

presented by Foyne Shannon Airport, last rested on Shannon.

Of the Munster minor hurling championships played since '84, Cork have won 10. Tipperary have won the same number, while Clare and Waterford have collected a title each.

Only Limerick and Kerry have

success at U-21 level in recent years, but the benefits of winning provincial and All-Ireland titles at minor level cannot be overstated.

Players who are successful at minor level have a greater incentive to continue playing hurling through their late teens and early 20s.

"When the Clontarf Rugby 'think-tank' started planning at the beginning of the season this day was a major target.

A home semi-final acts as a rejuvenator for the Club volunteers. It is a social magnet for the Northside and the Clontarf Parish which is critical for the Club.

"When the game ended I was

on the messageboard or a munster rugby website in April 2004

prior to the province's Heineken Cup semi-final clash with Wasps.

Penned by 'Dumbstruck', it was titled 'Faith and Belief.'

It read:

"I'm sitting here lads. Palms sweating at the prospect of a monstrous clash on Sunday with

medals.

"I want us all here to be able to leave Lansdowne Road knowing that we were part of yet another magnificent day for Munster by. Munster has its history. From '78 and the All-Blacks. Forgive Australia's.

"This weekend is about the

Dexterity, Golden Kopper lead Class 1

THE yachts, Dexterity and Golden Kopper from FYC are leading class 1 and 2 IRC in the Estuary Bell race, which were hosted by Foyne Yacht Club on the Shannon Estuary last weekend—a series of three races took place over Saturday and Sunday—one race on Saturday and two on Sunday.

This is a great achievement for the club in attaining the high standard of sailing and crewmanship that is within Foyne Yacht Club.

Two different courses were sailed and the racing was up the back of Foyne Island and down the estuary towards and Loughill and Rinealon and then back up to Cooleen Point.

A total of eighth boats took the water on Saturday with five from FYC and three from WYC, with the wind gusting 42 knots, it made the racing very challenging for all the competitor, and a few minor accidents took place with sails been torn apart and other incidents taking place due to the strong wind.

On Sunday the weather was much more calm with a light south-westerly breeze pertaining for the day and warm sun-



The yacht, Golden Kopper, who are leading in Class 2 IRC of the Estuary Bell race, which took place last weekend on Shannon Estuary

shine to make the racing very pleasant for all.

The overall classification to date for all classes is Class one IRC: Dexterity (Team Foyne) came

first. Second was Chaos, (T and K Whelan), WYC and third was Marissa X, (Rob Allen), WYC.

In Class two IRC: Golden Kopper, (John and

Edward Conway), FYC, who have the line honours with the WYC entry Commotion, (Callanan/Hartnett/McMahon), third and from

FYC Battle, (McCormack/Buckley) coming in third.

In the White Sails category, club safety officer, Ger Reidy took the laurels on Sea Otter, while Commodore Pat Finucane came in second on Marengo—unfortunately, Ingrid had to retire.

The second leg of the Estuary Bell will take place this Saturday and Sunday in Kilrush, which will be hosted by the Western Yacht Club.

A presentation of prizes Commodore Pat Finucane paid tribute to the OOD Trevor Browne and his team for the excellent organisation in ensuring that the three races were raced and paid special mention to Niamh and Nuala, who cooked the 'finger food', and also to the barman, Brendan.

Results of club racing on Wednesday, May 3—1st Battle, 2nd Frantic and 3rd Dexterity.

A general members meeting will take place on Wednesday next, May 17 at 9pm after club racing. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and implement some of the points that were raised in the five-year plan. All members are asked to attend this meeting.

On Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21 the Munster Mermaid championships will be hosted by FYC. I understand we will have about 10 boats racing, which should be quite interesting racing.



Pat Mc Dermott presents the Millers Centra Supermarket Evelyn Wallace owner Hello Thomas winner of the OPEN G A A Supporters Club Dog Night.

Mackey could be by naming cup

By COLM KINSELLA

THE cup presented to the winners of the Munster senior hurling championship could be dedicated to the memory of former Limerick great, Mick Mackey.

The Limerick County Board have proposed that the trophy for the winners of the province's top inter-county hurling competition be named the Mick Mackey Cup.

And the Board are also proposing that either the Munster senior or junior football cups would be named after former leading player and County Board officer, Jackie O'Connell of Banogue.

The Munster Council has invited county boards in the province to submit the names of GAA figures they feel would be deserving of the honour.

It is highly unlikely that a final decision on the new names for the three cups will be made in time for the end of the 2006 provincial championships.

Meanwhile, six leading Limerick GAA figures have been appointed to top committees in the Association by new President, Nicky Brennan.

Denis Holmes is to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee; Tim Ryan has been appointed to the Organisation and Development Committee; Owen Hayes will sit on the Feile Peil Committee; Donal Fitzgibbon has been appointed to the safety Committee; Pat Fitzgerald is to serve on the Code of Ethics Committee, while John Landers will sit on the Coaching and Games Committee.

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Back to back basketball titles for Mary Immaculate College



Marengo and Sea Otter were just two of the yachts who participated in the Estuary Bell race

MARY Immaculate College Womens Senior Basketball team retained their Limerick Senior Womens basketball title when a super performance against Newport on Wednesday last in Mary I.

This was their final league game of the season and the Mary I students finished the season in style with a convincing 63-41 win over a good Newport side.

Mary I started the game with some great shooting from Siobhan Courtney and Sinead O'Leary. Susan Fogarty, Freda Mills and Melissa Holland did a super job controlling the boards and combined well for some excellent inside scores.

Newport rallied well during the 1st and 2nd quarters but the Mary I defensive pressure began to take its toll early in the 2nd half and with some great steals from Siobhan Courtney and Sinead O'Leary Mary I

took a convincing 20 point lead and controlled the game for the remainder of this exciting clash. Mary I finished the season losing only one game and had two very close and exciting clashes against St. Colm's the league runners up.

Both home and away games between these teams went down to the wire with Noreen Campbell, Susan Howard and Joanne De Loughrey proving very strong for their St. Colm's side. Mary I played super defense in both games and ran out winners in both with Siobhan Courtney, Sinead O'Leary and Freda Mills scoring some outstanding basketball throughout the home and away fixtures. The Mary I team were presented with the League Cup and medals at the Awards Ceremony on Wednesday last in Mary Immaculate College.

The Mary I team: Melissa Holland, Sinead O'Leary, Freda Mills, Tracey Coady, Siobhan Courtney, Evelyn O'Dea, Neasa O'Shea, Jackie Barry, Susan Fogarty. Coach: Tony Hehir.