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WIT GAA CLUB

Roll of Honour 1982-2011



1982-1983	Division 3 Hurling League.	1993-1994	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League.	2003-2004	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Intermediate Hurling.
1983-1984	Division 2 Hurling League.		Munster Freshers Hurling Championship.		Division 2 Freshers Hurling.
1984-1985	Division 3 Football League. Freshers Football League.		Ashbourne Shield (Camogie).		Intermediate Hurling League. Fresher Camogie Cup.
1985-1986	Division 1 Hurling League.	1994-1995	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Division 2B Intermediate Football League.	2004-2005	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling).
1986-1987	Division 1 Hurling League. Hurling Championship. Division 3 Hurling League. Freshers Football League. Munster Freshers Football Championship.	1995-1996	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Division 2 Football League.	2005-2006	Division 1 Hurling League. Freshers Camogie Shield.
1987-1988	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Ladies Football Championship. Munster Freshers Hurling Championship. Fitzgibbon Plate (Hurling).	1996-1997	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Ashbourne Shield (Camogie). Division 1 Ladies Football League.	2006-2007	Division 1 Fresher Hurling League. Fresher Hurling Shield. Fresher Camogie Shield.
1988-1989	Division 1B Intermediate Hurling League. Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Munster Freshers Hurling Championship. Freshers Camogie League. Division 1 Ladies Football League.	1997-1998	Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Division 1 Hurling League. Division 1 Camogie League. Division 3 Hurling League.	2007-2008	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Division 1 Camogie League. Freshers Ladies Football Shield.
1989-1990	Purcell Cup Camogie Championship. Division 2B Intermediate Football League. Division 2B Intermediate Hurling League.	1998-1999	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Ashbourne Cup (Camogie). Division 1 Camogie League. Division 1 Ladies Football League.	2008-2009	Ashbourne Cup (Camogie). Division 1 Camogie League. Freshers Ladies Football Plate.
1990-1991	Purcell Shield Camogie Championship. Division 1 Freshers Hurling League. Division 2 Football Trench Shield.		Division 1 Freshers Ladies Football Championship. O'Connor Cup Plate (Ladies Football).	2009-2010	Ashbourne Cup (Camogie). Division 1 Camogie League. Freshers 1 Camogie League. Munster Junior Football. Handball: 60x30 Open A Team. Mens A Singles. Mens B Singles.
1991-1992	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Division 1 Camogie League. Purcell Cup Camogie Championship. Division 1 Hurling League.	1999-2000	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Division 1 Hurling League. Division 1 Freshers Hurling League.	2010-2011	Ashbourne Cup (Camogie). Giles Cup (Ladies' Football). Munster Junior Football. Intermediate Hurling All Ireland. Handball: 60x30 A Team open. Men's A Singles ICHA 40x20 A Singles
1992-1993	Division 1 Camogie League. Purcell Cup Camogie Championship. Freshers Football League. Handball League and Championship.	2000-2001	Ashbourne Cup (Camogie).		
		2001-2002	Division 1 Hurling League. Division 1 Freshers Ladies Football Shield.		
		2002-2003	Fitzgibbon Cup (Hurling). Division 1 Freshers Hurling. Division 2 Freshers Hurling. Division 3 Ladies Football.		

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 18th 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 player profiles, blasts from the past, articles on last year's players and lots more about the GAA scene here in Waterford IT.



The GAA office is located upstairs in the Courtyard Building on the main Campus. It is opened Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 5.30pm 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) and Facebook link ([wit gaa](https://www.facebook.com/witgaa)) are updated regularly and feature information regarding all club activities.

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.

There is a team here for everyone who wants to play Gaelic Games with over 18 teams competing in 30 competitions each year in Gaelic Football, Hurling, Ladies Football, Camogie and Handball. 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.

We are very grateful to the WIT Clubs & Societies Finance Council and the GAA, Munster Council for their support over the last number of years. Without their continued support the GAA Club would not be what it is today.

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

We have had some great success and memories over the last year, winning the Ashbourne Cup for the third year in a row, winning the Giles cup for the first time in our history and winning the Intermediate hurling All Ireland. Off the field we hosted what was proclaimed as one of the best Fitzgibbon Cups in years along with hosting the Freshers Camogie All Ireland, all in our new sports campus.

No pressure but let's make this season even more special.

Conor Phelan, GAA Development Officer

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Fundraising

WIT GAA Club has been successful over the past number of years but all this success comes at a price. The club fields over 18 teams throughout the year. These include Hurling, Football, Ladies Football, Camogie and Handball. Between all the codes the club organises over 100 games a year.

Sadly, any club or society needs 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 and lots of it if we are to provide games for all our members, from the intercounty senior player to the club junior performer.

Expenses for buses, meals, gear, facilities and equipment all adds up. 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 throughout 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.

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WIT Hosting of the Ulster Bank Third Level Hurling Finals Weekend Proves a Huge Success both on and off the field

In February Waterford Institute of Technology GAA Club had the honour of hosting this year's third level colleges' hurling finals weekend; a weekend which was packed full of drama and top class hurling as the semi final and final matches of the Ulster Bank Fitzgibbon, Ryan and Fergal Maher Cups unfolded on the weekend of Friday, 25th and Saturday, 26th February. This was a huge honour for the Waterford IT club as it's only the club's third time to host this prestigious competition and for the first time the competitions were played in the state of the art WIT Sports Campus.

The weekend kicked off with the official opening of the WIT Sports Campus by the President of the GAA, Mr. Christy Cooney, on Friday February 25th. Mr. Cooney praised WIT for the development of such a top class facility and in his preview to the start of the games he stressed how he was eagerly looking forward to seeing all of the teams in action and wished everyone involved the very best of luck.

On the pitch UL, IT Tralee and St. Pats, Thurles were the big winners of the weekend; winning the Fitzgibbon, Ryan and Fergal Maher Cups respectively. Indeed the all Limerick Fitzgibbon Cup final between Limerick IT and UL proved a real show piece match for the competition on a glorious spring day here in Waterford, in a game that ebbed and flowed it took a goal deep in injury time from substitute Thomas O'Brien to claim the Ulster Bank Fitzgibbon Cup title for UL.

Weekend Results:

Ulster Bank Fitzgibbon Cup 2011

Semi Finals: LIT 0-18, UCC 1-13
Semi Finals: UL 0-15, Cork IT 0-13
Final: UL 1-17, Limerick IT 2-11

Ulster Bank Ryan Cup 2011

Semi Finals: IT Tralee 2-12, Trinity CD 0-7
Semi Finals: Carlow IT 2-20, Napier 0-7
Final: Tralee 1-17, Carlow 1-15

Ulster Bank Fergal Maher 2011

Semi Final: St. Pat's, Thurles 4-17, SRC 2-6
Semi Final: Cork CFE 2-13, Dundalk IT 1-10
Final: St. Pat's, Thurles 2-11, Cork CFE 1-4

The successful hosting of this prestigious weekend of hurling provided a huge profile boost for Waterford Institute of Technology on a national level. The thousands of supporters and participants who attended the 2011 Fitzgibbon Cup weekend enjoyed a well-organised and hugely enjoyable event. This event ran successfully because of the hard work done behind the scenes in the days, weeks and months before, during and after the weekend. The WIT committee worked diligently so that the club could host such a successful and vibrant sporting weekend. The WIT Sports Campus with its fabulous sporting facilities is now established as the training centre for not only WIT's sporting teams but also the Waterford county teams, from senior to development squads and its reputation as a sporting facility is growing daily.



Thank You

A huge thanks goes out to all who helped out during the event; a special thanks to our friends in De La Salle GAA Club for accommodating the Ryan Cup semi finals on Friday the 25th of February, thanks to the student and staff volunteers who gave up their free time unreservedly, kudos to the WIT Fitzgibbon Cup committee for their fantastic organisation on so many levels, a word of praise to Ulster Bank for their sponsorship of the event and a huge appreciation from all of us here in WIT to the Comhairle Ardoideachais, the Munster Council and Waterford County Board for their support and guidance throughout the last year in the lead up to the event.



WIT Fresher Football

by Alan Malone

While the WIT Fresher Footballers did not bring home any silver wear last year there were plenty of positives to be taken from this group of players. Three league games in which we drew home advantage in all, were played against UCC, CIT and UL while challenge games included IT Carlow, Kildalton Agricultural College, Gaultier, Knockbeg College and Tipperary minors before facing UCD at home in the championship. The team had representatives from a variety of counties including Wexford, Laois, Wicklow, Kildare, Waterford and Clare.

With such a big turnout at the beginning of the year, we were able to field a Freshers 1 and 2 team in each of our league games which gave all the lads an opportunity to stake a claim for the Fresher 1 team come championship. WIT were defeated convincingly against a far superior UCC side in our first league game in Cleaboy. The lads battled hard throughout but were unable to match a side full of Cork and Kerry county players. Our second game against CIT was a game WIT left behind. Failure to take our chances resulted in us being on the wrong side of the score line at full time despite the best efforts of Luke Thomas, Graeme Cullen and Shane Murphy in defence while up front Clare senior Aaron Considine and Laois minor Evan Costello caused trouble for the away side. UL at home was our final league game which was played on the astro turf pitch at Carriganore. Two early goals for the away side created a huge task for WIT to overcome and at half time



Emmet Malone in action

UL seemed to be on their way to victory. But huge credit to the spirit of the lads in the second half as they came out all guns blazing and totally dominated UL all over the field outscoring the away side 9-3 in the second half. Unfortunately UL had just enough of a lead to hold out in a tense final few minutes. Big performances on the day came from top scorer Evan Costello, Luke Thomas, Craig McLoughlin and Laois trio Oisín Carroll, Shane Murphy and Emmet Malone. The comeback was proof that the side was going in the right direction with huge improvements being made in each of the games as we progressed.

There were great turnouts at training all year and credit must go to the lads for the huge commitment they gave despite results not going WIT's way. Having drawn UCD in the championship WIT were always going to be underdogs going into the game.

UCD dominated the first fifteen minutes of the game which included a freak goal from a 21 yard free. WIT came into the game then through scores from the hard working Paddy O'Rourke and Evan Costello. UCD showed there class as the game went on and their Wexford full forward Matthew O'Hanlon was in superb form from placed balls kicking 1-11 from frees. Things got worse for WIT when we were reduced to 14 men. The lads kept playing until the end and those who gave a good account of themselves on the day were Player of the Year Luke Thomas, Luke Middleton and Shane Murphy who tried hard in defence, while Stephen O'Keefe, James Brennan, Paddy O'Rourke battled to the end. It was a disappointing finish to the year for the lads who had put in such a big effort.

Despite results not going our way, there is no question that a large number of these players have what it takes to stake a claim on the WIT men's team next year. Team captain Emmet Malone and wing back Shane Murphy were called up to the men's team this year and it is hoped many more will follow next year.

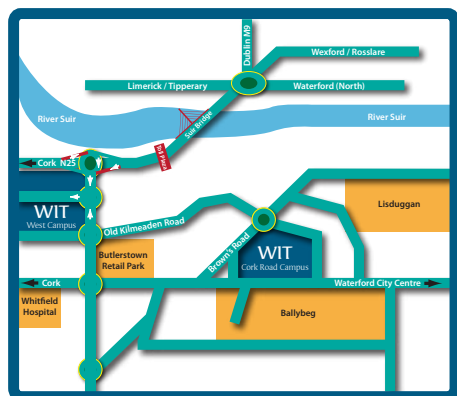
Fresher Football Panel 2011:

Emmett Malone (C), Bob O'Doherty (VC), Laurence Kenny, Luke Middleton, Luke Thomas, Oisín Carroll, Andy Holt, Graeme Cullen, Shane Murphy, Stephen O'Keefe, James Brennan, Aaron Considine, Paddy O'Rourke, Gavin Nugent, Evan Costello, Niall Murphy, Damien Fitzpatrick, Ian Power, Paul Foley, Karl Rennick, Robert O'Brien, Eoin Kennedy, Brian Codd, Brian Conway, Cormac Whooley, Craig McLoughlin, Adam Ibrahaim, Redmond McEvoy, James Doyle, Enda Foley, Ian Sheehan, William Clynych, Denis Coffey.

Directions to WIT Sports Campus

From Dublin or Limerick,

- Take the N25 signposted Cork across the new Suir Bridge.
- Take the first left after the toll plaza, signposted Waterford South, Tramore.
- Stay left onto the outer ring road. At the WIT West Campus roundabout, take the second exit, the Sports Campus is on your left.



From Cork,

- Take the N25, signposted Dublin, Rosslare, at the Kilmeaden roundabout take the second exit.
- On that road take the first exit left, signposted Waterford South, Tramore.
- Come across the flyover onto the outer ring road.
- At the WIT West Campus roundabout take the second exit. The Sports Campus is on your left.

