



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



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## Boden Poc Fada



*BBSE POC FADA*

*JULY 2017*



- Hurling Section Fundraiser
- Teams of 4
- VIP Prize in Conjunction with event

**Launch Date: April 3<sup>rd</sup> in Clubhouse at 8.00pm**

A very exciting Hurling Fundraiser is about to be launched to support the efforts of all our players and management in their drive for Championship success in 2017.

We are planning a POC Fada competition for all adult hurlers (teams of 4) and a very special VIP prize is running in conjunction with the event.

The prize consists of a Helicopter trip to Croke Park on All Ireland day (Hurling or Football) to include Two Premium tickets, meal on match day in the stadium, an overnight stay and a return trip. Tickets for this fantastic prize will be available shortly and for €5 you could be the very lucky winner of this unbelievable experience.

All our players will be very involved in this fundraiser and we urge you to support them throughout the campaign. We expect plenty of friendly rivalry between the players in their quest to be the inaugural winners of what we hope will become an annual POC Fada event.

The launch night will be in the clubhouse on [Monday, 3rd April](#) at 8pm where a more detailed plan will be presented. We look forward to seeing you on the night and thank you in advance for your support.

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## Senior Hurlers get off the mark in league



Ballyboden senior hurlers travelled to Blunden Drive on Sunday 26th March 2017 for their Division 1 League fixture. As both teams had lost in round one, this was an important opportunity to put points on the board. Both sides fielded strong line-ups as referee Declan Moloney threw in the ball in bright spring sunshine.

Points were traded at the outset with Shane Durkin first off the mark for Boden followed by Paul Ryan and Simon Lambert. However, the key score of the quarter arrived on 15 minutes when a high ball in to the square was met by Aidan Mellett and finished to the net. This gave Boden some daylight that they would not relinquish. The work-rate was good throughout the team with great hooking and blocking displayed by the visitors. The second quarter was evenly balanced and the sides went for the break on a scoreline of Boden 1-8 to O'Tooles 0-5.

The home side started well in the second half and benefitted from the easterly breeze that reminded those present we are still in March. Stephen O'Connor was going well in midfield and a few nice points were scored, notably for Boden by Mellett. However, a lapse of concentration at the back allowed a long-range free to find its way to the net and this gave the home team a lift. Boden's response was good however, as they responded with the next two scores. A magnificent save by Keith Robinson deflected a goal-bound shot over the bar. This was important because O'Tooles were closing in on the lead with ten minutes to go. A pair of points by Ryan and the final score of the match from Dean Curran sealed a fine win – Boden 1-17 to O'Tooles 1-13. Report by [Joe Wordsworth](#).

Scorers for Boden : A. Mellett 1-3; S. Lambert 0-4; P. Ryan 0-4; D. Curran, S. Durkin, S. O'Connor, C. Keaney, J. Roche, E. O'Neill 0-1 each

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## Second Win for Senior B's



It was a beautiful sunny morning in the shelter of Saggart Hill on Sunday (Mar 26) as our Senior Bs had their second win in their Hurling League when they played Commercial's in Rathcoole. After so much rain over the past couple of weeks, the pitch was heavy and grassy which did not permit a "hopping ball" and slowed the game down considerably. The first half was quite competitive with both teams getting some fine scores, giving a half-time score of 3-9/1-6 in favour of Boden. Paul Doherty, Donal Butler and Aaron Coffey were the main scorers for Boden and were strongly supported out the field by Tom Hanifin, Eoin Small, Naoise Maguire, Eoin McKenna and Cathal Bergin. In the second half, the game was more one-sided. But our centre-forward Austin Lynch showed his fitness and ability in the heavy conditions by scoring 1-5. The final score was 5-19/1-16. It was a good morning's exercise for both teams so early in the season.

