



Ballyboden St. Endas
GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club
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Boden needs your vote!!

Great news!! Ballyboden St Enda's is a FINALIST in 98FM's Best of Dublin Awards 2017! We have been shortlisted by the public in the category 'Best Sports Club'.

Voting starts today and closes on Friday May 12th so make sure to spread the word with family, friends and work colleagues to VOTE NOW.

Voting takes less than a minute, simply go to our online voting page www.98fm.com/bestofdublin and follow the instructions. The winners will be announced at the Best of Dublin Awards ceremony on Tuesday May 23rd in the RDS. Get the full list of finalists [HERE](#).

So please get voting and ask anyone you know to vote for Boden too.

Boden send message to Champions – Wordsworth Reports



It is not every day you get to line out against an All-Ireland winning team and an even rarer occasion when you cross the finishing line ahead by four points. That is exactly what Ballyboden Senior hurlers accomplished on Saturday evening 29th April in Parnell Park. This was a first round opener in the 2017 Championship and Boden, playing with a strong breeze, started well with points from Paul Doherty and a brace from Simon Lambert. A couple of wides were also registered before Cuala got on the scoreboard and this was an encouraging sign for the blue and white supporters in the crowd. More encouraging still was the level of workrate shown by Boden that seemingly took them to the breaking ball first and when possession was lost, the intensity with which the forwards in particular sought to recover the ball. This yielded spectacular results at the start of the second quarter when Boden rattled off five points without reply from play – Niall Mc Morrow, James Roche, Aidan Mellet, Lambert and Conal Keaney – all contributing fine points from distance. This proved to be a significant spell for Boden and gave them a cushion that they would not subsequently relinquish. Cuala pressed hard but the defence led by Shane Durkin, Cian Mellet and Stephen Hiney in particular, limited the Dalkey men to long-range points and the occasional free. When the sides went in at half-time with Boden ahead by three (0-10 to 0-7), we looked forward eagerly to the second half.

“Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm” wrote Coleridge and this was very evident in the third quarter. While the scoring was low, the effort and quality of play was excellent by both sides. Lambert, Keaney and Kenneth Wigglesworth in particular led the team with fine puckout wins, interceptions and passes. Into the final quarter and the effort expended began to take its toll, with a few injuries, particularly in the forward line. Cuala had inched their way back with a series of frees from marksman David Treacy also at this time. On came Niall Ryan, Eoghan Ó’Neill and David O’Connor and they certainly made their mark. All three contributed points and O’ Connor showed for three excellent puckout wins when the pressure was on towards the end. A high ball into the goalmouth as the match entered injury time fell for Keaney – no better man to find himself with an opportunity like this and the ball nestled in the Cuala net. Shortly thereafter the final whistle went and Boden had prevailed on a scoreline of 1-18 to 0-17. A very satisfying result and on now to the next round on Friday 5th May against Crumlin.

Team Photo Back Row l to r : Eoghan Ó’Neill, Cian Mellet, Niall Mc Morrow, Rob Leddy, Eoin Small, Luke Corcoran, Simon Lambert, Kenneth Wigglesworth, Niall Ryan, David O’Connor, Sean McDonnell, Conal Keaney,

Front Row l to r : Finn McGarry, Paul Doherty, Conor Robinson, Shane Durkin, Stephen Hiney, Dean Curran, Malachy Travers, Aidan Mellet, James Roche.

[Video highlights of the game here](#)

Plunketts too strong for Boden in Senior B Championship – The Bishop Reports

St. Oliver Plunkets/ER 1 16 Ballyboden 0 13.

Perfect weather conditions on a firm surface greeted the adult hurlers of Plunkets and Ballyboden for this Round 1 tie in the Senior B championship on Saturday evening. Both sides gave the modest crowd a sporting contest, with some skilful individual displays. From the throw-in, it was obvious that the more physically strong visitors would prove difficult to overcome.

