

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



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# **Bereavement - Carroll Turbett**

The club extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Maureen Carroll Turbett who has sadly passed away.

Funeral details here

Ar Dheis De go raibh si.

# BallyBoden St Endas C Team- Division 6 Camoige Feile Champions 2018!



"Feile was great, being with friends & making new ones & when referee blew whistle in final match, was best feeling ever.' Aoife (Gollogly) Doyle

"Great weekend with the best team and coaches I could ask for ... best moment ever when the whistle blew on Sunday, unbeatable moment that I will never forget" - Aoife Sharkey

"The Celebrations at the end were the highlight and it was great that the B team were there on the pitch to celebrate with us too" - Anna Kinsella

There's something about hosting a Féile the familiarity with surroundings, so many familiar faces and the organisation of Saturday at the club was second to none. The girls arrived in their fabulous Féile gear, went to the dressing room and out onto the pitch for a group photograph (thanks to Cliona Mellett and Miriam Christie for that). The warm up with Cathal and Adam and suddenly we were up.!

#### Ballyboden 7-1 Ballinteer St Johns 2-0

Our inspirational Captain Gloria Cramer Curtis went in for the toss and we were playing down the slope. Urged on by a large crowd Ballyboden took the lead, An incredible defensive effort and some fine saves by Abbie Melia kept Ballinteer at bay before they scored two qucik goals to jump imto the lead. As half time approached Boden struck again to Level it.

The pressure was on the girls now as Ballinteer would be playing down the slope in the second half. Ballinteer started brightly and were camped in the Boden half but just couldn't score as the Boden girls gave everything defending en masse and letting little or nothing past them. Boden broke forward and Aoife Gollogly Doyle finished off a brilliant move to the back of the net. Confidence swelled through the team and before long goals from Enya Kennedy, Emily Tuite and another from Aoife Gollogly Doyle put Boden in a commanding position. Further goals came from Enya and Aoife before Heather McGrath scored a fine point to top an excelent performance from the girls.

Scorers Enya Kennedy 3-0, Aoife Gollogly Doyle 3-0, Emily Tuite 1-0, Heather McGrath 0-1

" Feile was amazing , the team, the matches and the celebrations when we won. " .....Caoilin Dunne

"It was an amazing experience overall and such an honour to play with a great team" - Jenny Maguire

"It was a great weekend, the celebrations afterwards were the best part. Thanks to our brilliant coaches Dave & Alan and all our supporters especially the B team". Emiliy Tuite

Next up Castleknock who had beaten Raheny in their first match.

#### Ballyboden 0-1 Castleknock 3-0

First half and Boden had a long spell in the Catleknock half and came close a few times, hitting the post and their goalkeeper was in top form. Abbie Fitzgerald, Emily Tuite, Laura McGrath, Caoimhe O'Neill and Senna Culbert realy showed the determination of the team with their never give up attitude. The girls played really well but were unfortunate to be down by two goals at the break.

Castleknock scored another early in the second half but the girls didn't give up. The girls

performance was rewared with a great point from Julie Brady but alas they couldn't get the goals needed. Scorer Julie Brady 0-1

"There was a great atmosphere in the club on Saturday and the games were very exciting." Enya Kennedy

"A brilliant weekend with a brilliant group of girls and super coaches - I'll never forget winning my first proper Camoige medal" Julie Brady

"I had a super time and I scored a point and the coaches were nearly as good as the u13 ones and no one told me to say that." Heather McGrath

On then to a do or die match against Raheny

#### Ballyboden 1-02 Raheny 1-0

The girls had shown grit and determination in their earlier matches but this was just a different level altogether. Each and every girl played to the limits of their ability and beyond. They harried, tackled soloed, pucked as if their lives depended on it. Boden took the lead through a great goal from Enya Kennedy and again defended heroicically with Sofia Nulty, Anna Kinsella and Aoife Sharkey really holding the full back line up well. Raheny managed to get a goal and the teams went in level on a goal a piece.

Second half and Boden had a lot of pressure Gloria Cramer Curtis was immense along with Rachel Coyle and Jennifer Maguire. Julie Brady ,who was excellent from the placed ball all weekend, gave Boden the lead and was unlucky to have what she thought was a point declared wide after some deliberations. It was heart in the mouth stuff with Saoirse Mahon,Ailbhe Christie and Aoibhe Johnson all catching the eye. Karyn Burke came on and made a massive difference when she did. Abbie Fitzgerald added another fine point to increase Bodens lead. Still it was a two point lead and a goal at the other end would have put us out. It was incredibly tense as the final whistle neared. Boden battled on bravely and there were magic scenes when the Ref blew the final whistle and we were into the final!! Scorers: Abbie Fitzgerald 0-1, Julie Brady 0-1, Enya Kennedy 1-0

"Camogie fèile 2018 was the BEST experience of my life.Getting to the final was some achievement I am so proud of my teammates. I would love to do it every year but unfortunately you only do it once. I would like to thank my coaches for putting in all the hard work for training us, and all the people who helped our coaches. P. S. And most importantly ADAM he was the best physio I've ever had" Karyn Burke

" it was such a great weekend and I was so happy to be playing up with such a fun group of girls" Abbie Fitz

"It was truly an amazing weekend with the best team I'm sure I made my full back line deaf with screaming but when that whistle blew on Sunday I was over the moon with joy. I'm happy to say I let in one goal or I missed a few because I know my team would never judge me for that and brush it off" Abbie Melia

After a good nights sleep it was off to St Peregrines for the final where we were to be up against a Castleknock team that had beaten us the previous day.

