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St. John Bosco FC v Drumcondra FC
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Ringmahon Rgs B v Douglas Hall FC
Knocknaheeney Celtic v Park Utd;
Kilreen Celtic v Glen Celtic;
Carrigtwohill Utd v Blarney Street Ath;
Carrigaline Utd v Everton FC;
Kanturk FC v Avondale Utd;
Pearse Celtic v Ringmahon Rgs.
LIMERICK RD 4:
Ballynanty Rvs v Pike Rovers;
Fairview Rgs v Croom Utd;
Janesboro FC v Nenagh FC;
Charleville FC v Regional FC;

Murroe FC v Holycross FC;
Carew Park FC v Mungret Regional
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Mitchels Ave v Killarney Ath;
Shannon Town v Newcastle West Rovers;
Rathkeale FC v Killarney Celtic;
WATERFORD RD 4:
Ferrybank FC v Villa FC;
Kilworth Celtic v Tramore FC;
Hibernians FC v St. Josephs FC
TIPPERARY RD 4:

Clonmel Town v Peake Villa FC;
Clonmel Celtic v Nenagh Celtic;
Kilsheelan Utd v St. Michaels FC;
Slievedarragh Utd v Vee Rovers;
Cashel Town v Donohill & District FC

DONEGAL RD 4:
Rathmullan Celtic v Gweedore Celtic
Kilmacrennan Celtic v Glengad Utd
Cavan Rangers v Arranmore Utd
Cappry Rovers v Drumoghill Celtic
Deele Harps FC v Clones Town FC

GALWAY RD 4:
Salthill Devon FC v St. Bernards FC
Mervue Utd v West Utd A
MAYO/ROSCOMMON/SLIGO/ROSCOMMON
Manulla FC v Brazukas FC; Dysart FC v Westport Utd; Moore Utd v City Utd; Castlerea Celtic v Ballaghaderreen FC
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SIGNED UP: Dave Berber of DB Sports and John Earley, Chairman of the SFAI, put pen to paper at the Red Cow Hotel.

DB SPORTS TOURS ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH SFAI

Schoolboy Association adds another sponsor to its ranks with 'preferred' travel status

DB SPORTS TOURS is delighted to announce an exciting new partnership with the Schoolboys Football Association of Ireland.

The partnership will see DB Sports Tours become the preferred travel partner of the SFAI.

Since 2010, DB Sports Tours has been successfully managing the travel plans and trips for many Leagues and clubs within the SFAI, and this new partnership will enhance the growing reputation of this Irish company.

Speaking at the launch, DB Sports Tours Managing Director David Berber said: "We are very excited to be partnering with the SFAI. For many years we have been working with Leagues and clubs to ensure they enjoy and get maximum benefit from their travel plans, where we coordinate every

aspect including liaison, travel, accommodation and participation in football fixtures and tournaments both in the U.K. and on the Continent, thereby allowing the Leagues and clubs to concentrate on their football preparations."

SFAI Chairman John Earley said: "DB Sports Tours has built a great reputation with our Leagues and clubs within the SFAI for its reliability and quality of service, and has played a very important role in assisting Leagues with the preparation of their squads. The SFAI is delighted to form this new partnership with DB Sports Tours, and we look forward to a fruitful relationship with this rapidly expanding enterprise."

"Travel broadens the mind, and it is a well-known fact that teams which travel together bond and become better for the shared experience."



DEAL SEALED: Dave Berber, centre, of DB Sports shakes hands with John Earley, Chairman of the SFAI following the signing of contracts at the Moran's Red Cow Hotel, with, from left: Martin O'Hanlon, General Secretary SFAI, Pat Kelly, Vice Chairman SFAI and Brian Johnson, Honorary Treasurer, SFAI.

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CRACKER!

Adam pops up to fire Tallaght into the semi-finals

ADAM Cullen came back to haunt his old college at Grangegorman and hit a first-half winner to take IT Tallaght into their first ever Colleges and Universities Premier League semi-final.

It was a magic moment for Cullen, also a midfielder with AUL Premier Division side Blessington, who two seasons ago was himself a student at DIT and figured on their second team before switching to the south Dublin college to continue his studies.

The priceless score came just past the half-hour mark and was the break Tallaght needed after being under severe pressure for most of that opening period.

The build-up to the goal was copybook stuff. Tallaght top goalscorer Don Cowan drifted out to the right where Dave Vickery found him with a well placed pass.

Cowan then cleverly got around full-back Gareth Matthews and pulled the ball back into the path of the inrushing Cullen who gave Craig Hyland little chance, crashing home his effort from the edge of the box to the roof of the net.

Regulars

Earlier DIT, who were short several regulars, spurned a great chance to go ahead from the penalty spot after goalkeeper Paul Lyons had rushed from his line to head off a run by Toheeb Adigun.

Both players collided just inside the box and referee Paul Tuite immediately pointed to the penalty spot with Lyons grateful at picking up a only yellow card.

The Tallaght 'keeper making his Premier League debut then went on to redeem himself and prove his worth by saving superbly from Eoin Kavanagh's spot-kick.

DIT continued to search for the equaliser after the break and with Cillian Thompson keeping a close eye on the ever dangerous Cowan the home side got plenty of opportunities to pile on the pressure.

