

## National Cup game

# Sligo host Athlone's St. Mary's

*Sligo All Stars are hosts to St. Mary's Athlone in a National Cup game at Summerhill College gym., on Sunday (2 p.m.) and they have their sights set on a convincing win.*

All Stars only beat the Athlone side by one point when they met in Athlone last month and that was after a hard-fought struggle. They have always had trouble in getting the superior hand over St. Mary's and their task on Sunday is a big one because points for and against will be tallied in the event of a draw in the pool.

U.S. Navy Derry had a huge twenty five points victory over Athlone in Derry early in the year and this means Sligo have a lot of lee way to make up if they are to ensure their passage to the play-offs.

All Stars were in impressive form last Thursday when they travelled to Belleek and won the Brollagh Invitation Tournament, beating a strong Dungannon side which included current international, Michael Kennedy, by 48-46 in a pulsating final. Included in their panel was Stan Burns making an effective guest appearance.

Though they will not have the services of Burns at the week-end, they will gain encouragement from that victory and they should be good enough to take the points. St. Mary's, however, will have different ideas and the small court will be much to their advantage.

This looks like Sligo's biggest challenge of the season so far and it will take all their experience and craft to succeed.

*Sligo All Stars:— J. McGowan, Capt., J. Monaghan, A. Cronnelly, B. O'Hara, J. Palmer, C. Carty, G. Gallagher, S. Watson, T. O'Brien.*