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Welcome from CFAI Chairman



On behalf of the CFAI Executive I would like to welcome you all to Mayo for the UMBRO Colleges Cup Finals 2011. Firstly I'd like to give a big thank you to our hosts, GMIT Castlebar, and in particular to Dr. Barbara Burns, Head of Centre, who has made us feel more than welcome. I'd also like to thank Nigel Jennings and his committee who have been a tremendous help to the CFAI in organising and arranging top class facilities for this festival of football.

There are six games to be played, two semi finals and four finals, over a two day period and this would not be possible without the co-operation of the Mayo League and the local clubs, Manualla FC, Snugboro United, Ballyglass FC, Castlebar Celtic who have provided us with top class pitches for which we are most grateful.

Can I congratulate the players, managers, coaches and staff of all the teams on making it to Castlebar. I have been fortunate enough to have watched a lot of matches this year and the standard of football, has impressed me immensely. The dedication and professionalism shown is a credit to all involved in college football.

The CFAI want to take this opportunity to thank UMBRO, our main sponsor, for the huge commitment that they have shown to us over the years. They have been an enormous supporter of the development of soccer at Third Level and we are extremely grateful. I'd also like to thank our sponsors Nivea, Lucozade sport, Y-Horizons Enterprises Ltd, Gary MacCarthy Trophies and the Evening Herald for their continued support. I know it is not easy in the present climate for sponsors to be involved but we have been very fortunate and I urge you to support them by purchasing and promoting their products whenever possible.

The UMBRO Colleges & Universities Football League has continued to develop and I would like to thank the FAI for their commitment and support. I congratulate our five members; IT Carlow, Dublin IT, IT Dundalk, Galway Technical Institute and Drogheda IFE, who qualified for the three CUFL finals. Well done to IT Carlow on becoming the first CFAI member to win the Premier Division and Galway Technical Institute claiming the First Division title in their first year of competing. The CFAI are very proud of your achievements. To our very good friends from the newspapers John Hutson and Eamonn Scott your weekly newspaper reports in the Star and Evening Herald are now part of our weekly reading, keep up the good work and thanks again. To our own CFAI committee great job and another good year.

Finally I would like to wish all the players, managers, backroom staff, match officials and supporters the very best of luck and hope you do yourselves and your Colleges proud by competing in a fair and sporting manner and may the best teams win. I hope you enjoy the occasion and remember that you also representing your college off the field of play.

Padraig Carney, Chairman

CFAI Committee 20010/2011:

John Quinlan, Hon. Secretary, Michael Mooring, Treasurer, Joe O'Brien, Competitions Coordinator, PRO Brendan Maguire, Committee Members: Michael Cox, Tony O'Connor



Welcome to Castlebar

On behalf of GMIT Castlebar I would like to welcome everyone Involved in the 2011 CFAI UMBRO cup finals to Castlebar. This is the highlight of the Colleges football calendar and it always proves to be an excellent occasion. It is a great honour for us to host such a prestigious event and we thank the CFAI for selecting us. I would like to extend a personal word of gratitude to Pdraig Carney, Chairman of the CFAI whose assistance in the preparation that has gone in to getting to this stage has been immense.

We are fortunate to have the cooperation of local clubs Snugboro United, Ballyglass F.C., Manulla F.C and Castlebar Celtic as well as the Mayo League for allowing us the use of their excellent facilities. I'm sure you will all agree that their grounds are a credit to them and we appreciate their generosity in facilitating us.

Thanks to Umbro for their generous sponsorship, as always to the Mayo Referees association for providing us with officials and to the Order of Malta for keeping a watchful eye on everyone's safety

Congratulations to all the teams who have battled it out to get to this stage, we wish you luck in the coming days. No doubt the intensity of endeavour, the passion and the quality of football on display along with the support will help make this another of the great football occasions that have become the hallmark of the CFAI Umbro cup finals

Finally to our own GMIT Castlebar men's soccer team, it's great to have the College represented in the finals everyone in GMIT Castlebar and indeed the county is extremely proud of your efforts to get this far and will be right behind you on the big night.