Stephen Fitzgerald delivered some dangerous right wing crosses but unfortunately Barry Williams, Darren Soon and Adigun all failed to make the break through.

Eoin Murray then shot wide with another fine chance and later it need a couple of Tallaght defend-



CHOOSING HIS MOMENT: Tallaght's Craig Rothery tracks Stephen Fitzgerald of DIT

by JOHN HUDSON

DIT	0
Tallaght IT	1

Colleges & Universities Premier

ers to scramble the ball away for a corner after Adigun saw his header miss handled by Lyons.

Display

But Tallaght continued to defend doggedly and manager Pat Scully a no mean centre back in his own playing days would have been delighted at the fine display of solid defending from his back four with Derek Kavanagh and Dave Webster outstanding.

A trip to Oriel Park, Dundalk tomorrow Wednesday for a semi final meeting with the University of Ulster Jordanstown is next up for Scully and his boys who look set to make a strong bid to pick up some silver wear this season.

DIT: C Hyland, E Kavanagh, G Matthews, B Gartland, C Thompson, E Murray, S Fitzgerald, S Fitzgerald, T Adigun, B Williams (S Oguncutla 80), D Soon (Conor Costello 55)

IT TALLAGHT: P Lyons, D Vickery, C Rothery, D Kavanagh, D Webster, J O'Ruadh, S Stewart (S Aido 55), ACullen, D Duff (J Morley 75), D Cowan, D Kelly (R Dunne 80)

Referee: Paul Tuite (Dublin)



RED-DY FOR BATTLE: DIT line out ahead of the game

Jordan in full flow

Colleges and Universities

JORDANSTOWN, beaten Premier League semi-finalists last season, encountered little difficulty in beating Belfast Metropolitan College 5-1 in their quarter-final game.

The Belfast side took an early lead through Stephen Carlin but a couple of goal-keeping slips gave Jordanstown the chance to take a grip.

Striker Shane Jennings netted twice and further scores came from full-back James Peden, Owen Moody and Stuart Hutchinson.

Derby

The Cork derby ended all square after extra-time and in the penalty shoot-out Cork IT came out on top converting three to a lone UCC effort.

Rufus Holmes shot UCC ahead on 15 minutes but Cork IT skipper Brian Murphy levelled 15 minutes from time.

Cork IT now travel to Tipperary's Cahir Park tomorrow for a semi-final meeting with hot favourites IT Carlow.

The Carlow boys accounted for NUI Maynooth in their quarter-final at Buncloody. Jamie Carr and Ben Ryan had them two up at the break.

Then a spirited second-half revival saw Maynooth pull a goal back from Paul O'Brien.

But Carlow hung on to claim the win that finally breaks their quarter-final hoodoo after two previous failures.

THREE TO WATCH!

COLLEGES FAI team boss Danny Crowley has named Sligo Rovers forward Mark McGoldrick, Athlone Town keeper Michael Schlingerman and Longford Town striker Don Cowan in his squad for the upcoming series of Representative fixtures.

Crowley's side are set to take on the Irish Defence Forces on February 22 at the Oscar Traynor Complex.

COLLEGES FAI NATIONAL SQUAD Kevin Burns (Waterford IT), Michael Schlingerman (IT Carlow); Michael O'Connor, Gareth Matthews (both DIT), Danny Ledwith (IT Carlow), Tom King (GMIT Galway), Brian McCarthy, Garvan Broughall (both Athlone IT), Derek Kavanagh (IT Tallaght), Daniel Dunleavy (Colaiste Ide), Darren Forsyth (Senior College Dun Laoghaire), Ian Touhy (Inchicore College), Stephen Reilly (Athlone IT), Niall Hoban (Colaiste Ide), Willie Heffernan (Cork IT), Don Cowan (IT Tallaght), Abiola Sanusi, Stephen Cummins (both Colaiste Ide), Mark McGoldrick (IT Sligo), Tom Elmes (IT Carlow).



SKILLS TO PAY THE BILLS: Tallaght's David Vickery in action



Champion Sports will sponsor the FC Barcelona Coaching Clinic in Carton House, Kildare on February 5/6. Pictured are Eoin Martin (l) and John Mitchell from Meath, with Sligo boss Paul Cook (l) and Shamrock Rovers manager Michael O'Neill

IRISH DO IT BARÇA WAY

GRASSROOTS coaches will converge on Carton House for the FC Barcelona Escola Coaching Clinic this weekend looking to learn the secrets to creating top-class footballers.

Organised by DBS Sports Tours and The Coach Diary, the event at the five-star football facility in Kildare will be led by the director of Barcelona's academy, Dr Albert Benaiges.

He's the man who played a pivotal role in the development of stars like Messi, Iniesta and Fabregas.

The two-day event, which takes place on Saturday and Sunday, is already almost sold out, with few places remaining on the first day.

Only last August Target covered Peamount United's week-long Ajax academy, which has led to subsequent successful events that allowed local coaches to learn the methods of the Dutch club.

Success

While the current success of Barcelona's current star-studded side and interest generated by the Ajax initiative in west and north Dublin have combined to raise excitement levels, this event is only the beginning of something bigger, according to the main organiser.

DBS Sports Tours founder David Berber is the coach of Lourdes Celtic's Under-12s and while he admits there is no better club in world football to kick-start his company's plans with than Barcelona, there is a lot more to what he is doing.

