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

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## Back in action: The new season begins

Killeavy came from behind at half time to earn a point in their first Senior Division game in three years while the Junior and Ladies teams began their campaigns with disappointing losses. Fit in 40 came to its triumphant finale and our underage teams were in action across the board. Managers are reminded to contact the PRO Committee via the above email address with any information they wish to be included in the weekly bulletin. Full match reports and details below...

### Seniors earn a point after weather drama forces switch

Waking up Sunday morning Killeavy prepared for an away trip to Annaghmore, fixed to throw in at 2pm however heavy rainfall in the days preceding the game left the North Armagh field unplayable. Killeavy agreed, at short notice, to host the game and so it went ahead at the later time of 3.30pm. A cagey start saw Annaghmore lead Killeavy by four points to two before Cathal Boylan rounded the keeper and found the back of the net to put Killeavy 1-02 to 0-04 in the lead. Annaghmore however rallied well and found themselves in at the break 0-08 to 1-04 ahead. The second half started with a resurgent Killeavy team driving through a tired looking Annaghmore with particularly impressive performances from James Donnelly in the middle of the park, Niall O' Neill, back in the squad after three years of working abroad and Paul Quinn who came off the bench to make an immediate and telling impact. The Killeavy defence seemed to find another level of intensity, dispossessing Annaghmore at will and driving the team on to lead by a point with just five minutes on the clock. The Annaghmore equalizing point came with just 10 seconds left of injury-time when Killeavy overcarried the ball in possession and conceded a free-kick – duly dispatched by the Armagh Senior player, Oisín McKeever who caused Killeavy trouble throughout. Though there may be some disappointment with not having started the campaign in the best possible way Killeavy will take heart and learn from the easy chances that could have had them home and dry had they been converted. The performance on Sunday past was unpolished but the competitive nature should give the squad confidence to use as solid footing for this week's game against Madden who won their opening game by the slenderest of margins against Pearse Og. The most interesting point from the weekend's action in Senior B was that the other three games were won by extremely narrow margins of either one or two points. When this is coupled with the Killeavy/Annaghmore drawn game, it illustrates what is likely to be an intensely competitive league in the weeks and months ahead. Sunday's home game against Madden throws in at 2pm.

|              | P | W | L | D | F  | A  | Pts |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Tir na nOg   | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 15 | 2   |
| Silverbridge | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 8  | 2   |
| Madden       | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 16 | 2   |
| Killeavy     | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 13 | 1   |
| Annaghmore   | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 13 | 1   |
| Pearse Og    | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 | 17 | 0   |
| Whitecross   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 8  | 10 | 0   |
| Sarsfields   | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 15 | 17 | 0   |

### Senior Ladies fall to opening day defeat

Killeavy dominated the first half of what turned out to be a very close affair in Forkhill last weekend. The team will be bitterly disappointed with the five minute spell before half time which saw Forkhill hammer home 1-3 to claw their way back into a game that looked like it was going in one direction up until that point. Killeavy went in at the break ahead but with it all to do in the second half against a strong breeze. Indeed, upon commencement of the second half, the breeze proved influential with two high balls into the box resulting in goals for Forkhill as they piled the pressure on to go ahead. The Killeavy team rallied, scoring a goal of their own and debutants Grainne Boylan, Katie King and Louise McLoughlin contributed to a spirited fight back in the middle spell of the second half. After this it was deeply disappointing to see not one but two further goals come from similar, easily preventable breaks through the middle to leave Forkhill comfortable into the final five minutes. Two consolation points will give some heart to the team as Forkhill ran out eventual winners on a flattering score line of 5-12 to 2-10. Manager Kieran King and his team will no doubt be frustrated given the nature of some of Forkhill's goals which, in reality, failed to reflect the overall pattern of a very competitive game. However, they now prepare for another tough battle, this time at home on Saturday to Silverbridge and will have full attention on that.

### Armagh GAA Club Draw

The second of four draws in the big Armagh GAA fundraiser was held last Wednesday in the Athletic Grounds. The four top prizes went as follows:

| PRIZE        | NAME                | CLUB           |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Renault Clio | James Gerard Patton | Carrickcruppin |
| £3,000       | Vera O'Hagan        | Grange         |
| £1,000       | Mickey Higgins      | Shane O'Neills |
| £1,000       | Eamon Cushnahan     | Maghery        |

In addition there were 2 x £500 prizes and 10 x £100 prizes. Full draw details are available on armaghgaa.net. There are now just two draws remaining with the next taking place on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Ticket price is now £50 for entry into the remaining TWO DRAWS with £40 being retained for club funds while £10 is contributed to the county. Contact Michael McCrink 077 6727 0813 should you wish to be included.

