



Jarlath's capture juvenile A football championship

St. Jarlath's College.....4-13
Summerhill College, Sligo.....1-2

SUGGESTIONS that the balance of power in Colleges' football was shifting away from the three Galway schools who between them have dominated the 'A' divisions for the last ten years or so were firmly rejected by the juvenile footballers of St. Jarlath's who had a resounding victory over Summerhill College, Sligo in the Connacht Championship Final in Ballyhaunis last week.

With St. Gerald's, Castlebar taking the Senior A title and Summerhill dominating this year's Junior competitions with a particularly strong side, the future was not looking too good for the Galway schools.

However, this year's juveniles from St. Jarlath's have been particularly impressive all season taking the league title some weeks ago and then completing their programme of games with the championship victory last week.

They got to the final with victories over near neighbours St. Patrick's in the quarter-final and over St. Colman's, Claremorris in the semi-final.

Summerhill started brightly in the final and were first to score with a good point from Michael Brehony but Jarlath's settled to their task and were soon in the driving seat with points from David Hanly, Ger Lynam and

Damien Burke and a spectacular goal from Declan Newell. Summerhill rallied briefly after Brehony finished to the Jarlath's net after a shot from midfielder Michael Ridge rebounded off the crossbar. However, another Jarlath's goal from Ciaran De Paor and further points from Hanly left Jarlath's leading at the break by 2-5 to 1-1.

Jarlath's stormed into the second half and a succession of points from Hanly and a powerful shot to the net from Donal Marley put the issue beyond doubt. Summerhill only had one point in the second half from centre forward Pat Conlon.

John O'Hara had a sound game in goal for Jarlath's, saving a second half penalty with a spectacular dive to his right. Thomas McGuire, Kieran Fitzgerald and Hugh McAleer were a solid full back-line with



DAVID HANLY, captain of the St. Jarlath's Juvenile 'A' football team being presented with the Connacht Colleges' Juvenile 'A' Championship Cup by Willie Feeley on behalf of the Connacht Colleges' Council.

Pat McLoughlin and John Mannion capable wing backs. Darren Donoghue had an outstanding game at centre back as his long telling clearances to the forwards were an inspiration to his team mates.

Donal Marley and Ger Lynam were effective at midfield while Damien Burke was also impressive when he moved there in the second half. Up front David Hanly again showed that he had a very bright footballing future as he amassed a personal tally of 1-6. Cathal Reilly, Liam Brady, Declan Newell and Ciaran De Paor all worked hard to contribute to this latest colleges title for St. Jarlath's.

After the match Willie Feeley, on behalf of the Connacht Colleges' Council, presented the Cup to Ciaran Hanly. David is no stranger to the winners podium as he also captained Corofin to their historic Feile na nOg All-Ireland title last summer when they defeated Mayobridge from Down in the final. Four of his team-mates from that victory were also on the Jarlath's team: Kieran Fitzgerald, Thomas McGuire, Cathal Reilly and Declan Newell.

Scorers: Jarlath's—D. Hanly, 1-6, D. Newell and C. De Paor, 1-1 each, D. Marley 1-0, G. Lynam and D. Burke 0-2 each and C. Reilly 0-1. Summerhill—M. Brehony 1-1, P. Conlon 0-1.



THE St. Jarlath's side who won the Juvenile A Connacht Football Final by defeating Summerhill College, Sligo in the final, back row, left to right: Darren Donoghue, John Mannion, Declan Newell, Kieran Fitzgerald, John O'Hara, Donal Marley, Ciaran De Paor, Cathal Reilly. Front row, left to right, Hugh McAleer, Damien Burke, Ger Lynam, David Hanly, Thomas McGuire, Liam Brady and Pat McLoughlin.

Buccaneers step up drive for promotion

AFTER a four-month gap, the club season really comes alive again with the resumption of the All-Ireland League on Saturday. A good start to this half of the campaign is crucial so a real dog-fight is in prospect when Buccaneers square up to Bangor at Ballinasloe, kick-off 2.30 p.m.

The IRFU has gone a long way in addressing the current fixtures problems for next season and has, among its various other alterations, changed the number of clubs gaining promotion this term from Division 3. Six teams will now be promoted this season, thus presenting Buccaneers with a gilt-edged opportunity to progress.

This year's league has been badly fractured, yet 11 of the 12 teams in Division 3 are still very much in contention for the now extended promotion berths.

Thus Saturday's match (and possibly all the remaining games) can be considered "four-pointers" and it will be imperative to win at home. This presents Buccaneers with the prospect of an ideal start for both their next All games at Ballinasloe.

The midlanders have been consistent at both Moher and Keane Park in their All exploits over the past two years with a near 100% home record. Their points against record is also excellent, conceding a miserly 53 points this season—the lowest in Division 3.

