

Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

County Juvenile Un-Even Age Championships

Another great spectacle of cross country running took place in Moyglass on Sunday with the staging of the County Un-Even Age Juvenile Championships where six athletes completed the double by winning their second county title – Sophie Coughlan, Moycarkey Coolcree, Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers, Aimee Hayde, Newport, Emma Fagan, Newport, Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic and Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes. Of the 12 races on offer ten different clubs secured titles while victory in the team events was spread between seven different clubs.

The Girls U/9 got proceedings away with Rebecca Kavanagh, Templemore AC sprinting to victory ahead of Jessica Ryan, Thurles Crokes and Aoibhin McNamara, Newport. Templemore on a score of 34pts won the team title with Rebecca, Katie Nevin, Grace Murphy and Emer Hennessy. Silver medals went to Thurles Crokes on 47pts with Jessica, Caragh, Emer Duggan and Niamh Dwan while Moyne won the Bronze medals on 55pts with Dearbhla Gleeson, Alana Spillane, Maebh Leahy and Reiltin Morrissey.

The Boys U/9 race saw Charlie Tobin, Newport capture his first County title having finished runner-up in the U/10 event a couple of weeks ago. Fred Perry, Clonmel came through to take the silver medal with Sam Croke, Carrick-on-Suir winning the bronze. The Dundrum team of Daniel Ryan, Jack Ryan, Cathal Heaney and Conor O'Donnell won the club event with Moyglass in second having Daniel Barry, Charlie Barrett, Pat Ryan and Luke Lacy their winning quartet with Moyne taking the bronze with a team of Luke Walsh, Mark O'Shea, Shane Bourke and Eamonn Hayden.

In the Girls U/11 race Moycarkey Coolcree athletes Sophie Coughlan and Sarah Corcoran ran stride for stride ahead of the rest of the field with Sophie getting the nod for victory. Sarah finished 2nd with Niamh Lonergan, Tipperary Town getting up for the bronze medal. Moycarkey-Coolcree won the team title with Sophie, Sarah, Rebecca Danagher and Lauren Maher. The Dundrum team of Millie Kelly, Paula Quirke, Aisling Decruis and Emer Dwan winning the silver medals while the Moyne team of Amy Reddan, Saoirse Doran, Blathnaid Lloyd and Una Duggan won the bronze medals.

In the Boys U/11 race Shane Buckley, Dundrum added yet another County title with a fine victory in this event. Daire O'Donnell, Moycarkey-Coolcree finished 2nd having previously won the U/10 title with Harry O'Keeffe, Clonmel in third. Clonmel were the winners of the team title with Harry, Conor O'Gorman, Cian Flaherty and Cathal O'Gorman the winning quartet. The silver medals went to the Dundrum team of Shane, Tadgh O'Donnell, Ryne Bargary and Tom O'Driscoll with the bronze medals going to the Moyne team of David Doyle, Lorcan Burke, Cathal Guilfoyle and Jack Flanagan.

At U/13 level Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers added this title to her U/12 title and was followed home by Laura Purcell, Moycarkey-Coolcree with Lorna Ryan, Dundrum third. The winners of the team title were the Clonmel team of Muireann Duffy, Jane O'Donnell, Ruby Carroll and Saoirse Davis. Taking the silver medals was the Moyne team of Helen Cleere, Aoife Dwyer, Louise Hickey and Emma Leahy while the Dundrum team of Lorna, Kate Ferncombe, Orla Ryan and Eugenia Debaco Medina.

In the Boys U/13 race the order was reversed from the U/12 race with Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree getting the better of Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic on this occasion. The bronze medal went to Tadgh Gould, Thurles Crokes. The team title went to Nenagh Olympic team of Cian, Tom Walsh, Filip McIntyre and Luke Purcell. Second place went to the Thurles Crokes team of Tadgh, Darragh Minogue,

James Doyle and Conor O'Sullivan with Moyne taking the bronze with Philip Hayes, Aaron McLoughlin, Jake Bowe and Aaron Moore their winning quartet.

The U/15 title went to the very impressive Aimee Hayde, Newport who dominated proceedings from the start. Aimee had already collected the U/14 title a couple of weeks ago. Emma Murray, Coolquill won the silver medal with Ailbhe O'Neill, Nenagh Olympic in third. The team title went to the Newport trio of Aimee, Aifric Walsh and Michelle Sage. Silver medals went to the Clonmel team of Siobhan Whelan, Gillian Hughes and Molly Keane while Moyne won the bronze medals with Emma Gleeson, Aine Duggan and Aisling Dwyer.

In the Boys event Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic added this title to his U/16 one with a great victory and he was followed home by Adam Ryan, Newport with Dylan McLoughlin, Moyne taking third. Thurles Crokes' Sean Phillips, Jack O'Meara and Emmet Fogarty won the team event from Moyne who had Dylan, Charlie Tobin and Gavin Ryan with Nenagh Olympic in third with Ted, James Tanner and George O'Leary.

At U/17 level both Emma Fagan, Newport and Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes were adding to their U/18 crowns with two great wins. Moya Whelan, Clonmel and Elma Casey, Clonmel won the silver and bronze medals with Clonmel winning the team event as Caoimhe Maunsell joined Moya and Elma on the team. TJ Quigley, Clonmel won the silver medals in the Boys event with James Cumins, Moreabbey Milers taking the bronze medals. The Thurles Crokes team of Fred, Kieran Moloney and Éanna Ryan won the team title with the Clonmel team of TJ, Colm McCarthy and Daniel McCarthy in second and Moreabbey Milers third with a team of James, Ewan Cunningham and Tadgh Carew.

The Girls U/19 title went to Ciara O'Neill, Clonmel with Emer Loughman, Dundrum in second and Nuala Fitzgibbon, Thurles Crokes in third. Clonmel won the team event with Ciara, Lucy O'Donnell and Courtney McGuire. In the Boys event it was a one, two for Moyne with Harry Hogan getting the better of his team-mate Eamonn Troy for victory.

Congratulations to all the athletes who competed on Sunday and there was upwards of 350 who took part and all the clubs from around the County for supporting same. 13 different clubs took part in the championships – Clonmel, Coolquill, Carrick-on-Suir, Dundrum, Moyne, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Moreabbey Milers, Moyglass, Newport, Nenagh Olympic, Tipperary Town, Thurles Crokes and Templemore and all clubs are to be congratulated for getting their athletes out to compete.

Munster Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships

Sunday next, 23rd October, sees the County athletes head to Ballinahina, Carraig Na BhFear, Co. Cork for the Munster Even Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships which commence at 11.30am.

Competition at Munster level is always tough and any medal won is hard earned but with the likes of County Champions, Daire O'Donnell, Moycarkey, Coolcree, Sophie Coughlan, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic, Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers, Sean Philips, Thurles Crokes, Aimee Hayde, Newport, Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic, Aifric Walsh, Newport, Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes and Emma Fagan, Newport should all be in with a shout of a top placing. The support of the County will be crucial if Tipperary are to feature in the various races with club teams like Moycarkey-Coolcree, Clonmel, Moyne, Thurles Crokes, Newport and Moreabbey Milers all capable of getting in amongst the club medals. As with all Munster events the first 12 athletes across the line win individual medals with the top three Counties and Clubs also securing medals. The first six Tipperary athletes across the line

in the various races will form the Tipperary team and places will be at a premium in many of the events such is the competitive nature of the Tipperary championships. Best of luck to all athletes.