

Evening Echo Chimes come out on top in a great tie

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THE opening shots of the final Don competition of the 2012 season of the Pat Lynch Memorial Sprint League sponsored by Heineken (Ireland) Ltd, were fired in the past week when the first round got underway, **writes BERNIE TWOMEY.**

Featured this week is the game involving two of our more competitive and experienced campaigners with Chimes at home to Redmonds in what would be expected to be a very closely fought competition.

That is how it worked out with neither side asking or giving any quarter.

DON NOTES

The Chimes got their campaign off to a fine start with their openers Jim Hennessy and Paul Lynch's straight sets win over Redmonds Brendan O'Leary and Mick Cotter.

This early advantage only lasted to the next game where the visitors Tom O'Leary and octogenarian Charlie Murray had a smashing victory over the home side's top pairing Denis Crowley and Sonny McCarthy over three legs to level the tie.

The Redmonds effort got the per-

fect lift in the decider when their final pairing of Martin O'Mahony and Pat Casey won the first leg in convincing fashion against the home side's Niall Barrett and Martin Doyle.

The full list of results from Round 1 are as follows:

Section I: Telecom 2 Quinlans 1 1, Hollyhill 1 Sextant 2, High House 3 MOK's 0, Mountain v Bye.
Section II: Quinlans 1 Brown Derby 2, Sportsmans 1 O'Cionnaighs 2, Johnnys 1 Tom Lynchs 2.
Section III: Coughlans 1 Glen Ryan 1 2, Gld Griffin 1 Fairfield 2, Wolfe Tone 2 Island 1, Ma Dulleas v Bye.
Section IV: Gen Ryan II 2 v Bellevue, Laurel 2 Residence 1, Chimes 2 Red-

monds 1.

The draw for 3rd Round of game competition to be played on Thursday are as follows:

Section I: Holyhill v MOK's, Telecom v Sextant, Mountain v Quinlans 1, High House v Bye.

Section II: Sportsmans v Tom Lynchs, Brown Derby v Bye, Quinlans II v O'Cionnaighs, Johnnys v Bye.

Section III: Gld Griffin v Island, Coughlans v Fairfield, Ma Dulleas v Glen Ryan I, Wolfe Tone v Bye.

Section IV: Laurel v Redmonds, Bellevue v Bye, Glen Ryan II v Residence, Chimes v Bye.

● **Next meeting of delegates is scheduled for the Laurel Bar, My St., on Tuesday at 8.30pm. A full attendance is expected.**



Cork City and County Youth Sports Award winner for September, Cian Dorgan, a member of Ballincollig GAA Minor Hurling team, winners for the first time in their history of the Rebel Óg Premier 2 Championship, with Roger Russell, General Manager of the Gresham Metropole Hotel, John Buckley, John Buckley Sports, Cllr Barbara Murray, Mayor of Cork County, Cllr Joe Kavanagh, deputising for the Lord Mayor, Cllr Michael O'Connell, Des Donnelly, Sales and Marketing Manager of the Gresham Metropole Hotel, Seamus O'Callaghan, Liam Barry, John Kelliher, Kieran Ryle, John Dwyer, Kevin Cooper (Ballincollig GAA), John Purcell, vice-chairman of Rebel Óg, family members Evelyn, Tom, Orna, Olan and Dara, players, Mark Prendergast, Peter O'Neill and Brian Courtney. Picture: Mike English

BALLINCOLLIG GAA are on a roll at minor level after they lifted their first Premier 2 hurling county title recently.

It follows on from last year, when they captured the Premier 1 football crown title, also for the first time.

The most impressive performer on view in the hurling final was man of the match Cian Dorgan — who was also a member of the football team 12 months earlier — and he was also selected as the monthly winner of the Cork City and County Youth Sports Awards at a function in the Gresham Metropole Hotel.

"It was a fantastic win, the effort put in by players and team management was huge," said the fifth year Ballincollig student.

"Being outsiders in all our games made us determined to succeed and it's just brilliant to follow up on the football triumph from last season."

Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Joe Kavanagh extended congratulations to Cian, his Ballincollig team colleagues and the management on their achievement that merited the midfield ace the deserved accolade, organised in association with John

Cian's hard work pays off in final

AWARDS

By JOHN TARRANT

Buckley Sports.

Ballincollig began the campaign with a win over Killeagh and progressed past Cloyne and Shandrum to reach the decider.

Indeed, Ballincollig saved the best wine until last when overcoming a half-time deficit to better Fr O'Neill's, boosted in no small part by a 0-7 tally from

Cian.

County mayor Barbara Murray added her congratulations to Cian and to the team captained by Mark Prendergast, as did Gresham Metropole Hotel manager Roger Russell and sponsor John Buckley.

Rebel Óg vice-chairman John Purcell added congratulations on a special occasion, saluting a member of his own club, while chairman Seamus O'Callaghan spoke of a terrific team performance and the individual effort

put into winning the crown.

"I'm thrilled for Cian, not surprised, given his dedication and work ethic, which is outstanding," he said.

"I'm thrilled to accept the award, it was a team effort. Thanks are extended to my family and Ballincollig club for promoting the game. We placed great emphasis on fitness and tackling. Hopefully, we can build on it for U21 and premier intermediate level in future years," said Cian.

Romney might be value bet at current price

THE second presidential debate in the US was on in the early hours of this morning, but because I am not paid expenses to stay up past my bedtime, I didn't get to see it.

Anyway, Mitt Romney and Barack Obama went head to head in what is referred to as a town hall debate, the second of three occasions in which they will argue in public before election day.

This format is much better than our presidential debates, when a load of people turned up thinking they could argue their way into the Arás.

Seven people were there then. It wasn't so much a debate as a mass debate. Seven mass debaters trying to be heard doesn't make for good TV.

Anyway, before I give you how the odds have shifted since last night's political chinwag, I'll give you some advice I was once given on how to win an argument.

I argue well. Ask any of my remaining friends.

I can win an argument on any topic. People know this and try not to sit next to me at dinner parties. Often, as a sign of their great respect, people don't even invite me.

Suppose you are at a shindig and some hotshot intellectual is expounding on how hospital consultants are making too much money from promoting certain drugs, a subject you know nothing about.

If you are after drinks, you'll discover you have strong views about the whole issue. You'll argue forcefully, offering searing insights on why that idiot is totally wrong.

But if you truly know nothing about the subject you will be forced to make things up, which if you do, try to make the statistics you use as precise as pos-



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sible. While people might bristle at a figure like "a couple of hundred", if you say "256.6" then everyone's gonna know you know what you're talking about.

If an opponent asks you where you got your information, make that up too. Say: "This information comes directly from Trevor Berbick's study."

To confound anything you're opponent says, it is sometimes necessary to remark: "You're comparing apples with oranges!" with a hint of frustration. And if he/she is still on top, you might claim: "You would say that, wouldn't you?"

If you are still losing the argument it's time to take out the big ammo and compare your opponent to Hitler. Only do this when your opponent is obviously right and you are spectacularly wrong.

Bring Hitler up subtly, saying: "That sounds suspiciously like something Adolf Hitler might say," or "You certainly do remind me of Adolf Hitler."

There is just no comeback for that guy.

Back to the States. In a poll after the first debate Romney was announced the winner by two out of three voters.

Obama, was given the edge by voters in a poll following last night's debate, and there was a slight shift in the odds with the incumbent narrowing to 2-5 with Boylesports and Romney has stretched to 2-1 with Paddy Power.

Recommendation: It pains me to say it but Romney is worth a punt at 2-1.