

2013 SEASON

County honours elude the brave efforts from our Dromtarriffe U16 footballers.

A slicker Kilmurry side produced the requirements to win the Rebel Og U16 County League final in Clondrohid last Saturday. Their intentions were marked from the first whistle as in the first 7 minutes of play they converted the opening three unanswered points with Dromtarriffe for their part guilty of several missed chances to open their account and it was not until the 9th minute Jack Buckley registered Dromtarriffes opening point. In the opening period our defense were under a lot of pressure , Gavin O Keeffe in goals made a great save and a few minutes later was grateful to a villigant defense which cleared a dangeous goal bound attack when their keeper lay injured by the post. However as the forwards began finding possession, Dromtarriffe's captain Shane MacSweeney lobbed in a long range ball for Aidan Downey to pounce on to the net for the opening goal of the match. Kilmurry shortly afterwards level at 1-1 to 0-4 before Shane MacSweeney stretched Dromarriffe ahead again with a second green flag. Jack Murphy was to convert the last score of the first half a pointed free and as the short whistle sounded Dromtarriffe led 2-2 to 0-4.

Second half commenced with an early Jack Buckley point - however Kilmurry enjoyed a purple patch for the next 13 minutes where their use of the ball through some brilliant team play saw them score 1-6 without reply and Dromtarriffe found themselves under all sorts of pressure. Sean Howard at Centre back was working hard as was Jack Murphy & Jack Buckley , but others found themselves out of place as the bounce of the ball went against them and costly errors in passing movements were experinced by most of the team. At 44 mins of the match gone Dromtarriffe trailed by 4: 2-3 to 1-10, but these lads were to put in another burst and as Aidan Downey added Dromtarriffe 4th point cancelled out by a kilmurry point , but the pressure was being exerted by Dromtarriffe and after a few half goal chances Jack Murphy lashed onto a half chance and finished to the net ..now only a point in it and a difficult free awarded to Dromtarriffe - chance of leveling the match gone (it was very difficult for our free taker) and it seemed Kilmurry saw their opportunity to close out the match adding 1-2 without reply to finish as County Champions 2-13 to 3-4. In the presentation speech the Kilmurry club were congratulated for adding the U16 B County League to the earlier that week U15 Premier 2 football victory ... I think that confidence they got by winning the U15 Premier 2 County helped them on Saturday , with Dromtarriffe unable to field this year at U15 due to lack of numbers. A good few of the team will now move onto Minor for 2014 - they can hold their heads up high - It has been a fantastic season for this panel of players many of whom have won U16 A Hurling Championship North Cork , U16 B football League & Championship North Cork.

U16 Footballers qualify for County League final.

I believe it has been 17 years or so since a Dromtarriffe side qualified for an U16 County final and last Saturday this milestone was reached when our boys qualified to meet Kilmurry in the County League final TBC. On the county league front Dromtarriffe won their first underage County league title in 2011 when they defeated West Cork Gaels in the Minor league final - will 2013 also prove fruitful when this bunch of footballers will be looking to the parish to come out and support their endeavours as they try to gain the county honours. Better known for their hurling abilities in 2009 this team won the U12 C County Hurling title , In 2011 were defeated by Bride Rovers in the U14 B County final replay and hopefully 2013 will land them a county FOOTBALL title. Kilmurry their opponents in the final have also a Strong tradition in Gaelic Football , the last time I believe the sides would probably have met was in the Brian Cronin U10

tournament several years back & I think Kilmurry were the victors (though will possibly be corrected) but whatever the result then , be prepared for an enthralling county final match where it will be all to play for.

Briefly the semi final saw Dromtarriffe win 8-7 to 2-3 , having lost the County Championship semi final , the Dromatarriffe side were to show their intentions early in this county league semi final as early points from Shane McSweeney , Conor Cremin & Jack Murphy were added by a brace of McSweeney first half goals and a Jack Murphy goal and though Newstown closed out the first half by raising their own green flag the short whistle sounded as the teams took the half time break with Dromtarriffe leading 3-6 to 1-1.

Second half saw a brief fight back from the Newcestown side with an opening 1-1 closing the deficit. However another brace of goals from McSweeney , who surely was leading by example of a team captain , and a goal from Conor Cremin , saw the match lean heavily in Dromtarriffe favour , Aidan Downey added Dromtarriffes 8th goal , before the final green flag of the day was awarded to the Newcestown left corner forward. Dromtarriffe now advance to play Kilmurry in the County final. (thanks to Sarah for keeping the scores)

[U16 Footballers add League to claim Rebel Og North Double](#)

