

# Sligo All Stars Newsletter

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## Monthly Issue

Sligo All Stars Basketball Club is delighted to introduce its first newsletter. We hope to provide news, results, fixtures and updates every month. Please pick up a copy and help promote our club.



Boys U14 Team



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## Boys U15 triumph in Cork

**Champions!** On Saturday the 4th of January Sligo All Stars U15 Boys coached by Brendan Barile won the prestigious John Coughlan U15 Tournament in Cork, accounting for Blue Demons of Cork 54-29 in the final.

Earlier in the day Sligo played three games with the standout game being against reigning U14 All Ireland Champions Neptune of Cork. The result from game 1 at the John Coughlan U15 Boys Cork Tournament was a 15 point win over Moycullen of Galway on a scoreline of 36-21.

Sligo were next up against the mighty Neptune of Cork. The Sligo lads had been runners up to Neptune in the U14 All Ireland final last season, they gained sweet revenge in this hard fought encounter winning by 49-44.

The third match was against a tough Killester team from Dublin, but Sligo were not to be denied as they made it 3 wins from 3 games with a close 38-37 victory over Killester.

The semi final result was a 56-33 win over Titans Basketball Club, Galway. This victory paved the way for a meeting in the final V Blue Demons.

## American Coach



Sligo All Stars coach Brendan Barile has had a major impact on the club since joining over a year ago. Now in his second season with the club he has developed basketball skills and set goals for his players at all age levels. They are now repaying Brendan for all that hard work and dedication.

Brendan also plays with and coaches the Senior Mens team guiding what is mainly a very young squad, of which the majority of the players are U18 through a senior league as they gain much needed experience that will be invaluable to the players as they develop their game.

## Northwest League Results

Sligo All Stars Boys U13 and U14 teams played Donegal Town in the Mercy Gym on Sunday the 19th of January.

The Boys U13 team were first to play in a highly competitive game with both Sligo and Donegal giving their all in a very tight game that saw the lead change hands on numerous occasions. The Sligo team however ran out of time as they were narrowly beaten 22-25 by a relieved Donegal Town.

The second game saw Sligo All Stars Boys U14 take on their Donegal counterparts in a match that Sligo All Stars took control of from the start with Jack Moran in particular dominating in both defence and offence. Sligo closed out the game winning by 71-14.



Boys U13 Team



## North West League Results

Sligo All Stars were at home to Letterkenny on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Sligo All Stars Boys U12** won their game 26-20 in what was a tight game

throughout between two evenly matched sides. Offensively Conor Keaveney led by example and was backed up by Fionn Young who had a fine game.

**Sligo All Stars Boys U13** had a decisive win over their Letterkenny opponents winning 36-28. Darragh Connely and Luke Sherlock led the charge with their playmaking ability. Conall Dwyer had a standout day attacking the basket with ease throughout the game. The lads are turning into a fine side who will give any team a hard time.

**Sligo All Stars Boys U14** had a fine win 39-32 with Jack Moran completing a triple double with 25 points, 14 rebounds and 11 blocks. Jamie Callaghan battled through foul trouble to shut down Letterkenny's top scorer in the second half to seal the game. Cousins Vincent & Diarmuid Harte made big hustle plays down the stretch to secure the victory.

**Sligo All Stars Boys U16** won their game 48-40 in a tough encounter, Letterkenny put it up to the Sligo lads but couldn't stop an impressive Sligo side closing out the game with a fine offensive display with some hot shooting throughout. Top scorer was Oisín O'Reilly with 15 pts.

