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FINGALLIANS JUVENILE END OF YEAR REPORT 2023 TEAM REPORTS

Fingallians Under 7 (2016) Girls

Mentors: Eamon Tuohy, Brian Griffin, Graham Kelly, James Lillis, Karen McAllen,
Louise Herity, Martin Counihan, Stuart Barton, Zita Corkery, Eve Pennie,
Rachel Lawton

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 24

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 34

No. of teams: 4 Teams

Number of football players: 34

Number of camogie players: 34

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

The 2016 girls are still technical part of the Academy and pre go games but we have played 7 mini blitz against other local clubs in preparation of 2024 Go Games. Since nursery we always had low number, but we have steadily added new players and our current player pool is 34 all of whom play both Camogie and Football. We still train on our 11am Academy slot and Wednesday night at 6pm on the new all-weather area.

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PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

The 2016 girls are in a strong position going into 2024 in preparation of Go Games. We have a brilliant buy in from parents, players, and mentors and everybody is looking forward to the start of Go Games in 2024. We have had 4 different sponsors of gear due to arrive pre-Christmas. The plan is still to add new players during the year and for every single player to play both Camogie and Football.

FINGALLIANS U8 (2015) BOYS

Mentors: Sinéad McDermott, Aidan O’Grady, Liam Fitzgerald, Karl Keane, Martin Counihan, Deirdre Broderick, Niall Boushell, Paul O’Hanlon, Peter Kehoe, Colm Reynolds, Emer Ryan, Conor Moody, Clare Moody, Greg Mitchell, Gavin Mitchell, Chris Fields, Donal O’Connor, Darren Clarke, PJ Vaughan and Robert Downes

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 52

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 56

No. of teams: 2 x 3 team squads in U8 Go Games

Number of football players: 56

Number of hurling players: 55

Competitions entered in 2023:

Gormanstown Indoor Hurling

Go Games

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Some friendly matches arranged between local opposition outside of the Go Games fixtures.

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Great first season of Go Games. We have a good cohort of players and our coaching team has shown great interest in improving coaching skills through participation in club coaching sessions and coaching courses. We came away from the Go Games with fairly balanced results in terms of wins/losses.

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

There is a huge appetite amongst the mentors to stream players and managing that process for Go Games at U9 level, while keeping the group cohesive and avoiding the complications that it sometimes entails will be the priority for the coming months. We would be keen to explore a 'soft streaming' route where the squads train together and players interchange frequently between teams as appropriate to their performance and team play. We are hoping to build a strong squad of players that continue to improve in their skill acquisition and demonstration on and off the pitch. We are also hoping to focus on team play and positive behaviour which are incredibly important as the boys mature.

Our coaching panel is made up of several relatively inexperienced coaches and many of those are already split across a number of other teams so it would be a priority for us to reach out to others in the club to continue to build skills of the coaches and ultimately improve the coaching available to the players (coaching committee, GPO, etc).

I would be very interested in exploring the option of 'buddying up' with the Féile boys this year for some sessions.

We have expressed an interest in the Gormanstown indoor hurling event in the New Year and we are open to attending other blitzes should the opportunity arise. If there are any contacts worth exploring in that regard, we would love to hear of them.

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FINGALLIANS Under 8 (2015) Girls

Jacquie Brett, Lead Mentor

Lisa Welan, Head of Admin



Coaching Team

- Anthony Browne
- Amy Morris Lawlor
- Claire Moody
- Conor Moody
- Damien Doyle
- Damien Gaffney
- Darragh Lawlor
- Dave Henry
- David Stapleton
- Declan Carolan
- Eoin Jordan
- Martin Duffy
- Mickey Robinson
- Ruth Ryan
- Sarah Duignan
- Sarah Roche
- Seoirse Lynch
- Sinéad Brady
- Stephen Beresford
- Vincent Shanaher



Administration Group

- Brónagh Heery
- Cat Fleming
- Cliona Brophy
- Collette Kelly

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 52

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 59

No. of teams: 6 Teams

Number of football players: 59

Number of camogie players: 59

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Overview of 2023 Season:

Structure

Moving into 2023 we took guidance from the club GPO, Naoise Waldron who recommended approaching our training sessions with 30 minutes Camogie & 30 minutes football. Rotating codes to start each week.

It was a little challenging at the start to manage the timings but thankfully with a large pool of mentors we were able to master the planning and executing of our drills for each code under this structure. The BENEFIT to our team is that all players are participating in both codes at all times

Focus

Our focus has been on FUN while at the same time developing the key skills relevant to U8 Players.

