

2011 Match Reports

DROMTARRIFFE MINORS CLAIM COUNTY HONOURS

Scenes of joy and jubilation were plentiful in Macroom last Sunday when the Dromtarriffe Minor Footballers claimed their revenge on a very gallant Western Gaels mid Cork combination and claimed the Rebel Óg Minor B Football County League title.

Conditions this is winter fixture were heavy with a heavy mist falling on all present. Dromatarriffe took the opening score with an early pointed free from Daniel O Keeffe with the next three scores were exchanged between the sides to leave it 0-2 a piece after 10 minutes. Some great team combination play saw Dromtarriffe commanding their opponents and when Sean Piggott received a great inward ball a goal may have been on but his shot glanced over the bar . O Keeffe, who was in fine kicking form throughout the hours match , added a further two points for his sides tally but then Western Gaels received a bonus , when a shot seemed to come off the wide crossbar and out to a Dromtarriffe defenders grateful hands , the Referee made his way into his umpires and told them to award the point . Neither umpire had indicated the score nor had the Western Gaels players challenged same but it was recorded. Darren O Connor added Drom's 6th first half point from an awarded free and the half time whistle recorded a two point lead for Dromtarriffe 0-6 to 0-4.

Second half began with the expected surge of effort from the County Championship holders Western Gaels, with their interchanging of players positional play they sneaked through the Dromtarriffe rearguard for a goal to take a one point lead until O Keeffe equalised for his side . Players from both sides were sliding on the greasy surface and the game was not helped by the whistle happy referee who frustrated both sides in not allowing for the conditions , however it was not to take away from the nail biting and great quality match that was taking place. Points were exchanged with a a great surging run from Michael O Brien converting a point for the home side cancelled by a Western Gaels point . With just under 10 remaining it looked as though extra time was on the cards . Defensively all played exceptionally well , with Conor O Donoghue & Sean O Callaghan holding each of the defensive lines , Midfielders Alan Dennehy & Michael O Brien broke even with their opponents , Tony Fitzpatrick played a sweepers role effectively with Darren O Connor on the wing playing a strong linking role between defense and attack. Up front Mathew O Shea & Sean Piggott worked hard but an injection of some fresh legs of Adam Buckley & Stephen O Keeffe added a further bite to the Dromtarriffe attack. Buckley was causing an amount of problems for his opposition and was fouled for some vital frees. One of which resulted in Dromtarriffes next score - a free awarded on the 30 metre line was taken by O Keeffe but fell short , however Stephen O Keeffe was on hand to keep the ball in play and lay off a great ball to the incoming Shane O Riordan who took the point and catapulted Dromtarriffe into a slender lead with minutes remaining on the clock. Western Gaels fought hard in search of the equaliser which would bring on extra time but our defense could sense victory and stood firm under the mounting pressure. The clock had ticked well into injury time when Dromtarriffe were awarded a free , our free taker asked the ref how much was left on the clock - 40 seconds & with his last meaningful kick threw the ball over his opponents crossbar giving his side a two point lead. The kickout was taken but Dromtarriffe were alert and nothing was going to deny them this well earned victory which was duely awarded seconds later. Final score Dromtarriffe 0-10 Western Gaels 1-5. Kevin McSweeney accepted the New Cup on behalf of his team . Much credit for this victory must go to the backroom management of Pa Dennehy , Vincent Browne & Nicky McAuliffe. This is a great start to a new playing season to capture a county title & this will be celebrated at our forthcoming social on February 17th - details to follow later.

Team & Scorers : Kevin McSweeney Capt; Pdraig O Callaghan , Conor O Donoghue , Bernie Daly;

Darragh Crowley, Sean O Callaghan , Dan Drake , Michael O Brien (0-1) , Alan Dennehy, Darren O Connor (0-1) , Daniel O Keeffe (0-6) , Shane O Riordan (0-1) , Sean Piggott (0-1) , Mathew O Shea , Tony Fitzpatrick , Subs used : Denis O Donoghue , Stephen O Keeffe & Adam Buckley , Subs Sean Cremin , Colm Fitzpatrick & Danny Mullane. Management Pa Dennehy , Vincent Browne & Nicky McAulliffe.

A weakened Dromtarriffe Minor Hurling side battled bravely in League Final.

Dromtarriffe gathered in Mallow last Sunday with only 15 players reporting for match action as we were without the services of Aaron Daly, Billy O Gorman , Sean Cremin all due to injury & Dermot Cremin due to illness - however the 15 that wore the Drom jersey gave County Minor B Hurling Champions a battle right to the end for the outright North Cork Honours.

Dromtarriffe enjoyed the more positive opening with points from Mikie O Gorman & Darren O Connor which saw them lead 0-3 to 0-0. Eoin Sheehan replied with Crokes opening score the equalising goal. A second goal from Stephen Tobin put Croke 's into a 5 point lead 2-5 to 0-5 at the break. " Dromtarriffe restarted with renewed vigor thanks to the encouragement of Michael O Brien , Stephen O Keeffe Daragh Crowley & Kevin Cremin.

