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UNDER 12A HURLERS WIN DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP



Back: Martin Brady, Eoin Conway, Eoghan Quinn, John Conroy, Ciaran Kilkenny, Ross Mullins, Ronan Prunty, Conor O'Reilly, Graham Hannigan, Ray McDermott.

Front: Robert Wylie, Stephen Donaldson, Shane Boland, Conor Prunty, Jack Kiernan, Ian Cleary, Gerry Cadden, Cian Ó Dúlaing.

Mentors: Maurice O'Shaughnessy, Gerry Cadden, Robert Tierney & Fintan Tierney.

Castleknock became under 12A Division One Champions with a four point win over a fine Ballyboden team at Porterstown. In an exciting match, hotly contested all over the field, Castleknock emerged victorious due to their well taken scores and the heroic efforts of their defensive lines.

The team played well all over the pitch, with particularly fine performances from Ciarán Kilkenny and team captain Shane Boland. Early points from Gerry Cadden and Eoin Quinn settled the team down but when Gerry Cadden rattled in the first goal Ballyboden realized that they had a real match on their hands. The game was very tight and the Castleknock defense were always on their toes. Ross Mullins proved the anchor at full back, assisted by Eoin Conway, Ronan Prunty, Graham Hannigan, Ray McDermott and the ever industrious John Conroy, keeping the Ballyboden attack at bay. Special mention should also be made of Conor Prunty who played his first

match as keeper. In the forwards the afore-mentioned Gerry Cadden and Eoin Quinn were always dangerous, especially from the fine distribution and breakdowns of Stephen Donaldson, Cian Ó Dúlaing, Conor O'Reilly Jack Kiernan and Robert Wylie. Ian Cleary played yet another stormer crowned by a very well taken goal at a vital stage in the second half. Martin Brady did an excellent man marking job on the much fancied Ballyboden Centre Back, another vital cog in a very well deserved Castleknock victory. Praise should also go to the dedicated management team of Gerry Cadden, Maurice O'Shaughnessy and Robert Tierney, for their tireless work with the lads over the year.

WIN FOR UNDER 12 DIVISION 3 GIRLS



On Sunday the 9th October 2005, the Castleknock Under 12 Girls headed off to Maypark to play Craobh Chiarain for the third time this season in the Football Shield.

Castleknock played well in the first half with two well taken points from Niamh Doolan and Ayesha McMillian. However, Craobh Chiarain had the benefit of playing with a very strong wind and so the first half ended with Craobh Chiarain in the lead with a score of 2-2 to 0-2.

In the second half the Castleknock team came out fighting and with the advantage of the strong wind, the girls knew a win was within their grasp. Then came two well taken goals by Sinead Wheatly and Grace Hegarty which saw us level and we were back in the match. From then on we traded points with them, our points coming from Niamh Doolan, Ayesha MacMillian, Sinead Wheatly, Bronagh Martin and Aishling Teehan and with some excellent defending Castleknock managed to get ahead and came away with their first win of the season. Well done to the girls for their commitment and enthusiasm. Castleknock 2 - 8 - Craobh Chiarain 2 - 4.

The team members were Rachel Rushe, Aoife Conway, Kaitlyn Fitzgerald, Kate Ward, Amy Creaner, Eimear Spain, Kim Lynch, Sinead Wheatly, Bronagh Martin, Niamh Doolan, Ayesha McMillian, Emma Ronan, Roisin Walsh, Aishling Teehan and Orlaith D'Arcy, Chloe Kiely, Deirdre Fallon, Rebecca Duffy, Emer Kilmartin and Grace Hegarty.

Mentors; Martina Reidy, Gillian Teehan & Anne Walsh.



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DÁIRE O'NEILL
GAMES PROMOTION OFFICER



Castleknock Hurling & Football Club welcomes our newly appointed Games Promotion Officer, Dáire O'Neill. Dáire has been working as a full time GPO for the past five years. His last post was working with St. Margarets and St. Finians GAA Clubs in Swords. Previous to that he was three

years with St. Vincents GAA club in Marino. Dáire played all of his juvenile football and hurling with St. Vincents and he still togs out for the Junior Footballers.

Dáire says that he is enjoying his new position with Castleknock Hurling and Football Club and looks forward to meeting and working with the coaches and players in the future.

Dáire, along with the Steering Committee has compiled a Coach Education Programme which will run until January 2006. All coaches and co-mentors are encouraged to attend. Topics covered include circuit training, innovative training techniques, foundation level courses etc.

Please check website for dates and details on all courses.

ADULT SECTION NEWS

It was another good month for Castleknock GAA Club! Castleknock Division 7 team are now heavily involved in the promotion battle with a very credible draw against a very strong Man O' War team away after coming from 12 points down.

The Second Team Division 12 had a good win away from home to Balbriggan with a win by five points. The old stalwards, Patsy McGinnell, Alfie Sawyer, Sean Reilly to the fore. This team has only been beaten twice this year in thirteen league games and must be one of the favourites for promotion.

The next three weeks will decide promotion for both teams so check website for fixtures. Your support is always appreciated. Its good to see our Minors now playing for the adult teams. All the good work done at under age is now coming to fruition.

