



Na Fianna Nuacht

Senior Ladies Championship Qtr Final

Saturday 7.30pm Mobhi Road

After a break of over three years, the Na Fianna Senior Ladies Football team makes its return to the knockout stages of the Dublin Senior Football Championship this evening (Sat 9th June) in Mobhi Road. Na Fianna will host Thomas Davis in the quarter final of the Championship having secured a home venue by way of winning its round robin group. The match will throw in at 7.30pm and the team would really appreciate as much club support as possible in what promises to be a tough encounter.

In late April the two clubs met at the same venue in Division 1 of the League and Thomas Davis won on that occasion by the narrowest of margins on a 1-9 to 1-10 scoreline. There is no doubt that the two teams are evenly matched and another close encounter is expected.



The players are pictured below at a recent warm weather training camp at Dollymount Strand.

The eleven clubs in the Dublin Senior Championship were drawn into three separate groups. Two groups comprised four clubs with three to qualify. The third group comprised only three clubs with two to qualify. As luck would have it, Na Fianna was drawn in the group of three



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from which qualification would prove a lot trickier than from the groups of four. To make things even trickier, the other two teams in the group were last year's beaten finalists Ballyboden St Enda's and perennial contenders Fingallians. Fingallians won the first match at home in Swords against Ballyboden St Enda's by a margin of four points. Next up was Na Fianna's trip to Firhouse to take on Ballyboden.

The match started very well for Na Fianna with the players storming into an eight point lead midway through the first half. Not to be shown up on their home turf, Boden rallied strongly and three points followed by a goal on the stroke of half time led to the gap being narrowed to two points at half time. The second half was hard going for Na Fianna as Ballyboden showed the benefit of their earlier match against Fins to eventually run out winners on a margin of five points.

The mathematics of the group then meant that anything less than a five point win for Na Fianna in their home match last Wednesday week against Fingallians would mean elimination from the championship at the group stage for a fourth successive year. However by the same token the players and management realised that a seven point win or better would mean a home quarter-final, a huge incentive in this competition.

The players put in a massive effort last Wednesday week and proved worthy winners on a 3-10 to 1-8 scoreline, a result which meant of course that Na Fianna topped our group, eliminated Fingallians and avoided the two other group winners Foxrock Cabinteely and Kilmacud Crokes in the quarter final draw. So that's where we're at now. A home quarter final against Thomas Davis with the winner qualifying for a semi final which is not likely to be played until next September.

The players and management are hoping for a large turnout of club supporters this evening Saturday 9th June, 7.30pm.





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Na Fianna's Dubs

Best of luck to Shane Barrett, Donal Burke and Dublin's Senior Hurlers playing Galway tonight at 7pm in Salthill.

Best of luck also to Roisin Baker, Alex Griffin, Arlene Cushen, Orla Gray, Eve O'Brien, Niamh Rock, Eve O'Brien, Zoe O'Donoghue and Dublin's Senior Camogie team in this evening's Championship tie against Offaly in Parnell Park at 5pm.

And good luck tomorrow to Jonny Cooper, Conor McHugh, Eoin Murchan and Dublin's Senior footballers in Leinster Championship semi-final against Longford in Croke Park.

Under 16 League Division 1 Winners



Congratulations to the 2002 girls Division 1 team which recently became the first Na Fianna team to win the Dublin Under 16 Division 1 ladies football League. The girls really won it in style as well with a 100% winning record in a very tough League where the standard of football is invariably very high.

The girls opened their campaign at home last February against Ballyboden in Mobhi Road. Ballyboden does not compete in the Under 15 Leagues so their team included the pick of



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their 2002/2003 group of players. It was a really tough match with Na Fianna edging home as winners by four points.

Next up in Mobhi Rd was the mighty challenge of Lucan Sarsfields whose team had won every honour available in Division 1 at this age-group since Under 13 including the Under 13 League, Under 13 Cup, Under 14 League, Under 14 Féile, Under 14 Championship and last year's Under 15 League and Championship double. Na Fianna had never beaten Lucan in League or Championship until this year's campaign when the girls edged another close match by four points.

It was then time to get on the road and Stillorgan beckoned with Kilmacud Crokes certain to be another massive test. Again the fighting spirit within the Na Fianna 2002 girls was to the fore and the Yellow and Blue ran out three point winners. Onwards to Clontarf and the leafy surrounds of St Anne's Park witnessed another tight win for Na Fianna. The winning margin of three points indicates another closely fought affair.

