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RACE REPORTS

Buckler Inter-County C.C. Ballyfin

15 December
By Frank Greally

QUALITY performances by Noel Richardson and Catherina McKiernan were the highlights in Ballyfin.

Early in the men's race all eyes were on South African born Sean Dollman who had just a few weeks previously won the American Collegiate Cross Country title in Arizona.

Dollman was well placed in the early front running pack. Noel Richardson was the main driving force in this early lead group and the Limerick runner later forced the pace enough to establish a five-man breakthrough group which included Dollman, Gerry Brady (Clonliffe), Pat Maloney (Dublin) and Galway native, Richard Mulligan.

By halfway, they had forged a big lead on the main field. A little later Richardson broke clear on his own and at the finish had a comfortable margin of fourteen seconds to spare on Sean Dollman, with Richard Mulligan claiming the third spot.

This was 27 year old Richardson's fourth successive victory of the season. He had won the national 10,000m track title in 1991, and this cross country season had proved to be his best yet. A new coaching relationship with Dick Hooper appears to have made a big change in the consistency of Richardson's performances and this national title cross country can only have added to his confidence.

Catherina McKiernan surged clear of the field after the first 2,000 metres of the women's race and looked a class apart as she cruised to an easy victory. Belinda McArdle led Donegal to inter county team victory when finishing second behind McKiernan. Bernie Stankard of Galway ran one of the best cross country races of her career to take bronze.

Cork's Martin Carthy sprinted to victory in the men's junior event, finishing five seconds clear of another talented junior, Donal O'Sullivan of Dublin. Defending champion, John Murray of Cork, had to settle for third.

Catriona McGranaghan had a clear victory in the women's junior event where she finished ahead of the Cork pair of Colette Vaughan and Marie O'Riordan, who led the county team to victory.

Pat O'Keefe of Cork beat his more fancied rival Paul McNamara of Galway in the BLOE U/16 championship, while Hugh Gallagher of Donegal finished third. In the U/12 race David Murphy, Cork, outspurred Damien Keogh (Collins) and Roger Barrett, (Mayo). Margaret Danagher of Tipperary won a close contest in the Girls U/14 from Annette McQuaid, Cork and Cathy O'Neill, Beechmount.

1. Noel Richardson, Limerick 32.12;
2. Sean Dollman, Individual 32.26;
3. Richard Mulligan, Galway 32.50;
4. Pat Mooney, Clare 33.09;
5. D. Mahony, Cork 33.19;
6. Paul O'Callaghan, Individual 33.22;
7. Gerry Brady, Dublin 33.27;
8. Gerry McGrath, Dublin 33.31;
9. James O'Sullivan, Waterford 33.35;
10. Pat Hegarty, Donegal 33.37;
11. Tommy Maher, Individual 33.39;
12. Kieran Carlin, Donegal 33.44;
13. Noel Cullen, Dublin 33.48;
14. John Burke, Westmeath 33.54;
15. Peter Fagan, Westmeath 33.59;
16. Tom Payne, Carlow 34.00;
17. Seamus Gallagher, Donegal 34.01;
18. Kevin Heffernan, Dublin 34.02;
19. Eamonn McMahon, Individual 34.05;
20. M. Coakley, Cork 34.07 (U/23);

21. Michael Hassett, Tipperary 34.09;
22. Eugene Coppinger, Dublin 34.11;
23. L. O'Brien, Cork 34.12;
24. John McGlinchey, Donegal 34.13;
25. Cormac Finnerty, Westmeath 34.15;
26. Tom McGrath, Westmeath 34.15;
27. Neil Martin, Donegal 34.17;
28. David Carrie, Individual 34.17;
29. Tom O'Connor, Dublin 34.20;
30. Pdraig Keane, Dublin 34.24;

31. Francie Boylan, Monaghan 34.26;
32. Neil Cusack, Limerick 34.33;
33. Paucic McKinney, Donegal 34.36;
34. Martin McDonald, Laois 34.37;
35. Michael Furlong, Individual 34.37;
36. Martin Kearney, Dublin 34.40;
37. Jack Duggan, Kilkenny 34.40;
38. L. O'Regan, Cork 34.41;
39. John Scanton, Limerick 34.45;
40. M. Mannion, Individual 34.45;