The Hurlers are now recruiting for next year - all enquiries to Colm O'Dea - 087 9703155.

The Ladies Team came third place in the Cup Table. Winter Training will be starting at the end of November and new members are welcome. All enquiries to Gerry O'Connor 087—6593578.

*"Good coaching is a challenge,
 Winning is a consequence of
 good coaching!"*

*"Coaches should always
 prepare a session in advance"*

UNDER 9 BOYS TRIP TO NA PIARSAIGH



It was an early start on Saturday 15th October as 39 of Castleknock's under 9 boys and 31 adults boarded the 8.20 train to Cork to take on the U9 boys from the famous Na Piarraigh club on the northside of Cork city in both Football and Hurling.

There were two very competitive Football matches. In game 1 some fine scoring from Daire Murphy, Kane Hogan and Kevin Stephenson and a man-of-the-match performance from Brendan Kearney in defence ensured Castleknock got the better of their opponents. In game 2 some determined work from Charles Zivaljevic and Caolan O'Donnell and a great performance from Luke Nulty, who was making his debut with the U9s, ensured this game ended in a draw.

After the match the boys were kindly given lunch in Na Piarraigh's Clubhouse. Castleknock were then treated to a great surprise when Cork hurling star and recently announced Daily Star Hurler of the year John Gardiner dropped by to spend some time with the boys. John was generous with his time and the boys greatly appreciated having the chance to talk to one of Hurling's biggest stars.

Ollie Coffey, U9 mentor, presented Na Piarraigh's Juvenile Chairman, Abie Allen with our Club Jersey, thanked him for the welcome we

received and extended an invitation to visit Castleknock anytime in the future.

After lunch the boys were in for another treat when they played 3 games in Na Piarraigh's superb Hurling arena. The superior skill levels of the Cork boys was evident as they ran out winners in all 3 Hurling games. Despite this fact however, the Castleknock boys played brilliantly and in game 1 some great defensive work in the second half from Colum Breslin, Shane Coffey and Luke Whelan in Goal kept the Na Piarraigh boys' score to just 1-4 while Castleknock rattled in 3-1 at the other end. Game 2 and 3 followed the same pattern with Na Piarraigh dominating the first half but Castleknock coming back strongly and getting to grips with the pace of the game in the second half.

Thanks again to Abie Allen and all his colleagues in Na Piarraigh who looked after us very well, and in particular to John Gardiner who was very generous with his time and his kind words. A big thank you to all parents who accompanied and helped us throughout the day. Special mention also for U9 player Andrew McDonnell, who received an eye injury on the day. Get well soon Andrew!

FOOTBALL BLITZ IN PORTLAOISE FOR UNDER 10A GIRLS

The Under 10A Girls had an early start on Saturday, 29th October, 2005 when they met at CCC at 8.30 a.m. and headed for Portlaoise to take part in a 10-a side football blitz. Five teams took part in their group which included Sarsfields Mountmellick, Sarsfields Newbridge, Portlaoise A and Ballyboden.

Castleknock were the stronger team against their first opponents, Portlaoise A whom they won 8-1. Second up were Sarsfields Mountmellick. This game tested the girls' skills and stamina and it ended in a 3-3 draw. Then they played Ballyboden, leaders of Division 1 in Dublin, this game was played in the pouring rain and fair dues to the girls, they were so up for the game that they never complained! This was by far their best game of the day with all those characteristics you wish for in your team being displayed – team spirit, grit, determination, skill and intelligence. Castleknock came from behind twice and the game ended in a 2-2 draw.

Then after consulting all the teams, the organizers of the competition decided to call a halt as the weather was atrocious so the team didn't get to play Newbridge. Sarsfields Mountmellick ended up the group winners. Thanks to Portlaoise GAA Club for their organization of the day, providing tea and sandwiches and goodies for the girls. Every child came away with a medal. The Castleknock team left at around 2.00 p.m. very wet and tired but very happy. Thanks to the parents who came and supported this Under 10 Football Team in such bad weather.

PICTURED BELOW IS OUR UNDER 11 & 10 CAMOGIE TEAM WHO CAME OUT WINNERS AGAINST LUCAN SASFIELDS RECENTLY WINNING TWO OUT OF THEIR THREE MATCHES!



UNDER 7 BOYS

The Under 7 Boys were back on the road last weekend with a short trip down the Navan Road to take on their St. Oliver Plunkett's counterparts. In three exciting games the boys came out on top in all games with all the boys contributing to a very successful mornings football. All the lads demonstrated great pride in wearing the jersey. Special mention to Osgur and Sam who played on despite receiving heavy knocks. Philip Kelly for his great effort and determination, Aidan Sampson for his great goal and Seán Moran and Oran for their efforts in successfully turning their game around.

All the guys again did the Club proud. Many thanks to Oliver Plunketts for their hospitality and we look forward to meeting them shortly up in Castleknock. Thanks also again to our enthusiastic band of parents who traveled in force to cheer the boys on. There was even a queue to take the jerseys home to wash!

