



Ballyboden St. Endas
GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club
CLG Baile Buadain Naomh Eanna



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Video Roundup of recent games

A brief roundup by John Galvin of Ballyboden games played over the last 2 weeks, starting with the Minor B footballers v St. Mary's, followed by the Intermediate football team v Trinity Gaels, our challengers in the forthcoming senior football championship. Finally we get a look at a riveting Minor hurling league game between our B hurlers v league leaders Skerries Harps.

[Click here to watch the video roundup.](#)

Camogie News - Feile fever!

Feile Fever!!

This weekend is camogie Feile weekend, with our team being hosted by St Oliver Plunketts. They have enjoyed their preparation, and last week Simon Lambert assisted by taking a training session. Their opening game on Saturday morning at 10.30am is against St Patricks, followed by Lucan Sarsfields at 11.50am and finally meet St Olafs at 1.10pm. Best of luck to mentors Jean Gargan, Sorchá Farrelly, Grace Maher and the girls, have a terrific weekend!



Tuesday 15th Ballyboden St Endas Senior A 0-7 v Na Fianna 0-10

As was expected, this was a hard fought game from start to finish. The Boden side showed a number of changes from the last outing for a variety of reasons, with each of the players coming into the side doing themselves justice on the night. The first half was without goal-scoring opportunities for either side, Na Fianna edging it by 0-5 to 0-4. An early point in the second half got the home team on level terms, but unfortunately some missed opportunities cost them, and Na Fianna ran out winners by 0-10 to 0-7. Well done to Laura Nagle who performed well on her Senior A debut.

Team: Sile Nic Coitir, Jane Edwards, Su Kennedy, Rebeka Kamvar, Laura Burns, Orla Smith, Sarah Nagle, Jill Horan, Grace Walsh, Paula McGrath, Martha O'Donoghue, Zenouska Murphy, Aoife Tobin, Aisling O'Leary, Maria McGrath, Laura Nagle, Roisin Walsh.

Thursday 17th Ballyboden St Endas Senior C 3-3 V Naomh Brid 2-6

One of the more challenging encounters expected this season brought together the team as a unit from goalie to forwards to give a result worthy of the effort. With some outstanding attacking play backed up by a steadfast defense Boden was a goal ahead at half time. The second half was no disappointment with the exception that the efforts could reap but a draw which was a fair result and deserving of both teams

Team: Aoife O'Toole, Aoife Brien, Ceara Daly, Mary Hyland, Aisling Hayes, Brid Rynne, Laura Murphy, Aoife O'Shea, Sophie McMahon, Hannah Conway, Ciara Scallan, Aoife Barnes, Clíodhna McNamara, Rachel Walsh, Grace Maher, Ciara Dunne

Thursday 17th Ballyboden St Endas Senior B 4-12 v Kilmacud Crokes 3-6

A very cohesive performance from all 17 girls, with some sublime scores and determined defending. The final score does not reflect how close this game was, although we held the lead for entire game, Crokes managed to get within two points in the latter stage of game but,

with poor shot selection(on their part) & resolute defending (from us) the goals they were going for did not come. And , our girls managed to dig deep and finish off the game strongly adding two goals and two points in the closing five minutes.

Team: Danielle White, Aisling Keane, Jane Edwards, Rebeka Kamvar, Karen Murphy, Orla Keane, Roisin Walsh, Aoife Tobin, Laura Burns, Aisling O'Leary, Grace Walsh, Zenouska Murphy, Ciara Donovan, Sharon Glynn, Dianaimh Greene, Jodie White & Emer Kelly

Wednesday 18th Ballyboden St Endas U16A 3-11 v Good Counsel 2-1

After a comfortable victory over Ballinteer on Saturday, the mentors were hoping to continue with their progress against Good Counsel at Sancta Maria on Wednesday evening. Playing with the breeze in the first half the home side were dominant, Laura Nagle, Eve O'Donoghue & Eimear Butler were very prominent. Counsel scored 2 late goals to trail 2-5 to 2-0 at half time, and would have expected to push on with a strong breeze in the second half.

