

News

Face up to your true colours for Munster

Donal O'Regan

A PARISIAN living in Ballyneety is hoping Munster fans make up for their team dumping French teams out of the Heineken Cup by buying his new product.

Fabrice Niclot is the sole franchise holder in Ireland for Fanbrush, which makes it easy for supporters to paint their faces in their team's colours.

Fabrice said he knew it would be a big success in Limerick because we have the best supporters.

"Thomond Park is always painted red, so now fans can paint their faces too," said Fabrice.

The product comes in a host of colours and can be easily washed off with soap and water.

"I just saw the product on TV in France one night and thought it was a good idea. I knew it would do well in Limerick. Now I'm the only franchise holder in Ireland," said Fabrice, who married a Limerick woman and has lived here for the past five years.



Doorad Doyle model Beth O'Connell nails her colours to the mast

Carole is first woman to steer rowing club

Petula Martyn

A LIMERICK woman has become the first female to be elected president of a Limerick rowing club.

Indeed, it is believed she is the first to hold such a position nationwide. Carole O'Toole made local sports history when she accepted the nomination to become president of Shannon Rowing Club – once an all-male preserve – last week.

In her acceptance speech at the club's headquarters on Sarsfield Bridge, Carole said it had been her dream "to one day tread the halls of this great club as the first woman president. I hope the symbolism of this day will not be lost on anybody."

Carole also holds another first with the club, which was founded in 1868 – she is the first woman to become an honorary member of the club.

Her association with Shannon Rowing Club began in 1983 when Darragh Staunton introduced her sons, Pat and Eoin, to the sport.

Volunteer

Carole later attended an event at O'Brien's Bridge to discover a winning crew did not have enough jerseys to wear in a photograph celebrating their victory. She spearheaded a fundraising campaign for jerseys and equipment, and her volunteer work reaped huge dividends for the club.

Cake sales and fashion shows were just some of the fundraising events that Carole organised, but by far the most successful venture was a disco held at



Making history: the newly elected president of Shannon Rowing Club Carole O'Toole celebrates her elevation to the top position with past president Gerry O Dowd, and current vice-president Liam Butler, on her right

the Two-Mile Inn in the late Eighties. Her son Pat won an All-Ireland championship in Blessington with the club two years in a row, and was later picked to represent Ireland at European rowing events in Scotland.

Tony O'Connor, who was also part of the All-Ireland winning crew from the club, went on to row in the Olympics.

"If your children are involved in rowing, you will never have any trouble with them"

Carole's sons are still involved with the club.

She was proposed by Tony Wallace and seconded by vice-president Liam Butler, and was the unanimous choice for president in the coming year.

"I'm delighted," she said. "I've watched the boys grow up with the club and I'm proud of everything that they achieved. If your children are involved in

rowing, you will never have any trouble with them."

She concluded her acceptance with a quote that she had come upon in recent weeks: "Not everybody wins, and certainly not everybody wins all the time, but once you get into your boat, tie your shoes and pull the oars you have indeed won far more than those who have never tried."

Rail work protest leads to delays

David Hurley

RAIL services between Limerick and Dublin were delayed for a number of hours this Tuesday afternoon when a CIE gate-

keeper parked her car on the railway line near her home at Kyle in Tipperary. Anne Flavin said contractors working for Iarnrod Eireann attempted to begin work at the crossing,

which has been earmarked for closure as part of a safety initiative. Mrs Flavin claims she will lose the CIE house where she has lived for more than three decades with her family.

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