From Waterford,

- Take the old N25 Cork Road to the roundabout at B&Q.
- Take third exit, travelling towards the roundabout on the old Kilmeaden Road.
- Take the second exit which will bring you to the WIT Sports Campus roundabout.
- Take the first exit: WIT Sports Campus is on the left.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Aaron Considine
Course? BA Business

Nicknames? Arnie

High Point in Sporting Career?
Playing for Clare hurling and football.

Third Level Honours? Captain of the freshers hurling team and receiving a scholarship.

Other Achievements? Playing for Clare handball.

Other Sports? Soccer, handball.

Favourite Player To Watch Growing Up? DJ Carey

Favourite Cartoon As A Kid? Scooby Doo

My Earliest Sporting Memory Is?
When Clare won the 1995 All Ireland.

Funniest person in the WIT GAA Club is? Paul Foley

When You Were Growing Up What Did You Want To Be? A Garda

My Most Treasured Possession? My dog

Biggest Insult? Being called a ginger when I'm not

My Signature food dish Is? Pizza

Stranded On An Island, What Are Your 3 Essential Items?
Phone, pizza, a pair of speedos.

Stranded On An Island, Who Would You Most Like To Keep You Company?
Megan Fox, I'm sure we could think of something to do.

Favourite book? Roy Keane's autobiography



ASHBOURNE CUP 2011 — A Season in the Sun *by the Jacobs*



Ashbourne Cup Champions, 2011

There is something very special and almost magical about “three-in-a-row” in any sport and having won the Ashbourne Cup in 2009 and 2010 the management and players in WIT had a special aim and ambition in 2011. Admittedly, we took it “one game at a time” and always focussed on the immediate task in hand but there was that unspoken yearning to make our own bit of WIT history and bring the prestigious Ashbourne Cup and title back to Waterford for the third year on the trot.

Twenty-one players from last year’s panel were available again this year, among them two current Camogie All-Stars, Ann Dalton (Kilkenny) and Katrina Parrock (Wexford) as well as Waterford’s Trish Jackman, the holder of a “Soaring Star” award.

In the quarter-final WIT were pitted against NUIG and led by 2 goals 4 points to 4 points at the interval. A resurgent NUIG team dominated the first twenty minutes of the second half and reduced the deficit to two points but, as the saying goes, “when the going gets tough, the tough get going” and so the WIT players, sensing the danger, upped their performance and finished strongly to win on a score line of 3 goals 8 points to 9 points. WIT were very strong defensively thanks to excellent displays from Ann Dalton and Colette Dormer,

while Michelle Quilty (2 goals 3 points), Denise Gaule (1 goal), Katrina Parrock (2 points), Katie Power (1 point), Patricia Jackman (1 point) were always threatening up front.

The University of Limerick were WIT’s opponents in the semi-final and thanks to a concerted team-effort, the representatives from the south-east out-goaled their opponents by 4 goals 9 points to 6 points. Once again team- captain, Ann Dalton, led by example, aided superbly by Trish Jackman, Kay Ryall and Stacey Redmond while the Offaly midfield pairing of Jean Brady and Lorraine Keena added to their growing reputations of non-stop, tireless effort in pursuit of victory. Once again, the forward sextet clocked up an impressive score with some great work and movement from Fiona Morrissey and Karen Kelly, this signified WIT’s intentions and ambition, in no uncertain manner.

The Ashbourne final was a repeat of last year’s decider against U.C.C. who had won the 2011 league final, and featured many stars of the game, including Orla Cotter and Denise Cronin (Cork) along with Fionnuala Carr and Grainne Kenneally. WIT got off to the best possible start when a long delivery from Katrina Parrock deceived the goal-keeper to finish in the net and from then until the interval the Waterford representatives were in control, leading by 1 goal 6 points to 2 points at the break. Elegant and determined defending, intelligent mid-field play, superb shooting and clinical finishing combined with leadership and never-say-die attitude from each and every one of the team ensured that WIT retained their title in style and created WIT history by becoming the

first camogie team from the college to win three-in-a row. Full-time score: WIT 2 goals 10 points. UCC: 2 goals 2 points. In the qualifiers, semi-final and final WIT amassed a total of 9 goals 27 points while conceding only 2 goals 17 points of which only 8 points were from play.



Denise Gaule sets up another score

Following their impressive displays over the weekend, seven of our players were awarded Ashbourne All-Star awards. Congratulations to Colette Dormer (corner back), Ann Dalton (wing back), Trish Jackman (wing back), Katrina Parrock (midfield), Katie Power (centre forward), Denise Gaule (full-forward), and Michelle Quilty (corner forward). In addition, Katrina Parrock, for the second successive year, was adjudged “Player of the Tournament” while at the W.I.T. awards ceremony later in the year Ashbourne winning captain, Ann Dalton received the accolade of “Overall WIT Sports Person of the Year” to become only the second camogie player to get this prestigious award that had also been won in 2010 by last year’s captain- (and now part of this year’s

Katie Power celebrates



Katrina Parrock wins possession

successful management), Ursula Jacob. Also, the victorious team were awarded the “WIT Sports Team of the Year”.

W.I.T. also hosted the Freshers’ Tournament this year and reached the final where they were defeated by UCC. The experience gained in that campaign will stand the young participants in good stead in future

Anne Dalton by Daragh Ó Conchúir

Even if you hail from the moon, you know about the symbiotic relationship between Kilkenny and the *camán*. If children aren’t quite born with a hurley, one is thrust into their hands before they leave the delivery room.

That’s why the county has produced the likes of Meagher, Prendergast, Keher, Fitzpatrick, Carey, Shefflin and Walsh.

The art isn’t confined to the menfolk though. Okay, Kilkenny haven’t won a senior camogie All-Ireland since 1994, when the Ann Downey-captained team was annexing the Black and Ambers’ 12th title. The first had only been garnered 20 years earlier though, so their dominance of the game was even greater than what the hurlers have ever managed.

The 1985-91 seven-in-a-row was the central plank of that odyssey, as Downey and her legendary sister Angela, cut a swathe through the best of the rest.

After the inevitable wane – for such is the way of things – the last Kilkenny woman to be presented with the O’Duffy Cup is now manager of an up-and-coming unit that is pushing hard to end the famine.

Amongst those at the forefront of this drive is WIT graduate, Anne Dalton, a woman whose decision to study Legal Studies by the Suir was a significant piece in a jigsaw that has seen the college place an iron clasp on the Ashbourne Cup.

WIT had won the primary competition in third level camogie only twice in its history, in 1999 and 2001, when the young St Lachtain’s star made the short journey from Freshford. As a first year, she helped her side win its third title in 2009.

Last February, she was captain as WIT sealed a three-in-a-row that would have been absolutely impossible to envisage for even the most optimistic of the college’s Gaelic Games staff just a couple of years earlier.

Three years, three wins. It might be a coincidence but Leroy Jethro Gibbs of NCIS fame doesn’t believe in coincidences and in this case, he would be right.

The most recent successful team boasted 13 players with inter-county experience, including such luminaries as Wexford’s Katrina Parrock and fellow Kilkenny player, Michelle Quilty, but Dalton – operating at centre-back despite her excellence as an inter-county midfielder – was a real driving force.

Ashbournes and in their club and county competitions in the coming years.

For the record the Ashbourne management of 2011 consisted of Helena Jacob, Conor Phelan and Ursula Jacob. A huge thanks also to James Meagher for his support and advice throughout the year, from carrying the water bottles to compiling stats.

Looking back on 2011 evokes feelings of supreme satisfaction, immense gratitude and justifiable pride! Veni! Vidi! Vici! Take a bow- WIT players, management and all the support staff! Hard work, commitment, honest endeavour, excellent preparation, skill, ambition, self-belief and the total acceptance that “there is no I in team” were the ingredients that produced our unforgettable year and welded us together in friendship and in sport. We had joy, we had fun and we certainly had a “Season in the Sun”! Roll on 2012!

Being modest, she will name others, such as Denise Gaule, Katie Power, Trish Jackman, Colette Dormer and Ursula Jacob – who returned to be a selector in 2011 – but this is a born leader. Little wonder that the 23-year-old dreams of joining the Garda Síochána. It’s the type of responsibility that will sit lightly on her shoulders.

Dalton’s memories of life in WIT are extremely positive because life on campus mirrored what happened within the Gaelic games structure.

“It was good *craic*. With the camogie team, it was like a club. Everyone was always hanging around together.

“Throughout the GAA set-up, the teams get anything they want. They give you great support. If you have any troubles with college study-wise or anything like that, you go to them. They do everything for you and you mightn’t get that in other colleges.

“It’s because it’s so close-knit and you’re all friends. It’s like that throughout the college though. You’re seeing the same faces every day. Because of that, you meet people in WIT that you will talk to for years after.”

Throughout our conversation, it is clear that Dalton values the team over individual glory. When asked what the highlight of her time in WIT was, she wavers a bit before making an emphatic decision.

“It would have to be a tie I think between the first (Ashbourne Cup) and the last. I captained WIT this year and that was a highlight for me, but the feeling after the first Ashbourne win was unreal.”

At this point, she pauses, to consider the matter further.

“It’s probably the first one. The first one is always the best.”

Then she teases it out further.

“No-one gave us a chance. Everyone thought UCD were going to beat us. We just put in a pure team performance. It has to be the first one.”

It’s the same with winning an All-Star at the end of last year.

“It’s great to get the awards but I’d trade them all in for an All-Ireland medal.”

That’s the Holy Grail, a dream that has been harboured since childhood,

“I would have had older sisters. So, when you go out when you’re younger, you just play around and hop off each other.”



Michelle Quilty breaks through again

Ashbourne Cup Panel 2011:

Kristina Kenneally, Collette Dormer, Sarah Anne Fitzgerald, Kay Ryall, Stacey Redmond, Ann Dalton, Patricia Jackman, Jean Brady, Lorraine Keena, Michelle Quilty, Katie Power, Edwina Keane, Katrina Parrock, Denise Gaule, Karen Kelly, Fiona Morrissey, Maggie Hogan, Bridin Doyle, Marguerite Doyle, Caitriona Shortt, Ailish Dunphy, Stefanie Baesusang, Aine Doran, Lorraine Cass, Andrea Mangan, Sheena Ryan, Aisling Flood, Mary-Rose Lyng, Mairead O Connor.

The skills were honed and polished at Freshford Primary School and then at all-conquering St Lachtain’s.

Graduation to Kilkenny colours was inevitable and with Lachtain’s winning copious county titles, so too was the fact that she would be asked to skipper the Nore-siders. As noted already, leading from the front is her style anyway. Might as well make it official.

Unfortunately, Kilkenny lost the 2009 All-Ireland to Cork before falling just short in last year’s league decider. Dalton describes the captaincy as “an honour and a privilege”. She would have enjoyed collecting a trophy, and especially succeeding her manager in being presented with the O’Duffy Cup. But what she craves is the victory itself; the glory for the squad, for the county.

“We had a handful of 18-year-old-players coming up against a team like Cork (in 2009). The day got to us but two years is a long time in camogie. A good few of the girls have gone through the college system and it is a stepping stone. It does take you from minor and helps you get used to county senior a lot faster.

“To lose by a point in injury time was very disappointing. But they were a good bit ahead of us and we pulled it back so that showed we never say die. So we had to take the positives from the game, that we could pull something like that back.”

It is significant that in describing Kilkenny’s progress, she credits the colleges. WIT did that job for Anne Dalton but she returned the favour in spades and secured her place in the annals of WIT camogie.



Intermediate Hurling 2011



Intermediate Hurling Champions, 2011

This year saw WIT host the Fitzgibbon weekend which was noted as a remarkable success but unfortunately the WIT senior hurlers didn't make it to the semi finals after a hard fought group stage. This left the Intermediate team panel with inter county players like Paddy Nolan and Eoin Moore at the disposal of the management and with players from 8 different counties, picking this team would prove difficult.

WIT's first outing was against GMIT in Carnmore just outside Galway City. This was definitely one of the most bizarre games that was every played. After only 15 minutes gone, GMIT had racked up a score of 5:02 to WIT's 1:02. A tactical switch saw Joe Kelly revert to full back to weather the storm, this switch proved crucial as it helped WIT fight back the huge deficit. By half time there was only 8 points between the teams. The second half saw WIT making a serious challenge with Tommy Kavanagh and Daniel Murphy showing well in the forwards and Martin Power and Eoin Moore tight at the back. After clawing their way back, WIT went ahead with another point by Kavanagh and with the final play of the game GMIT dropped a free short and with that the ref blew the final whistle, WIT were now through to a mouth watering clash against their bitter rivals LIT in the semi final.

The LIT game wasn't that exciting as WIT came away with an 8 point victory showing good form. It was a lack lustre first half with the only high point a well worked goal by WIT with the half time score 1:10 to 0:05. The second half saw LIT throw everything at the Waterford students with little return as they racked up the wide count. Two late goals proved only a consolation as WIT won out 1:17 to 2:06.

