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New Ross Celtic...Who We Are????



New Ross Celtic AFC were founded in 1967 and have gone on to tremendous success at all levels, winning 19 Wexford League titles and a Leinster Junior Cup in the succeeding years, as well as reaching the FAI Junior Cup Final in 1994 and the FAI Junior Cup semi final stage on two other occasions. For all this success, achieved by a club based in a small town in County Wexford, it struck certain members of the club as astonishing that most people in the town were unaware that the most successful club in Wexford football was on their own doorstep. A number of ideas were mooted by members of the club to increase the profile of the club in the local community, with the idea of a monthly newsletter being one of those. Ger Feeney, Martin O'Sullivan and Jo Fahey were the prime movers in this initiative and in June 2012, the first newsletter was produced and distributed throughout the town and surrounding villages through the various shops in the area, featuring articles

on the Wexford League and Cup double achieved by the club's Under 16 side and the Youth team's Wexford Cup success. There were further articles on the Wexford Cup Final loss by the First Team as well as the soccer skills club every Saturday morning. A further innovation followed the following month when laminated copies were dropped into the waiting rooms of local restaurants, barbers, doctor's surgeries and dentist's surgeries. Issue three in August 2012 saw Visiconnex become the first business to sponsor the printing costs of the publication. With most people sceptical that such a publication could be maintained on such a regular basis, it can be said that the newsletter has gone from strength to strength, and has gained favourable mention throughout the town for the quality of the articles. The newsletter allows the local population to keep abreast of the current happenings in the club with every goal scorer mentioned and regular updates on member's achievements at local and national level. The heroes of the club from times past have not been forgotten either, with features on former players like League of Ireland legend, Paul Cashin, and current St Patrick's Athletic star, Greg Bolger. Now as it starts its second year of publication, the newsletter continues to entertain and inform the people of New Ross and surrounding areas about the great club situated in their midst in their small town by the River Barrow. .

Sean Duffy selected for Ireland trial



Sean Duffy, who was a member of the Under 15 Regional Emerging Talent Programme, has been selected to attend two National Extended assessment days for the Irish Under 16 team. The trials will take place on July 18th and 25th and will take place at the AUL Complex in Clonsilla in Dublin. Sean was selected on an Irish XI last season for one match against a North Dublin selection so it is hoped that he and team mate Thomas O'Connor will get the opportunity to wear the green shirt this season and further emphasise the tremendous potential to be found in the club's Schoolboy section.

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Schoolboy/Girl Notes:

- Saturday Club soccer skills sessions for boys and girls aged 3 to 7 years continues each Saturday from 11am to 12 noon at a cost of €2 per child.
- Summer camp will be held at Ross Celtic grounds from 10.30am-3pm from July 15th-19th and is aimed at boys and girls aged 6-12 years. Cost is €50 and includes a free kit. Contact Ger at 086 4040485 or Tom 087 9897071.

End Of Season Awards Night

The New Ross Celtic End Of Season Awards for the Youths and Men's section was held in the function room in Spider O'Brien's on Friday 7th June and a great night was had by all in attendance. After another successful season there was plenty of silverware to hand out and the first presentation was in recognition of Eoin Rhodes and Donnacha O'Connor for representing Wexford recently in the team that won the All Ireland Youth Inter League Trophy beating Waterford on penalties in the final. Both players were presented with a glass trophy by club chairman Ray Farrell while Dick Butler was MC for the night. Next up were the top goal scorers for each team during the season and again Eoin Rhodes picked up the award for the Youth Team while Mark Lee received the Third Team (Division 5) award after helping his team to the league title and Gwyn Jones Cup Runners-Up this season. Keith Katus picked up top goal scorer for the Second Team (Division 2A) while again Eoin Rhodes got another trophy for Premier Team top goal scorer. The final individual awards were for Player of the Year for each team. Donnacha O'Connor picked up Youth Team Player of the Year while Paul Monkey O'Leary won the Third Team player of the year. James Barron won Second Team Player of the Year while again man of the moment Eoin Rhodes scooped the Premier Team Player of the year to round off a great season for himself. Each of the Youth Team were presented with their Runners-Up league medals while all the players on the Third team were also presented with their League Winners Medals after winning the Division 5 title this season.

Thomas O'Connor for Ireland

After his outstanding displays for the Wexford and District League Under 14 team at the prestigious Kennedy Cup in Limerick, Thomas O'Connor has been selected to attend National Emerging Talent Assessment days on Saturday June 29th and July 6th at the AUL Soccer Complex, Clonshaugh, Co. Dublin. Following on from these assessments, a squad of 18 players will be selected to represent the FAI Emerging Talent Programme at the 2013 Hibernia Trophy in August. This is a well deserved honour for this superb player and just reward for some outstanding performances in the Kennedy Cup where he claimed five goals and as many assists, operating from his preferred midfield position. It was announced in The Irish Star newspaper that Thomas had been selected on the Team of the Week at that tournament on the left side of midfield. This is a tremendous tribute bearing in mind that the cream of Under 14 talent in the country was on show. DDSL and North Dublin contested the final and provided the bulk of the selection, so it was a sign of how well Thomas performed that he managed to be noticed by the journalists. Thomas has also been on the Under 15 Regional Emerging Talent Programme for the past year, along with turning out for Celtic's Under 14, 15, 16 and Youth teams this season, claiming the man of the match award as he captained Celtic to a dramatic 2-1 win in the Under 14 Cup Final.

A Charity Soccer Match in aid of Cancer Research will be held in Ross Celtic Grounds in Butlersland on Sunday 4th August with kick off at 2pm. This will be an 11-a-side game with team managers Keith Katus and Paul O'Leary gathering together a colourful bunch of players that may be more interested in the after match socialising than the 90 minutes of free flowing football that will be on show. All support would be greatly appreciated and it will be free entry on the day. Bring the kids for entertaining skills that promises to be on display during the game.....

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Club News:

- **SPECIAL OFFER ON ASTRO TURF PITCHES:**For the month of August the hourly rate on Astro Turf pitches has been reduced to 30 euro per hour (normally 40), for bookings please contact 086 1616543.
- Soccer for Ladies continues each Wednesday evening from 7-8pm at a cost of €4. This is aimed at women who have not played soccer before and please contact Ger on 086-4040485 if interested.

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