

Tangerine News

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Saints Progress in SFAI Cup Games in Style

The end of January saw the Saints look to progress to the later stages of the SFAI All Ireland cups as our Under 12s, Under 13s, Under 14s and Under 15s were all involved in important games.

Two of our Under 12s booked themselves into the next round with away wins as we look to win the SFAI Sketchers Norton Cup for the third year in a row. The first a 4-1 win over Clane United in Kildare while a narrow 3-2 win over Corbally United in Limerick ensured the Saints had a happy journey home. The only problem for the teams is that they have been drawn to face each other in the next round!!



In Shanowen Road our Under 14s (pictured above) who were playing their first competitive game since last October recorded a very emphatic win over Killarney Celtic of Kerry. It was an absolutely ruthless performance which left Killarney shell shocked. In the end there was no doubt in anyone's mind that this side mean business in this competition. The passing, movement and interplay between the players was nothing short of breath taking. It would be difficult to single out any one player but I have to mention Ryan Kelly (*with sincere apologies to all the other players*) who was magnificent in the middle of the park.

SKB: Ryan Maher, Josh Okagbue, Aaron Coyle, Josh Lyons, Sean McCarthy, Ryan Kelly, Scott Brady, Danny McGrath, Mark Tarzan, Ryan Colgan, Jack Allen, Aaron Moloney, Sam Fagan, Nickson Okasun, Shawn Ighodaro, Joao Pedro Lopez Viera, Mark Nutley Over in St Aidans we had two games on the cards. The first up was our Under 14 Major team who came from two goals down at half time to level the tie at full time. They were leading 3-2, thanks to two goals from Evan Reel and another from Matthew Harris, in extra time but their opponents, the much fancied Clonee FC pulled a goal back to send the tie to penalties!



Thankfully as the picture shows they won the tie on penalties to see two Saints teams into the next round.

By the way the video doing the rounds of the celebrations in the dressing room after the game is only priceless – take a bow the ever youthful Patsy Browne!!

SKB: Adam Marry, Emmanuel Osei Obonsu, Matthew Harris, Ger Crawley, Alan Istrati, Jack O'Neill, Evan Reel, Kuba Laton, Kevin Teather, Charlie Duffy, Cathal Corcoran, Niks Balmaks Okunevas, Dayne Dunne, Sergej Orlenko, Nathan Maguire, Reece Rodrigues, Filip Mudrecki and Jayden Keaveny



Our Under 15s weathered an early onslaught from Ashling Annacotty of Limerick in their game in St Aidans. The opening exchanges saw the Saints constantly on the back foot.

All that changed as the game progressed and by half time they were 2-0 ahead thanks to two cracking goals; the first from Ben Parker, a lovely volley from inside the area following a great cross by Shaun Doyle. Parker was unlucky not to add a second a minute after scoring when he met a cross perfectly at the back post only to see it shave the upright and go wide! The Saints second goal was down to terrific work from Alex Connolly as he battled to win the ball on the edge of the area and slip it into the path of Dan Bergin who buried it from just inside the area.

The start of the second half saw Saints keeper, Davey Leonard come to the rescue as he pulled off a couple of excellent saves to deny the opposition.

Then Bergin couldn't believe it when the Annacotty netminder produced a stunning save to deny him a certain goal. Two minutes later and the opposition pressure finally paid off as they scored to make it 2-1.

Into the last five minutes of the game and Annacotty were throwing everything at the Saints and it finally paid off as they equalised with a brilliant strike to bring the game to extra time.

Neither side could produce a winner so it was on to penalties and it was here that Leonard showed his class as he saved the first two spot kicks from the Limerick outfit.

The Saints went on to win the penalty shootout 4-2 to see them progress to the next round of the cup.

SKB: Davey Leonard, Shaun Doyle, Joseph Hannigan, Edward Amusat, Lee McQuillan, Jamie Thompson, James McElligott, Ben Parker, Dan Bergin, Ryan McBrearty, Alex Connolly, Daniel Chukwu, Nathan Daniel, Oisin Ryan, Cillein Mooney, Oscar Boyle Our Under 13 Premier also progressed to the next round of the SFAI Troy Cup with a resounding win over Castlerea Celtic in Shanowen Road.

So the Saints are on course to make their mark yet again on Schoolboy All Ireland football.

Wards Cross Woes!

