



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



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## Senior Hurlers claim league title



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October is silverware month and Boden's Senior hurlers arrived at O'Toole Park on Sunday morning in a determined mood for the final of the hurling league. Both finalists came up marginally short in the championship quarter finals a few weeks ago, and now came together to battle for 'line honours' after a long season of league ties.

Quickest from the traps were the Boden men, and within a minute Conal Keaney had pointed from out the wing, after good work by Niall Ryan and Niall McMorrow. Brigids Paul Winters levelled matters from a free. James Madden put Boden in front with a neat score after he swivelled out of a few despairing tackles. Keaney and Paul Ryan combined twice for a share of the spoils, pushing Boden into a lead that they never looked like relinquishing. In defence Luke Corcoran covered the Brigids attacking line, only allowing their forwards the leanest of halves. One of his clearances was to Madden, and he pointed from outfield. Shane Durkin benefited from good work by David Curtin and he landed his customary contribution. Meanwhile Brigids John O'Loughlin narrowed the margin with a fine effort from a 'cluttered' space.

By the quarter Boden held a two point lead, but the next five scores came from Paul Ryan, four frees and a neat point from the midst of a ruck of players. A Paul Winters pointed free was Brigids only response, only for Ryan to cancel out his effort with yet one more free, leaving him on a thirty minute tally of seven.

Half Time had it at 12 to 4.

The second half lacked the fluency of the first thirty, Brigids now abandoning their earlier strategy of using county man Darragh Plunkett as a sweeper. They introduced Darragh Murphy as a 'striker', determined to make the most of any balls landing inside the Boden twenty. But as the saying goes, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going', and that's how the half developed. From Garry Maguire in the 'kitchen', to Malachy Travers and Stephen O'Connor flanking Corcoran, Durkin, Simon Lambert and Dean Curran on the forty, and Conor Robinson and Madden still in the 'engine-room, Boden held a tight line, determined to restrict Brigids to outfield shots.

Opportunities did come Boden's way and Robinson and McMorrow looked sharp and bagged a brace each. Manager Paul Carley introduced fresh legs with Eoghan O'Neill, who bagged a fine score, Collie O'Neill, Paul Doherty and Kenny Wigglesworth. David Curtin added to the tally, after good graft by Conor Dooley. Dooley was also feeding Niall Ryan and he shot two quick-fire points. Brigids kept battling, and were rewarded with points from Johnny McGuirk, O'Loughlin, and Cian O'Sullivan, but they had to wait until the second minute of injury time for the goal they craved, Murphy the provider. Paul Ryan continued his scoring, maintaining a hundred percent record from frees with arguably the score of the day, an eighty yard arrow that faded in off a strengthening crosswind. His reward was, as the 'wise-wag' said.....'Take a seat on the team bench'. His afternoon was a productive one, ten points in total, a handsome tally from the Man of the Match.

Conal Keaney accepted the trophy on behalf of the squad, to sporting appreciation from the Brigids players.



Eoin O'Neill shoots for a point



Senior Team line up before their League final against Brigid's

## Minor A hurlers take Shield title

Ballyboden St Enda's 0-15 St Vincent's 0-10

## Le Fear Bog reports

Having bowed out of the championship at the group stage both these teams were determined to restore a modicum of pride when they met in the shield semi-final at a blustery Páirc Uinsionn on Sunday last. Due to the tricky underfoot conditions and a contrary cross field breeze the quality suffered but one cannot say the match lacked in intensity or competitiveness. This was a feisty affair especially in the last 10 minutes when a number of yellow cards were handed out for what were some rather overzealous tackles especially from the St Vincent's camp.

Ballyboden were the better side throughout and it was only early in the match that St Vincent's managed to keep it a tight affair and by the mid-point of the half the scores were level at 0-3 apiece. The most notable score of this quarter was a foot inside the post swinger from Sam Lally. Within a 5 minute spell Ballyboden opened up a lead they were never to relinquish. In the 16th minute Ben Kelly threw over a lovely over the shoulder point. In the 18th minute Shane Kennedy pointed after a deft hand pass from Luke McDwyer. Daniel O'Riordan quickly replied with another point to put 3 points daylight between the teams. To embellish the lead Conor O'Donoghue trotted out from goals in the 24th minute to curve a 65m free handsomely inside the left upright. The score at the mini sos stood at 0-9 to 0-6 to Boden. A more worthy lead was achievable but for the conversion of 4 frees from St Vincent's marksman, corner forward Mark Sweeney.