Back Row: Seán McDonnell, Finn McDonagh, Tom Hanifin, Morgan Ryan, Eoin Small, Ross Cullen, Joe Mernagh, Jonathon O'Driscoll, Paul Doherty, Austin Lynch, Cathal Bergin.  
Front Row: Donal Butler, Conor O'Donoghue, Keith McCarron, Niall Keegan, Ronan Dooley, Naoise Maguire, Fionn Maguire, Eoin McKenna, Aaron Coffey

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## Weekend Hurling Results

- AHL 1 – BBSE 1 17 O' Toole's 1 13
- AHL 3 – BBSE 5 19 Commercial's 1 15



- AHL4 – Na Fianna 0 21 BBSE 1 13

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## Upcoming fixtures

- Leinster League Division 1 Q/F – BBSE V Lucan Sarsfields on Wednesday at 7.45pm in Lucan
- Leinster Senior League Division 4 Q/F – BBSE V Fingallians (time and date to be confirmed)
- AHL 5 – BBSE V Crumlin in Sancta Maria on Wednesday at 8.30pm
- Minor A V Lucan Sarsfield's in Sancta Maria on Sunday at 11.00am
- Minor B V St. Jude's in Tymon Park on Sunday at 11.00am
- Minor C V Wild Geese in Ballycullen on Sunday at 11.00am

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## Narrow defeat for Minor A Footballers

Ballyboden 1-10 Lucan 2-9

By Vincent Keogh

Despite missing a number of key players through injury this was a very positive performance from the Boden boys who were on the wrong end of a two point defeat by Lucan on the Prunty pitch on Sunday morning. Boden started brightly and opened the scoring with a fine point from Eoghan McGarvey following a strong run from midfield by Ronan Wallace. Soon after fellow midfielder Rob Donohoe dispatched another effort over the bar to give Boden an early two point lead. Boden were playing well but were caught by two sucker punches which resulted in two green flags being raised within the space of a couple of minutes in favour of Lucan.

Boden's response was immediate and Ciaran O'Reilly finished to the back of the Lucan net following a defence splitting pass from Ross McGarry. McGarry followed this up with three successive points which Lucan responded to with three points of their own. With half-time approaching Boden were down by a single score however the team began to find its rhythm and scored two well worked team points finished by neatly by Eoghan McGarvey and Luke Grady to lead by a point at the half-time by 1-7 to 2-3.

Lucan were quick to start the second half and scored two early points to lead by a point mid way through the half. Boden's response was swift and equalised with a well taken point by Jack Basquel followed with a Ciaran O'Reilly point. Lucan levelled soon after and then had a man sent off as a result of a second booking. However this seemed to inspire the opposition and despite both sides trading points it was Lucan who finished the stronger with two late points to run out 2 point winners.

This was a much improved team display from Boden who will take a lot of heart from this performance into the next game against Thomas Davis.

Squad: Mark McNamee, Ryan Bradshaw, Karl Reddy, Ruairí Hester, Fionnán Keogh, Sam Lally, Thomas Glynn, Ronan Wallace, Rob Donohoe (0-1), Ross McGarry (0-4), Ciaran

O'Reilly (1-1), Jamie Dooney, Eoghan McGarvey (0-2) Daniel O'Riordan, Luke McDwyer, Luke Grady (0-1), Ross McCormack, Jack Basquel (0-1), Kevin Lawlor  
Mentors: Derek Ward, John O'Boyle, Brendan Gillespie, Frank Basquel, Tony Wallace, Seamus O'Flaherty.

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## Junior B's march on



Boden 1-11 Stars of Erin 0-09

The JB's are unbeaten now in both Cup and league after another fine win up in Ballycullen on a warm Sunday morning. The Gods were kind to the JB's weather wise compared to the atrocious weather we endured last week in our league encounter. The pack was once again shuffled owing to our injury list but the great thing about this team is, the transition is seamless and players accept that they could be asked to play out of position and will gladly do so to help out the team. The game got under way and Ciaran O'Brien in midfield was first to react and set up our attack.

Some neat play with our forwards and off the shoulder running resulted in Bodens first point from Bradley. Laurence Murphy was giving his usual dynamo performance and sent over two points in quick succession to keep the JB tally ticking away. Donal McCarthy was asked to play in the half forward line and sent in a sweet ball for Lynch to split the posts.

