

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



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AHL 1 - Too many Boden aces for visitors O'Tooles



## The Long Fella Reports Ballyboden Sen A 4 18 O'Tooles 0 15

Ballyboden Senior hurling management will be well pleased with this team performance against O'Tooles in the second round of the league. They will also be pleased to have gotten the game played against the background of the recent snow drifts. Many of the county's surfaces are still in 'sick-bay'.

The contest was largely decided by the break, when Boden led by 3.10 to 0.08. The goals were well spread over the thirty, but perhaps the most significant aspect of the play was the endeavour among the Boden forwards to find the men in the best positions to complete the attacks. This brought many of them into the scoring frame, and none was more profilic than Conor Dooley. He operated at the point of the attack, sometimes taking his own score, and other times laying off the pass to complete the score. David O'Connor was first up to profit, but he had serious work to do, breaking a few strong challenges before firing over from close in. Others to impress during this half were Simon Lambert, showing all of his experience, and Niall McMorrow, looking as lively as ever. The early goals came from Lambert, Dooley and Paul Doherty. The best of the points came from Dooley, and Stephen O'Connor after a series of good passes put him into clear scoring space.

The second half lacked the level of Boden's performance of the first half, but that was largely due to the improved efforts of the O'Tooles players. Michael Carton, operating on the forty kept probing for scores, and performed well up to his usual high standard. However the half was barely five minutes old when Conor McCormack flashed his shot to the net from thirty yards.....Game over..!!!!

Manager Joe Fortune freshened things up with some replacements like Collie O'Neill, Eoghan O'Neill, Cian Mellett and Cillian Byrne. This kept the pressure on O'Tooles, who

kept pushing forward looking for the goals that might bring them back into contention. Sitting back and thwarting many of these attacks was Conor Robinson, showing his usual clever control and distribution.

The game petered out with Lambert being brought to the free shot line for a number of added points. The visitors tried hard, but there was no denying the overall superiority of the Boden boys.

For more pictures, click here.

Squad; Conor O'Donoghue, Luke Corcoran, Malachy Travers, Rob Leddy, Simon Lambert, Conor Robinson, Stephen O'Connor, Paul Doherty, Finn McGarry, Conor Dooley, Niall McMorrow, David Curtin, Aiden Mellett, Niall Ryan, David O'Connor, Naoise Maguire, Eoghan O'Neill. Colm O'Neill, Cian Mellett, Cillian Byrne, David O'Connor.

#### Hurling League 3 - Senior Bs notch up second win

An Fear Mór reports

BBSE 2 15 Commercials 4 06.

Our Senior B hurlers recorded their 2nd win in their league campaign, maintaining their 100% record, by defeating Commercials hurling club on the all weather pitch in Sancta Maria.

Playing against the wind in the 1st half, our team played exceptionally well, restricting a very keen Commercials side to just 3 points with only 1 of these points came from play. Right across the field from 1 to 15 we played with great intensity, not giving the Commercials team time to settle on the ball. All players in this period, especially our entire defence hurled with skill and passion. A goal just before half time by the outstanding Morgan Ryan, gave us the lead at half time by the scoreline of 1 - 5 to 0 - 3.

Immediately after half half time,we continued to play very good hurling and a superb goal by Finn McDonagh plus a few well taken frees from Morgan Ryan put us into a commanding lead by the scoreline 2 - 8 to 0 - 4. However after that, the intensity that had been the hallmark of our performance faded and allowed a very competitive Commercials team back into the game. The fight back by Commercials resulted in them getting 4 goals in the last 20 minutes of play, making the final scoreline a much closer contest, than should have been the case. Nonetheless it was a great win for our senior B hurlers and provided that we can main our intensity, the team will improve further in the upcoming games.

#### Scorers for BBSE

Morgan Ryan 1 - 8 ( 6 frees & 2 65's)

Finn McDonagh 1 - 3

Shane Kennedy 0 - 1

James Enright 0 - 1

Austen Lynch 0 - 1

Keith McCarron 0 - 1

#### **Leinster Senior League – Round 2**

BBSE travelled just outside the county boundary to one of the top club facilities in the country to play Bray Emmet's in the second round of the Leinster Senior League. Having drawn our first game, a win would have gone a long way towards ensuring qualification. An added interest to this game was that Boden's former Senior manager was now in charge of Bray. Paul Carley immediately got some friendly "abuse" as he walked the side line and commented that it was going to be a long evening! He need not have worried as his new team totally outclassed a depleted, but game, Boden outfit.