This despite the fact that the midlanders did not play all that well in the opening half of this year's league. But since Christmas, the side has steadily regained the form that promised so much last season and Buccaneers have, apart from their Connacht League efforts, improved considerably and consistently.

On the back of this better form, confidence and effort have returned. The squad is back to near full-strength also and a relatively injury-free run from hereon will be hoped for.

Noel Mannion is undoubtedly the key player over the coming weeks. The ability that earned him so many international caps is still very much in evidence and, when he plays anywhere near to potential, the mainly young Buccaneers side also tends to do well.

But it is by no means a one man show for John Maher, Mike Devine, Kieran Rigney and Kieran Slevin can mix with the best of them.

Eoin Brennan, Robert Lee, Derek Lawlor and Joe Mitchell were gained much experience since last September and are all the better as a result. The availability again of Eoin O'Neill, Gordon Curley, Brian Comerford and Michael McDonnell give extra options to the management team, David Henshaw being the only absentee.

Bangor's fortunes may be on a downward curve in recent seasons but they still have many players who possess Division 1 experience. Mark McCall, who played at Twickenham last Saturday, is their key performer and, if Buccaneers can restrict his influence, home chances will be so much better.

But, when focussed and disciplined, Buccaneers have proved a match for most teams in the country and, with the right attitude and concentration, they can extend their marvellous home form.

Of course, home support is another crucial factor and all followers of rugby in the midlands are urged to come along to Ballinasloe to lend their support to Buccaneers' promotion bid.

Meanwhile, on Sunday, Buccaneers Reserves take on Balina in the Connacht Junior Cup at Keane Park, 3 p.m. This Buccaneers squad struggled to recapture the promise of last season but the Cup presents them with a real chance of resurgence. Home advantage should prove a considerable help on Sunday but Balina are likely to be dogged opponents. However, Buccaneers should have the class to advance.

And two Buccaneers teams have been allowed enter this year's Ard na Cregg Cup which kicks off on Sunday. Both have been drawn away from home with the Thirds renewing acquaintance at Gort. Our Third A squad will be keen to make a successful defence of this trophy and, buoyed by their recent impressive league triumph, they should make a winning start at Corrib.

Meanwhile, Athlone Rugby Football Club lost one of the great characters associated with the club with the passing of Dr. Mona Cooke-Keane. Her late husband Jim was a founder member and President from 1951-70. Deepest sympathy is extended to her daughter Fiona and son John.



AT THE recent Meelick-Eyrecourt Annual Dinner Dance in Hayden's Hotel were, left to right, Seamus Moran, Nora Moran, Betty McCormack and Joe McCormack.

TRIBUNE SPORT

Daly inspires Galway to victory over Mayo

Galway.....0-10
Mayo.....0-7

By Francis Farragher

A stubborn defensive display allied to the unfailing forward guile of Val Daly steered Galway footballers back to winning ways against a wasteful Mayo side in this Connacht FBD league tie at Tuam Stadium on Saturday.

Played before a handful of spectators this 'Old Firm' clash might never have reached any great heights but at least it did provide Galway with the boost of a badly needed competitive victory following three successive National League defeats so far this year.

Given Mayo's success in Division 3 of the National League and their upcoming quarter-final clash against Meath, there was a certain curiosity amongst the small Galway contingent over the progress of their traditional rivals in Connacht.

A little knowledge though can be a dangerous thing and in truth neither side will draw too many conclusions from an encounter lacking the traditional fire which is normally in evidence when the sides meet.

Almost inevitably Mayo find it extremely

hard to win in Tuam, and Saturday was no exception to that rule of thumb in Connacht football. Defensively Mayo did reasonably well, their midfield pair looked to have the shape of consistent ball winners, but up front it was more of the same from a directionless and spendthrift attack.

The prognosis was much the same for Galway. In defence Gary Fahy was back to his best form, Ian O'Donoghue was resolute and spirited at No. 6 while pacy newcomer Declan Meehan mopped up a lot of loose ball at wing back.

Galway's midfield pair of Fergal Gavin and Austin Leonard still need to show more fire and temper when attacking the ball, especially the kick-outs, while up front Val Daly — who invariably seems to have the edge on Kevin Cahill — gave another invigorating exhibition of forward play.

It was just as well that Daly was on his game, for with the possible exception of centre forward Shay Walsh, the rest of the Galway attack did not fare well losing out far too frequently in the 50-50 battles for possession.

Galway, who were three points up after six minutes, led at half-time by 0-5 to 0-4 and made the most telling contribution of the game in the third quarter when points from Shay Walsh, Austin Leonard and Val Daly (3) put the home side ahead by 0-10 to 0-5.