We went out onto the pitch for the warm up and the crowd assembled in the stands. With the B team in their final after our game there was a massive Boden contingent there to cheer the girls on.

In the dressing room Abbie Melia aided by Dave Melia gave the pre match speech and out again we went onto the pitch for the final few minutes before the match.

#### Ballyboden 1-3 Castleknock 1-1

Team photos taken, Gloria went up up to the ref for the toss. The ball was thrown in and we were off. It was an incredible game with both sides giving everything and not giving an inch. Our girls showed a determination to be first to every ball, to keep tight on their markers and no easy balls. It was a stunning performance from the girls. Boden came close to scoring a number of times and we were wondering was it going to be one of those days. Then finally Boden got the breakthrough with a goalmouth scramble and Saoirse Mahon (or Emily Tuite) managed to poke the ball into the net for a well deserved lead. The roars from the stand could probably have been heard on The Firhouse Road such was the volume of support Boden had. Castleknock are a good side though and scored a goal and a point to put themselves into the lead. Abbie Fitzgerald playing brilliantly (and later getting a well deserved player of the match trophy) scored a great point to equalise just before the break.

Half time and the match level at 1-1 a piece.

The water, oranges and Jellies were taken and off we went into the second half. Boden were immense. Each and every girl gave absolutley everything they had. They blocked, they harried, they showed an inspiring level of determination. Julie Brady got a fine point to put Boden in the lead again. The roars from the stand got louder and the girls responded by giving even more! The clock ticked down and Caoilin Dunne scored a wonderful point to put Boden 2 points ahead. The closing minutes were tense but the girls hung on. The Ref bew the final whistle and Boden were Champions. There were massive celebrations as the girls hugged each other thrilled to be Champions. The Boden B team came on to Warm up and interupted their warm up to run to the girls and celebrate with them. The girls then went to the crowd and were given a massive deserved ovation. Finally our captain Gloria was presented the Trophy and made a fine speech. There were great celebrations and we all stayed to cheer on the B team in their final. Scorers: Abbie Fitzgerald 0-1, Caoilin Dunne 0-1, Julie Brady 0-1, Saoirse Mahon (or Emily Tuite ) 1-0

"Fèile was the best weekend of my life and I will never forget it. It was great to win with an amazing group of girls and brilliant coaches after all our hard work and effort" Caoimhe O'Neill

"The whole weekend was really enjoyable and when the final whistle blew we were so happy." Aoibhe Johnston

" A weekend I will never forget, I was honoured to be captain of such a lovely group of girls so proud of all well done girls x -Gloria xx

Back to the club to celebrate where the girls had Spice Bags and Pizzas and juice (the mentors had a well deserved 'juice' too) before being presented their medals. It was a wonderful weekend and the girls are a credit to themselves , their families and the club.

Thanks so much to all involved in the team especially Dave Melia who runs the team with such enthusiasm. Thanks to Alan, our wonderful FLO Teresa, Cathal and to Miriam for the incredible pics from the weekend. Our resident Umpires Jason and Dave. Thanks also to the club, Eoin Reid, The Camoige Committee, The County Board for organizing such an amazing competition. Thanks also to Friends First for sponsoring the girls jerseys. A special thank you to all the girls families too. Thanks also to Rob Lambert, Ken Regan, Tony Morley ,Paul Newe and Melissa Pender The B team mentors who train the team with us each week.

"The best weekend ever, I had so much fun with the best team and coaches ever. It was the best feeling ever when the whistle blew on Sunday" Rachel Coyle

"It was the best weekend ever I'm so honoured to play with such amazing and Friendly group of girls thanks for making me feel part or your team - Ailbhe

Had a brilliant Feile weekend, will never forget the excitement on Sunday when we heard the final whistle *b*. Thank you so much to my great team mates, the best ever coaches Dave & Alan and everyone that supported us." -Laura McGrath

#### Panel :

1.Abbie Melia ,2.Aoife Sharkey ,3.Anna Kinsella ,4.Sophia Nulty ,5.Caoimhe O'Neill ,6. Ailbhe Christie ,7.Laura McGrath ,8.Gloria Cramer Curtis ,9.Rachel Coyle ,10.Emily Tuite 11. Karyn Burke ,12. Aoife Gollogly Doyle ,13. Aoibhe Johnson ,14.Senna Culbert. ,15.Saoirse Mahon ,16. Abbie Fitzgerald , ,17. Julie Brady ,18.Heather McGrath,19. Caoilin Dunne , 20.Jennifer Maguire, 21.Enya Kennedy Managemet: Dave Melia Alan Kinsella Teresa Redmond Cathal Fitzgerald Miriam

Managemet: Dave Melia, Alan Kinsella, Teresa Redmond, Cathal Fitzgerald , Miriam Christie.

pics of the weekend here

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#### Football report 30/4/18

Congratulations to our Senior footballers who overcame Raheny in Parnell Park last Wednesday by 4-06 to 1-09 to get their Championship back on track. Goals by Darren O'Reilly, Ryan Basquel and Alan Flood in the first half and by Collie Basquel in the second half made the difference between the two sides and despite being reduced to 14 men after Michael Darragh Macauleys second yellow, the lads held out for a 6 point win. Well done to the management and players.

