

accepts that the newly-
minence of the county
tages from a commer-
ative. "At the end of the
y team - if successful -
support is there, particu-
sponsors and the commer-
things. But any financial
depends on success. If it's
ve a better chance of
to keep it going."
financial hardship hasn't
appreciation of the great
Absolutely not. To get to an
quarter-final was a tre-
achievement for a new
players, a new manager and
ent structure.

of them had worked
at some level before but this
first time everyone had an
ity in the senior champion-

morning. revealed this

Most prominent is the hearing for
Brian O'Meara, the Tipperary hurler
dismissed in the All-Ireland semi-
final replay against Wexford.
O'Meara was reported for dangerous
play, which carries a suspension of
four weeks - sufficiently long to stop
him playing in next month's final.

If this is the decision the player or
his county could take the matter on
appeal to the Management Com-
mittee or Central Council.

Also down for decision was
Dublin football manager Tom Carr
who was reported for jostling a
linesman in the drawn Dublin-Kerry
All-Ireland quarter-final in Thurles
over three weeks ago. This charge is
serious and carries a six-month sus-
pension. The GAC delayed the
hearing so that Carr could make a per-
sonal appearance before it.

Kerry SF

KERRY are expected to have a full hand
from which to pick. The weekend saw
minor injuries to Dara Ó Cinnéide and
Seamus Moynihan but neither are likely
to be in any difficulties when the side for
this weekend's All-Ireland semi-final is
selected. It is expected to be released
this evening.

Meath SF

THE Leinster champions are in a similar
position to their opponents. Meath have
no injury concerns and the principal
selection dilemma is where to
accommodate Paddy Reynolds now that
the wing back has served the two-month
suspension picked up in the provincial
semi-final against Kildare. The team is
also expected tonight.

Galway SF

GALWAY report no fitness fallout from
the weekend's All-Ireland semi-final win
over Derry. In fact the match was

unusually free of injury worries, whatever
about other concerns on the pitch. "The
medical team wasn't on the pitch once,"
according to manager John O'Mahony,
"and I never remember that before."

Jarlath Fallon and Paul Clancy, who
were recovering from injuries and who
each played some part in the Derry
match, are expected to recover
completely before the final as neither
aggravated, respectively, their hamstring
or ankle. There are club championship
matches between now and the
All-Ireland.

Wexford SH

WEXFORD hurling manager Tony
Dempsey is still undecided about his
future. "I'm still down over the decisions
which I believe dictated the result in the
replay. The sending-off of three players
in any one game, especially two from
the one side will seriously influence the
result. I'll be taking at least three weeks
out before a decision is made".

SPORT/Digest

Crowds greet champions at Shannon and Cork

■ **ROWING:** Gearóid Towey learnt
what a difference it makes to be a
world champion when he arrived
into Cork Airport to a rapturous
welcome last night and a greeting
from Lord Mayor Tom O'Driscoll,
reports **Liam Gorman**.

"It's amazing, unbelievable," said
Fermoy man Towey, his voice
almost drowned out on the phoneline
by the din of the crowd. Towey won
gold as part of the lightweight pair at
the World Rowing Championships
in Lucerne at the weekend.

His partner in the pair, Tony
O'Connor, and O'Connor's fiancée,
Sinéad Jennings, crowned world
champion women's lightweight
sculler on Saturday, are taking a
short holiday, but at Shannon Airport
crowds also gathered to welcome
home lightweight single sculler Sam
Lynch.

"It's an absolutely incredible
achievement," said the Lord Mayor
of Limerick, Dick Sadlier. Lynch's
club, St Michael's, celebrate their
centenary this year and had a fitting
weekend. Their president, Kieran
Kerr, in his capacity as a FISA
judge, called the closest race of the
championships, the historic win for
Matthew Pinsent and James
Cracknell in the coxless pairs final.

■ **EQUESTRIAN:** Sarah Ennis,
who scorched to victory in the
Scarvagh House international
one-day event at the weekend, tops
the list of eight named for the
European three-day event
championships at Pau, France in
October, reports **Grania Willis**.

Ennis has been named to make her
championship debut with the
eight-year-old mare Killossery
Katriona. Also named as definites
are Carol Gee (Sportsfield Iceman),
Austin O'Connor (Horseware Fab
io), Ken Mahon (Test Flight) and
Ann Hatton (Monatrea Bert).

The selectors have requested that
Eric Smiley (Irish Patriot) and Sasha
Harrison (All Love du Fenaud),
whose horses have been out of action
due to injury, must compete in next
month's Necarne Castle CIC to
prove fitness.

The eighth slot has been given to
Patricia Donegan, who was sidelined
by injury when she broke her
shoulder, collarbone and several ribs
at the end of June. She has also been
asked to compete at Necarne to show
she is fully recovered.

A team of four plus two
individuals will travel to the
championships.

■ **STUDENT GAMES:** James
Nolan and Gareth Turnbull
comfortably came through their
1,500 metre heats on the opening
day of the athletics competition at
the World Student Games in Beijing.

