

Tangerine News

The Newsletter of St.Kevins Boys Club

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Saints Capture 3rd All Ireland in a Month

There was joy and heartache in equal measure for the Saints as they made the long journey to Cork to play the last two games in the SFAI cups.

Our Under 12s headed off at 7.00am and it was a reasonably quiet bus on the way down as both the players and coaches kept it all nice and relaxed – Eoin Wearen was particularly pleased at the quietness as he had apparently spent a very late night working on tactics!

The bus stopped in Fermoy for breakfast and to allow the players to finally meet their manager, Elliot who had travelled separately (with Caffo).

Then it was on to Turners Cross and the game. The SFAI officials on the gate tried to get admission fees from a few members as they entered and it was Paul Smyth that persuaded them not to charge our own octogenarian and long, long time SKB man, Alex McQueen the admission fee!

The game kicked off on time and it wasn't long before the Saints tested the Douglas Hall keeper as Josh Okagbue forced their number one into a good save.



The first half was a scrappy affair but it was clear that the Saints were the better team on the day and their persistence paid off after 20 minutes when Danny McGrath struck a sweet volley from the edge of the area following yet another Douglas Hall clearance.

The second half saw the Saints in control but they failed to add to their single goal tally despite some great chances as they found the Douglas Hall goalkeeper in excellent form.

So on the final whistle the Saints were crowned Under 12 SFAI Sketchers Norton Cup winners.

There was an interesting delay in the presentation of medals to the Saints as it was discovered at the last minute that they were the wrong ones!

SKB: Ryan Colgan Markey, Josh Okagbue, Sean White, Scott Brady, Ryan Maher, Emmanuel Obonsu, Josh Lyons, Logan Preston, Ben Collier, Mark Tarzan, Joao Pedro, Ryan Kelly, Danny McGrath, Fiachra Coffey

Then it was the turn of our "Under 15s" to play Corinthian Boys of Cork in the SFAI Evans Cup.

Now because of the changeover to Airtricity League football earlier this year our Under 15 team who started out competing in this competition were no longer eligible to play – I'll let you work that one out! So our Under 15 team playing in this game was a mix of our Under 14s and Under 13s.

We were hoping for a Saints win obviously but especially for five of our Under 13s as it would have made it three SFAI Cup medals at three different age groups in the same year since they had already won their own Under 13 SFAI Troy Cup in Galway and been part of the Under 14s who captured the SFAI Goodson Cup also.

The game itself was a very open and entertaining affair with the Saints playing some excellent football against opponents who were clearly bigger and stronger than them. Neither keeper was troubled too much in the first half as both defences made sure there were no clear cut opportunities for the forwards.

The Saints made wholesale changes throughout the match as it was a roll on/roll off affair, generally changing 4 or 5 players at a time. The second half took on a higher tempo and with more balls in the air it was clear that the much taller Cork team were easily winning the aerial battles, on the ground it was a different affair as the Saints moved the ball quickly.

Both keepers were called into action on several occasions and both pulled off some very good saves but at the end of normal time the game was still scoreless.

Extra time started and Corinthians got the all-important breakthrough after 10 minutes as they pounced on a loose ball from a corner. From then on the opposition dropped back and defended well and despite the best efforts of the Saints they were unable to get the equaliser.

While it was extremely disappointing for these young players to lose out 1-0 in this cup final it should be remembered that some of them were playing two years ahead of themselves against opponents who clearly had that additional age physicality over them. The fact that it took a disputed goal in extra time to deny them speaks volumes for the effort of these players and let's not forget they have played at Under 15 level for the last four rounds of the competition so well done to all of you.

Saints Capture DDSL Condron Cup



With the calendar year season in it's inaugural year there are a number of well known fixtures that have been "fitted in" around the general league season.

Hence the DDSL finals have been taking place over a number of different dates rather than the traditional Finals Weekend that we all looked forward to.

Our Under 11 A team captured the Condron Cup on Saturday evening with a 4-0 victory over St Josephs Boys in Abbotstown but there was no luck for our Under 12 Premier who lost out 2-1 to Shamrock Rovers in the DDSL Tom Kavanagh Cup

Saints Win and Lose in Ellenfield SSG Crackers

June has always been the traditional month when St Kevins Boys hosted their famous Summer Leagues, a time when multiple games took place in Ellenfield as local roads faced their nearest neighbours. With the advent of calendar year football unfortunately that time has passed and instead on a hot, cold and occasionally wet Saturday morning I found myself looking to photograph five of our teams that were due to play league games in the park – two SSG teams and three 11-a-side teams.

There was due to be six but one team had their game postponed, I'm assuming it was due to holidays of players from both teams which seemed to be a common complaint from the five teams that were playing. Over the years we have found that a lot of parents avail of the cheaper holiday prices by jetting off in June so it left our teams and indeed the opposition a little light on numbers.



Our Under 12 Saturday B1 team were up against runaway league leaders Pearse Rangers. It was clear to see in the first few minutes why Pearse are runaway leaders having won all their previous games as they were clearly in a league that was way below their level.