With Portuguese giants Sporting Lisbon already lined up to follow the Catalan giants in putting on a clinic for Irish coaches and Brazilian side Flamengo also in the pipeline, Berber is quick to point to the other services DBS offer.

The tour operator also specialize in team tours, training camps, tournaments and football educa-

GAVIN EARLEY reports

tion classes, with the ultimate goal the development of the methods used by Irish coaches.

Berber knows he has entered a competitive market and is competing against established companies, but his goal is to offer something different.

Trips

"The reason I set up the company was that young Irish players have never been getting access to the best academies and coaches in Europe," said Berber.

"Our trips take young Irish abroad and into the actual academies of big Premier League and European clubs, which nobody else can do if you look closely at what they are offering.

"I had been working as an accountant myself, but through my own personal interaction with grassroots soccer as a coach I saw an opportunity for a business that could really add something to the game here in Ireland.

"I went away with a team on one of the usual tours three years ago and I was no impressed, so the following year I organised it myself.

Coach

"I am a grassroots coach myself and that is the type of understanding of the game and connection to what they need that I can give teams that ring me looking for a great trip.

"I have a genuine passion for Irish soccer and this is not just a money spinner — I want Irish football to benefit from events like the one at the weekend.

"Our next part of the plan is to bring Irish coaches to foreign academies and hopefully this weekend's event will be a success and get a lot of coaches hungry to take the next step in educating themselves how to create the best players for our country."



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**WHELAN
IN THE
CHEERS!**

Amputee Ireland in cup bow

■ Derek **FOLEY**

THE Christy McElligott-managed Ireland amputee team have kicked off their World Cup campaign in Mexico against Brazil. Their match against the Copa America champions was the first of three pool games for the squad. McElligott brings an impressive pedigree to the squad and their preparations.



A full-back and midfielder, he was originally signed by Brian Kerr for St Pat's, picking up a 1995/96 League of Ireland winner's medal with them. Famously in mid-season at Athlone, after the Saints' goalkeeper had been sent off in the first-half and the bench didn't have a reserve keeper, the Dubliner donned the gloves.

Hero
Pat's won 3-2 with the stand-in keeper "the hero of the (last) hour." McElligott was also an Oscar Traynor

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NOU BEAUTY!

Irish kids can train like Barca stars

IRISH footballers dream of matching their European counterparts and will soon have a helping hand at home when the Catalan Elite Football Academy launches in Dublin next summer.

The groundbreaking initiative will see players aged 10 to 15 from across Dublin — and eventually the entire country — receive specialised coaching from UEFA Pro Licence Catalan coaches who have

■ Gavin **EARLEY**

EXCLUSIVE

worked at clubs like Barcelona, Liverpool and RCD Espanyol on a weekly basis. The brainchild of current Small-Sided Games Head of Player Development at St Kevin's Boys, Colm Barron, and DB Sports Tours, the exciting enterprise is fully backed by the Catalan FA.

Model

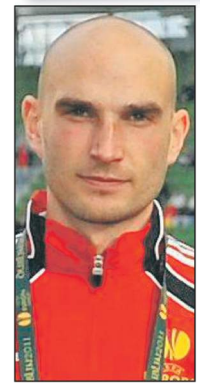
Starting with camps spread across the country in February (19 and 20 at Parnell's GAA club in Dublin), April and later in the summer, Catalan Elite Football will introduce its model to Irish youngsters.

The best of those players will be invited to further their football education one night a week from when the first academy launches at a North Dublin venue to be confirmed in late August/September.

Based on the unique Catalan player development model — the Catalan FA is a separate entity to the Spanish FA — Irish youngsters will work with technical, tactical and physical coaches all in the one session supervised by a PRO Licence coach from the region.

Academy Director Barron insists: "I'm passionate about developing Irish players and I

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PASSION:
Barcelona's famous Nou Camp stadium and (left) Colm Barron



YOUTH GRADUATES: Andres iniesta, Lionel Messi and Sergio Busquets celebrate a Barcelona goal



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NDSL WALKS THE WALK WITH GILES

THE North Dublin Schoolboys/girls League have given their full backing to the upcoming Walk of Dream, organised through the John Giles Foundation.

Giles has been on a tour of the country briefing leagues and clubs on the 27 March event which aims to unite grassroots participants through a sponsored walk.

From May 1, applications for funds will open. Four trustees of John Giles, John Delaney, Paddy

■ **JOHN FALLON** reports

McCaul and John Fitzgerald (Chairperson of Limerick Regeneration) have been appointed.

The scheme is based on clubs raising money locally, with half retained by the clubs and the other half funnelled into the foundation for football projects throughout Ireland.

The main walk will take place at the Aviva Stadium in Dublin,

with the other 13 centres confirmed as Dundalk, Athlone, Waterford, Enniscorthy, Thurles, Galway, Ennis, Castlebar, Sligo, Letterkenny, Cork City, Limerick City and Tralee.

■ **Spirit**

Tony Gains, NDSL Honorary Secretary, said: "Anything that can help grow community spirit amongst our clubs, and raise vital funds in the process, has to be welcomed."

"John Giles is one of the most respected people in football and his involvement demonstrates the goodwill associated with the project and his eagerness to give something back to the grassroots game he originated in."