Last evening (Thursday Oct 9) in Knocknagree our U16 footballers recorded a well deserved double when they defeated St Peters in the U16B FL final. Dromtarriffe commenced with a early goal from Captain Shane Mc Sweeney on 6 minutes followed with on the 14th minute Aidan Downey netting , St Peters despite the scoreline were contesting well and our defense led by Dean Condon & Sean Howard were in fine action clearing chances that may have been goal bound - after a definite goal chance cleared on the 19th minute Conor Cremin was passed an excellent ball which he duly dispatched to the net for Dromtarriffe third - minutes later Dromtarriffe earned their 4th goal after a foul in the small square resulted in a penalty converted by McSweeney. 4-5 to 0-3 in front at the short whistle and the contest was all but over. Second half again St Peters tried to break through the Dromtarriffe rearguard which continued through the second half holding firm - St Peters from a free kick goaled but their recovery was short lived when Jack Murphy ran up the other end and added Dromtarriffes 5th . Twice in the second half our keeper was called on to make point blank saves from St Peters , and at least 3 other occasions the defense swept back to clear shots from the small square so despite the scoreline the St Peters boys played well and if fortunes had gone their way the game would have been much tighter . Full time Dromtarriffe 5-11 St Peters 1-5 . Shane Mc Sweeney on behalf of the side accepted the fine cup from Tom Dennehy on behalf of Rebel Og North and the team were treated to refreshments at the club rooms afterwards - this side will now have the privilege of representing Rebel Og North in the county in both league and championship where it is expected tough challenges lie ahead. Team Gavin O Keeffe , Derry O Flynn , Dean Condon, Conor O Callaghan , David Dunlea, Sean Howard , Daniel Desmond, Jack Murphy , Timothy O Keeffe , Evan Murphy , Con O Callaghan , Conor Cremin , Mark Dennehy , Shane McSweeney & Aidan Downey . Introduced : Sean Guerin , Alex Dennehy , Tomas Howard , David Browne

[U16 Footballers claim Rebel Og North B Championship.](#)

Last Evening (Wed) in Mallow our U16 footballers took on Blackwater Rovers . The opening exchanges failed to reap any rewards for both sides and on the 4th minute Jack Buckley open the match scores with a point shortly equalised by our opponents. Blackwater Rovers doubled their account before in the 11th minute Evan Murphy found the back of the Blackwater rovers net - again our opponents registered another point but found their chances made more difficult as their Centre back saw red for dangerous challenge on our captain. Dromtarriffe started using their extra player and Con O Callaghan headed goal bound recording Dromtarriffes second on the 22nd minute. Two further first half points from Conor Cremin & Evan Murphy saw Dromtarriffe ahead at

the short whistle 2-4 to 0-4. Points were exchanged in the opening minutes of the second half with 2 for Conor Cremin & 1 for Blackwater Rovers. 15 minutes into the half Alex Dennehy replaced Timmy O Keeffe (injured) with Sean Howard pointing again for Dromtarriffe. Defensively Dromtarriffe used their sweeper (extra player) well as Blackwater Rovers mounted several strong attacks - Keeper Gavin O Keeffe was at times called upon to pull off some good saves while other occasions saw the backs / midfield foiling attacks. Blackwater Rovers added their 6th point before Alex Dennehy (injured) was replaced by Sean Guerin. Con O Callaghan & David Dunlea closed out the Dromtarriffe scoring entering stoppage time the side had registered 2-10. 3 minutes into stoppage and a penalty was awarded for Blackwater Rovers - Goalkeeper O Keeffe went the right way though the shot hit the post bounded out and the Blackwater attack were the first to react and slotted home on the final whistle their consolation goal. Final score Dromtarriffe 2-10 Blackwater Rovers 1-6.

[Cremin points seals Dromtarriffe Minor Hurlers victory in the Rebel Og North Final](#)

66 pulsating minutes of hurling were witnessed by those who attended the Cavanaghs of Charleville Rebel Og North MHC final in Newtownshandrum. Dromtarriffe made several changes to the published team list as Michael O Brien took up his place between the posts , an injured captain Denis O Donoghue replaced by Paudie O Callaghan with Con O Callaghan losing out to Sean Cremin in the forwards.

Sean Howard opened Dromtarriffes account with 3 pointed frees , but Ballyhea responded with 2 points (1 f) and a Pa O Callaghan goal to go 2 ahead in the early exchanges. A Sean Howard 65 and a Sean Cremin point shortly after levelled the match for the first time. 2 Steven Ahern points were cancelled by one for Ballyhea replied by a Jack Murphy point . With both sides giving their all - there were to be expected several minor discretions , after some of those exchanges the match resumed with another pointed free by Howard followed by a third Ahern point leaving 4 between the sides. Ballyhea closed out the first half reducing their deficit to 0-2 points to leave it register at half time Dromtarriffe 0-10 Ballyhea 1-5.

Conor Cremin was introduced at half time for James Burke and again shortly after the half time commenced Howard again pointed the opening free which was cancelled by Ballyhea converting theirs. Mark O Connor pointed replied by Ballyhea. Dromtarriffe defense were under increasing pressure and the back stood firm especially by play from Shane McSweeney , Aaron Daly & Billy O Gorman but just before Ballyhea levelled from a free an injury through one of those clearances to Paudie O Callaghan saw him exit the match to be replaced by Dean Condon. Sean Howard added 2 points including one from play which was a well worked team score started by an Aaron Daly clearance. However the Ballyhea pressure yielded a goal and saw them get a point ahead three minutes remaining . Sean Howard levels from a long ranged free with Jack Murphy adding his second well taken point on full time. Entering stoppage Ballyhea carve out a free which was duely converted to level matters . Dromtarriffe again responded and Conor Cremin popped up to answer the call with two great points - however it was not over minutes of stoppage still being added and it was the defense who blocked and hassled the Ballyhea attack protecting the scoreline. Finally the exhausted Dromtarriffe followeres (and players) welcomed the full time whistle and a well earned victory . Denis O Donoghue accepted the cup on behalf of the team.