CAMOGIE: Striking left and right / jab lifting / blocking / tackling / soloing / pucing

FOOTBALL: Kicking left and right / tackling / blocking / soloing / punt kick

RUNNING: movement / turning / speed

We linked in with Mark White (player parent) who is a qualified Strength & Condition Coach and works with Basketball Ireland. Mark helped us to tweak our drills to ensure children are having fun but working at speed and the over all effect has been complete engagement for all our players. We see our role as coaches to create a fund and positive learning environment while following the principles of the Long Term Athlete Development Model (LTAD) Model

Team Building

We have focused on calling our players the “Fingallians Warriors” and through this they now see themselves as a unique and special group of brave girls who have all come together as an “army of brave and fearless” players of football and camogie. The resulting impact has been really positive. No child has been put off having received a knock or a bang while playing football or hurling.

We have organised a number of Sea Sessions during the summer when we carried out our training sessions on the beach. Both players and mentors have really enjoyed the experience and feedback has been very positive.

We have not had the need to cancel any training sessions or fixtures during 2023 and the resulting impact is that the players love playing in the run.

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At training all players rotate through all our mentor groups. At matches players are coached by different coaches each week while once a month parent coaches are afforded the opportunity to coach their daughter's team so that they can see how their children are progressing.

We have 6 teams identified within our group. These teams are not graded so each team has a mix of strong / medium / weak players. Teams have been reviewed on a number of occasions with players moved around to try and keep the teams at a level standard.

We have 6 teams so we have entered 2 x 3 team groups in Camogie and LGFA. In order to keep connection for all players, we rotate teams not based solely on home and away but also on colour. So Red Yellow and Green may be together in one group this week, but Yellow Red and Black may be allocated together the following week. The thinking is that if we send the same groups out to matches on a weekly basis it may become devise to the positive team atmosphere that we have created.

In July of this year, we were offered the opportunity to nominate a team of players to travel down the country for a competition/go games blitz. As the opportunity was not available to all teams/players we decided not to participate. Competitive Blitz are not strictly forbidden for Go Games and we would like to see a Club Policy in place around this piece.

Parent Engagement

We have a positive relationship with our parent group. We post regular updates on our Whatsapp Group and this is an area we will keep working on and continue to develop.

Plan for 2024 Season:

Our goals for 2024 are as follows:

Continue to foster a fun learning environment for our players

Continue to foster a positive coaching and administrative teams – people working together in a positive manner for the benefit of our players

We will work to increase our membership – we have profiled our players and from this we know that St. Cronan's have not really engaged with our age group. We hope to remedy this in 2024 with the assistance of the Club GPO and through canvassing players.

Continue to develop our skills, while supporting those who are still learning the basic skills – improving striking both sides / tacking / marking players / positional play

Finally,

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I would like to thank our team of mentors, administrators, players and their parents for being so supportive and committed to our group of Fingallians Warriors! Fins Abú

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FINGALLIANS U9 (2014) BOYS

Mentors: 12

Number of Children Participating Jan 23: 32

Number of Children Participating Nov 23: 36

Number of teams: 3

Number of football players: 36

Number of Hurling players: 35

Overview of 2023 Season:

At the start of the season we had 32 players playing both codes, as the year progressed we gained 4 more on the return after the summer break.

We also had a change of lead mentor in July.

Training has been going well, with a view to keep the training as fun and different for the children on a weekly basis.

We have lead mentors for both codes and the experience is adding to the training and matches.

On the field we started the year in a 2 and 1 Team group, after the summer we moved to a 3 Team group, and this appears to have a much better effect of the group in terms of coaching, communications with the parents and overall for the players.

We recently were invited to a blitz in St Peters Ballyboughal, and all teams performed well.

Off the field the boys received initialled half zip tops. They also received training tops and shortly they will be receiving rain jackets both tops kindly sponsored by the Metis Group.

We also have 7 mentors with Award 1, and 3 mentors this year who recieved Award Level 2.

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There was also a large number of boys from the team who attended both county finals the club were involved in.

Plans for the 2024 Season:

Given how far the boys have come on in the last year, we planning to continue on in the same vein,

We are always on the lookout for more players and looking to improve the numbers.

We will looking for our mentors to attend any GAA workshop provided by the club.

In the summer we hope to host the U10 tournament which would be great for the boys to have a large blitz in their home ground.

