

The Bridge Bulletin



Sun 10th May 2015
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MAYOBRIDGE GAA LOTTO
Have you your lotto done for
Monday 4th May
JACKPOT £2300

Mayobridge GAA Annual
Awards dinner will be held on
Friday 15th May.

Tickets will be £10.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS **PLEASE**

Now that the football season is in full swing could we ask the mentors of the various teams especially at underage level to contribute match reports each week. At the moment reports are appearing on Facebook but don't make it to the Bulletin. Our juveniles deserve all the encouragement they can get and to see their name in print can be a great inspiration to them. The reports don't have to be lengthy, a few lines with the team and scorers would be sufficient. Also the Bulletin will be a source of information in years to come for anyone researching material for historical purposes therefore it is important to have a record of our achievements So please

can we have some information on our various underage teams, ladies football and camogie teams.

TWO WEEKEND GAMES FOR **'BRIDGE**

After the disappointment of losing their opening Division One game to Castlewellan the 'Bridge will be hoping to bounce back this weekend with two games down for decision. On Friday evening they travel to Rostrevor attempting to record a fifth successive win over the Reds and then on Sunday host Bryansford who narrowly defeated them in the Division One final last season.

REPORTS ON LAST YEARS **LEAGUE MEETINGS**

ROSTREVOR 1-09 – 1-13
MAYOBRIDGE (Played In
Rostrevor on Friday 6th June 2014.

Benny Coulter was in scintillating form as strong starts to each half saw Mayobridge claim a largely uncomfortable victory at Pettit Park on Friday evening. Rostrevor found themselves ruing two penalty misses in a contest in which they stood up to their visitors for long spells; their only performance complains being an

inability to grab early scores and to marshal the free-running Coulter.

Kevin O'Rourke fired over a third minute free with the lively Caolan Gallagher angling over from close to the endline. Despite the early prominence from the Bridge, Rostrevor had the first of their big goal chances in the sixth minute when the superb Conor Doyle charged up the right side to cross for Paudie McGrath who was denied by the fast-reacting Shealan Strain. The Sky Blues added two further scores by the 10th minute with Benny Coulter; pulling the strings in the Bridge attack, scoring a point from close range and Conleth O'Hare pointing on the run. It took ten minutes for the Reds to raise a flag in both halves but they sent over three points within five minutes to close the gap to one. Adrian Mackin scored from a free whilst a rangy point from Shaun Parr and Tomas Mulholland's fine effort after great midfield play from Conor Magee had the scores at 0-4 to 0-3 on 16 minutes.

The Bridge were rather wayward at times in the match, but when they did find their shooting boots, there was ruthlessness in their delivery. Jamie Barr and an exquisite effort from the outside of Kevin O'Rourke's right boot put Mayobridge back into a three-point lead by the 19th minute of play. However, Rostrevor bounced back from this double salvo to drive into the Bridge in the remaining moments of the half. Conor Doyle and Jordan Fegan combined well before Doyle fisted over with the first of

their two penalties arriving in the 23rd minute after a flurry of activity in the Bridge defence. Referee Paul Falloon adjudged Adrian Mackin's goal-bound effort to have been blocked with the foot after McGrath had squared to him, but Mackin's penalty crashed down off the crossbar with the Reds' hitman settling for a point from the rebound. Doyle floated over a typically excellent point from the right wing to level the scores in the 25th minute, but O'Rourke's effort had Mayobridge in the lead as the teams headed for the interval.

HALF TIME – ROSTREVOR 0-06 – 0-07 MAYOBRIDGE

As was the case in the first half, the first four scores came from Mayobridge. It was Benny Coulter who was the chief tormentor with a blisteringly clinical three minutes putting Rostrevor on the back foot again. Coulter pointed inside a minute of the restart with Kevin O'Rourke's free pushing the Bridge into a three point lead moments later. Mayobridge then hammered in a goal in the 33rd minute coming through Benny Coulter as he raced onto O'Rourke's cross-field pass to fist the ball to the roof of Tony Fearon's net. The same man added a further point to place Mayobridge into a seven-point lead. Rostrevor had the best possible response to this early blitz with Conor Magee benefitting from a piercing run from Tomas Mulholland to slam a low drive to the net in the 40th minute; but it was unfortunately with a more sizeable deficit between the teams than would have been desired. Shaun

Parr and Sean Cooper were both on target as the match entered its final quarter ensuring that Rostrevor only trailed by two points; 1-10 to 1-8.

It seemed that Mayobridge's scores were always the first to arrive and they were able to keep Rostrevor at arm's length at various times. Points from Kevin O'Rourke, Caolan Gallagher and Benny Coulter gave the visitors a five-point lead by the 50th minute and it became reasonably clear that Mayobridge were going to be taking the points at the end of a difficult hour. However, further doubts were cast over that result, as John Caldwell attempted to intercept a pin-point Conor Doyle pass only to throttle into the back of the well-placed Conor Magee for a second Rostrevor penalty in the 56th minute. Adrian Mackin's woes were compounded though, as his right-footed shot bolted wide of the left-hand upright. Conor Doyle's late free was the final score of the evening, as Mayobridge held on for a sixth win in eight league matches and their fourth consecutive win against Rostrevor.

