



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



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SENIOR FOOTBALL

Junior Championship

Aghaderg Stun St Michaels

Aghaderg were the underdogs in this Championship tie but form counted for nothing when 'The Reds' brushed St Michaels aside. The Reds got off to the perfect start with four unanswered points from Rory Simpson with two frees and one from play, added to by a close range effort from Conor Lavery. St Michaels however began to find their feet and they too converted four unanswered points to level the match. Only for a point blank save from Mark McGrath the flow was definitely in St Michaels favour. This seemed to give Aghaderg the gee-up they needed as Rory Simpson and Conor Lavery added further points to put them two ahead. The sides then traded points before Conor Lavery struck again to give the Reds a half time lead of three points.

Half-Time:

Aghaderg 0-9, St Michaels 0-6.

The sides were level within seconds of the restart as St Michaels found the net but once again, the lads responded excellently. Stephen Comiskey fisted over the bar and Rory Simpson converted a free to put us two up once more. Points a-piece followed and Stevie Comiskey hit another fisted point to go three ahead.

Aghadergs' dominance continued with Conor Lavery hitting a further two points and a very impressive Keelin Doyle got on the scoreboard as well.

Six points up and St Michaels were on the ropes. They did put the pressure on but the excellent Aghaderg rearguard stuck to the task, especially the evergreen Marty Fitzpatrick and fearless Thomas Lennon. St Michaels did manage two points in the last minutes of the game but the last say went to Stevie Comiskey as he hit another fine point to seal the victory by five

points. It would seem on this performance that 'The Reds' key players are hitting form at the very crucial time of the season. Paul McGovern was back to his best, Mark McGrath in goals was impressive. James McGrath was solid at midfield while a makeshift forward line performed well above expectations.

Team:

Mark McGrath, Barry Quinn, David McGovern, Martin Fitzpatrick, Myles Cahill, Paul McGovern, Thomas Lennon, Rory Simpson (0-7), James McGrath, Conor Lavery (0-6), Simon Cahill, Keelin Doyle (0-1), Conal Sands, Stephen Comiskey (0-3), Paul O'Neill, Christopher Conlon.

UNDERAGE HURLING

Minor Hurling Championship:

Warrenpoint 2-10

St Patricks 1-16

St Patricks began the defence of their Minor Championship Title in style with a convincing three-point victory over a much-fancied Warrenpoint side. It could have been so different in the opening seconds for Warrenpoint, when Miceal Cunningham burst through the St Pats rearguard only to see his point blank shot brilliantly saved and cleared by goalkeeper Michael McAllister. St Pats profited from the early let-off and heeded the warning by switching James McDermott to put the shackles on Cunningham and a superb St Pats defence went into lock-down mode and totally snuffed out the threat and the spirit of Warrenpoint's championship challenge. Three early points from Paul O'Neill gave the visitors a lead they were never to lose and all Warrenpoint could muster in reply were two pointed frees from Miceal Cunningham and Matthew Teague.

The St Pats defence were in superb form with James McDermott, Kieran Maguire and Conor McClorey doing the man-marking jobs whilst Jamie Murray, Niall

Byrne and Ryan Haughey provided the clearances that relieved the pressure and set the Reds attack in motion. St Patricks kept adding up the points with Niall McAleenan, Martin Connolly, Patrick Macken and Paul O'Neill(3) pushing the holders into a comfortable six point half time lead.

Half Time: Warrenpoint 0-3 St Patricks 0-9

Warrenpoint came out with renewed vigour in the second half with Cunningham and the Teague twins providing the inspiration for a spirited comeback. A great overhead strike from Kelvin Magee gave St Pats an early boost but two unanswered Warrenpoint points signalled the start of the home sides revival. A great goal from Paul O'Neill and another point from Magee stretched St Pats lead to nine points but it was clear that the home side were in the ascendancy. A goal and four points from the home side were the fruits of their new found confidence and it took three long range points from O'Neill to keep St Pat's noses in front. Warrenpoint got the second goal in the closing minutes to reduce the deficit to the minimum and a shock result looked on the cards. However, St Pats found that extra gear and responded to the challenge with Paul O'Neill's two late points putting paid to any chances of a shock result.

St Pats now advance to a quarter final tie with Mourne Shamrocks with the possibility of that tie taking place under the floodlights at Pairc Esler in Newry.

Final score: Warrenpoint 2-10

St Patricks 1-16

St Pats: Michael McAllister; Ryan Haughey, Jamie Murray, Kieran Maguire; Conor McClorey, James McDermott, Niall Byrne; Paul O'Neill(1-11), Sean O'Hare; Ronan McConville, Kelvin Magee(0-2), Martin Connolly(0-1); Tony Hegarty, Niall McAleenan(0-1), Patrick Macken(0-1).

