



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



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SENIOR HURLING

League Div.2:

Ballyvarley 3-11

Castlewellan 2-10

Ballyvarley's senior hurlers made an exciting start to their league campaign with a well earned four point victory over an impressive Castlewellan. Ballyvarley used home advantage to the full and were in magnificent form in the opening period with Martin O'Neill making an impressive return to the Reds colours as he burst through to fire over the opening point. A goal from bustling full forward James McGrath increased Ballyvarley's lead but Castlewellan were always dangerous and time and again they pegged the Reds back with a string of points from placed balls.

The story of the first half was really all about Paul O'Neill who transferred his County Form to the club scene as he turned in a man of the match performance to lead the Reds to their first victory of the year. Eight points delivered from all angles and ranges pushed Ballyvarley into an impressive lead and a block-busting goal from a 21 yard free seemed to have paved the way for an easy victory for the home side. Others to impress in that first half dominance were Sean Kennedy who scored a magnificent point from deep in his own defence, all six defenders who were totally dominant and some fine touches from Niall Savage who sent some telling balls into the Castlewellan area. On the other side of the coin Castlewellan's Raymond Cunningham was a constant thorn in the Red's side and his six points from frees and Neil Johnston's goal kept the visitors in touch at the half time interval.

Half Time:

Ballyvarley 2-10

Castlewellan 1-7

Ballyvarley began the second half well but the harsh dismissal of Sean Kennedy proved to be a major body-blow as Castlewellan used the extra man to great affect and almost pulled off an unlikely victory. Paul O'Neill was forced to operate much more deeply out the field as Castlewellan piled on the pressure to turn the screw on a magnificent but, at times, desperate home defence. Great saves from Cathal O'Neill and great defending from David Lavery, Jamie Murray, Kieran Maguire, Colm O'Neill and Thomas Lennon somehow managed to keep the visitors tally to just one goal and three points.

Up at the other end it was James McGrath who provided the Reds with the vital lifeline and his goal and a point proved to be the crucial scores as it stretched Ballyvarley's lead and forced Castlewellan into adopting the fruitless policy of going for goals against a resolute home defence. So at the end Ballyvarley hung on for that vital victory that their impressive first half performance had always promised.

Final Score:

Ballyvarley 3-11

Castlewellan 2-10

Scorers: Paul O'Neill (1-8), James McGrath (2-1), Martin O'Neill (0-1), Sean Kennedy (0-1)

Team: Cathal O'Neill; Jamie Murray, David Lavery(capt), Kieran Maguire; Sean Kennedy, Colm O'Neill, Thomas Lennon; Paul O'Neill, Ciaran Connolly; Martin O'Neill, David McGovern, Niall Savage; James McGrath, Conor Grew, John O'Neill.

Subs used: Eunan McConville, Conor McClorey.

Subs not used: Stephen Daly, Stuart Cartmill, James McConville, Colin O'Neill, Gavin McGreevey, Peter McConville, Shane McAreavey, James Kennedy

The next Senior Hurling match is on Sunday 26th April away to Portaferry at 6:30pm.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

League Div. 3

St. Pauls V Aghaderg

Our Senior footballers travelled to St Pauls on Friday night for the first match of the season.

It was St Pauls who opened the scoring in the first minute with a point but straight from a long kick out from Paul Mc Grath in goals Kevin Anderson won the ball and slotted over the equaliser. St Pauls responded immediately with their second point before Kevin Anderson converted a free from out on the left wing to level once again. Andrew Carr then pushed Aghaderg ahead when he fisted a breaking ball on the edge of the square onto the crossbar and over. The Reds suffered a blow when Kevin Anderson pulled up with a hamstring injury. Aaron Mc Avoy came in at Right Back and Keelin Doyle moved to Right Half Forward.

As the game went on, it was quite evident that the referee was not going to give many frees and it was beginning to look like a very one sided affair as far as the frees were concerned with St Pauls seemingly being able to maul the Aghaderg players all over the field without fear of punishment. As a result St Pauls gained an easy free to level and from some dubious tackling to gain possession and able to force ahead with another point. Andrew Carr levelled once again with a well taken point following a defensive error by the St Pauls rearguard. St Pauls from the kick out went straight up the field and hit another point from long range.