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FINGALLIANS U9 (2014) Girls

Mentors: 15

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 51

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 47

No. of teams: 4

Number of football players: 47

Number of camogie players: 46

Competitions entered in 2023:

- Go Games 4 team group. We also participated in the summer mini league and the current football blitz running this November

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Overall good progress was made in skill and team development across the board. We competed well however had challenges relating to attendance mainly in the 2nd half of the year.

On a positive note one of our very experienced coaches agreed to take a lead role in developing training plans/sessions for football which has helped improve and focus our sessions

We had a trip away where we played challenge matches against a team from Kells and ended with a team building day which the girls thoroughly enjoyed

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

1. Plan to work on general agility and athletic development within our sessions.
2. Also planning to host the festival of football for u10 girls in August
3. Working on recruiting more mentors especially female mentors to increase ratio of girls to coaches
4. Planning some sessions for mentors to improve/increase our own skill development and coaching skills

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FINGALLIANS U10 (2013) BOYS

Mentors: 9

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 70

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 62

No. of teams: 5

Number of football players Nov 23: 61

Number of hurling players Nov 23: 52

Competitions entered in 2023: 2

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

We have had a largely positive season on the playing pitch, and are seeing plenty of progression within the group. Overall playing numbers have decreased slightly, possibly to be expected at this age, and the number of dual players is similar to last year.

However, alongside that, there were disappointments for players, parents and mentors alike, such as when our U10's Festival of Football was cancelled. This is something we were very much looking forward to.

There well documented challenges this year are mentioned elsewhere.

Despite these significant pressures and distractions from the primary goal of playing football and hurling and having fun, there is still a core group of players, mentors and parents determined to progress the team as far as possible.

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

We are looking forward to a positive, successful and happy season in 2024.

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FINGALLIANS U11 (2012) BOYS

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NO. OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING Jan 2023: 63 Football; 63 Hurling /Camogie

NO. OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING Nov 2023: 61 Football; 61 Hurling /Camogie

EXPECTED NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR 2024: 61 Football; 61 Hurling /Camogie

NO. OF TEAMS: 5 teams

COMPETITIONS ENTERED: Under 11 Go Games

Football Update

Boys were very competitive in Go Games throughout the year. The boys trained Tuesday and Thursdays with matches on a Saturday. We entered 5 teams in Go Games (11 aside). It was great to see the boys skills develop over the year. Numbers at training and matches were very high.

Hurling Update:

We entered 5 teams in Go Games (11 aside).

Our Hurling teams were very competitive throughout the year. The boys trained Tuesday and Thursdays with matches on a Saturday. Numbers at training and matches were very high.

It was great to have the Friday night Hurling with the Adult players as an extra 3rd training session during the week.

Thanks to John Williams for organising the hurling on Friday evenings. It was great to see the boys skills develop over the year.

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Overall:

Focus was on,

Retention – Keeping as many boys playing Football and Hurling as possible

Skills Improvement

Ensuring the boys continue to play both Codes. It's great to see they all continue to play both.

Getting ready for U12 where we will go into teams for the first time.

It was a busy year for 2012 Boys,

Thanks to Parents, Coaches and the Boys for their commitment as we had over 47 boys playing hurling and football matches every Saturday.

While retention and participation was very good, the only disappointment was lack of new players joining the group. We will need to look at this in 2023.

We organised the Hurling Camaint through July against neighbouring clubs.

The boys had the opportunity to play in Parnell Park at half time during the Dublin V Antrim Hurling match.

The group went to Croke Park in February to watch Dublin in a football and Hurling double header.

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FINGALLIANS U11 (2012) Girls

Mentors: Paraic O'Muircheartaigh (Lead), Elaine Dunne, Niamh McGrath (FLO), Ruth Kavanagh, Sinead McDermott, Gavin Finlay, David Murphy, PJ Regan, Deirdre Broderick, Malachy Fox, Richie Moore

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 38

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 41

No. of teams: 3

Number of football players: 40

Number of camogie players: 20

Competitions entered in 2023: Go Games and Sylvesters Camogie tournament

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Great year, really enjoyable with the girls learning new skills and getting better every week

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Make it fun and enjoyable with the girls continuing to improve and working together as a team.

