



AGHADERG G.F.C. & **BALLYVARLEY H.C.** **NEWSLETTER**



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SENIOR FOOTBALL

The Aghaderg senior footballers played a friendly against Newry Bosco on Friday night losing to the strong third division side. The Senior football league commences Friday 18th April with a home game against St. Johns.

We have been drawn to play the winners of Glenn and St Michael's in the Junior Football Championship.

Senior Gaelic football training continues every Friday (7pm) and Sunday (11am) at the field.

SENIOR HURLING

Larne 3-13 Ballyvarley 5-12
Ballyvarley stepped outside the County for their first pre-season friendly. Two early points for the home side were cancelled out by three points from Paul O'Neill (two 65's) and a great long range point from half back Eunan McConville. Playing with the advantage of a strong breeze in the first half, Ballyvarley did much of the pressing and five more points from Paul O'Neill saw them open up a useful seven point lead. A Larne goal late in the half came as a bolt out of the blue but just before the interval Colm O'Neill soloed through the home defence to drive to the net to restore the visitors seven point advantage.

Half Time:

Larne 1-2 Ballyvarley 1-9
Ballyvarley introduced James McGrath and David McGovern on the restart. Larne tagged on four quick points. Conor Grew drove over a useful point and then James McGrath carried the ball into the wind and buried it in the Larne net for the Red's second goal of the game. The game ebbed and flowed with Larne driving over two points before Ballyvarley replied with a goal from David McGovern and a point from Colm O'Neill. A second

Larne goal was cancelled out by Paul O'Neill who drove a 20 metre free into the roof of the net. Larne continued to use the wind to full advantage and a further 1-3 reduced the deficit to just three points. Sean O'Neill was enjoying a new lease of life in the forward line and made all the running when firing over a useful point and then Stewart Cartmill raised the cheer of the day when his crisp ground shot flew into the bottom corner of the net to record his first ever goal for the club. Larne squeezed another two points onto the score-board before the referee brought an end to an entertaining first encounter between these two clubs. A good result for the Reds with a fine performance from everyone and eight players forced their way onto the score-sheet.

**Final Score: Larne 3-13
Ballyvarley 5-12**

The league campaign gets underway on Tuesday 29th April with a trip to Ballycran. The Reds have been drawn against Warrenpoint in the Junior Hurling Championship. Senior training continues on Sundays at 12.15pm and Wednesdays at 7.30pm at the field.

SOUTH DOWN SENIORS

The South Down Senior Hurlers played in the National Hurling League Division 4 final on Sunday against Monaghan. The club was represented by James McGrath, Colm O'Neill and David McGovern. It was a thrilling game with six goals in all. The sides could not be separated after normal time and the game went right to the last minute of extra time before a winner was decided. All square going into injury time at the end of the extra time South Down had a chance to win it. The miss was punished at the other end when a disputed free 21 yards out was converted by the Monaghan men. The loss by a solitary point was

hard to take for the South Down men and now they start their Leinster Shield campaign with a game away to Birmingham on the 27th April to face Warwickshire.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

The under 14 footballers have a home game against Longstone on 24th April. The under 14s then make the long trip to Attical on the 1st May.

The U14 & U16 footballers continue to train. Both groups are amalgamated with Annaclone this season and new players in each age group are very welcome to join. U14s contact Mervyn Colgan 02838832462 and U16s contact Aidan Hegarty 07813713707. The under 12 footballers play Tullylish at home on the 27th April and a home game against Glassdrumman on the 4th May.

LOTTO UPDATE



JACKPOT £2500

Draw On 13/04/08

WINNING NUMBERS

7, 10, 16, 20

No Jackpot Winner.

£10 Winners

Dearbhail O'Neill, Alice Lennon, Milo Murray.

