

## **ChessZ - Leinster Secondary Schools Chess Finals**

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For the last 5 years or so, the Mid-Ireland Finals were held in Tullamore, but this season it was decided to move it to Dublin on a trial basis, and incorporate a Leinster Finals. Some schools from the Northwest came along and a mixed-league was run with them being part of the main event.

The event was held in the Green Isle Hotel between 2 and 6pm on Tuesday, 13-March-2012. Five rounds were played with clocks used on all games with a Rapidplay time of 15 minutes each.

Not all eligible teams took part (transport costs mainly) but enough turned out for the occasion.

Only one team turned up for the Girls league which they won by default. They chose to play as part of the Champions section on two separate Drogheda Grammar teams. Girls School Teams are generally scarce in Leinster Schools, unfortunately.

Two sections were run, Champions and Novices, and St Kierans College from Kilkenny dominated both events.



**Leinster Schools Girls Champions – Drogheda Grammar**

# Champions Section, Leinster Finals 2012

## School-team Standings

Place	School-team	Score
1	ST KIERANS KILKENNY-A	17....1st, Leinster Champions
2-3	ST KIERANS KILKENNY-B	10....2nd, on Blitz play-off
	DROGHEDA GRAMMAR-B	10....3rd, on Blitz play-off
4-5	CASTLEKNOCK DUBLIN	6.5
	DROGHEDA GRAMMAR-A	6.5

## Leinster Schools, Individual Champions

Joint 1st: after Blitz playoff.  
Aravind Menon and Eoin Minnock

## Cross Table

No	Name	School-team	Total	1	2	3	4	5
1	Menon, Aravind	St Kierans Kilkenny-A	5	9:W	6:W	7:W	4:W	5:W
2	Ashcroft, Donovan	St Kierans Kilkenny-A	5	11:W	5:W	14:W	6:W	13:W
3	Minnock, Eoin	St Kierans Kilkenny-A	5	17:W	8:W	15:W	10:W	4:W
4	Minnock, Cathal	St Kierans Kilkenny-B	3	13:W	7:W	12:W	1:L	3:L
5	Ashcroft, Brandon	St Kierans Kilkenny-B	3	10:W	2:L	19:W	12:W	1:L
6	Flynn, Ashling	Drogheda Grammar-B	3	15:W	1:L	18:W	2:L	11:W
7	Newton, Cormac	Drogheda Grammar-B	3	18:W	4:L	1:L	15:W	10:W
8	McAloon, Ciarain	Drogheda Grammar-B	3	16:W	3:L	11:L	14:W	12:W
9	Cuddihy, Bill	St Kierans Kilkenny-B	3	1:L	20:W	10:L	19:W	17:W
10	Lockwood, James	Drogheda Grammar-A	2	5:L	11:W	9:W	3:L	7:L
11	Kiernan, Eoghnan	Castleknock Dublin	2	2:L	10:L	8:W	17:W	6:L
12	Igyjatovic, Miodrag	St Kierans Kilkenny-A	2	20:W	19:W	4:L	5:L	8:L
13	De Souza, Megan	Drogheda Grammar-A	2	4:L	15:L	20:W	18:W	2:L
14	MacCarthy, Sean	Castleknock Dublin	2	19:L	17:W	2:L	8:L	18:W
15	Muntean, Roman	Castleknock Dublin	1.5	6:L	13:W	3:L	7:L	16:D
16	Butterly, Jayne	Drogheda Grammar-A	1.5	8:L	18:L	17:L	20:W	15:D
17	Dunne, John	Drogheda Grammar-B	1	3:L	14:L	16:W	11:L	9:L
18	Ignjatovic, Gradimir	St Kierans Kilkenny-B	1	7:L	16:W	6:L	13:L	14:L
19	Butterly, Jack	Drogheda Grammar-A	1	14:W	12:L	5:L	9:L	20:L
20	O'Connell, Tadhg	Castleknock Dublin	1	12:L	9:L	13:L	16:L	19:W

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St Kierans College-A were clear winners of the Champions team event. However, 3 players from the same team ended up on 5/5 and a blitz play-off had to be run after which Aravind Menon and Eoin Minnock still tied for first place and the Leinster Schools Individual Champions Title !



