



**Na Fianna CLG**  
Meath club of the year 2013

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## Membership!

Don't forget to pay your club membership. It can be paid to any Executive member or online at [www.nafianna.ie](http://www.nafianna.ie)

## Downey Reaches

### Sigerson Final With UCD

Well done to Senior Footballer Conor Downey who was part of the UCD side that reached the Sigerson Cup Football final, only to be defeated by UUJ. Great achievement for Conor to be involved with this excellent team.

## 'ABC Nursery'

Na Fianna's 'ABC' Nursery will restart in late March/early April. All children aged 4-7 years are very welcome to learn the basics of Hurling and Football. Parents are reminded that children will need to wear Gumshields as per the new GAA rules.

## Support Our Lotto!

The Lotto is our main source of income and is vital to help run the club. There are over 45 teams representing Na Fianna and there are fees to be paid for each team to compete. You can play Lotto Online by following the link on our website., or purchasing a Lotto Ticket from one of our sellers.

## A Little Bit of History from 1919

This is a medal won by a man called David Hamilton in 1919. David was part of the Enfield Gaelic Football team who won the Meath JFC Final in 1919. He was a postman in Enfield and was a County Fermanagh man. He found his way to Enfield via Kells where he lived for a while. Thanks to David's relative - Hilary O'Brien for sending us this information.

The final was played in the Showgrounds (now Pairc Tailteann), against Kilbeg, and was won by a very tight margin. The game was actually played in 1920, being held over due to the troubles. Enfield wore green jerseys with a gold sash at the time, and had players from Summerhill, Rathcore, Longwood, and Johnstownbridge.

The Davy brothers, Dick, Billy, Tommy, and Joe all played on the team, as did Ned Kearney, Mick Hanley, Pat Hosey, Pat Kenny, Gerry Conway, Jimmy Ennis, Luke Forde, the Ryan brothers, the Leech brothers (Dick, Brian, George, and Jim), and Richard and Michael Dunne. Dick Davy also played for Dublin at the time, and this probably influenced the club when they switched to their blue and white strip. In charge of the Enfield team was Frank Lynch, a well known referee at the time, and a tankman in Enfield Railway Station. Jim Foran was another important mentor of the team at the time. If anyone has any historical pieces they would like included in future editions, please email [nafianna2000@gmail.com](mailto:nafianna2000@gmail.com)



## Latest Results

**Senior Football:** 'A' FL Div 1: Na Fianna 2-07, Summerhill . Na Fianna 2-13, Skyrne 0-10.

**Senior Hurling:** HL Div 1: Na Fianna 1-09, Boardsmill 0-8. **Junior Hurling:** Na Fianna 4-13, Moylagh 1-13.

## Used Clothes & Book Collection

Clean clothes (in any condition) and books collected all year. Please contact Geraldine 086 1999417 or Claire on 087 9101536 to arrange collection.

For the latest Na Fianna news, see [nafianna.ie](http://nafianna.ie), Na Fianna CLG on Facebook or @NaFiannaMeath on Twitter.

## Coaching Corner with Jamie Queeney (Coaching Officer)

How to **spot & fix** when coaching ..... The secret lies in the phrase '**Head, Hands, Feet for Better Technique**'.

If you watch a player perform a technique [e.g. a shot for a point] you must look for head position, hand position and feet position during the execution of the technique.

Take the example of a player kicking for a point with his right foot. More often than not, he misses to the right of the posts. Some coaches may try to solve the problem by asking the player to 'aim left', but that is like asking a golfer who slices to aim down another fairway so that the ball can curve back.

Better to look for the following – **HEAD**...is his head up as he kicks? This will cause the player to lean back and push the ball further to the right.

**HANDS**...is he dropping the ball two-handed, cross-handed or is he holding the ball too far from his body? **FEET**....is his standing foot pointing nowhere near the target? Is he playing the ball off the outside of his boot?

So, try coaching **HEAD, HANDS, FEET!**

## Na Fianna Boys Help Scoil Dara to Leinster U14 Title

### Championship Draws

#### Senior FC

Group C: Na Fianna v Summerhill, Donaghmore/  
Ashbourne v Moynalvey. Rathkenny v St. Patrick's

#### Junior C FC

Group A – Na Fianna v Meath Hill, Summerhill v  
Syddan. Dunboyne v Blackhall Gaels.

#### Junior D FC

Group A - Na Fianna v Drumbaragh, Bective v  
Moyleagh, Boardsmill v Clann na nGael.

#### Senior HC

Group B: Na Fianna v Killyon. Kilmessan v Black-  
hall Gaels. St. Peter's Dunboyne v Kiltale

#### Junior 2 HC

Group B - Na Fianna v Clann na nGael, Drumree  
v Wolfe Tones.

Well done to the nine Na Fianna players who were part of the Scoil Dara panel who defeated Colaiste Iosagain, Portarlinton by 2-11 to 1-09 in the U14 Leinster Football Final on Thursday.

