

Evening Echo Last 16 of Don teams in action tomorrow

SPORT

IN SPORT TODAY

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WITH the 16 qualifiers for the knockout stages of the Don league now ascertained, the draw and venues for round 16 and subsequent quarter-finals of this year's Murphy's Irish Stout Premier League are as follows to be played Thursday, August 2.

High House 1 v Johnnys. Fairview v Quinlans. Venue Residence. Sextant v Laurel. Coughlans v Gerald Griffin. Venue O Cionnaighs. Glen Ryan v Chimes. Redmonds v Hollyhill. Venue Wolfe Tone. Sportsmans v Tom Lynchs. Mountain v Brown Derby. Venue Ma Dulleas. Entries are now being accepted for our next competition a grand charity

DON NOTES

By BERNIE TWOMEY

blitz sponsored by Heineken to aid COFFA House, who do a tremendous work for the old folks in the Shandon Street and surrounds areas. Starting on Thursday, August 23 immediately following our summer break. Usual conditions apply. Sympathy of the association is extended to Crowley (Tom Lynch's) family on their recent bereavement. Next meeting of delegates is scheduled for Tom Lynch's, Barrack Street on Tuesday, August 7, at 8.30pm sharp.

Section 1

High House 1
Coughland
Hollyhill
Tom Lynchs
Island
Quinlans 2
Horseshoe

14 13 1 13
14 9 5 9
14 9 5 9
14 9 5 9
14 8 6 8
14 4 10 4
14 4 10 4

Section 3

GlenRyan
Mountain
Laurel
Quinlans
Homer
Ma Dulleas
Telcom

14 10 4 10
14 10 4 10
14 8 6 8
14 8 6 8
14 8 6 8
14 7 7 7
14 5 9 5

Section 2

Sextant
Fairfield
Frown Derby
Chimes
Belvue
High House 2
Wolfe Tone

14 11 3 11
14 10 4 10
14 9 5 9
14 8 6 8
14 7 7 7
14 7 7 7
14 4 10 4

Section 4

Sportsmans
Redmonds
Gerard Griffin
Johnnys
O Cionnaigh
Residence
MOKs

14 11 3 11
14 11 3 11
14 9 5 9
14 8 6 8
14 6 8 6
14 6 8 6
14 5 9 5

Netball girls win first competition

Size matters a big deal at the Olympics



Robert O'Shea

THE LONGSHOT

NETBALL

THE Cork Netball Team travelled to Dublin at the weekend to take part in their first competitive netball tournament.

They participated in a summer tournament consisting of four teams.

Each team played each other twice, with the two teams positioned first and second in the table progressing to the final.

Cork established a good first game lead against St Michael's and went on to win their first match, beating them comfortably 10-7 in the first game and 11-6 in their rematch with the Dublin-based team.

Leinster were a tougher nut to crack, but Cork turned out eventual winners in both games against the provincial side, beating them 9-7 and 10-8.

Cork were finding their form when they played Extras and despite their first game against the Dublin-based team being delayed due to injury, Cork won both games comfortably, 11-5 and 12-7.

Progressing to the final as group leaders and favourites, Cork had a tough final game against a determined Leinster side who fought a highly competitive close match that could have gone either way.

Cork took the lead in the last minute of the game to win the final 9-8.

This was a great achievement



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for the club. Cork Netball team only formed in March of this year and they are eager to grow the interest in Netball in the Cork area and recruit new members.

So if you previously played netball and would like to start playing again, or are interested in learning to play, or just in getting fit and meeting like-minded

people, Cork Netball Team regularly train on Thursday night's between 7-8pm.

Please contact Liz via email at netballireland@yahoo.com.

Johnny's Bar celebrate first sevens victory

SOCCER

THE 45th Annual Blarney United seven-a-side square league came to a historic end on a sun-kissed Friday evening in front of a packed village green recently. There was three finals played on the night. In the Conor Nagle U17 Memorial Cup Tower beat

Knocknaheeny Celtic. Tower also won the O35 Niall Ryan Memorial Cup when they beat the Guards in the final. History was made when Johnny's Bar (Castle Hotel) finally landed

the holy grail for the first time by winning the main event. They defeated champions Brannigan's Bar 2-0 on the night in a fantastic final played before a large crowd. Managers Con O'Riordan and Finbarr Hogan could not hide their delight as

goals from Alan Weldon and Mark Cremin landed them the win to set off wild scenes of celebration. It was a fitting end to a fantastic soccer festival and already organisers are looking forward to next year's soccer sevens tournament on the square.

IT'S my day off today so I hope to have spent most of the morning and afternoon in front of the telly watching the Olympics, studying the form of the competitors for your convenience.

My old telly packed in a few days before the Games began and sent me into a panic, as several credit card companies have alerted me that I cannot afford to buy a remote control, nevermind a new TV.

A friend lent me her spare, which has a screen two inches smaller than my broken box (itself a petite 20-incher), making me the only person in Munster to be heading in the direction of smaller TV screens as far as I can tell.

My colleagues in the *Evening Echo* have been raving about the comprehensive coverage on the BBC when you press the red button. They all have Sky, it goes without saying. I have UPC. When I press the red button the TV turns off.

Before I get to the fantastic value bets, some readers have wrote in to ask me to keep an eye out for Olympians with unusual names.

There is a Chinese athlete competing in trampolining — yes, trampolining is an Olympic event — named Dong Dong, while Yoshie Takeshita is a female volleyball player from Japan.

If you can't beat them, mock their funny names, is my Olympic motto.

While Katie Taylor is an unbackable 1-4 to win the lightweight division in the women's boxing, Claressa Shields from the States is a good price at 8-1 with BetFred to win gold in the middleweight section.

The 17-year-old (the youngest boxer at the Games) lost to 2-1 favourite Great Britain's Savannah Marshall in May, but that is the only time she has lost in 28 contests, so she is fantastic each-way value after getting a first-round bye.

The men's 100m final is the big race in the pool tonight and if you were to twist my arm for a verdict, I'd predict 15-year-old Chinese girl Ye Shiwen will swim faster than all of them when doing the backstroke.

Aussie World champ James Magnussen is the even money favourite, but claimed he doesn't deserve those odds after a dispiriting two lengths in the 4 X 100 relay in which his team finished fourth.

Recommendation: On account of the pressure the young Aussie is feeling, get on Brazilian world record-holder Cesar Cielo at 20-1 with Boylesports for the 100m freestyle.