

COOKSTOWN LADIES WIN IN OMAGH

COOKSTOWN Blues Ladies' Football team visited Omagh on Monday night and defeated Omagh Town L.F.C. by six goals to three. The game was arranged as part of Omagh's Bicentennial Celebrations, organised by the Council's Recreation Officer, Mr. Vincent Campbell.

The game itself produced some fine football, particularly from the Cookstown side, with Blues Captain, Hazel McGaughy, in her usual fine form, Sandra Thomas dangerous near the goalmouth as ever and several other Blues players displaying fine skills both in attack and defence.

At half-time Cookstown led by three goals to nil. After the start of the second-half, Cookstown relaxed a little and this led to Omagh breaking through the Cookstown defence on several occasions. Although these breaks led to three goals for the home side, the Blues remained on top of the situation and in control of the game, and went on to score a further three goals.

At the end of the game, both teams were applauded by the large crowd of spectators and there is no doubt that the Cookstown team won the hearts of the crowd with their magnificent display of skills and for their sportsmanship.

Both teams were presented with medals by Omagh District Councillor, Mr. A. Burton, who thanked the organisers and the representatives from Cookstown. In reply, the Cookstown Captain, Hazel McGaughy, thanked the Omagh District Council for their hospitality in providing meals, the officials and organisers of the event and the Omagh Town Ladies' Football team for a great game and for their sportsmanship.



The Cookstown Blues "A" team who were defeated in the finals of the tournament.



Mr. James McCrystal (seated left), pictured along with the eight nominees from which the Cookstown Sports Personality was chosen. Back row (from left)—Leslie Dallas, Frank McGuigan, Stafford Thompson, Harry Steele and Cyril Henry. Seated—Hazel McGeahy, Sandra Thom and Alfie Glendinning.

ARDBOE GAELIC FOOTBALLER IS SPORTS PERSONALITY

TYBONE and Ulster gaelic football) superstars, Frank McGuigan, is Cookstown's Sports Personality of 1976.

The Ardboe player was chosen from eight nominees at a dinner in the Glenavon Hotel on Wednesday night of last week. Autocrat driver, Leslie Dallas, of Coagh, was runner-up.

The competition was sponsored by Mr. James McCrystal, painting and building contractor, of Draperfield, Cookstown, and organised by Cookstown's recreation officer, Mr. Paddy Deegan. In addition to Mr. McGuigan, the other nominees included Mr. Kevin, the McCauley, Magherafelt's Recreation Officer; Mr. Norman Carmichael, proprietor of the Glenavon; and Mr. Cecil Parry, of the "Mid-Ulster Mail".

The other six nominees were Cyril Henry (Crydine),

Alfie Glendinning (football), Harry Steele (rugby), Stafford Thompson (football), Sandra Thom and Hazel McGeahy (ladies' football).

It is the second year that Mr. McCrystal has sponsored the competition. The first holder of his beautiful perpetual trophy was Mrs. Evadne Steele.

Paying tribute to Mr. McCrystal for all he was doing to promote sport in the Cookstown area, Mr. Devlin said that recreation was a growing industry. Reductions in the working hours and fields of recreation in the last few years had meant that people with time on their hands and money to spend had increased demand for recreational facilities.

He expressed thanks to Mr. Carmichael and the staff of the hotel for their excellent service.



Mr. Leslie Dallas (right), runner-up in the Cookstown Sports Personality award, is presented with his trophy by the competition sponsor, Mr. James McCrystal.

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Some of the young men who took part in the C... sponsored by...



Mr. Robert Beggs, manager of Raymond Turkington's Garage, stands with four young men who took part in the 'C... sponsored by...'. From left to right: Anne Turkington, 17; Sandra Thom, 16; and Muriel Robinson, 15.



Left—Three-year-old David Gordon, with his friends, to witness the start of the 10-mile sponsored cycle held by Cookstown Ladies' Club in aid of the Club funds.

TWO COOKSTOWN GIRLS ON N. IRELAND PANEL

AT the Northern Ireland Trials, organised by the Irish Football Association and the Northern Ireland Ladies' Football Association and held at Dub Playing Fields in Belfast, Hazel McCaughey and Sandra Thom of Cookstown Blues Ladies' Football Club, were both selected on the panel of 15 to play the Republic of Ireland on 16th April.

