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

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SENIOR FOOTBALL

The senior footballers travelled to Ballykinlar last Monday night and recorded another quite easy victory. This keeps us in touch with Dromara for the second place birth and possible promotion to Division 3 for next year.

SENIOR HURLING

Junior Hurling Championship Quarter-final: Ballyvarley 1-11 Warrenpoint 3-7

Ballyvarley's dreams of championship success came to an abrupt end when it was Warrenpoint who held out for a narrow two point victory. The Reds just couldn't find the target in the last five minutes to get the victory their whole-hearted effort probably deserved.

Ballyvarley put in a fighting performance that did the Parish proud but they somehow ended up on the wrong side of a 1-11 to 3-7 score line.

Memories of 2006 came flooding back as Ballyvarley began at championship pace and took control of this game right from the outset. Martin O'Neill advanced from full forward to turn and fire over the bar to give the Reds the lead they deserved and when James McDermott raced through to add another in spectacular fashion Warrenpoint were in no doubt that the Reds were up for the challenge. A pointed free from Paul O'Neill and another fine point from Martin O'Neill gave the Reds a commanding 4 point lead and Warrenpoint were struggling to rise to the occasion. Then some key decisions started going the other way and the tide of this game controversially ebbed in Warrenpoint's direction. At one end Conor Lavery raced through to fire over the bar but the umpire amazingly waved the ball wide and at the other end the ball went wide only for the referee to award a controversial 21 yard free to Warrenpoint and John O'Kane accepted the gift and fired over to give Warrenpoint their first score and a foothold in this game.

That boost was all that Warrenpoint needed and in a shattering ten minute spell Ballyvarley's championship hopes were virtually dead and buried. Alan Higgins got goal-side of his marker and raced through for a stunning goal. Within minutes John O'Kane had repeated the dose and Michael Cunningham fired over a point to see Warrenpoint go from four points down to four points in front. It was a dramatic turn-around and worse was to follow when Alan Higgins raced through to fire past the helpless Cathal O'Neill for goal number three. The Reds were visibly shattered and a few directionless wides at this stage were to prove vital to the eventual outcome of the game. Two more frees from Paul O'Neill reduced the deficit to five points at the interval and during the break the Reds were reminded of their tradition of coming back from the dead.

Half time:
Ballyvarley 0-6, Warrenpoint 3-2

Two points from frees from John O'Kane stretched Warrenpoint's lead to seven but then a period of stalemate ensued as Ballyvarley's defence took total control but they failed to find anyway past a strong Warrenpoint half-back line. A point from play from Paul O'Neill broke the deadlock and we had to wait another ten minutes before he added another from a free. Sean Kennedy pushed forward to drive another shot over the bar as gradually the Reds took control and the fight-back began in earnest.

Two converted frees from Paul O'Neill reduced the deficit to just two points but in one of Warrenpoint's now rare attacks, Paul Brown fired over for the Point. However it was Ballyvarley who now had the momentum and when James McGrath crossed for Martin O'Neill to volley the overhead ball to the net the sides were level and a Reds victory looked very much on the cards. A few missed points at this stage proved crucial and two pointed frees from John O'Kane and Alan Higgins were to prove crucial. Still Ballyvarley surged forward and in several goalmouth scrambles somehow failed to get their toe or a hurl to the ball to apply that vital winning touch. In mounting excitement, with Warrenpoint hanging on for their championship lives, the referees whistle sounded with the ball once more just inches from the Point's goal line. There was a sense of misbelieve on both sides as Warrenpoint realised that they had survived and were through to the semi-final and the Reds were in despair that such a fighting performance had not produced another great championship victory.

Final Score:
Ballyvarley 1-11,Warrenpoint 3-7

Ballyvarley: Cathal O'Neill; John O'Neill, James McGrath, Niall Higgins; Sean Kennedy(0-1), Colm O'Neill, Thomas Lennon; Conor Lavery, Ciaran Connolly; Paul O'Neill(0-7), David McGovern, Eunan McConville; James McDermott(0-1), Martin O'Neill(1-2), Conor McClorey.

