



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



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## U21A Football Championship Final



### **Ballyboden 0-9**

### **Na Fianna 2-11**

Ballyboden's Under 21 A footballers fell agonisingly short in the Dublin championship after their eight-point defeat to Na Fianna in Saturday's final in O'Toole Park.

On a slow and heavy pitch, typical of many winter games, the Northside club were worthy winners in the showpiece event and shackled Boden's attacking threats quite brilliantly.

Boden didn't manage to score from play until first half stoppage time, which is indicative of how well their forwards were marshalled.

At the other end, Na Fianna's attack was incisive and ruthless when it needed to be, and a goal in either half left Boden with far too much to do in conditions that were never going to lend

themselves to a high scoring game.

Boden were sluggish in the opening ten minutes and found themselves three points down after Na Fianna worked three excellent scores. Boden were starved of any real chances in the early exchanges, but they did manage to haul themselves back into the game through Colm Basquel, whose magnificent 45 was sandwiched by two routine frees.

Na Fianna could, and probably should, have had the first goal of the afternoon when they rattled Josh Kane's crossbar, but it was not long before they reasserted their dominance, with two points in quick succession opening up a two-point lead.

With five minutes remaining in the half, Na Fianna struck for goal when full forward Al Fitzgerald rifled home to finish off a good team move and leave Boden with a huge task ahead of them.

A superb Colm Basquel free off his left reduced to arrears to four, before Warren Egan finally registered Boden's first score from play in first half injury time when he blazed over. There was still time left in the half for Na Fianna to stretch the lead back to four, and Boden had Josh Kane to thank that it wasn't seven after he superbly flicked a goalbound effort onto the post. Despite conceding the first score of the second half, Boden started it far more brightly than they did

the first and for a period of ten minutes had Na Fianna under real pressure. James Madden scored his first of the afternoon when he curled over and a Colm Basquel free left a goal between the teams. Boden turned the screw on the Na Fianna kick out and should have converted more of the chances that they created. Instead, Na Fianna hit Boden on the break to regain their five-point lead, and when they blasted home a second goal of the afternoon with 15 minutes left, the writing was on the wall. Boden probed and probed but couldn't breach Na Fianna's defence to create the goal scoring opportunities that they needed. Moreover, a slow December pitch is not conducive to an eight-point comeback. The sides swapped points twice in the remaining ten minutes to leave Na Fianna with a comfortable margin of victory that their performance had merited. They shackled a Boden team that had been so devastating in the semi-final and didn't give them a clear-cut goal chance. For Boden, however, accuracy that had been so slick against Tomas Davis' deserted them here today, as too many times a potential move was broken down by a stray pass.

Having said that, it has been a good year for the under-21s and there is enough talent left at management's disposal to put them in with a real shout of winning next year's championship.

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## **BBSE U21 C Football Championship Final**



**Ballyboden St Enda's 0-12 St Margarets 1-13**

A large crowd witnessed a very entertaining game between two evenly matched teams in the U21 C Championship final at Abbotstown last Saturday.

With a convincing win in the semi-final last week Boden travelled to Abbotstown with a strong degree of optimism but knew that a tough task lay ahead against a St Margarets first team.

Boden were slow to start and were three points down after ten minutes. Shortly after they had keeper Mark McNamee to thank for preventing a green flag being raised when he scooped the ball away from the boot of a St Margarets player with a goal chance beckoning. However Boden settled and scored unanswered points from Laurence Murphy with two frees, Keith Sweeney and Eoghan Monaghan to level the scores after 15 minutes. For the remainder of the half both sides traded points with Ross McCormack instrumental in keeping Boden within touching distance of the opposition with two fine individual points from play. At half-time St Margaret's held a slender lead of 0-8 to 0-7.

The second half started much the same way the first half ended with both sides trading points in the opening exchanges. However soon after St Margarets started to take control of the game and scored three quick points followed by the game's only goal to lead by 1-13 to 0-9 with 20 minutes remaining. Boden battled hard and had a goal chance of their own but unfortunately David Leach's effort hit the bar which would have reduced the deficit to 3 points. Boden continued to press and despite 3 additional points from Luke Corcoran, Shane Kennedy and Philip McCormack it was not enough to close the gap and St Margarets ran out winners by four points on a score of 1-13 to 0-12 and collected the trophy to jubilant scenes under the lights.

This was a great campaign for the Bs with huge thanks due to Kevin Walsh and the management team for the preparation and organisation that went in to this year's campaign.

