



SACA Rugby Evening 2015

On Tuesday 24th March SACA hosted a Rugby Evening in the College. The panel included victorious Ireland coach Les Kiss and try-scorer for the Six Nations winning Ireland Ladies' team, Tania Rosser with Sunday Times Rugby Correspondent Peter O'Reilly in the chair, whose ability to make sure the event flowed with so many contributors was amazing. It was an incredible night and is the talk of the town's rugby circles. The school's Rugby Programme will benefit from ticket sales to the 250 spectators who turned up to be transfixed by the stories from the panellists. Past pupil Peter Bracken spoke on being a professional and what St Andrew's did for him as a life foundation, Ronnie Dawson told some amusing tales demonstrating the differences between the world of rugby now and in the 1950s, Ben Marshall didn't appear too fussed about two shoulder reconstructions and a plate in his arm – at 25 years of age!! As well as the incredibly talented panel of internationals and experts we were delighted to host the Six Nations Trophy won by Ireland three days previously.



A Massive Thank You To Our Amazing Panel!



list of panelists from right to left, top row to bottom row

David McHugh - Ex Leinster Manager and Player Representative (Rob and Dave Kearney, Ian Madigan, Mike Ross and Fergus McFadden)

Matt O'Connor - Head Coach Leinster Rugby

Peter O'Reilly - Sunday Times Rugby Correspondent

Les Kiss - 6 Nations Winning Ireland Coach, Director of Ulster Rugby and Australian Rugby League International

Alan Lewis - International Rugby Referee

Peter Bracken - Ireland, Connacht and European Cup Winner with London Wasps

Ben Marshall - Leinster and Ireland U-20's

Ronnie Dawson - Captain of the Lions, Ireland, Leinster, The Barbarians and Wanderers

Tony Ward - Lions, Ireland and Munster (including THAT game vs All Blacks)

Tania Rosser - Ireland (RWC and winner vs NZ) and Leinster

SACA Business Lunch

'But, I'm not in sales!' (Yes, you are)

Wednesday 29th April 2015
Alexander Hotel, Fenian Street, Dublin 2

Time: 12.45pm sharp to 2.00pm

Price: €30 to include Soup, Sandwiches and Tea/Coffee
Cheques payable to St Andrew's College PPU or telephone Sally Walker
in the Alumni Office to pay by credit/debit card
Tel: 01 288 2785

Join us for lunch to catch up with old friends and meet some new and interesting people. Our speakers for our latest SACA Business lunch are two of the most respected sales coaches in Ireland. You will walk away after a lively, practical lunch session with some new ideas on how to communicate with people better, which is basically the core idea behind sales.

Speakers

Dermot McConkey is a business development and sales training consultant. He delivers motivational keynotes to conference audiences, as well as seminars and master classes to corporations and business meetings.

<http://ie.linkedin.com/pub/dermot-mcconkey/8/941/40a/en>

Nicola O'Neill is Managing Director of Harvest Resources and President of the Irish Institute of Training & Development and will talk about how to coach your colleagues to give them the awareness and skills to be the best that they can in their role within your organisation.

<http://ie.linkedin.com/in/nicolaoneillmdharvest/en>



Connect @ Lunch

5th Year Career Interviews

This year's 5th Year Career Interviews are taking place on MONDAY 27TH AND TUESDAY 28TH APRIL here in the College and we are looking for alumni from all career areas to come back to the College to interview the students. The evenings kick off at 6pm with light refreshments and a chance to go through the 4 or 5 CVs allocated to you. The interviews themselves start at 6.30pm and you would be free to leave here around 8.30pm. If you are free on either of these dates and are willing to volunteer, please contact Sally Walker in the Alumni Office. These interviews are one of the few SACA activities that bring alumni into direct contact with current students and are always hugely enjoyed by all who give up the couple of hours to take part.

