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WIT GAA CLUB

Roll of Honour 1982-2009



1982-1983	Division 3 Hurling League		
1983-1984	Division 2 Hurling League		
1984-1985	Division 3 Football League		
	Freshers Football League		
1985-1986	Division 1 Hurling League		
1986-1987	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Hurling Championship		
	Division 3 Hurling League		
	Freshers Football League		
	Munster Freshers Football Championship		
1987-1988	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Ladies Football Championship		
	Munster Freshers Hurling Championship		
	Fitzgibbon Plate Hurling		
1988-1989	Division 1B (Intermediate) Hurling League		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Munster Freshers Hurling Championship		
	Freshers Camogie League		
	Division 1 Ladies Football League		
1989-1990	Purcell Cup Camogie Championship		
	Division 2B (Intermediate) Football League		
	Division 2B (Intermediate) Hurling League		
1990-1991	Purcell Shield Camogie Championship		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Division 2 Football Trench Shield		
1991-1992	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Purcell Cup Camogie Championship		
	Division 1 hurling League		
1992-1993	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Purcell Cup Camogie Championship		
	Freshers Football League		
	Handball League and Championship		
1993-1994	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Munster Freshers Hurling Championship		
	Ashbourne Shield		
1994-1995	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 2B (Intermediate) Football League		
	Freshers Camogie League		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Division 2 Football League		
	Handball Ladies Singles Open		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Ashbourne Shield Camogie		
	Division 1 Ladies Football League		
	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Division 3 Hurling League		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Ashbourne Cup		
	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Division 1 Ladies Football League		
	Division 1 Freshers Ladies Football Championship		
	O'Connor Cup Plate – Ladies Football		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League		
	Ashbourne Cup		
	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Division 1 Freshers Ladies Football Shield		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 1 Freshers Hurling		
	Division 2 Freshers Hurling		
	Division 3 Ladies Football		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Intermediate Hurling		
	Division 2 Freshers Hurling		
	Intermediate Hurling		
	Fresher Camogie Cup		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 1 Hurling League		
	Freshers Camogie Shield		
	Fresher Hurling Shield		
	Fresher Camogie Shield		
	Fitzgibbon Cup		
	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Freshers Ladies Football Shield		
	Ashbourne Cup Camogie		
	Division 1 Camogie League		
	Freshers Ladies Football Plate		

Céad Míle Fáilte!

Welcome to another issue of “Sidelines”, the publication that provides all the information you need to know on the WIT GAA Club. This is the 16th year of Sidelines and inside you will find articles on all the college teams and their progress in all of last years competitions. You can find out about the many Intercounty stars that attend Waterford IT, their player profiles and lots more about the GAA scene here in Waterford IT.

The GAA club in Waterford IT is the perfect opportunity to continue participating in Gaelic Games, keep fit and make new friends for life. So make sure to get involved this year by joining the club and becoming an active member on and off the field, whether its playing, coaching or organising social events.

The GAA office is located upstairs in the Courtyard Building on the Cork Road Campus. It is open Monday to Friday from 9.00 am to 5.30 pm so feel free to drop in if you have any questions or helpful suggestions. Also keep an eye on the display screen in the Atrium for times and dates of training, matches and any club activities. Our website www.wit.gaa.ie is updated regularly and features information regarding all club activities.

Looking ahead, there is a team here for everyone who wants to play Gaelic Games with over 20 teams in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie and Handball and we hope that you join the club and get the benefits of a regular exercise, great craic and many new friends made in a great club.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to producing this “Sidelines” and wish all our teams every success for the coming year.

Roll on this year and let the games begin!

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Jenny McEvoy
Course: Rec-man 2
Nicknames: Mac

High Point in Sporting Career:

Winning Leinster Champ with club

Third Level Honours: Fresher Shield 2007

Other Achievements: Cadet B Volleyball All-Ireland with School, a County and Leinster with School.

Other Sports: Volleyball and Camogie

Players you admire: Eoin Mulligan, Eoin Kelly (Wat) and Joe Canning

Most Memorable game for WIT:

O'Connor Cup Game in 08 v. NUIM

What do you like about WIT GAA Club:

It's Great! Training is good. The Craic is mighty

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Ireland v. Wales in the Six Nations

Favourite Food: Steak!

Favourite Film: The Benchwarmers! V. Funny!

Favourite Music: Anything at all really

Ambitions in Life: To finish college.

Ideal Date: Channing Tatum... He's in “Step Up” so he's well able to Dance!



Ladies' Football 2008-2009

by Robin Croke

At the start of every year hopes are high for the fortunes of every team here in WIT, for the small number of remaining players from the Ladies Football squad of 07-08 still in the college they could see that this year would be a challenging one. With 13 players from the previous years starting championship team unavailable to the club for the year ahead this was a season where numerous players made their WIT debut in both league and championship and acquitted themselves excellently. It was obvious from the start of the season that the team were competing at a level that was beyond them collectively but it didn't stop the girls from giving their absolute all for the jersey in every single minute of every single game.

3rd level sport is unique in that it gives players from all corners of the country the opportunity to rub shoulders with players they may have only read or heard about, players who would be considered fierce local rivals will end up as great friends and the bond that exists between these people is the real success story associated with the WIT GAA Club over the past 27 years. The WIT Ladies Football Club gives girls from small, regional junior clubs the chance to play with established inter county stars and this year the influence our elite players had on our less heralded players was very beneficial to all involved and will undoubtedly stand to all the players in their future football careers.

September saw the new freshers nervously gather up in the Waterford Crystal Sports Centre for a number of training sessions that were designed to integrate the girls into the club. From the first few sessions we could see that there was big interest in the club again and while the newbies were showing up well in training it is only in competitive fare that players can really be judged. Student Union Welfare Officer, Conor Doyle, had come on board as a selector and his unbounded enthusiasm proved a real fillip for myself in the months to come and his input was invaluable.

We approached the opening league game against IT Tralee confident and in good spirits, having enjoyed a number of good wins over Tralee in previous years. However with only a sprinkling of players available who had experienced 3rd level competition before it was a very young and nervous WIT team that took to the field in Mallow. Tralee were by far the better team on the night

but the outstanding efforts of debutantes Donna Berry, Sinead Whelan as well as the older heads of Sinead McTiernan, Lisa McSweeney and Stacey Cannon gave us something to build on. Next up was another trip to Cork to play UCC in the Mardyke Sports Arena. UCC had built up a commanding half time lead and we left the girls know in no uncertain terms that the work rate had to be upped for the second half, credit must go to the team; they responded excellently in the second half and really put UCC to the pin of their collars but could not claw back the lead they had established in the opening period.

The players were learning the hard way about the demands of 3rd level football but in our third and final league game against UL the team played their best game of the campaign so far and ran their much fancied opponents extremely close, particularly in the first half. This game saw club stalwarts Lizzy Kent, Jenny McEvoy and Mary O'Neill play their first games of the season and the difference that their ability, physicality and know how made to the team was obvious for all to see.

This meant that we would not have a competitive game for at least 3 months and myself Conor and newly installed selector Helen Murphy put our heads together to try to come up with a plan to improve our lot for the upcoming O'Connor Cup campaign. To say we had been given a tough draw was certainly putting it mildly, we would face the might of UCC and IT Sligo in the championship and we knew that no stone would have to be left unturned in order to maximise our chances. We decided to bring in a expert group dedicated to work on the girls physical fitness and vowed to play as many challenge games as we could to improve on our team work and football skills.

From the first week back in January the squad were put through their paces by Emma Saunders and Laura Finnegan, these sessions were held in both the Crystal training area on Monday evenings and in the college sports hall on Wednesday mornings at 7.45am. The level of commitment was encouraging and the improvement in the player's physical well being was one of the key reasons for our success in the All Ireland Freshers Blitz, held in Athlone IT, in late January. The team came away with the Plate after a hugely enjoyable days play and great credit goes to the players involved and

especially our very own celebrity bainisteoir, Deborah Foley. This success proved a great boost to the club and the ever-increasing sense of team spirit between our older heads and the freshers was most heartening.

The team played Kilkenny (twice), Wexford and Waterford in fiercely contested challenge matches in January and February and all of the players involved were making strong cases for their inclusion on the starting championship team, some players really stood out and we faced into championship week in great spirit, determined to beat UCC in their own patch. After such a long wait match day against UCC was finally here and I can honestly say that I have never been in a dressing with more focus, determination and motivation. The team believed 100% that they could upset the odds and when the whistle blew WIT came flying out of the traps to bombard their much-fancied opponents from the start. The WIT backs were blocking and harrying their counterparts at every opportunity and the forwards were looking dangerous, if we could get enough ball into the full forward line we knew we could do damage. Niamh Coleman scored a fantastic goal and Donna Berry was driving at the UCC defence from centre back every chance she could. However, we were starting to give away cheap possession of the ball and UCC were





Back Row (L to R) : Aine Cosgrave, Stacey Cannon, Sinead McTiernan, Grainne Vaugh, Jenny McEvoy, Sinead Whelan, Lorraine Keena, Niamh Coleman, Lynsey Sweeney, Maeve O' Keefe, Lorna McCarthy, Loretta Gilbert. Front Row (L to R): Aisling Greene, Lisa Quill, Ilona O'Dowd, Lizzy Kent, Donna Berry, Nora Dunphy, Deborah Foley, Marguerite Doyle, Siobhan Crotty, Rachel Kumar.

