



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



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Football report 23/4/18

ADULT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP FIXTURES

Saturday 28th April

I.F.C Inters V St.OP/ER **18.00pm**
Sancta Maria

Sunday 29th April

J.F.C Junior A V St.Brigids **11.00am**
Sancta Maria

J.F.C Junior B V Naomh Barrog **15.00pm**
Ballycullen

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR ADULT FOOTBALL TEAMS

The Blessing of the Colaiste Eanna pitch which is part of the schools Jubilee celebrations provided the backdrop to our Minor A's league game V Skerries Harps on Sunday last. A great second half by the team secured a fourth straight league victory which puts them level with Crokes on top of the Div.1 MFL, keep up the good work lads!

Elsewhere our Minor B's found the going too tough to bear against a very strong Round Towers (C) team but despite a heavy defeat, there were still positives to take from the

performance.

Best of luck to our C team who play on Tuesday evening which will be too late for this publication.

Reports below.

On to this week and our Senior Footballers face Raheny in Parnell Park this Thursday at 18.45pm in what is a crucial match in the group after their defeat in the opening game. A big Boden support is very much needed to help the lads get the win they need.

The weekend also sees championship action for our Inters and Junior A's and B's, details are on the poster attached, please support.

Minor A vs Skerries Harps

Sunday, 22nd April 2018

Result: 1-21 to 1-08

The Minor Football Division 1 League campaign continued on Sunday morning. This match was played in Colaiste Eanna as part of the dedication of the pitch as Br. Hynes Park in honour of Br. Murty Hynes who was Principal of Colaiste Eanna from 1975 to 1981. Jim Gavin, Dublin Senior manager, attended and was introduced to both teams prior to the match.

The first half was a very close affair with John McGinn, Enda Cashman and Ciaran O'Reilly scoring points to keep the scoreboard ticking over. A goal from Skerries just before half time left the teams level at 0.8 to 1.5 going in for the break. The entire Boden defence worked extremely hard to limit the chances to Skerries during the first half.

The second half began with a series of points from Ballyboden with half backs Cian Maher and Conor Hanrahan featuring among the scorers. A well worked goal from Dean Ralph gave Boden a comfortable lead which was maintained to the final whistle. Thanks to Colaiste Eanna for their excellent organisation on the day which included a special match programme and a meal for both teams and mentors in the school after the match. Thanks also to Skerries for their cooperation with the arrangements on the day. Best wishes for a rapid recovery to David Ward who sustained a wrist injury during the first half.

The next league match is at home against St. Vincents on May 6th.

Thanks to the parents and Boden supporters who gave great encouragement to the team throughout the match.

Team: Jake Turley, Joey Donohoe, Ruairi MacMathuna, Sean O'Donnell, Cian Maher, Patrick Dunleavy, Conor Hanrahan, Pearce Christie, Conor Lowe, Enda Cashman, Ciaran O'Reilly, Jack Kenny, David Ward, John McGinn, Peter Gannon, Cillian Wall, Malachy Codd, Dean Ralph, Cillian Kirwan.

Minor B vs Round Tower (Clondalkin)

MFL 3 South : Sunday, 22nd April 2018

Result: 2-06 to 7-21

There is no nice way of putting it except to say that 'Boden were second best to a very strong Round Towers team yesterday as the above score line shows. Despite the overwhelming strength of the opposition, there were many fine performances within the 'Boden ranks. Three fine saves from point blank range from Adam Farrell made the Clondalkin full

forward line think twice about going for the three. Our full back line of Alex Craven, Jack Lambert and Daragh O'Neill performed very well under the constant pressure and can be proud of their efforts for the full hour.

Mark Walsh was another who worked hard through out to get himself into the game. Sean O'Flaherty came off the bench to make a big impact, scoring the 'Boden goal and coming close to getting a brace. Although starved of possession, full forward Cian Corcoran made use of every ball played his way and had the upper hand on his man throughout.

A bad day at the office but by no means a reflection of the ability of this group. Onward and upwards lads!

Senior Footballers in Action versus Raheny

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Ballyboden St.Enda's



V

Raheny



Thursday 26th April

18.45pm

Parnell Park

— Please Support —

Please come out and support the lads on Thursday!

Weekend Hurling Results

- Sen A Qualify for Q/F with win over St. Brigid's .
- Sen B fall to second defeat to fine Faughs team - 3 18 to 2 09
- Junior A keep on track with a win over Ballinteer - 3 17 to 1 17
- Junior B beaten by Raheny 4 15 to 0 10
- Junior D team have fine win over Ballinteer - 4 13 to 1 17

Second half display qualifies Boden for the Q/F



The Long Fella Reports

Ballyboden St. Endas 2 19 St. Brigids 1 12

There are occasions when the game's outcome is decided by an incident, or in this case two incidents in quick succession. This was very much the case at a pleasantly warm O'Toole Park on Sunday morning. Patrons 'toggled out' in various levels of protection, given the slight downturn in the weather from Saturday. Some donned the Franciscan look, toes out, to be viewed with some scepticism by the more 'Polar' types. 'Lansagrotte' shorts were also on display, getting an airing just in case the 'breeks' might not get a second outing over the summer.

The scenario was very simple for both sides. Boden needed a win to qualify from the group along with the All-Ireland Champions Cuala. St. Brigids needed the win to keep their title bid alive and perhaps bag a second skin down the track. With that in mind, the men in red opened up with real intent. Within the first quarter they had set the bar high, with a couple of points and a fine goal. Paul Winters, Luke Purtill and Jack O'Neill stood out for them and truly took the game to their more fancied opponents. Boden responded with points from Niall McMorrough, Paul Doherty and Shane Durkin after Conor Dooley had used his immense reach to grab a high 'puck-out' ball.

