

Basketball

All Stars' hopes dashed

SLIGO ALL-STARS' hopes of qualifying for the National Cup semi-finals are now very much in the balance following their poor performance against St. Vincents, Killyarney, over the week-end.

Along with recording a comfortable away victory, the Kerry squad will have thirteen points in their favour when they meet Sligo on their home court.

In a closely fought game, St. Vincent's opened the scoring and increased their lead to four points early on. All-Stars fought back to score six points and it looked as if they had gained control of the game at this stage.

However, the Kerry squad asserted themselves, and after ten minutes, they led 20—14. Sligo reduced the gap to three points in the next two minutes, but St. Vincent's turned on the power and in the next few minutes, scored ten points without reply.

At half time, St. Vincents led 34—22, and after the break, although Sligo scored first, it soon became clear they were unable to make a comeback, Kerry ran out easy 67—54 winners.

Sligo team and scorers—C. Duggan 1; T. Hickey 8; J McGowan 19; J. Palmer 12; J. Monaghan 6; B. O'Hara 4; G. Gallagher 2; T. O'Hara 2; S. Burns, C. Carty, J. Dwyer, F. Rogers.