U13 CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



Michael Weldon, Gerard Keogh, Daine O'Neill, Barry Hillery, Emmet Hogan, Evin Kennedy, Andrew Treacy, Philip Treacy, Michael Galvin.

David Sweeney, Cian Spillane, Ian Donoghue, Des Murphy, Paul Donoghue, Patrick Broderick, Sean Healy, Thomas Shields, Sean Healy, Simon O'Brien

Castleknock's Under 13 Hurlers emerged on the losing end of a very hard fought contest against a strong Raheny outfit in Erin's Isle on Saturday, 22nd October, 2005.

Due to the tight pitch and the intensity of the opening minutes both teams were struggling to get on the scoreboard. On entering the second quarter Raheny's Paul Harkin pounced to a breaking ball around the square and scrambled home the first goal of the game, making the score 1:04 to 0:02.

Castleknock responded well with quick successive scores from Barry Hillery and Andrew Treacy. Castleknock were now finding their feet and with wing back Thomas Shields sweeping up at the half back line, the supply of ball into the forwards was bound to result in more scores. The equaliser came five minutes from half time when an overhead clearance from Shields was bravely fetched by Treacy, who turned and finished to the back of the net.

Raheny worked the resulting puck out down the field, where a free was awarded and converted to leave Castleknock trailing by the narrowest of margins at thebreak, 1:05 to 1:04.

Castleknock opened the second half firing on all cylinders. Cian Spillane recorded his second point of the day before a well worked goal brought them three points clear. A Sean Healy sideline was played to Treacy who fired the sliotar into the square where Paul Donoghue instinctively doubled on the ball. The lead was not to last long as Raheny's target-man, Dean Lynch, gained possession on the twenty one yard line, avoided the challenge of two defenders and rifled the ball to the roof of the net. This score sparked a period of dominance for Raheny as their number 9, Richie O'Connor began to marshal midfield and Lynch proved to be an uncontrollable threat in front of goal.

The switch of centre forward Barry Hillery and midfielder Mikey Galvin payed off as Hillery's relentless work influenced a revival and two well taken points from Galvin brought the margin back to a goal. Again, Raheny responded through their dangerman, Lynch, who scored 2:01 within the space of the next five minutes, rounding off a personal tally of 3:05 for the day.

But Castleknock still pushed forward, determined not to let the oppositions lead fall too far out of reach. Goals from Shields, Tracey and another Galvin point created the possibility of a come back in what was extremely tense final minutes, but it was not to be. Raheny 5-09 - Castleknock 4-08.

The referees whistle signaled the end of a truly memorable encounter as well as an eventful season. Credit must go to mentors Kevin Hogan, Conal Healy, Jason O'Neill and John Keogh on bringing this side to finals in both the championship and P.J Troy competition and finishing first in the league.

JUVENILE HURLATHON

Good Luck to all the juveniles who will participate in the Hurlathon on Sunday, 20th November in Erins Isle GAA Club from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

It will be the longest 7 a-side Hurling Game of the year!

NOTICE BOARD

SCÓR na nÓg

Good Luck to all our juvenile members who are competing in the Dublin Semi-Finals of Scór na nÓg on Monday, 14th November in St. Marks GAA Club, Tallaght commencing at 7.30 p.m.

We have entries in Céilí Dancing, Solo Singing, Recitation, Ballad Group and The Quiz.

The Final will take place in Craobh Ciaráin on Thursday, 17th November 2005.

Support would be very welcome!

DÁTAÍ DON DIALANN

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ◇ Mentors Night Out - Shelbourne Park - Thursday 17th November 2005 - Bus leaving The Carpenter at 7pm
- ◇ Juvenile's Christmas Party - 10th December 2005
- ◇ Club Christmas Party - The Bell
- ◇ A.G.M. - End of January
- ◇ Spring Ball - Castleknock Hotel & Country Club - 11th February 2006

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- ◇ Joe Coyle & Family on the death of Joe's brother, Patrick.
- ◇ Deirdre Hughes & Family on the death of Deirdre's father, George McGeer.
- ◇ Marilyn Stewart & Family on the death of Marilyn's mother, Kathleen Carton.

LOTTO NUMBERS AND RESULTS FOR OCTOBER 2005

THE CARPENTER

JACKPOT €2,600

NO JACKPOT WINNER

6th October 2005



Five "Match 3" Winners each receiving €60

Ger O'Reilly, Gavin Quinn, Alan O'Rafferty, L. Donoghue, Caitriona & Frank Peelo

THE BELL

JACKPOT €2,800

NO JACKPOT WINNER

13th October 2005



Three "Match 3" Winners each receiving €100

Martina Reidy, Patricia Maloney, Pat Roantree

MYOS

JACKPOT €3,000

NO JACKPOT WINNER

20th October 2005



Five "Match 3" Winners each receiving €60

Stephen Moran, Ger O'Neill, Brian Leahy, Mick Geraghty, Seamus O'Beirn

BRADYS

JACKPOT €3,200

NO JACKPOT WINNER

27th October 2005



Five "Match 3" Winners each receiving €60

Geraldine Nulty, John McDermott, Mick Thompson, Noel Doogan, Olive Hillery

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