And Dromtarriffe gained a new lease of life from a Gavin O Sullivan goal coupled with a pair of O Brien points leaving just 2 between the sides. "Croke Rovers responded though to close out the match & take the victory with 2 late points to leave the final score Croke Rovers 2-10 Dromtarriffe 1-9. Scorers G O Sullivan 1-2 , M O Gorman , D O Connor & M O Brien 0-2 each P O Callaghan 0-1.

Dromtarriffe Minors complete League & Championship North Cork Victories

On Friday Jan 6th Dromtarriffe Minor Footballers completed the League & Championship double over Croke Rovers to claim the outright footballing honours in North Cork.

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" Victory was no more than Dromtarriffe deserved , producing a marvellous brand of no nonsense football. Dromtarriffe stepped up through the gears when required as improving Crokes attempted to create inroads yet they were unable to live with a Dromtarriffe side that offered the greater desire and combined teamwork.

Though operating against the breeze , Dromtarriffe controlled matters right from the start with Daniel O Keeffe & Darren O Connor in surperb shooting form to a devastating start."

Croke Rovers tried to get a grip on the match but their efforts " were thwarted by a gritty Dromtarriffe Defense. Stil Dromtarriffe retained a foothold on matters through the input of Michael O Brien , Alan Dennehy , Sean O Callaghan and Tony Fitzpatrick . Up front O Keeffe & O Connor could do no wrong adding to their sides tally to give Dromtarriffe a 0-8 to 0-3 half time lead. "

A Sean Piggott second half goal was cancelled when a deflect shot found the back of the Drom net and a great second half save by Kevin McSweeney kept Croke Rovers from closing the gap .

" As Croke's laid seige on the Dromtarriffe rearguard late on, the winners defense held firm and in doing so clinched a deserved triumph".

Final Score Dromtarriffe 1-13 Croke Rovers 1-5.

Team & Scorers

Kevin Mc Sweeney Capt , Bernie Daly , Conor O Donoughue , Barry Daly, Darragh Crowley , Michael O Brien, Dan Drake, Sean O Callaghan , Alan Dennehy (0-1) , Tony Fitzpatrick, Daniel O Keeffe (0-6) , Shane O Riordan , Sean Piggott (1-0) Mathew O Shea , Darren O Connor (0-5) subs used: Pdraig O Callaghan , Adam Buckley (0-1) , Stephen O Keeffe, Denis O Donoghue & Colm Fitzpatrick.

Our Minors take on Western Gaels in the County Final this Sunday Jan 15th.

U16 Footballers bow out at County Semi Final stage

Dromtarriffe U16 Footballers waited almost 3 months for their County semi final match v Macroom and on the Saturday prior to Christmas the match v their opponents took place in Macroom. It was

hard to expect the team to maintain the high standards of football that brought them the North Cork title & it was Macroom that took the spoils.

Minor Footballers blown away by Western Gaels in County Final.

With full of hope the footballers travelled to Ballydesmond to try and capture the County Minor B title but were met by an extremely talented side which combined two Mid Cork clubs Kilmichael & Ivaleary.

Dromtarriffe battled hard throughout but the tie finished 0-16 to 0-9. It was very disappointing for most of the panel to loose their second county final in a couple of weeks to another combination side - and both sides had wonderful skilled players however it was also a great achievement to play in the clubs third county final of the year.

County honours a step too far for Minor Hurlers

Last Saturday , despite a worthy battle local rivals Croke Rovers claimed their deserved County Minor B hurling honours. For the opening half Dromtarriffe controlled the match with a strong defense foiling many a Croke Rovers attack and limiting them to score converted frees. The opening 10 minutes both sides failed to register points from the scoring chances with the slipperary underfoot conditions probably being a hindrance to both teams.

Darren O Connor finally opened the scoring with a pointed free. Minutes later Croke Rovers equalised with their opener. Sean O Callaghan then latched onto a breaking ball to score Dromtarriffe 2nd point and again Croke Rovers equalised and then went ahead thanks to a converted 65. Michael O Brien , Kevin Cremin , Daniel O Keeffe and Darragh Crowley in particular were harrassing effectively in that first half . Danny Mullane registered Dromtarriffes third first half point but on the closing minutes an easy earned 21 yrd free was converted by Croke Rovers and so they lead the half 0-4 to 0-3.

The second half was to commence on a positive note for Dromtarriffe when Shane O Riordan passed a good ball to Gavin O Sullivan who soloed up the pitch and powered home his shot to the back of the Rovers net. Points exchanged before disaster struck and a five minute spell saw Croke Rovers claim the county title as three shots raised three green flags . It was now a lost cause as the Dromtarriffe hearts sank, however for a brief few minutes the last fight in the side was rewarded from a Kevin Cremin long range goal who had a wonderful match throughout. Danny Mullane added a 65 but Croke Rovers were picking off their points easier. With good work from Stephen O Keeffe , Darren O Connor and Cremin , two more Dromtarriffe points finished the day 's scoring for our boys . An injury to captain Sean O Callaghan was the final blow for our boys . Minutes later Croke Rovers claimed their fourth goal from a packed goalmouth the ball somehow ended in the net. Dromtarriffe introduced their subs with several minutes remaining to give all the experience of the day . Well done to all who gave of their best.