Elsewhere our Inters had to settle for a draw (2-08 apiece) against St.OP/ER in Sancta Maria on Saturday evening with the visitors finishing strongly to claim a point in a keenly contested game.

On to Sunday and our Junior teams took centre stage. Unfortunately our Junior A's are up against it now to qualify after a narrow defeat to St.Brigids while the JB's overcame the odds to claim a victory over Naomh Barrog who are a league above them. The JC's also tasted defeat against Fingal Ravens by 1-12 to 1-05. Reports below.

#### SFC R2 Seniors 4-09 Raheny 1-12



#### Shane O'Brien reports:

Pics by John Kirwan, for more see HERE.

Goals were key as Ballyboden's senior footballers kept their championship hopes alive with a six-point win over Raheny in Parnell Park on Thursday evening.

A seven-point loss to Kilmacud Crokes in the opening round, coupled with Raheny's opening round win over Oliver Plunkett's meant that anything other than a victory would likely see Boden exit the Dublin Championship at the round robin stage. However, goals from Darren O'Reilly, Ryan Basquel, Alan Flood and Colm Basquel paved the way to a victory of relative comfort. O'Reilly's 14th minute goal gave Boden a lead they would never relinquish and despite the concession of a goal on the stroke of half time and despite Michael Darragh Macauley's second half sending off, that lead never came under any real threat. Ryan Basquel got Boden off to the perfect start when he curled over a left footed effort following a strong run from Macauley. The pattern of the game became apparent early on, with Raheny funnelling men back and often leaving a solitary forward inside the Boden half. Boden, however, failed to capitalise on the possession and space afforded to them and kicked numerous wides in the opening ten minutes. Raheny got off the mark with one of their first forays into Boden territory when Cian Ivors landed a 45, and when centre back Sean McMahon fisted a point moments later, many were left scratching their heads as to how Boden found themselves behind. Raheny's lead would not last long and another surging run from Macauley resulted in wing-forward Darren O'Reilly palming to the net from a rather awkward position. In the opening round of the championship, the concession of two goals in two minutes cost Boden dearly, but Ryan Basquel ensured they were the beneficiaries of a two-goal sucker punch when he hammered the ball into the net moments later. A quick free from Colm Basquel found its way to his brother Ryan and he did the rest, taking on his man before firing a low finish beyond Raheny 'keeper Ryan Bradshaw.

Raheny responded with another free from Ivors to keep them in touch, and the sides would twice trade points in the ensuing moments with Cathal Flaherty and James Madden notching Boden's scores to keep the lead at four points. With two minutes remaining in the half, Alan Flood grabbed Boden's third goal of the day, thumping the ball high into the roof of the net following a flowing move that started with a Conor Dooley kick-out. Flood's goal stretched the lead to seven, and with half time on the horizon Boden seemed to be building an unassailable lead. However, an Eoin Keogh point cut the lead to six and when Raheny corner forward Aran Kelly seized on a defensive mix up to flick the ball over Conor Dooley and into the net, a score separated the sides as referee David O'Connor brought an end to the first half. A strong start to the second half was required to quash any hopes of a Raheny comeback, and James Madden's point inside two minutes of the restart gave Boden exactly that. Alan Flood's movement was a thorn in Raheny's side throughout and he found the space to curl over his first point of the afternoon and extend Boden's lead. He might have had his second goal of the game seconds later after his clever flick hit the post, but Colm Basquel was on hand to fire home the rebound from close range. Macauley was once again pivotal in the build up to Boden's fourth goal, with his marauding run creating the chance for Flood. Boden, however, would only score once in the remaining 25 minutes as Raheny launched something of an onslaught and the majority of the second half was played in Boden territory. Raheny, boasting Dublin stars Brian Fenton and Brian Howard, were inefficient in front of goal and kicked six wides in the remaining 20 minutes that ensured Boden's lead never came under threat. The Northsiders only kicked three points in the second half and squandered the numerous goal chances that they created in the dying moments, including a triple-chance for corner forward Simon Duignan, with Conor Dooley and Cathal Flaherty combining to keep his efforts out. Even when Michael Darragh Macauley was sent off on 55 minutes, Raheny proved to be wasteful in front of goal which allowed Boden to close out the game and secure a crucial win with relative ease.

Boden now move level on points with Raheny in Group 1 of the Dublin SFC. Kilmacud Crokes' victory over Oliver Plunkett's on the same evening sees them top of the group with four points, while Plunkett's are all but out with no points from two games.

Plunkett's represent Boden's next task and, barring a Raheny victory over Crokes, a win will guarantee them a place in the last eight of the Dublin Championship for the first time since 2015. The difference in mood between the Crokes defeat and the Raheny victory was palpable and there is real cause for optimism that Boden can get the victory required to progress through the group stages.

The Dublin Championship will now be put on hold until the Dublin footballers exit the All Ireland Championship, so it is unlikely that Boden will meet Plunkett's before September.