Nigel Jennings, Sports Officer, GMIT Castlebar



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2011 Finals Programme



Wednesday 9th March, Castlebar

3pm **UMBRO Colleges Cup Semi Finals**
Dublin IT v Letterkenny - Ballyglass
Dundalk IT v GMIT - Manulla

7pm **UMBRO Colleges Plate Final**
GMIT Castlebar v Athlone IT
Castlebar Celtic

Thursday 10th March, Castlebar

11am **CFAI B-Teams Final, Snugboro**
Cork IT B v NCI B

1pm **Bob Eustace Cup Final, Castlebar Celtic**
Dublin IT C v ITT Dublin C

3:30pm **UMBRO Colleges Cup Final, Mile bush**

6.00pm **Closing Ceremony and Presentation Dinner**
Breaffy House Resort





UMBRO Colleges Cup Semi-finalist



Dublin Institute of Technology
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UMBRO Colleges Cup Semi-finalist



Letterkenny IT—UMBRO Cup Semi-Finalists 2010



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Letterkenny Institute of Technology

ROAD TO THE FINALS 2011: Letterkenny's road to the finals began with a bye in the 1st round. They were then drawn at home to NCI in round 2 of the competition. Due to the inclement weather conditions the game could not go ahead in Donegal and the Port Rd students travelled to Irishtown Stadium to play the fixture. Oisín McMenamin proved to be the ace in the pack for Letterkenny that day as his 2 goals set the Donegal lads up in a 2-1 win in extra time with the winner coming from the penalty spot right at the end of the added period. The quarters saw LYIT topple holders and tournament favourites Carlow IT in the upset of the competition so far. A goal from the penalty spot after 8 minutes was enough to see Niall McGonagles charges through to the final 4 of this years competition.

Niall McGonagle: Coach/Manager: Has led LYIT to its 3rd final four appearances in the last 3 years. Won the CFAI Cup with LYIT in 2006. Also Manager of BunCrana Hearts of the Ulster Senior League.

Tommy Harkin: Assistant Manager/Physio: The fittest 74 year old in Ireland, Tommy is in his 3rd year now as assistant to Niall at LYIT. Grandfather to LYIT skipper Mark Harkin. Tommy has been associated with famous intermediate team Fanad United for years and just this year received the appreciation award for his lifelong commitment to soccer at the Donegal Sports Star Awards.

Lee McFadden: GK Lee recently joined Finn Harps after impressing last season for Buncrana Hearts. Has also played for Donegal Senior GAA team.

Gary Cunningham: GK Back up this year to Lee McFadden but an extremely talented keeper. Was outstanding last year in semi-final defeat to Colaiste Ide. From Mayo, Gary plays his club football for Westport United.

David Gethins: RB RM Fanad United, Pacy wide player who has made an impact this year. His brothers Conor & Trevor have both played League of Ireland with Finn Harps.

Josh Mailey: CB RB Finn Harps, Excellent prospect and a leader on the pitch. Can play at the back or in midfield. Josh will be hoping to break into the Finn Harps 1st team this year.

Mark Harkin: CM Buncrana Hearts, Team Captain and plays for the jersey every time. Fantastic reader of the game, grandson of the Assistant Manager Tommy.

Aaron Leahy: LB CB Shannon Hibernians, 1st year whom has cemented a starting position at the back. He's from Clare not Limerick!

Rob Wall: CM Shannon Hibs, 1st year who possess excellent passing ability. He's not from Limerick he's from Clare!

Corey Gallagher: CB Excellent centre – half whom was outstanding in LYIT's quarter final win over Carlow IT. Also plays for Donegal U21 GAA team. Loves a battle!

Odhran McNiallis: LM Odhran possesses excellent dribbling ability and is fantastic in the air. 1st year student whom played for Donegal GAA team in this years McKenna Cup.

Dylan Ramsey: RB Finn Harps, Honest reliable and technically good. Dylan recently signed for Finn Harps, extremely versatile player.

Richard McElhinney: RM Moville Celtic, Has struggled with injuries this season but hoping to take some part in finals. Excellent dribbling ability.

Oisin Grant: CM Oisin just joined Letterkenny Rovers from Derry City where he spent a number of years. Tough tackling no-nonsense midfield enforcer.

Barry McNamee: LB LM Derry City, Barry Hails from Ramelton home of Swilly Rovers & football special. Joined Derry last year from his home town club. Excellent left peg.

Ryan Carlin: Striker Glenea United, Ryan has represented the Donegal Oscar Traynor team in recent years possesses fantastic pace and a natural poacher.

Micheal Connolly: CM' Striker, Gweedore United, Doesn't shirk a tackle, excellent in the air. Has lovely new boots!