[5 star performance from our U16 hurlers in the Rebel Og North Final](#)

Kilbrin provided the setting on a beautiful Septembers evening for the 2013 Barnes Jewellers Rebel Og North when Dromtarriffe took on the Tomas Russells challenge. An early free converted by Sean Howard was the opening score. Dermot Twomey from Tomas Russells opened their account with

a nice point from play which seconds late was cancelled out by a second Howard point also from play. Again both sides exchanged points Conor Cremin for Dromtarriffe & Kevin O Flynn for Tomas Russells, before on the 10th minute Cremin broke through the Russells rearguard to goal. A minute later came a swift response from Russells , as a blistering shot past the Drom defence also raised a green flag. Sean Howard over the next four minutes added 1-2 for Dromtarriffe which saw for the first time in the match a , points again were exchanged with 2 per side , for Drom , Cremin & Evan Murphy pointed with Russells reaping 2 points from Twomey. Over the next 5 minutes Russells added 4 points – 2 for O Flynn and 1 each for Twomey & Darragh O Sullivan to two registered by Dromtarriffe one each from the Howard brothers, entering the injury time period of that first half and a welcome boost for Drom , the sloitar bobbed around the Russells goalmouth for Capt David Murphy to pull on into the net so at half time Dromtarriffe led 3-9 to 1-8.

Second half opened with a Russells points from their Capt Joseph Cronin, and again the net for points were shared between the sides , Alex Dennehy & T. Howard for Drom , with O Flynn and Cillian Murphy pointing for Russells, Midway though the second half another gap opened by Dromtarriffe with points for Evan & Tomas split by a second Cremin goal so by the 16th minute Dromtarriffe were ahead 4-13 to 1-10. Again the next 8 minutes was Dromtarriffes , the Howard brothers each pointed , as did Alex Dennehy , Dromtarriffe's final score came on the 25th minute with the teams 5th goal scored by their Capt David Murphy. Throughout the match our defence withstood several onslaughts from the Russells attack , Shane McSweeney , Dean Condon & Jack Murphy in particular did tremendous work denying Russells , Gavin O Keeffe in goals when called upon also played a vital role , it was a total team performance which reaped the rewards of victory. In the final minutes , Dromtarriffe emptied their bench of 3 subs , Sean Guerin , Mark Dennehy & Colin O Keeffe , this shows that a small panel with several U14 players can compete with larger squads and this is a tribute to the teams management of John Howard , Tim McSweeney & Neily Galvin on how much belief they have installed into our players. The presentation of the cup was made by Steven Lynch , Runaí, Rebel Og North to David Murphy , Capt, in front of a large Dromtarriffe support. Celebrations then continued back at the club rooms where the parents provided an array of fantastic refreshments. A tough challenge next awaits the side this Saturday in Coachford at 12-15pm when the face Cloughduv in the County – we wish them every success. Team & Scorers: Gavin O Keeffe , Daniel Desmond, Shane McSweeney, Dean Condon , Derry O Flynn, Jack Murphy , Jack Buckley , Sean Howard (1-6) , Con O Callaghan , Evan Murphy (0-2) , Conor Cremin (2-2), Conor O Callaghan, Alex Dennehy (0-2), David Murphy (2-0) , Tomás Howard (0-4). Subs Mark Dennehy , Sean Guerin, Colin O Keeffe.

[U21 Hurling combination Dr O Callaghans exit championship.](#)

For the second successive season Dr O Callaghans failed to win any match in the U21 A HC after their defeat to a strong Robert Emmet side last Tuesday . While results may not have been in their favour, playing at the highest level in any grade helps improve your skills as this is proving to be of benefit to our Junior B Hurlers who have made many positive strides ahead during 2012/13 with still a very young overall side. Dromtarriffe were well represented on the u21 hurling panel fielding Dermot Cremin , Aaron O Halloran , Daniel O Keeffe , Mikie O Gorman , Darren O Connor , Kevin Cremin, Gavin O Sullivan , Stephen Ahern , Daragh Crowley all starting with Pdraig O Callaghan , Danny Mullane & Stephen O Keeffe introduced on Tuesday night but also Hayden O Connor ,Mark O Connor , Dan Drake & Shane O Riordan all played important roles in the squad during the U21 HC campaign.

[Junior B hurlers take league points to remain in contention for knockout place](#)

Our Junior B hurlers returned to winning ways last Wednesday in Rathcoole when they played some wonderful team hurling over the hour and took the hours 1-12 to 0-12 over Freemount. Our

goals came from the hurl of Stephen O Keeffe , but it was after passes exchanged by the O Connor brother that presented the opportunity for S O keeffe to put a low & hard short beyond the Freemount keeper. Everyone played some great hurling and in the league table Dromtarriffe move up to 4 points , another couple of wins may see them progress to the final four.

[U16 Hurlers reach North Cork A Final.](#)

Our U16 hurlers played another outstanding hours hurling last Saturday in Kanturk when we met neighbours Banteer in the North Cork A Championship semi final. It was a tough match and the timber wasn't spared as the players committed to their challenges on behalf of their clubs. Sean Howard was excellenat from frees and with Jack Murphy both held the heart of the team . The 6 defenders played with grit and determination and stuck to their task of foiling many Banteer attacks, in goals keeper Gavin O Keeffe brought off several excelant saves while up front young Conor O Callaghan produced the games only goal which settled the result putting daylight between the sides with all working hard against a strong Banteer defense. The date , time & final opponets have yet to be confirmed .

