



ROCKLAND GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

INTERNAL LEAGUES

Our U8 Boys played the second round of games in their Internal League Competition on Thursday evening. Muster played Connacht in round 2 with Connacht winning a great game of football. In the other match Ulster faced Leinster in a titanic battle. Leinster just had too much for Ulster. Connacht so far have won both their games but there is a lot of football to be played. Huge thank to Harry Monaghan, Niall McKenna, Mark Comerford and Jimmy O'Flynn. Also thanks to Eoin and Conor Moriarty for refereeing the games. This is a pilot initiative that we plan to run with all our underage teams if possible. These mini leagues can be played at training and it'll allow the player more opportunities to play games and improve their skills and also increase their enjoyment of playing with Rockland GAA.

CAMOGIE

Our Camogs had a great day at Paddys Field on Saturday at the NYMB Blitz in their first outings of the year. Our U8, U10, U12, U14 and U16 Camogs all travelled and had a great day. All our teams were absolutely awesome, especially our U8 girls who have only been playing Camogie for a few weeks. All the team won their matches, which is fantastic for our girls. Well done to all.

HURLING VS ST PATS

Our Hurling program got off to a fantastic start with all our teams winning all their games. The U8 team had a great performance over their St Pats counterparts with Mossy O'Flynn getting Player of the Match. The U10 side had a comfortable win over St Pats in what was a great game of hurling with Liam Hannagan getting Player of the Match. Our U14 made it a clean sweep with an excellent team display Vs St Pats. Hurling within Rockland GAA continues to flourish and its fantastic seeing so many players enjoying this ancient sport. Huge thanks to our coaches and also to Mark Comerford and Jimmy O'Flynn for refereeing.

LADIES FOOTBALL

Our U8 Girls made the trip to Paddys Field and had a great days football playing in the Gaelic4Girls Blitz. U10 Rockland Shamrocks had another had a good game and an excellent win against a strong Shannon Gaels side. Our U12 Hibernians team had a great win against Shannon Gaels and our U12 Shamrocks team put in a very determined performance and showed great skill too in their win over Shannon Gaels. Thanks to Theresa McGovern and Courtney Traynor for referring.

Our Junior Ladies played their first match of the season Vs Cavan in the Annie Kearney Cup (11 aside). Our girls had a superb performance against a senior side. Although they started slowly they had a tremendous second half and if the game had've lasted 5mins more they could have created the upset of the year. When they can push a senior team all the way, this bodes well for the rest of the year for our young team.

BOYS & MENS GAELIC FOOTBALL

Our U8 Boys had two great games Vs NY Celtics. Our U8 A team lost narrowly in a great game of football and our U8 B team had a comprehensive win over NY Celtics. Thanks to Eoin and Darren Moriarty for refereeing the games. Our U10 A Boys played NY Celtics in an excellent game of football. Our boys put in a great performance but came up against yet another strong team. They continue to improve every week and they put in fantastic effort throughout the whole game. Our U12 played NY Celtics, which was easily our toughest game of the season so far. Our boys played until the very end but Celtics were just too strong for us. Our U12 B team travelled to Monroe on Saturday for a game with St Brendan's. Rockland got on top from the start in this one, and an early Jason Reilly goal added to a sprinkling of points from various players which saw Rockland in a dominant position at half time. Rockland went on to win comfortably and record their third win on the trot, to remain unbeaten for the season. Rockland had a lot of strong performers throughout the team, with Owen O'Hara Player of the Game being one of many standouts. Our U14 team fared much better in having a great win over NY Celtics. The dominated the game



from the very start and ran out comprehensive winners. Our U16 & U18 boys had a mixed weekend. On Friday evening our U16 team put in a good performance but came out on the wrong side of the result against a strong Shannon Gaels team. The U18 team had a great battle with Shannon Gaels. Both teams played some wonderful football and thankfully our boys came out with the win in what was a close match. On Sunday both teams suffered losses against St Barnabas with our U16 boys putting in another excellent performance but suffered a heartbreakingly close defeat. Our U18 team succumbed to their first defeat of the year. Our Junior A Team had their first outing of the year Vs Manhattan Gaels on Saturday. The team put in a very good performance for their first outing of the year. However the result did not go our way with Manhattan Gaels winning on a scoreline of 15 points to 1-9. You learn more from defeats than you do from wins. You win or you learn.

RGAA COACH EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS

We are running a Foundation Level Coaching Qualification in May/June. It is important all coaches have this qualification. We are also planning on running an Award One Child Coaching Qualification Course in September. The Award One Child Course is open to all coaches working with children from U6 up to and including U12. For additional information please contact rockland.gdo@gmail.com

RGAA SUMMER CAMP 2017

Our Summer Camp will take place for 5-12 year old children from 17th-21st July 2017. Camp will be from 9am-2pm. Cost is \$150 for first child and \$120 for each additional child. Each child registered will receive \$90 worth of top quality O'Neills International Sportswear gear.

To register your child follow the pointers below

- Visit www.rocklandgaa.com
- On the left hand side of our website select the "DOCUMENT & RESOURCES" tab
- Click on the "SUMMER CAMP 2017 REGISTRATION" form
- Print the form / Fill it out / Sign / Post the form and Check to the address stated on the registration.



RGAA CLUBHOUSE OPENING WEEKEND

Our new facility will be officially opened over the weekend of 7TH-9TH July. We have a fantastic weekend of events planned to mark the occasion and these will be announced very soon.

If you are free to help out at the clubhouse before then you will be more than welcome. Many hands make light work