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Inters make great start to 2010 Championship

Ballyboden St Endas 6-4

Naomh Mearnog 0-4

The Intermediate B Camogie team made a great start to their championship campaign with a convincing 6-4 to 0-4 win over Naomh Mearnóg in Portmarnock on Thursday 22 July. Ballyboden made a good start with a point from Eimear Ring and a goal from a 45 by Irene Kirwan. They enjoyed good possession throughout the first half due to the commanding performances of the backs and midfield. Scores were hard to come by until Triona Ní Reachtabhra popped up to drive a loose ball to the net. Irene Kirwan added another point leaving the score at 2-2 to 0-3 at half time.

The match opened up more in the second half with both teams finding the evening warm and energy sapping. Ann Martin and Tracey English, recently returned to Camogie after a number of years absence, put in solid performances at right and left corner back respectively ably aided by Ally Doyle at full back. The half-back line were outstanding where Siobhán O'Dwyer gave her usual commanding performance, Ciara Lambert excelled on the right wing and delivered the sliotar to the forwards time after time. Gráinne Archibold was equally strong on the left wing. The dominance of the backs limited N Mearnóg to just one point in the second half and Aoife Cantwell in goal was also very solid plucking a number of dangerous balls out of the air. Amy Ryan and Anna Marie Gleeson did a great job at midfield where they were up against N Mearnóg's strongest players. The excellent service received by the forwards yielded 4-2 in the second half. Eimear Ring added two goals to her tally and Triona Ní Reachtabhra added another goal with a fantastic first time pull from 25m. Roisín Kamvar was in the right place to drive home for the fourth goal of the half. And Irene Kirwan added two points to her tally. Annie Logue and Ciara Cotter put in a great effort for 50 mins until they were replaced by Kym Doyle and Rachel Basquel. Naomh Mearnóg to their credit put in a very strong performance which was not reflected on the scoreboard. They fought until the last minute of the match and had some very skilful players.

All in all it was an excellent team performance by Ballyboden which sets them up well for their next encounter.

Panthers put up another powerful performance

Ballyboden Panthers had a great game against Naomh Olaf's, but unfortunately lost 4 – 0.

Naomh Olafs went ahead in the first half by 3 well taken scores and the Ballyboden girls came off the pitch with heavy hearts. However, the second half saw a really great performance by the Panthers. They picked up the pace and brought the game to Naomh Olafs. Olafs got a score mid way through the second half but very much against the run of play. Ballyboden lived up to their 'Panther' characteristics by chasing down everything that moved on the pitch in the second half! It is impossible to pick out who provided the best performance of the afternoon.

Sarah leech made a cracking save in goal in the second half and Alex O'Connor put in a really great performance in defense. Ailbhe Higgins and Aoife O'Connor put in some great defensive work as well. Aoibheann Murray made some great strikes up the field and Cora Ryan and Anna Shanley made sure the strong midfield players of Naomh Olaf were kept under tight control.

In the forward line the girls must have wondered which of the camogie gods that they had offended!! Despite valiant efforts by Lara, Helena, and Madeline, nothing was getting past the exceptional Naomh Olaf keeper. Our outstanding forward of the second half had to be Yvonne McDonagh. Her work rate was incredible and I lost count of the number of fantastic blocks and follow through strikes she made.

I know the girls hate losing but they can be proud of a really gutsy performance and their never say die attitude....Only one match left!

Boden Girls help Dublin to claim first ever U14 All Ireland Camogie Title!!



Boden Girls to the fore in bringing 2 trophies and All Ireland Medals home to Dublin in the James Hurley All Ireland U14 Camogie Tournament.

Doireann Mullany, Sarah Nagle, Aisling Moffat, Rachel Whyte and Elizabeth Kiernan.

Ballyboden Saint Endas was represented with pride by Doireann Mullany, Sarah Nagle, Aisling Moffat, Rachel Whyte and Elizabeth Kiernan on the Dublin U14A and Dublin U14B Camogie teams. Dublin U14A won the James Hurley All Ireland Camogie title for the first time ever. This highlight of the U14 Dublin Camogie Calendar, was held in Mallow, Co. Cork on Saturday 5th June last. Sarah Nagle, playing a Stephen Hiney type wing back game, was a rock on which attacks by Cork, Kilkenny, Galway, Tipperary and Limerick floundered. Doireann Mullany, like Shane Durkin in midfield, played a pivotal role, helping in defence and supplying the powerful Dublin forward line with quality ball. For Dublin, having been narrowly defeated by Kilkenny recently in the Leinster Championship Final, playing and beating Kilkenny in this All Ireland competition was special. Also being crowned All Ireland Champions, having beaten the best camogie teams in the country, was fantastic, well deserved and history in the making. Winning this tournament was an important goal for this team and was achieved due to the huge effort, spirit and commitment on the part of Doireann, Sarah and the rest of the team.

