

Kilmeen & Kilbree Notes 01/08/16

Historic Week for “Double” Champions!

Kilbree’s U16 hurlers were crowned West Cork Champions on Wednesday. The U12 camogie girls were crowned County Champions on Saturday against Tracton.

U16 Hurling

Kilbree were crowned West Cork Champions amid scenes of great excitement, in Clonakilty on Wednesday last. Kilbrittain provided the opposition in the final. Kilbree defeated St Fachtinas and Clonakilty in the previous rounds of this championship. Kilbrittain scored the opening point but Kilbree responded with some great points by Thomas Tyner. Brian Deasy scored a goal giving Kilbree a significant lead. However, Kilbrittain never panicked and responded with some fine points before half-time. The half-time score was Kilbree 1-09 to Kilbrittain’s 0-09. Kilbree maintained at least a three point lead for much of the second half, while both sides were equally matched. A goal by Kilbrittain in the dying moments of the second half set this tie alight. A replay looked a possibility. However Thomas Tyner calmly scored a free under incredible pressure and ensured the title was coming back to Rossmore, by scoring a second point, well into added time. This was an incredibly skilful, exciting final where both teams gave absolutely everything. The final score was Kilbree 1-15 to Kilbrittain’s 1-13. Congratulations to Bertie Deasy, David O’Donovan, John Clancy, Garry O’Sullivan and everyone involved with this team. There were scenes of great jubilation when the cup was presented to Kilbree’s captain Brian Deasy. This team now progress to a county semi-final against St Catherine’s.

Team: Jack Murphy, Mark Tobin, Killian O’Driscoll, Thomas O’Sullivan, Cian Murphy, Jamie O’Donovan, Conor Hurley, Brian Deasy (1-0), Eoin McCarthy, Cathal Dineen, Thomas Tyner (0-13), David O’Regan, Paul Lyons, Jamie Santry (0-2), Mark Keohane, Sean Crowley, Darren Scannell.

U12 Camogie

Kilbree U12 camogie girls were crowned county champions, in Ballinlough on Saturday. 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, 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 U16 hurlers 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 evening 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.

All-Ireland Bowling Champion!

Gavin Twohig was crowned All-Ireland Intermediate Bowling Champion in Armagh on Sunday. We are very proud of Gavin and this incredible achievement.

U12 Hurling

The U12 hurlers played St Patrick's in Rossmore, on Monday evening. St Patrick's were the stronger side on this occasion. Great play by Ethan Buttimer, Mary Murphy, Oisín O'Sullivan and Conor O'Sullivan kept Kilbree in the game. The half-time score was Kilbree 0-3 to St Patrick's 3-03. Two great goals by Oisín O'Sullivan were matched by two St Patrick's goals. The final score was Kilbree 2-04 to St Patrick's 5-03.

Team: Eoin O'Sullivan, Caoimhe Murphy, Ethan Jennings, Oisín O'Sullivan (2-00), Daniel McCarthy, Ethan Buttimer, Conor O'Sullivan (0-4), Micheal Keohane, Mary Murphy, Rachel Deasy, Orlaith Kirby and Simon Jennings.