

Tangerine News

The Newsletter of St.Kevins Boys Club

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Super Saints Sunday of Cup Victories

Earlier this year St Kevins Boys teams won 4 of the All Ireland cups and this weekend we cemented our place as the top schoolboy Club in Ireland by winning 6 of the 8 league cup finals that our teams were involved in. Sunday proved to be the best of the days as our Under 11-5, Under 13-4, Under 16 NDSL Premier and Under 17 DDSL Premier all captured their respective trophies.



Our Under 13-4 (pictured above) were first up on the Sunday as they faced Wayside Celtic in the DDSL Donnelly Cup. Wayside opened the scoring after 10 minutes and but for an incredible point blank stop from our goalkeeper, Cillian Lynch the Saints would have been two behind.

But the Saints dragged themselves back into the game and by midway through the second half were 3-1 ahead thanks to two goals from Charlie Madigan and one from Ben McQuirke. Wayside scored a second to make it 3-2 that lead to a nervous finale.



Our Under 11-5 (pictured above) were in a cup final for the first time as they faced Lucan United in the DDSL Brennan Cup final.

This turned out to be a very close game with Kyle Davis getting the all-important goal in the first half to seal the victory. It has to be said that two stunning saves from goalkeeper, Andrew Bruton, one on the stroke of half time and the second in injury time proved to be very important.

Our Under 17 DDSL Premier team have suffered disappointment in cup games previously, none more so than their defeat in the Leinster Youths Cup.

Someone maybe should have warned their opponents Lucan United in their DDSL PFAI Cup beforehand. They were no match for a hungry Saints team who ran out 7-1 winners on the day.



Gavin Harney scored a hat trick while Lee McKeivitt bagged two and Lee Kiely and Dylan Kelly grabbed one each and to make matters worse for the opposition they also scored an og!.

Finally on the Sunday it was off to the Oscar Traynor to see our Under 16 NDSL Premier team face rivals Corduff in the NDSL McKay Cup final. The Saints ran out 3-1 winners (see report inside). The previous day in the AUL we had four of our teams contest finals.



Our Under 11-4 Saturday (pictured above) recorded an incredible 9-2 win over Drogheda United in the DDSL Coyne Cup with goals from Callum Bartley (2), Emmanuel Osei Obonsu (2), Jack O'Neill, Dyson Reilly, Jonny Kaya, Niks Balamaks Okenevus and a goal from the opposition.

Our Under 14 DDSL Premier came from behind to beat St Josephs Boys 2-1 in the DDSL Thunder Cup final. Aaron Doran equalised for the Saints before Ronan Kilkenny scored with an unbelievable strike into the top corner from the edge of the box.

There was no joy for our Under 11 A Saturday team who played out a thrilling game against Crumlin United in the DDSL Condron Cup where the final score was 4-3.

Our Under 12-5 lost out on penalties to Palmerstown in the DDSL Farry Cup. The game ended up 1-1 and the Saints were unable to seal the victory on penalties.

Congratulations to all the players, coaches, managers and parents of all the teams involved in the cup finals over the weekend and we look forward to refilling our trophy cabinet with all our silverware.

Saints in Under 15 Airtricity National League



We were delighted to hear that St Kevins Boys were to be part of the inaugural FAI Under 15 SSE Airtricity League.

While the other teams involved had all known for months that they would be part of this initiative we had to wait until the teams were finally announced.

This proved to be costly for the Saints as they lost a number of players who opted to go to teams that were guaranteed a place in the league. But SKB being the Club that we are did what we do best and rallied the troops - that is the players, coaches, physio, manager and all necessary backroom staff and produced a team that is holding its own and causing a stir.

Their first game away to UCD produced a 3-2 win for the Saints in a game that they dominated until UCD pulled two goals back where they looked shaky.

The following week saw them host their first National League game where they went 2-0 up against Athlone Town only to lose 3-2.

The following games have seen them draw with Shamrock Rovers, defeat Galway United and lose to Bray Wanderers so overall at the halfway stage we are happy enough considering the circumstances. Finally, our thanks go to Kevin Kelly of Proteam Sports who has very kindly sponsored the warm up gear, playing gear and casual gear for the team.

Under 12s Storm Italy



Our Under 12 DDSL Premier team jetted off at the beginning of September to take part in the Ravenna Top Cup in Italy.

This was the third Saints team to be invited to this very prestigious tournament in recent years. Earlier in the year our Under 15 Premier won the very impressive trophy.

Our lads were pitted against 5 other teams one being local side Ravenna Football Club and also the Italian giants, Roma.

Despite winning their first game they were denied the points following a mix up over substitutions. The Saints were under the impression that it was roll on roll off only to be told subsequently that no it wasn't. To compound matters the following day they were told a different set of tournament rules!

Anyway despite all that the team performed well, impressed everyone with their talent and won praise for their general and sporting behaviour.

What we Did on our "Summer" Holidays

With the season in calendar year format this year, or Summer Football as some liked to refer to it, our teams had a "break" during July and August.

