

GAA coaching corner

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Padraig Pearses hosted U14 football development blitz

Last Saturday week Padraig Pearses GAA club hosted an intercounty U14 football blitz day involving Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim and Fermanagh. Despite the inclement weather Padraig Pearses deserve great credit for putting their facilities at Roscommon coaching and games developing disposal and the committee are very grateful to Padraig Pearses. Roscommon had two squads on the day and both teams defeated Sligo, Leitrim and Fermanagh respectively in all their group games to go unbeaten and played very well despite the dreadful weather. So far this year Roscommon U14 squads have played Longford, Westmeath, Leitrim, Sligo and Fermanagh and won all their games. Kieran Hughes, Seanie Kelly and Michael Gallagher were in charge of squad one while Seamus Gallagher, Pat Compton and Willie Hegarty took charge of squad two. Jamie Rowan was Roscommon's physio on the day.

Comfy café Roscommon schools senior football final

The Roscommon secondary schools senior football championship final was played between Roscommon CBS and St Aloysius College at Kiltoom on Monday, October 13th at 12.30 pm. Full report next week in the coaching corner.

Roscommon U14 football development squad trip

On this Saturday, October 18th (weather-permitting) Roscommon U14 football development squad will take part in the Sean Purcell Connacht development football academy blitz day in Dangan. Roscommon will play Galway, Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim and Clare and will have two squads on duty. Players will be notified by our co-ordinators about the arrangements regarding pick-up points and time of travel if the blitz goes ahead.

Roscommon draw Leitrim in minor championship

With no more round robins in the provincial minor championships, Roscommon have drawn Leitrim in the Connacht semi-final for 2009.

Round two of Connacht Colleges senior football league

Round two of the Connacht Colleges senior football league in all grades - A, B and C - will take place this week with all secondary schools in Roscommon in action. Last week Roscommon CBS defeated Carrick-on-Shannon by 3-16 to 2-12. In 2nd year A league football St Jarlath's had a 3-10 to 3-6 win over Roscommon CBS, while Castlerea CS had a fine win over St Mary's, Strokestown in the Juvenile C league.

Connacht U15 football development blitz on October 25th

The refixed date for the Connacht U15 football development squad blitz is Saturday, October 25th, in Tuam. Roscommon will have two squads and will play Galway, Mayo and Donegal in one section. In section two Roscommon will play Sligo, Leitrim and Galway. More details for the lads closer to the date.

AGM of Roscommon Cumann Na Mbunscol

The AGM of the Roscommon primary schools' Cumann Na Mbunscol will take place on Wednesday, October 22nd in Scoil Bhride, Fourmilehouse NS at 4 pm sharp. Motions in writing or by email should be submitted to the secretary before Wednesday, October 15th. Schools are also reminded if they intend to take part in Cumann Na Mbunscol activities for the school year they must fill in the registration form and return it with €30 registration fee before the AGM to the secretary, Cumann Na Mbunscol Roscomain, St Michael's & St Patrick's NS, Cootehall.

Roscommon primary school hurling team

This year a new hurling project sees a Roscommon primary school team play Galway City. Full-time hurling Coach Prionsias Killian and part-time coaches Michael Carroll, Simon Coyle and Shane Curley will be holding a special coaching session on next Saturday morning, October 18th at 10.30 am in Athleague. All players on the panel will be informed during the week. This project is part of our part-time hurling coaching programme in the primary schools.

New GAA resource for primary school junior cycle

This week the GAA are launching a new and exciting resource pack for all primary schools at junior cycle (for first and second class pupils). This is a comprehensive cross-curricular resource based on the theme of the GAA and integrating all subjects of the primary school curriculum. The pack is called Ceim ar Agaidh/step ahead which uses the fun of Gaelic Games to deliver an exciting range of exercises to support teachers. All primary schools in Roscommon will be receiving their packs in mid-October.

Part-time coaches week 5 in primary schools

Our part-time football and hurling coaches are back in all schools for week four of our coaching programme which consists of coaching, blitz days which will commence shortly and a specific skills challenge for all boys and girls in 6th class.



Picture shows the St. Faithleachs U12 girls team who beat Clann na nGael in the final of the Kepak Division 3A championship in Knockcrockery on Saturday last.

