

SENTINEL SPORT



St. Joseph's advance to schools Cup final

St. Joseph's College, Galway.....3
Presentation College, Headford.....2

ST. JOSEPH'S College, Galway advanced to the final of the Irish Permanent Connacht Schools U-15 Cup by virtue of this win over Presentation College, Headford last Wednesday at Renmore.

Torrential rain and a blustery wind promised that this would be a game of contrasting halves and so it was. Having won the toss and electing to play with the wind, Bish had a great start when early pressure yielded a goal after four minutes as Frank Bonner's excellent corner was parried into his own net by the unlucky Derek O'Brien.

The visitors rarely threatened in this half as Trevor Clohissey and Dara Keady aided by Mark Bane deftly cleared their lines. Bish were unfortunate not to go further ahead on 20 minutes when John O'Connor's free was just over but a few minutes later the score was 2-0 when captain Enda O'Connell stepped up to take a free kick from all of 25 yards and his shot rocketed by the defensive wall into the corner of the net.

Headford must have fancied their chances after the interval as it was their turn to pile on the pressure aided by the wind. However, full-backs Bonner and Willie Cloherty weathered the storm and incisive runs by wingers David Murphy and John O'Connor frustrated the opposition's attempts to get forward. Bish went even further ahead when O'Connor scored from close-in after some good interplay between Dominic Lally and Leon Harding.

Headford, to their credit, never gave up and were justly rewarded when James Lohan scored from a direct free kick. This spurred further attacks but O'Connell and Lally in midfield stuck to their task. Indeed Bish were unlucky not to go three up again when Lally's through-ball found Harding in space but his spot was cleared off the line by the full-back.

In the final few minutes Headford grabbed a second when Leo Greaney's corner found Colm Coyne free at the far post for a simple tap-in. However, it was all too late and resolute defending booked the Bish's spot in the final against Summerhill College, Sligo.

Referee: Vincent Carew (Galway Referee's Association).



ON THE BALL . . . Renmore's Alan Corcoran has first run on Salthill Devon's Tommy McDonald in this incident from the Connacht Senior Cup Final on Saturday.

UCG womens senior eights claim inter-varsity crown

UCG Senior Women proved their strength at last Friday's University Championships, when they beat title-holders UCD in the Senior Eights category.

In conditions which were remarkably blustery, UCG were never threatened in this race and rowed to win convincingly over UCD.

Although UCD challenged the Galway crew over the first 500 metres of the race, the

stronger and more technical UCG crew soon pushed ahead for a comfortable win, racing at a steady rate of 32 strokes per minute.

While the Senior Four raced superbly, they were beaten by a mere foot by UCD in their category. After an excellent start, the UCG crew found their bow marginally ahead in the three boat final.

Within 500 metres the Trinity crew, which has been successful against UCG at Limerick Regatta, found

themselves over a length down from both UCG and UCD. The remainder of the race was a neck-and-neck tussle between the two leading crews, and UCD were fortunate to push their bow-ball across the line first, a victory they must cherish.

UCG were also successful in the men's sculling categories, when Conor Griffin won the Intermediate and Senior Sculls comfortably over Paul Hickey of UL. Griffin also doubled up with Eamon Quigley to win senior doubles at these inter-varsities.

Strong performances were demonstrated all around in UCG Boat Club on Friday, especially in the novice category, where the Women's Eight was narrowly defeated by a more experienced Trinity crew.

The Club's next outing will be Metro Regatta in Blessington, which takes place in the first weekend of June, where UCG is expected to make impressions in competitions at all levels.

The winning Senior Women's Eight: cox Jonathan O'Connell, stroke Fiona

Lawless, 7 Andrea O'Grady, 6 Heather Boyle, 5 Neasa Folan, 4 Mary Bonner, 3, Nessa Foley, 2 Niamh Graham, bow Clare Cox.

Women's Senior Four: cox Jonathan O'Connell, stroke Heather Boyle, 3 Neasa Folan, 2 Fiona Lawless, bow Andrea O'Grady.

Mens' Intermediate 1x: Conor Griffin.