Davitt Walsh: Striker, Fanad United previous clubs include Derry, Finn Harps and Bohemians. Led the line expertly in the quarter-final win over Carlow. His experience will be vital to LYIT if they want to repeat their cup success of 2006.

Oisin McMenamain: RM, LM, Striker, Finn Harps. 'Tosh' as he is affectionately referred to by his teammates is the teams' leading scorer. Has the pace and trickery to trouble any defence. Represented Ireland at World Student Games in Izmir, Turkey in 2007.





UMBRO Colleges Cup Semi-finalist



**GMIT back in the day.
Guess the year?**



Thomas King, Captain. Formerly an apprentice with Plymouth Argyle. Moved from Galway United to Mervue United this year. Current College International. Mid-field/right back.



Ronan Forde. Salthill Devon in the League of Ireland 1st Division. Goal keeper.

John O Connor. Galway Hibernians. Goal keeper

Temi Kuku. Plays with Lifford Celtic in Clare League. Centre half.

Mike Elwood. Plays with Mervue United in League of Ireland Division 1. Centre half

Williams Oge. Plays with Oranmore in Galway and District League. Centre half.

Ray Winters. Plays with Salthill Devon. Right back/left back

Darren Mc Geever. Finn Harps. Plays at left back.

Luke Mc Connell. Plays with Salthill Devon in League of Ireland 1st Division.

Kevin Crehan. Mervue United in League of Ireland 1st Division. Is a Colleges International. Centre mid-field.

Pearse Duffy. Plays with Corrib Celtic in Galway & District League. Full back.

Declan Roper. Plays with Salthill Devon in Galway and District League. Right mid-field

Rory Gaffney. Plays with Mervue United in L.O.I. 1st Division. Centre forward.

Peter Drevins. Plays with Mervue United in L.O.I. 1st Division. Centre forward.

Arthur Zokli. Mervue United Underage. Right mid field.

Victor Oladapo. Victor has been playing with GMIT for 3 years. Left mid field.

Ryan Boyle. Plays with Mervue in L.O.I 1st Division. Right mid-field.

GMIT manager is **John Clarke**. Previous spells with Galway United and NUIG. With NUIG he won two Collingwood Cups and four University Leagues. Would be very happy to reach a Colleges Cup final.



UMBRO Colleges Cup Semi-finalist



Dundalk IT—Bob Eustace Cup Winners 2009



Path to the Semi- Final

Dundalk IT 3 GM Castlebar 1 (1-1aet)

After a tough 90min Dundalk IT finally showed their class, Darragh McNamara & Des Eiffe scoring the goals in extra time.

Dundalk IT 6 South-West College 3

A different side of Dundalk IT in this game, 3-0 down after 30min they roared back with a 6 goal master class, Sean Hand & Gary McGrane getting 2 each.

Dundalk IT 2 IT Tallaght 2 aet, Dundalk IT win 4-2 on pens.

Dominated most of the game Dundalk IT still needed pens to make it pass their premier opponents, goalkeeper Keith Shields the hero saving 2 pens

Brian Donnelly	Dundalk IT	MDL Prem 2006 & 2008, MDL Cup 2006 & 2007, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010
Jonny McGailey	Dundalk IT	
Karl Johnston (Capt)	Terenure CYM	Underage League's & Cups, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,
Gary McGrane	Dundalk IT	Underage League's & Cups, FAI Youth Cup, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010
Joe Flynn	Seatown FC	Underage League's & Cups, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,
John Bingham	Ardee Celtic	MDL Cup, Foyle Cup, Regional League 2010,
Cormac Pentony	Dundalk IT	FAI Youth Cup, Regional League 2010,,
Shane Dowling	Tullamore Tn	Combined League's Top Goal scorer 2009, Regional League 2010,,
Des Eiffe	Dundalk IT	Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,,
Keith Shields	Kentstown Rvrs	Underage League's & Cups, MDL Div 2, Regional League 2010,
Darragh McNamara	Drogheda Utd	FAI Youth Cup, Regional League 2010,,
Sean Hand	Dundalk FC	FAI Youth Cup, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,
Jay O'Neill	Hyde Pk FC	Underage League's & Cups, Regional League 2010,,
Stephen Murphy	Drogheda Utd	FAI Youth Cup, Foyle Plate, Youth Player of the Year 2007, 2008, 2010, Regional League 2010
Eoin Murphy	Dundalk IT	Underage League's & Cups, Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,
John Scott	Dundalk IT	Bob Eustace Cup 2009, Regional League 2010,,
Emmet O'Brien	Gleneely Colts	Underage League's & Cups, Regional League 2010,,
Kevin McArdle	Glenmuir Utd	Underage League's & Cups, Youth & College's International, Regional League 2010,
Thomas McShane	Quay Celtic	Underage League's & Cups, Regional League 2010
Paul Martin	Glenmuir Utd	Underage League's & Cups, Regional League 2010



