

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



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Official Re-Opening of Ballyboden St Enda's pitch (Pairc Uí Mhurchú)



The official re-opening of Pairc Uí Mhurchú (The main ground of Ballyboden St Enda's GAA club) took place on Saturday 1st July. The refurbished pitch,underwent a major redevelopment, which cost €200,000. There was an atmosphere of great excitement as games recommenced on the main pitch after a 9 month closure due to the works development program.

The official ceremony was performed by the Chairman of Ballyboden St Enda's Mr Ciaran Maguire together with special guest, Mr Jim Bolger Chairman of the Leinster Council. Among the other guests who attended the event, included Mr Paul Gogarty Mayor of SDCC, Mr Sean Shanley, Chairman of Dublin County Board, Canon Adrienne Galligan from Rathfarnham Parish, Fr Paddy Smyth from Knocklyon, Mr John Lahart TD and Counsellor Deirdre O'Donovan.

It was a hectic day at the club, commencing with a poc fada competition at 10am, which consisted of 20 teams of the club's hurlers taking part. There followed a hurling challenge match between Ballyboden and Dicksboro of Kilkenny and a further AFL Division 1 match between Ballyboden and Ballymun Kickhams. All 4 teams especially the visiting teams were very complimentary about the standard of the new pitch surface.

There was a genuine holiday atmosphere in the club which was attended by many of the club's families and friends. A barbeque together with other refreshments was laid on for the 4 teams and all patrons of the club.

In the evening the clubhouse was full as many people attended the ceili and a great evening of music and fun was had by all.





























Winner of Poc Fada Team Cork's Mattie O Sullivan accepts his prize from Boden's Johns Ryan and Small

Senior Hurling Challenge - BBSE V Dicksboro



Ballyboden Senior Hurlers had the honour of playing the first match on the new pitch as part of the official re—opening of Páirc Uí Mhurchú on Saturday 1st July 2017 as they welcomed Dicksboro from Kilkenny to the Firhouse Road.

On a fine, bright afternoon, the magnificent new surface looked superb as the referee threw the ball in. Paul Doherty scored the first (and second) points of this new era as Boden settled in well to the task at hand. Conor Robinson was his usual industrious self at wing-back and had the upper hand in the opening exchanges ably assisted by Malachy Travers and David O'Connor. Boden used the strong breeze to good advantage as they raced ahead to lead 7 points to 3 at the quarter hour. Niall Ryan went on a few trademark runs and finished well and the Boden forwards put some nice flowing moves together. Michael Boland and Aidan Mellet were working hard in the corners the latter scoring the final point of the half to leave the sides on Boden 0-13 Dicksboro 0-4 at the break.

The expected fight back happened after the recommencement with the Marble City men scoring the first three points of the half. Boden steadied through the accuracy of substitute Aaron Coffey and Colm Ó'Néill. Against the breeze, manager Paul Curley instructed ball low in to the forwards and this proved a useful tactic on the three quarter mark when Morgan Ryan found himself in space with plenty of time to finish to the open net. Dicksboro were not finished yet however and put on 1-6 in the final fifteen minutes. However, good work by Luke Corcoran, Rob Leddy and key interventions by Adam Jermyn meant Boden sent enough ball forward to create chances. Niall Ryan pointed a brace of frees to close the match out on a scoreline of Boden 1-20 to Dicksboro 1-16. A fitting start to mark this major club development. Thanks to Dicksboro for a fine sporting match.

Gary Maguire, Cathal Bergin, Luke Corcoran, Rob Leddy, Conor Robinson, Mal, Adam Jermyn, Finn McGarry, Collie, Niall Ryan, Conor McCormack, David O'Connor, Aidan Mellet, Paul Doherty, Michael Boland. Subs: Niall Keegan, Aaron Coffey, Morgan Ryan



Minor A League: Ballyboden St Enda's 1-20 Kilmacud Crokes 0-18

With the Leaving Cert put to bed and the Gaeltacht criochnaithe it was back to reality at Glenalby on Friday evening. This was a feisty affair right from the start as both sides grappled to get a vital 2 league points. Kilmacud played with the aid of a stiff breeze in the first half but despite this it was Ballyboden who got off to a flyer. Conor Fallon, who was on fire at corner forward, threw over 2 exquisite points in the first and third minute. Kilmacud came in to the game in determined fashion and from that until half time both sides traded points to leave the Stillorgan side ahead by 0-11 to 0-9 at the break. Indeed, Kilmacud should have been further ahead but they couldn't convert a great goal chance just before the break. In addition the whole of the Ballyboden defence played with spirited defiance throughout the half.

