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St. Colms U14s finished the first half of the Cork U14B league with an away win against UL Huskies in Lisnagry last Saturday to complete an unbeaten 6 wins from 6 in the competition so far.

St Colms came out of the blocks quickly in this game, moving the ball well and established an early lead with all five starters getting on the score sheet with Ciara D leading the way with 12 of the 24 points scored in the quarter followed by Nofeesat, Grainne, Natasha and Maxim.

The second quarter saw the girls up the tempo and with Treasa again controlling the point very well and a mixture of using the fast break and lovely outside shots from the girls saw them increase their lead with some great scores from Aisling, Melissa, Treasa and Ava.

The third quarter was low scoring with Sarah Jane hitting 6 points and Anna getting some great offensive rebounds but with some unforced passing errors from the girls they should have been better rewarded for the number of chances they had. There was some lovely defensive work by the girls, especially Emma and they also tried new offensive drills in this game.

The last quarter saw a good rotation of players with the outcome already confirmed and some great rebounding from Grace combined with lovely dribbling skills by the girls especially Ciara, set the girls up well for the second half of the league. Top scorers were Ciara on 16, Aisling on 12, Melissa on 10 and Sarah Jane on 8.

The U16 were also in Cork League action this weekend when they took on Carrigaline in CBS. The girls have been on an excellent run over the last couple of weeks and that good form continued here with the girls taking an early lead that they never looked like relinquishing.

A combination of strong defence and excellent use of the fast break helped the girls open up a healthy 38-23 halftime lead.

This was extended to 54-34 early in the final quarter before the girls closed it out with a comfortable 63-46 win.

This squad has improved game on game this season and this was a real team effort with all girls performing strongly on the day.

Next up this week the U14s have a NM game v Limerick Celtics on Tuesday 10th December in CBS followed on Saturday 14th December by a Cork cup game v Midleton in the Parochial Hall at 7pm.

The U18s travel to Ballincollig in the Cork League on Saturday with the U11 and U13 development squads also in action in CBS on Saturday.

Best of luck also to the seniors who take on Newport in the North Munster league on Tuesday night in St Munchins.

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After a hectic few weeks of basketball it was a relatively quiet week on the courts.

Our U18 girls were on the road again to play their seventh consecutive away game in the Cork League. Their opponents for last Saturday's game was Ballincollig.

This was a very stop, start performance by the girls where they mixed some excellent periods of play with patchy periods. The girls were well in control in the first quarter and led by 18-9. Their second quarter performance was one the girls will definitely want to forget as they were outscored by the home team 10-2. The girls upped their game in the third quarter winning it by 13-4 to lead by 10 going into the final quarter. However, they again went to sleep in the final quarter and allowed Ballincollig back into the game. In the end, the girls can count themselves lucky to win out on a 40-37 score line. Even though the girls were certainly not at their best, they were still able to grind out the win under trying circumstances. Top scorers for the girls on the day were Bronagh Dollard 11, Abbie Pigott 10 and Sophie Moore 7.

With most of the heavy away schedule in the Cork league now nearly complete, the girls can look forward to a whole programme of home games in Limerick in the new year.

Meanwhile our U11 and U13 girls took part in a range of development games in CBS on Saturday which were enjoyed by all.

These games are a great chance for the girls to practice their skills in a non-competitive environment and build up valuable court time.

St Colms were happy to host teams from Springfield, Clare Comets and Nenagh on the day and we hope all the players and parents enjoyed what was a great day of basketball.

After their short break it will be a busy week for our U14s and U16s. The 14s take on Limerick Celtics on Tuesday in the North Munster League. They will then make the trip to Parochial Hall on Saturday to take on Middleton in the Cork Championship.

The U16s have a similarly busy week taking on Cobh in the Cork Championship on Saturday evening before hosting Limerick Celtics in a Cork League Clash on Sunday afternoon.

Best of luck to all the girls.

15th December 2019

The U14's had a busy week with a North Munster League match and a Cork Cup match.

The North Munster match on Tuesday night was an exciting game. The girls were level at the end of the first quarter with 8 points each. The girls had 4 unanswered points at the start of the second quarter but a few missed opportunities late in this quarter saw Celtics take the lead. The game was end to end with a great display of basketball from both sides. The girls didn't get the win on this occasion but 9 players did contribute to the scores which is a good thing to see. Top scores were Nofessat with 8 points and Grace with 6 points.

The girls then had a Saturday night cup game against Middleton in Cork. The girls ran the fast break and with good outside shooting they now progress to the next round of the cup which is Saturday 21st at 10.45am. All the girls got on the score sheet in this good win. Nofessat, Grainne and Treasa with 10 points each, Ciara, Aisling and Melissa with 8 points each and Emma with 6 points.

The under 16s also had a busy weekend taking on Cobh in Cork on Saturday night.

The girls were depleted by injury and unavailability so a number of their U14 colleagues stepped up on the day. This was a real end to end game with Kate Barry and Amy Buckley in particular shining for our girls.

However Cobh were a little too strong on the evening and were worthy winners on the night.