One of ther difference between the sides from the North Cork final in August was the return of Dan Sheahan , his physical presence was the catalyst for many an attack. Croke Rovers developed better at Minor level with two adult hurling clubs combining their underage side - Kilbrin were County Junior A semi finailsts with many of the minor panel training all year with this squad which developes a higher competitive edge - Castlemagner are also a very good Junior B hurling side - having been very competitive in the Junior B hurling throughout 2011 , for us our Junior B side is still at the development stage , a draw was our only credit for the season - hopefully these young players will help develop our adult hurling side and soon we will be able to compete strongly at junior b level but our underage structure must continue to be nurtured.

Junior As Exit Championship with defeat to Kanturk

The long awaited clash between Dromtarriffe and Kanturk finally took place in Millstreet last Tuesday , but unfortunatley the long break in competitive matches was to prove to be a hindrance

to the home side.

Dromtarriffe started brightly thanks to points for Owen Dennehy , but Kanturk soon began to get their grip on the game and converted some points of their own . With much of the play focusing around defense , Dromtarriffe attack found scores hard to come by with many good opportunities spurned, Kanturk however converted the majority of created chances and led at half time 0-7 to 0-4. Second half followed most of the play of the first 30 minutes , Dromtarriffe had a positive patch of 10 minutes in that second half and closed the lead to a two point difference at the 3/4 point stage but it was Kanturk that finished the stronger and when they goaled on the 55th minute there was no coming back for Dromtarriffe this year. Scorers were : Owen Dennehy 0-4; Gearoid Murphy (0-3) and Seamus O Sullivan 0-1.

Dromtarriffe footballers have now the Junior B Championship & Minor Football championships to compete in for silverware this year and we hope these teams fortunes will be good for the remaining season.

U16s fail in their bid to take championship honours.

Freemount was the setting where Dromtarriffe took on Newmarket in the North Cork final last Tuesday. Newmarket started the more positive as passing play was rewarded with scores and Dromtarriffe were sometimes guilty of some wrong shot choices. Defensively Dromtarriffe were well served by Michael O Brien, Billy O Gorman and Michael Healy . Sean and Kevin Cremin and Aaron Daly were strong in attack but overall Newmarket just had the personnel edge over our boys. An unfortunate turn of events was when just before half time Newmarket got the bonus of the only goal of the match to stretch their half time lead to 1-10 against Dromtarriffe 0-4. Second half changes improved our home team chances and the battling tributes of a Dromtarriffe side came to the fore , but despite closing the gap to a single score , mid way through, the Newmarket boys always had enough in reserve to hold onto the lead and the final whistle saw them register a five point victory. Team and scorers: D Murphy, P o Callaghan , M O Brien, D O Donoghue , M Healy, B O Gorman(0-2) , J Murphy, A Daly (0-7) , S O Keeffe, J Burke, K Cremin(0-2), S Ahern, M O Callaghan, S Cremin(0-1) , M O Connor. Subs S Howard, S Cremin(0-1), S McSweeney.

Dromtarriffe U14 Hurlers play out exciting draw in County Final.

On a beautiful August evening , a large Dromtarriffe support travelled to Glantane to see our U14 hurlers play out an exciting draw in the County Final against Bride Rovers.. Early points were exchanged with Sean Howard registering the Dromtarriffes' sides opening two points to Bride Rovers single score. Wearing the Bride Rovers No 12 jersey the wing forward soon recorded the first of his days hat trick of goals. The following Dromtarriffe attack saw Mark Dennehy latched onto an incoming ball and Dromtarriffe first green flag of the afternoon was raised. The Howard brothers exchanged Dromtarriffe points and the team eased ahead with a Gavin o Keeffe goal. Half time score saw Dromtarriffe ahead 2-5 to 2-2. Bride Rovers opened with a point followed by three unanswered Dromtarriffe white flags S Howard (2) and J Murphy (1). O Keeffe added his second goal of the evening which had Dromtarriffe eight points ahead mid way through the second half , but a fight back from the East Cork representatives saw the deficit cut with a goaled free from a 21 and the remaining two goals credited to their scoring wing forward. Tensions were heightened in the closing minutes as both sides had chances to claim outright victory but when the Churchtown Official blew the full time whistle most were satisfied that another day would decide this county title. Scorers: Sean Howard 0-9, Gavin O

Keeffe 2-0, Mark Dennehy 1-0, Tomas Howard 0-2 Jack Murphy 0-1. Final score: Dromtarriffe 3-12 Bride Rovers 4-9

