



# New Ross Celtic AFC

## Under 16 & Youth Cup Winners 2012



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## Celebrity Wannabe 2012 Another Success



Celebrity Wannabe 2012 Event was held recently in the Brandon House hotel and was a huge success with hundreds turning out for Ross Celtic's annual fundraiser. This year was the Grande Finale and all acts were winners or runners-up from previous years. There was fantastic talent on show with all nine acts pulling out all the stops.

The victors on the night were the 'Sassie Lassies' lead by Nicola

Barry and supported by Elaine O'Connor and Niamh Barry, who performed a show stopping version of 'Lady Marmalade'. The Celtic Boys (Wayne Russell, Mark Lee, Tom Dunphy, Davy Rhodes, Bryan Mullett and Dick Butler) had the crowd on the their feet yet again with YMCA. All acts on the night gave outstanding performances. The other performers were Crystal Gayle (Ann St. Ledger), Kenny Rogers (Ken O'Neill), Little Tina (Kathy Short), 3 Non Blondes (Siobhan O'Connor, Bernie Sinnott and Colette Bradley), The Royal Family (Helen Butler, Sarah Stafford, Jordanna Wall and Ann Foran), Bernie Walsh (Jenny Kehoe) and The Voice (Zoe Smith). MC on the night was Kevin Lyng and stage manager was Dick Brazil.

Ross Celtic would like to thank all their supporters of The Celebrity Wannabe over the past six years and next year will see a new and surprising fundraiser that the club are keeping secret for now, but watch this space!!! Photos of the event available on our club website at [www.newrossceltic.com](http://www.newrossceltic.com)



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### Schoolboy/Girl Notes:

- A big thanks to all who recently contributed to New Ross Celtic's clothing collection which proved to be a huge success.
- Congratulations to Sean Duffy who has been selected to represent the Republic of Ireland Under 15s versus the North Dublin Schoolboys League on December 12th at 7.30pm at the Oscar Traynor Development and Coaching Centre, Coolock.

## November Schoolboys Results Update

- U10 played two fixtures this month, losing to a strong Duncannon side at home before claiming a smashing victory away to Corach Ramblers. Oskar Tomczynski bagged a hat trick with Eoin O'Brien and Micko Griffin claiming two apiece and Aaron McDonald scoring.
- U11- Our A team played one match this month and moved to joint top of the league with a comfortable 3-0 victory over Wexford Celtic away from home with Rory Flanagan, Micko Griffin and Rory O'Connor scoring. The B team recovered from a heavy defeat away to Wexford Albion, to claim their first win of the season 2-1 against St Josephs with Luke Nolan and Adam Kinsella getting the goals.
- U12 maintained their 100% start to the season with an impressive 8-2 demolition of St Josephs. Arran Kinsella claimed a hat trick in this game with Anto O'Connor, Joseph Lawal, Ruaidri Gill, Rory O'Connor and Micholaj Banasik also getting on the score sheet.
- U13 enjoyed a profitable month as they moved into second place in the league with an impressive 6-3 win away to Oylegate and a comfortable 3-0 victory over the visiting Gorey Celtic side. Lauris Zalimas and Joseph Lawal scored twice against Oylegate with Rory O'Connor and Eoin Burke also scoring. Ger Berry, James O'Brien and Kacper Wesolowski were on target against Gorey Celtic.
- U14 - firstly enjoyed a superb 5-2 victory over Moyne Rangers at home with Thomas O'Connor claiming four goals and Lauris Zalimas bagging the other. The boys then faced favourites Wexford Albion at home minus the services of Thomas O'Connor, Richie Hennessy, Ger Berry, Edvinas Tenikaitis and Tom Connors amongst others. Suffice to say, we lost. Nevertheless, the boys remain top of the table.
- U15 turned in a heroic performance to claim all three points at home to North End. With Thomas O'Connor having scored he was then forced to leave the field through injury and the boys were reduced to ten men with over half an hour of the game to go but they still managed to grind out an excellent victory thanks to a hotly disputed penalty in the final minute, which Sean Duffy safely dispatched.
- U16 ground out two hard earned victories away from home to remain top of the table. Sean Duffy, Conor Hennessy and Michael Kelly scored in a 3-1 victory over Curraclloe, while Jack Power with two, Michael Kelly and Sean Duffy scored the goals in the 4-3 win over Cloughbawn. One major downside was the recurrence of a knee injury to Jack Foran and we hope to see him back soon.

