

# Irish Primary Schools CheckMate Finals, 2011

By John Alfred

The **Thirteenth** Annual National CheckMate Finals were held in the Carlton Castletroy Park Hotel in Limerick on Monday, 23-May-2011. Eighteen 4-player teams took part along with 3 individuals, giving a total of 75 players.

Regional sub-leagues had been running at various locations around Ireland since January and winning teams of each league were eligible to take part in the Irish Finals. The tournament format was the tried and tested ChessZ Swiss tournament method with Teams composed of individuals who are not allowed play each other.

Six rounds were run with clocks used on all games. The time allowed was a Fast Rapidplay of 15 minutes on each clock.

St Pats de la Salle from Castlebar and Creagh NS from Ballinasloe remained in the top 3 places for all Rounds, with Castlebar in first place for the first 4 rounds. In the 5<sup>th</sup> round, last years winners from Adare were leading by a half point but were unable hold their position in the 6<sup>th</sup> round and had to settle for joint 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

Creagh NS edged ahead by a half point in the last round allowing them to take home the much prized 'CheckMate Cup' for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in recent years, with two Castlebar teams taking 2<sup>nd</sup> and joint 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Many of Irelands Top Primary School Juniors took part in various teams. Going into the last round, Diana Mirza and Jeffrey Alfred were both on 5/5 and finally had to meet. At the end, Diana had a slightly superior position but missed seeing a freak checkmate and had to settle for joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place overall. Jeffrey Alfred earned the National CheckMate Champions title, with Diana Mirza 2<sup>nd</sup> and Daniel McMorrow 3<sup>rd</sup> on tie-break.



**National CheckMate Champions: Creagh NS, with Manager Aine Bleahene**

## Team Standings

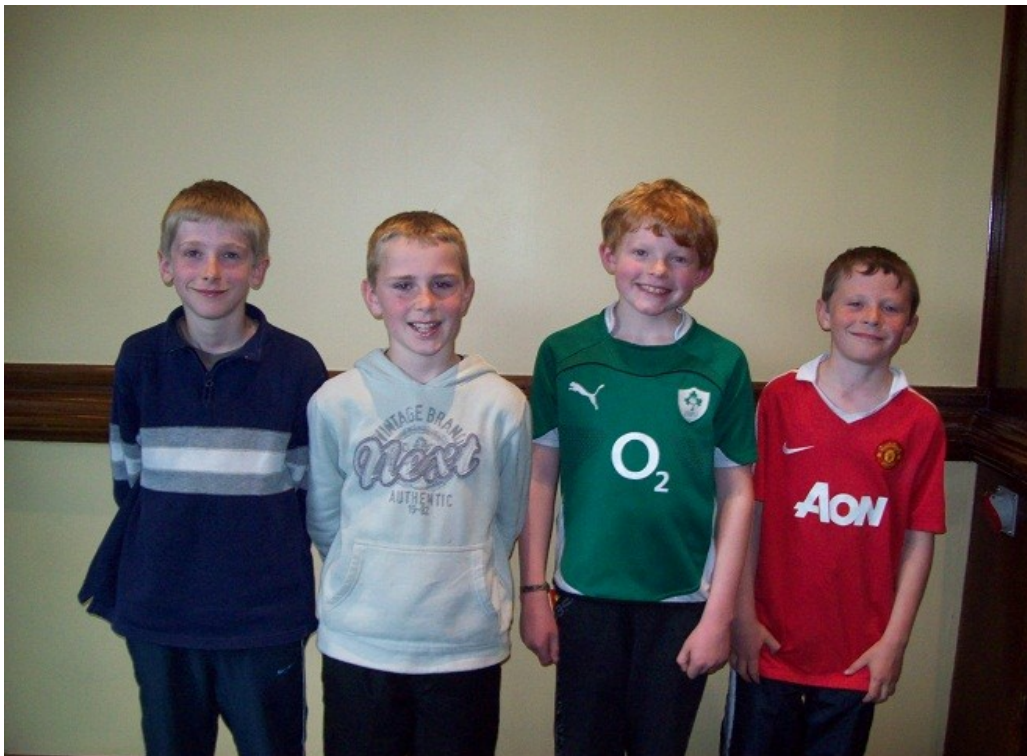
Place	Name	Score	
1	CREAGH-NS-BALLINASLOE-GALWAY-A	17.5	..... 1st, CheckMate Champions 2011
2	ST-PATS-DE-LA-SALLE-CAST'BAR-A	17	..... 2nd
3-4	ST-PATS-DE-LA-SALLE-CAST'BAR-B	15.5	..... Joint 3rd
	ST-NICHOLAS-ADARE-LIMERICK	15.5	..... Joint 3rd
5-6	KILFINANE-NS-LIMERICK	14	
	ST-MARYS-ASHBOURNE-MEATH	14	
7	ST-PATS-DE-LA-SALLE-KILKENNY	13.5	
8	SCOIL-MHUIRE-LOURDES-CARRIGALI	13	
9	ST-JOSEPHS-GOREY-WEXFORD	12	
10-12	CASTLEKNOCK-ED-TOGETHER-DUBLIN	11.5	
	JOHNSTOWN-NS-DUNLAOGHAIRE	11.5	
	LISNAGRY-NS-LIMERICK	11.5	
13	ST-MARYS-RATHFARNHAM-DUBLIN	10.5	
14	ST-PATRICKS-HOLLYPARK-DUBLIN	9.5	
15-17	CREAGH-NS-BALLINASLOE-GALWAY-B	9	
	BALLON-NS-CARLOW	9	
	BELLURGAN-NS-LOUTH	9	
18	GAELSCOIL-BHARRA-DUBLIN	5.5	
19	LIMERICK-PROJECT-SCHOOL-INDIVI	5	
20	INDIVIDUAL-2	2	
21	INDIVIDUAL-1	1	