The second half was a more boisterous contest but Ballyboden always had a controlling hand mainly through the free taking accuracy of Luke McDwyer. Daniel O'Riordan and Kevin Desmond also contributed points early in the half which established an insurmountable lead for the Boden lads. Ben Kelly at wing forward played a leaders role in this half and the tenaciousness of Kevin Lalor at wing back meant that Vincent's always struggled to eat into the Ballyboden lead.

Ballyboden now have a chance to right some previous wrongs when they meet Cuala in the shield final in 2 weeks time.

Scorers : Luke McDwyer 0-5 (5 frees), Daniel O'Riordan 0-2, Kevin Desmond 0-2, Conor O'Donoghue 0-1 (free), Ben Kelly 0-1, Conor Fallon 0-1, Ciarán Cashman 0-1, Shane Kennedy 0-1, Sam Lally 0-1.

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

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## Championship final beckons for minor Cs





[Limrick Layder reports](#)

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Since the opening of the Grouse shooting season back in September the action has been poor to middlin, however the same cannot be said of the minor D hurling championship semi final v Na Fianna last Sunday in Santa Maria which produced a 9 goal thriller.

Due to the torrential rain on saturday the match was switched to the 6G all weather synthetic pitch which - it has to be said better accommodates our unorthodox skill set!

We started well and despite a lot of possession and playing with a strong wind at our backs we arrived at half time - 3 pts to the good. The Paw was playing very well in goal along with the full back line of Dynamo McGovern, Thundering Tom and Steady Dave. The half forward line of Rob Junior, Big Evan and even bigger Cian were causing a lot of trouble and throwing their weight around....and picking off a few points into the bargain.

We introduced the Turfcutters brother shortly after half time and he made an instant impact. Within minutes the Politican scored from a square ball (luckily enough his father was the umpire) and the score stood. Smiler Hanrahan then caught a great ball off a clearance by Capt Tiger Murray and struck a great goal....we were beginning to motor!

Scores were coming fast and furious and to keep us on our toes Na Fianna (as their illustrious name suggests) were not lying down and rattled in a well worked goal along with a few nice points.

Cool hand Luke (unlike his brother Jack the Turfcutter wouldn't be a great man in the bog - his back is too long for all that bending - but he'd be 'God send' in meadow - for topping wynds of hay or when piking hay up high in a barn) was asserting his authority on the match and bring his comrades into play with.....Smiler got another goal, The Runner kicked in a goal, Big Evan and Bigger Cain also added their names to scoreboard - we were so overjoyed we could hardly stay on the pigs back!

The final whistle was blown and we were a few goals to the good and in the final - hopefully to be played in 2 weeks time.

We're not finished yet!

Rock on.

Thanks to Peter Hanrahan for the photos. For more photos, see [here](#)

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## Minor B's lose out to Plunkett's in quarters



The minor B's fell to a 15 point defeat to Oliver Plunkett's in the quarter final of the B championship in Martin Savage Park on Sunday. Final Score: BBSE 1-18 Oliver Plunkett's 5-21

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## Hurling Fixtures

- Under 21 C Championship V Setanta in Sancta Maria on Thursday, 26th October at 8.00pm
- Under 21 A Championship V Cuala in PUM on Saturday, 28th October at 3.00pm

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## Strong second half sees Under 21 A footballers overcome Ballymun

**Ballyboden St Endas 1 – 16; Ballymun 1 - 10**

Despite the recent rain the pitch was in very good condition for this first round match. However, the wind did not let up and the visitors had the benefit of it in the first half. They duly made very good use of it with two quick points from frees in the first two minutes. James Holland got one back for the home side but Ballymun added a goal and two points, all from play, with just 6 minutes gone. Collie Basquel got one point back but Ballymun got the next three points, two frees, to push their lead to 8 points. Mikey Dunne and Collie Basquel (free) got it back to 6 points behind by half time to leave it 0 – 4 to 1 – 7.

