

# U18 Football 2017

**Coaches:** John Hughes, Tom McDermott, Hughie Doran & Liam Fogarty

We started the year with a small panel with Aaron out for the year, the first round game against Clara was a tough battle, but we came away with a 9 point win.

Next up was Broughans at home which was a very tight game which Broughans would have been well fancied to progress, but a fair bit of to and fro we came away with an impressive win by 2 points.

We then went on to play St Vincents, which was a good game and we probably were in control for most this game and with a good effort all round came away with a 10 point win.

Then in the final group game against our neighbours Tullamore, we showed that we were beginning to come together as a team with some great team work and passes put together came away with a 20 point victory.

This set us up for a semi-final position for which we would have to wait until October 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the run up to the semi-final we played some helpful competitive challenge matches against St Manchans and Athlone in preparation for the semi-final.

The semi-final was a tough encounter where we had good patches of play but due to a goal spree by a very good Edenderry side we came away 2<sup>nd</sup> best.

This team has made huge progress with many of them involved in U21 & Senior B Football teams also Minor Hurling, having only lost 1 match this year between both codes at minor level, also 4 of this team were involved with the Offaly minor team which beat Wexford in the championship, followed by beating Westmeath, and finally loosing out to Louth in the Leinster ¼ final

We would like to thank the U16 lads who played a big part of this team this year also thank Carina for her assistance and wish her a speedy recovery and also wish John Hughes the best of luck with Offaly U17s.