As the walk is sandwiched in between the UEFA qualifier against Montenegro and the friendly with Uruguay, the involvement of senior Ireland players is expected to promote the occasion.

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THE WEEK



■ **LEGENDS:** This week's Nike Team of the Week is Balscadden's Under-11D team, Under-11 Cup final winners



GETTING BETTER ALL THE TIME: Coaches and players with Albert Benaiges at the weekend

IT IS the holy grail every coach in world football strives towards — to produce players with the skill to wow crowds like Messi, Iniesta and Fabregas do.

Well they came from all parts of the continent to North Kildare for the DB Sports Tours' FC Barcelona Coaching Clinic in Carton House.

Their goal: to learn from the man who oversaw the introduction of players like Messi, Iniesta, Fabregas, Xavi, Pedro, Pique, Bojan, Busquets, Arteta and even Reina into Barcelona's world-famous academy system.

DB Sports Tours organiser David Berber, a coach at Lourdes Celtic, wanted the biggest club in the world to launch his major plans to bring the biggest and best academy coaches to teach their Irish counterparts.

■ **Sessions**

So he brought Dr Albert Benaiges, the Director of Coaching at FC Barcelona Escola.

Coaches from Portugal, Cyprus, Germany, England and Scotland jetted in over the weekend for one of the two-day sessions at Carton House.

Representatives from the French Football Association's famous academy at Clairefontaine, were joined by an underage coach from Sporting Lisbon, Spurs reserve coach Alan Hudson and England Under-18 schoolboys manager John Archer.

The attention of all 300 coaches was fixed on Benaiges and his two counterparts

■ **GAVIN EARLEY** reports

from Barcelona — Enric Duran (U-11-U-13 co-ordinator) and Franc Carbo (academy coach) as they put lucky Irish youngsters through their paces.

In between two practical sessions on the pitches, the Barcelona guest made use of the conference room to educate the attendants on the ideals that define Barcelona.

Emphasising how all academy players from U-7s up are moulded to play 4-3-3 in the club's first team one day, style is always more important than results and every aspect of training involves possession games.

For the majority of coaches the type of drills used were familiar, but it was the specific demands on touch, movement and thinking of the players that made Benaiges' style different.

The coach illustrated the value of every one of his 21 years working with the Catalan club when he stepped into a drill being overseen by his two colleagues that was failing and within minutes the players had mastered the objective.

At



Legendary coach shares his secrets

the end of the both days, the veteran coach made use of his translator and treated the attendants to a lengthy question-and-answer session.

"No doubt about it the Barcelona model can be applied to any players and Ireland can incorporate our style and benefit from it," said Benaiges.

■ **Developed**

"The standard of the players we worked with was very good and some of the players I saw here could be developed into really good players."

He insisted that stretching was irrelevant and banned at the club, how Futsal is only beneficial to youngsters if played with an offside rule and outlined his and the club's methods of identifying the top talent.

Nuno Figueiredo is an under-age coach at Sporting Lisbon, who DB

Sports Tours have lined up for their next coaching clinic.

"Even a club like Sporting Lisbon can learn from a day like today and a club like Barcelona," said Figueiredo after Saturday's event.

"I will go back to the club and speak to the underage and first-team managers and see how we can use what I have learned."

Alan Kinsella is the head of coaching at Templeogue United and guided the club's Under-12 side to All-Ireland glory last year.

"I really enjoyed today (Saturday). The sessions were great," he said. "They kept everything very simple."

■ **Experienced**

"You will always pick something up as a coach and it is good to see experienced coaches like this doing their thing so impressively."

Organiser David Berber added: "The beauty of the event was that we had football fans mixed with top-level UEFA A coaches and everybody got what they wanted."

"The access coaches got will stand to them and go towards improving the already talented players we have that just need to be coached more from a younger age."



LISTEN AND LEARN: Lionel Messi and (r) Dr Benaiges

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SAINTS & WINNERS

DUBLIN'S finest school-boys just about edged out their northern counterparts at Oriel Park to claim this year's Champions Cup bragging rights.

Malahide United, St Kevin's Boys and Cherry Orchard were all victorious in their respective finals on a highly competitive day of action on Saturday.

However, despite last year's clean sweep of all five titles by the SFAI cup representatives, the national league winners from the Northern Ireland Boys Football Association (NIBFA) put on better show than their 2012 national cup winners.

Ridgeway Rovers stunned St Francis with a 2-1 victory in the Under-14 showpiece, while a last-gasp winner saw Cliftonville claim the Under-17 title at the expense of Belvedere in the final game.

Cliftonville had the honour of being the only club represented in two of

Dublin sides taste Champions Cup glory in Dundalk

■ Gavin Earley

the five finals in Dundalk, however, their Under-15s were unable to stop the all-conquering St Kevin's Boys cruising to a 4-0 victory.

Despite holding the three-in-a-row SFAI Cup winners to a single goal lead for three quarters of the day's third game, the North Belfast outfit were punished with three late goals from their North Dublin rivals.

Evan Pierse gave Kevin's the lead just nine minutes into their clash with a neat finish after Shane Stokes' free kick from the left was not cleared.

Dara O'Shea was only denied by the crossbar when he volleyed another Stokes free from the left towards goals early in the second-half.

The crucial second did come for the team in orange, however, midway through the half as Adam Doyle finished from close range after a good passing move.

