



Killeavy retain Féile Shield

The first (of many, we hope) pieces of silverware has arrived in Killeavy for the 2018 season. In fairness, it never actually left as our u14 Hurlers retained their Féile Shield for a second year. There were good wins for our Senior, Junior and Minor teams this week while Killeavy has also played a key role in the success of our local schools. Off the field, our hurlers put together a very worthwhile Spinathon fundraiser last Saturday. All the details below; remember to drop a note to pro.killeavystmoninna.armagh@gaa.ie should you have scores, photographs, match reports or any other news for the bulletin or even if you just want to be put on our mailing list.

Killeavy u14s double up at the Féile

Killeavy, Craobh Rua, Sean Treacy's and Middletown met to compete for the Féile shield last weekend. The format leaves the top two teams on the day to compete for the shield in the final. Killeavy and Craobh Rua faced off in the final showdown having come out as the two best teams from the earlier round robin. Craobh Rua, playing with the wind in the first half claimed the first two scores, rattling the net for one of them to pressurise the young Killeavy team who rallied well to finish the half with a score of their own. The second half started in the same manner as the first finished with Killeavy attacking and gradually the lads crawled back into the game with some great points. As the match entered the closing stages the score was level and each time Craobh Rua attacked the Killeavy goal the defence stood strong and prevented any further scores. Extra time was looming as Killeavy were awarded a free kick that found itself, after a goal mouth scramble, in the back of the Craobh Rua net – much to the Killeavy faithful's delight! As the ball was pucked out the referee blew the final whistle and the Killeavy lads rejoiced having secured victory. This was the toughest game on the day by far and the Killeavy boys showed great spirit and resolve to come from behind, exhibit calmness and eventually get the scores that made sure the Féile Shield returned to Killeavy GAC for the second year in a row!



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Strong second half display earns first Senior win

A tremendous wind threatened to be the deciding factor as Madden and Killeavy took to the field last Sunday afternoon. Killeavy, playing away from the club house with the gale force wind in the first half struggled to find their range as pass after pass went astray while Madden, knowing patience was key, took their time and clipped over the first two points of the game. Killeavy pressed and although still looking rusty at times, showed glimmers of last season's form scoring two goals in quick succession through Míceál McNamee and Kyle Mallon to leave themselves 2-02 to 0-04 up at half time. In truth this score line flattered the home side having stuttered throughout the opening 30 minutes and no doubt the team were aware going in that it would take a momentous performance in the second half to fight against a strong Madden team and an even stronger wind – four points seemed little given the conditions at hand.

The second half however proved as tight and cagey an affair as the first. The expected Madden bombardment never truly came as they too struggled with the strong breeze. Kick passes which should have found their mark were seen flying out over the end line and pressure to shoot from further out than would otherwise be normal seemed to impact on decision-making. As the final minutes approached, Killeavy found themselves still leading the game with Madden needing a goal to claim a share of the spoils. In these remaining minutes the Killeavy team played with an element of composure and maturity that may have been lacking the week before and when the final whistle blew, the team were victorious 2-05 to 0-07 – a remarkable feat to keep Madden to a smaller points tally than when they played against the wind in the first half. The men will be delighted to have finished another game without having conceded a goal with noteworthy performances from Cathal Boylan who did an excellent job in midfield marking Armagh senior player Niall Grimley and Kyle Mallon who managed to get 1-02 from half-back. The team now move to second in the table - though early, they will seek to maintain this position as they prepare for their first away game on Sunday in Tir na nÓg, Portadown - BT62 1JR.

Welcome to Killeavy



Final Club Registration sessions this week...

Would you like to be a volunteer or a social member of Killeavy, play Gaelic Football, Hurling, Camogie or be part of our title-winning Scór team for Killeavy this year please come along to one of our registration sessions:

- Fri 20th April @ 6.15-7.15pm
- Mon 23rd April 7pm-8pm
- Tues 24th April 7pm-8pm
- Wed 25th April 7pm-8pm
- Fri 27th April 6.15-7.15pm
- Sat 28th April 10am-11am



Underage £30 Adult £40 Family £100
 Snr players £120/240 direct debit
 Club Killeavy option £20 per month including family membership, lotto each week and entry into all home games.







Junior Men open their league account

Killeavy's Junior men lined out against beaten Junior Championship finalists Correnshego last Sunday in what looked to be a difficult encounter. Indeed as the ball was thrown in it was clear that the Correnshego side were still playing with a confidence that comes from a long season and championship run last year when they put over the first point of the game inside the first five minutes. Paul McArdle's team responded in fine form to score six unanswered to go in at the break 0-06 to 0-02 ahead. An early second half goal did little to rattle the Killeavy side and they responded with another four unanswered points with direct kick passing into their forward line which wreaked havoc throughout the hour. Two exceptional saves from goalkeeper Sean Og Duffy in 1-on-1 situations allowed Killeavy to secure their first win of the season with three points that left them 0-13 to 1-03 winners on the day.

