

PROVINCIAL ANNUAL REPORT FROM CONNACHT SQUASH

LEAGUE

The Four Counties B & C Grade League was run in Connacht. This seasons results were:-

B/C Section Winners: Westport

Runners Up: Ballina

C/D Section Winners: Tuam

Runners Up: Kilconnolly

Ladies Section Winners: Sligo

Runners Up: Claremorris

COMPETITION

A very busy time in Connacht over the 1999/2000 squash season, especially on the junior front.

The Connacht Junior Open began the season hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club in September 1999.

Tournament Director: Shane Cannon

Tournament Referee: Gary O'Lochlainn

Sponsor: Allied Irish Bank

The winners were:

Girls U-17 – Tanya Owens (Ulster)

Girls U-15 – Katie Wilson (Ulster)

Girls U-13 - Ciara Maloney (Leinster)

Boys U-19 – Niall Rooney (Connacht)

Boys U-17 – Dave Guiney (Munster)

Boys U-15 - David Noone (Connacht)

Boys U-13 - Niall Caheny (Connacht)

In October 1999 The Connacht Vets Open was run by Sligo Tennis Club.

Tournament Director: John Kielty

Tournament Referee: Michael Moran

Main Sponsor: Brooks Hanley: Guinness & Ulster Bank also supported

Results:-

Mens O45 Winner: David Gotto (Ulster)

Runner Up: Alf Kavanagh.(U.K)

Mens O55 Winner: Gerry Byrne (Leinster)

Runner Up: Noel Murphy (Munster)

Mens "B" Winner: Ray Reade (Connacht)

Runner Up: Shay Coyne (Connacht)

Ladies Winner: Anne Roberts (Connacht) Runner Up: Noeleen Cabena (Connacht)

The Sligo Junior Open was run by Sligo Tennis Club in November 1999

Tournament Director: Pdraig Hackett Tournament Referee: John McHugh

Sponsor: T.S.B

Results:-

U-13 Girls Winner: Aine Hackett (Connacht)	Runner Up: Alex Potter (Connacht)
U-11 Boys Winner: Brian Parker (Leinster)	Runner Up: Sean Caheny (Connacht)
U-13 Boys Winner: Roger Leahy (Connacht)	Runner Up: Rory Byrne (Leinster)
U-15 Boys Winner: Ross Lillis (Connacht)	Runner Up: David Noone (Connacht)
U-19 Boys Winner: Fintan Olwill (Leinster)	Runner Up: Brendan Bergin (Munster)

In February 2000 The Connach Senior Closed was held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club.

Tournament Directors: Aidan O'Colmainn & Jim Hynes

Tournament Referee: Michael Flattery

Mens Section Winner: **Darren Mylotte O'Grady**

Ladies Section Winner: **Norrie**

Also held in February 2000 was The Connacht Junior Closed hosted by Sligo Tennis Club.

Tournament Director: Pdraig Hackett Tournament Referee: Michael Moran

Sponsor: N.C.F

Winners:

U-11 Boys: Fergal Hynes (Galway)
U-13 Boys: Mark Cosgrove (Sligo)
U-13 Boys: B David Hosty (Galway)
U-15 Boys: Niall Caheny (Sligo)
U-13 Girls: Aine Hackett (Sligo)

Galway Lawn Tennis Club ran The West of Ireland Open in April 2000

Tournament Director: Aidan O'Colmainn. Tournament Referee: Michael Flattery

Sponsor: Charlie Garavan

Mens Winner: Liam Kenny (Australia)

Ladies Winner: Norrie O'Grady (Galway)

Connacht hosted three junior events for Irish Squash this season:-

1. **The Irish Junior Nationals** hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club in January, 2000.

Tournament Director: Shane Cannon Tournament Referee: Rory Hynes

Winners:

Girls U-19 - Aisling Blake (Connacht)
Girls U-17 - Siobhan Parker (Connacht)
Girls U-15 - Eimear Rooney (Connacht)
Girls U-13 - Ciara Moloney (Leinster)
Boys U-19 - Niall Rooney (Connacht)
Boys U-17 - Aidan Sharkey (Connacht)
Boys U-15 - David Noone (Connacht)
Boys U-13 - Rory Byrne (Leinster)
Boys U-13 B - Robert Porter (Connacht)

2) The Junior Interprovincials hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club in April 2000

