

Tuesday, June 26, 1973

Volleyball

UNDER-24 TEAM MAKES DEBUT

The Irish Under-24 squad makes its debut at Birmingham this weekend. Their six match programme opens with challenge games against B.S.S.O. (Holland and the English champions, Birmingham on Saturday. The team is grouped with Pak Shaheen, Taurus, International and Tile Hill, in the Bio-Strath Invitation Tournament at Warley on Saturday.

The squad is: D. Byrne (Cabra Vikings), captain; T. Hynes (Cabra Vikings); G. Moloney (Cabra Vikings); P. Hennessy (Cabra Vikings); J. Malone (Naomh Brid, Curragh Camp); P. Prendergast (Naomh Brid, Curragh Camp); K. Coldrick (Navan Y.C.); P. Kendrick (Brian Boru V.C., Dublin); C. White (Newbridge Y.C.); and M. O'Brien (Rosemount V.C., Dundrum).
Coach—S. O'Dwyer (Vikings); assist. Coach
E. Brady (Newbridge).

Monday, July 2, 1973

THRILLING FINALS

VOLLEYBALL TESTS

Dominican Convent, Eccles Street, which represented Ireland in the 1973 F.I.S.E.C. Games in Portugal, were beaten by their sister convent from Dun Laoghaire in a thrilling and exciting under-17 final at the Willwood Tailteann Volleyball competition at Navan Community Centre yesterday. The score, in favour of Dominican Convent, Dun Laoghaire, was 15-11, 3-15, 15-11. The tables were turned in the under-15 grade where the Eccles Street girls won by 12-15, 15-5, 15-6.

Finglas Vocational School, winners of last year's competition, beat the Army Apprentice School 15-8, 15-11 in the under-18 boys' final.

Thursday, April 18, 1974

VOLLEYBALL POPULAR

IN THE SCHOOLS

The coaching committee of the Volleyball Association of Ireland are delighted with the demand from school teachers for courses. The upsurge of interest in the game from educationalists has come to a head as a result of the Department of Health anti-smoking volleyball chart which has been sent to all schools.

Primary teachers make a start with an introductory coaching course on Saturday and Sunday next, at St. Patrick's T.C., Drumcondra. This course is fully subscribed.

The Department of Education have given recognition to the first one-week residential coaching course for post-primary teachers and club coaches, which is arranged for the first week of July at Dunganarvan. Application forms may be had from Coaching Administrator, 6 Ennafort Road, Dublin 5.

The £2,000 Government grant gives great encouragement for V.A.I. plans of expansion.

Friday, May 10, 1974

VOLLEYBALL IN LIMERICK

Top-class volleyball will be played in Limerick for the first time to-morrow when teams from several parts of Ireland will take part in men's and women's competitions at the National College of Physical Education. A big attraction in both events will be a team from Strawberry Hill Physical Education College in London.

Wednesday, July 10, 1974

Volleyball

No luck for Irish at Birmingham

AN unfortunate and unavoidable delay may have robbed the Ireland under-24 mens' volleyballers of the Sandwell Trophy at the international tournament at Birmingham last week-end. Playing at a new peak in their pool matches Ireland were able to qualify for the final unbeaten. The highlight of this section was our win over holders Sikh Temple, the experienced Indian team.

All players raised their standard with Tony Hynes and George Doolin enjoying the long high-class rallies, ably supported by Danny Byrne and Robert Doolin.

With a delayed start to the final the Irish squad had their minds more on catching their plane than playing volleyball. The five set final had to be finished after two sets in favour of Bradford. Had the match been allowed run its full course it would seem that the Irish squad would have been able to settle down to contest to the end. It was unfortunate that we had to concede to the very capable Bradford team in such a manner.

Irish squad: D. Byrne, G. Moloney, J. Malone, P. Prendergast, T. Hynes, G. Doolin, R. Doolin, J. Douglas, J. O'Brien, M. O'Brien.

