

BLARNEY UNITED



2005 / 2006 Season—Issue 5, August 2005



The 2005-2006 season was one of Blarney's most successful seasons ever!

Blarney's Senior team, in its first year in the Munster Senior League, took the



1st division title without losing a single match. This was only the second time ever that a team has entered the league and then gone on to win it at its first attempt.

Coupled with its league success, Blarney's Senior team also won the 1st division cup competition



beating Ballincollig in the Pop Kelleher cup in St Coleman's Park.



This year, Blarney also fielded an over 35 team taking part in the Beamish Floodlit Cup competition. The +35s were also successful, taking home the 1st division cup competition after a penalty shootout against Rockmount.

The schoolboys club can also hold their heads high. Blarney's under 11 squad, coached by Bobby Kelly, deservedly won the U11 2NE league title in an end of season, winner-takes-all match, against Youghal. Youghal only needed a draw to take the title, whereas the Blarney needed the win. That's what they did, emerging with a 4-2 victory in their last match of the season.

Blarney was also very proud of some individual performances with Jordan O'Connor being named the U11 Cork Schoolboy of the year and Ray O'Leary being named the Division 1 MSL Player of the Year.

In hindsight, it was a pretty good season...

- Munster Senior League, Division 1 League Winners.
- Munster Senior League, Division 1 Cup Winners.
- Senior team promoted to Munster Senior League Premier Division.
- Beamish Floodlit Cup Winners (+35s).
- Schoolboy U11 Division 2NE League winners.
- Promoted to Cork Schoolboy U12 1st Division 1
- U11s Cork Schoolboy of the year—Jordan O'Connor
- Munster Senior League 1st Division Player of the Season—Ray O'Leary.

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A WARM WELCOME TO MORHIGHO

The players, families and managers of Blarney United would like to extend a warm welcome to Morhigho (pronounced Mor-ih-go) Eroutteh. He is married with a one year old boy (Isaac). Morhigho has been heavily involved in both basketball and soccer for some time. He



played soccer in his native Nigeria for Delta Stars (a division 1 team) and also for the University of Benin. He also played premier level basketball in Nigeria and won a national cap. Arriving in Ireland 18 months ago, he has been very involved in the local basketball scene, coaching in Glanmire and in Coláiste an Phiarsaigh. Morhigho is also a referee with the Cork County Board. For the past year he has been working with Glounthane soccer club and this year he has offered to help out in Blarney. For the last month or so, Morhigho has been helping with the U11 and the U12 teams, preparing them for the season which starts on September 3rd.

Morhigho has been a great help already and we would encourage you to introduce yourselves to Morhigho and to make him and his family feel welcome.

NEW LOOK WEB SITE

You may have noticed that the web site look has changed. We hope that the new layout makes navigation easier .



Check it out at... www.blarneyunited.com

You'll find full details of fixtures, results, up to date news, etc. Check out the "How to Get There Link" which gives driving directions to most of the pitches in the Cork area.

A section that may have escaped your attention is the fixtures page. This year, the Cork Schoolboys League has laid out its stall; the league has scheduled every schoolboy league fixture through to the end of May. You can find a schedule of all the matches on the fixtures page.

If you have any suggestions for extending / improving the site then please let us know by email on...

webmaster@blarneyunited.com

ACADEMY STARTS BACK ON SAT 17TH OF SEPTEMBER IN O'SHEA PARK , RIVERVIEW

Most of the club has already started their season. But what about the younger kids?

Thursday, Sept 1st
8:00pm—9:00pm

Coaches for the 95s, 96s, 97s, and 98s meet in the Castle Hotel, Blarney (AKA Johnies).

Saturday, Sept 10th
11:00am—12:00pm

Registration: All parents are asked to register their 6 to 10 y.o.a. boys and girls. The registration charge is €10 per child. Club jerseys, shorts, socks, etc will be available for sale. All children playing for Blarney United MUST be registered.

Saturday, Sept 17th
9:00am—1:00pm

Kick Off. Clean off the boots. Its time to play. Check web site for training times for your age group.

For more details, contact Don Walshe on 087 — 3848 717

Academy Kicks Off on
Sat, Sept 17th at 9:00am



COACHING COURSE INFORMATION



The FAI has announced that the following coaching courses will take place this year...

- UEFA "B" Licence (NCTC Level 2) will take place from Sunday 30th of October to Friday 4th of November in Cork.
- UEFA "A" Licence (NCTC Level 3) will take place from Sunday 11th to Sunday 18th of September at the RCSI (Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland) Sports Grounds, Santry, Dublin.

For information, please contact Niamh McEnhill at the FAI Technical Department, by phone at 01-7037566, or by email to coached@fai.ie. All the above courses will be limited to 32 participants.

The Kickstart 1 and Kickstart 2 programs will also recommence in September / October.

