

Kilmeen & Kilbree Notes 15/2/16

Junior Footballers Qualify for Munster Final!

Kilmeen's Junior B footballers qualified for a historic Munster football final on Sunday. It has been a long season for this cohort of players. They won the county title last July. They won the Munster quarter-final in mid-November and had to wait till mid-February for the next round. The Munster semi-final was played against Fedamore (Limerick) in Knockaderry.

Kilmeen opened their account with a point by Darren Santry, from a free. Just before the 10 minute mark, Fedamore scored a penalty, this proved to be their only score in the first half. Kilmeen playing with the wind, responded to the goals with two further points from Darren Santry and points by Oige Scannell, Shane Scannell and James Clancy. The half-time score was Kilmeen 0-6 to Fedamore's 1-0.

Playing against the wind in tough underfoot conditions against a physically strong opposition looked like it might be a difficult task. Both sides exchanged points in the early stages of the second half. James Clancy failed to convert a penalty chance ten minutes into the second half. This did not unsettle the Kilmeen charges, Shane Scannell taking his goal chance at the fifty minute mark. Fedamore were to score just one more point. Points by Ray Collins, Oige Scannell, Darragh Coakley, Damien O'Gorman and Darren Santry ensured Kilmeen were comfortable winners in the end. The final score was Kilmeen 1-12 to Fedamore's 1-5. The second semi-final between Ballincourty and Sneem Derrynane will take place next Sunday. The final will most likely be played the following Sunday.

Team: William Tyner, Brian Keohane, Liam O'Brien, Brian McSweeney, Daniel O'Leary, Don McCarthy, Ray Collins (0-1), Brian O'Donovan, John Clancy, Johnathan Deasy, Shane O'Donovan, Shane Scannell (1-1), Darren Santry (0-5, 0-2f), James Clancy, Oige Scannell (0-2). Subs used: Damien

O’Gorman (0-1) for Shane O’Donovan, Darragh Coakley (0-1) for Brian McSweeney, Flor O’Sullivan for James Clancy (0-1), Donal McSweeney for Shane Scannell and Davy O’Donovan for Johnathan Deasy.

Underage Medals Presentation

The youngest stars within our club had their awards night on Friday last, in Bealad Community Centre. Ray Collins (captain of Junior county champions) presented the medals to all of the youngsters. The year for this group started with the “Kilmeen Kubs” nursery programme running from November 2014 to March 2015. The Easter Camp ensured the children could showcase their new skills in a fun environment. The U6/U8 group played ten hurling and football blitzes, while the U10’s played eleven. Both groups also played a number of challenge matches. Cul camp in July was a huge success. On the evening of the last day of Cul Camp, the U10 and U12’s played a half-time blitz in Pairc Ui Rinn during the Junior County Final, a night these youngsters will never forget. The U9’s played in Pairc Ui Rinn at half –time during the U21 County football final against Cill na Martra. The club is fortunate to have large numbers of children enjoying playing hurling and football at his age. The future looks very bright indeed!

Kilbree camogie club presented medals to all girls from U6-U14 on Friday night. This was an action-packed and successful year for the club. The U14 girls won their county group and qualified for the county quarter final, where they were unlucky to lose to Blackrock, the eventual county champions.

These girls also played a number of blitzes & Carbery league.

The U12 girls were thrilled to be the only West Cork club to be invited to take part in a Munster blitz in Semple stadium in April. This was followed by an even more special trip to Croke Park in July, to play in an All-Ireland blitz. The U12 girls qualified from their county group to compete in a county quarter-final against a very strong Buttevant side. Success at this stage meant they qualified for a county semi-final against Castlelyons. They were comprehensive winners

and qualified for a county final against Sarsfields. They were unlucky to lose out after a replay in the county final.

The U10 group played blitzes and matches against Valley Rovers, Crosshaven, Sliabh Rua, Ballygarvan, Passage West, Courcey Rovers, Barryroe, Kilbrittain and Clonakilty. The U8's played blitzes and matches against St Colums, Enniskeane, Ballinascorthy, Kilbrittain and Barryroe.

The juvenile and camogie club look forward with much enthusiasm to 2016!