

# Tangerine News

The Newsletter of St. Kevins Boys Club

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## Saints start their Trophy Collection



*Our Under 13s with injured teammate, Luke Browne and the Troy Cup*

We are delighted to see some of our teams bring home trophies early in their respective football seasons. The change in the schoolboy year to calendar year football has meant that our teams are competing in SFAI finals mid-season allowing us the opportunity to collect some silverware early!

Our Under 13s were looking to retain the All Ireland title that they captured last year at Under 12 level with a visit to Galway in the SFAI Sketchers Troy Cup where they faced local side Mervue United.

In a first half that the Saints dominated but failed to score they rode their luck on occasion as Mervue looked to score from free kicks. One of these was on target and forced a save from goalkeeper David Leonard and as the ball fell dangerously in the goalmouth Luke Browne was on hand to clear it away.

The second half saw the Saints really shine. A great run down the left wing by Kevin Zeffi where he floated the perfect ball into the 6 yard box and Jamie Murphy was on hand to place it beyond the keeper.

Zeffi was involved, and scored, the second goal a few minutes later to put the tie beyond Mervue. Collecting the ball in the middle of the pitch he dribbled past the Mervue players and laid it off for Daniel Bergin who deceived the defenders by threading it through to Zeffi running away from goal. Zeffi rounded three defenders and shot from a narrow angle giving the keeper no chance.

From that point on it was all one way traffic and a brilliant run by Derin Adewale who combined well with Byron Preston should have seen Zeffi grab another goal but he was crowded out in the box.

SKB: David Leonard, Matthew Roze Anderson, Sam Curtis, Emre Topcu, Derin Adewale, James McManus, Billy Gilmore, Luke Browne, Jamie Murphy, Daniel Bergin, Byron Preston, Justin Ferizaj, Cristian McCabe, Marco Calderoni, Scott Brady, Eoin Mougan, Kevin Zeffi, Logan Preston

On the same day our Under 19s won the first Leinster Senior League silverware for the Club, the previous week our Senior Saturday side were unlucky to lose out in the Tom Carroll Cup final to Rush Athletic but the Under 19s were not going to be denied.

They were down to face Crumlin United in the final of the LSL Dunne Cup. A few weeks previously they had lost out to the same team in the LSL League Cup semi-final but extracted sweet revenge as they completely dominated this game and ran out 4-0 winners.



*Our Under 19s with the LSL Dunne Cup*

Goal machine, Levi Boardman lived up to his reputation with a magnificent hat trick with Mark O'Connor also on the scoresheet.

Our Under 14s put in a stunning performance against rivals Cherry Orchard to see them win the SFAI Sketchers Goodson Cup in real style.

Any time these sides met up in the league they have been very tight games won by the odd goal but the Saints stunned their opponents with an emphatic 4-0 win to retain the Goodson Cup in Whitehall for another year.



*Our Under 14s are delighted to capture the Goodson Cup*

It was Sean Grehan who opened the scoring when he pounced on a loose ball in the area from a free kick.

The second half saw the Saints put in a magnificent team performance and once Somtochi Agbaje scored the second goal the tie was never in doubt.

Ben Curtis made it 3-0 with a well taken penalty and Evan Ferguson scored a wonderful free kick from 25 yards that rocketed into the top corner with the keeper rooted to the spot to make it 4-0 to the Saints.

SKB: Fiachra Pagel, David Okagbue, Chris Moore, Sean Grehan, Craig Moore, Jamie Mullins, Callum Warren, Ben Curtis, Somtochi Agbaje, Evan Ferguson, Cian Kelly, Nelson Ero, Sam Curtis, Chris Lotefa, Derin Adewale, James McManus, Kevin Zeffi, Jamie Murphy, David Leonard

Next up is a trip to Cork for the SFAI Under 12 and Under 15s finals so keep your fingers crossed for further Saints victories. See you all in Cork!!!

# Small Sided Games Sunday Mornings in College of Surgeons

Every Sunday morning sees a feast of football take place in the College of Surgeons where a number of our Small Sided teams play their games.

The format for these teams has been changing over the last number of seasons as the leagues try out different ideas.

The Under 8s and Under 9s normally have a panel of 10 to 12 players and these are spilt into two teams on the morning and play two 5 a side games lasting 24 minutes. At the end of the first game one team swaps over to the other pitch to play another game.



