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## Table Topping Senior B's

Goals win games and that's holding true for one of our teams this week. There's a huge amount of excitement in the table standings in the premiership with the top four battling it out for that coveted Champions League spot.

The same can be said about the excitement building around the Senior B league. Boden top the table with impressive performances against Crokes and more recently against championship rivals Thomas Davis.

That's not all the good news for this week as we gear up for **Lá na gClub** which will be held this weekend – A full programme of activities can be seen below.

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# 1. Latest Results

The leagues are in full swing and the latest results can be seen below:

| Team         | Result            |                    |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| U11 B        | Ballyboden (2-0)  | St Vincents (3-0)  |
| U11 A        | Ballyboden (0-0)  | St Vincents (7-0)  |
| U12 B        | Ballyboden (1-0)  | Thomas Davis (2-1) |
| U13 A        | Ballyboden (1-1)  | St Judes (2-2)     |
| U16          | Ballyboden (10-2) | N Baróg (2-1)      |
| U14          | Ballyboden (6-5)  | St Vincents (0-4)  |
| U18          | Ballyboden (2-5)  | St Judes (1-10)    |
| Intermediate | Ballyboden (3-2)  | St Judes (5-7)     |
| Senior B     | Ballyboden (3-4)  | Thomas Davis (2-4) |
| Senior A     | Ballyboden (2-12) | St Judes (0-5)     |

# 2. Match Reports

## Lions lose out narrowly to Vincents

### **Ballyboden (2-0) St Vincents (3-0)**

Two late goals from St Vincents denied Ballyboden in an absolute belter of a game on Sunday. Anyone who attended will be hard pressed to see as good a game, at any level, between now and the end of the season. St Vincent's started the game well and got an early goal. The Ballyboden girls did incredibly well to fight back with goals from Sarah Mulvey and Clara Jordan Smyth.

With five minutes remaining it looked like Ballyboden were going to record a famous win but two late goals sealed the game for Vincents. Lots of stars in the Ballyboden team – I think Rachael Bourke took more belts than Mike Tyson and still kept playing her heart out.

Emelene Kennedy made some fine saves in goal and some super puck ups that lead to one of the goals. Girl of the match however must go to Orna Phelan who blocked and cleared endless ball from the half back line.

George O Shea

# Senior B's Top Table

After an exciting start to the season the Senior B team are currently top of the Senior B Division 2 league for 2010. The team is under the new management of Mick & Delores Greene and is building nicely in form for the upcoming championship.

The team most definitely has a mixture of youth and age, with minor players, Sheena Garvey, Dianamh Greene, Emma Doyle and Ciara Ruddy added to the 2010 squad. But their average age is increased by a few of the old senior B warriors who have had many a season fighting the challenge of Senior B, to include Sorcha Farrelly who captains the side for 2010 and is joined by Sarah Dowling, Gemma Reynolds, Mary Hyland and Fiona Ni Shúilleabháin. There are also a few fresh faces to the squad this year who also have been around the block a few times being Ceara Nic Coitir, Noelle Coymn and Sinead McNeela but to name but a few. Needless to say the average age of the squad is marginally affected by the latter 3!

The team have had an impressive start to the season with a fine battle out in Crokes to score two late goals to draw that game and since then have had impressive wins over Naomh Peregrines, and Naomh Padraig.

Last night the team added to their impressive wins to date, by picking up a fine win against local club Thomas Davis. This was an eagerly awaited clash, as both sides have been drawn against each other in the championship. But true to form, Boden have grown in confidence over the past few weeks, and this was evident in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half were the Boden forwards knocked over 2.3 despite the ref missing a number of these scores. But this is all about team work and this most certainly is the motto of the senior B team with the 15 taking the field throwing themselves at everything.

They say goals win matches, well to date the senior B team have scored an impressive 12 goals so far in this league run, so fingers crossed, goals will also win leagues this year.

## Senior A's Power Past Judes In Physical Encounter

### Ballyboden (2-12)      St Judes (0-5)

Building on the success of their 2-16 to 0-1 victory over Na Fianna the Senior A side travelled across the Spawell roundabout to meet local rivals St. Judes. Let's just say there is no love lost between these two sides and every year it gets tougher and closer than ever. This year's fixture was no exception. Played up on a tight pitch in Tymon Park the Boden girls were well warmed up and fired up when the first ball was thrown in.