The Saints were struggling for numbers with players away on holidays and a number of injuries, in fact their only substitute on the day was recovering from a bad dose of the flu and the poor lad was injured shortly after coming on to play – it clearly wasn't his week!

The Saints started off the day 4th in the league having done well so far this season and they did well for most of the first half in this game as they bravely fought a tide of Pearse attacks and it was thanks to the hard work of Renat Zaloznijs, Michael Sullivan and especially Brian Bolton at the back that they managed to keep the score respectable. The heroics of Jack McGinn in goal was another factor in thwarting the Pearse forwards – he pulled off an incredible double save towards the end of the first half that had goal written all over it!

When they did manage to get forward the very talented Jack Duffy proved a handful for Pearse as the ball seemed to stick to his feet and he was well supported by Cian Malone and Kevin Rio.

It was a particularly tough day for the midfield of Craig Tester, Oran Grant and Damien McDonagh as they tried to win the battles but Pearse proved too strong for them.

As I said this Pearse team are playing well below their level in this league so it was no surprise that they won the game but I think they left Ellenfield knowing that they had come up against a very determined Saints team who fought to the bitter end.

To give an indication of how our younger players are always willing to lend a hand when asked; the "assistant manager" on the day for the team plays for our Under 16.2 team and is the boyfriend of the manager's daughter – it's good to see a young lad realising the importance of building up brownie points even at this stage!

SKB: Jack McGinn, Renat Zaloznijs, Michael Sullivan, Brian Bolton, Craig Tester, Jack Duffy, Oran Grant, Damien McDonagh, Kevin Rio, Cian Malone

The Under 10 Saturday A1 team were part of a stunning fourteen (yes you read that correctly) goal game.

This team are doing very well this season and the players have put in a huge effort which has paid dividends in the games to date. On this occasion they were missing a number of players due to holidays so they called up a few reinforcements.



Now if you had told me after 10 minutes in this game, where the Saints were 3-0 down, that I would witness the greatest comeback since Liverpool in Istanbul I would have laughed at you.

But the Saints, in a never say die mode, managed to turn this game around to eventually run out 8-6 winners!

Liam Henshaw started the comeback from 3-0 down with a powerful header from a corner and a minute later Alex Behan took a touch and blasted in a second.

Max Waters in goal and Finn Sherlock at right full turned in superb performances in the Saints fightback but were unable to stop Malahide scoring another to see the score 4-2 at the break.

The second half saw the Saints build on the momentum they showed in the latter part of the first half and within five minutes of the restart had levelled the score with two goals from Marcel Schabowski,

A few minutes later they took the lead 5-4 with a terrific move started by Aaron O'Neill in goal that progressed right through the team with excellent passing which eventually saw Schabowski get his hat trick with a shot at the back post.

Then it was 6-4 with great work down the left hand side before the ball came to Jack Staunton on the edge of the area and he let fly to score.

Malahide pulled a goal back to set the hearts racing again!

On 20 minutes Sam Maguire and Cathal Reddy, who were outstanding in the middle of the pitch, played a number of one-twos before setting Christian De Carlo through on goal, he rounded the keeper before coolly slotting the ball into the vacant net.

A minute later and De Carlo made it 8-5 as again he was put through on goal and he lifted the ball over the advancing keeper. With five minutes left Malahide grabbed a goal back. It was end to end football at this stage and with time running out O'Brien pulled off a magnificent double save to deny Malahide.

The final whistle sounded and both sets of players finally drew a breath!!

SKB: Max Waters, Finn Sherlock, Liam Henshaw, Cathal Reddy, Alex Behan, Christian De Carlo, Sam Maguire, Aaron O'Brien, Jack Staunton, Marcel Schabowski

If you get a chance take a look at our team warming up for the U15 SFAI Evans Cup where they all sported tops bearing their injured teammate's name, Luke Browne along with his usual jersey number 7. It is a great tribute to a popular player.

SKB/BOHS Updates



SKB/Bohs Under 15 SSE Airtricity League Team

As the SSE Airtricity Under 15s National League takes a short break to cater for exams the SKB Bohs team are lying 3rd in the league just a point behind joint leaders St Pats Athletic, with whom they drew 3-3 and Finn Harps who are the only side to have defeated them to date.

So when the leagues resume we are in the mix for honours and with the right results could even go on to win it.

Meanwhile our SSE Airtricity Under 17 National League team are top of the table and the only unbeaten team in their league. They did suffer a first defeat recently in the Mark Farren Memorial Cup away to Bray Wanderers but we are expecting them to recover quickly from this set back and to push on for honours.

Good Year for Senior Section



John Tully and Mick Dempsey accepting the Dunne Cup at the LSL Awards
There was a great turnout for the Leinster Senior League Presentation recently and our teams were well represented as the Senior Saturday side were on hand to collect their Major C League runners up award while our Under 19s collected their winner's medals in the Larry Dunne Cup and also their runners up medals in the U19 League Cup.

Most of the U19s will go on to join the senior teams in the coming season.