The Cork Sports Partnership (www.cclsp.com) will also be running several courses which you may find beneficial...

Date	Event	Time	Location
September 20th & 21st (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Code of Ethics Course	7:00pm—9:00pm	Ballincollig
October 8th (Saturday)	Speed Agility Quickness Level 1	9:00am—5:00pm	Mardyke Arena, Cork
October 4th & 5th (Tuesday & Wednesday)	Code of Ethics Course	7:00pm—9:00pm	Glanmire

ACADEMY INFO

Training for the Academy kids will restart on Saturday, September 17th in Riverview.

Provisionally, training times are as follows...

- U7s (98s) - 9:00—10:00
- U8s (97s) - 10:00—11:00
- U9s (96s) - 11:00—12:00
- U10s (95s) - 12:00—1:30

Initially, Academy training will take place in O'Shea Park, Riverview. As numbers are firmed and Autumn closes in, then the times and venues will be altered to suit. All Academy children must be registered by the end of September. The registration fee will remain at €10 for the coming year and the €2 per session will also apply.

THE NEW GIRLS TEAM ...

by Julie McCann

Blarney Utd under 14's girls soccer team has been formed and registered in the last few months. They are off to a very good start. With three challenge matches played, resulting in two draws and one defeat, the upcoming season is looking promising.

We are looking for 2 additional members who are interested in soccer to recruit. The league is due to start up again this September, with Blarney entering into the first division. A lot of work has been put into preparing the team for the upcoming challenge.

After only a short break over the summer months we are back training every Thursday night from 7:00pm - 8.30pm.

We are currently in the process of registering each player with both Blarney United and the W.F.A.I. All those interested are welcome to join us in Riverview or contact Julie on 087 - 2632684 for more information.