Bryansford 1-14 Mayobridge 1-4
(Played Friday 1st August 2014 in
Mayobridge)

The top two teams in Division One met at Mayobridge on Friday evening in what was anticipated to be a close contest but as it turned out Bryansford ran out easy ten point winners to reclaim top spot in the league. The game while played in a very competitive manner certainly did not warrant the dismissal of four players during the course of the 60 minutes

with many observers of the opinion that none deserved to go.

Twenty four minutes into the first half the 'Ford had established a five point lead 0-7 to 0-2 when three players received their marching orders. Mayobridge were on the attack when two players became involved in a wrestling match and several others became involved in the schmoozle. When the dust had settled the two wrestlers, Kevin O'Rourke and Ryan McDonald received straight reds when, if commonsense had prevailed, two yellows would have sufficed while Benny Coulter who had earlier received a yellow card for questioning a refereeing decision received a black card so he also had to leave for an early shower. The 'Bridge were now facing an uphill task being five points down and having only thirteen men. Just before the break the visitors tagged on another point from Conor Gribben to put them 0-8 to 0-2 ahead as they headed into the changing rooms.

Conor Maginn and Caolan Gallagher swapped points in the opening minutes of the second half before the 'Ford landed a killer blow in the 39th minute when they produced a flowing movement which cut a swathe through the 'Bridge defence and David McKibben beat the keeper with a low, crisply hit shot. This score more or less finished the game as a contest although the 'Bridge kept battling away and they received a bit of a boost when Caolan Gallagher converted a penalty in the 48th minute. Bryansford immediately retaliated with two quick scores from Conor Maginn and substitute Stephen

McKibben but then saw a defender harshly dismissed four minutes from the end which took some of the gloss of their victory.

Bryansford scorers: David McKibben (1-2), Conor Maginn (0-3), Chris Brannigan (0-3), Conor Gribben (0-2), Danny Savage (0-2), Ciaran Brannigan (0-1), Stephen McKibben (0-1).

Mayobridge scorers: Caolan Gallagher (1-2), Kevin O'Rourke (0-2).

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FIXTURES

(Some may be subject to change)

ALL COUNTY PREMIER RESERVE LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Burren (Home).

Tonight Wednesday 6th May. Throw-in: 7.30.p.m.

DOWN LADIES FOOTBALL U-16 SECTION C

Mayobridge v Saul. (Home). Tonight Wednesday 6th May. Throw-in: 7.00.p.m.

ALL COUNTY U-16 LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Liatroim (Home) Thursday 7th May. Throw-in 7.30.p.m.

ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE.

Mayobridge v Rostrevor. (Away). Friday 8th May. Throw-in: 7.30.p.m.

DOWN LADIES DOWN SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Castlewellan. (Away). Saturday 9th May. Throw-in: 7.00.p.m.

SOUTH DOWN U-12 LEAGUE

Mayobridge C v Burren C. (Home). Sunday 10th May. Throw-in: 11.00.a.m.

SOUTH DOWN RESERVE LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Rostrevor. (Away). Sunday 10th May. Throw-in: 12.45.p.m.

ALL COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE

Mayobridge v Bryansford. (Home). Sunday 10th May. Throw-in: 3.00.p.m.

SOUTH DOWN U-14 LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Ballyholland. (Home). Monday 11th May. Throw-in; 7.30.p.m.

ALL COUNTY MINOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Mayobridge v Carryduff. (Away). Tuesday 12th May. Throw-in: 7.30.p.m.

Cul Camp coaching opportunities.

The County are looking for enthusiastic, qualified coaches to help us build further upon the recent success of the camps within County Down.

There are vacancies for both the positions of Cúl Camp Coach (generally over 18, with suitable previous coaching experience) and Assistant Cul Camp Coach (generally u18 with little prior experience). All applicants MUST have completed a minimum of GAA Child Protection and Foundation Level Coaching Award.

Please email secretary.mayobridge.down@gaa.ie for application form and more details.

Please note, Down GAA does not guarantee anyone who applies for a coaching position a full summer of work. Coaches will be chosen based on

experience and the numbers of coaches required on any given week.

The closing deadline for applications is FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2015.

Any information or news for The Bridge Bulletin should be e-mailed to me at rosemarymagee9@hotmail.co.uk Or left at 9 Carnany Grove or telephone Rosemary Magee at 02830851647 by a Tuesday evening at the LATEST.

Crochet Class Mayobridge Convent. Thursday 10am - 12. Everyone welcome come along to learn a new craft. £3 per class includes refreshments. Bring a crochet hook and a piece of wool if you have any. What better way to spend a Thursday morning