



TRIBUNE SPORT



Foireann cispheile mioneur Cholaiste Cholmille, Indreabhán, a bhuailh craobh an lathair roinn 3 le gaird. Fuair siad an ceann is fearr ar Scoil Mhuire, Béal Átha an Ghártha sa gceard. Sa chead line: Síle Ní Bhraonáin, Máire Bhreathnach, Linda Ní Loinsigh, Máiread Ní Fhatharta, Niamh Ní Chonlain, agus Orla Ní Dhomhnaigh. Ar cúl: Máirín Níe an Iomaire, Traenála; Fosalán Ní Ghriainn, Máire Aine Ní Fhatharta, Síle Ní Choisdealbha, Baire Seolige, Julieann Ní Fhatharta, agus Róisín Ní Chuláin.

Heartbreak for Clancy, but Kelehan wins handball title

GALWAY players lined-out in All-Ireland finals in venues as far apart as Roscommon and Horse and Jockey near Thurles last weekend.

First into court was Bert Kelehan at Roscommon where he faced the experienced Rhode players, Pat Masterson, in the Silver Masters All-Ireland Final.

The Offalyman, who is perhaps better known for his exploits in the larger court, took an early lead and put Kelehan under severe pressure on a 9/17 scorline. He dictated the pace, placed the ball exceedingly well and generally controlled the game.

On the other hand Kelehan was tight and tense and did not relax until he decided to change his toss. That was the deciding factor.

With the consistency of a master, he persisted with the cross-toss and conceding only five aces he registered an amazing 12 himself through inspired backwall play and skilful passing shots to which Masterson had no answer.

The second set commenced like the first with the Offalyman taking an early lead which he stretched to 19 against 13 for Kelehan. Once again a change of toss reversed the trend and Kelehan added seven points without reply.

Next it was Masterson's turn

but he could score only a single ace before Kelehan put him out. The rest is history. Another cross-toss, another mark and the All-Ireland crown was on its way to Corribside.

On Saturday evening at the Tipperary venue, N. J. Clancy, Moycullen and Eddie Leahy (Kilkenny) opened the proceedings in fine style. Leahy, who has won four All-Irelands in doubles, was challenging for his first singles crown, so Clancy certainly had a formidable opponent to face.

The Kilkennyman also had much experience of playing in this court while his challenger had never played there before. Leahy got off to a fine start which his confidence and coolness engendered.

Taking a while to settle down Clancy began to display all the skill and craft for which he is renowned and while Leahy's placing of the ball coupled with some masterly kills, he had to fight every inch of the way to register valuable points.

Some splendid and exciting rallies were served up and as the game progressed Clancy more than matched the Kilkennyman. However he could not wipe out Leahy's early lead and had to concede the first set 12/21 but with bright prospects for the second set.

Again Leahy started well and ran up a five-ace lead until Clancy really settled into

his game. Level at 10 each Clancy played with rising confidence, clever anticipation and superb fitness. Thereafter he conceded only two aces and finished with a nine-point winning margin.

Now it was all to play for. The atmosphere in the gallery was electric and as it turned out they were not disappointed. One tie-breaker was absolutely brilliant. It had everything that handball lovers would look for. Scores were level on six occasions.

After they tied at eleven each Clancy really turned on the heat opening up a six point lead 17/11 which he stretched to 19/11 and looked all set to take the Emerald crown at his first attempt. But Leahy got back in and after Clancy had misjudged a kill and lost the hand the

Kilkennyman was re-asserting himself and came level at 19. But all that did not deter the Galwayman who regained the initiative coupled with the distinction of tossing game-ball. But Leahy came back once more putting out his Moycullen opponent and equalising at 20.

The atmosphere was really tense: it was all down to this one and that was how it turned out. Eddie Leahy got the all-important ace together with his first All-Ireland singles title.

At a venue which is synonymous with everything that is best in handball over many decades, the unanimous feeling was that the Clancy/Leahy exhibition ranked with the best played there in recent years.

Connacht swim team panel for inter-pros

THE Senior Interprovincial Swimming Championship will be held on Saturday next in Athlone Swimming Pool, starting at 1.00 p.m. The following is a list of the team selected to represent Connacht.

