

Tangerine News

The Newsletter of St. Kevin's Boys Club

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Saints Progress in SFAI Cups

Even though the league season has only started the SFAI Cups started back in September. This means that some of our teams were involved in cup games during the period from the end of last season through trials and the start of the new season! Irish football is becoming more confusing as time goes by.

At this stage our Under 12s are through to the quarter finals of the Norton Cup following a very impressive 5-0 win away to Carrigaline while our Under 15s are into the quarter finals of the Evans Cup following a heart stopping game in Limerick. Leading Regional United 3-1 they were forced to play extra time and eventually went through following five well taken penalties and two terrific saves from goalkeeper, Fiachra Pagel.

Meanwhile, it came as a great surprise to all of us when the Under 14 SFAI cup game against Shannon Town was switched on the day from St Aidans to Ellenfield Park. This was due to an earlier game being late and to accommodate the opposition who didn't want to delay the game.



Our Under 14s who braved the elements

And so we gathered (under the trees as it was a terrible day!) to watch our Under 14s look to progress to the next round of the Goodson Cup.

The Saints were unlucky not to go ahead in the first few minutes as Derrin Adewale let fly only to see his goalbound effort cleared off the line. Shannon Town were pegged back for most of the first half as the Saints passed the ball well and looked to make the breakthrough.

It was James McManus who opened the scoring after 15 minutes with a shot following a corner and five minutes later it was 2-0 as Jaoa Pedro Lopes did well to win the ball, shrug off a few tackles to bury the ball in the top corner from just inside the area.

Just before the break the Saints scored a third as McManus again met a clearance from a corner with a great strike from the edge of the area.

We all knew that the wind would play a part in the game and sure enough in the second half, with the wind behind them Shannon got a goal back with a long range shot, that although Christian McCabe managed to get his fingers to it, the ball hit the crossbar and dropped behind him. This gave the opposition some hope and they used the wind to their advantage. The Saints did struggle for most of the half and failed to score again despite a terrific effort from Chris Conlon and David Leonard.

Thankfully time ran out for the opposition and the Saints reach the quarter finals with a 3-1 victory.

SKB: Christian McCabe, Luke Browne, Derrin Adewale, Eoin Mongan, James McManus, Billy Gilmore, Marco Caoderoni, Jamie Murphy, Jaoa Pedro Lopes, Davin Leonard, Byron Preston, Taylor McCarthy, Sean Moore, Richie Vodo, Chris Conlon

Our Under 17s FAI Youths Cup quarter final game against Galway side, Maree Oranmore was postponed due to the adverse weather west of the Shannon.

SKB Presentation



With the calendar year football causing confusion as teams win trophies in May and June and again in November and December, the DDSL and our usual Club Presentation were a different affair this year.

The DDSL invited our Director of Football to call out to Abbottstown to collect the winners' medals which we felt was disingenuous to the players who had worked hard throughout the year to attain those medals. In previous years there would be a presentation in a large venue with all teams represented.

We held our presentation in the Clubhouse at the end of February just before the season started – mind you a number of our Schoolboy teams were already well advanced in the SFAI cups and our two Senior teams are more than halfway through their season.

Anyway the honours were done by Dave Furey (some people are wondering how they managed to get out before daybreak!) along with Director of Football, Ken Donohoe. Suffice to say we did the players proud and look forward to our teams maintaining the same level of success in the coming season.

SKB Academy Cup



St Kevin's Boys are delighted to announce a stellar line up for this year's 11th Academy Cup Tournament to be held over the Easter weekend in our Shanowen Road complex.

Joining St Kevin's Boys this year will be our affiliated Club, West Brom, Bayer Leverkusen who were newcomers last year, Atletico Bilbao and Watford FC who both join us for the first time and we are particularly delighted to welcome

back previous winners in 2013 and crowd favourite, Celtic FC. This year's tournament will be contested at Under 14 level rather than Under 13 (due to our Under 13s being involved in the FAI Airtricity league) and we expect it to be a feast of football featuring players with that extra years development under their belts.

St Kevin's Boys AGM

The St Kevin's Boys AGM will take place on Monday 25th March at 8.00pm in the Clubhouse.

All club members, managers and coaches are asked to attend this very important Club meeting. This is your opportunity to have your say and also to get a greater insight into how the Club operates.

