GAA - ALL COUNTY LEAGUE

DIVISION 3

Another big win for Naomh Mhuire

Naomh Mhuire 1-12
Downings 0-07

NAOMH Mhuire got back to their winnings ways as they overcame Downings in a tight affair at the Banks on Saturday evening.

Following a loss to Burt, their only defeat this season, Naomh Mhuire went into the game looking to get back to their top form this season.

Without sharpshooter Ciaran McGinley, who is out through injury, Naomh Mhuire could still on their other young guns, such as Thomas McHugh, Harry Harden and Dara White for scores.

Playing with the wind in the first half, Naomh Mhuire could not put themselves into a comfortable lead and put eight balls wide.

Tight marking by both sides made it a very low scoring affair as the first half ended 0-5 to 0-2 in favour of the home side.

While Downings man Shane McClafferty put in a strong performance in the first half at midfield, Naomh Mhuire began to dominate in the second half.

But it wasn't until the final ten minutes of the game that Naomh Mhuire hit a purple patch scoring four points and a goal by Robert O'Donnell to secure a win.

Naomh Mhuire: Sean Gallagher, Robert O'Donnell (1-0), Thomas Duffy, Dara Gallagher, Brian Gillespie, Seamus Ferry, Adrian Gallagher, Dara White (0-2), Owenie McGarvey, Owen Grant (0-1), Padraig McCafferty, Harry Harden (0-2), Sean Yank Boyle (0-1), John Pidgeon (0-1), Thomas McHugh (0-4). Subs: Sean Point Gallagher for Ferry, Sean Seamus Boyle (0-1) for Harden.

Downings: Patrick McGruddy, Sean Gallagher, David Hay (0-1), James McFadden, Shay Coyle, Oisin Boyce, Declan McBride, Sean McBride (0-1), Shane McClafferty (0-1), Mark McBride, Sean Boyce, Brendan McGee, Aaron McClafferty (0-1), Gary Ban McCafferty (0-1), Andy Connors.

Big win for Naomh Brid

Naomh Brid 0-15
Naomh Colmcille 1-05

NAOMH Brid were in top scoring form as they beat visitors Naomh Colmcille at home at Páirc Naomh Bríd on Saturday evening.

It was a very tight affair in the opening minutes of the game as both sides exchange points, but Naomh Brid then put on the pressure to take a five-point lead into half-time, 0-9 to 0-4.

Naomh Brid really got on top of their visitors who did not score for the opening 15 minutes of the second half. The home side could have had a much bigger score, but put a lot of balls wide while a goal and a point from Naomh Colmcille in the last minutes was too little too late.

Naomh Brid: Stephen Doherty, Jamie Timoney, Dermot Langan, Sam Burgess, Stephen Quinn, John Paul Langan, Sean Gormley, Thomas Gallagher, Padraig McDaid, Ross Gallagher, Pete Walsh, Gary McCafferty, Shane Walsh, Darragh Brogan, Declan McCafferty. Subs used: Padraig Gomrley, Donall Martin.

Naomh Colmcille: Gerard Devenney; Alex Devenney, Paul Friel, Anthony Grant; Eddie Gillespie, Mark Callaghan, Gerard Curran; Ciaran Devine, Ryan McErlean; Ryan McKinley, Barry O'Hagan, Padraig Carberry; Willie Gillespie, Ciaran Callaghan, Joe Donaghey.

Joe Coyle sends the ball long during this Fanad Gaels attack in Convoy on Saturday evening.

Second win of season for Carn

Urris 0-11
Carn 1-09

Relegation threatened Carn secured just their second win of the season when they beat neighbours Urris in sunny Clonmany on Sunday.

A punched goal from Cathal O'Kane midway through the second half helped the Carn men to their first win, in league or championship, since they defeated Naomh Colmcille at the start of April. John Gibbon's team had gone ten games without a win, although the improved from they'd shown against Aodh Ruadh and Naomh Mhuire finally came good against their closest rivals.

Urris were wasteful in the extreme, hitting 16 wides over of the hour and many of them from decent scoring positions.

With Alan Friel their main scoring threat, Urris had the benefit of a stiff breeze in the first half, but failed to convert their superior possession onto the scoreboard and the sides were tied at 0-4 apiece at half time.