## Saturday Club Continues to Grow

The Saturday soccer skills session for 3 to 7 year old children is on going on our Astro Turf pitches each Saturday morning from 11am until 12 noon. Each session currently sees anything from 25 to 40 children in attendance where they are introduced to basic soccer skills such as warm ups, drills, shooting, passing, and of course the all important small sided soccer games. These are proving to be very popular and even at this early age you can see the enjoyment the children are getting from it each week. Each session costs just €2 per child.

## Pat Ronan, Wexford's Sir Alex...



The successes of New Ross Celtic over the years have often been taken for granted by local people, who have no idea of the trepidation often felt by opposing teams when they are forced to face New Ross Celtic at any level. This trepidation, in no small part, is due to the efforts of Pat Ronan, who took over as manager of Celtic in the late 70's and turned us into the most awesome machine ever seen in Wexford soccer.

As a kid Pat was an all round sportsman and at 16 claimed a Senior hurling medal with Geraldine O'Hanrahans. However, soccer has always been his first love and thankfully for us New Ross Celtic has borne the fruits of that love of soccer for the next 40 years and more. A serious car accident curtailed his playing career and he became manager of Celtic in the late 70's. His first trophies soon followed as he claimed a league and cup double in 1978 as well as winning the reserve league. Pat was manager of both senior teams and Youth team for much of his time with the club.

Over the next twenty three years, Pat lead the Celts to an unprecedented FOURTEEN league titles as well as four cup triumphs. He also claimed numerous Reserve and Youth titles during his reign. Without doubt, his greatest achievements were leading New Ross Celtic to the Leinster Junior Cup in 1983, a feat never repeated by any other club in the county.

For all his successes over the years, Pat has always remained a quiet spoken man who has never been seen to berate referees as he feels it means you're not concentrating on the job in hand if you're arguing with the man in the middle. Indeed, concentrating on the job in hand has always been a huge thing with Pat, who has the amazing gift of imposing his will on teams without ever curtailing a player's self expression. His organisational skills are legendary with his final league title with the club coming with the concession of a ridiculously low tally of four goals. Pat is currently managing Shelburne United and still retains his love of the game but we hope New Ross Celtic will always hold a special place in his heart because he will always hold a special place in our history.

## November Results and Updates

Our Premier team played two league games in November winning the first 4-0 at home to Forth Celtic with goals from Mikey Grangel, Eoin Rhodes, and two from Donnacha O'Connor. Their second game was a 1-1 draw away to Campile with Damien Fee Cullen getting on the score sheet. In between these two games Celtic won a Leinster Junior Cup 3rd Round tie with local rivals Ross Town with our lads coming out on top with goals from John Mullett and Stephen O'Neill.

The Second team also played two league games winning their first convincingly 6-1 at home to Fastnet Rovers and then experiencing a heavy defeat 6-2 away to Shelburne.

The Third team again played two league games last month and continued their 100% win record this season with a 3-1 win at home to Castledockrell with goals from Paul Monkey O'Leary, Tommy Lee, and Liam Traynor, and a 1-0 win at home to Taghmon, with Liam Traynor again getting on the score sheet to keep him top scorer on the team. The only sour note is a two game suspension picked up by Eoin Gongy Kehoe who received a red card in this game.

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Club News:

- The club would like to welcome back Ex – League Of Ireland player Paul Phelan from Waterford United and also Alan Rhodes from their Under 19 setup who both recently resigned for Ross Celtic.
- Everyone at the club would like to congratulate Peter McDonald and his wife Catherine on the birth of their first child a baby girl last month.
- Astro Turf pitches available for hire for €40 per hour, for soccer or birthday parties etc. For more information contact us on 087 6356611.
- Anyone wishing to get involved on a voluntary basis to help out the club in anyway should see contacts section on club web site.

For more information check club website

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