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

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Killeavy get off to winning start

Life in the Intermediate A league began for Killeavy last Sunday afternoon when they hosted Mullaghbawn in the season opener. Manager Steven McDonnell had to do without Ciaron O'Hanlon who had picked up an injury playing for Armagh against Derry and while there is no doubt that Gaelic games are increasingly becoming a young person's game, the Killeavy team that took to the field last Sunday must be among the youngest we have ever fielded at senior level.

At least the team looked the part with their new jerseys generously sponsored by Crilly Sweets complete with the unique 'names on the back' whereby the numbers have been made up from the names of supporters – a fundraising idea that has generated over £2,000 for team expenses.

The photograph above shows David Crilly handing over the new jersey at the official launch earlier this week. Crilly Sweets have also provided training wear as part of the overall sponsorship.

The game itself was a tough, no compromising affair with Mullaghbawn eager to exploit their physical advantage. Killeavy stood up to the initial onslaught and were first to score through a fine effort by Caolan McConville. Mullaghbawn equalised from a free before McConville pointed again and Killeavy went two clear when half-back Kealan Downey ranged forward to send over the bar. Another Mullaghbawn point was answered by a free from Raymond Teggart and a fistful effort from Miceal McNamee.

Both sides were guilty of some glaring misses with Killeavy spurning two glorious opportunities for goal. They did however finish the half well on top with points coming from McConville,

Teggart and Paul Quinn with the visitors only managing a third point sending the sides in at Killeavy 0.08 Mullaghbawn 0.03.

Again, Killeavy missed a few chances at the start of the second half to stretch their lead and Mullaghbawn took heart from this to score three in a row and narrow the gap to just two. Indeed it took the home team 18 minutes before a Teggart free broke their second half drought. Caolan McConville then scored his fourth point of the game and this was the best of the lot, robbing his opponent of possession and then working his way forward under significant pressure to coolly send over from 30m.

Four points ahead and seemingly in control, Killeavy were rocked by a defensive error that led to the concession of a goal to put the game right back in the melting pot. Our supporters could have been forgiven for thinking back to last year when so many points were thrown away when Killeavy were unable to close games out for victories. On this occasion however the team stood firm and points from Paul Quinn, Barry O'Hara and a superbly struck goal from Rory Sheridan re-established a match winning lead. The final score of the game came from second half substitute John Stevenson scoring his first point for Killeavy following his transfer from Sarsfields in the close season. Final score Killeavy 1.13 – Mullaghbawn 1.07.

Next week's match is away to Carrickcruppen who like us suffered relegation from the senior league last year. This will be an early indication as to whether either team is in good shape to make an immediate return to the senior ranks.

Our Junior team were left frustrated by the recent weather that left the Ballyhegan field unfit for play. They will now get their campaign up and running against St. Patrick's this Sunday while the Ballyhegan game has been refixed for Friday week at 7.00pm.

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Snippets

There will be a feast of camogie in the Memorial Park tomorrow morning as Killeavy Camogs host the inaugural Rose Boyle Memorial Tournament.

There was a great start to Gaelic4Girls with a superb turnout of 32 girls taking part and more to come next week. A wee reminder to those parents who need to confirm t-shirt sizes next week along with their £8 subscription. All girls aged 8 – 12 are welcome from 7.00 – 8.00pm this Tuesday.



The very successful Killeavy Under 6/8 football training continues every Friday night at 6:30. This week's Players of the week were Sean og Flanagan and Annabelle McKevitt.



Our u14 lads beat Silverbridge in the quarter-final of the Charlie Grant cup. We now play Crossmaglen in the semi-final next Sunday in Mullaghbawn at 6.30pm.

Our new Irish language classes got up and running last week with a good mix of all ages and abilities. Hopefully everyone enjoyed it and learned something new. We have plenty of room for more learners so anyone who missed the first night - don't feel you can't start late as it won't be a problem. We have a very stress free approach so don't be shy we would love to see anyone who is interested. Classes are held on Monday nights with a Beginners class from 7.00-8.00pm and an Improvers class from 8.00-9.00pm. The classes will run for 10 weeks costing £2 per class.



Sympathy

The club was rocked by the untimely death of our esteemed coach Martin Melarkey just a few days ago. Martin was originally from Newtownbutler in Fermanagh but he made his home in Killeavy and contributed so much in a short time to our club and to the wider community. Just last year, Martin was joint manager of both our u12 and u16 football teams and brought a genuine caring enthusiasm to the role. We mourn the loss of a true friend of our club and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Teresa, sons, daughter and the entire family circle. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

We would also like to wish a speedy recovery for our club member Calum Quinn who is currently in hospital in Liverpool after a serious accident.

Last week's results

Sen Football	Killeavy	1.13	Mullaghbawn	1.07
u18 Football	Killeavy	0.13	Dromintee	5.08
u16 Football	Killeavy	L	Clann Eireann	W
u16 Football	Silverbridge	3.20	Killeavy	1.10
u16 Ladies	Sarsfields	6.14	Killeavy	2.01
u14 Ladies	Killeavy	3.00	Derrynoose	4.10
u14 Ladies	Killeavy	4.14	Cullyhanna	1.01

This week's fixtures

Sat 16 th	u14 Hurling	Killeavy v Cuchullains	2.30pm
Sat 16 th	u14 Hurling	Killeavy v Derrynoose	4.20pm
Sun 17 th	Int. Football	Carrickcruppen v Killeavy	2.00pm
Sun 17 th	Jun. Football	Killeavy II v St. Patrick's II	2.00pm
Mon 18 th	u18 Football	Pearse Og v Killeavy	7.00pm
Mon 18 th	u14 Hurling	Killeavy v Cuchullains	6.45pm
Mon 18 th	u18 Ladies	Cullyhanna v Killeavy	7.00pm
Tue 19 th	u14 Camogie	Derrynoose v Killeavy	7.00pm
Tue 19 th	u14 Football	Dromintee v Killeavy	7.00pm
Wed 20 th	Int. Football	Killeavy v Whitecross	7.00pm
Thu 21 st	u12 Hurling	Keady v Killeavy	6.45pm
Thu 21 st	u16 Football	Killeavy v Carrickcruppen	7.00pm
Thu 21 st	u16 Ladies	Tullysaran v Killeavy	7.00pm
Fri 22 nd	u16 Camogie	Killeavy v Aghagallon	7.00pm
Fri 22 nd	Jun. Football	Ballyhegan v Killeavy II	7.00pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £4,500 jackpot

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

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