[Dissappointment as Footballers lose out to Millstreet in the Championship quarter final.](#)

Despite an early goal scored by John O Sullivan who received a great pass from Daniel O Keeffe and a lead that lasted until the 59th minute of the match , Dromtarriffe were to lose this year JAFC quarter final in the 7 (justified) minutes of extra time when the last 3 points went to the opponents Millstreet . Dromtarriffe were best served on the night by Seamus O Sullivan (outstanding at Midfield) and his brother John , while overall many players tried hard they failed to make a major impact on the game as a defense strategy took over.

[Heart & determination sees Junior A footballers defeat Ducon Cup Champions in the Kanturk Credit Union Championship - first round.](#)

Boherbue provided the hosting venue for the opening match of the 2013 Kanturk Credit union Duhallow Football Championships - and what a match was played. From the opening Dromtarriffe had a strong wind in their favour (however at times it swirled making scoring difficult) . Both sides were guilty of not registering early points before the opening point was converted by Darren O Connor , upon the kick out O Connor doubled his sides tally . Despite having the wind it seemed focus was more on defense than attack as many balls launched into the forwards found the opposing defense outnumbering our attack force - though this did aid our team defense closing down the Knocknagree attack . Niall O Sullivan made it Dromtarriffe 0-3 before Steven Heelan was on target to open Knocknagrees account doubled on by John Fintan Daly , Gearoid Murphy (0-1 f) & Daly then exchanged points leaving the first half Dromtarriffe ahead on the narrowest of margin 0-4 to 0-3. As the wind died down the second half opened with a Dromtarriffe side an attcaking force , Gearoid doubled his account again from a free followed by an Anthony O Connor point. The turning point of the match came , Daniel O Keeffe was fouled as he drove forward , Gearoid took the resulting free and targeted a lofting ball into our full forward John O Sullivan who collected same and cooly slotted home past the Knocknagree net minder., Niall then converted his second point before Knocknagree added two points - one from a free as the sides stood with just the goal between them. O Keeffe kicked over a great point to bring Dromtarriffe 0-4 ahead before Noel O Riordan was introduced for Pa Dennehy(inj) ., O Riordan was making a huge impact with speed in attack on the wing and it looked like the result was to be put beyond Knocknagree , when an O Keeffe pass was played into O Riordan path only for his shot to run accross the opposition goalmouth.Adam Buckley replaced Niall O Sullivan (inj) Eamonn O Flynn for Paddy Daly and their introduction injected energy into the side as the final minutes approached , another goal chance was cleared by the Knocknagree defense before O Riordan took Dromtarriffes lead to 5 points. Sean Cremin came on for John O Sullivan (inj) and immediately made his presence felt. As the match entered

stoppage time , Dromtarriffe returned to defensive duties with the goal - protect what you have, initially 3 minutes of stoppage time was indicated but in the end 7 minutes were played still every effort from the Knocknagree attack was easily contained by a determined defense. We had some strong first half performances but impressions seemed that they lacked a certain attack to the match (part of the overall masterplan!) however after the short whistle this was all changed as 19 players (& management) played their part in an exceptional second half , to single out any particular player or line for their performance in that half would do an injustice to the remaining players. The final whistle welcomed relief as well as celebration , players were clapped off the field by some of the large club support - so its onwards and upwards now as the side prepares for their next challenge in either the Championship quarters or semis.

[Dromtarriffe ease past Ballycosary Rovers in the recommenced U16 hurling league.](#)

So with the final paper completed in the Junior Cert 2013 , returned to action the U16 hurlers of Rebel Og North. Dromtarriffe exploded out of the blocks as though the exams had never taken place with some outstanding play especially from those players who have just completed the state papers. On a beautiful Tuesday evening in Rathcoole , the home side opened the scoring through a Jack Murphy point, his mid field partner Sean Howard was on hand to raise the first of the homesides Green flags shortly after followed by his first converted point from a free. Not to be outdone by his older brother , Tomas then raised Dromtarriffe second green flag and added a point all within the opening 10 minutes of the match. The Howard brothers exchanged the next three scores a point from Sean with a brace of goals scored by Tomas. With their first attack the visitors opening shot on goals was caught & cleared by the Dromtarriffe net minder . Con O Callghan also got onto the scoresheet with his first point , followed by one each from T Howard & Murphy , wing back Derry O Flynn also advanced to point, another attack from the visitors met a strong full back line which easily cleared the danger , Evan Murphy then raised Dromtarriffes 5th green flag of the first half . The remaining first half points for Dromtarriffe went to David Murphy (0-1) Sean Howard (0-2) Tomas Howard (0-1) Jack Murphy (0-1) and David O Connor (0-1) with a solitary point scored by the visitors and so the half time whistle recorded a high scoreline of Dromtarriffe 5-14 Ballycosary Rovers 0-1.

