



Ballyboden St. Endas
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Bereavement - McKenna

The Club extends its deepest sympathy to the McKenna and Worthington family following the death of Phil McKenna on Monday evening last in Our Lady's Hospice Harold's Cross. Phil is the wife of Eamon McKenna, who served the club as juvenile registrar for many years. She is also the mother of Sonia Worthington, and mother -in-law of Anthony, whose 4 children, Liam, Niall, Emer and David all play for the club.

Thrilling Hurling Final end in draw after Extra Time



BBSE 2-17 Kilmacud Crokes 1 20

By Shane O'Brien

Extra time was required in the Dublin Senior Hurling final as Ballyboden St Enda's and Kilmacud Crokes played out an enthralling draw in front of a near capacity crowd in Parnell Park.

On an unseasonably balmy October afternoon, both sides had chances to win what turned out to be a high-octane thriller.

Aidan Mellett's injury time goal looked to have sealed a dramatic win for Boden, but two quickfire points from Kilmacud levelled matters and there was still time for Marc Howard to miss a scoreable free right at the death that would have broken Boden hearts.

Extra time ensued and both sides will feel they could have clinched victory in what was a gripping 20 minutes.

At times scrappy, but always entertaining, the 80-minute spectacle kept supporters on the edge of their seats, and a draw was probably the fairest result.

Despite playing with a strong wind in the first half, Boden were caught cold inside the first five minutes; finding themselves four points down.

Caolon Conway opened the scoring for Crokes when he tapped over from close range before Sean McGrath, who was the difference when the sides met in the 2014 Dublin semi-final, raised the first green flag of the afternoon.

A long ball from midfielder Damien Kelly caused consternation in the Boden defence and McGrath was left one-on-one with Boden goalkeeper Gary Maguire, and he finished tidily with a low effort.

Conal Keaney got Boden off the mark moments later when he swung over his solitary point of the afternoon, but that effort was quickly cancelled out by a superb effort from Lorcan McMullan who pointed on the run.

Boden, however, began to come into their own thereafter and quickly halved the arrears through a Niall Ryan point from play and a Paul Ryan 65.

Two Conor Dooley points in quick succession brought Boden level, but wides were already beginning to accumulate for the Firhouse Road side, with six registered inside the opening

quarter hour.

Fergal Whitely helped Crokes regain the lead with a snapshot from near the sideline, but they would soon find themselves behind when Boden raised a green flag of their own.

Aided by an increasingly strong breeze, a Gary Maguire free carried all the way to edge of the Crokes' square where it was met by a Conor Dooley flick, leaving goalkeeper Matt Collins completely helpless on his line.

With Boden very much in the ascendancy, Paul Ryan's class came to the fore when he landed a huge point from the left wing, before converting a simple free to stretch Boden's lead to four.

A Caolon Conway point on the turn brought Crokes back within a score, and with the interval approaching there was a notable lull in play and Boden failed to fully capitalise on the wind, registering further wides as the half drew to a close.

Paul Ryan and Marc Howard traded frees in first half injury time to leave Boden with a three-point buffer at the break.

The second period proved to be a tense affair, with errors becoming more commonplace and scores coming at a premium.

David Curtin pointed after good work from Conal Keaney to cancel out an early Marc Howard free, but there was no doubt that Crokes had gained the upper hand with the help of the breeze and they began to whittle away Boden's lead.

Sean McGrath found himself in acres of space to add to his earlier goal, before a succession of Howard frees brought Crokes level.

They hit the front seconds later when Howard pointed from play for the first time after he was well set up by substitute Alex Considine.

Paul Ryan showed good composure to land a much-needed point from the left wing, Boden's first in nearly 15 minutes.

They weren't level for long, however, and two more Howard frees had Boden staring down the barrel.

A Paul Ryan free reduced the deficit to the minimum with just two minutes remaining before Aidan Mellett threatened to repeat his match winning heroics against St Vincent's when he latched onto a Conor McCormack pass and fired coolly to the net.

With Boden now leading by two, and the clock showing just under two minutes of injury time remaining, Crokes needed an immediate response. They got one.

Within twenty seconds of Mellett's goal, wing-back Cian MacGabhann had halved Boden's lead with a well taken point. Then, from the resulting puck out, Crokes were given a free on their own 65, which Howard clinically dispatched.

In a case of déjà vu, Crokes were awarded a free in almost the exact same position from the next puck out, handing them one last chance to clinch victory. Howard's effort was well under-hit, however, and it bounced harmlessly wide.

Extra time was a cagey affair, and the first period saw the sides score solely from placed balls. Playing with the wind at their backs once more, Boden moved two points clear thanks to Paul Ryan's accuracy, the pick of the bunch being a sumptuous score from a sideline cut. However, the concession of two soft frees on the brink of half time, allowed Marc Howard to restore parity once more.