The 10th March was the date set for the final game in this year's Intermediate Hurling Championship, WIT verses CIT in the new state or the art WIT Sports Campus. The game ebbed and flowed throughout the first half with a strong wind at the backs of the CIT side who failed to capitalise and they couldn't take advantage as WIT went in at half time with a two point lead. With 30 minutes left to play WIT were not prepared to leave the cup behind, intending to make up for the seniors' blunders earlier in the year. Joe Kelly was introduced at half time and maybe this

on a couple more points. With minutes remaining CIT were pushing strong for an equaliser with only 3 points in it, the WIT backs held firm and closed down every attack. The final whistle blew with a score line of WIT 1:13 to CIT 2:07. Eddie Hickey who had a great game both from play and place balls collected the cup on behalf of the hard working WIT side. On the day great performances were given by Martin Power, Luke O'Loughlin, Adam Brophy and Paddy Nolan as well as a huge team effort given by all.



John Cahill on the move.



Tommy Kavanagh on the attack

was the switch that changed the match. As the half went on it was point for point with WIT still leading, until Kelly fielded a high ball on the edge of the square, turned his man to rattled the net. In the driving seat now WIT tagged

Intermediate Hurling Panel 2011:

Kieran Hammersley, Joe Fennelly, Paddy Nolan, Cathal Whelan, Luke O'Loughlin, Mattie O'Donnell, John Cahill, James Gahan, Bernard Burke, Adam Brophy, Martin Power, Eddie Hickey, Tommy Kavanagh, Shane O'Donnell, Daniel Murphy, Derek Deegan, Joe Kelly, Daniel Wall, Donnach Mulcahy, John Corcoran, David Corcoran, Darren Duggan, Stephen Gunning, Ciaran Boyle, Derek Butler, JP McGrath. **MISSING:** Eoin Moore, Aidan McGrath. Congratulations to all involved with a management team made up of Benny Kenny and especially to Alan Roche.

Eugene McKenna receives GAA President's Award

It was a proud day for the McKenna family and the WIT GAA Club when the club's founding father was awarded the "Third Level GAA Presidents' Award 2011". This was for his outstanding contribution towards gaelic games in the third level sector.

Eugene arrived from Monaghan to Waterford RTC in 1979 as an engineering lecturer and helped establish a GAA Club in the college. He has been a driving force behind the development of Gaelic Games in WIT and the wider third level community. He is a self-confessed GAA fanatic who also spent 17 years on Central Council.

These annual awards are honoured to long standing GAA volunteers who have served the association with distinction in their chosen field over a prolonged period. All recipients were chosen by Uachtarán Chumann Lúthchleas Gael, Criostóir Ó Cuana and have been drawn from across all strands of the Association and represent all codes and disciplines from the wider GAA family.

2011 winners in full:

Third Level

Eugene McKenna, WIT GAA Club, Waterford

Munster -

Johnny Butler, Doon, Limerick

Michael Looney, Dr. Crokes, Kerry

Ulster -

Margaret McConville, Crossmaglen,

Armagh -

Paul Doris, Dungannon Clarkes, Tyrone

Connacht -

Paddy Mulvey, Shannon Gaels, Roscommon

Gerry Mahon, Seán Ó Heslins, Leitrim



Eugene McKenna being presented with his award from GAA President, Christy Cooney

Leinster -

Fiontan Mac Ginneártaí, Gaeil Colm Cille, **Meath -**

John Curtis, Ballyhogue, Wexford

Camogie -

Katie Forde, Croydon Camogie Club, London

GAA Handball -

Br. Finbar Spring, St Augustines College, Waterford

GAA Rounders -

Joe O'Donoghue, President, Rounders Council of Ireland

Ladies Football -

John Joe Brady, Mullahoran, Cavan

Scór -

Micheál Mac Conmara, Rúnaí Scór Na Mumhan

Overseas -

Brian Farmer, Canada GAA

Family Award -

The Earley Family



*(Back: from left):
Gerry O'Connell, Conor Phelan, Paul Quirke, Tom McCabe,
(Front: from left): Eugene McKenna and Michael O'Halloran.*

Waterford Institute of Technology Results for Handball 2010/2011

2010 ICHA 60 x 30 Intervarsities

Nicky Anthony (Waterford IT) retained his All-Ireland 60x30 intervarsities men's A singles title hosted by Kilkenny. The Waterford IT student defeated David Walsh UCC, Ciaran Neary DCU and in the final defeated Seamus O'Carroll Limerick IT in a fantastic final by 12-21, 21-16, 11-7. It was Nicky Anthony's 3rd successive 60 x 30 Intervarsity singles title in a row.

Waterford IT retained their A team title having defeated IT Tralee and had a 90-48 win over DCU in the final. The Waterford IT team consisted of Nicky Anthony, Patrick Funchion, Mick Fennelly and Patrick Nolan.



2011 ICHA 40x20 Singles Intervarsities

Patrick Funchion representing Waterford Institute of Technology and from Kells Handball Club, Co. Kilkenny won out the men's A ICHA 40x20 singles intervarsities handball competition in Kingscourt.

He defeated Tommy McGrath (UCC), Mark McGowan (UCD) and Cathal Hannon (UL). The men's A final was held in Kingscourt, Co. Cavan on Sunday 6th February, 2011 where he met Niall O'Connor (IT Tallaght) and defeated him in a great display of handball in 2 straight games 21-5, 21-12.

Nicky Anthony represented Waterford IT in the mens open singles. He displayed great skill and determination but unfortunately did not make the final.

WIT Men's Football 2010-11 *by Tom McCabe*

It was a case of so near and yet so far for WIT men's footballers in 2010-11 as they reached the final of both the league and Trench Cup, only to fall short on both occasions, losing the league final to a strong IT Tralee side in January and losing the Trench Cup final to St Patrick's College, Drumcondra in UCD. However, on a positive note, the intermediate footballers retained the Munster intermediate title. It was a roller coaster year which began with a challenge match in Stradbally on a bitter autumn evening and finished up with a heart breaking defeat in the Trench Cup final in UCD.

WIT's league campaign got underway against Mary Immaculate College in Limerick on 13th October. WIT started the match brightly and built up a substantial half time lead in their first competitive outing of the year. Strong performances from Stephen Prendergast, Niall Walsh, Peadar Burke and Cathal McNally lead WIT to a 1-17 to 0-7 point win for WIT.

Next up for WIT was old rivals IT Tralee in Cloch Dubh, Cork on the 21st October. Missing a few intercounty players due to club championship commitments, WIT pulled out an extremely strong performance to win on a score line of 0-11 to 0-7 points in a hard fought encounter. With the scores level with 12 minutes to go, IT Tralee missed a penalty. Following on from this, WIT rallied and rattled off the final four points of the game. Best performances for WIT on the night came from Brian Rogers, Colm Coss, Kevin O'Grady and Donnacha Tobin.

This led WIT into a league quarter final against St Patrick's, Drumcondra at WIT

Sports Campus. On a wet and windy day, WIT came out on the right side of a two point win in a match that could have gone either way. An excellent penalty save on the stroke of half time by Mattie O'Donnell and an excellent goal from Offaly star Ross Brady were the two key moments in this scrappy encounter. Best performers on the day came from the aforementioned O'Donnell, Brady and Johnny Booth.

In the league semi final, WIT were faced with Belfast Metropolitan College in the Curragh. On a bitterly cold day, WIT started the game at a pace which BMC couldn't match and raced into a 0-7 to 0-1 halftime lead with Adam Brophy and Cathal McNally causing BMC considerable problems. Following on from this, WIT closed out the game in the second half and won out on a score line of 0-12 to 0-7. Best performers for WIT in this encounter were Shane Fox, Kevin O'Grady and Peadar Burke.

This led WIT into a league final against old rivals IT Tralee. This final was scheduled for the 1st of December but this match was rescheduled a number of times due to the unprecedented cold snap and eventually played on the 19th of January. However before that match took place WIT were faced with the task of taking on the All Ireland champions in the McGrath Cup on 9th January in Pairc Ui Rinn. WIT accounted for themselves well against the Cork men and went in three points down at half time, however Corks greater levels of physicality told in the second half and they ran out comfortable winners. However the game was good preparation for the league final and for the Trench Cup campaign.



Stephen Prendergast clearing his line

Then the attention switched to the league final against IT Tralee. The match was played in Mallow on 19th January. WIT started well and raced into a 0-3 to 0-0 lead with points from Cathal McNally and Ross Brady. However then Tralee took control for the remainder of the half and led at half time by 0-6 to 0-4. Tralee then came out and tagged on another couple of points. WIT then dominated the remainder of the game but Tralee were able to stay further ahead and win out on a 0-11 to 0-9 score line. Top performers for WIT on the evening were Shane Fox, Chris O'Connor, Colm Coss and Cathal McNally.

WIT did not have long to dwell on the disappointment of this defeat and were faced with The Law School in the 1st round of the Trench Cup in WIT Sports Campus on 9th February. WIT were hit with the loss of Ross Brady the week before this encounter with an unfortunate broken jaw. The big Offaly man would ultimately miss the entire Trench Cup campaign and was a major loss. WIT started strongly against The Law School with Adam Brophy scoring a well taken goal after a superb team move. Peadar Burke also netted another goal and WIT rallied after this and led at half time by 2-10 to 1-2. WIT controlled the second



WIT's Trench Cup panel

half and finished out 2-17 to 1-7 winners with Tommy Prendergast, Mark Molloy and Jamie O'Donnell all impressing.

Following on from this WIT were faced with another encounter with Belfast Metropolitan College. WIT went into this game missing a number of starting players from the previous match and were under pressure early on as BMC raced into a 0-2 to 0-0 lead. However WIT asserted control on the game after that with the new midfield pairing of Emmet Malone and Colm Coss causing all sorts of trouble and Adam Brophy controlling the game from centre forward. WIT went in at half time with a 0-8 to 0-4 points lead and were unlucky not to be further ahead following Emmet Malone's shot came back off the post after a great team move. WIT then dominated the second half with substitute David Tone finishing up with 2-1. WIT ran out comfortable winners in the end on a score line of 3-12 to 0-6. The match also signalled the return of Donnacha Tobin following a long term injury.

This led WIT into the Trench Cup finals weekend for the second year in a row where they were faced with familiar opponents in the semi final in the form of IT Tralee. This would be the fifth meeting of the two sides in two years and would prove to be a close affair. Once again WIT started off strongly with some fine scores from Emmet Malone, Cillian O'Keefe, Peadar Burke, Adam Brophy and a massive score from Tommy Prendergast put WIT into a 0-6 to 0-3 lead at half time. At the start of the second half both teams traded scores before the vital score of the game came when Emmet Malone scored the games only goal to put WIT into a six point lead. In a reverse of the league final, WIT were then able to see out the remainder of the game with some good points from Colm Coss, Adam Brophy and Emmet Malone along with some fantastic defending by the defence. WIT won through in the end on a score line of 1-9 to 0-9 with the Prendergast brothers, Cillian O'Keefe, Brian Rogers and Chris O'Connor all stand out performers for WIT.



Ross Brady in action against Cork in the McGrath Cup

The following day WIT faced St Patricks, Drumcondra in the Trench Cup final in UCD. Following the efforts of the previous day, WIT were unable to reach the heights of the following day against a Drumcondra team who had eased through their semi final against the British winners and started off strongly and with the aid of a fantastic goal led at half time by 1-4 to 0-2 with Colm



Cillian O'Keefe in the final

Coss and Mark Molloy getting WIT's two scores in the opening half. WIT started the second half strongly and tagged on a couple of points from Cillian O'Keefe and Chris O'Connor to cut the lead down to three points when St Patricks struck for another goal ten minutes into the second half. Following on from that St Patrick's were able to run out deserving 2-11 to 0-9 winners. Best performers for WIT on the day were Stephen Prendergast, Chris O'Connor, Peadar Burke and Cillian O'Keefe.

It was a disappointing end to a year where significant progress was made by the mens footballers. If further improvements can be made in the upcoming year, WIT will be sure to finally gain major silverware that was so agonisingly close this year. With a number of promising fresher footballers on the senior panel and experienced players from the last number of years, the future is bright for WIT.

On a more positive note, the WIT mens intermediate football team retained the Munster Intermediate Colleges League this year. Their campaign started off against UCC in a rain swept WIT Sports Campus in November and WIT prevailed in monsoon like conditions with a seven point winning margin. WIT then faced both IT Tralee and CIT in the one night in a blitz to determine the winners of the Munster intermediate football crown. WIT accounted for IT Tralee with a five point winning margin with Donal Doyle, Fintan O'Leary, Paul Farrell and Jamie O'Donnell excelling for WIT on another windswept night in Cork. Following on from this WIT

drew with CIT to retain their intermediate crown for another year. The major positive of the Intermediate team this year is that so many of the team went on to play Trench Cup football this year for WIT and strengthened the panel considerably.