Subs: Conor Grew for Conor McClorey; Pat McGrath, Jamie Murray, Stuart Cartmill, Sean O'Neill

GAA QUIZ

1. Name the only Father & Son from Tyrone to win All-Star Awards.
2. Where is Mc Hale park?
3. Who captained Donegal to their first All-Ireland Senior Title in 1992?
4. Name the Cork Hurler who won 5 All-Stars between 1982-1992.
5. Three sets of three brothers have won hurling All-Stars. Name them and their Counties.

Answers on back page.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

The minors lost their championship quarterfinal to a strong Carryduff side; however, they defeated local rivals Clann-na Banna in their league game.

The U16s had a comprehensive 5–13 to 1–8 win at home to Attical in the league and lost to Drumgath in the championship. Although beaten this was an impressive performance by every player and only a last minute goal denied the boys a replay. Aghaderg players involved were Paul Colgan, Conor Strain, Kieran Maguire, Tony Hegarty, Shane Donnelly, Michael McKay, Martin Connolly and Shea Mc Donald.

The u14s are second in their league and also reached the championship s/final before losing to Newry Shamrocks.

SUDOKU CHALLENGE

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LOTTO UPDATE

JACKPOT £3300
Draw On 03/08/08
WINNING NUMBERS
5, 18, 23, 24
No Winners.
JACKPOT £3350
Draw On 10/08/08
WINNING NUMBERS
8, 13, 26, 28
No Winners.

CLUB MERCHANDISE
Shorts and socks in club colours will be available in Ballyvarley Hall at 12 noon to 1pm every Sunday.

All juvenile and senior players should be kitted out in club colours

DOWN COUNTY CAMOGIE FINALS SUNDAY 17/08/08

Castlewellan GAC have agreed to host 3 matches on Senior County Final Day (17th August) which promises to be a great day for Camogie.
The programme for the day will be:
U12 Championship Final 12.45
Ballycran v Castlewellan
Div 3 Championship Final
An Riocht / Darragh Cross v Longstone/Warrenpoint
Div 1 Championship Final
Ballycran v Clonduff

WORD SEARCH

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Inter County Referees
Dickie Murphy, Brian Crowe, John Bannon, Brian White, Pat Mc Enaney, Pat O'Connor, Paddy Russell.

IMPORTANT GAA DIARY DATES

August, 17th
GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship: Semi Final
Tipperary v Waterford (Croke Park)
August, 31st
GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship: Semi Final
Leinster/QF v Ulster/QF (Croke Park)
August, 24th
GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship: Semi Final
Connacht/QF v Munster/QF (Croke Park)
September, 7th
GAA Hurling All-Ireland Senior Championship: Final
Kilkenny v Tipperary / Waterford (4pm, Croke Park)
September, 21st
GAA Football All-Ireland Senior Championship: Final
(4pm, Croke Park)

U-AGE CAMOGIE

U-14 Camogie Championship.
Kilcoo V Aghaderg at 6: 30pm on Monday night. Players to meet at the hall at 5:30pm.

U-12 League
Castlewellan V Aghaderg on Thursday night at 6:30pm. Players to meet at the hall at 5:30pm.

CLUB DEFIBRILLATOR
The club is in the process of buying an Automated External **Defibrillator** (AED). This is now a vital piece of equipment found at most GAA grounds throughout Ireland. Once purchased appropriate training will be provided in the use of the equipment.
The defibrillator will be of benefit to all those who use club facilities and also those in the neighbouring community. The cost of the defibrillator is approx. £1000.00 and any offers of help with the purchase will be greatly appreciated.
Contact Aidan Hegarty (07813713707) for further information.

ALL-IRELAND HURLING FINALS 07/09/08
The club, hopefully, will receive an allocation of tickets for the All-Ireland Hurling finals, if you are interested in tickets for these games contact Aidan Hegarty.

IRISH LANGUAGE
The annual collection for The Irish Language will take place at both chapels on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August.

GAA Quiz Answers

1. Frank & Brian Mc Guigan
2. Castlebar
3. Anthony Malloy
4. Tony O'Sullivan
5. Hendersons-Kilkenny, Bonner-Tipperary, Dooley-Offaly.