



# Clanna Gael Fontenoy GAA Club

## CLANNS UPDATE



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### Minors edge thriller in style

Coming from a point down with seven minutes to go, our minor footballers put in a storming finish with four unanswered points to beat a fancied Kilmacud Crokes in the league in front of a large crowd at Sean Moore Park on Sunday. This is their second win in three outings; and when they can field their strongest side they will be a difficult team to beat. They started strongly with excellent points from play from Ross Maher (0-7) and led by four in the early stages. Crokes came back strongly with two goals and some fine points and, but for some fine saves by Danno Bolton, Clanns could have been in trouble. The backs gave a magnificent display - Jack Redmond, Mark Stafford and Cian Mulcahy - while Jay Murphy at corner back gave a man-of-the-match performance. Austin Dodd and Niall Lavery (1-1) were powerhouses at centre field, while David Meenan (0-1) at centre half back looks like the next Jack McCaffery with his trademark defence splitting runs. Des Og (0-3) had a strong display at centre forward ably assisted by David Byrne (0-2), Danno Kelly (0-1), Harry Wesley and James Corcoran in the forwards.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 1-14 Kilmacud Crokes 2-8**



### Goals win it for our U-13 girls

The U-13s latest game came against Templeogue Synge Street in Crumlin. Buoyed by the previous week's win against table toppers Ballyboden a strong squad turned out for this away trip. Captain for the day, Katie Rose Barry, elected to play with the wind, but despite a strong start Clanns went into the break two points down – 1-5 to 0-6. Nevertheless, an encouraging aspect of our play was that our scores were spread across five players – Katie Rose got us started with further points from Grace Tiernan, Eva Dowling (2), Roisin Staunton and Aoife McLoughlin. However, the opposition defence was tight and they had two particularly strong players in midfield.

## Club News

### Easter Camps

The Easter Camps have been one of the club's big attractions. And this year is shaping up to be every bit as good as previous years.

### Clanna Gael Fontenoy Easter Camp



**Children Aged 4 - 12**



- Mon to Thurs; 14th-17th April
- Tues - Fri; 22nd-25th April
- 10am to 2.30pm daily
- Fun games, Gaelic Football and Hurling
- €40 per week per child per week

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Whatever Ann McLoughlin had injected into the half time oranges proved a real winner though and the second half developed into a gripping battle up and down the pitch. Laura Ferry switched into midfield and Katie Rose moved up front and this immediately paid dividends with two goals rocking Templeogue back on their heels. The half back line of Ella Tiernan, Sarah Crowe and Aoibhe Walsh harried and hassled their opponents so much so that their points had to come from some distance out and their shots increasingly drifted wide. Any ball over the top was snuffed out quickly by Leah Rose McDonough (who had another stormer) and Naomi Lane. As legs tired, Tove Murphy and Lucy Bolster joined the fray in the backline and helped steady the ship which was beginning to list!

Roisin Staunton soon pounced and, latching onto a great through ball from Chloe McCarthy, blazed home another goal. Straight from the kick out Ellen O'Byrne sent Roisin clear through for another goal to now put Clanns two points ahead. But back came Templeogue with another point only for Roisin to immediately respond after some great movement up the centre of the pitch with a point of her own. Our hosts weren't giving up however and, after some sustained pressure and two point blank saves from Yseult Travers, snatched a goal of their own to draw level with minutes remaining.

From the resulting kick-out Clanns worked the ball up the pitch into the teeth of the wind. It passed through at least six pairs of hands before Emily McAlinden peeled away from her marker to receive a beautiful ball into her path from Laura 20 yards out from goal. Holding her nerve she picked her spot and left the excellent Templeogue goalkeeper helpless with a beautifully taken goal. Grace caught the kick-out and sent the ball halfway towards the Children's Hospital which was as good as an insurance point.

**Templeogue Synges Street 2-13 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 5-7**

### **U-12 hurlers do the double!**

The U-12 boys' hurling teams both scored 11 times last Saturday while recording two great wins at home. The B team threw in at 11:00 against Na Fianna and put their illustrious visitors under severe pressure from the off. Clanns were very quick off the mark with some fine hurling. Harry O'Sullivan and Carl Fitzgerald fed our dynamic attacking line of Jack Betson, Sam Hayes, Finn Reidy and Callum O'Reilly. A good half-time lead was built upon in the second half with Callum O'Reilly rampant scoring two goals and two points. Pace, power and precision!

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 4-7 Na Fianna 0-1**



## **Club News**

### **Lotto Results**

The following numbers drawn on the 7<sup>th</sup> April for a jackpot of €7,600 did not produce a winner: 3, 15, 19 and 29.

Next week's jackpot is €7,800

The lucky winners of €20 were:  
G.M.Govern, Paula Murray, Morgan Weymes, Carol Byrne, T.C.L.F. c/o Kenos.

Playing the Club Lotto is one sure way of helping the club's finances. Pick any five numbers and these are then eligible for all jackpot draws. Plus there are 5 x €20.00 winners drawn weekly.

It costs just €2.00 per ticket weekly. Or you can play by standing order through your bank if you so wish.

Contact Jay Byrne at 086-8870376 for details.

### **Best Practice**

The Club recently hosted a Code of Best Practice course which was attended by about 16 coaches and was well received by all. It is now a mandatory element of the Foundation Level coaching course.



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The U-12 A team took to the pitch against Clontarf at 12:15, having seen the bar set high by the B team. And they picked up where their friends left off. Setting out with a strong spine down the middle the Clanns boys set about the challenge with serious intent.