Missing from photo: Bridin Doyle, Tina Mulcahy, Sarah Frisby, Sarah Forde, Fionnula Cosgrave, Lisa McSweeney, Hilary O'Riordan.

making us pay for it, a number of chances were spurned but the effort from the team was obvious for all to see.

At half time we trailed by 3 points and the entire panel urged the team on to greater efforts in the second half. We started the second half well but could not convert our pressure into points on the board, UCC started to get a stranglehold of possession and suddenly they were the team on a roll, a ten minute purple patch in the middle of the second half ensured victory for UCC but we battled back towards the end and only for some wayward finishing the game could have been a lot tighter. After the match, spirits were low; indeed some players were inconsolable. We reminded the entire panel that if defeat didn't hurt then there was no point in striving for victory, our season wasn't over and we still had a lot to play for.

Next up was a trip to county Meath to face IT Sligo, a depleted squad travelled up on the day and despite creating 3 clear goal chances in the first 5 minutes, we were unable to take any of them. On a wet, miserable and bitterly cold day IT Sligo proved too strong, despite the best efforts of Marguerite Doyle, Lisa Quill, Lorraine Keena, Sinead McTiernan and Stacey Cannon. Two defeats consigned us to the O' Connor Cup Shield competition where we were drawn against NUI Maynooth in a repeat of the previous years 1st round match, which Maynooth eventually won after a cracking game that

went all the way to the wire; a last minute goal won the match for Maynooth after extra time.

WIT were drawn at home for this semi final and the game was played in the De La Salle GAA Club in the Cleaboy, on a lovely spring afternoon perfect for playing football. The team had regained their focus during the week and everything was geared towards beating Maynooth and marching onto Belfast for the Finals weekend. WIT attacked Maynooth from the start with Stacey Cannon and Donna Berry linking excellently on the left hand side of the attack, Nora Dunphy was commanding in the centre back position and the midfield pairing of McTiernan and Keena were dominating their opponents. Maynooth are a quality side with a number of inter county players and their leading players combined excellently throughout and had the knack of being able to score seemingly at will. In stark contrast WIT, whilst dominating possession, found scoring much harder. Ilona O' Dowd's goal proved a timely boost but Maynooth scored one of their own to leave them 5 points clear at half time.

To be behind at half time was tough on the girls but they stated the second half in great fashion, carving open the Maynooth defence time after time, but we failed to add to our score in this crucial period and this would prove to be our undoing. Maynooth again, like the good team they are, took advantage of any opportunity that

presented itself and eventually booked their place into the Shield Final against IT Tralee, in a match that Maynooth would eventually win comfortably.

As the final whistle blew, the curtain came down on another ladies football season here in the college. Team captain Deborah Foley said some words of encouragement to the panel and vowed that the team would come back stronger than ever again next year. This years squad was relatively young and inexperienced in 3rd level terms and the benefit of this campaign will stand to the 30 players who are still available to the team again next year. Looking back on the year it was undoubtedly a tough one for the club, we faced teams of a greater standard in the majority of our games but, to all of our player's credit, we never shirked a challenge and the girls represented WIT with distinction throughout the season. The girls who are finished with us this year after giving outstanding service will never be forgotten and have made their mark on the club, their club. Many thanks are extended to my fellow selectors Conor and Helen, to Laura and Emma for their work after Christmas, thanks to Johnno for his help in the GAA Office, to Gerry and his crew of drivers that looked after us so well during the year and a special word of thanks to all the players who put in such a great effort against all the odds. It is a special club to be associated with, we have to strive to improve and I have no doubt we will. Roll on next year!

Skilful Stacey led Ashbourne Charge

by Alan Aherne

It takes all sorts to make up a successful team; for every vocal player with a fondness for shouting words of encouragement to colleagues, you can be sure to find somebody who prefers to let their stickwork do the talking.

All those familiar with Stacey Redmond will agree that she fits into the latter category, and her outstanding performances in the first half of this year prove that being of a quiet disposition on the field isn't an impediment to success.

It's fair to say that the 20-year-old from Knocknaveigh, The Ballagh, wouldn't have been very well known outside of Wexford and W.I.T. when she joined her team-mates in Cork last February for the Ashbourne weekend.

However, her two brilliant midfield performances attracted widespread attention, so much so that Stacey was selected as a worthy winner of the player of the tournament.

Saturday's semi-final against U.C.C. in the Mardyke had its fair share of anxious moments, particularly in the first-half, but when W.I.T. needed someone to step up to the plate, Stacey was ready, willing and able.

It was a similar story 24 hours later in Páirc Uí Rinn when the Oulart-The Ballagh starlet continued her successful partnership with Kilkenny's Anne Dalton. Their dominance around the centre was one of the chief factors in ending U.C.D.'s three-

in-a-row bid and, speaking as a neutral with no ties to either college, it was hard to credit how both W.I.T. players weren't chosen on the Ashbourne All Stars team.

There was more to come from the 20-year-old who is taking the Early Childhood Studies course. Fittingly, the league and championship double was completed on her home pitch in Oulart on the worst night possible for a game of camogie.

The rainfall lashed down from start to finish and it was thoroughly miserable for the dedicated few huddling under the floodlights. And while W.I.T. didn't seem to be in a great position at the break, Stacey and her colleagues played with the confidence that comes from being winners and eventually edged a tight contest by one point.

Camogie followers in Wexford knew that Stacey had what it takes to make the grade from her Under-12 debut. That sublime skill was there from the off, and it remains to this day as Stacey's clever wristwork makes her a joy to watch when in full flight.

How often have you seen several players huddled over a ball on the ground, only for Stacey to sweep away with possession and get in a snappy delivery? She's been doing it successfully in the red and black of Oulart-The Ballagh, the purple and gold of Wexford, and the white and blue of W.I.T., and the good news is that there's a lot more to come because her camogie career is still in its infancy.

Success came to Stacey at an early stage, as she won a fabulous four All-Ireland Féile na nGael Division 1 titles in a row with her club and also captained Wexford to the Leinster Under-14 championship in 2002.

A provincial Under-16 title was added in that same year, and she was also a key figure in a truly golden era for Coláiste Bríde (Enniscorthy). Four All-Ireland medals came her way, a Senior hat-trick from 2003 to 2005 plus a Junior title in the never to be forgotten double year of 2004.

She has probably lost track of the number of under-age county medals won with Oulart-The Ballagh as they were simply unstoppable coming up through the ranks. And they carried this on to the Senior grade, with Stacey holding five county titles in a row from 2003 to 2007 plus an All-Ireland sevens crown from 2006.

2007 was a year she won't forget in a hurry, winning an All-Ireland Senior medal as a Wexford substitute just three months after completing her Leaving Cert. And after a barren 2008 when the mental and physical exertions of that achievement took its toll on everyone, the signs are that the appetite has returned.

Stacey had a great day in Parnell Park on the last Saturday in April, playing at right half-forward on the Wexford Intermediate team which beat Antrim to clinch a first-ever National League Division 2 title, and immediately adding a Division 1 medal as a substitute with the Seniors who accounted for Tipperary.

A versatile performer, Stacey tends to shine whether she is positioned at midfield or in a wing-back or wing-forward role. And she's not the only Redmond family member attracting attention, as her older brother, David, has firmly established himself on the Wexford Senior hurling team since making his debut early in 2008, alternating for the most part between midfield and the full-forward line.

Keep a close eye out for Stacey if you happen to attend a W.I.T. or Wexford game in the near future, but be warned - while you won't hear her on the field, those silken skills will be guaranteed to catch your eye!

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Fitzgibbon Cup Campaign of 2008- 2009 by Colm Bonnar

It was always going to be hard to go one better than the Fitzgibbon Cup final of March 2008 where extra, extra time was needed to separate WIT and LIT in what has since gone down in the history books as one of the best heart stopping hurling games of the year. Under this backdrop, WIT began its preparations for the 2009 Fitzgibbon campaign with games in the Division 1 colleges hurling league in early October 2008. The first game was a home game against Cork IT in early October and this is always a tough time of the year to get teams together as many players are still involved in the knockout stages of their club campaigns. However the home tie made it easier for players to commit and WIT won on the scoreline of 1-15 to 0-12 to get their campaign off to a winning start. Next up was Tipperary Institute who were only promoted from Div 11 the previous year and found the going very tough as WIT won the match by 15 points, 1-20 to 0-8. The crunch game of the league was always going to be our away trip to UCC, a team who had also won its first two games. After a tight first half in which UCC led by a few points they powered their way onto a comfortable win of 2-14 to 0-9 in the second half. However with 2 teams coming out of the group WIT were drawn against UCD in the league quarter final in Carlow. UCD were a strong physical team and their fitness and power saw them through by a scoreline of 1-11 to 0-8.

After the league, the WIT management team knew a lot of hard work had to be done in order to get the team up to the level of UCC and UCD. The WIT panel began their preparation in earnest in late Dec. with a challenge game against CIT on Tues 30th Dec.. The score finished 2-22 apiece and for that time of year the WIT management team were happy that there was a panel available to challenge again for Fitzgibbon honours. With the college exams taking before Christmas, this was to be a big help to the teams preparation as the players could concentrate fully on getting fitter and bringing their hurling up the required standard for the whole month of January. The Waterford Crystal League was used to good effect with the team having to travel away to Kerry on the 4th January and won the game by 18 points – 2-22 to 1-7.

