

Tangerine News

The Newsletter of St.Kevins Boys Club

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Saints meets Saints in SFAI Cup Game



St Kevins Boys took part in a very unique final back in 2012 as our Under 11s faced each other in the final of the SFAI Menton Seery Cup. At the time it was very exciting for St Kevins Boys (it did cause utter confusion for the SFAI delegate making the presentation!) but probably on reflection it was an unfortunate event – it is very difficult to watch one Saints team celebrate victory knowing how the other Saints team are feeling – and worse than that both these teams trained together all the time.

Anyway, every season at some stage our teams face each other in the later rounds of an SFAI Cup and this season was no exception as our Under 12 Saturday Inter team faced our Under 12 Sunday team in the Skechers Cup.

This was always going to be tight game and so it proved to be with a single goal deciding the outcome.

Both teams produced superb football and created chances but excellent defending from both sides ensured it was all square at the end of the first half.

Everyone knew that it would take either a rare mistake or a flash of brilliance for one of the teams to score. As it transpired it was a bit of both as a deflected ball fell to Paddy Brides who had drifted away from the pack and he made no mistake from 10 yards out.

And so our Under 12 Sunday team marched on in the cup but our Saturday team can hold their heads high as they ensured their fellow Saints had to be at their very best to progress.

SKB Saturday: Kian Keogh, Leon Laban, Jamie Fields, Jan Biero, Bobby Malone, Rhys Cullen, Tom Lacey, Harry Wynne, Liam Murray, Cillian Ryan, Shay Casey, Karl Stenson Byrne, Jay Madigan

SKB Sunday: Finn McDonnell, Alex Kelly, Jamie Brennan, Zac Kieley, Samuel Kierans, Max Ferguson, Samuel Rooney, Christian Coyle, Jake Madden, Marcel Schabowski, Paddy Brides

In the other games played in the last 16 round of the SFAI Cups our Under 13s finally got to play their Troy Cup game against Illistrin FC of Donegal and were 2-0 winners. This game had been scheduled for the weekend of February 16th but Storm Dennis scuppered that fixture so it was refixed for Saturday 29th February and along came Storm Jorge! Eventually it was played on Sunday 1st March. They face Mervue United in the quarter finals shortly.

Our Under 14 Major team were desperately unlucky to lose out to their more illustrious opponents Malahide. It took extra time to separate the teams with Malahide shading the game 3-2.

Meanwhile our Under 14 Premier team marched on in the Goodson Cup with a 3-1 victory over Mervue United of Galway. Again this game had to be rescheduled due to storms Dennis and Jorge. The Saints were 1-0 down with about eight minutes to go but managed to grab an equaliser and go on to win it in extra time. They followed

this up with a hard fought 1-0 win away to Leixlip United to book their place in the semi-finals and a game against Cavan Shamrocks. Our Under 12s travelled to Westport in their quarter final game and overcame the local opposition 4-1 to book their place in the semi final of the SFAI Skechers Cup and a trip to Middleton in Cork. Our Under 15 Premier 1 team booked their place in the last eight of the SFAI Evans Cup with a 6-1 victory over Newtownforbes of Longford.

SKB/Bohs U13s in Barcelona



Our Under 13 Airtricity League of Ireland team took part in the annual Carnival Cup hosted outside of Barcelona from 21st – 23rd February.

This was the 4th year in succession that we have taken part and we are delighted to be asked to play in tournaments of this prestige as they are vital for player development from both a footballing and personal point of view.

The trip started off in a panic as one of the players was left standing in the baggage area in Barcelona airport waiting for his case which never showed up. After some investigation we found out, that another passenger in a hurry had taken his case by accident. Luckily he had kept his footballing essentials separate and the case was duly delivered to the hotel later that evening - crisis averted!

We played our first game against Espanyol on Friday afternoon and despite a fantastic effort from the squad, Espanyol were just too good. In our years going to many of these tournaments they were as good as anything we have seen with regards to how well they kept the ball, it was a learning experience for everyone all round.

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Total Transparency the Order of the Day at SKB AGM

The 61st AGM of t Kevins Boys was held recently in the Clubhouse and a large attendance were informed on what had happened in the Club during the previous twelve months. With all that has happened in footballs governing body in Ireland over the last number of years, it is refreshing to see that a Club of our size and stature still holds true to the principles that openness and honesty with your membership is the only way to conduct yourself.



Nobody ever wants to sit in the front row – even at our AGMs!!

