



**Ballyboden St. Endas**  
GAA Camogie and Ladies Football Club  
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**CONLON CUP FINAL- Ballyboden St Endas 0-10 Na Fianna 0-08**



### **Ballyboden St Endas 0-10 Na Fianna 0-08**

Ballybodens Junior A footballers collected their first piece of silverware with a defiant and gutsy display against a much vaunted Na Fianna side at PUM on Sunday morning.

While by no means a classic, it was however a battle of wills and the home side proved beyond any doubt that they had the mental toughness to prevail in this closely fought encounter.

Bodens victory was built on a rock solid defence. At times it was heroic stuff with bodies being put on the line time and again. It was impossible to pick out a defender who didn't stand up to the visitors repeated attacks. In goals McGrath was magnificent and on more than one occasion he was required to save the day.

In front of him the Captain Maguire, full back Jordan and McPartland were nothing less than magnificent and could each have claimed a "man of the match" award.

In front of them Scott Cullen, Keller and Cronin carried tirelessly and worked their socks off adding to the attack while defending heroically as well.

In the mid field Carolan and O Donoughue dominated their opponents throughout and their work rate from start to finish never wilted.

The forwards will have better days, but they created so many clear cut scoring chances that they will not be happy with the return. Boden clearly should have won this by much more as their superior work rate and movement caused all sorts of problems for the visitors. The Na Fianna shot stopper had a fantastic game which in a way was an indication of Bodens attack. Carney just back from a long lay off, tortured the Na Fianna rearguard with some searing runs and was very unlucky to not have bagged a brace before the break. Just before the break the home side suffered a serious blow when the hard running O Dea shipped a heavy knock and couldn't resume after the break. Cian Kelly entered the battle on the resumption and made a significant impact immediately. But the half time team talk was all about being patient and sticking to the game plan while upping the pace and tempo

Halftime BBSE 0-04 Na Fianna 0-05

Boden started the second period by tearing in to the opposition at every opportunity. Every

breaking ball was fought over with an extra effort. The middle third of the pitch became a tough battleground and every scrap was ferociously fought for. This was where the battle would be won. Slowly Boden turned the screws and although a lighter and younger side they won all the important duels. The score board began to turn and the home side notched two points and the trot to put them one up. O Donnell was introduced to increase the tempo and Boden went for broke. Na Fianna notched two on the bounce before Carney, Monaghan and Kirwan finally put daylight between the sides. Na Fianna needed a goal to win it, but with the mood that the Bodens defence was in, it was never going to happen.

While Boden were more than wasteful their forwards did create the chances. Weldon had a touch of class in everything he did and his work rate along with both Kelly and O Dea before his injury was always at a high level. In the centre Shovlin played the centre forwards position to perfection dropping back to pick up balls and delivering inch perfect passes in to the inside forwards. Carney caused the usual mayhem with his pace and his elusiveness. Eric Monaghan at full forward again proved at this level how difficult he is to handle and scored a memorable point just when Boden needed to cement their dominance in the second half.

Ruari Kirwin was more than a handful for the defence so much so that his shirt was pretty much ripped off him. He was constantly targeted by the opposition, but he never gave up and added two great scores to contribute greatly to this teams success.

So in the end Boden prevailed to win while not having their best day in front of the posts. But teams are made of many parts and too often defences do not get the limelight. This was a victory for the togetherness of the group and a great team ethic.

There will be more silverware for this group I am sure, but for now we can bask in a little bit of limelight.

These lads deserve it

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A special note of thanks to Ger Flaherty and Ned Flood for their help and contributions on the day. It was greatly appreciated by the team and the manager.

Boden Abu.

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**Best of luck to Dublin Minor and Senior Footballers next weekend**



Pictured above our own Dublin Minor Footballers James Madden, Kieran Kennedy and Ross McGarry.

Not forgetting our Senior star Michael Darragh MaCauley

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## **Boden beat All Ireland Champions in PUM**





### **BBSE 0 20 Cuala 1 11**

Early autumnal omens greeting the arrival of All Ireland Champions to PUM on Saturday evening for the pen-ultimate round of the AHL. The result puts Boden in a strong position for a league final place.

