

Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 19/11/18

“Kilbree junior hurlers on top of the world!”

There were great scenes of jubilation on Friday night in Pairc Ui Chaoimh when the Junior A hurlers completed the “treble” defeating Erins Own in the County Hurling League Final. This cohort of players has already won the Carbery championship and league “double”. The club’s second hurling team has also completed the championship/league “double”. Darragh Coakley and Liam O’Brien scored some fine points in the opening stages of this match. A goal by Oige Scannell put a little distance between the teams, in a close battle played on the 4G pitch in Pairc Ui Chaoimh. The Rossmore men lead by four points at half time 1-7 to 0-6.

The sides traded points early in the second half. A cracker of a goal by Darragh Coakley was followed in quick succession by an Erins Own goal. Darragh went on to score three more goals in this half and 4-7 in the match. These goals were crucial. Some superb saves by Aidan O’Shea in goal, in both halves, kept an important distance between both teams. Further points by Dylan Coffey, Daniel O’Donovan and Oige Scannell ensured the Kilbree men would complete the “treble”. The final score was Kilbree 5-13 Erins Own 3-12. Kevin O’Donovan presented the Dr Con Murphy cup to captain Dylan Coffey amid great scenes of celebration.

Camogie

The U16 camogie girls beat Midleton at home on Saturday in the U16 county league quarter-final. Early scores by Mairead Crowley and Leanne Sheehy gave Kilbree an ideal start. Midleton fought hard for every ball. Kilbree’s defence was superb in the face of incredible pressure. Mary Murphy and Emily O’Donovan were superb in midfield. Kilbree lead 1-5 to 0-1 at half time.

Midleton started well in the second half. However, Kilbree dominated in the final quarter. Scores by Mairead Crowley, Emily O’Donovan, Caoimhe Murphy, Aife O’Neill kept Kilbree ahead. Two goals by Maeve O’Neill in the final ten minutes ensured Kilbree would qualify for the county semi against Mallow.

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.

Team: Heather Brimble, Orlagh O’Neill Callanan, Kate O’Donovan, Clionadh Dearbouille, 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.

Lotto

There was no winner of this week’s lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 18, 27 and 40. The lucky dip winners were Pauraic Deasy, Gerry O’Leary and Donal Keohane. Next week’s lotto jackpot will be €5,100.

Victory Dinner Dance

2018 has been an incredibly successful year. The victory dinner dance will take place on January 5th 2019 in Fernhill House Hotel. The Music Makers will provide the music on the night and tickets will be on sale shortly.