#### Junior A 1-10 St.Brigids 2-10



#### Report by Donal Monaghan

Pics by Sean Gilheaney, for more see HERE

On a fine morning in Sancta Maria the Boden junior A team took to the field in the second of the group matched; this time against St. Brigids who like Ballyboen had lost their first game. This was going to be important. Starting with the same team as the first group game apart from a goalkeeping change with Darragh Gogan replacing the injured Stephen McGrath between the sticks and David Leech returning from injury to replace Cian Lynch. We started slowly conceding a couple of early scores while we got used to the soft pitch. However within 12 minutes we were on level terms with points from Eamonn O'Reilly and Sam Lally. Sam's point came from a swift attack where Darragh fed Tommy who passed to David leech on the run. Keith received the ball in midfield and fed Eamonn who played it quickly to Sam who stroked it over from 30m. This was the type of football we came to play. Further points from Eamonn off the left peg, Keith and Gillo left us 2 points ahead (0-5 to 0-3) approaching the half time whistle. The final attack of the half saw Brigids sweep the ball to the net leaving the score 1-3 to 0-5 to the visitors at the break. All in all it wasn't a bad first half but again we left a few scores behind missing a few scorable frees.

Brigids started the second half brightly scoring the first point of the half. We again showed our battling qualities and a persistent attack down the right saw the ball in the hands of Eoghan Monahan who beat two on rushing defenders and side-stepped another before slotting the ball past the hapless keeper with his left foot. Boden were back in front. Minutes later a monster '45 from Darragh stretched the Boden lead to 2 points.

Unfortunately Brigids got in to score a goal in the sixth minute of the half to go into the lead by a point. From this point in the game the sides traded points with Boden dominant in possession.

Towards the end of the game a couple of melees broke out that that disrupted our momentum. In both cases the referee reached for the cárta dearg and sent a player from each team to the line. it was nor 13 v 13 but Boden despite monopolising possession were unable to find the breakthrough.

It's now down to the last game in the group after the summer break and we require a favour to be done in the other game in the group. This team is very young and has been very unfortunate in the games to date but if we stick together we will be rewarded.

Team; D. Gogan, R. Bradshaw, C. Conway, B. O'Donnell, S. Mulligan, K. Cronin, K.
Sweeney, T. Burke, D. Leech, S. Lally, L. Murphy, C. O'Dea, E. Monahan, E. O'Reilly, D.
Gilheaney,
Subs:C. O'Brien, C. Lynch, C. Barton, F. Keogh, R. Kirwan, M. McGee
Not used; S. McGrath (injured)



Report by Martin O'Donnell.

The JBs got their Championship campaign back on track with a hard fought victory over a hardy and well drilled outfit in Naomh Barrog. Weather conditions were perfect, the Ballycullen pitch looked immaculate. Naomh Barrog are a division above us but that was not going to be a factor in our preparation. We had to be in the right frame of mind and on our day we are a match for anyone.

The referee called for the match ball and on the stroke of 3 o'clock and the game was underway. Barrogs were first to the ball and set about testing our defence with a high ball sent into their forward line. Michael Dunne was out in front and with the help of Adrian Minnock and Brian Fitzgerald, worked the ball out the field. Barrog were working hard in midfield and weren't long in sending over two unanswered points. We had to compete or we were going to be out of this game. Dermot Manley, playing at wingback, helped massively by making vital interceptions and going forward on the counter attack. We were making inroads into Barrogs half but were wasteful in front of goal. Our shot selection was going to have to be better. Boden were four points down before we registered a score. That came from the trusty boot of Andrew Kerins. Rounding his man, he calmly sent the ball over the crossbar to get us on our way. Ciaran Murphy was working so hard at wing forward and after some great off the shoulder play, got a fine point of his own. We were now raising our game. Ross Traynor was dropping deep from his corner forward position to help out the half back line and this helped our counter attacks time after time. The Barrog defence could not handle our attack play at times and gave away quite a few fouls. Andrew Kerins showed huge composure and sent over two of these frees.

At half time the score was 6pts to 4pts in the visitors favour. We were below par at times, wasteful in front of goal, bringing the ball into cul de sacs, not supporting the man on the ball. If it wasn't for Alan Keane in goal, we could have been well out of this game by now. Definitely the man of the moment. The half time message was to settle on the ball, win your battles, up the intensity and not to panic, We believed we could turn this around.

The second half started and there was a noteable difference. Donal McCarthy was heavily involved now and his he picked up a great ball in from Ian Clarke, turned and ran direct at Barrogs goal. With their defence on the back foot he let fly a powerful shot and just as it looked like the ball was going into the top right corner, it sailed over for a point. Now we had the bit between the teeth. Andrew helped himself to another fine score. Alan McQuaid came on for Ciaran who had given his all for the cause. Young Minnock was a man on a mission and never gave the opposition an inch, a brilliant performance. We were under pressure for sure. Barrog were really testing us but Alan Keane was having the game of his life in goal. He pulled off some amazing saves and dominated his area, we are so lucky to have him.