Tuesday, December 23, 1975

Volleyball

IRELAND REPRESENTED

AT LOUGHBOROUGH

The Volleyball Association of Ireland are sending two candidates to the F.I.V.B. International coaching course at Loughborough College, from December 27th to January 5th. Such courses are usually geographically out of reach and so this will be the first time Ireland will be represented.

Top coaches from Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Canada will be in charge and should give our men a new insight into the game particularly as our male squad have international fixtures for 1976 and 1977.

National squad player John Malone (Curragh Camp) is getting special leave from the Army in keeping with current recognition of other top class athletes. This move may well signal that the Army teams will be trying to regain the ground that they have lost to civilian clubs in recent years.

Also travelling will be the men's national squad coach, Sean O'Dwyer, a P.E. teacher, who has coaching awards from the English and Scottish associations. A frequent visitor to Loughborough at gymnastics, basketball and fitness courses, O'Dwyer will be seeking the information and contacts that will eventually lead to volleyball being established as an international sport in Ireland.

Monday, June 7, 1976

Volleyball

DOUBLE FOR TIPPERARY

The 1976 Willwood Tailteann volleyball competition finals for boys and girls took place at the Coolmine centre, Blanchardstown yesterday and Tipperary scored a 'double' in the girls events when they beat Cork opposition in both the under-14 and under-17 finals.

Finals—Girls—Under-14—Thurles 3, Clonakilty 0 (scores 25-41; 25-12; 25-18). Under-17—Fethard 2, Middleton 1 (scores 15-10; 6-13; 15-12).
Boys Under-14—Cabra 3, Ballyfermot 2 (scores 25-13; 19-25; 25-22; 20-25; 25-14). Under-18 — Edenderry 2, Bohemians 1 (scores 15-9; 10-15; 15/5).

Thursday, June 10, 1976

Playing against German, English, and Scottish teams, in the Weymouth international volleyball tournament, Ireland reached the semi-finals and finished a creditable fourth out of the eight sides. The Irish squad—now hopeful of another good performance at the Sandwell Tournament, West Bromwich, in July—is (left to right) front row: D. Byrne, J. Douglas, R. Doolin, G. Doolin; back row: I. O'Brien (chairman, VAI), J. Malone, T. Hynes (captain), G. Moloney, and S. O'Dwyer (coach).



Friday, April 8, 1977

VOLLEYBALL TEST

Twelve teams in all have been accepted from Ireland, Scotland and England for the international volleyball club tournament event in Dublin this weekend. It is the first major event of its kind here and play gets under way tomorrow (10.20) at Colaiste Eoin, Finglas.

Queen's University are among the visitors from the North while there are four teams coming from Scotland and two from England.

The full line-up for a tournament which continues and concludes on Monday is: Rockets, Block 75, Greaves, Falkirk, Inverclyde, Vikings, Magles, Newbridge, Pentland, Queen's Univ., Slender, Ballyfermot.

Competition will be on the pool system with the top six teams playing in Division I and the lower six competing in Division II. There will, in fact, be play-offs to decide all positions 1 to 12. The championship final is fixed for around 4.15 on Monday.

BRITAIN'S Elizabeth Wood went through to the finals after yesterday's three qualifying rounds in the Women's Foll event of the World Under-20 Fencing Championships in Vienna.

Monday, April 11, 1977

Only one home team, Vikings from Dublin survived the testing competitive nature of the international volleyball tournament at the Colaiste Eoin gymnasium Finglas yesterday.

They qualified for today's semi-finals after beating the only other remaining Irish team, Newbridge in the only quarter final played to conclude yesterday's session.

Scottish and English clubs filled the most sectional winning spots with the Glasgow club, Greaves proving the most impressive of all on their way to today's quarter-finals. They go in against Tentland in one of the remaining three quarter-finals.

The other quarter-finals will be contested between Block 75, from Liverpool and Falkirk and between Inverclyde (Scotland) and Rockets, a selected side from the famed Loughborough College.

