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St. Moninna's G.A.C.

Killeavy Club News

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League wraps up tonight

Killeavy's senior team play Carrickcruppen tonight in their last league game of what has been a frustrating season. Having topped the table early on with three good wins in their opening games, Killeavy were hit by a number of injuries to key personnel and following a heavy defeat at the hands of Silverbridge, were never able to get any momentum going again. Two wins in our last two outings against Mullaghbawn and St. Peter's and a victory tonight will leave us in fourth position in the table (possibly third if St. Peter's are beaten tonight by Culloville) but a long way from the target at the start of the year which was to regain our senior status.

A strong first half performance in Mullaghbawn last Friday night saw Killeavy take a three point lead into the break. The key score was a nicely worked Thomas Hannaway goal and we could have led by more had it not been for an error in defence which allowed Mullaghbawn in for an easy three pointer. While the first half was fairly plain sailing; the second half turned into a dogfight when Mullaghbawn scored four points without reply to tie things up with 10 minutes remaining. The rot was stopped by a Hannaway point though Mullaghbawn quickly equalised with a close in free. Chances were missed on both sides before points from Michael Boyle and Thomas Hannaway, who scored 1.04 on the night, made the game safe for the visitors.

In Tuesday's home fixture with St. Peter's, the Lurgan men played the first half with the benefit of a decent breeze. In the reverse fixture earlier in the season, St. Peter's were able to isolate defenders one on one and Killeavy were forced into the concession of multiple frees allowing St. Peter's to register fourteen points from dead ball kicks. To counteract this on Tuesday night, Killeavy set up in an ultra defensive formation with sometimes thirteen men behind the ball in an attempt to prevent the one on one exposure of defenders. This certainly had the effect of cutting down the score as Peter's were forced into long ball attempts but it also meant that Killeavy had very little forward play themselves as they found it very hard to break out of defence and link with what was left of the forward line. The half-time score of Killeavy 0.04 – St. Peter's 0.06 is reflective of a tactic that worked although it did not make for pretty watching.

The second half started with a bang as both teams opened up a bit into more free flowing football. St. Peter's worked their way through for a well taken goal but even before their supporters cheers had died away, Cahir McKinney had latched onto a good through ball to palm the ball to the back of the Lurgan net. St. Peter's took this in their stride and hit back with four points to which Killeavy's only answer was a Barry McKeivitt point. Killeavy now trailed by five but kept in touch with points from Caolan Mone and Darren O'Hanlon. Four points were shared with Killeavy's contribution coming from Patrick Hannaway and Cahir McKinney but with time running out, Killeavy still trailed by two. Awarded a free some 30 metres out, Jamie Cosgrove lobbed a high ball into the square. Darren O'Hanlon leapt to challenge for possession along with the St. Peter's full back and goalkeeper and the combined effect was that everyone missed it and the ball sailed on through to the net for a match winning goal.

So one more league match tonight at home to Carrickcruppen and then Killeavy can turn their attentions towards preparations for their first round Intermediate championship encounter with Eire Og on 27th August.

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Hurlers reach final decider

At half-time in the Junior hurling semi-final last Saturday evening, not too many would have given Killeavy much of a chance of reaching their second Junior hurling final in three years. Trailing by nine points on a scoreline of Derrynoose 3.07 to Killeavy's 0.07, it looked all over as a contest. However Killeavy came out in the second half and hurled with passion and skill and were determined to overcome the odds. A David Grant goal saw the sides level at 1.15 to 3.08 and the same player popped up again with only five minutes remaining to score his second goal and give Killeavy a three point advantage. Derrynoose came back with a point but despite some nervous moments, Killeavy held on to complete a remarkable recovery on a final scoreline of Killeavy 2.15 Derrynoose 3.10.

The Junior Hurling Championship final, Killeavy v Lurgan Sean Treacy's will be played in the Athletic Grounds at 4.00pm on Saturday 20th August as a curtain raiser to the Senior Hurling Championship final between Middletown and Cuchulainns which throws in at 6.00pm.

Killeavy girls give it all



Last Monday evening, our u16 girls travelled to Mullabrack to compete in the County Championship final. At the start of the year the dream of playing in a championship final had not crossed the girls' minds but through hard work and willingness to listen to coaches at training the girls made it through.

Unfortunately with the match fixed during the holiday season a number of the u16 girls who had trained so hard during the year were missing but some of the younger Killeavy girls were ready to help out the team.

