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CRESCENT SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS 2016

Crescent Express

Welcome Back!!

Welcome back to all Crescent students. A special welcome to all the new staff members and students that have arrived in Crescent. We would like to give a warm welcome to our new first years in the school, we hope you have settled in okay and look forward to your triumphant year ahead.

This years 6th years have proudly nominated Amber Birdthistle and Karl Moloney and as this year's school captains and Hannah Lowe and Sam Ross as vice captains.

We hope they will have a good year and we know they will serve us well.



Our School captains and Vice captains with Principal Karin Fleming



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Petersburg

This year our annual 1st year Petersburg trip took place from 12th -16th of September. Classes Campion, Canauis, and Castillo went in the first trip, while classes Chabanel and Caver went on the second trip. When we arrived, we were greeted by the care takers dogs and staff. We left our bags in our dorms and headed off to our first activity. There was abseiling, gorge walking, hill walking, stand-up paddle boarding, obstacle course etc. on the first night, we did group activity's including a blind folded walk through the forest and a scavenger hunt. The next morning we ate breakfast and gathered in the dining hall for another activity.

After lunch we had another activity. Then that night we had a table quiz boys v girls and both teams had to think of a forfeit for the losing team, which was the boys. Later that night, Ms. Costello, Ms. Maher and Mr. Barrett brought us down to the lake and for a walk through the forest. The following morning we packed our and were ready to go, but first we had one last activity after thanking the staff, we headed to Supermacs in Galway. The girls got to enjoy their food first, because the girls won the table quiz.

Thanks to all the teachers that brought us to Petersburg. With a few trips to the hospital, everyone made it home safely. Thanks to our year head Ms. O' Brien for organising the wonderful trip to Petersburg.

Karen Mulvihill and Eimear Cowhey.





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Fred Daly

On Tuesday the 23rd of August at Galway Golf Club, Voss Fitzgerald and Morgan Hanley along with the rest of their star-studded team took on the reigning champions from Kilkenny in the semi-final of the Fred Daly competition. Limerick cruised to victory with a score of 4 to 1 under the leadership of captain Ivan Morris (former Crescent student). A final was set with the victory of Athenry over Hollywood in the other semi.

After a tense wait and a quick change of socks the final was underway. Limerick took an early lead and were all up after 4 holes. Things were looking good after the front 9 with Limerick increasing their lead and they continued this form over the following 9 holes with victory soon following (Final Score : 4-1). Limerick Golf Club made history becoming the first Munster victors in this competition.

The club will now represent Ireland in the Home International in Granada, Spain.



Top: Ciaran Vaughan, Morgan Hanley, Sean Enright, Eoghan O'Neill, Eoghan O'Neill.

Bottom: Luke O'Brien, Ivan Morris, John Jennings, Voss Fitzgerald.



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City Cup

Crescent Junior team suffer defeat in their opening city cup match.

On the 17th of September at 11 o' clock Crescent began their city cup campaign against St Munchins at home. Crescent started off positively and after 5 minutes Crescent was on the scoreboard with Ben Davey kicking a penalty kick. Following another successful penalty kick by Ben Davey, Crescent were on the attack again starting with Jake Connolly with a "out of the back door pass" to David Rickard who made a break down the wing and gave a offload to Disin Evans who scored in the corner to extend the lead to eleven. A controversial Munchin's try reduced Crescent's lead to six before half time. The two teams came out eager after half time and Crescents player Barry Scott scored a try but unfortunately was disallowed by the referee. This didn't stop Crescents momentum as they replied again with a try by sub out-half Colm Quilligan to make it 16-5 as the teams clashed after Crescent sub Darragh Fenton was sent off after a dangerous tackle on the Munchin's scrum half. This tackle angered the Munchins players and side-line but the fight was quickly disbanded by Crescent coaches and the referee. Darragh Fenton life seemed to be endangered but fled the scene unscathed. The Crescent team seem to be shook after the ordeal with Munchin's winger scoring in the corner with an excellent conversion to make it 16-12. With one minute left Munchin's chances of winning were obscure and with the last play of the game Munchin's out-half sent a hospital kick into Crescents half of the pitch. The luck of the bounce sent the ball straight into the Munchin's centre hands and headed straight under the post for a late dramatic try. The score ended 19-16 to St Munchins. It was not the result Crescent were looking for but the promising performance by the whole panel will make it a tough decision for the coaches to choose the starting team for the next city cup match against Castletroy.