Boden clung on somewhat in the second half, with Crokes registering their fair share of poor wides. A huge free from Paul Ryan against the wind cancelled out an earlier effort from substitute Shane Veale.

Ross O'Carroll and Oisín O'Rourke both pointed from play midway through the second half as Crokes established a two-point lead with time fast running out.

Niall McMorrough gave Boden hope when he pointed off his left, and a foul on Aidan Mellett shortly after left Paul Ryan with the simplest of frees to level proceedings yet again. Ryan

even had one final chance to win the game for Boden but scuffed his shot as he bore down on goal and his mishit shot was just about dealt with by 'keeper Matt Collins, meaning they'll have to do it all over again on Sunday.

SCORERS – Ballyboden St Enda's: P Ryan 0-11 (0-7f, 0-1 '65', 0-1 sideline cut), G Maguire (1-0f), A Mellett 1-0 each, C Dooley 0-2, C Keaney, N Ryan, D Curtin, N McMorrow 0-1 each. **Kilmacud Crokes**: M Howard 0-11 (10f), S McGrath 1-1, C Conway 0-2, L McMullan, F Whitely, C Mac Gabhann, S Veale, R O'Carroll, O O'Rorke 0-1 each.

BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S: G Maguire; D O'Connor, D Curran, L Corcoran; S Durkin, J Madden, S Lambert; N McMorrow, N Ryan; C Keaney, C Dooley, D Curtin; P Ryan, P Doherty, A Mellett. Subs: C McCormack for Doherty (20), S O'Connor for Curtin (53), J Roche for N Ryan (54), Doherty for McCormack (70), F McGarry for Dooley (70), C Basquel for Roche (74).

KILMACUD CROKES: M Collins; J Clinton, B O'Carroll, C Mac Gabhann; N Corcoran, R O'Dwyer, R O'Carroll; L McMullan, F Whitely; C Conway, S McGrath, D Kelly; R Hayes, M Howard, O O'Rorke. Subs: A Considine for Corcoran (inj 46), S Veale for McGrath (52), S O'Dwyer for O'Rorke (75), B O'Rorke for Howard (inj 79).

Many thanks to John Kirwan, Sean Gilheaney and Clíona Mellett for all the photos. For more, see [here](#).

Big weekend of Hurling ahead

HURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Saturday – Under 21 A Q/F v Whitehall Colmcille
Sancta Maria at 2.30pm

Saturday – Under 21 B Q/F v Kilmacud Crokes
Ballycullen at 2.30pm

Sunday – Minor A S/F v St. Vincent's
PUM at 11.00am

Sunday – Senior A Final v Kilmacud Crokes
Parnell Park at 3.30pm

Please support – Bígí Linn

Please support our teams in championship action this bank holiday weekend!

[Ticketing information for replay](#)

Dublin GAA Senior Hurling Championship Final Replay

Ballyboden St Endas vs Kilmacud Crokes
Sunday, October 28th



Throw-In: 3.30pm

Ticket Information:



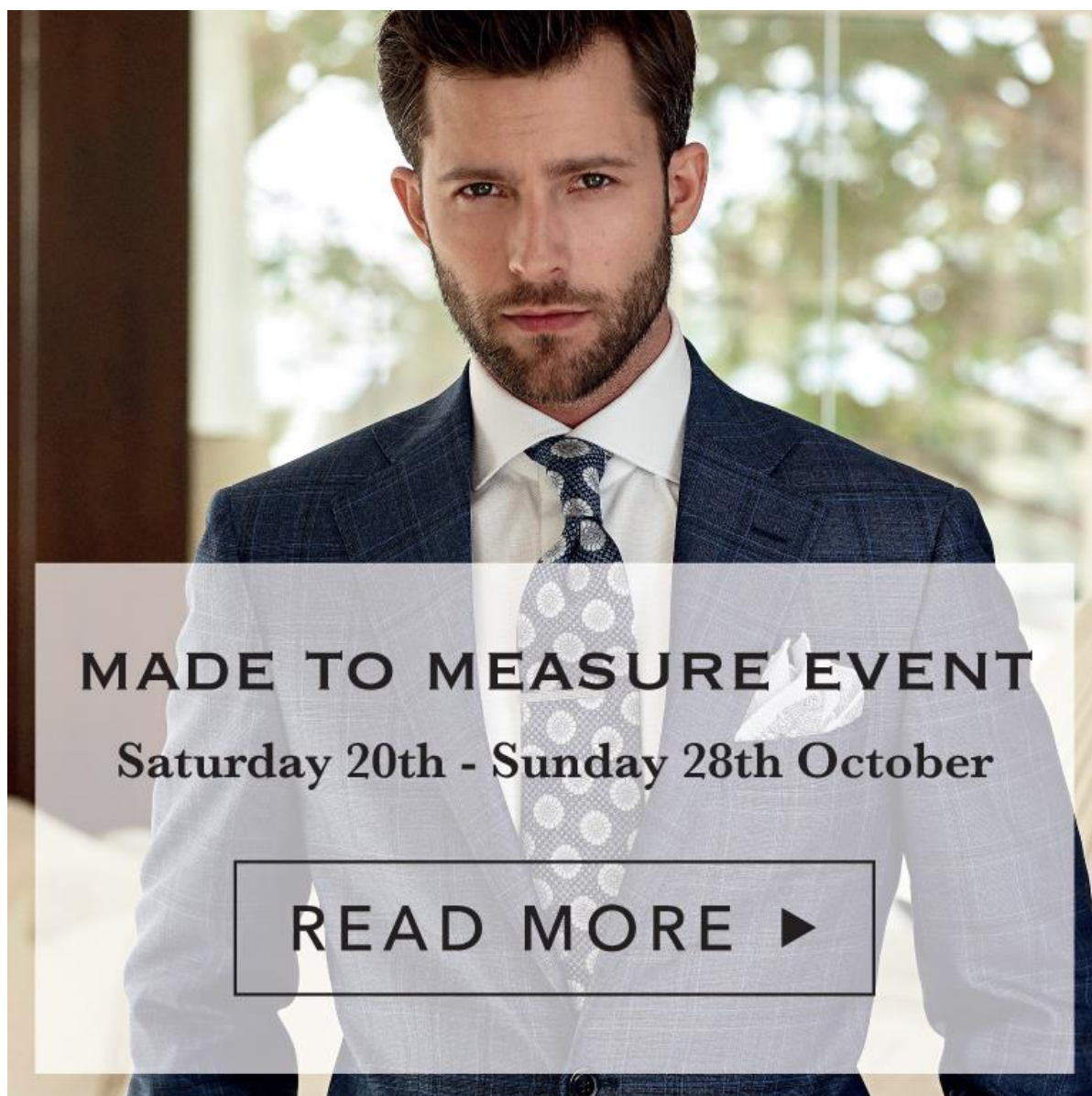
Adult General Admission: €15.00
Juvenile (U16): Free admission

Tickets available at selected Centra / Supervalu stores (no surcharge)
On-line at tickets.ie (postage fee €1.95)

Student / Senior Citizen Concession available at the ground on match
day with valid I.D.

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Junior Hurling Relegation Play-OFF

[St. Brigid's 2 07 BBSE 0 10](#)

[Brave Boden fall short – Limrick Layder Reports](#)

The final 'throw of the dice' for our Junior A hurling team was last Saturday - venue Russell Park v (the hosts) St Brigid's of Castleknock in a relegation play-off to see who would be

playing in Division 5 AHL in 2019. The team was well prepared and loaded - just like the Clanton gang as they headed down to Tombstone Arizona to a final shoot-out with Wyatt Earp, Doc Holliday and a few other lawmen at OK Corral around 'this time' in the year of 1881.

We rounded up at the clubhouse in Firhouse Road and headed due north along the M50 in buoyant mood. Counsellor Dan and Sgt Major Mick had spared nothing in their preparation for the onslaught.

There was a more youthful look to the team, 4 of the Magaluf 5 were back on duty and both Daniel's (O'Riordan & Nugent) scored a point a piece. We played well 'up the hill' and against a strong breeze in the first half and were only 2 points down at half time. The backs as a unit played particularly well – especially the full back line, Mark McG, Dancing Des and David Gilheany.

Dan was positive of the performance at half time but Sgt Mick opened up his pep talk like a 'Gatling gun' and proceed to level all before him with a few choice words – balance is everything in life!

The lads, compliments of Susan - had a few pastilles, jaffa cakes and lemonade to energise them for the 2nd half. Alan O'Connor came on and scored a fine point along with Emmet Carroll - up to now I inadvertently referred to him as O'Carrollforgetting of course that his ancestors 'took the shilling and the bowl of soup'...but aside from thatit has to be said that he has been a great hurler and servant to Ballyboden down the yearsscored 3 class points, one a typical 'over the shoulder job'...reminiscent of his best daysand 2 long range frees - on a low trajectory - hit right on the sweet spot!

Aidan Dundon scored 2 fine points along with Mark Lambert...but try as they might we just couldn't score a goal and ended up down 3 at the end, St Brigid's 2 - 7, BBSE 0 - 10.

We re-grouped to the dressing room where Susan had a great spread of beverages, sandwiches and tasty bits to raise the mood. Counsellor Dan made a very simple ...holistic speech about how blessed we all were to be part of such a grouping ...and he was right!

Sgt Major Mick Keville informed us all that he was moving on to fresh pastures and would not be with us in 2019....seemingly he's courting heavy!