Womens 400m freestyle: Katie Holland, Castlebar; Boys 100m backstroke: Sean Lally, Tuam; Girls 100m breaststroke: Sinead Cooney, Galway; Mens 100m butterfly: Michael Hogan, Galway; Womens 100m freestyle: Sinead Cawley, Claremorris; Boys 200m I.M.: Robert O'Beirne, Shark; Girls 200m I.M.: Niamh Cawley, Claremorris.

Mens 100m breaststroke: Colin Murphy, Tuam; Womens 100m butterfly: Elaine Murphy, Tuam; Girls 100m backstroke: Niamh Cawley, Claremorris; Mens 100m backstroke: Robert Kavanagh, Galway; Womens 100m breaststroke: Mary Corless, Tuam; Boys 100m butterfly: Sean Lally, Tuam.

Girls 100m freestyle: Niamh Cawley, Claremorris; Mens 200m I.M.: Alan McGulrke, Galway; Womens 100m backstroke: Sinead Cawley, Claremorris; Boys 100m breaststroke: Paul Heffernan, Galway; Girls 100m butterfly: Mary Kenny, Rags; Mens 100m freestyle: Pat O'Brien, Shark; Womens 200m I.M.: Mary Corless, Tuam.

Freestyle Relays: Men—P. O'Brien, M. Hogan, A. McCaffrey, M. Silke. Women—K. Holland, S. Cawley, M. Tighe, M. Corless. Boys—R. O'Beirne, S. Lally, S. Quinlan, R. Kavanagh. Girls—N. Cawley, S. Cooney, J. Tighe, A. Hardiman.

Medley Relays: Men—B/C P. O'Brien, B/S C. Murphy, Fly M. Hogan, F/S S. Quinlan. Women—B/C S. Cawley, B/S M. Corless, Fly E. Murphy, F/S M. Tighe. Sub: G. Coll. Boys—B/C B. Hardiman, B/S P. Heffernan, Fly S. Lally, F/S R. O'Beirne. Sub: B. McCaffrey. Girls—B/C N. Cawley, B/S S. Cooney, Fly A. Hardiman, F/S J. Tighe. Sub: L. Boyle.

Team Manager: Pat Begley; Assistant Manager: Judy Collins; Coach: John Brennan.

Galway G.A.A. scoreboard

Sacré Coeur Senior Football League
Oranmore/Maree 1-10 :: Clonbur 0-9
Corofin 2-8 :: Dunmore MacHales 2-5
Salthill 0-13 :: Mountbellew/Moylough 1-6
Moycullen 4-10 :: Carraroe 1-15
Caherlistrane 0-11 :: Lettermore 0-7

Intermediate Football League
Headford 3-6 :: Glenamaddy 1-10
Barna 1-11 :: Mervue/Renmore 1-5
Monivea/Abbeyknockmoy 1-9 :: Tuam Stars 0-12
Annaghdown 1-7 :: Oughterard 0-8
St. Michaels 2-10 :: Spiddal 2-10

Junior Football League
Loughrea 0-10 :: St. Gabriels 1-6
Carna/Cashel 2-6 :: Na Piarsaigh 1-3
Williamstown 2-6 :: Athenry 1-7

Junior (1) Football League
Dunmore MacHales 1-10 :: Mountbellew/Moylough 0-4
Corofin 1-11 :: Kilkerlin/Clonberne 2-7
Carraroe 1-5 :: Salthill 0-8
Spiddal 5-4 :: Kiltinan 1-6

Junior (2) Football League
Micheal Breathnach 1-5 :: Claregalway 2-8
Carna/Cashel 2-8 :: St. Colmans 1-4
Eire Og 0-14 :: Aran Islands 1-8

Minor (A) Hurling Championship
Oranmore/Maree 2-13 :: Clarinbridge 4-0
Turloughmore 2-10 :: Kilnadeema/Leitrim 2-10

Minor (B) Hurling Championship
Craughwell 2-13 :: Killimordaly 1-3
Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry 4-10 :: Sylane 1-2
St. Thomas 3-3 :: Sarsfields 1-9
Beagh 3-8 :: Kinvara 2-11

