



KNOCKLYON UTD. FOOTBALL CLUB

The last few months have been pretty busy not to mention exciting for our Club! A lot of our small sided teams are performing extremely well in their Leagues while our senior players have been working hard in Cup and League games. It's difficult to imagine, given the height of them now, but our senior players were once the size of our little nursery footballers in our group below! Since our new kit was distributed we've had some very well-dressed boys and girls arriving for their training with Jimmy and the rest of our coaches. From little players to great players in years to come!



As main sponsor to Knocklyon United, Dave Bobbett of H&K International has been very generous in his support of our Club. At the beginning of February we had a presentation to mark the unveiling of the new H&K kit for three of our senior teams. Hopefully our readers saw a few of the photos that made the newspapers at the time. Fingers crossed that the new kit will continue to be lucky for **Gary Farrell's U16s** as they compete for a place in the semi-final of the **SFAI U16 All Ireland Cup** on **Sunday March 22nd**. Good luck lads - the whole Club is so proud of you!

Goalkeeper Training

Our goalkeepers continue to go from strength to strength, not least thanks to the training they get every Tuesday in Delaford. Even though we've had 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. The time volunteered by Derek, Mark, Gary and Robbie to train our lads is certainly paying off!

Surprise Surprise!

Some of our, shall we say, 'slightly more mature' readers will remember Cilla Black's 'Surprise Surprise' show on TV. Our Chairman, Gary Dent, had to resort to similar tactics recently to reward our own Jimmy Pakenham for his ongoing hard work with KUFC. Our Nursery players know Jimmy well and many of our senior players on the Sunday LSL team co-managed by Jimmy have literally 'grown up' with him over the years as they went from junior players, right up to where they are now as our seniors. We're very lucky to have you Jimmy - three cheers for you from everyone in Knocklyon United!



Team Profiles

Our **U12 C1s** managed by **Austin Scanlon** and **Niall Keogh** are having a successful season this year and currently in a strong position in both League and Cup games. A great achievement given this is the first year the team have played together. Meanwhile, **Dave Cooney**, who manages our **U8 Yellow** team along with **Colm Walsh** and **Karl Byrne**, says his team are really enjoying the season so far. Dave feels that the support from parents has been very important in pulling the team together. Apart from being one of our new managers, Dave has also sponsored his team's gear so the 'Cooney Engineering' lads certainly look very dapper at their games in Delaford!

New sponsors

Even though we're now in March and the season is well underway, we've been very lucky to have a continuous number of new sponsors. Some new additions to the KUFC 'sponsorship family' are Reeves Restaurant, Arkwood Building and Mezzo Music Academy. Welcome to the Club - we appreciate all your support!

Knocklyon United would like to wish all our players, managers, parents and helpers a happy Easter - enjoy the break.