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Senior Hurlers ensure championship progress



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“Never had so many tweets meant so much to so few” The Hurling Sec explained the scenario! “Boden need to win, but can only be assured of a quarter final spot if Cuala beat

Crumlin by 8 points or more. Cuala win by less than 8 and more than two means we are gone. Less than two, means Cuala are gone!” But of course, Faughs had to be dealt with first! Watching Boden on Saturday when coupled with The Twitter was entertaining for the sizeable crowd on the bank at O’ Toole Park. Faughs found the going difficult from the go. They had to wait until the 42nd minute for their first from play. For Boden, Conor Dooley clearly left an impression that has an alternative life at the point of attack. His final tally of eleven points included five from play and 6 frees. Tally that with some productive assists. One stood out...a flick to Aidan Mellett in space saw Aidan finish to the net in style. Mellett added a few points to leave 1 03 to his name. Boden’s second green flag was a poach from James Madden after a slip by the Faughs goalie. He also added three points for a tidy tally. Elsewhere, the experience of Keany and Lambert stood out. Also worth noting was the busy afternoon David O’ Connor had at midfield. In defence, Luke Corcoran impressed and Stephen O’ Connor gave his usual solid and fluid performance. Shane Durkin also had some fine interventions on his first day out since the birth of his new son. Substitute Niall Ryan put his name forward with a few well crafted team points. Overall, the game confirmed Boden’s good vein of form. Cuala did beat Crumlin by more than 8 and Boden’s sights now set on the Quarter Final clash with Lucan (most likely weekend of October 8th). There will be no need for tweets the next day



Aidan Mellett vs Faughs



Luke Corcoran is chased by Faughs' Chris Bennett

Minor A Hurlers well beaten by Cuala

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This tie always had a banana skin feel to it and Ballyboden slipped badly in this tie played at Shanganagh Park on a bright balmy September Sunday morning. This one I’m afraid has to be put in to the” beaten by the better team” category. It leaves Ballyboden on a championship precipice as they head northside to play a rampant Na Fianna side where in all possibility a win will be a must if advancement to the semi-finals is to be achieved. Ballyboden started this game brightly and were 3 points up in as many minutes thanks to 2 frees from Luke McDwyer and a Daniel O’Riordan point from play after he had been superbly picked out by a Conor O’Donoghue puck out. Exchanges remained tight until the 17th minute when McDwyer blasted to the Cuala net to open up a 2 point lead. McDwyer repeated the dose in the 25th minute after being put through by a sublime Ciarán Cashman

hand pass. McDwyer would finish the match with a total of 2-8, 2-4 of which came from play. A resilient Cuala side, who themselves were fighting for their championship future, kept in touch and the sides went for tea with Boden 3 points in ascendancy 2-9 to 0-12.

Unfortunately from the restart the story from a Ballyboden perspective was all downhill from here to the finish line. Within 3 minutes of the half Cuala had wiped out Ballyboden's advantage and by the mid-way point of the half they had eked out a significant 5 point advantage. Their ace marks man, Liam Murphy, was pucking frees from all distances and angles while Ballyboden were finding it difficult to get past the midfield shield set up by Cuala's Diarmuid O' Floinn and Michael Conroy. It meant the supply line to Ballyboden's forwards was reduced to a trickle and three late points took the bare look off the final scoreline.

Scorers: Luke McDwyer 2-8 (4 frees), Conor O'Donoghue 0-1 (free), Daniel O Riordan 0-1, Kevin Desmond 0-1, Shane Kennedy 0-1, James Madden 0-1.

Team: Conor O'Donoghue, Ruari MacMathuna, Jacques Dalton, Ronan Wallace, Karl Reddy, Tommy Glynn, Sam Lally, Cillian Kirwan, Kevin Lalor, Daniel O'Riordan, Shane Kennedy, Kevin Desmond, Ciarán Cashman, Luke McDwyer, Ben Kelly. Subs Conor Fallon, James Madden, Ruari Hester, Pearse Christie, Cillian Wall.

Minor C team shooting well

Limrick Layder Reports from somewhere in West Dublin!

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On a fine autumnal sunday morning all the male minor hurlers gathered at the clubhouse; the A's were heading south to Cuala, the B's were heading north to Portmarnock and the C's appropriately enough heading 'west' – (where all the good cowboys hang out) to take on Castleknock in a shoot out!

We rounded up a good posse of players but 'lost our leading forward' in the car park ('Long' Jack Lambert was promoted to the B team)after protracted negotiations we recruited an u16 player John Maguire (yet to be nicknamed) and 3 litres of freshly squeezed orange juice ...surplus stock from the A panel. Undaunted we headed due west arriving to Porterstown in good time to prepare well for the shoot-out. Our new technical director (the old one 'The Gav' Duff got promoted last year to the B's) Robert Lambert took the lads through their pacesby the time he'd finished they were frothing at the mouth for the battle ahead....(old style training - none of your fancy-dan stuff with cones scattered around the pitch like confetti at a wedding)!

