

# Springfield Ramblers Schoolboys Football Club

## Player of the Year Awards

### Season 2011/2012



At the end of another long season the Springfield Ramblers Schoolboys Football Club held their annual Player of the Year awards on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in the Commodore Hotel. Special guest on the day was Steven O'Mahony from the FAI.

Club chairman Cathal Rasmussen chaired the ceremony and having welcomed everyone to the ceremony he congratulated all the players for their efforts throughout the year. Cathal went on to address the ceremony with the following words:

"It is my pleasure as Chairman of the club to welcome you all here this evening. This is the time when we all as a club can relax and enjoy the successes from all the hard work of so many people again this season. This is the day when we acknowledge all those players for the achievements of the past season. Well done to all those players who will receive awards to night and remember it is a team sport and your success can only be achieved with the many great players around you. This evening I would like to welcome our girls section of the club which was formed nearly two years ago and for the first time we had two teams competing in the Under 12 and Under 16 sections of the girl's league. I would also like to welcome Steven O'Mahony from the FAI.

Overall the club has had good success on and off the field. Our teams are competing more and more with the better clubs and we as a club are happy with the progress all our teams have made this season. I want to thank and congratulate all the team managers and coaching staff for all your successes over the past year. However it would be wrong of me if I didn't mention all those teams who have done particularly well.

Our **Under 12 Girls** team had a great season getting promoted and winning the **Evening Echo Cup** in Turners Cross. My thanks go to Danny Cronin, Willie Kane, Mary Guilfoyle, Jane Allen and Aoife Braund for all their hard work to make this success possible. Our **Under 13 Division 2** boys' team won their league and well done to Ger Burns and Paul Roche, Jerry Kelleher and Trevor Forrest. Paul Roche has now decided to take up a coaching role with another team in the club and I would like to thank Paul very sincerely for all his time and effort over the last few years in developing this team since an early age.

Our **Under 15** team were runners up in their Premier League, beaten local cup semi-finalists and beaten semi-finalists in the National Cup. Our thanks go to Pat Hurley, Mick Nolan, Roddy Collins, Ted Roche and Gary Veale. Our **Under 16** team will finish either runners up or third and were beaten quarter-finalists in the SFAI Barry Cup which we won last season. They were also very unlucky to be beaten by Corinthians Boys 2-1 in the Local Cup final. My thanks go to John Coughlan, Stuart Burns, Willie O'Hanlon and Vince Keating for all their efforts this season.

Our **Under 14** team under Steven Quinlan, Eoin O'Sullivan and Con Brierley finished third in their division. The three lads have decided to take a break next season and I would like to thank them very sincerely for all their work and efforts over the last few years. I would like to mention and congratulate both Springfield Junior Teams under Eddie and Paul O'Rourke and Brian Leahy for another great season. Both teams finished runners up in their leagues.

This year we continue to do well at representative level with twelve boys and eight Girls playing at Cork Level. We have had two players playing at International level with Jordan Tarrant Lowry playing for the Ireland Under 15 team and Cathal O'Hanlon playing with the Ireland Under 16 team. George Gill is going for Irish International assessments in June and was recently chosen by the Cork Schoolboys league as Cork player of the year. Cathal O'Hanlon and Danny Barry are both playing with the Cork team in the All-Ireland final in Cahir tomorrow and we wish them both well. I would also like to wish Adam Horgan, Dave Coffey and Adam O'Sullivan all the best for the Kennedy Cup in June. Adam O'Sullivan will be captain of the Cork team for the event. Good luck also to Caithlin Quinlan as she heads off next weekend to Limerick with the Cork Under 14 team in the Gaynor Cup.

Cathal in fact as some of you know is our latest player to follow in the footsteps of Steven O'Halloran, Steven Ireland and Alan Smith and leaves Cobh and Springfield Ramblers to sign For Charlton Athletic in the first week of July and I on all our behalf wish him and his family all the very best and I am now inviting Cathal back next May to be present as our guest at these awards.

I am proud of all our players in all our teams and I look forward to more successes next season. Success doesn't come easily and it demands hard work and dedication from players, coaches and parents alike. Each player should look at themselves and assess their own performance and work towards improving their game for next season.

I would like to thank and acknowledge the Commodore Hotel for providing the room here tonight free of charge and I would encourage people to use the facilities as much as possible.

I want to thank all our managers and coaches from Academy to under 18 levels for all their dedication and effort all season. It takes a lot of time and effort to keep going all year and it all of you children who reap the benefit of their dedication.

I want to thank all you the parents for your commitment to your children and to the club. Without your continued support our success couldn't be possible.