In the Bronze Plaque final Slender Health (Stillorgan) will meet Eagles (Dundrum).

Tuesday, April 12, 1977

Volleyball

Vikings easy win over Pentland

The Dublin club, Vikings, scored a superb win over Scottish representatives Pentland by two sets to nil in the final of the two-day international volleyball event — the first major tournament of its kind to be played in Ireland — at the Colaiste Eoin gymnasium yesterday.

Vikings' success was enhanced by the excellent play of one of the game's better exponents, Tony Hynes whose smashing was a feature. Earlier Vikings beat the Loughborough selection, Rockets, in the semi-final.

Greaves from England proved best in the Plate final beating Newbridge by 2 sets to nil while another Dublin club, Eagles, accounted for Slender Health by 2 sets to nil in the bronze final. In the play-off for third and fourth places Rockets beat Block 75 by 2 sets to nil.

Vikings — R. Deelin (capt.), A. Hynes, J. Douglas, P. O'Brien, D. Byrne, G. Deelin.

Pentland — T. Morrison, S. Drisdale, A. Smith (capt.), F. Andretti, B. McDonald, D. Taylor.

Monday, May 2, 1977

VOLLEYBALL — Clubs from all over Ireland took part in the annual Volleyball Tournament at Plassy this weekend. All-Ireland champions Vikings took the men's title to Dublin when they beat another club from Dublin, Eagles, 15-10 14-16 15-7. Dun Laoghaire won the women's title, in which they caused a surprise when beating Midleton 15-8 8-15 15-9.

Saturday, December 3, 1977

FRENCH COACH COMING

The senior French coach, M. Berjaud, will be conducting a five-day volleyball seminar for coaches at a Dublin venue from December 17th. Those interested in attending should contact Sean O'Dwyer, Dublin 312404.

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Volleyball

Curragh Command retain Devlin Cup

The Curragh Command won the Liam Devlin challenge cup for the fourth time in a row when the All-Army volleyball championship concluded at Collins Barracks, Cork, yesterday. The Curragh took the title when Depot Cavalry beat the Fourth Field Signals (Western Command) four games to one in the decider.

The outstanding player of the championships was Sgt. John Brohan who helped his side to a 15-8, 15-10 win in the opening match to set the Curragh on their victory march.

Thursday, March 20, 1980

Phoenix, Howth reach final

Phoenix, Newbridge, had to overcome a determined Raheny Olympians, the holders, by 2-1 in the semi - finals of the National Inter - region Volleyball League finals at the Curragh Camp gymnasium. UCC were eliminated by Howth in the other semi - final in a close match.

Showing more variety in attack, the Kildare squad were never in danger against Howth for whom Willie Kinnane had an impressive back - court game. The winners were best served by Eamon Nolan and Reg Herterich.

The attacking power of Melissa Branigan gave Olympian girls the edge over Star and Crescent, Drogheda, in a keenly contested league match at Raheny. The more fancied Drogheda squad were defeated 15-8, 15-11.

Monday, March 31, 1980

Volleyball

Tallaght blitzed by Rockets

Powerful net play by Cuala Rockets gave them a comfortable 3-0 National Premier League victory over Tallaght in the championship play-off at the volleyball centre, Churchtown.

The winners showed more variety in attack and always had the ability to defend with good blocking and some spectacular retrieving in back-court. The return of Tony Hynes after injury helped to the Tallaght defeat, 15-9, 18-16, 16-14.

Rockets were best served by Hynes, G. Doolin and G. O'Toole, while J. Malone, V. Fahey and D. Fahey were best for Tallaght.

Rockets—J Douglas, G Doolin, R Doolin, K Doolin, P O'Brien, G Jennings, T Hynes, and G O'Toole.

Tallaght—J Malone, P Malone, D Fahey, V Fahey, P Fahey, M Nolan, and J Hyland.

