

Friday, January 23, 1981

Volleyball

Breakthrough by Kilcormac

The Kilcormac club, Co Offaly, gained a major breakthrough in winning their first national title with a narrow 2-1 victory over Sacred Heart College, Carrignavar, in the under-15 boys Tabs Shield final.

The holders, Presentation School, Thurles, accounted for neighbours Fethard in an all-Tipperary final to retain the O'Meara Trophy for under-15 girls.

Bohemians had comfortable 3-0 wins over both Star/Crescent and Ballyfermot at Drogheda in the women's Premier League.

Action in the men's premier League was at Churchtown where Phoenix had to work hard to force a 3-2 win over Dun Laoghaire that they were easy meat at 3-0 to Slender Health in the next game.

PREMIER LEAGUE (WOMEN)

P	t	s	P	W	L	F	A
Midleton	7	6	1	19	3	19	
Dunlaoghaire	7	6	1	18	4	19	
Bohemians	9	5	4	19	12	19	
Thurles	7	5	2	15	7	17	
Eccles Street	7	4	3	13	11	15	
Cionakilty	7	3	4	9	15	13	
Star/Crescent	9	2	7	7	22	13	
Ballyfermot	9	9	0	2	27	9	

Wednesday, January 28, 1981

Volleyball

Close tussles in all matches

The competitiveness of the National Premier League is evident in the fact that none of the week's seven matches was won in straight sets, not even those having championship and relegation candidates in opposition.

Tallaght and Ballyfermot are still unbeaten in the league, while Dun Laoghaire are a squad with the potential to be favourites for the knock-out championship.

David Dooley (Olympians) gave a first-class display of power attacking at Drogheda against Star and Crescent and Howth, who rated him the most valuable player on view. The local squad were tested in gaining victories over Howth (3-1) and Olympians (3-2). The Olympians gained a league double at the expense of Howth, who now will have to gain some notable victories to avoid returning to regional competition next season.

At Churchtown — Ballyfermot bt Newbridge 3-2; Tallaght bt Dun Laoghaire 3-2; Tallaght bt Slender Health 3-1.

At Drogheda — Star/Crescent bt Olympians 3-2; Star/Crescent bt Howth 3-1; Olympians bt Howth 3-1.

At Kiltarrack — Ballyfermot bt Howth 3-1.

LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	L	P	A	Pts
Tallaght.....	11	11	0	33	5	33
Star/Crescent...	12	8	4	26	16	28
Ballyfermot.....	9	9	0	25	7	27
Newbridge.....	10	8	2	27	10	26
Dun Laoghaire...	11	6	5	26	18	23
Phoenix.....	10	5	5	22	18	20
Slender Health...	11	5	6	20	20	20
Olympians.....	12	4	8	16	27	20
Howth.....	12	2	10	12	30	15
Tara Fire Stn ...	18	0	18	0	54	1

LATEST Association of Tennis Professional Rankings: 1, Bjorn Borg; 2, John McEntoe; 3, Jimmy Connors; 4, Gene Mayer; 5, Guillermo Vilas; 6, Ivan Lendl; 7, Harold Solomon; 8, Jose Luis Clerc; 9, Vitas Gerulaitis; 10, Brian Teacher.

Saturday, February 14, 1981

Thurles girls set for France

Presentation school (Thurles), retained the FISEC senior and cadette titles at the expense of Mercy convent, Clonakilty, in keenly contested finals at Limerick and will now be Ireland's representatives at the international FISEC games in France at Easter.

In the men's National Premier League, Newbridge kept themselves well in the championship hunt with victories over Slender Health and Star and Crescent at Drogheda. Meanwhile, Dun Laoghaire, recorded a notable double over unbeaten Ballyfermot and middle of the table Phoenix, at Newbridge.

RESULTS: At Drogheda — Newbridge bt Star/Crescent 3-2; Newbridge bt Slender Health 3-2; Slender Health bt Star/Crescent 3-1.

At Newbridge — Dun Laoghaire bt Phoenix 3-0; Dun Laoghaire bt Ballyfermot 3-0.

Midleton and Dun Laoghaire women each notched a brace of wins over Eccles Street and a disorganised Thurles squad at

Churchtown in the premier league to retain their parallel progress in the league title chase.

RESULTS: At Churchtown — Midleton bt Eccles Street 3-0; Midleton bt Thurles 3-0; Dun Laoghaire bt Eccles Street 3-1; Dun Laoghaire bt Thurles 3-0.