Michael Cregan should have got his name on the scoresheet minutes later, but he fired straight at the keeper, before Thomas Byrne got the third and Cregan eventually scored the fourth.

Victory

That result was the second win out of three for the southern sides after Malahide kicked off the day with a 3-1 victory over Linfield in the Under-13 final.

Despite trailing 1-0 at half-time, the side that reached the semi-finals of the Danone Nations Cup in London this year responded in style.

Sean Guidan

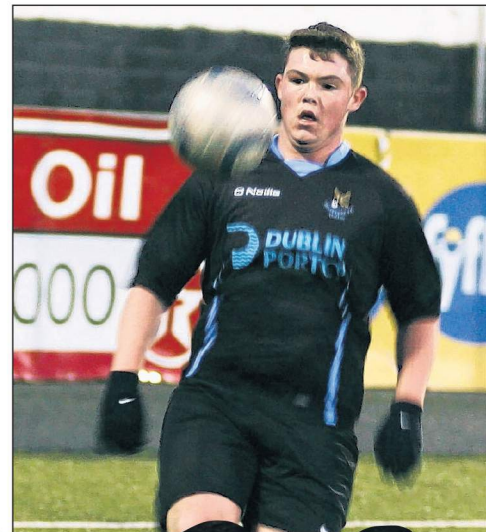
equalized early in the half, before Conor Grant set up Alex Cetiner for the second goal soon after. Jack Moylan completed the scoring.

St Francis FC looked odds on to make it two from two when they faced Ridgeway, but were stunned by a first-minute goal as Jordan Jenkins was brought down in the box and converted the subsequent penalty.

Full-back Jack Conor equalised, but Saints were stunned by a late winner from Pablo Andrade.

Cherry Orchard and they had to dig deep to scrap beyond Dungannon Youths in a penalty-shootout after a 1-1 draw.

The clash of Belvedere and Cliftonville in the final game of the day also looked destined to be decided by a shootout until Nick Turkington stepped up to fire home the goal of the day with the last kick of the game.



JOY: St Kevin's Boys celebrate and (above right) Belvedere get stuck in



MOLLOY'S AWARD

■ John Fallon

JOHN MOLLOY has been feted by his South Dublin FL with the prestigious Referee of the Year award.

Whistleblowers attached to the Dublin league assembled last week at the Waterside pub in Clondalkin.

SDFL Referees allocator Brendan Finn said Molloy was a deserved winner from a field of 50 officials.

A number of other presentations were made at the function. Outgoing legislator Tom Healy received an award, as did Brendan

Hudson who hung up his referee's whistle for the last time.

SDFL CEO Mick O'Brien also paid tribute to his coaching staff team present led by Technical Director John Devine.

"We're always interested in embracing new ideas because whatever has gone on before with coaching in Ireland, it hasn't worked," noted O'Brien.



SALOU THE TOP SPOT FOR CLUBS

■ **GAVIN EARLEY** reports

IT'S the time of the season when amateur clubs across the country start to think about/plan that possible team trip abroad in the New Year — and Futbol Salou is a destination Irish clubs could become very familiar with.

The young state-of-the-art football facility just outside of Barcelona will be making its debut with the Irish market this season and promises to impress.

Dublin-based company DB Sports Tours are behind the combination of the Irish team tour market and this exciting Spanish destination.

Next month's club/coach inspection visit will give interested parties the chance to travel to Salou and see for themselves the benefits of exposing their young players to the Catalan way.

Exciting

From international tournaments to team bonding weeks that incorporate games against local opposition and master-class training sessions with the resident coach, Futbol Salou offers the lot.

Former RCD Espanyol youth player and Technical Director Albert Vinas now has the same role at Futbol Salou and as the man charged with educating visit teams in the Catalan ways, he couldn't be more experienced.

Recently appointed the Director of Coach Education for Libya, Vinas tutored former Barcelona Head Coach Tito Vilanova and Liverpool Head Academy coach Rodolfo Borrell when working with the Catalan Futbol Federation.

"For the moment I have not worked with Irish



EDUCATOR: Coach Albert Vinas

Football, but I have much experience in other countries such as Korea, Finland, Norway, USA, Japan," says Vinas.

"I look forward to the opportunity to work with the Irish market, which I believe is a very exciting market with a lot of talent and potential.

"At Futbol Salou we want to help clubs with every aspect of football, from exposing them to different levels of teams with friendlies, to learning the Catalan philosophy with the master-class or even training the coaches themselves.

"Our main, and immediate goal, of course is to teach visiting players/coaches the Catalan philosophy.

"Through the master-class session I organize it normally in Catalunya, because we want the players to practise and the coaches can see how we exercise and our mythology."

Barry and Mangan on the doubles

RAHENY United and Sheriff YC Under-10s played out an entertaining 2-2 draw on Saturday after braces from Dean Barry and Nathan Mangan.

Sheriff started brightly, with the impressive Sean Doran going close with a long range effort which just over the crossbar.

Synnott Lawlor then struck the outside of the near post from a tight angle before at the other end Aaron Cawley forced sheriff keeper Conor Doran into a point blank save and Joe Rooney fired wide from range.

Slipped

After the break the game really sprung into life as Barry drove at the Sheriff defence, beating two and firing low into the bottom corner for the lead.