Subs: James Kennedy, Thomas McKernan

U-16 Hurling League:

St Patricks 3-7 Kilclief 1-3

The foundations of this victory were laid in the first half when a dominant outfield performance eventually produced three killer goals. Points from Martin Connolly and Aidan McKernan had given St Pats an early lead but they had struggled to add to that until Patrick Macken bull-dozed his way through for the first major score. That score helped relieve the pressure and when Eoin Magee skillfully weaved his way through for two further goals victory seemed to be assured for the home side as they lead **3-2 to 0-1 at the interval.**

The second half was much more evenly contested with Kieran Maguire, James Kennedy, Thomas McKernan, Chris Martin and Sean O'Hare giving the home side territorial advantage but scores were difficult to come by and it was left to Tony Hegarty to provide the cutting edge. His four points assured St Pats of another welcome victory in their search for the league title.

Final score:

St Patricks 3-7 Kilclief 0-3

Michael McAllister; Thomas McKernan, Conor Strain, Kieran Maguire, James Kennedy, Sean O'Hare, Christopher Martin, Patrick Macken(1-0), Martin Connolly(0-1), Eoin Magee(2-0), Aidan McKernan(0-2), Tony Hegarty(0-4), Jonathan Lennon, Michael Downey, Cathal McGrath, John McDonald, Paul Colgan, Ciaran Davis

AGHADERG WIN U-14

CAMOGIE 12 A-SIDE

CHAMPIONSHIP

As the mist lifted off the Mournes, the Aghaderg U-14 camogie team took to the pitch to play Attical on home territory in the final of the U14 championship.

Starting with the same team that beat Kilcoo in the semi final earlier in the week the reds were soon into the game with the play back and forward down the pitch but scores were hard to come by in the heavy conditions. Laura Stewart at centre half forward kept pushing at the Attical goal whilst Mary Kate McGrath was resilient at midfield. Attical threatened several times in the first half to be cut out by some

strong central defending by Captain Sinead O Meara, whilst no loose ball was allowed, by the wing defenders of Aideen Colgan and Laura Fletcher.

The ultimate break through came with a long clearance by Laura Stewart to the forward line and Janine McGrath did sterling work to keep the ball in play and passed back to Hannah Malone who drove the ball from an acute angle to the corner of the Attical net. There was some determined defending by Ciara Lennon, who made some fine tackles to avert the Attical threat whilst Haley Lennon and Aiobhin McKay worked tirelessly at Mid Field. A long free from Mary Kate found the Attical net again only to be disallowed for a square ball close to the end of the first half.

Half Time:

Attical 0-0, Aghaderg 1-0.

The second half started with Rebecca Fletcher replacing her sister and Aghaderg were soon on target again, a driving run from Laura Stewart who was superb throughout, gave a long pass right into the goal mouth and Janine McGrath gave Aghaderg a well earned second goal. Attical however, were not to be outdone and after some super saves from Danielle Stewart Attical found the net. The pressure was now on with wave after wave of Attical attack, Kitty Cranney replaced Aiobhin McKay and Aghaderg fought with tremendous spirit, Sarah Rafferty worked hard in the second half and the team again regained control to finish strongly.

This was a superb team effort in heavy long grass not ideal for underage Camogie but the spirit shown from every single player was admiral with all giving 100%.

Final Score:

Attical 1-0, Aghaderg 2-0

Sinead O Meara proudly received the cup and thanked the Attical team for an excellent game.

Team:

Danielle Stewart, Laura Fletcher, Sinead O'Meara, Aideen Colgan, Ciara Lennon, Haley Lennon, Mary Kate McGrath, Aiobhin McKay, Laura Stewart, Sarah Rafferty, Janine McGrath (1.0) Hannah Malone (1.0). Subs Rebecca Fletcher, Kitty Cranney, Katie Canniford, Grainne Moran

LOTTO UPDATE



JACKPOT £3400

Draw On 17/08/08

WINNING NUMBERS

12, 19, 20, 23

No Jackpot Winner.

£10 Winner

Alex Mc Clorey

JACKPOT £3450

Draw On 24/08/08

WINNING NUMBERS

5, 6, 8, 24

No Winners.

JACKPOT £3500

Draw On 31/08/08

WINNING NUMBERS

3, 4, 12, 28

No Winners.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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	4			2			9
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WORD SEARCH

Can you find the twelve U-14 Camogie players first names that started the Championship Final last Sunday?

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d	a	a	n	u	l	n	n	r	s	c	t
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s	g	a	a	i	t	h	e	o	a	s	f
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