Like Emmet ...he has more than done his duty ...also he's a very good coach...brutally honest with players but stick with him and you can only improve..... he's served his time and deserves a shot with a more senior team!

We all headed back to the clubhouse ...the place was hopping when we arrived , the 1999 lads were having a bit of a send-off for James Madden Jnr - heading to Australia (organised by Redser O'Donoghue), the Camogie girls were back after a tournament...., Mick Farrell was so overjoyed with the cash registers ringing that he fired-out plates of free food ...and in fairness it was half tasty!

Counsellor Dan ran a tab for the Junior A's....when I was leaving for home at a late hour it was heading well north of €200...a few of the Camogie parents on the high stools were looking a bit sheepish....

Rock on for the moment!

p.s. it's that time of the year to put away the hurley and take out the gun...the shooting season is upon us...seemingly the grouse is very scarce this year!

p.p.s. the hare population is thriving ...looking good for Clonmel and the coursing!

20x20 Women in Sport



IF SHE CAN'T SEE IT SHE CAN'T BE IT – 20x20, A NEW INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN IN SPORT, CALLS ON THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND TO GET BEHIND & CELEBRATE WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' SPORT.

The campaign, championed by Ireland's National Governing Bodies and Local Sports Partnerships, is calling on the people of Ireland and all those involved in Irish sport and physical activity to get behind female sport in a concerted effort to increase media coverage, boost attendances and ultimately, grow involvement in female sport and physical activity by 20% by the end of 2020. Watch out for our Boden Camogie Senior Team promoting the new 20x20 Women in Sport initiative over the coming weeks starting with Aoife O'Neill

Minor A footballers narrowly lose out to Whitehall



Result: Ballyboden St. Endas 0.7 Whitehall Colmcille 1.7

The Minor A Football Championship campaign continued on Sunday morning with the visit of Whitehall Colmcille to a pristine Pairc Ui Murchu.

The rain arrived just in time for the throw in making conditions difficult for both teams.

Ballyboden won the toss and elected to play with the breeze towards the Cremorne end.

An early free from John McGinn gave the home side the advantage but a Whitehall attack in the 5th minute resulted in a penalty and a harshly awarded black card for Jake Turley, the Ballyboden goalie.

Peter Gannon deputised superbly in goal but Whitehall scored from the penalty to give them an early advantage.

Both defences were on top in the conditions and 2 John McGinn frees and a Ciaran O'Reilly point were countered by 2 Whitehall points.

David Ward scored a good point from play with Whitehall getting the final score of the half to leave the half time score 1.3 to 0.5 in favour of Whitehall.

The second half began with early Ballyboden pressure but the Whitehall defence stood firm to deny the home team any early scores.

Whitehall scored 2 good points from play to stretch their advantage with John McGinn replying with a point from a free.

Ciaran O'Reilly then scored a point from play to leave a point between the teams but Whitehall's defence were keeping the chances to a minimum.

The scoring was closed out by 2 Whitehall points to give the visitors a 3 point win.

Great credit is due to the effort made by all the Ballyboden players during the game but it was one of those days when the ball just did not run our way.

Congratulations to both teams for the spirit in which the match was played.

Once again, a special thank you to the club members responsible for the maintenance of Pairc Uí Murchu in its excellent condition. The quality of the pitch was commented on by the visiting mentors.

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

The next championship match is away against St. Sylvesters on Sunday November 4th with the winner qualifying for the championship semi-final.

Whitehall, Sylvesters and Ballyboden are now level on points at the top of the group with one match left to determine the semi-finalists.

We wish our injured squad members a speedy return to full fitness.

For more photos, see [here](#).

Minor A Squad:

Enda Cashman, Pearce Christie, Malachy Codd, Jacques Dalton, Kevin Desmond, Joey Donohue, Patrick Dunleavy, Peter Gannon, Conor Hanrahan, Jack Kenny, Cillian Kirwan, Conor Lowe, Ruairi MacMathuna, Cian Maher, Luke McDwyer, John McGinn, John McGuire, Sean O'Donnell, Ciaran O'Reilly, Dean Ralph, Jake Turley, Cillian Wall, Mark Walsh, David Ward.

Minor Bs reach semis after Brigid's victory



Minor D Championship BBSE 1-13 St Brigid's 0-9

Last Sunday morning at 11am saw the Minor B footballers progress to the semi-finals of the Minor D Championship. A very solid workmanlike performance was required to overcome a tenacious team from St Brigid's in fairly miserable conditions.

A slow start from 'Boden saw the visitors hit the post in the opening minutes but this woke up our lads and saw them take over and dominate the first half.

The second half continued in much the same way with the 'Boden defence holding solid and taking chances when they came.

Its semi-final now for a team that is improving with ever game. Keep it up lads!