UMBRO Colleges Plate Finalist



Road to the final

A valiant effort in round 1 of the cup saw the lads come back to force extra time before Dundalk I.T. consigned them to the plate. Fate first handed them a bye in the next round before sending them packing on the exact same roadtrip to Dundalk – this time to Play O’Fiach College. The return trip was an altogether happier affair as Goals from Augustine Ademoye, and Jonathan Maloney gave them a 2-0 win and a trip to Inchicore for the semi.

Knowing that the finals would be in their home patch and facing the prospect of being there only a spectators, finding themselves 1-0 down at the break, sparked an incredible second half performance. A penalty from Augustine swiftly followed by a free kick from Chris Rowland put them in front before Chris clinched it with a screamer. The lads are now looking to home support to help them go all the way in the final

Management

Brian Coffey – has turned around the fortunes of the side since he took over the role last year. Leading them from a disastrous showing in 2009 to Div 1 West title in CUFL last season and again getting out of the group this year. 2nd year student of Construction a proud Westport man – will find it strange sitting in the home dug out in Celtic park for the final!

Trevor Quinn- came in to work in tandem with Brian midway through last season, concentrating more on the coaching side of things he brought ready improvements. His enthusiasm for the game is immense and his excitement in the build up mirrors the effort he puts into preparation Michael McNicholas – the final piece for the jigsaw, with a staff member with such credentials on hand (Michael holds a UEFA “A” License), Brian & Trevor turned to Michael for the finishing touches. It’s no coincidence that The College team are enjoying their finest performances since he days Michael was at the helm several years ago.

Mark Duffy – Goalkeeper- a first year, he has made a big impression with his excellent shot stopping and command of his box and made the no 1 his own - Ballina town

Paul martin – Goalkeeper – has had to play understudy this year but perfectly capable of coming in to deliver on big occasion – has the distinction of playing in goal for all GMIT Castlebar field sports teams

Kevin Burke– defender -“old man” of the team, still trying to work out how right full popped up on left wing to net equaliser in CUFL ¼ finals - Ballyglass f.c.

Seamus Higgins. Defender- his experience and assurance are a steadying influence at the back and he carries this authority through to his role as team captain - Westport United

Daniel burke – Defender- always in the right place to deal with whatever threat emerges. His reliability was rewarded this season as he was called into Mayo Oscar Traynor team

Christian Lomboto – equally comfortable in defence or midfield his power and strength in the tackle are his greatest assets. Has played in the U-20 league for Galway united

Gerard O’ Boyle –Happy operating anywhere down the left side where he is probably at his best as an attacking full back. Won an FAI youths cup with Castlebar Celtic and has since played U-20 and “A” league for them

Jonathan Morrin – hard tackling powerhouse in centre of the park, the man to look to when things get tough. – Ballyglass F.C.

Colin McDonnell – playmaker in the middle, a great touch and a wonderful distributor of the ball- Manulla F.C.

Chris Rowland – can operate out wide, in midfield or as an out & out striker. Lightning pace, excellent with the ball at his feet and a great shot. Has played U-20 and “A” league for Castlebar Celtic

Owen hoare – a striker who can operate in midfield if needed. A deadly finisher he has been playing for Longford town u-20’s since he was 16 and has also played in the division 1 for the senior outfit.

Augustine Ademoye – Striker who has rediscovered his scoring touch in recent games. Strong on the ball he is a great target man who holds ball up well and links in players around him.

Jonathan Maloney – strength and mobility are the key for this old fashioned striker who is every defenders worst nightmare. Constant motion, he chases down every ball and enforces mistakes- which he is well able to capitalise on - Castlebar Celtic

Eoghan Gleeson - has made the most of his opportunities due to injuries and has put in some excellent performances in midfield, will be pushing very hard for starting place in final. – Gracefield F.C.

