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Colman's hero Mike Ross By Adam O Connor

Mike Ross arrived in Leinster at the start of the 2009-10 season after spending a successful spell with London with Harlequins where he was a regular in the Premiership team. A powerful scrummager, Mike was part of the Ireland 'A' team who competed in the 2007 and 2008 Churchill Cup. He signed for Harlequins from Cork Constitution/Munster at the end of the 2005/6 season.

Club/Province: Leinster

Position: Prop

Date of Birth: 21/12/79

Height: 1.88m

Honours: Debut 2009 v Canada

School: St Colman's College Fermoy



After the first disappointing match of the 2011 World Cup in New Zealand against the USA, the country knew Ireland had it all to do to beat the tipped favourites 'the Aussies'.

A heroic display of rugby from the Irish team after beating Australia 15-9 through the boots of O'Gara and Sexton , Mike Ross was described in the Mail Online as 'Mike Ross, the cornerstone of a scrum which destroyed the Wallabies'.

Ireland's next match was against an easy to beat Russia, Ross was rested after beating Russia a comfortable 62-12, Italy was on the Irish minds next. Italy was Ireland's last pool game and if Ireland won, they would be guaranteed a top place in their pool. After beating Italy 36-6 and to top their pool, Ross was described as a "Pivotal figure prepared to dig his heels in". Ross's Campaign came to an early end after defeat by Wales in the quarter final stage of the RWC 22-10.

New Look Colman's Greet's All

An 'upgraded' St. Colman's College has delighted returning students and staff this year. During the summer holidays, the College classroom block has benefited from all new double glazed windows, new doors, a complete new insulation skin and a new and improved paint job.

The works were carried out thanks to the Summer Works Scheme funding by the Dept. of Education and the successful construction contract was awarded to Cork based contractor Insulex Ltd.

Already the works see a huge improvement in the insulative qualities of the classrooms resulting in a much warmer and quieter learning environment. The school heating system should also run much more economically. The new colour scheme of the classroom block is aesthetically very pleasing and compliments the architectural features of the old College building . **By Sean Cotter**



My first day in St. Colman's

Today was my first day in St. Colman's College. It's a big change from my primary school. It's bigger , there's more people and more teachers. I was a little nervous but as I got in I was ok. I'm in a class with two people from my primary school and I already knew a few from G.A.A. I really enjoyed my first day at St. Colman's College.

By Niall O Leary



French breakfast for first years

By Ben Lomasney

On Monday 26th of September the school's first years were treated to a French breakfast, organised by the French department. The first years gathered in the canteen at 09:00 a clock where they were seated and served traditional French cuisine by the T.Y students. The purpose of the breakfast was to celebrate International Languages Day by giving the first years a taste of French culture. Everyone enjoyed themselves very much and would agree that the day was a great success .



Oktoberfest



By: Darren Moore

On Monday , the 26th of September we held a German breakfast in the school canteen to celebrate the German festival of Oktoberfest. During the breakfast we had some authentic German foods and drinks such as root beer , German hot-dogs and pretzels. According to our first year students the breakfast was a success. They enjoyed the German foods and had a good laugh also. We look forward to doing this again in the future as it was a big success

TY Hike

By Ryan Roche

On a wet Friday morning on the 16 of September, the TY body set off on a hike to Killarney on two buses. The two hour journey was very exciting to everybody on the bus.

We stopped at Killarney outlet store where we had a bite to eat at O'Brien's and visited the Nike factory. Then we travelled to the very fragile looking boats where we crossed the Lakes of Killarney, we tried to get a gawk of any eagles across the beautiful views of the mountains and hills next to the lake of Killarney. We eventually stopped at a make-shift restaurant where we "bumped" into a few American tourists.