Despite playing with the wind in the second half it took the home side some time to get used to it and Ballymun got the first point after 4 minutes to stretch the lead to 7 points. Boden then, having got the measure of the wind, scored the next 8 points, 1 each for Mikey Dunne and Shane Clayton and 6 for Collie Basquel, 3 frees and one 45, to put them one point up. Ballymun drew level again with a free. With 5 minutes left in the game, Collie Basquel restored the lead with a point from play before Ross McGarry gave the home side some breathing space with a well taken goal. Collie Basquel from a free and Ross McGarry with two points from play brought the Boden scoring to an end with Ballymun getting late consolation point after three minutes of added time. Ballymun will probably rue the fact that they had to play this match without their senior players who will be playing in the senior final next week. But such is life with this competition and the home team duly took full advantage of the situation to proceed to the semi-final in two weeks time.

TEAM: Josh Kane; Brian Bobbett; Shane Clayton; Ciaran Kennedy; Hugh Keller; Cian Murray; Cathal O'Dea; James Holland; Dylan Walsh; Liam Flaherty; Collie Basquel; Aidan Mellett; Mikey Dunne; Warren Egan; John Murphy. SUBS USED: Luke O'Donoghue for Liam Flaherty; Ciaran O'Brien for Shane Clayton; Ruari Kirwan for Mikey Dunne; James Madden for Dylan Walsh; Ross McGarry for Warren Egan.

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## Under 21 Bs ease to St Monica's win

An all round great team performance in dogged conditions in Edenmore.

Half time 2-08 to 0-1

Full time 2-12 to 0-6

Great contribution from the bench from Conor Barton, Kevin Cronin, Ronan Dooley and Jamie Kavanagh.

Great result but improved performance will be required for stiffer tests further down the line.

Scorers:

Karl Weldon 2-04( two penalties)

Sean Mc Donnell 0-4

David Leach 0-2

Gareth Crowley 0-1

Laurence Murphy 0-1

Team:

Mark Mc Namee, Conor Kennedy ,Karl Reddy, Charlie Mc Partland,

Tommy Burke, James O Conor, Luke Corcoran, Mark Mc Gee, Oisin Carolan, Gareth

Crowley, Sean Mc Donnell, David Leach, Laurence Murphy, Eoghan Monahan, Karl Weldon

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## Boden News Appeal





**Submissions for the Boden News Annual 2017 are being sought, members can send in their pieces to the following email address -**

**[bodennews2017@gmail.com](mailto:bodennews2017@gmail.com)**

**Pictures (high resolution only) and text should be sent together via**

**[WeTransfer.com](https://www.wetransfer.com)**

**for convenience with the subject clearly identified.**



Deadline for submission for this year's Boden News is November 19th!

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**Under 15 A hurlers narrowly beaten by Castleknock in decider**





We might be a big club but we have a small parish mentality and that it something to be immensely proud of.

On a weekend of several different finals in the club, there was huge travelling support to Blakestown last Sunday. We easily out-numbered the Castleknock supporters by 3 to 1. Thanks to all who turned out to roar on the lads in their first 'Major' club match of their fledgling hurling careers.

As rank outsiders, the bookies gave them very little chance against a Castleknock side that have dominated this age group since Go-Games. But with an inner belief and a fighting spirit, anything can happen on the day.

Playing with a stiff breeze in the first half, it took awhile for the game to settle. There was the usual "getting to know each other" shenanigans, a few nervous passes and the odd pulled shot. Once the players got to grips with the occasion, they started to give Castleknock a bit of "Bet you weren't expecting that".

The tireless work rate of O'Dwyer, Mulligan-Lynch and Eoin Behan kept the scoreboard ticking over. Darragh Kenny and Rhys McDonnell were colossal in midfield, supplying ball into the forward line of Hassett, O'Sullivan and King. At the break we went in leading 8 point to 5, but "Would that be enough?" was the murmur reverberating through the supporters in the stand.

It was a nightmare start to the 2nd half, with Boden conceding an early goal and Castleknock beginning to grow in confidence. Only for the titanic display of defending from Murphy, Gavin and Monahan, Castleknock's lead would have been greater. As it was, they had turned a 3 point deficit into a 7 point lead and suddenly this was looking like it was going to be a very long day. But Deignan, Manning, Maguire and Dunne had other ideas and weren't going to leave Blakestown without giving a good account of themselves. Bodies on the line, last minute tackles, "Take that, ya Northsider" shoulders, and all of a sudden the team began to lift. You could see them beginning to believe again and when Darragh Kenny struck for a clever goal and it was game on again!

