



Avoca Ladies 2019/2020:

Unfortunately, we did not get to finish the season due to Covid-19 restrictions, but it was a promising season for the lady's teams with all rueing a couple of tight games which did not go their way.

Leinster Hockey used a percentage equalisation method to complete the league tables and all 5 ladies teams maintain their spots in their respective divisions for 2020/2021 season.

Player wise there were similar trends to last year with a large influx of 5th years from the Junior section and several 6th Years opting out for the season due to Leaving Cert.

I'm going to take you through how each team got on this season and later in the agenda Jonathan Cole, Director of Hockey will take you through some statistics around player numbers in the ladies' section.

Ladies 5ths:

Coach – Jonathan Cole, Captain – Megan Fitzgerald

7th in Division 11; P16, W4, D4, L8, 16 points

Some notable away wins against Enniscorthy and Trinity without a GK.

½ finalists in Div 11/12/13 Cup, beaten by Carlow 1sts

POTY: Eabha Lewis

Ladies 4ths:

Coach – Ruairi Nolan, Captain – Antonia Cremin

6th in Division 8; P16, W5, D5, L6, 20 Points

First season in Div 8 following promotion last season

POTY: Siobhan Browne

Ladies 3rds:

Coach – Mark Meir, Captain – Catherine Collins

8th in Division 5; P15, Won 3, Drew 2 & Lost 10, 11 points

½ finalists Division 5/6 Cup, beaten by Enniscorthy 1sts

POTY: Fiona O'Neill

Ladies 2nds:

Coach – Richard Couse, Captain - Sorcha McMahon

6th in Division 3; P16, W5, D2, L9, 17 points

1st season playing Irish Junior Cup, beaten 3-2 by Cork Harlequins in Round 1

Thank you to Dave Kavanagh of Leaseplan for sponsoring Tracksuit tops for our Ladies 2nds.

POTY: Elisa Cullen

Ladies 1sts:

Coach - Rónán Hickey, Assistant coaches - Noelle Farrell & Anna Richardson, Captain – Molly Cole

Manager – Aifric O'Malley

5th in Division 1; Played 16, Won 6, Drew 2, Lost 8 - 20 Points

1/2 Finalists in Jacqui Potter Shield lost 1-0 to Muckcross 2nds

¼ Finalists in Irish Hockey Trophy, lost 1-0 to Armagh

I would like to thank Rónán Hickey for all his work in various roles with Avoca Hockey club over the past 10 years, as he is stepping down as Ladies 1sts Coach. I wish him well in whatever new role he takes on.

U21 POTY: Eleanor King

U18 POTY: Erika Gallagher

Player of the Year: Molly Cole

Overall Top Ladies Goal scorer – Cara Fearon for 2nd season in a row

Ladies Vets:

Captain – Naomi Murphy

For the first time the Ladies Vets league was split into two Divisions with Avoca in the more competitive Division 1. The team started the league well but increasingly found the going much tougher against some more experienced/skilful opponents. Only having the bare 11 players for a few games really went against them.

The Vets are always looking for new members with the team made up of a core group of experienced players with some new members who have returned to hockey after many years.

Thank you to Nicky Jermyn, Anna Richardson and Jonathan Cole for taking some skills sessions with the ladies' which they really enjoyed and felt helped them to improve their skills.

9th in Vets Division 1

POTY – Naomi Murphy

Goalkeeper Coach – Brian Cleary. Thank you to Brian for all his work with the Senior Club Goalkeepers throughout the season. The girls really enjoy his sessions and there is great camaraderie between them, and they learn a lot from each other. The new ball machine made GK training sessions very interesting.

Special thank you to some of our outfield players who went in goal on a few occasions to help teams out.

Honours:

Leinster U16 – Dara Rankin, Erika Field and Sarah McFarland

Leinster and Irish U18 – Zoe Watterson & Lauren Moore

Aifric O'Malley – Leinster Boys U18 Manager

Rónán Hickey – Assistant Coach Irish U18 Boys

Noelle Farrell – Leinster U16's Head Coach, Irish U16's Assistant Coach

Brian Cleary – GK Coach Irish U16, Leinster U16 & U18 Boys

Thank you to all team Captains, coaches, and Managers for all their help throughout the season.

Thank you to Jonathan Cole, Director of Hockey for all the time and effort he puts into his role with the ladies' section, as a coach, mentor and advisor. Jonathan is stepping down from his role as Director of Hockey and I'm going to miss his help and guidance within the ladies' section.

Thank you to all who helped with umpiring, coaching sessions and running the sideline for the ladies' games.

Thank you to Al Robinson for looking after the Weekly Fixtures and results for all teams. It is a big job which requires lots of coordination and planning. Thanks Al.