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Hockey Crescent win Leahy Cup 2016

Congratulations to the Senior Hockey team who recently won the Leahy Cup, the tournament was played out over two days last week and included some tough competition. The competition comprised of five teams Salerno, Loreto Kilkenny, Methody Mt Anville and Crescent College.

The Crescent Team

Amy Ahern	Amber Birthistle	Molly Doran	Jane Kirby (Cpt)	Jenny Clein
Niamh O Keeffe	Ciara Cowhey	Leah Van Veen	Charlotte Phelan	Emily Armstrong
Shannon Parbat	Olive Wixted	Sinead Roche	Anna Horan	Leah Clery
Eimear O keeffe	Georgia Keane	Robyn Leahy	Aoife Hickey (inj)	





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TY Dingle Trip

Between Monday the 26th and Wednesday the 28th all of the 4th year classes spent a night in Dingle.

It was an action packed couple of days for the groups; The first group [Fielde and DeChardin] left the school at 8:30 am and headed to Dingle.

They then arrived at their accommodations, they stayed with a B&B in Ballyferriter. They then headed to have lunch and then had a quick tour of the local museum in Ballyferriter. The group then went on a walk which was guided by a member of the hill walking club and accompanied by teachers. Afterwards they went to a guided tour including a short film at The Blasket Centre in Dun Chaoin. They then walked back to the B&B for dinner.

Later that night from 7:30 till 10 the group attended a Ceili Mor where they enjoyed some traditional Irish dancing.

The next morning the class had breakfast at 8 am and then walked to the beach where there were multiple activities including sport, horse riding, and a woodcraft workshop where they got a chance to make wood rings and pencils.

The group then attended a tour of the ocean world aquarium which was then followed by an hour of free time to explore Dingle town. Later on that evening the group went on a tour of the Dingle harbour and had an exciting Fungi trip.

The group arrived back at Crescent at 8:30pm and then the next group went down the following day.





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Rio Olympics



Throughout the Olympics, many Irish athletes took part in numerous sports. One of these athletes was Michael Conlan, who took part in the sport of boxing.

MICHAEL CONLAN

After the fight between Michael Conlan and Vladimir Nikitin, an interview took place on Off the Ball where Conlan admitted he was still hugely disappointed following his controversial defeat to Russian boxer Vladimir Nikitin:

“Even before the fight the referee said to me ‘keep your head up’. Why would you say that even before the fight, just as I had stepped into the ring?

“During the fight she was constantly on me saying ‘keep your head up Conlan and one more I am going to warn you’.

“When he was cut she was cleaning me instead of cleaning him. I just didn’t understand it. In the second round he was knackered and she was taking me over and cleaning me and then cleaning him, giving him extra time to get his breath back. To me he was gassing. Thinking back on it now, it is annoying.”





John M. Hayes- Alumni

Crescent has many famous Alumni and most students of the school know at least one of them, usually one of the sports people. Some, however, deserve more recognition from the school population than what they get. John M. Hayes, for example, founder of Muintir na Tíre. Those are names that you are probably unfamiliar with, but hopeful over the course of this article I'll rectify that for you.

Hayes was born in a small hut in Murroe in 1887 where his parents lived along with his sisters and brothers. His parents were members of the Land League, an Irish charity dedicated to aiding poor tenant farmers. The hut was born in was provided for by them, as his parents had to rent their land from a landlord at a high price. The tough work and poor conditions showed. By the time he was seven, five of his siblings had passed away from malnutrition and disease. These hard early years left their mark on Hayes, and would contribute to his work in later years.

