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Ireland will steamroll Aussies once again



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THE LONGSHOT

THE bind we found ourselves in yesterday was how to check the lotto results without betraying any forlorn hope we might have of winning.

This was vital because I am convinced that to match six numbers you must be oblivious to the possibility of hitting the jackpot. Thus I struck on the solution of convincing myself I had not in fact bought a ticket.

Having successfully faced down this challenge, I then left myself only with the problem of not checking the result.

This is what I do.

I leave the newspaper, that my ticket is safely hidden inside, in the bathroom, and I wait.

Someone (my housemate or my fiancée) eventually comes along and picks up the newspaper and the ticket falls out.

Curious creatures, they will whip out their smartphone and check the numbers.

The plan may not be foolproof, but one day I am sure that instead of a flush I will hear a scream.

It has actually happened once already, but that turned out to be caused by reaction to a spider in the bath.

But some day it will be a scream of delight, I am certain of that, although I will never expect it. Either that or I will never see one of them again.

Not that anyone out there is particularly concerned about my striking it big or not, something that can also be said about the result of the Compromise Rules Test this Saturday night at Croke Park.

The first game was a damp squib and that Ireland are 4/9 with Bet365 is screaming out at us (they are 1/4 with Boyles).

They blew away the indigenous Aussies and it is impossible (impossible!) to imagine anything else occurring this weekend, in what might be the final contest between the two for a while after crisis talks between the GAA and the AFL this week.

Only in 1999, 2002 and '03 and 2010 has a series proved competitive all the way until the final quarter of the second Test. With Ireland 22 points ahead and enthusiasm for the hybrid game at an all-time low, I fully expect another stroll in the park for the home side.

Recommendation: Lump everything you have on Ireland to beat the Aussies at 4/9 with Bet365 and you won't have to hide your lotto tickets in the toilet anymore. If it doesn't come up I might lock myself in the same toilet for a few years.



Siofra Ryan, Rebecca O'Donnell, Ciara Wyse, Aoife Hegarty and Aoife Burke, from Curam de Carra Karate, who are competing in Black Belt Kata & Kumite categories at the WUKF European Childrens, Cadets and Junior Championships in the Sheffield Institute of Sport Arena this weekend, are welcomed into City Hall by Lord Mayor, Catherine Clancy.

Picture: Michele Ryan

Karate girls steel up for Sheffield

THIS weekend five Cork girls will compete in the WUKF European championships in Sheffield, UK.

All five girls who are currently based in the Curam De Cara Karate club at K2C, North Business Park will be representing the Irish Karate Do federation, along with 15 other members from clubs throughout Ireland.

Siofra Ryan, Rebecca O'Donnell, Ciara Wyse, Aoife Hegarty and Aoife Burke will compete in Black Belt Kata and Kumite categories.

For Siofra, Rebecca and Ciara they will be familiar with the proceedings at such an event having competed in World and European events in recent years in places such as Novi Sad in Serbia and Gyor in Hungary.

For both Aoifes, this is their first time competing at European level however they are looking forward to the challenge.

"To compete in such a prestigious competition, it takes a lot of hard work

TAE KWON DO

By BARBARA O'CONNELL

and commitment, however such work has certainly been put in by all of the girls," said Sensei Liam Griffin.

"These girls have been training up to four times a week for the past six months with extra squad training once a month which took place in Waterford, so we are confident they are well prepared for this championship."

Liam and Teresa Griffin founded Curam De Cara back in 2004, when it was then based in Blarney. The club expanded to Churchfield, Blackpool and Rathpeacon and now consists of about 50 members aged between six and 50.

CDC then moved to the North Point Business part, in the K2C Facility.

The Club still uses Blarney as their base for extra classes coming up to competition time and they also plan to start beginners classes again in Blar-

ney after European Championships.

"This year's European championships will be held over three days with each competitor taking part in approximately three to four rounds of fighting plus three to four rounds of Kata (Pattern)."

A trip like this can obviously be costly at times, however the club put in a lot of effort to raise almost €6,000 towards the cost.

Bag packing in various Dunnes Stores such as Ballyvolane, Blackpool, Bishopstown, along with club Raffles were very much appreciated by all of the club's members.

The girls will be accompanied on the trip by six parents from CDC, along with coaches Teresa Griffin, Deborah O'Donnell and Liam Griffin who is club trainer and tournament Referee.