Minor (C) Hurling Championship
St. Josephs 4-9 :: Barna/Furbo 1-5
Fohenagh 2-8 :: Skehana 1-4
Ballygar 2-11 :: Mountbellew/Moylough 1-7
Cappataggle 4-12 :: Cois Fharraige 0-12

Under-12 City Football League
Moycullen 6-6 :: St. Michaels West 2-4
Kiltinan 4-6 :: Spiddal 4-4
St. Michaels North 4-11 :: Barna 2-6
Oranmore/Maree 4-7 :: Mervue 2-5



VINCENT MCGUINNESS, St. Killian's, New Inn winning the 1996 Nestlé Irish Schools Junior Boys Cross-Country title (3,000m) at St. Augustine's College, Dungarven recently.



The Connemara All Blacks B team which competed in the Blake Sevens at Crowley Park, Galway. Front: Eamon King, Peter O'Malley, Brian Higgins, and Oliver Delapp. Back: Kevin Ward, Stephen Mullen, Pat Davin, Brian Flaherty, and John Herbert.

Forde's great show in hillclimb championships

TWO former Dunlop Hillclimb champions Richard Young and Jenny Kennedy were all that separated Padraic Forde from his first outright victory at the Wexford Motor Club Hillclimbs last weekend.

Forde, the reigning Galway Motor Club champion, is now lying in third place in the Championship. Michael Mella in his first event, won the award for best novice. Husband and wife Matt and Helen Clarke finished 3rd and 4th respectively in the historic car class.

Over 20 Galway Motor Club rally crews contested the Banna Beach Hotel Circuit of Kerry Rally which also took place last weekend. The bumpy roads of the Dingle Peninsula took their toll on the rally machinery, only nine Galway crews made it to the finish. John Joe Fleming and Robert Ward looked set for a top five finish but crashed out with only two stages remaining.

Fleming's retirement left Stephen Bird and Eddie Murray the highest placed Galway Motor Club crew. The big surprise of the event was the speed of Ken Horan and John Lynskey who were 14th fastest over Stage 1, the spectacular Conor Pass. Horan was pushing his Escort too hard and clipped a wall later in the event, however he still managed to finish.

The 2 Litre Group "N" class was dominated by Galway crews, Sean Lyons and Eileen McNamara scored a magnificent victory over the Excelsior crew of John Folan and Paul Ollerenshaw. John Hehr and Pat Shiel had to settle for third after their steering column worked loose. Declan Sylver and Stephen Dooley had brake failure but still managed to finish 4th in

The next round of the Partway West Coast Rally Championship is the Circuit of Munster Rally which takes place on the June bank holiday weekend. The other Galway finishers were Mike O'Boyle/Joe Langan, Sean Flatley/Dermot Moran, Pat Kelly/Aiden Tannian and David Feeney/Ger O'Connell.

GAA Fixtures

—HURLING—

SATURDAY:
At Ballindereen: Clarenbridge v Athenry MHC (A), 5.00 p.m. M. Keane; Moycullen v Athenry IOD '95 semi-final, 6.15 p.m. A. Murphy.
At Loughrea: Killimor v Ardahan MHC (B), 5.00 p.m. M. Hedderman; Beagh v Meelick-Eyre Court MHC (B), 6.15 p.m. M. Brennan.
At Athenry: Abbeyknockmoy v Kilbeacanty MHC (B), 5.00 p.m. T. Fahy; Abbeyknockmoy v Loughrea SOD '96, 6.15 p.m. M. Conway.
At Cappataggle: Tommie Larkins v Ahacragh MHC (B), 5.00 p.m. D. Connolly; Ballinasloe v Tynagh-Abbey-Duniry MHC (B), 6.15 p.m. E. Kelly.
At Carnmore: Ballindereen v Rahoon-Newcastle MHC (B), 6.15 p.m. J. Cummins.
At Abbeyknockmoy: Tuam v Mountbellew-Moylough MHC (C), 6.15 p.m. B. Geraghty.
At Ahacragh: Ballygar v Cappataggle MHC (C), 6.15 p.m. G. Smyth.
At Craughwell: Carnmore v Killimordaly MHC (B), 6.15 p.m. M. Dolan.

