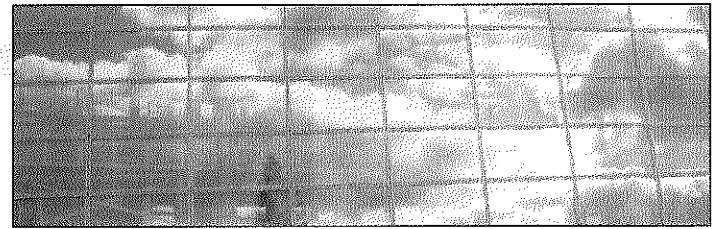




DkITimes



Weekly sports round-up from the Dundalk Institute of Technology campus

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Fencing club now boasts 70 members

THE fencing club in DkIT was founded in 2006 by the current coach Marcos Simpson and since has grown to over 70 members within the two years.

Foil, epee, and sabre are the three weapons used in the sport of fencing. While it is not unusual for fencers to compete in all three events, they generally choose to develop their skills in one weapon.

The club in DkIT has developed as a Sabre only club; however some club members have also had the opportunity to compete in the other weapons.

The sabre is the modern version of the slashing cavalry sword. The major difference between the three weapons is, that the sabre is a point-thrusting weapon as well as a cutting weapon (use of the blade).

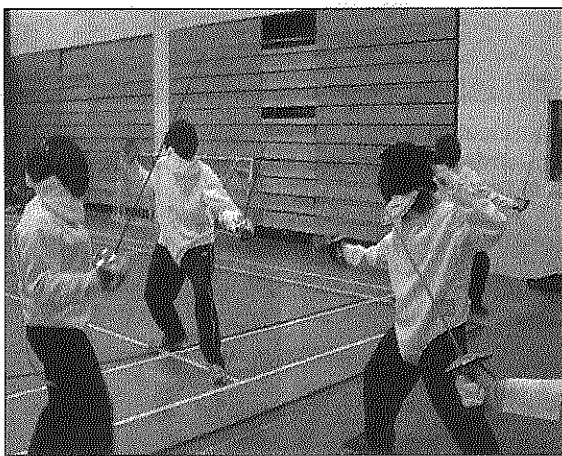
The target area is from the bend of the hips (both front and back), to the top of the head, simulating the cavalry rider on a horse. The sabre fencer's uniform includes a metallic jacket (lamé), which covers the target area to register a valid touch on the scoring machine.

The club has had many successes in recent times with both the Men's & Ladies Captains representing Ireland at the Student Five Nations in Edinburgh last summer.

DkIT also achieved a brilliant result at last year's Intervarsity's when they finished 3rd in the Sabre Event by beating well established clubs such as UCC and QUBC.

The DkIT Fencing club has also recently hosted the Vinnie Duffy Sabre Competition. The Competition consisted of a training day on Saturday and the competition on the Sunday. This tournament has been running for the last ten years but was the first time DkIT has hosted it.

There was a great turnout with



● SABRE FUN . . . fencing at DkIT.

members from clubs both north and south of the border in attendance. On the Saturday an intensive training camp was held under the tuition of DkIT Coach Marcos Simpson and Ireland's International fencer Owen McNamee.

This training session was beneficial for both beginners and current squad members with both basic and advanced techniques covered.

How to Join?

The Fencing Club will always welcome new members at any time during the year. Training takes place every Tuesdays in the PJ Carroll Building from 5.15pm. For more information do not hesitate to contact the clubs & societies office or either of the committee members below.

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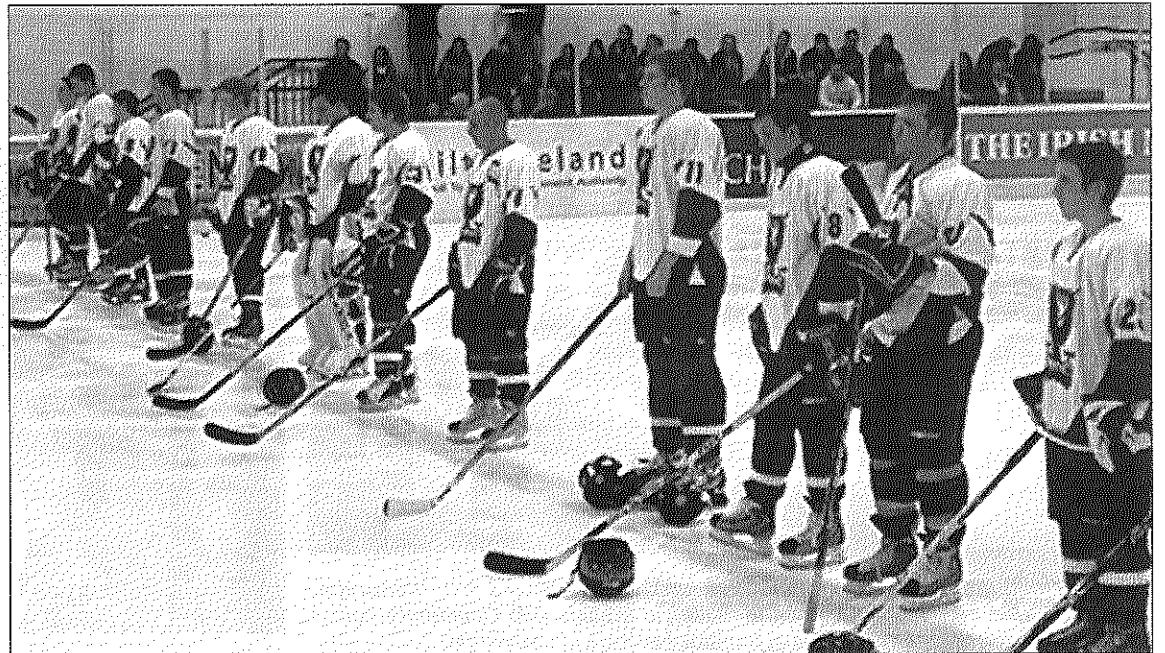
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DkIT student attends Tennis Championships

