



## ROCKLAND GAA GAMES DEVELOPMENT NEWSLETTER

### INTERNAL LEAGUES

Our U8 Boys Internal League is shaping up nicely. There is only 1 round of games left to play. Connacht, Leinster and Munster are joint top of the table, with Ulster getting their first win last Thursday evening. Things are poised nicely for a great final round of games this Thursday evening.

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PTS</u>
CONNACHT	3	2	6
LEINSTER	3	2	6
MUNSTER	3	2	6
ULSTER	1	4	2

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.

### Gaelic Football

A busy week of fixtures began last Monday evening with our Junior B Men playing Rangers in Gaelic Park. Even though they came out on the wrong side of the 1-15 to 2-07 scoreline, they did put in a very positive performance that bodes well for the upcoming games. Our U14 Boys came up against a very strong Shannon Gaels team last Monday. Missing a few players they unfortunately lost out on this occasion. Our U16 Boys played Rangers last Tuesday evening and had a tough day at the office coming out on the wrong side of the result on this occasion. On Saturday our U8 Boys continued their impressive season with a win over Setanta. Our U10 Boys lost both their games this weekend but only by the smallest of margins. They are improving every week and the more games they play the more improvement they show. Our U12 Boys had two excellent wins against Setanta and St Joe's respectively. They are having a very impressive season Our U12 B team dominated from the beginning and went on to win comfortably, remaining unbeaten for the season, with quite a few strong performances throughout the team, with Jack O Sullivan getting the POG award for his particularly strong effort. Well done Jack. Our U14 redeemed themselves from their loss last Monday with a good win over St Joe's. Our U18 team continued their good season with an excellent win over Ranger in Gaelic Park. Our Men's Intermediate team lost out to Rangers in a tough game for our lads.

### CAMOGIE

On Saturday our Camogs travelled to Limerick, Philadelphia for a U10, U12 and U14 Blitz. Rockland Camogs and St Brigid's teamed up as New York and they had a great day had a great day. The U10 Team won one and lost one match, the U12 and U14 won their matches. This was a fantastic day and a great showing of how Camogie is developing, which is great to see. Thank you and well done to our U10 girls - Emma Levins, Ava Lynch, Molly and Maura Forde, Our U12 girls - Sally Plaginos and Eilish Boylan and our U14 girls - Ava McGuigan, Maggie Glynn, Aine Keaney and Maeve O'Connell. Thank you to Susan Keaney, Cecelia Lynch, Catherine Levins and Ciara Shalvey who continue to put in great work with our Camogs. Thank you also to the Philadelphia players and coaches and also thank you to the St Brigid's players and coaches for making it a wonderful day of Camogie

### HURLING

We had a mixed weekend. Our U17 Boys, who are amalgamated with Shannon Gaels, lost out to St Brendans on Friday evening in Rockland. On Saturday our U8, U10, U12 and U14 Boys played Le Cheile in Rockland. It was a great day of Hurling. Our U8 team had a great win, unfortunately our U10, U12 and U14 were not successful in winning their games but they did put in excellent performances which will give them great confidence for the remainder of the season.



Connacht GAA Director of Hurling, Damien Coleman, will be taking a CDP Workshop this week. The theme is “Games to Develop Players” and this workshop is suitable for all coaches working with Youth and Adult teams. This is a great chance for coaches to up skill and learn new games that will assist them in their coaching. The date and venue are as follows:- THURS MAY 25<sup>th</sup> – PADDY’S FIELD – 6.30-8pm.

### **LADIES FOOTBALL**

Both our U10 girls’ teams played each other on last Wednesday. Our Hibernians team was too strong for the Shamrocks in what was an excellent game of football played with great skill and with both teams showing great respect to each other. Our U10 Girls lost out on Saturday morning Vs Setanta with our U12 girls having a great win. Our Junior Girls played Fermanagh Ladies in a sweltering Gaelic Park last Thursday evening. With the scores poised at 2-04 to 1-02 in Rockland’s favour, our girls were able to peel away with a very strong second half performance to run with a 5-14 to 2-04 win. This gives our girls 2nd place in the group and they now play Kerry/Donegal Tuesday evening in Annie Kearney Semi Final in Rockland at 7pm. All support is welcome. Good luck girls

### **RGAA U12 GIRLS Vs U12 BOYS**

Our U12 Boys and U12 Girls teams had a practice match against each other on Sunday morning. The game itself did not disappoint as both teams were really up for the challenge, with family loyalties and allegiances put aside, as siblings and cousins lined up on opposing sides. There was some fabulous football played by both sides, with great passing movements and lots of last ditch desperation tackles, that belied the fact that it was all for fun. When the dust had settled, the boy’s came out on top to claim bragging rights for now, but were it not for the woodwork saving them on several occasions the result might have been very different. The U12 girls are looking forward to a rematch. The result was really immaterial, as both parents and kids alike, were in agreement that it was a most enjoyable and exciting game that was played in a very sporting fashion. Huge thanks to all the players and coaches, John Donohoe, Eoin Durkin and Mike Killeen for setting it up.

### **RGAA COACH EDUCATION QUALIFICATIONS**

We are running a Foundation Level Coaching Qualification. It is important all coaches have this qualification if they want to be involved in this year’s CYC in Buffalo. The dates are **SUNDAY JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>** and **SUNDAY JUNE 11<sup>th</sup> – 9am-12pm**. For additional information please contact [rockland.gdo@gmail.com](mailto:rockland.gdo@gmail.com)

### **RGAA SUMMER CAMP 2017**

We currently have 85 children registered for this year’s RGAA Summer Camp. The camp will take place for 5-12 year old children from 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> 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. Contact [rockland.gdo@gmail.com](mailto:rockland.gdo@gmail.com) for information on how to register



### **RGAA CLUBHOUSE OPENING WEEKEND**

Our new facility will be officially opened over the weekend of 7<sup>TH</sup>-9<sup>TH</sup> July. We have a fantastic weekend of events planned to mark the occasion. Keep up to date with events on our Website as well as the RGAA Facebook, Twitter, Instagram accounts.

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