SUNDAY:
At Ahacragh: Skehana v Ballygar JOD '95 final, 2.00 p.m. T. Carr; Mountbellew-Moylough v Fohenagh JOD '96, 3.15 p.m. J. McCormack.
At Clarenbridge: Castlegar v Carnmore SOD '95, 2.00 p.m. T. Holian; Rahoon-Newcastle v Killimordaly JOD '96, 3.15 p.m. J. Coady.
At Craughwell: Sylane v Ahacragh JOD '96, 2.00 p.m. M. Conway; Liam Mellows v Kiltormer MHC (B), 3.15 p.m. J. Galvin.
At Athenry: Turloughmore v Padraig Pearces SOD '96, 2.00 p.m.

Under-14 Hurling Championship

MONDAY:
At Loughrea: Turloughmore v Portumna, 6.45 p.m. M. Curley; Clarinbridge v Kiltormer, 7.30 p.m. P. Mitchell.
At Craughwell: Athenry v Loughrea, 6.45 p.m. G. Smith; Ardahan v St. Thomas, 7.30 p.m. H. Lohan.
At Carnmore: Castlegar v Craughwell, 6.45 p.m. B. Cummins; Gort v Sylane, 7.30 p.m. J. O'Connell.
At Ballymacward: Ballygar v Killimordaly, 6.45 p.m. P. Faulkner; Fohenagh v Mountbellew-Moylough, 7.30 p.m. V. Burke.
At Kiltormer: Meelick/Eyre Court v Tommie Larkins, 6.45 p.m. D. Connolly; Kilnadeema/Leitrim v Tynagh/Abbey-Duniry, 7.30 p.m. J. McCormack.
At Clarinbridge: Kiltormer v Carnmore, 6.45 p.m. P. J. Coen; Beagh v Ballindereen, 7.30 p.m. M. Dunne.
At St. Thomas Ground: Mullagh v Kinvara, 6.45 p.m. J. Larkin; Cappataggle v Liam Mellows, 7.30 p.m. M. Keane.
At Mountbellew: Abbeyknockmoy v Skehana, 6.45 p.m. G. Smith; Padraig Pearces v Ahacragh, 7.30 p.m. O. King.
At Castlegar: Oranmore/Maree v Rahoon/Newcastle, 7.00 p.m. J. Harrold.
At Kiltormer: Sarsfields v Kiltormer, 7.00 p.m. T. Carr.
At Mullagh: Kilbeacanty v Ballinasloe, 7.00 p.m. E. Donoghue.
At Annaghdown: Tuam v Renmore, 7.00 p.m. J. Concannon.
At Westlake: Annaghdown v Micheal Breathnach, 7.00 p.m. J. Galvin.
At Furbo: Barna/Burbo v Spiddal, 7.00 p.m. I. Wall.

ACC City Hurling

TUESDAY (senior fixtures):
Moycullen v Liam Mellows at Ballindereen, 7.00 p.m. Mike Blundon.
Ardahan v Ballindereen at Ardahan, 7.00 p.m. Andy Murphy.
Rahoon v Carnmore at Carnmore, 7.00 p.m. Sean Moran.

—FOOTBALL—

SATURDAY:
At Williamstown: Williamstown v Glynn, JFL, 7.00 p.m. G. Guinan.
At Milltown: Milltown v Headford J2FL, 7.00 p.m. T. Mella.
At Clonbur: Clonbur v Claregalway J2FL, 7.00 p.m. P. Fenit.
SUNDAY:
At Tuam Stadium: Killierin v Dunmore MacHales SFL '95 final replay, 3.00 p.m. D. Joyce.
At Carraroe: Carraroe v Kiltinan J1FL, 3.00 p.m. T. O'Sullivan.
At Oughterard: Oughterard v Lettermore J1FL, 3.00 p.m. P. McGovern.
At Moycullen: Moycullen v Oranmore-Maree J1FL, 1.00 p.m. M. Byrne.
At Renville: Renville v Micheal Breathnach J2FL, 3.00 p.m. M. Gibbons.