Only for some excellent shot stopping from the Stars keeper prevented Boden from registering three goals, perhaps it would have been easier to send them over the bar. Michael Dunne at full back was dominant, ably assisted by Fitzgerald and Traynor. The JB's went in at half time to a scoreline of 0-7 to 0-1 to the good.

Stars were going to come out of the blocks at pace in the second half and we were going to have to play controlled football. Defence was going to be key, our attacks were going to be sprung from our full back and half back line. Concentration levels were going to have to be at maximum. Stars did not disappoint and put us under a lot of pressure shooting into the dressing room end. They quickly split our posts with some excellent attacking play. We were in a game now. Young Murphy acted as our sweeper collecting any loose ball at the back and then counter attacking. Tommy Bourke at midfield had the bit between his teeth and helped settle the nerves with some excellent high fielding. Eoghan Buckleys hard work up front was rewarded with a well taken point. However we lost our shape along the way and allowed Stars get into scoring positions of their own. The pressure was definitely on. Some of our shot selection was off key slightly and just a little more composure on the ball in the final third would have helped at this time. We were making inroads, however we just couldn't put the ball over the bar. Tommy sent in a high ball and Lynch somehow managed to get a flick on it and send the ball in to the back of the net. Alan Keane once again pulled off some brilliant saves in goal to keep us in it. Stars tried their best to break down the stubborn Boden defence but were beaten back at every attempt. They had a man taken down just outside the area and despite their cries for a penalty, the ref awarded the free. Boden packed the line, loose Stars men were picked up. Their midfielder let loose with a rasper of a shot and Fran somehow got a hand to it and when the ball was worked out to the half forward line, the referee brought the game to an end. Boden ran out winners to a scoreline of 1-11 to 0-9.

Sometimes you have to learn how to grind games out and win ugly. A win is a win and we'll take it. This team of Men have been fantastic all season, their never say die attitude is clearly evident. Up next is Portobello in the league next Sunday, a tough game for sure but one the JB's will relish. [Report by Martin O'Donnell](#).

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**PFH Technology Group sponsor Junior B footballers**



Thanks to PFH Technology Group for their sponsorship of our Junior B football team. Pictured at the launch were from L-R Brendan Moran Club Chairman, Dave O'Donnell JB's mentor, Declan Van Esbeck PFH, Martin O'Donnell JB's Manager, Eoin Mullan PFH and Danny Griffin Sponsorship Manager.

## Under 16A camogie prove too much for Good Counsel

Good Counsel 4 - 4

BBSE 6 - 7

On Saturday our U-16A's crossed swords with Good Counsel on the banks of the canal at Galtymore Road. It was Counsel's first match while we were trying to build on an opening day victory over Faughs.

The sod was heavy and the grass was long, but the sun shone as the ref got proceedings under way. Sarah Ann began at full forward and soon made her presence felt with a sweet point. We expected a stiff challenge from Counsel and they didn't disappoint, as they surged forward and their danger forward gained possession and sent an unstoppable shot to Ally's net. Sarah Ann was motoring and soon had added another point, but this was then neutralised by Counsel. Erica then got in on the act and found the Counsel net before Aisling then got her name on the score sheet with a point, but again this point was cancelled out by a reply from Counsel. We then hit a purple patch as first Lucy finished to the net after a great run, Katie sent over a point and Aisling then found the net. However this Counsel team has always been made of stern stuff and they had no intention of lying down. They hit a point and followed this up with a goal. Sarah Ann stemmed the tide momentarily with a fine point but Counsel closed out the first half with another goal. The game was in the melting pot at half time with us ahead by just 2 points - 3-5 to 3-3

The second half saw the introduction of Blathnaid into the forward line, while Niamh Ryan



came on at full back for her first competitive outing at this grade, and she took to it like a duck to water.

Sarah Anne continued to stamp her authority on events with an early goal, Katie then followed up with a point before another delivery from Sarah Ann found its way to the Counsel net. We were now beginning to establish a good lead and perhaps our previous game stood to us as Counsel struggled to contain our lively forwards. Katie added a point and then Erica finished a pass from Aisling to the net to complete our scoring. Counsel characteristically never gave up, and it was no more than they deserved as they closed out the scoring with a goal and a point, to leave the final score 6-7 to 4-4.

