



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



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Football report 09/04/18



A disappointing start to the new championship format for all our adult teams over the weekend with a rare set of 4 defeats in all 4 games. In Parnell park the shipping of three goals proved too much to overcome for our Seniors and leaves them with a battle to qualify from a tough group. Elsewhere the Inters, down to 14 men for most of the second half, were pipped by a late point by Syls in Broomfield while our Junior A's and B's also suffered defeats in their championship openers. Thanks to the new format though, they will all get another chance to turn things around. Thanks, as ever, for all the great Boden support at all the games. Results and reports below.

Senior Championship

Senior vs Kilmacud Crokes. Report by Shane O'Brien

Saturday 14th April 2018 Result: Boden 1-11 Crokes 3-12

Ballyboden's championship campaign got off to the worst possible start after a seven-point loss to Southside rivals Kilmacud Crokes in Parnell Park on Saturday evening. The game, which was manager Anthony Rainbow's first championship match in charge, ebbed and flowed throughout and was ultimately lost with the concession of goals at vital stages. Two

first half goals in the space of two minutes put Crokes in the driving seat of a game that was far more evenly contested than the winning margin suggests. With two points separating the sides late on, Crokes struck for a third and decisive goal as Boden probed to reduce the arrears.

Crokes started the brighter of the two sides and were three points ahead within four minutes thanks to scores from Cian O'Connor, Dan O'Brian and Pat Burke (free). Boden were struggling to settle early on and had championship debutant James Madden to thank for getting them off the mark when he pointed from distance. That score seemed to ease any nerves and within a minute Darren O'Reilly had fisted over the bar to cut the lead to the minimum. Boden were now in the ascendancy, enjoying success on the kick out and dominating possession, and when Colm Basquel kicked a routine free to draw them level it was the least they deserved. Five minutes later, however, they would find themselves six points down after Crokes wing-forward Shane Horan struck for goal twice in two minutes to leave them with a mountain to climb. Boden's response came via Colm and Ryan Basquel, as each brother notched a well taken point to cut Crokes' lead to four. But Crokes had the final say of the half when Horan and Cian O'Connor both tacked on points to stretch the lead back out to six at the interval. Boden enjoyed the majority of possession and territory in the first half, but crucially failed to take the lead. With six wides, Boden were wasteful in front of goal and failed to execute the chances they created. Crokes, on the other hand, were ruthlessly clinical in the first period and didn't register a single wide.

Boden required a good start to the second half if they were to mount a comeback, but James Madden's goal after just 30 seconds was more than they could have hoped for. After a period of recycled possession, Madden cut through the Crokes rearguard with ease before deftly stabbing the ball past David Nestor. Something of a fracas broke out after Madden's goal and Crokes were perhaps fortunate to maintain a full compliment of players on the pitch, with referee Gary McCormack failing to spot an elbow from Andrew McGowan on Darren O'Reilly. The Stillorgan club regrouped well after the concession of that goal, with midfield pair Conor Casey and Craig Dias each notching well taken scores to keep Boden at arm's length. Dias' point would be Crokes' last score for 21 minutes, however, as Boden fought their way back into the game with a delightful curling effort from the excellent James Madden and a Ryan Basquel free leaving a score between the teams. Boden will feel aggrieved that they didn't draw level soon after, when Madden was denied his second goal for overcarrying, despite replays appearing to show that the wing-forward had only taken five steps before finishing to the net.

Colm Basquel brought Boden to within two points with a free, but that would be as close as Boden got to restoring parity. With just five minutes remaining, Crokes goaled for the third time after some pinball in the Boden defence put Dan O'Brian through on goal. O'Brian squared to Callum Pearson who showed great poise to finish to the top corner and effectively kill off Boden's challenge. Ryan Basquel did respond immediately for Boden to cut the lead to four, but a Pearson point, coupled with two magnificent frees from Dublin star Paul Mannion stretched the lead and gave Crokes breathing room to close out the game in comfort. Boden will rue the concession of three soft goals, two of which came in periods of they dominated. However, there are some undoubted positives to take from the game, and the performance of some of the young players, James Madden in particular, is one of them. Madden was terrific throughout and his 1-02 from play was a high note from a disappointing afternoon.

Boden must now regroup before a huge game on April 26th, when they face Raheny in Parnell Park. Raheny sit second in Group 1, following their three-point victory over Oliver Plunkett's on Thursday. Anything other than a win will see Boden's championship hopes ended prematurely.

Squad: Aran Waters, Bob Dwan, Brian Bobbet, Cathal Flaherty, Cian Murray, Colm Dunne, Conor Dooley, Darragh Gogan, Darragh Nelson, Darren O'Reilly, Declan O'Mahony, James Holland, James Madden, Kieran Kennedy, Ross McGarry, Ryan Basquel, Sam Molony, Sean Gibbons, Stephen O'Connor, Tom Hanifin, Warren Egan, Conal Keaney, Robbie McDaid, Alan Flood, Michael-Darragh Macauley, Colm Basquel, Simon Lambert, Shane Clayton

Thanks to Cliona Mellet for the Senior photo, [for more see here](#)

Intermediate Championship

Inters V St.Sylvesters Report by Neil Brennan

Saturday 14th April 2018 Result: Boden 1-11 Syls 1-12

Ballybodens first outing in the Intermediate Championship ended in a narrow and heartbreaking defeat at the hands of St Sylvesters in Malahide last Saturday evening.

Despite losing their influential corner back Scott Cullen to a hamstring injury very early in the proceedings and full back Graham Heavey for a very harsh second yellow card early in the second half, the visitors battled back from a three point deficit to lead by two with ten left on the clock. This was a truly heroic performance from the 14 man Boden side who carried the fight right to the death in a pulsating encounter. Bodens woes started early as they shipped a goal after 4 minutes followed by a quick point to leave them 4 points adrift and in plenty of trouble. But Boden were not going to lie down. With Shovlin in top form on the 40, Boden began to find the range and whittled the home sides down to the minimum by half time. Up front Dunne was causing havoc and were it not for some very poor decision making in front of goal Boden could have been well ahead by the break.

After the break Boden got stuck in early and forced the play. Disaster struck when Heavy was dismissed by the Ref and forced Boden to rearrange their troops. In came Naoise Maguire to shore up the defence, with Eric Monaghan the one to loose out in the reshuffle. In fairness to the home side, they threw the proverbial kitchen sink at Boden to try and break them down. In games like this small things decide the outcome and in this case the referee who was having a poor game awarded three or four very dodgy decisions against the visitors. The big home side attendance was not being ignored. Two late frees of the very soft variety saw the home side overcome Boden at the death. There were no weak players on the Boden side. This may have been a loss on the scoreboard, but a victory for courage and commitment. Being a young and developing side these lads were getting their first run in a serious championship encounter and they all stood up manfully when called upon.

