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

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## Season preparations in final stages

With the evenings getting brighter and Easter upon us all the majority of our teams will now find themselves preparing for the commencement of the 2018 season next week. This weekend also sees the club's two senior county representatives, Sean O'Hanlon and Jamie Cosgrove on the match-day panel for Armagh's Division 3 league final against Fermanagh in Croke Park and we wish them the best in their endeavours. Our u14 Hurlers meanwhile began their Feile competition with a fantastic victory over Middletown to book their place in the semi-final while Fitin40 is immortalised in song ahead of its final celebrations on April 7th. This as well as detailed preparations for our teams ahead of the season start next week can be found below.

## Senior preparations bode well for season ahead

Our senior footballers this week played two challenge games: at home to Culloville (who have recently been relegated from the division in which our team now competes 1b) and away to Ballymacnab (who have just been promoted into 1a.) Having focused primarily on strength and conditioning to date, it was a welcome sight to see such expansive football on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> as a strong Killeavy team overpowered and outplayed Culloville on a score line on 5-17 to 2-6. The away fixture to Ballymacnab was seen as a much sterner test as to where the team is as they prepare for life in the Senior Division for the first time in 3 years. The Ballymacnab side have played in two Championship semi-finals in the last four years and finished top of Division 1b last year where our lads now find themselves. Leading 0-07 to 0-04 at half time, Killeavy will be bitterly disappointed at falling to a three point defeat on Thursday night but they will know that three points in a rugged, tight affair against a team that will have ambitions on a senior championship this year is credit to a young side still finding its feet at Senior level. The lads will no doubt take much from the two games as they prepare for their first competitive game away to Annaghmore next Sunday. The team would welcome your support as they seek to start 2018 where they left off last year.

## Junior Men

Having been unable to field in their opening game against Dorsey Emmets, Killeavy will seek to rectify their false-start with a display against Keady next Sunday at home. Similarly to a lot of our teams this year – momentum built early could prove a catalyst for serious success in the months ahead and no doubt manager Paul McArdle will be looking to start the year off with a win.

## Senior Ladies

Our senior ladies take to the pitch next week against Forkhill in what has often been a rather heated affair in the last few years. Many of the girls will know each other off the field and as Killeavy travel the short distance on Saturday evening, they'll know that a win to start the season is of crucial importance. Support is an integral part of success and fans should make every effort to support the team in what could be a very exciting year for them.

## Killeavy represented in Croke Park for Armagh

Killeavy senior players, Sean O'Hanlon and Jamie Cosgrove have both been named in Armagh's squad to play Fermanagh in Croke Park this Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March in the Division 3 Final at 5.00pm. It's fantastic to have the club represented again on the county squad this year, and we'd like to wish them both the very best of luck and encourage all members to attend in full voice - Well done boys!

## Next week's Fixtures

Sat 31 <sup>st</sup>	NFL Div 3	Armagh v Fermanagh	5.00pm
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	u16 Ladies	Killeavy v Cullyhanna	7.00pm
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup>	u16 Camogie	Mattock Rgrs v Killeavy	7.00pm
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sen Camogie	St. Enda's v Killeavy	7.00pm
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	u16 Football	Crossmaglen v Killeavy	6.45pm
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Sen Camogie	Killeavy v Inniskeen	7.00pm
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sen Ladies	Forkhill v Killeavy	TBC
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jnr Football	Killeavy II v Keady	2.00pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	Snr Football	Annaghmore v Killeavy	2.00pm
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	u12 Ladies	Killeavy v Corrinshogo	5.00pm

## Lottery Results

<b>4</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>
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There was **NO** winner of the £2,700 Jackpot  
There were **FOUR** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
M. O'Hare	Meigh	Elizabeth Downey
Barry & Ogie	Dublin Rd	Margaret Matthews
Michael McCrink	Lisdrum	Michael McCrink
Terry McAnuff	Parkview	Julia McAnuff

Promoter – £25 – **Jim Magee**  
Prize money this week **£225** Jackpot Next Week

# £2,800

## U14 Hurlers reach Feile Semi-Final

Our u14 Hurlers exploded out of the blocks to win their Feile Quarter-Final against Middletown on a scoreline of 6.07 to 4.07 last Sunday. Playing with a strong breeze, Killeavy started well and it was clear that despite playing against a very skilful set of hurlers, the Killeavy lads had come to win and went in leading at half time.

Despite fighting the breeze in the second half, from the goalkeeper to the full forward line the boys attacked and defended in packs and rallied well after two early Middletown goals could have shaken their nerve in the second half. The resolve of the young team stayed true, and they now march on to the semi-final where they will face Cuchullains in the Memorial Park. (Date and time TBC)



Action shots from the Feile Quarter Final



## Well-being Event

An evening of information, motivation & inspiration that will support the Health & Well Being of all women is being held in the Carrickdale Hotel on Wed 18<sup>th</sup> April. There will be speakers and information stalls from local health & well-being businesses with all proceeds going to Armagh Ladies GAA and Women's Aid Armagh and Down.

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## Fitin40 Finale

This week saw the end of our Fitin40 campaign and we would like to give a special thanks to all of our contributors who gave their time and effort to make this initiative such a huge success among the community. We would also like to say thank you and a big congratulations to everyone who took part in Fitin40 over the past 6 weeks. We're sure you'll all agree that it has made us a much healthier, fitter and active community, and we hope to still see you all out for your walks once the Easter eggs are polished off!

Incredibly the event is being immortalised in song! Keara Magennis and Cairn Magill have composed a momento for Fitin40 2018: A song that captures a flavour of the entire event. A limited number of CDs are available from members of our social committee for a donation, in keeping with Fitin40's culture to date to "Warriors on Wheels" to help with their running costs and new equipment. There is no set fee but we have been told paper is much easier to count!



We would like to invite all members of the club and wider community along on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup> to celebrate the conclusion of a fantastic event that has been an overwhelming success for Killeavy.

## Killeavy Spinathon

Fitin40 has ended but that doesn't mean your exercise regime has to. The club is running a Spinathon on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April from 8am - 6pm. 20 bikes will be available over the course of the 10 hour cycle, at £10 per hour. Every £10 donated will gain a ticket into the prize draw to win a meal for two at FIRE restaurant in Dublin. If you would like to book a bike, or need more info, please text 079 6882 8184.