Killeavy Minors in impressive derby win

Monday saw Killeavy Minors play host to Dromintee in the second round of league fixtures. On a miserable night for football, Dromintee raced into a commanding lead but Killeavy grew into the game with the superb defending from the full back line of Joe Murphy, Cathal Murphy and Jamie Stokes in addition to some excellent fielding from Callum O'Hare around the middle of the field. Excellent scores from Robert McAteer and Caolan Laverty brought Killeavy right back into the game and left them leading 1-07 to 0-08 at the break.

With Killeavy now lording it at midfield, we added four unanswered scores before a quick move involving Euan Boyd and Robert McAteer saw the ball dispatched into the net by Caolan Laverty. This was the final nail in the coffin as Killeavy pushed on and added more scores to finish the game 2-13 to 1-08 winners.

Senior Ladies fall to the Bridge

From the off last Saturday, the girls struggled to get to grips with a dominant Silverbridge side who managed to control the game with regular scoring and intense pressure high up on the Killeavy defence. Despite gutsy performances from Una Hollywood, Tara O'Neill, Rebecca Gamble and Aimee McArdle the team didn't display last year's flair and fell to a disappointing loss. Though the season has started with two opening defeats – the girls will know that Forkhill and Silverbridge away from home is as tough a start as any team and will need now, to get themselves ready for their games ahead.

Killeavy Spinathon proves a success

Over 100 brave souls turned up to do an hour's spinning in an all day Spinathon last Saturday in the Youth Club. Organised by the hurlers, this was a fantastic fundraiser, lifting £1260 on the day. Raffle results were: 1st Prize: Meal for two in Fire Restaurant, Dublin - Jack Hoben; 2nd Prize: Voucher for Flagstaff Lodge - Cormac Fearon and 3rd Prize: Hamper - Grainne Boylan. Well done all.

Lottery Results

6	13	20	25
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There was **NO** winner of the £3,000 Jackpot
There were **FOUR** Match 3 Winners - £25 each

NAME	ADDRESS	SELLER
Kate Loughran	c/o Eileen Fearon	Eileen Fearon
Madden's Syndicate	c/o Madden's	Madden's Bar
Stephen Bennett	c/o Martin Hughes	Martin Hughes
Gary Donaghy	Park View	Julia McAnuff

Promoter – £25 – **Finlay Brady**
Prize money this week **£75** Jackpot Next Week

£3,100

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Killeavy contributes to School success

Congratulations to Conor Magennis on receiving his College's All-Star Award this week for his performances for St. Paul's High School and to the five Killeavy men; Darragh Melarkey, David Mallie, Rory Kearney, Adam Garvey and Ryan Mc Carron who helped Abbey CBS defeat St. Patrick's, Maghera in the final of the Brock Cup.



Next week's Fixtures

Sun 22 nd	u16 Hurling	Keady v Killeavy	12.00am
Sun 22 nd	Jnr Football	Killeavy II v Belleek	2.00pm
Sun 22 nd	Snr Football	Tir na nÓg v Killeavy	3.00pm
Mon 23 rd	u14 Hurling	Middletown v Killeavy	7.00pm
Mon 23 rd	u14 Ladies	Killeavy v Armagh Harps	7.00pm
Mon 23 rd	u18 Football	Armagh Harps v Killeavy	7.30pm
Tue 24 th	u14 Camogie	Killeavy v Clann na Gael	7.00pm
Tue 24 th	u14 Football	Killeavy v Armagh Harps	7.00pm
Wed 25 th	u10 Football	Dromintee v Killeavy	6.30pm
Wed 25 th	u18 Camogie	Killeavy v Port Mor	7.00pm
Thu 26 th	u18 Ladies	Killeavy v Keady	7.00pm
Thu 26 th	u12 Hurling	Middletown v Killeavy	7.00pm
Thu 26 th	u14 Camogie	Cooley v Killeavy	7.00pm
Thu 26 th	u16 Football	Madden v Killeavy	7.00pm
Fri 27 th	Sen Camogie	St. Anne's v Killeavy	7.00pm
Sat 28 th	u12 Football	Culloville v Killeavy	12.00am
Sat 28 th	Sen Ladies	Killeavy v Crossmaglen	TBC
Sun 29 th	u8/10 H'ling	Middletown Hurling Blitz	10.00am
Sun 29 th	Sen Football	Killeavy v Silverbridge	2.00pm
Sun 29 th	u12 Ladies	Killeavy v Mullaghbawn	5.00pm
Sun 29 th	u16 Ladies	Killeavy v Dromintee	7.00pm

All County League Division 1b

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Silverbridge	2	2	0	0	28	20	4
Killeavy	2	1	0	1	24	20	3
Whitecross	2	1	1	0	25	18	2
Annaghmore	2	0	0	2	24	24	2
Madden	2	1	1	0	24	27	2
Tir na nÓg	2	1	1	0	25	32	2
Pearse Og	2	0	1	1	27	28	1
Sarsfields	2	0	2	0	27	35	0