**Kilmeen & Kilbree GAA Club Notes 26/8/19**

The retention of the Junior A Hurling Championship or the “Flyer Nyhan” is very definitely on course. The junior hurlers defeated Doheny’s in the replay of the quarter final in Ballinacarriga on Wednesday. In horrendously wet conditions, Kilbree had to dig deep to see off the challenge provided by the Dunmanway men. The sides were level at 0-6 a piece at half time. A superb Sean Reale goal early in the second half and a penalty save by Kilbree keeper Denis Dullea were the main turning points in the second half. Kilbree won this tie 1-11 to 0-9.

This set up a semi-final against Newcestown on Sunday, in Enniskeane. Ray Collins and Dylan Coffey dominated midfield in the first quarter leading to some fine Kilbree scores. A goal by Sean Reale mid-way through the first half gave Kilbree a cushion. Sean converted a second goal chance and points from Don McCarthy, Ray Collins and Darragh Coakley gave Kilbree a comfortable lead at half time. The half time score was Kilbree 2-10 Newcestown 0-6.

Kilbree’s dominance continued early in the second half with scores from Darragh Coakley and Don McCarthy. A third goal by Sean Reale put an end to this match as a serios contest. Newcestown were awarded a penalty which they converted. Another consolation goal from play for Newcestown gave Kilbree a nine-point surplus at the final whistle. The full-time score was Kilbree 3-19 Newcestown 3-10. Kilbree will now meet either Clonakilty or Ballinascarthy in the final.

Team:

Denis Dullea, Brian Deasy, Liam O’Brien, Brian Keohane, John Clancy, Brian O’Donovan, Kevin Keohane, Dylan Coffey, Ray Collins, Darragh Coakley, Don McCarthy, Jonathan Deasy, Martin O’Donovan, Ogie Scannell, Sean Reale.

Subs: Sean Deasy for Brian O’Donovan, Joseph O’Donovan for Darragh Coakley, Michael Keohane for Sean Reale.

Kilbree’s junior camogie team had a comprehensive win over Erin’s Own in the county championship semi-final, on Saturday in Castle Road. This is only Kilbree’s second year fielding a junior camogie team. They already contested the league final, earlier in the season. Mairead Crowley dominated around centre forward while Aife O’Neill, Sinead O’Connell, Leanne Sheehy and Grainne O’Brien took some fine scoring opportunities. Katie Lancaster made some impressive saves in goal. Sinead O’Donovan and Aine Crowley lead the Kilbree advances from full and centre back. Rosemarie Dullea was introduced for the second half and scored a hattrick of goals. Kilbree will now meet Rockban or Dungourney in the county final, this will be played in the next two weeks.

Team: Katie Lancaster, Sarah O’Donovan, Sinead O’Donovan, Rebecca Hurley, Aine Crowley, Grainne O’Brien, Eilis O’Brien, Maire O’Brien, Sinead O’Connell, Leanne Sheehy, Laura McCarthy, Mairead Crowley and Aife O’Neill.

Subs: Rosemarie Dullea, Jessica O’Driscoll, Aisling O’Shea, Claire Reilly, Lorna O’Brien, Alice O’Donovan.

Kilbree’s U16 camogie team played Ballinascarthy on Tuesday night, in Ballinascarthy and recorded a win. First half scores by Maeve O’Neill, Emily O’Donovan and Caoimhe Murphy gave Kilbree a good start. Kilbree’s defence was superb. Rebecca Hurley, Jessica O’Driscoll, Kate O’Donovan and Rachel Deasy made some fine clearances. Heather Brimble was impressive in goal. Lucy Collins, Alison Collins and Aife O’Neill were on the second half score sheet. The girls now look forward to the remaining Carbery championship games and hope to qualify for the final.

The club would like to thank Kilmeen Drama Group for kindly performing their comedy play “A Sunday in September” as a fundraiser for the adult, underage and camogie clubs. The fundraiser was held on Sunday 25th and will also run on Thursday 29th August.

Kilbree’s U16 hurlers played Kilbrittain in championship, on Friday night in Clonakilty. This was a very close and exciting match. There was the bare minimum between the sides all through the match. The final score was Kilbree 6-8 Kilbrittain 5-12. Kilbree will now meet Fastnet Gaels in the next round.

The U14 hurlers played a challenge game against Ahan Gaels in Rossmore, on Tuesday night. While they did not win this game was excellent preparation for upcoming championship games.

The U12 footballers had a comfortable win over Sam Maguires on Thursday night, in the league semi-final, played in Dunmanway. Kilmeen dominated this encounter all the way through and have qualified for the league final.

The U6 and U10 hurlers played St Mary’s in Rossmore on Thursday night. These were two most entertaining games. Well done to everyone involved.

The U8 hurlers travelled to Ahiohill on Saturday morning to take part in a blitz. They played brilliantly against Diarmuid O’Mathunas, St Mary’s and Argideen Rangers. They really enjoyed this fun blitz.

The U10 camogie team played in a fun blitz in Newcestown on Saturday morning. The girls played two Kilbrittain teams and a team from Newcestown. The girls were very impressive in the matches they played.

Club officers and players were delighted to welcome Paudie Crowley (GPO) to our club for a coaching session, on Monday night. Paudie ran excellent sessions for our U14 footballers and minor hurlers. The players and their coaches found these coaching sessions most informative.

There was no winner of this week’s lotto jackpot. The numbers drawn were 18, 28 and 30. The lucky dip winners were Ann Harrington, John Joe O’Leary and Peter Keohane. The lotto jackpot is €4,000.

Congratulations to Niamh McCarthy who played with the Cork U14 camogie team in the Orla McDonagh blitz, in Thurles on Saturday. Well done also to Conor O’Sullivan who played with the Cork West football team that won the Regional A football final, played in Pairc Ui Rinn, on Saturday.