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Win a Domino's Pizza!

Checkered Flag for Team Apollo

The F1 in Schools Challenge is hosted by Jaguar once a year to give all the major high schools in the UK to display their engineering skills.

Every year our school takes part in this prestigious challenge, but have failed to produce a car which has been able to win on an international level... that is, until now.

After a convincing victory in Belfast in December, our very own Team Apollo, pictured below, decided to put their skills to the test, competing against all other regional finalists in the UK. The finals took place in Birmingham on the 13th

January at the Autosport International Show, attended by over 90,000 people over the four days of the event.

Each team is required to design and build a test model CO₂-powered balsa wood Formula 1 car. The car must be light, as well as durable to withstand speeds of up to 90mph, which was achieved by non other than Team Apollo (below), allowing them to take home the prize for fastest R-type car in the UK.

Following the victory, the team went to celebrate with

some Traditional Birmingham cuisine at a very prestigious all-you-can-eat Chinese buffet, which may well have been the highlight of the trip for one of the accompanying technology department staff members, and it was here that the theory of an 'all-you-can-eat' buffet was disproved by said staff member.

Next morning, after a quick breakfast it was back to the



airport and then back to school, with trophies in our hands, and in our minds the knowledge that success always follows hard work and dedication.

A. Khan

School's Cup Disappointment Against Wallace

On Saturday past, Coleraine Inst travelled to Wallace HS hoping to progress into the quarter finals of the School's Cup. Coleraine were always going to be underdogs but they didn't let this faze them whatsoever. From the start, Inst stuck to their game plan, trying to move things out wide, in aid of keeping

Wallace's big pack moving. Within a couple of minutes Maguire made a break straight through the Wallace backline, unfortunately he had no support otherwise a score was certainly on the board. Coleraine did however score first. After a turnover in Coleraine's 22, Deane made a break and after a few quick passes, Cochrane was put into space to run the rest of the way. Gowland failed to convert but Inst had taken the lead after 10mins. Wallace didn't take long to level things after hammering away at Inst's defence, they gained an overlap on the blind-side and scored on the wing. With the score 5-5 at half time, it was anyone's game.



The next 10mins of the game would prove vital for Inst, it was Wallace who had possession for the majority of the time and after stopping Wallace's maul, the pressure eventually built up until something had to give. Wallace's winger ran a very good line to cut through the Coleraine defence, the score now 12-5. Wallace continued to apply the pressure and managed to open Coleraine's defence to score another try. Wallace converted leaving the score 19-5 and Inst now needing two scores. Inst still stuck at Wallace and on one occasion Inst ran the length of the field through off loading the ball in the tackle. Inst spent a long period of time in the Wallace half, but again could not find a way past a resolute defence. Wallace by now had adopted a defensive mode, kicking everything. This made it very hard for Inst to attack as they found themselves, constantly trying to run everything



from their own 22. Inst did not give up but time was not on their side with full time being called. The final score was 19-5, in a game which could have gone either way. In reality there wasn't much between the sides other than Wallace scored at decisive times and Inst failed to reply leaving them a lot of work to do near the end. The boys were bitterly disappointed but would like to thank the supporters who made the journey to Lisburn, their support was greatly appreciated. Coleraine now play Ballymena Academy in the Subsidiary Shield.

N. Linnegan

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Open Night Photos– Recognize Anyone?



The efforts of the teacher in charge, Mr Lee, are clearly seen and appreciated by anyone that walks



subjects at Inst. It's not just the families that gain something from Open Night but also the teachers got something out of the night.



To sum up open night this year went without any

around through school on open night. The excellent organisation, the demonstrations and the clear



hitches, no one fell in the pool and nothing exploded in chemistry all thanks to the efforts of all



explanations from pupils that volunteered made the night a great success.

When asked, a potential pupil talked at great



those pupils and staff who were involved .

length of how much they enjoyed seeing the school especially the physics! Modern languages also were said to have made a great impression on families, although that may be due to the free food which was, I must say, the



food was very nice but let's not drift off at a tangent this isn't a food critic column. Also English and R.E sent parents away feeling well informed about the resources and the advantages of learning these



Keith Armstrong

Interview with Graeme McDowell

Graeme McDowell left the Inst in 1998. Since then he has made steady progress up the world rankings after his time at university in the US. Now a member of the European PGA Tour, and having just recently taken part in the Royal Trophy at Amata Spring Country Club in Thailand against the best golfers in Asia, he took some time out this week whilst in America, to answer a few questions for STRIPES.

First of all, as a first year, can you remember your handicap when you were at Inst.?

I had a handicap of 14.

Did your time at C.A.I. help influence your enthusiasm for golf?

Golf at Inst under Mr Breen certainly helped to bring my handicap down. Playing in the school competitions was

an excellent opportunity to get your face known to the G.U.I. (Golfing Union of Ireland).

When did you make the decision to turn pro?

After my third year at the University of Alabama in the US, I was the no. 1 player and the International Sports Management took me on in June 2002. The decision to turn pro wasn't



an easy one, but this seemed to be the right time for me as an amateur to take the next step in my career.

So what is it like being on the pro-circuit?

It gets better the more you achieve. There is a lot of travelling involved in playing in different on courses, or travel-

ling to compete in different countries. But it is all part of being a pro, and it's a pretty good life!