Our goal came after a Barrog attack was broken down and the ball found Ross out on the right wing. He sent his marker one way and then cut in and sent the ball into the Barrog net. Out tails were up. Alan McQuaids pace was vital to the team now. He scored a peach of a point from the tightest of angles. The opposition got a goal of their own to keep things on a knife-edge. Keith McCarron and Alex Murphy tagged on a point apiece to get us out in front yet again. James McTiernan was moved to midfield and Liam McNamara moved to wing back after coming on for Jamie. Barrog were piling the pressure on. They tagged on points of their own to make it a one point game. Now we had to be controlled in the tackle, no silly frees. Work the ball out, keep possession. The opposition were awarded a free right at the death. Hearts in the mouth stuff, a draw would of felt like a defeat at this stage. Up stepped the Barrog player, set himself up, the tension was huge. He struck the ball high and thankfully it sailed just wide. With that the referee blew his whistle, we had our win.

With a scoreline of 1-10 to 1-9, it was hard fought but we'll take it. A win is a win. Up next is Ranelagh Gaels in the league. Another tough game but it's the way we like it, one game at a time. It's a long oul season, a marathon not a sprint. There will be many twists and turns for sure. The JBs can be proud of themselves, a great group of Men.

A special thanks to our team sponsor Pfh who have kindly come on board again this season and have supplied us with a new set of jerseys and rain coats for the Management. They also contributed to our pre-season gym work in Kickstart. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



#### Minor A Report

Least Said Soonest Mended – The Shepherd has his say from Marino! St. Vincents 1 18 BBSE 1 09

Positives: The sun shone on Páirc Naomh Uinsionn this morning as the lads took to the field. It was a clear blue sky and Dublin looked beautiful. Ballyboden started the game well. Jack Lambert gave a display of catching in the goal for the entire game that was a credit to him. Conor Lowe was brilliant at full back. We finished the first half 1-7 to 0-9 leading by a point. Ciarán O'Reilly and Peter Gannon got a point a piece, Luke Mc Dwyer bagged a brace, Cillian Wall got the goal and Feargal Ryan scored three from placed balls.

The second half was a different matter altogether. We were outplayed all over the park. We could not match Vincents for intensity and all credit to them they worked tirelessly, tackling in twos and threes, not giving an inch and taking their scores when they got their chances. As the half progressed their confidence was a factor (as one wordsmith put it on the line their goo was definitely up!). All we could manage for the entire half was two Feargal Ryan frees. Vincents scored 1-9 leaving the final score BBSE 1-9 St Vincents 1-18. The Northsiders scored eight points from frees (and put quite a few wide). On top of giving away a cartload of frees we couldn't win breaking ball for the full sixty minutes. The lads will have to go away, lick their wounds and use this lesson to motivate themselves to train harder and bring far more intensity to their game if they are to have a chance at championship success after the summer.

Team: Jack Lambert, Jack Kenny, Conor Lowe, Ciarán Mc Donald (Matthew Fitzpatrick 45), Patrick Dunleavy, Ruairí Mac Mathúna, Joe Mc Grath, Cillian Kirwan, Seán O'Donnell (Pearce Christie 40), Luke Mc Dwyer, Peter Gannon, Feargal Ryan, Malachy Codd (Cillian Wall 20), Cian Corcoran, Ciarán O'Reilly (Adam Kelleher 35).

#### **Fixtures**

- Tuesday (1/5) Junior C Championship V Naomh Olaf in Ballycullen at 7.00pm
- Wednesday (2/5) Sen B Championship V Parnells in Chanel at 7.00pm
- Wedneday (2/5) Junior A Championship V Clanna Gael Fontenay in Sean Moore Park at 7.00pm
- Thursday (3/5) Junior D Championship V St. Joseph's OCB in Fairview Park at 7.00pm
- Friday (4/5) AHL 1 V Lucan Sarsfields in 12th Lock at 7.45pm
- Saturday (5/5) AHL 3 V Fingallians in Lawless Park at 6.00pm
- Saturday (5/5) AHL V St. Judes in Tymon Park at 6.00pm

# Poc Fada



# BBSE POC FADA 2018 June 30th

Hurling Section Fundraiser

- Teams of 4
- •VIP Prize in Conjunction with event

Launch Date – May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8.00pm in Club



**Division 1 Feile Report** 



As the Ballyboden B and C teams readied themselves for Division 5 & 6 action at home in Cherryfield, the U14A team headed to Oliver Plunketts to compete for Division 1. The draw had put the Boden girls in a strong group of 3 with Brigids and Lucan, with only 2 teams to progress to Semi Final stage.

The girls were greeted with sun shining on fine pitches and were then led out by a piper playing the National Anthem and then it was time to get down to business with perennial rivals Brigids up first.

Our girls started well enough and put up the first score with a pointed free from Clodagh Reid. However Brigids responded quickly with a goal, to take the lead in a tight match. The Boden girls responded well with a point from play from Aine Rafter to bring the gap back to a point. Next, however a sucker punch for Boden as Brigids went up the pitch and scored 2 goals within a couple of minutes. The Boden girls were left shell shocked, they rallied to pick up another point from Clodagh but then deep into first half injury time a 4th goal for Brigid left Boden with a mountain to climb in the second half.

In the second half the Boden girls took the play to Brigids and following a point from the ever lively Hannah Byrne and a goal from Leonie Power, the Brigids team looked rattled and a famous comeback looked possible. However a 5th goal for Brigids killed off the comeback and consolation scores from Leah Cunningham and a goal from Caoimhe O'Sullivan left Brigids as deserving winners.