MEN

Premier League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Tallaght.....	11	11	0	33	5	33
Newbridge	12	10	2	33	14	32
Star/Crescent...	14	8	6	29	22	30
Dun Laoghaire	13	8	5	32	18	29
Ballyfermot.....	10	9	1	24	10	28
Slender Health	13	6	7	25	24	24
Phoenix.....	11	5	6	22	21	21
Olympians	12	4	8	16	27	20
Howth.....	12	2	10	12	30	15
Tara Fire Stn ...	18	0	18	0	54	1

WOMEN

Premier League

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Midleton.....	9	8	1	25	3	25
Dun Laoghaire	9	8	1	24	5	25
Bohemians.....	9	5	4	19	12	19
Thurles.....	9	5	4	15	13	19
Eccles Street...	9	4	5	14	17	17
Clonakilty.....	7	3	4	9	15	13
Star/Crescent...	9	2	7	7	22	13
Ballyfermot.....	9	0	9	2	27	9

Friday, February 27, 1981

ONLY A major upset can now prevent Midleton from retaining the women's Premier National Volleyball League title after their convincing win over challengers Dun Laoghaire at Clonakilty. Neither of their remaining opponents, Bohemians or Star and Crescent, seem likely to cause them problems.

The annual general meeting of the Volleyball Association of Ireland will be held at the Aisling Hotel, Park Gate Street, Dublin 2, at 2 o'clock on Sunday.

Results (at Clonakilty): Midleton bt Dun Laoghaire 3-1; Dun Laoghaire bt Clonakilty 3-1. (At Drogheda): Eccles Street bt Star/Crescent 3-0; Bohemians bt Thurles 3-0; Thurles bt Star/Crescent 3-0; Eccles Street bt Bohemians 3-2.

WOMEN'S LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Midleton.....	12	11	1	34	4	34
Dun Laoghaire	11	9	2	28	9	29
Bohemians.....	11	6	5	24	15	23
Thurles.....	11	6	5	18	16	23
Eccles Street....	11	6	5	20	19	23
Clonakilty.....	10	4	6	13	21	18
Star/Crescent...	11	2	9	7	28	15
Ballyfermot.....	11	11	0	2	33	11

MEN'S LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Star/Crescent ..	16	9	7	33	25	24
Tallaght.....	11	11	0	33	5	33
Newbridge.....	12	10	2	33	14	32
Dun Laoghaire	14	9	5	35	24	32
Ballyfermot.....	10	9	1	25	10	28
Slender Health	13	6	7	25	24	24
Phoenix.....	12	5	7	22	24	22
Olympians.....	12	4	8	16	27	20
Howth.....	12	2	10	12	30	15
Tara Fire Stn ...	18	0	18	0	54	1

Volleyball

Midleton poised to take title

Friday, March 6, 1981

Volleyball

Main objectives of new committee

APPLICATION to the International Volleyball Federation, improved administration and re-establishment of national squads, are the main objectives of the newly-elected national executive committee of the Volleyball Association of Ireland. At the A.G.M. it was encouraging to note the number of top active players who are getting involved at administration level. The setting up of a schools volleyball association was also stated to be a priority for the new executive.

chairperson: — J. Malone (Louth), hon. general secretary: — M. Murphy (Kildare), hon. treasurer: — Sr. Michael McGrath (Cork), competitions sec.: — D. Byrne (Dublin), coaching adm.: — T. Landers (Kildare), schools officer: — Sr. M. Eugenio (Tipperary), registrations sec.: — J. Basquille (Dublin), minutes sec.: — Miss G. Byrne (Dublin).
Results (at Newbridge) — Newbridge bt Howth 3-1; Newbridge bt Phoenix 3-1.

PREMIER LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Newbridge.....	14	12	2	39	16	38
Star/Crescent...	16	9	7	33	25	34
Tallaght.....	11	11	0	33	5	33
Dun Laoghaire	14	9	5	35	24	32
Ballyfermot.....	10	9	1	25	10	28
Slender Health	13	6	7	25	24	24
Phoenix.....	13	5	8	23	27	23
Olympians.....	12	4	8	16	27	20
Howth.....	13	2	11	13	33	16
Tara Fire Stn.	18	0	18	0	54	1

National Executive Committee 1981/82 — President: — Rev. C. Sweeney (Cork), chairperson: — S. O'Dwyer (Dublin), vice-

Thursday, March 12, 1981

Midleton retain League title

MIDLETON retained the National Premier League women's volleyball title with only one defeat from fourteen games. Their unspectacular style has paid dividends over the more adventurous combinations of Dun Laoghaire and Bohemians.