Second half and more of the same - this Dromtarriffe side were having the match mostly their own way though the visitors had more fight & determination aided by a good breeze in the second half. O Callghan opened the scoring with a point followed by a David Murphy goal. Points from Jack Murphy & a Sean Howard free were followed with a David O Connor goal, Our visitors within a minute registered a goal & a point , firstly their second point was converted and upon the puck out the ball broke loose for the centre forward to lash onto and with a blistering & curving short flew into the top corner of the Dromtarriffe net. The Dromtarriffe defense quickly reorganised themselves and any further threats were swiftly cleared , and so it was back to the scoring players - O Callaghan added his third point with a second David O Connor goal finished by the last Dromtarriffe score a pointed free from Sean Howard and on the 30th minute of the match Ballycosary Rovers converted their third point from a free as the final whistle sounded Dromtarriffe ended the 8-21 to 1-3 victors.

[Bally edge homeside out in extra time - Duhallow Cup](#)

Last Friday (14th) evening the opening round of the Duhallow Cup took place where a Dromtarriffe side met their Intermediate opponents Ballydesmond (who were only missing the services of Donnacha). Bally raced out from the blocks with two early points 1st & 3rd minute before Gearoid Murphy opened Dromtarriffes account with a free on the 6th minute, followed by a John O Sullivan free on the 13th minute leveling . Again the visitors pointed twice unanswered (14th & 19th) , which the home side replied through a Daniel O Keeffe point (on his return from

the leaving Cert) and two frees one each for O Sullivan & Murphy. Two final points for Ballydesmond saw them hold the slender half time advantage 0-6 to 0-5.

Two early second half frees for O Sullivan & Dromtarriffe moved into the front, however two minutes later the sides levelled through a Ballydesmond free. On the 38th minute the home side had cause to cheer when O Sullivan raised the green flag, followed by two points one from O Keeffe the second from Darren O Connor., however response was swift from Ballydesmond with a goal & point converted before a second point for O Connor & a Ballydesmond free had the sides level at the full time whistle 1-11 a piece - and so extra time.

Another returning Leaving Cert, Adam Buckley was introduced for extra time. In the first period of extra time Bally again mounted the early pressure with two opening points (one from a free) before two O Keeffe points (also one from a free) had the sides level, but the last score of this period went to Ballydesmond and so at the short whistle in extra time Ballydesmond again went a head by 1. The fitter Intermediate side were able to lat the pace of the extra time as several players were pulling up (with Championship in mind this Friday v Knocknagree) and so Dromtarriffe emptied the bench. The final 10 minutes of the match saw three unanswered points from Baly (one from a free, with the ast score of the game going to O Sullivan from a free, finishing a great Duhallow Cup match Ballydesmond 1-17 Dromtarriffe 1-14.

Hurlers advance to County Junior B Hurling Round 3

Played in a sun soaked Mourenabbey, Dromtarriffe Junior B Hurlers easily advanced to Round 3 of the County JBHC after disposing the challenge of Lough Rovers. The opening 9 minutes saw both sides guilty of missed scoring opportunites, and the scoreheet was opened when a ball rebounded out to Darragh Crowley for him to covert the opening point. Crowley was on hand to convert 2 frees on the 13th & 15th minutes before the Lough Rovers No 10 opened his sides account from a free on the 16th minute. On the 18th minute Gavin O Sullivan added Dromtarriffes 4th point which was answered by a purple spell from Lough Rovers equalising on the 20th minute with three unanswered points. Mark O Connor raised the games only green flag when he finished to the net a great Dromtarriffe attack which split two Crowley frees however Lough Rovers finished the half strong with two finals points leaving the short whistle record the scorelune at 1-6 to 0-6 in Dromtarriffes favour. The second half was that of a typical Junior B Hurling match - much of the ball was played in the middle sections of the field with in particular Dromtarriffes defense standing strong meaning scores were a premium in the half. 4 minutes into the second half & Crowley converted another free, followed 5 minutes later by the first of 2 points from Sean Cremin. Seconds later & Lough Rovers scored their only point of the half. Outstanding in defense were Keeper Dermot Cremin, Full Back Vincent Browne, Centre Back Michael O Brien with Sean Cremin working hard up front, Crowley was the sharp shooter throughout and added two final frees before the last poit of the match scored was credited to S Cremin. Dromtarriffe cause was strengthened when two Leaving Certs Darragh Crowley & Padraig O Callaghan played their part, however the leaving cert prevented two further players from County action on this occasion but will be in the mix for a team place in the third round. Team: Dermot Cremin, Padraig O Callaghan, Vincent Browne, Pat O Connell, Darren McSweeney, Michael O Brien, Aaron O Halloran, Owen Dennehy, Darragh Crowley, Gavin O Sullivan, Darren O Connor, Stephen Ahern, Mikie O Gorman, Sean Cremin & Mark O Connor. Subs used, Stephen O Keeffe, Alan Dennehy, Hayden O Connor & Jermiah Buckley.

First half scores seals the visitors victory

Dromtarriffe Junior B Hurlers welcomed Lismire to Rathcoole (in a change of venue due to Lismire pitch closed) for the third round of the Duhallow JBHL. Fielding a changed team from

the County championship (only 1 leaving cert ruled out through exams) the visitors took command of the first half scores with Dromtarriffe benefiting from two Darren O Connor points and a sole Daniel Murphy white flag and so with a huge effort required in the second half the home side trailed 2-8 to 0-3 at the short whistle.

