

Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 12/11/18

Junior A Hurling Team Complete the “Double!”

There were great scenes of jubilation on Sunday morning in Kealkill for the Junior A hurlers. They completed a historic “double”, winning the Carbery league title. This cohort of players has already won the Carbery championship. The club’s second hurling team completed the championship/league double last weekend. St Colums provided the opposition in the “A” league final. Scores by Liam O’Brien, Darragh Coakley, Ray Collins and Joseph O’Donovan gave Kilbree a one goal advantage at half time. The half-time score was Kilbree 1-4 St Colums 0-4.

Kilbree were very much a dominant force in the second half, holding St Colums scoreless and scoring 1-10 themselves. Kilbree’s defence were superb in halting any St Colums advances near goal. A goal by Liam O’Brien early in the second half was the turning point. Darragh Coakley converted chances from frees with ease. Joseph O’Donovan, Damien O’Gorman, Michael Mennis, Daniel O’Donovan and Donal McSweeney added their own scores to ensure a comprehensive victory in terrible weather conditions. The final score was Kilbree 2-14 St Colums 0-4.

This side now look forward to contesting the county league final next weekend against Erins Own.

U14 Camogie Champions

Kilbree U14 camogie girls defeated Clonakilty in a thrilling contest on Wednesday night, to win the “A” Carbery championship. Playing with the breeze in the first half, Kilbree’s Emily O’Donovan, Maeve O’Neill and Alison Collins took some fine scores to give Kilbree an eight point advantage at half-time. The half time score was Kilbree 3-2 Clonakilty 1-0.

Weather conditions deteriorated drastically in the second half, the wind became much stronger accompanied by heavy rain. Kilbree had to defend against severe pressure on their backs. Both sides fought a fierce battle. Clonakilty scored 1-2 before Caoimhe Murphy scored a goal for Kilbree. Clonakilty continued their comeback, aided by a strong wind and scored another 1-2. However, Kilbree held on to win by a single point. There were great scenes of joy at the final whistle. The final score was Kilbree 4-2 Clonakilty 3-4. Captain Maeve O’Neill was thrilled to accept the cup on behalf of her team. This team have had a most

successful year competing successfully at the highest grade in the county. They have made it to semi-final stage of U14 championship, league and Feile. Well done to everyone on and involved with this team. Many of this team are part of the U16 panel who will play Midleton in the next week, in the U16 county quarter-final.

Team: Heather Brimble, Orlagh O'Neill Callanan, Kate O'Donovan, Clionadh Debarbouille, Niamh McCarthy, Rachel Deasy, Margaret Collins, Emily O'Donovan, Mary Murphy, Lucy Collins, Caoimhe Murphy, Emer O'Connell, Maeve O'Neill, Alison Collins, Ava Murray, Megan McCarthy, Holly McCarthy, Katelyn McCarthy and Aoife Casey.

Six of the U14 panel were part of the Cork U14 panel for 2018. Maeve O'Neill, Heather Brimble, Caoimhe Murphy, Emily O'Donovan, Mary Murphy and Kate O'Donovan received medals from Munster, All-Ireland and other inter-county competitions on Friday night in Blarney. The girls have learned so much and made new friends from all over the county in 2018. Thanks to Rob Lotty, all the coaches and organisers for ensuring the girls had a most memorable year. The girls were thrilled to meet Cork senior camogie player Julia White, who brought the O'Duffy Cup to the celebrations.