The opponents and strong favourites Clonmore elected to play with the wind in the first half and pressed hard on the Killeavy goals. Some great defending and counter attacking saw the young Killeavy girls come in at half time only two points behind with it all to play for.

With an exhibition of some great football the girls got to a point ahead but the greater physical presence of the opponents took its toll on the younger Killeavy players. With five minutes to play Clonmore scored a goal to go ahead and although sore and bruised the Killeavy girls showed great determination to salvage the game but were unfortunate not to transfer their possession into scores.

The final score was Killeavy 3.03 to Clonmore 1.11.

The girls can hold their heads high as the management, parents and club are very proud of their performance against the odds. If the girls continue to play the football they are capable of then there will be successful days ahead.

Killeavy u14 girls reach county decider

Killeavy's u14 girls have emulated our u16 girls by progressing to the Division 1 championship final. The R&G Murphy sponsored team served up an impressive performance to defeat the hotly tipped Harps team who had attended the All-Ireland Féile earlier in the year. From the start Harps sought to lay down the marker with a goal and a point in the opening minutes but Killeavy responded strongly and when the third Killeavy goal went in you knew this was a game which was going all the way. So it proved to be, Killeavy finished with 3.05 at the short whistle but Harps, having enjoyed a period of ascendancy in the ten minutes up to half time chalked up 3.08.

A very strong performance from the rearguard did the trick for Killeavy in the second half as they were able to keep the goals out in the second half and again scored 3.05 to just 0.07 from Harps. With every ball well contested, the Killeavy girls can be delighted with their effort and the determination shown across the team. Moving the ball faster negated the fact that Harps has some very strong players and again the spread of scoring over six players in the attack meant that it was always possible to get scores. From goalkeeper to corner forward the girls gave 100% and fully deserved to run out the victors in front of an enthusiastic set of home supporters who pushed the girls along.

The final will now be contested with Clan na Gael on the 21st August and we wish the girls every success in their preparations for that.



U10 and U8 hurlers in Craobh Rua



Well done to the lads who enjoyed a great morning of hurling in Craobh Rua - even the new lads who had a great baptism of fire. Hurling for u10 and u8 continues each Monday evening at 6:30 at the club.

Killeavy Hurlers in Croke Park



Our young hurlers enjoyed a great day out in Croke Park last Sunday where they witnessed at first hand an outstanding game of hurling between Kilkenny and Waterford. All the children behaved very well and were a credit to the club. The photo shows some of the 83 people who travelled to Dublin and enjoyed the day out.

Thanks

A note of thanks to Kathleen Black and Larry King who have donated £1,000 to the club as proceeds from their recent ceili and the weekly Set Dancing Wednesday night sessions. Go raibh maith agat.



Last week's results

Sen Football	Mullaghbawn	1.12	Killeavy	1.13
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Jun Football	Belleek	2.12	Killeavy II	1.06
Jun Hurling	Derrynoose	3.10	Killeavy	2.15
u16 Football	Tir na nÓg	1.03	Killeavy	3.10
u16 Ladies	Killeavy	3.03	Clonmore	1.11
u14 Football	Killeavy	4.13	Clann Eireann	3.09

This week's fixtures

Fri 12 th	Sen Football	Killeavy v Carrickcruppen	7.15pm
Sat 13 th	u12 Football	Wolfe Tones v Killeavy	4.00pm
Sun 14 th	Jun Football	Clady v Killeavy	2.00pm
Sun 14 th	u14 Football	Crossmaglen v Killeavy	6.00pm
Sun 14 th	u16 Hurling	Killeavy v Middleton	7.00pm
Mon 15 th	u18 Football	Killeavy v Shane O'Neill's	7.15pm
Tue 16 th	u14 Football	Killeavy v Armagh Harps	7.15pm
Thu 18 th	u16 Football	Carrickcruppen v Killeavy	7.15pm

Lottery News

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There was **NO** winner of the £3,000 jackpot
There were **EIGHT** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Pat Malone	Flagstaff Road	Gerardine Malone
Jim Magee	Carrivemaclone	Jim Magee
Lisa Hamill	c/o P. Hannaway	Patrick Hannaway
Ann & Kate Coyle	c/o S. Coyle	Seamus Coyle
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Rosaleen Murphy	Parkview	Mulkerns Eurospar
Aishliinn Downey	Abu Dhabi	Mulkerns Eurospar
Nicola Bennett	c/o M. Hughes	Martin Hughes

Promoter Prize – £25 – Brian McKevitt
Prize money this week **£225** Next Jackpot

£3,100