**2<sup>nd</sup> placed team: St Pats de la Salle-A, Castlebar, Co Mayo  
with Manager Brendan McHugh**



**Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> team: St Pats de la Salle-B, Castlebar, Co Mayo**



**Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> team: St Nicholas NS, Adare, Co Limerick**

# Individual Standings

- 1st: Jeffrey Alfred....Irish CheckMate Champion 2011
- 2nd: Diana Mirza, on tie-break
- 3rd: Daniel McMorrow, on tie-break



**Irish CheckMate Champion, 2011**



**2<sup>nd</sup> placed Individual**



**3<sup>rd</sup> placed Individual**

## Cross Table

No	Player-Name	School-team-name	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Alfred, Jeffrey	St-Nicholas-Adare-Limerick	6	13:W	19:W	4:W	18:W	7:W	2:W
2	Mirza, Diana	Limerick-Project-School-Indivi	5	53:W	10:W	34:W	3:W	11:W	1:L
3	McMorrow, Daniel	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-A	5	8:W	23:W	30:W	2:L	32:W	13:W
4	McKenna, Billy	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-A	5	56:W	6:W	1:L	30:W	15:W	16:W
5	Ludden, Dara	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-B	5	54:W	29:W	12:W	7:L	14:W	11:W
6	Cooke, Peter	St-Marys-Rathfarnham-Dublin	5	72:W	4:L	22:W	19:W	35:W	20:W
7	Viegas, Jamie	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-A	5	62:W	52:W	31:W	5:W	1:L	25:W
8	Clifford, Ian	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Kilkenny	5	3:L	50:W	53:W	34:W	38:W	9:W
9	Tutty, Stephen	St-Nicholas-Adare-Limerick	4.5	52:D	54:W	28:W	25:W	26:W	8:L
10	Joyce, John	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-A	4.5	43:W	2:L	47:D	52:W	27:W	29:W
11	Prudskojs, Edmunds	St-Josephs-Gorey-Wexford	4	70:W	40:W	37:W	15:W	2:L	5:L
12	Weeks, Padraig	Kilfinane-NS-Limerick	4	22:W	61:W	5:L	31:W	20:L	26:W
13	Li, Haoang	Lisnagry-NS-Limerick	4	1:L	33:W	71:W	36:W	17:W	3:L
14	Ryan, Stephen	Johnstown-NS-Dunlaoghaire	4	32:W	16:W	15:L	48:W	5:L	31:W
15	Horkan, Ciaran	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-A	4	35:W	47:W	14:W	11:L	4:L	44:W
16	Grzybowski, Aleksander	St-Marys-Ashbourne-Meath	4	46:W	14:L	73:W	42:W	18:W	4:L
17	Moran, Luke	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-A	4	65:W	25:L	23:W	37:W	13:L	43:W
18	O'Keefe, Josh	Lisnagry-NS-Limerick	4	41:W	71:W	36:W	1:L	16:L	30:W
19	Keeveney, Mark	St-Marys-Ashbourne-Meath	4	33:W	1:L	58:W	6:L	56:W	42:W