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Michael O'Callaghan and following the readings of last year's minutes it was on to the Secretary's Report.

Brendan Bermingham has been giving his report for many years at this stage but he still manages to surprise us every time. He started as ever by thanking and congratulating all the managers and coaches of all our teams on how well they represented St Kevins Boys week in and week out. He had particular praise for our perceived second and third string teams who, along with our premier sides are performing extremely well this season. He also thanked all those in the background who are never shy about taking on any task for the Club. He remembered the late Paul Smyth and said that he was delighted that people had taken Paul's example of doing the small jobs without being asked. He went on to say that following the dark revelations about our parent body, the FAI, he felt that football had more dark days ahead before we can see some light. He believed that the lack of football people being appointed to the governing board would have a negative effect down the road. He also felt that the governing body should listen to the clubs who all feel that Under 13 League of Ireland is not in the best interest of football in the country.

Following Bren's report it was on to the finances. Suffice to say that Pat Daly, Treasurer gave a detailed report on where every cent that came into the Club went. To say that we were totally transparent would be an understatement. Pat encouraged all in attendance to ask questions and even proffered some himself in order to show that we are totally open and honest in our workings.

He thanked all those who helped him, in particular Austin Hannon who lends his vital knowledge and experience as an accountant to proceedings and myself for not making too many errors on a Thursday!

Pat reiterated that managers collecting subs on a weekly basis was essential and that even small reductions in this per team has a dramatic effect on the Club's ability to maintain the standards we have set ourselves.

Ken Donohoe, Director of Football was next up with his report and naturally, since we are a football club, it was extremely detailed as he recounted the successes of last season and the preparations for the seasons whereby we had trials in December 2018 and again in July 2019!

He spoke of our involvement with Bohemians and how important it is to the ongoing development of St Kevins Boys. The fact that we are running the Under 13s, Under 15s and Under 17s teams with all SKB people speaks volumes for how a professional club such as Bohs perceive us. Added to that the fact that so many of our players have gone on to play for the Bohs first team in the last few seasons augers well for the future.

Ken went on to congratulate our Senior Section on the progress both teams had made since we joined the Leinster Senior League – there

has been plenty of successes along the way and our progress in the Intermediate Cup has given us a chance to enter the early stages of the FAI Senior Cup next season.

He spoke of the importance of tournaments for our teams – not only our premier teams who are constantly invited to take part in international tournament but all the teams who enter local tournaments throughout the country.

Finally, he thanked all those involved in teams, the Clubhouse, administration and all other areas for all their help and he had particular praise for Alan Caffrey, Club Coach and Karl Lambe, SSG Director who have helped shape and develop our players to the consistently high standard that we witness week on week.

Obviously there was a discussion afterwards regarding some of the items in his report and it is safe to say that all involved showed a great love and appetite for what they do in the Club. So with all those involved we can expect more success stories at next year's AGM.

Michael O'Callaghan then went on to list and discuss the developments that the Club are involved in with Ellenfield being at the top of that agenda. We are all hoping that DCC see their way to improving the dressing rooms in Ellenfield after numerous years of serious neglect.

With three people stepping away from the Board of Directors and three new candidates there was no need for an election – but congratulations to Jeff Dequina, Chris Conway and Jamie Kernan on joining up.

The meeting finished and we all hung around for a cuppa and a catch up (that's after we had put the tables and chairs back in place!!)

U14-3 Looking For Change



Our Under 14-3 who play in the DDSL Sunday 1 league have found themselves struggling to regain the clinical form that they showed last season in their campaign. Lady luck has deserted them in front of goal on a number of occasions despite creating plenty of chances. So a meeting with the form team in the league, Swords Celtic was probably the last thing they needed at the moment but fixtures being what they are that's exactly what they got with the reopening of Ellenfield.

The game looked to be going their way as they weathered the early storm and when Mikey Moran sent in a perfect cross after 25 minutes, Ollie Gachewicz was there to head home and see them take a 1-0 lead into the break.

The team felt that they had turned the corner in their season but alas it wasn't to be as the opposition showed why they are the team to beat at the moment by registering three goals in the second half!

We know that things will improve as the season progresses so it's all about showing a little faith and self-belief.

SKB: Conor Moran, Cillian McGrail, Harry Walsh, Hugh Cummins, John Flanagan, Kevin Dequina, Adam Shields, Ollie Gachewicz, Mikey Moran, Cian Ashmore, Dylan Hennessy, Sean Keogh, Devon Wynne

Ellenfield Reopens!

