



KNOCKLYON UTD. FOOTBALL CLUB

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Our recently appointed football committee, under the guidance of Gary Farrell, includes Noel Gaughran, Eddie Lacey, Niall Lynch, Jimmy Pakenham, Don Wolfe and John Fisher. Dave Dunning and Dermot Culliton will also continue to develop relations between our affiliated Club Glenavon FC and other potential associations. Our friends in Glenavon Academy visited recently to join one of our training sessions. Academy Director of Coaching, Thomas McStravick brought the IFA Irish Cup won by Glenavon, which created great excitement and photo opportunities for the teams present.

Knocklyon United 30th Anniversary

On Friday 21st November, past and present members of Knocklyon United FC gathered in Reeves Restaurant to celebrate the Club's 30th anniversary. It was a night of stories old and new relating past experiences spanning the history and development of the Club. It was also an opportunity to recognise the contribution that the Club, its volunteers and indeed all local clubs like Knocklyon United make to the wider community. The occasion was also used to honour Noel Gaughran for his 27 years' service to the Club. Many thanks to Rory O'Hagan, Rachel and the rest of the Reeves' staff for a wonderful meal and a great night out. The Club would also like to congratulate Reeves on their own 10th anniversary.

Watch this space!

Following on from their very successful trip to Preston North End, it is with great delight we can announce that Charles Etumnu of our Under 16 Premier team has been invited back for a 3 day trial in December. Further enquiries have also been made regarding other players from the team by various clubs throughout the UK. The Club would like to wish Charles and the rest of our players the best of luck in their endeavours to make the grade. We are very proud of all our lads, whatever the outcome.

Our Sponsors

Many thanks to Dave Bobbett of H&K International Ltd., our main Club sponsor, for kitting out our 2 LSL Senior teams and our U16 Premier DDSL team. All the squads are delighted with the new kits and training gear which has just arrived. The kits have H&K international and Dave's own charity, Irish Heart Disease Awareness printed into the material, a really professional job.

We are eternally grateful for all our regular and new sponsors who never cease to amaze us with their generosity. This season alone we'd like to thank the following companies for their support of teams in Knocklyon United; Insure my Van, Cooney Engineering, JP Ward & Sons, Autopoint Cars, WatchOvers.com, Dunning Motors, MTS Security and MAK Fasteners Specialists Ltd. Keep an eye on our website for photos of our teams in all their new gear!

Team News

Some great news to report for **Liam French and Martin Nugent's U11D Sunday** team who finished top of their League recently. Despite being beaten by both Esker and Clontarf in their away games, Liam says the boys have proved that working hard in training, listening to their coaches and great teamwork really pays off as they beat both teams 4-0 when they played them at home in Delaford. Well done!

Gary Marshall's and Dan Towell's U10C1 Saturday team are now in their third season together. The two managers are proud of the hard work put in by the lads which has resulted in them being promoted twice by the DDSL in the last year. Gary and Dan are hopeful of a third promotion this year for the boys, who they say love playing for KUFC and are especially proud of their Club jackets which they wear to school!

Past Player News

We were delighted and proud to hear that one of our past players, Enda Minogue has been awarded Goalkeeper of the Year in St. Joseph's FC. Congratulations Enda - well done!

Knocklyon United would like to wish all our players, managers, parents, helpers and extended football 'family' a very merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful 2015.

Nursery

It seems a long time ago now but our little players had a great time at our Halloween party in October and by the time everyone is reading this article, Santa will also have visited them in Ballycullen with lots of treats and pressies! Since our nursery kit was distributed we've had Mammies and Daddies telling us how cute our boys and girls look every Friday evening when they arrive for their training with Jimmy and the rest of our coaches. From little players to great players in years to come!

Goalkeeper Training

Our goalkeepers continue to go from strength to strength, not least thanks to the training they get every Tuesday in Delaford. Even in what has been some pretty unpredictable weather, our goalies have turned up for training. The vast majority of our Club goalkeepers avail of either the junior or senior session so it's no coincidence that in the last few years, goalkeepers have featured prominently in our 'Player of the Year' awards at the end of the season.



Our U11D Sunday team with their Managers, Liam French and Martin Nugent



Gary Marshall and Dan Towell's U10C1 Saturday team



Our U16 Premier team with the Preston team on their recent trip to the UK