

Two Connacht titles in 2010 for PCA Ladies Football 20 April 2010

Presentation College, Athenry, has made history this year by winning two Connacht titles in Ladies Football.

On Tuesday 20th of April, in glorious conditions in Kenny Park, Athenry, PCA U14 'A' team defeated a very strong Mercy Roscommon side in a thrilling Connacht final decider. The final score line was Pres Athenry 4-10 Mercy Roscommon 3-4. These two teams had previously met in the group stages of the competition, with Pres Athenry winning well in that encounter. The final was a completely different affair with both teams in contention for most of the game. The entire team put in a fantastic performance in front of a huge home crowd, with thrilling displays of football from all, especially from Ruth Horkan and Anna Lane in defence, Louise Brennan in attack and, outstanding player of the match, Emilie Gavin. This was indeed an historic occasion for Presentation College, Athenry, as it was the first time a team from the school captured a ladies football title and it was the first year of entry at this level. It was a proud day for the school to see captain Rachel Bannon receiving the winning trophy.

Within a week PCA's ladies footballers were in action again contesting their second Connacht final, this time the senior 11-a-side competition. This was played against Mohill Community College, Leitrim in Athleague on Wednesday 28th of April. After an intense opening ten minutes Presentation College took control of the game with inter-county star and captain Charlotte Cooney, running the show from midfield. Huge performances were given on the day from all, including 7 of the u-14 players who started the game, scoring sensation Michelle Dunleavy, Kaydee Martyn in defence and Emerald House, who worked tirelessly in midfield. This was a convincing victory for the girls with a finishing score line of Presentation College 10-6 Mohill 3-4. Player of the match was awarded to the superb Michelle Dunleavy.

(Pictures from both finals can be viewed on www.presathenry.ie and www.connachtladiesgaelic.com)

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The team and management would also like to thank Principal, Mary Forde and Deputy Principal, Luke Glynn, for their wonderful support.

The school was extremely lucky this year to have the involvement of coaches Joan Gavin and Jimmy Gavin from Claregalway football club. It was a pleasure to work with two such dedicated and helpful coaches.

U14 Panel: Grace Cosgrove, Aoife Newell, Emma Connell, Ruth Horkan, Anna Lane, Emilie Gavin, Shauna Hurney, Siobhan Gavin, Sarah Furey, Ciara Cummins, Roisin Holland, Louise Brennan, Aoife Kelly, Rachel Bannon (Capt.), Alanna Lally, Tara Garman, Cara Loughnane, Saoirse McGreal, Amy Fahy, Lorna Devane, Lauren McNulty, Jo Concannon, Aisling Stephens and Eimear Collins.

Senior Panel: Grace Cosgrove, Ruth Horkan, Kaydee Martyn, Anna Lane, Emilie Gavin, Siobhan Gavin, Charlotte Cooney (Capt.), Roisin Holland, Emerald House, Rachel Bannon Michelle Dunleavy, Shannen Freaney, Shikira Mulkerrins, Erica Glancy, Emma Ryan, Amy Fahy, Ciara Cummins, Emma Connell, Louise Brennan, Iarlaith Greene.

Management: Fiona Wynne, Emer Treacy, Joan Gavin, Jimmy Gavin