the net for the lead. The Gaels now took control as they three goals courtesy of Mathers, Price and Kavanagh without reply to win by 7-3 to 3-3.

**SHANNON GAELS:** Oisín Mathers, Oisín Foy, Pascal Kavanagh, Colin Gargan, Luke Corridan, Rory Duggan, Senan Price, Keelan Mulally, Julian Jamshahi.

**RANGERS:** Niall McKenna, Ciaran O'Connor, Cathal Egan, Ashton Walsh, Joe Grace, Ryan Phelan, Evan Mulgrew, Dylan Crowley.

The B division consisted of St. Barnabas, Celtics, Sperrin Og Tyrone and Shannon Gaels B squad. The teams were well seeded as there were intense battles before St. Barnabas edged out Celtics for the number one spot, thus ensuring another hectic battle for the laurels.

St Barnabas got a tonic start as Rory Dorian hit two goals. However Celtics were soon level as Owen Cole and Sean Cronin struck for two brilliant goals. St Barnabas hit back with two points, but Celtics jumped ahead courtesy of a goal from Owen Cole (what a classy player he is), and a point from Daniel Sheahan. St Barnabas finished the period strongly with points from Joe Browne and Kyle Boyne and a goal from Rory Dorian to lead by 3-3 to 3-

1 at the short whistle. St. Barnabas consolidated their lead on the resumption with stern defending by Ronan Kelly, Brian Gowran and Joe Browne, while up front goals came from Rory Dorian and Ian Kavanagh.

Young Kavanagh has traits of papa Frank, but truth be told senior often preferred the shortest and most direct route to goal. The Croke brothers along with Conor Cronin, Luke Dennis and Daniel Sheahan fought, but their talisman and scorer in chief was held to two points in the second half as St. Barnabas won by 5-5 to 3-3.

**ST. BARNABAS:** Ronan Kelly, Rory Dorian, Joe Browne, James Martin, Brian Gowran, Ian Kavanagh, Chris Boyne, Kyle Boyne.

**CELTICS:** Daniel Sheahan, Ciaran Connolly, Ronan McAllister, Conor Cronin, Owen Cole, Darren Croke, Kevin Burke, Michael Croke, Luke Dennis.

The C division consisted of Long Island Gaels, Rockaway Rovers, Rangers B and Celtics B. The final pitted Rangers against the Celtics, and it was the proverbial thriller with just a point between the sides at the final whistle, namely 4-3 for Rangers, 3-5 for Celtics. These youngsters played their hearts out, while a few of the mothers nearly covered as much ground as they raced up and down the sideline urging their beloved charges on in pursuit of everything that moved.

**RANGERS:** Niamh Doheny, Ronan Tuffy, Dylan Comer, Calvin Quinn, James Farrell, Cayman Farrell, Nevin Murphy, Chris Kennedy, Michael Mulvihill.

**CELTICS:** Aaron Traynor, Sean O'Neill, Ian Mulvey, Ryan Scanlon, Michael Buckley, Jack Donahue, Keegan Hess, Donal Connaughton. In hurling Rockland beat Le Cheile

in the A final, while St. Raymond's/Rockaway won the B division.

### LADIES DINNER DANCE

The LGFA of NY will hold their annual dinner dance on Nov. 30th at the Westchester Manor, Saw Mill River Rd. Yonkers. The Guest of Honor is Dessie O'Reilly, a native of Lavey, Co. Cavan. He played at all levels with his club in addition to representing Cavan at under-age levels. In the Big Apple Dessie played junior and senior with the Breffni Boys, and he has the distinction of being "Player of the Year" at both levels.

He has had a very successful career as a manager, winning nine championships with the Cavan ladies, plus a slew of other trophies. In addition he has been involved in training and managing several New York Ladies teams. He is married to Nicola, a native of Meath, and the O'Reilly have two boys, DJ and Kyle. The Colette Horkan award goes to Alison Kelly, a native of Ratoath, Co. Meath. She played her early football with Ratoath and the Donaghmore clubs as well as coaching teams in the Feile na nOg competitions in 2002 and 2003.

After arriving in the Big Apple in 2008, Alison won Peter Connaughton and Annie Kearney medals with the Kerry/Donegal club, plus she was their "Player of the Year" in 2009. Since injury cut short her playing career, Alison has devoted her energy and expertise to developing under-age teams with the very successful Shannon Gaels club. The 2013 "Player of the Year" is Tracey Ann McCullagh, a native of Greencastle, Co. Tyrone.

Since arriving in the States TA has been a stalwart and a leader for the Fermanagh Ladies. She has been Fermanagh's "Player of the Year" on a number of occasions, plus she gave a superb performance at fullback for New York in the All-Ireland junior final at Croke Park in 2011. The 2013 "Young Player of the Year" award goes to Mairead Ruane, a native of New Jersey. She played under-age with the St. Brigid's and St. Joseph's clubs, and is currently one of the brightest prospects with the Cavan Ladies senior team.

In addition, Cavan, the Sean Faherty Cup winners, and Kerry/Donegal, the Annie Kearney Cup winners, and St. Brigid's, the Peter Connaughton winners will be honored on the night. Special recognition will also be given to the respective MVPs of the finals, the CYC winning captains, and the Club Players of the Year.

The Dance chairpersons are Rosie O'Reilly Broderick (914-426-6977) and Anmarie Kelly (917-559-4066).