The half continued with mostly 'tit-for-tat' scoring. Purtill maintained his quality, but was perhaps bettered by Boden's Conal Keaney. He only contributed two points, but his general play and distribution was the key for Boden to stay in touch with Brigids. Loose ball was in short supply, but what there was of it rewarded Niall Ryan with a brace. Namesake Paul Ryan also did his part with three first half points. The half ended with the equalising score from

Keaney, when he was well and truly 'stood-up' on the side-line, only to swivel out of the situation and point from fifty metres.
Score 0.11 to 1.08.

The second half opened with a Paul Ryan point, to be followed by Johnny McGuirk with his equalising score. Niall Ryan with his third, balanced out a monster pointed free from Dublin goalkeeper Alan Nolan. There then followed a period of almost eight minutes without a score, when both sides failed to beat the well organised defences. Simon Lambert was at this stage playing as a sweeper, and Boden had freshened up the line-up with some replacements.

Boden's first goal opportunity came to Conor McCormack, when he appeared to have been well marshalled. Somehow his touch was enough to direct the ball out of Nolan's reach and Boden were now that much to the good. Niall Ryan followed with his fourth point, another fine effort and just reward for his persistence. There followed the deciding sequenced of play. Brigids attacked with purpose and had the Boden defence beaten, only for Garry Maguire to rescue the situation with a quality save. The ball went through the lines to Paul Ryan, and with him running towards the end line, he somehow managed to flick the ball past the advancing Nolan to open a seven point gap. Finn McGarry, the Ryans, and Aiden Mellett added late scores to flatter Boden to a double digit win.

The Boden management will be reasonably happy with the performance, but perhaps will be conscious that more accurate opponents will pose a different challenge down the line.

Boden selection; Garry Maguire, Luke Corcoran, Stephen O'Connor, Malachy Travers, James Madden, Simon Lambert, Finn McGarry, Niall McMorrow, Conal Keaney, Conor McCormack, Aiden Mellett, David Curtin, Paul Ryan, Niall Ryan, Shane Durkin, Conor Dooley, David O'Connor, Paul Doherty, Collie O'Neill.

Faugh's too strong for Senior B's



BBSE played Faughs in the Senior Hurling B Championship on Saturday 21st April and the result was Faughs 3 - 18 BBSE 2 - 9.

Faughs are a Division 1 team and indeed are unbeaten in the league so far this year while BBSE play in Division 3. There was a difference in class, especially in the art of shooting and Faughs were very deserving winners.

Nonetheless our team played with great heart and determination and the scoring difference would have been much less had we not shot so many wides from the good scoring positions that we created. While the scoreline tells its own story, there was a marked improvement in our performance since our last outing and the team is getting better.

Scorers for BBSE were

Mattie Weldon 1 - 2
 Luke O'Donoghue 1 - 0.
 Keith McCarron 0 - 3
 Morgan Ryan 0 - 1
 Finn McDonagh 0 - 1
 Cian Mellett 0 - 1.

Junior D Championship

BBSE 4 13 Balinteer St. John's 1 17

Third Policeman on Duty in Ballinteer

The Third Policeman stands accused of only writing reports on matches that end in glorious

victory for his favoured teams. "Guilty as charged" he cries. "Who wants to read of suffering and miserable defeat?"

On Sunday Ballyboden's Junior D hurlers played Ballinteer St John's in the second round of the championship - (there'll be no mention here of the first round). The Ancient history of the club to the present to the future were represented on the team. Our eldest hurler, a mere fifty four, our most youthful, seventeen summers.

The match itself was nip and tuck for the first half, Ballinteer a point up at half time. In the Second half Ballyboden's potent mixture of aged guile and youthful vigour proved to be the catalyst for victory.

Heartily the Third Policeman drank his pints that night and pondered on the nature of the day's game and the nature of the team. Great values were on show this day - families hurling, community spirit, generations striving together, learners and teachers, the history of the club. You can't bate that!!

Hurling Fixtures

- Minor A V St. Vincents on Sunday, April 29th at 11.00am in Páirc Naomh Uinsíonn
- Minor B V Faughs on Sunday, April 29th at 11.00am in Tymon Park

Féile na nGael 2018 – Division 1



Emmet Pullan, John Byrne, Daire Mac Phaidín & Dave Kiely

Our Division 1 Hurlers hosted Féile Group B on Saturday. The Boden lads were first up, best dressed at 9:15 am and started the day with the traditional team photos.

Players, Mentors and Parents from Lucan Sarsfields, Na Fianna and Naomh Barróg received a warm welcome to the Firhouse Road from Venue Co-Ordinators, Ultan Mac Mathúna and Tommy Keogh.

The sun was shining and there was a great atmosphere building as the large support from all teams gathered.

Pairc Uí Mhurchú looked fantastic having undergone some recent maintenance work. At 10:00 the Boden U14 panel of 24 strong, took to the Club's main pitch for the first time for a competitive match. After going through their warm up routine, it was show time.