Anne Griffin (0-4) got the wheels in motion with a cracking point after two minutes. This would be the first in a series of points provided by the Boden firing squad. Seven players in all played their part in the scoring tally with Dearbhla Brennan (0-1), Sarah Crosbie (0-3), Paula Mc Grath (0-2), Cliodhna Mc Namara (2-0) , Darelle Dolan (0-1) and Kim Hickey (0-1)

Grainne Corcoran and Fiona Hughes were strong in defense with Sile Ni Coitir keeping a clean sheet and the Judes threat at bay. Player of the match on the night was undoubtedly Sarah Crosbie who was outstanding from start to finish. This was summed up by her point in the 56<sup>th</sup> minute from an impossible angle and under pressure from the Judes defense.

## **U-18's.....Close Finish to 1<sup>st</sup> Round Final Game**

### **Ballyboden 2-5 St Jude's 1-10**

A very low scoring 1<sup>st</sup> half shows that these two teams were evenly matched but from the outset St Jude's were allowed take control with their No.10 & 11 commanding the midfield area and distributing the ball onto their forwards who rewarded their efforts with 1 goal and 5 very nice points. Ballyboden's response was a 2 point return from Dianaimh Greene and Fiona Gavin but also their defense looked to be getting the measure of Jude's forwards towards the end of the half.

Soon after the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half Ballyboden had a goal and a point to their credit from Emma Doyle which she followed up with a terrific goal but again with steady play, slick hand passing and great team work St Jude's responded with a couple of points. There were fine solo performances especially from the Roisin Kamvar, Gavin girls Orla and Fiona – Lauren Edwards and Amy Boyd Lyons plus some great goal line clearance and saves from Aoife Cantwell. We also welcomed the return from injury of Aisling Keane and Ciara Donovan.

With minutes to the final whistle Ciara Ruddy brought the score to within a point but again St Jude's responded with a final point to give them a 2 point win. Handshakes and smiles were topped off with the hospitality of Ballyboden of tea sandwiches and other goodies which were appreciated by players and supporters from both sides.

All in all a fine end to the round of games in this the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Minor League – looking forward to the restart after the summer months and hopefully a Minor Championship which has yet to be decided.



### **A Recap of 1<sup>st</sup> Ever Minor League**

#### **A Real Treat**

The minor league has come to its conclusion last weekend and hats off to all for the initiative, the second installment will commence after the Leaving Cert. Niall Scully was quoted in Dublin Evening Herald stating "The birth of the Minor League has been the answer to many prayers in the capital."

Previously, U16 level was the last stop for the train. There was an awkward gap there. Players were suddenly too old for underage Camogie and too young for the adult grade. The Minor structure has fitted the gap perfectly".

Dublin's County Board Vice Chairman Brendan Cooper has commented that feedback from the league has been superb with a lot of the referees commenting that the standard was very high and very competitive. This has been a superb initiative led by Ballyboden, and will ensure that girls continue to play right through till minor grade. And already we are seeing the benefits in Ballyboden with the standard improving each week.

There has been some cracking encounters throughout the season and for the most part BallyBoden have been involved in them all. From all sides even in Paric Naomh Unision, to just a puck of a ball in Mobhi Road, and home game against Judes was deemed to be a thrilling game. Just two points separated the nearest neighbours, with the two teams evenly matched, but the Boden girls put in a fine performance with some slick hand-passing and superb team work which is the backbone of this minor team.



## Lá na gClub

As part of Lá na gClub next Sunday, there will be a Puc Fada and a Cic Fada competition. John Ryan is co-ordinating the Puc Fada which starts at 7pm for all adult hurlers and adult camogie players. Peter Shovlin is coordinating the Cic Fada comp at 7.45pm for all adult footballers and ladies footballers.