I was looking forward to a trip to Wards Cross at the end of January to catch six games that were billed to take place.

On arriving I found out two of the games were cancelled and the referee did a no show for three of his allocated games!

So as they say the show must go on!

Our Under 12-2 Sunday team were ready and raring to go in their game against Phoenix only to realise the ref was missing. A big thanks from all must go to the parent who stepped into the breach and refereed the game.



This Saints team are unbeaten all season and watching them play football left me in no doubt as to why! They were absolutely brilliant with a terrific balance to the team and immensely talented players in their ranks.

From the off they constantly pressurised the Phoenix players giving them no chance to get out of their own half.

It took them 25 minutes to open the scoring but in the previous minutes they could have scored a hatful except for some brave goalkeeping and last ditch clearances.

As it was the goal was the result of great play by Billy Canny who drove at the Phoenix defence before passing the ball to Harry Leonard to score.

With half time looming Phoenix managed to equalise with a rare attack to leave the game at 1-1 at the break.

The second half had only started and the Saints took the lead again as Alex Kendellon played a wonderful ball down the right hand side to the very tricky Dapo Anunlopo who played the ball across the goalmouth and Luke Harte was there to add the final touch.

A few minutes later and a short corner saw Leonard play a lovely ball in for Harte to head in number three.

Harte got his hat trick following lovely footwork from Canny who twisted this way and that in the middle of the pitch before slipping the ball into the path of Harte who gave the keeper no chance.

Every player played a starring role throughout the game with Logan Dunne and Marco Lentini unlucky not to get their names on the scoresheet and Finn Sherlock, Leon Walsh Egan and Dunne ensuring that Aaron O'Brien in goal had a relatively easy day!

The middle of the park was where the team caused the opposition all sorts of problems as Alex Bailey, Ryan Donohoe, Daniel Kelly Hughes and Alex Behan ran the show.

My advice is to get to see this team if you get the chance this season.

SKB: Aaron O'Brien, Alex Kendellon, Leon Walsh Egan, Logan Dunne, Alex Bailey, Billy Canny, Harry Leonard, Ryan Donohoe, Luke Harte, Daniel Kelly Hughes, Alex Behan, Dapo Anunlopo, Finn Sherlock, Marco Lentini

Over on the main pitch our Under 18s (who were lucky enough to have a referee in attendance) produced a stirring display against Ballyoulster United to keep their unbeaten league run going running out very convincing 6-1 winners on the day courtesy of goals from Sean Penney, Serton Quesophli and four from Ben Lowdnes!

With no referee in attendance our Under 13-4 decided to play a friendly against their opponents Broadford Rovers with again a

parent taking charge of the game.

So far this season the team have only played 5 league games due to the adverse weather conditions that we had prior to Christmas so it is difficult for the team to build proper momentum.

In saying that they have only lost two games all season the first of those on their opening day fixture which could be put down to the changes in the team over the summer where new players have come in to the squad.



Our Under 13-4 with managers Pdraig Murray and Eamonn McGowran

So they are looking to get a run of games where they can really shine as they did against Cabinteely just before the Christmas break.

Their managers agree that it was this game that showed just what the team are capable of as they passed the ball well, defended excellently and worked hard for each other so it was no surprise that they ran out 3-1 winners on the day and but for the woodwork it would have been more.

All of the players put the effort in at training and the strong bond between them should see them challenge for honours come the end of the season.

SKB: Noah Halliwell, Darragh Murray, Tom McGowran, Melvin Binoy, Michael Olaiya, ChinaGorm Okwara, Ronn Mathew, Ben Honan, Matthew Breen, Calum O'Carroll, Steven Callaghan, Aaron Sheils, Aaron Molloy, Ethan Pallaty, Dean Healy, Charley McGavin, Ohalid Ahmed, Deon Thampi

Yuki Makes The Difference

Our Senior Sunday team progressed to the last 8 of the FAI Intermediate Cup with a thrilling 7-2 win over Verona in their replayed cup game recently.

It was not looking good for the Saints with time running out but the introduction of Yuki Saito with about 10 minutes remaining changed the Saints fortunes.

The Saints had looked the better team throughout the game but some inspiring goalkeeping from the Verona number 1 thwarted them on numerous occasions.

Just before the break a mix up at the back allowed Verona to score but a penalty awarded following a corner saw Stephen Cantwell finally beat the Verona keeper.