[Game 1: Ballyboden St v Naomh Barróg](#)

The 2017 U13 Division 2 winners, Naomh Barróg have proven with recent league results that they are very comfortable at the top table. Playing with the aid of the breeze in the first half, Barróg registered an early goal. Leon Kennedy split the posts to register Boden's first Féile score. The visitors tagged on a few more points before Keelin Smith raised a green flag for the home side. Both defences were giving nothing with Barry McGuire and Scott McDonald doing well for Boden. Leon Kennedy added a second point from a free and when the half time whistle sounded, Barróg held a two point advantage.

Stephen Pullan, Fionn Keating McDermott and Daniel Daly were introduced for the second half, with Daly in particular making a big impact with 2 points from play. Scott O'Sullivan Magne also came in and got on the score sheet for Boden. With time almost up, Boden held a lead of just two points but Naomh Barróg kept fighting and with time just up the ball broke in front of Jack Hutchinson's goal and despite desperate attempts to clear, the ball ended up in the back of the net. A dramatic one point win for Naomh Barróg and a gut wrenching blow to the Boden lads.

Team: Jack Hutchinson, Andrew McGough, Barry McGuire, Evan Nugent, Ciaran Kiely, Scott McDonald, Jim Kennedy, Oisin Byrne, Leon Kennedy, Sam Doyle, John Farrington, Sean O'Shea, Oisin Murray, Darragh Brooks, Keelin Smith. Subs used: Stephen Pullan, Daniel Daly, Fionn Keating McDermott, Scott Cramer Walsh, Scott O'Sullivan Magne and Tom McGrenery

[Game 2: Ballyboden St Endas v Na Fianna](#)

Despite the early set back, the lads were determined to keep going. The first half against Na Fianna was nip and tuck. The Mobhi Road side registered some fine scores playing with the wind. Leon Kennedy and Scott Cramer Walsh were Boden's scorers in the first half, with Leon taking a fine goal off his left hand side. Oisin Murray was introduced to midfield with 5 minutes of the half remaining and Fionn Keating McDermott and Jim Kennedy were impressive in defence. Half time score Boden 1-03 Na Fianna 0-06. Deadlock.

In the second half with the breeze at their backs, Leon Kennedy and Darragh Brooks raised white flags while Daniel Daly scored an excellent goal to give the lads a much needed lead. Sean Luz had come on at half time and the lively Under 13 player scored 2 excellent points on his debut appearance. A hard fought 6 point win.

Team: Jack Hutchinson, Tom McGrenery, Scott McDonald, Fionn Keating McDermott, Ciaran Kiely, Barry McGuire, Eoin Mac Phaidín, Jim Kennedy, Oisín Byrne, Scott O'Sullivan Magne, Leon Kennedy, Daniel Daly, Stephen Pullan, John Farrington, Scott Cramer Walsh. Subs used: Oisín Murray, Evan Nugent, Sean Luz, Sam Doyle, Leon Murphy

Game 3: Ballyboden St Endas v Lucan Sarsfields

The third game was effectively do or die for the Boden lads. Anything less than a victory would mean exit from the competition and the boys reacted by delivering the performance of the tournament. Opting to play with the wind, Boden raced into an eight point to nothing first half lead with some fantastic scores. Scott O'Sullivan Magne from the club house sideline was particularly noteworthy. John Farrington operating at wing forward also found the range with 2 well taken scores.

The second half was dig deep as a strong Lucan team kept coming. The Boden defence was giving little away with Fionn Keating McDermott attacking and clearing ball after ball. Jack Hutchinson was solid in goal, clearing his lines on several occasions.

Scott O'Sullivan registered Boden's only score of the half but the lads were working hard all over the field. The scores to give some respite just didn't come. Lucan did get a goal to make it a very tense finish and hit the wood work late on. The work rate however paid off and the lads qualified for the Semi Final with a 3 point win.

Team: Jack Hutchinson, Andrew McGough, Barry McGuire, Fionn Keating McDermott, Ciaran Kiely, Scott McDonald, Jim Kennedy, Oisín Byrne, Leon Kennedy, Sam Doyle, Daniel Daly, John Farrington, Sean O'Shea, Darragh Brooks, Keelin Smith Subs used: Oisín Murray, Scott O'Sullivan, Stephen Pullan, Scott Cramer Walsh, Tom McGrenery, Eoin Mac Phaidín, Evan Nugent

Semi Final: Ballyboden St Endas v Kilmacud Crokes

Marley Park against Group A Winners Kilmacud was the scene for the semi-final at 4:00pm. The heat of the sun and more so the epic battles, in arguably the tougher side of the division had taken their toll on the lads. Despite that, the boys started well and after 10 minutes were 4 points to 1 up. Crokes rallied however and scored 2-04 without reply. Boden did get a goal back late in the first half through a Leon Kennedy free however sadly that was to be the last score of Féile 2018 for this fantastic Boden Team. In the second half the boys kept trying and the subs introduced gave it everything to turn the tide. The fresher and more clinical Crokes team however, marched on to the final with a comfortable victory. Crokes eventually

lost out to Lucan in the Blue Riband final in Parnell Park on Sunday. We wish Lucan all the best in the National Féile in June.

Team: Jack Hutchinson, Andrew McGough, Barry McGuire, Fionn Keating McDermott, Ciaran Kiely, Scott McDonald, Jim Kennedy, Oisin Byrne, Leon Kennedy, Scott O'Sullivan Magne, Daniel Daly, John Farrington, Sean O'Shea, DarraghBrooks, Keelin Smith Subs used: Oisin Murray, Sam Doyle, Stephen Pullan, Scott Cramer Walsh, Tom McGrenery, Eoin Mac Phaidín, Evan Nugent, Sean Luz, Leon Murphy

The 2004 Boys Hurling Division 1 Team can be extremely proud of their efforts in Féile 2018. They are also very grateful for the large Boden support both at the club and in Marley Park.

