



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



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SENIOR FOOTBALL

St. Johns V Aghaderg 23/05/08

Aghaderg lost narrowly to St Johns last Friday night in a photo finish decided by a hotly disputed penalty decision for the home team.

St Johns 2 – 10 Aghaderg 1 – 10

Aghaderg V Aughlisnafin 30/05/08

Aghaderg got back to winning ways last night with a convincing win over Aughlisnafin. Four regulars were absent which meant that the depth of the squad was going to be tested to the full. The players called in to fill the vacant places all played well. This bodes well for later in the league. The game started off at a lack lustre pace and it wasn't until the fifth minute that Aghaderg opened their account with a Kevin Anderson 20 metre pointed free. Straight from the restart Rory Simpson slipped the ball to Kevin who again pointed, this time from play. The "Finn" were playing well in periods and at times were asking questions of the home defence. Kevin Anderson raised the white flag again on ten minutes with another point from play. Eugene Devlin scored a goal on 15 minutes with a low shot to the right corner, which was quickly followed by a Barry Quinn point from all of 40 metres. A sloppy piece of defending saw the "Finn" score their first point from a 30 metre free straight in front of the goals. Buoyed by this success the visitors registered another point before Kevin Anderson scored a goal following a mazy 40 metre solo run. Kevin continued in this rich vein of form collecting a further two points from play. The visitors scored two points before Rory Simpson and Christopher Conlon brought the first half to a close with points apiece.

Half time

Aghaderg 2 – 8 Aughlisnafin 0 – 4

Aaron McAvoy was revelling in the wide-open spaces on the right wing

and he started the second half off with a goal in the second minute. Andrew Carr then finished off a nice move with a point. The "Finn" still kept plugging away and were rewarded with a point before Christopher Conlon kept up his scoring averages with a goal, shooting decisively into the bottom corner. Rory Simpson then scored the point of the match when he received the ball from a knock down and in one movement he turned and thundered over a magnificent point from all of 45 metres. Kevin Anderson scored the next three points from frees. Rory McMullan was covering every blade of grass for the visitors and his endeavours paid off with two nice points from play. The last ten minutes brought a goal from Andrew Carr and points from James McGrath, Kevin Anderson (3) and Stephen Fitzsimmons.

Final score

Aghaderg 5–17 Aughlisnafin 0–7

This match helped blood the younger players, all of whom showed up well. Jack Devlin, Conal Sands, Christopher Conlon and Conor McAlorum can all be proud of their contributions, which will not go unnoticed. Having got back on track the next match, which is away against Dromara, will be a tougher test and one which will go along way to decide which teams will get promotion this year. The match is on Friday at 7.30pm in Dromara. Why not come along and give the team your support?

Final Score:

Aghaderg 5-17 Aughlisnafin 0-7

Team & Scorers:

Mark Mc Grath; Thomas Lennon, David Mc Govern, Martin Fitzpatrick; Aaron Mc Avoy (1-0), Paul Rodgers, Barry Quinn (0-1); Stephen Fitzsimmons (0-1), James Mc Grath (0-1); Eugene Devlin (1-0), Rory Simpson (0-2), Conal Sands; Jack Devlin, Kevin Anderson (1-10), Christopher Conlon (1-1).

Subs:

Myles Cahill For David Mc Govern, Andrew Carr (1-1) For Jack Devlin, Ciaran Connolly For Conal Sands, Conor Mc Alorum For Christopher Conlon.

SENIOR HURLING

Ballyvarley Vs Portaferry 20/05/08

Unfortunately the Reds began lethargically leading to an early goal for the visitors. Jamie Murray got Ballyvarley on the score sheet with a fine score under severe pressure while Paul O'Neill converted two trademark frees to draw the teams level. Long accurate balls from David Lavery and Sean Kennedy were supplying good ammunition for the forwards. Another point from Paul left the home side two points ahead, yet some needless fouling from their defence allowed Portaferry to draw level from frees. The Reds defence began to tighten up considerably with John O'Neill, Lavery and Kennedy attacking the ball and denying the Ards forwards any possession. All this allowed Colm O'Neill to burst out of defence and calmly flick the ball over. Colm and the Portaferry forwards exchanged another point-a-piece. Jamie Murray and Paul O'Neill pointed to put a two point margin between the sides at the break.