The six-man selection panel included Roy Marshall, of the Irish Football Association; Kevin Crilly, The Blues' Coach, and Paddy Devlin, Recreation Officer to Cookstown District Council and a founder member of the Northern Ireland Ladies' Football Association.

Hazel is a 19-year-old secretary with a local printing works, while 14-year-old Sandra is a pupil at Cookstown County Secondary School. Both girls displayed great skills at the trials. Two other Blues representatives took part in the trials, Hilary Thom and Bernie Conway.

The full panel is as follows:— Kathleen Moore, Lorraine Carey, Eyvonne Malone, Allison Bennington, Anne Malone (all Glenavon L.F.C.); Hilary Brady, Erica Henry, Sandra Biggs, Lorraine Johnston (all Cliftonville L.F.C.); Betty Proctor, Sadie Russol, Tanya Nunn (all Tandragee L.F.C.); Winnie Gartland, Patricia Doyle (with Longstone L.F.C.); Ellen Hurley (Warrenpoint L.F.C.); Hazel McCaughey and Sandra Thom (Cookstown Blues L.F.C.).



The two Cookstown girls who brought honour to the town by playing for the Northern Ireland Ladies' International Football team against a team representing the Republic of Ireland at Newry recently. Above, 19-year-old Hazel McCaughey, Corkhill, and below, 15-year-old Sandra Thom, of Orritor. The Republic of Ireland won the match 1-0.





Manager of the Cookstown Blues ladies' football team, Kevin Crilly, holds the Northgate Ladies Five-a-Side Perpetual Trophy which the team won recently. The team is (from left) — Hazel McGahle, Evelyn Noble, Sandra Thom and Hilary Thom. Also on the team, but not included in the photo, was Bernice Conway. In the competition the "Blues" and the Red Devils from Draperstown had unbeaten runs and the "Blues" beat them 4-1 in the final.

CONVINCING WIN FOR LADIES

COOKSTOWN LTD..... 5
DESMONDS..... 0

COOKSTOWN United Ladies played Desmond's Swiftagh in a friendly fixture at the Fairhill Grounds on Wednesday evening of last week, and in a very entertaining, though slightly one-sided affair. Cookstown was convincingly by five goals to nil.

Desmonds kicked off and immediately pressed forward into the Cookstown half, but this attack was quickly smothered and Cookstown began a series of attacking moves which were hindered by persistent tackling by Desmond's defence. The first goal came when Hilary Thom volleyed home a rebounding ball after two fine shots from the middle. Eagleton had been blocked by the packed defence.

A few minutes had elapsed when Hazel McCaughy received a pass on the halfway line and displaying great skill and control, she ran through to score a first-class individual goal to put Cookstown two goals to nil ahead at the interval.

The second half continued in much the same style as the first with Cookstown pressurising the Desmonds' defence while the visitors created a number of attacking moves which were effectively dealt with by a strong Cookstown defence. Hazel McCaughy brought her tally to two goals when she netted with a left-foot shot from the edge of the penalty area and Hilary Thom got her second shortly afterwards, beating a defender before striking the ball home. A few minutes before the final whistle, Cookstown's fifth goal came when captain, Sandra Thom, delivered the opening defence by scoring a

spectacular goal from a very narrow angle when a cross-ball seemed to be her only alternative.

Cookstown's joy at winning this very sporting match was only dimmed by an injury to right-winger, Evelyn Noble, who sustained a broken wrist when she fell awkwardly while

attempting to make a cross from a difficult angle.

Cookstown team: —B. Carey, M. McAvoy, S. Thom (capt), M. McNickle, G. Thom, J. Eagleton, A. Scott, E. Noble, H. Thom, H. McCaughy, L. Creighton, Sub: S. Anderson.

...an, Desmond Bell, who is this year's Cookstown Sports Personality.

trophy to Sandra Thom, amongst whose achievements was having been selected for the Northern Ireland International ladies' football team.



Cookstown sports personalities pictured along with the judges at a dinner in Hanover House, Coagh, on Tuesday night. Back row (from left)—C. Purdy, H. Steele, Jim McCrystal (sponsor of the event); P. Devlin (Cookstown Recreation Officer), and Mrs. H. Steele. Front row—T. Bradford, H. McGaughy, D. Bell, Sandra Thom and Wilma Lennox, who represented her brother, Willie, who was injured recently.