These three table-toppers it will be noted all made tours abroad before the start of the season and have benefitted greatly from their experiences.

Results (at Churchtown): Bohemians bt Clonakilty 3/1; Midleton bt Star / Crescent 3/0; Midleton bt Bohemians 3/0; Clonakilty bt Eccles St 3/1. At Newbridge: Dun Laoghaire

bt Howth 3/0; Newbridge bt Dun Laoghaire 3/1. At Drogheda: Ballyfermot, bt Star / Crescent; Ballyfermot wo, Olympians late; Slender Health bt Olympians 3/0.

Qualifiers for the Under-20 National Championship men's section to contest the semi-finals on St. Patrick's Day at Churchtown are: Ballyfermot, Colaiste Dhulaigh (Coolock), Carrignavar and Newbridge. Semi-finals 12.30; third-place play-off 2 o'clock, final 2.45.

PREMIER LEAGUE (WOMEN)

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Midleton	14	13	1	40	4	40
Dun Laoghaire	11	9	2	28	9	29
Bohemians	13	7	6	27	18	27
Eccles Street	12	6	6	21	22	24
Thurles	11	6	5	18	16	23
Clonakilty	12	5	7	16	25	22
Star/Crescent	12	2	10	7	31	16
Ballyfermot	11	11	0	2	33	11

Thursday, August 20, 1981

Volleyball

INTERNATIONAL HERE

At a Dublin press conference attended by Mr Michael Keating, Minister for Sport, the Fire Brigade Sports Association of Ireland announced details of the 1982 European volleyball competition which, with Ireland as hosts will take place in September of that year. Teams from all the major European countries will take part and many internationals will be participating.

Monday, February 8, 1982

Volleyball

Olympians in form

Olympians beat Star and Crescent in four sets in their National volleyball league game at Churchtown yesterday, completing a great weekend for the club as they had also gained two valuable points on Friday with a four sets win over Phoenix.

Newbridge gained some compensation yesterday when after dropping the first set to Dun Laoire they stormed back to win the next three and the match.

Results — Newbridge bt Dun Laoire 13-15, 15-9, 15-11, 15-12; Olympians bt Star and Crescent 7-15, 15-9, 15-6, 15-9.

Saturday, February 20, 1982

Volleyball

Drogheda side move up table

IT IS quite likely that a fine 3-1 victory by Star and Crescent over Dunlaoire last Sunday will be overshadowed by the histrionics that occurred both on and off court, during and after the game. Star and Crescent showed great determination in overcoming a stronger Dunlaoire squad and deserve just recognition. Their close and back court cover was excellent and Declan McKenna was responsible for some very nice "cross-court" attacks and very effective "second-touch balls.

Dunlaoire can blame nobody but themselves for their defeat. They have a strong talented and experienced squad capable of far greater things.

Meanwhile, Ballyfermot were improving their league position by beating Phoenix 3-2. This could herald an end-of-season dash up the league table by Ballyfermot as they have matches in hand over all bar one of the teams ahead of them.

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Tallaght	8	8	0	24	4	24
Newbridge	7	6	1	20	7	19
Star and Crescent	9	5	4	17	13	19
Dunlaoire	8	4	4	17	14	16
Ballyfermot	7	4	3	14	11	15
Phoenix	9	3	6	12	18	15
Olympians	9	2	7	7	22	13
Edenderry	9	0	9	0	27	2

Saturday, March 6, 1982

Volleyball

Irish teams impress at Limavady

Interest focused on Northern Ireland last weekend when Limavady hosted their first international tournament. Tallaght, Phoenix, Star and Crescent and Ballyfermot all sent squads.

Tallaght were without their full side as Joe Hyland and John Roden were both unable to travel, but they welcomed back Vincent Fahey after his year in Holland.

The level of competition was extremely high and the Irish teams thrived on it.

Monday, March 8, 1982

Volleyball

TALLAGHT ON TOP

After a slow start which saw them trailing 2-8 in the first game, Tallaght got well on top to beat Ballyfermot by 15-13, 15-8, 1-3, in their national volleyball league game at Churchtown yesterday.

The young Olympians side did well to take Dun Laoire to four games in the other Churchtown match.

Friday, April 30, 1982

VOLLEY MARATHON

The Phaedra community work group, in co-operation with youth groups from the Ballyroan area, are holding a forty-hour volleyball marathon at the Ballyroan community centre, Marion Road, Rathfarnham, starting at 10 p.m. today and ending at 2 p.m. on Sunday. Proceeds from the marathon will go towards soundproofing the community centre in Ballyroan.