**Leinster Champions 2012 – St Kierans College-A, Kilkenny**



**Leinster Champions, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- St Kierans College-B, Kilkenny**

# Novices Section, Leinster & North West 2012

## Team Standings

Place	School-team	Score		
1	ST KIERANS KILKENNY-C	16.5	....	1st Leinster
2	NEWPARK DUBLIN	13	....	2nd Leinster
3	SLIGO GRAMMAR-A	12.5	....	1st Northwest
4	SLIGO GRAMMAR-C	9		
5	ROYAL SCHOOL CAVAN	8		
6	ADAMSTOWN DUBLIN-A	7.5		
7-8	SLIGO GRAMMAR-B	5.5		
	ST KIERANS KILKENNY-D	5.5		
9	INDIVIDUAL	2.5		

## Cross Table

No	Name	School-team	Total	1	2	3	4	5
1	Kahvedzic, Samir	Newpark Dublin	4.5	28:W	2:D	14:W	5:W	3:W
2	Crehan, Jack	St Kierans Kilkenny-C	4.5	23:W	1:D	20:W	7:W	9:W
3	Chu, Timmy	Sligo Grammar-A	4	29:W	14:W	9:W	4:W	1:L
4	Egares, Daniel	St Kierans Kilkenny-C	4	22:W	10:W	12:W	3:L	8:W
5	Clifford, Ian	St Kierans Kilkenny-C	4	31:W	11:W	8:W	1:L	18:W
6	Helizon, Arthur	St Kierans Kilkenny-C	4	8:L	25:W	19:W	15:W	12:W
7	Parke, Tony	Sligo Grammar-A	3.5	20:D	17:W	16:W	2:L	13:W
8	Crawford, Stephanie	Royal School Cavan	3	6:W	21:W	5:L	11:W	4:L
9	Butler-Wolfe, Myles	Newpark Dublin	3	13:W	26:W	3:L	21:W	2:L
10	Boyle, Sean	Newpark Dublin	3	15:W	4:L	13:L	25:W	20:W
11	Nahel, Pawandeep	Adamstown Dublin-A	3	30:W	5:L	27:W	8:L	21:W
12	Morrissey, Aengus	Sligo Grammar-A	2.5	24:W	16:D	4:L	17:W	6:L
13	Kirby, Malachy	Sligo Grammar-C	2.5	9:L	23:W	10:W	20:D	7:L
14	Dawid, Walter	Adamstown Dublin-A	2.5	25:W	3:L	1:L	30:W	15:D
15	Henry, Ciaran	Sligo Grammar-C	2.5	10:L	31:W	22:W	6:L	14:D
16	Marcu, Emanuel	Individual	2.5	27:W	12:D	7:L	18:L	22:W
17	O'Connell, Steven	Sligo Grammar-C	2.5	18:D	7:L	24:W	12:L	26:W
18	Hamrock, Aedan	Newpark Dublin	2.5	17:D	20:L	32:W	16:W	5:L
19	Hill, Cameron	Sligo Grammar-A	2.5	21:L	28:W	6:L	26:D	27:W
20	Berg, Andrew	Adamstown Dublin-A	2	7:D	18:W	2:L	13:D	10:L
21	Murray, Bobby	St Kierans Kilkenny-D	2	19:W	8:L	26:W	9:L	11:L
22	Cosnett, Emmeline	Royal School Cavan	2	4:L	29:W	15:L	24:W	16:L
23	Akinlabi, Toluse	Royal School Cavan	2	2:L	13:L	28:D	29:D	30:W
24	Power, Robbie	St Kierans Kilkenny-D	2	12:L	30:W	17:L	22:L	31:W
25	Delamata-Maye, Finn	Sligo Grammar-B	1.5	14:L	6:L	29:W	10:L	28:D
26	McSharry, Amy	Sligo Grammar-B	1.5	32:W	9:L	21:L	19:D	17:L
27	Taylor, Gavin	Sligo Grammar-B	1.5	16:L	32:W	11:L	28:D	19:L
28	Woodmartin, Andrew	Sligo Grammar-C	1.5	1:L	19:L	23:D	27:D	25:D
29	Byrne, Eamon	St Kierans Kilkenny-D	1.5	3:L	22:L	25:L	23:D	32:W
30	Nairn, Russell	Sligo Grammar-B	1	11:L	24:L	31:W	14:L	23:L
31	Akinlabi, Tolayo	Royal School Cavan	1	5:L	15:L	30:L	32:W	24:L
32	Jegade, Tope	Adamstown Dublin-A	0	26:L	27:L	18:L	31:L	29:L

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**There were no individual prizes in the Novices section**



**Leinster Novice winners - St Kierans-C, Kilkenny**



**Leinster Novices, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Newpark Comprehensive, Dublin**



**Northwest Winning Novices – Sligo Grammar-A**

## Individual Winners



**Leinster Schools Girls Champion – Ashling Flynn**



**Aravind Menon**



**Eoin Minnock**

**Leinster Schools Champions League – Joint Champions**

## Various Photos



**Playing room with Eddie Power**



**Adamstown Community College**



**Spacious playing room view**



**Various players**

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