

TRIBUNE SPORT

St. Bernard's lead the way once more with new pitch

By FRANCIS FARRAGHER

Abbeynockmoy's St. Bernard's United — one of the county's rural soccer pioneers in the early 1970s — open their new dressingrooms and pitch development this Saturday.

The opening by Connacht FA chairman and FAI vice-president elect Pat Quigley marks the completion of an ambitious £30,000 project achieved mainly through a FAS scheme employing four local people.

Included in the spanking new development is the dressingroom complex, new roadway, the filling of one low corner of the pitch and the erection of timber fencing around the ground.

Secretary of the St. Bernard's Development Committee Brian Healy paid special tribute to the four people involved in the year long week-on, week-off FAS scheme for their commitment and skills which were instrumental in making the project a success. The four FAS employees were Jack Shaughnessy, Christy Mannion, Tom Lally and Mattie Finn.

"I think that there was a feeling around for some time that the days of players having to change in cars or beside the ditch for winter soccer games were gone. The planning for this project started in January of last year and is now almost complete," said Brian Healy.



HARD WORKERS . . . Brian Healy and John Keane, along with Tom Lally, Christy Mannion, Mattie Finn, John Potter, John Shaughnessy, Johnny Keane and Donal McCormack as they put the finishing touches to St Bernard's FC new grounds which will be officially opened this weekend.

It's all a long way from the days when lads like Frank Boyle and Val Dolan were involved in the setting up of St. Bernard's in 1972 at a time when the notion of a soccer club in the heart of Abbey was alien to a lot of people.

The 'home' for the club in those early days was O'Donohoe's Field with training sessions in the old Abbey hall where the indoor soccer training sessions involved negotiating a series of poles

down the middle of the hall. It is entirely appropriate that the club's refurbished home is still the same field — now rechristened O'Donohoe Park — and held by the club on a long term lease from the O'Donohoe family, in whose bar many universal aspects of sport get an airing.

The final phase of the development will be finished over the next couple of months involving the completion of the training pitch and the erection

of floodlights for winter training. Club and Development Committee chairman John P. Keane, said that he hoped the hunger for soccer which gave rise to the setting of the club in 1972 would continue to sustain it through the next two decades.

"It is a very important step forward for the club to have its own dressingrooms and a good pitch with access to it. All that has been achieved through a dedicated club and

committee and the support of the local people," he said.

Over the years like all clubs, St. Bernard's have had their ups and downs. There was a spectacular Ryan Cup success in 1975, the club won the Schwegges Cup in 1979 while they also reached three FAI area junior cup finals.

However a few short years back the very existence of the club was threatened in a personal injuries claim but resilience eventually won the

day and with the help of many friends they bounced back again.

People like the Dunnes, John Potter, the Keane clans and club patron Sean O'Donohoe, to mention but a few, have always had a great 'grá' for the club and indeed for the game of soccer. Saturday's opening will be something special for them.

The line-up of events on Saturday begins at 3 p.m. with St. Bernard's under-14s in action followed at 4.30 by a veterans match between Abbey and Mervue — the line-up includes former Bernard's player in RTE's Michael Lyster, former Villa star Eamon 'Chick' Deacy and Tony Collins.

The official opening of the new facilities by Pat Quigley is scheduled for 5.30 with local PP, Fr. Willie Diskin, blessing the complex.

St. Bernard's first team then take on a Galway Utd. selection at 6.00 which will include Donie Farragher, Jimmy Nolan and Kevin Cassidy before the night is rounded off with music in O'Donohoe's supplied by the Kayle Cowboys.

Admission on Saturday is a very modest £1 with a special souvenir programme produced for the occasion also selling at £1.

Guests at Saturday's opening are expected to include local GAA officers, former Blackburn Rovers player and Galway Hall of Fame Winner Peter Casey as well as representatives of the Galway FA.

