

Basketball

All Stars had hand in Ireland's win

Two members of Sligo All Stars, Brian O'Hara and Gerry Monaghan, helped the Irish under 20 team to a sensational 85-49 victory over Scotland Juniors in a friendly game at Inchicore at the week-end.

Both boys were impressive in the game—reckoned to be one of the best-ever performances by an Irish squad—and coach Tom O'Brien was heaped with praise for his handling of the players.

The victory was a great boost to Irish basketball but it dealt a real body-blow to Scotland's hopes of success in the forthcoming European Junior Championship in Finland.

Captain of the Irish side was Sligo-born Ken McIntyre.

Also over the week-end, the Irish senior squad got together for a training session and in an exhibition game on Friday night, they rather easily overcame the under 20's in a game which failed to sparkle despite all the talent on show.

The seniors will have an opportunity to show their strength when they take on Scotland in a challenge in Edinburgh over Easter week-end and the question remains to be answered if they can emulate the feat of the juniors.

WIN IS A MUST

Sligo All Stars have an important National Cup game in Galway next week-end when they meet Clifden whom they have already easily beaten at home.

All Stars must win the game to stay in the competition so they will be in serious mood despite Clifden's apparent weakness.

Sligo will be calling on their full squad and they will be satisfied with nothing less than a big victory.

SUMMMERHILL DOUBLE

Summerhill College scored a double over St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen in the second round of the Connacht Schools' Basketball competition at the College Gymnasium recently.

In the Junior game the score was 39—30, while in the Senior game Summerhill had a decisive victory, winning 88—42.

The Juniors got off to a slow start and were well pressed by St. Nathy's throughout. The Seniors played with greater confidence and ease. Prominent in attack were G. Gallagher, who scored many fine baskets, and S. Maloney, who had his best game to date.