IPSWICH captain, Mick Mills, will be fit to play in tomorrow's home game against Middlesbrough. He has recovered from a hamstring injury which kept him out of the midweek international.

Saturday, May 22, 1982

Volleyball

Dun Laoghaire can score this time

Dun Laoghaire and Tallaght are this year's National Senior Volleyball Championship finalists tomorrow in Churchtown. Dun Laoghaire completely overpowered Newbridge 3-0 to win their place in the final. A bewildered Newbridge offered only token resistance to the onslaught of the John Clarke brigade. It has been a disappointing year for Newbridge. In spite of playing good strong volleyball, they have failed to make any impression on the home tournaments. Their best result has been runners up in the League.

Dun Laoghaire are in the finals for the second successive year. Last year they were runners-up, but this time the result could be very different.

Tallaght, in contrast to Dun Laoghaire's power play stumbled their way through three sets to beat Olympians and secure their third successive finalists spot. Tallaght's play was erratic and disjointed and totally devoid of any drive or enthusiasm. To add to their problems their prime attacker, Joe Hyland, tore the ligaments in his foot and he will be out of action for at least a month.

John Malone has a mammoth task on hand. He must restructure the Tallaght squad to compensate for Joe Hyland and, more importantly, he must rekindle Tallaght's enthusiasm and desire to win. Clarke's task is simple by comparison. Dun Laoghaire are playing well, their confidence is soaring and their squad is at full strength for the first time this season. All John Clarke need do is produce last Sunday's form on Sunday fortnight and the Championship could well go to Dun Laoghaire.

MUNSTER MFC SEMI-FINAL

At Ennis — **KERRY** 0-14 (J Moriarty 0-1, P Gallivan 0-1, E Fitzgerald 0-1, B Keane 0-3, D O'Donohue 0-7, M McAuliffe 0-1), **CLARE** 0-7 (J Vaughan 0-2, E O'Flaherty 0-1, P Hickey 0-4)

Monday, May 24, 1982

Volleyball

Sethard are best

The 1982 Willwood Tailteann All-Ireland Volleyball Championships took place at Thurles at the weekend and in both the girls under-14 and under-17 finals the standard was superb with wins for Sethard and Tuam respectively.

Both these teams will represent Ireland in the FISEC Games in Spain in July. There was only one boys final completed with the under-18 title going to Carrignavar, who beat Ballyfermot VC 15-6, 15-6.

Under-14 Girls Final: Sethard bt Thurles 11-15, 15-5, 15-13. Under-17 Girls: Tuam bt Thurles 14-16, 16-14, 15-13.

Under-14 Boys Final between Carrignavar "A" and "B" teams will take place at Carrignavar next Wednesday.

VOLLEYBALL — Senior championships semi-finals at Churchtown — Dun Laoghaire bt Newbridge, 15-8, 15-12, 15-9; Tallaght bt Olympians 15-10, 15-8, 15-10.

Monday, June 7, 1982

Volleyball

Dun Laoghaire too good for holders

IN the National volleyball championship at Churchtown yesterday, Dun Laoghaire beat Tallagh, the holders, in four sets. The vital fourth set saw the services change seven times at 10 all and Tallagh then got three points ahead before Dun Laoghaire rallied to win the next five points and the match.

Mens final: Dun Laoghaire bt Tallaght 15-7, 12-15, 15-12, 15-13. Women's final: Midleton bt Dun Laoghaire 15-11, 10-15, 15-10.

Tuesday, August 24, 1982

Volleyball

Ireland beaten by Belgium

The Fire Brigade West European Volleyball championships opened at Palmerstown, Co Dublin yesterday, and Ireland went under in straight sets to the current champions Belgium.

Lacking the skills of Belgium, Ireland were forced to play defensively and to their credit kept the rallies going for long periods.

But against top opposition, including a former Olympic star Roger Maas, they were outclassed in the first two sets, and only when settling down, against the Belgium reserve squad did they really play well and they had their chances before losing the third set 15-10.

Britain beat Germany in four hard fought sets, and Holland too were taken to four sets by Gibraltar.

So even at this early stage in the competition it seems obvious that Ireland will be struggling to win even a set. But if they play as wholeheartedly as they did yesterday, one never knows what might happen.