The girls now had the scent of League success firmly in their nostrils and perennial rivals St Brigid's would provide the acid test in the fifth match of the round robin. And so it proved with Na Fianna put to the pin of their collar by a very fine St Brigid's team before eventually running out five points winners. By the time the sixth match was played last week, Na Fianna had already been confirmed as champions but the girls were determined to bow out with their 100% winning record intact. A classy St Finian's team provided the final opposition in the appropriately named Nevinstown pitch behind the National Show Centre in Cloghran. Na Fianna and St Finian's have always played high scoring encounters as both teams like to attack and this proved no exception with Na Fianna glad to secure a 4-14 to 3-10 victory.

Congratulations to all twenty players in the Na Fianna 2002 Division 1 panel and also to the two 2003 girls Molly Cassidy who played against Ballyboden and Isobel Taylor who played against Clontarf. The girls are in their final year as a juvenile team and look forward with confidence to the Championship next Autumn when they will seek to keep the winning habit going.



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Under 16 Division 6 League Winners



Congratulations to the mixture of 2002 and 2003 girls who recently won the Under 16 Division 6 League title after a keenly fought match on the back pitch Mobhi Road against close rivals St Oliver Plunkett's. The League got off to an unpromising start and the team had to concede its first match last February against Ballyboden due to difficulty in fielding the requisite numbers. The team comprises a cohort of eleven 2002 players and invariably needs the support of the Under 15 2003s in order to be able to field and compete.

Thankfully this support was forthcoming in fulsome measure and after winning their second match against St Vincent's, the girls began to develop some serious momentum. Further League wins against Beann Eadair, two against Castleknock and another against Ballyboden meant that suddenly from being in a position of struggling to field the girls were now in contention to win the League. It was a real rags to riches story and the feelgood factor continued with a precious away win against St Oliver Plunkett's. Another win against St Vincent's meant that the League could be secured with a second win against Plunkett's in the penultimate League match. Plunkett's were also in contention and proved a very difficult opponent to face. The match was a keenly contested affair on the back pitch last Sunday week and Plunkett's really rose to the occasion in putting in a fine display. To be honest, it



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was touch and go but the Na Fianna players were not to be denied and clung on for a hard earned 4-4 to 2-6 success.

Congratulations to all of the players and a special word of thanks to hard working mentors Gabriel Travers and Maighréad 'Nets' McNulty.



NA FIANNA SUMMER CAMPS 2018

June 5th 2018

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Jackpot ? 5750 - No Winner

Match 3 Numbers ? 65 - Winner

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Lucky Pick Winner - ? 15

John Cotter
Vincent Wall
Barry c/o Vinny
E. Thompson c/o Vinny
Patrick McAlinney (Sat. Morn.)

Next Jackpot ? 6000



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Na Fianna Golf Classic

Friday 25th May 2018



A Golf Classic organized by a committee of the Senior Football and Hurling teams took place on Friday the 25th May in Donabate Golf Course in glorious sunshine. 35 teams competed on the day for prizes. The teams were treated to a number of goodies while out on the course generously donated by several sponsors.

After the event the teams gathered in the Clubhouse at Na Fianna to be fed by Aidan Irwin and the Cater 4 U team, after which the prize giving took place and a raffle for a range of prizes.



The prize winners on the day were as follows:-

Winners 100 points - Dermot Moran, Gerry Barrett, Willie Bergin and Greg Whooley

2nd 91 points - Freddie Deignan, Pat McCarthy, Ian Foley and Clive O'Reilly

3rd 90 points - Sean O'Laoire, Jim Gavin, Jim Carew and Pat Fitzpatrick

Front 9 winners – The Boar's Head

Back 9 winners – DCU

Nearest the Pin & Longest Drive – Liz O'Loughlin

Nearest the Pin – Tom Scanlon

Longest Drive – Brian Quilty

A big thanks to Donabate Golf Club and all the Sponsors including the main Team Sponsors McGowan's and MoveHome Estate Agents.

The Committee included Pat Breen, Joey Boland, Charlie O'Reilly, John Caffrey, Gerry Donohoe, Tom Gilligan, Tom Ryan, Donal Buggy and Tom Dowd. Special thanks to Breege O'Reilly who put together the hampers of prizes for the winners.



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Golf Classic winning team I/r Greg Whooley, Gerry Barrett, Willie Bergin and Dermot Moran.

Na Fianna Golf Society

Next outing for the golf society is on Monday June 11th in Rathfarnham Golf Club. Tee time 2-3.30. Contact Ciaran Gray for timesheet 0872269133. New members always welcome.





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Celtic Challengers



Congrats to Sean Brady, Ciaran McHugh and Tom Gleeson pictured on left, who represented Na Fianna in this week's Celtic Challenge against Offaly in Abbotstown.

2006 Girls Say Thanks!



A massive thank you from the 2006 girls to all who bought cakes at our cake Sale at last Saturday's Nursery. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



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Croke Park Newsletter

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