The following events are planned:-

- 10.00 to 1.00 – the academy will take place (instead of the usual Saturday) –
- 1.45 Assembly for parade at Sancta Maria – on the grass pitch (Academy up to under 14)
- 2.15 Parade departs Sancta Maria
- 2.45 Parade arrives at the Club
- 2.50 Raising of the flags and Chairmans address
- 3.00 Under 10 boys and girls football blitz
- 4.00 Under 11 boys and girls hurling/camogie blitz
- 5.00 Under 12 boys and girls football blitz
- 5.00 Beat the club Senior Football Keepers
- 5.30 Beat the club Senior Hurling Keepers
- Also skills challenges for children, especially those not involved in blitzes will run from 3pm to 6pm
- 6.00 Match involving two teams of mentors - opportunity for children to support mentors!!!
- 7.00 Adult Poc Fada and Kick Fada – Hurling/Camogie at 7.00; Football/ladies football at 7.45

During the afternoon, there will be face painting events and some musical entertainment.

There will be a special play area set up for the under 7's

There will be a tuck shop, and barbecue goodies will be on sale.

### CAR PARKING

Due to the large number of children present, there will be no car parking at the Clubhouse after 1.00pm. Members are encouraged to walk to the parade assembly point but those who must bring their cars are asked to leave them in Sancta Maria. There are 2 car parks in Sancta Maria.

Members from the general Rathfarnham area should enter the grounds from the Ballyroan Crescent area and park in the Sancta Maria car park (sharp right hand turn at the roundabout past St Patrick's school)

Members from the Firhouse/Ballycullen area should use the main car park (the Green Route entrance).

There is a short-cut from the Clubhouse to Sancta Maria, through Cremorne, out to the garage on Knocklyon Road and up through Templeroan, to recover cars later in the evening.

**Get well soon!! ☺**



Speedy recovery to Dearbhla Brennan (Senior A) who fractured her foot in last week's match against Judes

Having made her mark early on the game with a fantastic point in the opening minutes she was forced off 10 minutes from the end.

Hope to see you back soon

## Dublin Camogie Go Back To Basics

The Dublin team travelled to Cork last weekend for a series of training sessions and matches as part of their championship preparation. The girls were lucky to be given an hour long session with Eamonn Ryan of Cork. Although his mainstay is with the Cork Ladies Football Team his experience as a hurler, coach and manager is undisputed.

The session took place in Nemo Rangers, a state of the art facility, and something that would be envied by any club across the country. Visitors are greeted by a host of pitches with immaculate surfaces, rivaling GAA headquarters. If that's not enough another look around and you find the all weather facility, the conference rooms, the bar, clubhouse and gym.

The team made their way to the underground dressing rooms, everything from start to finish screams professionalism. This is where they are introduced to Eamonn Ryan, a man that commands your attention as soon as he speaks. He speaks with such authority and you can't really fault anything he says—sure why would you? He has achieved so much success. He knows and understands the game and his experience, stories and advice is something that is absolutely fascinating.

His principles are so simple – it really is about the basics and that is something he stressed throughout the session. Anyone looking in from the outside may have wondered why a senior county side were being taught how to catch, handpass, shoot, strike, hook and block. But it was a real lesson for the players themselves who realised that without the basics you are at nothing. Often the basics are taken for granted. The four most important things he emphasized were a players eyes (focused), hands(ready to react), feet (constantly moving) and finally the size of your hurley. Yes, the size of the hurley – again something we never really look at.

Fact - Ronan Curran uses a size 34, Ben O Connor a 33½, and Tommy Walsh a 34. How many of us play with the wrong size hurley? According to Eamonn almost all of us! His message was simple .....**Get the basics right and then learn to do them at a speed that nobody can compete with.**



## Reminder of Feile Draw for 2010

The draw for the Dublin Feile 2010 division 1 was revised which sees a slight shuffle in the fixtures.

Group 1: Lucan Sarsfields, St. Oliver Plunketts Eoghan Ruadh, St. Vincent's

Group 2: Na Fianna, **Ballyboden St. Enda's**, St. Jude's

Best of luck to all of our teams taking part. We will have a special Feile Feature the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> May

## Camogie.ie – News from around the country

1. League Winners – Double Success for Wexford in Camogie Finals
2. Camogie TV continues to be popular (Check it out on YouTube)
3. Dublin – U8/9 blitz a huge success in Phoenix Park (34 teams took part in total)
4. Dublin U14's took part in a highly competitive Intercounty blitz against Cork, Galway, Limerick, Clare and Tipperary
5. 76 girls lined out for Dublin in a fantastic U13's blitz over the Bank Holiday Weekend – Well done! ☺



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