Pre-season starts back for our Leinster Senior League teams on Tuesday 3rd July in Wards Cross at 7.00pm

Finally, we would like to thank Mick McBride who has acted as secretary to the LSL section and we hope to see him back in some capacity with the Club following a short rest.

Goalkeeper Coaching



Congratulations to Tobi Kowal of our Under 10 Saturday B1 team who was the winner of our June Goalkeeper of the Month Award from SSG Goalkeeper Coach, Chris Conway.

The Goalkeeper coaching for SSG and non-premier teams will return on Thursday 16th August at the usual times. Enjoy the summer break!

Saints Find no Joy in Ellenfield

There was no joy to be had for our 11-a-side teams whose games took place in Ellenfield on a Saturday morning recently. Again the teams were missing players due to holidays which put them in a weaker position on the day.

The Under 14 Saturday A1 team lost out to a very slick Clondalkin Celtic side 5-0 but can take heart from the way they played throughout the game. If they had managed to convert any of the chances they created it would have been a very different result.

As it was they will pick themselves up and continue working hard to turn their season around. (I noticed the following week they went and beat Ardmore Rovers 6-5 – what's this with the "5" goals in games one after the other??)



SKB: Joseph Karappi, Shaun O'Rourke, Adam Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Murphy, Joshua Muteba, Muhammad Ashan, Scott Doyle, Billy Holohan, Gavin Crockford, Nathan O'Reilly, Toby Akinola, Timmy Akinola, Jamie Elworthy, Josh Mangan, Samuel Obonsu, Jeph Muteba, William McCormack, Jordan Ward, Kyle Woods



Our Under 15 Saturday Premier 2 have been struggling to get results this season so when Josh Rayner buried the ball in the top corner within the first few minutes of this game we all thought our luck had finally changed.

It took Newbridge Town, who are riding high in the league, 20 minutes to create anything of significance with a shot that was well saved by Conor Clarke in goal. But soon afterwards Newbridge raced into a 3-1 lead.

The Saints pulled a goal back just before the break after a great headed through ball by Jack Doyle saw Gavin Melaugh score with a stunning strike.

At the restart and with the game sitting at 3-2 to the opposition the Saints pressed for the equaliser but were unable to convert the numerous chances they created. As with so many games where the team are chasing an equaliser, Newbridge punished them by scoring a fourth and it was game over for a Saints team that showed plenty of skill and heart but failed to get their just rewards.

SKB: Conor Clarke, Cian Harney, David Ibdious, Jake Beverage, Sean O'Neill, Jack Doyle, Ryan Brennan, Sean Murphy, Josh Rayner, Gavin Melaugh, Tanio Amusta, Kenny Amusta, Cillian Purcell

DDSL Representative Squad



Congratulations to Callum Warren, Jamie Mullins, Ben Curtis, Sean Grehan, Cian Kelly and Evan Ferguson who all played a starring role in ensuring the DDSL team retained the Kennedy Cup in Limerick recently. The team was captained by Sean Grehan and despite them going a goal down early in the final to Kildare they went on to win 4-2 with Callum Warren earning himself a Man of the Match award for his outstanding performance.

Little Saints News



The Little Saints Coaching Academy held on Saturday afternoons in the Clubhouse will continue during the summer months.

Parents can still register their child to take part by contacting the Clubhouse on the number listed at the bottom of this page or by dropping into the Clubhouse on a Saturday afternoon between 1.30pm and 4.00pm.

The Little Saints caters for children aged 4 to 8 years of age and is designed to teach children the basic skills of the game and have fun! As ever we are always looking for additional coaches so if you can help in any way please get in touch.

Saints Abroad News



Congratulations to Ryan Cassidy on winning the Scholar of the Year Award at the Premier League Awards recently. Ryan who is with Watford has made an impression at both Under 19 and Under 21 level at his Club

with his eye for goal.

He is pictured on holidays with his buddies, two other ex-Saints, Robbie Dunne (Sunderland) and Gavin Kilkenny (Bournemouth). We were delighted but not surprised to hear that Dara O'Shea has signed a new contract with West Brom

Snippets



We were delighted to see our very own Andy Maxwell scoop the Klotto jackpot of €4600 recently. Every Thursday night without fail Andy arrives in to the Club to put his tickets in the draw and funnily enough on this particular Thursday I had a joke with him about having the winning numbers! He is pictured with his wife Susan who he always names on the tickets – the last of the great romantics!



Ben Donohue who played all his schoolboy football for the Club and is now back with us as part of the coaching staff recently asked if we could help out his girlfriend, Ciara McDonnell who was heading out to Zambia to help those who are less fortunate than us. We were delighted to help, as we have done on previous occasions, and we gave her a set of SKB jerseys. As you can see already there is a top class team lining out where she is and we have no doubt that great success will follow as they proudly wear the famous tangerine!

The only jersey missing from the set was the number 7 (small) and we are chasing down Mick Dunne to get it back!!



Congratulations to Ross Toal and Mark Tate who recently completed their FAI Elite Grassroots Coaching Licence.

Both of them are part of our Under 10s coaching set up so we will be watching

carefully to see the squads progression over the next few months.....no pressure lads!!

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