



*Aberfan defend against Cherwell.*

# Irish mixed fortunes in Yorkshire

## Joy Davis Hull International

The Joy Davis Hull international tournament was hosted by Kingston Kayak Club on the Dacre lake near Beverley. A shortage of top teams was compensated for by an excellent turnout of home teams away from the cutting edge, northern England, the more outlying parts of Scotland and south Wales being particularly well represented. There was nobody from Friends of Allonby and Dragon had only a B team but the international side was supplied by the Irish, no less than five teams from Mullingar, who had already been to Helmond, and White Water Kayak Club on the Liffey.

Four pitches were used over the weekend, three on the sheltered side of the lake but pitch 3 on the exposed side approached unplayable for a time as a stiff breeze increased in intensity for a while on Saturday.

The main difficulty was for the referees, there being only two full length pontoons on the lake so referees were having to dodge along the shoreline, stand on single short pontoons or even ref from kayaks. Off the water, conditions were excellent, camping, parking and superior toilets close by, a continuous waterside barbeque and a restaurant overlooking the main pitch.

There was a hiccup in the season's fine weather but Sunday's threatened thunderstorm developed to no more than a sudden intense shower. Sunday afternoon did see an influx of small flies, not biting, just uninvited.

Overall it was a welcoming event where any shortcomings could be accepted.

A web of fixtures saw Mullingar 1 take the pitch 2 final 7-3 from



*Liverpool University Old Gits v Mullingar 1.*



*Swansea 2 v Exeter University.*



*Mullingar 5 v Red Rose Wilted Petals.*



*Tees Tigers v Granite Dees and a swimmer.*



*Aberfan A v White Water.*



*Rhondda Rhinos v Highland Hobnobs.*