FT BBSE 2-5 Brigids 5-0

Next up for our girls, after a short turnaround was other perennial rivals Lucan playing their first match in the competition. The Boden girls knew that defeat would send them home while victory would at least give them a play-off shot. They started with an extra intensity in

their play in another tight encounter and again chalked up the first score with a point from play from Caoimhe. Lucan responded with a point of their own from a free and then a goal to leave Boden trailing again. However the girls responded well with an opportunist goal from Sarah Cooney leaving the sides level at half time.

In an exciting match, Boden came out fighting in the second half. A pointed free from Clodagh gave Boden the lead. A goal from Caoimhe was cancelled out by a goal from Lucan, then a 3rd Boden goal from Aine gave Boden the advantage to the delight of the Boden support. However, as the Boden girls tired, Lucan fought back with another goal followed by another 2 points to take a one point advantage into injury time. The Boden girls never gave up and a final point from the left from Abbie Brennan drew the game level as the final whistle blew.

FT BBSE 3-3 Lucan 3-3

This result gave Boden a glimmer of hope knowing that a win for Brigids over Lucan would give Boden a playoff against Lucan for 2nd spot. Our girls watched on however as Lucan got the better of eventual Division 1 winners Brigids to send our girls out. Our girls were disappointed but travelled back to Cherryfield with hurls in hands to watch and support the Ballyboden B & C teams in their Feile divisions.



#### **Division 5 Feile Report**

There are some days when there is simply nothing better on earth than being in Ballyboden. Last Saturday, April 28th was one of those days. The sun shone, the camogie committee had the Cherryfield pitches set up from early morning, a community created a sandwich and cake mountain and the club, our club, led by the parents of the under 13s, magnificently hosted seven other clubs competing with us in the Division 5 and Division 6 Camogie Feile competitions. And all of that was only the trimmings. The main event was the achievement of our Under 14 B and Under 14 C teams, who both hurled their way into the Feile finals the following day. All of this happened on a day of two historic firsts for the Dublin Camogie Feile: the competition was extended to seven divisions, and one club fielded three teams in

the competition (now who was that?)

Like all good GAA days, it wasn't without its controversy, with the arrival of Adam the physio being the cause of debate on this occasion. Mothers who've spent years watching matches, suddenly had concerns that aging (not their word) joints might be in need of "a good rub" after a day on the side-line at Feile. The disappointment was palpable when it was clarified Adam was only available to attend to the needs of the players. And so all made do with admiring the view (of the games of course). No one was surprised when Adam wasn't at Sunday's final.

Elsewhere on these pages, the campaigns of the A team and the C team will be covered, while the account of a great weekend for our B team follows here.

The long wait for Feile 2018 (somebody mentioned it back in the academy) finally ended when the ball was thrown in at 10.30 in the first match against Kilmacud Crokes. The preparations paid off, as the girls immediately set up camp in the Crokes half, but despite dominating for the entire half a single Alana Newe point was the only score at half time. "Keep doing what you're doing" was the half-time mantra and the advice paid off as the domination continued in the second half continued. The backs were called into operation on a couple of occasions but mopped up with ease, and Kate O'Brien did what she's doing all year, pulled hard on the ground to put the ball in the back of the net. Alana Newe added a goal to her point and Boden finished out winners on a score line that totally understated their performance.

Boden 2-1 Crokes 0-0

The Na Fianna team arrived with 19 players, which was 8 more than they had for the league game the previous week so no-one was expecting a similar result. Well that was wrong. An early goal by Siofra Kelly who out worked every marker she got all day, and two more from Kate O'Brien (both ground strokes) put Boden on the way. Two further points from Alana Newe, who doesn't run, she just skilfully glides away from all who chase her, was a just reward. And then Anna Lambert who ran, chased and got in front of her marker all week-end, planted the sliotar to the left of the keeper. That left Boden comfortably in front by 4-2 to 0-0 at half time. The Na Fianna threat wasn't as quiet as it seemed but the performance of what could only be described as a half back wall of Abbey Morley, Lucy Regan and Emma Fisher killed off attack after attack from Na Fianna. Early in the second half the ever running Lucy McCarthy took the ball on her stick went out the wing and scored a wonder point, one of the highlights of the week-end. Na Fianna responded with a point, but a further goal from Anna Lambert closed out the game.

Boden 5-3 Na Fianna 0-1

And then it was Bridget's, where a win would ensure a place in the final. But you don't just get to a Feile final, you have to earn it. And so it proved as the long clearances of Grace Regan, the solo runs of Niamh O'Farrell, the assuredness of full back Naomi Coote and the marking and speed of Laura Rourke meant that the Bridget's forwards got no return for their efforts. The midfield battle was tough but the dogged persistence of Ciara Jelly ensured Boden won it. She was well supported by Saoirse Pender who seemed to be in the middle of every maul, melee, and maelstrom, as she bumped, jostled and pulled all round her. It was just rewards that her low hard shot from well outside the 21, found its way into the back of the net for the game's only score.