Volleyball

Newbridge on line for final place

Newbridge are shaping well for a place in the men's national volleyball championship final after fine wins over Ballyfermot and Dun Laoghaire, while Cuala Rockets appear to have matters under control with comfortable victories over Star and Crescent and Tallaght.

The Finglas-based Bohemians club have recently signed international attacker Margaret Kennedy from Eccles Street and now become co-favourites with the experienced Dun Laoghaire girls for the national championship.

Sunday sees both squads in action in their qualifying pools. At Thurles Bohemians should prove too powerful for the youthful Clonakilty and St. Marys (Naas) teams, and at Churchtown, Eccles Street and Ballyfermot are not expected to seriously press Dun Laoghaire who have a powerful spiker in Rita Walsh.

Monday, May 5, 1980

NEWBRIDGE WIN

Newbridge sprang a big surprise in the senior boys' final of the 1980 Willwood Tailteann National Volleyball championships at De la Salle College, Churchtown, yesterday when they beat the holders and strong favourites, Limavady Grammar School, in the final.

FINALS — Under-18 boys — Newbridge bt Limavady GS, 9-15, 15-11, 15-10. Under-17 girls — Presentation Convent, Thurles, bt Presentation Convent, Fethard, 15-7, 16-14. Under-14 boys (Mini) — Carraig Navar, Cork, bt Kilcormac, Offaly, 50-41. Under-14 girls (Mini) — Presentation Convent Thurles, bt Clonakilty Sports Club, 42-37.

Wednesday, June 4, 1980

Dublin League win for firemen's club

TARA STREET Firemen's Volleyball Club, with only one defeat from their twelve-game programme, finished top of the table in the Dublin Region Volleyball League. In the final series Olympians VC had a convincing 2/0 win over Howth to decide which club took runners-up position.

Ballyfermot Ladies completed a very successful season by adding the Dublin Region league title to the National League and Intermediate Championship. This triple title assures the Ballyfermot girls of promotion to the National Premier grade for next season.

Friday, June 13, 1980

Volleyball

Newbridge guests

Five representative squads have a busy schedule of activity over the next few weeks ranging from under 14 boys to senior male and female level.

The Volleyball Association of Ireland and the Northern Ireland Volleyball Association continue their parallel development schemes with inter-association boys under-age representative challenges at Newbridge on Sunday, June 29th.

The NIVA under-19 team will play All-Ireland under-18 champions Newbridge. The Co Kildare club have called in a few guests to boost their squad for this exciting match and a Dublin under-17 squad will face the NIVA under-16 boys while Carrignavar will play against the Northern under-14s.

The Northern association have organised an attractive six-nation international tournament — "MIVA 10" — as part of their tenth anniversary celebrations. Our senior women and men's squads are in preparation for the Belfast meeting with teams from USA, Wales, England, and Irish squads, on July 6/7th.

Tuesday, December 23, 1980

Olympians fall to Kildare side

Raheny Olympians despite winning the first set of their Premier volleyball League game with Phoenix showed erratic back-court form and were overtaken 3-1 by the lively Kildare squad.

Conor Keeling, Paul Mahon and David Dooley were in great form at the net for Olympians, while Eamon Nolan engineered an all round sound display by Phoenix.

In a clash of the Co Kildare sides Newbridge had to come from 2-0 down to snatch victory from their townsmen, Phoenix and so keep in touch with league leaders Tallaght.

At Churchtown: Phoenix bt Olympians 3-1; Newbridge bt Phoenix 3-2.

PREMIER LEAGUE						
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tallaght.....	9	9	0	27	2	27
Newbridge	9	8	1	25	7	25
Ballyfermot.....	7	7	0	21	4	21
Dun Laoghaire	9	6	3	22	12	21
Star/Crescent...	10	5	5	18	15	20
Phoenix.....	8	5	3	20	11	18
Slender Health	A9	4	5	16	17	16
Olympians	10	3	7	11	23	16
Howth.....	9	2	7	9	21	12
Tara Fire Stn ...	18	0	18	0	54	1