The Boden girls responded well at the beginning of the second half, with some fine scores from Aine O' Brien. Hannah Hyland & Sarah Mulvey dominated in the full-back line, keeping Counsel to only 1 point in the second period. Sarah Lambert pushed the home side forward at every opportunity, and they ran out winners by 3-11 to 2-1. There was only 6 of our U16 girls involved this evening, the remainder being U15 and this panel has potential to continue to grow with the correct application.

Team: Aine O'Brien, Claire Kirwan, Hannah Hyland, Ava O'Shea, Eve O'Donoghue, Orla Tevlin, Laura Nagle, Sarah Lambert, Ciara Barnes, Eimear Butler, Aisling McCullough, Jodie White, Emer O' Leary, Aobheann Murray, Sarah Mulvey & Elisa Corcoran

Feile Boys Fundraising

Clothes Collection on Saturday 26th April

Do your Spring Cleaning and help us raise funds . Fill a bag with clothes , shoes, bags, towels,etc, and drop to clubhouse on *Saturday 26th April between 10am and 2pm.*

Football News

Round up

Well done to [Robbie McDaid and Sam Molony](#) as the Dublin U21's just scraped over the line to defeat Cavan in the All-Ireland Semi-final. Congrats also to the Dublin Minor footballers and our own lads [Colm Basquel, Shane Clayton, Warren Egan, Barra McGarry and coach Mark Fee](#) as they defeated Longford in the first round of the Leinster Championship.

The [Minor C footballers](#) had a very useful outing on Good Friday evening when they defeated St.Sylvesters by 7.9 to 4.8 in a very exciting challenge match, played in brilliant sunshine in Ballycullen.

Playing with the aid of a stiff breeze in the first half, Boden's half-back line and mid-fielders provided their forwards with a plentiful supply of possession, which yielded some excellent

scores. Goals from Barry O'Donnell(2), Kevin O Flaherty, Daniel Carroll and Liam Flaherty, and some well-taken points from Robert Torsney, Conor Dalton, Niall Creegan and corner-back, Niall Bobbett gave Boden a commanding half-time lead.

However, the Sylvester's boys stormed back into the game in the second half and banged home four well-taken goals, as well as kicking some fine long-range points. Indeed, were it not for some fine saves from Stephen McGrath and sterling defensive work from Anthony Manning, James Mc Donnell, Niall Bobbett and Tommy Burke, Sylvester's would have made further inroads into Boden's lead. In the end, Boden weathered the storm and closed out the game with a goal from Brian Gillespie and points from Laurence Murphy and man-of-the-match, Robert Torsney.

Upcoming Fixtures 23/4/14

- MFL Div.1 BBSE Minor A V Thomas Davis Kiltipper Rd 19.00pm
- MFL Div.3B BBSE Minor B V St.Peregrines Blakestown 19.00pm
- MFL Div.4A BBSE Minor C V G.P Morans Ballycullen 19.00pm

Upcoming Fixtures 27/4/14

- MFL Div.1 BBSE Minor A V Kilmacud Crokes PUM 11.00am
- MFL Div.3B BBSE Minor B V St.Marks Sancta Maria 11.00am
- MFL Div.4A BBSE Minor C V Cuala Shankill 11.00am

Junior A Football Championship 30/4/14

The Junior A footballers, who have been in fine form in the League so far this year, begin their Championship on Wednesday week as they travel to Portmarnock to face Noamh Mearnog.

JFC BBSE Junior A V Nh.Mearnog Portmarnock 19.00pm

Junior D Football Championship 01/5/14

The Junior B footballers are also in Championship action on Thursday week as they entertain local rivals Wanderers at home.

JFC BBSE Junior B V Wanderers Ballycullen 19.00pm

PLEASE SUPPORT.

Always check website for any changes

Hurling News - Best Wishes in Championship this Week

Hurling News

As reported in the last newsletter, the Championships start this week with all 5 teams in action. Very best of luck to all our teams.

- [Senior A V St. Pat's Palmerstown in O' Toole Park on Wednesday at 7.00pm](#)
- [Senior B V Naomh Fionnbarra in John Paul Park on Saturday at 6.30pm](#)
- [Junior A V St. Jude's in Ballycullen on Saturday at 6.30pm](#)
- [Junior B V St. Sylvester's in Ballycullen on Sunday at 10.15am](#)
- [Junior C V Commercials in PUM on Sunday at 12 noon](#)

Venues may change..... please check the website for updates

Hurling News - Gerry Maher R.I.P.