Results: Belgium bt Ireland 15-4, 15-4, 15-10. Holland bt Gibraltar 15-4, 13-15, 15-3, 15-8. United Kingdom bt West Germany 15-6, 5-15, 15-9, 15-12.

Saturday, May 28, 1983

Volleyball

Dun Laoghaire in line for titles

By **BARBARA FITZGERALD**

Dun Laoghaire are set to win their second trophy in succession when they play Tallaght, the club they beat in last year's final, in the match for the Irish championship at Churchtown tomorrow.

Dun Laoghaire could, in fact, make a clean sweep of the Intermediate and women's finals also, taking all three titles for the first time ever.

The Dun Laoghaire women's team are also playing in their third final in a row, but they have not won the Irish title for more than five years. They face Middleton in the final, again a team they have played twice, with one win to each side. The Dun Laoghaire Intermediate team are in today's final against the Army club, Baldonnel.

On each of Dun Laoghaire's teams, there is at least one member of the Basquille family — John is captain of the men's, Anne is on the women's, and Thomas and Maurice feature on the Intermediate team.

Thursday, June 2, 1983

Volleyball

New Irish champions

DUN Laoghaire reclaimed the title they last won over five years ago when they defeated the Cork club, Midleton, in four sets to become new Irish champions. Playing in the De La Salle Sports Centre, Churchtown, Dun Laoghaire came back after a slow start at 4-12 down in the first set, to win it 16-14. The second set also went to Dun Laoghaire by a more comfortable 15-10 margin.

However, defending champions, Midleton, who, in fact, have won this title for the last two years and always against Dun Laoghaire, pulled-back to take the third set by an overwhelmingly confident 15-5.

The final was tense to the finish, as the fourth set gave Dun Laoghaire three match points, all of which they missed, and eventually they won the final points on a foul by Midleton.

In Saturday's Division B Men's final, De La Salle won the title for the first time, beating Army club side Baldonnell in straight sets, 3-0.

DUN LAOGHAIRE WOMEN'S: M Lawlor, Anne Basquille (captain), Anne Basquille, R Walshe, V Walshe, M Neville, S Trappe, M Holden, T Pearce.

The Dun Laoghaire club missed their opportunity of completing the double on Sunday, when their men's team, holders of the Irish title, lost to Tallaght in a lengthy two-hour, five-set match.

Dun Laoghaire won the first two sets 15-11 and 15-10 and the third set and match were within their grasp, but Tallaght managed to pull off some lucky shots to put them back into the game with a 15-13 win.

TALLAGHT: P Malone, V Fahy, D Fahy, F Fahy, J Hyland, J Roden, J Whelan, P Mahon, D Dooley, C Keling.

Friday, August 5, 1983

Volleyball

Two national coaches named

By BARBARA FITZGERALD

NATIONAL coaches have been appointed for the first time to train both a men's and women's Irish volleyball team in an effort to improve Ireland's international status in the sport.

The appointments of John Clark as men's coach and Mary Lalor as coach to the women's team were made following the omission of an Irish women's team in the recent West European Championships. Up to now, the Volleyball Association of Ireland has concentrated on the development of the game within the country and, in fact, although representative teams from this country have played international matches, a proper national squad has never been selected.

The first objective for the coaches is to select and train a men's and women's team to take part in several of the major volleyball tournaments in Britain next spring. A full international fixture against Northern Ireland teams is also a top priority.

Trials for the Irish squads will take place in September, and it's expected that the coaches will aim to choose young players who will be in top form for the European Nations Cup in two years time.

Clarke was previously a national league coach and player in England, where men's volleyball is very much an established sport. Mary Lalor has already played on the Irish representative teams and coached the Dun Laoghaire club who last season won the league and the all-Ireland Cup. Although the coaches have been given six-year contracts, they will have a difficult and time-consuming job bringing the Irish squads to a level where they can really compete with the often semi-professional players in Europe.

THE Irish men's and women's squads, the first to be selected, were announced by the national coaches, John Clark and Mary Lalor, during the weekend.

The men's squad of 24 includes players from nine different clubs. All-Ireland champions Tallaght have six players on the squad, while the team they defeated in the final, Dun Laoghaire, have four of their players named. One of them is Danny Byrne, who two years ago was banned for life from the Volleyball Association of Ireland. The ban came as a result of an incident during the All-Ireland final in 1981. Byrne appealed the strict decision, and this was upheld.

The only surprise in the men's squad is the absence of players like George Doolin, John Jarvis and Eamon Nolan — they were not selected for the squad trials. Clark, the coach, said, however, that they may be given an opportunity during further possible trials later this year.