Bray boasted several county stars and it became obvious from the start that this Boden team were out of their depth. Top performer for Bray on the evening was Dermot Masterson, scoring 1 07 from play and another 0 04 from frees.

Boden started the game in lively fashion and led by 0 02 to 0 01 after 10 minutes but the flood gates opened thereafter. It would have been worse but for the excellent goalkeeping of Marc Mc Liam, who pulled off some fine saves.

Best performers for Boden on the night were Liam McCarthy, Des O' Sullivan, Neal Farrell, Jimmy Doody and Eamonn O' Gorman. All but one of Boden's haul of seven points came from Eamonn.

As stated, Bray was a far superior outfit but Boden did not help themselves by poor marking in our forward division which led to continuous pressure on the Boden defence. Boden lacked an organiser in the forward unit and the more we chased the game, the more it went from us. The final score of 3 19 to 0 06 reflected the Bray dominance and their goalkeeper had an easy, if chilly, evening.

Boden deserve credit for sticking to the task right to the bitter end. Several players were missing through injury or unavailability. These reinforcements will be needed for the League campaign but it is unlikely they will meet such opposition again. Good luck to Paul Carley and his new team for the season ahead.

The pitch was in excellent condition but the chill factor from the snow field made it a very cold evening for the few spectators who travelled the M50 to support. Warmer days beckon!

Junior Hurlers Keep up 100% record



The Junior team kept their 100% record in tact on Sunday morning with a fine performance against Clontarf in Pairc Uí Mhurchú. The foundations for this victory began on Saturday evening with a small crew of men, led by John Ryan, clearing snow and surface water from the pitch. The green light was given and preparations began for this second round AHL6 clash. Clontarf had transport difficulties and this match started 15 minutes later than planned.

The Senior A team and O'Tooles played the curtain-raiser for this match. But the junior match was every bit as skillful and enthralling to watch. The game was played from start to finish with a championship intensity. Ballyboden showed they were certainly up for the challenge from the very start. As with the senior hurlers in the previous game, the junior team kept tight at the back and attacked with determination. Matthew Nolan made countless saves in the first half; many of which Conor O'Donoghue would have been proud of. Our two corner backs, David Kirwan & Gavin Duff (both retired senior players!) were teak-tough in defence and refused to concede any soft scores. Luke Basquel, a player who would not have been out of place in the senior game, played excellently at centre-forward.

Evan McDonnell (who scored 3-3 in the last game) had a quiet game by his standards. It was an opportunity for others to shine. Jonathan O'Donoghue who covered every blade of grass on the main pitch found himself on the end of a neat pass from Brian Cummins and finished to the net. Indeed Brian wasn't finished with that, and followed up with a goal of his own shortly after. Luke Basquel moved to midfield and partnered with Tom Sweeney took control of this area of the field against some fierce pressure from Clontarf. At times, tensions

threatened to boil over, but with Gilheaney, Nugent and Normile always looking to attack from the half-back line we were on the front foot for the entire second half.

With only a single score separating the sides for most of the match it was a day when winning possession was vital. There were some fine examples of this by Keating, Cummins and MacMathuna late in the second half when pressure was on. Many of these catches forced Clontarf to concede frees and with time almost up Evan McDonnell drove over the final point of the day to give a four point cushion at the end.

Final Score: 2-13 to 2-09

Team: Matthew Nolan, Gavin Duff, Conor Maher, David Kirwan, Mark Normile, Daniel Nugent, Dave Gilheaney, Ger Keating, Thomas Sweeney, Luke Basquel, Peadar MacMathuna, David Garry, Evan McDonnell, Brian Cummins, Jonathan O'Donoghue, Sean Gorman, Eoin Featherstone.

#### **Hurling fixtures and results**

- AHL 4 BBSE 2 13 Clontarf 0 09
- AHL 6 St. Vincent's 4 20 BBSE 0 07

#### **Next Fixtures**

- Minor A V Kilamcus Crokes in Silverpark on March 25th at 11.00am
- Minor B V Cuala in Shanganagh on March 25th at 11.00am

#### **Broadway Challenge Launch Night**

















"A great night was had in the club on Friday as the club signature fundraising event for 2018 "Broadway Challenge" was launched. All Captains with strong representation from their team were in attendance getting to know everyone and eyeing up the competition. Club Chairman Ciaran Maguire welcomed all and wished them every success as the signature fundraiser is an integral part of the club financing strategy. On the fun side it was great to see all participants having great craic and the banter as excellent. If thesis a sign of how things will go over the next 6-8 weeks then a good time will be had by all. There are a few places left so if your interested please contact Ken Giles 085 1743466 or Grainne Nolan 087 9473625. Events kick off on Sunday 8th April so there is still time!!.. Best of luck to our current captains"

St Patrick's Day at Boden



Also on St Patrick's Day!