The future for this team is bright. Bring on the next round on Sunday week.

Squad: M McNamee, F McGuire, G Heavey, S Cullen, O Carolan, H Keller, T McGrath, L O'Donoghue, L Flaherty, C Bates (0-02), D Shovlin (0-02), J Murphy (0-04), B McGarry (0-01) M Dunne (1-02)

Subs; N Hester for S Cullen 10 mins, N Maguire for E Monaghan 54 mins, D Walsh for L Flaherty 52 mins

Junior A Championship

Junior A's V Ballymun Kickhams Report by Donal Monaghan

Sunday 15th April 2018 Result: Boden 1-05 Ballymun 2-05

A confident Junior A team travelled to Páirc Ciceam for the first of three group stage games in the Junior 1 All-County Championship. After a glorious Saturday of spring weather the gods decided that they didn't want us to get used to sunshine and duly presented us with very challenging conditions with driving rain and very soft underfoot conditions on the morning of Sunday 15th April. Boden took to the field against a Ballymun outfit that taught us a lesson or two a few weeks previously. However this was going to be different as we had a few lads back from injury and other duties. The first few minutes began at a hectic pace with both teams making light of the difficult underfoot conditions. Boden were holding their own and giving as much as they received. However, we were wasteful and attempted long range shots with little chance of success. After three Boden wides Ballymun broke down the pitch and a speculative shot deceived Conor Conway and Stephen McGrath in the Boden goal and ended up nestling in the net. All our good work had borne no fruit.

Further pressure from Boden continued to create opportunities and solid work from Eamonn O'Reilly and David Gilheaney eventually presented a point scoring opportunity which Eamonn pointed with the outside of the left foot. We were finally on the board after 14 minutes. Massive effort in the engine room by Kev, Tommy and Conor kept honours in the middle tilted in our favour. At the back the sprightly Cathal and Barry frustrated numerous Ballymun attacks. Young Conway at fullback was a rock and never shirked a challenge, much like Kev who did the same at centre back. Ballymun scored their second point in the 20th minute and Boden responded with a long range Gillo point in the 26th minute.

A couple of talking points before the interval resulted in a yellow card for a Mun midfielder when others thought the colour might have been different. The conditions contributed to the foul and the ref's decision. A couple of minutes later Mono had got around the cover and was bearing in on goal only to be dispossessed by a tackle from behind. Play was waved on much to the dismay of the Boden contingent.

At half-time the score was 1-2 to 0-2 in favour of the hosts. Boden had created the bulk of the chances but had come away empty handed. Gillo and Cian were causing problems inside while Karl and Lar covered a lot of ground at wing forward. In defence Sean and Keith prodded and poked to find openings as well as attending to their defensive duties.

The second half continued much the same way as the first with Boden doing all the pressing. Rory soon came in for Sean who had run himself into the ground. Sam replaced Conor to add fresh legs to the middle. Against the run of play Ballymun knocked over a couple of points to stretch their lead. An unfortunate miscommunication from a kick-out gifted Mun another goal. The challenge was even greater but the lads never gave up. A point from a 45 from Lar rekindled hopes. Boden were then awarded a penalty after a sustained period of pressure but the keeper saved Gillo's effort low to the keeper's left. Nothing was going right. Gillo stole the ball from a defender and a resulting free was put over. By this stage Fionnan and Ryan had been introduced and Cathal O'Dea managed to create space put over a point to narrow the gap. Boden were still 6 points in arrears but were doing all the pressing. Mark and Ross entered the fray for the final 10 minutes and Ross nearly flicked the ball to the net straight after his introduction. Another attack generated further chaos in the Mun defence and Keith eventually swept the ball home to leave a goal between the teams. A couple more passages of play ensued but Boden never really threatened and the referee finally called a halt to proceedings.

Despite being on the end of a defeat it was a magnificent game of football played by two committed teams. The referee (G. Carty) it has to be acknowledged also contributed positively to the game. This was certainly one that got away. In the after match discussion the players remained upbeat about the upcoming games and committed themselves to re-doubling their efforts.

Team: Stephen McGrath, Barry O'Donnell, Conor Conway, Cathal O'Dea, Keith Sweeney, Kevin Cronin (C), Sean Mulligan, Tommy Burke, Conor Barton, Lar Murphy, Eamonn O'Reilly, Karl Weldon, David Gilheaney, Eoghan Monahan, Cian Lynch.

Substitutes used: Rory Jordan, Sam Lally, Ryan Bradshaw, Fionnan Keogh, Ross McCormack, Mark McGee

Not Used: David Leech

Junior Championship

Junior B's v Na Fianna Report by Martin O'Donnell

Sunday 15th April 2018 Result: Boden 0-06 Na Fianna 2-15

The JB's opened their Championship account in the worst possible way against a very strong Na Fianna outfit. Not that we were beaten by the better team, we were beaten by our own individual errors. We went through a bad patch in the first half and allowed Na Fianna to register score after score without reply. Personal battles were not been fought, runners were not tracked. In fact Na Fianna were 2-6 up before we started to get our act together and actually started to compete. Vinnie and Hugh tagged on two scores to at least get us on the score sheet before half time.

The half time talk was direct and to the point. This was unacceptable, we were now playing for pride in the crest. Guys had to take a long hard look at themselves, this is not how we play, no passion, no intensity. Get out there and play as we know you can play. Get on the front foot, bring the game to the opposition.

Thankfully the second half was a huge improvement. We had a mountain to climb but by Christ the JB's took up that challenge. We were a wounded animal, now we were taking the game by the scruff of the neck. Alan Keane in goal pulled off an excellent save and that seemed to galvanise the JB's. Alan McQuaid was creating all sorts of problems for the Na Fianna defence. Ross Traynor tagged on three points. Neil Lynch scored a spectacular over head point. I could go through each and every name but to a man, they can be proud of that second half performance. We played with passion and when we ran at the opposition, we were a sight to see. We actually edged the second half.

The referee brought the game to an end with a scoreline of 2-15 to 0-6. The opposition manager said that if we had of played the first half as we did the second, we would have got a result here. Talk is cheap and actions speak louder than words. Management is now looking for a reaction from this defeat, I know this group of men are hurting and will react in the proper manner. We have Naomh Barrog next in two weeks time. Onwards and upwards. Boden Abu. JB's Abu.