Two more quick fire goals from Rhys and Luke Mulligan and we were just two points behind and the crowd were on their feet. Castleknock were in full panic mode. Whilst the club

Chairman lead the supporters in a Decade of the Rosary, to get as many minutes of added time as possible, Boden pressed hard in one last attack. Someone (and I haven't a clue who) snatched the sliotar from a ruck on Castleknocks 21 yard line, turned, and rifled a shot toward the roof of the net..... There it was hurtling towards the goal like a North Korean missile test.

Was this going to be it, a snatched victory from the jaws of defeat, the true David and Goliath story, the stuff of legends, the stuff of movies, the stuff of players exaggerating the story in 20 years time..... Then, just as the sliotar was about to cross the line, a hurl appeared out of nowhere and batted the ball away to safety. And with that went the hopes and dreams of 22, fifteen year olds in Blue and White striped jerseys.

The final score of 3-9 to 1-17 meant a two point defeat, I know it's a cliché, but they did themselves and the club proud.

A special word to Messers Power, O'Halloran, McDonald, Sweeney and O'Kelly who all came off the bench into a cauldron of a game and helped create an incredible revival.

Finally, just a word on the fundraiser to get a Guide Dog for the Ballyboden umpire who, judging by his decisions, is rapidly losing his sight!!

Well done to all concerned.

Photos credit: Niall O Connell, @knockphotos



## Under 15 B hurlers edged out in shield final





Cherryfield Sunday October 22nd 2017  
 Ballyboden St. Enda's B 3-7  
 Fingal Gaels (WG & FS) 2-13

Despite a stormy week of ex-hurricanes and gale force winds with heavy rain the far pitch at Cherryfield was declared playable and the young men of our U15B hurling team were well prepared to take on Fingal Gaels (a combination of Wild Geese of Oldtown and Fintan's of Swords).

The Boden team had been building momentum all year, starting with one or two below-par performances in the U15 leagues but finishing very strongly to end up in third place with some good wins and a huge improvement in commitment and skill in evidence. Despite being beaten by Fingal Gaels, who play a division above, last year in a very one-sided match confidence was high and the boys were determined to make this game count.

The toss was won and captain Reece Mulhall opted to play with the wind in the first half. Within a minute Boden found themselves a goal down following a high ball into the square (a square ball not spotted?) and some early nerves on display in defence. A simple pull on a loose ball on the ground gave the visitors a soft early goal. Heads stayed up, though, and Boden responded in a minute or so with their first point, an excellent score from play by Cian Tobin straight from the Boden puck-out. Ben Murphy's puck-outs were to prove invaluable throughout the first half as he found our half and full forward lines each time and a second point quickly followed from corner forward, Danny Dunleavy. Fingal's early lead was wiped out completely around the 5 minute mark following a well struck free by Charlie Brady and Boden were now clearly in control.

Then Timmy Cleary scored a classic full-forward goal, making the most of a half-chance; stretching the visitor's net and the Boden lead. Another Timmy Cleary goal and a net-ripper

from right-corner forward Edward Phelan were no less than Boden deserved during the first half and two further points from placed balls for Charlie Brady along with a point each from half forwards Hugh Kelly and Harry Donaghy supported by some neat play by Martin Mulligan-Lynch all contributed to a first half Boden score of 3-7 which was hard fought and well deserved.

Fingal didn't let us have it all our own way in the first half, though. The half back line of Cian Tobin, Evan Ryan and Jack Larkin was kept busy and midfield duo Reece Mulhall and Charlie Brady were working back regularly to help to hold play short of our own 45 metre line and the full back line of Senan Dwyer, Will Hamill and Edward Cleary were clinical in stopping their opponents and clearing everything that came their way. Ben Murphy kept a clean sheet for most of the first thirty minutes following the early goal, with Fingal scoring just one point from play, until late in the half when they struck for their second goal of the match, a well taken strike from close range.

It was a near-perfect performance from Boden and a 9 point lead (3-7 to 2-1) was everything we could have wished for. But there was another 30 minutes to play, and history is littered with stories of heroic comebacks and strange turns of events.

