



# GIFT 2012

## Global Ireland Football Tournament

**DUBLIN, IRELAND**

**HISTORY WILL BE MADE ALONGSIDE THE NAVY VS NOTRE DAME GAME  
WITH 12 GIFT TEAMS, 6 GAMES IN 3 STADIUMS ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 31!**

### Comments from School & Irish Leaders following GIFT

*I just wanted to congratulate you on a vision that many thought was nuts the closer we got to game days. But you pulled off an experience that all of these kids will remember. Best of luck to you the rest of the way and if Loyola Academy can ever do anything for you, please do not hesitate to let me know.*

Dennis Stonequist `90  
Special Assistant to the President  
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*I can't begin to tell how impressed we were with Global Football and GIFT 2012. What an unbelievable event orchestrated by none other than you!  
On behalf of everyone here at Villanova College, congratulation to you and your staff, Anthony Travel, the city of Dublin, the town of Navan and to everyone involved. This event was a memorable one.  
Our parents, team members and coaching staff are still talking about the event!  
Thank you again for allowing us to be a part of such a historic event.  
Take care and God Bless.*

Marcello Lio  
Head Coach, Villanova College  
Ontario, Canada

*Patrick,  
'Duck' McDonald has been with Father Judge HS for 39 years, 4 as a student and 35 as a value teacher, and was part of our Ireland trip. He believes that the trip and experience may be our school's greatest moment!  
Thank you for this opportunity. Everyone in our party had a great time. Kudos to you and everyone with Global Football and Anthony Travel.*

Tom Coyle  
Father Judge High School, Head Coach

*All I know is that we took, with your help, 140 Hamilton High School students to Ireland and back, and they had the time of their lives! They continue to talk about the experience and will do so for years I am sure. It was nice to return home and get a win just days after GIFT.  
Thanks for all you did for our kids and school.*

Dick Baniszewski  
Hamilton High School, Director of Athletics

*Thank you Patrick - the feeling is most certainly mutual. You pulled off something very special in Ireland that left an indelible memory on literally thousands of kids (and adults).*

*Look forward to keeping in touch, Todd*

Todd Marble

Kent University Head Coach

*Hi Patrick,*

*We did receive the PLACT sign sent from Ireland by Bob and we are very grateful for the trouble and expense he went to get it to us. It is proudly displayed in our weight room as daily reminder of our wonderful trip to Ireland. Thank you for providing our community with such a great experience! I wish we were still there! Good luck to the Irish against Michigan State.*

Kevin Rooney

Head Coach

Notre Dame High School

Sherman Oaks, Ca.

*Patrick,*

*Another amazing job from you and the entire Global Football and Anthony Travel team! The GIFT event in Ireland will long stay in the hearts and minds of our players, staff, parents and alumni of JCU. We were thrilled with the entire experience, and the fans at Donnybrook were incredible. You folks did an amazing job in handling our group, as diverse as it was, and with as many different requests and demands .*

*Can't wait to go again and play football somewhere special!*

Regis Scafe

Head Football Coach

John Carroll University

*On behalf of the Notre Dame Prep traveling party, I want to thank you so much for the time and energy spent with us in Ireland. Our kids are still flying high today as they share their experiences with their families and friends.*

*The competition, the practices, the lodging, the meals, the transportation and of course, the people will be a lasting memory for all of us.*

*Once again, thank you for the opportunity to participate in this awesome event.*

*Travel safe and get some rest!*

*Always smiling and blessed to work at Notre Dame Prep,*

Monica Barrett

NDP Athletics

*Thanks Patrick! The Jesuit football team enjoyed the trip and we have many great memories with our boys.*

*Thanks for organizing and putting on a great event.*

*Take Care, Brandon*

Brandon Hickman

Head Coach

Jesuit Prep Dallas

*Good evening Patrick*

*I just wanted to send you a email to tell you what an amazing event you and your staff have put on, my son Matthew Miller plays on the Oak Park high school team and he is still in Ireland, we have been receiving emails daily from one of the parent coaches telling us much fun they are having and how the people of Ireland have taken my sons team and others under their wings and have made every effort to make them feel at home, we watched the live web cast with a group of friends and family and it was amazing. Great job.*