Junior A team



Intermediate team



Junior B's V Na Fianna

Coláiste Éanna Jubilee Celebration of Sport



Coláiste Éanna C.B.S.
Rathfarnham

***Jubilee Celebration of Sport
1967—2017***

Minor League Match D1 R4

Ballyboden St Enda's v Skerries Harps

***Sunday 22nd April 2018
12 noon***

***On Colaiste Éanna
School Pitch (D16E248)***



Admission Free



**11.15am Blessing and Dedication of school
pitch in memory of Br Murty Hynes
(School Principal 1975 – 1981)**

**Parking available in Ballyroan Boys NS,
Scoil Náomh Pádraig & Sancta Maria College**

Join the Colaiste Eanna Jubilee Celebrations and support our minor footballers this Sunday 22nd April at 12pm noon. The match will be preceded by a blessing and pitch dedication to mark the occasion

Hurling News



Hurling Championships

- **Sen A V Craobh Chiaráin on Tuesday in Parnell Park at 7.45pm**
- **Sen B V Faughs on Sat in Tymon Park at 6.00pm**
- **Jun A V Ballinteer St. John's on Sat in Marlay Park at 6.00pm**
- **Sen A V St. Brigid's on Sunday in O' Toole Park at 11.00am**
- **Jun B V Raheny on Sunday in Ballycullen at 11.00am**
- **Jun D V Ballinteer St. John's in Marlay Park at 3.00pm**

Please support – Bígí Linn

Baile Buadain Naomh Éanna B v Cromhghlinn

Question: Is there anywhere more miserable on a wet day? An t-Iománaí ar an gClaí reports from Ballycullen

Crumlin were our visitors to Ballycullen to take on our Minor B hurlers. Evelyn Cusack and others at Met Éireann conspired against us but it would take more than wind and rain to keep these lads from putting in a top class performance. Crumlin, playing with the wind, rushed into an early lead - tagging point after point until they led by four. We were just wondering could it be one of those days when Seán Lambert stepped up and found his range with a 40 yard free into the wind. But it was James Hanrahan who turned this contest around. The dogged full forward fought for scraps all day and when the keeper mishit a puck out the lightning speed of young Hanrahan got himself to the ball first and drove it into the back of the net. This goal lifted the team immediately and it was now Crumlin that were on the back foot.

The second goal for Boden, which followed shortly, was not what you would describe as a thing of beauty - but they all count! Mathew Nolan on the long

range frees struck the ball high into the sky and after some clash of the ash and a bit of pushing and shoving in the small parallelogram the ball found its way into the back of the net. Several players emerged roaring from the ruck claiming that they had deflected the ball in - so much so that even Harry Kane's agent contacted the club to see if there was a possibility that 'arry himself might have gotten the last touch - but to no avail. After a quickly convened meeting of the influential Goals and Points Resolution committee at a late night meeting in Parnell Park the goal was finally credited to the one man who should definitely not have been in that half of the field.... Mathew Nolan.

The match swung back and forth for the next half an hour with Boden just managing to stay that point ahead only to be reeled in the last five minutes to finish in a draw.

The lads were disappointed but should be very proud of their performances in what was later described as the 'Bog of Cullen'.

Laoch na hImeartha: Darragh Murphy who stopped just about everything in the

box. An excellent performance! How did we not win that?

The boys were all winners when there was none!!

Baile Buadáin Naomh Éanna B 2-4 v Cromhghlinn 0-10

Match Day Squad:

Adam Fisher, Alan McGovern, Benjamin Hurley, Cillian Brandon, Darragh Murphy, Darragh O'Neill, David Barrett, Dioma Murphy Rourke, Eoin Duffy (0-1), James Hanrahan (1-0), James Kinsella, Kevin Kirwin, Liam Mac Pháidín, Matthew Nolan (1-1), Peter Byrne, Robert Lambert, Ruaidhrí Nolan, Seán Lambert (0-2), Thomas O'Neill

Two great clubs, two great teams, one grim afternoon! The Shepherd reports from Sancta Maria

Although these 'Boden and Na Fianna teams have met several times over the past years, neither team could claim ascendancy over the other. Today's clash was billed as the decider before all of these young lads head off to the adult sections of their respective clubs. However, the weather scuppered any chance of a great game as the rain and wind and cold left us all feeling like a tribe of Inuits grappling with the wrath of a vexatious and vengeful god.

The first half was a turgid affair with long spells where neither team could get a score. Cillian Kirwan was particularly unlucky not to rattle the onion sack but the Na Fianna 'keeper pulled off a double save. We were not so lucky at the other end when Micheál Murphy put one past our defence to add to his personal first half tally of 5 points from frees. Half time saw the Mobhi Road outfit up by four points but down a man. We had secured six points, Feargal Ryan had scored two frees and one 65. Seán O'Donnell and Ciarán O'Reilly picked off two more and one unidentified southsider got the sixth (this mathematically challenged reporter asks your forgiveness for this omission in factual reportage). Much to their credit, young Joe Maguire, Conor Lowe and Ciarán Mc Donnell battled bravely in the full back line against the Northsiders and the driving wind and rain to keep the score at 1-7 to 0-6 at the eagerly awaited

break.

The second half saw Joe Mc Grath operating as the extra man doing a superb job sweeping up the loose ball in the half back line, ably assisted by a tireless Ruairí Mac Mathúna and Patrick Dunleavy. The game picked up a small bit as

the excitement built (or maybe we were just looking forward to getting back into the cars and away home!). Darragh Kenny came on for Enda Cashman up front just before the end of the first half and bagged a brace of points for his debut at Minor level. How and ever, Na Fianna played with a greater intensity as our lads found the conditions and the ferocity of the blue and saffron outfit hard to handle. Murphy scored twice from placed ball and they got only two more from play as our defenders got the better of them as the half progressed. Our luck turned when Cian Corcoran kicked one to the net. Luke Mc Dwyer added a point which kept a bit of momentum in it. Substitutions were made as tired legs needed to be replaced with fresh ones. Pearce Christie came on for Peter Gannon who had played his heart out. Soon enough Pearce added his name to the score card with a deft point. Matthew Fitzpatrick came on for Ciarán Mc Donnell, and Ciarán O Reilly made way for Adam Kelliher. No matter how difficult the conditions were the lads in blue and white stayed the course and stuck to their guns. Persistence and a Luke Mc Dwyer scorcher sealed the deal in the end. 'Boden finished up winners at 2-11 to 1-11 (we had outscored our opponents 2-5 to 0-4 in the second half!). In truth Na Fianna will be justifiably disappointed not to have come away with a point from this tie but that's sport – to the victor the spoils.