The ball was in and the game was onSean 'The Gazelle' Lambert settled us with 2 early frees, then we scored a joint goal – claimed by 2 players, 'Smiler' Hanrahan and 'The Politician' O'Reilly. We were under constant pressure at the back but the full line of 'Steady' Barrett, 'Thundering' O'Neill and 'Dynamo' McGovern were holding out just like the Daly gang at the OK Corral. Matthew 'The Paw' was as playing a blinder in goals! 'Red' Benjamin Hurley and the 'Strapping Lad' Corcoran were making good runs at the opposition and creating good space ...we got another goal compliments of the 'Runner' Kinsella. By half time we were 6 points to the good. We refreshed ourselves with the orange belonging to the A's - seemingly 'Jesus' McKenna likes a glass of juice at half time!

Castleknock scored a goal early in the 2nd half and things were looking dodgy but our captain the 'Tiger' Murray and his comrades in the half back line 'Cool' Dennehy and the 'Turf Cutter' Basquel started hurling 'tough' along with the 'Dasher' Bradshaw (on for the injured 'Steady') and the curfew was lifted. The Gazelle and Evan Rossiter struck over a few quick points before 'Junior' Lambert stole in for tidy goal. We got a disputed point, compliments of our umpire – the genial Jeremiah Corcoran. Next 'The Paw' came out of goal for a seventy and split the posts. We introduced new blood, the Seanachai MacPhaidin showed well and hit in a few nice balls, next on was the 'Enforcer' Duffy who straight away began to put manners on the opposition backs, followed by Sean Mahon who helped get us over the line. Late on the 'Strapping Lad' Corcoran went through for a goal. Dioma was next to be introduced but had to be withdrawn as we had reached our quota of 5 subs. We finished up winning 4-9 to 2-6 – confirmed by Des - statistician and 'the Paws' grandfather.

p.s. thanks to all our supporters on the day and particularly to 'Smilers' father for washing the jerseys and to all our those parents who haven't yet washed the jerseys but may do so in the future! Rock on.

Alex's adventure



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Club member Tom Ball's cousin Alex, who is now a year old, had a very challenging start in life.

A day before she was due, Alex stopped moving and had to be delivered by an emergency C-section. She was immediately taken into intensive care and after eight days on a ventilator, the doctors carried out an MRI scan which showed extensive brain damage, leading Alex's doctors to make the decision to turn off her ventilator, as there was not much more that could be done for her.

It was at this point Alex began fighting. She continued breathing on her own, and she has continued to fight every day since then.

The damage on Alex's brain has impacted her life in many ways. Alex is visually impaired, has epilepsy and cerebral palsy, and is medicated and fed through a feeding tube. For Alex to have a fighting chance for the future, she will need extensive rehabilitation, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and occupational therapy to develop vital early cognitive and motor skills.

The first few years in any child's development are a vital time, and Alex needs all the help she can get in order to help her overcome the challenges she faces every day. Without intensive early intervention, Alex cannot progress.

Fortunately, Alex has been accepted by the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago to undergo a 3 month course of intensive rehabilitation therapy. By sending Alex to the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, we hope that she would be able to improve the control and use of her core, head, hands and arms to enhance her quality of life as she grows up, and to give her every chance we possibly can for her future.

We have set a fundraising target of €50,000 to cover Alex's treatment for the coming year. However, we are trying to raise as much as possible to give Alex the help she deserves and hope to exceed this target in anticipation of further medical visits in the years to come.

On Friday the 27th of October 2017, we will be coming together to host an exciting event to raise funds for Alex's Adventure Fund in Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club, Dublin 16.

On the night, there will be spot prizes and entertainment from one of Dublin's best Johnny Cash tribute acts. We have 200 tickets available and are seeking sponsorship in order to cover the costs of the event. While any help would be greatly appreciated, we would also be thankful for the donation of items, vouchers, experiences or anything that could be given as spot prizes on the night, or any other help that you may be in a position to offer.

All money raised will go directly into the Trust for Alex that is solely accessible for covering the cost of her treatments.

Thank you.

Ladies football Senior Championship Final



Our senior ladies football team will line out on Sunday 1st October at 4pm against Cabinteeley Foxrock. The game takes place in Lawless Memorial park, Fingallians. There will be supporters buses leaving the club at 2.30pm to travel to Lawless park. The bus cost 5 euro and entry into lawless park is free for under 16's. It would be great to get all juveniles to travel to the game together to maximise the Boden roar on the sideline. It is the first time since 2011 that Ballyboden have competed in a senior ladies championship final and it would be great to get as much support as possible out to Swords to cheer on the girls. Anyone interested in travelling by bus contact Paul Manning on 083 331 5483.

Footballers edge Na Fianna in League

Ballyboden st Endas 1 – 14; Na Fianna 0 – 13.

