THOMAS MALLON CUP 2023

When we arrived at Killeavy on the day of the Thomas Mallon I was struck first by the amazing atmosphere. It was a beautiful day and perfect for the occasion. We were the first to arrive and then Meigh showed up then Killeen. We warmed up first and then we were ready to play. First, we played Killeen 2, I was a sub but got on for the same amount of time as everyone else in the team. We won that match which was great, but I think it was the fun that made it for me. Next, we were due to play Meigh 2. It was interesting because I was playing against my cousin, and he was great. Sadly for them, we won but it didn’t matter because it was so much fun. Next, we played a practice against Cloughoge 2 our other team. It was amazing for me because I scored my first point, and we won that match! I was so happy because it meant so much to me.

Next up was Meigh 1 and I didn’t actually get on at all for that match, but I didn’t mind too much they were a tough team. Sadly, we lost that match, but we had one more team to play before the final and we weren’t giving up. It was Killeen 1, and we knew that they would be good because the boys had played them the previous day, and they won out of 32 teams. (The boys came second so it didn’t matter too much.) Anyway, we didn’t beat them and didn’t get in the final. But I didn’t care. This was a day to get out of school and enjoy ourselves and that’s just what we did. We didn’t make a fuss about not getting through to the final we just took it and cheered on the other teams who did get through. So, it was Meigh 1 and Killeen 1. It was a fabulous match but there could only be one winner and that winner was Killeen. Meigh got very upset and lots of them were crying. Us, having good sportsmanship went and made them feel better. After we went into the Killeavy Club and had our food. There was a prizegiving and to my surprise we got certificates. Meigh got medals and so did Killeen along with the Thomas Mallon cup. I had an amazing day and I am proud to say I took part.

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