Carn were scrapping hard for their scores, and with regular free taker Donnacha Gallagher misfiring, two points from Rory Ward and one apiece from Gerard Doherty and Cathal O'Kane was the sum of their first half endeavours.

The second half was much more entertaining with Friel opening the scoring for the home side within moments of the restart, followed by the first of five second half points from Eddie Kelly.

Oliver McConalogue, O'Kane and Ryan Davenport all got on the scoreboard for Carn who trailed by 0-9 to 0-7 with 50 minutes gone.

Substitute Dominic Doherty kicked in a long free that O'Kane somehow beat the Urris defence to and punched it to the net.

While Urris drew level immediately through another Alan Friel point, Carn tacked on points from Fergal Matthews and Pádraig Doherty to lead by two as the game went into injury time.

Eddie Kelly converted a 62nd minute free, and Urris had one last chance snuffed out by the Carn defence and the visitors held on for a victory loudly acclaimed by their supporters.

Urris: Peter Devlin; Sean Doherty (T), Ciaran Kelly, Paddy Doherty (R); Joe Grant, Sean McDaid, Mickey Grant; Liam Diver, Eddie Kelly (0-5, 2f); Paddy Doherty, Dara Doherty (0-1), Phil Pat Doherty; Alan Friel (0-5, 2f), Donal Kelly, Michael Devlin. Sub: Michael Toland for M. Devlin (38 mins); Damian Harkin for M. Grant (56 mins); M. Devlin for D. Doherty (60 mins).

Carn: Gerard Crossan; Michael Nelson, Jerry Simpson, Ronan McConalogue; Rory Ward (0-2), Paddy Nelson, Dermot McGonagle; Gerard Doherty (K)(0-1), Oliver McConalogue (0-1); Liam Shiels, Cathal O'Kane (1-2), Ryan Davenport (0-1); Pádraig Doherty (0-1), Declan O'Donnell, Donnacha Gallagher. Subs: Fergal Matthews (0-1) for L. Shiels (23 mins); Dominic Doherty for D. O'Donnell (49 mins);

DIVISION 4

McGirr earns Lifford a win

Convoy 0-09
Lifford 1-12

A PENALTY in the second half gave Lifford the break they needed to overcome Convoy in the Division 4 league encounter on Saturday evening

It was a very evenly matched affair in the first half, but Lifford earned themselves a two-point lead going into the break.

Convoy's Brendan Bonner was denied a goal by Lifford's keeper and Lifford broke up the field and won a penalty which was converted by Gary McGirr to give them a five-point lead which they held onto until the final whistle to take the win.

Convoy Scorers: Sean Sweeney (0-7), Eugene McGinley (0-1), Emmet Kelly (0-1).

Lifford: Sean McBrearty, Damien Tourish, Patrick McNamee, Martin McHugh, Darren Gillespie, Gary McGirr (1-6), Mark McNulty, Conor Catterson, Kevin Lynch (0-1), Shane Gallagher, Paul Lynch, Brian Breslin (0-3), Shane Meehan, Lornie Crossan (0-2), Colin Carlin. Subs: Micheal Ferry for P Lynch, Declan Lafferty for K Lynch, David Friel for Colin Carlin, Seamie Breslin for McHugh]

Gaels come unstuck in Moville

Moville 2-11
Letterkenny Gaels 0-06

MOVILLE ran out comprehensive eleven-point winners against Letterkenny Gaels at Carrick Field yesterday afternoon where James Hegarty stole the show with 1-3.

Gaels, having scored four points without reply at the end of the first half to cut the deficit to just a goal, only managed one more score in the second half.

Hegarty scored 1-2 while Danny Murphy (2) and Sean O'Hair knocked over further points to give the home side a commanding seven-point lead. However, scores from Nicky McGarrigle, Odhran McMacken, Aaron Bradley and two from Conor McBrearty gave the visitors a real boost at the end of the opening period.

Murphy and O'Hair hit three more between them in the second half while James and Eunan Hegarty applied the other points for the home side, who grabbed a second goal through Cathal Gillespie.

Odhran McMacken got the only point of the second half for Gaels who have now lost nine games out of eleven in Division Four.

Moville scorers: James Hegarty (1-3), Danny Murphy (0-4), Sean O'Hair (0-2), Cathal Gillespie (1-0), Eunan Hegarty (0-1).