A challenge game was arranged for players who did not feature in this game and WIT played De la Salle on Friday 9th Jan and won on the scoreline of 2-13 to 1-10. This was to show that the panel had the needed strength in depth which helps push everyone to higher levels in their attempts to make the first 15 for the Fitzgibbon. The Waterford Crystal quarter final was against Cork in Cork proved to be a high profile game as it was Gerald McCarthys first competitive game with his new development Cork team. The WIT team withstood all the media intrusions to win by 5 points, 14 point to 0-9.,

On the Tuesday evening 13th January, the team travelled to Wexford to play the senior team and in a very worthwhile exercise the whole WIT panel was used in a one and a half hour game that ended up 3-16 to 0-16 in favour of Wexford. On Sunday 18th Jan the WIT team travelled to

Clare to play in the Waterford Crystal semi final and lost out narrowly to the eventual tournament winners by 3 points on the scoreline of 2-12 to 1-12. The Waterford Crystal League was a great help to the team as the college has first call on any inter-county players, and this helped knit the players into one unit. One challenge game remained before WIT finalised its preparations for the Fitzgibbon championship. The team played GMIT and won on the score of 3-20 to 1-16.

The Fitzgibbon draw saw WIT pitted against UL and DIT. The UL game was always going to be a tough game, especially as they had home advantage and were one of the favourites for the final and had reached the league final. On a very blustery day in Newtownshandrum, UL played with the elements and went in a half time 2 points up, 8 points to 6. WIT used the breeze well in the second half and with 10 minutes remaining went in the lead 11 points to 10 and the management team expected WIT to go on and win from there. However UL regrouped with their short passing game and came back strongly and finished up winners on the score of 12 points to 16. The team were very disappointed as they had laid a good platform from where they should have gone on to win the game.

There was a backlash in the DIT game, which was a home game for WIT and the team powered their way onto a 17 point win, 1-18 to 0-4 win. In the final round DIT lost by one point to UL which meant WIT had an away quarter final to last years finalist LIT who had a big number of intercounty stars such as Joe Canning, Seamus Callinane, Cyril Donnelan and many more big names. LIT won the toss and elected to play with the strong breeze but by half time were down a few points. WIT played their best hurling of the year so far in this game, with the backs rock solid and the forwards causing numerous problems for LIT. WIT eventually went out winners by double scores 2-14 to 1-7.

WIT had qualified for the semi final and were up against UCC, who had beaten WIT by 11 points in the league and were league champions. However WIT were a different team that played in the league and were well up for this game. In a rip roaring game WIT went into a 9 points to 5 lead and should have added to that tally before UCC came back to leave the half time score of 10 points to 8. UCC came back strongly in the second half but WIT got two quick fire goals to put six points between the teams. With the game in injury time WIT looked set to win and hung on desperately to a two point lead. With over 4 and half minutes of injury time played, UCC got that all important break and scrambled home a goal to win by one point. On the puck out the game ended. It was a terrible way to lose a game and WIT were devastated. UCC went on to win the final against UL with a comfortable scoreline. However the WIT team can take great pride in the way they turned their year around from poor performances in the league to becoming an extremely committed team, that with a bit of luck could have won another title.



WIT's Men's Football, 2008-2009 by Thomas McCabe

WIT men's football team were desperately unlucky this year not to reach the weekend of the Trench Cup in Cork I.T. losing out to Trinity College in a hard fought encounter in Clanna Gael Fontenoys ground in Ringsend, Dublin by two points. It was a year where the main of the team was to regain Sigerson status for WIT by winning the league. The league began for WIT against Limerick I.T. in Piltown with WIT winning a hard fought encounter by five points. Stand out performers for WIT on the day were Sean O'Neill who had an outstanding match at midfield, Chris O'Connor who captained the team from centre back, and scorer in chief Brian Hanlon who was a constant thorn in LIT's side throughout the hour.

Following on from this, WIT faced Mary Immaculate College of Limerick in Ardfinnan where the winner progressed to the semi finals of the league competition. Injury robbed WIT of the services of Mark Molloy and Colm Cafferkey and a more experienced and settled Mary I team were convincing winners on a wet day in Tipperary ending WIT's interest in the league. Standout players for WIT on the day were Limerick's James Ryan and Jimmy Barry Murphy.

After the Christmas break, WIT were involved in the Mc Grath cup where Sigerson cup outfit UL were the opponents in the quarter final. On a cold night in Newtownshandrum, UL who were led by David Moran were convincing winners following a superb opening first half display. However WIT battled hard in the second half but could not recover from an unassailable halftime deficit. The Meath trio of Sean Dalton, Brian Hanlon and Chris O'Connor as well as Wicklow's Brendan Mc Garr performed excellently throughout the game.

After the match against UL, the focus turned solely towards the Trench cup. Challenge matches were played against Tipperary under 21's, Waterford senior, and under 21 sides. During these matches, a settled side was formed with Micheal Webster coming in to goals. Shane Fox, the irreplaceable Colm Cafferkey and Ross Brosnan manned the full back positions. A strong half back line of Chris O'Connor, Steven Mackin and Sean Dalton were defensively

solid but offered a strong threat going forward. A strong midfield unit of Brendan Mc Garr and James Ryan was formed and a half forward line of Jimmy Barry Murphy, Donnacadh Tobin and Mark Molloy offered a serious scoring threat. An inside forward line of Brian Hanlon, Cathal Mc Nally and Stephen Duffy were to prove a handful for any full back line.

WIT faced LIT in Limerick in the first round of the Trench cup, in a tough encounter WIT were five points in arrears at half time. However an excellent all round team performance in the second half ensured that WIT won out by three points. It was a stunning performance where each player performed excellently in a hostile environment. Two days later, WIT faced Trinity College in Dublin. The match was level at half time; however a fresher Trinity won through in the end by two points with a second half goal proving to be a crucial score. It was a disappointing end to a year where the college had come so close to reaching the weekend of the Trench cup.

However a number of positives can be taken from the year, the emergence of young players such as the Meath duo of Donnacadh Tobin and Sean Dalton, the garden county's Brendan Mc Garr, and Laois goal keeper Micheal Webster as key players for the WIT senior team have ensured that the future is bright for football in WIT for years to come.



PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Lorraine Keena
Course: Ag. Science
Nicknames: None

High Point in Sporting Career:

Getting to Play in Croke Park with Offaly.
Also winning U-16 All-Ireland with Offaly.

Other Achievements: Ashbourne Cup and Div 1 League with WIT, Leinster and U-16 medals with Offaly. Fresher Football Shield.

Other Sports: Football

Players you admire: Ken McGrath

As a First year what are your thoughts on WIT GAA Club:
The friends made are great. It helped me settle into college quickly.

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Ireland winning the Grand Slam this year

Favourite Food: Lasagne

Favourite Film: Mean Girls

Favourite Music: Beyonce,
Leona Lewis.
A bit of everything

Ambitions in Life: To win an All-Ireland with Offaly, finish my course!!

Ideal Date: Shane Ward!



PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Donna Berry
Course: Rec-Man 1
Nicknames: DB

High Point in Sporting Career:

Winning All-Ireland with Kildare in 2004

Other Achievements: Played Interprovincial with Leinster, and won 2 Junior Leinster titles

Other Sports: Played a small bit of camogie!!

Players you admire: Kieran McGeeney

As a First year what are your thoughts on WIT GAA Club:
Everyone across the club know each other and are really friendly. Its great craic!

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Bernard Dunne Fight 2009 in the O2. Also Katie Taylors fight that night, great athlete!

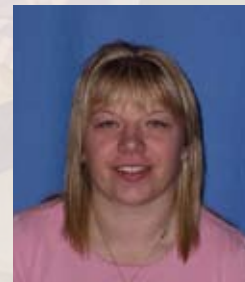
Favourite Food: Pasta

Favourite Film: The Bodyguard

Favourite Music: 80s Music!

Ambitions in Life: To Win a Senior All-Ireland with Kildare and Club

Ideal Date: David Beckham or Sean Cavanagh!



Fresher Footballers Capture All Ireland Plate

Last season and indeed for the second year running the fresher ladies football team were successful in the All Ireland Colleges Fresher Blitz. Once again Athlone IT hosted the competition and the Westmeath venue is proving a lucky venue for WIT fresher footballers as this year the team captured the Colleges Fresher Plate after a great run throughout the competition. WIT sent a strong 9 player panel up on the day and our very own celebrity banisteoir Deborah Foley assumed the mantle of team manager, having being part of the fresher team that won the All Ireland Shield in the previous year Deborah's experience and qualities were exactly what the team required.

WIT started out against Athlone IT and despite a late comeback from the team the hosts won out at the end despite the best efforts of Eimear Rowntree and Kelly Lynch. Defeat meant the team needed to beat UL in the second game to advance, which they duly did thanks to the scoring exploits of Lynsey Sweeney, Siobhan Crotty and Donna Berry. WIT were drawn against NUIG in the semi final and against the odds beat their opponents from the west, Lorraine Keena, Lorna McCarthy and goalie Sinead Whelan (who did not concede a goal throughout the blitz) shone brightest for WIT on

this occasion. In the final WIT would again be underdogs against the might of UCD but WIT's player of the tournament Lorna McCarthy had other ideas and her inspirational defending laid the platform for a great WIT win. At the final whistle the WIT were victorious and captain Donna Berry proudly picked up the cup on behalf of the whole squad.