Emmanuel adeeko. Attacking midfielder and a great crosser of the ball. Has been in the starting 11 in previous seasons so knows what would be expected if he got the call

Charles esedebe. Came late to the squad and hasn’t yet managed to break through but is seriously knocking on the door of the starting 11

Niall Tansey. Has managed to find the net when coming off the bench and will be in the manager’s mind if changes need to be sprung

Bambi Fasanya . skilful winger, good with the ball at his feet, a first year who will certainly make an impact in the coming years

Paul Ruane. Versatile player who can occupy a multitude of roles

Mattie keegan a defender with plenty of experience gives great cover for the back four

Tayo ajisomo. Formidable strength and towering physique would be certain to make an impact if introduced



UMBRO Colleges Plate Finalist



Road to the Final				
Umbro Plate Rd 1	Cork College of Commerce	2	3	Athlone IT
Umbro Plate QF	Athlone IT	4	1	Bray Institute
Umbro Plate SF	IT Tralee	1	2	Athlone IT

Mickey O Connor (Manager) UEFA A License holder, former Irish u21 International, and as a player won every honour in the domestic game during his spells with Athlone Town, Shamrock Rovers and Dundalk. Also the last manager to guide Athlone Town to the National League Premier Division. Prefers The Shack to The Shannon!!!

TJ Forde The Mervue goalkeeper is in his 2nd year with A.I.T and the Galway native is a hard man to beat in between the posts.

Neil Harney Neil is a young attacking right full back and is enjoying his second year with premier division side St Pats Athletic in Dublin.

Dan Cunningham Brother of Manchester City full back Greg Cunningham, Dan can play anywhere along the left hand side of the pitch and the 1st year student is also known for his set piece delivery.

Brian McCarthy The tall centre half is a huge danger from set pieces and is currently playing for Limerick fc. The left footer is a business studies student and supports Chelsea.

Kevin Dunne Kevin is a local of Athlone and has had spells with Athlone town and is currently playing for junior side St Peters where his casual style of playing at the back fits in well to the team.

Steven Rellihan The defensive midfielder is known for his no nonsense tackling but has also chipped in with some very important goals for the college over the year. The Man Utd fan is also part of the Irish Colleges team.

James Morrissey The left footed winger is known for his delivery and pace down either flank. The cork native is in his first year of studying at A.I.T and has fitted in well to the side scoring on more than one occasion.

Garvan Broughal The Limerick midfielder is in his 2nd year playing for the college team and can also play across the back line. The Tottenham fan hasn't missed from the penalty spot this year!

Enda Morris Another player currently playing with St Pats and Enda is enjoying his first year with the A.I.T college team.

Eric Farrell Eric is a native of Athlone and has played for Athlone Town in recent years although this is his first year playing with the college team. The young winger has found himself on the right of A.I.T's midfield on route to final.

Aiden Reilly The target man is also a rookie to the A.I.T team and has also been on the score sheet throughout the year.

Ian Coffey Ian has had spells with Athlone town and Cherry Orchard as a youngster but is now enjoying his spell with local side St Peters. The left winger/striker has enjoyed scoring more than once for his team.

Mack Connaughton The Shelbourne full back has enjoyed his first year playing with the college team and has played both right full and right midfield throughout the year.

Dean Clarke The young centre half is playing his 2nd year for the college team and has played both right full and centre half throughout the year.

Kameron Gaghian "Super Sub" he can be known as seeing as he has found the net on a number of occasions after coming off the bench. The striker is playing his first year with the college team.

Richie Alade This striker is also playing his first year with the college and has grabbed a goal or two when needed for A.I.T.

Conor Kavanagh A Centre Forward who is also a first year student in AIT. Plays his club soccer with Mullingar Athletic.



Bob Eustace Cup Finalist



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**DIT are
hoping to
emulate their
heroes from
Istanbul**



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**ITT Dublin v Drogheda in
Semi Final**

Panel

Afolabi Olabi
Aidan O'Connell
Alan Caul
Barry Naughton
Ciaran Moore
Cillian McGregor
Conor McGreal
David Kieran
Eddie Whelan
Garth Goulding
Ian Bushe
Josh Tobin
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Lee Ennis
Lee Walsh
Mark Jackson
Mathew Farrell
Mick Gaynor
Neil Mulvey
Niall Evans
Ruairi Dunne
Sean Allen
Shaun Mitchell
Stephen Bateman

Management

Manager: Paul Boyle
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Road to the Final.