Replacements in personel and some positional changes benefitted the home side to no end. Mikey O Gorman brought the first cheer when he goaled early in the second half , shortly later Captain Owen Dennehy also found the back of the Lismire net - the team were fighting back hard and with points from O Connor (2) Gavin O Sullivan (2) and Dennehy (1) the team was playing very well, however Lismire were to add 5 second half points which saw them victorious by the final whistle 2-13 to 2-8. What is great to see is the number of strong subs this year on the Dromtarriffe bench - as with last Friday this proved influential in a great second half team performance .

Early goal saw Boherbue take the Ducon Cup points

On Bank holiday Monday , Dromtarriffe Junior A's travelled to Boherbue. In front of a nice support Dromtarriffe started well with an early point from Gearoid Murphy, however on the thrid minute , Boherbue broke through to goal. In an otherwise even first half ,points were cancelled out with Pa Dennehy & Murphys points cancelled by a brace for Boherbue, and again as Boherbue pointed, Daniel O Keeffe shot over a point . Luck was not on Dromtarriffe side as a beautiful lobbing ball floated nicely into the Boherbue goalmouth , but with players eagerness to get the goal - somehow the chances were lost and Boherbue scambeld away the danger. The closing minutes saw two Murphy converted frees split by a point from Boherbue to leave it at half time Dromtarriffe trailing by a point 0-6 to 1-4.

The second half began as the first with early exchanges coveretd by both side , Paddy Daly pointing for Dromtarriffe, however between the 6th - 13th minutes Boherbue had increased their lead by 3 points (two from frees). John O Sullivan came in for Ger Burns and Darren O Connor pointed from a free. Eamonn O Flynn was introduced for Sam Murphy and again points were shared in the closing minutes with Dromtarriffe scores coming from Pa Dennehy & John O Sullivan. In the final minute Nicky McAuliffe came on for Adam Buckley. Final score Dromtarriffe 0-10 Boherbue 1-10.

County junior championship progression for Dromtarriffe Hurlers

Dromtarriffe Junior B Hurlers progresses into Round 2 of the County JBHC after securing a great victory over Belgooly last Saturday in Coachford.

Playing with the aid of the breeze , Dromtarriffe showed their early intentions , with two Darragh Crowley points (one from a 65), Belgooly opened their account on the 6th minute & by the 10th minute two further added scores from Michael O Brien & Crowley had Dromtarriffe 0-4 to 0-1 in front. On the 18th minute Belgooly doubled their account with a point . Dromtarriffe forwards were creating attacking pressure and the scoreline may have looked more favourable for the club side had two of the first half goals not been ruled as square balls. On the 19th , 22nd & 27th minutes , Dromtarriffe edged further ahead with three points , one each for the O Connor brothers & another from Crowley. Belgooly had the last score of the half with a pointed free and so the short whistle sounded Dromtarriffe ahead 0-7 to 0-3.

Dromtarriffe introduced Noel O Riordan for C. Mullane and Sean Cremin for J Buckley and half time, and playing against the breeze and our backs had a job to do to help maintain the lead. Leading from the front was the teams Captain Owen Dennehy , and with his new midfield partner Darren O Connor , both linked well at Midfield. Steven Ahern was playing a fantastic sweeping role covering the left hand side of the pitch. Up front Crowley , O Riordan & M O

Connor were the targets. Crowley began the half with a converted free in the first minute. Our defense as a unit were solid throughout with only one second half free conceded. On the 4th , 8th & 15th minutes Belgooly had narrowed the gap with three points . It was a half through with many missed chances for both sides , and midway through it looked for a second the O Riordan had sealed victory only for his goal bound shot to be cleared off the line. On the 25th minute Mikey O Gorman replaced O Sullivan as Crowley increased the Dromtarriffe lead with another pointed free. Once again the defense stood up to the late pressure mounted on them by the Belgooly attack , and it was to their credit that no goal chance was created by the opponents throughout the hours hurling. The final score went to Crowley as he converted his 5th free. In the final minute Peadar Duggan replaced O Callaghan. Dromtarriffe reached the final whistle four points ahead as the game finished Dromtarriffe 0-10 to Belgooly 0-6.

This is the first victory in this new County JBHC for Dromtarriffe which now brings them through to Round 2 of the County draw. The experience gained by many of the panel over the last 5 years of Junior B hurling added with the coaching received from John Hartnett was rewarded last Saturday . As many supporters said afterwards - hopefully this victory will now bring on hurling in the club, It was great to see 24 players togged out last Saturday - numbers have always been a problem but now this does not seem an obstacle with some talented young players breaking through on the Adult scene . We are still a very young side so the future is looking bright - thankfully round 2 will take place after the exams break so hopefully with the return of a few more players from injury and with exams behind all our players , round 2 will be greeted with a chance for this team to progress all the way to the County final. Team : Dermot Cremin , Pdraig O Callaghan , Vincent Browne, Pat O Connell, Darren McSweeney, Michael O Brien (0-1) , Daniel O Keeffe , Owen Dennehy , Darragh Crowley (0-7 , 0-5f 0-1 65) Gavin O Sullivan , Jermiah Buckley , Steven Ahern , Darren O Connor (0-1) Colin Mullane & Mark O Connor (0-1).