U-16 challenge

GALWAY under-16 hurlers take on Clare in a tournament fixture as part of the programme to mark the Beagh G.A.A.'s Club's official opening of their new grounds on Sunday (4.30 p.m.) by Joe McDonagh, Uachtarán-tota, C.L.G.

The Galway panel is: Gavin Keary (Loughrea), Cormac Flanagan (Portumna), Kevin White (Turloughmore), Lawrence Monaghan (Kiltormer), Shane Ruane (Padraig Pearces), Fintan Finnerty (Skehana), Niall Diviny (Beagh), Ollie Deely

(Fohenagh), Keith Holland (Turloughmore), Shane Kelly (Kiltormer), Ian Daniels (Craughwell), Gearoid Kelly (Beagh).

Cathal Lohan (Fohenagh), David Huban (Kinvara), Shane Donoghue (Athenry), Anthony Keane (Mullagh), Keith Hayes (Portumna), David Donoghue (Athenry), Patrick Hartigan (Ahacragh), William Carr (Ballindereen), David Donoghue (Clarinbridge), Michael Fahy (St. Thomas).



St. Mary's College, Ballygar, beaten finalists in the Western Region division 2 minor basketball final. Front row: Donna Timothy, Patricia Fitzmaurice, Nicole Verdon, Kelly Ann Geraghty, Aisling Dermody, Sherice Verdon, Claire Lennon, and Carol Chamberlain. Back: Ann Marie Kelly, Brid Mulrooney, Linda Clarke, Fiona Naughton, Eimear Nolan, Fiona Gilmore, Marie Cullannon, Sharon Coleman, Calliona Connolly, and Noreen Murray.

Soccer Fixtures at a glance

JACK LILLIS CUP (1st Round)

Monday at 6.45 p.m. Bank of Ireland v U.C.G. 'A' at B.O.I. Grounds.

JOE RYAN CUP (1st Round)

Tuesday at 6.45 p.m. Mervue United A v Bohemians at Mervue.

HEINEKEN DIVISION 2A

Tuesday at 6.45 p.m. RiverSide Celtic v Moylough at Shrule.

HEINEKEN BROD TRILL PREMIER LEAGUE

Thursday at 6.45 p.m. Old Ground A v Crescent United at Shantalla; Bohemians v Corrib Celtic at West Park; Mervue United A v Hibernians at Mervue.

HEINEKEN FIRST DIVISION

Thursday at 6.45 p.m. Dynamo Blues v Tuam Celtic at Tuam; O.L.B.C. v U.C.G. 'A' at Jesuits.

WESTERN HYGIENE SUPPLIES 2B SOUTH

Thursday at 6.45 p.m. U.C.G. B v A.P.C. at Dangan.

RESERVE LEAGUE

Thursday at 6.45 p.m. Salthill/Devon v Salthill/Knocknacarra at South Park; West United v Crescent United at South Park.

OLYMPIC SPORT 2B SOUTH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Saturday at 3 p.m. U.C.G. B v Purtilan Bennet at Dangan.

OLYMPIC SPORT 2B NORTH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Saturday at 3 p.m. Dunmore Town v Corofin United at Dunmore; Craughwell v Colmanstown at Craughwell.

WESTERN HYGIENE SUPPLIES 2B NORTH

Saturday at 3 p.m. Westcoast United B v A.P.C. at Ballyconneely; Bard Celtic v MacDara B at West Park.

WESTERN HYGIENE SUPPLIES 2B NORTH

Saturday at 3 p.m. A.G.S. Palace v St. Ellen's, Togher.

RESERVE LEAGUE

Saturday at 3 p.m. Gort v Bohemians at Gort.

DIVISION 2A CUP SEMI-FINAL

Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Moylough v Mervue United at Moylough.

JOE RYAN CUP SEMI-FINALS

Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Mervue A v Bohemians v Renmore at Mervue/West Park; Old Ground A v Crescent United at Shantalla.