Team: Adam Farrell, Alex Craven, Jack Lambert, Ciaran McDonnell, Daire Lynch, Feargal Ryan, Conor Cullen, Robert Cullen, Evan Cullen, Joe McGrath, Adam Kelleher, Kevin Kirwan, Aidan Garvey, Sean O'Flaherty, Patrick Molloy, Conor Woods, Brendan Kavanagh, Daragh O'Neill, Eoghan Duffy, Cian Corcoran, Tommy Farrelly.

Club Development Fund Draw



Ballyboden St. Endas Club Development Fund



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JACKPOT

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Draw Date 17/10/18

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Davis' break Boden hearts in U16 'A' Championship Football Quarter Final



King Solomon once said, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". Bet you weren't expecting that as an opening line (Ah yeah, still waters run deep).....but how true, all good things must come to an end.

Our local rivals, Thomas Davis, in the quarter final of the 16 A Championship. A big physical mobile team, away from home, this was always going to be a big ask but C'est la Vie. (You've probably copped it by now, I'm in a philosophical mood for the swan song).

In a hard fought and tough, physical game, the players gave their all but unfortunately came up short in the end.

The backs, including of Monahan, Maguire, Dunne, Donaghy, Leahy & Mulligan-Lynch fought like rabid dogs over a stale sandwich. The mid field of Gannon and Colcough left nothing behind only blood, sweat and my tears. All the lads who played up front Hickey, Behan, Gavin, Sweeney, Power, Byrne & Kane, passed and moved, hasstled and harried (if that's even a word) until there was no more to give.

And a word for McDonald, Mullen and O'Hallaran who were 'Chomping at the bit' to get into the action.

Alas, juvenile championships are not about teamwork, heart and spirit, they're more about, who gets the lucky break on the day and unfortunately that wasn't Ballyboden.

We started brightly with 3 goals in the first 15 minutes and then the managers introduced the Sleep Monster and, to their credit, Thomas Davis clawed their way back into it. Playing against the wind in the first half, a two point lead at half time seemed somewhat fortunate.

The second half was just all out "helter skelter" with the tackles becoming, let's say..... "Robust" and the lead changing hands on several occasions. Even the gallant Eamonn O'Dea (An unsung hero of the team), couldn't stop the Thomas Davis onslaught and a couple of goals towards the end gave them the momentum. Now it was our turn to claw our way back

into it and a goal from the exceptionally talented Luke Byrne gave us a ray of hope. But with a point between the teams, we simply ran out of time.

I both love and hate the end of the under 16 Season because this group of players, that we have been with for the last 10 years, gets broken up as they head into Adult football. Some will continue to wear the Blue and White and, tragically, some won't. Their loss to GAA will be some other sports gain. But before I hand my bib back to the Director of Coaching and my keyboard back to the Director of Taking the Piss, I would like to thank the 55 players that finished the journey with this group of mentors (We started with 80 in 2008). If the lads got half the education, enjoyment and fun out of it that I got, well that's a job well done.

I have never before given advice (but you're getting it, whether you like it or not). "Younger coaches. The kids won't remember winning a league, a Feile, a championship, a cup or a tournament in Bally-me-arse. However, they will remember kindness, fun, fairness and challenging them to Be the Best they can Be." (I warned you I was in a philosophical humour, you can't unread this s**t now). "Be kind, be nice, be fair and leave being a 'hard ass' to the minor and adult managers".

I will sign off by saying thanks to all the children, parents, fellow mentors and Ballyboden St. Endas for allowing me the opportunity to take this unique journey with this magnificent bunch of young men. Much and all as it pains me to say it, "King Solomon was right". Et gratias agens vale (There's nothing like a bit of Latin, told ya, still waters and all that.....)

(Footnote: JD & Jimbo, ye just substitute Take That's, "Never Forget" for the King Solomon quote, it will be easier for ye to understand)

Final Score: Thomas Davis 3 - 11 BBSE 4 - 7

Fot more photos, see [here](#)

Ballyboden U15 footballers Division 5 League Champions!



BBSE vs Bray Emmetts. U15B

Sunday morning at Bray Emmetts ground in Old Conna saw a play off between BBSE and Bray Emmetts for League status winners as both had won 12, drawn 1, and lost 1, and were on 25 pts each. With Boden scoring 70 pts more over the league than Emmetts an average of 5pts per game this was going to be an interesting and close game.

As is lovely to see at any age group, in any code or sport, the total squad of U15 hurlers, able-bodied and wounded, along with all the parents turned up to lift the team on a beautiful sunny morning. 10 minutes before the throw in a gale-force wind accompanied by its normal Irish companion...rain. started to blow cross field....this was going to be a very testing game for both teams.

