



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



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SENIOR HURLING

League Div.2:

27/05/09

Warrenpoint II 1-8

Ballyvarley 2-13

The home side knocked the Reds early on with a well taken goal and the quick tough tackling of the Point men soon let Ballyvarley know that they were in for a competitive game.

A Colm O'Neill soloed point got the scores started with James McGrath adding one from wide on the right soon after.

On the restart the puckout was won by Kennedy who released it to McGrath to strike the sliotar goal bound only for a Point defender to deflect the ball wide painfully with his rear.

Two more pointed frees from O'Neill increased the lead as Ballyvarley camped in their opponents half for long spells. On their few excursions up the field Warrenpoint did point twice.

HALF-TIME:

Warrenpoint 1-2 Ballyvarley 1-7

O'Neill started the half positively with a good solo into the heart of the home defence before pointing when he really should have goaled. James McGrath showed he is at home in defence or attack when he latched on a ball 30 metres from goal, shrugged of his marker and soloed in before lifting the net.

The Reds were under more pressure in this half than the first and Cathal O'Neill pulled off two cracking saves at full stretch to deny Warrenpoint a deserved goal.

Ballyvarley half-backs started to press forward more and were rewarded when Sean Kennedy burst out from right-half to solo and flick over.

David McGovern back after getting recently married showed some glimpses of his best with good link up with his forwards, laying the ball

off into space and playing good diagonal balls to the corners.

Ballyvarley ran out in the end comfortable eight point winners against a very hardworking Warrenpoint side.

FULL-TIME: Warrenpoint 1-8

Ballyvarley 2-13

Next up Ballyvarley play away to Castlewellan next Wednesday. The Reds will have to lift their performance for this game.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

29/05/09

League Div. 3

Tullylish 0-13, Aghaderg 0-12.

TULLYLISH V AGHADERG

Tullylish got off to a flyer straight from the throw-in as they broke forward to point through Chrissy Mc Govern. Aghaderg replied immediately with a long-range effort from Rory Simpson out on the left wing straight between the posts. Shortly after that, Aghaderg were awarded a free on the 40', which Kevin Anderson hit but to the amazement of the spectators, the Tullylish umpire flagged it as wide. Kevin did however convert a similar long range free just minutes later to put the visitors ahead. John Mc Areavey then levelled proceedings before Tullylish edged ahead with another point.

Rory Simpson then hit an exquisite point with the outside of his left boot from the 45 m line to level the match for the third time. Kevin Anderson shot Aghaderg ahead by one with a well hit 45' but once again Tullylish levelled proceedings through John Mc Areavey. Tullylish added a further four points to put them in a commanding lead at the break.

HALF-TIME

Tullylish 0-8, Aghaderg 0-4.

Aghaderg hearts were in their mouths as a one-two between John Mc Areavey and Chrissy Mc Govern finished up in the net only for the referee to have adjudged that Chrissy Mc Govern had fouled the

ball. Aghaderg responded magnificently with Stephen Fitzsimmons fielding the kick out and sending James Mc Grath striding forward who off loaded to Rory Simpson to blast over the bar. The game was just flowing from end to end and Tullylish hit the target once more, as did Rory Simpson with another long range free out on the right wing. Tullylish stretched their lead however to 5 points with two more strikes before Eugene Devlin grazed the crossbar to slot over the bar. Once again, Tullylish responded with a point to keep their five-point cushion. Paul Mc Grath again showed his goalkeeping class with two point blank saves to keep Aghaderg well in the hunt.

Damien Simpson hit a long clearance, which Kevin Anderson gathered out on the forty, turned, went on a solo and struck the ball sweetly between the posts. From the kick out Rory Simpson gained possession and from out wide on the left wing he hit the target with some aplomb. Another effort from Rory, which seemed to have been a score to everyone except the Tullylish umpire, was ruled as a wide. Conor Lavery entered the fray and from one of his first touches shot over for a well-taken point. Aghaderg continued to apply the pressure and once again, Rory Simpson supplied a superb long-range finish to leave the absolute minimum between the teams.

Tullylish kept their nerve and broke up field to increase the lead to two points. As the game came to a nail biting finish

Aghaderg drove forward and won a free on the 30', which Rory Simpson converted to narrow the gap once more to a single point. In the end, the clock run down on Aghadergs' efforts to get an equaliser and Tullylish nervously held on for an unconvincing one-point win.

FULL-TIME

Tullylish 0-13, Aghaderg 0-12.

U-AGE FOOTBALL

U16 football

The U-16s lost at Banbridge and the U-14s didn't travel to Longstone due to lack of transport.