UNDERAGE HURLING

Under 14 Hurling League

Ballyvarley 2-1 Clonduff 8-3

A young Ballyvarley U14 hurling side were well beaten at the hands of a physically strong Clonduff side who notched up 2-1 before the reds got of the mark with a point through a Jonathan Lennon free. Aidan mc Kernan added a goal sending a powerful shot into the roof of the

net. Half time Ballyvarley 1-1 Clonduff 5-2
 When play resumed the visitors immediately put pressure on the Ballyvarley defence but the determination of Ciaran Davis and James O'Meara reduced the Clonduff scoring to 2-1 in the second half. Paedar mc Grath and Sinead O'Meara also provided the much needed support at the back with Jonathan Lennon battling hard at midfield.
 Aidan Mc Keirnan added his second goal for the reds showing all his class and determination winning possession on the 65 metre line soloed the ball up the pitch and riffled it to the net to add some respectability to the score line. Final score Ballyvarley 2-1 Clonduff 8-3



BALLYVARLEY WIN BALLYDUGGAN CUP

Congratulations must go to Ballyvarley Bowlers who won the Ballyduggan Cup by 3 shots in a closely contested final in 2nd Dromara. Holm Park from Dromore were their final opponents who play in a league above the locals. Ballyvarley had however already beaten St Colman's Tullylish in the semi-final. St Colmans have since gone on to clinch the Division 1 League title. Past meetings with Holm Park have seen Ballyvarley win by the odd shot and lose by the odd shot so it had all the ingredients of a close encounter. After the first two rinks were played Ballyvarley held a 2 shot lead. The second half

saw Ballyvarley ahead by 1 shot over Rinks three and four to give Ballyvarley their first piece of silverware in their 11 years of participation in Bowling competitions.

U-12 CAMOGIE

The U-12's got their league campaign under way last Saturday with a home fixture against Castlewellan. The young reds gave a good account of themselves but were beaten by a much stronger Castlewellan outfit. Kung Williamson, Haley Lennon and Katie Canniford were best on the day for the locals.

U-14 CAMOGIE

Aghaderg were at home to Kilcoo on Tuesday night. It was a very competitive match with no quarter given. Mary Kate Mc Grath opened the scoring for the reds with a superb long range point. Kilcoo however went straight back up the field but some sterling defending from Sinead O'Meara relieved the pressure. Aideen Colgan, Ciara Lennon and Aoibhin Mc Kay were also strong at the back. Laura Stewart and Kung Williamson were putting in a lot of hard work around the middle of the field. After a long period of pressure, Laura Stewart gathered the ball and found Mary Kate Mc Grath out on the left wing who in turn sent in a long range effort which found the back of the Kilcoo net. Haley Lennon almost found the Kilcoo net again but for a great save from the visitors net minder. The reds continued to press forward as the game neared the half time whistle. Shots from Hannah Malone, Danielle Stewart and Janine Mc Grath were unlucky not to have registered at least one major. The ball hit the post, hit the keeper and flashed narrowly wide as they piled on the pressure.

Half Time Score: Aghaderg 1-1 Kilcoo 0-0.

Grainne Moran, Megan Gartland and Aine Mc Grath were introduced in the second half and not long after the restart Aine Mc Grath almost hit the net. Kilcoo began to push forward but once again Sinead O'Meara showed her skill and strength to win the ball and send it long out of defence. Mary Kate Mc Grath was having a player of the

match performance and carried the ball repeatedly deep into enemy territory. On one such attack, Mary Kate received a good pass from Laura Stewart and she dispatched a low drive to the corner of the Kilcoo net to increase the locals lead. Haley Lennon and Grainne Moran were unlucky not to get their name on the score sheet with shots on target but well saved by the Kilcoo defence. The reds stood firm as the game came to a close and managed to keep Kilcoo scoreless.

Full Time Score: Aghaderg 2-2 Kilcoo 0-0.

This was a good team performance with some very good individual performances as well from Mary Kate Mc Grath, Sinead O'Meara, Laura Stewart, Kung Williamson.

WORD SEARCH

Can you find All 5 Connacht

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CLUB MERCHANDISE

Shorts and socks in club colours will be available in Ballyvarley Hall at 12 noon every Sunday. All juvenile and senior players should be kitted out in club colours

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