The half time Boden talk focused on increased effort for the second half. It was stated plainly that Fingal Gaels would come out all guns blazing and do everything in their power to turn this game on its head. The Boden spirit was to the fore, though and the boys resolved to give their all for 30 short minutes to ensure that they secured the result. Unfortunately Fingal were working to their own script and quickly took control of the scoreboard through some excellent free taking. Boden never scored in the second half and the 9 point lead so hard fought for and well made in the first half gradually disappeared as free after free was knocked over by a clinical Fingal marksman. One Boden spectator texted from the sideline early in the second half "The referee seems to have completely changed his perspective on the game in the second half" and so it proved to be, with 26 frees awarded to the visitors during the half and only 5 to the home team. This didn't accurately reflect the nature of play and caused more than a little frustration among Boden personnel and spectators alike as the game progressed. However, Fingal fought hard and made life extremely difficult for the boys in blue and white, challenging in numbers for every ball and allowing Boden no room for error when in possession. Even the introduction of all 5 replacements, Mikey Connolly, Conor Pierce, Reid Barry, Sean Bury and Tom Culleton couldn't break down the Northsiders' second half determination and resilience.

A special mention for Harry Donaghy, who received a heavy knock to his hand early in the second half and played on until the 50th minute of the game. Following an x-ray later that day it was confirmed that Harry's hand was broken, but he didn't stop playing until he couldn't hold his hurl any longer. Harry's reluctance to leave the field typified the never-give-up attitude of all of our lads and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

We might look back at scoring opportunities left behind, a plethora of "soft" frees conceded and a clear penalty not awarded but ultimately the game was lost in a second half which belonged to Fingal Gaels and no blame can be laid at the door of our lads who gave it everything they had.

But no regrets! The Ballyboden U15C team was the only Division 4 team involved on the last day of championship. We finished third in our league and the boys have transformed



themselves over the course of the year into a fine group of hurlers with a strong team bond and have achieved more this year than anyone could ever have hoped for.

Looking forward to bigger and better things in 2018 as we move to U16.

Beir Bua!

The Team: Ben Murphy, Senan Dwyer, Will Hamill, Edward Cleary, Jack Larkin, Evan Ryan, Cian Tobin (0-1), Reece Mulhall, Charlie Brady (0-3F), Martin Mulligan-Lynch, Harry Donaghy (0-1), Hugh Kelly (0-1), Danny Dunleavy (0-1), Timmy Cleary (2-0) and Edward Phelan (1-0), Mikey Connolly, Conor Pierce, Sean Bury, Reid Barry, Tom Culleton.

Thanks to [Cliona Mellett](#) for the photos.  
For more photos, see [here](#)

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## U9 Update



Storm Brian couldn't dampen these boys spirits last weekend. In fact these boys gave a storming Boden performance on Saturday morning down in Donnybrook! Keep going boys!

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**Boden Theatre group presents**



THE BODEN THEATRE GROUP PRESENTS  
DION BOUCIGAULT'S MELODRAMATIC MASTERPIECE!

# the shaughraun

DIRECTED BY PAT EGAN



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BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S GAA CLUB

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SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017 @ 8PM

TICKETS: €10 - TO RESERVE RING

GER 086 8516387 / CAROL 086 4070015

The Boden Theatre Group are busy rehearsing their new play "The Shaughraun" - a melodramatic masterpiece filled with comedy, drama, action, romance, a loveable rogue and a villain or two! The play is directed by Pat Egan and runs for 4 nights from Wednesday 22nd

- Saturday 25th November at 8p.m. in the club hall. Make sure to book your tickets early by calling Ger: 0868516387 or Carol: 0864070015.

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## The Boden Sessions



We had a wonderful Session in the Clubhouse Bar on Tuesday night – ceol iontach– damhsa iontach agus scéalta grinn chomh maith - the seanachai was a highlight.