U-12 Football

The U-12's continued their strong run in the league with a third successive victory on Sunday. Drumgath opened the scoring with a well taken goal. Michael Jordan opened Annaderg's account and set out the team's intentions with a piledriver of a shot from 20 yards that rifled the back of the net. That was quickly followed with a second goal, by Feidhlim Macauley, who pounced on a high bouncing ball and rounded his man to shoot low into the bottom corner.

Three points in a row from Dominic Doyle after fine support play from Declan Loy and Conor McPolin kept the pressure on the home team, and stout defending at the back from Joseph Higgins and the other Dominic Doyle ensured there was no way through for Drumgath after that early score.

Declan Loy added two fine points, and Michael Jordan tagged on another before Conor McPolin took a great score after emerging from a ruck of players with the ball, and with his back to the goal swung over a fine point from 20 yards.

Half-time score Annaderg 2-7 to Drumgath 1-0.

Drumgath came back into the match with a couple of goals and a point from a busy forward line, but Annaderg did enough to ensure they couldn't be caught.

Conor McPolin rose to palm Declan Loy's pass into the Drumgath goal and Harry McArdle took a great goal after a fine pass from Dominic Doyle, who earlier had tagged on another point from a free.

A couple of fine saves from the Annaderg goalkeeper deep into the second half ensured that the margin between the teams would remain sufficient for a fairly comfortable victory. **The final score Annaderg 4-10 Drumgath 4-1.**

Congratulations to David Mc Govern & Noleen Mc Givern on their recent Marraige

U-AGE HURLING

Ballyvarley U12 hurlers continued in their league campaign with a convincing win against Mourne. Ballyvarley started off at a high pace and soon opened the score with a point from Connor McPolin.

This was followed by a goal from James Canniford and a goal and point from Michael Jordan. The Mourne team tried hard but when they did get past Ballyvarley's midfield of Louis Murray and Michael Jordan, they were stopped by the defence of Conal McNally and Colin McGrath.

First period score

Mourne 0 - 0 Ballyvarley 2-2

In the second period, both teams substituted their stronger players to give several other boys a run out. They all fought hard, but Mourne took their chances and scored two goals.

Second Period Score

Mourne 2 - 0 Ballyvarley 0-0

In the third period, Ballyvarley switched their midfield with the half forwards. Feidhlim Macauley and Connor McPolin soaked up the pressure, allowing Louis Murray, Michael Jordan and Conal McNally to attack the Mourne defence. Michael Jordan scored another goal and a point while Paddy McGrath scored a goal. Mourne also scored a point in this fast flowing period.

Final Score Mourne 0 - 1 Ballyvarley 4-3

LOTTO UPDATE



JACKPOT £5350

Draw On 17/05/09

WINNING NUMBERS

4, 13, 18, 28

No Winners

JACKPOT £5400

Draw On 24/05/09

WINNING NUMBERS

11 17, 18, 20

No Jackpot Winner.

£10 Winners

Ciara Devlin, Damien Lennon.

U-14 CAMOGIE

AGHADERG V WARRENPOINT

Warrenpoint opened the scoring from a 30' but Aghaderg came close with Sarah Rafferty and

Grainne Moran hitting shots just past the target. Despite a number of excellent saves from Saoirse Ellis in the Aghaderg goals Warrenpoint hit a further 2-2 without reply.

However, after some good play from Laura Stewart she sent in a long ball to Hannah Malone who doubled on the ball and blasted it to the right hand corner of the net. Aghaderg pushed forward again with Haley Lennon and Danielle Stewart impressing at midfield but a combination of good defending by Warrenpoint and poor shooting by Aghaderg meant the scores were not being put on the score board. It was Warrenpoint indeed who managed to hit the net once again.

Straight from Sinead's puck out Janine Mc Grath pounced only as Janine can and with a neat spin slotted the ball nicely into the net from close range.

HALF TIME:

Warrenpoint 3-4, Aghaderg 2-0

Warrenpoint hit the net but Aghaderg responded almost immediately when Mary Kate Mc Grath played the ball into Janine Grath who dribbled it past her marker before slamming her second major into the left hand corner of the net. Instead of Aghaderg, building on this score it was Warrenpoint who hit a further 3-2 to leave the game beyond Aghadergs reach. It was Aghaderg however, who had the last say when the impressive Danielle Stewart managed to gain possession about 30m out and with a pile driver from that range she hit the back of the Warrenpoint net in style.

FINAL SCORE:

Warrenpoint 7-6, Aghaderg 4-0.



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Next committee meeting is Tuesday 2nd June @ 7.30.