



Féile Fever

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The Sunday papers have decided to run a feature story on the County Féile under 14 final that is scheduled to take place that afternoon in Croabh Chiaráin between Littlestown Crokes and Chapel Hall.

Since the match has not yet been played and the result will not be known until the afternoon; they have decided to concentrate their reports on each of the teams in the final and try to assess each team's chances of winning.

They have asked you to help and have given you the task of writing the feature piece for Littlestown Crokes. Since space is always limited on a newspaper, you will have to write your piece using no more than 300 words.

You might like to include:

- Brief match reports on the group or semi-final matches.
- Analysis of the team's strengths and weaknesses
- Comparisons of the team's performances and form between the league and the Féile.

- Brief biographies of some of the important / key players on the team
- Assessment of the manager's style of play and how some of his decisions have influenced games. (For example, including Todd on the team)
- Interviews with any of the players / coaches / parents

You will need an exciting headline and a picture. (You could draw one to go with your piece).

A well-written newspaper article always answers the 5 x W & H questions (below) quickly in the first few sentences.

Before you start, make a list of the 5 x W & H questions that you think the piece should answer and then write your piece to answer as many of them as you can. You can work in small groups for this activity.

You can use the chart below to write all the questions that you think the readers would like answered. You will probably have a lot of questions so you will have to choose which you think are the most interesting.

5 x W & H questions	POSSIBLE QUESTIONS	NOTES FOR ANSWERS
WHO		
WHAT		
WHEN		
WHERE		
WHY		
HOW		