While there was nothing at stake in this second last league game, both teams being safe from relegation and not in the hunt for league honours, this was still a very competitive game from start to finish. Na Fianna made all the early running and had three wides before we settled with a point from a free by Collie Dunne on four minutes. Robbie Mc Daid added a point from play a minute later. Na Fianna cancelled these out with two points (1 free) of their own by the 11th minute. The Basquel brothers, Ryan (2) and Collie (1), then added three points from play before Na Fianna pulled one back from a free. Robbie McDaid pointed from play and then John Murphy palmed the ball to the net following good work by Barra McGarry on the 22nd minute. Between then and half time Ryan Basquel scored two more points (1 free) and Barra McGarry also got in on the act with a point from play. Na Fianna got two points back (1 free) to leave the half time score at 1 – 9 to 0 – 5.

Within two minutes of the throw in for the second half, Collie Basquel had two more points on the board from play. Na Fianna pointed from play but Ryan Basquel responded with a point from a free. Na Fianna then scored from a free and Collie Basquel responded with a point from play to leave us fairly well in control with just 7 minutes remaining and 9 points between the sides. Na Fianna introduced Jonny Cooper and Tomás Brady and they seemed to make a difference as Na Fianna scored 6 points without reply as we seemed to tire towards the end of the game. As the game was well into added time, Collie Basquel steadied the ship

with a point from play to leave the margin at four points.

This was a very satisfying win with the quarter final of the senior B championship coming up next Saturday. A feature of the win was the continuous driving forward by our corner and wing backs, Brian Bobbett, Cian Murray, Tom Hanafin and Cathal Flaherty and the solid defensive work by the central defenders Graham Heavey and Darragh Nelson.

TEAM: Darragh Gogan; Cian Murray; Graham Heavey; Brian Bobbett; Tom Hanafin; Darragh Nelson; Cathal Flaherty; Evan Flanagan; Robbie McDaid; Darren O'Reilly; Collie Basquel; Collie Dunne; John Murphy; Ryan Basquel; Barra McGarry. Subs used: Ciaran Archbold (20 mins) for Evan Flanagan (injured); Eamon O'Reilly (50 mins) for John Murphy. Subs not used: Tom McGrath; Stephen Ward.

Camogie Seniors into last 4



St Judes 0-10 Ballyboden St Endas 2-11

This was essentially a knockout quarter final, the winner would advance as group runners-up and the loser would have to contest the Shield.

St Judes started well and picked off a couple of early points. Boden responded well with points from Darina Ryan and Jodie White. The first half was well contested throughout the field, with goal chances few and far between. Jodie did have a half chance but her effort was saved, but Emer O' Leary then advanced on goal and finished to the net with a fine hand pass.

Dearbhla Brennan was doing well at centre forward and also got on the score sheet with 3 points from play in total during the game. Darina's free taking was exemplary throughout the game to add to her great reading of the game.

At half time Boden deservedly lead by 1-7 to 0-5.

Early exchanges in the second half were fairly even, with the Boden defence once again standing firm. All 6 of our defenders were constantly in the face of their opponent, contesting possession with great intensity from beginning to end.

Emer O' Leary pounced for a second goal midway through the second half and the result never looked in doubt after this. Some fine points from Darina Ryan, Emer O'Leary and Claire Kirwan kept Jude's at bay.

Subs Claire Kirwan, Sarah Keenan, Aisling Gargan & Laura Burns joined the fray and the fresh legs meant that the high level of work rate never dropped.

The final score of 2-11 to 0-10 was probably a fair reflection of the game.

This was a great team performance, and while possibly unfair to single out any individual's it should be mentioned that Sile Nic Coitir was as secure as ever in goal and gave great confidence with her handling and distribution. Su gave a Captain's performance at full back, and with Eve & Aoife were rock solid in the full back line, while Martha excelled at centre back. Doireann was at her magnificent best in midfield while Darina Ryan had possibly her finest hour in the Boden jersey. Laura & Emer were a constant threat in the inside line.

Notable mention to the tenacious Aoife Durkin who attacked every ball from start to finish and should be very proud of her display.

Notable mention also to Jane Edwards who travelled back from her College studies in Aberdeen to contain the threat of Jude's most dangerous player!

On now to the semi-final trip away to Na Fianna in a fortnight when hopefully we will be at full strength.

Many congratulations to the girls on their best performance of the year, and to the management team of Richie, Peter, Orla, Nuala & Bernard.

*Congratulations from all at the Camogie section to the Dublin Ladies and in particular to our own Rachel Ruddy, Emily Flanagan and SORCHA FARRELLY.

**** Best of luck to the Senior Ladies Football team in their Championship Final on Sunday from all involved with the Senior Camogie and indeed the Camogie section in general, let's make it a double!**

Team: Sile Nic Coitir, Eve O' Donoghue, Su Kennedy, Aoife O' Neill, Aoife Durkin, Martha O' Donoghue, Jane Edwards, Doireann Mullany, Sarah Nagle, Jodie White, Dearbhla Brennan, Hannah Hyland, Laura Nagle, Darina Ryan, Emer O' Leary, Claire Kirwan, Sarah Keenan, Aisling Gargan, Laura Burns

Under 16B camogie fall to Erin go Brath

So it looks like a shield final awaits our brave 16B's as they fell to a significant defeat to an Erin's side who played with intent and no small level of skill from the start of this tough encounter.