The girls now hope to give back to the people of Cork by doing themselves proud in Sheffield. Last Year, in Serbia, the Club took home one gold and bronze medal and this year they hope to build on this success.

Five of the best for Sheffield

Name: Kiera Wyse
Age: 17
Occupation: Leaving cert student, St Als
Grade: Black Belt
Name: Aoife Hegarty
Age: 15
Occupation: Transition Year Student, St Vincent's
Grade: Pre Black
Name: Siofra Ryan
Age: 13
Occupation: 1st Year Student Mount Mercy
Grade: Black Belt
Name: Rebecca O' Donnell
Age: 13
Occupation: 1st Year Student, St Aiden's, Ballyvolane
Grade: Black Belt
Name: Aoife Burke
Age: 13
Occupation: 2nd Year Student, Gaelcholáiste Mhuire, North Mon AG.
Grade: Pre Black

Rockies club stage annual open draw fours

THE Rockies Bowls Club staged their annual open draw fours competition which commenced on Monday, October 7 and concluded with the final session on Thursday, October 10.

The tournament was a great success and held in the Fitzgeralds Woodlands House Hotel, Adare, Co Limerick.

The umpires on duty for the tournament were Dick Dowling and Billy Egan.

The prizes were presented by Michael Brennan (club president) to the winners.

Semi-finals: Team I (S. Jennings-Cox's Hall) beat Team B (Majorie O'Sullivan-Rockies, Kathleen O'Leary-Cathedral Parish, John

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Fitzsimmons-Mullingar & Hilary Loftus-Rockies) and Team X (P. Ahern-Sacred Heart) bt (Miah Ahern-Iona, Mary Knott-Glanmire, Valerie Jennings-Cox's Hall & Jerry Ryan-Pfizers).

Final: Team X (Frances Kingston-Cox's Hall, Marie Attridge-Rockies, Dan Swanton-Ballinlough & Peg Ahern-Sacred Heart) bt Team I (Nora O'Mahony-St Mary's, Dunmanway, Ann Murphy-Iona, Eileen Walsh-Watergrasshill & Sam Jennings-Cox's Hall).

● The Cork Zone Championships for the 2013/2014 season continued on Saturday and Sunday October 12-13 and were held in St Anthony's School Hall, Ballinlough and the results were

as follows:

Ladies Singles (played on October 12).

Through to Section 1 - semi-finals: E. O'Callaghan-Mallow v S. O'Leary-Ballinlough GAA and S. O'Driscoll (DCS) v M. Triggs (Middleton).

Through to Section 2 - semi-finals: F. Thompson-Wilton v E. McCarthy-Iona and E. Clifford-DCS v M. Lynch (Iona).

All the above matches will be played at 3pm on Sunday, November 24.

National Pairs (played on October 13).

Section 1 - Through to 3rd Round: (E. Linehan & J. O'Donoghue (Ballinlough GAA) & (E. Jennings & M. Jennings-Cox's Hall).

Through to semi-final: C. O'Sullivan & J. Kirby-Middleton, D. Cliff & D. Feeney-Conna & G. & A. Tanner-Conna.

Section 2 - Through to 3rd Round: (A. & D. Twohig-Douglas GAA), K. Coleman & D. Cahill-Mitchelstown).

Through to semi-final: M. & L. Conlon-Watergrasshill, H. Payne & H. Foley-Mitchelstown & P. & J. Long -Grange/Frankfield.

Section 3 - Through to 3rd Round: (P. & C. Ahern-Sacred Heart) & (T. & J. Geary-Glounthaune).

Through to semi-final: M. & C. Middleton-Crosshaven, G. Murphy & K. Middleton-Crosshaven & C. Healy & G. Fenney-(Cathedral Parish).

All third round matches will be played at 2.15pm on Sunday, November 17.

All semi-finals will be played at 3.00pm on Sunday, November 17, followed by finals of Section 1-Section 2-Section 3 at 4.30pm.

Fixtures: Douglas Community School Annual Licensed Fours Competition on Sunday & Monday, October 27-28, at DCS Sports Hall.

Cork Zone (IIBA) Championships on Saturday & Sunday, November 2-3 in St Anthony's School Hall, Ballinlough, Cork.

Champion of Champions Tournament on Saturday, November 9, at Belfast Indoor Bowls Club, Shaw's Bridge, Belfast.