The memories of their first competitive matches on the fantastic Pairc Ui Mhurchú will live long with them.

The players met up again socially on Sunday and joined their team mates from the Div 4 & 6 teams for some well earned Pizza.

The Players also voted for their player of the tournament. Daniel Daly who up until recently was recovering from Glandular Fever was selected by his team mates. Well done Daniel.

The players, mentors and parents would also like to thank the large number of Boden members who pulled out all the stops to help make their Féile experience a very positive one. Boden Abú!

Tommy Keogh and his large team of volunteers for top class hosting/stewarding/umpiring etc

Ultan Mac Mathúna for acting as official event co-ordinator on the day.

Ken Keary and the 2005 Boys Hurling Group

Noel Sheridan for his assistance with fundraising and Féile Gear.

Mick Farrell and his staff in the bar.

John Ryan for ensuring the pitch was available for the boys.

Frank Brooks and Donal Regan for getting the pitch cut and lined at short notice.

Cliona Mellett for co-ordinating communications on the day.

Barry Murray for his excellent photography.

Mark Brady & the Juvenile Boys Committee.

Brendan O'Reilly (3 Rock signs) for the scoreboard.

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

Féile na nGael 2018 – Division 4



The day finally arrived. Much anticipation, preparation, challenge matches, training nights every one was now looking forward to a great day's hurling.

The day started with a team photo in the brilliant sunshine in the hallowed home pitch of Páirc Uí Mhurchú. You could feel the excitement in the air before our trip to the North County Dublin home of O' Dwyers GAA in Balbriggan. All going to plan so far!

Our wonderful hosts seemed surprised at our early arrival which resulted in a flurry of activity to get us settled into a dressing room which they did. To mark 100 years in existence, O' Dwyers had organised for a parade of all of the teams behind a piper. This was a great treat for the hordes of supporters and added to a brilliant day.

Our first match was on the club's second pitch. Depending on who we asked, the walking time to the pitch was to take between 6 and 12 mins along a winding path. After a few wrong turns, we eventually arrived at the pitch which is set on a cliff side overlooking the Irish Sea.

First Match V St Catherines

Our opposition in the first match, St Catherines (Erin go Bragh & Westmanstown Gaels combined) had been racking up huge wins in previous league games however they had not met this Ballyboden team. Aided by a light breeze and some pre match words, the Boden lads roared into this game and within a few minutes had opened up an early lead helped by some brilliant point taking by Louis Lovett and Mark McSharry. All over the field the Boden

players were playing out of their skins. Our wing backs Sam Byrne and Lucca Browning were repelling attack after attack and driving ball down the flanks to our wing forwards James Cullen and Michael McShane who were digging out balls and feeding them to our full forward line. Despite this, there seemed to be an extra man in the goal and the ball just would not go in. Then against the run of play, a rare attack by the Catherine's forward line resulted in a rocket being launched at our goal. Despite our brilliant goalkeeper Brendan Cregan getting a hurl to it, the ball dropped into the net.

After a refresh at half time the team took the field. By this stage the wind had become much stronger and the Boden sideline and supporters knew we were in for a tough 20 mins. Then the Boden roar began and this time it was the Boden supporters who became the extra man for the team by roaring encouragement at every opportunity. The Boden players responded getting the first point of the half. The Catherine's team looked bewildered at heart this Boden team were displaying. Our under 13 lads Gavin Leddy, Kevin Byrne and Ryan Culleton were now at the pace of the game and giving Catherine's more things to worry about. Then in a moment of brilliance Jack O Connor the Boden midfielder (who was given the job of stopping their best player) went one better. After taking a ball he had no right to get he took off for goal with only one thing on his mind. Leaving the falling defenders behind he buried a brilliant goal! This seemed to spark the St Catherine's team into action. They seemed to have given up hope of trying to beat the magnificent Boden defence led by Sean Wall who was outstanding in every way and the full back line of Gavin Leddy, Dan Kennedy and Dylan French and instead they opted for long range efforts using the breeze and picked up four unanswered points in the last few minutes. The unanswered was not for the want of trying. Our refreshed forwards led by our stylish full forward Conor Murphy were creating many chances against a strong defence but despite near misses, brilliant saves we could not get the necessary scores to save the match.

Full Time Score St Catherine's 1.9 Ballyboden 1.5.

After taking on some refreshments the teams next opponents were the mighty St Brigid's. A division 3 team who had lost their opening game so were coming to this in a match both sides needed to win to progress. After some pre match words and psychology, a realigned Boden team took to the field. Once again Boden was aided by the breeze. In a low scoring half where both sides seemed to be shadow boxing most of the play took place between the 45s and the Boden lads didn't give an inch. New heroes emerged in the brilliant displays of Aodhan O'Reilly and Ollie Brophy who were like men possessed. Working tirelessly for the team in a game where the Boden tactics were clearly to stop the mighty Brigid's men from getting into their stride. Our forward line led by the impressive Daniel Walsh were holding up ball and physically putting it up to a well drilled Brigid's defence. This resulted in no clean ball being released and each time the ball landed in midfield once again Ollie and Aodhan made sure it went straight back in again. On the rare occasion that the ball did get through the midfield our power house centre back Sean Wall cleared every ball up the field.