Now the problem with this break is that teams that have ramped up, performance wise, in their previous games can find it difficult to find that level of intensity once the league restarts. So in effect you find that teams will be involved in tournaments, friendlies etc during these months. This means that most players and coaches don't get a proper break from the game that allows them to recharge their batteries and sometimes their enthusiasm for the game!



So during the "break" our Under 11 DDSL A team (pictured above) won the Finglas Celtic tournament. Our Under 12.2 Sunday team got to the semi-finals of the Kells Blackwater tournament. The Under 14.5 team took part in the Frank Keane tournament in Liffey Valley Rangers.



The Under 8s ended up playing each other in the Bohemians Tournament while the Under 9s took part in the Huntstown Hartstown Tournament. Our Under 10s took part in the Albion Rovers FC Under 12s Tournament and came home with the shield despite being two years younger than most.

We had a number of teams from America who arranged friendlies against us.



Hollister Tremors and our Under 17 DDSL Premier

The Under 13 DDSL Premier which included some of our Under 12s due to holidays hosted Abbeyvilla of Boston while the Under 14 DDSL Premier team proved too strong for the Kansas City Legends. Our Under 15s played the North Carolina Elite Academy in a very exciting 3-3 draw while our Under 16 DDSL Premier team overcame FC Dallas 4-1 and they also defeated Hollister Strikers of California. Finally our Under 17 DDSL Premier played out a 3-3 draw with the Hollister Strikers older team.

Under 12-5 Roll On



This young Team got together a few weeks before the start of the short season in 2017. The team had a few pre-season friendlies and found it hard to get the win they sought but as soon as the "Short Season" started they were off to a flyer!

Since then they have not looked back.

In every game they never stop trying their very best all through the game until the final whistle sounds and so far their attitude and commitment has paid dividends. They are unbeaten in the League this season and were runners up in the DDSL Farry Cup.

Recently we sat the players down and asked them if anyone at the start of the season told you that you would be in a Cup Final and be top of the league, 3 points clear with 2 games in hand; would you have believed them???? Every player said No Way!!!!

We told them that they are where they are today because they have put in the time and effort to make it work for them.

We as management and parents are so very proud of these players and wish them every happiness and success for the rest of the season and beyond. This team are happy to be playing football at St Kevins and it really shows too.

SKB: Demi Omoikhudu, George Carmody, Toby Akinola, Sean Phelan, Kenny Griffith, Josh Muteba, Sean Byrne, Kelvin Oladipo, Ruby O'Brien, Jack Duffy, Jeph Dedeku, Victor Ibidokun, Roan Stafford, Jamie Hughes-Halligan

Dave Furey

12 Strong Men Win NDSL Cup



Our Under 16 NDSL Premier team showed true grit as they won the NDSL McKay Cup with an emphatic 3-1 victory over rivals Corduff.

The Saints had only 12 fit players available to them for the game following a number of defections and injuries but they controlled the game from start to finish and thoroughly frustrated their opponents. Sean O'Connor opened the scoring on 15 minutes as his strike from just inside the area nestled in the bottom corner. A few minutes later and it was 2-0. A quick break following a Corduff free kick saw Kevin Mare race up the pitch and lay the ball into the path of O'Connor who struck a near identical goal.

Ben Murphy denied Corduff with a fingertips save but was unable to do anything about the goal they managed to score shortly after that despite calls of offside from everyone. So the half time score stood at 2-1.

The second half saw the opposition start to lose their composure and it was only a matter of time before one of them was sent off.

With 10 minutes left on the clock Sean Ivers and O'Connor combined well to create an opening and O'Connor's shot was blocked by the keeper but the ball rebounded off the onrushing defender to seal the victory at 3-1.

A great win for the depleted Saints team and another trophy for manager George Doyle, the man with the midas touch and Tony Cranitch.

SKB: Keith O'Leary, Conor Boyle, Ben Murphy, Patrick Sheerin, Michael Mulhern, Sean O'Connor, Kevin Mare, Ciaran Cranitch, Harry Dunne, Sean Ivers, Ian McKenzie, Davidson Okuson, Jack Patterson

Little Saints Back in Action

Following a short break for July and August the Little Saints bounced back at the start of September.

This is normally the time for registration but as the general football league season is now March to November we have changed the Little Saints season to coincide with the leagues. This allows us to have the natural follow through of our players from Little Saints to SKB teams.

So naturally enough on our first Saturday back we had a large number of new signings.

The increase in numbers has necessitated the addition of two new teams in our Juniors section so we now start at the earlier time of 12.45pm.

Please keep in mind that the sessions will now start on the quarter hour rather than the previous hour/half hour starts.

We would ask that players be in attendance at least 15 minutes prior to their game time. It can cause serious disruption when players are late coming in as we try and sort them into groups.

Also, can we ask that parents ensure that players laces are properly tied before they come in (*my back and knees are killing me!!*).