After our stop to eat we gathered outside to go off in pairs and set out on the very tiring 20k hike along the absolutely beautiful hills of Killarney. We stopped along a lovely stream and found a small frog along the side of it and had a quick bite to eat. Along the way we took a dip into the pool at the bottom of a fairly impressive waterfall. We were coming up to the wonderful Torc waterfall which you could hear the water smashing against the rocks from a mile away, there was a certain part on the path peeking through the trees was this glistening view of hills and a lake which was fascinating. Torc waterfall was like snow because of the look of the water hitting the rocks. After a quick change of clothes we were on the bus and stopped at a "five-star diner" and had a fine feast which was a nice end to a very tiring and eventful day.

Mental health week 2011 By Ben Lomasney

This year's **World Mental Health Day** fell on **Monday, October 10th**. To raise awareness for mental illness in Ireland. T.Y students from St.Colman's, Loreto and Colaiste an Chraoibhin were invited to attend a talk, held in the Corrin mart. When we arrived at 09:30, we were first spoken to by Minister Kathleen Lynch about her battle to have mental health awareness taught in schools. This was very interesting because she told us about various mental illnesses that people of Ireland are suffering from, that we previously had no knowledge of. We were then spoken to by Paul Kelly from Console, a suicide awareness charity. He told us of the shocking Stats about how many people have been bereaved as a result of suicide. Overall it was a very informative morning and we all feel like we learned a lot about mental illnesses.



First Year Hike

By Cian O 'Flynn

We set off on the hike from a branch of the Ballyhoura mountains at 10 o'clock on a cool crisp Thursday morning. There were seven senior students including myself as well as four teachers and a "Forest Ranger". We came along to help out with the First years.

There were plenty of opportunities for the First years to get covered in mud , with mud pools along the way they could not help but jump in including an unfortunate boy who lost his shoes in the process 😞.

It was a very exhausting hike as the forest ranger also brought us on a mountain biking trail which was very impressive to all. The hike was thoroughly enjoyed by all and will be a memorable experience for many years to come.

Primary School Blitz 2011

By: Shane O Riordan and James O' Mahony

On a dull Thursday morning, St Colman's College hosted the annual Primary School Blitz. Thanks to the organisation of Mr. Queeney, and the help of the transition year students that were to spend the day being mentors and referees. This worked out very well as each mentor was assigned to a local school. The teams started to arrive at 9:30 all ready to get on the field. There were 11 and 7 a side teams involved in the blitz, the names of the teams that took part were as follows, 7 and 11 a side : Bartlemy, Ballynoe, Bishop Murphy, Ballyhooly, Castlelyons, Clondulane, Conna, Grange, Glanworth, Gaelscoil, Kildorrey, Kilmagner, Kilworth, Rathcormac, St Josephs. Bishop Murphy met Castlelyons in the 11 a side final which Castlelyons came out with a strong victory and in the 7 a side Grange met Gael Scoil and Grange came out the stronger team to win the cup. Finally Conna came out winners in the shield final. The day was a huge success for the school and also for the teams that took part.



Castlelyons N.S the winning team in the St Colmans Blitz

St Colman's College Receives Seismometer

By: Edwin Kent

On the 3rd of October, St Colman's College was presented with a seismometer by Tom Blake from the Dublin Institute of Advanced Studies (DIAS). The seismometer, which was generously sponsored by Prof. Gerry Wrixon, will monitor earthquakes all over the world. The school is now a part of the Seismology in Schools program in which the data collected by the seismometer will be shared online with schools around the world. The school would like to extend thanks to Prof. Wrixon, for his generous donation and Tom Blake, for his presentation on the day.



Pic: St. Colman's College receives a seismometer which monitors and tracks earthquakes and seismic movement. Pictured at the handover of the equipment were Prof. Gerry Wrixon UCC, Dermot Coakley Principal SCC, Tom Blake, Jimmy Condon

OKLAHOMA 2011

By: Jack Barry

This year In the St. Colman's and Loreto TY musical production we are doing Oklahoma. There are many students from St Colman's in the show. Valerie O'Leary and Sister Nuala are chief producers with Jenny Hoare doing choreography . Nearly every day we are rehearsing doing the scenes and the songs. It is very enjoyable and a great experience. The show is taking place on the 14th - 19th of November in the Youth Centre , Fermoy. I hope to see ye all there!