Half Time Score Ballyboden 0.2. St Brigid's 0.0

The Boden Boys came off the field and looked worried. They knew they had worked hard against the Brigid's team but despite having the wind they were really up against it in the second half. The boys gathered in a circle. The management team just lit a spark and the two Captains Sean Wall and Jack O Connor took over. By the time the boys broke the circle they were ready for battle. This was it! The ball was thrown in and what followed was display by a

Boden team which will live in the memory for years to come. The Boden boys driven by sheer hunger and desire tore into this half like men possessed. Hooking, blocking, flicking, chasing, racing, sprinting, shouldering. With both sets of supporters urging their teams on. The Boden supporters were winning the roaring battle too. The Boden supporters were so loud they possibly could have been heard across the Irish Sea in Wales. For the Boden mentors of Neil, Liam and Conleth all the hard work of getting these boys to believe was now coming together. Meanwhile in the match attack after attack by the Brigids men was being repelled with Dan Kennedy, Gavin Leddy and Dylan French putting bodies on the line. Aodhan O'Reilly who was reading the game brilliantly seem to in the right place to catch every ball. A piece of individual brilliance from Lucca Browning taking a full force sliothar from the sky. Killing it dead and driving it up the field left the Boden supporters momentarily speechless. The best was yet to come... a long ball brilliantly held up by our forwards found its way to Eoghan Walsh who likes scoring goals and he buried the ball in the net. The Boden supporters erupted but the game was far from over. The Brigid's lads were moving their attack lines across the field as they were getting no joy through the middle however they didn't bank on meeting more Boden resistance from the brilliant defending of Sam Byrne who was outstanding. The Brigids lads upped the pressure again. wave after wave of attack resulted in a ball over the top to their classy forward who turned and let fly a rocket. This time however despite a strong sun in the eyes goalkeeper Brendan Cregan in a brilliant reactive save deflected the ball over the bar. At the other end Daniel Walsh, Conor Muphy, Michael McShane were still working tirelessly to stop the ball coming out. This effort was a huge factor in this match as it frustrated the Brigids team.

With a few minutes to go Shane Flood on the right wing (it was hard to know if he was wing back or forward he covered so much ground) was making space and causing the Brigids team endless problems. Brigids then won a free in the middle of the pitch. The ball is dropped in and despite tremendous efforts by the Boden backs the ball is struck to net. This gave the Brigids men hope and the goal was quickly followed by a point. The Boden boys dug deep with some excellent play by Mark McSharry in the midfield and the roaming Eoghan Walsh. With hard working performances by James Cullen, Michael McShane, Aodhan O'Reilly and Ollie Brophy the Boden boys dug deep. The two Captains Jack O'Connor and Sean Wall were leading by example, followed by Kevin Byrne and Gavin Leddy who were brilliant. The final whistle went and Boden had prevailed in a battle not been seen on the coast of North Dublin since the Battle of Clontarf. The Boden supporters had also won the battle with the Brigids supporters.

[Final Score Ballyboden 1. 3 St Brigid's 1.2](#)

A quick team talk followed and some refreshments before we started our long walk back to the main pitch.

Next up was the home team O'Dwyers, nice and refreshed ready to do battle, they were were waiting on us. The Boden forwards led by the stylish and skillfull Ryan Culleton roared into an early lead. The home team responded with some well taken scores. Our boys responded again and were now winning the midfield battle. Despite some neat conversions from the stick of Mark McSharry the Boden lads trailing at half time.

Once again the half time talk was of showing grit and belief to dig this result out. The boys once again tore into the home team. The Boden foward line was led once again by Conor Murphy and he was being watched closely by the home team's defence. The Boden Boys

stuck a ball over the bar. The home team responded with two more to leave it a one point game to the home team. The boden supporters were now in full voice with some even infiltrating the home teams supporters. Eoghan Walsh once again gathered a ball and broke down the right flank, turning swiftly for goal he let fly a rocket which travelled so fast it was hard to see where it went. Despite calls that the ball went through a hole in the net. The referee rechecked with the umpire and the ball was called wide. The home team then added two more scores but despite valiant efforts by Daniel Walsh, James Cullen now operating in the midfield and the constant encouragement from Louis Lovett who could be heard as far off as Skerries. the Ballyboden lads could not give any more.

Final Score O'Dwyers 1.8 Ballyboden 1.4

For this group of players who took to the field at 10.30 as boys they came off the field at 2.30 as men. All of the team ran themselves to the ground. The Boden supporters, despite being disapponited, once again rose to the occasion with massive cheers and congratulations to the boys who had done themselves , their families and the club proud. This is a great team who never give in. Every ball is contested. Tackles are made. Nothing is made easy for the opposing team. This team never lacked grit,determination, spirit or skill. This day they achieved the ultimate goal which is belief.

The sideline mentors of the day of Neil, Liam and Conleth had also given everything to provide the team with the best possible chance. Feelings of "What if" quickly turned to pride and the gratitude to the entire team who had performed so well on the day. A special word of thanks to our two outstanding captains Sean Wall and Jack O'Connor.

The team in full:

Aodhan O'Reilly, Lucca Browning, Brendan Cregan, Louis Lovett, Conor Murphy, Kevin Byrne, Daniel Walsh. Eoghan Walsh. Mark McSharry,
Dylan French, Dan Kennedy, James Cullen, Michael McShane, Sam Byrne, Ryan Culleton, Gavin Leddy, Shane Flood, Ollie Brophy, Sean Wall and Jack O'Connor

Many thanks to Leonita for sending updates back to the club for Boden's Twitter and to Charlie Kennedy for the great photos.