That said, it was Boden who were quickest out of the traps; they led by three points to a single after five minutes. Austin (Ozzie) Lynch opened up for Boden with a fine catch and strike, was followed by a free and up steps Jamie Desmond with a long range shot, another beauty. Plunketts response was a point from Mikey Walsh. Naoise Maguire operating on the Boden forty, landed a few good balls towards Donal Butler at the point of the attack. One of these led to one of the best scores of the game; Ozzie again the scorer. For Plunkets, Brian O'Sullivan, a giant of a man, started getting to grips with the tight marking of Mike Clifford, and profited with a fine effort (4-3).

The next ten minutes were dominated by the visitors, and they bagged some fine scores from the most influential man on the field-Ronan O'Brian. After twenty minutes play Plunketts led by four points (10-6). But back came Boden with their best period of play. Adam Jermyn from near the side-line, Butler after Chris Lambert assisted and Ozzie from frees, all added to Boden's tally and brought the half time score to ten to eight for the visitors.

The second thirty opened brightly for Boden with Jermyn and Ozzie bagging two great scores to tie the contest. However that prompted the visitors into action and Boden's goalman Gavin Corrigan came in for some serious scrutiny. Being a man who relishes a challenge, Gavin brought off a series of quality saves, but he was left almost completely exposed for the Plunketts goal; a mix-up in defence which left Dylan Burke with the simplest of tasks. The gap was now five points. The last fifteen minutes play was mainly under the control of the visitors with O'Brian showing some good touches and O'Sullivan offering his considerable frame as a target for in-coming balls. Butler and Finn McDonagh had goal opportunities for the home side but both came to nothing. Butler did point a fine effort, but this was quickly cancelled out by O'Brian.

Overall, the Boden management team under Brendan Ryan will be reasonably happy and look forward to building on this fine effort against a side who have serious aspirations to capturing this title, a feat they completed a few years ago at Boden's expense.

Boden Squad; Gavin Corrigan, Niall Keegan, Mike Clifford, Fergal Murray, Jamie Desmond, Naoise Maguire, Ross Cullen, Eoin McKenna, Fionn Maguire, Chris Lambert, Austin Lynch, Adam Jermyn, Morgan Ryan, Donal Butler, Aaron Coffey, Joe Mernagh, Ronan Dooley, Jonathan O'Driscoll, Keith McCarron. Finn McDonagh.

Other Hurling results

- Intermediate Hurling Championship – BBSE 2 12 Clontarf 2 10
- Junior B Hurling Championship – Faughs 2 10 BBSE 1 08
- Junior D Hurling Championship - Na Fianna 0 13 BBSE 1 05

Weekend Hurling Championship Fixtures



HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Sen A V Crumlin in O' Toole Park at 7.00pm on Friday, May 5
- Sen B V Whitehall Colmcille in Cloghran at 6.00pm on Saturday, May 6
- Intermediate V St. Kevin's in Dolphin Park at 6.00pm on Saturday, May 6
- Junior B V Skerries Harps in Skerries at 11.00am on Sunday, May 7
- Junior D V Setanta in Ballycullen at 3.00pm on Sunday, May 7

Please support – Bígí Linn

Concert in the Club This Thursday



BIG BAND CONCERT

with

SOUNDS ENSEMBLE

a 30-Piece Group lead by Terry Clancy



In the Club Hall
THURSDAY 4th MAY @ 8.30pm

Plus Combined Recorder Groups
Directed by Joe Johnston

All (Voluntary) funds go to the RNLI
Come and join the fun!

Dubs claim the U21 All Ireland Championship



Congratulations to Bodens Collie Basquel and Shane Clayton and the entire Dublin U21 Football panel as they claimed the Eirgrid All Ireland Football Championship with a 2-13 to 2-07 victory over Galway in Tullamore .

Ballyboden Minor A Football v Naomh Mearnóg

Sunday 30th April 2017

Ballyboden 4-7 (19) Naomh Mearnóg 2—14 (20)

To lose any game by a point is tough to take but to lose with virtually the last kick of the game is especially cruel and so this is how this league encounter turned out on Sunday on the Prunty Pitch.

