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

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u14s take on London

After a number of months of planning, the day eventually arrived last Friday, May 13th, when a grand total of twenty seven of our u14 footballers and twenty one adults left Killeavy to take part in a tournament organised by St Paul's Academy School/Dulwich Harps in South London. Waiting for us at Gatwick were our hosts for the weekend, Michael and Eadoin, who had secured two school minibuses to ferry the lads around during our stay.

Early on Saturday morning we set off from the hotel in Croydon to St Paul's Academy School in Abbey Wood, South London. The tournament was made up of two St Paul's teams, two teams from Killeavy, two teams from the Downs club in Westmeath and St. Joseph's club from Hertfordshire. To give all teams plenty of games each team played one another and after each team had played their six games, one of the Killeavy teams had finished in second place and qualified for the cup final while our other team had finished in fourth place and qualified for the plate final

The plate final was played off first between Killeavy and the Downs from Westmeath and after a competitive match the Killeavy boys came out on top. The cup final was next but this time Killeavy came out on the wrong end of a very good game against a strong St Paul's team. The games in the tournament were a delight to watch as our lads got great experience playing against different types of players both in skill level and greater physical presence. All matches were played in good spirit and exemplified what the GAA is about.

After mass and a presentation that evening the lads and adults got back to the hotel and off to bed early!!!! To round off the trip the group went into the centre of London on the Sunday morning to see some of the sights from an open top tour bus before heading back to Gatwick to catch the plane home.

Great thanks must go to St Paul's Academy PE department, kitchen staff and their principal, Pat, who hosted the tournament and provided refreshments for all players and spectators. Also, a special word of thanks to the St Paul's U12 team who gave up their Saturday to come in and act as umpires and ball boys. It was a busy weekend but one that the lads enjoyed and the memories will live with them for years. Thanks to the trip organisers and to the parents who travelled over to make it extra special. Literally hundreds of photographs of the weekend can be viewed on Killeavy facebook page.

This of course, is not the end of the travelling for this team as next month, they will be off to Ballincollig in Cork to represent Armagh in the All-Ireland Féile. No doubt this will provide more opportunities for the boys (and their parents) for a bit of bonding.



Seniors back to winning ways

In their last outing, Killeavy were comprehensively beaten by Silverbridge and manager Steven McDonnell reacted to the defeat by ringing the changes for Friday's meeting with Culloville. Only seven players who began against Silverbridge retained a starting spot with the obvious message being sent out that if you don't perform, then you risk sitting the next one out.

In the opening half, Killeavy were facing a stiff breeze and although the team were buzzing around with enthusiasm, the new lineup meant that some of their play was not as accurate as it could have been and they found it hard to make their superior possession tell. Culloville drew first blood with a pointed free but this was cancelled out by a fine effort from Kealan Downey. The visitors went ahead again but then Killeavy had a little purple patch scoring through Rory Sheridan, Cathal McKinney and Thomas Hannaway to lead by two. Back came Culloville to tie things up before Raymond Teggart converted two excellent frees into the wind. Even a final Culloville point would not have prevented Steven McDonnell going to the half-time break well satisfied with a 0.06 to 0.05 lead.

Turning round with the wind, Killeavy looked to press home their advantage and two points from Rory Sheridan and Míceál McNamee widened the gap to three. Culloville however served notice of their intention to fight all the way to the end when they scored a point and then took the lead with a well worked goal. From that point to the end of the game it was really nip and tuck and could have gone either way or even ended in what would have been a fair enough draw. As it happened, Kyle Mallon equalised for Killeavy, then Culloville scored two. Darren O'Hanlon put his name on the scoresheet and repeated the trick going into injury time to pull the sides level. Both sides missed chances for the winning score while injury time stretched to over six minutes before Míceál McNamee finally put the home side ahead with a very cool finish under the circumstances. With Culloville hoping to launch one final effort, their kickout was rushed and miscued to Michael Boyle who blasted the ball to the net, confirming the win amid scenes of great joy. Final score: Killeavy 1.13 Culloville 1.09.

Four wins from five now and we will be hoping to keep this going on Sunday when we travel to St. Paul's in Lurgan.

Congratulations Orla and Eimear – Ulster Champs

Well done Orla McParland who won an Ulster Championship last weekend with Armagh Minors and also to Eimear O'Brien and her Armagh u16 teammates who also won their Ulster title.

Ulster Championship - Cavan v Armagh

The club will have a small number of seated tickets available for the Cavan/Armagh Ulster Championship 1st Round on Sunday 29th May. These can be picked up from the club on **Friday** night at 9.00pm. Note that these tickets will be a little cheaper than those available on the day of the game.

Upcoming Events

- Saturday 21st May** Blinne McAteer (u14 Camog) is hosting a coffee morning in the Social Club from 10am in aid of the Alzheimer's Society.
- Saturday 4th June** Rory's Stories in the Social Club. A night of GAA themed humour for just £10.

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u10 Hurlers Blitz Opposition



Our u10 hurlers played the first Armagh Blitz of the year on Sunday past hosted by Sean Treacy's in Tannaghmore Gardens, Craigavon.

Nineteen young lads made up two teams playing excellent hurling, a testament to the hard work they put in on a Monday evening. Over the duration of the blitz the two teams played 8 games and the young hurlers were able to let us know that they won 4, drew 2 and lost only 2. The tackling and passing was the real highlight of the day.

The smiling faces indicates the enjoyment the boys experienced when playing and thanks must go to the enthusiastic parents who attended and cheered them on in every game. The next blitz is tomorrow, Saturday 21st May in Keady from 10am until 12 noon.

Last week's results

Sen Football	Killeavy	1.13	Culloville	1.09
Sen Camogie	Killeavy	L	St. Brigid's	W
Jun Football	Pearse Og II	3.08	Killeavy II	3.11
u14 Football	Killeavy	2.06	Clann Eireann	2.16
u14 Ladies	Clan na Gael	5.15	Killeavy	3.05
u14 Camogie	Clan na Gael	1.04	Killeavy	1.01

This week's fixtures

Fri 20 th	u16 Hurling	Killeavy v Cuchullains	7.30pm
Sun 22 nd	u8 Football	Carrickcruppen v Killeavy	12.30pm
Sun 22 nd	u10 Football	Killeavy v Crossmaglen	
Sun 22 nd	Sen Football	St. Paul's v Killeavy	2.00pm
Sun 22 nd	u12 Ladies	Mullabrack v Killeavy	
Wed 25 th	Jun Football	Killeavy II v Clonmore	7.30pm
Wed 25 th	u10 Football	Killeavy v Mullaghbawn	6.30pm
Thu 26 th	u16 Ladies	Grange v Killeavy	7.00pm
Fri 27 th	Jun Football	Collegeland v Killeavy II	7.45pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £5,000 jackpot
There was **ONE** Match 3 Winner - £25

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