St. Mary's Celebrates Superb Debut at Inter-Schools Show Jumping Series

St. Mary's rounded off their inaugural Inter-Schools show jumping season in fantastic style, outperforming several established schools across both individual and team events. Every rider represented the school with pride and determination throughout the six-week series.





St. Mary's Equestrian Team (l-r): Caitlin Timoney, Molly Kerr, Cora O'Hagan, Jessica Doyle & Mollie Scott showing their SMG schools gear.

75cm Team Event

- **Tough Competition:** With just three combinations for the most part, Molly Kerr and Jessica Doyle (riding two ponies) knew they had to compete strongly over the series, with every round counting. Some fine performances meant they stayed in contention.
- **Strong Finale:** Cora O'Hagan joined the team on her new horse for the final weekend, delivering a great performance and helping secure 5th place overall in the team standings. With a little more mileage together, a podium finish is well within reach for this talented team.



St. Mary's Equestrian Team (l-r): Cora O'Hagan, Molly Kerr, Caitlin Timoney and Jessica Doyle.

70cm Individual (84 Entrants)

- **Jessica Doyle:** Facing a large field of seasoned SJI pairings, Jessica was in top form from week one. She claimed a brilliant 2nd place overall on *Home Alone JJ* and 9th place on *Fortruane Freckled Lass*.



Jessica Doyle on Fortruane Freckled Lass.



Jessica Doyle celebrating with the St. Mary's equestrian team

- **Molly Kerr:** After settling into the competition during the early rounds, Molly found her rhythm in this highly competitive field and earned a 5th-place rosette in Week 5 aboard Home Before Dark, leading to a very respectable finish of 18th overall.


Molly Kerr on Home Before Dark.

- **Cora O'Hagan:** After supporting her teammates from the sidelines all season, Cora made her debut in the final week. Cheered on by her family and the rest of the St. Mary's girls, Cora impressed everyone with two superb rounds on her new horse, Shan.



Cora O'Hagan on Shan.

90cm & 1m Individual

Competing Against the Best: Mollie Scott and Caitlin Timoney represented the school with distinction against high-level Junior Irish Show Jumping and Eventing combinations. Despite missing rounds due to Eventing Ireland commitments and the hunting season, both riders showed immense promise in their young and developing partnerships.

- **90cm Class, the biggest league class with 92 Entrants:** Caitlin Timoney guided her inexperienced six-year-old, *MCLC Phil Co*, to a brilliant 7th place overall. Securing a top-10 finish at the outset was the goal, so sitting in 6th going into the final day was a superb bonus and well within the target set. The result was out of their control, as the pairing needed other results to go their way. Unfortunately, it wasn't to be, and they missed out on sixth place by just 10 points.



Caitlin Timoney on MCLC Phil Co.

Mollie Scott and *Mac Clover Boy* also put in strong rounds to finish just above mid-table in 42nd overall, despite missing the final weeks. There is plenty of potential within that partnership, which will only continue to develop with more time in the arena.



Mollie Scott on Mac Clover Boy.

- **1m Class (61 Entrants):** In a class that demanded high precision and skill, Caitlin and Mollie demonstrated great potential for the future. Often the difference between combinations at this level is a pole down or a bit of ring craft. The final placings of 17th and 18th respectively were very respectable for them and offer something to build on.

Congratulations to all the girls on a remarkable first season. Keep up the fantastic work!