Seniors struggle to dominate but Mayo reach U-21 decider

Mayo 0-13

Leitrim 0-11

By SEAN RICE

Mayo survived a strong second-half rally by Leitrim at MacHale Park, Castlebar, last Wednesday evening to qualify for the Connacht U21 football final against Sligo.

Having dominated the first half, Mayo led at the interval by seven points, but Leitrim's resurgence, inspired by senior full-back Seamus Quinn, gradually reduced the deficit leaving just two points between them in a nail-biting finish.

Backed by the wind, Mayo's Paul McNamara and James Nallen got a grip at midfield in the first half and through the accuracy of Kevin O'Neill, David O'Loughlin and Declan Jennings were ahead by four points after fifteen minutes. Jennings, playing at full-forward, had much the better of his duels with Seamus Quinn. But when Quinn moved to centre half-back in the second half, he influenced the game, and many of Leitrim's scores stemmed from the Gortletteragh man's excellence.

Mayo were run ragged in the second half and although they scored only two points in the last

thirty minutes survived because of some fine defensive work by their half-back line Paul Cunney, Kenneth Mortimer and John Casey. They together with goalkeeper Barry Heffernan, who brought off a brilliant save from Quinn early in the second half, Fergal Costello, David O'Loughlin and Declan Jennings compensated for the failure of their senior stars....Kevin O'Neill, Ronan Golding and Kieran McDonald...to shine particularly in the second half.

Others to impress for Leitrim were Peter Guckian, Kieran Murray, Tom Gilmartin and their chief scorer, corner forward Gene Bohan. Mayo: B. Heffernan; F. Costello, K. Morley, D. Mulligan; P. Cunney, K. Mortimer (0-1), J. Casey; P. McNamara, J. Nallen; D. O'Loughlin (0-2), K. O'Neill (0-4), R. Golding; K. McDonald (0-2), D. Jennings (0-3), M. Sheridan (0-1). Subs R. Ruane for M. Sheridan; M. Smith for J. Nallen and D. Sweeney for R. Golding.

Leitrim: P. Comerston; L. Moran, S. Quinn, P. Guckian; R. Greenan, K. Murray, J. Keane; B. Duignan (0-1), P. Connolly; M. Lohan, T. Gilmartin (0-4), A. Sheerin; G. Foley (0-1), D. Leydon, G. Bohan (0-5). Subs D. Glancy for A. Sheerin; F. McGill for Glancy. Referee: T. Gavin (Galway).

Galway and Clare meet at Whitegate

Under-14 hurling panel

All-Ireland semi-finalists Galway and defeated Munster finalists Clare are expected to field full strength sides when they clash in the inaugural Fr Jackie Solon Cup competition at Whitegate on Sunday evening (7pm).

It is hoped to make this an annual event in honour of Fr Jackie Solon who died earlier this year. Fr Solon won a National Hurling League medal with Clare in 1946. His brother Dermot was also on that team and on Sunday evening he will present the Fr Solon Cup to the winning team.

Fr Solon was a native of Whitegate and studied for the priesthood in Garbally College in Ballinasloe. He died suddenly this year having served in Kiltormer, Portumna and Kiltormer. He was keenly interested in the GAA throughout his life and followed the fortunes of his native Clare and his adopted Galway with keen interest over the years.

THE following is the Galway under-14 panel to play Limerick in Loughrea later this (Thursday) evening.