## Shannonside League Results

Sligo All Stars Senior Mens Team played Carrick Cougars away in Carrick On Shannon on Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup>. Sligo won this game 82-86. This was easily their best display in the league so far as they were up against last years Shannon Side Champions. In the last quarter Sligo were 9 points down against a physically dominant Carrick side. Forwards Shane O'Meara and Fergal Kelly had fine games as they rolled back the years to keep Carricks big men at bay. This allowed the younger players space and time to put points on the board. They finished out the game in fine style against a hugely disappointed Carrick team as Sligo showed great character and tenacity to come out on top in a tough away encounter. Player coach Brendan Barile was Sligo's top scorer with 23 points with Cian Lally shooting 20. This leaves Sligo with 7 wins and 2 losses from 9 games and ensures Sligo's place in the playoffs of the Shannonside League.

## Bag Packers Needed



Sligo All Stars will be bag packing on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup> from 2pm to 8pm and Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 10am to 7pm in SuperValu Ballisodare to raise much needed funds to run the club. We will require bag packers for the following slots 2-5pm and 5-8pm on Friday evening and Saturday from 10am-1pm, 1-4pm, 4-7pm. We will require cover for 5 tills. Please contact Collette by text at 087-6835593.

## Sligo European Town of Sport 2014



Sligo was officially awarded European Town of sport 2014. A Calendar of Events outlining details of all the key sporting events which will take place in Sligo in 2014 is being published and will be widely distributed. It will be available in print and in online format. Clubs and organisations are encouraged to use the European Town of Sport Logo and promote the award via their activities throughout 2014. Sligo All Stars basketball Club is delighted to be involved and will have events in this calendar.

## Fixtures & Events

**22/2 Boys U18 v St Brendan's Tralee - Mercy**  
**23/2 U12 Tournament Donegal Town**  
**1/3 Hobbert Boys U17 Tournament Tralee (Prov)**  
**2/3 U14,U16 Boys and Girls semi finals in Loreto Convent, Letterkenny**  
**8/3 U12 Finals Sligo I.T.**  
**9/3 U14,U16 Finals Host TBC**  
**14-15/3 Shannonside- Seniors Finals**  
**17/3 St Patrick's Day Parade**  
**28/3 Neville Boys U14 Tournament Cork**  
**12-13/4 AICC U14 Dublin & U16 Jordanstown**  
**14-18/4 U13 thru U18-Michael Bree Camp**  
**18-19/4 Boys U17 Billy Kelly, Cork**  
(Some of the above may change)



## Shannonside League Results

Sligo All Stars Senior Men's Team hosted league leaders Longford Falcons in the Mercy Gym on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of January. In what can only be described as a cracker, our senior men's team ousted Longford Falcons 85-80 in the Shannonside league. Longford started at a furious pace with a mix of accurate shooting and effective lay ups. Sligo however were up to the challenge and their fine win the previous weekend against Carrick Cougars gave them the confidence and belief to go toe to toe with Longford. In this top of the table clash it took overtime to separate the sides as it finished 73-73 at full time. The lead changed many times over the course of the game and indeed Falcons looked to have that little bit extra to take victory for long periods of the game. But the younger hungrier All Stars were not to be outdone and made some big plays down the stretch to force overtime. The fresher younger legs told in overtime and the All-Stars March to the top of the league. Special mention must go to Cian Lally as he had a massive influence on the scoreboard with some fearless shooting.

## Play Basketball!

If you would like to give basketball a try please contact us at 087 6304177. We are based at the **Mercy Gym, Chapel Hill, Sligo**. Check out our training schedule below.

### Training Schedule.

**Monday-** U14 Boys 5-6pm,  
U16 Boys 6-8pm.

**Tuesday-** U16 Girls 5-6.30pm,  
U12+U14 Girls 6.30-8pm.

**Wednesday-** U12 Boys 5-6.30pm,  
U14 Boys 6.30-8pm,  
U16 Boys 8-10pm.

**Thursday-** U18 Boys 8-10pm

**Friday-** U13 Boys 7-8pm,  
U18 Boys 8-10pm.

**Saturday-** U10 Boys + Girls 9.30-11am,  
U6 + U8 Boys + Girls 11-12noon,  
U14 Boys 12-2pm,  
U16 + U18 Boys 4-6pm.

