

4th December 2017

Our younger age groups were the only teams in action during the week, with each of them putting in some eye catching performances.

Our U12 girls had two games over the weekend against Glen Cruisers and Rockets respectively and recorded two comfortable wins. Both games gave an opportunity for the coaches to give competitive debuts for a number of new players. Maxim Loussakou and Tamicka Griffin made their debuts against Glen Cruisers while Yasmin Essefiani did likewise against Rockets.

The u12 girls controlled their game against Glen Cruisers from the offset with Natasha O' Neill scoring the first two baskets. She was one of 8 players on the scoresheet which was very pleasing and shows there is some depth to the squad. Ava O' Halloran 12 and Nofeesat Muniru 8 led the scoring charts.

The girls had the luxury of been able to rest top scorer Ava O' Halloran in the game against Rockets the following day. She was one of 4 changes to the side that that competed the day before. The girls led by Maxim Loussakou with 6 points in the first quarter established early dominance. Rockets put in a spirited performance in the second half but our girls just had a little bit too much experience this time. Ciara Downey and Anna Zundel who had sat out the Glen Cruisers game combined for a total of 24 points with Melissa Do and Grace Liston contributing well on the scoresheet.

Our U14 girls finally got off the mark for the season with a well deserved win over Glen Cruisers. The girls led by Sarah Cantillon and Abbie Pigott were much too strong for their opponents in the first quarter. Coach Barry Pigott used the game to give some of the newer players valuable court experience. Top scorers for St Colms were Alana Moran, Sarah Cantillon, Melissa Do and Lily O' Halloran.

Our U10 girls also had two games over the weekend against Glen Cruisers and Rockets respectively. The performances of the girls in both games must have been very welcome to their two coaches Karen and Colm who have invested a lot of time with these girls. They continue to show improved technique and performances with each passing game. It is very rare to have all squad members of an U10 team score in a game and this was particularly pleasing. These girls can now take a well earned break, before they are back in action in the New Year.

There is however no respite for some of our teams who have a very busy schedule next weekend. Our U16 girls play 4 consecutive games over 4 consecutive days, our U18 girls have two games over the weekend while our u14s are also in action. It is also hoped that both our senior ladies teams will be in action this week, with these fixtures yet to be confirmed.

11th December 2017

It was a particularly pleasing week on the playing front with some great performances by our U14, U16 and U18 teams.

Our U16 girls had a very busy weekend and recorded three wins.

They began their week with a North Munster Cup semi-final away to UL Huskies. The girls were quickly into their stride and opened up an early 16 point lead. The girls put in a terrific defensive performance which was the cornerstone for the win. The game was an opportunity for some of the younger members of the squad to play up with Lucy Liston and Julia Cunneen playing particularly well. Top scoring honours were shared between Aoife Morrissey, Sophie Moore and Bronagh Dollard who shared 47 points between them.

The girls then faced Rockets in a North Munster League game. The girls welcomed Jody O' Halloran back from injury. There was also a debut for Amanda Makulena. Rockets went into this game with an understrength team which did not help their cause. Our girls were always in control of this game and held the upperhand throughout. The game also allowed the opportunity for another of the younger players, Buki Adejomehin to play up. Top scoring honours were shared out between Aoife Morrissey, Isabelle Meaney, Izzy Murphy, and Jody O' Halloran.

Others to impress were Abbie Pigott and Jana Zundel in the post positions.

The girls were on the road to Midleton the following day for a Cork League encounter. The girls certainly showed the benefit of their recent games with a most impressive performance against a talented Midleton side. The girls executed their offensive plan to perfection and had the opposition chasing shadows for most of the game. Their constant movement had the Midleton defence in all sorts of problems. The girls play was exceptional at times and drew praise from the Midleton coach at the end of the game. The girls were full value for their 51-31 win and had the luxury of having Aoife Morrissey and Bronagh Dollard sit out the final quarter. Caoimhe O' Neill again showed improvement with each passing game and put in another solid performance. 7 players were on the scoresheet with Sophie Moore, Jana Zundel, Aoife Morrissey and Jody O' Halloran sharing top scoring honours.

Our U14 girls are beginning to show glimpses of their potential and recorded their second win in a week, this time against Rockets. The pleasing aspect of this game was that the girls won all 4 quarters in their 46-27 win. They also had 7 players on the scoresheet which was another bonus. Kate Barry and Ellageorga O' Shea had by far their best games of the season. Sarah Cantillon does a lot of great defensive work which goes unseen. Top scoring honours were shared by Susannah Holland, Lily O' Halloran, Julia Cunneen and Abbie Pigott.

Finally our U18 girls had an excellent win away to Bandon in the Cork League. The girls got off to a sluggish start which was understandable. The girls had travelled from Midleton to Bandon on the same day and it took them a while to find their feet. Despite falling 8-0 behind early on, the girls did not panic and worked themselves back into the game. By the end of the first quarter they had bridged the deficit down to 11-13. The girls dominated the second quarter and opened up a 27-16 interval lead. They maintained control in the second half and ran out comfortable 20 point winners. Top scorers for the girls were Ruth Dollard, Aoife Morrissey and Orla Zundel.

There is one more week of games before the Christmas break. Our U12 girls are away to Celtics in the North Munster league. Our U14 girls are away to Morning Star in the North Munster league. Our U16 and U18 girls are away to UL Huskies in the North Munster league while our U15 girls host Fr Mathews in the Cork League.

18th December 2017

It was a curtailed weekend of activity with only the U16 girls in action.

They faced UL Huskies away in the North Munster league and came away with a win.

This was certainly not a vintage performance by the girls as they struggled to get on the scoresheet.

However they were very good in defence and shut down the inside threat of UL Huskies.

The introduction of Abbie Pigott off the bench sparked our girls into life and the scores began to follow. The girls were 10 points up at the end of the first quarter and had stretched out to 12 by the interval.

The girls relaxed a bit in the third quarter and they began to play much better and found the scores a little easier to come by.

All in all, this was a good workout for the girls with all the panel getting decent court time and 7 of the players on the scoresheet. They had to dig deep for the win and showed great resolve throughout.

Top scorers in the 38-15 win were Bronagh Dollard 10, Abbie Pigott 9 and Sophie Moore 8.

All the teams within the club have a few weeks off before they are back in action on the 7th January.

The club would like to take this opportunity of wishing all the players, coaches, families, committee members, supporters and friends the very best for Christmas and the New Year.