Whistle blew and they were off! Emmetts went straight on the attack with a pass out wide and a high ball into the box which Conor Barnes dealt with safely. With a great puc out Boden on the attack.

Thomas Brosnan picked the ball up and made a strong run forward to hand pass to Connell McGlynn whose shot went wide. Emmetts attack again was thwarted by Sean Bury in the Boden's defense. Boden's first point came when Connell McGlynn showed how small a hurling pitch can be made look with two pieces of skill, a high catch and a strike - point made! Emmetts were not sitting back and nearly scored two goals from goal mouth scrambles in the following 3 minutes, Not to be - as luck and strong battling saved Boden.

When I turned to see the expression on the supporters faces, they seemed to be in the middle of breaking a Guinness book record of how many teenagers and parents can you fit into one dug out!! escaping the elements as they were as the rain and wind blew relentlessly. Eighteen minutes in Boden led 0-2 Emmetts 0-0. Both teams had about 4 wides each and a couple of goal chances that were within inches of making the score board. The rain was replaced by a vivid rainbow but the wind was still blowing hard. Then came a great point from Harry Duff who while under pressure took the ball and turned on his weak side and split the posts. Harry wasn't finished as 2 mins later, he got Bodens first gaol - a superb strike and a just reward for his efforts from the start of the game.

Emmetts answered within seconds with another point to make it 1-3 to 0-2 in Bodens favour but again Emmetts didn't give up and only quick hands and reaction of Conor Barnes saved a definite goal for Emmetts. A combination from the ever-steady Tom White to Kevin Hearty and again a hand pass from Thomas Brosnan, gave Evan Welch not for the first time a trade mark run straight at the Emmetts defense to thunder Bodens second goal home.

The immense contribution from the U14 players Stephen Pullan and Eoin Mac Phaidin and Killan Smith in the first half really started to show as a great ball in from Eoin was taken by Stephen who passed it back to the hard working Niall O' Donnell as he expertly struck it back over his shoulder between the posts. It began to look like the rainbow's pot of gold was on the Bodens side line.

Boden went in at half time 2 -4 to 0-2 up.

Start of the second half saw Thomas Culleton, Mathew Ormsby and Sean O' Donnell in for

Kevin Hearty and Dillon Smyth, who had a strong presence in denying Emmetts scoring chances in the first half, and the injured Niall O'Donnell. Emmetts make the first point - a fine strike from around half way to put it 2-4 to 0-3. That only served to up Bodens game with some outstanding play from Thomas Culleton in defense and Sean Bury stopping any chance of Emmetts advancing in on goal. Connell MaGlynn, slotting over another 3 points from frees and then Luke Bently, who had battled to try and score in the first half but unfortunately luck wasn't on his side, however he found a new novel way of of scoring with his back to goal ground striking backwards scoring two goals in quick succession.

The hard work of Ollie Brophy, Mathew Ormsby, Ryan Ramsden & Michael Hanrahan kept Emmetts to chasing half chances. With Luke Bently trying to improve his new scoring method, his final goal came from a two handed back strike through his legs to score his third goal.

The final whistle blew - Ballyboden U15s were Division 5 League Champions! What is nice about any game is winning, what is nicer is seeing a team play together and winning. There were great performances by every individual yesterday - Sean Bury in defence, Connell McGlynn midfield were outstanding and the contribution of the U14 lads was invaluable.

On behalf of all the parents and every player, we would like to thank Niall and Brendan for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the boys over the last number of years you. Both mentors have set the bar high in regards to the passion, love and respect for the game of hurling that they have managed to impart to the boys.

Team: Tom White, Luke Bently, Michael Hanrahan, Ryan Ramsden, Sean O'Donnell, Kevin Hearty, Harry Duff, Sean Bury, Evan Welsh, Dillon Smyth, Killan Smith, Eoin MacPhaidin, Stephen Pullan, Ollie Brophy, Mathew Ormsby, Niall O'Connell, Conor Barnes, Connell McGlynn. Thomas Culleton,

BBSE 5:9

Bray Emmets 0:4

Annual singles pool competition



Annual Singles Pool Competition

Entries are now been taken for the 2018 / 2019 Singles Pool Competition.

The competition will be run in the same “Champions League” format as last year.

i.e. There will be Groups of 4 or 5 players with 3 or 4 games to be played in the group stages over November & early December.

Please Text or WhatsApp Tom Reville @ 087 221 1828 to confirm your participation.

Closing date for entries is 9pm on Thursday the 8th Nov.

The entry fee is only €5

Regan's Regal Ladies Rejoice & Win Championship Final!



Ballyboden St Endas 4-8 St. Monica's Edenmore 3-7

On Saturday afternoon last (October 20th) in HQ Pairc Uí Mhurchú, the Under 15 Young Ladies of Boden emerged victorious against a fancied St. Monica's team and captured the 2018 Championship Football Final. Senior Dublin stalwarts Con O'Callaghan and Michael Fitzsimons had assisted in training the team during the week and there is no doubt that this had a positive effect on the preparations for the final.