The icing on the Dublin cake was the victory of the U14B team in the Plate competition. Boden players Elizabeth Kiernan kept the Dublin attack moving while Rachel Whyte and Aisling Moffat helped repel attacks from Cork, Limerick and Galway before defeating a gallant Dublin U13A team in the final. Boden U13A players, Danielle White and Zenouska Murphy, also played important roles on the Dublin U13A team. The Plate was brought back to the capital for the second year in a row.

A great day for Dublin Camogie, a great honour being part of history in the making and an acknowledgement of all the hard work that is being done by Paul Beecher, Áine Fanning, Eimear Butler, Joan Twomey and our own Fiona Ní Shúilleabháin.

Congratulations, well done girls, the Club is very proud of you all.



1. Dublin U14B team, All Ireland James Hurley Plate Winners
2. All smiles after game - Sarah Nagle and Doireann Mullany
3. "Eye on the ball" as Sarah clears the danger
4. Under pressure from Limerick attack Sarah bursts out of defense
5. Doireann Mullany flicks the ball from Galway girl
6. Skill and control from Doireann

Team News – U13B's and Special Guests!

The arrival of June brings it's own 'special' concerns for Mentors when they go about drawing up the Liosta Foirne. The call of the Gaeltacht and other exotic destinations can leave teams with a little bit of a challenge in fielding a full team even when, as with the U13B's, we have had a great season with dedication both on and off the field resulting in good performance in our League and genuine noticeable improvement in the camogie skills demonstrated by our girls. In the last two matches we have been privileged to have had help from the U12 camogie squad who, having finished their own League, have stepped up to help out the 13B's – a real club attitude prevailing in the effort they have put into the matches.



The first match where we really were dependent on our 'special team members' was against Naomh Barrog's on Monday 14th May. After managing to make it to Barrog's despite the unexpected site of wandering horses on the M50, we had minutes to get ready and out on to the pitch. In what in GAA terms would be called a 'good physical match' you could see a team spirit coming to the fore from the first 'clash of the ash'. Claire Madden excelled on the night in midfield, while it is hard to reconcile that Lana Rigney only took up Camogie last September – a definite natural at the game. Katie Molloy has taken to her new Left Back position with a relish. Karen Jones & Emer Butler deserved a bravery award for some of their defensive work.

We all appreciated Sarah Brophy making a mad dash to the game after the late cancellation of a prior engagement as she put in some super work throughout. Mary Ruth Healy showed the skills that we again benefited from in our follow on match with St Anne's. Now having mentioned Emer above, the other U12 players of outstanding merit that played with us on the night were Orla Tevlin (whom both we and Barrogs had trouble tracking up and down the pitch in between her scoring); Emily Flanagan – who kept popping up and frustrating any forward moves for Barrogs while contributing to our offence until a late nasty swipe of a hurley took her out of the game; Jodie White who contributed important scores and Laura Nagle who despite taking a bang to her helmet put in a tremendous performance.

The midfield duo of Hannah Hyland and Clodagh Robinson put a stop to many Barrogs moves while both girls delivered some great ball into our forwards. Last, but not least from the 13B's was – Alannah Nugent (freshly injured from football she played in goals on the night) and given that she, like Lana, only started Camogie last September, the saves she put in were exceptional. Even a very experienced keeper would have been amazed by some of the saves. The night ended in a win for Ballyboden as we scored 4 goals & 1 point to Barrog's 2 goals & 4 points. I think that as we went home it was not the win that was actually on our minds but the unbelievable display of Camogie on the pitch – with both team mentors commenting on the performance.

A genuine Ballyboden pride in a team who had only played together for the first time under the 13B umbrella!

U13B's and Special Guests Continued.....

The next match up was another away match against St Anne's on the 19th June. The U13B players on a beautiful Saturday morning included Maeve Costello, Aisling Dolan, Alannah Nugent, Lana Rigney. Máire O'Meara, Mary Ruth Healy, Sarah Brophy, Caoimhe Prendergast, Karen Jones, Aoife Barnes, Cliona Giblin and Rebecca Meagher while stepping in to help us again from the U12 squad were Laura Nagle, Orla Tevlin, Ciara O' Neill, Emer Butler & Jodie White. What a display again of Camogie.