Thoughts on T.Y. – A Quick Reflection

By: Eoin Donnellan

Although yet to be back for a full term, the delights of transition year have already made a strong impression on us “Trannys”.

Dipping our toes into the pursuits of less academic subjects this year, we have already enjoyed Water Safety, Horticulture and First Aid modules.

Since our induction speech on “extension”, we have celebrated our results, nostalgically helped out in the primary blitz, hiked in each other’s shoes and enjoyed the above modules. No doubt more trips are yet ahead, with an enthusiastic Mr. Cashman at the helm.

The sweet smell of anticipation hangs still in the air, thoughts of European trips and a well-rehearsed Musical featuring our second best Afro, all help Transition Year look promising, with no room for disappointment, only improvement for any student in the 2011-2012 programme.

3 years later....

By Ed Mullins

The day we were anticipating for months was upon us. 14th of September had arrived. The night before was a nervous one as we wondered what the fruits of our labour would succumb to. As we checked our Facebook pages, we could see that others were excited too as our homepage was clogged with “Best of Lucks”. On that sunny Wednesday morning we made our way to the classrooms quickly, all of us trying to hide the nerves. Mrs.O’Donoghue was spotted with envelopes in her hand. The time had arrived. She called out our names alphabetically and each student went up to collect his envelope containing the results and a handshake from our Deputy Principal. The noise was ferociously loud as the buzz and hum of excited conversation filled the room. Outside the school, we chatted and got to know how all our friends and classmates had got on. The results seemed to have gone very well with everyone very happy with what they had achieved. That night we all celebrated our results in different ways. Some deciding to go to a disco in Cork City, other deciding to go bowling and many other different activities were enjoyed to celebrate and reward our hard work. Now that it’s over – we are almost left wondering what was all the fuss about. But without doubt the good junior cert results achieved are a great base for the future 2014 leaving cert class.

Joseph Driessen comes to Colman's for a second time.

By Frank Bailey

On Wednesday the 12th of October renowned educationalist Joseph Driessen visited the college for a talk to the St. Colman's parents association about the subject of 'Managing Challenging Behaviour & Motivating Teenagers'. The seminar was well attended as Mr Driessen is a world famous educationalist whose views are well respected from his native New Zealand to far away shores as Ireland. It is not the first time Mr Driessen has visited the college as he also gave a very interesting talk back in 2008 about '7 Ways to Improve Boys' Education'.



The St. Colman's College debating team who won their debate Thursday night, 20th. October. They debated against St Augustine's College, Dungarvan and proposed the motion "Aid to the developing world is a luxury Ireland cannot afford".

This was the first debate in the league phase of the Concern Debating Competition. Team l-r Cian Sewell, Ian Murphy, Sean Moloney, John Mullins.

Sports Round up

Pitch and Putt Heroes

St. Colman's students Ryan Sexton, Daniel O'Regan & Colin Scott won the 2011 Munster Secondary Schools' Pitch & Putt title on October 12, 2011. The event, held in Tipperary Town's Tipp Hills venue, saw over 30 school teams from all over Munster take part.



St. Colman's V Blackwater Community School

By David Beausang and Shane O' Riordan

St. Colman's faced BCS in the 1st round of the Harty cup. Ballyduff was the venue for the pulsating clash of the rival schools. The 1st half was an even encounter. BCS had the better opening start until Noely McNamara scored a cracking goal. However BCS pulled away from St. Colman's, but to the joys of the large St Colman's supporters with their chants Colman's hit point after point to bring the half time score to 1-8 to 0-11.