Our thanks to all our sponsors of Cobh Credit Union, Ray and Maura Keating, Cobh Tyre Market and Hayes Cabins. Thanks also to local media Inside Cobh, Cobh Edition and great Island Community News for all their continued support.

My thanks to all the FAS and TUS workers who do endless work in looking after all our pitches and facilities.

I want also to thank Martin Carroll and Frank Donovan of Cobh Community College for the continued support at John Murphy Memorial Park.

For any club to be successful we need and have a very hard working committee. This year as usual we have had a long and tough season. We have thirteen teams to look after as well as the entire academy. We provide facilities and resources for nearly 500 children in total and all of this is done by voluntary people during their spare time. I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work and cooperation over the last season. I am going to name them all as it is important that they get the recognition they deserve. John Coughlan Club Secretary, Kieran O'Callaghan Club Treasurer, Willie O'Hanlon Child Protection Officer, Maeve Griffin Assistant Treasurer, Veronica Kelly responsible for gear and equipment, Niall Abbott and Frank Collins responsible for Grounds and Anthony Donovan club PRO. Anthony recently underwent a major operation and I am delighted he is here today with us and I wish him well in his recovery.

These are the people who lead the club and help provide the resources we as a club need to be the success we are. I would like to remind all parents and children that we are a voluntary club run by volunteers and we all give of our time freely and we don't always get it right but we try our best.

Three years ago I stood here and announced we were about to embark on our new AstroTurf training pitch in John Murphy Memorial Park. This has been a great addition to the club and all teams have benefited greatly from the new facility. Scarcely had we finished this development that we as club sat down and said what the next step was for the club. We as a committee set about reviewing our operations and demand going forward. We realised that the club was expanding all the time. Last year we had eleven teams, this year we had thirteen and next year we will have fifteen teams in the club so we urgently need to provide extra playing facilities. With this in mind we looked at many options and pieces of land all over the island searching for the right option for the club. Eventually we decided that we were going to explore the possibility of a new full sized AstroTurf with lights and so we have decided to seek full planning permission for the pitch at Pat O'Brien Park. This application will be lodged next week. We have also applied for a sizeable grant to allow us to move the project forward. At the same time one or two other options are being explored and these will be finalised one way or the other shortly. This is all great news for the club and it is our commitment to you the players, coaches and parents. We will communicate more with you all once the planning process is complete and our options will be clearer. We as a club are on the move again and you all are part of this process. For sure we need new facilities and hopefully when we all meet again next season we will be in the midst of something huge for this great club.

Again many thanks to you all for your attention enjoy the rest of the evening."

Though all the players deserve huge credit for their commitment and performances throughout the year it is traditional to reward some of the players who have made outstanding contributions to their respective teams' cause. To this end the coaches of each team select players in three categories to receive awards at the end of each season. These are: Player of the Year, Clubman of the Year and Most Improved Player of the Year.

These were awarded as follows:

## Roll Of Honour

<b><u>U11</u></b>	<b><u>U11 A</u></b>
Coaches: John Griffin, Maurice O'Connell	Coaches: Brian O'Rourke
C.O.T.Y. JAMIE BATES	C.O.T.Y. PJ O'REGAN
P.O.T.Y. TOM GILL	P.O.T.Y. CIAN O'ROURKE
M.I.P.Y. NATHAN O'CONNELL	M.I.P.Y. ADAM STANTON
<b><u>U11 B</u></b>	<b><u>U12 Division 1</u></b>
Coaches: Noel Collins, Martin Hamilton, Wimmie VanWijnen	Coaches: Sean Quinn, Ken Kavanagh, Conor McCarthy
C.O.T.Y. LUKE MURPHY	C.O.T.Y. SHANE FLAHERTY
P.O.T.Y. JAMIE KELLY	P.O.T.Y. LUKE QUINN
M.I.P.Y. CILLIAN O'CONNELL	M.I.P.Y. KEELAN KAVANAGH
<b><u>U12 Girls</u></b>	<b><u>U13 Division 2</u></b>
Coaches: Mary Guilfoyle, Jane Allen, Danny Cronin, Willie Kane, Aoife Braund	Coaches: Ger Burns, Paul Roche, Gerry Kelleher, Trevor Forrest
C.O.T.Y. SARAH DUGGAN	C.O.T.Y. ANDREW BUCKLEY
P.O.T.Y. GRACE FANNIN	P.O.T.Y. SEAN O'REILLY
M.I.P.Y. CAITLIN MULCAHY	M.I.P.Y. SAM BECKINGHAM
<b><u>U13 Division 5</u></b>	<b><u>U14 Premier</u></b>
Coaches: Mark Patterson, Larry Walsh, John Hackett, Stephen Walsh	Coaches: Steve Quinlan, Eoin O'Sullivan, Con Brierley
C.O.T.Y. DAVE BRENNAN	C.O.T.Y. CIARAN AHERN
P.O.T.Y. ODHRAN KIDNEY	P.O.T.Y. CHARLIE FLEMING
M.I.P.Y. DOMINIC ROCHE	M.I.P.Y. CALVIN MURPHY
<b><u>U15 Premier</u></b>	<b><u>U16 Premier</u></b>
Coaches: Pat Hurley, Mick Nolan, Ted Roche, Roddy Coughlan, Gary Veale	Coaches: John Coughlan, Stuart Burns, Vince Keating, Willie O'Hanlon
C.O.T.Y. RYAN SCANNELL	C.O.T.Y. THOMAS STAFFORD
P.O.T.Y. CIAN HUMPHRIES	P.O.T.Y. STEVEN HORGAN
M.I.P.Y. SEAN RICHARDSON	M.I.P.Y. ADAM DEVLIN
<b><u>U16 Girls</u></b>	<b><u>U17 Premier</u></b>
Coaches: Mary Guilfoyle	Coaches: Steve Cronin, Shane Cournane
C.O.T.Y. ALISON ABBOTT	C.O.T.Y. DANNY NOONAN
P.O.T.Y. CAITHLIN QUINLAN	P.O.T.Y. JASON KEATING
M.I.P.Y. CHLOE HARRINTON	M.I.P.Y. SIMON IRWIN
<b><u>U18 Premier</u></b>	
Coaches: Cathal Rasmussen, Eamonn Doyle, Vince Downing	
C.O.T.Y. LUKE DOYLE	
P.O.T.Y. GAVIN LYNCH	
M.I.P.Y. EOIN DOWNING	

## **National Cups**

Our **Under 15 Premier League Team** and **Under 16 Premier League Team** had great runs in the SFAI National Cup competitions reaching the semi-final and quarter-final stages respectively.

## **League & Cup Success**

It was a successful season for the club on the field of play with our **Under 13 Division 2 Team** winning their league. Two of our teams also achieved runners up places in their respective league competitions. These were the **Under 15 Premier League Team** and the **Under 16 Premier League Team**. The **Under 16** team were beaten finalists in their cup competition while the **Under 15** team reached the semi-final of the cup. Our **Under 12 Girls Team** had a great victory in their cup competition beating Riverstown in the final at Turners Cross. All these players received their medals at the ceremony.

## **Cork Representatives**

More success was garnered for the club in the form of players representing the club at Cork Schoolboys Level as follows:

- **Under 12 Girls:**  
**Amy Burns, Emily Keating, Ava Stapleton, Lauren Egboloni, Kate Hayes.**
- **Under 12:**  
**Ciaran Fleming.**
- **Under 13 :**  
**Raymond Roche.**
- **Under 14 :**  
**Adam Horgan, Dave Coffey, Charlie Fleming, Adam O'Sullivan, Neil Harte, Niall Abbott.**
- **Under 14 Girls;**  
**Caithlin Quinlan, Charlie Whelan.**
- **Under 15:**  
**Ryan Scanlon, Jordan Tarrant Lowry, George Gill.**
- **Under 16:**  
**Cathal O'Hanlon, Danny Barry.**
- **Under 16 Girls:**  
**Emma Horgan**

## **International Honours**

Further honour was bestowed on the club when two of our players achieved the honour of being selected to play for the Republic of Ireland Squads. One of these was **Jordan Tarrant Lowry** at Under 15 level and the other was **Cathal O'Hanlon** at Under 16 level. The club extends its congratulations to these players in achieving this great honour for themselves, their families and the Springfield Ramblers Club.

All players who achieved representative status received awards from the club.

## **Special Club Awards**

There were two special Club Awards during the ceremony. These were:

- The **Pat O'Brien Award** for outstanding commitment to the club ethos by a player during the year. This was presented to **Cathal O'Hanlon**.
- The **Hall of Fame Award**. This prestigious award was presented to **Harry O'Rourke**, long time servant of Springfield AFC. The club extends its thanks to Harry for his dedication to schoolboys' football in Cobh over a long number of years.

## **Skills Awards**

Further awards were presented as follows:

- **Schoolboys Overall Top Goalscorer:**                    **Raymond Roche.**
- **U12 Girls Top Goalscorer:**                                **Ava Stapleton.**
- **Schoolboys Most Clean Sheets:**                         **Ryan Scanlon.**

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