A special word of thanks must go to Mark Ross and David Power who contributed to make this WIT men's football team the best prepared team ever from a strength and conditioning and coaching point of view. Special thanks must also go to Conor Phelan in the WIT GAA Office for all of his help and support throughout the year.

Trench Cup Panel 2011:

Brendan Redmond, Brian Rogers, Stephen Prendergast, Shane Fox, Mark Molly, Brendan McGarr, Chris O'Connor, Tommy Prendergast, Emmet Malone, Cillian O'Keefe, Adam Brophy, Peadar Burke, Jamie O'Donnell, Colm Coss, Cathal McNally, Mattie O'Donnell, Conor Doyle, Donal Doyle, Donnacha Tobin, Shane Murphy, Mark Dunning, Niall Walsh, David Doyle Murphy, David Tone, Niall O'Connor, Ross Brady, Fintan O'Leary, Shaun Kelly

PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Marguerite Doyle

Course? BBS Accounting

Nicknames?

Marge or Mag. Back home myself and my sister are known as the Brides!!

High Point in Sporting Career?
Winning 2 All Irelands with WIT in 2011

Third Level Honours?

Giles Cup 2011, Ashbourne Cup 2011, Freshers F'ball Shield 2007, Ladies Footballer of the Year 2011.

Other Achievements?

Wexford Ladies Football Captain 2010, 3 Senior Club F'ball titles, 1 Senior B Club Camogie title. Footballer of the Year FCI Secondary School Bunclody 2007.

Other Sports? Camogie

Favourite Player To Watch Growing Up?

Damien Fitzhenry... what a hero!!

Favourite Cartoon As A Kid?

Has to be Bosco!!!

My Earliest Sporting Memory Is?

Going down to the pitch to play ground hurling with the lads in St Pats!!

Funniest person in the WIT GAA Club is?

Nora Dunphy! Some woman for a verse of the Gambler!!

When You Were Growing Up What Did You Want To Be?

I used to tell my primary school principal not to retire until I come back to take his job!!

My Most Treasured Possession?

My All Ireland winning jersey with WIT!

Biggest Insult?

"The WIT Ladies Football team is made up of weaker counties such as Wexford"...

My Signature food dish is

Chopped straws and raws saquies!!

Stranded On An Island, What Are Your 3 Essential Items?

An inflatable dinghy to get me out of there, a bodyguard and a flask of tea!!

Stranded On An Island, Who Would You Most Like To Keep You Company? The WIT team!!

Favourite book?

Harry Potter. The only book I ever finished!!



“To Win Just Once” -- WIT Ladies Football Club Giles Cup 2011 *by Robin Croke*



Giles' Cup Champions, 2011

The WIT ladies football team are the 2011 Giles Cup champions, this achievement capped a memorable championship campaign; a campaign where the WIT senior team fought for every ball, trained and played hard and won their first piece of 3rd level silverware in 12 years.

Having enjoyed a good run in the league before Christmas before eventually losing out to NUI Maynooth in a league semi final that WIT felt was left behind them, it was the reaction to this defeat that would eventually shape the girls season. In the aftermath of this game the team made a pact that they would leave no stone unturned to finish the season in style and go one step further than in 2010 when they were beaten in the Giles Cup final. The experience of getting to the final and losing it in 2010 acted as a key motivation for the team and the influx of some super and committed new players into the club since that final as well as having a core group of 2010 survivors drove the team forward and ultimately led them to the promised land of All Ireland glory.

After a sustained period of training and challenge games the team opened up their Giles Cup campaign at home under lights in the WIT Sports Campus on Wednesday 2nd February against old rivals IT Tralee and after a rip-roaring match, full of thrills and spill, the teams finished level after both teams amassed an amazing 44 points between them, final score WIT 4 – 10 IT Tralee 5 – 7. WIT started well and raced into a 5-point lead but Tralee hit a purple patch mid way through the first half and eventually led by 7 points by the break. Things got worse for WIT when IT Tralee notched a further 1 – 1 in the opening minutes of the second half and at one stage the Kerry outfit led by 14 points. Most teams would have thrown in the towel at this stage but the WIT ladies showed all their fighting spirit when their backs were against the wall and goals from Stefanie Beusang, Loretta Gilbert and two from Marie Dargan reduced Tralee's lead to a point at the end of the hour and somehow WIT found the resolve to level the game when co-captain Clare Conlon floated over the equaliser under extreme pressure deep into injury time to leave both sides level at the final whistle on a score line of WIT 4 – 10 IT Tralee 5 – 7. WIT had a number of outstanding performers on the night; in particular Mags Revins, Marguerite Doyle, Marie Dargan and Donna Berry, who all caught the eye under the lights in Carriganore.

WIT's next game was an away trip to Limerick to face Mary I on Tuesday the 8th of February. WIT faced a stiff breeze in the first half and Mary I showed their quality in the opening thirty minutes to establish a 4 point half time lead, WIT were defending well after a rocky start and the forwards looked dangerous every time the ball was distributed into the oppositions half, a penalty from Clare Conlon kept WIT in touch and at half time the score line read Mary Immaculate 2 – 6 WIT 1 – 5. From the throw in Mary I broke through the heart of the WIT defence and it needed a fantastic save from the WIT keeper Sinead Whelan to keep the Waterford goal intact. This proved a huge turning point in the game and with sisters Nora and Anne Dunphy driving the team forward at every opportunity the WIT forwards really clicked into gear and were opening up the Mary I defence at will during this period of dominance. WIT kicked their scores when they were on top and the work rate from the entire team and the defending in every line of the field was commendable, the amount of blocks put in by the team showed the level of commitment to the cause the entire panel had drilled into them. Goals from Loretta Gilbert and Marie Dargan and a late point from Rosie Keogh proved the icing on the cake for WIT and at the final whistle the scoreboard read Mary Immaculate College 2-9 WIT 3-12; a 6 point win for the WIT girls. This was a real team effort and everyone played their part, most observers were of the opinion that the WIT backs were tremendous, with Marguerite Doyle and Lorna McCarthy repelling anything that was thrown at them on the left hand side of the WIT defence and that the movement and finishing power of the forwards was out of the top drawer. As is in most games hard work and teamwork proved the catalyst for the team's victory by the end of the game.

Having remained unbeaten in the group stages WIT topped the group and as a result went straight through to the semi finals and after the winners of quarter finals were known it would be St Pats Drumcondra who would be the team's semi final opponents. This match was played in glorious sunshine

in the WIT Sports Campus on the afternoon of Tuesday the 1st of March and it was St Pats who made the early running, knocking over the opening scores of the game to race into an early lead. WIT needed players to step up to the mark at this stage and it was now the time for Bridin Doyle, Lorna McCarthy and Kellie Mullan to shine as they stood up to everything St Pats could throw at them as the WIT girls stopped attack after attack from their opponents. At the other end the dynamic duo of Clare Conlon and Marie Dargan were proving a real handful for the Dublin college's defence and although they were living on scraps the two girls took every chance that came their way, including a Conlon goal that helped nudge WIT into a 3 point lead at the halfway mark in a tense game that was nip and tuck all the way. With a slight breeze at their back for the second half WIT went out determined to put the scores on the board and with Loretta Gilbert back to her best and Donna Berry and Mags Revins prompting from further out the pitch the team put on an exhibition of football in the last 30 minutes, another Conlon goal and numerous scores from the likes of Berry, Gilbert, Dunphy and Dargan finished the game as a contest. Nora Dunphy was imperious at centre half back and with little sis Anne covering every blade of grass in front, behind and beside her; St Pats could not live with the power and pace of the WIT machine.

We were now in the place we all wanted to be since the first training session in September and it would be IT Tralee who stood in the teams way and a place in history, the intensity in training



Wexford on Tour

stepped up a number of notches in the build up and the buzz of being involved in the final was obvious for all to see. Girls who hadn't seen competitive action as of yet were chomping at the bit to claim their place for the final and the quality of football and intensity of effort in the various training games that we played in the build up was a clear indication that this a panel of players on a mission to go one step further than in 2010.

UL hosted the 3rd level ladies football colleges weekend and as the Saw Doctor's memorable anthem "To win just once" blasted out of the speakers on the bus journey on that fateful Sunday morning, it was those lyrics that stuck in my head as we approached the UL campus. Our final team talk was made easy by the positive attitude and focus etched in every one of the players faces that day, nothing needed to be said; today was our day. When we stepped onto the UL pitch for the warm up it was obvious for all to see that this WIT team was not leaving the title



Mags Revins on the move

behind them no matter what was in store over the next hour. IT Tralee started better and notched the first score, WIT goalie Sinead Whelan was being called into action and responded in her usual magnificent fashion to stop a couple of certain goals. The WIT full back line were under pressure but with every ball were growing in stature and eventually would strangle the life from this much vaunted Tralee full forward line. The half back's were well on top, Nora Dunphy flanked by the 2 Doyle sisters were winning ball after ball and were feeding the effervescent duo of Dunphy and Mullan in midfield. Stefanie Beausang and Mags Revins were proving willing runners and excellent ball winners in the half forward line and Donna Berry at centre forward took the game to the Tralee defence on every given opportunity and it was a free from Donna that settled the team down and put them on the scoreboard after a succession of near misses. It was the inside line that would be vital for WIT to win this game and Loretta Gilbert was in flying form in the left corner and the every dangerous pair of Dargan and Conlon showed once again that they had the ability to sniff out scores from the slightest opportunity. Dargan proved this by crashing home a goal after being set up by Berry and Gilbert notched 2 points, just reward for her outstanding first half, which gave WIT a 1-4 to 4 point lead but Tralee grabbed an opportunistic goal on the cusp of half time to leave both teams level at the break at 1-4 apiece. The WIT girls knew they were well ahead in terms of chances created and possession but the Tralee keeper had kept her team in after pulling off some superb

stops and the WIT attack were unfortunate to have only 1-4 on the score board, the approach play was electric but the final pass or shot at the end of the move was just off the mark. On the flip side the team were getting their blocks in, defending for their lives all over the pitch, hunting in packs and everyone had really stepped up their level of performance after a sluggish start.

WIT opened the second half with a flurry of scores, Marie Dargan notched 2 points in rapid succession, Clare Conlon scored a wonderful score from an acute angle after a mazy run through 5 Tralee defenders and Loretta Gilbert scored her third point after Mags Revins put her through. Donna, Stefanie and Mags were getting through a lot of work in the half forward line, feeding the inside line and getting up and down the pitch in their own inimitable style. At the other end Tralee kept themselves in the game with a couple of their own scores to reduce WIT's lead to 2 points going into the last 5 minutes. A two point lead going into the closing stages of the game is the most dangerous lead in gaelic games as a goal at this stage would give Tralee the lead and in all probability, the cup. WIT's backs were heroic at this stage of the game, McCarthy, Mulachy and McEvoy were magnificent throughout and every time a Tralee player had the ball they swarmed around her like moths to the flame to snuff out the danger. The subs who came in; Deborah Foley, Gillian McGrath, Shannon McDonagh and Rosie Keogh gave the team much needed energy and when Nora Dunphy went down bravely for a ball she had no right to win she took a severe knock on the head for her efforts a well as the free from the ref. Such was her focus and determination that she was straight up, helped on her way up after a few choice words of encouragement from her younger sister Anne, "get

up off the ground, we've an All Ireland to win". Unbelievable stuff! After seeing this, myself and Noel knew that there was no way this team were leaving this cup slip from our fingers. Tralee went close but couldn't break through our defence and when the final hooter sounded it was WIT who were standing tall as Giles Cup champions after an epic and tense battle, final score WIT 1-8 IT Tralee 1-6.

WIT subs and supporters ran to the pitch to acclaim their heroes and co-captains and fellow WIT veterans Jenny McEvoy and Clare Conlon accepted the cup on behalf of a jubilant WIT panel from Pat Quill, president of the Ladies Gaelic Association. Left corner back Lorna McCarthy was awarded player of the match and was also the worthy recipient of a college All Star at the end of the tournament.