Upcoming Fixtures

Sen B V Faughs on Saturday in Tymon Park at 6.00pm

Jun A V Balinteer St. John's on Saturday in Marley Park at 6.00pm

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Ballyboden U14 Ladies Footballers win Division 1 Feile 2018



Back Row: Nadi Kabongo, Laura Rourke, Abbie Brennan, Sarah Gleeson(c), Alice Rudden, Sarah Cooney, Ella Reid, Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Clodagh Reid, Hannah Byrne, Leonie Power, Shauna Feely, Ella McNair

Front Row: Megan Dignam, Shona Kenny, Emma Jane Weir, Leah Cunningham, Sadie Codd, Aine Rafter, Kate Donaghy, Megan Deignan

The Ladies U14A team took to the Feile stage at the weekend in a competition where only Divisions 1 and 5 survived the bad weather with the other divisions being deferred to the end of May. This meant that it was only the Boden A & B teams in action with the A team participating in Division 1.

The A team were hosted by Kilmacud Crokes in a 3 team division consisting of Crokes, Boden and last year's Feile winners FoxCab. The other group in Division 1 was hosted by St. Brigids where they welcomed Lucan, Clanna Gael and Clontarf.

Thankfully the weather on Saturday was fine and the girls gathered early at Pairc De Burca ready for action. The first match for the Boden girls was Kilmacud Crokes who were always going to provide a tough opposition especially on their home patch. However, any doubts about our girls were quickly dispelled as they straight away got into the groove with Kate Donaghy converting early points and then 2 goals from Leah Cunningham with another from Áine Rafter giving Boden a commanding lead. In truth, Crokes were unfortunate in that nothing was going for them but this was also down to the Boden defence where Laura Rourke, Emma Jane Weir, Shona Kenny and Megan Deignan were rock solid. A lead of 3-3 to 0-1 gave Boden great confidence for the second half and as substitutions were made there was no let-up in the performance with the girls knowing that score difference could play a part in deciding the group.

The girls continued to dominate in the second half with the hard work and link up play of Alice Rudden, Megan Dignam, Ella Reid and Nadi Kabongo resulting in more opportunities for scores which were expertly taken by Caoimhe O'Sullivan, Clodagh Reid and Sarah Cooney. At the back, Crokes were denied scores by some super saves by Boden keeper, Shauna Feely who pulled off a string of saves including one from the penalty spot. The final score was 4-10 to 0-3 and with the level of performance, you would be forgiven for thinking that the Boden team were looking good for Feile glory.

However, the beauty of the competition is that every game can be different and so it proved in the next game against FoxCab. The Boden girls lacking the same freshness after a short turnaround, faced a well drilled FoxCab team in their first match of the day. In a rare Boden defensive lapse, a ball was played into an unmarked FoxCab forward close to goal and Boden found themselves a goal down and chasing the game. Then it was the Boden's turn to feel that everything was going against them and try as they might, they could only put up 2 points giving FoxCab the victory with their 1 score.

As it seemed like a trip to Brigids for a semi-final as group runners up was the likely outcome, the Boden faithful decided to stay and watch the 1st half of the Crokes vs. FoxCab game before making the road trip. Again the competition showed that nothing can be predicted as Crokes showed the classy team that they are, and cheered on by their own supporters, along with an additional Boden support, they beat FoxCab. With all 3 teams on one win, the group was decided on points conceded and so Boden came out on top with FoxCab heading off to Russell Park.

The semi-final pitted the Boden girls against Lucan, the team that our girls had beaten in a playoff to take the U13 league title in 2017. With only 15 minutes per half, it was a tight nervous match all the way through with a vital goal from Kate edging Boden ahead. Further points from Leonie Power, Clodagh and Áine kept Boden ahead and as Lucan tried to get back on terms they met a wall of steel led by Sadie Codd and the rest of the Boden defence. The full time whistle went with Boden the winners by 1 point, 1-4 to 0-6 to the delight of the Boden team and their great band of supporters.

News came through from Russell Park that FoxCab had beaten Brigids after a shoot-out which meant that the Boden girls would get to take on FoxCab again, this time in the final, this also being a repeat of the 2017 final when FoxCab had triumphed.

After a good night's rest and following all the recommendations provided to them by Kilkenny team nutritionist Noreen Roche, the girls were ready for the final in IT Blanchardstown. After watching the Boden B team going down to Westmanstown, our girls took centre stage. As with the first match on Saturday, the Boden girls hit the ground running with lovely interplay and passing to pierce through a FoxCab defence that had seemed impenetrable the previous day. After an opening point from Kate, a cool finish from Abbie Brennan raised the green flag for a goal. Other scores, another from Abbie and a smart fist over the bar from Áine when surrounded and finally a deserved score for Hannah Byrne after hard work all weekend gave Boden a half time lead of 1-4 to 1-0 with FoxCab having converted a penalty for their only score.

The second half saw FoxCab coming into the game more with the aid of a freshening wind. However, Boden continued to play some great football and every single player led by their brave heart captain Sarah Gleeson fought for every ball to make sure that this lead was not

going to be conceded. Points were traded with Kate putting over another for Boden and they could have got insurance scores with a couple of goalmouth scrambles and a disallowed goal. Foxcab got another point to get to 3 points behind leading to a nervous last few minutes. However, the Boden girls defending was resolute and after stopping one final attack from FoxCab, the final whistle blew and victory was to Ballyboden. Final Score 1-5 to 1-2

There was pure joy from the squad of 20 players along with number 21, Ella McNair, who had been injured the previous week and missed out, but who was with her team mates all weekend. There was also delight for the management team of Eoin, Carol, Ronan, PJ, Seamus and in particular Kieran who had put in so much in the preparation of these wonderful girls so that they would get the most out of their Feile experience.

Many thanks go to Niamh, our Physio, for getting the girls bodies right. Thanks to Carol for getting the girl's heads right. Thanks to Maggie D for getting the hair right. Thanks to PJ, Jack, Seamus, Brian, Karrie, Corinne and Gerry White who helped out in umpiring, linesman, general help and counselling services through the weekend. Thanks to Alyson, Mags, Carol again and many others for food supplies. Thanks to the all the support from families, players from other teams, loads of team mentors too numerous to mention, Paul & Brian, Ladies Chairman Cathal who followed the progress of both A&B teams through the weekend and proud Club Chairman Ciaran Maguire.

This was the first Ladies Football Feile victory for Ballyboden since 2010 and now the girls go on to represent the county in Féile Peile na nÓg 2018 in June. Best of luck girls!



Division Five Feile Report



What a weekend our B footballers had in the Division 5 Feile. Saturday morning and it was off to Westmanstown for our Feile. The sharp bend off the Strawberry Beds up towards Westmanstown wasn't to be the only twist or turn over a fantastic weekend.

(More pictures [here \(thanks Liam Cunningham\)](#) and [here](#))

The numbers and jerseys given out , the girls warmed up for the first match of an eventful weekend.....

V St Marys Saggart

Boden started well but failed to score before the first of many great saves by Ellie Rogers over the course of the weekend. a lovely goal from Kate O'Shea put Boden ahead. A purple patch before half times saw 2 points from Siofra, points by Niamh and Karyn give Boden a 1-4 to 0-0 lead at the break.