#### Boden 1-0 St. Bridget's 0-0

Safely in the final, the last match was against Cuala who needed a result to be assured of going through. The endless work rate of Aisling Duffy who seemed to be as fresh as she was in the first three games created two goal chances which were taken by Kate O'Brien and Anna Lambert. That saw Boden ahead by 2-0 to 1-0 at half time. After a long day, tired legs on both sides soldiered on, with Cuala squeezing a goal to make it a draw. Two exhausted teams were relieved to hear the final whistle. Boden 2-0 Cuala 2-0

A sunny Summer's morning in St. Peregrine's GAA club in Blakestown became even brighter as the warm-up was paused to cheer on the Division 6 Boden champions as they were presented with their trophy. And then, with defibrillators at the ready in the stand, the final started. With both teams fresh from a night's rest, this game was a different affair from the group game. Early pressure from Boden could have and should have ended with at least a goal if not more but somehow the game stayed scoreless. Cuala gradually came into the game and the quality of the hooking and blocking by both teams was outstanding as everyone fought to make room for a strike that would gain some bit of distance. The long and dangerous frees launched by Aoife Doyle proved a constant threat and were matched by her contribution from general play. Huge support came through the efforts of Laura Dunne and Tara O'Kelly who threw themselves into an epic battle around the middle of the park. There was never going to be much in it and Cuala took a second half score that proved decisive. Boden 0-0 Cuala 1-0

"There are no losers in Feile" said the county board chairman in his presentation and while it may take a little time to realise it, it's true, and theFeile week-end was a magnificent experience for this group of girls. The team represented themselves, their families and their club so well. Different games threw up different leaders but all were heroic throughout. Huge thanks is due to a great management team: Tony Morley, organising things with precision, Rob Lambert, who seems to effortlessly get drills and warm ups organised, and has probably forgotten more about coaching than most will ever know, Ken Regan of whom nothing is ever too much especially where it means helping girls to play and train and Paul Newe with his constant quiet encouragement. Finally a special acknowledgement to the work of Eoin Reid who led the organisation of all the girls through their Go Games years. As the girls moved to competitive leagues at under 13, he was meticulous in ensuring the B and C teams had a good management structure in place as he took up his own role with the A team. It was this as much as anything else that led to the club fielding three Feile camogie teams this week-end.

For the record - Ballyboden St. Enda's Under 14 B Feile 2018

Team. Goalkeeper: Grace Regan; Backs: Niamh O'Farrell, Naomi Coote, Laura Rourke, Emma Fisher, Abbey Morley, Aoife Doyle, Lucy Regan, Shauna McCarthy (captain); Mid-Field: Ciara Jelly, Tara O'Kelly; Forwards: Laura Dunne, Alana Newe, Lucy McCarthy, Saoirse Pender, Aisling Duffy, Anna Lambert, Kate O'Brien, Siofra Kelly;

Mentors: Tony Morley, Rob Lambert, Ken Regan, Paul Newe; Female Liaison Officer: Melissa Pender

# U-16 Camogie Division 1 League – vs. Castleknock –28th April '18

#### **BBSE** 2-8

#### Castleknock 4-4

The girls played their third league match against Castleknock on the Prunty on Saturday and suffered their first defeat in the league. However there was very much a sense of a lost opportunity afterwards as we led for virtually the whole match – only to be reined in by a strong Castleknock side, with a goal as the game entered added time.

We began with the aid of a strong wind and immediately began to exert strong pressure. A couple of chances went astray before Katie slotted over a "45" and Mia followed this up with a well-taken goal. Katie then followed up with a couple of points before Holly added one, and then Anna O'Shea got through for a great goal. Katie added a couple of more points before the break but Castleknock had bagged 2 goals and a point in the first half to leave us ahead by 5 points at the break.

This lead looked shaky, with us having to face the breeze, and that is how things transpired in the second half. 'Knock began with a couple of points from placed balls, before Katie scored a fine point in reply, Then Castleknock cut the margin to the minimum with a goal, before Katie again increased the gap with a point. As time of ticking away we defended heroically, with Niamh marshalling the defence to great effect. However, the sense that all the pressure would eventually tell against us unfortunately proved true as Castleknock managed to find the net again as the game entered added time. We were now a point in arrears but these girls are resilient and back they went up the field. Our attach was halted by a clear foul but inexplicably the referee decided to allow the play to continue. Then 'Knock tagged on another point so we needed a goal and the girls strove gallantly but it was not to be. Disappointing, but the girls are continuing to learn wand improve with each outing. Lucan provide the opposition on Wednesday – a great chance for us to test our "bouncebackability"!



## Féile Peil na nOg 2018

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

Féile Peil is taking place this Saturday May 5th and Sunday 6th in over 23 venues across the city. We are hosting Division Five.

Our 'A' team travel to St Sylvesters in Division One, Group A where they face their hosts, Naomh Baróg and Ballinteer St Johns. For directions to St Sylvesters, see <u>here</u>

Our B's are at home and welcome St Brigids, Clanna Gael Fontenoy and Good Counsel in Division Five, Group A.

Our 'C' team travel to Lucan Sarsfield and play Lucan Sarsfield, Geraldine P Moran, Kilmacud Crokes and Na Fianna in Division Eight, Group B. For directions to the 12th Lock, see <u>here</u>

Last but not least, our 'D' team travel northside to Raheny where they meet hosts Raheny, Clontarf and St Vincent's. For directions to Raheny, see <u>here</u>

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. Roden Abú

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.