Credit to every single player on the panel who all grew in stature with every game, for this achievement. As was mentioned at all times throughout the year, success was down to the collective not any individual, every player involved in the panel made a massive contribution in a host of ways and the spirit in the camp was excellent. The level of commitment, the work ethic and intensity of effort the players brought to both training and the games for the 6 month college season proved the difference in the end and brought the reward of an All Ireland title ladies

football title back to WIT for the first time since 1999. A huge thank you must go to Conor Phelan in the WIT GAA Office for his invaluable work behind the scenes all year long, everything we needed was provided and this work cannot be measured over the course of a long season, to our physio Margo Heffernan who looked after the girls so well over the championship, to the large group of supporters who travelled to so many of our games over the years, particularly in Limerick on that Sunday afternoon in March; your support was much appreciated and it was fantastic to meet so many of the players friends and family after the game. Thanks to the various people who have done so much behind the scenes and on the training pitch over the season, in particular Michael Kearney, Brendan Doyle and Fr Odhran Furlong and to Tony and Davy on the buses who drove us all over the country in style. Last but not least to the main man, Noel Holohan, who left no stone unturned this season. To call Noel a football fanatic would not even come close! He lived, breathed, ate and drank WIT ladies football this season, is an outstanding coach and it was a huge honour for me personally to work with him since January, he gave the team everything for the entire season and there is no doubt that the girls responded to his level of commitment and expertise and got their just rewards. Undoubtedly one of the clubs stalwarts and a previous WIT gaffer, Lizzy Kent, pulled a rabbit out of the hat by recommending Noel last August!

Sunday the 20th of March 2011 will go down as a red-letter day for the WIT Ladies Football Club, it was the day when a group of talented, dedicated and focussed ladies footballers achieved their dream of winning an All Ireland title for WIT and did so by displaying all the attributes needed to be successful; heart, hunger, skill, technique, courage, fitness, determination and most importantly team work. It is a day that will live long in the memory and was just reward for a panel of players that embraced every challenge that presented itself as the year progressed; the bigger the game the better the girls played and winning the cup capped an amazing, memorable and enjoyable year for all involved.

WIT Giles Cup panel 2011:

Aisling Greene, Ann Dunphy, Bridin Doyle, Ciara Dunican, Clare Conlon, Deborah Foley, Deirdre O' Toole, Donna Berry, Edel Breathnach, Edwina O'Donnell, Eimear Bryant, Fionnula Cosgrave, Gillian McGrath, Jenny McEvoy, Kellie Mullan, Loretta Gilbert, Lorna McCarthy, Mags Revins, Marie Dargan, Mairead O' Connor, Marguerite Doyle, Nora Dunphy, Onora Mulcahy, Rachel Kumar, Rosanna Keogh, Sarah Fitzgerald, Sarah Healy, Shannon McDonagh, Sinead Corcoran, Sinead Whelan, Stefanie Beausang, Zoey Barry.



Clare Conlon heads for goal

All Ireland CCAO Fresher's hosted by WIT GAA Club 2011



Fresher Camogie panel, 2011

The All Ireland CCAO Freshers competition for 2010/2011 season was played at a sun drenched Carriganore, home to WIT's new sports campus. With close to 100 first year college students in action and a total of nine teams competing this resulted in 22 games being played in all, a busy series of matches over the course of the day. Extra time was required in the cup semi final so as to separate the hosts WIT and a very spirited DCU side. UCC's first team went on to run out very convincing winners in the cup final and were crowned worthy

freshers champions with Sinead O'Neill, their captain presented with the cup by Lynn Kelly of CCAO while the shield title went to NUIG.

Fine performances on the day for CIT came from Emma Forde, Maria Reidy and Ailín O'Donovan while from DCU Emma Brennan, Stacey Quirke and Hannah McInerney were excellent throughout. For the shield winners NUIG prominent throughout were Aishling Dunphy, Chloe Morey and Catriona Lee while some great performances for St Patrick's Drumcondra came from Aishling Brennan, Ciara O'Leary and Michelle Maher who worked solidly. For UL Aileen Sheehan and the Bolger sisters, Lisa and Linda were excellent and for the hosts WIT their captain Jean Brady along side Caitriona Short and Sinead Corcoran were in top form. For UCC some great displays came from across their three teams and outstanding for their winning side was their captain Sinead O'Neill who was awarded player of the tournament along side the very skilful Mackey sisters, Katrina and Pamela.



Caitrina Shortt clearing her line



Jean Brady being tackled

Sincere thanks to all of the players, referees, umpires and all who helped for all their work in hosting a great competition.

The results were as follows;

Group 1:

WIT 2-5 UL 1-8; St Patrick's College Drumcondra 0-6 UCC (2) 3-5; WIT 4-3 UCC (2) 3-0; UL 7-9 St Patricks Drumcondra 1-3; WIT 10-3 St Patricks Drumcondra 0-2 and UL 3-4 UCC (2) 3-2

Group 2:

UCC (1) 6-9 NUIG 0-9; DCU 3-3 CIT 0-2; NUIG 2-7 CIT 2-4; UCC (1) 4-14 UCC (3) 1-4; UCC (1) 4-8 CIT 2-3; DCU 4-14 UCC (3) 0-0; DCU 4-11 NUIG 5-3; CIT 4-12 UCC(3) 0-2; NUIG 4-5 UCC (3) 1-2; DCU 2-5 UCC (1) 4-0

Shield semi finals: UCC (2) 3-3 CIT 4-8 and NUIG 2-7 St Patricks Drumcondra 3-2

Shield final: NUIG 2-9 CIT 1-6

Cup semi finals: WIT 4-6 DCU 3-7 and UCC (1) 3-7 UL 3-5

Cup final: UCC (1) 5-8 to WIT 0-5

WIT Freshers Camogie Panel 2011:

Stefanie Beausang, Jean Brady (c), Kate O'Donoghue, Lorna Behan, Louise Curtin, Sarah Fitzgerald, Sinead Corcoran, Caitriona Shortt, Trisha Kiely, Maggie Collins.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Jean Brady

Course? Exercise & Health Studies

Nicknames? Jeanie, Jeanie baby, Jeanyboots, Beany, Squirt, Flash.

High Point in Sporting Career? 3 moments stand out in particular... Winning an Ashbourne medal with W.I.T, U-18A championship with my club and Intermediate All Ireland with Offaly in Croke Park.

Third Level Honours? Ashbourne All-Ireland 2011, W.I.T Freshers Camogie Player of the Year 2011, recipient of a W.I.T camogie scholarship.

Other Achievements? U-18 B, Junior and Intermediate All-Irelands with Offaly, Captain of Offaly Minor team in 2009, numerous county



championships with my club St.Sinchills, 2 Leinster schools championships and Runners up in All-Ireland school final 2008. Runners up in 2 All-Ireland Basketball finals with Sacred Heart School, Tullamore.

Other Sports? Basketball, football and soccer

Favourite Player To Watch Growing Up? Johnny Dooley

Favourite Cartoon As A Kid? The Rugrats

My earliest sporting memory is? Being inconsolable because I couldn't play in an under 10 blitz, then realizing when we arrived and everyone was tagging out that my mother had brought my gear in her bag and a bandage to strap up my injured thumb. Won my first county medal that day!!

Funniest person in the WIT GAA Club is?

Has to be Aine Doran... craziest and nicest person ever.

When you were growing up what did you want to be?

The owner of a crèche

My most treasured possession? Photo album of old memories.

Biggest Insult?

Class I/J slagging my Offaly accent and my traditional ways !!!

My Signature food dish is?

Anything really, my mammy has me well trained.

Stranded on an island, what are your 3 essential items? Mobile phone, hurl and a slotar... I'd surely find a tree or wall or somewhere to puck off of.

Stranded on an island, who would you most like to keep you company? Tommy Bowe... Yum !!!!

Favourite book?... hummmmm, FaceBOOK!

Freshers Hurlers Narrowly Lose Out

The Waterford IT Fresher hurlers of 2010/11 could probably be described as the unluckiest team. They lost out to Carlow IT for a league semi final spot on scoring average and lost the All Ireland Semi Final to Limerick IT by three points after extra time, but there were plenty of positives to take from the year.

Like most teams which come together for the first time there was always going to be a 'bedding in process' which resulted in an early league loss to Carlow which was followed by a narrow loss to UCD in an epic match, 2-17 to 0-22. Routine wins then followed against St Pat's, DCU & DIT.

A challenge in mid November against St Kieran's College ended in a draw before the bad weather took over and it wasn't until the

7th January that they saw action again, this time against John Lockes.

Further matches against CBS Kilkenny, Cork IT and St. Kieran's College put the Waterford men in a great position for the All Ireland quarter final v NUIG which they easily won by twelve points in extra time.

In the semi final a number of things went against the young Deise side when Eoin Madigan picked up an injury playing with De la Salle in the All Ireland Club semi final four days earlier and many border-line decisions going against them; with luck also deserting them on the day.

Future stars to note: Clare's Aaron Considine, Waterford's Jake Dillon, Eoin Madigan, Martin O'Neill, Laois's Ger Bourke and Willie Dunphy to name but a few whilst Kilkenny's Brian Byrne picked up Hurler of the Year.

The Fresher 2 lost out in the All Ireland semi final also where they put up a spirited performance against a much stronger UCD side. They had defeated DIT convincingly in the quarter final. In all 52 players participated between the two teams during the year.

Freshers Hurling Panel 2011:

Aaron Considine, Aaron Ryan, Adrian Hynes, Aodan Kealey, Blake O Connor, Bryan Byrne, Ciaran Hackett, Cormac O Driscoll, Damien Maher, Eoin Kiehy, Eoin Madigan, Gavin Nugent, Gearoid Burke, Harley Barnes, Jake Dillion, John Barry, John Cooney, John Good, Joseph Gahan, Liam Dolan, Mark Gethings, Martin O Neill, Martin Sedlier, Michael Whyte, Niall Kenny, Pdraig Mc Grath, Paul Foley, Richard Ryan, Robin Spenser, Sean Carroll, Sean Cleary, Stephen O Keffee, Tom Murphy, Willie Dunphy.

WIT Inter-county Camogie Players 2011

Sarah Ann Fitzgerald (Laois)

Sarah Ann has been on the Laois Senior Team for the past 4 years and she has shown her strength and versatility by lining out in both attack and defence. She has been a rock at full back for the last two years and is one of the main reasons that the Ashbourne Cup team have conceded very few goals throughout this year's championship.

Maggie Hogan (Laois)

Maggie is one of those tight defenders that as she reads the game so well giving forwards a hard time. She has made a huge impression since joining the panel last year for both the Div 1 and 2 teams.

Colette Dormer (Kilkenny)

She has won numerous medals while donning the Black and Amber. Colette is a leader on and off the pitch for WIT. Her performances in this year's championship were outstanding at corner back with not an inch spared. In recognition of her outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011. She has been the heartbeat of the club for the last number of years.

Ann Dalton (Kilkenny)

At centre back you look for a person that has leadership, strength, courage and skill, Ann has this in abundance. Ann was captain of this year's successful Ashbourne Cup three in a row team and has three consecutive Ashbourne Cup medals since she came to WIT. She has been the outstanding player day in day out for club, county and college over the last number of years winning everything in her path. In recognition of her

outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011. She was also awarded WIT's Clubs and Societies Sports Star of the Year 2011.

Denise Gaule (Kilkenny)

Denise is another member of the current Kilkenny Senior Camogie team and plays a pivotal role WIT's game plan. At full forward she has the strength, pace and skill to win games on her own. In recognition of her outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011.

Katie Power (Kilkenny)

Katie has been playing on the senior Kilkenny Camogie team for the past few years. For WIT this year she was a lethal scoring forward. She has the ability to bring players into the game around her and in recognition of her outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011.

Michelle Quilty (Kilkenny)

Michelle was also a member of the Kilkenny squad for the last number of years. Michelle's score taking and ability to make space for others with her vision was second to none. Playing at centre forward in the final she gave a master class in attacking play. In recognition of her outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011 and was awarded WIT Senior Camogie Player of the Year 2011.

Edwina Keane (Kilkenny)

Edwina is one of those versatile players that can play both in defence and attack. Injured coming up to the final she did not start but made

a huge difference anytime she was introduced with her ability to win ball.

Trish Jackman (Waterford)

Trish is one of the leading members of the Waterford team. She has become one of the most versatile players on the team by lining out in the backs and forwards. This year Trish played a starring role at left half back. With her ability, pace, strength and striking of the ball setting up attack after attack and even getting a few scores herself. In recognition of her outstanding performances this year, she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011.

Karen Kelly (Waterford)

Karen has been a member of the Waterford team for the past few years and has been their main scoring forward. This year during the Ashbourne Cup she lined out at corner forward and was always a thorn in the side of the opposition. Her ability to take frees and speed to get away from her markers was key to WIT's success this year.

Jean Brady (Offaly)

Jean has been a member of the Offaly panel for the last few years. Jean has been a revelation for WIT this year. She mastered her first year as an Ashbourne player with sterling performances at mid field. She has pace, work rate and scoring prowess and was a vital part of the Ashbourne success this year. As a result of her outstanding performances, Jean was awarded WIT Fresher Camogie Player of the Year 2011.

Lorraine Keena (Offaly)

Lorraine has been a member of the successful Offaly panel for the past

number of years. Since arriving in WIT, Lorraine has shown her versatility by lining out in the backs, midfield and forwards. She has been a member of the successful Ashbourne three in a row team. Lorraine lined out in this year's final at corner back and showed great discipline and tight marking by not allowing her player get any score.