For the last number of months there has been a familiar email sent out from the Club every Friday to say that Ellenfield was off. This was as a result of the dreadful weather that the country has suffered in the first few months of 2020. So it was great to see games being played there at the beginning of the month.



Our Under 10-5 (pictured above) play in the Sunday C1 league and faced Blue Magic FC, a Polish team. This was the Saints first game on grass since December. In January the team took part in a Futsal competition that they thoroughly enjoyed. Since then though the weather has played havoc with their games. Mind you the lack of games hasn't dented their appetite for football as they all make sure they get to training and work hard on improving themselves.

At this level results are not reported so it makes reporting on the games difficult. The only things I'll say is that the team put in a terrific performance against a very well drilled opposition and did themselves proud with the fight and team spirit that they showed. I want to mention two players in particular (with apologies to the other lads), the first was Evan Price in goal who pulled off a number of outstanding saves and the second was Danan Costello who scored an absolute cracker of a goal – as I said it was about time that a Costello scored a decent goal for the Saints!

SKB: Evan Price, Paul Matei, Carol Mintini, Danan Costello, Tyler King, James Dunne, Lorcan Purcell, Sean Maloney, Aidan McDonagh, Kian Farrell

The game after was our Under 11-4 (pictured below) playing Lakeland FC in the DDSL Fitzgerald Cup and it was a cracker.



The standard of football played by the Saints was top drawer – probably not surprising when you realise the coaching staff are Mark Fitzpatrick, John Behan, Mario Vocella and Richie Purdy.

The game was only a few minutes in when they opened the scoring. It came following a very impressive passage of passing as the team went back and sideways looking for an opening. When it came in to Finn Walsh he took a touch before unleashing an unstoppable shot from outside the area.

A few minutes later and it was 2-0 to the Saints as Walsh's strike was parried by the keeper but Ryan Stone was on hand to tuck it away. Throughout the first half the Saints dominated the game and Reece Dempsey was a constant thorn in the side of the Lakeland

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Seniors Cup Runs End

It's been a bad few weeks for our Senior first team as they exited two cups. The first was a 1-0 defeat away to Ratoath Harps in the Lummy O'Reilly Cup. The second one was more difficult to take as they lost 3-2 to St Mochtas in the quarter finals of the Intermediate Cup. In a game that swung both ways on the night, the Saints went a goal down after 20 minutes but they fought back. And their hard work paid off as Stephen Cantwell scored a penalty. Cantwell was unlucky a few minutes later as he raced through and rounded the keeper only to see his strike come off the inside of the upright!

Then with the half coming to a close a sweet drive from Bobby O'Reilly saw them take a deserved lead. Unfortunately it was short lived as the vastly experienced Mochtas team scored an equaliser to make it 2-2 going into the break.

The second half could have gone either way but it was Mochtas who grabbed the all important winner with 15 minutes left on the clock. And despite the Saints best efforts the opposition saw out the game to advance to the semi-final.

It should be remembered that this is the first season that the Saints have competed in this prestigious cup and to go head to head with a team who are three divisions above them and looking likely to win the trophy is no mean feat.

The important thing for the team to do is concentrate on their push for promotion and build themselves so they are ready for the preliminary rounds of the FAI Senior Cup next season.

Meanwhile our Saturday team continue to make strides in their league but sadly exited the Noel Ryan Cup following a narrow 3-2 defeat away to Dublin Bus.

They were ahead twice in the game but found themselves unable to kill off the game to progress to the next round.



It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to Yuki Saito who returns to Japan during the month. Yuki made a huge difference to the teams in the games he played, in particular the cup game against Verona. He would and could have played more games for us but for the ludicrous International Transfer Clearance policy that is operated by the footballing bodies. Although he joined us last September when he started his year in college in Ireland we were

unable to lodge an ITC application until 1st December. This takes four to six weeks to process completely so it was near the end of January that he was finally cleared to play ball. Considering his "college year" ends in March he spent more time training with the team than actually playing!

The policy and procedure really needs reviewing when you consider the timescales involved and the fact that we are talking about amateur players. Over to you lads in the FAI.

defence. Any time the opposition did look to get forward Cian Molloy was on hand to stop them.

The second half saw the opposition grab a goal back and the game could have gone either way but a magnificent save from Dylan Sheridan in goal and an incredible strike from Jordan Vocella saw the Saints go 3-1 ahead and in the dying minutes Walsh scored again, this time from close range to make it 4-1 on the day.