Sheriff didn't take long to level when Cian Crowe slipped Mangan in and he

■ **Raheny Utd 2**
Sheriff YC 2
Under-10 D1

finished with aplomb.

Raheny were back in front with eight minutes left when Barry struck a sublime free kick from 20 yards into the top corner.

But Sheriff have shown since the start of the season that they have character and when Mangan picked up possession on the right there was only going to be one outcome.

Dropping his shoulder, he cut inside and fired a cross/shot under the keeper to salvage a point.
RAHENY: Casey Nannery, Andrew Woods, Jack Curley, Sam Curran, Jack Hershan, Cillian Byrne, Ben Shiels, David Bunyan, Alex Crowe, Conor Cawley, Joe Rooney.
SHERIFF: Conor Doran, Cian Crowe, Max O'Keefe, Paul Fitzgerald, Adam Molloy, Blake Egan, Blaine Fitzgerald, Sean Doran, Synnott Lawlor, Nathan Mangan, Brandon Mangan.



SHARING THE SPOILS: Raheny (below) and Sheriff (above) finished as a 2-2 draw



LETHAL WEAPON: St Joseph's Sam Kelly scores against Phoenix and (inset top) St Josephs and (inset bottom) Phoenix before the big kick-off



ST JOSEPH'S BOYS came out on top of Phoenix in a ten-goal thriller in the Under-13 Major Division at Scribblestown on Saturday.

Sam Kelly-Keogh — brother of St Patrick's Athletic Airticity League star Jake — was ultimately the difference between the sides, scoring a magnificent first-half hat-trick from which Phoenix never recovered.

Phoenix though, gave as good as they got for long periods — manager Keith Dixon will take plenty of heart from the performance — and if they can tighten up they will pick up plenty of wins.

by **IAN GAUGHRAN**

Phoenix..... 4
St Joseph's Boys..... 6

■ **UNDER-13 MAJOR**

They started the better and were a goal to the good when Sobe Noakwolo burst through the middle and after beating two defenders, fired into the bottom corner.

Kelly-Keogh lashed them level soon after, receiving the ball over the top from Adam Gregg, and he blasted into the back of the net.

Just 30 seconds later they were in

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ROSCOMMON SCHOOLBOYS
(7pm kick-off unless stated)

FRIDAY AUGUST 9
U10 CHAMPIONS CUP
QUARTER-FINAL
Cloonfad United v Dunmore Town (extra time and penalties if required)
U10 CHAMPIONS SHIELD
Moylough '79 v Castlereagh Celtic
Kilkerlin United v Shiven Rovers
Glen Celtic v Skyvalley Rovers (extra time and penalties if required)

SATURDAY AUGUST 10
U18 PREMIER DIVISION
Ballaghaderreen v Moore Utd, Shiven Rovers v Dysart, Roscommon AFC v Castlereagh Celtic

U18 FIRST DIVISION
CP Ajax v Roscommon Town, Dunmore Town v Lough Harps, Moylough '79 v Skyvalley Rovers

SUNDAY AUGUST 11
All U-8 finale matches hosted in Shiven Rovers ground, Newbridge. All teams report in good time for 1pm kick-offs.

U-8 EUROPA LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS
Cloonfad Utd v Shiven Rovers, Moylough '79 v CP Ajax

U-8 EUROPA LEAGUE TROPHY SEMI-FINALS
Roscommon Town v Dunmore Town, Glen Celtic v Skyvalley Rovers

U-8 EUROPA LEAGUE BLITZ
Dysart, St Johns Athletic, Castlereagh Celtic, Moore Utd, Shiven Rovers

U-8 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS
CP Ajax v Shiven Rovers, St Johns Athletic v Cloonfad Utd

U-8 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE TROPHY SEMI-FINALS
Skyvalley Rovers v Castlereagh Celtic, Dunmore Town v Moore Utd

U-8 CHAMPIONS LEAGUE BLITZ
Dysart, Moylough '79, Glen Celtic, Roscommon Town

MONDAY AUGUST 12
U14 PREMIER DIVISION
Strokestown Utd v Moylough '79, Roscommon Lions v Lough Harps, CP Ajax v Shiven Rovers

U14 FIRST DIVISION
St Johns Athletic v Ballinacorney FC, Ballinacorney FC v Cloonfad Utd, Ballaghaderreen v Glen Celtic

U14 SECOND DIVISION
Utd v Dysart, Lough Harps v Kilkerlin

TUESDAY AUGUST 13
U12 PREMIER DIVISION
CP Ajax v Roscommon Town, Ballinacorney FC v Castlereagh Celtic, Strokestown Utd v Shiven Rovers

U12 FIRST DIVISION
Ballaghaderreen v Cloonfad Utd, Glen Celtic, Dunmore Town (bye)

U12 SECOND DIVISION
St Johns Athletic v CB Trotters, Skyvalley Rovers v Moore Utd

U12 DEVELOPMENT
Ballinacorney FC v Dysart, Lough Harps v Kilkerlin

KERRY TONIGHT
RESERVE CUP FINAL REPLAY
Castlereagh v Tralee Dyn, Mounthawk Park, 7.30

THURSDAY AUGUST 8
OVER-35 LEAGUE
Ballybunnion v Garda, Mounthawk Park, 7.30

FRIDAY AUGUST 9
LEAGUE CUP FINAL
Kill Celtic v Tralee Dyn, Mounthawk Park, 7.30

OVER-35 LEAGUE
Castlegregory v Aletico Ardret, Mounthawk Park, 7.30

SUNDAY AUGUST 11
FAI WOMEN'S JUNIOR INVITATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT
Na Fianna v Hill Celtic, 2.0; Valley Wind v St Pauls, 2.0. Both Mounthawk Park.

