

# Sligo teams won Ballina Festival tournament

SLIGO All Stars junior team and St. Patrick's Mercy Convent, Sligo were supreme in the Ballina Festival Basketball tournament when they won both the men's and ladies' titles.

While the Sligo girls were never really tested. All Stars had to produce their best performances to overcome strong challenges in the semi-final and final.

All Stars beat Ballina in the opening game and met Foxford in before winning 44-23.

The final proved to be most enjoyable and entertaining, with a vastly improved Ballina team contesting for the honours. Sligo went into an early lead which Ballina could never narrow, and All Stars emerged 53-30 victors.

St. Patrick's Mercy Convent were so supreme and stylish in sweeping aside all opposition that their games resembled nothing so much as exhibitions.

Defeating Ballycastle 24-4 in the opening session, Sligo went on to win against Ballina by 58-9 and in the final trounced Carrick-on-Shannon 60-1.

While all the Sligo girls were at their best, two deserve special mention—Marie Conlon, the youngest player on the team, and Anne Keaveney, who turned in the best performance of her career.