Mayo did come back with a late surge but it was obvious that it wasn't going to be

their day five minutes from time when wing forward John Casey had a penalty kick superbly saved by Galway goalie Cathal McGinley.

This win sets up Galway for an FBD league final joust against Mayo — this match goes ahead in Castlebar next Sunday — when the home side will be looking for a major improvement in form especially in attack.

The victory provided a welcome morale boost for Galway coming on foot of their Manchester tournament success over Donegal but it's not something which will swell any heads.

However if Galway can bring together their full complement of players and get a shade more by way of bite into the midfield and attacking sector, their defence of the Connacht championship might not be as timid as the National League displays of earlier this year indicated.

Galway: C. McGinley; J. Kilrairie, G. Fahy, D. Glynn; D. Meehan, I. O'Donoghue, R. Silke; F. Gavin, A. Leonard 0-1; A. Mulholland, S. Walsh 0-3 (2 frees), N. Finnegan; F. O'Neill, V. Daly 0-5, T. Joyce 0-1.

Mayo: J. Madden; K. Beirne, K. Cahill, A. McGarry; P. Holmes, K. Mortimer, N. Connolly; J. Nallen, D. Brady; J. Casey 0-1 (free), L. McHale 0-1, J. Horan 0-2 (1 free); R. Golding 0-2, T. Reilly, R. Dempsey 0-1. Subs.: D. Beirne for Reilly, P. Fallon for D. Brady.

Referee: G. McGovern (Leitrim).



PICTURED are some of the trophy winners from Oranmore Judo Club. From left, Kevin Lally (coach), Nicola Lally, Calem Allen, Caroline Cannon, Emma Allen, Patricia McCarthy, Ross Forde, Caroline Lally, Aislinn Richardson, Lorraine Lally and Louise Melville.

Oranmore judo players do well

ORANMORE Judo Club took part in the Galway Open Judo Championships which were held recently in the Galway Lawn Tennis Club.

It is now regarded as one of the biggest events not only in this country, both north and south, but also in England with some of the top clubs travelling across the water, including Wolverhampton and High Wycombe from London.

Much credit is due to the organising committee of the Galway Judo Club for the huge undertaking and managing of the 450 players, coaches and referees taking part in both the senior and junior events.

Three mats on the go no-stop with seniors on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and juniors on Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. It was indeed by far the best run competition ever seen in this country.

The competition started on Saturday with the mens lower kyu with James Fahy from Ardahan taking the silver medal having fought to a very tight fight against Jim Toland of Derry going into an early lead and looked like holding out for the win but was caught in the dying seconds. After losing the first he had to build himself up for the next fight against the most experienced Francis Treanor from Galway Judo Club and after a few early scores Murphy latched onto a mistake by Francis and held him for the win. Barry had to settle for the bronze as his fitness was found wanting in the latter stages of the competition.

Last of the seniors was Barry Murphy in the mens under 65kgs. Murphy started his first fight well against Jim Toland of Derry going into an early lead and looked like holding out for the win but was caught in the dying seconds. After losing the first he had to build himself up for the next fight against the most experienced Francis Treanor from Galway Judo Club and after a few early scores Murphy latched onto a mistake by Francis and held him for the win. Barry had to settle for the bronze as his fitness was found wanting in the latter stages of the competition.

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After the restart it was the New Inn girls who were first off the mark when Aine Hillery pointed from a close in free on four minutes. With a point separating the sides and with every ball being contested with vigour and determination, it was the champions with their guile, craft and experience who threw down the gauntlet and when Denise Gilligan crashed to the New Inn net for her second goal, the writing was on the wall for the St. Kilian's girls.

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Six-goal Gilligan inspires Loughrea camogie victory

St. Brigid's Vocational School, Loughrea.....7-8
St. Kilian's Vocational School, New Inn.....2-3

ST. BRIGID'S Vocational School, Loughrea, the current All-Ireland champions, captured their ninth consecutive Connacht Senior Camogie title by virtue of this victory over New Inn in Bullaun yesterday and thus qualified to meet Borrisokane in the All-Ireland semi-final next Saturday in Banagher at 3 p.m.

Played in ideal conditions, the champions were first to settle when Colette Glennon and Denise Gilligan, who was to create her own piece of history, goaled, before Claire Kelly and Noreen McMahon levelled after good work by Aine Hillery.

With the camogie fast and furious and with both sets of backs yielding little or nothing, scores were at a premium until Denise Gilligan and Noreen McMahon exchanged pints

before Sandra Tannian and Aine Hillery did likewise.

With half-time approaching Denise Gilligan, after a fine solo run, and Aine Hillery from a thirty exchanged scores once again to leave the half-time score at St. Brigid's 2-4, St. Kilian's 2-2.

