
Tipperary Juvenile Athletics

Munster Inter-Club Cross Country Relays

Moycarkey-Coolcree, Moyne, Nenagh Olympic and Templemore kept the flag flying for the County at the Munster Inter Club Relay championships in St. Augustine's College, Dungarvan on Sunday with medal winning performances by their athletes.

The Nenagh Olympic Boys U/12 team completely dominated their event, opening a huge lead in the opening leg and never looked in any danger thereafter, to record a great victory. Their winning quartet and Munster Champions were Tom Walsh, Cian Hodgins, Philip McIntyre and Ben Walsh.

The Templemore Boys U/14 team also swept all before them to record a great victory in the Boys U/14 relay. Backed by Kyle Dooley, David Quinn, Roman SaizEscrig, Jack Ryan and Jack Nevin they put in a terrific performance to claim the gold medals and the title of Munster Champions.

The Moycarkey-Coolcree Girls U/10 team ran a splendid relay to win the silver medals with Sophie Coughlan, Emma Corcoran, Jane Corcoran and Laura Lanigan leaving many more fancied teams in their wake.

The Moyne Boys U/16 team of Dylan McLoughlin, Charlie Tobin, Brian O'Callaghan and Jack Hickey had to pull out all the stops to match their opponents and in doing so clinched the bronze team medals.

While their boys team received all the plaudits for their victory, the Templemore Girls U/12 team showed a never say die attitude to clinch third place in a photo finish. Their team was Keisha McCabe, Allannah Dunford, Mollie Dooley, Chloe Carroll and Casey Crous.

The above clubs plus Carrick-on-Suir and Clonmel had a total of 19 teams competing in the event and all athletes did exceptionally well in a very competitive competition.

National Even-Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships

The National Sports Campus in Abbotstown, Dublin is the venue for the Irish Life Health National Even-Age Juvenile Cross Country Championships on Sunday next 4th December with an 11.30am start. Three Munster champions from the County will be in action while three teams from Tipperary have qualified for this event along with club teams from Moyne and Thurles Crokes.

Leah Quane, Moreabbey Milers who captured the Munster U/12 title a couple of weeks ago will start as one of the favourites for the National title on Sunday. She can certainly mix it with the best young athletes from around the Country and indeed will be a huge asset to the County team as they strive to be amongst the medals in the Inter-County competition. Joining Leah on the team are Kate Ferncombe, Dundrum, Saoirse Walsh, Newport, Ruby Carroll, Clonmel, Chloe Carroll, Templemore, Helen Cleere, Moyne, Orla Ryan, Dundrum, Amy Reddan, Moyne, Louise Hickey, Moyne and Tara Gleeson, Moyne. Leah will also captain the Munster squad in their quest for national medals.

The County will also have a team in the Boys U/12 event thanks in no small way to the exploits of both Joe Egan, Moycarkey-Coolcree and Cian Hodgins, Nenagh Olympic who battled it out at the Munster championships to finish first and second. With the addition of Tom Walsh, Nenagh Olympic who finished 6th and Shane Buckley, Dundrum who finished 7th and then went on to win the Munster U/11 title, the County has a strong chance of being in the hunt for national medals. Also on the team are Oisín Shelly, Moyglass, Dara Kennedy, Newport, Aaron McLoughlin, Moyne, Odhrán McGrath, Clonmel, Jimmy Ryan, Moyglass and Jake Bowe, Moyne. Joe, Cian, Tom and Shane will also represent Munster in the regional competition and should be in contention for medals.

The Girls U/14 team will be led by Aimee Hayde, Newport who will be going for a hat-trick of National titles having previously won the U/12 and U/13 titles in some style. Competition on Sunday will once again be tough but Aimee has proven her ability over the past number of years with a string of County and Munster titles to add to her growing National ones. Joining Aimee on the team are Ailbhe O'Neill, Nenagh Olympic, Laura Purcell, Moycarkey-Coolcree, Lorna Ryan, Dundrum, Emma Gleeson, Moyne, Gillian Hughes, Clonmel, Emma Leahy, Moyne and Aine Duggan, Moyne. Aimee will also lead the Munster team in the search for honours.

Emma Fagan, Newport will compete in the Girls U/18 event following her 8th place at the Munster championships and will be a vital member of the Munster team that will be harbouring championship medals.

The Boys U/12 team from Moyne of Aaron McLoughlin, Jake Bowe, David Doyle and Cormac Burke and the Boys U/14 team from Thurles Crokes of Sean Phillips, Darragh Minogue, Jack O'Meara, Emmet Fogarty, Alex Crowley and Stephen Mawe have qualified for these championships by virtue of their third places in the Munster Championships. Both teams will need to be on top form to get into the hunt for medals but they each have the ability to do so.

We wish all our athletes competing on Sunday the very best of luck and hopefully the County will have something to celebrate following the event.