Here are the lads who did their club and county proud. The players are David Maher, Shane Walsh, Daniel Devine (capt), Oran Smullen, David Burke, Sean Raferty, Bernard McNerney and Kean Hefferman. Jack McNally who was also on the team, is missing from the picture.



### Underage Coaches 2014

**Nursery (4-7 yrs)** Brian Queeney 0868922584 [brian131@yahoo.ie](mailto:brian131@yahoo.ie)

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#### **U10 / U11**

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Girls Football

Mary Farrell 0868526368

Camogie Mickey Cole 0871426001

#### **U12/13**

Football John Rafferty 0860724253 [raffejohn@googlemail.com](mailto:raffejohn@googlemail.com)

Hurling Martin Hanley 0878747883 [hanley.murthanley@hotmail.com](mailto:hanley.murthanley@hotmail.com)

Girls Football Bert O Hara 0868557813 [oharabert@gmail.com](mailto:oharabert@gmail.com)

Camogie Ken Forde 0866006949 [fordeken4@gmail.com](mailto:fordeken4@gmail.com)

U14/U15

Football Michael McDonald 0868115522 [michael@mmcd.ie](mailto:michael@mmcd.ie)

Hurling Ger Slevin 0862549533 [gerryslevin@gmail.com](mailto:gerryslevin@gmail.com)

Girls Football Paddy Flynn 0862631864

#### **U16**

Football: Mick Keogh 0868349077

Hurling Eoin Reilly 0879607138

Girls Football

William Scully 0879776943

Camogie

Geraldine Geraghty 0861999417

#### **U17/U18**

Football Pat Farrelly 0862759655

Hurling: Con Coffey 086 8287961

Ladies Sean Kirby 0862382259

## Player Profile: Caroline Walsh



1. **Age:** 24
2. **Sport:** Ladies Football and Camogie
3. **Career highlight:** Finally winning the Intermediate Football final after losing it 3 years in a row.
4. **Favourite food:** Steak
5. **Biggest messer in Na Fianna dressing room:** Therese Cosgrave is always tricking about .
6. **Ideal dinner date:** A David Beckham lookalike that can hurl and can quote Fr Ted!
7. **Teammate with worst fashion sense:** We are all fabulous and have been known to share a dress or handbag now and then
8. **Karaoke Song:** Journey - don't stop believing
9. **Worst moment:** tearing my cruciate ligament in the 2007 championship final :(
10. **Sporting hero:** Katie Taylor

## Dinnerdance Awards

Na Fianna held a very successful and enjoyable awards night in the Hamlet Court hotel on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Na Fianna celebrated a proud achievement in being crowned Meath Club of the Year 2013, as well as the Senior Football teams Meath Chronicle/Cusack Hotel GAA Team of the Year award.

Medals were presented on the night to the Senior Football panel on winning the 'A' League Division two title, while the Senior Camogie panel also received medals for winning the Division 2 League title. Former Senior Football manager John Lyons was also honoured with a special presentation from the Senior Football panel for his exceptional contribution during his three years in charge. The following were the individual awards presented by Meath County Board guests Martin O' Halloran (County Board PRO) and Mary Burke (Meath Camogie Secretary).

Senior Football Player of the Year – Jamie Queoney  
Junior Football POY – Sean Griffin  
U21 Football POY – Michael Farley  
Senior Hurling POY – Diarmuid Bailey  
Junior Hurling POY – Joe McGuinness  
Senior Ladies POY – Meabh Downey  
Junior Ladies POY – Kelly Martin  
Senior Camogie POY – Andrea Colgan  
Club Person of the Year – Fergal Foran.  
Special Contribution – John Lyons

*Thanks to all the staff at the Hamlet Court Hotel for their excellent service, the Meath Topic for covering the event and to the band 'Just Us' who once again provided great music.*

## Player Profile: Dalton McDonagh



1. **Age:** 24
2. **Sport:** Football
3. **Career highlight:** Winning Intermediate Football Championship 2012
4. **Favourite food:** Chicken Curry
5. **Biggest messer in Na Fianna dressing room:** Dean Barrett
6. **Ideal dinner date:** Jennifer Lawrence
7. **Teammate with worst fashion sense:** Sean Griffin
8. **Karaoke Song:** High - Lighthouse Family
9. **Worst moment:** Losing Senior Final to Summerhill
10. **Sporting hero:** Brian O' Driscoll

*Dalton is part of the Meath Senior Football team. We wish Dalton and Meath the best of luck this year!*

## Barrett Wins All Ireland Soccer Title

Congratulations to Senior Footballer Shane Barrett who added yet another trophy to his collection, this time in soccer! Having already won FAI Cups and League of Ireland's some years ago with Drogheda Utd and Longford Town, Shane helped NUI Maynooth to the Ireland Colleges (Collingwood Cup) trophy today. He is a student in the college and also player/coach of the team. He featured as a substitute in the final, playing the last 30 minutes of Maynooth's 2-1 win over NUI Galway. Shane won the Hoganstand.com Meath Senior Footballer of the Year in 2013 as well as being a monthly winner of the Meath Sports-person of the Year.