20	Majda, Przemek	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-B	4	29:L	44:W	57:W	55:W	12:W	6:L
21	O'Keefe, Brian	Kilfinane-NS-Limerick	4	39:W	31:L	40:L	71:W	41:W	32:W
22	Lester, Robert	Scoil-Mhuire-Lourdes-Carrigali	4	12:L	59:W	6:L	67:W	36:W	33:W
23	Dihllon, Jessie	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Kilkenny	4	68:W	3:L	17:L	59:W	64:W	35:W
24	O'Neill, John	Ballon-NS-Carlow	4	37:L	39:L	70:W	63:W	55:W	38:W
25	Doris, Cian	Castleknock-Ed-Together-Dublin	3.5	66:W	17:W	26:D	9:L	47:W	7:L
26	O'Malley, Killian	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-A	3.5	55:W	57:W	25:D	27:W	9:L	12:L
27	Kelly, Conor	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-A	3.5	67:W	28:D	29:W	26:L	10:L	47:W
28	Baba, Thierry	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-B	3.5	51:W	27:D	9:L	47:L	58:W	54:W
29	Berminham, Sarah	Ballon-NS-Carlow	3	20:W	5:L	27:L	60:W	34:W	10:L
30	Crotty, David	Scoil-Mhuire-Lourdes-Carrigali	3	50:W	38:W	3:L	4:L	53:W	18:L
31	Heffernan, Fearghal	St-Marys-Ashbourne-Meath	3	49:W	21:W	7:L	12:L	54:W	14:L
32	Hyde, Karl	Scoil-Mhuire-Lourdes-Carrigali	3	14:L	46:W	45:W	56:W	3:L	21:L
33	Sparling, Garrett	St-Nicholas-Adare-Limerick	3	19:L	13:L	0:W	61:W	37:W	22:L
34	Jensen, Martin	Johnstown-NS-Dunlaoghaire	3	59:W	45:W	2:L	8:L	29:L	63:W
35	Reeves-O'Toole, Alex	St-Marys-Ashbourne-Meath	3	15:L	62:W	65:W	40:W	6:L	23:L
36	Crasham, Christian	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Cast'bar-B	3	42:W	74:W	18:L	13:L	22:L	61:W
37	Finneran, Gabriel	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-B	3	24:W	60:W	11:L	17:L	33:L	56:W
38	McGuckin, Charlie	St-Josephs-Gorey-Wexford	3	58:W	30:L	63:W	39:W	8:L	24:L
39	Fanning, Karl	Castleknock-Ed-Together-Dublin	3	21:L	24:W	60:W	38:L	44:L	53:W
40	Finneran, Fergus	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-B	3	73:W	11:L	21:W	35:L	43:L	65:W
41	Fanning, Ian	Castleknock-Ed-Together-Dublin	3	18:L	69:W	42:L	45:W	21:L	64:W
42	Moynihan, Diarmuid	Scoil-Mhuire-Lourdes-Carrigali	3	36:L	75:W	41:W	16:L	57:W	19:L
43	Sheehan, Calum	Kilfinane-NS-Limerick	3	10:L	53:L	50:W	68:W	40:W	17:L
44	Sheehan, Ciaran	Kilfinane-NS-Limerick	3	61:L	20:L	69:W	62:W	39:W	15:L
45	Penzes, Miklos	St-Josephs-Gorey-Wexford	3	48:W	34:L	32:L	41:L	71:W	57:W
46	Petrov, Nikita	St-Patrick's-Hollypark-Dublin	3	16:L	32:L	51:W	53:L	60:W	55:W