Junior A's Return to winning ways

On a cold but dry April evening Dromtarriffe welcomed Castlemagner to Rathcoole for their Ducon Cup encounter. Castlemagner were first out of the blocks with two early points registered - however Dromtarriffe replied with six unanswered points from Darren O Connor , Daniel O Keeffe , Gearoid Murphy , Colm Murphy & Paddy Daly . The home side saw the score boosted when some great team passing play saw the ball received by Gearoid and he duly slotted home to the back of the Castle net. A pair of points for each side and the half finished Dromtarriffe ahead 1-8 to 0-4. Second half proved more cagey . Scores became hard to obtain as both sides were guilty of missed chances . Mid way through the half Dromtarriffe had increased their lead by two points but Castlemagner responded with two of their own points - the closing minutes saw the match out beyond any doubt when a floating ball flying in the air was finished to the net by Adam Buckley and so Dromtarriffe finished deserved winners on the final score- Dromtarriffe 2-11 Castlemagner 0-6.

Minor Hurlers suffer defeat to Fermoy

A young club minor hurling side hosted Fermoy in the Rebel Og North Minor hurling league and despite always facing an uphill battle gave a credited display of hurling before a sizeable home support. Fermoy held a few aces in their side whos strength on the ball boosted their attack and were rewarded early in the opening half with the first goal of the match . Dromtarriffe short many key personel due to long term injuries (though welcomed back two players who have now returned to fitness) and with several of the side having won the Schools Senior County that afternoon were finding getting the sliotar into the attack a hard task , with the defense soaking up waves of pressure . Up front Sean Howard , Con O Callaghan & Stephen Ahern worked well

and a break came when Daniel Murphy goaled for the home side - when the short whistle sounded the home side was 6 in arrears 1-10 to 1-4.

Disaster struck in the opening minute of the second half when a low hard shot flurried into the Dromtarriffe net with the new keeper for the half Daniel Murphy standing no chance of saving. The second half Dromtarriffe stepped up their challenge with Michael O'Brien, Jack Murphy, Mark O'Connor & Michael Healy coming more into the match. Keeper Murphy was called upon several times to pull off saves but credit to the back line they cleared many dangerous attacks. Fermoy added a second goal in this half when after a great save the ball deflected into the path of the Fermoy attack for an easy tap in. Final score: Dromtarriffe 1-11 Fermoy 3-15
Team & Scorers: Conor Cremin (0-1), Shane McSweeney, Pdraig O'Callaghan, Dean Condon, Jack Murphy, Michael O'Brien (0-4) Peadar Duggan, Mark O'Connor, Michael Healy, Con O'Callaghan, Stephen Ahern, Daniel Murphy (1-1), James Burke, Sean Howard (0-5) & Stephen O'Keeffe.

Competitive Ducon Cup Match - but Dromtarriffe paid price for fortuous goals

Dromtarriffe hosted Millstreet on April 5th in Rathcoole - In a tight opening 30 minutes two competitive sides battled hard to gain the edge and throughout the half it was score for score. Mid way through the opening half Dromtarriffe suffered the loss of their centre back with an eye injury - however the home side held the slender 1 point lead going into the half time break. Dromtarriffe 0-9 Millstreet 0-8. Second half commenced in the same fashion until No 1 goal was conceded when a blistering shot hit the Dromtarriffe upright goalpost and rebounded off one of our defenders into the home net. Dromtarriffe rallied again and attempted to break through the strong defensive rearguard of the visitors however another error saw the ball move swiftly into the opposing attack for their second recorded goal. In the closing 10 minutes Dromtarriffe battled hard converting points but once again the Millstreet defense absorbed waves of pressure and kept a clean sheet. Millstreet ran out 4 point winners on the final scoreline of Dromtarriffe 0-14 Millstreet 2-12. Scorers for Dromtarriffe: D O'Keeffe 0-7, G Murphy 0-3, D O'Connor 0-2, N O'Sullivan & C O'Mahony 0-1 each.

Dromtarriffe bow out of u21 B championship

Tullylease provided the venue for this competitive U21 championship semi final on a breezy cold March afternoon. Dromtarriffe started brightly registering two points before Newmarket raised their first white flag - a further two points were added before Newmarket converted their second point. Mark O'Connor won a penalty when he was bearing down on goal & Daniel O'Keeffe coolly slotted home into the corner of the Newmarket net. Newmarket closed with three further points & a great goal line save from Pdraig O'Callaghan saw the club side ahead 1-4 to 0-5 at the short whistle.

Second half and our breeze assisted opposition made use of the elements - but Dromtarriffe found it hard to register meaningful attacks - defensively though a few frees conceded the backs worked well throughout & captain Darren O'Connor played a sweeping role handling much of Dromtarriffes good ball - however with only one player registering on the score sheet, the Robert Emmets combination of scorers converted the required points to end the semi final as victors.

Team : M. O'Shea, P O'Callaghan, M O'Brien, C Fitzpatrick, D Crowley, C O'Donoghue, T Fitzpatrick, S Collins, A Buckley, D O'Donoghue, D O'Connor, G O'Sullivan, A O'Halloran, D O'Keeffe 1-6, M O'Connor : Subs used P Duggan for O'Callaghan inj, D Mullane for O'Halloran.

[Spoils shared in opening Junior B League fixture](#)

Dromtarriffe's only St Patricks weekend club fixture was played on Bank Holiday Monday , when the club welcomed Rockchapel for the opening fixture of the 2013 JBFL.

