



# TOLOSA GAELS

Club de Foot Gaélique & Hurling



## News from your local Gaelic Football and Hurling Club

### What happened in the last few weeks ?

#### Friendly game Tolosa Gaels vs Burdigaela

Saturday the 27th of February, we hosted the annual Duck Derby in Toulouse against our "local" rivals, Bordeaux. The Tolosa Gaelettes began the day against the Bordelaises with a **resounding 1-9 to 0-2 victory**. This was sweet revenge for the defeat suffered against the Bordeaux ladies in the South-West Cup in December last year.

Our men's team did not fare so well however, falling to a **heavy defeat of 2-11 to 1-3**, all under the watchful eyes of Fabien Pelous. The pain of defeat was even harder to take due to a few sneaky traitors pulling on Bordeaux jerseys and putting in performances rarely seen in the white of Toulouse. Appropriate disciplinary action is forthcoming.

#### New jerseys for the girls

In addition to Saint Patrick's day, the Tolosa Gaelettes will have plenty to celebrate come mid-March with the arrival of their brand new kit. Thanks to the kind sponsorship of the Thirsty Monk Pub, the ladies will wear their new jerseys with pride during their first official tournament in Paris on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March.

As Mike would say : "*Wishing all the ladies*" ... the best of luck !!



#### Le coq mange du trèfle !!!

Presque 5 ans .... depuis ce 20 août 2011 et la dernière victoire française contre l'Irlande !!! C'est long, très long même (à l'époque le club des Tolosa Gaels avait juste quelques mois !!!).

Mais cette hégémonie (*hegemony, same lads*) est terminée depuis le 13 février 2016 et l'écrasante victoire 10 – 9 des bleus ☺ !!

Deux *leprechauns* toulousains assistaient même à cette défaite en direct du Stade de France : notre présidente Sarah et son fidèle secrétaire Alan !!

Est-ce que l'Irlande arrivera à nous battre dans les 5 prochaines années ?? *To be continued* ...

# On the pitch

New year, new challenges !! Dates for men and ladies are now fixed. It will begin for both team in March and finish with the finals in Clermont-Ferrand, the 11th of June.

## Program (Men and Ladies) :

- 19/03 : **Paris** (L)
- 26/03 : minor in **Provence** (M)
- 16/04 : **Bordeaux** (L), minor in **Lyon** (M)
- 14/05 : major in **Toulouse** (M)
- 30/04 : **Rennes** (L)
- 11/06 : finals in **Clermont-Ferrand** (M&L)

# Off the pitch

The winner of this new section is Hervé !!

## Context :

During the Atlantic Cup match against Bordeaux last December (defeat, again ....)...just before the end of the game, Hervé won a ball on the ground, passed it to his team-mate and then ... started running towards the sideline holding his right hand and saying quite calmly but with a hint of urgency : "*I can't play anymore, I think I'm injured !*" Nobody really reacted until he held up his finger, crooked to a 180° angle.

Hervé hasn't touched a ball since!!

Hope to see you soon on the pitch dude ... have a good recovery !!



# Who are you ?

**Name :** Basso (alias Julien)

**Country / city :** Bretagne, Morlaix (slogan : « *if they bite you, bite them* »)

**Profile :** Treasurer of Tolosa Gaels, tightfisted

## **Basso, how did you hear about Tolosa Gaels ?**

When I arrived in Toulouse, i used to go to a pub for a "café des langues". I wanted to practice my english. It didn't work. However I met Steven, an Irish guy, and he told me to come and play Gaelic Football.

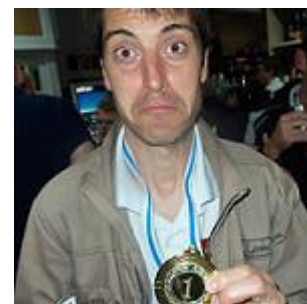
He told me one time, two times, three times, four times.. so at the end I said "OK I will try your Gaelic thing" and actually it was fun so I stayed...

## **Lots of members don't know your real name ... are you pissed off ?**

Actually it's quite fun. Sometimes I say my real name to introduce myself, and I see the newbies make faces and say "that's your real name".

## **What position would you hate to play ? Why?**

I can play everywhere, i don't mind ... even with Bordeaux !!!



# Coming soon

- Trainings every Wednesday (7.00 pm, wait for Mike's email) and Saturday (12.00 – 3.00 pm in Les Argoulets)
- O'neills grouped order to come if you want some Tolosa Gaels stuff
- **17/03** : Paddy's day celebration. Beginning in Mulligans...more information to come !

## Good luck for the first tournament ladies & gents