47	Vinod, Aman	Johnstown-NS-Dunlaoghaire	2.5	0:W	15:L	10:D	28:W	25:L	27:L
48	Fleming, Fintan	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Kilkenny	2.5	45:L	49:W	67:W	14:L	0:D	0:L
49	Petrov, Ronan	St-Patrick's-Hollypark-Dublin	2.5	31:L	48:L	62:L	0:W	51:D	59:W
50	Murphy, Jack	Bellurgan-NS-Louth	2.5	30:L	8:L	43:L	70:W	67:D	68:W
51	McArdle, Fergal	Bellurgan-NS-Louth	2.5	28:L	58:L	46:L	69:W	49:D	67:W
52	Kehoe, Sam	St-Pats-de-la-Salle-Kilkenny	2	9:D	7:L	68:W	10:L	0:D	0:L
53	Lee, Kenneth	Johnstown-NS-Dunlaoghaire	2	2:L	43:W	8:L	46:W	30:L	39:L
54	Ayres, Caimin	Lisnagry-NS-Limerick	2	5:L	9:L	66:W	74:W	31:L	28:L
55	Finnegan, Ciaran	Bellurgan-NS-Louth	2	26:L	64:W	74:W	20:L	24:L	46:L
56	Chambers, Brendan	St-Josephs-Gorey-Wexford	2	4:L	72:W	61:W	32:L	19:L	37:L
57	Dixon, Thomas	Castleknock-Ed-Together-Dublin	2	64:W	26:L	20:L	73:W	42:L	45:L
58	Byrne, Felix	St-Patrick's-Hollypark-Dublin	2	38:L	51:W	19:L	64:L	28:L	73:W
59	Sally, David	Bellurgan-NS-Louth	2	34:L	22:L	72:W	23:L	62:W	49:L
60	Ni Chuinn, Sadhbh	Gaelscoil-Bharra-Dublin	2	63:W	37:L	39:L	29:L	46:L	71:W
61	Keenan, John	St-Marys-Rathfarnham-Dublin	2	44:W	12:L	56:L	33:L	66:W	36:L
62	Kinsella, James	St-Marys-Rathfarnham-Dublin	2	7:L	35:L	49:W	44:L	59:L	74:W
63	D'Arcy, Lorcan	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-B	2	60:L	66:W	38:L	24:L	73:W	34:L
64	O Lionard, Cian	Individual-2	2	57:L	55:L	75:W	58:W	23:L	41:L
65	Cooke, Jonathan	St-Nicholas-Adare-Limerick	2	17:L	68:D	35:L	75:D	74:W	40:L
66	O'Connell, William	St-Patrick's-Hollypark-Dublin	2	25:L	63:L	54:L	72:W	61:L	75:W
67	van Cauwelaert, Jan	St-Marys-Rathfarnham-Dublin	1.5	27:L	0:W	48:L	22:L	50:D	51:L
68	O Caoimh, Darragh	Gaelscoil-Bharra-Dublin	1.5	23:L	65:D	52:L	43:L	72:W	50:L
69	Ni Bhoim-Riain, Doireann	Gaelscoil-Bharra-Dublin	1.5	71:L	41:L	44:L	51:L	0:W	70:D
70	Holmes, Robert	Lisnagry-NS-Limerick	1.5	11:L	73:L	24:L	50:L	75:W	69:D
71	Cummins, John	Ballon-NS-Carlow	1	69:W	18:L	13:L	21:L	45:L	60:L
72	Mitchell, Jack	Creagh-NS-Ballinasloe-Galway-B	1	6:L	56:L	59:L	66:L	68:L	0:W
73	O'Neill, Joe	Ballon-NS-Carlow	1	40:L	70:W	16:L	57:L	63:L	58:L
74	Nic Ruairi, Emma	Individual-1	1	75:W	36:L	55:L	54:L	65:L	62:L
75	De Buitleir, Ross	Gaelscoil-Bharra-Dublin	.5	74:L	42:L	64:L	65:D	70:L	66:L



**Boards 1 to 3**



**Playing Room**



**Scoil Mhuire Lourdes Coach: Maurice Coveney**

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