Tributes were paid to the late Gerry Hogan R.I.P. – for his years of dedicated service to the Club as player and mentor. Tomás Ó Reachtaire, one of his closest friends, spoke eloquently of Gerry’s knowledge of our local history, which made the 1916 commemorations so memorable. Gerry was not content with ‘talking the talk’, he ‘walked the walk’ too, and opened our eyes to the history all around us in our own Rathfarnham. It was very special to have Gerry’s family with us at the Session, as we sang the songs he had sung for us – the songs he loved so well. Tomás used one very apt word in describing Gerry – focal Gaeilge – dílis – bhí Gearóid Ó hÓgain dílis i ngach gné den saol – brón ar an mbás ní féidir a shéanadh, leagann sé úr is críon le chéile. We ended the Session with everybody singing the song Only Remembered For What We Have Done - and Gerry Hogan has done a lot, and we will remember him - go fada an lá.

Joe Johnston

THE BODEN SESSION – 23 Deireadh Fómhair 2017 – 9p.m.

CEOLTÓIRÍ BUADÁIN uilig ag seinm - Twenty Men From Dublin Town, ALL -The Star of the Co. Down, All - Rodaí Mac Corlaí ( G ), Una – Planxty Irwin ( D ) All - I’ll Tell Me Ma ( F ) ALL - The Happy Wanderer, Liz – Edelweiss, ALL - Dublin Town in 1962, Helen Rohan -Cill Chais ( G ), All - Believe Me If All Those Endearing (C) Ann Larkin -Ar Éirinn Ní nEosfainn Cé hí ( G ), Ag an mBóithrín Buí (G)  
BILL ROCHE – guitar - ag canadh Four Strong



Winds  
'sé do Bheatha 'Bhaile  
Darling Kathleen  
DAMHSA AONAIR – Katie Farrell  
DECLAN O'BRIEN – comedy – The Rev.  
Declan

TOMÁS Ó REACHTAIRE ag canadh Oró  
SHAY O'BRIEN ag canadh My

ALL DANCING – gach duine ar an urlár le haghaidh The Peeler and the Goat  
SHAY MC GLYNN – fiddle – ag seinm marches and  
jigs

OWEN MC LOUGHLIN – guitar – singing Easy and Slow

MARY CLEARY guitar ag canadh The Dying Rebel \*

JOE JOHNSTON ag canadh Meet Me At The  
Pillar \*

NOEL LARKIN – guitar ag canadh Dublin Town in 1962 \*

GERRY MANGAN – ag canadh The Isle of Inisfree \*

FINTAN WALSH ag canadh The Croppy Boy \*

DENISE McCARRICK ag canadh Danny Boy

LIZ MCDONALD ag canadh The Mountains of Mourne

GERALD LONG – guitar ag canadh Killing Me Softly

ÚNA JOHNSTON – ag canadh The White Rose of  
Athens

EDDIE COMERFORD - comedy recitation

JACK BYRNE – guitar – ag canadh The Bright Blue Rose

ROSEANNE BASQUEL – ag canadh The Sloop John

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FINALE gach duine ag seinm /canadh Only Remembered For What We Have Done \*

The songs marked \* are our TRIBUTE to Gerry Hogan R.I.P. – they are songs Gerry sang here for us – one of them, as recently as 25 September '17 - Dublin Town in 1962 at our last Session – they are the songs - Gerry loved so well.

OUR NEXT SESSION WILL BE ON MONDAY 27th Nov.

And please support our Concert for Karla in Ballyboden Church on Friday 17th Nov. – tickets on sale locally @E10





## Under 16 A ladies footballers win championship



The U16A team took on local rivals Thomas Davis in the Division 1 Championship Final on Sunday last. Having already beaten them in the group stages of championship and just off the back of a tremendous semi final win over Foxrock Cabinteely the players and mentors were quietly confident of victory in the final, but not overly so as this group of players had previously been narrowly beaten in championship finals at U13 and U14 levels.

Having won the toss we played with a slight breeze in the first half and quickly went 2 points to no score up, then with their first attack of the game Thomas Davis scored a goal to take the lead. We brought it back level when with their second attack of the game Thomas Davis scored their second goal, at that stage you were thinking it might be a case of deja vu as with previous finals.

The girls didn't panic though and half way through the first half we scored our first goal to bring it back level, we then got a penalty shortly afterwards which was put into the back of the net. After adding another 2 points to the scoreboard just before half time we scored another two goals to go in at the break leading 4-5 to 3-1. Our lead was 7 points when in reality it should have been much more and with the breeze against us in the second half we wondered if it would be enough.