When he was old enough, his parents managed to save enough, and get a subsidy from the Land League, to send their son to be educated by the Jesuits in the old Crescent school. Here, his strengths and passions were built on and he would fondly remember the sense of community between the teachers and pupils. After completing his education with the Jesuits, he went on to study with the intention of becoming a priest. He was ordained Irish College in Paris, the year 1913.

For a while, John worked as a priest in Liverpool, England for the Catholic population. He would return to Ireland for a while as priest in Tipperary Town, and it was here he would first come to prominence by being heavily involved in the foundation of Muintir na Tíre.

As an organisation, Muintir na Tíre aimed to enhance the skills and influence of people in communities. Similar to Land League of Hayes's youth, they aimed to help mostly small farmers. In addition to that, Hayes strove with Muintir na Tíre to create truly united communities. Thanks to his efforts, while he was parish priest Bansha and Kilmoyler, the community was strengthened and a factory, producing jams and preserves for the Irish market, was built.





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Jason Smyth

Jason Smyth has succeeded in his bid to win a third consecutive Paralympic gold medal in the 100m T13 final, winning the race in a time of 10.64s. The gold never looked in doubt as the fastest Paralympian in the world led from the early moments of the race.

Dominating out of the blocks, Smyth took an early lead, holding his form to cross the line in a time of 10.64, with his closest rival, the Namibian, in second and Australian Chad Perris taking third in times of 10.78 and 10.83 respectively. Smyth had won last night's heat in a time of 10.76 seconds. "This is my third consecutive Games and winning my 5th Paralympic medal is incredible," said Smyth.

"It is a bit like a fairy tale really, I keep coming to these major championships and winning gold and I just don't want it to end."

Being aware of the short time between the heats and finals, Smyth's preparation for the final was good, he said.

"The turnaround between heats and the final wasn't ideal," he said.

"I felt I was able to get through the heats well, doing enough without killing myself. I was ready to go and today I know I had to step it up another notch. I was able to do that.

Elsewhere in track cycling, Colin Lynch competed in the qualifiers of the C2 Individual Pursuit and Eoghan Clifford, the 2016 edition of the UCI Para-Cycling Road World Cup saw further success for Eoghan. He won gold in the Time Trial and followed that up with a silver medal in the Road Race.

Taoiseach Enda Kenny later paid tribute to the sprinter and all the athletes who took part in Rio.

The Taoiseach said: "I would like to congratulate Jason on his historic sprint triumph in Rio.

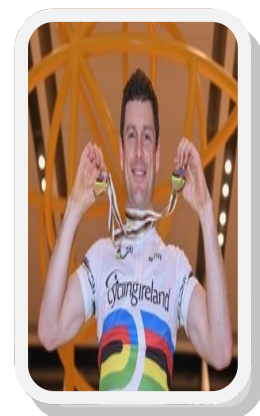
"To retain the T13 100m sprint title for the third Olympics in a row is a magnificent achievement and is testament to his talent, dedication and sheer hard work.

"It is a great honour that the fastest Paralympian on the planet is an Irishman and his haul of five Olympic medals ensures his place in the pantheon of Irish sporting greats."



Jason Smyth

It is a fifth Paralympic gold medal for Smyth and Ireland's first medal of the Games.



Eoghan Clifford,



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Paralympics Rio



The Paralympic Games is an international multi-sport event involving athletes with a range of disabilities. There are Winter and Summer Paralympic Games, which since the 1988 Summer Games in, South Korea, are held almost immediately following the Olympic Games.

The Paralympics has grown from a small gathering of British World War II veterans in 1948 to become one of the largest international sporting events by the early 21st century. Paralympians strive for equal treatment with non-disabled Olympic athletes, but there is a large funding gap between Olympic and Paralympic athletes.

The Paralympic Games are organized the same as the Olympic Games, while the international Olympic committee recognized Special Olympics World Games include athletes with intellectual disabilities.

Given the wide variety of disabilities that Paralympic athletes have, there are several categories in which the athletes compete. The disabilities are broken down into ten categories. The categories are impaired muscle power, impaired passive range of movement, limb deficiency, leg length difference, short stature, hypertonia, ataxia, athetosis, vision impairment and intellectual impairment. These categories are further broken down into classifications, which vary from sport to sport.