Féile na nGael 2018 – Division 6



The U14C team made the trip to our hosts, Lucan Sarsfields, arriving there at 10.00am. 19 hurlers fitted out in Ballyboden colours, ready for action. With pride and some nerves, the team paraded around the pitch in advance of the first round of games. Division 6 was a 10 team division, 4 matches were guaranteed for the weekend.

The first match was against our hosts Lucan Sarsfields. After a slow start where our opponents came out of the blocks scoring two quick points, we settled down. A goal from Ronan Kealy followed by two quick goals in succession from John McSharry gave us a 4-4 to 0-3 advantage at half time.

Knowing that our hosts were not going to lie down without a fight we still had the courage to take the game to Lucan. This earned us two penalties which Ronan Kealy had the composure and maturity to take points. Lucan applied pressure in the latter part of the half but thanks to tremendous goal keeping from Kevin O'Donoghue, staunch defending from our two Cillians (West and Larkin) as well as the work rate of Alex Stewart and Robbie O'Reilly in the middle, we restricted Lucan to two goals. A fantastic start to a wonderful day!

Match 1 – BBSE 4-7 (19) v 2-4 (10) Lucan Sarsfields

We knew the second match was going to be tough. Castleknock had been unlucky to be beaten by Lucan in their first game. Both teams, in the heat, locked horns in a game which would turn out to be frantic and hard fought. Points and goals (one more from Ronan Kealy and Stephen Ormsby firing a great pick up and shot to the net) were exchanged in the first half. Castleknock ended the half 3-1 to 2-1 in front.

In the second half we peppered the Castleknock goal. Cormac Hayes, Dylan Timbs, Myles O'Sullivan all creating chances but were stopped by a formidable Castleknock goalkeeper,

who in the end would be the difference between both teams. One of the most memorable plays of the day came in the second half when Sean Langan picked the sliotar up on the half way line, soloed to the 20m line and from an acute angle hit a magnificent point. Castleknock scored two late goals which in the end did not reflect how close the game and how even the teams were.

Match 2 – BBSE 2-3 (9) v 5-3 (18) Castleknock

Our third match came after the lunch break. In hindsight, it is clear the rest broke our momentum and we struggled to get going. Trinity Gaels who were the only participants represented with their first team, stole an early lead and never looked back. Even with Jason Callaghan fighting for every ball and John Claffey marauding down the right, we found it difficult to lift our game.

Match 3 – BBSE 0-1 (1) v 1-8 (11) Trinity Gaels

At this point the heat and injuries were beginning to take it's toll. Ronan Kealy was side lined with a torn hamstring. Eoin McCormick who had covered every blade of grass struggled on with a hand injury which unfortunately was shown to be broken the following day. Knowing this was the last game of the day the lads found it in themselves to lift their levels and spirits one more time. Darragh O'Nuallain was like a man possessed, winning every ball and driving through the middle. With Conor Smith doggedly fighting for every ball up front and Niall Reddy making right corner back his own, it was clear this game was going to the wire. Tim Giblin replacing Kevin O'Donoghue in goal made some great saves. In the end the lads fell one puck of the ball short.

Match 4 – BBSE 0-4 (4) v 1-2 (5) Naomh Barrog

This panel, as mentioned, consisted of 19 players. We were the only club that fielded 3 teams in the Feile. Our 3 U13's were immense. 6 players of the panel had not played hurling at U13 level the previous year. Based on the fore mentioned it was incredible the level of skill, desire and ability that was on show at the weekend. We were the only team to beat the group winners Lucan. The mentors and parents (who were also fantastic and supportive) were walking a foot higher leaving Lucan than when they arrived.

Mentors: Mark McGrenery and Tom O'Donoghue

Team: Alex Stewart (Capt.). Cillian Larkin, Cillian West, Conor Smith, Cormac Hayes, Darragh O'Nuallain, Dylan Timbs (U13), Eoin McCormick, Jason Callaghan, John Claffey, John McSharry (U13), Kevin O'Donoghue, Myles O'Sullivan, Niall Reddy, Robbie O'Reilly, Ronan Kealy, Sean Langan (U13), Stephen Ormsby, Tim Giblin

We would like to thank Lucan Sarsfields for their hospitality and for hosting Division 6 Group A. A big thank you to the Ballyboden Feile committee, to Ciara Hayes who on the day relayed results back to the club, Kevin Nolan who took fantastic photos and all those (too many to mention) who participated in one way or another.

For more photos, see [here](#)

3 Wins Out of 3 Makes It a Good Weekend for Our U13 Hurlers.



After so long waiting for the grading games to get under way, it was somewhat of a relief that all three of the U13 hurling teams to finally got to play at the weekend for the first time this year. And all three teams certainly stepped up to the mark with 3 wins out of 3 visits north of the Liffey.

First up were T1 who travelled to Finglas on Thursday evening for their first grading game of the year battling for a place in Div. 1 of the hurling league this year against an Erin's Isle team to whom they had lost twice last year. From the off this time though, the Boden lads were on the front foot, and they never lifted the pressure, despite a typically robust challenge from the Erin's Isle lads. By half time Boden were leading 3:10 to 0:04. It was more of the same in the second half with a great all round performance from the Boden lads, finishing 5:16 to 2:06.