Dromtarriffe JB Footballers loose out League Final spot after extra time

Extra time proved too much as Dromtarriffe Junior B footballers were defeated by 3 points by Millstreet in the league semi final played in Cullen. Short some of the regular team members due to holidays and work commitments many of our Minors fielded for this important match. Dromtarriffe started with the aid of the breeze but found the final ball not rewarded in those vital scores and for the opening 14 minutes the sides remained scoreless. Aaron O Halloran opened Dromtarriffes account with two points added to a point from Alan Dennehy, 2 pointed frees for Millstreet were there sides only first half score in a half which finished with a point scored by Daniel O Keeffe to leave half time read Dromtarriffe 0-4 Millstreet 0-2. Millstreet opened the second half with their 3rd pointed free answered by a second point for O Keeffe. when John O Sullivan & Cormac O Mahony added a point each supporters felt the final spot was in sight - however Millstreet fought back and 6 further points were added including 1 free, Approaching the final whistle Dromtarriffe were down a point, when O Keeffe pointed his third for the evening to send the sides into extra time. Millstreet again stepped up their performance and despite some excellent defending throughout the match from our full back line of Darren McSweeney, Richard Browne & Sam Murphy and John A Browne at centre back Millstreet tapped over those valuable points, at half time in extra time they were a point ahead but soared into a 4 point lead nearing the closing minutes when the final score from John O Sullivan a pointed free was just a consolation. Team & Scorers: D O Sullivan, D McSweeney, R Browne, S Murphy, C O Mahony (0-1), J A Browne, C Galvin, P Daly, G Byrnes (0-1), A Dennehy (0-1), J O Sullivan (0-2f), B O Mahony, A O Halloran (0-2) Daniel O Keeffe (0-3) Darren O Connor. Subs Used: D Drake for Dennehy (inj), C O Donoghue for B O Mahony. In extra time: B Daly for O Keeffe (inj) S O Callaghan for D Mc Sweeney.

Dromtarriffe U14 hurlers Qualify for County final

Despite the early dominance of the young boys from the St Finbarrs Club in Cork, a determined bunch of young hurlers bravely fought back from an eight point deficit to claim their place in the U14 B County final for 2011.

It was on 5 days ago these boys won their North Cork championship against Banteer with report on that game following this report, and the boys were set to face another uphill challenge when a strong outfit from the city lined out in Coachford on a damp Sunday evening. For the opening minutes nothing worked out for the home side, and when the opposing team held a 1-5 to 0-0 lead after the opening quarter it looked a step too far for our boys. Points from Sean Howard, Conor Cremin and Tomas Howard began to close the gap, St Finbarrs replied with a blistering shot past Keeper David Murphy to stretch ahead. Mark Dennehy was fouled on the 13 and the awarded 21 was powered home by S Howard with the gap now closing the half time whistle sounded Dromtarriffe 1-3 St Finbarrs 2-5.

Second half commenced with Dromtarriffe raising their game, the Howard brothers were in fine hurling form and rewarded with a further 7 points between them, David Murphy was solid in between the posts pulling off good saves when required, Shane McSweeney and Dean Condon holding firm the full forward attack of the opponents, Jack Murphy and Derry O Flynn outside them also defended solidly. Cremin & Sean Howard linked many attacks well as did the Howard brothers, but they also supplied good ball into the forwards, which resulted in Dromtarriffe second of the match when a ball pucked into the Dromtarriffe attack was passed off by Gavin O Keeffe to the incoming Mark Dennehy to goal, O Keeffe himself was unlucky to add a third as the St Finbarrs Keeper pulled off a brace of great saves. St Finbarrs did break through for their third goal of the match when an error in defence caused a mix up that was capitalised upon but with the Howard brothers and Cremin's accuracy four unanswered points settled the match and Dromtarriffe secured a three point win finishing

Dromtarriffe 2-16 St Finbarrs 3-10. Scorers for Dromtarriffe were S Howard 1-6 , T Howard 0-5 , M. Dennehy 1-1 , C Cremin 0-3 & D. O Connor 0-1. Dromtarriffe now progress to meet Bride Rovers in the County Final – Check our web site www.dromtarriffe.gaa.ie for information on date , time and venue of the match when confirmed.

The week is also a busy one for Dromtarriffe U16 and Minor Hurlers as they play their North Cork hurling semi finals on this Thursday & Tuesday respectively . The results of both matches will be available on our club web site and should they both progress to their respective finals details of these will also be on the site. We wish all our underage hurling teams the very best .

Dromtarriffe U14's create history with Championship & League victories.

Dromtarriffe U14 hurlers recorded yet another absolutely fantastic victory when they defeated Banteer in the Championship final which took place in Kilbrin last evening. Before entering this match we knew our boys were going to be in for some battle as the league final was just won by the minimum. Management had our boys well prepared as the Shane McSweeney lead side entered the pitch. Conor Cremin commenced with the first point which was replied with two Banteer white flags. Tomas Howard then latched onto the incoming ball and Dromtarriffe's first green flag was recorded. 8 minutes into the match a decision bewildered many when a Dromtarriffe player was dismissed for an infraction that seemed harsh as no opposing player showed signs of distress. Down to 14 players for the remaining match , the Howard shared the next four Dromtarriffe points while Cremin finished the half with his second. Banteer had added two further scores to the first half total to leave the short whistle read Dromtarriffe 1-6 Banteer 0-3. Second half commenced with a Gavin O Keeffe point which was added by two Sean Howard points , then the fightback for Banteer , Seven awarded frees some on the favourable side , were added to 7 points as the extra man caused a few overlaps , however S Howard added two more points and when Mark Dennehy goaled for Dromtarriffe it showed the fight of this panel, Banteer never lead after the 3rd minute of the match - their awarded last two frees saw the sides level at the full time whistle. Dromtarriffe 2-11 Banteer 0-17.

