

# GAZETTE SPORT

## FAST Sport



### Meteors Under-20s win through to final four

METEORS Under-20 side reached the semi-finals of the National Cup with an impressive 57-51 win over KUBS at Greendale last Thursday.

Rachel Rice top scored with 16 points while Lauren Mitchell and Bethany Thompson also made telling contributions to the final tally. It sets them up for a final four date with either the UL Huskies or Killester which will take place in January.

## ATHLETICS: LOCAL CLUB ADD MORE MEDALS TO CROSS COUNTRY HAUL

# DSDAC shine in Italy and Louth

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LOCAL athletes from Dundrum South Dublin AC shone both in Italy and in Dundalk in the latest series of cross country races.

For the Irish Under-20 team in Chia, the club's Sophie Murphy finished in 38th position at the European championships.

Club mate Jodie McCann, who makes this age group for three more years, finished 72nd.

At Under-23 level, Bethanie Murray was

first home of the Irish in 46th place.

DSDAC added to their haul of medals from the national championships at Abbotstown a fortnight ago with a series of gutsy performances at Dundalk IT last Sunday at the Irish Life Health uneven ages national cross country championships.

A very impressive run by Paul O'Donnell saw him win the Under-19 boys' race, leading the DSD team to first place with Christian McKenna, just back from injury,

supporting him well in 13th place.

In the Under-17 girls' race, Abi Taylor showed no signs of her illness of last week, running a superb race to take the title. She also led the club's team to gold team medals with Roseanne McCullough finishing third to take the bronze individual medal.

Aaron Donnelly was first home in the Under-17 boys race in tenth place with the team finishing second. The Under-15 boys also took silver with Peter Duffy



U-17 winner Abigail Taylor, centre, DSDAC, with second place Claire Rafter, left, and Roseanne McCullough, third, also from DSD. Picture: Seb Daly/Sportsfile

first home in 16th place.

With a depleted team, the DSD Under-19s team showed great determination to grab the bronze medals.

The Under-15 girls, meanwhile, were unlucky not to pick up medals, finishing in

fourth position with Under-14 Eimear Maher showing the way in 12th place.

Also enjoying the occasion and obtaining great experience from the day were the Under-13 girls who finished eighth.

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## SENIOR STATUS

## Naomh Olaf eventually get best of Fingallians

AFTER over two hours of gut-wrenching action, Naomh Olaf eventually claimed victory in their AFL Division 3 playoff to earn a place in the senior league ranks for 2017.

The initial tie had ended in a cracking 1-20 a piece draw in Stepside, leading to a replay in Lawless Park. The tie provided more thrills and spills but Olaf's ultimately prevailed 3-7 to 2-8. Picture: Kyran O'Brien



## HURLING: CLASSIC FINAL LEVEL 12 TIMES IN TOTAL



Na Fianna's Hugh Fenlon blocks down a Fergal Whiteley shot. Picture: Diarmuid O'Gallchobhair

# Na Fianna strike late to dethrone Crokes

## UNDER-21AHC FINAL

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| Na Fianna       | 0-18 |
| Kilmacud Crokes | 0-15 |

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KILMACUD Crokes' Under-21 hurlers were dethroned as county hurling champions as Na Fianna eventually won their final arm-wrestle at Parnell Park last Sunday evening.

It was a titanic tussle with the sides were level 12 times in total – and five times in the second half – before the Glasnevin side eventually turned the screw in the closing five minutes, Eoghan McHugh's pair of points

and a Donal Burke free proving critical.

Those scores were all that separated the teams with the sides locked at 0-15 each with the clocking ticking past the 56-minute mark of a tense and high quality affair.

Two early Na Fianna points from Burke and Sean Murphy were quickly countered by Fergal Whiteley and Ciaran McIntyre to set the tone. Micheal Roche pointed a free which was followed by two white flags for Na Fianna by Gavin King and McHugh.

It went back and forth like this with, as half time

approached, Hayes and Whiteley adding further points from Crokes, with AJ Murphy getting one in reply for Na Fianna as the sides went level seven times.

