

15 September 2019

The new basketball season got underway last Saturday with both our U16 and U18 girls travelling to play Cobh in the Cork League.

These games were the first opportunity to see how far down the road each team were. At the start of a new season. It was also an opportunity to see how our U16 girls would fare in the Cork A League after winning the Cork U14 B League last season. The girls went into the game minus the services of Susannah Holland who is in the midst of her water safety course and were also hit with the late withdrawal of Alana Moran who went down sick. U14 player Nofeesat Muniru was a very late call up to replace Alana Julia Cunneen who was also feeling unwell during the week did travel to give some much needed experience to this young squad. The girls played very well in a highly competitive game, with the home side just having the upper hand for most of the game. The home side were helped by some top class outside shooting most notably Amy Duggan who top scored in the game on 23 points. Our girls will rue some costly turnovers which were punished by Cobh. These hopefully will be reduced and eliminated as they get more games under their belt. All the girls put in a great effort and they can be pleased with their first foray in to this higher level of competition. Abbie Pigott, Julia Cunneen and Sarah Cantillon were great as they guided their younger team mates during the game. The younger players led by Amy Buckley, Aoife Brown, Kate Barry and Nofeesat Muniru showed in this game that they are well up to the task of competing at this higher level.

Top scorers for the girls were Abbie Pigott and Amy Buckley on 15 points apiece followed by Kate Barry on 10, with Cobh running out 58-47 winners.

There were high hopes for our U18 girls this season after an excellent season at U16A last year. However, for no apparent reason, the girls struggled to get going in this game. They never got to the pace of the game and allowed Cobh to gradually build on their lead throughout the game. Cobh sensing that they could win this game played really well and led 44-30 going into the final quarter. Our girls were not helped by the fact that Jody O' Halloran was struggling with illness and her energy was sorely missing in the game. Abbie Pigott was the one shining light on the day as she worked tirelessly in both games. The girls did show their credentials as they mounted a furious comeback in the final quarter just to fall short on a 54-50 score line. Top Scorers for Cobh were Irene Fernandez 15, Dara Diggin 13 and Amy Duggan 12. Top scorers for St Colms were Sophie Moore 14, Abbie Pigott 12 and Amy Higgins 7.

The girls now know that any dip in performances will not be good enough at this level and will now look to get back on track in their games over the coming weeks.

Next weeks sees our U14s start their season with a home game to Ballincollig in CBS on Sunday afternoon, followed by the U16s hoping to bounce back with a tricky fixture against Fr Mathews. A great afternoons basketball is assured so why not come along and support the girls!!!

23 September 2019

The under 14's opened their Cork League campaign with a win over Ballincollig in a very competitive match. The first quarter was low scoring with both sides missing chances. The second quarter saw an improvement and St Colms pulled away to lead by 11 at half time. The third quarter was a close contest with shooting improving on both sides. All girls saw plenty of court time. Scores were shared by 10 players on the day. The girls won on a score line of 37-27. This was the first outing in the Cork league for a lot of these players. Top Scorer was Melissa on 11 points which included a super 3 pointer. Nofeesat finished with 6 points and ran the point along with Treasa and Grainne. Grace with 5 points and Ciara with 3 points worked tirelessly on defence. Great rebounding by Natasha, Maxim and Aisling helped the girls run the fast break. Ava S had her first basket in the Cork League. Anna and Ava O'H had numerous steals and their passes were superb. A great team performance and a

good start to the league. Ballincollig were a very sporting team. We are looking forward to our return fixture. Well done to Ava and Leah from Ballincollig on their super shooting performance.

Next up for the 14s is a home game for us against Bandon in CBS at 2.30pm.

30 September 2019

First up this week were our U16s who took on local rivals Limerick Celtics. This was a nail biting game that went down to the wire. Unfortunately for our girls they came up just short losing out by two points on a 71-69 scoreline.

Top scorers for colms were Abbie Pigott on 26 and Amy Buckley on 25. But this was a superb all round display with superb performances from Kate Barry, Alana Moran, Julia Cunneen, Aoife Brown and Sarah Cantillon.

Our 2019 under 12s started their campaign on Saturday with a trip to parochial hall for a Cork league grading tournament.

With 3 games to be played against Waterford Wildcats, Midleton and Donoughmore the coaching team were lucky to be able to bring a squad of 16.

The girls played some excellent basketball in all 3 games and they now look forward to beginning their North Munster and Cork league campaigns over the next number of weeks.

Our under 14's continued their Cork league campaign with a win over Bandon in CBS on Sunday. And with all 11 players scoring on the day this was a real team performance. Grace lead the way with 12 points following by Maxime with 10 points. Treasa and Grainne ran the point for the girls and their passing was exceptional. Anna and Ava both contributed 6 points and were excellent in defence helping to neutralise the Bandon scoring threat. Emma, Sarah Jane and Ciara rebounded well which helped the girls run the court. Unfortunately we did not convert all our chances but it is early in the season so we have time to work on this. A huge thank you must go to Claire and Jade from the u12 squad who received late call ups and also add 4 points each to the win. Well done to all the girls.