Cuala drew the wind at their backs for the opening half but failed to click into top gear. In contrast, Boden opened with early scores from James Roche, Paul Ryan and James Madden. Operating at centre-forward, Conal Keaney showed some fine touches and kept Cuala's top two defenders John Sheanon and Paul Schutte very busy. Boden's rearguard campaigned cohesively, keeping their charges in check with the exception of Cuala's Colm Cronin who notched three of Cuala's opening half tally, leaving Darragh O'Connell and free taker David Treacy to share the rest.

The half ended with Boden again on top when David Curtin grabbed a high midfield ball amid the swish of Cuala's hurleys. However, the free that ensued was wide of the mark from Ryan, who despite the miss, was now beginning to show his best form. Half time had it at 8 to 6 for the home side.

The second half opened with an Aidan Mellett point from a narrow angle, following a tasty pass from Conor Robinson. Finn McGarry was Boden's next scorer after good midfield graft. This period of domination was quickly corrected by Cuala with the ever reliant Cronin beating the defensive cover to flash a rasper to the Boden net. Boden's reaction was swift and decisive. Collie O'Neill was introduced to good effect and an overall upping of the pace of the game drove Boden into overdrive. Points came quickly from O'Neill, Ryan, Curtin and Durkin with an outrageous 95 metre effort, albeit wind assisted. Ryan also entered the bonanza with his own speciality – an over the shoulder score from the side line when covered on both sides by Cuala defenders.

The story of the game could have been far worse for Cuala as O'Neill hit the upright and the cross bar with close in goal attempts. Add in further goal chances from Ryan, Mellett and Dooley the final tally could have been much higher. In defence Boden were left to deal with further good work from Cronin and Treacy but with Stephen O'Connor, Simon Lambert and

Conor Robinson in fine form, Cuala could not make serious inroads. Keaney also had a fine second half, leading the attack with style.

Both sides are left with plenty of work to do in advance of the last league game and the subsequent resumption of the championship.

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Keith Robinson in action V Cuala



Shane Durkin in action



Paul Ryan in Action v Cuala

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**U11 Boys Camaint finals at Parnell Park**





On Saturday morning two U11 boys hurling teams played in epic finals on the hallowed turf of Parnell park. This was the culmination of the annual Camaint tournament that took place over the summer at various venues across Dublin. On Tuesday evenings in July teams assembled to compete in round robin matches played with modified rules. Among these, the first five minutes of each half was ground hurling only, demanding great effort as well as high skill and fitness levels. The second five minutes was played by normal hurling rules where the boys could showcase their full range of skills. Our boys took it all in their stride and adapted to the new game like old pros. Games were won and lost, some matches were competitive others less so. But on the balmy summer evenings the final score didn't matter, the emphasis was on maximum enjoyment and honing of basic skills. Many of the boys only managed one or two games because of holidays, but there was sufficient volunteers to field full teams each week.

Following a four week break all teams were invited to partake in a day of finals at Parnell park. Under near perfect conditions the two BBSE teams took to the big stage before midday on Saturday. They were drawn against Na Fianna and Raheny, two giants of the game. These were never going to be easy matches and true to form they were played at a blistering pace. With the grass cut short the sliotar moved very fast during the ground hurling phase, and few were spared the crunching impact of ash on bone as hurleys were swung with controlled determination. The level of skill on display with the air hurling was also appreciated by the large contingent of parents and supporters roaring on their teams from the stands. At the end of the day we were victorious against Na Fianna and narrowly lost to Raheny. Presentation of medals and refreshments quickly brought the tired and happy boys back to normal, and everybody trooped off having enjoyed a great morning of hurling. With regular training about to start up after the summer break, this competition has set the boys up well for the remainder of the season.



The coaches would like to thank all of the boys and their parents for sacrificing the long summer evenings so that BBSE could participate in the tournament. They look forward to catching up with everybody again in the coming weeks as we move into Autumn training.

Thanks to Eamonn Gormley for the photographs.



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## Community Games





It's 2 Ballyboden St Endas boys n 2 girls from Knocklyon representing Dublin in the Community games at the weekend in the mixed Under 10 4 x 100 relay.

Pictured Back row: Ben Herbert, Niall Rossiter

Front Row: Alana Lawlor and Leila Halpin.

Best of luck to them in the big race.

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