Rory Simpson converted a 14m free after Eugene Devlin had been almost decapitated, and two minutes later he converted once more this time from about 40m out on the left wing. As the half came to an end St Pauls hit another point from a free and Kieran Maguire hit a lovely

score from an acute angle on the left hand side.

HALF-TIME

St Pauls 0-6, Aghaderg 0-7

The second half saw no let up in the physical abuse being dished out by the St Pauls lads but it was Aghaderg who increased their lead to two points from a Rory Simpson free. St Pauls did respond however with a converted free of their own before Rory Simpson put us two in front again with an exquisite finish off the outside of his left boot. This should have been the score to raise our game but instead it was St Pauls who upped the anti and hit 1-5 with no reply until the last minute of the game when Eugene Devlin hit a superb point from out on the right wing.

FINAL-SCORE

St Pauls 1-12, Aghaderg 0-10.

TEAM: Paul Mc Grath, Keelin Doyle, Damien Simpson, Martin Fitzpatrick; David Mc Govern, Paul Mc Givern, Niall Poland; James Mc Grath, Rory Simpson; Kevin Anderson, Cathal Mc Grath, Stephen Fitzsimmons; Kieran Maguire, Andrew Carr, Eugene Devlin.

SUBS: Aaron Mc Avoy for Kevin Anderson (7mins), Thomas Lennon for Marty Fitzpatrick (29mins), Ciaran Connolly, Paul O'Neill, Conor Mc Alorum, Conal Sands, Mark Mc Grath, Conor Mc Clorey.

The senior footballers play Drumaness on Monday and Ardglass on Friday.

LOTTO UPDATE



JACKPOT £5050

Draw On 05/04/09

WINNING NUMBERS

4, 11, 17, 20

No Jackpot Winner.

£10 Winners

Paul Mc Grath, Aideen Colgan, A. Lavery.

GAA QUIZ

1. How many Goals Did Jimmy Barry Murphy Score In The 1973 All-Ireland Football Final?
2. Name The Young Rookie Forward Who Ignited Cork's Charge To The 2003 All-Ireland Hurling Final?

3. Who Are The Only Tyrone Club To Have Won The Ulster Club Football Title?

4. Three Cork Hurling Captains Have Been Substituted In All-Ireland Finals Over The Last 15 Years. Name All Three.

5. What Year Was The First 80-Minute All-Ireland Senior Football Final?

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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WORD SEARCH

Can You Find These Local Road Names: **lisnagade, ballygowan, ringsend, coolnacran, meenan, loughadian, drumsallagh, lisnavaragh, blue, kernan.**

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MEMBERSHIP IS NOW OVERDUE

All players are asked to have their membership paid as soon as possible and before league games commence. It is important that all players have membership paid otherwise they are not eligible to play and are not covered in the event of injury.

U-AGE FOOTBALL

The U-16s lost by 2 – 7 to 1 – 6 against to Clann-na-Banna and play Mitchels on Wednesday in Annaclone @ 6.45pm.

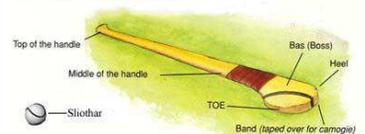
The U-14s lost to Longstone by 3 points.

Sunday 19th April U-12s at home to Tullylish.

U-AGE HURLING

The U-14s hurlers lost their game at Bredagh and the U-16s play Castlewellan on Sunday in Ballyvarley.

HURLING/CAMOGIE COACHING



This year's hurling coaching programme will begin on **Saturday 25th April 2009.**

DOWN U-21 FOOTBALL

Congratulations to Niall Higgins on winning an Ulster U-21 medal with Down U-21's on Wednesday night at Casement Park where they beat Armagh 1-14 to 2-10. Niall played Right Corner Back and is a Senior Hurler with the club.

U-14 CAMOGIE FÉILE

Aghaderg travelled to Portaferry on Saturday to take part in the Féile. Our first match was against tournament favourites Ballygalget. This was a big step up for the girls who play in the lower section of the league. Ballygalget ran out comfortable winners in the end. Our second match was against Ballycran who were also too strong for a very young Aghaderg team. However the girls did give a much better account of themselves this time with some good passages of play and some good defensive performances.

- GAA Quiz Answers**
1. Two
 2. Setanta O hAilpin
 3. Errigal Ciaran
 4. Ger Fitzgerald (1992), Mark Landers (1999), Pat Mulcahy (2006)
 5. 1970