JACK LILLIS CUP SEMI-FINAL

Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Moyne Villa v MacDara at Headford.

HEINEKEN BROD TRILL PREMIER LEAGUE

Sunday at 11.30 a.m. Salthill/Devon v Hibernians at Bank of Ireland Grounds.

HEINEKEN FIRST DIVISION

At 11.30 a.m. Ballinakill v Kiltormer United at Ballinakill.

DIVISION 2B SOUTH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Monday at 6.45 p.m. Old Ground B v Salthill/Knocknacarra at Shantalla.

JACK LILLIS CUP SEMI-FINAL

Monday at Jesuits Pitch at 6.45 p.m. O.L.B.C. v Bank of Ireland.

FOLEY & MULLERY C.S.L. PREMIER

Sunday at 3 p.m. Mervue United v Stralder/Foxford at Mervue; Sligo Rovers v U.C.G. at Sligo.

RICHARD HUGHES C.S.L. DIV. 1

Sunday at 3 p.m. Ballina Town v Gentex FC at Ballina; Hibernians v St. Peters at Bohernabreena.

RESULTS

Guinness FAI Junior Cup Area Semi-Final: Tuam Celtic 3, Hibernians 0.

Heineken Brod Trill Premier:

Crescent United 6, Bohemians 2; Joe Ryan Cup 1st Round: Crescent United 4, Hibernians 0; Corrib Celtic 1, Renmore 4; Salthill/Devon 0 (2p), Old Ground A 0 (3p).

Jack Lillis Cup 1st Round:

MacDara A 2; Tuam Celtic A 1; O.L.B.C. A, Dynamo Blues 1; Moyne Villa 4, St. Bernards 0.

Division 2A Cup Semi-Final:

Athenry 2, Loughrea 1.

Heineken SRC 3, Moylough 2.

Division 2B South Cup:

MacDara B 0 (3p), U.C.G. B 0 (4p); Old Ground B 4, A.P.C. 1; Purtilan Bennet 2, Furbo 1; Salthill/Knocknacarra 1, Bard Celtic 0.

Division 2B North Cup 1st Round:

Athenry B 1, Dunmore Town 3; Loughrea B 0, Colmanstown United 5; Craughwell 1, St. Patrick's 0; AGS Palace 0, Corofin United 3.

Western Hygiene Supplies 2B South:

APC 2, Bard Celtic 2.

Double for Bleahan at Galway Blazers meet

THE GALWAY Blazers Point-to-Point proved a rewarding meeting for fledgling trainer John Bleahan of Clontarf who saddled a double at Grange on Sunday.

Bleahan, who has only recently taken out a licence, saddled Lakefield Leader to land the Gregans Castle Hotel Maiden and followed up with Debonair Dude in Div 2 of the O'Brien Transport Race.

Results:

Gregans Hotel 4 and 5 YO Maiden: 1, M. Bleahan's Givemeyourhand (Ms. L. Olivefalk); 2, Mr. M. Dempsey Jnr's Carramore Hill (P. J. Gilligan); 3, B. L. O'Byrne's Fountain Page (J. A. Flynn); 3, J. Quinn's Into The Web (D. Quinn) 21.20. 10 ran.

Irish Drilling 4 YO and Upwards: 1, L. Fleming's Field of Destiny (G. Hartford); 2, M. Cosgrove's Lakeview Lad (R. Cooper). Only 2 finished 51.

Ballybri Open Lightweight: 1, B. Allen's Slaney Goodness (Miss L. Doyle); 2, Mrs. G. Jackson's Up For Ransome (R. Hurley); 3, O. J. Roche's Red Express VI (G. A. Hardford). 41. 4 ran.

Debonair Dude (A. G. O'Connell); 2, Ms. L. McCormack's Flood Relief (A. Hartford); 3, M. Hickey's Mr. Dennehy (A. G. Costello). 151. 41. 12 ran.

Monica McCarthy Memorial Race: 1, R. Dunneavy's Cargowagon (D. J. Duggan); 2, B. O'Brien's The Defender (D. A. Harney); 3, P. Ryan's Rushing Waters (A. Daly). 251. 11. 8 ran.