Boden playing good football went into an early two point lead courtesy of Ross McGarry and a Mark McNamee '45 but Naomh Mearnóg responded with six unanswered points. However Boden playing some good football regained the lead with finely taken scores from Ciaran O'Reilly and Sam Lally and then added two opportunist goals from full forward Luke Grady. At half-time Boden lead by four points, 2-4 to 0-6.

Naomh Mearnóg were quick out of the blocks at the start of the second half and quickly eroded the four point deficit with a goal and a point to level the scores. Mearnóg then took the lead by adding a further goal and two points from frees to lead by five points ten minutes into the second half. Boden responded with two Ross McGarry frees, however Mearnóg scored three quick points in succession to lead by 6 points with just over ten minutes remaining.

Boden badly needed to raise a green flag and that came via an own goal and was followed soon after with the addition of a further point to now trail by two points. The momentum was now with Boden and soon after Luke Grady capitalised on a mix up in the Mearnóg defence to complete his hat-trick and more importantly put Boden a point up with 5 minutes to play. Mearnóg equalised soon after and then dealt the killer blow by scoring the winning point from a free that wasn't cleared when it came back into play.

Lady luck has deserted the lads in recent times and the tide will surely turn in their favour in the coming weeks.

Squad: Mark McNamee (0-1), Fionnán Keogh, Karl Reddy, Ruairí Hester, Sam Lally (0-1), Kieran Kennedy, Jamie Dooney, Thomas Glynn, Ronan Wallace, Eoghan McGarvey, Ben Kelly, Ross McGarry (0-4), Ciaran O'Reilly (0-1), Luke Grady (3-0), Jack Basquel, Rob Donohue, Jacques Dalton, Jack Daly-Kenny

Mentors: Derek Ward, John O'Boyle, Brendan Gillespie, Frank Basquel, Tony Wallace, Seamus O'Flaherty

Div 1 Hurling Feile Match Reports



Silver Park in Leopardstown was the venue for this year's Division 1 Hurling Feile Group B with Kilmacud Crokes hosting Ballyboden St. Endas, Commercials and Naomh Baróg. Ballyboden went into the tournament full of confidence with an impressive 100% success rate in the league to date.

Match 1: BBSE V Commercials

First up for the Boden Boys were Commercials, who always provide stiff opposition and Boden were not taking their task lightly, targeting the opening fixture as a 'must win' game.

When proceedings got underway, Boden started brightly with Captain Rhys McDonnell opening the scoring with a free just a couple of minutes in...he added another from play before Commercials struck an early goal against the run of play and they doubled their advantage with a point soon after. Boden were already into their stride however and bounced back with some excellent play and drew a succession of fouls resulting in three further pointed frees from the skipper to take a one point lead midway through the opening half. Mathew Ormsby then struck an excellent solo effort after a strong run from midfield to extend the lead before Commercials signalled that they were not lying down by retaliating quickly with a score of their own to narrow the deficit to the bare minimum. Boden finished the half stronger despite Commercials adding a late pointed free in reply to scores from Michael McDonald and the lively Cian Kelly and also full forward Jason Dwyer to leave the half time scoreline at 0-9 to 1-3 in Boden's favour.

With a stiff breeze at their backs in the second half, Boden added two early points from Rhys MacDonnell frees but Commercials did not throw in the towel and struck a goal and a point in reply to make it a one point game and ask some serious questions of their opponents. Ballyboden would answer emphatically and finally started to pull away with a

succession of scores from play and placed balls from the stick of Rhys McDonnell who, having moved into Full Forward for the second half, bagged a personal tally of 2-10 to cap a Man of the Match performance. Commercial managed to add four more points but Mathew Ormsby iced the cake for Ballyboden with another fantastic solo effort late on.

Final Score Ballyboden 2-16 Commercial 2-8

Match 2: BBSE V Kilmacud Crokes

Next up for Ballyboden was billed as the crunch game of the group against the hosts and fierce rivals Kilmacud Crokes. Although it would not be an eliminator as both sides had won their opening fixture, neither side wanted to come out on the wrong end of this one and a battle royal was anticipated in a bid to top the Group standings.