New Calendar Season Kicks Off for the Saints

Well the new calendar football season has kicked off and the games have come thick and fast for our teams.

Ellenfield Park recently hosted six games on a Saturday morning with all teams faring differently.

I decided to keep an eye on the three Small Sided Games that were on and was highly impressed by our Under 11-3 (pictured below) in their Saturday A1 league game against St Mochtas.



It was a wonderful advertisement for the game as this team put together some passing moves that would have pleased any top coach. The team completely dominated the game and were a goal to the good after just 1 minute of play when a pass played by Daniel Kelly Hughes to the far side of the area found Cathal Hickey who coolly dispatched his shot past the keeper.

It was the excellent passing and understanding between Finn Sherlock and Leon Egan at the back through Billy Canny, Jamie Field and Hickey in midfield with Shay Casey and Kelly Hughes upfront that bamboozled the opposition throughout the first half and it was no surprise that they added two more goals before the break. The first of which saw Casey and Hickey play a neat one two before Casey let fly. And their third goal of the game saw Casey receive a great through ball from Canny, beat the defender before rounding the keeper and placing the ball in the net.

They were unlucky not to have scored more as both Hickey and Casey came close.

In a rare attack by the opposition the Saints keeper, Aaron O'Brien pulled off a magnificent one handed save to deny them and see the Saints 3-0 to the good at half time.

The second half saw the Saints continue where they left off and with Alex Behan, Liam Henshaw, Logan Dunne and Christian Di Carlo adding to the intensity of the team it again became a question of how many they would score. Behan brought the best out of the opposition's netminder with a stinging strike and Field's long range effort grazed the crossbar.

But the goals did arrive as Henshaw showed how to strike a ball with a shot from 20 yards that caught the corner of the posts and nestled in the net.

Halfway through the half Field struck again from distance and this time the ball arrowed into the top corner.

With time running out St Mochtas were denied by O'Brien again as he produced an excellent double save – the first an acrobatic dive that deserved a photo and he followed that up by saving from the rebound.

A well deserved 5-0 win from a team that already look dangerous. SKB: Aaron O'Brien, Finn Sherlock, Leon Egan, Logan Dunne, Billy Canny, Jamie Field, Cathal Hickey, Alex Behan, Daniel Kelly Hughes, Shay Casey, Christian Di Carlo, Liam Henshaw Before this game our Under 10-3 lined up to play Corduff in their Saturday A1 league game.

The Saints started off well and played some very good football but they were unable to turn the play into goals as they found an excellent keeper in the Corduff goal supported by a tight group at the back.

Overall it was a very even contest between the teams but the advantage was with the opposition who had an excellent player in

their ranks who made all the difference. He bagged the first goal after some very tidy footwork and in the second half scored with a blistering strike from 20 yards before adding a third where he ran the length of the pitch to score.



The Saints kept plugging away and Pavlin Paval saw his goalbound effort somehow kept out by the keeper while Max Murphy and Daniel Istrati saw their efforts go the wrong side of the posts.

They managed to pull a goal back when Istrati pounced on a rebound in the area but the delight was short lived as Corduff scored again.

With time running out Paval produced a stunning strike in the area to put the score at 4-2 and despite the team's best efforts they were unable to narrow that scoreline.

Overall a very good display but the opposition's star player and their keeper were the difference on the day.

SKB: LJ Cobbe, Max Murphy, Lennon Lavery, Lucas Shimell, Daniel Istrati, Ryan Ones, Tyler O'Connor, Reece Dempsey, Pavlin Paval, Nathan Dunne, Alex Lazar

The first game of the day saw our Under 10-5 (pictured below) take on a very strong Glebe North team in the Saturday B League.



The game could have been so different had the Saints managed to score the two penalties that they were awarded early in the game but they were left to rue these misses as their opponents turned in a great performance to lead well at the break.

The second half saw the Saints play a lot better as their passes found the player and Evan Cooper was unlucky not to get a goal back early in the half.

Thankfully they didn't have to wait long as a minute later Cooper's shot was saved and Darius Romaniuc was at the back post to tuck away the rebound and give them hope.

Redemption Odika then brought out a top class save by the keeper with a stinging shot.

But despite their best efforts their much improved second half performance couldn't deny their opponents the victory on the day but there will be other days!!