In injury time, Roche again pointed from a free for Crokes, leaving Crokes 0-9 to 0-8 up. Roche continued where he left off to eke out a two-point lead but, once again, Na Fianna came back with King and Burke clearing the bar, the latter being Na Fianna's first score from a free.

And so on it went with scores going back and forth.

Crokes' Michael Roche

converted from two more frees, interspersed with a point by AJ Murphy for Na Fianna. It set up for a manic last 10 minutes at 0-13 each.

Na Fianna got the next two scores from play via Colin Currie and Cathal Doran as they pushed for home before Roche converted from another free. Whiteley got Crokes last score of the match to draw level in the 56th minute.

However, two points from play by McHugh and a converted free by Donal Burke as the match entered the third minute of injury time saw Na Fianna win by three.

## CLUB NOTICEBOARD

## BALLYBODEN ST ENDA'S

HARD luck to our U-21 footballers on their defeat to Kilmacud Crokes on Saturday.

Our senior hurlers are selling Christmas Trees in the club carpark every Thursday and Friday from 6-9pm and every Saturday and Sunday from 9am-6pm.

Congrats to St Vincent's crowned Leinster Champions and best of luck in

the rest of the Our Ballyboden St Enda's calendar will be available to buy for €5 in the clubhouse. We have hundreds of pictures and it is a perfect Christmas present.

Our 2016 Boden News will be available in February 2017. The deadline for the Boden News is December 19. Please have all reports and pictures sent to the PRO of your section.

## KILMACUD CROKES

CONGRATULATIONS to the U-21A footballers who beat Ballyboden St Enda's 1-18 to 0-6 in the championship semi-final. Hard luck to U-21A hurlers who lost their championship final to Na Fianna 0-15 to 0-18.

Thanks to all who supported the annual benevolent draw in the club over the weekend. Please note the 2016 football section AGM will take place on Thursday, December 15 at 8pm in the function room in Glenalbyn House.

Also, the hurling section annual general meeting will take place on

Sunday, December 18 at 8pm in the function room.

Kick Start Kilmacud Crokes is back for 2017 – check out the club website for more details.

A coffee morning for St Vincent de Paul will take place in the Village Café, Stillorgan, on Thursday, December 15. Half of your spend will be donated to the charity.

Likewise, Thursday, December 22 in aid of the Dublin Simon Community. If you are meeting for coffee, please support these two events. Do a little to help a lot.

## WANDERERS

LOTTO: there was no winner. Numbers drawn were 3, 10 and 12; €25 to June Keegan, Margaret Keating, Gerry Whelan, Gerry Purcell.

Next week's jackpot is €3,400 and the Christmas draw next week will have consolation prizes of €100 each.

Draw for the Christmas hamper takes place on Saturday, December 17 and will be €2 per line.

The club are now looking for new management for the men's first team for the coming season in Division 6 after winning Division 7 last season.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Jim Conlon on 087 9967416.

If you are interested in joining the

ladies team, please contact Louise on 086 8333587.

Nursery for four to seven-year-olds will return in the new year, please contact Fergal on 087 6213142 for more details.

Juvenile football and hurling will also continue in the New Year.

Please contact Alan on 087 9976008 for more details, all new members welcome.

If you would like a match report or photos submitted to the website or press, please contact pro@wanderersgaa.ie.

All items for the club notes must be submitted by 10am each Monday to pro@wanderersgaa.ie.

## SHANKILL

THE results of last week's lotto draw, which is sponsored by Slimming World Shankill, saw the numbers 1, 2, 21 and 23 drawn; the jackpot was not won.

Lucky dip winners were Louise Lawless, Luke and S Hanks. The lotto committee is taking a Christmas break so the next draw will be on Thursday, January 19, 2017 when the jackpot will be €1,200.

Our academy, sponsored by O'Donnell's Pharmacy, is also taking a Christmas break and will be back on Saturday, January 14, 2017 in St Laurence's College.

There will be a club social night on Monday, December 19 in Brady's Pub. All very welcome.

Our U-14 boys and men's adult football teams are looking for extra players for next season. U-14 players contact Gabriel on 085 7254897 and adults contact Kevin on 086 8449902.

For more information on the club, contact secretary.shankill.dublincgaa.ie or call 086 4010438. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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