For the first time in a number of years DkIT were represented at the National University Tennis Championships. Second year student John Clarke attended the Westwood Clontarf club where he lost out in the last sixteen to UCD student Michael Dunne.

In the end the competition was won by former Davis Cup player David O'Connell who held off the challenge of his younger DCU team-mate Simon Wrafter to add to his impressive list of university tennis honours.



● GREAT WIN . . . the DkIT Ravens beat the Wolves 8-0.

Ice Hockey Irish Ice Hockey League Recreational Division

Ravens rampage over Dublin wolves

THE Ravens opened up their new campaign with a comprehensive win over a weakened Dublin Wolves team.

Last year, it was the Wolves who knocked the Ravens out at the semi-final stage, by an 8-2 scoreline, and you could sense that there was a score to be settled.

It didn't take the Ravens long to draw first blood, with power-forward Stephen Hayes of DkIT's Engineering dept., opening the Ravens tally.

He added a second soon after, and it was looking like the Ravens first line were going to be a threat

all night. They didn't disappoint, as they added a third and fourth goal after a barrage of shots on the Wolves net.

Jason Monahan opened his tally, and with solid defending from Flanagan, Hughes, Carney and Kerley, the Ravens produced attack after attack.

Ravens goalie Miceal O'Neill stayed awake to stop the only real attempt from the Dubliners, and in doing so, kept his shut-out intact.

In the second and third period, the Ravens added more goals as star man Stephen Hayes picked up his fourth and had one assist on the

night, with Monahan having three and two assists and Games Development student Michael Rogan scoring one goal and three assists.

In front of a crowd of over 120, mostly made up of students, the Ravens have begun with a win as they did last season, but know that sterner tests lie ahead.

The next game is an away fixture in Dundonald International Ice Bowl, against the Belfast Bruins on the 3rd of November.

Final Score
Ravens 8-0 Wolves
<http://www.dkitravens.com>

Women's Soccer Update

DkIT Women's soccer team got their season off to a sensational start with an incredible 17-1 away victory in the league against IT Tallaght. The girl's have been great in training and to get a result like that clearly proves the effort has been worth it. The Player of the day award actually went to the whole DkIT team, the first time this has ever been achieved, but it's only fair Caoimhe Harty gets a mention because she scored an unbelievable 6 goals.

In their next game DkIT came up against one of the favourites to win the competition, UCD, and came away with a 3-3 draw. It was another fantastic performance by the girl's and but for a refereeing error in the last few minutes when UCD were awarded a penalty, which they scored, it could have been another win. The fact that the girl's came away disappointed with a draw against UCD tells you they're not there just to make up the numbers or that they're playing to just to win a game. DkIT Women's team mean business and will not settle for anything less than being champions. Well done girls.

Men's Soccer Update

DkIT men's soccer team beat St Patrick's College 3-0 in the CFAI league in late October. DkIT made a good start and had a number of chances to score in the opening ten minutes. The home sides first goal however came on the 15th minute and was scored by Gary McGrane.

DkIT continued to dominate the half and were rewarded with a second goal in the 27th minute from the excellent Joseph Flynn. There were some big performances from DkIT, most notably Gary McGrane, Robbie Kelly Nicolas Noenig and Sean Hand. St Patrick's came out in the second half determined to put things right. Unfortunately for them DkIT were equally determined and it was they who scored again. After some fine play in midfield the ball was crossed from the right and headed in by DkIT Club Captain and team Captain Alan Doyle. Final score DkIT 3 St Patrick's 0.

Upcoming sport events

- 8th - 9th November 2008
Irish Student Badminton Tournament, University of Limerick
- 15th November 2008
IUAA Road Relays, NUI Maynooth
- 20th - 22nd November 2008
Volleyball Intervarsities, University of Limerick
- 21st - 23rd November 2008
ICHA 40 x 20 Team Handball Intervarsities, Belfast
- 21st - 23rd November 2008
IURCA Tetrathlon Intervarsities, Birr (Athlone IT)
- 21st - 23rd November 2008
Novice Boxing Championships, University College Cork
- 23rd November 2008
WSCAI Futsal Intervarsities, University of Limerick
- 28th - 29th November 2008
Swimming & Lifesaving Intervarsities, Queen's University Belfast
- 28th - 29th November 2008
HESPC Snooker Intervarsities, Spawell, Templeogue, Dublin.
- 6th - 7th December 2008
Ultimate Frisbee - Dublin Beginners
- 14th December 2008
Cyclocross Intervarsities