Mixed season in CUFL Division 2 not progressing for the first time from the group stages by 1 point behind IT Carlow and NUI Maynooth. Wins at the start v DIT, Athlone IT and St Patrick's College Carlow were all close affairs except for a hammering v IT Carlow "C" which knocked the Team at the time but they've come back stronger and more together for a Cup campaign that saw them open their account with a comprehensive victory over Rathmines College and played the best game of their season last week at home knocking out favourites Drogheda Institute in front of two hundred partisan supporters. Coming right just at the right time. This is IT Tallaghts first appearance in the Bob Eustace Cup Final named after our DIT colleague.



B-Teams Cup Finalist



Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Chorcaí
Cork Institute of Technology

Name: Gavin Mc Carthy (Captain) Club: CIT Position: Left Mid Field

Serious contender for most injured player of the year. Makes a great omelette and ceaser salad. Enjoys a good cup of tea while watching P.S I love you.

Name: Charlie Foley (Vice-Captain) Club: Strand United Position: Goalkeeper

Charlie better known as 'One Ball Wonder' once on trial at Crawley Town and is now Internationally retired from ballet. His achievements range from Dancer of The Year 2008, FHM's Body of The Year and his most recent opening his own dance studio 'Nut r Us'.

Name: Peter Foley Club: CIT Position: Defensive Mid Field Peter is running away with CIT's most booked player this year with the club. Currently on 4 since his debut in Jan. When asked by fellow players after winning the semi-final, was he looking forward to going to Mayo? He replied "I must see if the girlfriend lets me".

Name: Colum Nugent Club: Cahir Park Position: Left Back

Bio: Colum 'I'm too good to play on goal' Nugent, currently battling it out with Kevin Healy for best dressed player of the year. Cully once studied hair dressing in Gran Canaria and hopes to pursue his dream of dressing hair on Albert Dock, Liverpool. We would like to wish him the best.

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Name: Finbarr John o' Sullivan (Baz) Club: CIT Position: Right Mid Field

Bio: Takes pride in being the main delivery pizza boy in Pizza Plus. Has one of the best collections of hats ever seen. He is in talks with Colum Nugent about his car, Barry's car being a hair dressers car (Peugeot 206)

Name: Brian Kane Club: CIT Position: Right Back Bio: Loves his nights out on the town with the lads. Doesn't score much on the pitch and doesn't score at all off it. Poor guy. A good man to pay for a taxi home for everyone.

Name: Stephen Morrisery Club: CIT Position: Centre Mid Field Bio: Quickest feet in CIT but that's about it. Mossy runs the show in training mostly because we give him his own ball because he won't pass to the rest of us. Claims to be the next Jack Wilshere!

Name: John Duggan Club: CIT Position: Centre Back Bio: John is considering leaving his soccer career at CIT behind him after the final and going into fashion. I quote John "Girl, where did you get your scarf, its only divine". John has said his idol is Simon Cowell and would love to meet him.

Name: Tim o' Leary Club: CIT Position: Right Back Bio: Tim is the loudest player by a clear mile on this particular CIT team. He loves his sing-song on the way to games. Tim sings a particularly good version of Justin Timberlake's 'Cry Me a River'.

Name: Craig Robinson Club: CIT Position: Centre Mid Field Bio: The only player to come to training and matches in the morning with his hair done to absolute perfection. Craig takes great pride in his hair and he also enjoys a nice pair of slacks.

Name: Kevin Healy Club: CIT Position: Right Mid Field Bio: Kevin likes his tattoos. He was once on an episode of Miami Ink. He has a Tottenham Hotspur crest tattooed on his leg but he claims to follow Fulham. As well as that he has a Latin saying across his chest, which translates to 'I like boys'.

Name: James Kind Club: Passage West Position: Centre Back Bio: James is a good man to put a player out for two and a half months. He has currently informed the team that he enjoys knitting and has made the whole team hats.

Name: Robert Moore Club: Innisvilla Position: Attacking Mid Field Rob is the ladies' man of the team. He has great potential to further his career in modelling after the Umbro Cup. Once claimed he wasn't lazy.

Name: James Groarke Club: CIT Position: Right Back James was on the books at Cork City, now playing at CIT. A great signing for an undisclosed fee. Grocky is the 'King of Cool' & is recognised throughout CIT. Once quoted as saying 'I wonder if robots were smart enough would they invent a dance called the human?'

Name: Alan Barry Club: Free agent Position: Left Mid Field

Alan loves to watch a good game of tennis & is a major Andy Murray fan. His walls are covered in Murray posters. Alan also enjoys the odd bit of gardening.

