

14th April 2014

Top billing goes to our Juvenile Wheelchair Basketball team who brought down the curtain for the current season with some scintillating performances in Clontarf last weekend.

The first opponents were Killester. This game was a close affair with Colms leading by 5-4 at the interval. Colms took complete control in the second half before winning out 16-5.

Next up were a young Cork team. Colms proved much too strong in this game winning out 26-13 with the highlight been young Sean Byrnes scoring his first ever basket in competitive basketball.

The two wins set up a deciding game against Belfast. In two previous meetings between these two teams, Belfast had come out narrow victors. However there was no doubting the result of this game. The lads played superb basketball in the first half opening up a 15-5 lead. Such was their dominance in the second half that all players got court time winning out 29-13.

Ibrahim Alaydi was rewarded with the most improved player over the season Aisling Duhig was rewarded with top player over the entire season with Tiernan O' Donnell been selected on the All Star team of the year.

Our U15 and U18 girls were in Cork League action against Carraig na BhFear Rebels over the weekend.

The U18 game turned out to be a cracking game which was only decided late on. Typically with St Colms this season, the U18s were slow to settle and allowed Rebels open up an early lead. Colms at the time, were having no luck on the offensive side and early in the third quarter found themselves 21-41 in arrears. The girls put in a huge defensive effort completely shutting down their opponents for a six or seven minute spell and slowly narrowed the deficit and eventually drew level with two minutes to go. However just when they needed it most, Rebels hit a big three pointer which was enough to swing the momentum back their way winning out 58-52.

Fiona O' Connell had an outstanding game with her tireless work rate.

Top scorers for Colms were Caoimhe Gleeson 20 and Eimear Dollard 12.

Our U15 girls continue to get valuable experience playing at this high level. However they will be disappointed with some poor decision making in this game which allowed their opponents some cheap scores, leading to a final scoreline of 50-24.

The girls will need to eliminate these errors and play with a little more confidence to compete at this level.

Best for Colms on the day were Ruth Butler, Laura O' Shea and Emma McDonnell.

28th April 2014

Our U12 girls warmed up for the Listowel Easter festival with a challenge game against Rockets last week. The teams had met in a league encounter earlier in the year, with Rockets emerging easy winners.

However this time, our U12 girls were much more focused. Rockets controlled the first quarter to lead 9-4. Thereafter our girls upped their performance to win each of the three remaining quarters to run out easy 32-17 winners.

Seven of the U12 squad joined up with five of the U13 squad to travel to Listowel for the annual Easter Festival. The girls required a win over Titans of Galway in their final pool game to qualify for the quarter finals of the Shield Competition. This was a tight affair with the Galway girls holding the upperhand going into the final few minutes. However a strong finish by our girls helped turn a 3 point deficit into a 3 point win.

Next up for our girls in the quarter finals were Malahide from Dublin. The girls took control of this game right from the start. Great defence meant that Malahide's inside players were starved of possession. At the other end of the court our girls were chipping away with their scores to win out comfortably by 11 points.

There was an open draw for the two semi finals with most teams hoping to avoid Maree from Galway who had performed strongly over the three days. As it happened it was our girls who were paired with Maree in the semis. The girls played out of their skins in this game but were up against a superior side who went on to win the tournament outright. The final scoreline of 28-15 was a fair reflection of the match.

There were excellent performances by Megan Haugh, Aoife Morrissey and Orla Zundel over the three days of competition. They were well supported by Abbie Pigott, Siofra Gleeson, Hazel Dineen, Lauren Walsh, Jana Zundel, Issabelle Meaney, Lucy Liston, Ciara Griffin and Bronagh Dollard.

A big thanks to all the parents who travelled to support the players over the three days.