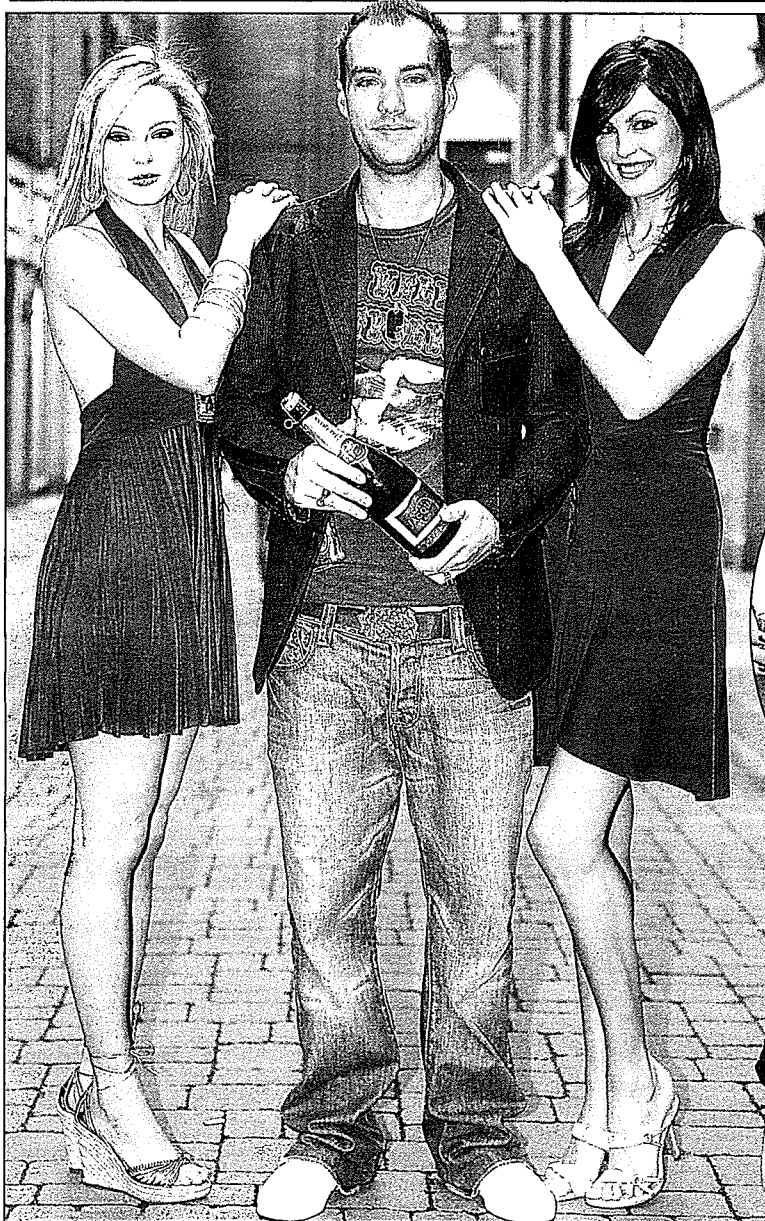


Ireland's sexiest man? It's a bit weird... I'm not even Irish

Sorry, Calum, but the ladies seem to have outvoted you!



Ladies' man: Calum Best flanked by the lovely Sarah Morrissey and Aoife Cogan, right



Nessa Cotter and Marie Delaney of Cork



Pretty: Aibhe and Samaniha Byrne and (above) Joanne Ronan



Shimmering: Rachael Montague

WITH the looks and charm of his late father it was little wonder Calum Best had the eyes of not one but five Miss Irelands on him last night.

The dashing smoothy jetted over to Dublin to pick up an award after being voted Ireland's sexiest man, ahead of Hollywood hotshot Collin Farrell and Irish rugby skipper Brian O'Driscoll.

In fact, O'Driscoll didn't even get a look in. He didn't make the list at all.

The Judges of Social & Personal magazine's Top 100 Sexiest Men were current Miss Ireland Sarah

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Morrissey, and four former Miss Irelands, no less.

The great and good – and sexy – were gathered in Marcus Sweeney's No. 10 restaurant, scene of the recent and very public bust-up of Mr Sweeney's relationship with model Katy French. According to Social & Personal's editor PJ Gibbons: 'I have invited both of them, but I cannot confirm whether either will turn up.'

By 10pm last night, neither had. Meanwhile, speaking to the Irish

Daily Mail last night, Calum Best admitted that it felt 'a little, er, weird' to win the accolade when he's not exactly Irish – except, of course, for his blood line.

'Oh, that doesn't matter,' gushed Miss Ireland Sarah Morrissey. 'He's gorgeous and I think he's a great representative of Irish men.'

Right, Sarah, especially his perma tan – sooo Irish.

Asked whether she'd be interested in a date with Mr Best she said: 'I've got a boyfriend, but even if I didn't, I wouldn't probably get a look in with him

anyway.' Calum told the Irish Daily Mail yesterday that he was thrilled to be back in his father's native country.

He said: 'It's great to be back in Ireland again.

'I'm staying in the Westbury where I've stayed before with my old man, so it brings back fond memories.

'I like to get back to Ireland as much as I can. I was last over four or five months ago.

'I'm very flattered to have won this award but I don't know how it bl***dy happened.

'It's a bit weird because I sound

like a Yank, but I suppose my bloodline is Irish.'

He said would spend his overnight trip in Dublin partying with the best of them.

'When in Ireland do as the Irish do and get pl***ed, and I have some good friends here such as Fran (Cosgrave from Celebrity Love Island).

'I'll definitely be chasing the ladies. Why not? But they'll probably tell me to get lost.'

When asked about his father's will he said: 'I appreciate you asking but it's not something I'm going to comment on – period.'