There was no need to worry as the girls came storming out in the second half and within 3 minutes had extended the lead to 10 points with a well taken goal which dropped over the Thomas Davis goalkeeper. On a heavy pitch substitutions would be important and two were made after scoring our fifth goal. Thomas Davis were desperately trying to get back into the game but kept coming up against a wall of Ballyboden shirts who would not let them through and after 10 minutes of the second half we scored our 6th goal to take a 13 point lead. One point each was then exchanged between the two teams before Thomas Davis in the last few minutes added 4 points to no reply to bring the Boden advantage down to 9 points at the end with a final score of 6-7 to 3-7.

The players, management, parents and supporters were delighted when the final whistle went and all the heartbreak from U13, U14 and Feile Final defeats could be laid to rest once and for all.

The Team met up later in the evening at the clubhouse to celebrate with parents and had pizza, refreshments and even a sing song!

### U16A Ladies Football Squad

Aisling Byrne, Alanna McGarry, Alex White, Ally Ramsden, Clodagh MaCahey, Ellen Smith, Erica Tobin, Eva Brennan, Hannah Leddy, Hannah Molloy, Hannah Murphy, Hollyn Kennedy, Katie MacDonald, Laura Mullen, Lucy O'Shea, Olivia Meagher, Rebecca Keane, Saoirse Fitzgerald, Sarah Moore, Sarah-Ann Murphy

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## Rachel Ruddy joins our U16A Ladies Footballers at their Final Training before U16 Div 1 Championship Final





Our U16A Ladies Footballers were delighted Ballyboden's, All Ireland 2017 Winner and All-Star Rachel Ruddy called by to wish them luck at their final training session last night as they countdown to their U16 Div 1 Championship Final v Thomas Davis.

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### **Minor C championship for ladies footballers**



Probably our longest day ever was it on was it off would the wind die down what about the rain would it be a game of 2 halves. The mentor's phones were red hot from all the texts Sat morning and that was just from one parent.

Match was fixed for 3pm throw in against Na Fianna in Sean Moore Park (Clan Na Gael) Ringsend and all the girls were in bed by 9pm the Friday night eh not !!!! These girls are party girls and nothing gets in the way of a good night out "Happy Birthday Hannah". Eventually at 2pm the match got the go ahead and off we set for Ringsend for a 4.30pm throw in.

Our Capt Laura Mae won the toss and the girls decided to play with the gale force wind in the 1st half despite leaving our shooting boots in Cherryfield. We gradually took control of the game great scores from Sarah B, Rachel H, Laura Mae and Amy L had us 2-5 to no score ahead after 20 minutes. The wind was so severe Na Fianna playing with a sweeper were well in the game and just trying to get us to half time. Then after 22 mins the best goal we have ever scored starting with a fab kick out by Sarah Mc (never lost a kick out all match) won by Ciara B hand passes all the way (shows the girls listened in training) to Rachel O'D onto Ann D passed to Grace C back to Ann D onto Kate H back to Grace C onto Rachel H and back to Grace C who finished right footed into the bottom corner. Na Fianna were shell shocked another 1-3 followed before the break and half time Boden ahead 4-8 to no score. Our full back line of Sheena M, Saoirse B and Sarah L (she was everywhere) were excellent in the 1st half clearing anything that came there way but we knew Na Fianna would come at us in the 2nd half. 3 changes at half time saw Aine O'B, Georgina C and Ally D come in and away we went. After 5 mins of an onslaught by Na Fianna a master stroke from the mentors shifting Ellen D from CHF to CHB to sweep alongside Rachel O'D we knew Na Fianna would have to be brilliant to get past our solid defence. Our work rate in the 1st 15 minutes of the 2nd half was immense and huge praise for Sadbh M, Sarah L and Ciara B they worked so hard to keep the opposition at bay. Amy L dropped back as a 3rd midfielder to help out the tireless Grace C and Ann D and that worked a treat. Nadine D and Hannah B were introduced in the 2nd half and with us winning the midfield battle enabled us to hit Na Fianna on the break



with quick hand passing from Georgina C and Nadine D enabled Aine O'B burst through for 2 goals ..GAME OVER !!!!