*SKB U8 Sunday Red: Callum Byrne Carrig, Jack Corbally, Cole Curtis, Ross Donohoe, Jamie Fox, Eoin Hammond, Zack Holmes, Zach Murray, Adrian Rascau, Shane Staunton, Ryan Thompson, Sam Young*

There are retreat lines in the game to allow the goalkeepers to pass the ball out to a player rather than hoofing it down the pitch. As well as that there are no referees so the players are able to make decisions themselves and with less of the shouting that used to occur from the sidelines!



*SKB U8 Sunday Yellow: Patrick Casper, Lucio Colella, Eoin Connaughton, Eoghan Finnegan, Reece Healy, Tyler King, Bartosz Kowalzyk, Piotr Kwalz, Niall O'Brien, Riley O'Shea, Gethin Roy, Scott Scully, Harry Young*  
No scores or league tables are recorded and from what I witnessed on the morning the games were the better for these changes.



*SKB U9 Sunday Red: Evan Burdock, Jacob Cardiff, Cole Curtis, Adam Dequina, Harry Giffney, Lucas Hennessy, Micháel Manning, Zach McAuley, Sean McCormack, Cillian Phillips, Baileigh Rock, Luke Rossi*

Once it gets to Under 10 and Under 11 stage the games change to 7 a side with the games lasting 50 minutes in total.



*SKB U10 Sunday A: Jan Beiro, Max Ferguson, Adam Gilson, Alex Kendall, Leon Laban, Harry Leonard, Marco Lentini, Finn McDonnell, Samuel Rooney*

Again there are retreat lines to encourage the goalkeepers to play the ball out from the back and this allows for players to continue to develop their confidence on the ball. But at this stage one opposition player is allowed to enter the retreat area after the first ball is played to put pressure on the ball.



*SKB U10 Sunday A1: Jude Browne, Cody Conlon, Jake Connell, Calum Cooney, Jack Lynch, Ryan McConnell, Jordan Mucha, Marcel Schabowski, Jack Staunton, Josh Walsh, Max Waters*

Referees are optional and as the players are starting to understand the game that bit more and indeed become more competitive it seems most teams prefer to have a referee present to avoid any suggestion of favouritism from one of the team managers refereeing the games.



*SKB U11 Sunday A: Thomas Bailey, Fiachra Coffey, Max Curtis, Cathal Hickey, Pat Manning, George Mosneagu, Andy Paroschiv, Joe Sullivan, Callum Willoughby*

It is safe to say that the standard of play at all levels is very high with one of the Under 10s games on the day producing some of the best goals you will ever see.

## SKB/BOHS Updates



Our Under 15 Airtricity League team suffered their first defeat, 2-0 away to Finn Harps, during the month but have bounced back with a 4-3 win over Dundalk at home recently to leave them second in the league table.

Meanwhile our Under 17s Airtricity produced a terrific display against rivals St Pats to record a

very important 2-0 win which leaves them as league leaders.

So as things stand both SKB/Bohs teams are performing to the level we had planned and we expect that they will be in the mix for honours come the end of the season.

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## FAI Youths Cup Heartache

It's been 18 years since St Kevins Boys last contested the FAI Youths Cup. This fact alone should give you an idea of how difficult a task it is to reach the final of this competition considering the successes we have tasted in the last 10 years.

So we were delighted for our Under 18s team as they battled through all the rounds to land up in the final and an encounter with Tramore AFC. The fact that this game was being played in Waterford right next to their home pitch was the only downside to what we all hoped would be a great day out.

Our Under 18s have performed heroically this year in the various leagues and cups that they have competed for so we felt we were in good shape to win one of the very few trophies that has eluded us for all these years.

The Saints didn't start well and looked off the pace and second best to everything in the first 20 odd minutes and during that time the opposition scored two goals without reply.

After 30 minutes the game changed completely, the Saints started to find their rhythm and as a clearance fell to Dylan Kelly outside the box he fired off a great strike to open the Saints account.

Just before the break, captain John Barry found himself in the opposition half and as a clearance landed at his feet, he beat an opponent took a touch an unleashed a powerful drive that nestled in the top corner. So half time and the teams were level at 2-2.

The second half saw the Saints get the upper hand in the game as they started to pile the pressure on Tramore and with fifteen minutes gone they took the lead as Kelly's shot/cross beat the keeper.

It was all going to plan for the Saints until injuries to Gavin Harney and a nasty one to Ryan O'Neill forced the Saints into a number of changes.

Tramore were starting to get more chances and a number of fine stops from Godfrey Yolo in goal kept the Saints ahead.