Sport

Flashback

2003

- Roscommon SFC final: Castlerea St Kevins 0-11 St Brigids 1-6 (Castlerea's first SFC title in 30 years). Castlerea St Kevins: G Claffey; G Tiernan, R O'Reilly, D Silke; M Raftery, N Finnegan, P Duignan; M Finneran, D Scahill (0-1); G McDonagh, S Heneghan, N Curran; N Dineen, D Lyons (0-2), G Heneghan (0-8). Subs used: B O'Regan, K Duggan. St Brigids: S Curran; M O'Brien, G Ahearne, R Kelly; P Kilcommons, J Tiernan, E Ruane; M O'Carroll, K Mannion (0-1); I Kilbride (0-1), D Blaine (1-1), J Mannion; D O'Connor (0-3), S Kilbride, G Dolan. Subs used: T Kilcommons, S O'G McDonnell, T Lennon, C Sheehy. Referee: Anthony Flaherty.
- Roscommon IFC semi-final replay: St Croans 2-7 Western Gaels 1-8.
- Gary Cox (St Faithleachs) was chosen on the Irish Compromise Rules panel to play in Australia.
- U-12 FC - Division 1 final: Roscommon Gaels 1-11 Clann na nGael 1-10; Division 2 final: St Croans 1-8 Tulsk 2-5; Division 3

final: Ballinameen 4-5 St Michaels 1-8.

Rugby - Connacht Junior League: Creggs 28 Portumna 3.

1998

- Roscommon SHC final: Oran 2-10 St Dominics 2-7. Oran: G Keenan; D Kenny, M Hussey, M Concar; B Flynn, T Regan, D McDermott; K McDermott, P Kenny; M Dwyer (0-1), F Quine (1-2), E Kelly (0-1); P Regan (0-2), A Kelly (0-3), E Featherstone (1-1). St Dominics: C Donnelly; J Mulhern, Dermot Gannon, D Gannon; D Gately, B Hanley (0-4), A Ward; M Lyons, P Killion; L Murray (1-2), M Tarpey, P Lyons; C Fallon (0-1), D Kilcline (1-0), N Moran. Subs: M Creavin, P O'Connor.
- Roscommon MFC Division 2 final: St Ronans 1-12 Ballinameen 1-11.
- Roscommon U-12 HC final: Four Roads 3-6 Oran 2-0.
- Roscommon SFC semi-final replay (aet): Kilmore

2-16 St Brigids 1-14.

● Roscommon IFC: St Faithleachs 1-12 Roscommon Gaels 0-9.

1993

- Roscommon ladies football minor final: Padraig Pearses 0-9 Clann na nGael 1-3.
- Rugby - Connacht Junior League: OLBC 10 Creggs 20.
- Roscommon SHC Final: Four Roads 0-14 Athleague 1-10. Four Roads: A Tully; R Glennon, M Kelly, P Mannion; J McCarthy, F Carthy (0-1), J Cunnane; M Cunniffe (0-1), D Coyle (0-3); R Mulry (0-1), D Lohan (0-2), B Murray; J Mannion (0-3), A Lawlor, S Coyle. Subs: D Moran, G Coyle (0-3). Athleague: T Farrell; J Kelly, A Flaherty, P Carton; P Neilan, K McGeaney, S O'Brien (0-1); P Cuddy, K Mullen (0-2); J Kelly (1-0), B Boyle (0-7), P O'Leary; J Kelly, F Farrell, P Curley. Subs: D Kelly, M Ward. Referee: T Healy.

● Roscommon JHC Final: Roscommon Gaels 2-8 Four Roads 1-8.

● Roscommon JFC B Final: Castlerea 2-10 St Faithleachs 0-9.

● League of Ireland First Division: Athlone Town 2 Home Farm 2.

● Roscommon IFC final: Eire Og 1-11 St Dominics 2-5. Eire Og: P Groarke; C McDonnell, J Dolan, D Flanagan; J Cox, S Noonan, D Woods; R Doorey (0-1), C Coleman (0-1);

Eire Og: P Groarke; C McDonnell, J Dolan, D Flanagan; J Cox, S Noonan, D Woods; R Doorey (0-1), C Coleman (0-1); E Crawley. Sub: S Raftery. St Dominics: K Mullaney; P Mullaly, T Killion, M Gately; D Donnelly, A Dolan, M Lyons; N Kelly, P Connolly; L Murray (0-2), D Gannon, P Lyons (2-2); A Kelly, P Watson (0-1), D Mullaly. Subs: D Naughton, P Killian, C Donnelly. Referee: Noel Sheerin.

● National Football League: Laois 0-14 Roscommon 0-12. Roscommon: B Morkan; D Neary, E Gavin, J Connaughton; D Donlon, T Grehan, M Reilly; J Newton, D Duggan (0-4); T Ryan (0-1), O Kinlough, D Connellan; L Dolan (0-5), S Curran (0-2), L Dowd. Subs: N Dineen, D Washington.

Award for Mayo's O'Shea

Towering Mayo minor footballer Aidan O'Shea has been named as the Connacht GAA Writers Personality of the Month, in association with the TF Royal Theatre and Hotel.

The monthly award winners will receive their presentations at a

special function in the TF Royal Theatre and Hotel, Castlebar, after the season is over. The winner of the Michael McDonnell Award for the Personality of the Year will also be announced on this night.

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