KILKENNY TONIGHT
MC LAULLEY CUP
Evergreen v North End Utd, The Fair Green, 7.0

THE BOYS OF



CUP FULL:
Under-10 Summer Cup champions St Kevin's Boys and (below) MOTM Adam Coyle



■ GAVIN EARLEY reports

THE FUTURE looks bright after 48 small-sided teams from across Leinster put on a spectacular show at the inaugural DB Sports Tours Summer Cup last weekend.

VEC Football Club in Terenure hosted the first tournament of its kind in Ireland — and the 600 young footballers on show certainly impressed the huge crowds that turned out to cheer them on.

Despite the off-field entertainment on offer at the venue creating a festival-like atmosphere, there was no doubt that the real fun came on the pitch over two action-packed days on Saturday and Sunday.

Sections

With four sections up for decision — Under-9, Under-10, Under-11 and Under-12 — spectators were treated to some scintillating skills in five-a-side and seven-a-side formats.

In the youngest age group Belvedere started what turned out to be a very successful weekend for the famous Dublin club by claiming the Under-9 Cup with a 5-1 win over St Francis in the final.

Every one of the nine players in the squad scored over a weekend that also saw St Kevin's Boys teams beaten in the semi and quarter-finals. St Kevin's also had two teams in the Under-10 section and their Saturday team claimed overall glory with an incredible eight-goal second-half performance against Belvedere in their final.

After coming through a group that included Knocklyon United, Freebooters and Drogheda Boys, the Saints also saw off their Sunday clubmates 2-0 in the semi-finals. Despite being 1-0 down against Belvedere in the showpiece, they stormed back with eight unanswered goals — Adam Coyle grabbing a hat-trick.

Belvedere completed a double on Sunday, with a 3-1 victory over St Malachy's securing the Under-11 cup. Toby Jimadu's penalty save proved crucial as Belvedere

SUMMER!



ROCK SOLID: Home Farm Under-11s versus Rock Celtic and (left) Belvedere celebrate

Kids put on great show

came from behind to win thanks to a Anthony Hanney double and Cameron Walker's penalty.

The Under-12 section featured the winners of the DB Sports Manchester Easter Cup, St Francis, and they made it a double with a penalty-shootout win over Crumlin United in this final.

Starred

Malahide United were also seen off on penalties in the semi-final as goalkeeper Luke Lacey-Coakley starred.

BELVEDERE — U9 WINNERS: Charles McGee, Faruk Aloba, James Byrne, Brian Conney, Danny Jael, Bahn Delemere, Adam Murphy, Cameron Caffrey, Billy Gilmore

ST KEVIN'S BOYS — U10 WINNERS: Adam Coyle, David O'Kerghu, Taigh Walsh, Evan Ferguson, Keith Ross, Callum Warren, Eric Marku, Jamie Mullens

BELVEDERE — U11 WINNERS: Gareth Lynch, Anthony Hanney, Ben McCormack, Cameron Walker, Evan Kavanagh, Lewis Franzoni, Lee Franzoni, Toby Jimadu, Alex Wilder, Jamie Jamid

ST FRANCIS — U12 WINNERS: Luke Lacey Coakley, Aaron Connolly, Calvin Adigun, Scott O'Brien, Max Larkin, Andrew Mhondou, O'Neill Ali, Dylan Slack, Emmanuel Martins, Mazzeo O'Gungbo, Nathan O'Reilly, Lee McEvoy.

FOR WHOM THE BEL' TOLLS: Belvedere's Under-9s celebrate and (below) their Man of the Match James Byrne



TOP TEN: Naas United's Under-10s won the Shield



STAR SHOWING: Michaela Hubbock celebrates one of her goals against Edenderry Town

HUBBOCK SHINES IN GOAL THRILLER

by REGINA CASEY

Naas United 7
Edenderry Town 5

■ KILDARE WOMEN'S SHIELD Q-FINAL

NAAS UNITED from the CFT Women's Division 1 made hard work of this quarter-final tie to overcome Division 2 side Edenderry Town 7-5 in a twelve goal Shield thriller.

Michaela Hubbock was the top player firing home six of the seven goals for the hosts.

The home side got off to a perfect start, opening the scoring after five minutes when Hubbock put the first of her six past Edenderry goalkeeper Louise O'Neill.

Naas should have been 2-0 up moments later, but Trisha Cahill was unlucky to see her effort well saved by O'Neill.

The home side continued to dominate the early stages with Claudia Burke and Hubbock dominating midfield with Sam Cully and Diane Kilduff marshalling their defence which was well backed up by Emma Casey in the home goal.

Cancelling

The visitors came more into the game as the half progressed cancelling each other out for the next 20 minutes.

However ten minutes before the break Naas added their second when a defence splitting pass from Claudia Burke found Hubbock in space and she made no mistake to add her second.

