



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



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## **SENIOR FOOTBALL**

### **Aghaderg V Ballykinlar**

Aghaderg senior footballers travelled to Ballykinlar on Friday night. The match got off to a perfect start when, after three minutes, Stephen Comisky collected the ball in midfield and delivered an incisive pass to Kevin Anderson who coolly dispatched the ball to the net. This set the tone for the rest of the first half. Much of this dominance was down to midfielder, James McGrath, who was giving a master class in high catching. The team formation with Conor Lavery, Paul Rodgers and Stephen Comisky forming the diamond around James ensured a plentiful supply of ball. This meant that Aghaderg were constantly on the offensive and wave after wave of attacks were rained down on the Ballykinlar defence. Kevin Anderson, Barry Quinn and Rory Simpson each scored goals while Conor Lavery, James McGrath and Rory Simpson were rewarded with a point each. Ballykinlar rarely troubled the Aghaderg defence. **Half time Ballykinlar 0-1 Aghaderg 4-3.**

Three substitutions were made at half time with Conal Sands, Ciaran Connolly and Christopher Conlon entering the fray. Conor Lavery opened the scoring after one minute with a well-taken point. Christopher Conlon then got on the scoresheet with a goal after good team play. Cathal McGrath then registered the first of his two scores calmly lobbing the advancing Ballykinlar goalkeeper into an empty net. Paul O'Neill and Keelin Doyle were introduced as Aghaderg used their full complement of players. Both made immediate impacts with Keelin Doyle in particular showing up well. Good covering by Ciaran Connolly and excellent goalkeeping from Mark McGrath meant that Ballykinlar were only able to register four points in the whole of

the second half. **Full time Ballykinlar 0-5 Aghaderg 7-10**

### **16/05/08 Aghaderg 2-8, Bright 1-6**

Last night Aghaderg had a convincing win over Bright to keep their promotion ambitions right on track. **Scorers:** Rory Simpson 1-2, James Mc Grath 1-0, Kevin Anderson 0-2, Stephen Comiskey 0-2, Aaron mc Avoy 0-1, Stephen Fitzsimmons 0-1.

## **SENIOR HURLING**

### **Castlewellan V Ballyvarley**

The Reds started well with their defence on top but it was Castlewellan who went into a three point lead, before Colm O'Neill put Paul O'Neill through to notch over a great point. Paul hit another soon after as he dominated around the middle, before David McGovern turned and hit from off his shoulder over the bar. Paul Jennings and Paul O'Neill exchanged points before a high ball into the Castlewellan box was met by the hurl of Jamie Murray, who doubled overhead to send the sliothar to the net. A good solo run from Paul O'Neill a few minutes later, set up Conor Grew to point from an awkward angle to leave the Reds four ahead. Eunan Mc Conville won everything on the left side of defence, with the whole defensive unit working well. A head injury to Paul O'Neill led to his departure, worsened by the loss of a poor goal in the minutes that followed.

**HALF-TIME: Castlewellan 1-8 Ballyvarley 1-5**

The withdrawal of Pat McGrath due to an ankle injury was a further blow to Ballyvarley. David McGovern sent a beautifully struck 70 yard free over. The home side retaliated with two of their own, before Eunan McConville surged forward with an excellent point from distance on the left wing. David McGovern really shone in this period he was composed from place balls sending over another 70 followed by a 45 metre free. Niall

Savage went on a solo and flicked the ball over the bar under pressure. Sean Kennedy was impressive on the right side of the defence. Niall Higgins dominated at full-back, strong and assured in the tackle and Thomas Lennon and John O'Neill covered good ground. McGovern cut the deficit to a solitary point with an exhibition in score taking, pointing one from his left and then one from the right. He then broke the ball to Conor Grew who flicked it past the keeper to put the Reds two points ahead.

**FULL-TIME: Castlewellan 1-13 Ballyvarley 2-12**

**Scorers:** David McGovern 0-6, Paul O'Neill 0-3, Conor Grew 1-1, Jamie Murray 1-0, Eunan McConville 0-1, Niall Savage 0-1.

## **UNDERAGE HURLING**

### **Ballyvarley V St Teresa's**

Ballyvarley hurled well against their strong Belfast counterparts. At the break their was only two points between the teams with St Teresa's leading the Reds 2-9 to 3-0. It was a good competitive game played in a good spirit with Kieran Maguire performing well at half-back. Tony Hegarty provided the finishing touch upfront with a couple of well taken goals. Unfortunately the Reds just lost it at the end on a score line of 5-5 to 3-15. Tony Hegarty impressed at full-forward with 2-3. In defence, Conor Strain performed well at fullback while James Kennedy showed some good skill at left halfback.