Such was the tension following the build-up to this contest, it almost inevitably proved a little anti-climatic for the purists as it turned out to be a low scoring affair dominated by excellent defences on both sides. The imperious Alex Gavin and David Gannon leading the Boden rearguard, showed their true class in this one repelling Crokes and frustrating the hosts time and again with their energetic and intelligent endeavours. Of course it was more than a two man job and they were ably assisted by Conor Barnes and Oisín Byrne, David Keane, Josh Corcoran and Harry Duff who combined to nullify Crokes attacks. The highlight of the game was a brilliant goal from Boden's Hugh O'Sullivan at Full Forward, gathering possession from a high ball about 20 metres out before powering past his marker to smash an unstoppable shot into the top far corner of the Crokes net. That score gave Boden a six point cushion at half time and the teams would only score once each in an uneventful second half to give Boden the desired spoils.

Final Score BBSE 1-6 Kilmacud Crokes 1-2

Match 3: BBSE V Naomh Baróg

The final group game pitted Boden against surprise packet Naomh Baróg who had effectively ended Commercial's hopes with a victory in their head to head.

This would prove a much tougher test than anyone had predicted and Baróg settled into the swing of things quicker and raced into the lead with an early goal. A pointed free followed before Jason Dwyer opened Boden's account with a well taken point before a free from Josh Corcoran closed the gap further. Baróg converted another free heading towards half-time but the busy Jason Dwyer was rewarded for his high work rate with a goal to draw the sides level at the break at 1-2 each.

Boden grabbed the first score of the second period to take the lead for the first time in the contest when Hugh O'Sullivan pointed a long range effort almost straight from the throw-in but that was soon wiped out by another Baróg goal to really throw the cat among the pigeons! Cian Durkin then went on a personal crusade and took the game by the scruff of the neck to score a goal and two points and open a three point lead for Boden and it seemed the storm had been weathered. However, back came Baróg and despite Boden's resolute defence holding firm, with big performances from Barry Maguire, David Keane, Conor Barnes and David Keogh, their pressure paid off with two pointed frees to reduce the deficit to the bare minimum. To their credit Boden upped their game again to rally late on and forced a penalty when the industrious Sam Doyle was upended in the box and Rhys McDonnell duly dispatched the sliothar into the Baróg net with aplomb. He then signed off another excellent

personal and team performance with the last score of the game from a free to send Boden into the Semi-final as Group winners.

Final Score BBSE 3-6 Naomh Baróg 2-4

Semi-Final: BBSE V Faughs

Local rivals Faughs provided derby opposition for the semi-final having finished runners-up in Group A which they hosted at their Tymon Park HQ. Ballyboden knew that if they were to win Feile, they would have to overcome the reigning League Champions at either this stage or in the Final so the view was...may as well be sooner rather than later ! This really was a tantalizing affair and the perfect stage to renew rivalries with our nearest neighbours. Faughs took the early advantage before Rhys McDonnell equalized from a free. Faughs then scored the first goal before another Boden free halved the deficit . A short 65 saw Ballyboden's Conor Casey benefit as he split the posts with a sharp shot to reduce the gap to a single point. A rare error in the Boden defence gave Faughs a second goal chance which was duly taken to open a four point gap midway through the opening half. Boden then enjoyed a period of dominance during which Cian Kelly and Jason Dwyer up front, both went close to netting which would have been no less than Boden deserved as reward for their endeavours with David Keogh, Mathew Ormsby and Connell McGlynn getting the better of their counterparts and providing a good supply of ball inside to the forwards. The pressure paid off when after a pointed free, the breakthrough finally came for Boden when Cian Kelly found the net to draw the sides level . However, two further scores including a converted 65 gave Faughs a two point lead at the break.