With the wind at their backs and only 2 points behind it looked good for Ballyboden at half time. However, this group of Kilmacud lads were proving difficult to put away. As was the pattern of the first half both sides traded points throughout the early stages of the second half. The decisive score of the match came in the 49th minute when Shane Kennedy waltzed through the Kilmacud defence to score the only goal of the game. From there until the final whistle Ballyboden embellished the scoreboard with some fine scores from Ben Kelly, Jack Kenny, Ciarán Cashman, Luke Basquel and a spectacular over the shoulder effort from the aforementioned Fallon. A good evenings work all round.

Scorers: Conor Fallon 0-8 (3 frees), Shane Kennedy 1-2, Jack Kenny 0-3, Luke Basquel 0-3, Ben Kelly 0-2 Ciaran Cashman 0-2.

Team: Shane Garvey, Ronan Wallace, Jacques Dalton, Mark Normile, Karl Reddy, Cillian Kirwan, Sam Lally, Kevin Lalor, Shane Kennedy, Ben Kelly, Daniel Nugent, Jack Kenny, Ciarán Cashman, Luke Basquel, Conor Fallon. Subs. Daniel O'Riordan, Ruari Hestor, Cillian Wall, Thomas Glynn.

Hurling - Upcoming Fixtures

Intermediate Championship V Thomas Davis in Kiltipper at 7.30pm on Wednesday, July 5th

Senior B Championship v Raheny in Sancta Maria at 7.30pm on Wednesday, July 5th **Junior D Championship** V Oliver Plunkett's ER in Ballycullen at 7.30pm on Thursday, July 6th

Minor A League V Na Fianna in Mobhi Road at 7.30pm on Friday, July 7th

AHL 4 V St. Vincent's in Ballycullen at 6.30pm on Saturday, July 8th

AHL 3 V Kilmacud Crokes in Silverpark at 6.30pm on Saturday, July 8th

AHL 1 V Parnells in Sancta Maria at 6.30pm on Saturday, July 8th

AHL 5 V Counsel Gaels in Liffey Park on Sunday, July 9th at 11.00am

At time of going to press, all Saturday evening fixtures are going ahead. Any changes will be posted on the website

Ballyboden St Endas v Ballymun Kickhams, League, Páirc Úí Mhurchú, 1 July 2017



Ballyboden St Endas 2 - 12; Ballymun Kickhams 4 - 7

As the old cliche goes, goals win matches and in this game, while we scored two goals, we conceded four.

Ballymun had a good start and had two points on the board in six minutes. Things could have been worse as Darragh Nelson was on hand to clear our lines after Darragh Gogan had been beaten. Conal Keaney and Ryan Basquel quickly cancelled these out. The visitors again went ahead on 15 minutes but then we started to gain control with James Holland and Donagh McCabe scoring points and Darren O'Reilly finishing off a good move to the net.

However, our joy was short lived as a minute later Ballymun were allowed through to give Darragh Gogan in goal no chance. However, this seemed to spur us on and three minutes later Ryan Basquel got our second goal which was followed with a good point by Alan Flood after he intercepted the Ballymun kick out.

Slack marking again let Ballymun in for their second goal to reduce our lead once again to two points. As we approached half time, Ryan Basquel and Sam Molony scored points with Ballymun responding with one point to leave the half time score 2 - 7 to 2 - 4.

We were still in a good position going into the second half with the wind not favouring us. However, after two minutes of the restart Ballymun rattled our net once again and they followed this with a point to put them a point ahead. We fought back with points from Collie Dunne (free) and two long range points in a minute from Simon Lambert to put us two points ahead.

