



AGHADERG G.F.C. & **BALLYVARLEY H.C.** **NEWSLETTER**



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SENIOR FOOTBALL

Aghaderg V Dromara

Aghaderg Senior Footballers entertained Dromara last night. It was the locals who got off to the best start with Conor Lavery surging forward to find Cathal Mc Grath and he placed Christopher Conlon who put the ball straight between the uprights for an excellent point. Dromara broke up field and sent over the equaliser before taking the lead from an easy 13m free. The reds then imposed themselves on the game with strong defending from Barry Quinn and Paul Rodgers who released good ball into the midfield area. From that area the trio of Conor Lavery, James Mc Grath and Cathal mc Grath provided a supply of good ball into the inside forward line. Cathal found Andrew Carr on the 30m metre line and the quick thinking Carr hit an accurate diagonal ball to the on running Eugene Devlin who blasted to the back of the Dromara net. Conor Lavery followed this up with a well-taken point and Kevin Anderson then got on the scoreboard with a free kick to give Aghaderg a four-point cushion. Dromara were finding the going tough but did manage a long range pointed free from the 45m line. The reds then upped the anti once more and Conor Lavery was put through by Rory Simpson for his second point of the night. Andrew Carr then got in on the scoring act with a well taken point. Three more points from the home team in quick succession from Christopher Conlon, Rory Simpson and Kevin Anderson saw the locals race into an eight point lead as the game closed in on halftime. Dromara did score twice more before the break but an easy win looked likely for the Reds.

HALF TIME: Aghaderg 1-8, Dromara 0-5.

Dromara had other ideas however and within five minutes of the restart, they had hit a goal and a point to leave only two between the sides. Kevin Anderson relieved the pressure once more however with a 14m free and a fisted point. The good flowing football from the first half seemed to have deserted the locals. Dromara narrowed the gap once more from a free but this was cancelled out by a Kevin Anderson free from about 30m out. As the game entered the final ten minutes, Dromara hit three unanswered points one of which was a massive strike from out around the 45m line on the sideline. The sides were now level for the first time in the game and a nail biting final few minutes saw the reds attack and win a 45'. Kevin Anderson stepped up to the mark to launch an excellent placed ball straight between the posts to clinch a victory by the narrowest of margins.

Final Score: Aghaderg 1-12, Dromara 1-11.

Team: Mark Mc Grath, Thomas Lennon, Barry Quinn, Martin Fitzpatrick, Aaron Mc Avoy, Paul Rodgers, Paul Mc Givern, James Mc Grath, Conor Lavery (0-2), Christopher Conlon (0-2), Rory Simpson (0-1), Eugene Devlin (1-0), Cathal Mc Grath, Kevin Anderson (0-6), Andrew Carr (0-1),

Subs: Ciaran Connolly for Christopher Conlon 40mins, Conal Sands, Jack Devlin, Myles Cahill.

SENIOR HURLING

Clonduff V Ballyvarley

Ballyvarley's senior hurlers began their league campaign with an away game to Clonduff last Tuesday night. The Reds dominated with early scores coming from Paul O'Neill(2) and David McGovern before five minutes had gone. In defence they were tight with Thomas Lennon and David Lavery leading the way. Up front the Reds were creating numerous chances and just failed to add to their tally due to a tight home

defence. Ciaran Connolly was covering well and winning ball in the middle and it looked as if the game could be over before the break. Clonduff were restricted to place balls with Clonduff's John Murphy unusually wasteful. Paul O'Neill and David McGovern were showing well upfront. Chances came to Ballyvarley off the hard work of Niall Higgins and James McDermott as Ballyvarley stretched their lead to seven points with the home side struggling to score. The Reds led by 0-7 to 0-1 at the break.

HALF-TIME: Clonduff 0-1 Ballyvarley 0-7

On the restart a dubious early free awarded to the home side set the tone for the rest of the half. Point after point from frees went over from Clonduff so that with 10 minutes left the Reds found themselves two points in arrears. In a bid to get back into the game Eunan McConville went up front, Paul O'Neill moved to midfield and Colm O'Neill moved to centre half-back. A few minutes later James McGrath moved to the half-forward line. David McGovern led the way with a good lift, turn and strike over the bar while Paul O'Neill struck twice. The Hilltown men replied through Eddie Clancy and John Murphy, before Paul O'Neill levelled it with a 30 yard pointed free. The Reds went for the winner but time was against them and the two teams shared the spoils.

FULL-TIME: Clonduff 0-12 Ballyvarley 0-12

Team: Cathal O'Neill, Thomas Lennon, James McGrath, Jamie Murray, Sean Kennedy, Eunan McConville, David Lavery, Ciaran Connolly, Colm O'Neill, Conor McClorey, David McGovern (0-2), Niall Higgins, Paul O'Neill (0-10), James McDermott, Stewart Cartmill.