Then with fifteen minutes left an extremely harsh second yellow saw Tuluwalade Bello sent off. The Saints bench were incensed with the decision and to hear a large local crowd cheer a 17 year old player sent off was a very sad sight for Irish football.

The extra man saw Tramore take the initiative and with five minutes left they scored an equaliser to take the game to extra time.

Tramore got the all important winner in the first period of extra time and try as they might the Saints were unable to reply as the efforts of the previous rounds took their toll on the squad of players.

Credit must go to all players on the team who never gave up and found themselves battling all sides in this encounter.

SKB: Godfrey Yolo, Lee McKeivitt, John Barry, Ryan O'Neill, Tuluwalade Bello, Mark Murray, Gavin Harney, Jack McMahon, Lee Keely, Cameron Brennan, Paul McCarville, Marcus Murphy, Andrew Brogan, Adam O'Mara, Conor Pugh, Jason Noone, Ben Olojo

## SKB Golf Outing



Golf spy was delighted to be invited to the recent St Kevin's Boys Golf Classic in St Margarets Golf Club. Having being around the country examining and advising societies on their pros and cons this was going to be an

interesting examination and one I looked forward to.

On arriving I was met by *Conductor Bermo*, who was organising proceedings akin to Andre Previn conducting an orchestra, although slightly out of tune. He informed me there would be 17 participating including himself. There were two gardeners *Andy and Dickie* oblivious to the world smoking away in a no smoking area and not a care in the world, golf would be a hindrance. A *Sammy Hanlon* arrived and appeared to be a highly strung spring likely to explode at any time, interesting. *Captain O'Rourke* arrived totally at sea as the 2.15pm from Miami was late into Dublin Airport and he spent his time looking sky wards, a non-runner. The *Wilkins brothers* arrived. At first I thought they were twins only to discover that *Legal Wilkins* was charming, articulate and talkative; the *I wear a pink bib in Dublin Airport Wilkins* was mumbling something about left arm straight, right arm perpendicular. Investigation revealed that he was actually *Money Daly's* coach and agent. Probably explained why so few spoke to *I wear a pink bib in Dublin Airport Wilkins*. It was explained to me that was why *One Legged Dunne* was looking downcast and desolate, he had been discarded by *I wear a pink bib in Dublin Airport Wilkins* in favour of *Money Daly* - the ruthlessness of golf. Another non-runner! With nearly half the field present it was difficult to work out if anybody actually played golf. Anyway the rest of the field arrived thick and fast. *Blue Kelly*, the legend from the Beaumont House and one of the older competitors, arrived guarded as always by his minders *I want to be a Commissioner Brady* and *Kneeless Gleeson*. The minders looked like two oak trees in a storm, straight and erect but hardly golfers. *Blue Kelly* ...well another non runner. *Talkative Bermo* then arrived, brother of the aforementioned *Conductor Bermo* but hell hadn't he an opinion on everything and no quietening him, another non runner. Then a sight for sore eyes, *Sicknote Fitzpatrick* arrived. Straight from the hospital, blood transfusions done, tablets taken...another non-runner. Last but not least *Marketman O'Neill* arrived. Actually looked like a golfer, talked like a golfer and had shiny clubs..had to be a winner



Pat "I finally won the SKB Golf Jacket!" Daly

Just as things were about to kick off the fun really started as *Conductor Bermo* was in hot dispute with *Talkative Bermo* over favouritism to *Money Daly* after being cajoled by *I wear a pink bib in Dublin Airport Wilkins* to alter handicaps for his man when a phone call came in that the *Murray brothers - Hamstring Eoin and Goodlooking Padraig* were delayed in traffic coupled with being informed by the pro shop that there was no defibrillator for *Sicknote Fitzpatrick* and no buggy for *Kneeless Gleeson* and *Sicknote Fitzpatrick*.

With a calmness last seen on the Titanic *Conductor Bermo* sprang into action, the *Murray's* request to delay proceedings was met with, and this is from memory, go luck off, or words to that effect. It was decided that *Sicknote Fitzpatrick* would chance playing without the defib and God forbid if anything happened his clubs and golf balls would be divided among all present. Brought a tear to my eye, the humanity of it. As for the buggy it was decided that *Kneeless Gleeson* and *Sicknote Fitzpatrick* would be pushed around the course.

And so it started as all 17 hit the fairways. (*Murray's* had arrived and a buggy had been commandeered, its owner left in a daze by the

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## International Saints



A number of our players were involved with the Rep of Ireland Under 14s and Under 15s development squads during May. Congratulations to Fiachra Pagel, Ben Curtis, Evan Ferguson, Jamie Mullins, Cian Kelly and Sean Grehan.