SPORTS PERSONALITY

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Mr. Jim McCrystal, sponsor of Cookstown Sports Personality, hands over the runner-up trophy to Sandra Thom, amongst whose achievements was having been selected for the Northern Ireland International ladies' football team.

Promotion for United Ladies

Blue Circle..... 9
Cookstown United..... 1

COOKSTOWN United Ladies' travelled to Larne on the night of 14th August, to play the Blue Circle in their final League fixture.

This game would decide which team would gain promotion to the Women's National League. Cookstown were without their two prominent strikers, Hilary Thom and Adele Scott, but had beaten Blue Circle in a previous match and were very confident of a win.

In the first half play from both teams was rather scrappy, but because of pressure and were kept at bay by some good saves by the Larne goalkeeper, Sandra Thom, playing centre-forward

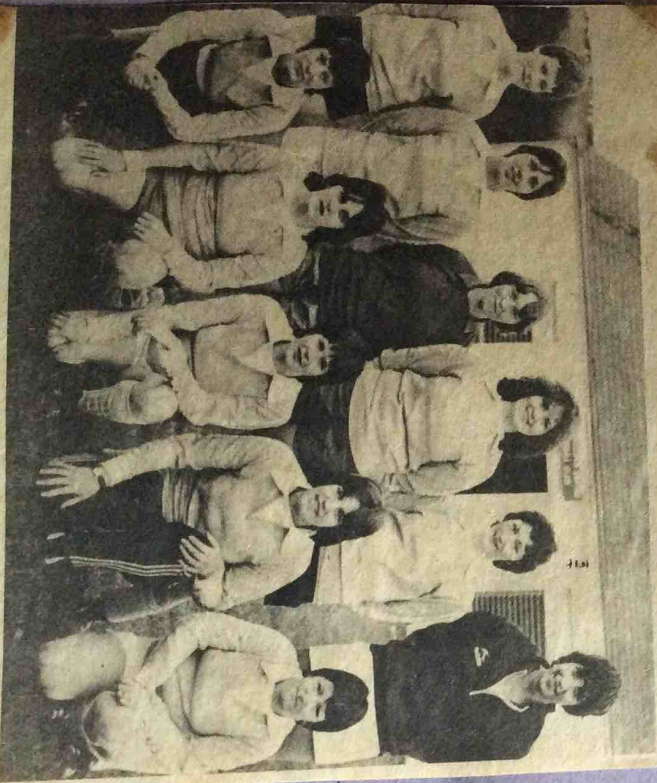
for Cookstown, finally succeeded in breaking down the Larne defence and heading the off-side trap. A bob from Hilary McFaughey sank Scotland on her way to beat and she goalkeeper mistake, putting Cookstown into a 1-0 lead which was the score at half-time.

Blue Circle did not give up easily and put two shots narrowly past the centre. Counter-attacks from each team gave the spectators a lively game to watch and it was only the light defences of both teams which prevented a large number of goals being scored. Neale respect was in this goalkeeper Berrie Conway

who brought off some fine saves throughout the match. No more goals were scored before the final whistle and Cookstown emerged worthy winners by 1-0, thus gaining promotion for next season—a very creditable achievement considering that this is their first season in the League.

The team would like to thank Mr. Johnny Marrs, their manager, for all his help and support throughout the season and also Mr. Dessie Blair who reserved so magnificently in their home matches.

Cookstown team — B. Conway, J. Henry, G. Thom, H. Millar, F. Noble, H. McFaughey, A. McCarroll, S. Anderson, G. Paiglesten, S. Thom, L. Creighton.



Cookstown United Ladies' team who have gained promotion in their first season.



Referee Johnny Marks with Cookstown Utd.'s Sandra Thom and Hilary Thom as they prepare to begin the 12-hour sponsored non-stop five-a-side football marathon.



The members of Cookstown Utd. Ladies Football Club who took part in a 12-hour sponsored five-a-side football marathon organised by the Club in aid of club funds. Included are Paddy Devlin and Johnny Marks who acted as referees.