Extra time saw Dromtarriffe back up to the full compliment of 15 players. O Keeffe caught a great ball and was fouled on the 21. Sean Howard stood up and powered home the opening goal. The next score was also recorded by Dromtarriffe when T Howard shot was deflected to O Keeffe who drilled home his sides 4th goal. Banteer Barry Murphy got a point in each period of the extra time which were the only scores recorded by Banteer. The second period of extra time saw Dromtarriffe finish out the match with a point for S Howard and the final scored point going to Derry O Flynn. Dromtarriffe were well served throughout by their defense , In Goals David Murphy was solid - nothing passed him throughout the 80 minutes. Full back line of Jack Murphy , Shane McSweeney Capt and Dean Condon were strong under the ball and hard to break past, the Half back line , Derry O Flynn (moved to CF in the final minutes of the match) Conor Cremin and David Dunlea all worked hard for their team linking up well with defense and attack , Midfield Sean Howard and David O Connor kept the ball moving with Howard providing many vital links for scores, the Half forward line of Jack Buckley , Con O Callaghan and Evan Murphy were the supply of good ball into the attacking forwards who all registered a goal each scored by Gavin O Keeffe , Tomas Howard & Mark Dennehy , and Alex Dennehy & Sean Gurein when introduced also added an injection of fresh legs to the forwards for the closing minutes of the match & extra time. The final score AET had Dromtarriffe 4-13 Banteer 0-19. Scorers Dromtarriffe S Howard 1-8 (1-5 f) , T Howard & G O Keeffe 1-1 each , M Dennehy 1-0 C Cremin 0-2 D O Flynn 0-1. Banteer B Murphy 0-12 (0-7 f) T Sexton 0-4, L O Brien 0-2 , H O Connor 0-1.

Minor Hurlers recommence season with Championship Victory

Dromtarriffe Minor Hurlers return to competitive action for the first time since the state exams when they took on Glanworth in Doneraile in the Championship quarter final last evening (thurs 21st) . On a beautiful July evening both teams looked evenly matched. Glanworth started with an early point cancelled out by a free awarded to Droms top match scorer Darren O Connor. the opening quarter saw possession at a premium for both teams with good defensive displays but a few indiscretions saw Dromtarriffe capitalise on awarded frees by O Connor and go three points ahead . Darragh Crowley added a beautiful score from a 65 as well as a Billy O Gorman point added to 3 points from O Connor. Glanworth had converted three more points mainly from their midfielders with the closing minutes of the half the sides were 0-10 to 0-4. Mikie O Gorman sent in a wonderful pass to O Connor who found the back of the Glanworth net to see the half time record Drom 1-10 Glanworth 0-4.

Glanworth renewed their fight in the second half but were guilty of many late fouls on our players resulting in several frustrations , with the second half more even , Dromtarriffe scored 8 points credited among O Connor (0-2) Crowley (0-1), B O Gorman (0-1) Sean Cremin (0-2) Sean O Callaghan & Srephen O Keeffe (0-1) each, to Glanworth 6 points but the match was decided after 12 minutes of that second half when O Connor's shot was lodged high into the back of the Glanworth net.

This was a true team performance as each line of the field worked hard - In goals Dermot Cremin was called upon to keep a clean sheet which he did when required , Full back line of Bernie Daly (fb) Shane O Riordan & Pdraig O Callaghan stood strong under the high ball , the half back line of Daragh Crowley (CB) Daniel O Keeffe & Michael O Brien both defended and linked well with their defense & forward lines , at Midfield Sean O Callaghan & Alan Dennehy worked tirelessly , the half forwards Billy O Gorman (cf) , Gavin O Sullivan (prob the most fouled) & Stephen O Keeffe provided fast flowing play with the full forward line Sean Cremin (ff) Darren O Connor & Mikie O Gorman strong in attack in both providing and obtaining scores.

Subs used were : James Collins , Tadgh Corkery & Dan Drake.

U14 Football Championship Season Review

Dromtarriffe U14 footballers completed their season in both league and Championship last Sat July 16th with a big defeat from Lyre.

After winning the b3 League Dromtarriffe entered the Championship in a positive mood , first match was against St Peters in Kanturk , We got a very competitive match from this Rockchapel / Freemount combination and though the score line finished Dromtarriffe 11-7 to 7-5 it was a lot closer than this on play but we got through for more goals. The quarter final match was against Newmarket in Lismire , with Tagie Ryan out injured our cause was boosted , though we were missing the Howards who were on hols, again Newmarket stood up to the championship and provided us with a good match but overall we had just a little bit too much scorers through the field. Both St Peters & Newmarket were teams like ourselves mixed with strong and lighter players . Our semi final was fixed when Dromtarriffe would be missing 8 players due to holidays (though this was not excepted as an excuse by the board when its a tradional week businesses close) - despite this Lyre did agree to bring this forward to July 16th as they knew we were still missing some vital players who were on hols. On a wet misserable Saturday afternoon in Boherbue 19 brave lads went into battle with a side who possed 25 players on the age group - 13 are 14 this year with the remaining 12- 13 this year. This side in many areas were head and shoulder over our boys . As with most teams wet conditions do not suit lighter players , they suit those who can power home the ball. This is what happened , shots powered past our defense & Keeper despite serveal good saves with in each half we were only able to score 0-2 . We were well and truely beaten 9-12 to 0-4 was the final score - Any of the teams (apart from Boherbue) did not beat us by that margin in the league - yet the top three were put up to A - but not the top teams in the corresponding league considering the numbers and ages of their panel. Still overall it was a great season - we won our B3

league , we had some wonderful games of football and we were defeated in our final match of the season by a good footballing team .