Disaster struck again with Ballymun getting their fourth goal and putting them one point

ahead as we approached the last 10 minutes. In the last five minutes Ryan Basquel scored two points but these were cancelled out by Ballymun to see them take the two valuable league points on offer.

This was a very disappointing finish to a great day that saw Páirc Úí Mhurchú re-opened after major surgery that has produced one of the finest pitches in the county.

TEAM: Darragh Gogan; Scott Cullen; Graham Heavey; Cathal Flaherty; James Holland; Darragh Nelson; Stephen O'Connor; Simon Lambert; Donagh McCabe; Darren O'Reilly; Conal Keaney; Collie Dunne; Sam Molony; Ryan Basquel; Alan Flood; SUBS USED: Evan Flanagan; Liam Flaherty.

More pictures of the match here

JB League game v St Sylvesters. BBSE 1-15. St Sylvesters 0-6.



This league encounter could not of come at a better time after our defeat to Olafs. No better way to refocus than a tough encounter against a team sitting two positions above us in the table. We were hurting, our pride had been dented, time to take a scalp and why not today? First to tag on a point was the ever youthful Colum Reade. After receiving an excellent ball in from Vinnie, he turned his man inside out before splitting the posts from an impossible angle. Before Sylvesters could catch their breath Boden had tagged on another three unanswered points. Enda Daly and Vinnie Moran were playing on a higher level and are building an excellent understanding in midfield. Jamie Kavanagh at half forward is another player who has come along leaps and bounds. Not one to shy away from a good crunching tackle, he was a constant menace in breaking down the Sylvesters attack. Donal McCarthy playing along side him is another player who has established himself in the side and his constant penetrating runs where causing all sorts of problems for Syls. Andrew Kerins helped himself to two points to bring the scoreline to 1-7 to 0-4 at half time. The message from management was simple. We were probably operating at about 70%, let's go for the jugular and put this

game to bed. Controlled aggressive football was now needed.

Boy, the JBs did not disapoint in the second half. Not a blade of grass was given away. Tackles were perfectly timed, counter attacks were at lightening pace. Sylvesters were chasing shadows. Points were coming from all angles such was the movement from the JBs. Then came a controversial moment when Alan was judged to have dragged down the Sylvesters forward and was given a blackcard. Our full forward Lynchy replaced him in goal and prepared for the penalty. Making himself as big as possible and using delaying tactics after watching the master himself, the Syls player sent the ball over for a point. Further points from Traynor, Daly, Shane and Kerins helped make this a memorable victory. The JBs ran out winners with a scoreline of 1-15 to 0-6. A resounding victory and a joy to watch. This is an extremely competitive league and wins are not easy, teams will drop points and we must be ready to pounce. Up next is Round Towers Lusk, another tough away game. Report by Martin O Donnell.

Unfortunately it wasn't to be. A seriously depleted team owing to injuries and lads on holidays lost by a single point to a strong RTL. In fact the game was level and with a crazy amount of extra time been played, Towers were awarded a free that was never a free in a million years. The referee blew the whistle straight after they split the posts. No time to pull it back. The lads who played can be proud of themselves, they gave a hell of a performance. It just wasn't our day, we have all had them. Up next is St Sylvesters in the Championship in Malahide on the 13th of July at 7.30. Support very much appreciated. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



Junior A Football Division 5 League

Naomh Mearnog 3-11 Ballyboden St Endas 5-20

Ballybodens league campaign got back on track after with a comfortable win against bottom of the table Mearnogs in sunny Portmarnock last Sunday morning.

Due to a variety of reasons the visitors were very short of numbers and were lucky to get the basic compliment to take on the home side. Indeed it looked for long periods that the home side were going to give Boden their fill of it and were it not for a well worked goal just before the break the boys in blue could easily have gone in at the break in arrears. Despite their league position Mearnog were a plucky outfit and threw men forward at every opportunity, picking off some nice scores to trouble the visiting Boden boys.

These slow starts are causing some difficulty for Boden and it looked like a difficult assignment as the referee started the second period.