With ten minutes left in the second half Verona got a second goal against the run of play and we all feared the worst but Yuki tormented the Verona back four and deep into injury time his lay off in the box allowed Luke Ingram to score an equaliser to take the game to extra time.

We expected the game to go to penalties but Yuki had other ideas as he grabbed two goals in the first period of extra time and Luke Ingram grabbed a second for himself as the Saints ended the first period 5-2 ahead. To say we were shocked is an understatement but Verona just didn't know what to do.

The second period of extra time saw the Saints score two more goals as Ingram bagged himself a hat trick and Jordan Farry scored at the death.

This is the first time that St Kevins Boys have been in this prestigious cup so to end up in the last 8 at our first attempt is a great credit to the players, management and coaching staff involved with the Senior Section – well done all and bring on the next game!!

In Profile



Name: Christopher Conway
Age: 35
Occupation: Warehouse General Manager
What's your current involvement with St Kevins Boys? C Licence
 Goalkeeping Coach for all St Kevins Boys DDSL keepers and for the SKB Bohs League of Ireland teams

How long did you play for the Saints? Never played for the Saints. Started my playing career with Finglas Celtic as a kid – it's years I will always look back on - amazing Managers, amazing players and winning two Leagues and Cups along the way. Moved on to play for WFTA another great team where we came close to league wins and very unfortunate to lose out to Home Farm in the Cup final on penos. My last Schoolboy Club was Tolka Rovers another amazing team and to my sadness left that team too early - the year after I left they went on to win the All Ireland! I was delighted for them as they were a great bunch of lads.

What was your favourite position? No 1 Goalkeeper
Is there any position that you hated playing? Never played outfield was always crazy about being a Goalkeeper
What was your most treasured playing moment? Winning two Leagues and Cups with Finglas Celtic was amazing but winning Club Player of the Year in 97/98 season for WFTA is something I will always treasure.

Do you have any regrets about your playing career? Only regret I have is leaving the game at a young age.

What other sports were you involved in over the years? Played for Erin's Isle Gaelic and Hurling

What trophies have you collected over the years? Two League Trophies for Finglas Celtic, One Cup for Finglas Celtic and winning a league with WFTA as a GK Coach

How did you first get involved in coaching? I always wanted to give something back to the game that I love. I spent 6 years with WFTA/Finglas United as a Goalkeeping Coach.

When my son joined St Kevins at the age of six I found myself helping Denis Cassidy in the SSG and as Zach went up in the ages I was always willing to help coaches with the warm up of their Goalkeepers. I have been on board with St Kevins now the last two and half years looking after all the Goalkeepers and I am very grateful to the Club for giving me the opportunity of working with the SKB/BOHS League of Ireland teams.

How much time per week do you devote to the club? I am working with the League of Ireland keepers every Wednesday night from 6 to 9pm. Also Thursday nights we look after all the SSG and Premier and Non Premier from 6 to 9pm. Weekend when needed to go to away games with the League of Ireland and home games on a Sunday. Once I am available when needed I will warm the goalkeeper up at all home games. I am giving 6 hours for training a week and match days could be giving a total of 16 to 20 hours a week to the Club – it all adds up!

What is your main method of relaxation? Chilling out in the house watching TV

Favourite team, and if you were manager what change would you make? Massive Manchester United fan. The last few years watching them is killing me! Complete structure of the club has gone and needs to change very quickly as the club has massive problems in the background.

Also a Bohemians Fan - Friday nights in Dalymount - there is nothing like it and when I have my two boys with me it's amazing to share the experiences with them.

SKB AGM

The Saint Kevins Boys AGM will take place in the Clubhouse on Monday 2nd March at 8.00pm. We would encourage all managers, coaches and other volunteers to attend this very important meeting.

Married vs Singles

As everyone connected to St Kevins Boys, St Stephens Day is a very important date in the calendar as we host the annual Marrieds versus Singles game.

Now over the years this game has been hotly contested but this year it was played in the best traditions of a Stephens Day fixture.

The game is always in aid of a charity for someone connected to St Kevins Boys. This year the charity was for Pieta House in honour of our very good friend, Paul Smyth.



Two much Turkey(s)??

It was fitting that this year saw a record turnout of participants and spectators for the game. In all there was something in the region of 50 players (*a few dubious "players" included in this number!*) so we were able to host a couple of games in Paul's honour.

