

U12 & 10 End of Year Summary

Success of teams within a club can be measured in a number of ways. Matches and trophies won. Finishing place in the league or how far did the team get in their respective championship.

These can be used but not by the coaches involved with this group of girls. When over 50 girls turn up each weekend for training and matches and continue to listen, develop and work on their own skill level individually outside of club training, it made all 6 coaches proud of what these girls have achieved in what has been a roller coaster year in their young development as footballers.

In late February the U10 & 12 girls commenced their athletic development programme and after 5 weeks, plans were set for the girls to take to the field and prepare for the 2020 season. For 4 long months the girls waited in the wings waiting for the green light and when mid-July arrived, and they got on to the field they were so eager to make up for the lost months.

The dedication and application of both panels is a credit to themselves and to their families who made sure they turned up for training and games in such times of uncertainty.

Final scores where never an issue but a winning one was a bonus. Losing a game but making a great catch, finding a team mate with a punt pass, blocking an opponent's shot were so much more important to these girls that their work rate and drive to do the simple skills correct were a joy to watch by all who attended.

The highlight of the year was the last league game of the year when the U10s & U12s all met in Moygannon under the lights against Annaclone. 54 girls turned up that night all in their club gear, all with a smile and all to play for their club. It was the perfect way to end such a stop-start year.

Could we also use this platform to commend those parents with young daughters that are U7 and are currently training with the boys. This is paramount to the development of LGFA in this club. It is astonishing the difference between girls coming to U10s for the first time ever and those girls who have had from 1-3 years' development with the boys. As coaches we would urge our parents to send their daughters to the boys training at U7 and

U9 before they come to U10s. The basic skills that are acquired at this early stage of football development is key to the success of the LGFA in the club.

We would like to thank all the parents for their patience and support throughout their year. I am sure just like us you can see a great change in your daughters. Not just in their footballing ability but also in their confidence and in their social skills too. We would like to thank the girls themselves and wish them all the best they move on to their new panels in 2021.

The drive for 2020 and females in sport campaign

20 X 20 “If she can’t see it, she can’t be it”

as elite sports are now commencing I would urge all our parents to make time for the girls to maybe watch the LGFA All Ireland Championships on TG4 or matches being streamed on social media and let them see what they could achieve in the years to come.

Annette Elmore, Lisa Cunningham, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Ciaran Rice, Darren Rice & Brendan Rice.