Letterkenny Gaels: John Doran; Tommy Daly, Barry Boyle, Kieran Lynch; Oisin Cannon, Ciaran Cannon, Aaron Stewart; Pauric Mulpeter, Aaron Bradley (0-1); Nicky McGarrigle (0-1), Charlie Creevy, Rory Kavanagh; Odhran McMacken (0-2), John McGilloway, Conor McBrearty (0-2). Sub: Oisin McElhinney (Creevy).

McCready fires Na Rossa to win

Robert Emmet's 0-13
Na Rossa 3-09

JOHN Paul McCready scored 1-6 as Na Rossa overcame Robert Emmet's by three points in Castlefin yesterday afternoon.

The visitors scored two goals inside the first eleven minutes of the game to stun their opponents who gradually got themselves back into contention, thanks to the boot of Michael Lafferty.

Emmet's, having seen key player Colm O'Doherty limp off with a knee injury on twenty-five minutes, managed to go in at the break just three points behind.

However, Na Rossa started the second half the same way they did the first with two points from McCready coming before their third goal. Emmet's then rattled off four unanswered points to narrow the gap and when Simon McGlinchey was handed the chance of a goal it looked like the game might be tied up, only for the Emmet's player to fail in hitting the back of the net.

A couple more points from McCready closed the game out and Na Rossa picked up their fourth league win of the season, while Emmet's tasted defeat for the fourth time.

SENIOR RESERVE CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFF

Malin advance to quarter finals

Malin 0-10
Glenfin 0-07

MALIN will meet Four Masters in the Reserve Championship quarter finals after winning this playoff tie by three points, a fantastic performance by the Inishowen side ensuring a fully deserved progression.

Glenfin began with the breeze and hit two early points through Daniel McGlynn and a Frank Ward free before Eddie Kelly opened the Malin account with a well taken score.

Packie Moy put Glenfin two ahead again before Kelly hit a second excellent score from distance and a Brendan McLaughlin free had the sides level again with 8 minutes gone.

The quick-fire scoring continued as Daniel McGlynn put Glenfin 0-4 to 0-3 ahead after only 10 minutes but a second free from McLaughlin drew the sides level once more before Malin took the lead for the first time going into the last 10 minutes of the half, McLaughlin stroking over his first score from play. Glenfin rallied in the final minutes of the first half and scores from Moy and a fine Paddy Costello point saw them take a 0-6 to 0-5 lead into the dressing room at half time.

Malin began the second half at a blistering pace and Kelly had the sides level almost immediately after the restart but, despite their early dominance, Malin were unable to add further scores although Paul McLaughlin was unlucky to have an effort waved wide by the umpire when it appeared to be a perfectly good score.

As it was, Glenfin broke up the field and substitute Liam Houston put them in front once again but this was to be their last score of the match as Brendan McLaughlin drew Malin level before three Kelly frees, the last deep in added time, ensured a Malin win.

Glenfin were chasing the game after they went 0-08 to 0-07 behind and they tried hard to find the net but some excellent Malin defending kept them at bay throughout the second half while the best goal chance of the game fell to Malin's Brendan McLaughlin who found himself one on one with Ryan Dorrian in the Glenfin goal midway through the second half, Dorrian doing well to block down McLaughlin's shot.

Malin had great performances throughout the side while Glenfin, who had looked very dangerous at times in the opening half, seemed to tire badly in the second period.

Malin: Rory Kelly; Thomas McLaughlin, Jason Doherty, John C Doherty; John McLaughlin, Neil McGilloway, Finbarr Collins; Matthew McLaughlin, Niall McLaughlin; Gary Collins, Eddie Kelly (0-6, 3f), Seamus Doherty; Brendan McLaughlin (0-4, 2f), Daniel Mullarkey, Paul McLaughlin.

Glenfin: Ryan Dorrian; Martin McGlynn, Paul McCrudden, Hugh Foy; Peadar Campbell, Paul Bonner, Ciaran Duffy; Michael Campbell, Paddy Costello (0-1); Conor Ward, Frank Ward (0-1, 1f), Daniel McGlynn (0-2); Packie Moy (0-2), PJ Scanlon, Ross McDermott. Subs: Liam Houston (0-1), Liam Breen, Kyle McCool.