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Baled out by Levy's haggling on price



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THE LONGSHOT

THE weather has been Baltic of late in Longshot country and the natives are shivering with the cold having failed to pay their heating bills again.

But has it been all that bad?

Probably. Today we begin our six-month round-up of profit or loss.

Mid-May saw our first winner when an unnecessary Native American Indian joke finished with a tip for Hawkeye Native, who romped home at the disappointing price of 6/4 at Fontwell.

A couple of days later and we had an even shorter winner, but a long wait.

We said that the 5/6 on Gareth Bale still being a Spurs player on the first day of the season stuck out like a digit on someone you have just cut off at a junction. "Take it and you'll be quids in come August," we insisted!

We took our own advice and lumped on the Welshman to stay at the Lane. We put a smaller sum on him to leave when the odds shifted and ensured we couldn't lose, while standing to gain quite a bit if he remained.

So we lost? We thought we had anyway until a tidy sum arrived in our betting account.

Why? Because Bale was still a Spurs player at the start of the season... He didn't join Real until September.

At the Monaco Grand Prix a three-time 18/1 bet involving Sebastian Vettel was scuppered when Nico Rosberg beat him by three seconds in what was possibly the only race the German didn't win this season.

Ireland to lead in their friendly against England in Wembley but to be pegged back for a draw clicked for 22/1 in our biggest price winner before a long barren spell.

Our next winner wasn't until July 11, (in fairness, a fortnight of inept tipping didn't come from my pen) when Big Thunder and Portrait gave us a 5/2 double at Bath.

A friendly between Munich and Barca paid off two weeks later, when the Germans reiterated their supremacy with a 19/2 2-0 home win.

Stephen Moylan's injury-time point sank our 6/1 bet on Cork to beat the Dubs by 3-4 in August. Pointing out that Dublin were 66/1 to lift Liam before their Kilkenny game could have had worshippers at our feet but the men in red and white killed the capital's double dream

Recommendation: We will continue these "best of" clips tomorrow. Meantime, get on Munich, City, PSG and Sociedad at odds of 5/1 with Bet365 tonight.



Cheques presented to representatives from the Crosshaven Rugby Club, Development Association, Boys School, First Response and Walkway Lighting project, following the recent Centra Crosshaven Triathlon Challenge. Also included are members of the organising committee and Minister Simon Coveney TD.

Picture: Howard Crowdy

TRIATHLON

By Howard Crowdy

FIVE cheques totalling €10,000 were presented to representatives from local groups and organisations from the 11th annual Centra Crosshaven Triathlon Challenge, which took place recently.

The cheques were presented outside the main Triathlon headquarters of Lynch's Centra Supermarket last week.

Event chairman Bernard Lynch, assisted by committee members Susie Lee, Conor Middleton and Kate Heslin, presented the cheques to Aidan Fahy of the Crosshaven Boys NS; Audrey Buckley Woodroffe, Tom Power and Clare O'Sullivan of Development Association; Mary O'Brien of the Crosshaven Rugby Club; Victor Shine of the Community First Responder and to Minister Simon Coveney on behalf of the Crosshaven Walkway Lighting Project who was on hand to present all of the cheques to the recipients.

The 11th annual triathlon attracted the largest field to date with over 400 athletes involved in teams and individual competitors taking part and continues to grow each passing year.

Triathlon has raised over €10,000

The event consisted of swimming 500 metres from the Currabinny Pier to the Hugh Coveney Pier in Crosshaven, a 10km cycle from the Hugh Coveney pier to Leary's Cross and back, and finally a 5km run around the village, with the finish outside the Centra supermarket where the prize giving was held.

The event began back in 2003 and since then has raised in excess of €150,000 for local clubs, schools, organisations and groups in the general Crosshaven area.

Among those who have benefited from funds over the years have included local schools, Coast Guard, RNLI, Crosshaven development and Community Associations, Tidy Towns Groups, Camden Fort Meagher, various sporting clubs and community groups and have also provided essential defibrillators in the vicinity of Crosshaven for the local community amongst others.

Bernard Lynch went on to thank the assistance and co-operation given by a huge number of local volun-

teers which included the RNLI, Red Cross, Coast Guard, civil defence, the Crosshaven Walking Club, Crosshaven Vintage Club and local Gardaí as well as the triathlon committee who ensured the smooth running of this year's event.

He also acknowledged the invaluable sponsorship from Glaxo Smithkline Lucozade Sport and Centra and also paid tribute to the large number of competitors in teams and competing as individuals who made the event the largest to date.

Glenryan hold nerve to hang on in a classic

CORK RINGS

By Derry Desmond

THE final of the George O'Mahony Cup was played between the Glenryan and the Gill Tavern at St Vincent's.

The large attendance was treated to a fantastic game with some saying it was the best they had seen in years.

The Glenryan took to the oche first and their line-up was Steven Cunningham, Glen Cunningham, Alan Moynihan (their captain), Jonathan Cunningham and Paul

Cunningham. For the Gill Tavern it was John Kearney, Mark Hennessy, Derry Desmond, captain Aidan Murray, and Alan Kelleher. Such was the high scoring of the game that after three hands the Glenryan were on 840 and 60

points ahead of the Gill Tavern and the crowd transfixed. The Gill subbed in Daniel Flaherty for Alan Kelleher and by the end of the fifth hand the margin was just 30 points.

It went down to the wire and it was the Glenryan who hung two ones with the Gill Tavern only hanging a single one on nomination, and all this in only six plus two. Such was the high scoring, five

players were in the running for Man of the Match but it eventually fell on John Kearney who had an impressive average of 58. Tomorrow, the final of the Delaney Cup is on up in the Top of the Hill between the Sportsman's and the Glenryan B team, this game should also provide us with a cracker as both teams were really on form in the semi-finals. Next meeting for delegates is on in Quirkies on November 7.