## **LOTTO UPDATE**

**JACKPOT £2650**

Draw On 04/05/08

**WINNING NUMBERS**

**1, 9, 20, 26**

No Winners.

**JACKPOT £2700**

Draw On 11/05/08

**WINNING NUMBERS**

**3, 16, 18, 26**

No Jackpot Winners.

£10 Winners

Vincent Stewart, Jimmy Stewart, Denis O'Meara Jnr, Gerard O'Neill, Aidan Lavery.

### U-12 CAMOGIE

#### Aghaderg V Dromara

In glorious sunshine Aghaderg U 12 Camogie team played host to Dromara on Wednesday evening and despite a brave second half revival they could not overcome the Dromara side. Right from the start Dromara dominated the midfield and half-forward lines. Stout defending by Danielle Stewart and Laura Fletcher kept the away side at bay. However, this pressure was to pay off and within a 5-minute spell, Dromara found the net three times.

**Half Time: Aghaderg 0-0 Dromara 3-0.**

Gradually Aghaderg began to put the Dromara team under pressure with Hannah Malone beginning to dominate at midfield.

In contrast to the first half Aghaderg took over in midfield with Sarah Rafferty and Kung Williamson coming more into the game. Haley Lennon tormented the Dromara defence with some good efforts and was finally rewarded by striking the ball to the Dromara net. Right from the puck out Kitty Cranney and Grainne Moran put the ball back in the Dromara half and with some strong tackling in midfield from Hannah Malone she supplied a long through pass for Katie Canniford to force over the Dromara Line. More sustained pressure from Sorcha Campbell Rachael Canniford and Sarah Malone could not find the net before the final whistle.

**Final Score: Aghaderg 2-0, Dromara 3-0.**

### LADIES FOOTBALL

U14 Girls' football home to Tullylish this Sunday 18th May.

### UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

#### U-14 Football

Annaderg u-14 footballers got off to an excellent start to the league on Thursday evening last when they were convincing winners over their hosts Drumgath.

Their dominance was largely due to the Annaderg's formidable midfield pairing of Shane Donnelly and Michael Fitzpatrick. Both were continually supported by an impressive overlapping half back

line of David Potts, Jonathan Lennon & Mark McIlroy.

Enjoying a good supply of ball the half forward line of McAvoy, Doyle & in particular Niall Fegan produced some very skillfull football resulting in well taken scores. Drumgath reacted well and mounted attacks on the Reds defence which produced some good scores. However, Annaderg with the wind in their backs began to deploy the long ball directly to the full forward line of Neil Rooney and Ciaran Greenan which resulted in a goal scoring spree before half time. On the resumption Drumgath showed real metal and mounted a spirited comeback. The reds full back line encouraged by great saves from keeper Ryan Strain eventually came to terms with these attacks. Rory and Noel McNeill finished the game with a commanding performance. Subs Rory Mc Shane, Ciaran Davis and Leo Doyle played very well when introduced.

**Final Score: Annaderg 6-12, Drumgath 3-8.**

### U16 FOOTBALL

The record so far this season for the Annaderg (Aghaderg/Annaclone) U-16 team is 1 win, a draw and two defeats. The opening league game saw the boys hold out for a 1 point win against neighbours Clann-na-Banna then followed defeats away to Drumgath and Ballymartin however the best performance was at Attical when a dubious injury time point earned the Mourne side a draw on a score line of Annaderg 5 -11 Attical 4 - 14. On Tuesday the team play Mayobridge in the championship @ 7.30.

### WORD SEARCH

Can you find 6 Munster Counties

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### CLUB FUNCTION

#### SCHEDULE

Night at the Races on the 30<sup>th</sup> May.  
Sports Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Cul Camp from 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July  
Annual BBQ on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2008.

### COUNTY HURLING

The South Down senior hurlers began their Leinster Shield campaign with an away game to Leitrim on Sunday. All three players from Ballyvarley started on the team, James McGrath at centre full-back, Colm O'Neill at centre half-forward and David McGovern at centre full-forward.

#### Leitrim 2-7, South Down 1-15

The next game for South Down is this Sunday in Ballela against Louth.

### CHILD PROTECTION

A Child Protection Course will be held at Tullylish GAC on Wednesday 21st May from 7pm to 10pm. All coaches/helpers working with juvenile teams/ players must attend this course if they haven't already done so. Contact Aidan Hegarty before Tuesday night with your name if you wish to attend.

### CLUB MERCHANDISE

Shorts and socks in club colours will be available in Ballyvarley Hall at 12 noon to 1pm every Sunday. All juvenile and senior players should be kitted out in club colours.

### NEW CLUB WEBSITE

Our New Club website is under construction and should be live within the next couple of weeks.