Michael McKillop

Michael McKillop was born 27 January 1990 in Ballymena, Northern Ireland he is an Irish middle distance runner in the Paralympics. McKillop works as a fitness instructor and motivational speaker. He gave the Irish under 15 basketball team an inspirational talk about his struggles and what life was like for him at training in Belfast last march. He let them hold all his medals as well.

Gold medal – first place 2008 Beijing 800 m





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The new Junior Cert: what you need to know

The current system's replacement, the Junior Cycle Student Award, or JCSA, will be rolled out subject by subject between next autumn and 2022

It's official. The Junior Cert is soon to be no more, and the snazzy-sounding JCSA – for Junior Cycle Student Award – is poised to take its place if delays and teachers' concerns are worked out.

It's not before time. The Junior Cert began as a radical departure that was to provide students with a richer educational experience, but the exam-based model quickly led to the programme becoming something of a mini-Leaving Cert, complete with rote learning and teaching to the test.

The model is outdated and well out of step with international best practice. In addition, we have no real information about how our children are doing in education. We participate in international testing, such as the Programme of International Student Assessment (Pisa), but apart from that the only information we have about our students is the Junior Cert, which seems to measure how well students do in the Junior Cert but little else.

The JCSA aims to change all that. The model of teaching, learning and assessment at junior level in post primary schools is about to change considerably. The idea is that if we shift focus from what students are taught to how and what they learn, and encourage independent thinking, learning and real engagement with education, we will end up with students who are more flexible and capable of adapting to ever-changing learning environments.

The changes will be gradual – exactly how gradual remains unclear. Last Friday a meeting of the working group examining the implementation of the JCSA decided the change should be complete by 2022 rather than the original target of 2020. There is room for review after three years if it is deemed that change should be more gradual still. But essentially we're going to end up with a system in which the Junior Cert as we know it will be no more.

For now the aim is that by 2022 there will be no major State exam. The overwhelming focus on two weeks of examinations in June will be a thing of the past. But that scenario is a number of years away.





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Harambes Death

On May 28, 2016, a three-year-old boy climbed into a gorilla enclosure at the [Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Garden](#) and was grabbed and dragged by Harambe, a 17-year-old [Western lowland gorilla](#). Fearing for the boy's life, a zoo worker shot and killed Harambe. The incident was recorded on video.

Many people believe that Harambe's death was senseless because he was not any threat to the child at all. Others believe that the parents should have been more attentive to their child. The boy climbed a three-foot-tall fence, crawled through four feet of bushes and then fell fifteen feet into a moat of shallow water. The zoo officials immediately attended the situation to help. The boy was unconscious when he hit the ground. When he woke up the gorilla went over and picked him up. He was not harming him in any way. Harambe should not have been shot.



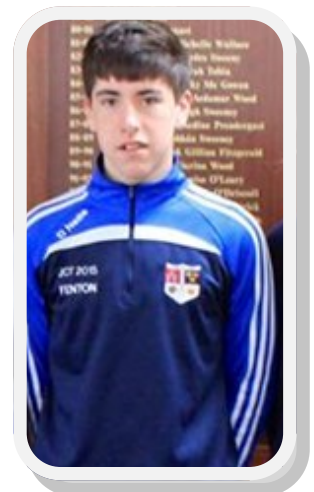


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Crescent Students receive their Irish Caps for Basketball



Congratulation to Nathan Moore, Jack Coyne and Ronan Cregan who received their Irish Caps for Basketball on Saturday, 24th September 2016. We would like to wish the boys every success in the future and know that they will do our school proud.



Crescent student represents Ireland at Tag Rugby Tournament

Congratulations also to Michael Fenton, a 6th year student in Crescent who representing Ireland, recently took part in a tag rugby competition against England in Britain. It was great to see Michael as the youngest person on the team get the honour of Most voted player in the tournament. Congratulations Mike from everyone at Crescent and we wish you the best of luck in the future.