Subs: Sean O'Neill, Niall Savage, Pat McGrath, Michael Cairns, Colin O'Neill Stewart Cartmill and Jamie Murray both made their debuts and

worked hard throughout. Ballyvarley's senior hurlers play Warrenpoint at home on Tuesday 6th May, Castlewellan away on 13th May and Portaferry at home on 20th May.

UNDERAGE HURLING

Ballyvarley U-16 hurlers play St. Teresa's Belfast on Sunday 4th May @ 5 in Ballyvarley. Also on Friday 9th May the U-10 & U-12 hurlers play Ballela in Ballyvarley @ 7 in rearranged games.

LOTTO UPDATE

JACKPOT £2600

Draw On 27/04/08

WINNING NUMBERS

2, 6, 10, 28

No Winners.

JUVENILE

SPONSORSHIP

The promotion of hurling and camogie in Ballyvarley has received a timely boost with major sponsorship from local engineering firm, **E.F.Engineering**.

The generous sponsorship allows the club to promote the game by offering hurling sticks to young players at much reduced rates, enabling them to have their own hurl so that they can practise their skills at home. Eugene is no stranger to Ballyvarley hurling. As a player he wore the red and white jersey with pride. His two sons, Gerard and John, were members of successful juvenile teams. Eugene insisted that he wanted to help in the promotion of the game. "I have always admired, and even envied, the work that the club's coaches do with the youth of the area. I have watched my own children benefit from the scheme and in some small way I hope that I can contribute to encouraging that work to continue in the future."

U-12 CAMOGIE

Clonduff II's V Aghadarg

Aghadarg U-12's travelled to Clonduff for their second league game last Saturday. The match was played at a very sharp pace with plenty of goalmouth action. Tierna Lennon in goals assisted by Laura Fletcher and Katie Canniford made some great last ditch saves. Hannah Malone was pulling the strings in the midfield area with some good long drives into the opposition

square. The game ebbed and flowed but it wasn't until two minutes before the break that the first flag was raised for either team.

Kitty Cranney won the ball deep in her own defence, passed to Grainne Moran who in turn placed Hannah Malone to let fly with a pile driver, which hit the back of the net.

Half Time: Clonduff 0-0 Aghadarg 1-0.

The second half opened with the Reds on the attack once more with Caoimhe Campbell and Sarah Malone putting the Clonduff defence under a bit of pressure. Haley Lennon pushed forward for Aghadarg and Sorcha Campbell too came close to hitting the onion bag but good goalkeeping kept her out. The Clonduff girls however stood firm and did not concede another score. Clonduff now had their period of dominance and camped out in Aghadarg's half with Hannah Thompson now getting involved in the last line of defence. Eventually Clonduff made the breakthrough and found the back of the net to level the score. Aghadarg just could not get the ball out of their own 30m line for the remaining five minutes and Clonduff hit the net twice more to seal the victory.

Final Score: Clonduff 3-0, Aghadarg 1-0.

U-14 CAMOGIE

Aghadarg V Attical

Aghadarg's U-14 Camogs hosted Attical last Tuesday in what was a very tightly contested battle. The Attical girls were a more physical side and were very strong with their groundstroke game. The game was quite intense with lots of hard tackling on both sides and it wasn't until the twentieth minute before a score was registered. It was Mary Kate Mc Grath who got the ball in the middle of the field and launched a long ball straight between the posts for a well-taken point. Two minutes later a poorly struck puck out by Attical made its way to Mary Kate and she duly dispatched a low drive straight to the corner of the net. This ended the action for the half.

Half Time: Aghadarg 1-1 Attical 0-0.

Aghadarg made a few changes at half time and brought Aine Mc Grath, Megan Gartland and Kitty Cranney into the fray. Attical put

the locals under sustained attack but the Aghadarg rearguard of Rebecca, Sinead, Aileen, Ciara and Aoibhin held firm. Eventually the reds broke up field and it was Laura Stewart who was driving through to keep the pressure on the Attical defence. Despite all the possession the locals enjoyed they could not find another score and it was Attical who looked the more likely to make the breakthrough. Laura Stewart repeatedly fought hard to win the ball and clear it long up the field. Kung Williamson was reintroduced after coming off with an injury and this seemed to settle the girls as the game entered its final phase. The game ended with no further scores but plenty of near misses.

Final Score: Aghadarg 1-1, Attical 0-0.

WORD SEARCH

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CLUB FUNCTION

SCHEDULE

Night at the Races on the 30th May.
Sports Day on the 6th July
Cul Camp from 7th-11th July
Annual BBQ on the 2nd August 2008.