[Gerry Maher RIP \(18/1/1956 – 8/4/2014\)](#)

On the afternoon of Tuesday, April 8th the word started to filter around the club of the sudden death of one of our own – Gerry Maher. The shock of Gerry's untimely death shook us all as we tried to get our heads around the unfathomable. Indeed that evening Pat Conway summed it all up in a tweet that said "Sincere condolences to the Maher family on the passing of Gerry this morning. A real gent and a great clubman. Will be sadly missed. RIP". We can imagine Gerry's eyes cast upwards with a wry smile at the thought of a tweet, but Pat summed it up – a real gent and a great clubman.



Gerry moved to Dublin from Oylegate in Wexford and played hurling initially with Oliver Plunketts/Eoin Ruadh but soon found his way with his brother Brendan to the southside where they threw in their lot with Ballyboden St. Enda's. Gerry was very involved in the club. He was first and foremost a hurler, playing for many years in the blue and white. He also mentored our first Dublin Féile winning team in 1991. The team went on to win many juvenile honours including the Minor Championship in 1995. Latter years saw Gerry play music in the club (an accomplished guitarist with a sweet voice) and also an active involvement in the Boden Drama Society. Gerry was also our Hurley Salesman for two years keeping us all in quality ash both juvenile and adult.

Gerry played for many years with the club initially in the full back line and then moved into the role for which he was most famous – our goalkeeper. This was a position fitting with Gerry – solid, dependable and always there. At a time when hurling trophies were not so plentiful in the club cabinet Gerry was part of a golden era for junior hurling in the club when winning leagues, cups and championships was an almost annual event. Gerry was the "man in the gap" for our club and represented Ballyboden with dignity and pride. Gerry's finest hour came in the '96 county final when he pulled off save after save putting his body on the line enabling Boden to win the day against a very strong Naomh Olafs outfit in O' Toole Park. Gerry was awarded Man Of The Match in the Herald for that sterling performance! Indeed that was the performance that inspired the chant which lasted many years – "Gerry Maher is unbelievable!" That year was a special one for Gerry as it was also the year that his beloved

Purple and Gold won the All Ireland. Indeed the year was capped off nicely when Larry O' Gorman came to the club to present the medals to our victorious Junior Championship team and their heroic goalie from Wexford.

Gerry worked in the South Dublin County Council. He had recently taken early retirement from his position with the intention of moving home to Oylegate. He had spent more and more time down home in recent years helping his siblings (Anne, Maudie, Brendan and Alan) to look after his ailing mother, Bridie. Sadly, Bridie passed away before Christmas. Little did we think that we would be visiting Oylegate again so soon for another funeral. Gerry's funeral was incredibly sad. However, as his body was brought into Oylegate the men who had hurled with Gerry from Ballyboden gave him a Guard of Honour befitting such a great club man. It was important that the people of Oylegate could see how much he meant to Ballyboden St. Enda's and Gerry surely smiled down from above on a sunny spring evening in Wexford. After the removal we made our way into The Slaney Inn where we exchanged stories amongst ourselves and with the people of Oylegate of hurling matches from years ago. When describing Gerry's passing the man of the house put it best when he said that "he never rushed anything except this" – he knew Gerry well. Gerry was methodical and careful. He took his time with all that he did ensuring that it was done well. That Gerry was taken so fast from us was a terrible shock. We will all miss him – a real gent and a great clubman. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.
Ultan Mac Mathúna

Annual General Meeting Notice - Monday April 28th

The 44th Annual General meeting of Ballyboden St. Endas GAA, Camogie and Ladies Football club will take place on Monday, April 28th 2014 at 8:30 p.m. in the club hall. You are cordially invited to attend this meeting and are asked to attend promptly at 8:30 in order that a quorum would be formed and the meeting start on time.

The annual club membership fee must be paid before the AGM in order for members to participate in the meeting.

Note that in order to reduce cost, the Executive Committee have decided not to print hardcopies of the Annual Report but to circulate it by email and to publish on the club website

Ciarán Maguire

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Chairman's Letter to all Mentors



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Memo to all Mentors APRIL 2014

A Chairde,

With the recent clock change and as the sporting year gets busier, we would like to take this opportunity to remind all mentors of the high standards of respect that are expected on and off the playing fields for our match officials and opponents.