Barry O'Donnell, (Rahoon/Newcastle), Kieran Callanan (Ardahan), Mark Gardiner (Tommy Larkins), Cathal Lohan (Fohenagh), Oliver Deely (Fohenagh), Martin Forde (Oranmore/Maree), Gary McInerney (Loughrea), Gavin Keary (Loughrea), Keith Daniels (Loughrea), Cyril Murray (Sarsfields), Lawrence Monaghan (Kiltormer), Joe Hession (Turloughmore), Donal Moore (Turloughmore), Derek Murphy (Turloughmore), Keith Hayes (Portumna), Cormac Flanagan (Portumna), Tony Monaghan (Portumna), Cathal Coen (Clarebridge), Paul Coen (Clarebridge), Hugh Whiskey (Craughwell), David Donoghue (Athenry), Shane Donoghue (Athenry), Kevin McCarthy (Athenry), Diarmuid Cloonan (Athenry), Damien King (Mountbellew/Moylough), Colin Whiskey (Ardahan), Sean Forde (Gort), David Huban (Kinvara), Darragh Smith (Kinvara), Fintan Finnerty (Skehana), Anthony Keane (Mullagh), Seamus Crowe (Castlegar), Adrian Burke (St. Thomas).

Lawrencetown squad—Claire Horan, Deirdre Cullinane, Lorraine Pardy, Sandra McKeigue, Caitriona Lynch, Ruth Heery, Nicole Fehill, Linda Horan, Karen Dolphin, Elmeir McDonagh, Fiona Hynes, Jacqueline Nee.

Ballaghlea squad: Mairead Carthy, Aileen Keane, Sandra Kelly, Tina Kelly, Sharon Coleman, Mary O'Connor, Mary Delaney, Orla Kelly, Caitriona Connolly, Jennifer Blake, Carol Chamberlain.

Referee: John Riddell. Linesmen: Seamus Fogarty and Michael Glynn Jnr.

Balla 10K road race

Balla, is the venue this Saturday, for the NCF 10K road race at 6pm, organised in conjunction with Balla Hyper Festival. All proceeds from the race will go towards Mayo/Roscommon Hospice Foundation.

The local committee have spared no effort to ensure that this event is a resounding success. There are T-shirts for all who finish the 10K run/walk, with the first home in the men's and ladies sections each getting a cash prize of £50. The prizes for second and third are £30 and £20 respectively. The winning veterans (0-40 men and 0-35 women) will also receive prizes, and the battle for the team prizes are also expected to add additional spice to the race. The £5 entry fee can be paid prior to the race.

Younger athletes are catered for with a one-mile race for U-16 boys and girls, at 5.30 pm, and all who finish this course will get a medal. Entry fee of £1 is payable on the day.

As evidence of the strong community spirit in Balla, the local G.A.A. Club have made their facilities available for showers. Teas and refreshments will be served after the race.

FOOTBALL

FRIDAY

Na Piarasigh's Pitch: J.F.L. (A) Na Piarasigh v Carracashel at 7.30 p.m. Curran.

SATURDAY

Leenane: J.F.L. (A) Kiltirree v Renwyle at 7.30 p.m. G. Kinneavy.

Loughrea: J.F.C. Athenry v Portumna at 7.30 p.m. M. Ruane.

Corrin: J. (2) Corrin v Claregalway at 7.30 p.m. V. Judge.

SUNDAY

Brownsgrange: J.F.C. Kiltconly v Williamstown at 5.45 p.m. G. Gullin.



Amanda Ruane, Westside, won the girls 800 metres at the County Community Games finals in the Sportsground.



THE KINVARA U-14 hurling team who won the Supermac's U-14B Hurling Championship. Back row, left to right: Adrian Glynn, Tommy Joe Linnane, Conor Quinn, Jonathan Kavanagh (capt), Brian Murphy, Dara Smith, Aidan Kilkenny. Front row, left to right: David O'Connor, Mark Curtin, Colm Callanan, Niall Quinn, Eric Keane, Mark Shaughnessy, Shane Mahon, David Huban. Mentors: Frank Quinn, Joe Mahon and Noel Bermingham.

Junior footballers win in Manchester

Galway.....1-13 :: Lancashire.....0-8

Galway junior footballers qualified for the All-Ireland final for the first time since 1985 when they beat Lancashire by double scores at Didsbury in Manchester on Sunday.

Galway encountered few problems from the exiles and had far too much scoring power for the home side, with Donal O'Fathartha firing home the only goal of the game.

