



Championship Fever Grips Dublin 15

Senior Footballers Beat Na Fianna

St Brigids 1-10 , Na Fianna 1-9



For those who have been living on Mars for the past week it was a case of Third time lucky for our Senior Footballers who beat a fancied Na Fianna last weekend in what was the most exciting game of the Evening Herald SFC to date. This sizzler was a repeat of the County Finals of 1999 and 2001. It was clear from the Brigids attitude that they weren't going to play second fiddle to the Mobhi Road men again. They produced a tremendous display, full of hunger, courage and some excellent finishing.

Na Fianna were never let get into their stride and at the end could have no complaints. The Brigids tactics were clear from the off with Ken D'Arcy joining Wardie in midfield again and young Conor Ryan given the onerous task of marking the Na Fianna dangerman (and his former Teacher) Senan Connell. Brigids started the brighter with Jonnie Noonan pointing from corner forward.

Within 2 minutes a great ball from Rory Gallagher found Noonan again who beat Stephen Grey on the second attempt as he drilled the ball to the roof of the net. Galways Michael Colleran was keeping Na Fianna in the tie with his sweet left footed free taking style but they almost stole a goal on 23 minutes as Jayo's blistering strike was saved by the impressive Paul Keane.

At the Interval Brigids were ahead by 1-5 to 0-6 with Raymie Gallagher scoring from an impossible angle on the whistle with the outside of his left foot. On the restart Jonnie Noonan added great scores from play and Raymie Gallagher forced a superb save from Grey. Dessie Farrell (who was never let into the game by the tigerish Brigids full back line of Keith Keane and the Cahill's).

Brigid's were now ahead 1-8 to 0-7 when Na Fianna were awarded a 42nd minute penalty. Jayo's well-struck kick was low to the left but Keane was equal to it, forcing the effort around for a 45, which was sent wide. Ken Darcy extended the Brigid's advantage, but the favourites were back in it on 49 minutes when, for once Senan escaped the foot cuffs to slip the ball in after Keane had kept out a shot from Pat Mccarthy who had been played by Jayo.

Points from Senan and Lynch levelled it for the first time, 1-9 apiece, with five minutes left and Na Fianna were on the up. A replay looked odds-on, but Raymie Gallagher, amid a cluster of players, and under severe pressure, somehow found the room on the right of the posts to loft over a priceless left-footed score and send the Brigid's fans into orbit.

Brigids Scorers: J Noonan 1-3, Raymie Gallagher 0-4, K Darcy, Rory Gallagher(F), D Dineen 0-1 each

Brigids Team: P Keane, K Keane, D Cahill, M Cahill, G Norton, K Darcy, P Andrews, C Ryan, J Ward, M Galvin, Rory Gallagher, D Lally, K Bonner, Raymie Gallagher, J Noonan Subs: D Dineen for C Ryan, W Finnegan for Bonner, A Farrell, C McGlynn for Finnegan.

Hurlers Keep Dream Double Hopes Alive

Saturday September 27th has been set as the date for the replay of the SHC Semi-final between St Brigids and Faughs. A fantastic comeback from a 10-point deficit to earn a draw leaves Brigid's facing a replay, which if they win will mean that the Dublin 15 club will contest Dublin's highest level in both football and hurling. The record books are being trawled to see if a Dublin club has ever done this before.

Junior Footballers aim for Double J 1's and 4's both through to Semi's

Congratulations to both Junior Football teams who made it through to their respective semi finals last weekend.

The Junior Ones with Mick Mellet ,Donal Quinn and Violet Muldoon at the helm have steered this past 3 Intermediate teams including two Replays to reach the semis. Last Sunday they completed a miserable weekend for Na Fianna beating the Mobhi Road second string by a scoreline of 2-10 to 1-9. Na Fianna who were favourites for the competition were never allowed settle by the hard working Brigids midfield of Bar Muldoon and Peter Blessing. Brianie "Finbarr" Donovan scoring two cracking goals in each half to lead the Roselawn Inn sponsored team to a great victory.

This team has an exciting blend of youth and experience and can boast a formidable spine with the likes of Micky Furlong, Shay Downey, Vinny Bruen, Sean Duignan, Dermot Reidy, Peter Blessing. Not forgetting the brothers Lynch, Muldoon, Kelly and Mellet.

According to Manager Mick Mellet "it is the strength of the panel which has seen us though this far." Could it be a unique Meath Managerial coup for in Russell Park this year – only time will tell.

The Junior 4's under the guidance of Noel Cassidy and Sean Cunningham are gunning for the League & Championship double after comprehensively beating Clontarf by 9 points. With the likes of Simon Sheridan, Alan Hughes, Joey Twomey, Micky Gahan and Padge O'Reilly this crew who have been in training since early January look to have what it takes to go all the way.

Sunday 21st September

Bohernabreena 10.00am

Junior 4's v Ballyboden St Enda's

O'Toole Park 11.30 am

Junior One's v Bank of Ireland

NURSERY BACK ON

Our Club Nursery is back as strong as ever and continues every Saturday in Beech Park from 10.00 is to 11.00am. The nursery is for children of school going age. Just Drop into Beechpark any Saturday.

CLUB GOLF CLASSIC:

Club Golf Classic on Thurs October 16th in Lutrellstown Golf Club Team of Three €400 Sponsor a Hole or Tee box €100

For further Info see Clubhouse or Contact Dermot Cahill or Keith Keane

BRIGID'S BLUES

Our best wishes to all our Dublin Representatives in the up and coming All Ireland Finals. James Brogan who has made a great comeback from serious knee injury is our sole representative on the Minor football squad who play Laois in the Minor final on September 28th. The Dublin 21's play Waterford next Saturday Sept 20th and the winners will play Tyrone on October 5th. Brigids have 3 on the panel and two who started all of the Young Dubs games. In the Ladies All Ireland Final on October 4th the club will have no less than 5 representatives including Elaine Murphy, Elaine Kelly, Louise Keegan, Aoife Kilkenny & Caroline Griffin.

IRELAND TO HAVE 8 BRIGIDS PLAYERS FOR WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS IN OCT

The World Championships are due to be held in Dublin from 17th to 26th of October this year. Over 650 players participate from 10 different countries. That year, Ireland held 20 World Championship Titles. This year, there will be 8 St. Brigids Players competing, with Eoin Kennedy tipped to win the men's open title. Both Maria McCarthy and Julie Long are also training hard and hope to claim the Women's Title



St Brigid's Senior Hurlers

