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St. Moninna's G.A.C. Killeavy Club News

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Stevie leads Armagh to League win



Last Sunday in Croke Park, Steven McDonnell became the first Killeavy player to captain an Armagh team to a national title. The joy and honour of this moment was enhanced by the realisation that this was achieved against our nearest neighbours and dearest friends. Throughout the game, Steven had played a real captain's role from the moment he scored with his first touch of the game to his climb up the steps to lift the Division 2 trophy. His total of six points and his superb all-round performance rightly earned him the Man of the Match award from television and media pundits. Once again, we congratulate him on the honour that he has brought to himself, his family and his club.

Sharon has to do it again

Our other club member in inter-county action last weekend was Sharon Reel who lined out with Armagh in their national league semi-final against Kildare. This was always likely to be a tight affair and so it proved as a last minute Kildare point forced a replay. We wish Sharon and her colleagues well for the replay in St. Peregrines, Dublin at 4pm on Sunday.

The future is orange??

Staying on the county scene, congratulations to five of our under 16 team who have been selected to join Armagh's development squad. The five are Donal O'Neill, Ciaran O'Hanlon, Kealan O'Hare, Michael Murphy and Niall Hollywood. This selection is a giant leap towards future representation at minor, u21 and eventually senior level. Hopefully one day, these lads can emulate Stevie by lifting an national trophy with Armagh.

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Championship success for u21's

Killeavy had a comfortable win in the first round of the Armagh u21 championship on Wednesday evening. Two goals from Cathal McGuinness helped towards a fine 3.13 to 0.07 win against Ballymacnab. Up next, is a trip to Granemore in the second round next Wednesday.

Firsts suffer another narrow defeat

While the statistics might say that Killeavy have played three and lost three in their opening Division 1 fixtures, this does not do justice to the efforts that this young team are making. The first two defeats were by the narrow margin of two points and one point and it was the same story again last Friday evening when Mullaghbawn held on desperately to a narrow win.

Already without Steven McDonnell on county duty, the team suffered the loss through injury of Blaine Cromie and Kealan Downey. The key moment of the first half saw Mullaghbawn score a fortuitous goal after some poor defending from the home team.

Trailing by five at the interval, Killeavy played much better in the second half with James Donnelly being very influential at midfield. Points from halfback Conor Quinn (his first in almost three years!!) and Niall O'Neill brought them back into contention but Mullaghbawn were able to break away for the odd score that managed to keep their lead intact until the final whistle.

This Sunday, the team travel to Carrickcruppin and we hope that they get the 'wee rub of the green' that will spark their season into life.

Seconds earn local bragging rights

The long awaited local derby between Killeavy II and St. Michael's, Killean took place last Friday in Dromintee. A massive crowd had gathered, surely a record for a Division 4 game, and they were treated to a fine tussle with no quarter being asked or given.

Given the tension of the occasion, it was probably no surprise that both teams were guilty of missed chances that normally they would have put away. St. Michael's spurned a first minute penalty and a number of point chances while Killeavy managed to shoot fifteen wides and miss out on many more chances when good moves broke down with a poor final pass.

Despite the missed chances, there was a lot of good football for the large crowd to enjoy and the game itself was a very sporting occasion. After a whirlwind start from St. Michael's, Killeavy's greater experience eventually told with the midfield quartet of Finbar Mallon, James Duffy, Justin Reel and Johnny McKeivitt taking control and easing their team into an eight point lead midway through the second half. Other notable performances came from Micky White and Bob Downey and a fine cameo from substitute Mark McDonnell. A St. Michael's goal briefly gave them some hope but in the end, Killeavy were able to hold on comfortably for their first win of the season.

Results Round-up

Killeavy's u14's bounced back from their Féile final defeat against St. Patrick's when they convincingly won their league encounter against the same opposition. Our u14 hurlers played three matches in the Féile semi-finals on Saturday beating Lurgan and Cuchullains and losing out narrowly to Keady. Their efforts have gained them a place in the Féile Shield final next month. Killeavy's already small senior hurling panel has been further hampered by injury to key players and they had no answer to Craobh Rua in league action on Tuesday evening.

Sen. F'ball Killeavy 1st 0.10 – Mullaghbawn 1.09
 Sen. F'ball Killeavy 2nd 0.12
 Sen. Hurling Killeavy 0.08 – Craobh Rua 3.12
 u14 Ladies St. Patrick's d/f – Killeavy w/o
 u14 F'ball Killeavy 2.07 – St. Patrick's 1.01
 u12 F'ball Crossmaglen 5.10 - Killeavy 4.05

This Week's Fixtures

Fri 30 th	SF	Killeavy II v Clady	7.15pm
Fri 30 th	u14L	Killeavy v Mullaghbawn	7.00pm
Sat 1 st	u12F	Go Game Blitz in C'ruppin	3.00pm
Sat 1 st	SL	Killeavy v Carrickcruppin	6.30pm
Sun 2 nd	SF	Carrickcruppin v Killeavy	2.00pm
Mon 3 rd	u16L	Killeavy v St. Patrick's	6.30pm
Mon 3 rd	u18F	Killeavy v St. Brigid's	7.15pm
Tue 4 th	u14F	Killeavy v Dromintee	7.15pm
Wed 5 th	u21F	Granemore v Killeavy	7.15pm
Thu 6 th	u16F	Killeavy v Crossmaglen	7.15pm
Thu 6 th	u12H	Blitz in Killeavy	7.00pm
Fri 7 th	u14H	Féile Sheild semi-final (tbc)	
Fri 7 th	SF	Killeavy v Clan na Gael	7.15pm

Lottery Winners

6	8	19	20
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There was **NO** winner of this week's jackpot
 There were **SIX** Match Three Winners - £25 each


NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Ben McKeivitt	Jack's Road	Bernie McKeivitt
Aveen Byrne	Seafin	Michael Byrne
Seamus Toner	Heslip's Lane	Cumann Cill Sleibhe
Jean Mooney	c/o Jim McCooley	Jim McCooley
Kieran McCann	Meigh	Julia McAnuff
Derek McGowan	c/o Golf Inn	Golf Inn

£25 Promoter's Prize – **Fiona Grant**
 Total Prize Money This Week - **£175**

Jackpot Next Week

£4,500

 Killeavy GAC
CALLING ALL EINSTEINS.....




HURLING & CAMOGIE
 FUNDRAISING TABLE QUIZ


Fri 30th April 2010 @ 9pm
Killeavy GAC Social Club

Quiz... Raffle... Spot Prizes... Craic

Adm. £2 per person
 Light Supper Provided



ALL WELCOME



Other News

- All managers should ensure that they return the coaching audit to Seamus Campbell at the Games Committee meeting on Tuesday night. Any queries should be directed to Seamus on 077 1520 1895.
- There will be a Ceili Sets Fundraiser in aid of Habitat for Humanity building project in Guatemala on Sunday 2nd May in Killeavy Social Club. Dancing is from 4.00 – 7.00pm to the Cathal McAnulty Ceili Band. Any queries to Kathleen Black (078 3511 1491) or Larry King (078 4653 8713)

La na gClub

Sunday 9th May

Celebrating the role of the club in the Community

Club Walk starts at 1.00pm

(All sponsor cards to be returned to team managers by 12.30pm)

Afternoon festivities include:

Barbecue – It's a Knockout
Tug of War – Digger Driving
Bouncy Castles, Novelty Stalls
Music and more....

Meeting of organising committee on Monday 3rd May at 9.00pm. Everybody welcome.