The fresher blitz is always a very enjoyable days football and definitely helps create a strong bond amongst all the players, it opens the player's eyes to the demands of college football so well done to all involved. Hopefully the incoming first years can make it third time lucky for WIT's fresher's this year!



PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Stephen Macken
Course: Exercise and Health 3
Nicknames: Macken

High Point in Sporting Career:

Playing with Louth u21s this year.

Third Level Honours. Passing exams!

Other Achievements: County Minor and U21 with Louth

Other Sports: Cow Tipping on the Cooley Mountains!!

Players you admire: Tomas O Se, Ryan McMenamin (what a beard!), Ross Brosnan

Most Memorable game for W.I.T:

Trench Cup V LIT this year. Was our first win in a long time at senior level

What do you like about WIT GAA Club:

The craic after matches and training.

Tommy McCabes one liners! Have put up with them the last 3 years!

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

2005 All Ireland Semi -Galway and Cork, 2008 Super Bowl, New York Giants v The Colts

Favourite Food: A can of coke and a packet of Meanies after a night out

Favourite Film: Braveheart

Favourite Music: Kings of Leon, Empire of the Sun. and MIA- Paper Plans! (just for you Caff!)

Ambitions in Life: To Capt WIT to a football Trophy. Grow old with Leo Tiernan in 2 Briot Crescent!

Ideal Date: Cheryl Cole on my Left arm and Cathy Pembroke on my Right arm!

Inter-county Ladies' & Men's Football Players, 2009

by Alan Aherne

LADIES' FOOTBALL

► Donna Berry, Kildare

Donna is currently on the WIT Sports Scholarship Scheme and has been a regular on the Kildare senior team for a number of years now. Donna captained the WIT Fresher team to All Ireland Fresher Blitz Plate last season and was outstanding in her first season with the college.

► Sinead Whelan, Wexford

A goalkeeper who enjoyed a fine debut season with WIT, Sinead was called into the Wexford panel this year on the strength of her performances with the college. Sinead was part of the successful Fresher team last year and went through the blitz without conceding a goal.

► Deborah Foley, Carlow

Deborah captained the WIT team in the O' Connor Cup last season, a whole hearted and determined player who never give less than 100% in every match. Deborah reinvented herself as an attacking half back this year and is a fantastic club person, always willing to give a hand out in any situation.

► Nora Dunphy, Waterford

A player who has made a huge impression on the college team in her first 2 years with the club. A regular in the half back line for the past 2 seasons, Nora is also a consistent performer for the Waterford seniors for quite a while now. Nora is also on the WIT Sports Scholarship Scheme and is a player with a lot of potential.

► Niamh Coleman, Wicklow

Niamh is a talented player who secured a place on the forward line in her first year in WIT. The Bray Emmets player has represented Wicklow at all levels and is always a scoring threat in every game she plays.

► Lorraine Keena, Offaly

One of our dual players, Lorraine had the distinction of winning both an Ashbourne Cup with WIT camogie club and a Fresher All Ireland medal with the football club. A wholehearted player who played midfield on the O'Connor Cup team last year, Lorraine plays both football and camogie for her native Offaly.

► Lisa Quill, Wexford

A member of the Wexford panel for a number of years now, Lisa has just completed 4 years with WIT. Secured the right corner back position this season with a number of consistent performances during the year, Lisa has been a committed and dedicated player for the college throughout her years here.

► Siobhan Crotty, Tipperary

Another member of the winning fresher team, Siobhan is a lively and talented forward player who was called into the Tipperary panel this season. A player with a lot of potential we hope Siobhan can fulfil it over the next few seasons with WIT.

► Sinead McTiernan, Sligo

A veteran of the inter county scene at this stage Sinead is one of the best players to have ever worn the WIT jersey. A regular on the senior Sligo team for a long time now, Sinead made a midfield slot her own over 4 years with the college. Sinead was awarded a WIT All Star to mark the first 25 years of the GAA Club in 2007, which is a measure of the calibre of player she is.

► Lisa McSweeney, Cork

Lisa has been on the Cork Junior panel for a number of years and is a player who has played in every position for WIT in her 3 years here. Equally at home in the backs, midfield of forwards Lisa is a talented player who has a lot to offer WIT in the coming season.

► Stacey Cannon, Kildare

Stacey was awarded Ladies Footballer of the Year in 2009 and was outstanding during WIT's O'Connor Cup campaign. Equally at home in midfield or at half forward Stacey is a powerful player who can be relied on to always get on the scoreboard. The Kildare native has achieved a lot with both her county and her club throughout her football career.

► Grainne Vaughn (Offaly)

A player who has been a valuable member of the panel in her first 2 years with WIT, Grainne is currently on the Offaly panel having also played at various underage levels also. Grainne is an intelligent player who can play equally as well in either the half back line or the half forward line.

MEN'S FOOTBALL

► Jimmy Barry Murphy: Limerick

Jimmy has been a student in WIT for four years. He has been playing senior football for the college the last two years. Jimmy can play anywhere in the forward line and his scoring ability is an assist every team would want. Jimmy has been part of the Limerick panel the last two years. Making his debut this year in the NFL.

► Christopher O'Connor: Meath

Christopher has been a member of the Meath senior panel the last 3 years. Since coming to WIT in September 05, Christopher has been a major influence on football in the college. Not only for playing but managing when over the fresher footballers. This year he was captain of the senior team. With his versatility Christopher can be played almost anywhere on the pitch.

► Ben Brosnan: Wexford

After some fine displays for the freshers it wasn't long before Ben got drafted in to the senior team in the college. With his quick thinking and his ability to take scores from both play and dead ball situation is what got him recognised in the college so quickly. He gave some great displays for WIT until hit by injury, which pulled him out of the championship. Has been on the Wexford panel the last two years.

► Barry Grogan: Tipperary

Barry was a member of the Trench Cup team this year. He has been a leading light for his county this year finishing top scorer in the league for the second year in-a-row as Tipperary captured the Division 3 title in dramatic fashion against Down.

Ashbourne Success 2009 by Helena Jacob

After eight years of unrelenting effort and no little heartache, W.I.T. camogie team re-captured the prestigious Ashbourne Cup by defeating reigning champions and three-in-a-row aspirants, U.C.D. in Pairc Ui Rinn, Cork on Sunday 22nd February.

Nothing worthwhile is ever achieved without strength of character, hard work and steely determination, qualities found in abundance in the panel of 2009. We knew from experience that the path to glory would be an uphill struggle but we also knew that when questions would be asked of the players and management, such questions would be answered courageously and emphatically and that there would be no doubt in anyone's mind where our ambitions were focussed.

Statistics will record that W.I.T. defeated U.L. in the quarter-final, by 2 goals 10 points to 7 points. U.C.C. fell to the power of W.I.T. in the semi-final, on a scoreline of 3 goals 9 points to 2 goals 9 points while, in a thrilling final, W.I.T. beat holders U.C.D. by 1 goal 9 points to 1 goal 6 points. Stats will also reveal that the team scored a total of 6 goals 28 points in the three matches (an average of 15 points per match) with Ursula Jacob accounting for 2 goals 17 points and the remaining scores coming from Michelle Quilty (2 gls 3 points), Susan Keane (1 gl 4 pts), Jenny Simpson (2 pts) and points from Colette Dormer, Fiona Morrissey and Anne Dalton.

However, dry as dust facts cannot record the unity, passion and pride that spurred the team onwards and upwards to victory. One would need the pen of a poet to adequately describe the staunch dependability of Kay

Ryall in goal, the tenacity and tigerish tackling of the defence of Therese Shortt. Karen Atkinson, Keeva Fennelly, Pauline Cunningham Aine Fahy and Kellyanne Cottrell the sheer energy and brilliance of Stacey Redmond and Anne Dalton in midfield and fluency and accuracy of the attacking sextet.

Of the 30 players on the panel 13 came from Kilkenny., 6 from Wexford, 4 from Waterford, 3 from Tipperary and one each from Galway, Limerick, Offaly and Cork. The team was captained by Keeva Fennelly (Kilkenny) and managed by Helena Jacob, James Meagher, Ger Kinane and Conor Phelan

The final, on 22nd February was an exciting though tense affair. W.I.T. were determined to obliterate the memory of the defeat in 2008 while U.C.D. were intent on completing the 3-in-a-row. W.I.T. dominated the first half and scored 1 goal 6 points to 1 point for U.C.D. The opposition, though wind-

assisted in the second half, could not match W.I.T.'s intensity and power and were forced to relinquish their crown and ambition.

Stacey Redmond had the privilege of being named as the Most Valuable Player of the Tournament while she joined team-mates Therese Shortt, Colette Dormer and Ursula Jacob on the Ashbourne All-Stars 2009.