Nolan clocked three minutes
48.79 seconds when winning the first
heat, while Turnbull took second in
the fastest of the three heats,
finishing in 3:45.60.

Robert Daly and Paul McKee
progressed to the semi-finals of the
400 metres. Derval O'Rourke failed
to progress beyond the first round of
the 100 metre hurdles, however.

In the soccer competition Ireland

beat Nigeria 2-1 in a match which
will play a part in deciding the minor
placings. Tony Tynan and David
Martin scored the Irish goals.

Irish swimmer Donal O'Neill set a
new national senior record in the 100
metres butterfly in a time of 56.41.
He finished 22nd and Muiris
Ó Riada 28th.

Julie Douglas clocked 26.40 to
qualify for the final of the 50m
freestyle tomorrow night. Lee
Kelleher set a personal best of 27.24
in the heats of the 50m freestyle.

■ **HOCKEY:** A hat-trick from
Ballymoney player-coach Lynsey
McVicker helped Ireland to a 7-1
win over Belgium in a practice
international in Holland yesterday.
Jill Orbinson (Portadown) scored
two goals and Sarah Rand and Cathy
McKean completed the scoring.

■ **TENNIS:** Roscoe Tanner (49) is
among the seeds for this weeks Irish
men's open at Templeogue LTC.
The American, who won the
Australian Open in 1977 could be
seeded at four behind top-seeded
Dubliner John Doran, Luke
Bourgoise and Vaughn Snyman of
South Africa.

The seeded players in the
women's Leinster Open are Karen
Nugent, Elsa O'Riain, Gina Niland
and Anne Marie Hogan.

■ **SNOOKER:** Michael Judge
defeated Scotland's Graeme Dott 5-3
at the Regal Masters qualifying
event in Stirling last night.

"The way I played there is no
reason why I can't go on and win it,"
said the world number 28.

ALLURITY WYSE (5) 3/1, Rob The Glory
Dressmore Dream (1) 3/1, Charlie's Charm
Fashion Romance (6) 2/1, Fizzzen Billy (2)
£32.01. **Tote:** £9.90, £6.60, £2.50,
£92.20.

£4,067 - 20 winners got £164.75

by

Light Senior League (at Corinthian Park):
13 (C McGuckian try, S Hutchinson, 2
one con) Galwegians 23 (R Lee 3 pens, 2
Murphy and B Shelbourne - try each.

Hooker

Masters Qualifying Tournament (at Stir-
ling Round: D Henry (Sco) bt N Bond (Eng)
Edge (Irl) bt G Dott (Sco) 5-3.

Ennis

OPEN RESULTS: Men's Singles, first round:
Aus) bt Boob Bryan (USA) 7-6 (7/3), 6-3,
antoro (Fra) bt M Larsson (Swe) 7-5, 6-4,
7-6 (8/6), N Lapentti (Ecu) bt M Chang
2-6, 6-4, R Schuettler (Ger) bt N Kiefer
1-6, 4-1, retired, D Sanguinetti (Ita) bt P
an (Tha) 6-4, 6-4, 6-1 R Delgado (Par) bt J
a) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3; X Malisse (Bel) bt K
Den) 6-1, 4-6, 3-6, 2-1, retired, F Meligeni
N Davydenko (Rus) 6-2, 6-2, 6-3, 6-4, C
el) bt S Bruguera (Spa) 3-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4
n's Singles, first round: M Hingis (Swi) bt A
(USA) 6-2, 6-0; L Davenport (USA) bt A
1-6, 2-6, 3-6, J Henin (Bel) bt M Irvin (USA)
A Sanchez-Vicario (Spa) bt P Mandula
3-6, 7-6 (7/5), E Likhovtseva (Rus) bt T
(Ukr) 4-6, 7-6 (7/4), 6-1, R McQuillan
Tanasugarn (Tha) 6-3, 7-5, A Montolio
ria Pizzichini (Ita) 6-1, 6-7, (2/7), 6-1 B
bt A Frazier (USA) 6-1, 6-2, M Vavrinec
Torrens (Spa) 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 Iva Majoli
ana Panova (Rus) 6-1, 6-1, E Daniilidou
ber Liu (USA) 6-3, 6-3, L Krasnorout-
bt J Craybas (USA) 7-5, 6-3, T Pout-
at A Kremer (Lux) 6-0, 6-2, A Sugiyama
argill (USA) 7-6 (7/4), 6-3 A Carlsson
Jagostera (Spa) 6-0, 6-4, P Schnyder
e los Rios (Par) 6-4, 6-1, M Oremans
bacs (Hun) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

y's Diary

sh Schools National final, Nenagh.
Celtic League - Munster v Connacht,
7.35: Leinster v Ebbw Vale, Donny-
rior friendly - Garryowen v Languedoc,
9.

National League: Premier Division -
Shamrock Rovers, Fiancare Park,
con - Athlone Town v Sligo Rovers, St
6:30: Drogheda United v Finn Harps,
7:30: Waterford United v Dublin City,
7:30.

sh Open, Templeogue.

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