Just 18 players were selected for the women's squad. Again, the All-Ireland champions, Dun Laoghaire, are represented by half a dozen players. One of them is Rita Walsh, an attacker, who is playing this season for the King Stringers club in the Welsh National League.

One of the first things planned for the two squads is a short tour in the North of England early in the year, taking in the strong areas of Liverpool and perhaps also Manchester.

Until then the squads are having training and coaching sessions. The League won't start until November, but the season began at the weekend with a tournament in the Curragh.

MEN'S SQUAD

J Basquille, J Byrne, P Byrne, D Byrne, G Byrne, D Hurley, S Connell, T Dowd, D McKenna, E Holcroft, D Dooley, F Fahey, V Fahey, J Hyland, C Keeling, P Malone, P Healy, B O'Donnell, J Whelan, C Maxwell, A McCrossan, A Gormley, J Gormley, P Murphy.

WOMEN'S SQUAD: M Neville, M Holden, S Trappe, P Peate, R Walsh, A Basquille, M Leahy, A Leahy, C Adams, J O'Brien, G McCrossan, A Hart, M Brannigan, S Caffrey, K Pembroke, J Denny, F Doherty, M O'Neill.

The final of the tournament held last weekend at the Curragh army camp was first division affair with Phoenix of Newbridge beating Ballyfermot Reds, 3-2 in an exciting match with Jack Whelan and Barry O'Donnell of Phoenix proving too much for the Ballyfermot defence. This was a good result for Phoenix in their first tournament after a year's absence from competitive volleyball.

Volleyball

Six selected from reigning champions

By BARBARA FitzGERALD

Wednesday, November 23, 1983

Volleyball

Champions lose first tie

THE All-Ireland champions, Tallaght, were beaten in their first league match of the season this week in Loughlinstown. After losing the first set 15:7, Tallaght's strikers pushed forward to take the next two sets, although the scoring was remarkably close.

The defence line for Irish Ropes kept the team in the match and they regained control of the scoring to take the final sets. This is their second league win in succession; last week they defeated Tower 22 by 3-0. It seems the league is in for some surprise results this season, as league holders Dun Laoghaire were also beaten in their first match by Ballyfermot. Again it was a tight scoreline, 3-2.

In the opening matches of the women's league, last year's runners-up Middleton, won both

their games in Cobh. Although Tallaght won the first set in their match, Middleton settled down and quickly went through the remaining three sets with ease. In the second match Middleton still had the energy to take the two points from Ballyfermot in straight sets.

Men's Senior League: Irish Ropes 3, Tallaght 2 (15:7, 13:15, 11:15, 15:5, 15-9); Drogheda 3, Tower 22 0 (15:5, 15-11, 15-10).

Women's Senior League: Middleton 3, Tallaght 1 (12:15, 15:3, 15:9, 15:7); Middleton 3, Ballyfermot 0 (15:3, 15:6, 15:5).

THE REPLAY of the Ulster Club Football Championship final between the holders, St Galls (Antrim), and the Down champions, Burren, has been fixed for Lurgan on Sunday (2.30) with Damien Campbell (Fermanagh) referee.

CAMOGIE—The draw for the intervarsity competition for the Ashbourne Cup is:—Quarter finals (January 28th) — Maynooth v Trinity (A); UCC v. UCD (B); UCG v. NUU Coleraine (C); semi finals (February 11th At Queens University) — Queens v C; B v A. Final, February 12th

Wednesday, November 30, 1983

Volleyball

Midleton beat Dun Laoghaire

Dun Laoghaire, last year's volleyball league champions in the woman's division one, were beaten in their opening match of the season by Midleton, who won in straight sets. This was Midleton's third win in succession, and it was their powerful attack that gave them the edge over Dun Laoghaire, who were however missing several of their regular players.

Dun Laoghaire were more successful in their second match at the Loughlinstown Centre; they beat Drogheda by 3-0, although the first two sets were very tight, and the champions just managed to take them 16:14 and 15:12. The third set came much easier to them, and they won it 15:1.

In the men's senior division, Drogheda also lost out, this time to Ballyfermot. In the other men's division one match, Dundrum's attack was dominant over that of the Tower 22, and the accurate play of Ivan Gormally and Colum Whelan put Dundrum into the winning position by three sets to one.

Wednesday, December 14, 1983

Volleyball

Dun Laoghaire in form again

By Barbara Fitzgerald

After a poor start to the season, league holders Dun Laoghaire came back into form in their match against Irish Ropes, in Loughlinstown. Before this match, Irish Ropes had a one hundred per cent league record, and were fancied as one of the strongest contenders for the title this year.

