

2nd April 2013

It was a week of inactivity club wise with our U15 and U18 girls Cork League games deferred to later in the month. A number of girls from our club were in action as they represented North Munster in the Southern Regional Tournament. It was good experience for the girls playing at this high level and all acquitted themselves well in their games. A big congratulations goes to the North Munster U17 Boys who captured the U17 Boys Southern Regional Tournament after they recorded wins over Cork, Kerry and Galway on the day.

Our U13 girls are in action this week in the annual Listowel Easter Festival. The girls have five pool games over two days against teams from Kerry, Galway and Dublin. The results will dictate whether they get into the knockout stages of the tournament.

8th April 2013

Our U13 girls experienced all the emotions possible when they competed in the annual Easter Basketball Festival in Listowel last week. After five games over two days of competition the girls progressed to the semi finals of the plate competition.

The opposition were the well fancied Killarney Cougars who had been very impressive in their games over the previous two days.

Our girls started on fire and found themselves 8 points up early in the game. Killarney clawed their way back into the game to force the match into overtime. Aoife Morrissey proved to be the match winner for Colms hitting a vital free throw to set up a meeting with Corrib from Galway in the final.

It took a while for the girls to come down from the high of their semi final win which allowed Corrib to open up an early lead. The girls settled into the game but still found themselves 7 points down going into the final quarter. The girls were making life difficult for themselves by missing too many free throws. Nevertheless they kept up the momentum to narrow the gap to one point. Unfortunately the girls just ran out of time and could never get ahead in the game losing out by a point. The loss was a heartbreaker for the girls who gave it their all and were left devastated in the end. They will look back at the bare statistic that they missed 22 out of 26 free throws in the final which ultimately cost them the title.

It would be unfair to single out any one or two players as the entire squad of players were exceptional over the three days. The players that represented Colms were Meagan Haugh, Aoife Morrissey, Muireann Scanlon, Isabelle Meaney, Elaine Murray, Shiofra Gleeson, Ruth Dollard, Bronagh Dollard, Caoimhe Hogan, Orla Zundel and Lauren Walsh.

Our U18 girls have a busy week ahead of them. On Thursday they play Glanmire in the semi finals of the Cork Championship while on Saturday they host the same opposition in the Cork League.

Also best wishes to St Kevins in the U13 Girls Community Games to be held in Caherconlish next Sunday. St Colms provide 8 of the squad that will represent St Kevins.

15th April 2013

Our U18 girls were the only team in action this week, as the season begins to wind down. The girls played Glanmire away in the Cork Championship and the same opponents at home in the Cork League.

Unfortunately the girls suffered heavy defeats in both encounters.

The girls went into the championship game minus Chloe Dineen and Aoife O'Connell and suffered a further blow with Lynsey Purcell sitting out most of the game due to illness.

The girls put in a good defensive performance in the first half but struggled in offence. They faded somewhat in the second half before losing out 22-64.

Best for Colms on the night were Eimear Dollard and Sarah Murray.

The girls were at full strength for their league encounter and showed a marked improvement as they trailed 12-15 at the end of the first quarter. Silly turnovers in the second quarter allowed Glanmire open up a 36-23 interval lead. The turnovers seemed to affect the girls' confidence as they faded quiet tamely in the second half losing out 40-81.

Top scorers for Colms were Aoife O'Connell 11, Ciara O'Halloran 10 and Caoimhe Gleeson 10.

Next up, our u15 girls are away to Ballincollig in the Cork League.

22nd April 2012

Top billing this week goes to our junior wheelchair team who were in action in Clonaslee, Co. Laois for the latest one day blitz. The team were again very impressive in winning all their three games and therefore winning out on the day. This is a great achievement for this team considering that most of the players are only playing wheelchair basketball for a few months.

Our U15 girls ensured it was a good day for the club with a hard fought win away to Ballincollig in the Cork League. The girls had a very poor opening first five minutes and allowed Ballincollig race into a 10 point lead. The girls tightened up their defence and slowed down the scoring rate of the home team. The girls were still struggling in offense but tough defence meant that the girls tied up the game 15 each at the interval.

The second half was a close affair with both teams working hard in defence in a low scoring affair. Colms nosed ahead by 2 points at the end of the third quarter, and despite some anxious moments in the final quarter did just enough to win out on a scoreline of 31-29.

Top scorers for Colms were Roisin Gleeson 13, Ruth Dollard 6 and Ruth Butler 4.

29th April 2013

The basketball season came to a close when our U15 girls hosted Fr Mathews in the Cork League last Saturday. With the agreement of both teams, Colms used the game to give some of our U12 girls some experience playing in the Cork league ahead of next season's campaign.

Fr Mathews started the game at a high tempo and proved much too strong in the first quarter opening up a 19-4 lead. Colms took a little time to get to the pace of the game but soon settled and got more competitive. However Fr Mathews were never in any danger in this game. After establishing early dominance, they cruised through the rest of the game, rotating their panel, before easing to a 55-22 win.

Colms were able to take a lot of positives from the game. The girls' defence held up well, while the younger players, once they overcame early stage fright acquitted themselves well.

Top scorers for Colms were Roisin Gleeson 8, Laura O' Shea 4 and Naomi Keogh 4.