A good performance, but as Declan reminded the group afterwards, plenty to work on at training next week.

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## Na Fianna too strong for Under 14 A's

Na Fianna 2 - 3

BBSE 0 - 2

We travelled across the city on Saturday for our U-14A League match against Na Fianna. In truth, we travelled more in hope than confidence, as on the day, we were missing our entire U-13 contingent, as well as our four county footballers, and Julie, who was making music in Belfast. In addition, six of our players had just competed successfully in a hockey blitz in Ballsbridge earlier in the morning before high-tailing it across the East Link bridge. Our team and panel was made up of a combination of our A and B teams, against a Na Fianna's team comprised exclusively of Division 1 players. In the circumstances, a "tough day at the office" was expected, but that's not quite what transpired.

Our girls began in determined fashion, giving as good as they got to their more esteemed opponents. The ball flew from end to end and the girls put their bodies on the line time and again, and refused to yield. The obstacles continued to mount as Sarah had to go off with an injured arm. Although she was not able to take any further part in proceedings, happily the prognosis is good – no serious damage done. Still the contest ebbed and flowed, but incredible coming up to half time the scoreboard was still blank. Then a wayward clearance from our defence was punished by their attack, to leave the score at the break NF 0-1, BBSE 0-0.

The second half began in similar fashion. Now it was Na Fianna's turn to send a wayward clearance which was snapped up by Michaela and put over the bar for the levelling point. The game was in the melting pot with nothing between the teams. Na Fianna's pressure then began to tell. A point from play was followed by a point from a penalty, and then a tussle in our square ended up with the ball going over the line and Lucy having to retire injured, (although again thankfully the injury is not serious). Marina took over between the posts and was confidence personified. Na Fianna closed out their scoring with a late hand-passed goal. Although the game was now out of reach, the girls never stopped trying, and deservedly closed the scoring when Mia drove over a brilliant point.

**Final score – NF 2-3 BBSE 0-2.**

This character and spirit shown by the Boden girls in this game was a sight to behold. It was the definitive team effort, with every single player contributing to the maximum for the cause. Lucy and Marina were both excellent in goals and the full back line of Sorcha, Yvonne and Anna ensured that the road to goal was well blocked on all sides. Clodagh held the centre of defence very well, while on her right Sarah and later Ciara cleared ball after ball and gave nothing away easily. On the left wing Kate was an injury doubt before the game but gave an exhibition of wing back play. Mia and Michaela mixed workrate and skill in the midfield,

while Alanna was back to her absolute best at centre forward. Ella was a revelation on the wing, gaining possession repeatedly and driving forward. The workrate of Katie was phenomenal and she covered every blade of grass, while Eimear, Chloe, Elena, Ellie, Aoife, (and Marina until she switched to goal) contributed hugely to the overall team effort in the forward line.

All in all, plenty of hope for the future, and it whets the appetite for the upcoming Feile.

Before that, there is the small matter of the Football Feile next week-end, and we wish all the girls the best of luck in that.

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## First Go Games blitz for under 9s

The U9 girls had their 1st camogie Go Games matches v Lucan in Sancta Maria. It was a glorious morning. The girls performed very well with 43 girls playing on the morning.

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## 47th Annual AGM

The 47th Annual General meeting of Ballyboden St. Endas Gaa Camogie and Ladies Football Club will take place on Monday, [April 24th 2017 at 8.30 p.m.](#) in the club hall. All full members are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and are asked to attend promptly at 8.30pm so that a quorum would be formed and the meeting start on time.

Full members are invited to nominate for election the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, Officer for Irish Language and Culture,

Public Relations Officer, Children's Officer, Player's Representative and 2 other Executive Committee Members. These shall be elected by the Full Members present, entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

The other 7 members of the Executive Committee shall be selected as representatives of the following Executive Sub-Committees, Games Development & Coaching, Adult Games, Juvenile Games, Social Activities, IT & Communication Structures, Club Development, Grounds Maintenance, by the elected members of the incoming Executive Committee. The elected and selected members shall meet the eligibility criteria set out in paragraph 8.2 of the Club Bye Laws and Rules. The written consent of nominees must accompany each nomination.