A final group game next Saturday will determine the final standings but a replay against Saturday's opponents is a very real prospect.

There were highlights in this game – Sinead Sweeney took one of the few chances which fell our way to score an impressive goal. Caoimhe Lynn returned to her duties between the posts and did very well – one stinger of a shot being deftly pushed over the bar. Elaine Whelan pointed from a free, a 45 and from play – an impressive hat-trick. Lauren Gray looked back to her best at mid-field, and Ciara Duffy as well as Ciara Woodcock looked comfortable on their return from injury.

While a shield final was never what this group really wanted we will be well up for it when it comes around. Hopefully by finals day we will be fighting fit, and we won't be far off the pace.

Under 14 Camogie sign off with impressive Skerries win

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Skerries 0-1

Saturday saw our u-14s play their final championship group match at home to Skerries.

Having lost our opening two games (albeit, with creditable performances in both cases), and facing a Skerries team with half a dozen girls with county experience, most of the faithful band of supporters came more in hope than in confidence, especially as this same Skerries team had beaten the Ballyboden "A" team in Feile only a few months ago.

But this team is resilient, and this trait was again put to the test when it emerged that a football injury from the previous evening meant that Sarah O'Connell would have to sit out this game.

Exchanges were even early on until Mia, who was stationed at full forward turned her marker and crashed the ball to the net. She was a real thorn in the Skerries side and soon repeated the dose, finding the net again, before finishing off the first half scoring with a neat point.

We had to face the wind in the second half, but the girls stuck to their task and if anything even increased their intensity. No quarter was asked for or given by either side, but crucially the Skerries danger players were finding our defence impossible to break through. Mia took off where she finished the first half with a neat free, before Clodagh got in on the act by slotting one from long range, Mia then closed out our scoring with a pointed free, before Skerries finally got just rewards for all their efforts when they converted a free. The final whistle sounded soon after and our girls had finally tasted championship victory this year.

These girls have given a succession of stirring performances against the odds in recent weeks, but this one topped the lot. Yvonne was steadiness personified in the goals. Outside her Sorchá had the game of her life, while Clodagh and Anna completed a very strong full back line. The two Katies and Alana formed an impenetrable half back line, while our midfield of Erin and Holly held sway and covered every blade of grass. Ellie and Elena were massive on the wings, while the two Ciaras in the corners were brilliant and worked tirelessly contesting every ball. Julie won her battle in the pivotal central position, while Mia at full forward gave a "player of the match" display. Sarah and Eimear came on in the second half and with their workrate contributed handsomely to the overall team effort.

We await our next opponents, when we hope to build on the steady improvement that the girls are making with each match.

Under 15 A hurlers beat Crokes to reach championship decider



Kilmacud Crokes were welcomed to a sun drenched Cherryfield, (or Beal na mBlath as it has been renamed) for the semi-final of the U15 'A' Hurling Championship. Crokes warmed up with a deserved swagger because, at this age group, they had never been beaten by Ballyboden in a competitive game. In fairness, it's some record but records are there to be broken and if you're going to do it, then no better time than a Championship semi-final! With huge support from parents, grandparents, club men & women, friends, enemies and even some dog walkers who had to stop when they heard the opening volleys being fired across the bows of a confident Crokes side. The intensity was tangible. Like all good ambushes, Kilmacud didn't see this coming. There is a steel and a resilience about this Boden team, honed over years of always being the bridesmaid and never the bride. Defensively, Boden hunted in packs, never giving Crokes a second to gather their thoughts. The "rear guard" fed a constant supply of quality ball to the forwards who battled fiercely to get the all precious scores. Leading 1-9 to 0-9 at half time, the Boden boys knew that it was there for the taking. The players realised that there would be a Crokes backlash at the start of the 2nd half, but instead of trying to weather the storm, they notched the intensity up a gear and put their collective foot to the floor. The intensity and passion from the Boden players was so intense, that Kilmacud were never given a chance to play in the 2nd half. Running out winners on a score line of 4-20 to 1-15, Ballyboden picked the perfect time to get their first competitive win over their near neighbours. What was more impressive, was the

manner in which they went about their business. It would be unfair to pick out individuals for mention because this was the classic team performance. From 1 to 23 they all played their part in providing an incredible display of hurling and reaching the Promised Land of a County Championship final on 22nd October.

As the Manager pointed out at the end of the match, a performance like that is a culmination of training on cold winters nights and endless hours of practice, practice, practice. It makes it all worthwhile.

Team photo:

Back row Left to Right: Paul Manning (Mentor), Eoin Deignan, Gavin O'Kelly, Alex Gavin, Joe maguire, Cian Hassett, Ryan O'Dwyer, Daragh Kenny, Oran Dunne, Yan Gerrity, Rhys McDonald, Michael McDonald, Rian Power, David Monaghan, Johnny Kenny (Mentor)
Front Row Left to Right: David Keogh, David Gannon, Daire Sweeney, Luke Mulligan-Lynch, Sean Murphy, Michael Manning, Oisin King, Hugh O'Sullivan, Eoin Behan

Under 15 Bs dispatch Cuala to reach semi finals



Well done to our U15B hurlers on their Hurling C Shield Quarter Final win on Sunday morning. The boys travelled to Thomastown to face Cuala B and prevailed with a final scoreline of 1:13 to 1:08

The lads will meet Lucan Sarsfields B in the Shield Semi Final on Sunday 8th October at 11.30am, venue to be confirmed.