Galway: C. McGinley, T. Ryder, P. Crowley, D. Geraghty, R. Doyle, D. Carr, F. Keenan, D. Cronin, D. Gilmartin (0-2), P. Duffy (0-1), K. Collins (0-2), L. Collieran (0-1), D. O'Fathartha (1-2), T. Morgan (0-3), J. Dooley (0-2).

G.A.A. FIXTURES

HURLING

FRIDAY

Under 21 Championship
Maree: Castlegar v Athenry at 6.15 p.m. J. Bishop. Moycullen v Craughwell at 7.00 p.m. T. Freaney.

Kiltormer: Loughrea v Kiltormer at 6.15 p.m. M. Broderick. Abbey/Dunlavy v Tynagh at 7.00 p.m. T. Carr.

Menlough: Abbeynockmoy v Ballinasloe at 6.15 p.m. T. Holian. Tuam v Kiltineadea at 7.00 p.m. T. Holian.

Craughwell: Kinvara v Sarsfields at 6.15 p.m. J. O'Connell. Kiltormer v Gort at 7.00 p.m. S. Geraghty.

Cregmore: Ballygar v Liam Mellows at 6.15 p.m. J. Ryan. Barna/Furbo v St. Joseph's at 7.00 p.m. P. Karins.

Ahascragh: Mountbellew/Moylough v Cappataggle at 6.15 p.m. S. Ryan. Ahascragh v Padraig Pearces at 7.00 p.m. M. Nee.

Carrmore: Oranmore/Maree v Sylane at 6.15 p.m. B. Cummins.

Woodstock: Kiltormer v Tommy Larkins at 6.15 p.m. P. Hardman.

Ardahan: Ballindereen v St. Thomas at 6.15 p.m. G. Sheehan.

Ballindereen: Clarebridge v Ardahan at 6.15 p.m. M. Keane.

Turloughmore: Rathmore v Kiltconlery at 6.15 p.m. M. Bindon. Mullagh: Leitrim v Tynagh at 6.15 p.m. D. Campbell.

St. Thomas' Pitch: Beagh v Kiltconlery at 6.15 p.m. E. Smith.

SATURDAY

Athenry: M.H.C. (C) Semi-Final Anaghdown v Ahascragh at 6.00 p.m. P. Lynch. M.H.C. (C) Semi-Final: Rathmore v Sheehana at 7.15 p.m. T. Freaney.

Ballymacward: J.H.C. (B) Mountbellew/Moylough v Kiltormer at 6.00 p.m. R. Cummins. J.H.C. (A) Ballygar v Carrmore at 7.15 p.m. T. Holian.

Turloughmore: J.H.C. (A) Castlegar v Sylane at 6.00 p.m. M. Murphy. J.H.C. (C) Ballinasloe v Kiltconlery at 7.15 p.m. J. Kelly.

Ballindereen: J.H.C. (B) Tommy Larkins v Turloughmore at 6.00 p.m. G. Sheehan. J.H.C. (C) Tommy Larkins v Tuam at 7.15 p.m. S. Moran.

Castlegar: J.H.C. (A) Spiddal v Salthill at 7.15 p.m. J. Coady.

Carrmore: J.H.C. (B) Oranmore-Maree v Athenry at 6.30 p.m. M. Keane. J.H.C. (B) Moycullen v Padraig Pearces at 7.15 p.m. T. Hughes.

Clarebridge: J.H.C. (B) Sarsfields v St. Thomas at 7.15 p.m. H. Lohan.

Cappataggle: J.H.C. (C) Tynagh v Clarebridge at 6.00 p.m. T. Carr. J.H.C. (C) Ballinasloe v Kiltconlery at 7.15 p.m. G. Donoghue.

Moycullen: A.C.C. Minor Hurling: Moycullen v Castlegar at 7.30 p.m. M. Curley.

