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## **CELTIC CHALLENGE QUALIFIER 13 SEPTEMBER 2008, BUSHY PARK, DUBLIN**

The Qualifier took the form of a complete Round Robin involving 9 Triples, necessitating 9 rounds. As things stood at the end of round 8, the 4 leading teams at that stage could not be overtaken from a 'Wins' or 'Points' perspective, regardless of their results and other results, if all the games in Round 9 had taken place. The constituent teams, therefore, for Ireland A in next year's CC competition were clear. At the end of Round 8, Team 9 was assured of a position in Ireland B. One game was completed in Round 9, between Team 2 and Team 8 and the result secured places for both on Ireland B. Another Round 9 game started between Team 3 and Team 6, who were now in contention for the one available place remaining on Ireland B. At the commencement of the game, Team 3 already had 2 Wins and Team 6 had 1 Win, however, the 'Points' position was such that even if Team 3 were to be defeated ( leaving each team with 2 Wins ) they needed to get only 2 points, to leave them with a better points difference overall than Team 6 and, therefore, take the last place available. At an early stage in the game Team 3 secured the 2 points required and the game was discontinued.

The final positions were:

### **IRELAND A**

1. Richard Elvin, Pierre di Pizzo and Peter Melis)
2. Jim Ryan, Jackie Broderick and Tom O'Keeffe)
- 3 John McCloy, Denis Nightingale and Michael Berry
4. Gilles Breteche, Sylver Breteche and Franck Breteche

### **IRELAND B**

5. Humberto Tavares, John Hennessy and George Davidson
6. Paul Murray, Tricia Murray and Tim O'Neill
7. Fergal Hogan, John O'Grady and Jack di Pizzo
8. Conor Smith, Julia Murray and Sue Ryan

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