Name: Ian o' Sullivan Club: Crescent Athletic Position: Centre Mid Field Sully, once a promising young talent with Rockmount but now is just your average Joe. He brings his teddy bear Danny to every game and makes sure he gets a nice warm cuddle before going on.

Name: Mark Reardon Club: Douglas Hall Position: Striker

Mark was neck and neck with Tim for loudest player. Mark loves his chit chat on the bus and loves catching up with all the gossip around CIT. A very close friend of ours.

Name: Danny Leahy Club: Rockmount Position: Left Mid Field Danny one of the upcoming stars in Cork. A great actor and stuntman that can do comedy and action. Was unlucky not to win an Oscar this year.

Name: Kyle Smith Club: CIT Position: Centre Back Kyle better known as Paul McShane for his consistency throughout the year. Is on the road to becoming a doctor, he initially wanted to be a horse.

Name: Shane Harrington Club: CIT Position: Goalkeeper Shane better known as Rich is like a young stallion. He enjoys playing the piano and brushes his hair every night before going to bed.

Name: Abbey Ezzez Club: CIT Position: Striker Abbey is quick, strong, skilful and can score goals from the wing just like Cristiano Ronaldo. He is the worst dressed player for wearing his red jeans.

Manager: Eric Marah

Set to be after Trapattoni's position as Ireland's top man. He also fancies himself as CIT's strongest man after completing his new gym programme. Wishes he was still 19 wanting to play in another Umbro cup final. Eric is in talks with 'Brylcream' to star alongside David Beckham in their new ad campaign.

Road to the Final:

CIT began their Umbro Cup season with a cracking display of free flowing football against their arch rivals Colaiste Stiofain Naofa on a score line of 3-2. They next Lined up against WIT team filled with confidence but a motivated mid-field were to prove too much for the Deise men. DIT were next up on the firing line in the semi and we ran out comfortable winners on the day with our strikers toying with their defence.



B-Teams Cup Finalist



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Road to the finals:

The National College of Ireland B team have only played together in this tournament under the guidance of Gavin, Colum and Roy, three students that also play for the team have successfully beaten Athlone IT, IT Blanchardstown and IT Tralee on their home grounds of Irishtown stadium. Goals coming from Paul Boyle and Graham Sullivan sealed their faith in the finals in the previous rounds

Team

David lawlor, goalkeeper, free agent

warren feehan, defender, Kells blackwater fc

Ciaran Finnegan, Defender, Malahide Utd AFC

Diarmud Fullerton, Defender, Buncrana Hearts

Roy Larkin, Defender, Free Agent

Ciaran Carr, Midfield, Dunboyne FC

Shane Brady, Winger, Swords Celtic

Peter Gerraghty, Midfield, Malahide Utd

Gary Kinsella, Midfield, Wyteleaf Utd

Colum O'Kane, Midfielder,

Paul Boyle, Forward, Kaduc Rovers

Graham Sullivan, Forward, St Pauls Artane

Gavin McSweeney, Forward, Rathfarnham Punters FC

Management Team

Manager: Gavin McSweeney

Assistant Manager: Roy Larkin

Coach: Colum O'Kane





CFAI National Squad 2011

Each season, the CFAI select a representative squad from the players of member colleges. Members nominate players to attend a trial game, usually held in early December. Players are then selected to become part of a squad, which will usually meet again for a session in early January prior to being finalised. The association play annual fixtures versus the Defence Forces and the Universities representative teams and usually travel abroad on a development trip.

The trials for the national squad this year were delayed due to the weather and held in Athlone and Dublin in early January. A follow up development sessions held in Dublin in January prior to announcing the squad.

The 1st game was against Drogheda United and finished in a 1-1 draw. It was an excellent performance from the CFAI Team with excellent passing, movement and work ethic on the day. The first of our annual games was against the Defence Forces on the 22nd of February. The game finished 2-1 to the CFAI in a very tight game. The CFAI were well in control in the first half and played some excellent football, with goals from Forsyth and Dunleavy. However the Defence Forces got on top in the second half and pulled a goal back. Manager Danny Crowley gave his assessment after. "I was very pleased with our first half display but felt we were a little off the pace in the second half when we made changes. We will have to be at our best when we take on the IUFU at the Oscar Traynor Road on the 16th March. "

CFAI Fixtures:

- Drogheda United 1-1 CFAI (10/2/11)
- CFAI 2-1 Defence Forces (22/2/11)
- Irish Universities 16th March (Home: venue TBC)
- Fixture to be confirmed



CFAI National Squad 2011, v Defence Forces

Many thanks to all players who attended and especially to those who did not make it this time around and to all colleges for encouraging student participation.