Ashbourne 09 was an unforgettable odyssey for everyone involved. Lasting friendships were forged, skills were improved and perfected, character was tested and proved and immense fun was had by all. The wonderful camogie year came to a glorious end in Oulart when, some weeks later, W.I.T. re-affirmed their superiority by defeating U.C.D in the Ashbourne League Final and finished the year undefeated.

Mile Buiochas to everyone who helped to make our dream a reality and may the Ashbourne champions of 2009 continue as worthy winners in all aspects of their lives.



Ashbourne Panel 2009: Ailish Dunphy, Aine Doran, Ann Dalton, Ann Marie Roche, Charlene Norris, Chloe Corraway, Ciara Kehoe, Claire Ryan, Colette Dormer, Emer O Leary, Fiona Morrissey, Jenny Simpson, Karen Atkinson, Kay Ryall, Keeva Fennelly, Kellyanne Cottrell, Lorraine Keena, Maeve O Keefe, Marie Therese O Neill, Michelle Quilty, Pauline Cunningham, Sheena Ryan, Shelly Kehoe, Stacey Kehoe, Stacey Redmond, Stacie Power, Susan Keane, Therese Shortt, Ursula Jacob.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Brendan McGarr
Course: Quantity Surveying 1
Nicknames: McGarr

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Ireland Wales in the 6 Nations. Still waiting to see Ger Dunnes and Stephen Bourkes Schools final Showdown. Heard it's a Classic!

High Point in Sporting Career:

Captaining Club to County Minor Championship

Other Achievements: Minor and U21 County. Captained County Minors

Other Sports: Rugby and Chess

Players you admire: Ger Dunne and Stephen Bourke . . . Fierce Dedicated!!

As a First year what are your thoughts on WIT GAA Club:

There's a good atmosphere around the club and everyone is friendly. The standard in Football is a big step up and a lot more intense

Favourite Food:

Steak

Favourite Film:

Never Back Down

Favourite Music:

Anything Really

Ambitions in Life:

To Win a Senior All-Ireland with Wicklow and Pass the Exams!

Ideal Date:

Donnacha Tobin and Sean Dalton! It would be a very romantic dinner!



Freshers' Hurling

September, it's the time of year when thousands of students enter the world of 3rd level education. Many of these chose WIT as their college. Within this bunch of 1st years there was a group of young men who wanted to play fresher's hurling. Fresher's Hurling is a unique competition in that you can only play in it once in your time in college. A rule was also passed this year that stated 'Fresher's at college clubs competing in Division 1 senior leagues, Sigerson Cup or Fitzgibbon Cup competitions shall play only Fresher's Football/Hurling'. This meant that none of this year's fresher's would be eligible to compete in any other college competition.

Trials were held from the second week of September in Waterford Crystal Sports Ground. John Burns and Students John Comerford and Joe Kelly ran the rule over the 80 or so people who attended the trials. A number of matches were played against the likes of De La Salle College, Mount Sion U-21s, and Waterford Under-17s in the build up to the League campaign. In the First league game WIT faced UL at home. This was played in a Wet and Muddy De La Salle field. The team were dealt a blow before the match when Noel Connors was injured playing for his club. This meant Noel would be ruled out until Christmas and thus missing the League Campaign.

WIT Started off the brightest centre forwards Andrew Shore slotting over two points inside the first 5 minutes. However UL slowly got into the game and began to stamp their authority with points from Joe Brennan and Kev Fox to go in at the break 0-8 to 0-5 up. UL started the second half as they finished the first adding on points to stretch the lead to seven. WIT battled on through out the second half but UL ran out winners by 4 points on a scoreline of 1-9 to 0-16.

Next up for WIT was the visit of UCC to Waterford Crystal. This turned out to be a cracker of a game with neither side giving an inch. WIT went in at the break a point up 1-5 to 1-4 with some fine work by Cathal Whelan and Brian "Buggy" O'Meara. The 2nd half was an even tighter affair with WIT responding to every thing that was thrown at them. With five minutes remaining UCC drew level. Injury time they popped up with a Goal and a point to snatch victory 1-15 to 2-16. This was hugely disappointing on the lads as they had played with great spirit and tenacity throughout with Whelan, Buggy, Jerome Maher and Paul Murray all shining for them. WIT faced into an away trip to LIT. Unfortunately the lads didn't perform and LIT were winners 2-12 to 1-9. This meant that WIT had to win their last group game v. CIT to be guaranteed a home draw in the championship. This game was to be played

down in CIT, which is a daunting place to go. However the lads responded brilliantly and had two goals on the board in the first half from Michael Sheedy and Buggy. There was no let up in the second half as Sheedy and Buggy along with Lee Murphy and Mark Furlong tormented the CIT Defence. WIT ran out winners on a scoreline of 3-12 to 1-10. Sheedy and Buggy scored 2-8 between them and were also helped with performances from Martin Minehan, Jerome and Stephen Power on the frees.

The Draw for the Championships was made and this pitted WIT against GMIT. This game was to be played in Piltown in early February. In the lead up to the GMIT game, the team trained hard and played a number of challenges. When the day of the match came, WIT won this game quite comprehensively as GMIT were poor enough and had no answer for WIT. Best on the day were Jerome, Brendan Grace, Stephen Power and Noel Connors making his first start for the college since injury.

This win set them up with a quarter-final against CIT in De La Salle the following week. WIT started the brightest and found themselves 3 points up after 15 minutes. However CIT then settled in to their rhythm and hit 4 unanswered points. They then got a crucial goal before half time to go in leading by 5 points at the break. WIT continued to try close the gap in the second half and were unlucky not to convert a couple of goal chances that fell their way. Unfortunately CIT held on to win 2-19 to 2-14. This was a disappointing end to the year. After a poor league, the team really knuckled down and gave it everything but that's sport. They can however take some consolation in the fact that CIT went on to win the All-Ireland.

The Fresher B team had contrasting fortunes throughout the year. In the League campaign they put up some impressive displays beating Carlow 3-15 to 1-5, UCC 2-16 to 1-10 and CIT 1-10 to 0-10 to qualify for the league semi-final. Here they faced a fancied UL side. The game was played in Ballygiblin in November. It was a very tight match with WIT matching UL for most of the match. Unfortunately UL hit two goals in a 5 minute spell during the second half to win 2-10 to 1-9. These two sides were drawn again in the Championship after Christmas. Again the result was the same with UL completely out playing WIT winning on a score line of 2-18 to 1-10. This was a sad end to the teams year considering they had done so well to make the league semi-finals before Christmas.

This group of players have great potential and many of them will make the step up to Fitzgibbon level in the next year or two. This can be seen already as 3 of this group –Noel Connors, Jerome Maher and Paul Murray- were called in to the Waterford Senior panel with both Noel and Jerome making their debuts in the National Hurling League this year. On Behalf of the management I would like to thank all the players and wish them the best of luck with their clubs and counties in the future.

Did you know? . . .

Niamh Briggs who played Ladies Football with the College is now Full Back on the Irish Ladies Rugby Team.

Waterford's Michael "Brick" Walsh was an accomplished Footballer, even winning the Man of the Match award in the 2003 Munster U-21 Final against Kerry

Colm Bonnar has won all the major titles in Hurling - All-Ireland Senior, Intermediate, U-21 and Minor with his county Tipperary and a Fitzgibbon Cup with WIT. He also won an All-Star in 1988.

Intermediate Hurling, 2009

by Alan Roche

While no silverware was won, this season can be seen as a success for the Intermediate Hurlers. We played 6 games throughout the year and this team gave a number of people the chance to stake their claim for the Fitzgibbon Panel, which quite a number of them did.

The season began in October with a home game against CIT. Both sides were only back and had very little done. It was a tight affair and was very competitive right up until the final whistle. Thankfully we came out the right side of it on a scoreline 1-11 to 1-8 with Eoin Kavanagh and Colin Lacey impressing on the day.

Next up was a trip to the Mardyke for a match against UCC. Unfortunately UCC were the stronger side and got goals at the right time to run out 4-15 to 0-15 winners. This result meant we had to win our next game to have any chance of going through to the league semi-finals. Next up was a match V LIT in De La Salle. LIT started off the brightest, opening up a 4 point lead after just 5 minutes of the game. WIT steadied the ship with a brace of points before LIT got the games opening goal. It was after this goal went in the we began to hurl and our half-back line began to assert themselves on the game. And with Timmy Hammersely and Tommie Maher taking it to the LIT defenders we outscored LIT 10 points to 3 to go in at the break 0-12 to 1-7 up. From here it was one way traffic wit all six forwards contributing. We ran out easy winners 2-25 to 2-8. This was by far the strongest team we had out in the competition and it showed when no less than 9 of that side were members of the Fitzgibbon panel after Christmas.

