

Ireland call-up for young basketballer with only one hand



The king of the court: Jordan Lee, from Co. Kerry, showing off his basketball prowess

JORDAN is a name synonymous with basketball and now skilful teenager Jordan Lee is carrying the mantle, even though he only has one arm.

The 14-year-old is living his own hoop dream after he was called up to the Irish under-15 development squad ahead of next year's European basketball championships.

Jordan from Killarney, who is missing his left arm from the

By John O'Mahony

elbow down, puts his success down to the support and encouragement he has received from his father, Jarlath, a former Superleague basketballer who played for St Paul's of Killarney and the Dublin Bay Vikings.

His son, also a St Paul's player, remarked: 'Dad always said that I could adapt my game to suit myself and that I didn't

need a full left hand to make my mark. He taught me how to make that shot properly and I just got used to it. All the practice paid off.'

Although he has a prosthetic arm, second year student Jordan doesn't use it when playing basketball.

Proud father Jarlath remarked: 'His shot is absolutely unbelievable. He is 100 per cent better at shooting than I was.'



Straight shooter: Jordan Lee has adapted his technique

Alert issued to students as Irish mumps cases hit 373

By Eamon Donoghue

A MUMPS alert has been issued across a number of Irish universities as the number of cases continues to rise.

Over the past month the Irish Daily Mail can reveal that three third level institutions have outlined the need for students to be immunised against the virus, where a noted increase has been detected.

Last night the HSE was not in a position to confirm the official number of institutions affected nationwide, but it did echo the advice given by University College Cork, University College Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology which are all dealing with cases.

According to the Health Protection Surveillance Centre the 178 cases of mumps detected in 2013 has already been surpassed, with 373 cases noted already this year.

More than 100 of the cases reported this year are in the 15 to 24 age group. Health authorities in the colleges have implemented a public health campaign reminding students that they can avail of the MMR - the vaccine designed to tackle measles, mumps and rubella.

Last night Dr Kevin Kelleher, the assistant national director responsible for public health in the HSE, told the Mail that 'it is important that people, and these students, are immunised against mumps.'

'It is important and it requires two injections of MMR to be protected.'

Couple killed in home laid to rest today

THE funerals of a tragic Co. Donegal elderly couple killed in their own home takes place today.

Kathleen, 73, and James Cuddihy, 77, from Carndonagh were found dead on Thursday morning.

Their funerals take place today at 11am in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Carndonagh. The couple, who had four adult children, sons James and Julian and daughters Maureen and Delilah, will be buried afterwards.

The couple's son, Julian Cuddihy, 42, was charged before a special sitting of Ballyshannon District Court on Friday.

On Sunday, the family issued a brief statement thanking the community for their support over the last few days.

D4 killer free this week

By dfgdfgdfg

SCHOOLBOY killer Finn Colclough will walk free from jail this week - despite appearing to have broken the terms of a recent temporary release.

Now 25, Colclough was 17 when he fatally stabbed 18-year-old Seán Nolan in the chest with a kitchen knife outside his home on Waterloo Road, Dublin 4.

Mr Nolan, from Fairview, was celebrating his graduation from school with friends when he was knifed in the early hours of May 26, 2007.

His parents Charlotte and Michael Nolan always felt Colclough should have been convicted of murder.

Former Institute of Education pupil Colclough has completed six years of his eight-year sentence for



Slain: Seán Nolan

manslaughter and will be freed on Friday with standard remission.

The son of celebrity chef Alix Gardner is expected to move to England when he is released.

He had been serving his sentence at the low-security Shelton Abbey in Co. Wicklow but was moved to Dublin's medium-security Wheatfield Prison in recent weeks to serve out

his sentence after he was reportedly assaulted while out on temporary release for a weekend and returned to jail with an injured eye and cuts to his face.

Prison insiders told the Mail that the incident will not affect his planned release date of October 31. It was reported earlier this month that Colclough was wearing

sunglasses when he returned to prison and initially refused to take them off.

Under the conditions of his weekend release - designed to prepare him for full release - he was supposed to stay at home and not associate with undesirables, a source said.

Colclough has been pursuing a bid

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Finn Colclough

for earlier release under the 'enhanced' remission scheme that has seen other criminals walk free early but he will be released before his case reaches a full hearing.

He can still sue for damages if he wishes when the case comes before the High Court in December.

Colclough admitted to gardaí at the scene of Mr Nolan's killing in 2007 that he had 'kinda accidentally stabbed him' but pleaded not guilty to murder as he believed that he had just 'nipped' him.

The Central Criminal Court trial later heard that Colclough came out of his house holding a kitchen knife before stabbing Mr Nolan.

The trial heard that Mr Nolan and his friends had asked for directions earlier in the night and later a row developed when the victim returned, asking to borrow a corkscrew to open a bottle of wine.

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