CFAI SQUAD 2011

Kevin Burns WIT, Michael Schlingerman IT Carlow , Michael O Connor DIT
Danny Ledwith IT Carlow, Tom King GMIT , Gareth Matthews DIT,
Brian McCarty AIT, Garvan Broughall AIT, Derek Kavanagh IT Tallaght,
Daniel Dunleavy Coláiste Íde, Darren Forsyth SCD, Ian Touhy Inchicore College,
Stephen Reilhan AIT, Niall Hoban Coláiste Íde , Willie Heffernan CIT,
Don Cowan IT Tallaght, Abiola Sanusi Coláiste Íde, Mark McGoldrick IT Sligo , Tom
Elmes IT Carlow, Stephen Cummins Coláiste Íde, Jamie Carr, Dylan O'Donnell

"I would like to thank Jim Conroy, Paddy Gleeson and Niall Teathers for their hard work and professionalism so far this year and indeed over the past couple of years. I would also like to thank the CFAI Executive for their continued support and acknowledge the role being played by Tony O Connor as Liason Officer. Tony is now the go to person for the National Team manager and has played a big role in keeping everything running smoothly and professionally."

Danny Crowley, Team Manager



CFAI National Squad Management Team

Physio:Niall Teathers; Team Manager: Danny Crowley, Colaiste Ide; Assistant Coach: Jim Conroy, Coliaste Ide; Assistant Manager: Paddy Gleeson, CSN



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World University Games 2011 Shenzhen, China

Our National Team manager Danny Crowley has been appointed as the 2011 World University Games Manager for Men's Football. The event will take place in Shenzhen, China from 12th to 23rd August 2011. Danny brings a wealth of third level experience to the position having also managed Coláiste Íde in the CFAI and CUFL competitions for a number of years.

"I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to lead the Irish Men's Football team to the World University Games in Shenzhen, China. I'm very excited at the prospect of working with our best Student Athletes and look forward to putting together a strong squad that can go to Shenzhen and compete at the very highest level" said Crowley.

Danny and his Staff will be covering as many games as possible between now and the end of the academic year with a view to having a squad of 36 put together by the of May. "We will be watching the final stages of the Colleges and Universities Leagues, Collingwood Cup and the CFAI Cup Finals in March with a view to picking the best players for our trials".

Cathy Gallagher, CUSAI's Chef de Mission explained "The World University Games is the pinnacle of sport at third level education and requires selection of the highest calibre of student and official within Ireland. As Head of Delegation, I welcome on board the expertise of Danny for our football teams and look forward to working with him to maximise this high performance opportunity for our students"

CFAI Cups Rolls of Honour



UMBRO Colleges Cup

1973 DIT Kevin St
1974 DIT Kevin St
1975 DIT Kevin St
1976 DIT Bolton St
1977 RTC Sligo
1978 RTC Carlow
1979 DIT Bolton St
1980 DIT Bolton St
1981 DIT Kevin St
1982 RTC Carlow
1983 RTC Waterford
1984 RTC Athlone
1985 RTC Athlone
1986 RTC Cork
1987 DIT Bolton St
1988 RTC Waterford
1989 DIT Bolton St
1990 RTC Waterford
1991 RTC Letterkenny
1992 RTC Dundalk
1993 RTC Letterkenny
1994 RTC Waterford
1995 DIT Bolton St
1996 DIT Bolton St
1997 Garda College
1998 Athlone IT
1999 Waterford IT
2000 IT Tralee
2001 Foot & Mouth
2002 GMIT Galway
2003 IT Carlow
2004 Athlone IT
2005 Colaiste Ide
2006 Letterkenny IT
2007 Cork IT
2008 Garda College
2009 IT Sligo
2010 IT Carlow

UMBRO Colleges Plate

2002 IT Tallaght
2003
2004 IT Tralee
2005 IT Blanchardstown
2006 Limerick IT
2007 IT Carlow
2008 Inchicore Institute
2009 Colaiste Ide
2010 Cork College of Commerce

Bob Eustace Cup

2007 DLIADT
2008 Senior College Dun Laoghaire
2009 Dundalk IT
2010 O'Fiach College, Dundalk

B-Teams Cup

2007 Colaiste Ide
2008 DIT
2009 Colaiste Ide
2010 IT Tralee

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