

Connacht Squash Provincial Annual Report

2000/2001 Season

LEAGUE

The CBE Four Counties B & C League was run very successfully this season by Claremorris Squash Club with Helen Reapy looking after the smooth running of the competition.

This season a Junior Section was introduced to the League for the first time, and has proven to be a great success. Young players who may not have competed in "Open" tournaments have taken part, representing their home club. It is felt that they gained confidence by participation and we hope that it will lead to more Connacht juniors entering the Irish "open" tournaments.

Results

Category	Winning Club	Runner Up Club
Junior "B" League & Cup	Kilconly	Claremorris
Junior "A" League & Cup	Sligo	Kilconly
Ladies League & Cup	Sligo	Claremorris
Mens "D" League & Cup	Kilconly	Claremorris
Mens "B" League	Galway	Ballina
Mens "B" Cup	Ballina	Galway

COMPETITIONS

Connacht Junior Open

The 2000/2001 season began with The Connacht Junior Open hosted by Galway Lawn Tennis Club in September.

Tournament Director: Todd Bowden

Tournament Referee: Aidan O'Colmain

The Tournament was sponsored by Allied Irish Bank

Category	Winner	Runner Up
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U-19 Boys	Rory Gilligan (Connacht)	Aidan Sharkey (Connacht)
U-17 Boys	Brian Byrne (Leinster)	Dwayne Owens (Ulster)
U-15 Boys	Winner Sam Olwill (Leinster)	Barry Cunningham (Connacht)
U-13 Boys	Rory Byrne (Leinster)	Conor O’Kane (Ulster)
U-19 Girls	Tanya Owens (Ulster)	Siobhán Parker (Connacht)
U-17 Girls	Zoe Barr (Ulster)	Katie Wilson (Ulster)
U-15 Girls	Aoife Kerrin (Connacht)	Jenny Moore (Leinster)
U-13 Girls	Emma Trainor (Connacht)	Patricia Burns (Munster)

Sligo Junior Open

Sligo Tennis Club ran The Sligo Junior Open in November 2000

Tournament Director: Padraig Hackett.

Tournament Referee: Michael Moran

The tournament was sponsored by TSB

Category	Winner	Runner Up
U-15 Boys	Seamus Clancy (Connacht)	Roger Leahy (Connacht)
U-13 Boys	Chris O’Kane (Ulster)	Brian Parker (Leinster)
U-11 Boys	Stephen Trainor (Connacht)	Tony McDaid (Connacht)
U-15 Girls	Lisa Fahy (Connacht)	Emer Glynn (Connacht)
U-13 Girls	Susan Joyce (Connacht)	Emma Trainor (Connacht)

Connacht Veterans Squash Open 2001

The Connacht Veterans Squash Open 2000 tournament was held in Galway Lawn Tennis Club from 1st – 3rd December 2000.

The tournament was sponsored by an anonymous donor.

Tournament organiser: Michael Hynes

Total entries of 44 were divided as follows:

Category	Entries	Winner	Runner-up
Ladies O-40	8	Norrie O’Grady	Ann Sheahan
Mens O-45A	8	Alf Kavanagh	Geoff Irwin
Mens O-45B	8	Eamonn O’Keefe	Michael Conlon
Mens O-50	8	Stanley Campbell	Brendan Barry
Mens O-55A	8	Gerry Byrne	John O’Brien

Mens O-55B	4	Peter Watson	Dessie O'Brien
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Connacht Senior Open 2001

The Connacht Senior Open was run in January 2001 hosted by Sligo Tennis Club.

Tournament Director: Huge Douglas

Tournament Referee: Michael Moran

Main Sponsor: Brooks Hanley Guinness & Ulster Bank also supported Irish Squash Official "Tour" Event Irish Squash Sponsorship also received. This tournament has not been run for the past few years. Connacht were very happy to see it back on the Irish Squash Calendar, this being partly due to the Irish Squash "Tour" being set up which meant Irish Squash financial input, and partly due to the hard work done by the tournament organisers in Sligo.

Category	Winner	Runner Up	3rd
Mens "A"	J. Rooney (Connacht)	J. Abrahamse (S. Africa)	N. Rooney (Connacht)
Mens "B"	S. McMurray (Ulster)	S. Higgins (Ulster)	J. Wilson (Ulster)
Mens "C"	Shane Coyne (Connacht)	S. Clancy (Connacht)	Shay Coyne (Connacht)
Ladies "A"	A. Blake (Connacht)	A. McGeever (Connacht)	S. Parker (Connacht)
Ladies "B"	T. Hastings (Ulster)	N. Cabena (Connacht)	A. Roberts (Connacht)

Connacht Senior Closed 2001

The Connacht Senior Closed Run by Galway Lawn Tennis Club in February 2001

Tournament Director: Gerry Fahy

Tournament Referee: Mike Flattery

Sponsored by: Bank of Ireland

Category	Winner	Runner Up	3rd	Plate Winner
Mens "A"	Niall Rooney	Rory Gilligan	Ian Thornton	Pat Hanley
Mens "B"	Gerry Russell	Eamon Bradshaw	Don Walsh	Aidan O'Colmain
Mens "C"	Ciarán Lohan			
Ladies "A"	Aisling Blake	Laura Thornton		

Connacht Junior Closed 2001

The Connacht Junior Closed Run by Sligo Tennis Club in February 2001
 Tournament Director: Pdraig Hackett Tournament Referee: John McHugh
 Sponsored by N.C.F

This tournament saw the largest entry in several years with a total of twenty-seven

U-13 Boys and twenty U-15 Boys.