Stacey Redmond (Wexford)

Stacey is a member of the successful Wexford panel at the moment. Stacey has had a great year at right half back for WIT this year. She is very strong under the high ball and along with the half back line was the launching pad of all of WIT attacks this year.

Katrina Parrock (Wexford)

Since Katrina has come to WIT she has been one of the driving forces of the Ashbourne Cup team. Katrina was Fresher Camogie Player of the Tournament, 2010 and Ashbourne Player of the Tournament in 2010 and 2011. In recognition of her outstanding performances she was awarded an Ashbourne Cup All Star 2011. Katrina has natural skill levels with the potential to win a game on her own.

Fiona Morrissey (Limerick)

Fiona highlights what WIT Camogie Club is about, her drive, work rate and ability move the ball quickly is second to none. After winning her first Ashbourne Cup in 2009 she took a year out due to work experience commitments but has come back this year and been an outstanding performer at centre forward and corner forward.

WIT GAA CLUB Social Scene

PAST EVENTS



WIT GAA Club has a vibrant social scene, some might say too vibrant! Each year the GAA Club organises numerous social events for its members so that they can interact outside of the classroom and the training pitch. In September there is an ice breaking introductory night for both new and existing members as well their friends called “County Colours Night”, along with a GAA Christmas Party in December and other team bonding/ social events throughout the year so keep an eye out for those events and I hope to see you all during the year!

Dates for your Diary:

Thursday 22nd September 2011: **ARTHUR'S DAY**, Live music plus Guinness Endurance Challenge and special offers on Arthur's finest on the night. Venue: DOME Sports and Social Club

Monday 3rd October 2011:
County Colours Night, Live Music from Zootalures.
Wear your county Jersey with pride!!
Venue: DOME Sports and Social Club.

Monday 5th December: **GAA Christmas Party** “Santa's little Helpers Night”: Live Music and prizes for best costumes.
Venue: DOME Sports and Social Club

Wednesday 18th January: **Take Me Out Night: 12 Girls and 4 boys.**
Venue: DOME Sports and Social Club



WIT Students who won GAA awards over the last year

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Noel Connors (Waterford): Hurling All Star 2010

Anne Dalton (Kilkenny): Camogie All Star 2010

Katrina Parrock (Wexford): Camogie All Star 2010

Sarah Anne Fitzgerald (Laois): Camogie Soaring Star 2010

Patricia Jackman (Waterford): Camogie Soaring Star 2010

Patricia Jackman (Waterford): Camogie Poc Fada champion 2009, 2010 & 2011

Brian O'Meara (Tipperary): Hurling All Ireland Winner 2010

Timmy Hammersley (Tipperary): Hurling All Ireland Winner 2010

Katrina Parrock (Wexford): Camogie Winner All Ireland 2010

Brian O'Meara (Tipperary): Hurling Under 21 All Ireland Winners 2010

John Mullhall (Kilkenny): Leinster Hurling Winner 2010

Shane Fives (Waterford): Munster Hurling Winner 2010

Adrian Power (Waterford): Munster Hurling Winner 2010

Noel Connors (Waterford): Munster Hurling Winner 2010

Jake Dillon (De La Salle, Waterford): Munster Club Hurling Winner 2010

Eoin Madigan (De La Salle, Waterford): Munster Club Hurling Winner 2010

Jane Brady (Offaly): Camogie Intermediate All-Ireland, 2010

Stacey Redmond (Oulart the Ballagh, Wexford): Leinster Senior Camogie Club, 2010.

Lorraine Kenna (Offaly) Camogie Intermediate All-Ireland, 2010



Patricia Jackman receiving the Poc Fada cup.

Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh Made Honorary Fellow of WIT



At a ceremony of Waterford Institute of Technology in February 2011, Waterford Institute of Technology conferred an honorary fellowship on Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, the legendary GAA commentator whose career spanned over six decades until his retirement last year.

Micheál's conferring has further highlighted the unique partnership that exists between WIT and the GAA. As the cornerstone of communities around Ireland, the GAA is embedded in the fabric of Irish society and WIT is a perfect example of this. With a strong culture of GAA sporting achievements.

Conferring the honorary fellowship on its 14th recipient, Prof Kieran R Byrne, President, Waterford Institute of Technology said: "Michael has made an unrivalled

contribution to Irish sports broadcasting over a remarkable 50 years. And even though we knew it must come one day, his retirement last year still caused every GAA enthusiast the shock of disappointment that we would never hear his mellifluous voice again. Today, as we confer on Micheál this honorary fellowship of WIT, we recognise his extraordinary achievements and contribution to GAA."

"Here at WIT, we recognise the value of sporting activity in building a strong cultural identity and in promoting the values of fair play, competitiveness and team work, both on and off the pitch, that serve students well in their future careers. The passion and enthusiasm, exemplified by Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh, is seen so often in our students and sportspeople as they strive for success and achievement. And it is these qualities that are central to the values of the Institute and to the learners we graduate."

Micheál's earliest memory of listening to a match commentary was at a neighbour's house in 1939. He was fascinated by radio and the voice of Micheál O'Hehir. He then became a full-time broadcaster with Raidió Teilifís Éireann and replaced Micheál O'Hehir when he was unavailable

to commentate and subsequently upon his retirement in the mid-1980s. Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh became RTÉ's premier radio commentator. He brings enthusiasm to matches and is legendary in Ireland for his unusual phrases during a game.

Accepting the fellowship, Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh said: "I genuinely am delighted to receive this honour from WIT. This Institute has produced some fantastic teams and sportspeople, in particular in hurling. Many of the great hurlers from the Waterford, Kilkenny, Tipperary and other county teams speak so highly about their experience at WIT, not just from a sporting perspective but from the all-round experience they had as students at WIT. This Institute has led the way in providing top class sports facilities at the West Campus which demonstrates a fantastic commitment to sports, to GAA and to their students."

Micheál joins previously conferred WIT Fellows Brendan Rowe (RIP), Sister Consilio, John Treacy, Redmond O'Donoghue, Alan G Hassenfeld, The Hon Danny Williams, Sahar Hashemi, Pádraig Ó Fainín (RIP), Ken Bond, Frank O'Connor, Beatrice Barry-Murphy, Michael Ryan, and Dr. Louise Richardson

Famous quotes from commentator Micheál Ó Muircheartaigh



- "1-5 to 0-8 . . . well from Lapland to the Antarctic, that's level scores in any man's language."
- "Pat Fox has it on his hurl and is motoring well now . . . but here comes Joe Rabbitte hot on his tail. I've seen it all now: a Rabbitte chasing a Fox around Croke Park!"
- "Teddy looks at the ball, the ball looks at Teddy."
- "In the first half they played with the wind. In the second half they played with the ball."
- "He grabs the sliotar, he's on the 50 . . . he's on the 40 . . . he's on the 30 . . . he's on the ground."
- "Seán Óg Ó hAilpín . . . his father's from Fermanagh, his mother's from Fiji, neither a hurling stronghold."
- "Teddy McCarthy to John McCarthy, no relation: John McCarthy back to Teddy McCarthy, still no relation."
- "Colin Corkery on the 45, lets go with the right boot. It's over the bar. This man shouldn't be playing football. He's made an almost Lazarus-like recovery from a heart condition. Lazarus was a great man but he couldn't kick points like Colin Corkery."
- "Anthony Lynch, the Cork corner-back, would be the last person to let you down - his people are undertakers."
- "Setanta Ó hAilpín . . . the original Setanta from the old Gaelic stories was ten foot tall, had ten fingers on each hand and ten toes on each foot but even he couldn't be playing better hurling than this namesake here today."
- ". . . and Brian Dooher is down injured. And while he is, I'll tell ye a little story. I was in Times Square in New York last week and I was missing the championship back home. So I approached a news stand and I said, 'I suppose you wouldn't have the "Kerryman" would you?' To which the Egyptian man behind the counter replied: 'Do you want the North Kerry edition or the South Kerry edition?' He had both, so I bought both. And, Dooher is back on his feet . . ."



Foirfe chun Fónaimh

by Patricia Jackman

The WIT camogie team took to field in October 2010 and stuttered through the league, falling to UCC in the Mardyke. To stay at the top, we had to achieve a level of performance that no other team could match. More importantly, we wanted to do it performing to the best of our ability. With the constant changing of personnel in college, teams get one season to perform to their potential. In 2010, we didn't feel we had done ourselves justice. We wanted to deliver a performance to remember in 2011.

The quarter final against NUIG tested our hunger. We were in trouble with ten minutes to go, only ahead by two points, with the backs under serious pressure. We survived, and that battle in Dangan stood to us. Ashbourne Cup weekend had arrived and UL provided the opposition in the semi final. Despite difficult conditions we performed well and secured victory. Two hurdles had been negotiated, but the toughest was yet to come as UCC awaited us in the final.

On the day of the final we were due to have breakfast and meet in the lobby at nine. Some things are surprising, even shocking I would argue- Anne and Stacey are down early! Katie and Collette are late and only two minutes at that. After the darts competition, we go for a walk. Collette and Katie are not allowed to hit the politician signs, for fear of public safety. Aine encourages the cyclist with a cry of "keep going" and fortunately he didn't fall off. Helena tells us to keep going when we want to turn back. That was the motto for the day; we had to go further, had to go higher and had to do better than anything we had ever done before.

We have our final meal and board the bus, making the short trip to Pearse Stadium. On arrival, "The Greatest Day" comes on. This is after "Something Inside So Strong" with that awful note which we all laugh at. Helena asks us to sit on the bus for another minute. We listen to the words and no one spoke. Tony gives us his best wishes with a clenched fist- the saga of the lost keys long forgotten! Helena and Ursula move around in the dressing room, always saying the right things. It was time for the final few words to be said before we went out onto the pitch. Conor speaks about the Fitzgibbon Cup he lost and how he regretted it. Helena and Ursula speak about the potential in the team and how today was the day it had to be realised. Every player is spoken to and last is Denise. James grabs hold of her and stands her up in front of us all and declares "I wouldn't swap you for anyone in the country Gaule". She comes back to her seat with tears in her eyes. This was it. The sixty minutes every college camogie player dreams of and we were lucky enough to be there.

The warm-up was completed with the rain lashing down. We had crossed the white line for the final time and linked in. Collette spoke with passion as always. Anne then took it up

and spoke inspiring. She spoke of how this was the greatest team she had ever been involved with. Winning was mentioned but we wanted more. Anne grabbed her crest; "perfection is attainable". The perfection we sought was an honesty of effort by each player which meant at the final whistle, no individual had regrets about the game and their performance. We were ready for the performance of our lives.

The forwards miss chances in the first five minutes but things are looking ominous for UCC. Katrina has a shot from distance and the ball finishes in the back of the net. UCC then get on the attack and score their only point off the first half from a free. Jean is flying in midfield and Michelle is running riot with her movement. SAF and Lorraine haven't got a ball yet and only one ball got through to the corner and Collette won it and soloed up the field. Fiona and Karen add great points and Edwina is winning ball after ball on the wing. Denise is finding space and puts an unbelievable ball into Katrina who was unlucky to see her shot go over the crossbar. This is exceptional. The half time whistle goes and the scoreboard reads 1.06 to 0.01. The girls talk and work rate is reiterated again and again. I sit beside SAF and we talk about the first half. The forwards think they can work harder and finish better. There is more left and we had to be ready for a comeback. We linked in for the final time. This was it. The final 30 minutes together as a team.

The ball is thrown in and we stretch our lead. The forwards are finding more and more space and the work rate is phenomenal. Orla Cotter is injured and we regroup during the break. This was going to galvanise them and it stopped our momentum. UCC throw caution to the wind and earn a free twenty five metres from goal. It slides along the greasy surface. Collette gets a touch on it but it hits the back of the net. Responding with a point we stretch our lead to seven, but UCC are still coming and another free finishes in the back of the net, reducing the margin to four. A long range free sails over the bar and we go five ahead again. A free from midfield reaches Denise and the ball breaks to the ground to the one person you want in a tight situation- Michelle Quilty. She dribbles it past the full back and slides it coolly under the keeper. We hold out for a minute and when the final whistle blows, the scoreboard reads 2.10 to 2.02. The subs run in and the WIT chants go up. Those moments after the final whistle were special and will never be forgotten. The first person

I turned to was SAF and we were soon joined by the rest of the back line. As a unit we had built a huge bond during the season and we had developed a near telepathic relationship with one another on the field. Amidst the celebrations I took a moment to survey the scene. The contrast of the two teams after the final whistle could not have been greater. The UCC girls were in tears on the ground. I felt for those girls, some of who were my best

friends and county team mates. However, today was our day. The entire panel converged in a sea of hugs, arms thrown up and around each other, united in delight! The satisfaction of winning was huge, but accomplishing this feat, giving as complete an hour's camogie as we possibly could, made that jubilant feeling even more special.