The impressive Sam Doyle reduced the arrears early in the second half and that was to be the last score from play from either side as defences tightened up and chances were scarce from then on. Boden Keeper, Jack Hutchinson's Goal wasn't threatened again as Cian Kiely, Oisín Byrne and Harry Duff worked tirelessly to minimize any threat that Faughs would pose around the park but neither could Boden impose themselves at the opposite end despite the best efforts of Thomas Brosnan, Sean O'Shea, Cormac McDonnell and Hugh O'Sullivan up front who were starved of good ball for large periods as the battle waged in the bear pit of midfield and on both flanks where neither side could command control. The hugely impressive Davy Keogh would produce the last score for Boden who ultimately could not close the gap and thus fell agonizingly short despite a last ditch effort from a 21 metre free by Rhys McDonnell being stopped short of the goal line.

Final Score : BBSE 1-7 Faughs 2-7

It was of course a disappointing end to the day after some excellent performances from both the team as a unit and every individual player, who represented their club and respective families with such distinction and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. The club, coaches and parents can be very proud of all the lads who will now again switch their focus to extending their excellent league form in a bid to wrestle the title from our near neighbours...That indeed would be supreme consolation !
Boden Abú !

For more photos, see [here](#)'



Division Four Runners Up, Feile na nGael.



The under 14 B team met on Saturday morning at 8.15am for the team photograph. They all looked so smart and professional in their tracksuits. It was a damp morning but the spirits were running high with anticipation and excitement. We had a 45 minute drive ahead of us over to our hosts St Maurs of Rush, Co. Dublin. We arrived in convoy and parked the cars thinking it was going to be a hard day ahead of us.....the 3 teams we were facing are the top three teams in the League so the boys knew each match was going to be a tough battle.

The teams lined up beside each other and the President of St Maurs welcomed the four teams as well as the supporters to the club for a great day of hurling.

The first match was against O'Tooles. Having won the toss and choosing to play with the wind, the boys were poised in their positions ready for the first strike of the sliotar and when it was struck they charged into battle. We, the spectators, were treated to a fabulous game of hurling and what a start to Feile 2017!!

Match 1 - BBSE 3-6 (15) v 0-7 (7) O'Tooles

The second match we knew was going to be tough. BBSE had played them the week before and the team had been battered by Counsel Gaels, our next opponents. The boys got into position to brace themselves for a hard game ahead. Our boys did our club proud for the next 20 minutes. They won every ball and they defended like true soldiers with another fantastic result.

Match 2 - BBSE 3-8 (17) v 1-5 (8) Counsel Gaels

With a semi-final place secured, the mentors knew it was all about managing playing time, so they could face the semi-final as fresh as possible and ensure all the panel had game time. The team understood the strategy and played valiantly throughout in a tough battle with the favourites St Maurs.

Match 3 - St Maurs 6-3 (21) v 1-2 (5) BBSE

We set out to Thomas Davis, Kiltipper Road for the Semi Final against St Kevin's HC (yet another team ahead of us in the League!)

We arrived at Kiltipper Road and gained more support from family and friends who were delighted to come down the road to see our local heroes.

The boys were in position and were ready for battle again for the fourth time that day. And they did not disappoint themselves or their supporters. They dug deep and fought and defended and deserved every score they made.

The B team worked hard for a wonderful result to beat St Kevin's and to go through to the final against the favourites St. Maurs

Semi Final BBSE 3-5 (14) v 2-0 (6) St Kevin's HC

The next morning, we arose to a damp and windy morning. The team met at the Clubhouse to make sure everyone was accounted for. The boys were sore and weary from the day before but they were excited and truly hoped that they would succeed in Blakestown and surprise everyone!

The Boden community did not disappoint and the boys had huge numbers of supporters who made plenty of noise as the match started. They were up a point at half time. The boys played out of their skins but were not able to match some of the skill of St Maurs.

At the end of the day the result didn't matter because every single boy on that team gave 110% and the mentors and parents were rewarded with a great weekend of hurling that the B team, their mentors and their family will never forget.