Well done lads!

Under 14s overcome Faughs to take hurling league crown



So cometh the hour for the U-14A Hurlers as they attempted to secure the League title with a victory over closest rivals Faugh's in Tymon Park last Saturday...Closest not just in a geographical sense but our hosts, who are also the reigning champions were the only side that could catch Boden in the league. A win for Boden however, would guarantee the first League title for this exceptional group of lads.

Having been well beaten by Boden in Cherryfield earlier in the season, this Faugh's side have however, not been beaten on home soil since under 12...and would certainly not want to relinquish their proud record and title on their own patch. Boden expected the kitchen sink treatment for this one and so it transpired in a pulsating contest that enthralled a fairly decent spectator turnout.

Boden faced a stiff breeze in the first half and management anticipated a rear-guard action initially as the hosts went to take full advantage of conditions. After a nervy opening from both sides, the game started to take shape with Faugh's settling quickest and they started to pile on the pressure. The Boden rear-guard, outstanding all season, held firm with Mathew Ormsby, the increasingly imposing and athletic Reed Barry and the imperious Alex Gavin holding firm in the face of a determined onslaught. However, the stiff wind allowed Faughs to pick scores from further out the field and they were getting the better of the early exchanges in midfield.

After opening the scoring, a few dubious frees allowed Faugh's build a lead following an early equalizer from Boden skipper Rhys McDonnell. They were however being restricted to long range pot shots as the physical battles raging in the half back-line were being won decisively by Boden's, David Keane, who would have another barnstorming performance, the classy and composed Josh Corcoran and the ever efficient David Gannon. There was a ten minute period midway through the opening half when no score was registered by either side as respective defences remained on top of proceedings. Both goalkeepers were dealing admirably with any threat on goal with some excellent fielding and distribution from Boden's Conor Barnes, who would certainly be in with a shout for the U-14

League All-Star award for the No.1 shirt this season, if such an honour existed!

With Boden on the wrong end of a 5 points to 1 scoreline, captain Rhys McDonnell was switched with Hugh O'Sullivan in midfield and both players resumed their natural and favoured positions in an attempt to change the dynamic of the game. It had an almost immediate effect as the work rate Rhys brought to midfield along with his energetic partner Michael McDonald started to turn things in Boden's favour and they started to garner more possession between them and feed the forwards, who up to this point had been living off scraps and their frustration had caused some lack of composure when rare chances did come their way in the opening period. With fresh impetus in midfield, the hard working Conor Casey was being brought more into the game and his link up play with the dynamic Davy Keogh was starting to pry open some cracks in the Faugh's defence.

Connal McGlynn was now seeing more ball too and beginning to influence proceedings more and was well able for the physical element his direct opponent was bringing to the fray. There were plenty 'big hits' going in and Boden's Alex Gavin, Hugh O'Sullivan and particularly Davy Keogh and Rhys McDonnell were on the receiving end of some over zealous attention !

Cian Durkan was also starting to prove a handful for his marker and collectively they were beginning to stretch the Faugh's backs. Inevitably goal chances started to come Boden's way and the first opening fell to Thomas Brosnan who got on the end of a brilliant delivery from Conor Casey and rounded his man only to find the Faugh's Keeper up to the task and his flicked effort hit the side netting just the wrong side of the upright. But the scent of blood was in the air now for Boden... and another goal chance would follow soon afterwards when the brilliant Davy Keogh linked well with Cian Durkan whose goal-bound effort was blocked by a defender only for the ball to fall to full-forward Hugh O'Sullivan, who pulled first time on the ground but alas his whipped shot whistled across the face of goal and just wide, with the keeper beaten.

Soon afterwards it would prove third time lucky for Boden who were now on top in all departments and dominating every position around the field at this stage. The excellent Davy Keogh was turning his marker inside out and if he wasn't beating him, he was winning frees and he again became provider in chief when he put another perfect ball into Thomas Brosnan who collected neatly in front of goal and cleverly off-loaded to Hugh O'Sullivan who had made an arcing run to the left of goal and Hugh smashed the ball into the net on the run, past the helpless Faugh's keeper to bring parity to the scoreboard.

This seemed to rattle Faugh's and they conceded two more points to Rhys McDonnell as the half drew to a close and found themselves two points down at the break 1-4 to 0-5 after dominating possession for much of the half with a strong breeze at their backs. Their luck changed though as the wind completely disappeared just before half-time, which would put things on a more even keel for the second period.

2nd Half

The expected backlash from Faugh's at the start of the second half was met with fierce resistance as Boden's defence held firm and two quick scores for the visitors doubled their advantage early on. The first a trademark long range free from the deadly accurate Rhys McDonnell...leading by example with his general work-rate around the park and ably assisted by the tigerish Michael McDonald...the second score resulted from turned over possession snaffled by a combined effort from Josh Corcoran and Reed Barry with an audacious piece of skill from Reed displaying fleet of foot as well as mind with a kicked pass directly into the skipper's hand, who duly dispatched a long range thing of beauty that split the opposition posts !