HALF-TIME:

Ballyvarley 0-9 Portaferry 1-4

Paul O'Neill switched to midfield and Eunan McConville went into half-forward as the Reds tried to build on their narrow lead. Niall Savage got more on the ball and opened the scoring for the second half sending the ball between the uprights. The ball went from end to end but the Ballyvarley rearguard was resolute with Niall Higgins solid in front of the keeper and Lavery, Kennedy and Pat McGrath sending in some biting but fair challenges. Ciaran Connolly at this stage was going through a Trojan amount of work in the

middle of the field winning some crucial frees. P.O'Neill was on hand to convert them with three unanswered points from 60 yards out. It was not until the 13th minute that Portaferry got their first point. Paul replied with two further points, one an excellent solo effort from wide on the right. This left seven points in it and in effort to get back into the game Portaferry made a few switches and brought on some big physical forwards. Slowly Portaferry edged back into the game with a series of pointed frees, five in a row. The game was in the balance and the momentum was with the visitors. The insurance score the Reds needed eventually came in the 28th minute, when a driven shot was parried by the Ards keeper. A melee followed and ended with Colin O'Neill showing the killer instinct to slot the ball to the bottom corner of the net.

FULL-TIME: Ballyvarley 1-15 Portaferry 1-10

Team:

Cathal O'Neill, David Lavery, Niall Higgins, Pat McGrath, John O'Neill, Colm O'Neill (0-2), Sean Kennedy, Eunan McConville, Ciaran Connolly, Niall Savage (0-1), David McGovern, Colin O'Neill (1-0), Jamie Murray (0-2), Conor Grew, Paul O'Neill (0-10). Subs: Stuart Cartmill, Martin Malone.

Ballycran V Ballyvarley 27/05/08

Ballyvarley lost their unbeaten record last Tuesday to a strong youthful Ballycran team on a scoreline of Ballycran 2-15, Ballyvarley 1-7.

Team:

David Lavery; Pat Mc Grath, James Mc Grath (0-1), Thomas Lennon; Conor Mc Clorey, Colm O'Neill, Eunan Mc Conville; Ciaran Connolly, Niall Savage; Colin O'Neill, David Mc Govern (0-4), Jamie Murray (0-1); Stuart Cartmill, Cathal O'Neill (0-1), John O'Neill (1-0).

Next match is home to Ballygalget on Tuesday at 7.30pm

UNDERAGE HURLING

The under 12s beat Warrenpoint today with some of the locals displaying a good range of skills.

Ballyvarley 9-2 Warrenpoint 2-1.

The under 10's lost narrowly to Warrenpoint in a much tighter game but not any less competitive.

Ballyvarley 0-0 Warrenpoint 1-0.

LOTTO UPDATE

JACKPOT £2750

Draw On 18/05/08

WINNING NUMBERS

8, 10, 19, 21

No Winners.

JACKPOT £2800

Draw On 25/05/08

WINNING NUMBERS

6, 17, 20, 21

No Winners.

U-12 CAMOGIE

Aghaderg lost out to Dromara today in the championship by five goals to no score. The girls battled hard but were unable to break down a resolute Dromara backline.

LADIES FOOTBALL

U14 girls football away to Loughinisland on Sunday 1st June.

UNDERAGE FOOTBALL

Under 14 Football Championship
Glassdrumman Vs Annaderg

Annaderg U-14 Footballers made the long journey to Glassdrumman on Monday 19th where they established a convincing win of 8-14 to 5-2. From the start David Potts and Shane Donnelly at mid field took control of the game supported very well with the intelligent play from Rory McShane and Mark Mc Elroy. Supplied with good dominate possession Chris McAvoy, Noel Doyle and Niall Fegan applied their considerable skills to dismantle the Glassdrumman defence. Well before the half time period full forwards Ciaran Greenan, Neil Rooney and Dominic Doyle had the game beyond their opponents. The back line of Lennon, McNeil, Burns & Doyle assisted by Ryan Strain in goals dealt with the attacks that came their way.

At the start of the second half Michael McGrath, Tony Monaghan, James McAvoy and Brandon Squire were introduced. All played well thereby increasing the pressure for places for the next game in the championship against Ballyholland. The team continues to improve however the defence must stop conceding goals as better teams will punish this weakness in the future. We all look forward to competing

against the stronger teams in the championship.

The under 16s play at home to St Colman's on Tuesday 3rd June.

The under 12s next game is at home to St Michael's on the 15th June.

WORD SEARCH

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COUNTY HURLING

The South Down senior hurlers play away to Longford at 3pm on Sunday. The Down minor hurlers play at Casement on Sunday against Armagh. The Down senior hurlers play afterwards.

CLUB FUNCTION

SCHEDULE

Night at the Races on the 13th June
Sports Day on the 6th July
Cul Camp from 7th-11th July
Annual BBQ on the 2nd August 2008.