The opening quarter proved a tentative one with both sides evenly matched - the home side aided by the breeze began to use this advantage and covert scores - though Rockchapel working the ball well replied with a few of their own and with 20 minutes of the half gone the scoreline read 0-4 a piece - Dromtarriffe finished the half well with two Ger Byrnes goals to leave them ahead 2-4 to 0-4 at the short whistle .

The breeze in the second half rose further to favour the visitors - which aided their third quarter dominance and reducing Dromtarriffes lead to the minimum. in the closing quarter John O Sullivan split the uprights & again Rockchapel responded with a green flag . A foul on Mark O Connor saw Dromtarriffe again take the narrow lead with two minutes remaining - but just before the final whistle, a Rockchapel placed ball equalised the match to leave the sides level on the final scorline of Dromtarriffe 2-8 Rockchapel 2-8. Team : Derry Cooney , Comac Galvin , John A Browne , Denis O Donoghue , Batt O Connor , Pa Dennehy , Darragh Crowley , Conor O Donoghue , Paddy Daly , Mathew O Shea , Ger Byrnes , Adam Buckley , Trevor Murphy John O Sullivan & Nicky McAuliffe. Sub used : Mark O Connor for Crowley (inj) .

[Victory from the Jaws of defeat for u21 footballers](#)

Dromtarriffe U21 footballers carved out a hard fought victory against the elements in Rockchapel last Saturday when they took on the home side St Peters in the first round of the B championship. Dromtarriffe got off to an early 0-2 lead and boosted by an awarded penalty - all was looking good however the resulting free skimmed past the upright & wide..... the home side then began to find their energy and heaved on pressure on the Dromtarriffe defense which resulted in a well taken goal. It was a tight match and at the short whistle St Peters held the slender lead 1-4 to 0-6. The second half - both sides competing well and the spoils were being shared - mid way through Dromtarriffe were reduced to 14 when a straight red was awarded for an indiscretion this unsettled the lads for the next 5 minutes but composure returned and with the clock ticking down the sides were level . Into stoppage time and a late free was converted welcoming a long awaited victory for the club at this grade. Team lined out as : Mathew O Shea , Peadar Duggan , Conor O Donoghue , Padraig O Callaghan , Colm Fitzpatrick , Tony Fitzpatrick , Darragh Crowley , Alan Dennehy , Shane Collins , Gavin O Sullivan , Darren O Connor , Denis O Donoghue , Aaron O Halloran, Adam Buckley & Mark O Connor . Sub : Michael O Brien for C O Donoghue (inj) .

[Busy Sunday ends with double narrow defeats for club teams](#)

Last Sunday , both the Minors and Junior A footballers were in action. Dromtarriffe Minors hosted Doneraile in Rathcoole at 1pm . With a strong cold breeze aiding the visitors in the first half their dominance was rewarded with a 5 point lead at the short whistle. Credit to the Dromtarriffe side who worked hard throughout the second half , Doneraile edged ahead with a fortious goal mid way through the half , but Dromtarriffe responded through a craker of a goal from the boot of Mark O Connor , the introduction of Donogh O Shea also aided the homesides cause but time was to run out as Dromtarriffe were narrowly defeated 1-12 to 2-10.

Onto Banteer for the 2pm kick off in their Ducon league match v Lyre. When I entered Dromtarriffe were behind 1-3 to 0-2 . This was a match where both sides worked hard for their scores and on many occasions the advantage was shared throughout the match. Dromtarriffe had two players subsituated due to injury though all who played tried hard and with the clock ticking down a draw was firmly on the cards - but a late Lyre free saw the home side take the points. Final score Dromtarriffe 1-9 Lyre 1-10.

Junior As commence League season

On a cold but dry Saturday afternoon- our Junior As under new management for 2013 began their Ducon Cup campaign when Newmarket travelled to Rathcoole.

Owen Dennehy had the honour of the opening score when in the first minute he raised the white flag , Darren O Connor added the next two points before Newmarket registered their opening point. Points were shared with Daniel O Keeffe's point being answered by Newmarket's second. Dennehy had his second before some great team work was rewarded when O Keeffe found the intruding O Connor who slotted home the first goal of the match . Niall O Sullivan added another point as midway in the first half Dromtarriffe were ahead 1-6 to 0-2. The Dromtarriffe defence produced a great endline save from a Newmarket goal bound shot with points added from Cormac O Mahony & O Sullivan , Paddy Daly added Dromtarriffe 9th first half point followed by a second from O Keeffe. Newmarket replied with two unanswered points then up comes O Connor who again darted through the Newmarket defence to add his second goal. As the half time whistle sounded Dromtarriffe led 2-10 to 0-4.

Newmarket opened the second half with their 5th point followed by a brace of points from Dennehy , O Sullivan also had a brace of points which included a lovely fisted score , Colm Murphy's point was cancelled by Newmarket's 6th which was to be the final score as the Referee recorded the 2-15 to 0-6 victory.

Team : Diarmuid O Sullivan , Vincent Browne , Pa Dennehy , Dan Dennehy , Cormac Galvin , Conor O Donoghue , Darren McSweeney , Colm Murphy , Paddy Daly , Niall O Sullivan, Daniel O Keeffe , Cormac O Mahony , Darren O Connor , Owen Dennehy & Nicky McAuliffe subs introduced : Mathew O Shea (H/T) Alan Dennehy , Sam Murphy , Noel O Riordan.