That only spurred Faugh's on however and a new game-plan appeared that saw them switch to a direct running game offensive with their two most effective talismen, the magnificent James O'Brien and the gigantic and deceptively quick Sean Cooney providing the heavy artillery for the home team. An Alamo like scene prevailed for the following quarter of the game and Thomas Culleton was introduced into the backline to offer fresh input to the resistance. He was quickly and frequently called into action but was very much up to the task and held his own comfortably when called upon.

If Faugh's were now playing like the irresistible force, Alex Gavin was the immovable object as he stood firm and thwarted the incoming threats time and again at the heart of the Boden defence. The tireless Mathew Ormsby at his side had all but eliminated any danger from his man who at this stage was now effectively out of the game but Mathew turned provider, remaining composed under pressure when clearing his lines again, to pick out a beautiful pass to the supporting David Gannon, who launched a long range ball into the starved full-forward line and the hungry Hugh O'Sullivan reacted first to pounce and slot over a sweet point on the turn to restore a three point advantage for Boden.

Cormac McDonnell and Cian Kelly had by now been introduced into the Boden attack with a mission to stretch the mean Faugh's defensive unit and it worked a treat when two more frees were drawn by the tenacity of Cian Kelly who was causing havoc for his marker and these were gratefully converted by the skipper who had now amassed an impressive personal tally of 8 points on the day. However, Faugh's were drawing scorable frees too from increasingly dangerous forays deep into the Boden territory and were still within reach with the score delicately poised at 1-9 to 0-9 entering the final 10 minutes of the match.

Boden were now effectively playing a counter-attacking game, absorbing all that Faugh's could muster against them and the shut-out continued. Intelligent, composed and determined defending would see more turn-over possession quickly dispatched upfield with a swift, accurate passing sequence started by David Keane deep in his own half bearing the sweetest of fruit...just when it was most needed. David's 'thou shalt not pass' or shoot mentality was punctuated by the equally determined David Gannon and Josh Corcoran to almost engulf a Faugh's wing forward as he attempted to launch a strike on goal...isolated and out-numbered, he was relieved of possession by 'D' who promptly slipped it inside to the supporting Micheal McDonald who fired a perfect pass upfield after spotting that Conor Casey had managed to put himself in acres of space 40 meters from Faugh's goal.

As Conor advanced on a solo it seemed the obvious simple point option would ensue but he sensed greater spoils when he spotted that Cormac McDonnell had freed himself from his corner back appendage and he flicked a lovely pass inside to him...as the scrambling defence bore down on him, Cormac kept his cool and switched a telling pass across goal to the now unmarked Hugh O'Sullivan at the opposite edge of the square, who unceremoniously blasted the ball to the net for his and Boden's second three pointer of the day ! It felt like the defining moment of the match...it seemed like the final nail in the Faugh's coffin on this occasion...it's significance was not lost on O'Sullivan who wheeled away punching the air in triumphant fashion and thumping the crest of his jersey, roaring approval at this teammate's efficiency and execution under pressure...this meant something!

Would Faugh's now finally fold ?...their spirit broken at last ?...Not a bit of it !...They reacted like Champions should and Boden would be made fight every inch of the way to victory. One suspects however that Faugh's felt they had less than the ten minutes that remained on the clock as they spurned some good point scoring opportunities during the following 5 or 6 minutes. Boden's defensive wall remained unpurged and as time ticked away, missiles were launched in on Conor Barnes' goal but he dealt admirably with everything that came his way either catching and clearing his lines efficiently or batting more

unpredictable dangerous balls safely away from goal. He would see out his fourth consecutive clean sheet and while undoubtedly grateful to have such sterling defenders around him, he can take great personal pride in his consistent contribution to the cause this season.

Two more scores would be exchanged before the final whistle and almost fittingly the last...and the cherry on the cake...would come from another sweet strike from wide on the right off the stick of the ultra-efficient Hugh O'Sullivan who would finish the game with a contribution of 2-03 to [Boden's final score of 2-11 against Faugh's final tally of 0-11.](#)

It is almost unfair to single out an individual from such a powerful team performance as THE Man of the Match as all contributed equally to this fine victory...however, one player in my opinion deserves special merit and mention for his incredible display of courage and determination in the white heat of battle, when he possibly shipped more physical punishment than anyone, yet stood up to it all and carried on unfazed and produced his usual high standards of skill and selfless playmaking, without which the team would certainly not have prevailed when the going got very tough...[Take a bow Davy Keogh](#)...a giant of this team!

The final whistle inevitably saw marked contrast in the two team's reactions...Faugh's valiant effort to cling to their title and proud home record was ultimately in vein and their troops slumped to the ground, exhausted and crest-fallen after a titanic battle. The spoils and League honours this season going to their close neighbours and rivals. Great champions they were and they played their part in providing a spectacle of the highest order in terms of passion and skill but were outdone on the day and over the season by this tremendous Ballyboden outfit...who are now Great Champions !