Malin to Mizen Cycle

On the 6th of August 2016 five Crescent students, Kevin Le Gear, Luke Reilly, Hugh Conlon, Aidan Earlie and James Mullins set off on an 800 km cycle in aid of Milford Hospice. The cycle started at Malin Head in Donegal and finished at Mizen Head in Co Cork ten days later. Over the course of the cycle they raised over €1,700.00 for the charity which went to fund the new purpose built care centre at Milford Hospice. The students would like to thank Stone Age and all others who helped out along the way!





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Poetry Workshop

Transition years students got to do a poetry workshop during the week of the 4th 5th and 6th of October. It was very enjoyable and everyone learned how to make their own poetry. You can see their poetry on www.inspireland.com. It was run by a poet called Stephen Murray who everyone liked and got on well with.

Inspireland's Poetry Slam Workshops are consistently the highlight of our schools' in-school calendar. The buzz reverberates around the school. Staff rooms murmur of students that have never seemed so energized. Corridors buzz with excitement, there is clamour to get into the workshops again. Perceptions of poetry are flipped on their heads and the results are spectacular.



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1st Year Hockey Blitz

The first year annual hockey blitz took place on Wednesday the 28th of September. Five schools from Limerick were involved Crescent, Villers, Castletroy, and Laurel Hill and Laurel Hill Colaiste. Each team played great! Crescent had six teams, three in the first division, one in the second division and two in the third division. Crescent succeeded in winning the first division with help from coach Caoimhe Garry and manager Michael O'Connor and also 3rd and 4th place position was taken by Crescent in the first division. It was a great day for all hockey players and transition year classes Dechardin and Fielde who helped run the blitz.





Varied Programme for Crescent 6th Years 2016/17

Seven different retreat experiences were on offer this year to the 6th years. This varied and comprehensive programme offers the students time to focus on the challenges of the year ahead and to develop skills to help them when feeling overwhelmed or stressed. The message of the Programme is that Life requires Balance of workload and relaxation, something we could all benefit from. Skills of self awareness, meditation, conversation, and prayer were explored as a means of developing the personal side of themselves.

Thanks to all our retreat centres, our teachers who travelled and school Management for allowing classes for 6th years to be suspended for this important programme