Tournament Director: Shane Cannon Tournament Referee: Michael Flattery

Sponsors: CAG Chartered Accountants, Fahy Travel, J.R.Porter Ltd.,

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Results:- Girls U-19 Connacht

(Team: Aisling Blake, Siobhan Parker, Irene Tully, Laoise O'Donnell & Eimear Rooney)

Girls U-17 Ulster

(Team: Tanya Owens, Zoe Barr, Katie Wilson, Stephanie Taylor & Tanya Shields)

Girls U-15 Connacht

(Team: Niamh McCallion, Aoife Kerrins, Lisa Fahy, Eimear Glynn & Aine Hackett)

Boys U-19 Connacht

(Team: Niall Rooney, Rory Gilligan, Charles Burke, Michael Mylotte, David Coen & Daniel Cluskey)

Boys U-17 Connacht

(Team: Aidan Sharkey, Shane Cluskey, Ross Lillis, Patrick Burke, Seamus Clancy & Niall Moran)

Boys U-15 Connacht

(Team: David Noone, Barry Cunningham, Niall Caheny, Cian Hackett, Oisín Cluskey & David Leonard)

Boys U-13 Leinster

(Team: Adam Hennessy, Rory Byrne, Fergal Field, Brian Parker, David Tighe & Alan Crowley)

3) All Ireland Schools Finals hosted by Sligo Tennis Club in April 2000.

Tournament Director: Pdraig Hackett
Tournament Referee: Michael Moran
Sponsor: Anthony Murray & Son Bathrooms & Tiles

This was the first time the All Ireland Schools Championships was run including all of the age groups from U-13 up to U-19 and the event proved to be a tremendous success. Several new cups were sponsored by companies and individuals involved in squash.

Cups were sponsored by: Abbott Ireland Ltd. (Sligo) The Blake Family (Sligo) Shay Coyne on behalf of Sligo's Garda Síochána, John KIELTY (Sligo) Kevin Rooney (Galway)

Winners:

U-19 Girls Ursuline College (Sligo)
U-17 Girls Rainey Endowed (Magherafelt)
U-15 Girls Gaelcholáiste (Carlow)
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U-17 Boys St. Josephs ("The Bish") (Galway)
U-15 Boys St. Mary's C.B.S (Carlow)
U-13 Boys Summerhill College (Sligo)

The Ursuline College, Sligo claimed the U-19 Girls title for the fifth successive season becoming the first girls' school ever to win five times in a row.

Connacht Ladies are All Ireland Champions

Ladies Connacht Team - Winners at the 1999/2000 Interprovincials held in Dungarvan, Co. Waterford.

Team:

No.1 Laura Mylotte (Galway)
No.2 Siobhan Parker (Sligo)
No.3 Breda Ruane (Westport)
No.4 Trudy O'Byrne (Castlebar)
No.5 Anita Mylotte (Galway)
No.6 Helen Reapy (Claremorris)

Congratulations to all the ladies.

A special mention must go to the Mother and Daughter combination of Laura and Anita Mylotte.

REFEREEING

A refereeing course was run in Galway Lawn Tennis Club when the following people were qualified as referees by Irish Squash:
Shane Cannon, Michael Flattery, Jim Hynes, Aidan O'Colmain, Norrie O'Grady, Kevin Rooney & Kul Sing.

COACHING

A full time coach was employed for the Season and squads were run on a regular basis in both Galway Lawn Tennis Club and Sligo Tennis Club. Some players from Claremorris Club also participated in these coaching sessions.

Fiona Parker was passed as a Level I coach by Irish Squash having completed their coaching course.

PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND THIS SEASON

Seniors - 3 Ladies: Anna McGeever(Sligo) and Laura Mylotte (Galway)

Men: John Rooney (Galway)

Juniors - 12 (U-19, U-17 & U-15 Home Internationals plus U-19 & U-17

Europeans and U-19 Junior Ladies World Championships)

Aisling Blake, Patrick Burke, Rory Gilligan, Aoife Kerrin,

Ross Lillis, Niamh McCallion, David Noone, Siobhan Parker,

Eimear Rooney, Niall Rooney, Aidan Sharkey, Irene Tully.

***Some of these juniors played for their country on more than one occasion.**

Vets - 7 Mens Over 45 Alf Kavanagh.

Mens Over 50 Joe Higgins, Aidan Kelly, & John KIELTY

Mens Over 55 Tom Cantwell (Selected but unable to travel)

Ladies Over 40's Norrie O'Grady.

Ladies Over 45's Anita Mylotte.