Irish Ropes started the match confidently and took the first set 15-12. Then Dun Laoghaire settled into their game and took the second set by 15-11. There was now no holding Dun Laoghaire who had the advantage of Ken Foley on their side after a year's absence due to injury. They dominated the remaining two sets to win by 3-1.

In the other division one match, Tallaght had to work hard to keep Drogheda in check, and it was Frank Fahy and Dave Dooley who

saved three set points for Tallaght in the second set to finally grasp it 18-16. They were easy winners in the third set to take the two points.

It was Dun Laoghaire's weekend — in the women's first division match, the club team beat Ballyfermot and despite a strong start from Ballyfermot, Dun Laoghaire were always in control and won easily in straight sets. They now have two out of three wins, catching up on Midleton, who are ahead with six out of six points.

Ballyfermot, however, won their second match against Drogheda by a tight and exciting three sets to two.

Men's Division One: Dun Laoghaire 3, Irish Ropes 1 (12-15, 15-11, 15-9, 15-7), Tallaght 3, Drogheda 0 (15-4, 18-16, 15-4)
Women's Division One: Ballyfermot 0, Dun Laoghaire 3 (15-13, 15-4, 15-4); Ballyfermot 3, Drogheda 2 (7-15, 15-6, 15-7, 4-15, 15-5).

Wednesday, December 21, 1983

Liverpool success for Dun Laoghaire

Dun Laoghaire women's volleyball team won the Warwick University tournament title in Liverpool over the weekend. During the qualifying rounds the club didn't lose a single match, and when it came to the final, they beat Stringers club of Wales by a comfortable and easy three sets to one. The coach of Dun Laoghaire women's team is also the national coach, Mary Lawlor, so that's a good sign for the future of the Irish women's team in competitions abroad.

The tournament, with clubs from Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, in Liverpool was English division two standard, which realistically is the general standard of the top Irish division. But the play in the women's section of the tournament was below par, so Dun Laoghaire didn't have to work overtime for their success.

The Dun Laoghaire men's team finished third in their section, where the standard was higher. In two of their eight qualifying matches, they played team Speedwell, and won both. However, when it came to the semi-finals and they faced this team again, Dun Laoghaire lost. The system being used in the competition was the best of three sets against the clock, and Speedwell won the match before the end of the second set as time ran out.

Thursday, January 12, 1984

Volleyball

Top teams lose unbeaten records

By Barbara FitzGerald

BOTH of the leading teams in the Irish men's senior league, and both previously unbeaten, were defeated during the weekend's league matches at Loughlinstown. Irish Ropes took on Ballyfermot — and won, while Dundrum were easily beaten by the Tallaght attack.

In the first game, Jack Whelan and Barry O'Donnell of Irish Ropes were too quick and powerful in attack against the Ballyfermot defence. They took the first two sets reasonably simply, but then lost the third by 9-15, mainly because of the sharpness of Christy Maxwell's play for Ballyfermot. But Irish Ropes renewed their efforts and took the match by winning the fourth set 15-7, a result which gives them three wins from four matches.

In Sunday's other senior league game, Tallaght had little problem toppling Dundrum's unbeaten record. Again it was the attack that produced the greatest results from Tallaght — and between the experience of setters Frank and Vincent Fahy and the other attackers, Tallaght never allowed Dundrum to settle into winning form.

Results — Irish senior league (men): Irish Ropes 3, Ballyfermot 1 (15-7, 15-3, 9-15, 15-7); Tallaght 3, Dundrum 0 (15-3, 15-11, 15-5).

Thursday, January 26, 1984

Volleyball

Dundrum beaten in senior league

Irish Ropes moved further ahead in the men's all-Ireland senior volleyball league when they had another convincing win over Dundrum in the Loughlinstown Leisure Centre. The Newbridge team were never really threatened during the match, although Dundrum did attempt a late comeback, losing the third and final set by just 15-13.

Last year's champions, Dun Laoghaire, are moving up the league table; this week they beat Drogheda by three sets to one. The champions lost the first set, and in the final one the going was still reasonably close and it went to 16-14 before the result was settled.

In the women's senior league, Cork club Midleton have almost won the league title already, when they beat their closest rivals, Dun Laoghaire, by a tight three sets to two. They followed it with another win against Drogheda, this time having an easier 3-0 victory.