We travelled to Newtownshandrum to face UL full of confidence. This game turned out to be a cracker with both teams not giving an inch. WIT were leading by 4 points going into injury time. UL then struck a goal followed by a point from the resulting puck-out to leave the sides level. This result meant that both teams were through to the Munster semi-finals where we would face each other again. The semi-final was fixed for Ballygiblin in Cork. We travelled with a degree of confidence as we felt we were the better side the first day. UL completely dominated the first half and scored 3 goals which the team had no answer for. We went in at the break trailing 3-6 to 0-4 and we looked dead and buried. We started the second half brightly with Timmy knocking over two frees. Slowly we began to play ourselves back into the game before disaster struck. UL got in again and crashed home a 4th goal. We were now 14 points down ten minutes into the second half. However the lads refused to give up and with points from Timmy and James Ryan, We began to claw back the lead and to a man everybody's work rate increased. The six backs were now defending like tigers snuffing out any UL attack while we got a firm grip on mid-field where both PJ Rowe and James Ryan began to dominate. With five minutes to go we had done the unthinkable and drew level. Could we now sneak a winner? UL went up the field and won a free to go back a point up. It looked like they were going to win now but from the resultant attack we forced another equaliser. Deep in injury-time we actually had a chance to win it but it drifted to the left and wide. This was a fantastic performance to by the team to come back from such a deficit. The replay was fixed for after Christmas.

In the meantime the draw for the championship was made and we were again drawn to face UL. The decision was made to play this game as both the semi-final replay and all-ireland first round. This gave the lads plenty of time to prepare. Over Christmas and January the Fitzgibbon and Intermediates trained together and this gave us the chance to try lads in different positions and in challenge matches. When the match finally came around it was fixed for Templederry in Tipperary. This was a frustrating day as we didn't perform to the standard we were capable of. We were beaten by a good UL team 1-14 to 1-10 who went on to contest the final. While it was disappointing not to go further, we took a lot of positives from the year. Nine of the intermediate team went on to make the Fitzgibbon Panel and of those 4 started in every game. Joining the two panels together gave everyone a chance to impress and made training competitive.

I would like to thank all the players and wish them the very of luck in the future with their respective clubs and counties. I would especially like to thank Jim Aylward and Noel Dalton for all their hard work ,time and effort that they put in throughout the year.



Did you know? . . .

Noel Dalton was a selector with the first Fitzgibbon winning side in 1992 and also the last in 2008

25 years ago WIT won the Div. 2 hurling title for the first time in their history. This gained them promotion to the Top Division of colleges hurling.

Kilkenny's Third-Level Nursery

by Barry Henriques

Others in this publication will point to the achievements of the many and varied clubs within the esteemed halls of the Waterford Institute but with due deference to all others, it is a safe bet that the performances of the Hurling Club will, year on year, occupy the mind set of a majority of the sports-mad interns. I am well aware of the fact that the Fitz has not returned, but it's lustre, and its prestige still holds its magnetism for all third level competitors.

It is not difficult to underscore the involvement of Kilkenny hurlers with the Blue Ribband of third level Colleges hurling. Many have achieved Fitzgibbon success with seats of learning at the opposite ends of the compass divide. One can think of players like the former Kilkenny All Ireland winner, and subsequent Kilkenny County Secretary, Ted Carroll, God Rest him, who won Fitzgibbon gongs with UCD, when there were only four seats of learning involved. Former All Ireland winner Mick Crotty won with UCC, and incidentally, would be one of the very few, if not the only one, to have won two County Championship medals with two different clubs, in two different Counties in the same year. Those are but two that springs to mind, but I'm sure there are many more.

The affiliated membership of the Waterford Institute hurling club has been well populated with players from the Marble County. Many have progressed to the Inter-County arena with distinction. They have been central to the blossoming reputation, and acclaim of the Fitzgibbon achievements of the Waterford Institute of Technology. When one makes statements of reference to great Fitzgibbon days back in the last century, it probably smacks of ageist speak, but in reality we can all remember the glittering hurling careers of Kilkenny players of the ilk of Johnstown's PJ Delaney, O'Loughlin Gaels Andy Comerford, of James Stephens Peter Barry, of Dicksboro's Dan O'Neill, of Dunnamaggin's Sean Ryan, and Eamonn Kennedy. They were but a few of the Kilkenny pioneers of former days. And then we fast forward, slowly, if you get my drift, when Kilkenny provided even more, and arguably better talent towards Fitzgibbon achievement. The greatest hurler of the present time was a Fitzgibbon winner when still a Fresher. He was one of four outstanding crewmen of the good ship Waterford that took the College to unprecedented heights in the new Century. King Henry with Tipp's Eamonn Corcoran, and Andy Maloney, together with Galway's Damien Joyce were players marked down as ones for the future. But there were more, many, many more from Kilkenny. The list is endless. A relative who's who of hurling.

There were two Hurlers of the Year on the same winning team, from the same County; Henry Shefflin and JJ Delaney were successive winners of the prestigious Awards.

A brief little spin down memory lane will show you that Kilkenny players figured prominently, and from the beginning. Remember Thomastown's and Kilkenny's goalkeeper of the 80s, John Brennan. On the same team were David "Stoney" Burke, Frankie Morgan, Tommy Phelan and Liam "Chuck" O'Connor. Tomás Mc Cluskey made his debut on the same team as Tipp's Colm Bonner. Jimmy Conroy (James Stephens) and Johnny Holohan (O'Loughlins) came off that brilliant All Ireland winning minor team of '88 to play major roles with WIT in '89. Sure you could go on and on ad infinitum. Great Kilkenny names come tripping off the lips; Kavanagh, Delaneys, Mullallys, Beirne, O'Neill, Ollie O'Connor, McCormacks, Phelans, Geoghegan, Dowling, Cummins, Coogan, Hennessy, Reids, O'Dwyer, Heffernan, and others have graced the blue gansey of the Waterford College.

They have made a mark, a hugely important mark.

Let the greatest GAA Manager of all time set the seal on a magnificent CV of one of the great colleges of hurling excellence there is presently on this planet.

"How important is the contribution made by third level colleges to the games, and in particular how vital is that contribution to Kilkenny hurling by the Waterford Institute of Technology", were the only questions that we felt were appropriate to Brian Cody, the Manager of the all-conquering, all powerful, all glorious Kilkenny Champions of the past three seasons.

"The question doesn't require endorsement by me; it is there for everyone to see. The third level concept is so very vital in the on-going development of our younger players. The beauty of the concept is that the players are pitting their wits, their skills, their mental abilities against Inter-County players from across the hurling spectrum. Not only that, but these Colleges are equipped with the best high-tech facilities available anywhere around. Most of the Colleges are in possession of techniques, and specialist equipment not available to County teams. They have top of the range training facilities, with top of the range advisers, and a co-ordination of training second to none. It is so important for the on-going development of our games that all players, without exception, are exposed to such excellence. With regard to WIT, I can say that it's existence so close to our County bounds is a Godsend. Our young minor players over the years have availed of the academic excellence in the College, but from a hurling aspect, it has contributed enormously to the progress of our players. It is easy to remember players like Henry, Kav, and JJ, and they were only in my time. But when you think of the great players before my time like PJ Delaney, Andy, Bill Hennessy, the Mullallys etc. Waterford Institute of Technology has been a tremendously rich vein from which great players for the Black and Amber have been quarried. No greater appraisal of the contribution can be made about WIT than the one where all County Managers have no problems whatsoever about allowing their players to be excused County training, in preference to training with their College. I certainly never have any hang-ups in that regard. Another element in the Colleges importance can be factored in every time there is a competitive match. The stands are well populated with County Managers or their representatives. That surely says something about the importance of third level competition".



WIT Inter-county Camogie Players

Keeva Fennelly, Kilkenny:

Captain of Ashbourne 2009. A member of the Kilkenny Senior team for the last number of years.

Karen Atkinson, Wexford:

Vice Captain of Ashbourne 2009. A member of the 2007 All Ireland winning Senior Wexford team. Captained Wexford to win the Division 2 National League in 2009.

Therese Shortt, Tipperary:

Has been a versatile player for Tipperary playing in both the forwards and backs for the senior team. A prominent member of the Drum and Inch team that won the Munster Club Championship 2008 and that got defeated in the Club All Ireland

Kellyanne Cottrell, Kilkenny:

A fresher in 2009 Kellyanne has been a member of the Kilkenny Senior team for many years.

Aine Fahy, Kilkenny:

Scholarship recipient 2009. Aine was key to the Ashbourne success and been a vital member for the last three years and will be one to watch out when she togs out for Kilkenny over the next few years.

Pauline Cunningham, Waterford:

Pauline returned to Ashbourne this year after missing the 2008 campaign through injury. Pauline has been involved with the Waterford team for many years and has helped them secure a place in All Ireland Junior final 2009. Pauline was recognised for her contribution to county and college camogie in 2009 when she received an national camogie scholarship

Ann Dalton, Kilkenny:

WIT Senior Camogie Player of the year 2009. Ann is the current captain of Kilkenny Senior All Ireland Finalist 2009.

Stacey Redmond, Wexford:

Ashbourne player of tournament 2009. Stacey was a member of

the All Ireland winning wexford team in 2007, Division 1 and 2 National league 2009.

Fiona Morrissey, Limerick:

Fiona has been a driving force in the Ashbourne success this year. She will be one of the camogie players to watch out for over the coming years.

Colette Dormer, Kilkenny:

Ashbourne All Star 2009. Colette received the player of the match in the All Ireland Intermediate final 2008. Partners Ann Dalton in mid-field on the current Kilkenny senior team

Jenny Simpson, Waterford:

Jenny has shown her versatility and lines out for Waterford as a wing back and is currently preparing for All Ireland Junior final.