Final St Maurs 3-6 (15) v 0-4 (4) BBSE

Mentors Niall Sudway, Brendan Bury, Stephen Lacey

Team: Adam Lacey, Ben O'Mahony, Dylan Smith, Eoin Donne, Evan Welch, Kevin Hearty, Luke Bentley, Michael Hanahran, Niall Moore, Niall O'Donnell, Paul Basquel, Reed Barry, Ruaidhri Sinnott, Ryan Ramsden, Sean Bury, Sean O'Donnell, Setanta Sudway, Thomas

Nolan, Thomas Culleton, Tom White, U13 John Farrington, U13 Scott McDonald, U13 Leon Kennedy

We would like to thank St Maurs for their hospitality and for hosting Division Four Group A. St Maurs were great hosts to teams and supporters alike. A big thank you also has to go to the Ballyboden Féile committee for all their efforts which ensured we all looked so well and had all the necessary provisions/equipment to get us through the day. And finally to the mentors and parents who prepared the boys so well and to the many supporters who came out to cheer on the boys. Boden Abu!

Many thanks to Peter Hanrahan, Stephen Lacey and Tara Barry for the photos. For more photos, [see here](#)



U16 Football Championship Semi Finals

Best of luck to our two U16 Football teams as they take on Skerries Harps in Football 'A' and St Sylvesters in Football 'D' Championships. Our A's have the home advantage of Ballycullen while our B's travel to Malahide. For

directions to St Sylvesters, see [here](#)
Throw in for both matches is 3.30pm.

Please come out and support our young lads and cheer them on to a place on the Finals..

| U16 Football A Championship | | | U16 Football D Championship | | |
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| DATE | VENUE | TIME | DATE | VENUE | TIME |
| 06 May | Ballycullen | 15:30 | 06 May | Broomfield | 15:30 |
| BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS A | | | ST SYLVESTERS B | | |
| VS | | | VS | | |
| SKERRIES HARPS A | | | BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS B | | |
| REFEREE | | | REFEREE | | |
| Andrew Dolan- Ballinteer | | | Eddie Walker-O Tooles | | |
| COMMENT | | | COMMENT | | |
| Semi Final ..ET if req. | | | Semi Final ..ET if req. | | |



Fine win for our U16C Ladies Footballers



The U16 C squad travelled over to Fingallians in Swords on Tuesday evening to play a refixed league game. The team was boosted by the support of three U14 players so we could field 13 a side as many of our regulars were unavailable. Thanks to these girls, their parents and mentor Jean for facilitating this gesture of club spirit!

Captain Sarah White won the toss and we played with a strong win in the first half. We had

great possession won by Mia Smith and Lily in midfield but didn't make the most of our chances. We had a long range goal from Mia, who also notched two points. Aoife Keady on her first appearance this season poached another goal so we led by 2-2 to 2-0 at half time. They had three strong running players attacking from deep but the two Sarahs and Stephanie hooked and harried and spoiled effectively to counteract them.

We thought the wind advantage in the second half would be challenging but the Boden girls rose to the task with Ciara Doyle and Rena making good runs and Julie' stick smasher' Vaughan battling for every ball. Our full backs Mia and Zara ensured Sarah R didn't have much to do as we held them scoreless for the 30 minutes, running out winners by 4-5 to 2-0 for our first win of the season.

Scorers:

Mia Smyth: 2-2

Ciara Doyle 1-2 (0-2 frees)

Aoife Keady 1-0

Lily Wende-Doyle 0-1 (free)

Missing from photo – Sarah Reynolds & Sarah White

U-16 A League – Terenure College – 24th April '17

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Faughs 0 - 1

BBSE 1 - 8

On Saturday afternoon our U-16A's took on Faughs in the unusual surroundings of Terenure College. It is a venue more accustomed to the oval ball than to any specimen of a round ball, and the ankle-long grass indicated as much.

Our earlier league match had been a one-sided affair and Faughs, playing a sweeper throughout were determined that there would be no repeat. To their credit, the tactic was quite successful and time and again our forwards found their way to goal blocked by resolute Faughs defending.

Faughs began with the aid of a strong wind but we were doing the bulk of the attacking.

Katie was rested at the start so Hollyn took over the free-taking duties and slotted an early point, before adding another from play, Faughs then replied with a pointed free of their own before Hollyn closed the first half with another pointed free.