A key aim for this year is that all referees are treated with respect. No referee goes out to have a bad game. If we treat referees with respect, our players and their parents will follow. Where our players or parents of players treat referees with disrespect, we must take appropriate action. Unfortunately many teams, parents and mentors show disrespect to referees. The time has now come for a cultural change in this regard and we in Ballyboden St Endas must lead that change to break the mould. In the past, abuse of referees seemed to be part of the culture surrounding our games. In this day and age, this is no longer acceptable. Being a mentor brings with it a responsibility to promote the highest standards of respect for referees.

The GAA Respect Initiative aims to promote positive behaviour and to ensure that an enriching environment is provided for the promotion and development of Gaelic Games. This includes respect for and from all participants on and around the field. See <http://gaa.ie/youth-zone/gaa-respect-initiative/> for more details.

Many referees at juvenile level are children themselves and this should be borne in mind at all times. Unfortunately, there have been a number of cases recently where young referees have been subjected to abuse and have given up refereeing entirely. This is a very worrying situation. We depend on referees in order that our games are run efficiently and it is not acceptable that they should be subjected to abuse.

We appeal to all mentors to take a leadership role in this initiative. Please share the poster below with parents and players and display at all club tournaments.

Yours sincerely,

Brendan Moran Séamie Ó Néill
Chairman, BBSE Juvenile Liaison BBSE

Please Remember:

The juvenile players are children
Many juvenile referees are children
The coaches are volunteers
The referees are human
Show respect to referees, players and coaches, including opposition
First priority is having fun and enjoyment
We should win and lose with dignity

Ballyboden St Endas Easter School of Excellence 2014

Last week up in our sun swept grounds at Sancta Maria we held our Easter School of Excellence for club players on the U12-U15 teams.

It was a huge success and provided a great opportunity for the players to develop and improve certain parts of their game, and was overseen by Club Coaches Brian O' Regan & Paul Mc Loughlin.

Over 80 girls and boys took part in the Football/Ladies Football camp which was held on Monday and Tuesday from 10.30am to 2.30pm. And over 90 took part in the Hurling/Camogie camp on Wednesday and Thursday. This is a credit to those players' willingness and desire to progress in their playing careers.

Paul & Brian were assisted by 10 of our current top coaches all of whom have vast experience and are active coaches with teams in the club.

A huge thanks to all the team mentors who promoted it so well and to the players that attended. See photos below and [click here for full photo gallery](#).



U12's Football - First league outing

FIRST LEAGUE OUTING!!! 12/4/2014

Saturday 12th April was a **BIG DAY** for all of our under 12 footballers, after all the years of preparation it was finally time to play for some league points as they headed out to play their first ever league games in the club colours.

We have over 70 boys making up four under 12 teams playing in divisions 1,4,7 & 9.

Our division 1 and 7 teams were both down to play Castleknock in Ballycullen, with our division 4 team away to Parnells.

Our division 9 team will have to wait to start their campaign after their fixture was called off.

U 12 - Division 1 Match Report

Our division 1 team started very well against a very strong Castleknock team with excellent team work and good football being a feature of the first half. Harry Coakley was having a great game at midfield with Ryan O'Dwyer taking some great scores to keep the lads in touch at half time.. The woodwork denied the lads a couple of times and on another day we would have reached the break ahead. Castleknock had the wind in the second half but despite the advantage had to work very hard for their scores with Joe, Richard and the rest of the defence having an excellent game. The whole team kept playing football and doing the right things right to the end of the game - in the end they didn't have quite enough with Castleknock running out winners with a few points to spare. The mentors were delighted with the attitude and application shown by the boys and head off to the rest of the fixtures full of optimism.

U12 Division 7 Match Report

On the neighbouring pitch our division 7 team were playing another Castleknock side. Castleknock started very strongly and despite our lads great efforts in the first half they reached half time behind by several points. Some teams would have thrown the towel in but not the Boden lads - driven on by the excellent David Monaghan the lads came back at Castleknock and pulled off a superb 3 point win to get their league campaign off to a great start. With the attitude and improvement shown by this group the season ahead promises to have plenty of good days.

