

Ladies Report 2023

2023 started off with a challenging beginning! We could not confirm Senior management, for the girls! They began indoor strength and conditioning with Anna Donnelly. Thankfully Sean Doherty came on board, as the Senior manager, just a few short days before their first league game!

Their first league match was against Aghaloo, the girls came up against it with only 14 players they refused to let us play 13 aside so we had to pull a injured girl out to play 15 aside even though the lgfa rule is 16 and under players is 13 aside! The girls battled through and unfortunately got beaten by 3pts in a scoreline of 2-6 til 2-9.

Our 2nd league match was at home against Badoney! This team just were too strong for our girls and we lost that league match! Our numbers started to decline at training so we made the decision to train seniors and minors together. We got beaten in the next two rounds against Beragh and Coalisland. Our games were proving difficult to overcome the wins but the girls kept the momentum and training going!

Our 5th fixture was at home against Strabane, we were struggling through this match with low numbers and a serious injury of a player which resulted in a hospital visit! The girls never give up but were beaten well by a very strong Strabane side. We got beaten in round 8 by Drumragh! Our biggest derby was against our neighbours Pomeroy in Round 9 as both clubs were bottom of the table! This was a great game to watch and the girls and management appreciated all the support that Sunday evening! We had our 1st win 3-7 til 1-9.

Round 10 and 11 resulted in two loses so we ended up bottom of the league facing relegation into Junior B.

We drew Drumagh in the championship, this match took place in Beragh! It was a brilliant physical match, the best the girls had played all year! They had many chances but just couldn't score on the day! This brought the ladies season to a close! I want to say a massive thanks to Sean Doherty for stepping up and giving up his free time to take the girls for the year! At times it was very frustrating and wasn't easy, so I'm very thankful for him sticking by us!

2024, I would love to see a change in attitudes towards ladies football in Galbally! We are one of the biggest clubs in Tyrone in regards to LGFA membership! Our numbers in youth are growing at a rapid rate, a little more support would be fantastic for our Senior ladies matches these are the girls our youth strive to become! We have secured new management for the year ahead and our numbers look good! We are staying in the Junior competition with a new format proposed, so hoping for a successful year ahead!

I would like to thank all the many volunteers at every age group and if you feel like you would like to become involved in anyway at ladies football please get in touch!

Many thanks to the Galbally Pearses for their full support all year

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