Join us on St.Patrick's Evening for some Irish Dancing with a twist!

It's Rosie's Jigs & Wigs from 9.30pm onwards...

A chance to dress up like a REEL Irish Dancer (wigs, shoes, accessories, the lot supplied) so you can channel your inner Michael Flatley or Jean Butler!

**ALL WELCOME** 

Ladies football: Senior Bs just miss out on 7s tournament victory



Our Senior B ladies travelled over to Somerton Castleknock to take part in Seven-A-Side Football Tournament on Saturday to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge which is a festival that celebrates the Irish language and culture. We were invited along with hosts Castleknock, Ballyboughal, Fingallians and Na Gaeil Óga. We played Castleknock in first game just coming up short in the end. In the next 3 games we went unbeaten winning all 3 and qualified for the Final. As the ladies awaited the outcome of the last round of matches to determine our opponents. Their thoughts turned to the Aviva stadium and a scrabble to stream the match on phones as the final was scheduled for 2.30 pm.

In the final we played Castleknock and held the lead going into the final moments by a point. The competition rules on a double score from a free would determine the outcome with Castleknock been awarded a free in the dying seconds to win by a point.

The team played some wonderful football and showed great team work for a group of players that had not played together before, this should stand to them when the League starts later this month. Also, it was a chance to brush up on the cúpla focail as all communications were in Irish on the day.

Mile buíochas to Castleknock for organising a great tournament.

Castleknock Sevens 2018 Runners Up

Back Row; Laura Basquel, Ruth Gillen, Danielle Aylmer, Eadaoin Walsh, Elizabeth Manning, Emma Gray.

Front Row; Megan Conway, Rachel Basquel, Orla Scollard, Claire King, Aisling McElvanney



Saturday saw our u-16 team begin their league programme on the All Weather in Sancta Maria against newly-promoted Naomh Fionnbarra.

Exchanges were even early on with scores hard to come by, but the work rate of our inside forward line of Julie, Ciara and Sarah meant the Fionnbarra backs were under considerable pressure and this led to our girls opening up a lead. At the back, Kiara was playing a captain's part and was the launch pad for many an attack before she unfortunately had to retire with a nasty hand injury. She was replaced by Holly who kept the forward momentum going and covered acres of ground.

At half time we had a good lead. We made a few substitutions at half time and early in the second half and all the substitutes ensured that there was no let-up in the level of performance. Anna and Alana hurled an amount of ball out of defence, while up front the Jenna and Molly fought for everything.

Tougher challenges lie ahead, but this was a very encouraging opening to our league programme.

Captain Kiara still smiling after the game, in spite of displaying the "scars of battle".

#### **U16 Football League, Division One - Round 4**

**Opposition:** St. Sylvesters

Venue: A pitch far, far away (That's Pat's of Donabate and Sylvesters away. Someone in the County board doesn't like me)

4 word match report: We're delighted with that.

380 word match report:

Another Six Nations match, another away fixture in North County Dublin. Oh Joy!

19 able bodies players, 3 grumpy and somewhat dishevelled mentors, 20 happy parents and I, travelled to Broomfield on a "damp" Saturday afternoon. It was one of those days that wouldn't be good for the arthritis, if ya know what I mean.

The game started 20 minutes late, on what I heard one parent describe the pitch as, "Yielding to Heavy" (A horseracing term I believe). The wintery conditions caused us to lose our centre forward after 15 minutes which lead to a reshuffling of the players. 5 minutes after that, off goes a midfielder, another reshuffle called for.

We got to half time with our noses in front in a good "old fashioned" hard physical game. Another quick reshuffle at half time allowed Boden introduce all the substitutes.

The second half was as tough as the first with bodies being put on the line, the net result being, that the Boden Physio/ Mentor spent more time on the pitch than some of the players.