St Marys started well but sterling work from among others Cara, Tara, the Aoifes , Shauna, Garce and Laura kept them out. At the other end after a great interchange with Karyn , Niamh scored a point. Then after great work by Aisling ,Siofra scored a goal. Minutes later Anna Lamberts shot hit the back of the net to put Boden 3-5 to 0-0 up. Some further great defending before Kate O'Brien finished off the games scoring.

Boden 3-6 St Marys Saggart 0-0

V Foxrock Cabinteely B

After a short break, the girls were in action again. Boden didn't take long to open the scoring with Karyn Burke scoring a great goal. Kate O'Brien added a point before Siofra Kelly burst the net and shortly afterwards Aishling Duffy got another goal for Boden , Lara Whelan added another goal , Siofra got a point and the half was finished by a two fabulous goals by Kate O'Brien. Half Time 6-2 to 0-0

Second half was a quieter affair in front of goal as Foxrock Cabinteely put an awful lot of pressure on Boden but some brilliant play by Emily Tuite, Laura Dunne, Anna Kinsella,

Grace Regan and Cara Ryan really put it up to them. Karyn Burke added a point for Boden before the on fire Kate O'Brien got her third goal of the game. A well deserved point from Niamh O'Farrell was the final score of the game as Boden won 7-4 to no score. So through to the semi finals! The only question was where would the semi final be? Beat Westmanstown Gaels and we'd stay in Westmanstown , lose the match and it would be off to Perrystown.

V Westmanstown Gaels

So the third group match started and in what was tough conditions the girls put in another great performance. This being the third match in a row many of the girls on both sides were tired. Boden had a few chances and at the other end Ellie made a number of great saves. There was some heroic defending from among others Aoife Doyle, Shauna McCarthy, Emma Fisher and Emily Tuite. Half time and the score was level at 0-0 0-0 . Second half started and now playing into the wind Boden were battling hard. Westmanstown opened the scoring (the first point conceded by Boden all day) before Karyn Burke equalised for Boden. The breeze got stronger and the girls tireder as Westm anstown were now on a roll adding a couple more scores. The Boden girls battled on but Westmanstown had a dream half scoring 9 points. Final Score Boden 0-1 , Westmanstown Gaels 0-9

So it was Perrystown to meet Robert Emmetts in the Semi Final. We met back at the club, the girls ate, drank, rested, laughed and chilled before we set off in convoy for Greentrees Park . So pure knock out, the tension was palpable. Emmett's had topped their group, this was going to be tough.

Semi Final V Robert Emmets

The girls were cheered out of the dressing room onto the pitch by their wonderful support. The ball was thrown in and after a tight start Robert Emmett's went ahead through a free, two poits from Karyn Burke and Boden were ahead. Some brilliant work by the forwards Anna Kinsella, Lara Whelan Niamh O'Farrell and Siofra Kelly led to a penalty to Boden. From her goal Ellie Rogers ran the length of the pitch to take it.... Our hearst were in our mouths but Ellie plonked it high into the back of the net and Boden were now 1-2 to 0-1 ahead. Then Lara Whelan took a shot and it went in. Half time came and Boden were 2-2 to 0-1 to the good. However they had to play against the wind and up the slope in the second half. Emmets opened the second half with a point. Boden nerves were calmed after a brilliant goal and a point from Aisling Kelly. Boden now led 3-4 to 0-2. Niamh O'Farrell got a gfine point after a great ctch by Tara. Emmetts bombarded the Boden goal. Incredible defending by all the girls, blocking, tackling ,everything as they held Emmetts at bay. Emmett's got a point and then the ref blew up. Boden were through to the final. Cue mass celebration from all the team and the Boden crowd.

The Final

Off to Blanchardstown IT for the final on the Sunday at 2. The girls met up at one. The facilities wonderful, the pitch brilliant. The girls were all in brilliant form. Playing in the change strip of Green Stripes and with a big crowd present the ball was thrown in. Westmanstown scored a point from an early free. Then Ellie made a fine save pushing a goal bound shot over the bar. Two goals in quick succession for Westmanstown and Boden had a mountain to climb. The girls were brilliant though and kept playing their best and were unlucky with a few wides and shots that fell short. As the half ended Ellie was agin called

into action to tip the ball over the bar. Half Time and Boden 2-3 to 0--0 down. Second half began with another Westmanstown point before Karyn Burke scored for Boden. Upteen chnces came and went for Boden as they nearly got in for a goal hitting the bar and just missing the follow up. Westmanstown added another goal. Boden piled forward, the whole team were immense giving every last bit of effort to try and stage a comeback but it wasn't their day. Another Westmanstown point made it 3-5 to 0-1. Westmanstwon were excellent and whilst the final score didn't reflect the match they are an excellent side. So to though are the Boden girls who after the talk from Donagh, Ken and Tony marched over to the sideline to rapturous applause from their adoring fans.

What a journey, what a weekend and the girls now have lovely, medals and memories to share forever.

Thanks to the girls, Donagh, Tony, Ken, Melissa, the physios, the club and all the Boden support for a brilliant weekend. We are so proud of you all. Thanks too to the officials and the host clubs as well as the Dublin Ladies Football Association for organising such a wonderful competition.

Well done to the A team on their win and best of luck to the Camoige teams and our C Footballers in their upcoming Feile.

Panel: Ellie Rogers, Aoife Doyle, Aoife G Doyle, Grace Regan, Cara Ryan, Laura Dunne, Shauna McCarthy, Tara O'Kelly, Emma Fisher, Siofra Kelly, Saoirse Pender, Aishling Duffy, Kate O'Brien, Niamh O'Farrell, Lara Whelan, Anna Kinsella, Emily Tuite, Karyn Burke, Anna Lambert. Mentors Donagh O'Farrell, Ken Regan, Tony Duffy, Melissa Pender.

Senior A Camoige Report

Senior A Camogie League Round 1 BBSE vs Na Fianna

The Senior A Camogie League campaign got underway on Tuesday evening. Na Fianna got off to a good start with a well worked point. Boden responded quickly with two points, one from full forward Dearbhla Brennan, and the other from Hollyn Kennedy. The next 15 minutes proceeded in both teams swapping wides. Boden won 3 frees in that space of time but couldn't convert them. At the other end, a free from Na Fianna dropped short but Socky gathered it cleanly into her hands and dissipated any danger. The next couple of minutes were slightly rocky with what looked like an imminent goal ended in a free, which Na Fianna converted. Another point from Na Fianna levelled the game at 0-2 all. Trojan work from the back line, with Hannah Leddy and Mairead Luttrell at the helm, kept the opposition at bay, forcing numerous wides. A well worked couple of points for Boden, the first, which Doireann converted from the touchline and the second from Brennan, with an assist from midfielder Jodie White. Another free from Brennan was quickly nullified at the other end when a 13-metre free was saved on the line by Sile, went out for a 45 and then finished to

the
net. Score 1-3 to 0-5 to Na Fianna.