Half Time 0-3 to 0-1

Aisling Byrne opened the second half with a point before Robyn brilliantly converted a "45". Sarah Ann was then quickest to react, tipping the ball over the bar when Lucy's goal-bound shot was saved by the Faughs goalie. Aisling Byrne then found the net, and Katie pointed following a lovely pass from Olivia.

Niamh was then moved forward and looked menacing every time she got the ball, eventually closing the scoring with a sweet point from a tight angle.

Final Score 1-8 to 0-1

Next up Counsel on Wednesday.

Camoige Lucan Sarsfields 1-4 Ballyboden U13A 6-5

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Ballyboden U13s headed out to Lucan on Sunday afternoon to take on the strong challenge of Lucan on their home pitch. Both teams exchanged early points from placed balls with Clodagh pointing a 45 for Boden. The first half continued tight with Boden creating some neat scores with goals for Aine and Hannah & points for Ella McNair (2) and Leonie from great forward play. Lucan responded with a goal and 2 more points themselves and finished off the half camped in the Boden half but great defending from Emma Jane, Alice, Kate Lennon and the imperious Sadie kept them out. When Lucan did breach the defence a triple save from Shauna kept them out and the Boden girls finished the half with a narrow lead of 2-4 to 1-3.

The second half continued tight but the Boden defence continued strong with Leah, Shona, Megan Deignan and Megan Dignam dominating and great forward running from Caoimhe and Kate Donaghy converting defence to attack. The scoreboard started to lean in Boden's favour with 2nd goals for Aine and Hannah and goals for both Ellas - McNair and Reid and another point from Hannah giving the girls a good lead. Again the goal was well marshalled this half by Sarah Gleeson and Lucan were restricted to a single point in the second half. A final score of 6-5 to 1-3 gave the Boden girls a 3rd win out of their 3 league games. Next up is the challenge of Na Fianna next weekend.

Opening Weekend of U12 Boys Football League.



While the excitement of the hurling Féile was going on elsewhere, another very significant GAA milestone was taking place last weekend: this time for our U12 Boys footballers, as they lined out for their first league games proper after 5 weeks of grading.

The grading games had been taking place since the end of January, and the coaches' aim was for our 4 teams to be placed in leagues where they would find the games competitive, and where the lads could challenge for places and move both ways between teams, remain

competitive and not find too great a gulf in standards.

So it proved to be, as we were awarded places in Divisions 1, 3, 8 and 10 for our 4 teams.

The honour of our opening fixture went to our Div. 3 team, who made the short journey across to Ballinteer Community School last Wednesday evening to take on Ballinteer St John A's, in a Division where all but one other club are 'A' streamed. Unsurprisingly then, this was a tough and very hotly fought derby encounter, and despite some very good performances across the field, our lads eventually lost out to a good, strong Ballinteer A outfit.

Saturday saw our Div. 1 team open their account with a good win over a strong Castleknock challenge at Cherryfield. This was a tough encounter against good, physically strong opposition, but our lads really dug in and stuck to their task, eventually winning out 4:02 to 1:04.

At the same time over at Ballycullen, our Div. 8 lads came up against similarly strong opposition in Clanna Gael, though this time there was nothing between the teams in the end as they played out a 1:09 to 3:03 draw, again against well-matched opposition.

Our final game saw our Div. 10 lads travel across to Erin Go Brágh just inside the Dublin-Meath border at Clonee on Sunday morning, to facilitate our opposition hosting Féile on Saturday. A good crowd turned up to watch an entertaining encounter played out by 2 very game groups of boys who played some great football, but with a strong third quarter performance eventually tipping the result in favour of Erin Go Brágh, despite a strong comeback from our lads.

So, some lessons learned in our opening week of league football – notably how well matched all the teams in the divisions are, and how strong we can expect the opposition to be from now on. No easy games!

And very well done to all the lads – every one of them are working hard and playing for one another.

Well done lads!

Many thanks to Dave Rusk for the photos from the Erin Go Brágh game. For more photos, see [here](#)



U11 Boys Hurling...2017 Dermot McNulty Tournament Champions!