Six Connacht clubs were represented at the tournament, Claremorris, Galway, Kilconly, Kiltimagh, Sligo and Tubbercurry.

Category	Winner (Club)	Runner Up (Club)
U-19 Boys	Ross Lillis (Galway)	Cian Hackett (Sligo)
U-15 Boys	Niall Caheny (Sligo)	Seamus Clancy (Sligo)
U-15 Boys B	Ronan Corcoran (Sligo)	
U-13 Boys	Sean Caheny (Sligo)	Colm Doyle (Galway)
U-13 Boys B	Thomas Kelly (Sligo)	
U-11 Boys	Mark Neacy (Galway)	Stephen Trainor (Galway)
U-15 Girls	Aine Hackett (Sligo)	Linda Kenna (Claremorris)
U-11 Girls	Aoife Clancy (Sligo)	Finola Mulvey (Sligo)

West of Ireland Open 2001

The West of Ireland Open April 2001 Run by Galway Lawn Tennis Club
 Tournament Director: Jim Hynes Tournament Referee: Mike Flattery
 Sponsored by Charles Garavan

Category	Winner	Runner Up	3rd
Mens Premier	Niall Rooney (Connacht)	Colin Whitney (England)	C. McCoy (Leinster)
Mens "A"	P. McAndles	T. J. Mullins	
Mens "A" Plate	D. Corbett	D. Noone	
Mens "B"	A. Gaskin	D. McNamara	
Mens "B" Plate	M. Flattery	J. Flaherty	
Mens "C"	G. Brady	J. Concannon	
Mens "C" Plate	B. James	M. Hynes	
Mens "D"	J. Counihan	E. Newell	
Ladies "A"	Anita Mylotte (Connacht)	Helen Reapy (Connacht)	
Ladies "B"			

COACHING

An Australian full time coach, Todd Bowden was employed and he did some coaching in both Galway Lawn Tennis Club and Sligo Tennis club. Unfortunately Todd had to return home due to a health problem mid season.

Rory Gilligan, Pat Hanley, Niall Rooney, Irene Tully and Ronan Tully have enrolled to do the next Irish Squash Level 1 Coaching Course in July 2001.

CONNACHT PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT IRELAND THIS SEASON

Senior European Championships, Eindhoven, Holland. April 2001

Ladies: Aisling Blake (Sligo) and Anna McGeever (Sligo)

Men: John Rooney (Galway)

Senior Ladies World Championships, England. November 2000

Aisling Blake (Sligo) and Anna McGeever (Sligo)

Juniors U-19 European Championships, Antwerp, Belgium. April 2001

Siobhán Parker (Sligo) - Selected but unable to play due to injury

Junior Womens World Championships, Penang, Malaysia. July 2001

Siobhán Parker (Sligo)

U-15 Home Internationals, Belfast. January 2001

Lisa Fahy (Galway)

Emer Glynn (Galway)

Aine Hackett (Sligo)

Barry Cunningham (Galway) – Selected but unable to play due to being away

Niall Caheny (Sligo)

Seamus Clancy (Sligo)

U-13 Home Internationals, Belfast. January 2001

Emma Trainor (Galway)

U-15 European Championships, Malmo, Sweden. May 2001

Niall Caheny (Sligo)

Seamus Clancy (Sligo)

There were no U-17 or U-19 Home Internationals this season as Wales withdrew from the event. Some players will receive money for travel to an

overseas tournament or individual coaching as a reward for their efforts during the season in lieu of participation in Internationals and/or European Championships.

These players are: Ross Lillis (Galway) Niamh McCallion (Galway) David Noone (Galway) Siobhán Parker (Sligo) and Irene Tully (Galway.)

Veterans Irish Rankings

Category	Name	Club	Ranking
Ladies O-40	Trudy O'Byrne	Castlebar	No. 2
Ladies O-45	Norrie O'Grady	Galway	No. 1
Ladies O-45	Anita Mylotte	Galway	No. 5
Ladies O-50	Anita Mylotte	Galway	No. 1
Mens O-45	Alf Kavanagh	Coventry	No. 1
Mens O-50	Tom Cantwell	Connacht	No. 5

PROFESSIONAL PLAYERS

John Rooney (Galway) is playing the PSA circuit full time and his current World Ranking is #85.

Aisling Blake (Sligo) has this year joined WISPA and plans to play some tournaments on the Womens World Circuit during her summer break from Trinity College.

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