*sincerely yours*

Barry Miller Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada

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*Sincerest thanks Patrick. It was a pleasure to work with such a wonderful group. All those involved certainly did their countries proud and you and the organisers did a masterful job. It was an honour to meet you all and hopefully, our paths will cross again. I wish you every success in all your future endeavours.*

Loyola Hearn

Canadian Ambassador to Ireland

*Patrick-congratulations on a great GIFT event!*

*The American entourage made a great impression in Dublin and everyone was talking about it. I had the pleasure of attending the Navy/Notre Dame game in the Aviva and it was a fantastic experience. It was a pleasure dealing with you and I was glad to be of some help.*

*Keep in touch and kindest regards.*

Paul Bates

Assistant Secretary

Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport

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*It was a lovely event to be involved with and a pleasure to be able to assist you in any way. It was great to be able to meet and talk with your group of visitors, including the big man himself Mike McCoy and I have captured your pep rally on my phone video. As I mentioned to you, the Lord Mayor's photographer took many photos on the day in the Mansion House and I would be delighted to forward some to you if you so wish. Hope we will get to meet again in the future.*

Kind Regards

Grainne Kelly, Dublin City Council

*Patrick,*

*Thanks for all your engaging planning over the past 12 – 18 months. I really enjoyed the whole experience of working with you and do hope it is the beginning of something truly lasting for years to come. GIFT turned out to be very special for all of us at UCD.*

*If there is anything you want me to do just mail me,*

Brian Mullins

Director of Sport, University College Dublin

*Hi Patrick,*

*It was a pleasure to work with you and GIFT! The Pep Rally made it to the College's global home page, see link below and we got some great photos attached.*

[http://www.tcd.ie/Communications/news/news.php?headerID=2656&vs\\_date=2012-9-1](http://www.tcd.ie/Communications/news/news.php?headerID=2656&vs_date=2012-9-1)

*We are very pleased with the outcome and wish you and all the GIFT delegates the very best for the future.*

Kind regards,

Michelle Tanner, Trinity College

Head of Sport & Recreation / Ceann Spóirt & Áineasa

Dear Patrick,

*It was great to meet you and have the opportunity to speak at the Trinity College pep rally. I think you have done a great job and deserve lots of credit for all the hard work you have put in to make this such a success. It's great to hear about the good time that everyone has had and we look forward to helping and welcoming you back again.*

*The number of young families, many in Ireland for the first time, was heartwarming to see and hopefully their memories will live long in their hearts and minds.*

*Patrick, if you need any advice or assistance in the future, please contact me.*

Regards

Niall

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Patrick,

*A "Brilliant" job as the Irish would say. Way to go on a phenomenal experience. You must feel so relieved and proud to have created such a unique and powerful opportunity for the kids and their families and for the Irish. Dan and I had a terrific experience and are honored at the opportunity to partner with you.*

*Enjoy the rest of your time – we are headed out now.*

Cheers,

Kristin Sheehan

Play Like a Champion

University of Notre Dame

Patrick,

*Just wanted to Thank You for the wonderful opportunity you presented our crew. We had a blast in Ireland and enjoyed being part of your event. You and your staff did an amazing job with everything. If you ever need anything or I can help in anyway in the future please give me a call.*

*Take Care and Thanks,*

Don Cerimeli

GIFT official, Arizona

*I was a pleasure & honor to help in the great success of GIFT. Coming to Ireland, It was a gift in it's self, your consideration to allow Meath to take part was even a bigger gift. On behalf of Trim Bulldogs, thanks for the great support & letting us be part of GIFT. Because of your generosity, our 2013 season will begin with great success on the field even before the kick off of the 1st game.*

*I am looking forward to what the future will bring, I will be ready & waiting! Lastly, a wonderful thank you to the participating schools, coaches, & staff for their hard work in help bringing the players over.*

Regards,

Garland Drake, Head coach

Trim Bulldogs-American Football Club

Co. Meath, Ireland