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## u16 Camogs miss out narrowly on win

The first half started well with a goal for Killeavy worked well up an extremely soft sticky pitch. The field did not suit the Killeavy girls passing style and Knockbridge took their home advantage well grinding out a strong lead with points from midfield. Changes in the Killeavy set up brought a change of fortunes and our girls began to bring the game back getting the game to 1-5 to 1-2 at half time. At this point a ground conditions took their toll on Killeavy's midfield and injuries began to tell. Player of the match Hana Rice came off injured leaving a gap in our defenses and Knockbridge came away with two soft goals. Despite grinding their way back into the game we fell just short 3-7 to 2-6 at the last

Best for Killeavy were Hanna Rice, Shannon Rocks, Sian Thomas, Blinne McAteer, Emily Collins Cadhla Maginnes and Orlagh Keane. Hannah McManus showed some brilliant runs on goal. Katie King took a fantastic point under fierce pressure. Sarah Lynch showed great skill and determination as did Hannah Brennan. Amy McAteer was stalwart in defence.

The team showed great promise and had Knockbridge worrying towards the last. A great performance.

## Your u14 team needs you!

If you or someone you know is born between 1st January 2004 and 31st December 2005 then Killeavy GAC's u14 football team would like to hear from you. Whether you're a player who has chose not to return or a newcomer to the GAA scene: being part of a team, learning skills and gaining friends is something that cannot be underestimated in a young person's life. With a small squad this year, the management are sending an unconditional invitation to anyone interested and those who are should contact Owen Marmion on 07763 764310. Training takes place on Thursdays between 6.30 and 7.30 with a match on Tuesday evenings.

## Prepared to perfection

Many visitors to the Memorial Park have commented on the overall standard of our facilities. It takes a lot of money and the expertise of our groundsman Brian McQuaid to ensure that our playing surfaces are kept in the best possible condition all year round. An example of that was provided once again last Sunday. When many matches were being postponed up and down the county, our main field was fit to take two senior games and an u12 ladies match. Congratulations Brian.

### Lottery Results

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|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>17</b> | <b>23</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> |
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There was **NO** winner of the £2,900 Jackpot  
There were **TWO** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

| NAME          | ADDRESS       | SELLER         |
|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Noreen Murphy | c/o Candy Box | Candy Box      |
| The McNamees  | Gullion View  | Oliver McNamee |

Promoter – £25 – **Siobhan Boylan**

Prize money this week **£75** Jackpot Next Week

# £3,000

## Fit in 40 takes its final bow

Not just one or two but 152 reasons to take a bow. After an original target that was deemed ambitious, to get 80 people signed up and registered to participate in this year's event our organisers cajoled and prodded 152 souls to get reinvolved with our community and club. An enormous effort was put into this endeavour and none of it has been to waste. Not only has it reinvigorated members who have lain dormant for too long but the financial lift of monies collected will go directly to social committee plans to revitalise our youth club for the benefit of all. These initiatives don't just happen by chance and the toil involved in every aspect deserves to be recognised. Well done to all! The final event was held last Saturday evening and amid the general celebrations there was still time to recognise the efforts of some spectacular individual achievements.

Mr Fit in 40 ..... Brian McQuaid

Mrs Fit in 40 ..... Rosie Markey

Most weight loss ..... Frances McKevitt

Most body fat loss ..... Mickey McCrink

Most inches lost ..... Shauna McCourt

Biggest Team Losers ..... Peach team led by Aine Rice

Biggest Team Movers ..... Yellow team led by Helena Burns

## Last week's Results

Senior Football: Killeavy 1-10 Annaghmore 0-13

Senior Ladies: Forkhill 5-12 Killeavy 2-10

Junior Football: Killeavy 1-06 Keady 2-11

u16 Boys: Killeavy 2-14 Armagh Harps 1-07

u14 Hurling Killeavy L Cuchullains W

We would ask all team managers to email the PR committee with their results and fixture updates.

## Next week's Fixtures

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Snr Camogie St. Brides v Killeavy 7.00pm

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> u12 Camogie Blitz TBC

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> u14 Hurling Feile Shield in Middletown 4.00pm

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Snr Ladies Silverbridge v Killeavy TBC

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Jnr Football Thomas Davis v Killeavy II 2.00pm

Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Snr Football Killeavy v Madden 2.00pm

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> u18 Football Killeavy v Dromintee 7.30pm

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> u14 Football Killeavy v Mullaghbawn 7.00pm

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> u16 Camogie St Anne's v Killeavy 7.00pm

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Sen Camogie Killeavy v Culloville 7.00pm

Thu 19<sup>th</sup> u14 Camogie St Kevins v Killeavy 7.00pm

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Snr Camogie Mattock Rgrs v Killeavy 7.00pm

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> u16 Hurling Keady v Killeavy 12.00am

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Jnr Football Killeavy II v Belleek 2.00pm

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Snr Football Tir na nÓg v Killeavy 2.00pm