JB footballers continue winning ways

Dromtarriffe Junior B footballers continued their winning ways after a break from competition. Their last match against Millstreet was played over a month ago with Championship and hurling matches involving club players being played during that period.

Driving rain met both sides at the Boherbue venue which made greasy playing conditions. Boherbue raised the first flag of the evening with a pointed free but gradually Dromtarriffe got to grips with the match and though the wind was with them - this swirling breeze was not helpful to either side. Scores from Danny Mullane , Finbarr Cleary and Paul Tancred saw Dromtarriffe ahead 5-3 at the short whistle. On resumption Boherbue took the lead a few minutes in when a mix up in defense left Diarmuid O Sullivan isolated and the green flag raised. Dromtarriffe brought Ger Brynes to hover around Mid Field and it was a move that worked. Though Dromtarriffe enjoyed probably the majority of the possession -needless mistakes by most players curtailed what possibly could have resulted in many more scores. However any question on who was going to win this match was answered when a long shot came in on the Boher 'keeper and he spilled for Ger Brynes to power home for the away sides goal. All the subs (U17) were introduced either at half time or during that second half with all playing their own part. Best for Dromtarriffe were probably Sean O Callaghan , Sam Murphy , Diarmuid O Sullivan and Ger Brynes.

Next Wednesday the Junior Bs travel to Knocknagree.

Dromtarriffe Junior B Hurlers concede County to Ballinacurra

With 5 Leaving Certs starting the Bantry game it was hoped by them they would all be able to field last Saturday - but wisely each one in turn was pulled by their parents - after all the Leaving Cert is one of the most important exams of their lives and an injury at this stage could have been detrimental to the chances of their chosen college course.

Also during the week three players withdrew to injuries sustained this left us 12 players able to field on Saturday - so late Friday evening in consolation with the Ballinacurra club & an officer from Cork County Board the match was conceded to Ballinacurra. We wish Ballinacurra every success in the County Championship.

Dromtarriffe Junior B hurlers returned to County Action 14-05-11

It has been 25 years since Dromtarriffe Junior B hurlers last played in the county and Ritchie Cullinane (now manager of the team) and Michael John O Keeffe (still a player)!!! & selector with the team are the only links to that 1986 team.

Last time Dromtarriffe fielded in the county they had an experienced side blended with a little bit of youth - currently our Junior B panel is a youth side blended with a little bit of experience.

In front of the die hard hurling club support this team was defeated by a more experienced Bantry Blues side but despite the final scoreline , these hurlers for the future gave a good account of themselves.

Captain Vincent Browne lost the toss and Bantry played with the aid of the strong first half breeze. The backs defending solidly throughout were under severe pressure. Midfielders were competing solidly but the wind was driving away from goals many of our hopeful scores. The forwards also put in many good performances with the bounce of the ball often not going in our favour. Darren O Connor opened Dromtarriffe account with a pointed free after 15 minutes when Bantry held a 5 point to no score lead. At the short whistle I think Dromtarriffe trailed by 8 . Michael John was introduced at half time to bring up the average first half age of 18.5 years (to ???) and his experienced settled down the forwards , which was first rewarded when Stephen Corbett drilled home the sides first goal and 10 minutes later Darren O Connor blasted home the sides second.

Dromtarriffe were playing well with 4 points between the sides , two awarded 65s narrowly went wide of the target and the lads just could not close the gap to a single score (3 points) . Bantry finished the stronger increasing their points to 5 between the sides then as the backs began to tire Bantry broke through to put one far into the corner away from a diving Dermot Cremin. The full time whistle sounded a 1-14 to 2-4 victory to the team from west cork who fielded 6 Senior Footballers & their youngest player was 18 - that experience alone was a bonus to them . Dromtarriffe fielded 5 Leaving Certs (our thanks especially to them for playing) as well as 5 players who will be 17 this year so watch this space Cork County - we are probably too young yet but 4-5 years these players if they continue palying will be a force to be reckoned with. We are due to play Ballinacurra this weekend in the back door - though they have requested a week's delay to this but if it goes back to the 28th - Dromtarriffe cannot field without half their stating team last Saturday - we await confirmation. Team Dermot Cremin , Pat O Connell , Vincent Browne , Bernie Daly, Darren Mc Sweeney, Niall Galvin, Daniel O Keeffe , Danny Mullane, Aaron O Halloran, Sean O Callaghan , Darragh Crowley, Darren O Connor, Alan Dennehy , Jermiah Buckley & Stephen Corbet. Subs Michael John O Keeffe half time. Cormac Galvin 40minutes , Timmy John Buckley & Tadgh Corkery.

