

GAA RTE RAIDIO NA GAELTACHTA SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, FIRST ROUND, SECOND LEG REACTION



Glenswillys Leon Kelly drives the ball downfield as Naomh Conaills Leo Mc Loone and Martin Regan arrive too late to block.

Corey steps down as Naomh Conaill boss

BY CHRIS MCNULTY IN GLENTIES

CATHAL Corey bid farewell to Glenties last night after the Kildress man confirmed that he had taken charge of Naomh Conaill for the last time. Corey had said in the lead-up to the game that defeat would end his tenure, and so it proved as Glenswilly took victory to advance to the quarter finals at the expense of the Champions.

Defeat drew an end to his three-year association with the club. In 2009 he was joint manager with Jim McGuinness as they reached the county final, losing to St Eunan's,

and last year he was in sole charge when the club took Senior Championship honours. After helping the club to the Ulster Club final in December, Corey stepped away, but was coaxed back and returning is a decision he didn't regret.

"That was my last time in charge of Naomh Conaill. I had a fantastic three years here. People might say that I probably wish now that I hadn't come back, but I don't," he said.

"I was delighted to come back and spend six months here again. We had two big days out in the Championship, but we didn't win any of them so we deserve to be out."

Corey had no qualms with the result, but it was the low-key performance of his men that was the biggest concern. "I'm extremely disappointed," he said.

TRIED HARD

"The goal at the end took the bad look of it, but we didn't play well. The boys tried hard and gave everything they had, but it just didn't go for us. We looked as if we were playing off the cuff. "From the minute the ball was thrown in, Glenswilly controlled it. Ciaran Bonner got two points at the start and from there they were on top of it. When we

changed things and played Johnny Bonner as a sweeper, it helped things but we never came out in the second-half." Glenswilly star Michael Murphy was delighted to have avenged the ghosts of last year's semi final.

"It was a big win for us," said the Donegal captain after the game. "There was a lot of hurt in us from the semi-final last year. The boys put in a big push this year and "We're delighted to get over this hurdle."

CHALLENGE

The county finalists of 2007 put in a big display yesterday and look in good shape to challenge for honours.

"There are no Championships won at this time of year," said Murphy, who admitted that the memory turned back to the 2010 semi final when McLoone fired home.

"Leo got a great strike and the memories came back of O'Donnell Park last year," he said.

And there was an honorary mention for his county colleague Neil Gallagher who put in a huge shift over the hour.

He said: "Big Neil had a colossal game and plucked a couple out of the sky. Neil has been training away and pushing hard, and like so many others he's putting in a huge effort."

GAA - ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION 3

Another big win for Naomh Mhuire

Naomh Mhuire 3-13
Buncrana 0-09

THIS Division 3 senior league match played at the Banks saw two more points in the bag against a travelling Buncrana.

Early scores from Sean Boyle and Ciaran McGinley was matched for Buncrana with an Oran Doherty point.

Ciaran McGinley then kept a cool head as he score a goal and followed this up with an impressive second goal.

Tom McHugh weighted in with his customary point as well as a Harry Harden free. Ryan Bradley picked off a point and McDermott for Buncrana to leave the half time score N. Mhuire 2-06 Buncrana 0-05.

The second half saw Naomh

Mhuire control possession and ultimately push on for the victory. The first score of the second half saw a well worked goal with Sean Yank Boyle cutting in from the wing and laying the ball to the in coming McGinley to fist to the net. Buncrana push Bradley to full forward and while Oran Doherty and Adrian McColgan did get points it was the hard working Harry Harden and Sean

Yank Boyle who picked off a number of points before sub John Pigeon secured the points with a hard earned point.

N. Mhuire: Sean Gallagher, Robert O'Donnell, Thomas Duffy, Daniel Gallagher, Paul Boyle, Brian Gillespie, Adrian O'Gara, Dara White (0-2), Owenie McGarvey, Harry Harden (0-2), Padraig McCafferty, Owen Grant, Sean Boyle (0-4), Tom McHugh

(0-1), Ciaran McGinley (3-3). Subs used: Seamus Ferry, John Pidgeon (0-1).

Buncrana: NO'Donnell, D.Coyle, S.McGrory, B.McGee, R.Doherty, K.McCann, C.McNicolas, C.Bell, R.R.Bradley (0-1), G.McConnell, O.Doherty (0-3), A.McColgan (0-2), O.Doherty (0-2), C.McDermott (0-1), A.Doherty, R.Scott

GAA Results

RTE Raidio na Gaeltachta SFC:

St Michaels 2-13, MacCumhailis 1-6
Line: P Mc Keever/L Mc Conoley;
Four Masters 1-14, Bundoran 0-12
Line: A Mullin/E Mc Brearty;
Glenfin 2-10, Malin 1-9
Line: R Mc Gonigle/P Mc Gowan;
Kilcar 3-15, Killybegs 1-7
Line: S Toolan/J Keenan;
St Eunans 0-11, Dungloe 1-8
Line: C Doherty/P Clifford;

RTE Raidio na Gaeltachta SRFC: St Michaels 1-11, Sean MacCumhailis 0-6

Termon 1-5, Gaoth Dobhair 4-15 ;
Four Masters 2-14, Bundoran 0-2 ;
Glenfin 2-12, Malin 0-7 ; Kilcar 3-14, Killybegs 1-13 ;
St Eunans 0-8, Dungloe 0-7 ;

Bussanna Feda O Donaill IFC

Carndonagh 1-7, Naomh Colmcille 2-12
Line: P Mc Keever/J O Donnell;
Fanad Gaels 2-13, Aodh Ruadh 2-9
Line: J Treaty/D Langan;

Bussanna Feda O Donaill IRFC

Carndonagh 1-9, Naomh Colmcille 0-6 ;
Fanad Gaels 0-7, Aodh Ruadh 0-12 ;

Bussanna Feda O Donaill Jun BFC

Downings 3-7, St Eunans 0-14 ;

Marley Coach Hire Division Four

Letterkenny Gaels 1-11, Convo 1-11