We were delighted that internationally recognised referee (and former Saint), Robbie Harvey was able to officiate the games and indeed it was thanks to his VAR

assistant, Lorcan Doody (recording the games on his phone) that he was able to confirm a very contentious decision.

After the games there was a special unveiling in the coffee shop in the Clubhouse to honour our late friend. Paul's twin sister, Ann along with her sisters Brenda and Pauline were on hand to unveil the plaque following a speech from Paul's good friend, Ken Donohoe. It was fitting that the plaque was positioned on the same wall as the Saints players who have graced our Senior International team – they are in good company with the one and only Paul Smyth.



Keep an eye on our website and social media sites as we will be taking part in the annual "Darkness into Light" walk in May.

NO Parking!!!

We wish to advise everyone that the Gardai have called into us regarding complaints they have received from residents in the area regarding parking. We would ask that those attending the clubhouse for training and matches park their cars in a responsible way so as not to block driveways and general entrances and also be aware of double yellow lines on the roads. Please have consideration for our neighbours.

The same rules apply to those attending games in Ellenfield – a simple phone call to your opposition to advise them of the parking available beside the Church will go a long way in resolving the issue. The Gradai have said that they will be strictly enforcing the law against all those who park their cars illegally. You have been warned!!!

SKB Internationals



Congratulations go to four of our lads, Sean Grehan (who captained the team), Cian Kelly, Jamie Mullins and Reece Byrne who all played a starring role in the Rep of Ireland Under 16s coming third in the Aegean Cup in Turkey recently. The only defeat they suffered was to the hosts who scored a bit of

a lucky goal to see them reach the final. Prior to this the Irish lads had defeated Tanzania 1-0, Kosovo 4-0 and Albania 3-0 in the 3rd/4th Place play offs.

Congrats also to James McManus who was pivotal in the U15 Rep of Ireland team defeating England 3-1 in December (in St Georges Park). Ex Saint, Kevin Zeffi scored two of the goals in the game.

Little Saints Update



Our Little Saints returned in early January after the Christmas break and we were delighted to see all the players back and raring to go. From now until the end of May we will continue with the revised format for the Little Saints that we feel is best suited to the group of players.

We expect that between now and the end of May you will notice a huge improvement in the players as they continue to develop their skills in the game.

We would ask the parents of the players to ensure that you arrive in plenty of time for the sessions, make sure that laces on the players boots or runners are tied properly and that the player has a drink (non-fizzy obviously!)

Again we have to thank all those involved who volunteer their time every Saturday with either the coaching of the players or the administration of the Little Saints.



Snippets

We were delighted to see Dara O'Shea sign a new three and a half year deal with West Brom. We were particularly delighted (*all except me that is!!*) to see him turn in an outstanding performance for the Baggies in their FA Cup win over West Ham.

I know it seems like ages ago but we just wanted to say a big thank you to all those who contributed to our Christmas raffle be it by buying a ticket, selling a ticket or generally helping out in staging the draw. As ever all the monies raised will get ploughed back into the Club to maintain the high standards that we set ourselves.

Congratulations to the raffle winner, Laura Bracken and we hope you had a very happy Christmas on us!

Our Under 13 Airtricity team are off to Barcelona to take part in the International Carnival Cup 2020 where they will face teams from Spain, England, Sweden, Iceland and the USA. We are delighted to be invited to take part in this truly international tournament and it speaks volumes of St Kevins Boys reputation across Europe that we are the only Irish team invited.

SKB Visit the Mansion House

St Kevins Boys managers, coaches and other volunteers connected to the Club were invited to the Mansion House by Dublin Lord Mayor, Paul McAuliffe recently.



Brendan Bermingham (Secretary SKB), Lord Mayor Paul McAuliffe and Neil Fox (PRO SKB)

It was a thoroughly enjoyable night for all in attendance and our Lord Mayor proved himself to be very good company – despite his voice being the worse for wear. He had spent the day out canvassing so only got there about 9.00pm and he was hoarse from all the talking he had done on the doorsteps!

But being the trooper that he is he still gave a speech praising the works done by all in St Kevins Boys and encouraged everyone to keep at it.

Afterwards the large contingent of SKBers retired to the Comet to continue the great night and witness Jamie Kernan and Patsy Browne go through their routine for the upcoming entry in the Dancing with the Stars trials!!

Suffice to say it was both spectacular and hilarious and thankfully there were no injuries reported.

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