This was a proverbial Halloween cracker with both evenly-matched teams going for it right from the throw-in. The early scores came from Boden with Alanna Hodgins (1-0), Angel O'Toole (0-1) Chloe Regan (0-1) and inspiring captain Chloe Murphy (1-1) putting the home side in front against the breeze. However credit is due to a resilient St. Monica's team who always stayed in touch and notched up some noteworthy scores before the break. A feature of this game was the manner in which both teams were able to use the vast pitch space to launch attack and counter-attack. In the second half, further scores from the busy Laura McHugh (2-2) and the energetic Shauna Finlay (0-3) put Boden in the ascendency. Credit at this stage must go to the Boden defence of Ciara Duffy, Amy Casey-Omorere, Ava Kelly, Grace Clabby, Fiona McDonnell, Laura Pendlebury and Emily Regan – all of whom worked hard to keep St. Monica's at bay. Ciara Deane excelled in goal again and her probing kick-outs were a feature throughout the game. There were further inspirational Boden performances from Aoibhe Morris, Eimear Hayden, Alannah Mehigan, Gráinne Noctor, Aoife O'Connell and Lara O'Neill as every member of the squad gelled together and put in a gritty final ten minutes to ensure that the cup was destined for the Boden clubhouse. At the final whistle both teams were exhausted and duly received a deserved applause from the large crowd. The young ladies from Boden were delighted. For many of them, this was their first taste of success with the club since they started in the nursery fadó fadó!

All the team mentors are extremely proud of this fine group of young players. Their excellent performances this year have thrilled everybody, none more so than club veterans Stephen Campbell and Ken Regan. On Saturday, Ken's over-exuberance and passionate interjections from the side-line might well have tilted the Blasphemy Referendum this week!!! The team

enjoyed some pizza and refreshments afterwards courtesy of the club authorities who deserve great credit for facilitating a fine day-out for the squad. Thanks to the referee on the day, to the parents for their ongoing support and to mentor Barry Regan for all the wonderful photos. Well done young ladies for making the mentors so proud of your achievements this year; Ken Regan, Stephen Campbell, Loreto Hayden, Aoibheann Murphy, Alan Deane, Barry Regan and Gerry Duffy. Beir Bua!

Under 16 C ladies footballers lose out to Clontarf in final



We made the long journey out to Na Fianna's grounds on Mobhi Road who kindly agreed to host the match. By the time we get there the rain had gone and the sun had come out. We warmed up on the all-weather pitch beside the main pitch that we played on. There was great support for Ballyboden from parents and friends alike

Boden got off to a flyer dominating possession for the first 5 minutes. Unfortunately we were not able to convert any of this possession into scores. Clontarf then got into the match and began to dominate proceedings and by half time we found ourselves 1 -3 to no score down.

There was a serious half time talk involving both mentors and players which certainly seemed to lift the spirits and performance of the girls. We again started strongly in the second half but this time it was different with us scoring an early point followed by 2 goals in quick succession. All of a sudden Ballyboden were a point up. We dominated possession for the next 10 minutes but just could not add to our score tally. Then against the run of play Clontarf broke up the field and scored a point followed by a very lucky goal that looped in over our keeper's' head. For the remainder of the match we were chasing the game. Clontarf scored 2 more late goals to give a final score line of 4 – 4 to 2 -1.

Although the girls were bitterly disappointed they all lined up and very sportingly congratulated their worthy opponents. The two team captains made very heartfelt speeches at the medal presentation.

We are very proud of all the girls not just for their performance in the final but for their consistent performances during the league and championship campaigns. They have done us, the club, their parents and most importantly themselves proud and we would like to thank them for their effort, commitment and for all the laughs all throughout the year.

U16 C Team Mentors

U13As Win Div 1 Shield Final



Ballyboden Under 13 A team lined out on Saturday evening against a very talented Clanna Gael Fontenoy side in Cherryfield for the final of the Shield competition.

In a tightly contested game, both sides weren't found lacking for commitment and intensity. Boden, playing against the wind, took an early lead with a fine team goal, superbly finished by Ruby Hynes, quickly followed by 3 points. Clanna Gael found it difficult to break down the Boden defence with fine performances from Amy Brennan, Sarah Doyle and Isobelle Morris. There was a fielding masterclass from the Boden midfield duo of Heather Bolger and Sadhbh Keenan, which kept a constant supply of quality ball into Emma McDonagh, Sarah Kelly and Julie Brady. The tenacity of the Boden players saw them reach the break 2 points down.

