



Club Notes – 13 September 2010

Division 1

The Seniors travelled to Killeavey on Sunday afternoon and came away with a comprehensive victory. Rangers started brightly with Jamie Clarke expertly dispatching 2 early goals. Cross took control and never allowed Killeavey to gain a foothold in the game and went on to score another 13 points in the first half to our opponents 0 - 03. Management introduced 5 substitutes in the second half and Killeavey gradually began to claw their way back into the game outscoring us by 1 – 10 to 2 – 05 in the second period. Second half goals from Martin Aherne, who converted a rebounded David McKenna penalty, and a clever piece of skill from Tony Kernan secured the fourth goal. Francie Bellew also made the scoresheet with a second half point and Martin Aherne top scored with a total of 1 - 05 in a man of the match performance. The game finished Cross 4 – 18 to Killeavey 1 – 13.

Division 4

Having already secured promotion with an impressive run through the league the Division 4 team are making hard work of finishing off the year and securing the league title. On Saturday evening they entertained Dorsey Emmets in a refixed match and were stung by an early goal and a point from the visitors within 5 minutes of the start. 2 frees from Rico Kelly brought Cross back into it and steadied the ship. The remainder of the half was fairly even with Cross missing a good goal chance that was deflected out for a 45 which was converted by Cormac Clarke. 2 more points from Dorsey before the break left the score at 0 – 03 to 1 – 03 at half time.

Both teams traded points during the early part of the second half as Cross chipped away at the Dorsey lead with points from Gene Hanratty, Cormac Clarke and Rico Kelly. Cross were guilty of poor shooting and spurned numerous chances during the second half as well as another goal chance until Ryan Conlon eventually levelled the match with 20 minutes left. Another Rico Kelly free put Cross a point up and in a good position going into the last 10 minutes, however Dorsey converted 3 unanswered points to regain a 2 point lead with only minutes remaining. Cross refused to accept defeat and piled on the pressure in the closing minutes but could only manage a single point from substitute Paul Hughes in injury time despite seeing several good chances again go wide. Final score Cross 0 – 10 Dorsey Emmets 1 – 08. The title is still achievable as a single point will do from the last fixture against St Pats in 2 weeks time. If however the other title contender, Grange, drop a point in any of their remaining games the title will go to Cross.

Under 8s Presentation Night

A presentation night was held in the hall on Friday evening to round off the under 8 season. The event was well supported with a huge turnout and a very enjoyable evening was had by all. Many thanks to our Under 6 and Under 8 coaching team who have done a tremendous job with these young players this year. Many thanks to Senior Team captain Paul McKeown and James Morgan who made the presentations to the players.

Under 12

Congratulations and well done to our Under 12s who were runners up in the prestigious Castlewellan Tournament on Saturday. The boys played well all day beating all comers to reach the final where they eventually went down to a very strong Carryduff team. Congratulations to Castlewellan club on the running of another fabulous event. These tournaments will become more and more important to our young teams if the hierarchy of the GAA persist with doing away with competitions for this age group. The imposition of the flawed Go Games model is already causing great difficulties for clubs right across the country who are losing players to other codes that do offer competitive games. Parents, coaches and players are not happy with this new format and if it is not changed soon it could spell disaster for our underage structures.

Minors

Congratulations to our Minor team and management on securing the Division 1 league title yesterday with comprehensive win over Killeavey.

Irish News All Star Award

Congratulations to Jamie Clarke who was honoured to receive an Irish News All Star Award for 2010. His impressive displays with Armagh earned him this very prestigious accolade and the presentation was held at a gala dinner in the Armagh City Hotel on Thursday night.

Sympathy

It is with deep regret we learned of the death of Maurice McSherry, brother of Raymond McSherry, Minor Board Treasurer. To Raymond and his entire family circle we send our deepest sympathy. May he rest in peace.