SKB: Dylan Sheridan, Sean Behan, Cian Molloy, Jordan Vocella, Ryan Stone, Reece Dempsey, Aaron Vasile, Sean Lee, Ryan Purdy, Evan Fitzpatrick, Finn Walsh, Edward Salop

SKB/Villa Link

Following a reorganisation at West Brom Coaching Academy our long standing arrangement with the club has ceased. Over the years we have been lucky enough to send our teams over to gain valuable experience with the club.

But when one door closes another inevitably opens! Mark Harrison and most of his coaching staff moved to Aston Villa and he immediately got in touch with ourselves. Mark was delighted to be able to offer us the same arrangement that we held with West Brom and we were delighted to accept.

So during February two of our teams, our Under 14s and Under 15s were invited over to take part in a number of games and coaching sessions which proved to be very beneficial to all involved.

So we look forward to cementing our new relationship with Aston Villa and we trust that like our last link up it will be long and mutually beneficial to both parties.

Now where's that claret and blue scarf of mine??

SKB Klotto

In keeping with the times we have teamed up with ClubZap to enable you to purchase your Klotto tickets online. If you log on to the attached link <https://skbfc.clubifyapp.com/products>, or indeed the link on our Website Homepage, you will give yourself a chance to win (or share) in our current jackpot of €7400. It only costs €2 for a ticket to select three numbers and even if you fail to pick the correct winning numbers this time you still have a chance to win one of our six consolation prize of €35 – now that is what we call real value for your €2!!

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Now I know as you look out the window you are wondering when will Summer ever come!!

But we all know it always arrives as expected with those lazy sunny days and daylight until 10pm, no school, barbecues and trips to the beach.

And as parents one of your chief concerns is what will the kids do all day with all that free time on their hands. So following on from our successful Summer Camp last year we are running more again this year. Expect places to go quickly so make sure you get your place booked to avoid any tears (both theirs and yours!).

Just go onto the site listed above to book your place.

Our Married versus Singles game at Christmas raised over €1800 for Pieta House and we would like to thank everyone who contributed to the cause.

Snippets

We would like to wish Andy Maxwell all the very best for the future and extend our sincere gratitude for everything he did for the Saints. As you all know Andy was “The Man” down in St Aidans who looked after everything from opening up and closing up, dressing rooms, nets and equipment to getting footballs back – he was a constant presence and always a pleasure to deal with. In the last few years he has found himself becoming increasingly familiar with the surrounding of Beaumont hospital as doctors gave differing opinions on what was wrong with him. So regrettably he had to step down from his duties in St Aidans for an easier life.

So now we have a vacancy for the role of caretaker in St Aidans – and before you think it's an easy job remember you have big shoes to fill!!



Yet again our Jennifer wins! Following on from her success where she represented Ireland in kickboxing at the Wako games in Hungary she recently added another medal and trophy to her collection as she was proclaimed Irish Open Champion. So do take the time when you meet her at our Little Saints Coaching Academy where she lends a hand to say congratulations.

We would like to say get well soon to the one and only Joe Byrne. Joe had to step away from managing our Under 19s this year due to ill health and we recently found out that he was back in hospital. Get well soon Joe - remember hospital food isn't that great.

We were very shocked to hear of the passing of Evan Shine's father, Adrian Shine. Evan who hails from Limerick made the arduous trip to Dublin three times a week to play for the Saints from Under 13s all the way up to Under 17s. Along the way he gathered a cabinet full of trophies and medals. His father, Adrian was a very popular figure with everyone in the club who came into contact with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family at this difficult time.

SKB/Bohs in Barcelona (continued)

Later that evening we played FC Lahti from Finland and had a good win, they were more physical than Espanyol and it was great to experience the different styles and mentalities.

On Saturday morning, we played Brommapojkarna from Denmark. Like most of the teams in these tournaments, they had three or four quality players who are able to make the difference and they had one player in particular who was lethal at set pieces and he punished us with a cracking free kick.

As we had no more games on Saturday afternoon, it enabled the players and their families to break off and visit Barcelona city, but most of them took the opportunity to see FC Barcelona at home in the Nou Camp and the great man Leo Messi duly obliged with four goals.

We finished the tournament with a win against one of the local teams Villasar De Dalt to round off a great weekend in which the players and coaches learnt a lot.

As we are in pre-season this tournament is great preparation for the next 8 months ahead. It is imperative that our players are exposed to this level of player/opposition as much as possible.

Karl Lambe, SSG Director, SKB

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