SUNDAY
Clarebridge: Sacre Coeur Cup Senior

SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

Neville Maxwell



City oarsman Neville Maxwell completed an unique treble at the weekend when his Neptune partner and himself secured the gold pot for Ireland at the prestigious Lucerne International Regatta.

In recent weeks Maxwell and partner Tony O'Connor broke World records when winning the Paris and Duisburg International Regattas.

At the weekend they completed the treble when holding off the challenge of Italy, Germany, Spain and Australia to claim the gold.

They will now go to the World Championships in Indianapolis in September as favourites to win the lightweight coxless pairs.

Maxwell, a son of city auctioneer Jim, wins this week's Tribune Sportstar of the Week Award despite the claims of Rosmuc athlete Sean Breathnach who won gold in the shot put at the Home Countries championships in Scotland, and put at the Home Countries championships in Scotland, and put at the Home Countries championships in Scotland, and put at the Home Countries championships in Scotland.

Galway hurling quarter-final win over Roscommon on Sunday.

Girls League Final

Lawrencetown N.S.....1

St. Patrick's N.S.

Ballaghlea.....0

THE opening match was watched by a fair-sized crowd who witnessed a game where defences were on top. Scoring chances were limited to long range efforts or the occasional breakaway.

The all-important goal came midway through the first half from player of the match Lorraine Pardy who unleashed a low drive which gave Mairead Carthy little chance.

Mary O'Connor was St. Patrick's most dangerous forward and was unlucky not to score on two chances. Credit to Lawrencetown, though, they were slightly the better outfit on the day and deserved to win.

Lawrencetown squad—Claire Horan, Deirdre Cullinane, Lorraine Pardy, Sandra McKeigue, Caitriona Lynch, Ruth Heery, Nicole Fehill, Linda Horan, Karen Dolphin, Elmeir McDonagh, Fiona Hynes, Jacqueline Nee.

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One/Two Teacher Schools Final

St. Joseph's N.S.

Ballinruane.....1

St. Cuan's N.S.

Ahascragh.....0

ANOTHER tight affair but Ballinruane were fully victorious for their victory. The Menlough school had an excellent midfield which contrived a number of chances for a very dangerous frontline.

Ahascragh's Dara Concannon came close to penetrating the Ballinruane defence on a few occasions but the winners held out and grabbed a good winning goal midway through the first half, from dangerous Seamus Connolly.

Man of the match award was also won by St. Joseph's with the award going to Noel Ryan who ran himself into the ground in the midfield sector.

Ballinruane squad: John Hansberry, Shane Lawless, Eamon Hansberry, David Kelly, Noel Ryan, Seamus Connolly, Padraic Quirke, Martin Lawless, Brian Alty.

Ahascragh squad: Enda Geraghty, Alan Mannion, Liam

Three/Four Teacher Schools Final

Scoll Gort na Gaoithe

Windfield.....4

St. Catherine's N.S.

Aughrim.....2

IT was predicted that this match would be a thriller and certainly was, for the entire second half! Aughrim were slightly dominant in the first half with Windfield very dangerous on the break. However, defences remained unbreached in the opening period.

The second half was a different matter with six goals of quality. Alan Crowe, one of the stars on view, put Windfield one up with a well executed strike but Aughrim captain Eugene Costello levelled matters with a goal direct from a free kick.

Kieran Crehan raced through the St. Catherine's defence to put the Newbridge school in front once more but Costello repeated his earlier score with another fine free. In the final ten minutes, however, Windfield edged in front with Alan Crowe netting his second and Paul Rogerson adding the fourth.

For Windfield Principal and former Galway star, Tomas Heavey, it has been a most successful 1994. In addition to winning the soccer title, his girls Gaelic football team won the Galway INTO Competition and the boys were runners-up in the boys INTO League.

Windfield: Shane Harkin,

Referee: John Riddell. Linesmen: John Nolan and John Riddell.