Boden however had other ideas and promptly got the scoreboard moving. Delightful points and a brace of well worked goals had the visitors in control. Cian Hoare controlled the attack

with defence splitting passes and with Gilheaney causing all sorts of problems with his movement, Boden raced in to a commanding lead. The home side didn't give up though and a spell binding full length save from the visitors keeper, McGrath had Boden rattled. Boden responded in kind but this thunderbolt went in to the home sides net to put Boden out of sight. A feature of the game was the home sides keeper who caused Boden massive problems with his restarts. He pretty much hit every one of his deliveries to his intended target to set up an attack.

There were a couple of stand out displays from the visitors, with Paul Dolans distribution and finishing a delight to watch. Connor Kennedys display at wing forward again was a significant contribution, while Hoare ran the show from the ctr forward paoition.

At ctr back Keller had another rock like performance and his ability to get forward and score is a massive asset to the attack. Murphy and Carolan in midfield kept a steady supply of balls in to the forwards and never let up right throughout. O Donnell, Jordan and Sweeney were very solid right through the game.

So with Championship looming on the 11th it looks like Boden are in good shape going in to the semi-final against a strong Plunketts side.

We look forward to seeing you there

Ballyboden Summer Camp 2017



Summer Camp time again!!...Ballyboden St Enda's Summer Camp returns this July & August!! The Biggest & Best Summer Camp in the country starts on Monday July 10th!! For more information, see here. For an application form, see here.

U10 Hurlers were on the road



Boden U10 Hurlers recently played two blitz events in Clannagael Fontenoy in Ringsend and in Naas.

The Naas blitz always draws some top quality hurlers from across the country and this year's event was no different with strong opposition from Tipperary, Antrim and Kilkenny attending. Large crowds attended and 16 teams participated. This is a great event complete with marching bands and fantastic hospitality from the host club. Thankfully the early morning rain cleared and the blitz was played in great sunshine.

First up for Boden "1" was a game against North Antrim, a development side drawn from 4 clubs Antrim. Boden settled quickly to their task and played some great hurling but were struggling to get the scores that their play deserved. Annrim gradually got into the game and a couple of quick points followed by a goal, turned the game on its head. The Boden boys battled bravely but victory went to Antrim.

Next up was a close hard fought match with hosts Naas. This was a close game but Naas got their scores a little easier and gradually pulled clear of Boden to record a narrow win.

In their last group, Boden would play Kilruane McDonaghs from Tipperary. This was a tough physical encounter, Kilruane started in a whirlwind scoring some early goals. Boden responded well in the second half but went down to the eventual outright winners.

Meanwhile over on the Canal pitches, Boden "2" played stiff opposition from both Kilmacud and North Antrim "2" suffering 2 defeats. However the boys responded admirably these defeats with a superb performance and victory over Limerick side, Caherline.

In the play-off round of games, Boden "1" recorded a good win over Caherline and Boden "2", suffered a narrow defeat to hosts Naas.

The Boden players can be proud of the way they battled in the games, showing great spirit throughout and all the games were played in a sporting manner. Whilst it took them a little while to deal with the greater physicality, the boys will undoubtedly learn from this experience which will stand to them in the future.

A sincere word of thanks to the Boden Coaches, who attended at the Clannagael and Naas events.

Many thanks to Pat Norris for the photos. For more photos see here





Under 13 Camogie girls training

The Under 13 Camogie girls finished up last week for the summer on a rainy night in St. Endas Park. This was also the last of a 4 week training initiative by the club whereby senior coaches within the club put the girls through their paces by running the training sessions. The initiative had been rolled out to the Under 13 Boys first before the coaches stepped up a level to the challenge of the Under 13 girls!

Both the girls and their regular coaches were taken through intensive training sessions where the emphasis was on implementing their skills. The girls gave their all through the balmy conditions of early June to the driving rain of late June and took away some great teaching which we hope they will practice over the summer months. By the last session the numbers were depleted due to holidays, school graduations and Irish Colleges but there was no drop in enthusiasm by the girls who were left.

Many thanks to Paudie O'Neill, Fiona Corcoran and Grace Maher for taking the sessions and for all the valuable teaching that they gave to the girls and also to the coaches. We were also spoiled for coaches as we had Dean Curran up for one session as part of the Poc Fada competition and we were happy that Dean put some of the girl's advice into practise as his team went on to win the competition!





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