

SCHOOL SPORTS

HOCKEY: GIRLS' LEINSTER SENIOR CUP SEMI-FINALS

Newbridge on historic run to semis

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NEWBRIDGE College completed the Leinster Senior Schoolgirls Cup semi-final line-up with a fine 3-1 win over Mount Sackville.

The result adds another historic note to what has already been an incredible season for Gavin Groves' team.

Prior to this campaign, they had never reached the last-eight of the top school-girls competition while they also made it to the Claudia Tierney Cup final for the first time this year, too.

In that decider, they were defeated by Loreto Foxrock's array of underage international stars 3-0 and so the Kildare school will have to go some to reach a first cup final having been

paired with Foxrock in the final four draw.

They meet on February 22 at Grange Road (12.0) with goalkeeper Aoife Glenon and Caoimhe Byrne hoping they can tame the likes of Caitlin Sherin, Siofra O'Brien, Christina Hamill and Hannah McLoughlin - who already has senior caps to her name.

The other semi-final pairs St Andrew's and Mount Anville together.

That duo met in the league semi-final in January with the latter's pace and aggression - in the form of Niamh Gowing and Natasha Twomey - proving too much for Andrew's.

However, should they stay compact in front of star goalkeeper Iseult Cambay, they can turn the tide.



St Andrews' Gaby Lewis (right) in Leinster Senior league semi-final action against Mount Anville last month.

HOCKEY: BOYS' CUP ROUND-UP

Adams inspires Newpark to big Trophy semi-final success

NEWPARK became the first side to reach one of the Leinster Schoolboys' hockey finals as their resounding 6-0 win over King's Hospital fired them through to the Senior Trophy decider.

St Kilian's in their second round having received a bye past the first hurdle. Along with their final spot, they are also receive a ticket to the Leinster Senior Cup semi-finals going into the

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BLACKROCK enhanced their reputation as Leinster Junior Cup favourites by taking care of St Michael's 36-12 in the first round front of a large crowd at Donnybrook on Sunday.

Left wing Jude O'Reilly was the beneficiary-in-chief with a sharply taken hat-trick.

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