Michelle Quiltey, Kilkenny:

2nd year on Ashbourne team Michelle lines out as a corner forward on the Kilkenny senior team

Ursula Jacob, Wexford:

Ursula played in the forwards for Wexford and won a All Ireland in 2007 and National League in 2009. Ursula has been nominated for an All Star on three occasions in recognition for her displays with the county team

Lorraine Keena, Offaly

Lorraine is a real talent for future. Is currently full back on the Offaly Junior team that have reached the All Ireland Junior final

Shelly Kehoe, Wexford:

Won national division 2 league in 2009. The heart beat of any panel just like for twin Stacey

Stacey Kehoe, Wexford:

Won national division 2 league in 2009. The heart beat of any panel just like for twin Shelly

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Collette Dormer
Course: Architectural Tech
Nicknames: "Ditsy"

High Point in Sporting Career:

Winning the Ashbourne 2009. Winning intermediate All-Ireland with Kilkenny

Third Level Honours: 1 Ashbourne Cup, 2 Div 1 Leagues camogie leagues, 1 Ashbourne All-star

Other Achievements: Intermediate all-Ireland, National League, 1 u-16 and 2 u-18 All-Irelands with Kilkenny

Other Sports: Basketball and Swimming

Players you admire: Brieghe Corkery, Peter Barry

Most Memorable game for W.I.T.: Ashbourne Semi-final V UCC in the Mardyke

What do you like about WIT GAA Club: The Friends made and everyone in the Club knows each other!

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Kilkenny Stopping Corks 3-in-a-row in 2006

Favourite Food: Spaghetti Bolognese

Favourite Film: Million Dollar Baby or My Best Friends Wedding

Favourite Music: Anything but AC/DC.....fair hate them!

Ambitions in Life: Get to Croke Park and Win All-Ireland Senior with Kilkenny plus Complete my course eventually.

Ideal Date: Jamie Redknapp....



Kevin Moran – 2008: A Special Year

by Phil Fanning

It was described by then GAA President Nicky Brennan as one of the greatest games of hurling he had ever seen and no one in the Cork I.T. Complex in Bishopstown on that amazing day in March of last year could disagree with his assessment of what an enthralled crowd had witnessed.

Those of us who had the privilege of being present and the thousands who viewed it on TG4 struggled to find words to capture the sheer competitiveness of what we had seen two groups of young men produce. They exuded character and passion and their shared joy and despair at the end of ninety heart stopping minutes was shared by their respective followers while for neutrals it was an exhilarating experience.

This was what the Fitzgibbon Cup was all about and when writing up the game in the Waterford News and Star I could only describe it as follows.

This was one of those great days for hurling when two squads of young men battled it out for ninety minutes, not for the glory of the little parish, not for the honour of the county, backed by thousands of delirious, colourful supporters and in the spotlight of the national media and certainly not for monetary gain in whatever shape or form it might be presented. No, this was sport, and hurling in particular, in its purest form with players putting themselves on the line for each other, forging a bond with patriotic like fervour that sees men prepared to do what needs to be done for comrades and friends and leaving a mark that will endure through whatever comes in their futures.'

It was in such an atmosphere and amidst joyous pandemonium that Waterford I. T. captain Kevin Moran stepped up to receive the Fitzgibbon Cup and take it on its now familiar journey to Waterford I.T., for the eighth time in sixteen years. It was an occasion of great pride for the young De La Salle man and the pinnacle of his career to date, surpassing even the Munster championship medal won with Waterford the previous summer when he lined out in midfield in the provincial final against Limerick.

Though it was then only the month of March and a whole year lay ahead in the hurling season with club and county it is doubtful if Moran, at that stage could have envisaged what lay in store for the rest of the year. It was indeed to be an amazing journey for a player who had shown athletic prowess from a young age, giving him a number of choices in which to pursue his sporting ambitions.

Endowed with a strong physique from a young age, Kevin stood out amongst his peers and was an automatic choice on all hurling, football and soccer teams in his age group and above. He came to the notice of cross channel scouts and there were times when it seemed that his future might take him in that direction. The young man had grown up in De La Salle however and the club was an integral part of the school so when it came down to choices De La Salle was his club and hurling was his game.

He was still a minor when De La Salle beat Mount Sion to reach the county senior hurling final for the first time in 2005, going down



narrowly to Ballygunner in the decider. In that year he did, however, emerge as a player to be watched for the future and in that same year he featured as a member of the W. I. T. Fitzgibbon panel for the first time.

In 2006 Kevin Moran played a big part in W. I. T.'s highly impressive Fitzgibbon Cup victory over a fancied U. C. D. side in Cork. Though very much at home as a half back the absence of a recognised full back in the squad saw the selectors look to Moran as an outstanding hurler with the required physique to fill the role and he did just that, impressively, though not so enough to catch the eye of county manager Justin McCarthy.

In 2007 Moran again filled the full back role in a star studded W. I. T. side that went down by a single goal to subsequent Fitzgibbon winners L. I. T. in Limerick, a result that owed as much to some weird refereeing decisions as it did to the very tight pitch. With his club he continued to stand out as a half back and having been out of favour with the county selectors for the first half of the year he was thrust into the team at midfield for the Munster final against Limerick. He was replaced in the course of that game and played no further part in Waterford's campaign that saw victory after two enthralling quarter finals against Cork and ending with a heartbreaking semi final defeat to Limerick.

A lesser player might have been disheartened by such a train of events especially when his club later exited the Waterford championship a little controversially to Lismore but Moran returned for his final year in College to finally nail down his favourite position as wing back on the Fitzgibbon team and also to see his dedication and loyalty rewarded with the captaincy of the side.

It was as outsiders, following a mediocre league campaign that W. I. T. travelled to face a very fancied U. L. team on their home patch but on the day the Waterford lads rose to the challenge in style and none more so than Kevin Moran in his role as captain as his side scored an impressive win that raised hopes of taking the coveted title again. The same spirit was evident in the following win over L. I. T. in Ballygunner at the group stage and then in the semi final win over U.C.C. in Cork.

After the final win over L. I. T. it was back to county training but Moran's performances at wing back for W. I. T. cut no ice with Waterford manager Justin McCarthy and as Waterford relinquished their league crown to Tipperary in the quarter finals at Nowlan Park Moran was again utilised as a full back. He manned the same position for the championship defeat to Clare, a game that signalled the end of Justin McCarthy's love affair with Waterford hurling and the arrival of Davy Fitzgerald must have been good news for the De la Salle man as he must surely have been aware, from the Fitzgibbon Cup experience, of just what the player was capable of as a half back.

With Ken McGrath being used as a full back for the qualifying games Moran was kept out of the picture until the final game of the qualifiers against Wexford when he was introduced from the bench to replace club mate Bryan Phelan at half back. That proved the turning point of his inter county career as he was selected for the semi final against Tipperary in which he gave an outstanding performance and was again first choice for the All Ireland final.

For Waterford everything went wrong against Kilkenny and the events of that day have been well documented. Players returned to their clubs and turned their attentions to the county championships. There were no clear favourites for the title and it was a case of teams taking each game as it came. De La Salle enjoyed a touch of good luck in beating Fourmilewater to get through to the semi finals and then the county title was in their sights. Kevin Moran was his side's

outstanding player in that game and against Tallow in the semi final and Abbeyside in the final he established himself as one of the outstanding players of the championship.

The winning of the county title for the first time in De La Salle's history was a huge boost for Kevin Moran, John Mullane and Bryan Phelan following their All Ireland disappointment. It was not to end there however and two weeks later the Waterford champions went to Cork and produced their best performance of the year to beat the Rebels' champions Sarsfields and advance to the Munster Final to create another historic first for the club.

It was all happening now for Kevin Moran, having started the year leading W. I. T. to a dramatic and memorable Fitzgibbon Cup victory, suffering the heartbreak of All Ireland defeat and the joy of winning a first county title with his club he was now on the threshold of a sensational first ever Munster title for his club. It was a fairytale ending to a memorable year when De La Salle recovered from a disastrous first half, in which they failed to score, to outplay their Limerick opponents, Adare, in the second half to claim the Munster title.

For all of the high profile success that Kevin Moran achieved last year the one that will have given him special satisfaction was leading the players he had grown up with in De La Salle to the club's first ever county U-21 hurling title, beating Cappoquin in Dungarvan in December.

For Kevin Moran it was an exceptional year coming from the height of captaining the Fitzgibbon Cup winners to losing an All Ireland final with his county and then bouncing back again to win county and provincial senior titles. His personal contribution to all of those successes was immense and he is a player who has firmly established himself at a young age as someone who will be very much to the fore in Waterford hurling in the coming years.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Timmy Hammersley
Course: Rec-Man
Nicknames: "The Hammer"
Club: Clonoulty/Rossmore

High Point in Sporting Career:

Beating LIT in the Fitzgibbon Final 2008,

Third Level Honours: 1 Fitzgibbon Cup,

1 Fresher Hurling shield, Ulster Bank
Rising Star 2009

Other Achievements: 3 West Senior Titles, 1 Munster U-21

Other Sports: None, I Love Hurling!!

Players you admire: Dick Martin, Declan Ryan and the 3 Bonners, Cormac, Colm and Conal.

Most Memorable game for W.I.T.:

Fitzgibbon Cup final 08 V LIT, so many twists and turns in a remarkable game.
Also the 2009 Fitzgibbon ¼ Final v. LIT. Going down to LIT's back yard and winning was a great achievement.