Boden got off to a roaring start in the second half, with four scores on the board. One of those coming from Erica Tobin on her Senior A League debut. Na Fianna countered with two points but the ladies in blue and white responded with two points of their own. Things were looking good for the Boden team until halfway through the second half. A wave of attack from Na Fianna forced numerous frees and suddenly the game was levelled at 1-8 to 0-11. The final 5 minutes were extremely tense with a free from Brennan nullified by a penalty for Na Fianna, which they opted to put over the bar. Then Na Fianna concluded the evenings scoring with a point and the final whistle sounded. Na Fianna win 1-10 to 0-12.

Hard luck to the ladies. However, it was a very promising start to the season with plenty of positives.
A special welcome to all the minor girls who made a huge impact in their first Senior A League Campaign.

Boden: Síle Nic Coitir, Hannah Leddy, Mairead Luttrell, Aoife O'Neill, Aisling Gargan, Martha O'Donoghue, Grace Walsh, Sarah Nagle, Jodie White, Doireann Mullany (0-3), Aoife O'Brien, Laura Burns, Erica Tobin (0-1), Dearbhla Brennan (0-7, 0-4f, 0-1 45s), Hollyn Kennedy (0-1), Ally Ramsden, Ciara O'Neill, Sarah Ann Murphy, Aisling Byrne (for Nagle 55mins), Olivia Meagher (for Burns 20mins), Robyn Flynn (for O'Neill 55mins), Sarah Keehan, Claire Kirwan (for White 37mins)

Senior B Camogie Report

Na Fianna do enough against Boden to take the spoils

Na Fianna's Senior 2 Camogie team carried on from their Senior A team's win against Boden earlier in the week with a hard fought 4-5 to 1-9 win against Boden's Senior 2 Camogie team.

A "softish" Cherryfield pitch failed to dampen the championship like effort of both teams. The early exchanges saw both teams trade several points before an opportunistic Na Fianna goal midway through the half gave them the edge. Pointed frees from Áine O'Brien and Ciara Lambert together with a hardworking midfield of Ciara Barnes and Eimear Butler kept Boden in touch. However, they were left with an uphill battle after Na Fianna pounced for goals just before and after half time against the run of play to leave them 4-4 to 0-4 ahead. Boden showed true grit however and further points from Ciara Lambert and Aine O'Brien followed by a goal from Ciara O'Neill made a real contest of it. However, despite dominating the closing stages led by Aisling Byrne, a strong half backline of Saoirse Hassett

, Fiona and Gráinne Ní Chorcoráin and adding a further three points , Na Fianna held out for the win.

A gritty first league performance from all of the team who are learning with each match and now face Thomas Davis away this Thursday 19 th April.

Team @Panel: Ally Ramsden, Sarah Mulvey, Mary Hyland, Sadhbh Nic Mhathúna, Saoirse Hassett, Ciara Lambert, Gráinne Ní Chorcoráin, Ciara Barnes, Eimear Butler, Aisling Byrne, Fiona Ní Chorcoráin, Elizabeth Manning, Áine O'Brien, Rachel Walsh, Ciara O'Neill. Chloe Murphy, Nicola McCarthy, Sarah Lambert, Aoife Barnes, Aoife Murphy, Sinéad Hussey, Muireann Delaney, Lauren Bentley, Catherine McDonald, Blathnaid Slater, Deirbhile De Frein

Under 16A Football League - Round 6



An American Visitors Perspective

I'd like to thank y'all for letting me write a piece for your weekly journal about the track and field game that I watched at the weekend.

The Candy Strips of Knocklyon St. Endas were playing neighborhood rivals Saint Johns in the ballpark beside Freeway 50.

This top 2 clash was gonna be a real game of checkers.

The over 15's were real big guys who hit hard from the start of the first throw ball. The Candy Strips de-fence were tough and they completed some great block and tackles. Guys like Gannon, Mon-a-han, Don-a-he, LeeHe, Dunne and Mulligan Something really put their tails on the line.

The crowd were real douchebags and unsporting, clapping and cheering every time a goal shot missed the onion sack and went over the bar.

Neither sides were taking any garbage, and guys were being slam dunked into the dumpster with some big "Off Ball" hits.

There was no break between the first two quarters, those guys just played straight through to half break. I asked the guy next to me the score and he just rattled off a load of numbers, two three two one four but I think the Candy Strips were winning by few over-goals.

In the second half the Saint Johns offence kicked some great curveballs through the H sticks. Not to be out done, the Candy Strips mounted their own Full Court Press through MVP's like Byrne, Hassett, Power, O'Dwyer and Be-Han.

Then came the frosting on the cake, when Gannon hand balled it to Hassett who, with a great shoe ball, released Byrne and he calmly mailed that zinger past the net minder. The third goal of the game. "G-Whizz, Three down goals to two down goals", I said to the parent next to me, he looked at me like I was darn crazy and told me "There's one going from Shannon in a couple of hours". You Irish and your Blarney.

Coming down the homestretch, the coaches searched their fanny packs for their playbooks so they could close this sucker down. Maguire, Colcough, Hickey, and O'Halloran helped out the de-fencive line to stop Saint Johns getting into our end zone.

As we headed into overtime a tie Game, those Bo-dan guys just kept pressing. King, Kenny, Sweeney just didnt give up. Ripping apart the Saint Johns game plan, they won a couple of frees SEVEN minutes after the final hooter should have sounded. Up steps Byrne, who in the white hot pressure calmly slotted them in the over goal section. Jeeze, that guy "Eats pressure and craps ice cubes".

My "Wheelhouse Guy" or "Man of the Game" as you say here, was the whole squad cause they really Bust A Gut to bring this baby home. But that's just my two-bits worth.

Knocklyon St. Endas nailed the game over Saint Johns on a numbers line of three eight two two nine.

Match Report – BBSE V Skerries Harps U-15A Dublin Football Championship 1st Round



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The Astro pitch at Sancta Maria proved its worth again on a very wet & windy Sunday morning, April 15th as Ballyboden's Under 15 A Footballers faced highly rated and championship favourites, Skerries Harps in the 1st round of their maiden Championship... a game that would surely have fallen victim of the weather had it been scheduled for a grass pitch and added to an already cluttered fixture schedule.

The atrocious conditions would neither benefit nor hinder either side over the other as both teams possess talent in abundance and employ free-flowing football styles but all present feared the worst in terms of the quality of the spectacle about to unfold in the unfortunate conditions.

