

## Kilbree Camogie Notes 01/08/16

### U12 County Champions

Kilbree U12 camogie girls were crowned county champions, in Ballinlough on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July. Tracton were the opposition. Both sides had a strong run into this final. Tracton started stronger and scored a great opening goal. Kilbree settled into this half with some great scores by Alison Collins, Caoimhe Murphy and Emily O'Donovan. A goal by Tracton, just before half time ensured Kilbree would have to fight hard in the second half. The half-time score was Kilbree 3-01 to Tracton's 2-02.

The Kilbree girls played with great skill and determination in the second half. They fought hard for each other and dominated the second half. Goals by Caoimhe Murphy, Emily O'Donovan, Alison Collins and Rachel Deasy ensured Kilbree's dominance. Kilbree's backs were superb including Kate O'Donovan, Cara Collins, Maeve O'Neill and Orlagh O'Neill Callanan. Kilbree maintained most of the possession and worked extremely hard as a team, to ensure they would be victorious. The final score was Kilbree 7-04 to Tracton's 2-02.

There were incredible scenes of joy at the final whistle. This is an incredible achievement for a small West Cork club. Captain Kate O'Donovan accepted the cup on behalf of her team. Mary Murphy was thrilled to receive a trophy as "player of the match". The management team of Deirdre O'Leary, Anna O'Neill, Tony O'Neill and Aidan O'Shea deserve great credit for the work they have done with this incredible group of girls.

On Saturday night, the girls attended the Kilmeen & Castleventry Community Barbeque to celebrate their wonderful success. They were joined by the Kilbree's U16 West Cork Hurling Champions for a joint celebration. Thanks to everyone involved in organising this barbeque, it was the perfect celebration for both groups of champions!

**Team:** Heather Brimble, Cara Collins, Maeve O'Neill, Kate O'Donovan, Orlagh O'Neill Callanan, Mary Murphy, Emily O'Donovan (2-01), Rachel Deasy (1-00), Caoimhe Murphy(1-03), Sinead O'Sullivan, Niamh McCarthy,

Alison Collins (3-00), Roisin O'Carroll, Emer O'Connell, Lucy Collins and Orla O'Donovan.

The county semi-final took place on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July in Riverstick. A strong Blackrock side were the opposition. Kilbree got a great start with two goals by Caoimhe Murphy and one by Alison Collins in the first quarter. Kilbree fought for every ball and defended fiercely against a very skilful Blackrock side. They did not give the Blackrock girls the opportunity to settle on any ball. The half-time score was Kilbree 4-1 to Blackrock's 0-1.

A goal by Blackrock in the opening minutes of the second half made this semi-final a real battle. Skill and determination ensured that Blackrock would only score one more goal in the second half. Kate O'Donovan made a difference when she moved into the forwards, scoring two fine points. Goals by Alison Collins and Caoimhe Murphy ensured Kilbree finished strongly. The final score was Kilbree 6-04 to Blackrock's 2-01.

**Team:** Heather Brimble, Cara Collins, Maeve O'Neill, Kate O'Donovan (0-02), Orlagh O'Neill Callanan, Mary Murphy, Rachel Deasy, Caoimhe Murphy (4-02), Sinead O'Sullivan, Niamh McCarthy, Alison Collins (2-00), Roisin O'Carroll, Emer O'Connell, Lucy Collins and Orla O'Donovan.