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FINGALLIANS U12 (2011) BOYS

Mentors:

Kieran Cawley (Lead Mentor), Finola Burke (Finance), Jenny Donnelly (Finance), Donal Dempsey, Ciarán McKenna, Niall O'Flanagan, Derek Corbett, Barry Clarke, John Brett, Vincent Phillips, Paddy Brophy, Sean Gallagher, John Williams

No of children participating Jan 2023: Football – 51 Hurling - 42

No of children participating Nov 2023: Football – 48 Hurling - 37

No of Teams: 3 hurling and 3 football – go games 11-13 a side

Competitions Entered:

U12 Hurling and Football 2023

Hurling Camaint – Jul-2023

Fingallians Hurling Invitation 2023

Football Update:

We entered 3 football teams in the 13-a-side grading leagues (playing 4 games each) at the beginning of the year resulting in our teams playing in div 3, div 9 and div 17 – all teams were competitive in their leagues and many players were used across more than one team giving them great experience playing in higher and lower grades.

Hurling Update:

We also entered 3 hurling teams in the 13-a-side grading leagues (playing 4 games each) resulting in our teams playing in div 4, div 9 and div 13 – again all teams were competitive in their leagues with the div 4 and div 13 teams involved in playoffs to win their leagues in the coming days.

We also hosted a very successful hurling invitational on the bank holiday weekend in August which included 12 teams from 8 different clubs and 6 different counties.

We again hosted a hurling camaint in July inviting 3 other clubs from Fingal which was a huge success.

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Plans for 2024:

As we move to 15-a-side teams on full sized pitches we will reduce to 2 teams hurling and football as numbers will not allow a third team in either code – may result in carrying a number of subs especially in football.

Our challenge will be to maintain 2 hurling teams in the coming years seeing our numbers decline by 5 in 2023 – particular emphasis will be to maintain our playing numbers in 2024 in both codes and hopefully entice some football only players to pick up a stick!

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No. of children participating Jan 2023: 40

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 38

No. of teams: 3 Football 2 Camogie

Number of football players: 40

Number of Camogie players: 28

Competitions entered in 2023: Go Games u12

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Great year for the girls with their first experience of competitive games in the autumn season (LGFA only).

Our numbers remain relatively consistent throughout the year due to 4 new girls joining and similar number leaving the Team.

We had three transfers into the Team from a local Club. We had one transfer request out to Beann Eadair which has since been cancelled (player returned to Fins).

We hosted a very successful Camogie Invitational Tournament at the Club in August with 12 teams from around Ireland participating. Following this we accepted an invite from a Club we had hosted (Eire Og, Tyrone) to attend their tournament which we did in September.

We have had no disciplinary issues of note throughout the season. We had three players from the panel sustained injuries (broken bones) but all three have returned to play.

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PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

With the numbers delicately poised for both football and camogie we are unsure if we will be able to field three and two teams respectively for 2024. We will be seeking advice from teams in years ahead for advice here. The preference amongst our coaching panel would be to attempt to field two camogie teams if possible. We feel that a large skills gap exists within the group and would need an A and B to support player development.

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FINGALLIANS U13 (2010) BOYS

Mentors: Colm Murphy, Paddy Quinn, Ronan Barrett, Aaron Lowndes, Gareth Roche,
Gareth Andrews, Rob Brophy, Stephen Daly

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 63

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 69

No. of teams: 3

Number of football players Nov 23: 69

Number of hurling players Nov 23: 62

Competitions entered in 2023: CCC2 leagues

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

We have done well to grow our numbers by a few, we will focus on keeping these players and having as many play both codes. We had great turnout at our matches each week and all fixtures were fulfilled. Some players were moved to different teams within our group to reflect their ability and this will continue into next year.

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

To continue to train where possible in preparation for next year. Plan some team outings for 2024. Develop the skills for more players break onto the first/second team. Put forward and support players to take part in the Dublin 2024 talent academy.

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FINGALLIANS U13 (2010) Girls

Mentors: Yvonne Goslin, Conor Maxwell, Brian Keating, Alan Monaghan, Declan Kelly

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 36

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 38

No. of teams: 2 football, 1 camogie

Number of football players Nov 23: 38

Number of camogie players Nov 23: 17

Competitions entered in 2023:

- Football – Div 3 & Div13 & Single Code
- Camogie – Div 2

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Football

Div 3 – shield semi final

Div 13 – Cup semi final

Single code – ongoing

Camogie

Div 2 camogie – relegated to Div 3

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No's of children participating:

- Jan 2023: Football 51 and 40 Hurling
- Nov 2023: Football 45 and 39 Hurling

No's of teams:

Currently we have 2 teams in football and 2 hurling.

