



Sligo GAA

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Busy time for development squads

It is a busy time of year for the Sligo development squads as the various age groups continue to work together on a weekly basis.

The new U-11 and U-12 initiative, spearheaded by Aidan Rooney and Peadar Niland, has got off to a great start with excellent enthusiasm from all clubs and players. Both squads have gone through skills tests and camps and have enjoyed their work so far.

The U-13 development squad had a two-day camp in early August held in Scarden. This was a very useful exercise and all players gave great effort which bodes well for the future.

The U-14 squad had a productive outing when they took part in the Sean Purcell tournament at the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence in Began. Fielding two teams, all players got plenty of game time and showed well throughout the day.

Players at U-14 level are also very busy at present with their clubs as the championships progress.



The Sligo U-13 Squad pictured at their recent camp in Scarden

Commiserations to the Sligo Minor team on their exit from the All-Ireland Championship.

David Cummins side lost out to Derry by a single point, 1-13 to 01-5, in a cracking quarter-final at Ballybofey.

The team showed very well all throughout and were very unlucky not to snatch a result, which would have seen them head to Croke Park.

Well done to all the players and management on their efforts.



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U-16s prepare

The Sligo U-16 footballers are continuing their preparations for the Ted Webb Cup and Fr Manning Cup competitions, which take place in the coming months.

The Ted Webb Cup is scheduled to start at the end of August, while the Fr Manning Cup, a regional competition, is pencilled in for mid-October.

Manager Conor Gormley and his squad have been working hard in preparation for both competitions, with this squad set to graduate to minor (U-17) in 2018. The squad is pictured across.



Pictured below is the Sligo primary school hurling selection, which travelled to Pearse Stadium in Galway at the start of June to take part in a blitz against various other teams from around the province. Accompanied by Hurling GPO Benny Kenny, all players acquitted themselves very well. It is very encouraging to see the enthusiasm of the players and their skill levels improving

The Sligo U-15 squad had a brilliant day at the Alan Mangan tournament in Offaly on Saturday August 12th.

Placed in group two against some high calibre opposition, the team performed well to beat Dublin and Cavan, but lost out to a strong Kerry side.

They also took part in the Dermot Earley tournament in July where they beat Mayo, but lost to Galway.

It was great to get game time against such high quality opponents in both competitions and encouraging to see the team and squad perform so well. Training continues on a weekly basis. Keep up the good work.