## Boden's Enda Cashman is named Minor Football Captain 2018



Congratulations to Ballyboden's Enda Cashman named Captain of this year's Dublin Minor football team. The group stages of the Electric Ireland Leinster Minor Football Championship 2018 kick off next weekend.

Dublin meets Louth in the opening game on Monday 7th May at 3pm in Parnell Park. We wish the Enda, Boden men Jake and Malachy and team mates the best of luck in Championship.

Pictured L-R are Jake Turley ( Goalie ), Enda Cashman and Malachy Codd

# Under 16A Football – Round 7 - A Mammy's Perspective

It was a glorious day to be heading out to that pitch in the middle of a housing estate, it's a horror to get to altogether. We met in the club and I followed one of the coaches out but he drives like a bloody lunatic, bit like the way he looks after that team, if you ask me.

Ballyboden had their lovely new jerseys on, oh, they look so grown up now. Mature, that's the word, mature. They started with Seamus Boyle in the goals, the line of players nearest to him were Richard O'Halloran, David Monaghan and Oran Dunne, he's a lovely lad that Oran. The next line up was Cian Leahy, Eoghan Gannon and Harry Donaghy, I know his parents, they come from good stock. The two boys in the centre park area were Harry Colcough and Joseph Maguire, I can't believe he turned out the way he did, swimming against the tide in that household, if you know what I mean.

The line of players between the centre park boys and the full forward boys were, Luke Mulligan Lynch, Eoin Behan and Rian Power, I know his mother, a lovely lovely woman. While the full forward line was Cian Hassett, he's the one with the chatty father, Daragh Kenny and Ryan O'Dwyer, he's a very mannerly, well-spoken young man, I don't know where he gets it from.

The ref threw in the ball to start the first 40 minutes and it was just Helter Skelter, the game was being played at a ferocious pace. Those lads from Oliver Plunketts were very rough and there is no need for it. Why they can't just say "Sorry" every time they hit off one of our players is beyond me. Good manners cost nothing.

Ballyboden defended as best they could but Plunketts would just not share the ball, they kept it to themselves and wouldn't let our boys have a turn with it. I don't know about you but I always taught my children to share. Goals from Luke Mulligan-Lynch and Ryan O'Dwyer meant that we went into half time 4 points down on a score line of 1-10 to 2-3. Time for me to break out the orange segments and an encouraging word or two.

The second 40 minutes didn't go as quick as the first, with nerves getting frayed and tensions running high, the Ballyboden boys were asked to dig deep and try a new approach, which I think was to just take the ball off the other team and not wait to be offered it. Bullyboy tactics, I think is what it's called. And through the leadership of my wonderful son, they did just that. How he's not captain, I will never know.

The two teams were nearly neck and neck when Ballyboden introduced some fresh feet. There was Kevin Hickey, Conor's lad - Nathan, and Maria Sweeney's eldest, Daire, his sisters are very good as well, must be in the family. I have to say the excessive use of foul language is unwarranted. You can express your desire to get the ball without saying the other word for "Poo" all the time. It's Holy water that they need in those water bottles.

As the game drew to a close, it could have gone either way. Vital scores from Daire Sweeney and Eoin Behan nearly got us over the line but it just wasn't meant to be. I was so disappointed for the team, I just wanted to run on to the pitch and give them a hug, I was so proud. It would be great for them if they could win something this year despite the poor coaching. Now, I don't mean that to sound gossipy but those coaches would struggle to identify anatomical parts in an elbows and arses competition.

Now, who's for a nice cup of tea?

Final Score: BBSE 4-6 Oliver Plunketts: 2-16

Next up: Castleknock on 19th May.



# **U10 Footballers Home Update**

The boys endured a tough encounter this Saturday at home against a strong Oliver St Plunkett's team.

Many thanks to Naomi Bartley and Tony Duffy for the photos. For more photos, see here

# U10 Football Update....Away team



A group of U10's played away to Na Fianna last Saturday in Collinstown. Delighted to say it was a great football display.

Well done boys. Keep up the gods work!

Support your local blood drive!



# RATHFARNHAN

Tuesday 8 May 2018 3pm - 5pm & 7pm - 9pm



Please donate next Tuesday in Ballyroan Community Centre. Giving blood saved lives.

**Ballyboden Open Day** 



Please come along for what is sure to be a great day out for all the family!

# **Boden Summer Camp!**



Ballyboden St. Endas GAA Camogie & Ladies Football Club Firhouse Road, Dublin 16 www.bodengaa.ie

## **Golf Classic**



### **The Boden Sessions**



CALLING ALL SUPPORTERS OF THE BODEN SESSION -YES WE'RE BACK IN ACTION AGAIN NEXT MONDAY NIGHT PLEASE TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS TO COME AND SUPPORT OUR MUSICIANS, SINGERS , DANCERS AND COMEDIANS. WE'LL BE KICKING OFF AROUND 9.30 SO COME EARLY AND GET THE ' BEST SEATS ' IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SING OR PLAY FOR US PLEASE EMAIL ME IN ADVANCE - every genre of music is welcome

**Lotto Results** 



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