At the start of the year we reduced from 3 football teams to entering 2 football teams and we will also entered 2 hurling teams similar to last year. We continued to provide support to the U15s in both football and hurling.

Competitions entered:

Football

Fins 1 - Division 2
 Fins 2 - Division 5

Hurling

Fins 1 - Division 1
 Fins 2 - Division 5

Football Update

- Overall this season our teams have been competitive in football, each team have had a healthy mix of good wins and losses that gave plenty to reflect on. Our Fins 1

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team finished 3rd in their league. Fins 2 finished top of their league, and lost out narrowly in their Cup semifinal.

Hurling Update:

- Both of our teams have worked hard to improve their hurling skills this year. Our Fins 1 team competed in Div 1 this season, we also now have two lads on the Dublin Development squad. The lads gained a lot of experience playing with the best teams this year, and will bring this experience into next year in Div 2. Our Fins 2 team finished the season very strong finishing 3rd in their league and losing out in their Cup Semi Final. Our numbers at training and matches have been consistent.

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

Next year, we will have two strong squads in both Football and Hurling and this will ensure that game time is shared across our panels. We are really looking forward to competing in our Feile competitions

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Mentors: Ronan Murphy, Micheál Hanratty, Martin Lillis, Mark Ryan, Tony Keogh, Karl Daly, Michelle O’Byrne, Rowena Kelly, Grainne Ryan

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 40

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 41

No. of teams: 2 Football, 1 Camogie

Number of football players: 40

Number of camogie players: 15

Competitions entered in 2023:

Football Division 2, 10 & Single Code Orange Leagues Division 2, 10 & Single Code Red Cups

Camogie Division 3 League & Cup

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

A Football Team

Our football team currently consists of 18 players in the A team. While this is a tight number, we have a system in place to ensure that we have enough players for matches. Our B team and the U13s provide players when we are short on players. This year, we were promoted to Division 2, which was a big step up from Division 3. We finished 5th in the league in Division 2, which is a commendable achievement. Although we were knocked out of the Division 2 cup, we are still waiting to play the semi-final in the Shield competition. Our goal is to remain in Division 2 next year and make significant progress in the competitions in 2024.

B Football Team

Team finished third in the league, narrowly missing out on promotion. Team is scheduled to play in the Cup semi Final (18th Nov).

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For 2024 season the plan is to:

- Review strengths and weaknesses of the team
- Set individual and overall team goals
- Improve conditioning and fitness
- Focus on injury prevention Single Code Football Team Team finished third in the league, narrowly missing out on promotion. Team is scheduled to play in the Cup semi Final (26th Nov).

For 2024 season the Camogie plan is to:

- Review strengths and weaknesses of the team
- Set individual and overall team goals
- Improve conditioning and fitness
- Focus on injury prevention Camogie Team

The team is currently facing a challenge in terms of player count. With only 15 players, it may be difficult to sustain a team in future competitions. The team is relying on players from the u13 Camogie team to ensure that they can field a team for matches. Despite this challenge, the team had a successful year in Division 3, finishing second in the league and making it to the final of the division 3 cup. Although the team lost the final to Naomh Mearnog in the Cup final, it is clear that the team has a lot of potential. Moving forward, the team's focus for next year is to win the Division 3 league and cup. With the right strategy and support from the Camogie section in the club, the team can overcome the current player challenge and achieve its goals

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FINGALLIANS U15 (2008) BOYS

Mentors: Eamonn Gargan, Carl Jones, Karl Behan, Niall O'Loughlin, Paul Murray, Sean Gallagher, Paul Preston Heath Hayward, Domnic O'Reilly, TJ Howard, Eoin O'Connor

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 30

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 21

No. of teams: One Team Football & Hurling

Number of football players: 21

Number of hurling players: 19

Competitions entered in 2023: Feile and League

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

- Winners Division 3 Dublin Feile cup (Football)
- Winner Leinster Feile (Football)
- Winners Division 2 Dublin Feile Shield (Hurling)

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FINGALLIANS U15 (2008) Girls

Mentors: Michael Scullion, Eamonn Morris, Paul Greene, Rob Brophy , Sharon O'Connor , Jam Blake , Margaret O'Reilly , Steve Blake , Karen Joyce, Trish McCloskey

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 42

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 39 with 4 on Tryouts

No. of teams: 2 Football and 2 Camogie

Number of football players: 37

Number of camogie players: 16

Competitions entered in 2023:

- Football – U15 League D2 (3rd), D8 (2nd) , SC
- Football – U15 Championship D2 (Lost Shield SF) , D7 (Lost Shield SF) , SC
- Camogie – U15 League (3rd)
- Camogie – U15 Div 3 Championship (Runners Up)

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Football

Our “A” team narrowly missed being promoted to Div 1 losing by only 2pts away to TSS in the final game with TSS getting promoted instead. We had a couple of players insist on moving to B team leaving us with only 15 players which meant we struggled in the Championship losing all of our games .