Team: Mark McNamee, Charlie McPartland, Karl Reddy, Keith Sweeney (0-1), Kevin Cronin, Luke Corcoran (0-1), Tommy Burke, Oisín Carolan, Conor Barton, Barry O'Donnell, Laurence Murphy (0-4), David Leach, Karl Weldon, Eoghan Monaghan (0-1), Ross McCormack (0-2): Conor Kennedy, Shane Kennedy (0-1), Gareth Crowley, Colm Humphries, Philip McCormack (0-1)

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**Bill Sheehan & Sons Rathdown Sponsoring Pool & Darts for 25 Years**



L-R : Michael Scully, Roger Healey Chairman of the Pool & Darts Committee, Michael Sheehan, Bill Sheehan & Sons Rathdown, Danny Griffin Sponsorship Manager, Ciaran Maguire Club Chairman

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**Congratulations!**



Congratulations to club PRO Sinead O'Dea (Ryan) and husband Derek on the birth of their first child Tomas, weighing a hearty 9lbs 4oz, on Saturday.

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**Xmas Trees for Sale in the Club carpark**

A festive poster for Christmas tree sales. The background is a deep red, framed by a border of green pine branches with white snowflakes and red berries. At the top, the words "CHRISTMAS TREES" are written in a large, white, serif font, slightly arched. Below this, the words "FOR SALE" are in a similar but larger font. Flanking the text are two circular logos for the "Tony Keady Committee". The central text, in white, reads: "The Adult Section are selling Christmas Trees in The Clubhouse Car park this December". Below this, the sale hours are listed: "Thursdays & Fridays 6pm - 9pm" and "Saturdays & Sundays 10am - 6pm". The phrase "Finishes Sunday 17th" is written in a bold yellow font. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text "All proceeds will go to the Club with a donation to Charity" in yellow. Two small, stylized green Christmas trees with red and white ornaments are positioned on the left and right sides of the central text area.

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Tony Keady Committee: L-R: Tom Durkin, Eithne McGarry, Ned Slattery, Anna O'Connor, Pat Kenny, Michael Spain, (missing Mike Glynn).  
Raffle results:

1st Prize: Mr. Martin Lowry, Rathfarnham, Dublin.

2nd Prize: Ms. Catriona Good, Rathmines, Dublin.

3rd Prize: Mr. Sean Scanlan, Annacotty, Limerick.

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## 2009 Girls Pre-Christmas Fun and Games



While most other BBSE teams have wrapped things up for the season, the 2009 Girls had their final training session before Christmas with fun and games up at the Sancta Maria pitch. On a frosty morning when many would have preferred to stay in bed, head coach Sean O'Toole organised up to 40 enthusiastic girls into stations, each with activities designed to maximise fun. Wearing festive outfits, the girls demonstrated amazing skills in 3-legged races, skipping, potato & spoon races, tug-o-war and agility obstacle courses. Thanks to Sean and all the coaches for a great season to date and everyone is looking forward to starting Go Games next March.

Thanks to Suzanne Gormley [for the photographs available here](#)

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## SEISIÚIN NA NOLLAG



JUST A REMINDER TO ALL OUR SESSION SUPPORTERS TO PLEASE COME AND JOIN US ON THURS. 28TH DEC.  
around 9.p.m. FOR A MIGHTY NIGHT OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC, SONG, DANCE, POETRY AND COMEDY ...

(. if you have a favourite carol, Christmas tune or poem why not come along and perform it for us ... or if you don't perform yourself - tell us the title of it and one of us will try and sing, play, recite it for you on the night. ) contact [joeanduna@hotmail.com](mailto:joeanduna@hotmail.com)

Joe Johnston

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**Christmas at Boden**



## CHRISTMAS @ BODEN



**SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> –MEGA XMAS RAFFLE WITH  
LIVE MUSIC ON THE NIGHT**

**(FREE HAMPER DRAW FOR PATRONS**



**(PRESENT ON NIGHT)**



**SAT 23<sup>RD</sup> –“ CHASE THE CHAIRMAN”**



**JACKPOT €6320-MUST BE WON**



**XMAS EVE -MEET FAMILY,FRIENDS &  
NEIGHBOURS FOR MULLED WINE & XMAS**

**SPIRIT FROM 6PM**

**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup>-SPECIAL XMAS BODEN**

**SESSION FROM 9PM**

**NEW YEARS EVE.....DONT MISS IT !!!**



Get down to the club over the Christmas season and make the most of the festivities on offer!