SKB: Jake Fitzpatrick, Jamie Leeper, Jake Shiel, Finn Walsh, Ryan Stone, Jessie Nnadi, Evan Cooper, Lennix Gunnery, Darius Romaniuc, Redemption Odika, Jason Bartley

SKB/BOHS Update



The FAI Airtricity underage level season has kicked off for our Under 15s and Under 17s but the Under 13 level will not commence until April. We were delighted to see the St Kevins Boys flag flying in Dalymount Park and it shows the commitment from both Clubs to cement a strong relationship.

In fact the relationship is starting to show real rewards as we have five players on the Bohemians 1st team squad with Dan Mandroui, Robbie McCourt, Ryan Graydon, Luke Wade Slater and Darragh Leahy all involved.

Little Saints Update



The Little Saints is now in full swing since January and with over 100 players taking part it sees the Clubhouse as an extremely busy spot every Saturday afternoon.

We would like to (belatedly) welcome all the new players to the Club and indeed welcome back some of our more experienced players.

As with every year a number of our

Seniors have gone on to join our league teams and we wish them all the very best of luck.

We would like to remind parents to have the players up in the Clubhouse at least 15 minutes before their stated timeslot and to ensure that they have a drink (preferably water or diluted fruit drink) and also make sure those laces are tied correctly.

Terry's back and knees aren't what they used to be!

Under 15s in 11 Goal Thriller



Our Under 15.5 Sat B team were involved in an 11 goal thriller in Ellenfield. While I was watching the Small Sided Games there were goals aplenty being scored on the other pitch. All I kept hearing was cheers from both lines!

The game was only a few in when the Saints opened their scoring. Within 20 minutes they were 4-0 to the good.

But in keeping with games like this the opposition, Mount Merrion pulled it back to 4-3 just after half time.

From then on the game changed again as the Saints took control and they eventually ran out 7-4 winners with the goals coming from Wojecieck Kurlick, Adam Reynolds, Josh Sanoza (2) and hat trick hero, Lee Cullen. It's been a great start to the season for the team with two wins from two games – the challenge is can they go unbeaten all season???

SKB: Jacob Daly, Wojecieck Kurlick, Nathan Carragher, Josh Sanoza, Joseph Karippai, Jake McDonnell, Liam Carty, Lee Cullen, Dylan McGuinness, Ciaran Fallon, Sam Cummins, Luke Battley, Adam Reynolds, Michael Scanlon, Conor Tiernan, Adam Evans

Paul Smyth Our Friend



There are few people in life that can be referred to as a legend but one such person was Paul Smyth who sadly passed away at the end of February.

Paul was one of the rocks upon which St Kevins Boys Football Club was built!

Throughout his long association with the Club Paul was loved by everyone

who came into contact with him. He was a constant source of advice and encouragement for players, coaches and managers of all our teams. He made every player feel welcome into the world of St Kevins Boys from their first moments in the Club, and more importantly he would be the first to advise new parents to the Club where the kettle was as they waited for training to end.

Besides his very successful stints with our schoolboy teams in his early years, Paul was a constant presence with our Senior Teams as team physio, kitman, Jaffa cakes provider and chef! There are many tales told by our younger players and coaches of the stunning culinary skills of our Paul - sometimes he was a bit generous with the spices and players have been known to have red heads on them for a while!

Paul was never one for accolades, I forget the number of times he turned me down for an In Profile on him. And he was very camera shy as Foxy found out when he trawled through the Club photographs. In fact most of the photos of Paul were taken without his knowledge.

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Club for countless years Paul would be a voice of reason and experience in any debate and the Club and their standards always came first.

The legacy that Paul leaves St Kevins was summed up by Senior team manager, Stephen Costello when he addressed the squad of players in the Clubhouse following the devastating news. Stephen reminded the players that Paul stood for high standards throughout his life in St Kevins Boys by ensuring that dressing rooms were properly prepared for the team with jerseys hung up in numerical order, drinks available, first aid supplies on hand, ice baths prepared for after games and training, tea and Jaffas ready – his motto was look after the detail and the rest will follow.

Stephen reminded the players that Paul kept those standards on the side of the pitch – never arguing with match officials or the opposition and thus allowing the game to be played in the sporting manner that it was meant to be. Mind you afterwards he was known on occasion to comment that the referee “didn't have the best of games” but never in a loud manner!