Five+ Teacher Schools Final

St. Joseph's N.S.

Glenamaddy 2

St. Brendan's N.S.

Portumna.....1

GLENAMADDY dethroned last year's champions in fine fashion in a game which never really hit top gear. St. Joseph's soon took control when Paul Geraghty raced through the Portumna backline to shoot a fine shot past Damien Hayes.

Portumna, with Niall Kilkenny and Leo Smith prominent, tried to pierce a resolute Glenamaddy defence for the remainder of the first period but were unsuccessful. Barry Curtin and Trevor Dolan were rock-solid in front of goal and never allowed the south Galway school any clear-cut opportunities.

However, the Glenamaddy outfit were surprised by Portumna's equaliser in the second half when Michael Monaghan's lob hit the top corner of the net. St. Joseph's relied within seconds with a tremendous strike from Declan

McCallion. No further scores were registered and Glenamaddy deservedly won their first schools soccer title.

St. Joseph's: Jamie Rafferty, Darryl Fahy, Sean Molloy, Barry Geraghty, Trevor Dolan, Paul Curtin, Douglas Rafferty, Enda Burke, Damien Keaveney, Declan McCallion, Niall O'Regan. Reserves: Brendan Curtin, Stephen Duffy, Shane Coman, Stefan Keedy, Coman Keaveney, Damien Moran, Gary Newell.

St. Brendan's: Damien Hayes, Padraic Rourke, Brendan Coen, Alan Hanley, Damien Hogan, Michael Quigley, Leo Smith, Niall Kilkenny, Peter Duddy, Stephen Madden, Mike Monaghan. Reserves: Ronan O'Connor, Keith Harris, Alan O'Brien, Eoin Lynch, Lee Hogan.

Referee: Seamus Fogarty. Linesmen: John Nolan and John Riddell.

Mr. Aidan Gallagher, Chief Executive of the Football Association of Irish School (FAIS) complimented the League on its successful competitions this year and all the teachers, parents and players who made the day's finals so enjoyable. Aidan's words were echoed by League President, Joe Concannon and Chairman Des Doherty. Padraig Concannon, on behalf of sponsors Mace/Supersave and Concannon's Supermarkets, congratulated the League Committee for its hard work throughout the season and on the excellent 64-page programme produced for the finals. The match officials came in for praise as did Ballinasloe Town Band and Athlone Town's Paulie Nicholson, who conducted a popular coaching course throughout the afternoon.

There was also good news for three students who had entered for the League's Art/Sport Competition. Over 500 entries were on display with arrangements expertly carried out by Katherine Glynn.

The winners were—

First prize (£25): 'Ireland v Norway' theme. Cathal Cormican, St. Catherine's N.S., Aughrim (aged 11); second prize (£15): 'Showjumping' theme, Regina Ruane, St. Joseph's N.S., Ballinruane (Menlough) (aged 11); third prize (£10): 'At the Races' theme, Aisling Dunne, Scoll Bride, Colloco, Brierfield (Moylough) (aged 8).

Host club Ahascragh United ensured that its grounds were in top condition for the occasion and it can be confidently concluded that all participants enjoyed a fine day's spectacle.

Meanwhile, United will play their first pre-season friendly this weekend when English side Torquay come to Galway. That game will take place in Crowley Park on Saturday evening with kick-off at 7 p.m.

Liverpool are committed to playing a League of Ireland selection in Lansdowne Road early in the new season and

the former English champions are unable to make two trips to Ireland in the space of a few weeks.

However, the club have given an undertaking to Galway United to come over later in the season and United are hopeful of confirming this in the next few weeks.

Galway United's proposed glamour friendly with Liverpool, which was due to take place in September to mark the re-opening of Terryland Park, has been cancelled.

However, it is hoped to re-schedule the fixture for some time later in the season. Liverpool have indicated that they are willing to come to Galway and hope to do so in 1995.

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