
Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

Munster Un-Even Age Juvenile Championships

On a day when upwards of 1,000 young athletes took part in the Munster Un-Even Age Juvenile Championships, Tipperary athletes stood strong with Shane Buckley, Dundrum and Aimee Hayde, Newport capturing Munster titles at U/11 and U/15 respectively with another eight athletes Charlie Tobin, Newport, Ben Walsh, Nenagh Olympic, Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers, Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic, Emma Fagan, Newport, Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes and Ciara O'Neill, Clonmel winning Munster bronze medals while the Tipperary teams at Girls U/9, Boys U/9 and Boys U/13 also captured silver and bronze medals in the team competition.

Shane Buckley, Dundrum who is no stranger to Munster success, had to contend with the biggest race of the day where over 150 athletes faced the starter. On a day when the ground conditions really tested the athletes Shane fought hard throughout the race to capture the Munster U/11 title. Aimee Hayde, Newport once again showed her true qualities with a masterclass performance at U/15 level to capture the title and now holds both the U/14 and U/15 titles this year. Having secured double wins at Munster level over the past couple of years she left no one in doubt of her talent, shrugging off the conditions to dominate the race and cross the line a clear winner.

The first race of the day was the Girls U/9 event and the young athletes from Tipperary showed the way to the older counterparts with a silver medal winning performance. Leading the way was Alana Spillane, Moyne in 17th place just ahead of Jessica Ryan, Thurles Crokes in 18th. Kate McCarthy, Dundrum finished 31st with Caragh Ryan, Thurles Crokes 33rd, Erin O'Keefe, Clonmel and Rebecca Kavanagh, Templemore in 35th. Dundrum finished 8th in the club competition.

Not wishing to be outdone by the girls, the County representatives in the Boys U/9 started off very positively with Charlie Tobin, Newport having a storming run to finish 8th overall and collect a Munster bronze medal. Fred Perry, Clonmel came through for 16th with Jack Ryan, Dundrum 19th. Daniel Barry, Moyglass finished 33rd just ahead of Luke Walsh, Moyne in 34th and Daniel Ryan, Dundrum in 37th. The Boys continues Tipp's success finishing third in the team competition and securing Munster bronze medals.

The U/11 category proved to be the hottest of the day with huge entries in both the Girls and Boys events. Sophie Coughlan, Moycarkey-Coolcree finished 25th to lead her County home with Niamh Lonergan, Tipperary Town just a couple of places further back in 29th. Sarah Corcoran, Moycarkey-Coolcree finished 54th followed by Aine Finn, Newport in 59th, Millie Kelly, Dundrum 61st and Amy Reddan, Moyne 66th. Tipperary finished 5th in the team competition with Dundrum and Moyne finishing 9th and 11th respectively in the club competition. As already mentioned above the Boys U/11 event provided Tipperary with its first Munster Champion of the day with a terrific performance from Shane Buckley, Dundrum. Ben Walsh, Nenagh Olympic ran a very strong race to finish 9th overall and win a bronze medal while Daire O'Donnell, Moycarkey Coolcree came 29th. Conor O'Gorman, Clonmel finished 33rd with David Doyle, Moyne and Cian Flaherty, Clonmel 43rd and 44th respectively. Despite some great results the County finished out of the medals in 4th

place while the club teams of Clonmel, Dundrum and Moyne finished 10th, 12th and 13th respectively.

Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers who had already won the Girls U/12 title moved up to the U/13 category and nonetheless proved her talent with a 6th place finish to add a Munster bronze medal to her collection. Lorna Ryan, Dundrum finished 23rd while Kate Burke, Moyglass finished 31st just one place ahead of Laura Purcell, Moycarkey Coolcree in 32nd. Helen Cleere, Moyne finished 39th with Ruby Carroll, Clonmel in 49th. Once again Tipperary finished fourth in the team competition. In the Boys race Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree who also had the U/12 title to his name ran another great race involving the older athletes to finish 7th overall and collect yet another Munster individual medal. Darragh Minogue, Thurles Crokes finished 18th while Oisín Shelly, Moyglass came through for 33rd just ahead of Philip Hayes, Moyne in 34th. Dara Kennedy, Newport finished 38th with Aaron Moore, Moyne completing the team in 42nd to bring the Tipperary team to the bronze medals in the team competition. Moyne finished 9th in the club competition.

Yet more success came the way of Tipperary at U/15 level as already mentioned above Aimee Hayde, Newport dominated the Girls event to complete the U/14 and U/15 double at Munster level. Siobhán Whelan, Clonmel finished 23rd with Molly Keane, Clonmel 40th, Gillian Hughes, Clonmel 48th, Emma Gleeson, Moyne 50th and Michelle Sage, Newport 54th but despite this huge effort from the girls the team finished 4th in the inter-county competition with Clonmel finishing 7th in the club competition. In the Boys event Ted Collins, Nenagh Olympic was always within striking distance of the leaders and together with Adam Ryan, Newport made a great effort throughout the race to finish 7th overall and claim a Munster bronze medal. Adam just missed out on an individual medal finishing 13th overall with Dylan McLoughlin, Moyne finishing 35th. Club mates Sean Philips, Jack O'Meara and Emmet Fogarty of Thurles Crokes finished 38th, 39th and 40th respectively to lead Tipperary to 4th place in the team competition. In the club section Thurles Crokes finished 8th with Moyne in 10th.

In the Girls U/17 race, Emma Fagan, Newport, who has proved to be a very consistent performer finished 9th to win a bronze medal. Elma Casey, Clonmel came 48th with Aoibheann Duggan, Moyne 58th. In the Boys event Fred Crowley, Thurles Crokes produced another great performance to finish 6th overall and also win bronze with Conor Ryan, Templemore coming through for 15th. TJ Quigley, Clonmel came 21st followed by Thomas O'Brien, Newport in 22nd followed by Eanna Ryan, Thurles Crokes in 26th and Colm McCarthy, Clonmel to see Tipperary once again finishing fourth in the team competition.

The final two Tipperary athletes on the day competed in the Girls U/19 event where Ciara O'Neill, Clonmel earned herself a bronze medal following her 9th place finish with Eimear Loughman, Dundrum finishing just out of the medals in 13th place.

To all the County athletes who performed in the testing underfoot conditions well done on serving up some great competition.

Munster Inter-Club Cross Country Relays

The inaugural Munster Inter-Club Cross Country Relays take place in St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan on Sunday next commencing at 11.30am. With events for U/10, U/12, U14 and U/16 boys and girls it should prove to be a very competitive competition. Clubs are limited to one team per age group. All athletes run 500mts legs with the first three teams receiving medals. Teams

can name 5 athletes (4 + 1 sub) and the sub must be entered and present on the day to receive a medal. There is no follow on to the National Championships on 22nd January 2017 for the U/10 and U/16 categories.