Omagh Girls F.C. — Back row L-R — M. McMenimen, I. Muldoon (Capt.), B. McGuigan, M. O'Neill, A. O'Neill, A. McGrath, L. Scott, S. Kerr, K. Sharkey and Mr. John Lowe (Manager). Front row L-R — C. Fowler, R. Fox, P. McGinn, K. McCann, S. McGinn, A. Taggart.

Omagh ladies lose in "Festival" game

OMAGH LADIES' SOCCER team faced too experienced opposition in Cookstown Ladies when they met in the Showgrounds in a challenge game organised by Omagh District Council as part of the American Bicentennial Celebrations.

The Omagh girls started off well, sending the Cookstown girls back defending desperately but once the visitors settled down, it was Omagh's turn to defend. It was evident that a goal must soon come and it did in duplicate, and by half-time Omagh found themselves 3 goals behind.

The second half started

with Omagh fighting hard to get back into the game and they got one goal per Ann Taggart. But this was negated when Cookstown scored another good goal.

Still Omagh fought on and two more goals came their way per Bernie McGuigan and Maggie O'Neill, but Cookstown found the net twice again to leave the full-time score 6-3 in favour of the visitors.

For Omagh all the side played well, but Patricia McGuigan and Anita O'Neill (in goals) were magnificent. In the forwards, Ann Taggart had a great game.

Cookstown scorers were — Sandra Thorn 3 gls.; Adele

Scott 2 gls.; Evelyn Noble 1 gl. Their stars were Linda Montgomery and Hazel McGaughey.

TERRY PATTERSON WAS REFEREE

Mr. A. Burton on behalf of Omagh District Council, thanked every one connected with the Omagh team. Mrs. Livingstone and Mrs. Muldoon who looked after the girls so well; Mr. Jackie Livingstone, the team trainer, and Mr. Johnnie Lowe, the team manager.

He said Omagh should be proud of their girls team as they had proved they could play hard with first-class opposition.

He also thanked Mr. Vincent Campbell, Recreation Officer, Omagh District Council, and Mr. Paddy Devlin, Cookstown District Council Recreation Officer, for arranging the game.

Mr. Burton presented the Cookstown girls with a set of gold medals, and the Omagh girls with a set of silver medals donated by the Council.

Mrs. Eithne McClelland, member of the Council, was also present.

FOOTBALL





















The newly formed Cookstown "Blues" Ladies football team who are competing in the Armagh-Tyrone League.

Victory For Lady Footballers

Killicomaine 0
 Cookstown 3

On Tuesday night last Cookstown ladies travelled to Portadown to play Killicomaine in the Armagh/Tyrone League.

Cookstown went straight into the attack from the kick off and this set the pattern for the whole match, with Killicomaine never really threatening the visitors goal. Within minutes Cookstown had a goal, by Evelyn Noble, disallowed for a very doubtful offside decision and the score remained 0-0 at the half way stage.

In the second-half, Cookstown ~~repeated, favoured once again and~~ were soon rewarded when May Charles found the net with a left footed volley from the edge of the

penalty area. More confident now, the visitors pushed home the advantage and Hazel McGaughey added another fine goal and then converted a penalty kick to put Cookstown three goals up with only a few minutes left.

With darkness closing in around the footballers, Heather Charles had a goal disallowed for offside, but there were no arguments about this decision and so when the referee sounded the final whistle Cookstown emerged comfortable winners over the young Portadown side.

Cookstown Team: H. McGaughey, B. Martin, L. Montgomery, M. Brown, M. Charles, M. Charles (Capt.), R. Hamilton, R. McDowell, L. Jeffers, G. Montgomery, E. Noble, Sub. H. Charles.

Trophies For Knock-Out Winners

The Council have selected a trophy which will be presented to each member of the winning team which represented Cookstown in the Derry Civic Week It's A Knockout Competition in June. The mementoes are inscribed players and to have been ordered.



Cookstown ladies football team proudly display their new strin





**Sponsored
Walk
In Cookstown**

Cookstown Ladies Football Club held a sponsored walk on Tuesday night to raise funds to purchase equipment. The walk covered a distance of ten miles around Lough Fea. Our picture shows the team members as they start out on their hike.

**In Aid Of
Lady
Footballers**

LONGSTONE TAKE TROPHY



Captain of the Longstone A team, while Captain receives the beautiful trophy from Mrs. Alistair Paterson, wife of the General Managers of Northgate Ltd., Cookstown, sponsors of the competition.