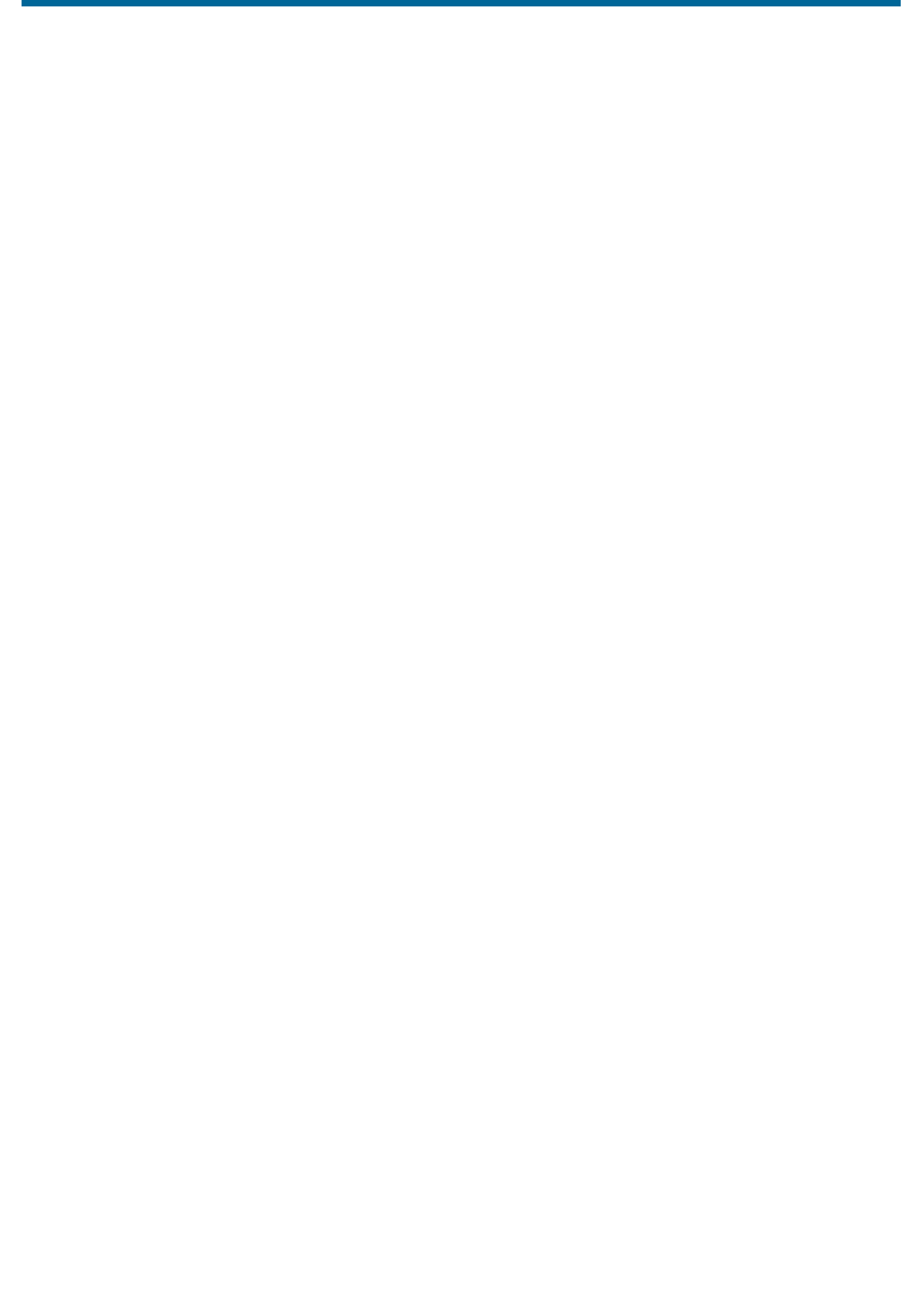


For further information about Blarney United please contact...

Schoolboys (Ages 11-16)... Tom Murray... 087 — 932 0687

Schoolgirls... Julie McCann... 087 — 263 2684

Academy (Ages 6-10)...Don Walshe... 087 — 3848 717



Team Feature

News from the Senior Team—Looking Back... by Ray O'Leary

Before the season started, Finbarr, Con and the players were confident that they could give a good account of themselves in the MSL, maybe not challenge directly for the league but definitely to finish in the top half of the table.

The pre-season was mixed, in one outing returning from Passage with a lousy 3-3 draw.

The first competitive games of the season were in the Keane cup against Garryduff where Blarney played great football and got a creditable 0-0 draw. The new boys in the MSL then faced Ringmahon and lost 3-1.

The league campaign started slowly with a poor 1-1 home draw against Glasheen. Training sessions became far more focused after that, working hard on fitness on the terrain of the Coursing Pitch. Blarney got some superb results in the following weeks, beating many who could have been considered title contenders (teams like Youghal, Ballincollig, Ballinhassig and Mayfield).

For the past 2 seasons Blarney had remained unbeaten away from home and it was hoped to carry this form into the new season. Blarney got some great away results in the following weeks with wins down in Cobh, Mayfield and a superb 5-1 win away to Bandon in torrential rain.

Blarney topped the table before Christmas and never relinquished that spot.

Sandwiched in between the league run were the Munster Senior Cup and the F.A.I. Intermediate cup. After the cup games, the lads knew that they were into the home straight and every point picked up would push them that bit closer to securing top spot. A good sign for the team was that goals were coming from every part of the field... Cormac Hayes chipped in with his customary scrappy goals, with Steve Jennings hitting only penalties, Ruairi Goggin, Dave Moynihan, Sean Tobin, Steve McCann, Ray O Leary and Neil Riordan hitting some great goals. Paul Fitton is still trying to hit his first goal for 20 years but here's still hoping.

Blarney had a tough run in with many of the toughest games on paper away from home. They got some well fought away wins to Ballinhassig where Sean Tobin hit an early goal and Youghal where Blarney came from 1 down to win 2-1 in blistering heat with goals from Tobin and Dave Moynihan.

The Pop Kelleher cup was a nice distraction from the pressures of the league and wins over Glasheen and a monumental win over rivals Carrigaline on penalties on an absolutely terrible night. It was full steam ahead to Cobh for the final against neighbours Ballincollig.

Training in the Mud Path that was the Coursing field was body sapping but was paying off on the Saturday. The last few weeks of the season saw Blarney beat Ballincollig, Garryduff, Bandon, Carrigaline and Mallow to secure the promotion and Blarney's first ever Senior Cup.

Before Blarney collected the league cup, the Pop Kelleher cup was added to the haul with a 2-1 win over Ballincollig. This match was not made any easier by some bizarre refereeing decisions... to this day I don't understand why Ray O Leary got his marching orders. Nevertheless, goals from Cormac Hayes and Ray O'Leary secured the win.

It was full steam ahead to Saturday with Garryduff at home where a 1-1 draw kept the unbelievable unbeaten record throughout the entire season and to the well-deserved League Trophy.

Notes from season:

Player of the year - Cormac Hayes

Top scorer - Ray O'Leary

Most improved player - Steve McCann

Most shots at goal - Ruairi Goggin, Steve McCann

Most shots off target - Ruairi Goggin, Steve McCann

Miss of the season - Stephen Jennings Penalty against Ballincollig (it ended up in Fota Wildlife Park)

Goal of season - Paul Fitton (half volley in TRAINING session 21-11-04)

Save of the season- Henry Murphy on the water bill for the showers.

Quote of the year- "If you had a see through keg, would it look like a pint" -Ruairi Goggin and one of his mind boggling queries.

New signings - Jeremy O'Sullivan, Dave Buckley, Paul Hogan and the whole of Tramore beach which is now spread across the pitch.