Anne and Collette lead us up the steps and raise the cup together. This was the day we had dreamed of and the performance we wanted. The game plan, which was a vision, had become a reality. We eventually gather in the dressing room with the cup on the table and we wanted to savour the moment together, the greatest feeling in sport.

Over the year, there were moments which everyone involved with the team will remember. There was the core work and running, the sick feeling that accompanied the running, standing on our hands, that night in the Mardyke and the long journey home. No one will ever forget those matches in Piltown, where a referee would not have survived, the honesty and physicality in those games, the shouts from Dalton to 'take her down', the backs destroying the forwards and Morrissey scoring a point and being called an "animal". Along the way there was "Lady in Red", the frozen pitch in Dublin, "One Night Only", our not so perfect timekeeping, "180", the black runners and the dodgy song choices. Anyone who was fortunate enough to be part of the 2011 team will never forget the cold night in Carraiganore when the inspiring Aine Doran won crossbar challenge on the first shot. During Ashbourne weekend there are many moments which stand out; the speeches before the final, the Kilkenny girls and their love of yellow cards, the Sunday Game theme tune, the interviews, the wall and that permanent marker, the gear lists, the ice baths, the celebrations and that amazing feeling when the final whistle blew.

The journey we came on was special from start to finish and will never be forgotten. Reaching the summit was the climax but we enjoyed, savoured and will always remember every memory of the journey. We were 30 hearts beating as one. Hunger stimulated by revenge is one thing. Hunger fuelled by work rate, friendship, trust and an ambition to play our game the way it should be played is different. That's what drove the WIT Camogie team on every time we took to the field in the 2011 Ashbourne Cup.



Noel Connors – An All-Star

by Eddie Kirwan

The last few years have been quite remarkable in the life of Noel Connors. In 2009, he broke on to the Waterford senior team after being highly impressive for the minor team in 2008. A year later he picked up his first Munster medal when Waterford defeated Cork in an epic Munster final replay. Things got even better for the young Passage man, late last year when he was awarded an all-star based on his performances for the county team.

As expected, Noel was very proud to pick up the all-star award in only his second year on the Waterford senior team, "Hurling is a team sport. Fifteen lads make up the team but there are the bones of 34 players and back room staff. When you get an all-star it epitomises the effort that all the individuals put in during the year. It's great to get it. No individual can go out and play in 15 positions and it just epitomises where Waterford are going."

2011 did not go as well for Waterford as the previous year. Although they still put it up to Kilkenny in the All-Ireland semi-final, many people will remember the defeat to Tipperary in the Munster final. However, even at this early stage, the wounds have healed for Connors; "I suppose the Munster final was a bad game for us. Everyone gets a bad game during the year. Our bad one just happened to come on the worst day against probably the best team in the country. I suppose we bounced back well against Galway and if we were there another bit longer against Kilkenny, you never know what would have happened. I think we probably redeemed ourselves at the end of the year, especially in the Galway game. Everyone put us down but we came away with a great victory. Galway are a serious outfit and they have a lot of young fellas coming through such as David Burke who is playing with UL."

Mention of David Burke and UL brings us nicely to the subject of Fitzgibbon Cup, a competition which has been particularly kind to WIT over the years, this year, however, things just didn't work out for us with the competition's latter stages being held on home soil. I asked Noel if he thought Fitzgibbon Cup hurling gave a great grounding for inter-county hurling, "Absolutely, it keeps everyone ticking over, especially during the winter months. When you go back in September, you're talking about the league and then in January and February the focus turns towards the Fitzgibbon Cup championship itself. I think the Fitzgibbon cup has become more widespread amongst the colleges. We went up two years ago and were beaten by a great NUI Galway side. This year we had the team there but we didn't seem to come out on the day. We were a bit frustrated, especially with the latter stages being hosted in WIT. It was a great event because it was down here for a few days and it showed off the facilities that WIT have. WIT is really recognised now especially with Carriganore being made the hurling centre of excellence."



Now that Noel is finished with Waterford for 2011, he will now return to his club, Passage as they bid to win the Waterford senior hurling title for the first time. He will barely have time to draw breath before returning to WIT's ranks in preparation for Fitzgibbon 2012. This makes his hurling season virtually a year round one, not that he minds, "It's the place to be. It keeps you on your toes. Fitzgibbon hurling is different to county hurling, it's more dogged. It's more for fellas that want to win. It's different than playing in the summer months when the ball is flying around. In Fitzgibbon, every ball you win, you know you are going to win it hard. It's a lot more physical as you get to the end of it, especially with the semi-final and final played on the same weekend. The Fitzgibbon is bringing back more players, for instance you see Paul Kelly playing with UL. It shows that people want to play in it."

With all this going on, it is a wonder that Noel has anytime to get any studying done. However, this is an area in which he also excels, illustrated by the fact that he picked up the Business Studies Student of the Year award. According to Connors getting the balance right is extremely important, "It's all about time management. At the end of the day, college is more important. I know sport is great but it's important that you get through college to get a job. You have to put your head down while you're in there. There's no point in going off and playing sport all year round because that's not going to do you much good. In WIT it's great! There are fellas like Conor Phelan and Tom McCabe who are great. If you needed any help, they could discuss it with lecturers and advise you on whatever is the best approach to take." As for the student award, Connors was very honoured to pick up what is a very prestigious award, "It's great. It is probably the first academic award I ever won. It's fantastic for the CV. It's at the opposite end of the spectrum to the sporting awards. Hopefully it might help with getting a job in a few years. The School of Business is really recognised in WIT and with the high quality of the courses; it attracts a lot of students from a lot of different counties."



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WIT Inter-county Men's Football Players 2011

Chris O'Connor (Meath)

The Ballinabrackey man has been an integral part of the WIT men's football team throughout his time in WIT. Since making his championship debut for Meath against Galway in 2007, he has been an ever present on the Meath team ever since. Equally comfortable in the wing back and corner back positions, Chris has been noted for his score taking exploits

Ross Brady (Offaly)

Ross has recently established himself as centre back on the Offaly team. The versatile Clara man can play in any position and has found himself playing in the outfield lines bar the full back line. A broken jaw ruled Ross out of WIT's Trench cup campaign and his absence proved to be a massive loss.

Colm Coss (Laois)

Colm has been on the Laois panel for the last three years. The Mountmellick man captained the WIT men's football team. Colm is equally at home in midfield or at full forward and is noted for his fielding and free taking abilities.

Mattie O'Donnell (Tipperary)

The Killenaule native joined the Tipperary panel in 2009 and has established himself as a valuable member of the Tipperary panel. Mattie is renowned for his shot stopping and his long range kickouts.

Tommy Prendergast (Waterford)

The big Killrossanty man has established himself as one of the most promising young midfielders in the game. Tommy is also capable of playing in the full forward line to

great effect. Tommy came into the WIT Trench Cup panel late this year but quickly established himself as an important member of the Trench Cup panel.

Stephen Prendergast Waterford

Stephen has been an inspirational player for WIT this year. At full or centre half back he has the ability not only to stop the opposition but also set up attack after attack. He plays his club football with Kilrossanty and also on a scholarship is WIT this year.

Cillian O'Keefe (Waterford)

Cillian has been a member of the Waterford senior football panel for the last three years. The Clashmore man is equally at home in the half forward or full forward lines and is renowned for his ball carrying ability

and high work rate throughout matches.

Niall Walsh - Waterford

The big Killrosanty man has established himself as an important member of WIT's senior football panel. Also, it his second year on the Waterford senior panel, Niall is capable of playing in midfield, half back, or full back lines equally well.

Peadar Burke (Wicklow)

Peadar was an important member of the WIT Trench cup panel this year. He began the year off at full forward before moving out to the wing forward line come championship time to great effect. The Baltinglass man was WIT's best performer in the Trench cup final and has been a member of the Wicklow panel for the last two years.

WIT Inter-county Hurlers, 2011

Adrian Power (Waterford)

Adrian has been a student here in WIT for the past 5 years and has been a loyal servant to the WIT GAA Club. This year he struggled with injury and only came on as a sub against LIT. A strong contender to play in the Goal for Waterford next year.

Shane Fives (Waterford)

Shane Fives hails from the Touraneena Club outside Dungarvan. He captained this year's Fitzgibbon team while also putting himself in contention to start for Waterford in the Munster Championship this year.

Noel Connors (Waterford)

Noel had a fantastic year for Waterford last year picking up his first Vodafone All-Star award. His performances all year for the Déise made him one of Davy's most important players.

Cathal Parlon (Offaly)

An architectural student in WIT, Cathal is also a significant member of the Offaly senior hurling set up and has played some great games in this year's league campaign. A winner of 2 Fitzgibbon Cup medals with WIT Cathal is a player who never gave less than 100%

Stephen Power (Waterford)

This is Stephen's first year in the Waterford set up, with some great performances for his club, Ballygunner, he was due a look in with Davy's plans.

Brian O'Meara (Tipperary)

Brian was a member of the Tipperary panel who won the 2010 All-Ireland Final and continues to try nail down a starting position for the 2011 season, played some great games for the college during his time here and hopefully a few more in the future.

Wayne Hutchinson (Waterford)

Wayne was named WIT's Hurler of the Year in 2011, he played most of the league with the Waterford seniors this year and is most likely to play in this year's Championship.

John Mulhall (Kilkenny)

John is a member of the Kilkenny senior inter-county team since 2010 despite the fact that his playing style frequently divides opinion amongst hurling fans. He was unlucky not to pick an All-Ireland medal after losing out to Tipperary in the final last September. A holder of one U21 All-Ireland medal John has a great future ahead of him.

WIT Inter-county Ladies Football Players 2011

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 has been WIT's outstanding player over the last three years. She is a versatile player that can make any position her own.

Sinead Whelan (Wexford)

Sinead has been between the WIT goals for the last number of year. Her leadership at the back is first class. Her shot stopping ability and reading of the game has been key to WIT's Giles Cup success 2011. Sinead has been a member of the Wexford panel for the last two years.

Nora Dunphy (Waterford)

Nora has an inspirational player for WIT over the last number of years. At centre half back she has the ability not only to stop the opposition but also set up attack after attack for WIT. Nora is also part of the WIT scholarship scheme and plays inter-county senior football with Waterford since 2006.

Ann Dunphy (Waterford)

As only a freshers Ann has been a huge addition to the Giles Cup team this year. Playing at mid field she was the focal point of each attack and defended excellently well throughout the campaign. Her ability to find

space and give the right pass is second to none. Ann was also recognised by being named WIT Fresher Ladies Footballer of the Year 2011 and on the WIT scholarship scheme.

Anne Marie O'Gorman (Tipperary)

Anne Marie was the heartbeat of the team at midfield in 2010. Unfortunately for Anne Marie she was away on work experience at the start of the year and then got injured later, limiting her appearances in this year's championship.

Bridín Doyle (Wexford)

The Wexford native played at corner back and wing back this year and is a sticky defender who does not

give away a score lightly. She has put in some huge performances to help the girls win the Giles Cup 2011. Playing alongside her sister Marguerite this year for WIT made the defence watertight.

Maruerite Doyle (Wexford)

Maruerite is a tight defender who stood out during the league and the championship with her ability to start attacks and defend without giving an inch. She covers ever blade of grass and has the presence of mind to give good ball to the forwards. As a result she was named WIT Senior Ladies Footballers of the Year 2011.

PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Ann Dunphy
Course? Bachelor of Business (Hons)

Nicknames? "Dunph" and "Nora"

High Point in Sporting Career?
Winning the Giles Cup All Ireland 2011 with WIT

Third Level Honours?
Giles Cup 2011, Fresher Player of the year 2011

Other Achievements? Munster Intermediate Champions 2009 and 2010, All Ireland Minor B Champions with Waterford 2009, Div 1 league 2010 and Minor A county champions with Comeragh Rangers 2008

Other Sports? Football is a full time job you know!!

Favorite Player To Watch Growing Up?
Peter Queally, the man hails from Ballydurn.

Favorite Cartoon As A Kid?
Simpsons is still cool as an Adult right??

My Earliest Sporting Memory Is?
Winning an under 12 county with Comeragh Rangers.

Funniest person in the WIT GAA Club is?
Mags Revins, Legend in her own right.

When You Were Growing Up What Did You Want To Be? A vet.

My Most Treasured Possession? Oh without doubt my mobile, except I can't seem to find it most of the time!!

Biggest Insult? Being called Nora... don't people realise I'm more intelligent and better looking!!

My Signature food dish is?
Steak with peppercorn sauce... Yum!

Stranded On An Island, What Are Your 3 Essential Items?
Hot water, a cup and Barry's tea bags... God I couldn't live without tea!