Retreat Centres

La Salle Pastoral Centre, Castletown, Laois

Declan Browne

Paddy Daly & The Community at Cloughjordan Eco Village

Esker Retreat Village, Athenry

Ann Guinee and Dermot Cowhey

Scala Retreat Team, Cork

The Yoga Centre , Burren





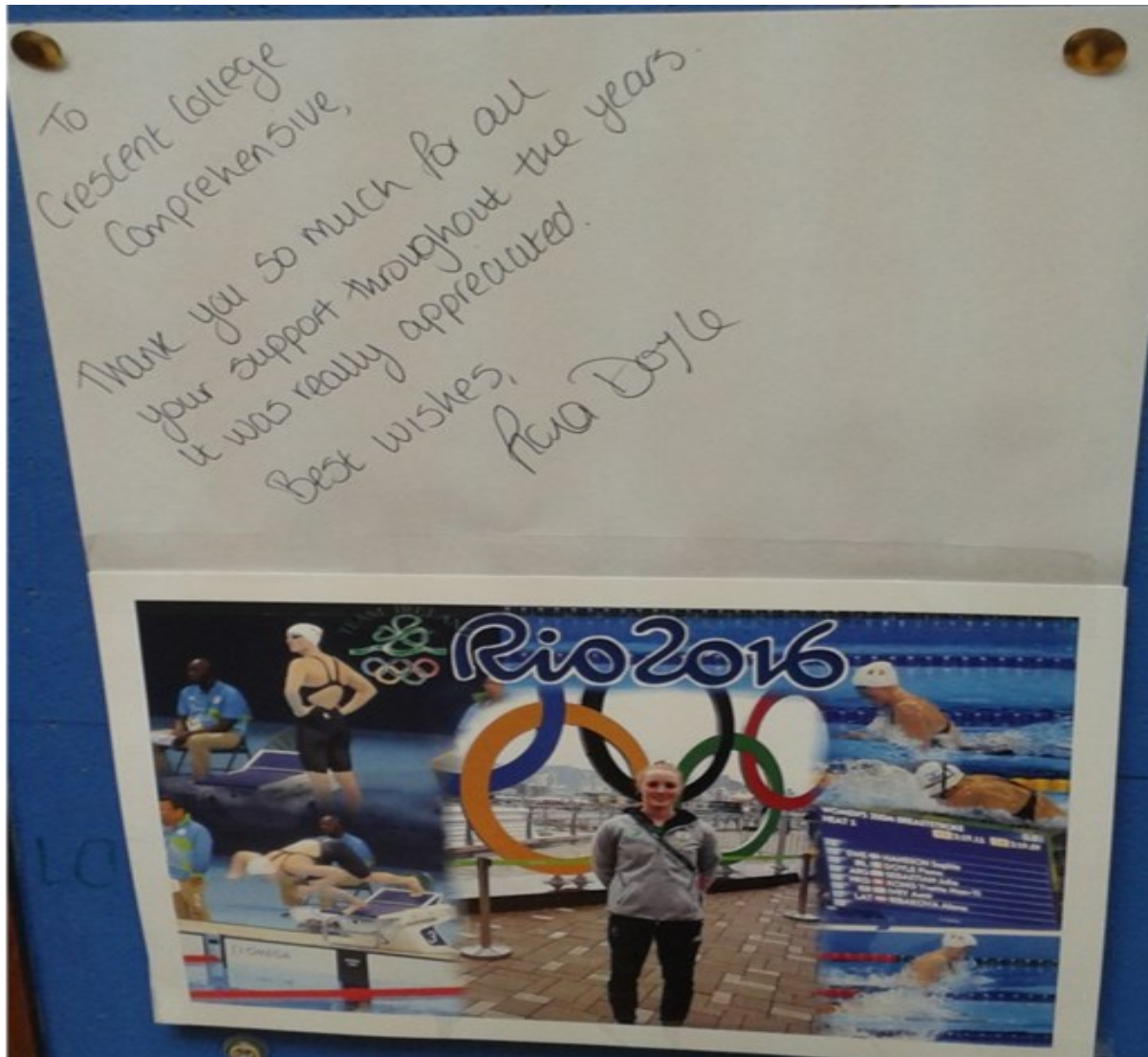
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We would like to congratulate a past pupil of Crescent, Fiona Doyle for participating in the Olympics 2016 held in Rio. We are all very proud of you and wish you all the best in your future.





Patrick Naughton spurs Crescent to victory over Clements.

On Tuesday, the 4th of October Crescent's soccer team clashed with Clements in an under -15 friendly. After a tedious start to the fixture Clements began to come in to the game and in the 8th minute they opened the scoring through their winger Gearoid O'Sullivan. Clements dominated possession for the rest of the first third of the match.

After a short interval a rejuvenated Crescent side returned to action with crescent forward Patrick Kirby making a lethal break engaging numerous players as well as breaking ankles however the move came to nothing with Kirby running the ball past the dead-line.

Shortly afterwards some Clements foul-play earned a defender a yellow card as well as awarding a free to Crescent. Set-piece-specialist Jack O'Donovan stepped up to take it and his shot seemed destined for the back of the net before a heroic goal-line clearance by Clements' full back.

Clements' performance picked up after this point with 'keeper Odhran being forced into making several putting him in contention of a man-of-the-match performance. Towards the end of the second third the game became quite scrappy with nothing of note happening.

Crescent started the final period in style with Cian Kirby leaping like a young kangaroo from his mother's pouch before heading a glancing Drogba-esque shot past the goalkeeper. Patrick Naughton showed his class when he picked the ball up outside the box before connecting sweetly with the ball. The ball glided over the keeper's head nearly putting a hole in the net. Just moments later Naughton doubled his tally with another fine finish, dabbing in celebration. Patrick Kirby capped off the Crescent victory rounding the keeper leaving himself the chance to walk into the net. The game was not over however with Dean O'Grady displaying his skills with crucial slide tackles and blocks late on.

Final Score:4-1

Man of the Match: Patrick Naughton