What do you like about WIT GAA Club:

The Friends made and Bus Journeys Home.

Best Sporting event Watched/Witnessed:

Ireland V Wales 2009 6 Nations, The 1997 County Final between Clonoulty and Mullinahone. Joe Hayes' cartwheel in the Munster Championship around 1989!

Favourite Food: Can't beat a bit of Bacon and Cabbage

Favourite Film: Taken . . . Unreal!

Favourite Music: Irish Music, The Saw Doctors and am partial to a bit of T.I.

Ambitions in Life: Avoid the dole!!

Ideal Date: Julia Roberts ...



The Path to Ashbourne Glory 1998 - 2009 by Jacqui O'Connor

Patience is a virtue and success comes to those who wait and these phrases epitomises the WIT Camogie clubs 10-year Ashbourne Cup history. One could say it could be both one of admiration for the three Ashbourne titles won and one of contempt for the ones they failed to secure.

WIT's Ashbourne camogie trail began in 1998, where they reached the Ashbourne Cup final against UCC only for heartbreak to ensue with the last puck of the game sending WIT into disarray and UCC into exhilaration. However this was to be the driving force behind the two-year success story that was to follow. The 1999 campaign brought with it a fresh horde of first years, who were astonished with the sincere passion and drive worn on the sleeves of the girls whose Ashbourne dreams of 1998 was crushed. In the semi final stages WIT faced a strong physical NUIG outfit. WIT fought hard and their unerring fighting attitude paved the way to their second Ashbourne cup final in two years. The memories of '98 still etched in the faces of the stalwarts who braved the pitch that day, resulted in WIT's empathic win over UCC. The celebrations, which followed, along with the stories told will live long in the memory of the Ashbourne cup panel of '99.

The 2000/2001 season was one of misfortune having lost a number of key players, nevertheless WIT was still instantly seen as being strong contenders. Unfortunately an element of contempt set in the camp and WIT regretfully bowed out of the competition of the semi-final stages against UCD. 2001 brought with it a rejuvenated approach however a defeat in the league campaign, which saw WIT, overpowered by a 19 points defeat by UCC, this marked the start of an incredible journey. It was evident from the degrading defeat that nothing would be taken for granted with players showing their alliance and dedication, sheer hard work and camaraderie to achieve what many presumed the unachievable. WIT faced undoubtedly a highly fancied UCC team in the semi-final stages. A battle was to follow where each WIT player took centre stage where they stood up and were counted resulting in a remarkable team performance. Conversely a tougher test followed with UL waiting the in the wings having had an easy path to the final. It was a fairy-tale match where WIT trailed by seven points with five minutes remaining and UL undoubtedly having one hand on the cup. Unbelievably WIT scored two goals and two points in the dying stages and victory was snatched. WIT were duly crowned Ashbourne Cup Champions for the second time in three years.

A famine then blighted the WIT camogie team from 2001 to 2007 where they never reached their full potential having the players was not alone the key ingredient but it was that element of luck that failed to shine. 2008 saw their level of disappointment beginning to take a u-turn where they reached the Ashbourne Cup final only for their path to glory being sabotaged by an experienced UCD contingent. However it was UCD that felt the wrath of WIT's long absence from Ashbourne glory and when in 2009 they disposed of UCC in the semi-final all that stood in their way were their old rivals UCD. Being beaten once would have been tolerable but to be beaten twice in two years was inconceivable. WIT brought with them an element of play that secured WIT their first Ashbourne title in '99, which was sheer heart, passion and camaraderie. All of which have been passed down through the years in not alone camogie but all codes of the club and will continue to do so in the future. WIT fought tirelessly and were given their due rewards when the final whistle blew and WIT secured their third Ashbourne title after an absence of eight years.

It must be said that this success would not have unfolded but for the work behind the scenes of the GAA club. When it all began in 1981 each and every player gone through its doors have witnessed the professionalism given to each code, the standard that were set and the pure and utter pride that the club had and still has to offer speaks in it self. This club is the reason that the college is to the fore of third level GAA. Not only serving as an ambassador to the players who wear the blue white and red and also the college as a whole. This club knows the value of its members and it's these values that have brought the club to the highest level.

Camogie in WIT is on the rise once again and hopefully it will continue to do so in the foreseeable future. Ten years have gone by extremely quickly but in the space of these years, three Ashbourne titles and three league titles have been secured. Undoubtedly it is not alone the materialistic elements that these players treasure but the memories that were had, life long friendships that were made and predominantly the philosophy of WIT GAA club which has continued to strive in each individual long after their college playing days have elapsed.



Ashbourne Panel of 1999

Waterford IT GAA Scholarships 2009

WIT Sport and Recreation Department Awarded 30 GAA Students scholarships in 2008-09. These were split across all years in the college. Munster Council sponsored 9 of these scholarships. Those successful students are as follows:

Camogie:

Stacey Redmond (Wexford), Aine Fahey, Collette Dormer, Anne Dalton and Kelly Ann Cotterell (All Kilkenny), Therese Shortt (Tipperary)

Ladies Football

Jenny McEvoy (Laois), Nora Dunphy (Waterford) and Donna Berry (Kildare)

Men's Gaelic Football

Mark Molloy and Ben Brosnan (Both Wexford), Ger Dunne and Shane Kelly (Both Offaly), Jonathon Booth (Laois), Brendan McGarr (Wicklow), James Ryan (Limerick)

Hurling

Shane Fives, Adrian Power, Stephen Power and Noel Connors (All Waterford), TJ Reid (Kilkenny), Conor Cooney, Enda Barrett and Ger Griffey (All Clare), Fintan O'Leary (Cork), Brian O'Meara, Stephen Lillis, Timmy Hammersley, Ray McLoughney and Michael Sheedy (All Tipperary).

Interested in applying for a Scholarship?

There are a number of scholarships available to prospective and current WIT Students. These are split into Gold, Silver and Bronze. Munster Council also fund 9 GAA Scholarships. Applicants for Munster Council Scholarships must be from Munster to be eligible.

For more information on the Scholarships please call in to the WIT GAA Office or into Clubs and Societies Office. Both are located in the courtyard by the WIT Card Office.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Noel Connors

Course: BBS 1

Nicknames: Noeli

about Freshers. But we'll give it a crack next year!

Best sporting event watched/witnessed:

It would have to be the All-Ireland Colleges Finals last year v. Thurles. Draw and replay

Favourite Food:

Steak

Favourite Film:

Remember the Titans

Favourite Music:

Dance

Ambitions in Life:

Get a good job and have a good hurling career

Ideal Date:

It would have to be Cheryl Cole . . . Great personality I hear!



High Point in Sporting Career:

Captaining De La Salle to Harty & All Ireland Colleges in 2008

Other Achievements: 2 Hartys & 2 All-Irelands. Represented Waterford at all levels up to senior

Other Sports: Football & Soccer

Players you admire: My Dad and Henry Shefflin

As a first year what are your thoughts on WIT GAA Club:

It's an excellent set up. Everybody gets on so well across the codes, its like a big family! On the hurling, it is definitely a step up in intensity. Was disappointed not to be able to play Fitzgibbon this year because of the new rule brought in

Fundraising

W.I.T. GAA club has been successful over the past number of years but all this success comes at a price. The club fields over 15 teams throughout the year. These include Hurling, Football, Ladies Football and Camogie. Between all the codes the club organises over 100 games a year.

Unfortunately, all clubs and societies need money to survive and flourish. The WIT GAA club is no exception in this regard. It's a dirty job, but someone has to do it, and in this case, someone means its members.

Remember, running a GAA club costs money. Lots of it. In order to provide games for all our members, from the intercounty senior player to the club junior performer, Each team costs a minimum of - wait for it - €7,000 to run during the season.

That's right. A minimum of €7,000, including expenses for travel, meals, gear and equipment. Add in the cost of weekend competitions and you get some idea of the difficulties in keeping the WIT GAA club on the financial straight and narrow. As a result members are asked to fundraise to help the running of the club by selling tickets for the various nights and draws through the year. At the end of the day its your club, built around you, built for you.

Or to put it another way the club needs you!!

Competition

This year club members will get free gear if they come up with good fundraising ideas that the club can put into practice for the coming year. So if you have fundraising ideas call up you the GAA office, submit your idea and get your free gear!!!

Prizes include numbered jerseys, hoodies, t-shirts, track suits etc...



Back in October 2007 Waterford Institute of Technology GAA Club were delighted to launch their new official sponsor of the club – Citi Hedge Fund Services (Ireland) Ltd.

Citi started operations in Waterford in November 2005 and already have a high percentage of WIT graduates in their employment. Both WIT GAA and Citi were delighted with the opportunity to team up in a sponsorship deal, which has immense benefits for both parties.

WIT GAA are delighted to be associated with such a progressive brand as Citi, while Citi are confident that WIT's ongoing success on the field of play will bring increased exposure to Citi in Waterford. It also looks that the sponsor has brought more luck this year to the club as the camogie club returned to the heights of third level camogie, winning the division 1 league and the Ashbourne Cup returned to Waterford once again.

Citi Hedge Fund Services are located in the Waterford Business and Technology Park on the Cork Road. The office provides services to the hedge funds industry globally, primarily providing fund accounting services.



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