In the second half, Kevin O'Neill made some inspiring catches for St. Colman's. Dan Mangan helped St. Colman's with his 8 points (including 6 from frees). As changes began to be made the action began to liven up, there was nothing in it. Anto Spillane scored for St. Colman's in the final minutes to make the score 1-13 to 0-16 points.

St Colman's Scorers:

Daniel Mangan (0-8), Noel McNamara (1-1), Anthony Spillane (0-3), Tom Condon (0-1)

Dean Ryan

St.Colmans 0-12 to Charleville CBS 4-8

By Mikey Wade and Richie Cronin

St. Colman's got off to a flyer with some outstanding defending from Coran Lawlor at full back, along with help from Darragh O'Callaghan from midfield. St. Colman's looked strong with fantastic ball being played to the forward line by Seán Lenihan which contributed towards some vital scores. By half time, Charleville were leading by a single point.

At the start of the second half, from the clash of the ash, Kev O'Neill scored a phenomenal point to bring the game to level pegging. A short lapse of concentration, just after magnificent save by Cathal Leahy moments before, led to Charleville getting a goal. Charleville drove on from there, scoring another two goals and a few points to take a big lead. James McCarthy supplying some great ball to Adam Murphy at corner forward delighted St. Colman's. Charleville managed to see the game out although the score does not reflect St. Colman's efforts and sportsmanship displayed.

U14 Footballers Unlucky

On 11/10/11 St Colman's first year footballers took on St Fachtnas Skibbereen in their first football match of the year. The score was 3-14 to 1-9 in favour of St Fachtnas. Colman's can take great heart and battled hard throughout. Oisin Hickey, Niall O'Leary, Jamie O'Leary, Steven Condon, Dylan McCarthy, Andrew O Neill and Caolum Horgan were impressive .

U14 HURLING

The Colman's under fourteen hurling team were in action Wednesday the 21st of September. They were in action against a North Mon team that were ready for a battle. The Colman's lads who were short a few key players for the encounter, gave an excellent display but ended up losing by 8 points. The teams next outing will Midleton CBS in a few weeks.

St. Colman's U16 Championship

On Friday 7th of October our U16 hurling team played Colaiste Críost Rí in Watergrasshill.

We started off well going into a 5 point lead but then after a lapse of concentration we went into half time 2 points down. We came out in the second half with all guns blazing to level the game up at the full time whistle. Our players tired and worn out, went in to extra time and shocked Críost Rí by taking a 3 point lead. Críost Rí fought back to bring the game level at half time once again but in the second half got a goal and our lads couldn't reply to this devastating blow. Unfortunately the lads lost by score-line of 4-13 to 1-20 but they put in a great performance overall.

By Michael Geary and Darren Moore

O'Callaghan Cup

The O'Callaghan Cup team had a comprehensive victory over Patrician Academy Mallow on Monday 26th of September in Ballyhooly. The team now progress to the semi-final.

The team that lined out for St. Colman's was:

1.Eoin Barry(Castlelyons),2.William Walsh(St.Catherines),3.Colm Barry(Castlelyons),4.Martin Brennan(Fermoy),5.Pa Roche (St.Catherines),6.Colm Spillane (Castlelyons),7.James Neville (St Catherines),8.Thomas Condon(Glanworth),9.Matthew Mulcahy (St.Catherines),10.Daniel Mangan(St.Catherines),11.Padraig De Roiste(Fermoy),12.Ronan Bransfield(Castlelyons),13Noelly McNamara(Kilworth),14.Michael Wade (Kilworth), 15. Anthony Spillane (Castlelyons).

St Colman's Beat North Mon in the semi- final on 25th of October . They now progress to the final

Upcoming events:

- St Colman's College open day and Information Evening
Thursday ,November 17th 2011
 - “Oklahoma the Musical”
November 14th to November 19th 2011
in the Youth Centre Fermoy
 - St Colman's Awards Night
Thursday, November 24th 2011
 - Christmas Exams
November 29th to December 2nd 2011

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