At the other end, though, Edenderry were not to be outdone as from the tip-off some good play on the right from Ruth Flemming saw Anne Marie Quinn reduce the deficit from close range to make it 2-1.

But from the tip Hubbock added her third following good work by Ciara Dunne and Donna Fennessy to leave it 3-1 to the home side at the break.

Naas United started the second half as they had finished the first — dominating the early stages which saw three excellent chances fall to Sinead Leahy.

However a combination of poor finishing and some excellent keeping by visiting goalkeeper Louise O'Neill saw the score remain at 3-1

until the 55th minute when the visitors forced a penalty for handball and Sophie Falco made no mistake as she stroked the ball home past Casey.

Two minutes later the home side doubled their advantage when Hubbock added her fourth of the game, doing well in a crowded area to turn and fire into an empty net.

The visitors were still very much in the game with Emma Hensy and Helen Berns winning the midfield battle with wingers Ruth Mary Flemming and Yasmin Rodgers causing all kinds of problems for Cully and Kilduff in the home defence.

Midway through the half the visitors hard work paid off when Falco added her second to leave the score at 4-3 setting up a nail biting finish.

It could have been 4-4 soon after but a top drawer save from the home custodian Casey denied Falco her hat-trick.

This let off stung the home side into action and Claudia Burke made it 5-3 with 15 minutes remaining when she beat two defenders to fire past the stranded O'Neill.

Quick

Top player Hubbock added another two quick goals to complete her and her side's tally.

Some tactical changes by Edenderry manager Matty Poynton saw substitute Avril Curley stepping into the forward position and Sagan O'Donovan moving into the heart of the Edenderry defence and with these fresh legs chances fell to the visitors which resulted in two late goals from Yasmin Rodgers and Avril Curley.

However it was too little too late for the Division 2 side to stage a comeback and Naas held out to progress.

Best for the home side were six goal hero Michaela Hubbock, defender Samantha Cully and Claudia Burke in midfield while for the hard-working Edenderry side with the never say die attitude Emma Hensy, Sophie Falco and Yasmin Rodgers impressed.

NAAS UNITED: Emma Casey, Sinead Leahy, Sarah Louise Drenett, Samantha Cully, Diane Kilduff, Donna Fennessy, Rebecca Russell, Michaela Hubbock, Claudia Burke, Patsy Cahill, Ciara Dunne, Tara O'Neill, Dawn Murray

EDENDERRY: Louise O'Neill, Emily Duffy, Nicola Quinn, Geraldine Connell, Fiona Darby, Emma Hensy, Ruth Flemming, Helen Hensy, Sophie Falco, Anne Marie Quinn, Jasmin Rodgers, Joanne Usher, Avril Curley, Jade Lynch, Sagan O'Donovan.

REFEREE: Packie O'Brien.

DDSL STAYING PUT...FOR NOW!

■ JOHN FALLON reports

THE DDSL have given a firm indication they won't be disbanding from the Schoolboys FAI (FAI) — for the coming season at least.

An attempt by the biggest league in Ireland to switch their affiliation fully to the Leinster FA was scuppered by the FAI last month.

With the only options left being to either become a non-affiliated league or remain under the auspices of the FAI, it seems the status quo will prevail.

prestigious SFIA Under-14 Kennedy Cup that the DDSL retained in June. The SFIA have confirmed that "the entry forms for the 2013-14 SFIA Cups have been distributed to all Leagues and clubs can obtain those from their local League."

Breaking away from the SFIA would have meant DDSL clubs — who traditionally win all five titles from Under-12 to Under-16 — no longer competing in the All-Ireland competitions.

Also ditched would have been the SFIA Cup entries set aside pending the outcome of a mediation process.

Peace

The FAI are to nominate a mediator to attempt broker peace between the DDSL and SFIA.

The dispute arose primarily over the imposition of a rule restricting the distance which players can travel to join clubs to 49 kilometres.

THE Tommy Clements Cup quarter-finals take place this evening at the Complex.

O'Devaney/Dunard, who won Group A, will play Donnycarney, who finished in the runners up berth in group B.

Navan Cosmos won their final Group A fixture against Kilmore Celtic 9-1 but still went out on goal difference to Bangor Celtic

■ ALEX CONNOLLY

— who triumphed 3-0 over O'Devaney/Dunard.

Bangor now play Group B winners Sheriff YC who beat Bluebell United 2-0 to finish top on nine points.

Defeat

And that defeat for Bluebell saw Donnycarney progress on goal

difference.

The third quarter final sees two LSL big guns collide as Crumlin United take on Wayside Celtic.

Crumlin won Group C after defeating East Wall/Bessboro 3-0. For their part, Wayside Celtic, although they lost to Ayrfield, finished as runners up in Group D.

The final last-eight clash

sees Anto Macken's Ayrfield United — who won their three games — face East Wall/Bessboro.

All these fixtures are scheduled for 7pm kick-offs.

QUARTER-FINALS: O'Devaney/Dunard v Donnycarney FC; Sheriff YC v Bangor Celtic 3; Crumlin United v Wayside Celtic; Ayrfield Utd v East Wall/Bessboro

SEMI-FINALS: Winners of 1 v winners of 2 and winners of 3 v winners of 4.



■ Sheriff and Donnycarney are eyeing glory tonight