

## **Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 16/4/18**

### **Junior A Football Championship**

Kilmeen junior footballers got their championship run off to a great start on Sunday. They defeated Barryroe 0-16 to 1-6 in Ballinascarthy.

### **Junior Camogie**

Kilbree camogie club has established a junior camogie club for the first time. Friday night was a most historic night for the junior team. They played their first county league match against St Colums in Kealkill. It was also St Colums first venture into the junior ranks.

Kilbree camogie club has been very successful at underage level in recent years. While Kilbree is still a relatively young club, county titles have been won at U12 and U14 level. The current U14 team are playing in the “A” grade, the highest grade in the county. They have just made it to the last four teams in the “A” Feile competition. There are a number of girls on the Cork U14 and U16 squads.

Given underage success, the time is right for Kilbree to progress to adult level. It is important to provide adult players with the opportunity to play in their own club and to give the younger girls a stepping stone into adult level. The adult players are very enthusiastic about this new venture. While the catchment area for the club may be small, a team of committed officers and coaches have ensured continued success for the club.

The junior team are very fortunate to have Sean O’Brien coaching them. Sean managed the club’s Junior A hurling team to win the “Flyer Nyhan” in 2016. The junior team has a blend of experienced adult players and younger players. The emphasis in the first season will be placed on training and integrating the players into the adult structure.

Junior Panel: Alice O’Donovan, Eilish O’Brien, Aisling Murphy, Fern McCarthy, Sinead O’Donovan, Katie Lancaster, Mairead Crowley, Leanne Sheehy, Grace McCarthy, Grainne O’Brien, Claire Reilly, Lorna O’Brien, Sarah O’Donovan, Ciara McCarthy, Chantelle French, Laura Horgan, Aisling O’Shea, Laura McCarthy, Ruth Kingston and Aoife Dullea.

## **U14 Camogie**

The U14 camogie team recently competed in the opening rounds of the “A” Feile competition. They played Tracton, Aghabullogue and Inniscarra. They qualified for the county quarter-final of the competition. On Wednesday, they travelled to Togher to play St Finbarr’s.

Maeve O’Neill and Rachel Deasy got Kilbree’s opening scores. However Kilbree were a goal adrift at half time. It took great resolve, skill and determination for the girls to fight their way back. Goals by Caoimhe Murphy and Emily O’Donovan ensured this fixture would go to extra time.

Extra time was a tense time, both sides did not want to make mistakes which would cost them a semi-final place. Two points by Caoimhe Murphy late in injury time ensured Kilbree would progress to the Feile “A” semi-final. The final score was Kilbree 3-5 St Finbarr’s 3-3.

The Feile semi-final against Sarsfield’s took place on Saturday morning, in Castle Road. Sars started strong and scored four points without reply. A well worked goal between Caoimhe Murphy and Maeve O’Neill ensured Kilbree were just one point down at half-time. Sars playing with the strong breeze in the second half, were stronger on this occasion. The Kilbree girls gave their best performance to date in this semi-final. Heather Brimble made some great saves and Kate O’Donovan and all the backs were outstanding in defence. The final score was Kilbree 1-0 Sarsfields 1-7. Sars went on to win the final by defeating a very strong Inniscarra side 4-12 to 1-2.

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

## **U12 Football**

The U12 footballers opened their league campaign against Newcestown in Rossmore, on Monday night. In wet and windy conditions, the Kilmeen boys were the stronger force throughout this match. The final score was Kilmeen 5-11 Newcestown 2-4.

Team: Ruairi O’Sullivan, Jack Hehir, Darragh Clancy, Mark Collins, Tim Bailey, Sam Bailey, Olan Murphy, Ben Barry, Daniel McCarthy, Culann Finn, Rory McCarthy, Joe Barry, Oisín Harrington, Cillian Twohig, Peter O’Sullivan,

Shane Keohane, Jason Murray, Colum Kennefick, Sean O'Carroll and Rory Twohig.

### **U14 Hurling**

Kilbree U14 hurlers played their opening league game of the season, against Clonakilty in Ahamilla on Saturday evening. This was an evenly matched affair. Clonakilty won on the night, the final score was Kilbree 0-10 Clonakilty 2-10.

Peter O'Sullivan, Ethan Buttimer, Sam Bailey, Oisin O'Sullivan, Joe Bailey, Brian Buttimer, Daniel McCarthy, Eoin O'Sullivan, Micheal Keohane, Darragh Clancy, Cillian Twohig, Gene O'Donovan and Ethan Jennings.

### **Used Clothing Collection**

Kilbree camogie club is running a used clothing collection fundraiser at present. Bags of clothes may be dropped to the club rooms. Collection of bags may be organised by ringing (087)6167845.

### **Lotto Results**

There was no winner of this week's lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 3, 15 and 26. The lucky dip winners were Jimmy O'Sullivan, Kevin Collins and Aisling/Cian Dooley. This week's lotto jackpot will be €2,000.