THE Northgate ladies indoor five-a-side football league, organised by the Recreation Department, concluded in the I.N.F. Hall on Saturday last with the overall winners being Longstone A from Co. Armagh with 25 points from 13 matches. Close second were the Cookstown Blues with 23 points.

In the battle of the giants on Saturday, Longstone A defeated Cookstown Blues by the only goal of the game. The goal was scored ten seconds into the second half by Longstone captain, Barbara "Winnie" Cartland.

The Blues, giving one of their best performances, came close to equalising on several occasions but the goal did not come. The Blues went on to win their other matches.

High School Juniors, in a superb match, drew with Longstone B who finished fourth overall. A much improved and apparently happier, Peter England side won both their matches on Saturday, taking them from near the bottom of the league table to seventh place.

SPORTING GESTURE

As a sporting gesture, the officials played the winning team in a challenge match which was refereed by Miss May Charles, captain of the runners-up. The officials were Kevin Crilly, Norman Lindsay, Pascal Rushe, all referees; Alistair Paterson, general manager Northgate Ltd., and Paddy Devlin, recreation officer. The match, which caused quite a lot of interest among the spectators, with the officials

taking "some sticks", was sporting and they ended in a 3-3 draw.

Before the presentation ceremony, the recreation officer, Paddy Devlin, whose department organised the league, thanked all the teams for taking part and for their competitive spirit and sportsmanship; the management committee of the I.N.F. and their staff who gave the hall and all the facilities free of charge; the referees, Kevin Crilly, Norman Lindsay and Pascal Rushe; George Barclay of Cookstown County Secondary School, Des O'Neill and Colin McGuckin of St. Patrick's Secondary School, for the loan of equipment; Messrs. Northgate Ltd., whose generous sponsorship enable the league to take place and anyone else who helped in any way to make the event a success.

Mrs. Alistair Paterson then presented the Northgate Perpetual Shield to the Longstone A captain, Barbara Cartland, together with the smaller shields for all team members. Mrs. Paterson then presented shields to the runners-up, Cookstown Blues.

Following the presentations, the players and officials made their way to the Northgate canteen where a meal was laid on by the Northgate staff.

Longstone A — B. Cartland (capt.), G. Lappin, R. Doyle, P. Doyle, B. Corrigan, Sub: B. Newbanks.

Cookstown Blues — May Charles (capt.), Hazel McGaughey, Avril Charles, Linda Jeffers, Margaret Connolly, Sub: Sheema McCormack.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

- Limavady Rev. 0, Longstone A 6
- Cookstown Blues 3, Limavady All Stars 0.
- Peter England 2, Dolly Mixtures 2
- Dungannon Hot Shots 0, Plumbridge A 2.
- Limavady All Stars 8, Limavady Rovers 1.
- Crilly's Five 0, Dolly Mixtures 2
- Cookstown Blues 0, Longstone A 1.
- Dungannon Hot Shots 0, Plumbridge B 0.



Mrs. Bridgid Neeson handing over a plaque on behalf of Cookstown District Council to Hazel McGahle, one of the members of the local team who won the "It's a Knock-Out" competition at the Derry Civic Week. Also included are some other team members (from left)—Sean Rushe, Sam Johnston and Florence Noble.



FINAL LEAGUE PLACINGS

Team	P	W	D	L	Pts
Longstone A	13	12	1	0	25
Cookstown Blues	13	11	1	1	23
L'vady All Stars	13	9	3	1	21
Longstone B	13	9	2	2	20
Plumbidge A	13	8	0	5	16
Dolly Mixtures	13	5	2	6	12
Peter England	13	4	3	6	11
Dym. Hot Shots	13	4	3	6	11
Stevensons	13	4	2	7	10
Linnarady Rovers	13	4	1	8	9
High Schoolers	13	4	1	8	9
Plumbidge B	13	2	4	7	8
Cribb's Fave	13	3	1	9	7

Pictured with their plaques after the presentation, which followed the completion of the Northgate Indoor Football Competition, are

- Cookstown Blues Ladies F.C. They are: May Charles (Capt), Avril Charles, Linda Jeffers, M Connolly, Hazel McGaughy and Sheila McDermack.