But this Clanna Gael team are laced with good quality, well disciplined players and staged a tremendous fight back in the second half. Clodagh Kinsella came on and scored 3 unanswered points. If it wasn't for the steely determination of Ailbhe Christy, Jenny Maguire, Jeanne Guihard and Ailbhe Dunne things could have looked a lot different of Ballyboden. Not only did they choke the supply of ball into the Clanna Gael forwards but they set up get plays for Ellen Sweeney, Heather McGrath, Ciara Phelan and Edel McCreery.

With a slender 2 point lead entering the last couple of minutes, this game was in there for either team to take. And after a period of considerable pressure, Clanna Gael were awarded a penalty. As the Clanna Gael supporters became giddy with anticipation, there was an assured confidence amongst the Boden supporters because we knew that we had Lauren "The Cat"

Heavy between the sticks. And true to form, The Cat sprung to save the penalty and the day for Ballyboden.

Winning on a score line of 4-11 to 4-9 the Boden girls screamed the traffic on the Firhouse Road to a standstill when the final whistle sounded.

All the girls were brilliant but a special word for our Captain and goal keeper Lauren who literally saved the day.

More pics from Miriam Christie on Flickr [here](#)

U14B Girls Shine in Sallins Sevens



The under 14 B girls travelled down to Kildare last Saturday to take up an invitation to play in a 7-a-side tournament hosted by Sallins GAA Club. A hugely competitive day in a great atmosphere saw our girls play five matches against two teams from Sallins, two teams from Downpatrick (Co. Down) and one team from Caragh (Co. Kildare). Huge thanks to our hosts for a great day of football and food - we won't eat for a week.

U11 BOYS HURLERS FINAL GO GAMES



Last Saturday our boys played their last official hurling GO GAMES against Naomh Olaf's and Naomh Barrog. Both sets of games were played away from home and in glorious sunshine. All the teams hurled magnificently and finished the season on a high.

The lads are a credit to their coaches, parents and themselves.

On Sunday, we travelled with the U13's to Parnell Park to support the senior hurlers. Many thanks to Ken Keary for sorting out all the logistics and a hearty congratulations to Jim Boland on securing the coveted position of U11's Social Secretary!!.

U10 Hurling Update



Our U10 hurlers put up some great performances at home last weekend for their final Go Games matches this year.

Their opponents were Cuala and Whitehall Colmcilles. Our lads were keen to impress before the Senior hurling final last Sunday.

A super attitude combined with effort and some silky skills were the trade marks of their play.

Well done lads and keep up the super work into next year.

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

U9 Girls Final Round of Go Games



The Under 9 Girls were in football action this weekend for their final matches of the season. Four teams competed at home against strong opposition from St. Olaf's and Round Towers, while two teams played Lucan Sarsfields away. Everyone at Sancta Maria was in top form and were fortunate to wrap up matches before the rain came in.

Those in Lucan weren't so lucky with the elements but some of the best football of the year was played in some of the worst conditions. Seán O'Toole, the coaches and FLO's would like to thank all the girls and their parents for their dedication to football and camogie this year. Roll on 2019! Photos by Seán O'Toole, Joe Kelly and Suzanne Gormley. Click [here](#) for more.

U10s Take on Naomh Olaf in Sandyford



Our U10s travelled to Sandyford to take on Naomh Olaf at Páirc Uí Bhriain on Saturday, putting in very strong performances in all their matches. Well done girls!!

U11s in Action v St Vincents and Lucan



Our U11 Girls played their last round of Go Games football on Sunday morning at home v St Vincents and away against Lucan Sarsfields. Well done to all the U11 girls on a great year's football!

Ciorcal Cainte

**Ciorcal Cainte is starting on the 3rd of October.
It will continue on Wednesdays from 9 to 10 in the club.
All are welcome.**

Volunteers wanted in BBSE!

Volunteers needed



It may not have worked out so well in 1916, but we are offering something different.

Our adult and minor hurling mentors need your help with:

- First aid,
- Umpiring,
- Nets and flags
- Line, etc.

Please contact Ger Soffe:
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The Mission of the Adult Hurling Committee is to promote the development of hurling at adult and minor levels in Ballyboden St. Enda's GAA Club.

Club Archive

Progress on establishing a Club archive is ongoing and I would like to thank those who have already donated material to the archive. I would ask all members or former members to check their records or files to see if they can unearth any material which they can donate to the archive e.g. photographs, match reports or anything relating to the Club. If members have such archive material that they wish to keep, we would appreciate if they would let us have a copy of same.

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Paddy Walsh

Siúltóiri Schedules Aug - Oct

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Dance Classes at BBSE!



DANCING!!

It's back - Dance class takes place in Ballyboden every Thursday from 8.30-10.30.. If you fancy some Jiving , Waltzing, a bot of Foxtrot or quickstep then pop along to the club house. It's 10 Euro pay as you go
