

Schoolboy teams - by the managers

The **Under 11s** under the guidance of Andy Lehane, Nick Swanton and Tony Dold have settled well after a poor start. It took the lads a few games to adjust from the 7-a-side format used for Under 10 last year. On this evidence the decision to switch this year's 10s to a nine-a-side game has to be welcomed.



After the slow start, 3 successive victories have seen the team move from the relegation zone to the fringes of the promotion battle. This was kick started with a 3-0 win away to Bandon where Colin O'Sullivan notched all 3 in a superb performance. With just over half the games remaining we can figure in the final shakeup if present form is maintained. Hopefully 3 points conceded to Fermoy over a venue mix-up won't come back to haunt us!

Cian Ryder is improving all the time in goal, marshalling his defence which is

coolly led by Stephen Crowley and Gavin Maloney. David "Frankie" Sheehan and Jack Cronin provide the steel in midfield.

The **Under 12s** are going great guns at the moment and sit proudly on top of the table. The management team of Andy Lehane, Gavin Roche (Senior skipper) and "Sir" Colm Drinan (we're way ahead of the FAI here) are delighted with the lads' progress this year. A recent 1-0 victory away to then leaders Bandon, allowed us to leapfrog them into pole position.

Chris O'Flynn captains the side from goal and is having an excellent season with only 3 league goals conceded. Dave McCarthy is the "stopper" and Alan Murray sweeps behind him to great effect. The two Eoin's complement each other superbly in midfield, Harris provides the graft and Murphy the craft, orchestrating the attacking side of things with vision and flair. Rob Lehane is top scorer for both 11s and 12s and leads the line really well, threatening all the time. There's a long way to go but this gang love to train and if they keep up the effort there's no reason they can't be still contenders come May.



This season, the **Under 13s** are managed by Alan Cremin and Bertie Cullinane. The signs for this side are much better than previously, competitive in all fixtures and well involved in the chase for promotion.

They have become very solid defensively, eradicating serious errors which were previously leading to goals. As well, they have improved as an attacking force, probably maturing overall as a footballing team. Goalie, Cian Hammond, Graham Cullinane, Eoin Cremin and Andrew

Lehane are among the stand out players in an outfit which has clearly benefitted from the experience gained over the last two seasons. They are currently on the fringes of the promotion battle, and converting some draws into wins would make them genuine challengers.

The **Under 14** season to date has seen a huge improvement in our goal scoring, not only netting more

often but also from many more players. In recent games we have paid a heavy price for unforced errors and this is our number one concern at the moment.

For the second year in a row we were knocked out of the National Cup at the last Regional Stage which is hugely frustrating. In the last 2 seasons we have however reached the Quarter and Semi Final of the Local Cup so with a bit of luck perhaps we can go one better this year. We are currently mid table in the Premier League, a position we have become accustomed to in the last couple of campaigns.

There has been a significant improvement throughout the squad in terms of technique and fitness this season thanks in no small way to Anthony Lane who has worked magnificently as team coach since July. This current group is the third to benefit from Anthony's experience and his attitude and vitality is a huge asset to the team.

This team is capable of producing tremendously exciting football at times. If we can tighten up in defence and work harder in the centre of midfield I believe we could beat any team in the County. The future is bright. Finally, huge thanks to all the Mum's and Dad's who have supported the team and helped with transportation.

Under 15s—Having won the Division 1 title last season and getting promoted to the Premier league they have held their own this season. We are currently unbeaten in the league and are still in the local cup.

The management team of Barry O Donovan, Stephen Birmingham and goal keeping Coach, John O Brien have been keeping the squad on their toes, seeing development with every passing week. The current Under 15 squad includes Cork players—Steve Mahon, Jack Walsh, Paul O'Halloran. As well, Gearoid Morrissey and Connor Hourihan are currently in the Under 15 Ireland training squad, while Kevin O Brien has already played for the Irish Under 16 side this season.

The squad are hoping to continue their decent start, to consolidate their position in the Premier Division this season.

The **Under 15A team** are playing their first season together in Division 2. The team was the brain child of John Devlin, who volunteered to run an extra team in the club. He has recruited Rory Lucey and Tadhg Cronin and they are now consolidating their position in the league. Following some early hiccups, they have now garnered points in the league, with a decent record of 2 wins, 2 draws and 2 defeats.

A number of players on this side have been with the 'Hall since Under 11, James Archer, Cormac Collins, Conor Lucey, Fiachra Devlin, Paul Clarke, Eddie Murphy, Des Wade, Tomas Drinan, Steve Franklin, with others joining the club this season.

All in all, the season is going well—the team is starting to play well together and most importantly everyone is enjoying themselves.



The **Under 16's**, under the management of Dan Horgan, Brendan Cotter and Ron Rigby have been developing very nicely so far this season. The team is showing all the signs of now gelling in their second season in football. There has been consistent scoring exploits from Jonathon Wallace and Emmanuel Adeleke, in particular, while the addition of Emmett Long and Joe Cotter has added to the strength of the squad.

Their recent series of wins in the league has catapulted them into contention in the league—Crosshaven and Nufarm Athletic both shipping 4 goals from the 'Hall. The team management anticipate the same consistency in the back half of the season, which would definitely see the side well involved in the league run-in.