An even match-up on paper, however, Boden would take to the field shorn of a number of key players missing either through injury or abroad on school trips. Nonetheless, an eagerly awaited encounter lay in store for the hardy souls who braved the elements ...and huge credit to all 30 + boys that took to the fray as no-one present was disappointed with the levels of entertainment produced as both teams conspired to serve up an epic tussle worthy of a championship decider, let alone first round !

The rain poured down and the wind swirled as the match got underway with Skerries taking the initiative and piling on the early pressure but three swift attacks ending fruitless due to some wayward shooting...no thanks to the gale! Boden withstood the early pressure and settled 5 or 6 minutes into affairs, slotting two neat scores courtesy of the dynamic duo,

David Keane, swiftly followed by a beauty from Cian Durkan recently returned to action after a lengthy lay-off...today would be a big test of the latter's match fitness with all hands required at the pump !

Skerries attacks were being repeatedly thwarted by some excellent defensive work by Boden but they eventually found a way onto the score board in the 12th minute by virtue of a free which saw a harsh booking for the busy Rhys McDonnell. Two more points were exchanged as both sides were now going through their respective gears and the conditions were now becoming irrelevant as both teams seemed to have the bit between their respective teeth...and it was game on !

It was Boden however that struck the first body-blow after an efficient counter attack following a turn-over forced by the irrepressible Alex Gavin, deployed on the day to 'quieten' Skerries greatest threat in the shape of the talented Eoin Byrne...true that eclipses of the sun are rare enough but rarer still is an eclipse of master Byrne as he possesses everything required of a top footballer and is justifiably, firmly in the 'one to watch' bracket of future Dublin stars...Luckily for Boden though...so too is our own Alex Gavin and this proverbial clash of the Titans could conceivably prove to be the deciding duel of this battle. Following Alex's dispossession of his adversary, he quickly fed Michael McDonald who in turn fed the supporting Rhys McDonnell...Cian Costelloe received after drifting into a good position on the left and an exchange with the nippy Cian Mahon saw the ball worked infield through the centre via Jason Dwyer and Cian Durkan until it eventually found its way to 'D' Keane who made a trademark surge past two defenders before slamming the ball to the net.

Rather than stir a reaction from Skerries, the goal seemed to rock them somewhat and Boden took full advantage before they recovered their composure...Another sweeping move started at the back with the rock steady David Gannon setting things in motion with a block tackle and the ensuing scramble for possession resulted in the cool head and hands of Josh Corcoran calmly taking the ball out of the danger zone and slipping a neat pass to the hungry Wolfe (Ben) who was covering ground with the stamina and panache of a thoroughbred racehorse...Ben joined the hunt and ghosted upfield linking up with two of the three Cians before laying off to powerhouse Jason Dwyer who was just not going to be denied and Jason hammered in a thunderous shot that flew past the helpless and faultless Skerries keeper to extend Boden's lead to seven.

It was sink or swim time (literally it seemed) for Skerries now and they showed their mettle by tacking on three unanswered points within two minutes, to stay in the game. They would also have the last say of the opening half with a free but only after David Keane snaffled another three pointer two minutes before the break after another impressive inter-passing move from back to front with Boden displaying excellent ball handling in trying conditions. The interval came not quick enough for Skerries who seemed bewildered at how they found themselves six points behind despite a fair share of possession. The truth of it was that despite Boden's impressive forwards making merry with nearly every opportunity that came their way in the first half, Skerries were nowhere near as efficient and at times wasteful when opportunity knocked...but that is almost to do Boden's impressive rearguard an injustice as all six backs played like warriors throughout the first 30.

The lack of action seen by Boden's Hugh O'Sullivan between the sticks told its own story but his kick-outs were pin-point accurate for the most part depriving Skerries of any opportunity

for quick attack options and providing a springboard for Boden's offensive actions. The usual reliables, David Gannon and Ronan Long were to the fore as always, stifling their men and starving them of any decent ball...

His brother might be the one called Luke...but 'Cool Hand Josh' (Corcoran) seems to make it look like everything around him is in slow motion as he glides around sweeping up and clearing out, using a radar like sense of being in the right place at the right time! Add to this power pack the machine that is Ben Wolfe, who is quite simply a cut above anything he comes up against and irresistible when he adds punch to the attack on one of his deep forays into enemy territory, usually to devastating effect...for the opposition !

If one has an irresistible force then one needs an immovable object and that role was duly played by big Alex Gavin who was succeeding in producing one of those very rare eclipses and it was proving to be a telling factor. The backline was bolstered by arguably the stand-out performer for much of the half considering that corner-back Evan Nugent was brought up from the U-14s for this fixture and literally thrown in at the deep end against opposition, the likes of which he will not encounter during his travails with his own peers this season...He showed his considerable ability in an outstanding performance from start to finish, displaying an impressive level of physical and mental toughness and excellent temperament...not merely coping but excelling at this level. Hats off Evan and thanks for the dig out...We'll be seeing you again...we hope!

Ah but the job was only half done...remember, it's a game of two halves and if the second half was half as good as the first half then it wouldn't be half bad ! It didn't disappoint !

The game restarted in explosive fashion when the unlucky Rhys McDonnell was shown a second yellow and was duly sent to the line...to lose any man is tough for a team...to lose a good man is tougher...to lose one of your toughest isn't good ! ... Losing Rhys was a big blow for Boden to say the least !...It's hard enough to beat a side of the calibre of Skerries with even numbers...Boden were now reduced to fourteen for the entire second half...This was potentially a game changer...and so it proved...Rhys's absence left a big hole in Boden's defensive system and after slotting the early free to immediately narrow the gap, Skerries got a second wind in their sails and went for it ! They dominated proceedings for the ensuing fifteen minutes chalking up a tally of 3-04 against 0-02 for Boden in this period to turn a six point deficit into a five point lead and it was looking ominous for Boden at this stage of proceedings. However, if there is one common trait within each and every member of this group...it is guts...character and plenty of it. They would dig deep, individually and collectively to summon up, from somewhere within them, a determination ...or maybe just stubbornness that they were not going to relinquish on their own patch...not today...they had trained hard for this day...they want to win this Championship...they intend to win this Championship...but first they had to somehow pull themselves out of this hole they now found themselves in ! The Boden defence closed up shop and all out attack after attack from Boden seemed to repeatedly break down at the last gasp through some unfortunate intervention by a Skerries hand or that of the ref who on occasion seemed reluctant to award frees when apparently warranted...

Ironically almost, it was a pointed free from David Keane that stopped the rot and reduced the deficit to four before 'D' again pointed following some clever interplay with Jason Dwyer who was now beginning to re-assert himself on the game and becoming more menacing with

every attack.

