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2013 Div 5 League Champions 2013 Gwyn Jones Cup Runners Up



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Under 14 Wexford Cup Champions



This was a fitting finale to an eventful season as the team everyone had written off, rose from the ashes to claim the Nicky O'Brien Cup for the third time in four seasons in as dramatic a Cup Final as those lucky enough to be present, are ever likely to witness. Bunclody started the match like a train and it came as no surprise when they took the lead inside the first ten minutes as a ball over the top caused panic in the Celts defence. Although Tom Connors bravely blocked the first effort, the Bunclody striker was able to bury the rebound. In effecting the block, Tom hurt his knee and had to be replaced by Adam Bookle. With Thomas O'Connor having to cope with two markers, it took a while for the boys to get into their stride. Showing all the experience gained from playing with various county teams, Thomas wore down his markers and one effort from 30 yards was a sign of things to come. It took a stunning save from

their keeper to deny Rory O'Connor his 50th goal of the season before a ball over the top from Thomas was seized on by Dylan Garvey who raced clear, only to be knocked over inside the box as he was about to pull the trigger. Thomas made no mistake from the spot and he could have made it two before the break as he danced around a number of defenders but blazed the ball over the bar. There was one scare at the other end as Bunclody had shouts for a penalty waved away by the official. The second half saw Celtic dominate more and more thanks to a defence where Richie Hennessy was superb, and he was ably assisted by impressive displays from Ger Berry, Anthony O'Connor and Diarmuid Kehoe. Behind them Thomas Dunne was a rock between the posts and totally overshadowed the county goalkeeper with his handling and overall awareness. In midfield David O'Connor, Adam Bookle and Joseph Lawal got through an enormous amount of work while Thomas showed a usual powerful display. 11 year old Rory O'Connor belied his years up front, holding the ball up to great effect against defenders who towered over him, while Dylan Garvey was a constant threat until he was replaced by David Lawal. If anything Celtic's dominance increased with David's introduction as he hounded and harried the defence with his all action style. In injury time David O'Connor landed yet another pinpoint corner on Thomas' head and he made no mistake with a bullet of a header. This led to wild celebrations as Celtic saw out the remaining minutes to claim a well deserved triumph and wash away the pain of having lost three other Cup Finals this season. Thomas O'Connor deservedly received the man of the match award to cap a great day. New Ross Celtic: Thomas Dunne, Diarmuid Kehoe, Richie Hennessy, Anthony O'Connor, Tom Connors (Adam Bookle), David O'Connor, Thomas O'Connor, Ger Berry, Joseph Lawal, Dylan Garvey (David Lawal), Rory O'Connor Subs: Rian Grangel, Eoin Burke, Patrick Richardson.

Wexford Football Academy Summer Camp



New Ross Celtic are hosting a summer camp in association with the Wexford Football Academy under the watchful eye of Tom Elmes, who was leading goal scorer in the League of Ireland First Division with Wexford Youths last season and is regarded as one of the finest coaches in Wexford soccer, as well as being one of the highest qualified. The camp is aimed at boys and girls aged 6-12 years and will run from 10.30am-3pm from July 15th-19th at the excellently appointed New Ross Celtic facilities. With every child receiving a free kit the camp is very reasonably priced at €50. Only FAI qualified coaches will be used during the camp and a

week filled with fun is guaranteed for every child, regardless of ability. From the elite players, to the beginner only starting out, this camp will cater for all. Soccer should be about fun no matter what your level, and at this Summer Camp, children will learn new skills and hone old ones in a relaxed, safe and enjoyable atmosphere. Places can be booked by contacting Ger at 086 4040485 or Tom 087 9897071.

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.

School Boys/Girls Sponsor



Schoolboys May Results/Updates

- U10 Drew 0-0 with local rivals New Ross Town in the final League game of the season despite dominating from start to finish. The boys then took part in the Mini World Cup and after impressing greatly in the opening fixture against Curracloe, winning 8-0 with Eryk Borowiec (3), Ciaran Keher Murtagh (2), Micko Griffin, Eoin O'Brien and Matej Stepanek scoring, the boys came a cropper against Glynn/Barntown in the Quarter Final losing 3-2, Ciaran Keher Murtagh and Rory Flanagan scoring.
- U12 Fresh from collecting the League title the lads claimed an excellent 5-2 away victory over Shelburne in the Cup Semi Final with Rory O'Connor grabbing a hat trick and Arran Kinsella and John Grace also scoring. The final showdown was against a strong North End outfit and despite competing well for three quarters of the game, Celtic eventually had to admit defeat, but the chips in McDonalds appeared to develop magical qualities as a happy bunch headed home afterwards. The boys ended their season with a friendly match against the Waterford League Champions, where Rory O'Connor claimed his 50th, 51st and 52nd goals of the season in a 3-3 draw.
- U16 made it three Cup Final appearances for the club this season after they survived a penalty shootout against St Cormacs in the semi final. The match had ended 3-3 after Extra Time. Michael Kelly, Sean Duffy and Thomas O'Connor were on the mark for Celtic but it was left to Eoin Cummins in goal to become the hero saving two spot kicks in the shootout and also scoring one himself. The Final was a fraught affair with both sides cancelling each other out for the most part. A couple of missed chances in the first half and a shot in the second half which crashed off the crossbar were to prove costly misses for Celtic with Forth Celtic converting two penalties in the last ten minutes of the game. Sean Duffy's reply two minutes from time was to prove no more than a consolation.

Donnacha & Eoin win FAI All-Ireland Youth Inter League Medals.....Everyone involved with New Ross Celtic would like to congratulate Donnacha O'Connor and Eoin Rhodes on their recent spectacular achievement of being part of the Wexford County team which recently won the All-Ireland Youth Inter-League Trophy when they defeated Waterford on penalties after a 1-1 score line after extra time. The fact that this game was played away in Ozier Park in Waterford goes to show the quality that these boys have, to come through victorious on the day.

Martin & Eoin scoop Wexford Players Of The Year Awards....Martin O'Sullivan (Division 5) and Eoin Rhodes (Youth Premier Division) picked up their Wexford Player Of The Year Awards at an awards ceremony in the Horse & Hound recently for being voted best player of the season in their divisions. Martin helped the Third Team win their League and also reach the final of the Gwyn Jones Cup while Eoin helped the Youth Team to runners up spot in their league and is also part of the Premier Team scoring many an important goal this season. This is a well deserved reward for both players and also for the club for all the hard work that has gone in over the season to ensure silverware continues to arrive in the club each season.

Celebrity Ballroom Dancing...New Ross Celtic would like to thank everyone who supported the event recently & especially to everyone who sponsored all the dancers over the last 12 weeks. Congrats to Nicky & Orla from the Rugby Club Team on being crowned Champions for 2013....roll on next year! A Big thanks also to Good Counsel College, CBS Secondary School, The Scout Hall, New Ross Adult Learning Centre, & Brandon House Hotel for the use of their facilities for dance practice. Plans for next years show have already begun & if you are interested in taking part, please contact Dick Butler on 086 1616543.

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Club News:

- Astro Turf pitches available for hire for €40 per hour, for soccer or birthday parties etc. For more information contact us on 087 6356611.
- 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.
- The club AGM will be held on Sunday 16th June at 11am in our Clubhouse in Butlersland.

For more information check club website www.newrossceltic.com