St. Andrew's Past Pupils Flying the Irish Flag



“And there it is...the end of the road for the Ireland cricket team as they, once again, lit up the World Cup, beating two Test playing teams but just missed out on a place in the quarter-finals on net run rate, having matched the West Indies with six points after three victories apiece.

Ireland actually beat the West Indies, as well as securing victories over UAE and Zimbabwe, but the manner of their defeats, particularly to South Africa, has resulted in a worse net run rate than the Caribbean outfit and Phil Simmons' side will head home.”

St. Andrew's very own Andy Balbirnie (Class of 2009) played a massive part in the Irish adventure down under, racking up 236 runs across the 6 matches including a fantastic 97 off 79 balls vs Zimbabwe. Well done Andy!



Well done to St. Andrew's old boy Felix Jones on being on the Irish team to take home the 6 nations crown with their emphatic win against Scotland in Murrayfield.



Congratulations to St. Andrew's current 6th year Johnny Guy who played for Ireland Schools vs Georgia in their dramatic penalty kick-off loss.



Congratulations to Andrew Porter (Class of 2014) who was a part of the Ireland U-20's squad that took part in this year's 6 nations.



Congratulations to former Andrew's pupils, Chloe Watkins and Gillian Pinder, on their World Cup League Final win over Canada.

They won the match with a dramatic 4-3 shootout



Following on our report of Danny Joyce playing for the Canada U 20's , he scored a try and was named Man of the Match. Well done Danny!

Congrats to try scoring Andrew's mum Tania Rosser and the Irish women who completed a remarkable 6 Nations double for Ireland. Tania and Ireland men's coach Les Kiss reflected on the wins at our rugby evening last Tuesday week in the school! Proud of you!



Heather Irvine - Extreme Athlete Class of 2003



Heather Irvine lives in London with her boyfriend Patrick, a fellow adventure racer and is the Editor of Total Women's Cycling. She cycles, swims and runs and comes back to Ireland to take part in races with her long-term adventure partner Gavin Lyons. Heather was one of a number of athletes featured in a recent Setanta Sports Documentary on Extreme Sports.

Extreme is a TV documentary made by Athena Media Productions for Setanta Sports Ireland with the support of the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland and the TV licence fee. Extreme was an exploration of adventure, the stories of those who go to the edge. It was broadcast early in March and the Presenter Kipper Maguire met athletes across Ireland to find out what they do and why they do it.

Extreme featured Heather Irvine, along with Fergal Somerville, Easkey Britton, Conor Heelan, Aileen Mann, Ricky Bell, and John O'Regan to find out what drives them to regularly compete in some of the world's most daring activities.

"We pretty much spent the last 12 months travelling around with seven of Ireland's top athletes, the sports they do are incredible. They only do it because they love it and what it gives them in terms of travel, buzz and how it impacts on their life. They get such a buzz out of it that they just want more and more"

Heather really showed just how tough women adventurers can be. A sports journalist, she took up adventure racing and loves endurance events. She met her boyfriend Patrick on a race through Iceland, a six day and two hundred and fifty kilometre course in freezing, tough conditions. Heather works with Total Women's Cycling and says 'There is very little in life where I feel, 'I can't do that.' There is a mixture of things I feel at the end of a race....I feel rejuvenated and so good, it gives me confidence to do other things.'

David O'Caoimh Pro-Wakeboarder

David recently finished his incredible trip to Australia to compete at the Wakeboarding World-Cup. David made it all the way to the final of the tournament and finished 10th in the World! Here is what he had to say:

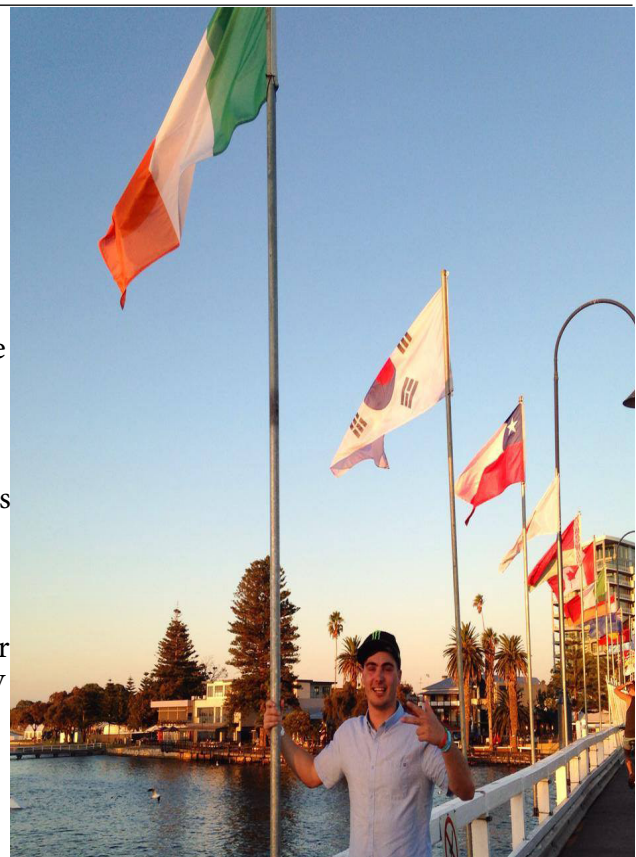
"Ended up joint 10th which obviously I would have loved to have done better. But still I'll take that.

When I think about it, I only rode for like 6 days in the last 3 or 4 months due to injury, and I got to come out to Australia and hang out with my friends and make a few bob and I got a lot of motivation from being here! So I'm stoked.

It was such a sick final to watch and fair play to O'Brien Wakeboards team mate Cory Teunissen for smashing it in the final! Legend! Now time to enjoy one last day in the sunshine!"


Catch up on all of David's trip on his facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/davidwakeocaoimh/>



New Business

All the best to Michelle Stokes (Class of 1981) in her new venture:



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BIRTHS

Congratulations to Andrew and Karina O'Toole (nee O'Shaughnessy), both from the class of 2000, on the birth of their twins Osha and Joshua.

Dates for your Diary

SAC Alumni Legal Dinner

18 April 2015 The Law Society - 7.30 pm
Tickets €65 Students €35 Dress Code: Lounge Suit

St Stephen's Green & Clyde Road Lunch

24th April 2015 Royal St George Yacht Club, Dun Laoghaire
From 12.30pm

5th Year Career Interviews

Monday 27 & Tuesday 28 April
6 - 8.00pm

SACA Business Lunch

29th April 2015 Alexander Hotel, Fenian Street

SACA London Reunion *

15th May 2015 The Porterhouse Covent Garden

SACA Golf Outing

18th September 2015 Edmonstown Golf Course

SACA Annual Dinner

9th October 2015

7pm: Drinks Reception at St Andrew's College

8.30pm: Dinner at Radisson Blu St Helen's Hotel, Stillorgan Road.

10 & 20 Year Reunion for Classes of 2005 and 1995:

14th November 2015

7pm: Drinks Reception at St Andrew's College

8.30pm: Dinner and Music at Dublin City Hilton, Charlemont Place, Dublin 2

LONDON CALLING!

A reunion of UK-based Alumni is taking place on Friday 15th May from 5.30pm in London at The Porterhouse Covent Garden, 21-22 Maiden Lane. It's a great venue so please put the date in your diary and spread the word. It will be your chance to meet our Headmaster, Peter Fraser, our SACA President, Linda Laird and to catch up with fellow SAC alumni. For more information contact Sally in the Alumni Office.

SAC Alumni Legal Dinner

A dinner for SAC Alumni in the legal profession is taking place on Saturday 18th April at 7.30pm in The Law Society and is open to all practising barristers, solicitors and students of law. The cost for the dinner is €65 (€35 for students). We will be sending out booking forms soon by email to those we know are working in/studying law so please make sure we have an email address for you. It is also possible to book a place by contacting Sally on 288 2785 or by email on swalker@st-andrews.ie.