We were devastated for ex-Saint,

Kameron Ledwidge recently when the bizarre decision by the referee in the Rep of Ireland Under 17s game against Holland saw the goalkeeper sent off for a second yellow card after he moved off his line before the spot kick. This controversial decision saw the Irish team exit the quarter finals of the European Championships. Our Under 10.3 Saturday DDSL A1 team were recently in Burnley where they met up with Rep of Ireland stars and ex-Saints, Jeff Hendrick (pictured below with the lads) and Robbie Brady



## Little Saints Update



It was an honour to be asked to take over the running of our Little Saints from Gerry Murtagh, a role Gerry held for more years than he will admit, If I am honest while we had substantial numbers at the start the numbers recently have dipped a little, it's

strange that while they have dipped it is a different group missing each week so I am assuming the Communion season is kicking in. We will keep an eye on the numbers over the coming weeks and address it if we need to.

We have recently taken a few players out of their teams onto our Development Squad. This can sometimes cause parents more upset than the players but the reason we split the group is to allow the players to develop at a pace that suits them. Over the years we have found that players who happen to be at a higher level in their development can dominate the sessions and hence other players get less from their involvement in the sessions. Our program is designed to encourage players to develop socially as well as their football skillset at a pace that suits them, we also try to add discipline into their mindset so you may notice a few things for example shaking hands amongst other things, all that being said I can't stress enough how important it is to have the children at as many sessions as possible.

See you all Saturday,  
Mick Fox

## Snippets



Brian McManus and Alex Neil,  
Manager, Preston North End

We are delighted to see Brian McManus sign for Preston North End.

Brian will join a growing list of Irish players that have signed for the Lillywhites over the last number of years and we predict that he will have a bright future.

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Congratulations to our Senior Saturday team on finishing runners up in the Leinster Senior League Major 1 Division with a 6-1 away win against Inchicore Athletic recently. We also want to wish Adam Duffy a very speedy recovery following his recent injury and hope to see him back early next season.

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We were very saddened to hear of the passing of Mick Birmingham lately. Mick was ever present at SKB matches since the very first days of the Club. We extend our sympathies to his family.

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## SKB Golf Outing (continued)

long arm of the law. No defib still ....hopefully not an omen). Sitting there on the veranda it was hard to work out just what the hell was going on. Not one had warmed up, everybody complained over their handicap and the only topic of conversation was where the light refreshment would be later that night. Still trees were hit, ditches found, lakes and rivers gained a few more balls and the odd fairway and green located and yet 16 returned all with a story to tell. As I counted everybody returning it was apparent there was one missing ....jesus was it *Sicknote Fitzpatrick!!* No none other than *Marketman O'Neill* was on suicide watch and was in the care of the Samaritans (Another chapter on that story).

The prizegiving was a very emotional occasion as *Conductor Bermo* revealed that Ferrari had withdrawn their car sponsorship. *Gardener Dickie* broke down as he had been presented with the last iconic Ferrari for achieving .....well you better ask him. Despite all the horrors that I'd witnessed three players actually gained 36pts - *Hamstring Murray, I want to be Commissioner Brady* and *Money Daly*. After a lot of bribing and convoluted maths it was decreed that *Money Daly* was the winner. Q pandemonium - off a handicap of his gammy hip and playing with *I wear a pink vest in Dublin Airport Wilkins* this was a very emotional occasion for *Money Daly*. In achieving his first jacket he thanked his wife and family for their understanding in putting up with him and his hours of practice. Above all he wanted to thank his mentor and agent *I wear a pink vest in Dublin Airport Wilkins* for every Sunday boring him to death with golf instructions, sorry for educating him on golfing ethics. *One Legged Dunne* cut a sad and forlorn figure in the corner, discarded by *I wear a pink vest in Dublin Airport Wilkins* and cast away like a leaf in autumn..... future revenge perhaps.

Afterwards I was honoured to accompany the group of 15 souls to the *Blue Kelly* home, the BH, (sadly *Captain O'Rourke* was still looking for the 2.15pm from Miami and *marketman O'Neill* was still under professional supervision) where *Sicknote Fitzpatrick* quickly changed to *Sinatra Fitzpatrick* and serenaded all into the early hours....I think we were barred. ....I heard a rumour that there was another outing planned for June so I'm hoping to get another invite!!

Golf Spy

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