

The Legends (not over 40s) v Liverpool – Match Report

The Legends (not over 40s) maintained their 100% record in International Friendlies against a selection of Liverpool's finest. Experienced, veteran manager Johnny Greenan was extremely critical of Manager/Leader Jim Feighan's training regime & pre-match preparation, to be in bed by 5am-ish & have a full fry up 1 hour before kick-off. However, he was made to eat his words and stated "perhaps I should have used the same pre match preparations with the under 12's".

The Legends utilized their decoy player Tom Gallagher from the start to fool the Scouser lads. They accept that they played an underage player in Stephen Bohan but were unaware of this as he forged his birth cert. To make up for this they played 2 overage players in the 'Heinz 57 twins' of Raymondo Queenan & Michael Mc Hale Very Snr. Both played their hearts out (we ensured St John's ambulance was on stand by).

Liverpool took an early lead with a great move from the back & finished with a fantastic overhead volley to the top corner of the net. Boyle struck back immediately and in a matter of 5 minutes were 3-1 ahead. A very tight, skillful game, full of mind-numbing tactics ensued. Liverpool fought back and at half time the score was 3-3. The large crowd was certainly getting their money's worth.

The Half time chat, did not take place as all players were looking for a massage from the 2 ladies from St John's Ambulance. Boyle utilized their rotation system to great effect again in the second half and a master stroke by the Leader (Jim Yoda Feighan) to introduce young Stephen Bohan, turned the tables in Boyle's favour. The Legends began to dictate with great passing moves and 4 more goals. Michael Hunt scored the goal of the match after 55 attempts. Final score, Legends won 7-4.

It was a very entertaining game and the crowd really appreciated the performance of both teams and were greeted by a Mexican wave on their joint lap of honour. Chris Callan & Maurice Mullins were the Legends' best players on display. A very, very big thank you to the lads from The Pool, for the game and for their sportsmanship and hospitality given to all the Boyle lads. We hope to see you over in Ireland for the return fixture.

Another thank you, goes to, John Mitchell, who gave the boys "Scouser classes" over the last few weeks.

The Leader Jim Feighan has announced his retirement and a major campaign has already got into full swing, with 2 camps up to take over the throne. Brendan Lynch has arranged a scouting mission to Naples and word is, he has arranged a game against Pompeii Volcanoes and a visit to the Pope for his blessing. In the other corner, Michael O Dowd is going to Istanbul to suss out options for a game and then take on an incursion into Iraq. Wishing them both the best and may the best veteran win.

Oldest Boyle Celtic Player

Our first entries must be those Heinz 57 twins, Ray Queenan and Mick McHale Senior, still strutting their stuff at 57 years young. I will try to get a brief comment from both in the next few days and maybe a picture or 2.