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Our “B” team did well in Div 8, coming 2nd and getting promoted on that basis. However D7 Championship proved a challenge with most opposition being Single Teams as opposed to B teams.

Our Single Code played in the higher of the two Divisions in the League and got relegated to the lower division for the Championship which is ongoing and going well.

Camogie

Finished 3rd in D3 League, which was good given our squad of only 16 players. We also finished Runners Up in the D3 Championship. However our biggest achievement of the year was becoming the first ever Camogie team from Fingallians to win a Feile which was a huge boost for the club and players.

PLANS FOR THE 2024 SEASON

With our low numbers and poor results in A football we are looking to be moved to Div 3. We are hoping our B team will be moved back to Div 8 where they can be more competitive. Our Camogie will remain in Div 3. We will be hoping to have one final push from all teams in our last year as juveniles and take home some silverware.

For both Camogie and Football, we’ll be looking to improve our numbers by bringing in 2009 players on a more regular basis which should be mutually beneficial.

We are hoping that the issues with our training slots will be resolved soon so that we can start preparing for our last year as juveniles. Our Camogie team found it particularly difficult with only 1 suitable training slot available to us in the 2 weeks prior to our Championship final and that was thanks to one of the boys teams generously letting us use their AW slot.

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FINGALLIANS U16 (2007) BOYS

Mentors: 8

No. of children participating Jan 2023: 44

No. of children participating Nov 2023: 40

No. of teams: 2

Number of football players: 40

Number of hurling players: 36

OVERVIEW OF 2023 SEASON

Team did well on numbers and in leagues in 2023. Still in football championship. Won the league B hurling. A number of players playing up for Minor Team and doing well.

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FINGALLIANS U16 (2007) Camogie

MENTORS:

1. Emily Barrett
2. Orlagh Leonard
3. Brian McKeating
4. Emma Murphy
5. Paul Fearon

NO. OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING Jan 2023: 19
 NO. OF CHILDREN PARTICIPATING Nov 2023: 16
 EXPECTED NUMBER OF CHILDREN FOR 2023: 16

NO. OF TEAMS: 1 team

COMPETITIONS ENTERED: U16's Camogie League & Championship

UPDATE 2023:

Dual players playing camogie matches one week and then alternating with football. This proved again to be a great success for our team and crucial for the wellbeing of the team. We have 13 dual players who benefited from the weekend matches being on alternate weeks and not being played on the same weekend.

We were in Division 4 for U16's league & championship. Opposition teams were again a good match for us. Got to semi-final of championship & unfortunately we lost out by a point for the final, great semi-final.

Helping other camogie teams – We continued to help the minor camogie team for several matches, great experience for some of the girls. We also asked the U15's camogie team to help us field a team too and they were a great addition to the team.

Team outings are very beneficial for the team. Team will have their annual outing soon.

Three coaches obtained Level 1 coaching courses, two coaches did refresher First Aid courses & all coaches renewed their safeguarding.

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Guest coaching session given by Naoise Waldron, GPO, which the girls benefited from.

Two girls were chosen for the U16 Dublin Camogie Development squad for 2023, great experience for the girls. They attended training in the Phoenix Park on Sunday mornings and completed in the Leinster competition and won a Leinster medal beating Kilkenny in the final. Coaches also helped with this training.

Three girls currently attending Dublin Camogie Minor trials.

2024 Plans:

Transition to minor team.

Camogie matches alternating weeks (week on week off) with football is crucial for players wellbeing of both codes and this needs to be continued at minor level.

Continue to promote a love of camogie & continue to build the positive team spirit we have.

Continue to develop fundamental skills in camogie for minor level.

Develop confidence of all players in all areas of the game.

Encourage all girls to improve their attendance.

100% retention of current players.

Recruitment of additional players & encourage dual players who previously played to give it a go again.

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