Two of our players made the step up from the B team and made a great impact: Art Stephenson, injured in the B game, played a determined forward role for the As; and Eamon Cullimore scored a fine 65m in the second half. Conor Moriarty was a constant link man for our fine defensive players, Brian Barron and James Crowley, with Stephen Deering busy all over the pitch. Tadgh O'Ceallaigh and Denis O'Connor scored excellent goals in the first half to give the team a comfortable half-time lead of 3-3 to 0-1. Not for the first time, Cian Morgan gave an exhibition of hurling that all parents on both side appreciated. His contribution to the final score was a really impressive 1-6.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 3-8 Clontarf 1-2**



### **First home win for camogie team**

The senior camogie team enjoyed their first home win of the season with a convincing win over a visiting Erins Isle team. As always with these opponents, the match got off to a fast past with tackles coming in from all directions. Clanns had two new debutants, Ashling O'Kelly and Eileen O'Mahony, both of whom really showed their class. A point from Sarah Ryan got things off to a brilliant start and some strong defending helped us settle in the game. After a high tackle on Lynn Dunne was waved on by the referee Lynn still managed to finish the move off with a fine goal, leaving the half-time score 1-1 to 0-1 in favour of Clanns.

The second half started with a frenzy with a very early goal for the visitors, leaving Clanns fighting for the lead once again. However, Annemarie Roach (two stunning goals) and Suzanne Murray (one goal) created and converted must needed chances to settle matters once more and see Clanns run out deserving winners. Many thanks to our new manager, Seany, who has worked very hard with the squad during the pre season and the efforts are now paying off.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 4-1 Erins Isle 1-1**

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## **Club Fixtures**

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#### **Football [Sat 12<sup>th</sup> April]**

##### **Boys**

###### U-8 Boys:

Clanns v St Patricks, 10.00hrs

###### U-9 Boys:

Round Towers v Clanns, 10.00hrs

###### U-10 Boys:

Clanns v Thomas Davis, 11.00hrs

###### U-11 Boys:

Fingallians v Clanns, 11.00

###### U-12 Boys:

Round Towers v Clanns, 12.15hrs

###### U-12 [2] Boys:

Clanns v Geraldine Morans, 12.15hrs

###### U-14 Boys [Hurling, 17<sup>th</sup>]:

Clanns v Naomh Barrog, 19.00hrs

###### U-15 Boys [Hurling, Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>]:

Clanns v Raheny, 11.30hrs

##### **Girls**

###### U-8 Girls:

Foxrock-Cabinteely v Clanns, 10.00hr

###### U-9 Girls:

Clanns v Raheny, 12.00hrs

###### U-11 Girls:

Clanns v St Brigids, 17.00hrs

###### U-14 Girls :

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## U-15 girls battle to the end

Forget the score line. This U-15 team battled hard from start to finish. In this their first match against the top team in Division 1 Clanns had to play flat out to compete with Clontarf - and they did. The match remained scoreless for the first 10 minutes thanks to determined defence from Laura Gonzales, Anna Heavy, Lorna Carr and the superb Kate Benson. Captain Claire Byrne's display in goal was courageous and classy - inspiring all in front of her. The Clontarf finishing was lethal, but the running, tackling and blocking of Shona McCann and Ella Thirrouiez was fantastic! All the girls gave everything they had, showed true grit and played for each other. The forwards did not get much ball but Ava scored three nice points nonetheless, Emer one and Amy O'Hora two goals - the last one finished well from Ava's accurate free. The girls will certainly have more successful days ahead, but you have to admire their commitment and attitude. They may have lost the match but they battled to the finish!

**Clontarf 6-8 Clanna Gael Fontenoy 2-4**



*Clanns U-14 midfield duo – Rory O’Kennedy and Evan Caulfield with the ball*

## U-14s make it three in a row

Winning ways are the order of the day for our U-14 footballers who knotted up an eight-point win in their latest outing, making it three wins in a row in Division 4. Fingallians came to Sean Moore Park without a win to date and the early exchanges duly showed Clanns to be the stronger team. A comfortable 2-5 to 0-4 Clanns lead at half time confirmed this. However, Finagallians upped their performance significantly in the second half and that, combined with a creeping complacency in the Clanns play, saw them come to within a point of the home side's lead. Fortunately, Clanns regained their composure to take control again and run out somewhat comfortable winners in the end.

Evan Caulfield proved a powerhouse in every sense, driving and creating from midfield and defending with determination when required. He was well supported in the middle by Rory O’Kennedy and up front by Ciaran Hendrick who showed for the ball at every opportunity. While the sideline mentors called for points to be taken, it was goals from Kevin McGrath and Conor Pugh that contributed to the winning margin. And when the going got really tough Cian O’Regan held the defensive line very well, Ruairi Corrigan in the corner had his best ever outing in the Clanns colours, while Donal Byrne was as ever solid as a rock in goal.

**Clanna Gael Fontenoy 5-8 Fingallians 1-12**

## Club News

### Ladies show the way

Congratulations to Niamh Shaw and Maria O’Dea and the Dublin U-14s on their recent excellent Leinster championship win over Meath with a score line of 1-10 to 1-5.

Our Ladies football teams have enjoyed mixed results recently. The Senior team have continued their recent good form with a fine league win over Round Towers in Clondalkin. Our Minors lost for the first time this season against a very good O’Dwyers team in Balbriggan. Our Juniors played their first competitive game of the season and, despite an extremely strong second half performance, they were unable to overcome a good Erins Isle team.

### Beach Run – diary date

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – that’s when this year’s Beach Run takes place. A fun event for all ages to raise funds for the Club, the run will get underway at 13.00 for kids followed by adults at 13.30. Make sure to put this date in your diary.



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