As Boden chased the game with increasing fervour, Skerries were appearing to wobble as the minutes ticked by and the end of the game was within sight. Paul Basquale had been introduced to proceedings at this point and the sight of the giant full-forward entering the fray must have demoralized the Skerries full back line...his impact was immediate and soon after the reward for their endeavours arrived for Boden with just two points separating the sides, another forward forage with what seemed like the entire Boden team involved at some point during a patient build up saw many Boden hands on the ball as everyone stepped up to do their bit. The three busy Cians, Mahon, Costelloe and Durkan who had passed his fitness test with flying colours at this stage, were constantly probing the faltering Skerries defence and following two surges forward, linked with D. Keane and Jason Dwyer inside and together they penetrated the dogged Skerries defence before the ball was fed inside to Davy Keogh who having joined the attack early, had continued his momentum forward and slipped unnoticed behind the Skerries full back line and took up a perfect position to receive a timely pass and held his nerve as the Skerries keeper bore down on him to calmly jink and side step the keeper before dispatching the ball into the net. Cometh the hour of need...cometh the man of the season to date, to save the day it seemed...They had done it...they had turned it around...clawed their way back from the brink...a point to the good with time almost up. The hero of the moment, lionhearted Davy Keogh would pay for his efforts having literally run himself into the ground he went down with severe cramp which would restrict his further participation...Backs to the wall again after another unlucky break, Skerries as in the first half would have the final say and were awarded a softish free at the death after a random sloppy clearance had gifted them possession when all seemed under control. The free was duly dispatched to tie the game at a scoreline of 4-06 to 3-09 and thus the drama would continue as 20 minutes extra-time would ensue !

No time to draw breath as the battle weary troops from both sides were at it again within minutes...Boden restored to 15 again for the extra-time but Rhys McDonnell remained on the sideline for his earlier indiscretion...A patched up Davy Keogh was sent back in to stand his ground...as much as could be expected of him at this stage after emptying the tank over the previous 60 arduous minutes. Boden took the initiative immediately and raced into a two point advantage buoyed by what now felt like an extra man and the still fresh Paul Basquale was making a nuisance of himself and keeping Skerries rearguard honest. Skerries would muster again though as you might expect in such a topsy turvy affair and drew the scores level again before the turn-around. However that would be all they had left to give on the day and Boden's superior fitness, desire...never say die attitude saw them dominate proceedings from there in rattling off four unanswered points...the pick of which was a classic solo effort from Man Of The Match Alex Gavin after stealing yet another turn-over and surging forward before booming over from distance with an element of defiance written all over it...This was the score that finally broke a valiant Skerries side...Michael McDonald chipped in with an impressive score which was richly deserved after his gargantuan efforts throughout but fittingly it befell David Keane to hammer home the final nail rounding off a hugely impressive shift with a personal tally of 2-07 out of a total 4-12 to Skerries 3-11.

Mission accomplished...by a very accomplished team...against a very accomplished team...Skerries vanquished...It wasn't easy but Boden march on into the next round where

arch rivals Kilmacud Crokes await...another classic beckons me thinks...if it's half as good as this...don't miss it !

Comhghairdeas players and mentors on an outstanding performance from all concerned...

Boden Abú.

Photos by Cliona Mellett. For more photos, [see here](#)

U15 Opening Round of Football 'B' Championship



U15 Opening Round of Football 'B' Championship

Sunday morning in Cherryfield saw the first match of the U15 Football Championship with BBSE vs St Patrick's of Donabate.

The weather conditions were not going to make it an easy match as we were only short of a few ducks for the small pond forming in the center of the pitch.

BBSE elected to take the the shallow end and as the whistle blew St Patricks won the breaking ball and their shot was wide. A lovely kick out saw Boden work the ball effortlessly to the Pats 21 yd line where we took the opening point and this was followed by another point closely afterwards. On the 12 minute, a simple and well worked four pass move resulted in Boden's first goal 1-2 to 0-0. Then St Pats began to find a rymthm scoring two points and from our kick off drilled home a goal to level the game in the 22nd minute. The Donadate

team's work rate at closing down our kick outs paid well as they went in with a commanding lead at half time: St Pats 2-9 to Boden 1-2 .

After a half time talk from their coaches Martin O Hare, Martin O Donnell and Paddy Brosnan Boden started the second half with purpose and focus. Boden began to play some of their best football, with the help of Leon, Scott and John as incoming subs, even though the conditions were deteriorating fast.

Boden were containing St Pats and out playing them even though they are 3rd in the table, in a division higher than our lads. Boden were winning the second half 2-3 to 1-1 much to the annoyance of St Pats who had at one stage managed to get more yellows and reds (4 Y & 1 R) than they had scored points wise in 25 mins in the second half.

At the final whistle St Patrick's won 5-12 to BBSE 3-6.

St Patrick's played some great football on the day but Boden were much closer than the final score would reflect.

Well done to all the lads and coaches for a mammoth effort in such diabolical conditions. The shield awaits!

Photos by Cliona Mellett and Dan Culleton.

For more photos, [see here](#)

Féile na nGael 2018



After our girls great success last weekend, it's the turn of the Boys next weekend as Feile Season continues.

Féile na nGael is taking place this Saturday April 21st and Sunday 22nd in over 17 venues. We are hosting Division One.

Ballyboden will host our A team, Na Fianna A, Lucan Sarsfield A and Naomh Barrog A in Division One, Group B.

Our B's are being by hosted by O'Dywers in Balbriggan in Division Four, Group A and have St Catherine's (WG/EGB), St Brigids and their hosts, O'Dywers A, to contend with. For directions to Bremore Park, [see here](#)

Last but not least, our C team travel to Lucan, where they meet hosts Lucan Sarsfields B, Trinity Gaels and Naomh Barrog B in Division Six, Group A. For directions to the 12th Lock, [see here](#)

1st games throw in at 10.30am.

It would be great to see the great Boden support get behind our young lads and support our boys.

Boden Abú

We wish all the boys the Very Best of Luck on Saturday and hope they get great enjoyment out of their Feile weekend

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U10 Home Hurling Update



A great game was played by all the lads when they hosted the All-Ireland champions, Cuala in Sancta Maria last Saturday. Strong skills were on show and all the lads are really improving. A massive effort was put in by everybody. Well done boys.

Photo courtesy of Conor O'Toole.

U10 Away Hurling Update



The lads were away to Liffey Gaels, a tough encounter, but they battled hard and came through the encounter victorious.
Boden Abu!

Many thanks to Naomi Bartley for the photos. For more photos, [see here](#)

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Sunday 22nd April, 3.30pm

Bookings: 01-493 4208

Admission: €10