Men's Senior 2x: stroke Conor Griffin, bow Eamon Quigley.

Inter-club quiz night

The annual inter-club quiz between the Corribside clubs, Galway Rowing Club, Commercial Boat Club and Corrib Rowing and Yachting Club, takes place on Friday next, May 3 at the Corrib Club.

This annual event has become one of the highlights of the season. The quiz starts at 9.30 p.m.

Knocknacarra FC AGM

THE Annual General Meeting of the Knocknacarra F.C. Juvenile & Junior Soccer Club takes place tonight, Tuesday, April 29 in the Spinnaker House Hotel at 8.30 p.m.

All players are expected to attend. New members and suggestions are welcome to improve a rapidly expanding club. For further details contact Club Chairman, Kevin Cooney, Clybaun Road on 520909 (home).

Knocknacarra Football Club

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NEXT WEEK'S JACKPOT £1,500

NO JACKPOT WINNER

Winning Numbers: Saturday, 26th April, '97

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MATCH 3 WINNERS 7 X £15 EACH: James Toney, c/o Toney's Bar; Michael Lardner, c/o C.M.W.; Colm Harney, c/o Paul Elwood; Mike Flaherty, c/o Toney's; Natalie Darcy, c/o 36 Prospect Hill; Paddy Lane, USA; Shane Cosgrave, c/o Super Value, Eyre Square.

Promoter's Prize: Paul Elwood

This Week's Draw will be held Hughes Bar on 1st May, 1997

PLAY THE LIAM MELLOWES CORRIB ORANGE JUICE LOTTO



Productive weekend for Mellowes sides

LIAM Mellowes started off their under-12 City League campaign with a fine win over Rahoan/Newcastle in an excellent game played at Westside on Saturday morning.

Aonghus Callanan at midfield for Mellowes was the driving force behind Mellowes victory scoring 1-4 in a great overall display.

Full-back Jonathan Madden and centre-back Brian Gilmore also played excellently as did Enda and Caroline Sammon and corner-forward Brian Lee.

John Hughes scored a valuable point for Mellowes when coming on as a substitute, with Enda Sammon and Brian Lee scoring a goal apiece.

One of Mellowes best players was the diminutive James Campbell who was all over the field giving a great display. Michael Hughes played well in goals with corner backs Andrew Kinsella and Brian Howley also having their moments.

Shane Kelly, Brian Leen, Conor Hynes, Fergal Murphy

and Colin Turke also trained hard. Substitutes Kevin Duhan and Patrick Kavanagh also played their part in this fine win.

The team will be in action again next Saturday morning at 11.00 a.m. with a home game in Ballyloughane. Training for this panel takes place in the "Plots", Woodquay on Tuesday and Thursday at 6.45 p.m.

Coaching for under-8s will go ahead next Saturday in Woodquay at 10.30 a.m. It was called off last Saturday due to the inclement weather.

Mellowes minors continued their winning run in the City League with their third win in the competition. Having already beaten Spiddal and Annaghdown they went to Moycullen on Saturday evening and easily beat the home side in a one-sided game.

Brian Marnell, Ciarán Hynes, Kenneth Murphy and Conor Crosby excelled in the Mellowes attack. Others to impress were Brian Kerrigan and defenders Brian O'Keefe and Thomas Breen.

Rahoan/Newcastle Hurling Club Lotto

Next Week's Jackpot £3,400

NO JACKPOT WINNER

17 match 3's: M. Duignan, Elm Park Road; J. Lynch, Central Bar; B. Ruane, Nuns Island; M. Lane, Ballagh; M. McGrath, Circular Road; E. Fallon, c/o D. Fallon; S. Connelly, Keeraun; T. Byrne, c/o B. Ruane; L. Davoren, Moycullen; M. Moran, c/o UCHG; J. Feehan, Barna; D. Kelly, c/o T. O'Higgins; T. Nestor, Bushypark; Ricky, c/o Claddagh Ring; S. Ignore, Oranmore; S. Carr, Tonabrucky; B. Mulkerrens, Rahoan.

Sellers Prize: Sarah Heffernan.

Next Week's Draw in Branskeys Westside.

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