Tullylease take honours @ Rathcoole

Tullylease travelled to Rathcoole with only 12 players and the home side accomadated this by playing 12 in opposition. The Tullylease 12 however were stronger than our young panel . Conditions throughout the first half were dreadful with Dromtarriffe having the benefit of a strong breeze the halves downpour made conditions extremely difficult and dispite their best efforts scores were a premium to ssecure . Dromtarriffe led at the short whistle 0-6 to 0-5. Half time also saw the ceasing of the rain to Tullylease's benefit. As players and hureys began to dry out scores came easier to the stronger side . Dromtarriffe suffered the lose of Vincent Browne at full back due to a hamstring injury and Danny Mullane at half time also injured . Sean O Callaghan was also missing due to injury. The second half saw a nasty injury to Dara Crowley (now fully recovered from) also force him from the action so Dromtarriffe were stripped back in strength. Full backs Bernie Daly & Pat O Connell contested well as did Darren Mc Sweeney & Daniel O Keeffe , Dermot Cremin the net minder could not be faulted for our opponents only goal of the match. Up front Gavin O Sullivan was trying hard along with Stephen Corbett & Darren O Connor but it was Jermiah Buckley who yielded the home sides only goal - more of a consolation but well deserved. Final score Tullylease 1-14 Dromtarriffe 1-8. County awaits the hurlers on Saturday again a young panel will possibly face a more experience side - still this will provide a good experience for our hulkers.

Hurlers began league campaignwith well earned draw

Dromtarriffe Junior B hurlers began their league campaign with a well earned draw at home to Castlemagner last Tuesday . Fielding a predominately Minor side these young hurlers acquitted themselves well and were abily assisted by the more mature hulers on the side. At the half time whistle Dromtarriffe held the slender 1 point advantage thanks to scores from Gavin O Sullivan , Darren O Connor, Darragh Crowley & Danny Mullane , but an experienced Castle side who were on the back of two league victories battled hard in the second half . Jermiah Buckley added to the score sheet along with O Connor & Mullane and the final whistle saw the sides level 0-12 a piece.

This is a great start for Dromatarriffe though they will be severly hit for their County date in May with the exam break with the majority of this panel tied to college or state exams.

Team: Michael John O Keeffe , Darren McSweeney , Vincent Browne , Bernie Daly , Niall Galvin , Darragh Crowley , Daniel O Keeffe , Sean O Callaghan , Danny Mullane , Gavin O Sullivan , Jonathan Corkery , Darren O Connor , Cormac Galvin , Jermaih Buckley & Alan Dennehy Subs used: Pat O Connell , Tadgh Corkery , Timmy Buckley .

Dromtarriffe fall at first round hurdle

Dromtarriffe Junior A's failed to maintain their unbeaten record from the Ducon cup through to Championship last Saturday in Cullen when they were defeated by Boherbue in the first round by a single point.

Dromtarriffe started brightly with in attack Gearoid Murphy & Johnny O sullivsn causing problems , but a major blow to the managment was when Johnny had to leave the field injured 14 minutes into the match. As Dromtarriffe tried to re group a gentle nudge on the Dromtarriffe Defender to off balance him helped Boherbue to their first goal to leave them 1 ahead at the short whistle. The second half continued as the first , Boherbue were in more of a championship mode than Dromtarriffe and fought more throughout the field as a unit. This led up to the second goal of the day when another flicker of luck for them saw a call go their way before the ball was kicked into the forwards , though Dromtarriffe won possession it was spilled and ended up in the back of the net. Sean O Callaghan at corner back making hos Junior A Championship debut had a great match and one for the future , the Dromtarriffe boys all gave their best but on the day maybe the change in the championship first round dates that it was hard to get into full championship mode in April when July used to be the start of the Championship season.

At present the side are top of the Ducon League and I am sure each game from now on will now be used as preparation for their second round championship match.

Dromtarriffe Minors ease to victory in first league match

Dromtarriffe Minor B hurlers made a positive start in their first league match when they defeated a visiting Blackwater Rovers side. Team coach John Howard & Manager Michael O Keeffe were happy with the crisp hurling displayed by all who played . Stars on the night in particular were Kevin Cremin & Sean O Callaghan , though many others played exceptionally well in their positions throughout the field. The Blackwater Rovers side took a long time to settle possibly from the long journey and the match had been out of contention by the time their team began to link up attacks. On three occasions they (b .r) did raise the green flag but it was their shots for points that strayed wide of the target on several occasions. It is great to start off positive for the home side but tougher challenges lie ahead . Next for our hurlers is an away match in Kilbrin against Croke Rovers TBA.

Dromtarriffe Juniors A's Continue winning ways

Dromtarriffe Junior A's continued their 100% winning record with a win yesterday over Kiskeam in Rathcoole 2-13 to 1-8 ; Added to previuos wins over Rockchapel , Cullen , Newmarket , Boherbue & Ballydesmond Dromtarriffe sit proudly on top of the league table. Michael O Connell & hos management team will be hoping these positive performances carry through to the Junior A FC first round v Boberbue on April 23rd.