Friday night saw T2 head across the city to St Anne's Park to face Clontarf A in their 2nd grading match. Despite the last round's narrow loss to Naomh Olaf A in Stepside, the coaches had seen plenty in that performance to give heart, and so it proved as again, the Boden lads went immediately on the attack, scoring a very creditable 3:04 against a good Clontarf team. This one proved to be a real 'game of two halves', as the Clontarf boys spent the second half camped in front of the Boden goals. However, an 'all hands to the pump' defensive effort combined with 2 quick breakouts yielding 1:01 for Boden saw this game finish out 4:05 to 2:07.

Finally while many eyes were on the exploits of our Feile team at home, On Saturday afternoon T3 made the journey across the city: again to St Anne's Park, again to face Clontarf, this time in the form of their B team. And again the Boden boys went straight on the attack and maintained the pressure on the Clontarf lads for the full hour, with their fantastic work rate finally finishing out 4:02 to 2:00 winners.

All in all a great weekends hurling for the U13 boys. Well done lads!!!

Many thanks to Dave Rusk for the photos. For more photos, see [here](#) and [here](#)

Magnificent Boden in Maynooth



U11 hurlers were invited down to Maynooth for an 8-team tournament last Sunday morning. There were 2 teams from the hosts, Naas, Athenry, Young Irelands Gowran, Faughs, Kilmacud Crokes and ourselves. A wonderful opportunity for the boys to test themselves against top quality opposition.

First up were the local team Maynooth White. Boden boys battled hard against the wind in the first half. A magnificent defensive display by our backline kept the score very tight. Rory O'Donoghue pulling off a great save to deny Maynooth a goal while Alan Gannon and Ailin-Roch Geraghty were immense in defence. Boden went in one point up at halftime. Boden pushed on in the second half with a few points from Fiachra Codd. Score of the game was a lovely taken point by Adam Boland off a slick Matthew Norris hand pass. Alan Delaney had

a goal bound shot cleared off the line but Josh Mooney popped up with a late score to close out the match for Boden at 0-5 to 0-1.

The boys had a rest and enjoyed some refreshment before they were off again against Young Irelands. Once again Boden were against a strong wind but that didn't stop a lung bursting effort from our boys. We were very unlucky to hit the side netting on the stroke of half time. A goal then would have been massive against the wind but Boden went in at the break trailing by only 2 points. Young Irelands struck early to push their lead out to 3 points in the second half. Our boys looked dead and buried when Young Irelands struck a goal. However, Boden rallied hard. Daire Bermingham kept Boden in the game with a great save and Fiachra kept us in touch with a great point. Boden kept the pressure on with ferocious tackling from Conor Byrne, Isaac Barry, Matthew Casey and Charlie White. The much needed score finally came from the hard working forwards as James Norris latched onto a hard won ball and buried an unstoppable shot to the back of the net. Only 2 points in it as the match came to a close. Lady luck was not on the lads side. An unlucky free conceded pushed the game out to a 3 point deficit. That was followed by the dynamic Josh Mooney being unfortunate to be penalised as he broke through for what looked like could be a goal equalising opportunity. A magnificent performance but we fell short by the one score. It finished 1-4 to 1-1.

Next up was Faughs. Some early pressure was soaked up by Boden but Rory stood strong in goal to keep Faughs at bay. Fiachra Codd settled the nerves with a nice point before a great burst from Conor Byrne led to a Josh Mooney goal. Matthew Norris was unlucky to see a goal bound effort well saved. Conor Byrne combined well with James Norris to set up Josh for his second goal. A third goal direct from a free from Fiachra put the game to bed as Boden closed it out 3-1 to 0-3.

In the play-off game we got to play Athenry. Boden soaked up some early pressure but the 2 Alans were clearing our backline very well in combination with Isaac and Matthew Casey. Jack McNair was very unlucky to see his goal bound effort sneak wide after a huge effort to burst through. Athenry struck late in the half for a decisive goal and went in leading by that goal at halftime. Boden rallied magnificently in the second half. Matthew Casey twice won magnificent frees inside his own half and Ailin-Roch Geraghty twice converted from a huge distance. James Norris popped up with a lovely equalizer after a titanic battle to secure the sliotar. Athenry rallied back and edged ahead with a fortuitous free from close in. The drama was not over as we moved into overtime. As the ref blew the final whistle the sliotar broke to Fiachra who lashed it over for what the boys thought was the equalizer. However, the whistle had clearly gone and we lost the match by the narrowest of margins.

All the coaches were very proud of the effort the boys put in. It was wonderful to see all of our players demonstrate such great commitment to the tackle and to keep battling right to the very end of every match. Many thanks to all the parents who gave lifts to the boys and came down to support. Big thanks to Pat, Ray, Jim and Brian for coaching the boys. Well done boys - a great day's hurling.

Many thanks to Brian Delaney for the photos.

U10 Hurlers Home match update



The 2008 boys enjoyed their hurling in the sunshine last Saturday morning. They hosted Thomas Davis in Sancta Maria.

They were hooking and blocking with great determination, and taking some lovely scores. More of the same next time out boys!

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

U10 Hurlers Away Match Update



Some of our U10 lads played a stormer in Clontarf last Saturday morning.

The fabulous weather allowed the lads to display all their skills and passion!!!

Many thanks to Mark Dunne for the photos. For more see [here](#)

Camogie Senior A's come up just short against Vincent's

A fight back in the end wasn't enough to secure victory for the girls in blue. The first half was looking good for both teams, with many well-worked points. Two first-half goals for Vincent's meant that they went into the break with a 4-point advantage.

The second half seemed to be going well for Boden when they reduced the deficit to just two points and had a penalty with 3 minutes to go. However, the goal attempt was saved on the line and Vincent's managed to slot over two more points before the final whistle.

