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

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Killeavy Ladies Reach County Final

Killeavy 2-14 – Lissummon 1-10

Killeavy Ladies reached the Armagh Intermediate final for the first time ever when they defeated Lissummon in Saturday evening's semi-final.

The early stages of the match were fairly even with the Marley sisters dominant for Lissummon and the midfield of Sharon Reel and Sinead Mallon responding well for Killeavy. Aveen Dooley got the scoring under way but this was soon cancelled out by a Lissummon free. Killeavy then went two ahead with points from Aileen Matthews and Sarah Doran but Lissummon battled back to level. Once again, Killeavy took the lead through Marianne Watters and Matthews stretched it to two with a well taken free from 40 yards. A Lissummon point returned the margin to the minimum but when Sarah McDonald's initial shot was blocked, she followed up well to send to the net to give the first real gap between the sides. Sarah Doran stretched the lead to five but Lissummon scored just at the break to leave the half-time score 1.06 – 0.05.

The second half started well for Killeavy with points coming from Marianne Watters and Aileen Matthews before they were rocked back to reality by a pile driver of a goal from Caoimhe Marley. Within a minute however, Killeavy had restored their six point lead when Aileen Matthews broke through to send to the net from a narrow angle. Three more points were added by Aveen Dooley, Jo Shields and Sarah Doran to leave Killeavy a comfortable nine points ahead midway through the half. If we thought it was going to be a stroll to the finish however, we were very much mistaken as within a minute Marianne Watters and Sharon Reel were sin-binned to leave Lissummon with a numerical advantage. With their backs to the wall at this stage, Killeavy's defence were magnificent with Carmel Mallon in particular repelling wave after wave of Lissummon attacks. Desperately in need of a goal, Lissummon launched themselves at Killeavy but the nearest they came was when Aoife McAteer was forced to clear a ball from her line. At the end of the sin-binning, Killeavy's lead had been cut by four points but back to full strength they were able to pull away again and points from Sarah McDonald, Aileen Matthews and Sinead Kenna secured the victory.

This well deserved win takes the Killeavy girls into the county final where they will meet Armagh Harps – victors over Dromintee in the other semi-final. While maybe not as free-flowing as their quarter-final win over Grange, management will still be happy with the all-round effort of the girls and the fact that once again all six forwards plus substitute Sinead Kenna got their names on the scoresheet.

Seniors stay bottom

Killeavy 0.09 – Carrickcruppen 1-10

Killeavy 1st remained rooted to the bottom of the Division 1 table when they suffered another defeat on Wednesday evening against Carrickcruppen.

Both teams were missing several regulars due to the holiday period though Killeavy's resources seem to be the more stretched with four players in New York for the summer and Steven McDonnell also taking a break after Armagh's departure from the championship.

Carrickcruppen opened the scoring with a point but Killeavy then missed two frees and a great goal chance when Raymond Teggart's shot was well saved by the keeper before Conor King levelled from a free. Carrickcruppen dominated the midfield exchanges early on but the Killeavy defence held out well conceding just two points from frees. Killeavy then had a good opportunity to take the lead but Conor King's goalbound shot was touched over the bar by the Cruppen keeper. Two more points from Cruppen saw them take a 0.05 to 0.02 lead into the break.

Killeavy started well in the second half and a purple patch saw them take the lead after four points in a row from King, Gerard Byrne (2) and Patrick Hannaway. Two points from Cruppen were then answered by two from King and Darren O'Hanlon as Killeavy gave as good as they got. A Carrickcruppen point had the sides level for the fifth time with ten minutes left. The game was decided however when a Carrickcruppen free fell short into the Killeavy box and despite strong suspicions of a square ball offence, the ball was crashed to the back of the Killeavy net. A Gerard Byrne free gave Killeavy a little hope of a comeback but with time running out, Carrickcruppen made the game safe with two late points.

A gap has now opened up between Killeavy and safety in the division but where there's life, there's hope and Killeavy must continue to search for the elusive breaks that will give them the two or three wins they need to survive.

Two wins in a week for Seconds

In contrast to their Division 1 colleagues, Killeavy 2nd are continuing to press for promotion in Division 4. They recorded two good wins this week with a 3.08 to 2.08 home win over Correnshego on Friday being followed up with a 2.09 to 0.08 victory in Clady last night. Full reports on both matches are available on the club website.

A feature of these games is the way in which outstanding young players such as Darren Bennett and David Mulholland who are both still minors are being given great experience which will stand them well in when they make the move to the senior ranks.