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to create her own piece of history by scoring six goals and five points in a Connacht Schools camogie final.

Sarah Cullinane was outstanding for the losers at full-back, while Aine Hillery aided by Claire Kelly gave their all.

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A squad will then be chosen to represent the Galway city area in the Ted Webb Cup.

Minor trial

THE following players are requested to attend for a minor hurling trial at Craughwell on Saturday next, March 23 at 3.00 p.m.

Beagh: Paul Browne, Noel McNevin.

Ballindereen: Robbie Hynes, Colin Coen, Eoin McDonagh.

Kilbeacanty: Declan Hughes, David Mulkerins.

Gort: Pat Loughnane, Enda Linnane, David Loughrey.

Clarinbridge: Jamie Cannon.

Mullagh: Paul Finnerty, Niall Hogan.

Kiltormer: Michael Greaney, Declan Gately, John Glynn, Brian Kelly.

Meelick-Eyrecourt: James Flynn.

Tommy Larkins: Charlie Stanley, Richard Lyons, Martin O'Rourke.

Fohenagh: Raymond Higgins, Philip Lohan, Alan Mccair.

Killimordaly: Alan Cuniffe, Shane Hanlon, Brian Duffy, Martin Corcoran.

Oranmore-Maree: John O'Callaghan, Gearoid Hanniffy, Justin Cummins.

Carnmore: Shane Hynes, Patrick Walsh, Kenny Watson.

Padraig Peares: Terry Murray.

Ballygar: Tony Murray, Paul McArde.

Sylane: Cathal Fitzgerald, Kevin Moran, Ian Phillips, Brian Moran.

Ahascragh: Jarlath Murray, Noel Meehan, David Costello, Paul Gavin, Ross Landers.

U-16 hurling panel v Mid-Clare

THE following players are required for an Galway under-16 hurling match v Mid-Clare on Saturday next, March 23 in Kinvara at 12 noon sharp.

Hugh Whiskey (Craughwell), Colin Whiskey (Ardahan), Darragh Smith (Kinvara), Colin Callanan (Kinvara), Paul Tierney (Kilcomerton), Francis Gillane (Kilbeacanty), Barry O'Donnell (Rahoon/Newcastle), Noel Jordan (Ballindereen), David Donoghue (Clarinbridge), Joe Hession (Turloughmore), Gavin Keary (Loughrea), Oliver Dealey (Fohenagh), Damien Joyce (Cappataggle), Niall Diviney (Beagh).

Ian Daniels (Craughwell), Niall Burke (Castlegar), John Cleary (Mervue), John Reilly (Mervue), Keith Egan (Kilcomerton), Claran Hynes (Liam Mellows), Martin Forde (Oranmore-Maree), David Forde (Clarinbridge), Derek Murphy (Turloughmore), Kevin Higgins (Athenry), Anthony Keane (Mullagh), Cathal Lohan (Fohenagh), Richard Gilligan (Killimordaly).

The above players should be in Kinvara at 11.30 a.m. sharp.

It is the responsibility of the clubs to ensure that the players are in attendance.

Badminton league finals

THE finals of the Badminton County Leagues, sponsored by Heaslip & Cuddy Financial Services Ltd., Kirwins Lane, Galway take place on Saturday next in the Galway Lawn Tennis Club starting at 2 p.m.

The finalists are as follows:

Division 1: Galway Lawn Tennis Club, Loughrea.

Division 2: Carraroe, Galway Lawn Tennis Club.

Division 3: Barna, Commercial.

Division 4: Menlough, Oranmore.

Division 5: Cliden-Lettertrack, Mountbellow.

Following the finals an End of Season Social takes place in The Oranmore Lodge Hotel starting at 8.00 p.m.

Meanwhile, the annual general meeting of the Galway County Badminton Association takes place on Friday, 29th March at 8.30 p.m. in the Galway Lawn Tennis Club.

Tributes to late soccer official

OFFICERS of the Football Association of Irish Schools were greatly saddened to hear of the sudden death of Tony Kitching on St. Patrick's Night.

FAIS Development Officer Aidan Gallagher paid tribute to Tony's involvement in schools soccer. "Tony almost single-handedly organised out six-a-side and skills competitions in both Mayo and Connacht for the past number of years. He was also involved in so many other areas of activity in his locality such as Gaelic games, music and drama to name a few. I know that he will be greatly missed by all his colleagues, not only in the above mentioned areas but indeed, by his friends in teaching right throughout Mayo and the province.

"On a personal level, Tony was a very good friend, I extend my deepest sympathies to Brid, daughters Aileen and Sinead, sons Kevin, Ronan and David and all his family", he said.

Tributes were also paid by FAIS Chairman Patsy Durnin and FAIS Connacht Branch Chairman, Mark O'Connor.

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