Final score BBSE 6-9 Na Fianna 0-1

Après match party back in the Club with the welcome visit of the U21 Lads Football team "sure they are all just good friends"...a huge thanks to the Mentors, Flo's and especially the parents who supported us throughout the year.

The B and C panel's struggled to field 2 teams this year but we managed to get through the season and all 35 girls are part of this small success so thanks to all.

Finally on behalf on myself Stephen Campbell and Colm Bolger may we sincerely wish the 12 girls that are leaving the Minor grade and heading into Adult football in 2018 the very best.

Leaving cert beckons also so best of luck in that girls and yes training continues every Monday evening 8.30 till 9.30pm.

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### Under 13 Ladies footballers win division 1 cup



### St. Brigids 0-8 Ballyboden St. Endas 2-7

The Final match in the Under 13 calendar was the Division 1 Cup Final clash of St. Brigids and Ballyboden. Both teams had won their equivalent home fixture in the league campaign – a league that had been won by Ballyboden before the summer in a play-off against Lucan. The match was to be staged at Brigid's Russell Park and the staging of the game looked in doubt as Storm Brian started to rage on Saturday morning. However with the rain easing off into the afternoon, the match was given the go-ahead on the Russell Park all-weather pitch. Although the rain had eased off, the conditions were still to play a big factor as strong winds

gusted down the pitch. Brigid's won the toss and elected to play with this wind in the first half and straight away they raced through the Boden defence in the first minute to get the first score with Boden relieved to see the ball from Tara Coffey go over rather than under the bar. Brigids continued to press, with Boden finding it hard to get out of their half, but the defence held firm with Megan Deignan, EmmaJane Weir and Sadie Codd clearing the danger until 10 minutes in when Brigids got a second score from play.

Then Balllyboden started to get into the game with good ball retention and link up play from Clodagh Reid, Sarah Gleeson and Leah Cunningham finally getting their rewards with a well taken score by Caoimhe O'Sullivan to give Boden their first point. Boden then continued their good play and took the lead with 2 more points with another shot unlucky to bounce off the cross bar. However Brigids were not going to lie down and took the play back up to the Boden end converting 4 points all from play to leave Brigids with a half time lead of 6 points to 3 points.

With the wind advantage in the second half, a 3 point lead did not seem much but it was Brigids who started the second half stronger and a converted free took the gap to 4 points. The conditions were making things difficult for both teams as the Boden girls struggled to get the ball on target and the Brigids girls struggled to get the ball out of their own half. When they did get a half break up the pitch they were closed down by some great Boden defending in particular from Alice Rudden and Megan Dignam.

The gap was brought back to 2 points as Kate Donaghy put 2 placed balls between the posts along with 1 from play with Brigids scoring a point after a good move ended with the dangerous Ella Connolly whose shot was tipped over the bar by the Boden keeper Shauna Feely. Then half way through the second half, Boden got the break that they were hoping for when an attack was finished off by Aine Rafter with a fist over the Brigids goalkeeper. Now with the lead for the first time, the Boden girls looked in control. They were still finding it hard to convert their chances until Leonie Power put over a neat point.

With renewed energy from the fresh legs on the Boden bench of Abbie Brennan, Nadi Kabongo, Sarah Cooney, Shona Kenny, Ella McNair & Kate Lennon coming into the pitch, the Boden girls continued to exert the pressure. With 5 minutes to play a long range Ella Reid free was again punched into the net this time by Hannah Byrne and a 5 point gap in the conditions looked insurmountable for Brigids. They continued to fight to the end but it was not to be their day and a proud Captain Sadie Codd was presented with the Cup to cap a remarkable season where these girls, all dual players, had completed the League and Cup double in both Football and Camogie.

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## **Under 14 ladies footballers edged out by Marks in division 6**



After winning the toss, we chose to play with the wind. The girls settled into the game quite quickly and were really up for the challenge. After a very exciting and physical first half the girls went confidently into the second half just a point down. Playing against the wind and uphill a goal put us 3 points ahead. Unfortunately the day wasn't to be ours when St Marks equalised and soon afterwards got another goal. The final score was 3-6 to -1-5. The girls battled right to the end. Special thanks goes to Loreto Karen and Aiobheann for their help all year. The mentors and parents are really proud of the year this great group of girls have given us.

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