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

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Killeavy lose Senior status

All the ifs and buts in last week's bulletin regarding possible scenarios that would see Killeavy retaining our senior status where rendered null and void in a devastating loss to Armagh Harps in our final league game. Needing to win to have any chance of staying up, Killeavy were blown away in the first half by a Harps side keen to lay down a marker for next week's championship game.

Two wins and a draw from their fifteen games are poor reward for all the hard work put in by both management and players. No one could have any complaints about the effort expended, but in the end, the loss of key players throughout the season and frailties both in defence and attack led to an inevitable conclusion. There have been some bright moments including the fact that we are still in the senior championship but overall it has been a dismal season that no one will look back on with any real pride. The building for the future has already begun with several young players breaking through into the senior squad though it is unfortunate that they have had to do this in a losing team as their confidence has also suffered with each loss.

There is no doubt that a club the size of ours should really be in the top echelon with the elite of Armagh football but we will not be able to get back there without serious effort from players, managers, administrators and everyone connected with the club. We will get nothing handed to us in the Intermediate league but the fight to regain our senior status must start now.

Juniors progress to Quarters

Killeavy II comfortably saw off the challenge of Dromintee in the Qualifiers last Saturday evening to progress to the quarter-final of the Junior championship. Although dominant from the start it took a while for Killeavy to get their shooting boots on. The half-time score read 0.05 – 0.01 with Dromintee getting their only score right on the half-time whistle. All that was to change in the second half however when Killeavy took convincing control with goals coming from Paul Quinn, Barry O'Hara, Michael Boyle and Cathal O'Hara to leave the final score 4.08 to 0.05. Their reward is a trip to the Athletic Grounds tonight to take on Ballyhegan. This will be a step up in terms of opposition but there are grounds for optimism that there might be another match or two in this championship run.



Killeavy's Ladies lifted the All-County u14 League title last night following an excellent win against Dromintee. The girls played against a strong breeze in the first half but defended brilliantly and worked the ball up to the forwards who picked off 1.02 before the break. In the second half, it was all Killeavy as the defence and superb midfielders gave the forwards quality ball which allowed them to convert virtually every attack into a score. It was impossible to pick a player of the game as each and every one of them were superb. Thanks also to Sinead Reel for refereeing and to all our supporters and sponsors R & G Murphy Haulage for helping the girls over the line. Team management of Paul McArdle, Kieran O'Neill and Lisa McDonnell were rightly proud of their team – deservedly Armagh u14 League Champions.

Games News

There was disappointment for our u16 footballers who fell to a superb Clann Eireann outfit in the championship final on Wednesday night. We knew that we were underdogs going into the final but the hoped for upset never looked like materialising. A penalty save from Keith Garvey and some decent defending in the first half saw Killeavy turn round only six points in arrears but Clann Eireann pulled away in the second half to win comfortably. Our lads should however be very proud of themselves for reaching the county final and the experience of the big match atmosphere, under lights in front of a crowd of over 800 people in the Athletic Grounds should stand them in good stead as they push on into minor ranks.

We are back in the Athletic Grounds as early as this Monday evening when our u14 hurlers take on Keady Lamh Dearg in the county championship final. We were very convincing in a semi-final win over Middletown last month and have every hope that a county hurling title could be within our grasp.

Please note that there is no U8/10 hurling training next Monday due to the u14 hurlers participation in the championship final

All managers please note that there is a very important Games Meeting next Tuesday 15th September. ALL CLUB COACHES are required to attend. Our Club Maith Coaching & Games submission will be shared and Ulster Council will be in attendance to share their coaching microsite and CDP planner.

Commiserations to two sets of girls this week. Firstly our senior camogs who came up against a very strong Crossmaglen side in the championship and to Armagh Ladies, including our own Sharon Reel, who lost out to Dublin in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Finally, a feast of u10 football in the park this Saturday as we once again host the annual Michael Doran tournament.

U8 Success in Glen Emmets, Tullyallen

Killeavy u8's entered three teams into the Glen Emmets tournament – a P4 team, a P3 team and for the first time ever at U8 an all girls team. The older boys got through their group unbeaten playing matches against Seneschalstown, Balbriggan and hosts Glen Emmets. The final game in the group had an unfortunate incident where two of the players clashed and had to be taken to hospital to receive medical attention. We wish Mark and Jake well and hope to see you both back in the Killeavy jersey very soon. The younger team finished third in their group after hard games against the same three clubs. Meanwhile the girls on their first outing were unlucky against O'Dwyers but had a good win over Glen Emmets.

Our older boys won through to the final against Seneschalstown from Meath. The final was a tense game and the Killeavy boys now helped by the P4 girls came through after a great show of gaelic skills from all. Some fantastic tackling, blocking and point scoring was on show in the final. After the presentation of the cup to the Killeavy team all the children enjoyed a goody bag provided by the hosts.

The real success for the U8 boys and girls today was playing together as a team with pride and passion on the field as well as the good behaviour they exhibited off the field while representing Killeavy GAC. Congratulations to all the boys and girls and their coaches and a big thank you to the parents for providing the support

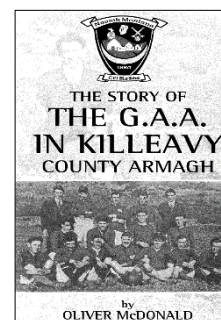
Come Dine with Killeavy



We are gearing up for a fantastic community night on Saturday 10th October. Loads of hosts and hostesses have already signed up though we could always do with a few more. Home catering followed by craic back in the club. All transport arranged. Contact Pat (079 1625 5715) or Collette (028 3084 8320) for further information

Club History

Anyone wishing to include a personal or family dedication in the upcoming publication of the history of our club must make contact this week with Michael McCrink (077 6727 0813); Sean Callan (077 3600 4223) or Michael O'Neill (078 4110 2850). We will be sending everything off to the printers early the following week with a view to the book launch in early November.



Pre-ordered Book £30

Pre-ordered Book and named dedication £100

Last week's results

Sen Football	Killeavy	1.08	Armagh Harps	3.15
Sen Camogie	Crossmaglen	W	Killeavy	L
Jun Football	Killeavy II	4.08	Dromintee II	0.05
u16 Football	Killeavy	0.06	Clann Eireann	2.16

This week's fixtures

Fri 11 th	Jun Football	Ballyhegan v Killeavy (in Armagh)	6.45pm
Mon 14 th	u14 Hurling	Killeavy v Keady (in Armagh)	6.45pm
Mon 14 th	u18 Football	Armagh Harps v Killeavy	6.30pm
Tue 15 th	u14 Football	Clan na Gael v Killeavy	7.15pm
Thu 17 th	u18 Football	Killeavy v Dromintee	6.30pm
Sat 19 th	Sen Football	Killeavy v Harps (in B'macnab)	5.00pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £5,200 jackpot

There were **FOUR** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Lillian Hannaway	Ayallogue Road	Patrick Hannaway
Patrick Hamill	Forkhill	Patrick Hannaway
Rose Mallon	Low Road	Gerry Mallon
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