Stranded On An Island, Who Would You Most Like To Keep You Company? I won't mention any names now, don't want to disappoint those not chosen... the lucky person should be privileged though!

Favourite book? "The Club" by Christy O Connor



Fitzgibbon Cup 2011

For a year that had promised so much in the Fitzgibbon, it was tough the way it all ended with a bag of regrets as points scored difference knocked Waterford IT out of the competition at the group stages for the first time since the introduction of the league format. If one was to be honest the hurlers never really gathered the same momentum which they had gathered during the previous campaign.



WIT 0-15 UCD 1-12:

The most crucial score came nine minutes into the second half when a Cian Mac Giolla Bhride pass from out on the sideline found Liam Rushe lurking on the edge of the small square and the Dublin intercounty star gave WIT goalkeeper Liam Tierney no chance with a well-executed shot which gave the side from the capital a 1-8 to 0-8 lead.

Not for the first time, it was Timmy Hammersley that finished the game as the top scorer, helping himself to all but five of the Waterford side's scores, all but two of which came from placed balls.

The sides were level on no fewer than eight times over the hour and when they went in at the break on 0-6 each, it looked likely that the home side would emerge victorious with a strong breeze behind them in the second half.

With Hammersley in fine form from placed balls and Ray McLoughney and Fintan O'Leary hitting points from play for the host side in the final 10 minutes of the game, it looked as if the points were going to stay on Suir side, but a Noel McGrath free and a point from the stick of the impressive Keith Hogan with two minutes to go meant that the points were shared.

That left WIT needing victory against old rivals Limerick IT to qualify for the quarter finals which was not an easy task to say the least.

WIT 0-13 1-13 LIT

The students from Waterford learned a harsh lesson on Wednesday in this Fitzgibbon Cup clash that there is a big difference between what you receive and what you deserve as a combination of poor finishing and perhaps, some contentious refereeing decisions, combined to leave WIT's hopes hanging by a thread.

Backed by the breeze, LIT had led 1-9 to 0-3 at the break, but in a very tight finish the Waterford side piled on the scores thanks to a seven-point haul by Tipperary star Timmy Hammersley.

Clare star Bernard Gaffney was the scorer-in-chief for LIT with 1-4, all of them coming from frees, and his goal, three minutes before the interval, was ultimately the difference between the sides, although Laois player Willie Hyland also contributed four points from play.

Waterford IT opened the scoring through Fintan O'Leary and Ray McLoughney before Gaffney and John O'Keeffe scored points to tie it up after seven minutes.

From there on, however, LIT took control, with a further 1-3 from frees for Gaffney and Sean Tobin's two points from play helping the home side into a big lead as Waterford IT had to wait until the last minute of the half for their third point: a free by Hammersley.

Limerick IT had the opening point of the second half by Paudie O'Brien but then Waterford IT began to fight back, with McLoughney and Enda Barrett starting the flow of points until only a goal separated the sides with five minutes remaining.

Hammersley narrowed the gap back to two points but WIT had to play the all-important last three minutes a man down after Barrett was sent off, a late tackle earning him a second yellow card.

LIT took advantage as Hyland restored their three-point advantage and sealed the win leaving WIT in a bad position as they had to wait and hope that LIT do WIT a favour by beating UCD by more than 4 points. Unfortunately that did not happen and WIT saw their hopes of contesting the Ulster Bank Fitzgibbon cup final dashed on their home ground.

Whilst on the playing front, things didn't work out, the hosting of the finals proved to be a spectacular success with the commitment of the GAA Clubs members and the Institute itself showcasing all that is good. The hard working committee can take a bow knowing that they have established a magnificent blue print for future hostings of the competition!

Fitzgibbon Cup Panel 2011:

Liam Tierney, Brendan Kenny, Shane Fives (C), Noel Connors, Wayne Hutchinson, David Langton, Enda Barrett, Kieran Grehan, Luke Harney, Fintan O'Leary, John Mulhall, Cathal Parlon, Ray McLoughney, Brian O'Meara, Timmy Hammersley, Kieran Hammersley, Bernard Burke, Paddy Nolan, James Dowling, James Gahan Eddie Hickey, PJ Rowe, Stephen Power, Shane Walsh, Michael Sheedy, Willie O'Dwyer, John Cahill, Mark Molloy, Adam Brophy, Adrian Power.



PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Jake Dillon
Course? Rec-Man

Nicknames? Dyl

Highest point in sporting career?
Winning Munster Club Final 2010

Third level honours?
None yet hopefully a Fitzgibbon this year.

Other Achievements?
Munster Minor, Harty Cup and All-Ireland Colleges.

Other sports? Soccer and football

Favourite player to watch growing up? Ken McGrath
Favourite cartoon as a kid? Saved by the bell (a classic)

My earliest sporting memory is?
Waterford winning the 2002 Munster final.

Funniest person in the GAA Club is?

Pado (some man for a story).

When you were growing up what did you want to be?
Professional soccer player.

My most treasured possession? My phone.

Biggest insult? Been called Luke Egan or Sutts.

My signature food dish is? Bacon and cabbage.

Stranded on an island, what are your 3 essential items?
Phone, ipod, sky sports news.

Stranded on an island, who would you most like to keep you company? Cheryl Cole.

Favourite book? Roy Keane's autobiography.





WIT G.A.A Awards Night 2011

Fresher Camogie
Player of the Year: Jean
Brady, Offaly

Monday night 4th April 2011, WIT GAA Club held its 29th Annual Awards Night in the Dome Bar. There were three teams collecting medals for their achievement throughout the year. The teams were as follows: the Ashbourne Cup (ladies senior camogie team) who won their third title in a row, the Giles Cup, ladies footballers who were narrowly beaten in the 2010 final, came through to win in 2011 and finally, the intermediate hurlers who had a great win over CIT in the final.

Special guests on the night were two Tipperary men: Brendan Maher who won the Young Player of the Year Award and a winner of an All-Star award in 2010 and Padraic Maher who won an All-Star in 2009 and an All-Ireland medal with Tipperary in 2010.

Well done to all involved!



Fresher Hurling Player
of the Year:
Bryan Byrne, Kilkenny



Fresher Ladies Football
Player of the Year:
Ann Dunphy,
Waterford



Fresher Football Player
of the Year:
Luke Thomas, Kildare



Senior Football Player
of the Year:
Stephen Prendergast,
Waterford



Senior Camogie Player
of the Year:
Michelle Quilty,
Kilkenny



Senior Hurling Player
of the Year:
Wayne Hutchinson,
Waterford



Seniors Ladies Football
Player of the Year:
Marguerite Doyle,
Wexford



Ladies football team receiving their medals.



Senior camogie team receiving their medals.



WIT intermediate hurlers receiving their medals.

WIT GAA Scholarships 2011

WIT Clubs and Societies awarded 38 GAA student scholarships in 2010-11. These were split across all years and all GAA codes. The Munster Council sponsored 9 scholarships this year. The scholarship recipients are outlined below:

Role of Scholarship Awards

- To attract athletes of outstanding sporting ability or who have the potential to perform at a high level in WIT.
- To provide scholarship athletes support in the pursuit of their sporting and academic goals.
- To ensure athletes have an alternative vocation after their sporting career comes to an end
- To raise the profile and sporting performance of all sporting clubs within WIT, making them more attractive regarding funding and sponsorship, and in turn further help their development.

Athletic Performance Module

The athletic performance module provides the student with the necessary skills to enhance their athletic potential while attending college and pursuing their academic programme. Following the completion of the module, participants will be leaders in WIT within their respective sports on a national level. Student athletes will be provided with the relevant tools to enable them to balance their sporting and academic commitments and achieve excellence in each.



Munster GAA Scholarship recipients with Conor Phelan (left); Thomas McCabe (right) and Michael Power, Munster GAA Treasurer (seated centre).

Scholarship Recipients 2010-11

Hurling

Eoin Moore	Wexford
Luke Harney	Kilkenny
Patrick Nolan	Kilkenny
Timmy Hammersley	Tipperary
John Mulhall	Kilkenny
Adrian Power	Waterford
Noel Connors	Waterford
Willie Dunphy	Laois
Jake Dillon	Waterford
Martin O'Neill	Waterford
Sean Cleary	Offaly
Enda Barrett	Clare
Stephen Power	Waterford
Shane Fives	Waterford
Willie O'Dwyer	Tipperary
Wayne Hutchinson	Waterford
Brian O'Meara	Tipperary

Ladies Gaelic Football

Anne Marie O'Gorman	Tipperary
Donna Berry	Kildare
Anne Dunphy	Waterford
Nora Dunphy	Waterford

Camogie

Sarah Anne Fitzgerald	Laois
Katrina Parrock	Wexford
Denise Gaule	Kilkenny
Patricia Jackman	Waterford
Anne Dalton	Kilkenny
Collette Dormer	Kilkenny
Jean Brady	Kilkenny
Karen Kelly	Waterford

Gaelic Football

Lee Dunning	Offaly
Chris O'Connor	Meath
Ross Brady	Offaly
Colm Coss	Laois
Brendan Mc Garr	Wicklow
Emmet Malone	Laois
Aaron Considine	Clare
Stephen Prendergast	Waterford

PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Luke Harney

Course? Civil Engineering

Nicknames? Scud

High Point in Sporting Career?

Winning the All-Ireland with the Kilkenny minors and reaching the first minor A final in the history of our club

Other Achievements? 2 All-

Irelands and one Munster in soccer 1 intermediate Leinster medal, 2 Leinster and 1 All-Ireland minor medals

Other Sports? Soccer and Gaelic Football

Favourite Player To Watch Growing Up? Michael Kavanagh, Tommy Walsh or Roy Keane

Favourite Cartoon As A Kid? Spiderman

My Earliest Sporting Memory Is? Winning the Under 12 C city league hurling! haha

Funniest person is the WIT GAA Club is? Pado

When You Were Growing Up What Did You Want To Be? Professional soccer player (soon went out the window) haha

My Most Treasured Possession? My hurling helmet

Biggest Insult? Saying that I wouldn't finish any plate of food that I buy

My Signature food dish Is? Chicken curry

Stranded On An Island, What Are Your 3 Essential Items? Mobile, hurley and sliotar

Stranded On An Island, Who Would You Most Like To Keep You Company? Georgia Salpa

Favourite book? Leon Trotsky-The history of the Russian Revolution



PLAYER PROFILE

Name? Collette Dormer

Course? Architectural Technology

Nicknames? Generally we go by the surnames so "Dormer" or maybe sometimes "Peb"...

High Point in Sporting Career?

Finally winning the Ashbourne Cup in '09 after losing the year before, then doing the 3 in a row in '11, winning the junior county final '06, and the feeling winning the senior semi-final in '09 and getting to play in Croke Park for the All-Ireland.

Third Level Honours? 3 Ashbourne Cup medals, 3 Ashbourne Div 1 League, 3 Ashbourne All-Stars

Other Achievements? Club Intermediate League Medal, Underage All-Ireland Leinster camogie medals, Intermediate All-Ireland, senior interprovincial, Senior Leinster League medals, County & Leinster handball medals.

Other Sports? Basketball, Soccer, try anything once really!!!

Favourite Player to Watch Growing Up? Henry Shefflin is the all time fav but D.J., Andy Comerford and Peter Barry were in there!!!

Favourite Cartoon as a Kid? Still a Kid at Heart but can't forget Bosco & how my world was crushed when he was kidnapped.

My Earliest Sporting Memory Is? Going to Croke Park on the bus, parking in Clonliffe College, the tea and sambos before 'n' after the matches and being so small we didn't need tickets because I could sit on my dad's knee.

Funniest person in the WIT GAA Club is? Mark Molloy "Lad the Banter was Serious" Denise Gaule, Dee O' Toole and Aine Doran are not far behind.

When You Were Growing Up What Did You Want To Be? A millionaire or a professional camogie player....

My Most Treasured Possessions? My helmet, hair straightener and a teddy that I had since I was like 3 or 4...

Biggest Insult? There's one I never want to repeat... Oh and being asked was I from Wexford?

My Signature food dish is? I'm signature at dialing the number for Domino's!!! Nom Nom...

Stranded On An Island, What Are Your 3 Essential Items? Unlimited supply of Factor 50 Sun Screen!!! A man who can play the guitar and can cook! A man can be an item also you know!!

Stranded On An Island, Who Would You Most Like To Keep You Company? Jamie Redknapp (not for the conversation!!!)

Favourite book? The notebook / My Sisters Keeper



WIT GAA Club were saddened to hear of the death of Michael Dooley, one of the clubs past members, in May 2011. Michael, 39, passed away peacefully after a short illness. From Tullaroan in Kilkenny, Michael studied Architecture Technology from 1989-1992 and was part of the 1990 Freshers hurling squad that won the All Ireland, playing in goal. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Kate and family.

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