



Fintona tastes success in 2005

Fintona Girl's School is finally enjoying the sweet taste of success in GSV sport, reaching the semi-finals this term for the first time in tennis and softball.

This is also the first time in GSV's five-year history that the intimate school of just over 300 students (years 7-12) has reached the semi finals in two sports. In fact Fintona has previously only reached the finals series in basketball (in 2001 and 2004).

In 2001 they were victorious in their senior basketball grand final and came third in a runners' up match in the intermediate basketball competition. In 2004, they lost the runners' up senior basketball match to finish fourth in the competition.

The Fintona intermediates should feel proud that they made the 2005 semi-finals in A grade softball (ranked second) and A grade tennis (ranked third).

The softball girls were undefeated and convincing this season, a significant improvement on last year when they shared fourth in their zone.

In tennis, the Fintona girls were also dominant in their zone, losing only one match all season, going one better than last year when they shared second spot with two other schools in their zone.

Coordinator of Sport, Graham Raymond, new to the school in 2005, was very proud of the girls' performances.

"The girl's have really developed through their coaches, Mr Wood for tennis and Miss Bailey for softball as well as taking a 'no limits' attitude towards striving for excellence.

"This season, as well as focusing on skill development the girls have also looked at their game play and strategy, which has been rewarded with many winning smiles".

Postscript: Unfortunately the Fintona girls lost both their semi-finals matches but are looking forward to performing well in basketball later in the year, culminating in the school's most successful sporting year.

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