For most, the May bank holiday is a day to relax, pray for some sunshine and perhaps enjoy a bit of gardening or engage in some other leisurely pursuit.

But for the U11 boys it was never going to be a day of rest. Instead, it was a day of intense competition as they took part in the Annual Dermot McNulty Hurling Tournament organised by Na Fianna. Ballyboden has done reasonably well in this tournament in the past and two teams competing for the cup and shield were quietly determined to do themselves and their club proud.

But first they had to play group games against very strong teams representing Na Fianna, St Vincents, Cuala, Whitehall Colmcille, Setanta and Coolderry.

Both teams came out of the blocks at a blistering pace and by playing magnificent hurling they sailed through the group stages, with both qualifying for their respective finals. The BBSE cup team were up against the mighty Coolderry boys from Offaly who had narrowly beaten our boys in the final group match, while the BBSE shield team, having gone through the group stage unbeaten, were matched against a very strong squad from Ballymun's Setanta club.

The two finals, run at the same time, were truly epic. All teams put on a brilliant display of top class hurling played in front of a large group of enthusiastic supporters. In the dying moments there was nothing to separate the finalists as goals and points were traded with abandon. But there was something special about these two BBSE teams as they battled like tigers right to the final whistle and never giving an inch. Cue for great celebrations at the final whistle as both teams emerged victorious.

This is the first competition win for the U11 boys and they did it in great style, showcasing all that is best about the U11 squad. They did themselves, their parents and club proud and have lots to look forward to as they progress through the year. Many thanks to Na Fianna

who organised a great tournament and provided wonderful hospitality and catering to all the visiting teams.

Many thanks to Eamonn Gormley for the photos. For more photos [see here](#)



Our U9 Footballers were in action last weekend



One group of the U9's footballers travelled to Clondalkin on Saturday morning and had a good day out in Round Towers where played in 3 competitively fought games.

Well done to our Boden boys.

Many thanks to Tony Duffy for the photos. For more photos, [see here](#)





Calling on all past pupils and parents of St Mary's BNS.



ST. MARY'S BOYS' SCHOOL

**Celebrating
40 Years**

WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY, 7.30pm – 9.00pm

**ALL WELCOME TO VIEW OUR PHOTO EXHIBITION
AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE**

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the opening of St. Mary's Boys national School. To celebrate 40 years of learning and teaching in the school a number of events have been planned.

Wednesday evening, between 7.30pm - 9pm, allows an opportunity to re-visit the school, meet up with old friends and some teachers and view the Photo Exhibition and display of memorabilia. There will also be a mini Concert by Rathfarnham Concert Band on the evening.

The staff hope people will call in and see them and re-live the memories!

Knocklyon Park pitches get a facelift!



Gabriel Curtis of Woodstown Village Residents Association presented Ballyboden's Tomás Ó Reachtabhra with some litterpickers and 'Bin the Poo' signs in Knocklyon Park, the Boden Ballycullen pitches.

The initiative is to aid keeping the clubhouse area, parking area and pitches clean and also support Woodstown Village with its SuperValu Tidy Towns 2017 entry.

The Association also painted the entrance vehicle and pedestrian gates and its has greatly improved our gateways.

Many thanks to Woodstown Village and we wish them the Best of Luck in the Tidy Towns competition.



Poc Fada

Ticket sales are going well for the fantastic prize which is being raffled in conjunction with the big event on Saturday, July 1st.

The Poc Fada itself will, of course, be the highlight of day and teams are now in full training for the event. The precise course is a closely guarded secret but several teams have been seen surveying the contours in Cherryfield in the hope of getting some vital information which might make all the difference on the day. Some have even been heard discussing the “prevailing wind” in Cherryfield!! Each team has 4 members and strategy will be vital in attempting to lift the inaugural trophy!

Tickets for the fantastic prize of a Helicopter Trip to Croker, with overnight stay, tickets for the All Ireland Final and a meal can be bought from any of our hurlers and are also available behind the bar. €5 will get you a chance of winning this great prize.

Annual Golf Classic



Annual Golf Classic 2017



Edmondstown Golf Club Friday 26th May



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