What are your goals for this year?

To get up the world rankings and hopefully win a couple of tournaments would be first on my agenda. But to be part of the Ryder Cup team later this year at the K Club, would be a dream come true.

As a younger golfer back in your days on the north coast, who was one of your golfing heroes?

Seve Ballesteros. He was probably the one of the most exciting in the world at his time. To have him as captain of the Royal Trophy in Thailand at the start of this month was pretty neat.

So can you say becoming a famous

young golfer has made you more successful with the girls?

That's a tough question to answer! I get my fair share of girls, but so do lots of the other guys!

On tour, who would you say is the nicest guy- Darren Clarke?

Darren is one of a number of really nice guys. Paul McGinley, David Howell, pretty much everyone is really friendly!

Finally, what is Tiger Woods really like in person?

Off course he likes to keep to himself, but on course he is very professional-inside the ropes, but chatty and friendly at the same time.

C. Hayes / R. McMullan

(We'd like to thank his father, Kenny, for his help in the making of this article.)

CAI rowing supremo is appointed an MBE in the New Year's Honour's List.

Bobby Platt has been highly involved with Coleraine Inst providing top coaching to the pupils for many years. He is very active with the sport of rowing and has really dedicated his life to it. It has been a great experience for the inst rowers to have met and become good friends with such a man like Bobby who has accomplished so much in his life.

Bobby has also been involved with the Bann Rowing Club in Coleraine since the early 1940s, firstly as an oarsman and then as a coach and administrator.

He captained the club in 1959/60 and

again for a record 10-year spell from 1972 and is currently president.

In 2002, he received a special merit award from Coleraine Borough Council for his services to sport in the area and in the new year's honour's list was awarded an MBE!

M.Reid



Quiz Questions to win a Domino's Pizza

Which teacher has an award for bravery?

Who has published a book on trains and what is it called?

What are Mr Stewart's and Mr McGregor's new kids called?

When did the school last win the Ulster Schools Cup for rugby?

Which former teacher once head-butted the Japanese Emperor?

Which teacher plays in a rock band?

Which teacher has spent the most time at C.A.I?

Which two teachers are pictured here?

Name a teacher who has represented Ulster in sports?



(Write answers on this sheet and give into the school reception!)

Photo Round Up



Members of the drama club presenting the weather at the Christmas Carol Service.



Part of the orchestra playing at the Christmas Carol Service.



8A pupils Richard Nicholl, Jamie Allen and Chris Church took part in the Road Safety competition



Niall Peacock, Simon Allyre and Ryan Donaghy with their prizes for predicting the score for the Charity Rugby Match. The Penguins beat the Ducks 24-15!



Some of the competitors at the Year 8 class race

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 14th Feb Year 10 Parents' night at 7.30pm

Friday 17th Feb Closure day

Monday 20th + Tuesday 21st Half – Term

Thursday 23rd Feb Year 11 Parents' night at 7.30pm

C.A.I. MEDALLION STORM INTO NEXT ROUND!

CAI 72 BELFAST H.S. 0

On a beautiful morning for rugby C.A.I. entertained Belfast High School in the first round of the Medallion Shield. Coleraine showed their intentions right from the kick off when prop David Dorsett took the ball cleanly and set off on a barnstorming run which saw him gain significant yardage. Three phases of play later after some good work by the ever present James Cromie, second row Daniel Lavery crossed for Inst's first score. Jason Bloomfield converted.

From the kick off C.A.I. quickly established control of the ball and fine work by scrum half Mark Lowe and stand off Connor Gaston saw C.A.I. move into opposition territory again. From a great line out take, on the 22, by Josh Christie, Gaston danced over near the posts. Bloomfield added the conversion.



The Coleraine pack's dominance was evident and after some more good work by Lowe, Christie powered his way over

for their third try inside 15 mins. Four mins later Coleraine added another try, Owen McIntosh picked up at the back of a ruck inside the opposition 22 and scampered over near the corner.

Almost straight from the kick off C.A.I. scored again this time through captain Angus Warwicker, this was well deserved as he had been involved in everything that was good about Inst's performance. The half was finished off with tries by prop Josh McCabe and Full back Robert Thompson. The latter was converted by Bloomfield.



Belfast High School rallied at the start of the second half and pressurised CAI threatening to score on several occasions. However Inst's defence was as effective as their attack and the B.H.S. threat was repelled. Soon C.A.I. were on the attack again and a searing break by Warwicker saw him score try number 10. Straight from the kick off the same

player out paced a beleaguered B.H.S. defence to touch down again. Bloomfield converted both.

Next came a try from Jason Bloomfield, the illusive centre split the midfield defence to score under the posts, he added the points himself. The final try came from Mark Lowe, after another fine throw by David Ferguson and take by Christie in the line out the ball was mauled in field, Lowe spotted a gap on the blind side and capped a fine individual performance by tiptoeing down the touchline for his try.



This was an accomplished performance by a much fancied C.A.I. team, despite injuries to influential players Michael Griffith and Robert Sturgeon. Coaches Richard Beggs and Mark Irwin were delighted by their team's performance but are aware that there are tougher matches ahead.

Mr Beggs

P.S. They won the next round too!

Any comments or ideas please e-mail them to stripes-magazine@hotmail.co.uk