At one stage, it resembled a scene from the Battle of the Somme with bodies everywhere, collateral damage for the common goal of playing great team football. By the end of the game the team was reshuffled more times that an Italian Parliamentary Cabinet. One lad,

Oran Dunne, played in 4 different positions during a 60 minute game, which was indicative of the versatility of this group of players.

I know it's a cliché but this was your typical great team performance. All 19 players deserve a Man of the Match award. The nature of the win, the determination, the versatility, the ability to put the team first and do whatever is asked.

I realise that no one ever really reads these reports, except parents of players and the Mentors of the team (in case I have a cut off them). But for anyone that was there on Saturday, they know, that the game rates as one of the best performances this group of players has ever put together. Now, there's a big statement.

As for the Six Nations, who cares, I saw 19 lads that went into the academy as children, turn into men, on the sodden turf in Malahide.

Final Score: St. Sylvesters 1-7 BBSE 1-16

Post Script: Apologies to the parent who 'Won' the honour of washing the jerseys this week. If you can get them back to roughly looking Blue and White, that would be a great achievement. Thanks.

**Gumshield fitting coming to Ballyboden** 



Fitting for 3D Printed Gumshields from Impact Gumshields will take place in the dressing rooms in Sancta Maria on Monday 19th March from 7.30pm.

There will be a group discount available so the more players that avail of this service, the cheaper the gumshields will be for all.

#### **Boden Theatre Group Present...**



#### **WRITTEN BY TOMMY MARREN**



### BALLYBODEN ST. ENDA'S GAA CLUB

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> / THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> / FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> / SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2018 @ 8PM

TICKETS: €10-TO RESERVE RING CAROL 086 4070015/ GER 086 8516387

PERFORMED BY KIND PERMISSION FROM TOMMY MARREN

The Boden Theatre Group will perform 'It's The Real McCoy' for 4 nights from the 21st - 25th March 2018. Tommy Marren's hugely successful comedy is set in the west of Ireland in the 1960's. It is the story of 68 year old Madge Molloy, who has lived over four decades of her life wondering why her husband of only four months vanished without reason. Her daughter Madge is equally confused with the absence of her father but has managed to find love with the gormless postman. Throw a mysterious curate and two nosey neighbours into the mix trying their best to get to the bottom of what's going on in the Molloy household and you have a hilarious play filled with riveting drama and witty one liners. Tickets are €10 and can be reserved by calling Carol: 0864070015 or Ger 0868516387.

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#### **2018 Pool Finals**







# 2017 / 2018 Annual Singles Pool Competition Finals

Following very competitive & entertaining league & knockout rounds, the finals of the Plate & Cup competitions will take place in the main bar on

Friday the 30 th of March

Plate Final @ 8pm sharp:

Mark Lynch v Pat Ball

**Cup Final immediately afterwards:** 

Jack Nolan v Don O'Neill

Please come along & support what promise to be two highly entertaining matches....







## Golf Society Outings 2018

Friday 13th April - Killeen, Co. Kildare 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Friday 4th May - Stackstown, Rathfarnham 2pm to 4pm

Friday 25th May - Club Classic Edmondstown, Rathfarnham

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Castlewarden, Co Kildare 1.30pm to 3.30pm Kindly Sponsored By Tom Durkin

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July – Carton House (O' Meara Course) 1pm to 3.15pm Jack Nolan's Captain's Prize

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August – Mount Juliet, Kilkenny 11am to 1pm Kindly Sponsored By Pat Doyle

Friday 14th September – Grange Golf Club 2pm to 4pm Ciaran Maguire's President Prize

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October – Beech Park, Rathcoole 11am to 1pm
Turkey Shoot



A CHAIRDE GAEIL,

## BEIDH SEISIÚIN MÍ MÁRTA AR SIÚL SA CHLUB AR AN LUAN SEO CHUGAINN -

19Ú MÁRTA AG 9.30p.m. - FÁILTE ROIMH CÁCH -GO hÁIRITHE CEOLTÓIRÍ, CANTÓIRÍ, DAMHSÓIRÍ

AGUS DAOINE A ÉISTEANN AGUS A BHAINEANN

SULT AS AN gCEOL FIÚNTACH.

If you would like to perform yourself please send
me an email with details - song title etc so that
we can have a running order organised on the
night; and if you do feel like singing - DO sing an
Irish song - google the words and have them
to hand in case you get stuck! (this is a good

way of getting in some practice before you hit

Broadway !!)

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