St Anne's started strong but when we got in to the swing of the match there was no stopping us! Orla Tevlin gave us a display of why she is such a star – she scored goals and points that will see her into Croke Park. Máire & Laura also saw their names up on the score sheet. Mary Ruth and Cliona (another new player this season) would have made our coach Gerry White proud as they capably lifted the sliothar and shot it up the field. All that coaching over the season showed in every players skill levels. We played as a team should – supporting each other, playing to the best of ability and thus it was inevitable that we would do anything but win. The final score of 4 goals & 7 points to 4 points for St Anne's was indicative of the standard attained by the team.

With one match to go in the League the 13B's (together with their helpers) can be justifiably proud of their season and can truly look forward with confidence to Feile 2011.

Management and Coaches: J.J. Dolan, Gerry White, Mary Costello

Four In A Row For Lions

Na Fianna 1-0 Ballyboden 5-0

The Lions recorded their fourth consecutive win on Sunday with a performance befitting the great weather and venue. A couple of early goals really set the tone for the game, and despite Na Fianna having some very skilful players, they always struggled to get on terms. The goals came from Emilene Kennedy (x2), Rachael Bourke, Niamh Higgins and Sarah Mulvey.

The Ballyboden midfield and defence put on a great display but the most notable performance of the day was Emilene Kennedy who scored a great individual goal to give her team a two goal lead. Only two games remaining and Ballyboden can hopefully continue their climb up the league table.

Ann Marie, Martin and George



History In The Making – Boden Host Inaugural Minor Blitz



There was nothing “minor” about this Camogie blitz – in true Boden fashion nothing was left to chance – even the weather was tamed to beam warm sunshine over what turned out to be a fantastic day.

Teams from Portumna, Toomevara, St Jude’s as well as the Meath County Camogie Team brought over 100 girls together to compete in the Inaugural Minor Camogie Blitz. Unfortunately St Brenda’s from Armagh were unable to attend giving the organizers a problem which with a bit of re-shuffle and overall consensus was soon remedied.

Throughout the morning the teams who were split into 2 groups played 3 matches trying to claim top place and a chance at playing for the cup as group winners. Second place in the group would compete for the shield and third would play for the plate.

Ballyboden started with a decisive win over their Galway guests from Portumna whetting their appetite for their next game in the group against Toomevara from Tipperary. This was a much closer affair as both teams swapped score for score with Boden gaining the edge with some great defense and forward play to claim a very close victory. Boden as group winners would now play for the cup in the afternoon. In the other group a strong and skillful Meath County Team gave a magnificent display to emerge as the group winners – thus setting up would be a cracking cup final.

After a well earned break for lunch and refreshments prepared and supplied in true Ballyboden style the teams were back on the pitch to contest for the shield, plate and the cup.



Contd.....Due to the withdrawal of St Brenda's – Portumna played for both the shield and the plate but in the shield, St Jude's who proved too strong took ownership straight from the start and were worthy winners. In the match for the plate Portumna gave a fantastic performance battling in all areas of the pitch but again were unable to overcome Toomevara.

The cup final brought Ballyboden and the Meath County team together for what was a fast skillful and thoroughly enjoyable clash even in the last tense 2 minutes. Meath took the early lead with three fine points. Boden stuck to the task and were rewarded with two points but in true end to end style Meath notched up 2 more points – and so the 1st half ended. Early in the 2nd half Meath County broke up the left side with some lovely interplay – then with a cross finding the full forward who promptly dispatched the ball into the goal. Within minutes Boden responded and with increased presence in mid field drove the ball forward supplying their forwards with the opportunity to score 2 fine goals and 2 equally fine points. The teams were drawn with only minutes to go – the heat and the long day had taken its toll on both teams but with a final burst of energy and determination the Boden forwards sealed the win in the dying seconds with a point from 45 yards out.

No names have been mentioned in this report because without exception every player in all 5 teams were winners and displayed a level of Camogie many spectators present had not seen for a long time if ever. This was most evident in the cup final where the phrase “stepping up” found a new higher level

Congrats to all involved but especially to Mick and Dolores Greene, Sinead McNeela and Tricia Cantwell whose efforts were justly rewarded with a “major” success on every level.

Senior A Camogie Fundraiser.....Please Support



Quiz Night – Senior A Camogie Fundraiser
Thursday 5th August (7.30pm)
Table of 4 - €40

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