Dromtarriffe 0-12 v Newmarket 0-4 - Ducon Cup

Dromtarriffe continued their winning ways with a comprehensive victory over Newmarket played in Rathcoole last evening. Newmarket in the first half were guilty of many handy scoring points drifting wide , and Dromtarriffe possibly guilty of going for goals & over hand passing when maybe the point option should have been the one of choice , but it was definately the Newmarket keeper who was the busier. Defensively the full back line of Richard Browne , Vincent Browne & Sean oCallaghan dominated their opposition encouraged throughout by Drom Keeper Diarmuid O Sullivan. John A Browne commanded Centre back abily flanked by Cormac O Mahony & Darren McSweeney. Mid Field and Seamus O DSullivan caught some fine ball assisted by Paddy Daly. Half forward line of Niall O Sullivan , Johnny O Sullivan & Shane Collins all made notable inroads on the Newmarket goal with the full forward line of John O Sullivan , Aaron O Halloran & Gearoid Murphy also contributing to the sides winning performance. Subs introduced were : Sam Murphy, Danny Mullane , Billy O Mahony & Dan Drake .

Dromatarriffe now have the 10 point maximum from 6 matches . Next match v Kiskeam in Rathcoole Wed April 13th.

Weekend Results - April 3rd

U14 Football v Boherbue April 4th 6-15pm in Boherbue

Ducon Cup Dromtarriffe 1-10 Cullen 0-9

Ladies Football Dromtarriffe 5-12 Mitchelstown 0-3.

Minor Fotball League Dromtarriffe 3-15 St Kevins 1-10

Ducon Cup Dromtarriffe 0-10 Boherbue 1-6

Weekend Results - March 20th

Minor North Cork League Football Dromtarriffe 0-10 Doneraile 0-8

U14 North Cork League Football Dromtarriffe 10-05 St Peters 5-05

Minor League

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Dromtarriffe V Croke Rovers 27-03-11

Dromtarriffe recorded their first win of the new North Cork Minor league when they defeated Croke Rovers 5-12 to 4-8 in Rathcoole.

Aided by a strong first half breeze Dromtarriffe took a while to find their scoring boots with the mid point of the half Dromtarriffe ahead by 2 points , however two quick goals from Shane O Riordan & Adam Buckley helped the home side into a comfortable half time lead.

Second half goals from Darren O Connor (2) and Danny Mullane stretched that lead , before a last 15 minutes goal blitz from Croke Rovers who rased 4 green flags in that period , closed the gap. Dromtarriffe brought on all available subs , though for Croke Rovers , only 13 players were available for selection.

Team & Scorers:

Kevin McSweeney; Conor O Donoghue; Bernie Daly; Dan Drake; Sean O Callaghan; Darragh Crowley; Danny Mullane 1-2; Alan Dennehy; Shane O Riordan 1-1; Daniel O Keeffe 0-1; Adam Buckley 1-2; Darren O Connor 2-2; Michael O Brien 0-1; Mathew O Shea 0-2, Padraig O Callaghan , Tony O Flynn; Sean Cremin; Barry Daly & Tony Fitzpatrick.

Next Match away to Doneraile.

U21 v Kiskeam

Dromtarriffe U21s hosted Kiskeam in the back door of the U21 A Duhallow Championship last Sunday. Played in wet and windy conditions which proved unfavourable for either side , Dromatarriffe started the brighter and thanks to a goal and point from Brian O Riordan and a point from Aaron O Halloran went into the half time break ahead 1-2 to Kiskeams 1-0 . The young Dromtarriffe side fielding 4 of last years U16 side battled for the first 10 minutes of the second half but gradually Kiskeam were beginning to show their strength and their grip on the match . Adding a further 2-4 to the Kiskeam tally compared to 0-2 for Dromtarriffe saw that Kiskeam were to progress in the U21 A competition. This very young Dromtarriffe side minus the sevicees on Sunday of Shane Murphy & Shane Collins both injured led by Gearoid Murphy & John O Sullivan will gain much from the experience of for many was their first Adult competition . Many of the panel will now turn their focus to the Minor North Cork league where Dromtarriffe have been graded B. Dromtarriffe lined out in the U21 on Sunday as: Kevin Mc Sweeney, Bernie Daly, Liam Curtin, Tony Fitzgerald, Dan Drake, Sean O Callaghan, Darragh Crowley, Cormac O Mahony, Danny Mullane, Alan Dennehy , Daniel O Keeffe, Shane O Riordan , Aaron O Halloran, Brian O Riordan & Darren O Connor. Subs James Murphy & Adam Buckley. Scorers for Dromtarriffe: Brian O Riordan 1-3 Aaron O Halloran 0-1.

2011 Duhallow U21 Football Championship First Round:

Dromtarriffe 0-9 Knocknagree 2-9.

Dromtarriffe lined out as:

Kevin McSweeney, Sean OCallaghan; Liam Curtin; Dan Drake; Darragh Crowley; Cormac OMahony; James Murphy; Danny Mullane; Shane Collins; Mathew O Shea; Daniel OKeefe; Shane ORiordan; Aaron OHalloran; Brian ORiordan ; Darren OConnor. Subs used: Conor ODonoghue; Tony Fitzpatrick.

Dromtarriffe Scorers: A. OHalloran 0-3; D OConnor 0-3; D OKeefe0-2. B ORiordan 0-1