



Speaking at the launch, Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael Liam O'Neill said; *"The Kilmacud Crokes Football Sevens, now supported by FBD, is an integral part of All-Ireland weekend placing as it does a special emphasis on our game on the day prior to what is the highlight of our football calendar.*

*"Rivalries and friendships are renewed and rekindled over these matches and conversations and speculation about the following day's eagerly awaited matches is also par for the course. That's before mention of the perennial ticket hunt which often takes in the various outposts of South Dublin.*

*"This is a long running event organised to the highest standards and I wish everyone every success with this year's competition and hope to see it in our diary for many years to come."*

Mr. Sean Fox, Broker Development Manager with FBD said, *"As a member of Kilmacud Crokes I am very proud to be standing here in Croke Park on the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the premium Sevens competition in Ireland and obviously from an FBD point of view, I am delighted to be here for our first involvement with the Sevens.*

*"Now over 40 years in business, FBD's commitment to Irish Sport is set to continue as we expand our sponsorship within the GAA arena, from the well established FBD Connacht League, to the new FBD 7s in Kilmacud Crokes.*

*"As an Irish company, FBD recognise the important role the GAA has played in both the rural and urban life of this country. We applaud their ongoing contribution and that of clubs such as Kilmacud Crokes who epitomise all that is good at club level within the organisation.*

*"We wish all those competing the very best of luck."*

Commenting on the event, John Shovlin Chairman of Kilmacud Crokes Football Committee, said; *"It is hard to believe that this is the 40<sup>th</sup> year of the Sevens and we hope that this year will be a unique celebration of all that is great about Sevens football and we look forward to welcoming the teams to Kilmacud Crokes.*

*"There is no doubt that times are tough at the moment for all and we are very appreciative of FBD and their support and for coming on board in what we hope will be a mutually beneficial partnership over the next few years.*

*"Now known as the FBD 7s we believe that this partnership will help to keep the Sevens tournament front and centre on All-Ireland Final weekend as it should be.*

*“To the senior lads here today from our own club, thank you for being such wonderful servants to your club and county this year and for bringing Sam back to the capital last year and to the minor players in attendance, the very best of luck against Meath in a few weeks time.*

*“This competition has without doubt gone from strength to strength over the last 40 years but special thanks must also go to the GAA and to the media for their continued support,” he concluded.*

**ENDS**

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**FBD 7s 2012**  
**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2012**  
**Teams, Groups & Venues**  
**(2011 County Champions Highlighted in Red)**

<b>Group 1</b>		<b>Group 2</b>	
St. Peter’s	Meath	<b>Kilmacud Crokes</b>	<b>Dublin</b>
Tarbert	Kerry	Kilnamatra	Cork
Clonduff	Down	Caherlistrane	Galway
Coleraine	Derry	St. Malachy’s	Tyrone

<b>Group 3</b>		<b>Group 4</b>	
Bray Emmett’s	Wicklow	Blackhall Gaels	Meath
St. Joseph’s Doora B	Clare	Lavey	Derry
St. Malachys (C)	Down	St. Michaels	Donegal
Erins Own, Cargin	Antrim	<b>Burren</b>	<b>Down</b>

<b>Group 5</b>		<b>Group 6</b>	
Parnells	Dublin	Ballycumber	Offaly
Castleisland Desmonds	Kerry	Aghada	Cork
Derrygonnelly	Fermanagh	<b>Killererin</b>	<b>Galway</b>
Longstone	Down	St. John’s	Antrim

<b>Group 7</b>		<b>Group 8</b>	
Dromard	Longford	Round Towers (C)	Dublin
Ille Rovers	Cork	<b>Nemo Rangers</b>	<b>Cork</b>

Ballymun Kickhams	Dublin	Loup	Derry
<b>Naomh Conaill</b>	<b>Donegal</b>	An Ríocht	Down

<b>Group 9</b>		<b>Group 10</b>	
<b>Skryne</b>	<b>Meath</b>	O'Tooles	Dublin
St. Marys (Saggart)	Dublin	Caltra	Galway
Kilkerrin-Clonberne	Galway	Glenullin	Derry
Bryansford	Down	<b>Roslea</b>	<b>Fermanagh</b>

<b>Group 11</b>		<b>Group 12</b>	
Clanna Gael	Dublin	Naomh Olaf	Dublin
Newtownbutler	Fermanagh	<b>St. Gall's</b>	<b>Antrim</b>
<b>Ballintubber</b>	<b>Mayo</b>	Doheny's GFC	Cork
O'Donovan Rossa	Derry	Edendork	Tyrone

### Venues

Glenalbyn	Groups 1 & 2
St Benildus College	Groups 3 & 4
Silverpark	Groups 5, 6, 7 & 8
Naomh Olaf	Groups 9, 10, 11 & 12

Group games will be played on a league basis. The winner of each group will qualify for the knock-out stage of the competition. The first games take place at 11.00am.