Final score 2-9 to 1-8 to Vincent's

Boden: Sile Nic Coitir, Hannah Leddy, Hannah Hyland, Laura Burns, Aisling Gargan, Mairead Luttrell (0-1f), Grace Walsh, Aoife O'Brien, Martha O'Donoghue (0-1), Sarah Nagle (0-1), Jodie White, Doireann Mullany (0-2), Erica Tobin (0-1), Dearbhla Brennan (0-3, 0-3f), Hollyn Kennedy (1-0), Ally Ramsden, Ciara O'Neill, Sarah Ann Murphy, Susan Kennedy (for O'Brien), Aisling Byrne (for Tobin 47mins), Sarah Keehan (for Mullany

47mins), Claire Kirwan (for Nagle 37mins), Olivia Meagher (for White 28mins), Robyn Flynn.

Camogie Senior C's record senior 8 win



Ballyboden's camogie Senior C's recorded a win against Eire Og Greystones on Tuesday evening in the Senior 8s. Well done to all involved.

Under 13 B Camogie record five point win over Commercial's



U-13B League – Rathcoole – 22/04/18

Commercials 3 - 1

BBSE 4 - 3

On Sunday our U-13B team travelled to Rathcoole to play our second league game against Commercials. The damp conditions and the long grass were not conducive to good hurling but in fairness both teams produced hurling of the highest quality in what turned out to be a brilliant competitive match.

Scores were hard to come by early on as play went from end to end, before Commercials finally made the breakthrough to find the back of our net. A response was needed and Tara produced the goods – goaling after a tussle in the Commercials square. We then took the lead with a brilliant point from our captain Sarah, but this was cancelled out before half time to leave the scores level at the break. A highlight just before the break was a brilliant point blank save by Millie Larkin, who was one of three u-12s who were playing up on the day. The second half began with a point from Millie, who had moved from goalkeeper to full-forward. However, Commercials were giving as good as they got and regained the lead with a goal. We then cut the lead with a point before restoring our advantage with a goal from a free, followed by another goal. Commercials then responded with a goal of their own to leave the game in the melting pot. However, our girls defended and made sure the path to goal was well sealed, to allow us to record our first competitive victory.

First and foremost, this was essentially a team victory, with each and every one of the girls giving their all. Special mention must go to the three u-12 (Millie, Ruby and Cara) all of whom acquitted themselves really well and slotted seamlessly into the team. As well as the players already mentioned, Hannah Leahy was a livewire, driving the team forward time and again, while Jodie was a revelation, even neutralising their danger player during the second half.

A match and a result to savour, as we look forward our next game against Naomh Mearnog.

Team – Millie Larkin, Rachel Byrne, Liadan O'Connor, Millie O'Reilly, Hannah Bury, Ruby

Hynes, Ruby Murphy, Rachel Greal, Cara Cosgrave, Jodie Stenson, Grace Delaney, Sarah Doyle (C), Tara McCluskey, Hannah Leahy, Ciara Heffernan, Eimear Kirwan, Grace Carruth.

U11 Camogie v Cuala and Lucan at Ballycullen.



A brief respite from the 10 month winter gloom finally allowed our U11 girls out to play camogie on some actual grass on Sunday, as all four Ballyboden U11 camogie teams lined out together against 2 teams each from Cuala and Lucan Sarsfields in Ballycullen.

All the practice and training for our girls is clearly paying off, as the Boden girls quickly settled into their positions and held their shape. Some committed play, some lovely passing and some really fine scores from play underlined just how far this group has come, as more and more of our girls take the ball on and rise it to strike from the hand, while the tackling and breaking through the tackle across all four Ballycullen pitches was as strong and committed as ever.

As the numbers showing up for training each week attests, this is a committed group of players who really enjoy playing camogie, and their hard work, determination and growing team spirit could be seen in the noticeable improvement in their performances and results on Sunday.

Well done to all the U11 girls, a great afternoon's work.

Under 9 Girls Camogie Go Games



The Under 9 girls were all looking forward to their first ever Camogie Go Game on the 8th of April, but in spite of perfect sunshine, water-logged pitches meant the away games were cancelled.

Fortunately, 3 teams were able to play Faughs at home and had a great time with smiles all round.

Two weeks later and thankfully all games could go ahead.

Three enthusiastic teams of Boden girls played their 2nd set of matches, this time against Lucan Sarsfields (home), while the other three teams played their first Camogie Go Games against teams from Stars of Erin and Kilmacud Crokes in a blitz format at Oatlands College in Stillorgan. The away matches were a challenge for our Boden girls as they had not played on grass since their academy days but it didn't take too long to adjust to the conditions. Both at home and away the girls did themselves, their parents, coaches and club proud.

Thanks to Suzanne Gormley, Kevin Mulrooney and others for the photos. For photos click [here](#).

Under 15 football championship

FIXTURE INFORMATION



U15 Football

DATE	VENUE	TIME
29 Apr	Cherryfield	10:30

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Wishing our U15A footballers the best of luck in their next round of Championship. The boys face local rivals Kilmacud Crokes at 10.30am with the home advantage of Cherryfield.

Please come out and support our boys.

Boden Abú

U15B Shield Championship

Best of luck also to our U15B footballers playing immediately after the U15A's in the Shield Championship where they will meet Round Towers of Lusk on Sunday the 29th April at 12.00 noon in Cherryfield.

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Ballyboden St.Endas GAA Club



Club Development Program

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