Men's league: Irish Ropes, 3; Dundrum, 0 (15-9, 15-7, 15-13); Dun Laoghaire, 3; Drogheda, 1 (12-15, 15-6, 15-9, 16-14).
Women's League — Midleton, 3; Dun Laoghaire, 2 (15-9, 5-15, 15-8, 13-15, 16-14); Midleton, 3; Drogheda, 0.

Men's super league — Irish Rope, 3; UCD, 0 (15-6, 15-5, 15-8); Drogheda, 3; Baldonnel, 0 (15-13, 15-5, 15-4).

Tuesday, February 7, 1984

Volleyball

Tallaght stay in contention

In the All-Ireland men's senior volleyball league Tallaght and Dun Laoghaire kept themselves in contention for the title by winning their weekend matches.

Title-holders Dun Laoghaire had a comfortable 3-0 win over Dundrum. Despite promising play by Dundrum, particularly in the second set, Dun Laoghaire were always in control of the game, with Paul Byrne and George Doolin causing problems for the Dundrum defence.

Tallaght were hard pressed by Tower 22 in their match, and in the first set Tower 22 had a lead of 11-6. The Tallaght side suffered another blow when their chief attacker, Joe Hyland, had to go off with an injured ankle. But the rest of the team rallied and prevented Tower 22 taking any advantage of this loss.

In the women's league, Ballyfermot beat Tallaght by a narrow margin in a very exciting match. Despite the even play, Ballyfermot, with Geraldine McCrossan in charge, had the slightest edge over Tallaght, and eventually took the match by three sets to two.

All-Ireland Men's Senior League: Dun Laoghaire 3, Dundrum 0; Tallaght 3, Tower 22 0. Super League: Dun Laoghaire 3, UCD 0.

Women's Senior League: Ballyfermot 3, Tallaght 2.

Saturday, November 17, 1984

Volleyball

Tallaght upset the champions

In their first league match of the season, the reigning league champions, Irish Ropes from Newbridge, suffered a setback in the defence of their title when they were beaten 3-0 by Tallaght. It was a match where Irish Ropes never got going as a team, and this proved to be fatal against a very strong Tallaght team whose strength is in their great team play.

At times, the Irish Ropes players showed their own individual skills and were leading in the first and third sets, but both times Tallaght fought back to take the match in straight sets. It was a great start to the season for Tallaght, who last year could only finish runners-up in the League, and now must be hopeful of staying ahead of Ropes in the first half of the League.

In the other Men's Premier match Tower 22 had a comfortable 3-0 victory over Drogheda in straight sets. It was a good result for Towers who, with a new coach and some new players, looked promising in their warm-up matches before the start of the season. Despite the addition of several experienced players in the Towers team, it was the younger less experienced players who dominated the match, in particular their young setter Donal Hurley, who, along with Paul Byrne their other setter, controlled the match.

Saturday, November 24, 1984

Volleyball

**Newbridge
side makes
late comeback**

LAST year's men's premier division winners, Irish Ropes from Newbridge, after a bad start to the season came back in style on Sunday by beating Ballyfermot 3-2 in Newbridge. Irish Ropes, who were badly beaten in their first match of the season, showed some of last year's form as they overcame a young and determined Ballyfermot side in a close and exciting match.

In fact, it was Ballyfermot who played the better volleyball and looked a lot sharper than the Irish Ropes team, both in defence and attack. As a result the lads from Ballyfermot took the first and third sets and at that stage must have been confident of a favourable result.

Irish Ropes, however, had different ideas and they started to fight back in the fourth set and, with Billy White and Pat Healy leading the comeback they levelled the score at 2-2.

The fifth set was very close, with the lads from Ballyfermot matching Irish Ropes point for point. However, with the score at 8-7 in their favour, the team from Newbridge started to pull away from the less experienced Ballyfermot team and eventually took the final set 15-8.

In the other premier match played on Sunday, Dundrum got their league season off to a flying start by beating Drogheda 3-1 in Loughlinstown. Dundrum, with their new coach Martin Nolan, looked impressive in their first outing of the season, and have obviously progressed well under his coaching, especially the young players like Declan Quinn, who used his full height of 6 ft 4 ins to cause problems time after time for the Drogheda defence.

Quinn barely got a game last season but, after using weights and improving his skills during the summer, he was able to control the net play against Drogheda. Dundrum must now be hoping for a few early victories in the league to give them the confidence to match the skills they obviously have.

Men's Premier Division -- Irish Ropes 3, Ballyfermot 2; Dundrum 3, Drogheda 1.

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