In the immediate aftermath of a hugely disappointing, narrow defeat to Faugh's in the Féile earlier in the year, this group made a pact with and commitment to each-other that they would win the League and they would not be denied. Collectively and as a unit, they have proven a force too good to be reckoned with in this League and they are a credit to themselves, their Mentors and families in how they have represented the club with such distinction on and off the field this season.

Huge credit to their Mentors, Ray Casey, Gavin Duff and Tommy Keogh who are getting a great response from these lads and under whose tutelage will only improve as they go and undoubtedly provide us with plenty more thrills and spills in future.

[Comhghairdeas go léir agus Boden Abú !](#)

[Back Row: Ray Casey \(Bainisteoir\), Michael McDonald, Tom Brosnan, Matthew Ormsby, Alex Gavin, Rhys McDonnell, Hugh O'Sullivan, Connell McGlynn, Reed Barry, Cormac McDonnell, Dave Gannon, Tommy Keogh \(mentor\), Gavin Duff \(mentor\)](#)

[Front Row: Cian Kelly, Cian Durkan, Conor Casey, Conor Barnes, Tom Culleton, Davey Keogh, David Keane, Josh Corcoran](#)

[Missing: Jason Dwyer](#)

First half dominance leads way to Under 13 Division One League Title.



The Under 13 Hurlers secured the Division One League following an 8 point victory over Castleknock in Porterstown on Saturday afternoon. With a 100% record heading in to this game, ahead by 6 points and with 3 games remaining, the Boden players knew that a positive result would see them to the finish line.

Under no illusions that Castleknock would seek to spoil the party, the players were very determined to put in another strong performance.

Opting to play with the wind in the first half, Boden looked to stamp their authority on the game early and despite conceding the opening score, a point from the Castleknock No 13, the lads took control quickly. Boden's first score was a goal by half forward Sam Doyle. This was added to by two placed ball points from Leon Kennedy either side of points from play by Sean O'Shea and Daniel Daly. Castleknock scored again in the 14th minute, but in a 4 minute purple patch from the 17th minute, the Boden attack registered a further 2-02. With goals from John Farrington and Stephen Pullan, a second point for Sean O'Shea and a point from play for the accurate Kennedy, the Boden lads were growing with confidence. Keelin Smith was unlucky with another goal chance and Oisín Byrne was pulling the strings at midfield. The Boden rear guard was completely dominant with Barry McGuire and Fionn Keating McDermott particularly impressive.

[Half time score: Castleknock 0-05 Ballyboden 3-09.](#)

Half time discussion was simple, keep the work rate and concentration at 100%. The first scoring opportunity of the period fell to Boden where the Castleknock keeper pulled off a save from a Stephen Pullan shot. Castleknock fired over from play a minute later. A fourth

Boden goal arrived in the 35th minute where John Farrington used his strength and determination to hold off the impressive Castleknock full back and kick the sliotar to the net.

The home side to their credit and with the wind at their backs, seemed to sense that they were far from beaten and they scored 5 points on the bounce, including 4 from play. The Boden defence however dug in and the goal they needed didn't come. Chances at the other end were few, but in the 45th minute, Leon Kennedy split the posts from play and followed up with another free to calm the nerves of the Boden support. Castleknock did breach the Boden goal in the dying minutes however the Firhouse Road lads saw the game out on a final score line of Castleknock 1-13 Ballyboden 4-12.

The Team face St Vincents and Lucan in the final two games of the season as they look to build on a great season and continue to develop and improve.

Team v Castleknock:

Jack Hutchinson, Fionn Keating-McDermott, Barry McGuire, Tom McGrenery, Scott McDonald, Ciaran Kiely, Jim Kennedy, Oisín Byrne, Leon Kennedy(0-9 (4f, 1 65)), Sam Doyle(1-0), Daniel Daly(0-1), Sean O'Shea(0-2), Stephen Pullan (1-0), John Farrington(2-0), Keelin Smith.

Andrew McGough for McGrenery(25), Scott O'Sullivan-Magne for McDonald(27), Scott Cramer-Walsh for Smith (h/t), Eoin Mac Phaidin for Jim Kennedy (33), Tom McGrenery for O'Shea(52).

Injured: Evan Nugent and Oisín Murray

Upcoming underage football fixtures

| U15 Football C Championship | | | U15 Football A Championship | | |
|---|-------------|-------|---|-------------|-------|
| DATE | VENUE | TIME | DATE | VENUE | TIME |
| 01 Oct | Loreto Park | 11:30 | 01 Oct | Cherryfield | 11:30 |
| BALLINTEER ST JOHNS B VS BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS B | | | BALLYBODEN ST ENDAS A VS ST PATRICKS D | | |
| REFEREE Tommie Clinton-Croi Ro Naofa | | | REFEREE D P Ryan-St Patricks P | | |
| COMMENT | | | COMMENT | | |

Wishing our U15 Footballers the Best of Luck as Football Championship starts this Sunday 1st October.