Full members are also invited to propose motions for consideration at the AGM, in accordance with the club constitution.

Nominations for election to the Executive Committee and motions for consideration by the AGM should be received by the club secretary not less than 21 days before the AGM i.e. by Monday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motions may be sent by email to the Secretary at the email address: [secretary.ballybodenstendas.dublin@gaa.ie](mailto:secretary.ballybodenstendas.dublin@gaa.ie) or addressed to the Club Secretary and posted or handed to the Club.

Please note that nomination and motion forms will be available behind the Bar.

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

Please 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 it on the Club website [www.bodengaa.ie](http://www.bodengaa.ie) which will be available no later than 14<sup>th</sup> April.

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## **U12 Football Grading Blitzes**





Last Saturday week, saw all four of our Boden U12 football teams in action in their grading blitzes. The blitzes, which have been going on since February, will determine which division of the U12 football league each of our four teams will play in for the rest of the year, so it is important that they are correctly graded to avoid either too easy or too tough opposition our boys.

So far this year, the boys challenging for the top division remain unbeaten in their group, recording some very fine wins along the way, while the next team has recorded 3 wins to just one loss. Teams 3 and 4 are finding the going somewhat tougher, though they are encountering B teams - and sometimes stronger - from other clubs in their fixture lists. In every game though, the boys really are giving their all, even if sometimes they do meet significantly stronger opposition.

The goal of the U12 coaches from this series is not to 'win all our matches', but to make sure that once the current round of blitzes is complete, our lads have challenging, competitive and



evenly matched fixtures for the rest of the year. Finding ourselves in divisions where our teams easily win, or lose all their fixtures is what we are seeking to avoid.

Throughout the series of blitzes there is constant movement between squads, as players move to and fro across the teams within their ability level. The aim is to ensure that they all continue to develop and enjoy their football, no matter what the result, and also that the lads who are improving know that they have every opportunity to rise through the ranks over the coming months and years.

The boys all continue to train together on Weds nights as one group.

Well done to all the lads on their great performances so far.

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### U9 Footballers play away



U9 Boys Group 2 travelled to Donnybrook to play Ranelagh Gaels last weekend. The boys had great fun and it's great to see game skills and team play improving week on week with the boys.

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### U11 boys March on

Typical of March, in the past month the U11 boys have played football and hurling matches amidst snow showers, driving rain, gales, sunshine and freezing temperatures (sometimes during the one game!).

Undaunted by the severe weather, the boys have faced off every obstacle conjured up by Mother Nature. They have also confronted stiff opposition from Kilmacud Crokes, Castleknock, Naomh Olafs, Erins Isle and Na Fianna among others.

The boys have also been challenged by playing on grass pitches after years of relative luxury on astro-turf. They have quickly adapted to the new environment and put in great effort to hone their skills. No better example of this was witnessed on Saturday when the hurling boys took on the mighty Na Fianna at home in Ballycullen (2 teams) and away at St Vincent's school in Glasnevin (3 teams). The pitches were heavy after a week of incessant rain and conditions were far from perfect for the purists.

Like the glorious sun on a splendid day, the boys put on a shining example of all that is great about the game. They got stuck in early, raised the sliotar quickly to hand, and worked the pitch with a level of confidence beyond their years.

The large number of parents, guardians and fans in attendance were impressed by the display of high quality hurling. What was very noticeable, and commented on by many, was the enjoyment shown by the boys at the end of the games. Maybe it was the great weather or perhaps it was their own sense of awareness that their ever improving skills are bringing the matches to a new level of competitiveness and fun. If so, we all look forward to great matches in the coming warmer months.

Thanks to [Eamonn Gormley](#) for photographs. For more photos, [see here](#)

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## Pat Kearney Hurleys



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**26**

**25**

**17**

**One Jackpot Winner!**

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**Match 1st Three**

**Kevin & Jackie Doyle, Templeroan, Knocklyon**

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