Most people may not be aware that the coaches and administration staff that you see there every week are all volunteers and do this on a weekly basis for the love of the game. We normally get to the Clubhouse an hour before the sessions start in order to set up cones, check footballs, prepare the training areas, sort out jerseys etc and are still there for up to an hour after everyone has headed home. So they are long days for all involved and we are lucky to have such dedicated people in our Club.

I would like to thank each and every one of those involved for their time and patience every week.

Finally, we hope that all our players enjoy their time in the Little Saints. We are here to promote a love of the game and to help in the player's development no matter how long it may take.

*Gerry Murtagh
Little Saints Coach*

An Important Gift from Scotland

There is nothing more tragic than the loss of a child. Last year a young Scottish footballer, Kieran McDaid passed away while training with his local football team. In order to honour his



memory and help someone else in the future a marathon cycle was organised from Coatbridge in Scotland to the Aviva stadium in Dublin – the place where Kieran had visited to see his beloved Celtic play Barcelona in a

pre-season friendly. The proceeds of the cycle went to buy a defibrillator which the McDaid family kindly donated to St Kevins Boys and we are deeply grateful for their generous gesture. Kieran will always be remembered in SKB.

Saints Abroad

It's great to see our ex-players starting to make inroads abroad. We are all well aware of how well Jeff Hendrick and Robbie Brady have done since they left us to travel that sometimes very difficult road towards a career in football.



During the summer months we were delighted to see Dara O'Shea named as "Best Scholar" at the Premier League Awards; he included as part of the West Brom first team in their pre-season games in Austria and travel with the team to the Premiership Cup Tournament in Thailand. Since then he has gone out on loan to

Hereford FC where he will gain valuable first team experience. Loans such as this are all part of the overall development of a player so it is an important step for Dara and one that we know he will make the best of.

Meanwhile Robbie McCourt and Evan Pierce were both on the scoresheet for West Broms Premier League 2 team as they faced their old team mate, Daniel Mandroiu of Brighton recently.

Jack Byrne has made a very important move to Oldham Athletic during the summer as he looks to get regular football. Since joining them he has started in all their games and is a regular goalscorer. Recently he faced Cian Bolger who played on the same team as Jeff and Robbie all those years ago. Cian is now captain of Fleetwood Town.

Congratulations to Eoghan Stokes who made his debut for Leeds United in their Carabao Cup game against Newport County.

Graham Kelly has signed for Port Vale while Rene Gilmartin has joined Colchester United as player/goalkeeper coach.



Jamie Gray and Luke Wade Slater are progressing well at Stevenage with Jamie in the first team at this stage.

Ryan Cassidy (pictured) has been on the scoresheet on a regular basis for the Watford Under 18s including a hat trick against the Burnley Under 18s while Robbie Dunne is starting to make inroads at Sunderland Academy.

Meanwhile we wish Kameron Ledwedge (Southampton FC), Katherlego Mashingo (Fleetwood Town) and Ray O'Sullivan (Wolverhampton Wanderers) the very best of luck as they departed the Saints for what we all hope will be a very successful career in football.

Club Coaching Sessions

During October we will be hosting two coaching sessions in the Club. Lee Baker of West Brom's coaching staff will present a session involving the small sided teams on Monday, 9th October.

The following night, Tuesday, 10th October the legendary, Micky Adams will host a coaching session involving the 11-a-side teams.

We are very privileged to have two exceptional coaches present these coaching sessions and would encourage all managers & coaches to attend. Both sessions will start at 7.00pm.

Snippets



We were delighted to see Paddy Moore of our Under 15 Airtricity League team selected for the Rep of Ireland Under 16 squad. It is nothing less than he deserves following a number of magnificent performances for his team in the opening league games.

The team will travel to Bucharest to play their Romanian counterparts in two games.



NDSL Saints Players

The Saints has 10 players involved in the Kennedy Cup this year as Conan Noonan, Len O'Sullivan, Gavin O'Brien, Roland Banya and Bosun Lawal of the Under 14 DDSL Premier team and James Moloney, Aaron Murphy, John Mc Donagh, Robert Mahon and Jake Hollywood of our Under 14 NDSL Premier team represented their respective leagues. Our own Karl Lambe was part of the DDSL coaching team.



The victorious DDSL Saints with Karl Lambe

We were sorry to see one of our long standing coaches, Neil O'Donnell up sticks and head off to live in Spain. Neil has been involved in the development of our Small Sided teams for a long time. We wish Neil the very best of luck and are aware that our loss is Spain's gain!

We extend a warm welcome to Gavin Peers who has joined the coaching staff of our Under 17 Premier. Gavin brings years of experience to the set up having won many honours throughout his League of Ireland career.

Finally, no matter where our teams go we always get top class reports on their behaviour while there. Recently one of our Board Members was stopped in his local pub to be told that the young team that came back on a very late flight from Italy recently were the best behaved group that the person had ever seen and said that they were a credit to the Club and their country. So well done our Under 12s!!!

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