It was fitting that the group of players that had grown up with Paul in St Kevins Boys from their young schoolboy footballing days to being part of our current Senior teams should form a Guard of Honour at his funeral and as Paul would have said himself “they set a good standard in their dress code and performance of their task”

Paul Smyth you will be missed and our Club will be a much lonelier place without you.



Greetings from sunny Perth, Australia from two young Saints fans!

Flynn and Morgan Hennessey might live too far away to play for our Small Sided Games teams but it doesn't stop them proudly wearing the famous tangerine strip that their granddad, Jackie proudly supports.

Ryan Maye Coaching Seminar



Alan Caffrey (SKB Head Coach), Ciaran Cleary (Bohemians), Ryan Maye (West Brom), Karl Lambe (SKB SSG Head Coach) and Pat Cleary (Bohemians)

As part of our commitment to improving our coaching staff and managers we were delighted to welcome Ryan Maye to the Clubhouse recently for an insight into current coaching thoughts.

Ryan is Head Coach with West Brom and has previously worked with Dan Ashworth in the English FA where he was responsible for Youth Coach development

A large attendance were on hand to hear Ryan give a very insightful and funny presentation on coaching and how to improve yourself which in turn improves the player – as he said there’s no fun playing on a see saw on your own!

We were delighted to welcome a number of coaches from Bohemians along with coaches from other clubs and we hope that they enjoyed their experience in St Kevins Boys.

Seniors in Search of Silverware

Our Senior teams are doing very well as they enter the last stages of their season.

The Saturday team are in line to win the LSL Major 1B Saturday league having put in a tremendous run of form throughout the season. They are sitting top of the league and have lost only 1 game all season while recording excellent results against all other teams both home and away. So with just five games left it is in their own hands to win the league and capture a league title for the Senior Saturday team for the first time in 20 odd years.

Meanwhile our Senior First team are well placed in the LSL Major Sunday league to take one of the automatic promotion places and they are still involved in three different cup competitions.

All we can say to the players and all the staff is keep up the great work and let’s celebrate with some silverware.

60th Anniversary

Plans are well underway for our big 60th celebration in the Crowne Plaza on Saturday 18th May.

The night kicks off at 7.00pm with dinner and drinks and the entertainment for the night will be provided by The Harleys and since you’ll be up dancing with them all evening we’ll even have a DJ afterwards to keep you going.

Tickets are €60 and the dress code is Smart Casual along with comfortable dancing shoes!

Contact Carole on (086)1733311 or admin@skbfc.com for tickets.

Snippets

We were delighted to announce Karl Lambe as Director of our Small Sided Games Section from January. Karl who won the FAI Coach of the year last year was a very popular choice with everyone connected with the Club and we have no doubt that he will be a huge success.

Meanwhile, as well as being our Head Coach, Alan Caffrey has been appointed ad Technical Director of the SKB/Bohs underage teams.

We wish to extend our deepest sympathies to John Kelly following the sudden passing of his wife Anne. Few words are of help at times like this but we would ask that you keep John and Anne’s family in your thoughts and prayers.



Caitriona Buchanan of St Francis Hospice and Aiden Bermingham

The game raised €500 which the Hospice were delighted to accept.

On St Stephens Day we held our annual Married vs Singles game in St Aidans.

There is always plenty of craic with this game as some players roll back the years and don their boots to compete for the coveted title (that’s what Donie told me anyway!!).

More importantly, each year this game is a fundraiser for a chosen charity and this year we selected St Francis Hospice in memory of Bren and Donie’s sister in law, Mary



Pictured are Jamie Mullins, Cian Kelly, Evan Ferguson and Sean Grehan who all starred for the Rep of Ireland in the International Under 15 Tournament where they recorded draws against Spain and the Netherlands and won 3 - 0 against Hungary with Evan Ferguson getting on the scoresheet.

Thomas Considina and former Saint, Sean McEvoy were both part of the Rep of Ireland Under 17s squad that played Poland and Belgium in Spain in February as part of the International Friendly series of games.



Ryan Cassidy has been making a name for himself at Watford. Since he joined them from the Saints just two years ago he has scored 22 goals in 47 games for Watford Under 18s and Under 23s teams. His latest brace of goals against Leicester City see Watford reach the semi-final of the FA Youths Cup.

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