U12 Division 4 Match Report

Our division 4 team were playing away to Parnells - a big, physical, tough team who had beaten us fairly comfortably only two weeks ago during the grading games. Our lads were determined to improve on that showing and improve they did. In a very tough and bruising encounter our lads never backed away from a single tackle and as the game went on we got on top in the physical battle despite being the smaller team. The first half was a very tight affair with Adam and Eamon in the full back line and Luke in goal having excellent games to curtail the Parnells forwards. Jack in midfield also had an excellent game tracking the dangerous runners throughout the game. We reached the break trailing by two points and headed out into the second half full of confidence. The confidence was well founded as we started to dominate as the half went by. However, try as we might we couldn't make our dominance count on the scoreboard with the Parnells keeper producing a superb save from

Eamon O'Brien at a key point in the game. Matt, Michael, Charlie and Eoghan kept going in the forward line right until the end but the scores wouldn't come. In the end we had come up short by a few points. It was an excellent effort all round and a huge improvement on the last day against the same opposition.

The mentors were delighted with the performance and with some work on our score taking the rest of the year is looking good!



Profile - Alan O' Connor

Height: 6ft 1"

Fav Film: Happy Gilmore

Fave Food: Irish stew

Fave Book: Rudy

Favourite Grounds: Croke Park

What has been your greatest moment in sport: Still waiting

Who was the toughest opponent you ever faced: Ned Slattery -
Trying to get a pint off him after closing

What are your hobbies: Golf and Gym

Nominate the laziest: Niall Ryan aka The Snail

GAA Gripes: Refs giving soft frees against me

Childhood heroes: Eoin Kelly and Seánie McMahon

Do you play any other sports: Not anymore

Do you have any superstitions before a match: No

The highest point of your career to date: Being Captain of my school team and winning Dublin and Leinster

Biggest Disappointment: Not seeing Dublin win an All Ireland yet

Other players with a promising future: Deco Keating

Ways of improving GAA: No ref just a free for all for 60 minutes

Favourite Personal Saying or term of abuse: "That was defiantly over"

What advice would you give to young players: Practice makes perfect

How would you like to be remembered: By winning "Strictly"

How do you think you will be remembered: Not too sure



2014 Membership - No Pay / No Play

2014 memberships were due for payment by 31st March. A "No Pay/ No Play" policy is now in place. [You can pay online by clicking here.](#)

Many thanks to those members who have already paid their memberships. The registration committee would be very grateful if those who are paying by cheque through the envelopes ensure that all details on the envelope are completed.

Those who have signed up for direct debit payment will have the amount deducted in the next 2 weeks.

Table Quiz - May 8th



KNOCKLIONS
SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLUB



Minor Football Teams

Quiz Night

**Hosted by Ballyboden St Enda's
Minor Football Teams**

In partnership with

**Knocklions
Special Olympics Club**

**On
Thursday 8th May 8:00pm Sharp**

**At
Ballyboden St Enda's Clubhouse, Firhouse Road.**

Tickets €10. Table of 4 €40

**Auction: Framed Dublin Jersey, signed by
All Ireland winning team.
Framed Leinster Rugby Jersey, signed by
team.**

Raffle: Many spot prizes

**Come along for a great night and support two worthy local
Sporting Clubs.**

New Pitch Sign Sponsorship

Thank you to our new sponsors for the new pitch signs from AIG, Valvoline and SuperValu organised by our sponsorship manager Danny Griffin.



Na Siúltóirí Buadáin - Dolans World - Into the Far East

[Click here for the Dolans blog of their walking travels:](#)

Na Siúltóirí Buadáin welcome new members. Come along on a walk or two. If you like us and are interested in joining, the [requirements for membership](#) are as follows:



[For March - June Schedule click here:](#)

Ballyboden Golf Society

For the upcoming information [click here](#)



Social Update

Mon

Monday night Set Dancing in the Clubhouse at 8.30pm - all welcome.



Tues

Bingo takes place every Tuesday night at 8.30pm sharp. The admission is €10 which is for 10 games. The jackpot is €850.00 and the cost of the jackpot game is €2.00. Please bring along your friends.



Fri

Friday Night Cards - Cards playing takes place every Friday night at 9pm. New players always welcome!

Sat Night - Pat Garrett

After a great turnout last month, Pat "The Hat" Garrett is back on Saturday. Bring a friend! ten pm onwards
