

2<sup>nd</sup> December 2014

Our U20 girls bowed out of the U20 National Cup at the quarter final stage at the hands of Liffey Celtics. Despite some outstanding performances by Lynsey Purcell, Aoife O' Connell and Eimear Dollard, the girls could not cope with the inside game of their Kildare counterparts who now progress to the semi finals.

On the local front both our senior teams were in action with both recording excellent wins.

The Saints qualified for the Quarter finals of the North Munster Cup with a win over Tipperary. This was a tight and low scoring affair in the first half with the Saints leading 16-9. In the second half the Saints began to get the upper hand even though their dominance was not reflected on the scoreboards. Nevertheless they did enough to comfortably win out on a score line of 37-22.

Top scorers for Saints were Eimear O' Malley 10, Aisling Stapleton 6 and Noreen Campbell 6.

The Scholars faced up to Thurles IT in a deferred North Munster league game. It was evident from very early in this game that the Scholars would be much too strong for their college opponents. The Scholars were able to score at will and proved much too quick on the open floor against their outclassed opponents. The final scoreline of 80-20 reflected the gulf between the two teams.

Top scorers for Scholars were Lynsey Purcell 25, Emily Kavanagh 20 and Laura Sheahan 12.

Our U10 girls had their first opportunity to display their talents in a blitz held at Scoil Carmel last weekend. Some players to look out for in the future were Melissa Do, Kate Barry and Grace Liston and from the Cratloe Academy were Lily O' Halloran, Ava O' Halloran, Chloe McDonagh and Sadhbh Foley.

Next week our U12 girls are away to Carrigaline in the Cork League while our U15 girls travel to Waterford to play Wildcats in the Cork League.

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Our U12 girls continued their excellent start to the season with two contrasting wins in the Cork League.

The girls travelled to Crosshaven for an away game against Carrigaline. The girls were in total control of this game before easing to a 42-10 win.

This set up nicely a crucial game at home to Cobh.

Cobh came into the game on a 5 game unbeaten start to the season which had them sitting at the top of the table. Our girls went into the game also unbeaten and were expecting a tough game.

As it transpired, the first quarter determined the outcome of this game. Our girls started at a blistering pace and opened up a huge 16-0 first quarter lead. To their credit Cobh dusted themselves down and came out all guns blazing for the remainder of the game. The sizable crowd were treated to an entertaining game that ebbed and flowed for the final three quarters. Cobh did everything they could to bridge the gap, but our girls were always capable of getting scores at vital times and in the end had 13 points to spare 34-21.

The return game in Cobh in the New Year is already eagerly anticipated.

Top scorers for Colms were Bronagh Dollard 12, Abbie Piggott 10 and Lucy Liston 6. There were also good all round performances by Elisha Noonan, Lucy Earls, Cliona Murphy and Julia Cunneen.

Our U15 girls have a busy weekend before them ahead of the Christmas break. They travel to Mallow for a Cork league game followed by a Cork cup game at home to Brunell.