Our 'A's have home advantage when they face St Patrick's Donabate in Cherryfield in the 'A' Championship, throw at 11.30am.

Meanwhile our B's aren't too far from home with their 1st round 'C' Championship match playing in Loreto Park, Nutgrove. They are up against Ballinteer St Johns B's at 11.30am

In 'D' Championship, our U15C's have a bye in their opening round and won't see action until the Quarter Final stage on 15/10/17.

We wish all the lads the Best of Luck and hope to see the great Boden supporters out in big number cheering on our boys!
Boden Abú

Under 13 C camogie get the better of Crokes



On Sunday our U-13C Camogie team faced Kilmacud Crokes B in what was the decider on who got home advantage in the semi final of the Division 4 Championship Cup. The first half was extremely close with only one score between the teams.

In the second half the girls got into the groove and took nearly all the chances they created. Well done to the girls who have improved so much this season.

Team Abbie Melia, Anna Kinsella, Laura McGrath, Caoimhe O'Neill, Jenny McGuire, Nessa Codd, Ailbhe Christie, Gloria Crammer Curtis, Aoife Gollogly Doyle, Tara McCluskey, Aisling Quinn, Caoileann Dunne, Rachael Coyle, Senna Culbert, Saoirse Mahon, Lucy McCarthy.



U11 Camogie blitz versus Na Fianna



Team 1:

BACK ROW from left; Emma Moran, Ciara Griffin, Ruby Murphy, Ciara Allen, Ella Mc Cabe, & Millie Larkin.

FRONT ROW; Maggie Donaghy, Rebecca Ryan, Laoisa Cahill, Shannon Doherty, Chloe Dowd, Eabha Ryan & Rachel Lawlor.

Team 1 Match Report:

Great performances were very much on display against very competitive Na Fianna teams. The blocking, hooking, tackling, workrate & score taking were of a very high standard. Ciara Allen had very productive stints in goal & the forward lines, Millie Larkin & Ruby Murphy played exceptionally well in defense, Eabha Ryan played her best camogie in midfield, Lauren Jennings had two very strong performances in both matches. Maggie Donaghy worked her socks off as usual, she also got in some good scores. Emma Moran deserves high praise, her team play, scores & workrate were of a very high level, so much so the opposition tried several players to mark her to no avail. Rachel Lawlor worked very hard & got some good scores: all of her practice is paying off. Tilly Keating got some good scores in the forward line through hard work & perseverance. Shannon "Smiley" Doherty & Chloe Dowd both tackled tirelessly & work extremely hard for the team, well done to both girls they contributed to a lot of well worked team scores. Ella Mc Cabe had great stints in goal & the forward line, again the practice is paying off. Laoisa Cahill has only recently taken up playing Camogie, her skills & general play were very good, keep up the good work. Rebecca "Becster" Ryan as always works so hard & in every match always get on the scoreboard,

always with a smile on her face, keep up the good work.... Ciara Griffin played very well in goals, defence & the forward line, keep up the good work. The team play of hand passing, stick passing & scores, were of a very high standard. Well done to all work the team, with some very good scores through good hand & stick passing that would not look out of place at U14.... to all a very well done, keep up the practice. From your coaches Kathleen O Leary, Des Murphy, Derek Lawlor, Brendan Ryan & John Jennings.

TEAM 2:

BACK ROW FROM LEFT;

Allanah Brandon, Rachel Heavey, Rachel Maloney, Grace Callan, Ellie Mulroe, Olivia Lacey, Ciara Fagan.

FRONT ROW FROM LEFT;

Ruth Ryder, Grace Quinn, Emily Menton, Cara Cosgrove, Karrie Rudden, Charlie Murphy, Allanah Doherty & Olivia O'Brien.

Team 2 Match Report:

The two matches against Na Fianna were very competitive. The very consistent Grace Callan as usual had very solid performances in both games. Olivia O'Brien was outstanding in all she did during both blitzes. The hard working Charlie Murphy & Rachel Maloney worked tirelessly during both games, keep up the ferocious workrate. Karrie Rudden worked very hard in the middle of the park, laying off some very good passes & converting some very good scores. Allanah Doherty always give a whole hearted performance, well done. Ellie Mulroe & Cara Cosgrove both played exceptionally well in the forward line, tackled very well & worked tirelessly. Rachel Heavey played very well in varying positions, keep up the good work. Emily Menton was a very busy tackler during both games, the opposition were under constant pressure. She terrorised the opposition into a lot of errors..... Allanah Brandon as ever always plays very well in all the camogie blitzes, Allanah has a great "can do" attitude keep up the great work. Ciara Fagan & Grace Quinn both performed very well, all the practice & training is paying off. Ruth Ryder & Olivia Lacey are both showing massive potential, their good performances match their high skill sets. Your Coaches were very complimentary Deborah Heavey, Liam Callan, Tommy Mulroe & Michael Ryder were very pleased with the team performances displayed by a very special group.

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Live Music in the clubhouse



Feel free to come along for what promises to be a great night of music this Saturday!
