

## Connaught Telegraph - More Power to Paddy

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The Paddy Power/Connaught Telegraph race night raised a tidy sum of just under €14,000 for the Friends of the Sacred Heart Hospital. I'm not so sure the night produced any winners for punters in the Cheltenham festival, but it was a terrific evening and we got to see some of those fine fillies who work

for the Castlebar office of Paddy Powers.

And one of them is pictured as Mairead Lynch, who is very proud of her Kilkelly roots, presents the proceeds of the night to Regina Mulrooney of the Friends of the Sacred Heart Hospital. Niamh and Mary (shy Mary as she is known) were unavoidably absent when the photo was taken but their hard work and dedication on the night was very much appreciated.

### Cats skinned by the Dubs

Not long after he watched his beloved Dublin blow an eight-point lead, John Callan returned to the scene of the crime in Croke Park last Sunday to watch the Dublin hurlers make history. Rita had to pay for the counselling services for John, who didn't speak a word all week after the trauma of Dublin's defeat at the hands of Cork.

Never short of a word, Callan was speechless and in shock after seeing Dublin lose that league crown, but the hurlers have restored his faith in humanity.

He was last seen heading for the Auld Triangle watering hole outside Croke Park after Sunday's game and any sightings of John should be reported immediately to Rita, who is sitting patiently at home knitting John a new jersey with the imprint - Dublin for the McCarthy Cup.

JC, phone home please.

### Annie May and the Royal Wedding

For those of you not already sick to death of the Royal wedding, well there was a silver lining for readers of the Racing Post who tipped up a horse that was running on Friday evening.

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Not too many, however, got on the horse Royal Wedding, who drifted in the market and came home at 5/1.

Being the romantic that I am, I couldn't resist. On top of that, the name Annie May caught my eye. Now how could one not but back a horse named after one of the county's most revered county councillors, and at 9/2 I will be buying a townie of my own a large brandy should our paths cross.

### What a player

And mention of the Royal wedding, I like this quote from RTÉ Radio 1's commentary on the game:

'He might have missed the wedding but he didn't miss the try and the try is more important than the wedding.'

It was a reference by match analyst Donal Lenihan on Brian O'Driscoll's crucial try in the second half of the intoxicating Leinster-Toulouse Heineken Cup semi-final on Saturday.

Did I not read some weeks ago an article by one George Hook suggesting Brian O'Driscoll was past it?

Donagh Barry was right, Hook is -----unprintable.

### Quote unquote

"Roundy is looking well but Bucket is holding onto the ball too long." Overheard at the Shrule-Glencorrib v Ballintubber league match in Shrule on Saturday evening.

The Shrule-Glencorrib boys looked beaten but county champions Ballintubber had few complaints after being headed by a late point to suffer their first league defeat.

Roundy and Bucket were very much to the fore in shaping Shrule-Glencorrib's victory. Roundy I can understand but there has to be a story behind a man with the nickname Bucket!

### And quote

"I think Antrim are just after getting off the bus." The view expressed by a colleague as the senior challenge game in Kiltimagh on Sunday got off 10 minutes behind schedule. Antrim were still doing their warm-ups as the National Anthem was being played.

By the time Antrim had taken up their positions, Jason 'goal-den boot' Doherty had the ball in the back of the Antrim net, not once, but twice. Game over.

### Seeing red in Shrule

Ger Butler, the Shrule-Glencorrib manager, saw red as he watched his team claim a famous win over county champion Ballintubber in Shrule-Glencorrib on Saturday evening.

Trevor Mortimer's tackle on a player earned him a yellow card but the Shrule-Glencorrib manager saw it otherwise, and protested vigorously to referee John Hughes who was having

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none of it.

A red-card was flashed and the manager was ordered out of the playing area.

He didn't quite obey the instructions but was probably within the law to sit on the wall that divides the pitch from the adjoining field for the remaining few minutes of the game.