

12th January 2015

The club was quickly back in action after the Christmas break with our U12 girls particularly busy, with two games in the space of three days.

The girls hosted Lee Valley in the quarter final of the Cork Cup and the large crowd were treated to an epic game that was only decided after two periods of overtime.

Our girls started the brighter and should have been further ahead than their 7-4 first quarter lead. The second quarter was shared 8-8 which left our girls 15-12 up at the break. Instead of pushing on in the third quarter, the girls became anxious and wasted gilt edged scoring opportunities. They only managed 2 points in the quarter which left them with a 1 point lead going into the final quarter. Our girls opened up a 5 point lead midway through the final quarter and looked like they had done just enough to win out. However Lee Valley displayed a never say die attitude to draw level 29-29 at the end. It took two periods of overtime before Lee Valley came out deserving winners on a score line of 35-31.

Top scorers for Colms were Abbie Piggott and Lucy Liston on 8 points apiece.

The girls dusted themselves down for their North Munster league encounter with Rockets. The young Rockets team unfortunately were up against a fired up St Colms team still smarting from their defeat to Lee Valley.

There were league debuts for Chloe Brennan and Nancy Eldahator as our girls ran out comfortable 51-7 winners.

Top scorers for Colms were Abbie Piggott 10, Nancy Eldahator 10, Aoife O' Neill 7 and Sarah O' Brien 6.

Our Cratloe based under 13 squad put in a much improved performance in their U14 North Munster league encounter with Rockets. Despite a poor opening quarter, the girls were only 8-15 down at the break. This was as a result of an excellent second quarter performance in which they kept Rockets scoreless. Rockets finished the game strongly to win out on a scoreline of 34-10. All 13 players got good court time which can only benefit these inexperienced players.

Best for our girls were Amy Higgins, Fiona Crowe and Lucy Earls.

All our age groups are in North Munster league action away to UL Huskies while our U15 girls make a trip to Cork to play Brunell in the Cork League.

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There were some very ring rusty performances by some of our teams away to UL Huskies in the North Munster League.

Our U18 girls were first in action. After a very poor first quarter performance by both teams, Colms found themselves 5-4 up. The basketball on display did not really improve in the second quarter, but our girls were doing just enough to stretch their lead out to 14-10 at the interval. The girls did show a marked improvement in the second half and put some daylight between themselves and Huskies to record a 36-22 win.

Top scorers for Colms were Jessica O' Brien 11 and Fiona O' Connell 10.

Our U16 team with 4 of the under 14 squad playing up never showed up mentally for their game against UL. The team were not helped by the fact that the U16 game was played immediately after the U18 game. This allowed no recovery time for Ruth Butler and Laura O' Shea who had both played in the U18 game.

Notwithstanding this, the girls simply never got going in this game and were comprehensively outplayed losing out 17-51.

Top scorers for Colms were Ruth Dollard 6 and Ruth Butler 4.

Our U12 girls gave debuts to both Shannon Ryan and Buki Adejomehin in their league encounter with Huskies. The girls were never really troubled in this game despite a poor second quarter performance and ran out 25-14 winners.

Top scorers for Colms were Bronagh Dollard 7, Lucy Liston 5 and Sarah Moloney 4.

Our U14s went into their game missing a number of players and had to bring up 3 of the U12 squad. This was a most disappointing game especially from our girls who made too many unforced errors and were fortunate to stumble to 12-8 win. Emma McDonnell and Aoife Morrissey proved best for our girls.

Most of this team travelled to Cork the following morning to face Brunell in the Cork U15 league. To their credit the girls put in an excellent performance far removed from the one the previous day. The girls played to a high tempo and cut out a lot of the silly errors. It is obvious that this team needs to be playing at a high level to perform to their capabilities. The girls were unrecognisable from the team the previous day and were more than a match for their Cork counterparts. It was only towards the end of the game, when fatigue set in, that Brunell finally pulled away to win an entertaining game.

Finally our Cratloe based girls certainly put in their best performance of the season. They lost out narrowly 13-17 to UL Huskies in an exciting game that could have gone either way. This was a marked improvement on their previous encounter with Huskies and highlights the fact that they are close to their first win of the season.

Best for our girls were Andrea Murphy-Wright, Cliona Murphy and Jody O' Halloran.

Next week our U11s, U12s and U14s are in Dromcollogher to play Springfield in the North Munster League. Our U15s begin a run of home games in the Cork league against Waterford Wildcats while both our senior teams are back in action after the Christmas break.

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Our Senior Scholars team were back in action after the Christmas break with a home game against Kingfisher. The Scholars had surprisingly lost the reverse fixture and were determined to make amends. They set out their stall early, opening up a 15-3 first quarter lead and were never troubled thereafter. Coach Dorothy Kavanagh had the luxury of playing a five on five off system throughout the game as the girls ran out comfortable 56-19 winners. The pleasing aspect from the game was the fact that 9 players on the day scored from outside shots.

Top scorers for Colms were Lynsey Purcell 15 and Fiona O'Connell 12.

The club had a number of teams in action away to Springfield in the North Munster League. The U14s were first up in action and settled much the better enjoying a 18-6 interval lead. They were comfortably able to keep their opponents at arm's length before sealing a 32-21 win.

Emma McDonnell had easily her best game of the season top scoring on 10 points. She had good support from Siofra Gleeson, Orla Zundel and Bronagh Dollard.

Our U12 girls showed their experience of playing in the Cork League by proving much too strong for their Springfield opponents. This game was put to bed early as the girls moved 12-0 ahead in the first quarter. Springfield came more into the game in the second half but our girls always held the upperhand to win out 25-8.

Top scorers for Colms were Bronagh Dollard 8, Abbie Pigott 5 and Cliona Murphy 4.

Our Cratloe based girls, after their exploits the previous week, were brought back down to earth as they fell to 39-11 defeat. The girls probably played better basketball this week but had no joy when it came to converting their chances. Springfield on the other hand, were much more clinical in their finishing. This proved to be the difference between the two teams. There were strong performances by Jody O'Halloran, Amy Higgins and Fiona Cummins for our girls.

Our U15 girls faced up to Waterford Wildcats in the Cork League. The Waterford girls are proving to be the strongest team in the Cork league this term, recording easy wins. It proved no different in Limerick as the Waterford girls had too much pace, physique and class for our girls running out comfortable 67-14 winners.

The girls just need to play with a bit more confidence in these games and cut down the silly errors which are punished ruthlessly at this level.

Best for Colms on the day were Ruth Dollard, Aoife Morrissey and Hazel Dineen.

Our U12 girls have a big weekend ahead of them. They are away to Celtics in the quarter finals of the North Munster cup followed by an away game against Cobh in the Cork league.

Our U15 girls have a double header of Cork league games at home to Team Kerry and Mallow, while both our senior teams have home games in the North Munster league against Nenagh and Thurles respectively.