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St. Moninna's G.A.C.

Killeavy Club News

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Last gasp point secures championship progress

A point from the last kick of the game was just enough to send Killeavy through to the next round of the county senior championship at the expense of Wolfe Tones last Saturday evening.

Following on from their drawn league encounter, everyone expected another close contest but we were five minutes into injury time before Raymond Teggart coolly converted a close range free to set up a quarter-final against Armagh Harps. In that drawn encounter, Killeavy got off to a great start and were leading by nine points at one stage. It was very different this time round as we got off to the worst possible start conceding a penalty goal after only three minutes. Michael Murphy was in superb form at midfield, giving possibly his best display in senior colours, but all his hard won possession was wasted by our forwards who oscillated between shot-shy and inaccurate modes. Thankfully, our defence, in which Donal O'Neill was outstanding, were playing very well as a unit and denied Tones the opportunity to build on their early lead.

It eventually took 17 minutes for Killeavy, through Míceál McNamee, to register their first score but soon after Killeavy got a big break when Raymond Teggart pounced on a goalkeeper's fumble to punch the ball to the net. Points from Gerard Byrne and Thomas Hannaway tied the score at 1.03 each but Tones finished the half strongly with three points of their own to give them the advantage at the break.

The start of the second half saw a Kyle Mallon point being cancelled out by Tones before Murphy edged us closer with a superb effort from long range. The same player then got on the end of a good team move to crash the ball to the net sending Killeavy into the lead for the first time. Points followed from Caolan McConville and Teggart but just as it looked as if Killeavy would pull away, the frailties returned and we missed four excellent chances to extend our lead. Tones seemed to take heart from our missed and stormed back into the game with three points of their own to level matters going into injury time. A point from McConville had us ahead again but a fluffed clearance from our lines gave Tones the opportunity to tie up affairs. With everyone thinking about extra time, Killeavy managed one more attack which resulted in a 13m free being awarded. Normally just a simple tap over, the pressure of the occasion meant that there was real relief when Teggart's cool strike was followed by the game's final whistle.

The highlights are available on YouTube with a link from our Facebook page.

First up, the league decider

Armagh Harps are going to play a large role in the next few weeks for Killeavy. Not only do we play them in the senior championship, we will also be facing them in the minor championship shield and before that we have maybe the key fixture – the final senior league match of what has been a desperately disappointing season. Certainly when we started off back in April, no one was predicting that Killeavy would have to

win their last league game to have a chance at staying up in the senior ranks. However that is how it has panned out with only two wins and a draw from our 14 matches to date leaving us in a very precarious position:

Position	Team	Played	Points	Pts Diff
12 th	St. Paul's	15	7	-82
13 th	Tir na nÓg	14	6	-73
14 th	Annaghmore	14	6	-65
15 th	Killeavy	14	5	-65
16 th	Carrickcruppen	14	5	-62

Three teams face the drop to the Intermediate league with only one match left. The fixtures are as follows:

Fri night	Ballymacnab v Tir na nÓg
Sat night	Killeavy v Armagh Harps
Sun morning	Carrickcruppen v Granemore
Yet to be fixed	Dromintee v Annaghmore

If teams end up on the same points then the head to head record is considered first and then the points difference. We need TO WIN plus Tir na nÓg to do no better than a draw AND Annaghmore to lose. If Carrickcruppen were also to win, it could get even more complicated. From our point of view it is unfortunate that our last game is against the very same team that we will be playing in the championship. No doubt Harps will be going all out to put down a marker for the quarter-final and unless we are really up for it, we will be relegated to the Intermediate league for next season.

Your support at this key fixture would be much appreciated.

Other Games News

It really is the business end of the season with championships and league deciders coming in quick succession. First up in a really busy week are our Senior Camogs who take on Crossmaglen tonight in the B Championship final. Reaching the final is a major achievement for the girls in their first year back at senior grade. Winning it would be something else again.

Tomorrow at 4.30pm, our Juniors play Dromintee II in the quarter-final of their championship. Dromintee were very impressive in their first round victory over Corrinshogo and with Killeavy fielding a much weakened team due to injury and eligibility, our neighbours might just be expecting to make further progress.

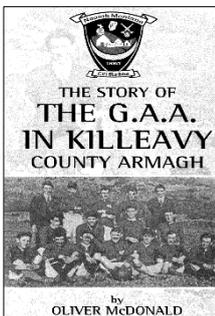
Later on at 6.45pm is the relegation decider with Armagh Harps and then on Wednesday night, our u16s will travel to the Athletic Grounds to take on Clann Eireann in the Division 1 Championship final. The team has been building to this all season and won their place in the final after a thrilling victory over Crossmaglen in the semi. Clann Eireann are however very tough opposition and have already claimed the league scalp when we met earlier on this year. It is sure to be a brilliant occasion under lights in the Athletic Grounds and hopefully our lads can respond with the display of which they are capable.

Wednesday night is Dancing night

A sure sign of the night's starting to get darker is the return of adult set dancing after their summer break. Classes start this Wednesday 2nd September from 8.00 – 10.00pm. Everybody is welcome for a great night's craic. Plenty of tuition available – never too late to learn your steps.

Club History

It really is getting down to your last chance if you want to record your name or your family's name in the official history of the first 125 years of Killeavy GAC. We will be going to print at the end of September so we would really ask you to get in your pre-orders and dedications over the next fortnight. Please contact Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813); Sean Callan (077 3600 4223); Michael O'Neill (078 4110 2850).



Pre-ordered Book £30
 Pre-ordered Book and named dedication £100

Last week's results

Sen Football	Killeavy	2.09	Wolfe Tones	1.11
u18 Hurling	Cuchullains	6.26	Killeavy	0.04
u18 Football	Killeavy	0.13	Dromintee	2.09
u14 Football	Silverbridge	5.11	Killeavy	3.11
u14 Hurling	Middletown	1.08	Killeavy	6.15

This week's fixtures

Fri 4 th	Sen Camogie	Killeavy v Cross (in S'bridge)	6.45pm
Sat 5 th	Jun Football	Dromintee v Killeavy (S'bridge)	4.30pm
Sat 5 th	Sen Football	Killeavy v Armagh Harps	6.45pm
Mon 7 th	u18 Football	Pearse Og v Killeavy	6.45pm
Tue 8 th	u14 Football	Clan na Gael v Killeavy	6.45pm
Wed 9 th	u16 Football	C. Eireann v Killeavy (Armagh)	8.15pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £5,100 jackpot
 There were **SIX** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Linda Mackin	c/o E. Carroll	Elizabeth Carroll
Fiona Grant	Newtown Rd	Fiona Grant
Sheila White	Ayallogue	Mulkerns Eurospar
Christine O'Rourke	Dromintee	Mulkerns Eurospar
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Summer Fun Day

Thank you to all who turned out to support the club and the Headway charity at our fun day last Sunday. The weather kept fine from the 10k run in the morning right through to the bouncy castles, truck run and sheep racing in the afternoon. Many thanks also to Pat Quinn and his organising committee for ensuring a fine day out for all. Some photographs from the day are shown below but many more are available on our facebook pages.