These wins have Killeavy in good heart as they face a double challenge this week, taking on fellow promotion hopefuls Derrynoose in the league this Sunday and then facing Annaghmore in the championship this coming Saturday night. The championship match takes place in Ballymacnab at 7.30pm.

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Minors too strong for Silverbridge

Having made his name at full-back, Michael Murphy showed another side to his talents on Monday evening when Killeavy's minors took on Silverbridge in the league. Pressed into service as an emergency full-forward, Michael took full advantage of his escape from a man marking role to crash home four goals as Killeavy ran out easy winners.

u16s go down to defeat in Dromintee

A much below par performance from our u16s saw them go down to their first defeat of the year in Dromintee yesterday evening. Despite having most of the play, they stuttered in front of goal recording some dozen wides over the hour. In contrast, Dromintee were much more economical and scored three goals which gave them sufficient margin to stay ahead despite a brave last quarter fightback from Killeavy. With the championship final just around the corner, Killeavy will need to shine up their shooting boots if they are to get the success that they general play deserves.

Killeavy joins in the Hunt for the Hunk

All the GAA clubs in the county are banding together in a novel fundraising scheme that sets out to find the GAA Hunk of the Year. The Killeavy heat takes place on Saturday 7th August and nominations are still being accepted. We will have a special guest compere and judges on the night while the general public will also have their say on who represents Killeavy in the county final with a chance of winning £2,000 for the club. If successful in Armagh, our hunk will represent the county in the grand finale with a chance of winning £5,000 for himself and £25,000 for the club. If anyone would like to enter the GAA Hunk of the Year – feel free to contact Sinead Reel (079 0049 4616) or Jackie Cromie (003538 6215 1498) as soon as possible.

Results round up

Senior F'ball Killeavy 0.09 – Carrickcruppen 1.10
 Senior F'ball Killeavy 2nd 3.08 – Correnshego 2.08
 Senior F'ball Clady 0.08 – Killeavy 2nd 2.09
 Senior Ladies Killeavy 2.14 – Lissummon 1.10
 Minor F'ball Killeavy 5.14 – Silverbridge 2.04
 u16 F'ball Dromintee 3.05 – Killeavy 1.07

This Week's Fixtures

Three championship fixtures this week with our u14 and u16 ladies and the Senior 2nd all hoping to progress to the next round.

Fri 23rd u14L Tir na nOg v Killeavy 7.30pm
 Sat 24th SH Killeavy v Naomh Colmcille 7.00pm
 Sun 25th SF Killeavy II v Derrynoose 2.30pm
 Mon 26th u16L Killeavy v Dromintee 7.00pm
 Tue 27th u14L Crossmaglen v Killeavy 7.30pm
 Thu 29th u16 Killeavy v Keady 7.30pm
 Sat 31st SFC Killeavy 2nd v Annaghmore 7.30pm



Killeavy's defensive blanket in operation against Lissummon in last Saturday's championship game

Upcoming Social Events

Join us for an evening of Dancing and Craic

Saturday 24th July

The Mavericks

Admission £2.50

Lottery Winners

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There was **NO** winner of this week's jackpot - £3,500

There were **FIVE** Match Three Winners - £25

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Eddie Cassidy	Upper Fathom	Club Killeavy
Thomas Boyle	Newtown Road	Rose Boyle
Lilian Hannaway	Ayalogue Road	Brian McKeivitt
Colman Trainor	Meigh	I.N. Foresters
Cora Ann Trainor	Meigh	Patrick Hannaway

Promoter's Prize - £25 – **Jim Magee**

Total Prize Money This Week - **£150**
 Jackpot Next Week

£3,600

HUNT for the HUNK

Join us in the hunt for 'HUNKS' from your club and see if they have the potential to become Co. Armagh GAA Hunk of the Year

At Killeavy GAC

On Saturday 7th August 2010, at 8.30pm sharp

FOLLOWED BY DISCO

ADM: £5.00

Part-time Sandwich makers required!!

We are striving to provide sandwiches in the club after senior matches and require more hands, so if you are willing to help for an hour or so before the matches, can you contact Susan Burns on 30848958 or Jackie Cromie 086 2151498. A rota will be developed so no one will have to do every weekend. *No experience necessary as full training will be given!*

Inter-county action

No luck at all for either Steven McDonnell or Caolan Trainor as both our county seniors and minors went down to defeat at the weekend. At least Caolan will have another chance at the All-Ireland as Armagh take the back door route against Cork on Saturday week.