41. Tom Shanaghan, Kerry 34.51 (U/23);
42. B. Flaherty, Cork 34.55 (U/23);
43. Paddy Murray, Mayo 34.57;
44. Kevin Coady, Dublin 34.58;
45. Mick Gygas, Dublin 35.00;
46. Nial Duggan, Kilkenny 35.01;
47. B. O'Rourke, Cork 35.01;
48. Martin Hassett, Tipperary 35.06;
49. James McGee, Individual 35.08 (U/23);
50. J. Kearney, Cork 35.10;

51. Richard Clifford, Limerick 35.13;
52. Seamus Christie, Tipperary 35.16;
53. Frank Daly, Galway 35.17;
54. John Daly, Tipperary 35.19;
55. Cormac Troy, Offaly 35.20;
56. Tony Duggan, Kilkenny 35.21;
57. M. Bickerdyke, Cork 35.22;
58. Bernard Feery, Tipperary 35.23;
59. Con Lynch, Kerry 35.24;
60. J. Collins, Cork 35.26;

61. Mark Gleeson, Tipperary 35.26;
62. Colm Burke, Laois 35.27;
63. Brendan Mooney, Sligo 35.30;
64. Loughlin Campion, Laois 35.36;
65. John Fitzgerald, Tipperary 35.38;
66. John Joe Doyle, Wexford 35.40;
67. Ted Horan, Dublin 35.42;
68. Martin Harte, Westmeath 35.46;
69. David Burke, Westmeath 35.46;
70. Kieran Dempsey, Kildare 35.46;

71. Charles Gallagher, Donegal 35.46;
72. David Carty, Wexford 35.49;
73. Michael McDonnell, Limerick 35.53;
74. L. Cotter, Individual 35.55 (U/23);
75. Martin Carroll, Offaly 35.57;
- 76.

• Noel Richardson (143) leads the charge up front.



- Thomas Moriarty, Kerry 36.01; 77. G. Barry, Cork 36.07; 78. Mark Connolly, Donegal 36.09; 79. Charles Foley, Waterford 36.10 (U/23); 80. Brendan Sherlock, Monaghan 36.11; 81. Denis Cormack, Kilkenny 36.13; 82. James Hession, Galway 36.21; 83. John Bannon, Westmeath 36.22; 84. Claude Glynn, Offaly, 36.26; 85. B. Meade, Cork 36.28; 86. Michael Sexton, Clare 36.30; 87. Michael Marron, Sligo 36.33; 88. Brian Roberts, Kilkenny 36.35; 89. Des McKiernan, Laois 36.39; 90. Larry Stafford, Wexford 36.41;

91. Bernard Dorrian, Donegal 36.44; 92. James Sexton, Clare 36.45; 93. Tony O'Reilly, Laois 36.48; 94. Liam Dunne, Offaly 36.49; 95. Michael Fennell, Clare 36.51; 96. Donal McGrath, Clare 36.53; 97. Mick Kehoe, Wexford 36.54; 98. Myles McHugh, Tipperary 36.55; 99. Pat Black, Donegal 36.59; 100. George Webb, Offaly 37.00;

101. Joe Deering, Offaly 37.05; 102. Joe Campbell, Mayo 37.08; 103. Brian O'Reilly, Cavan 37.17; 104. Michael Dee, Mayo 37.18 (U/23); 105. Frank Gerrihy, Clare 37.19; 106. Joe Tobin, Tipperary 37.20; 107. Pat Corcoran, Carlow 37.21; 108. Noel Marum, Laois 37.23; 109. Dick Boland, Wexford 37.24; 110. Eric O'Donnell, Westmeath 37.25;

111. Tom Murray, Waterford 37.26; 112. Martin Colgan, Offaly 37.27; 113. Thomas McElwaine, Wexford 37.28; 114. Jim Gaughan, Mayo 37.29; 115. Stephen O'Toole, Tipperary 37.30; 116. Gary Crossan, Donegal 37.33 (U/23); 117. John Fitzsimons, Kildare 37.34; 118. Richard Connely, Kilkenny 37.35; 119. John

- Brennan, Kilkenny 37.39; 120. John Fenlon, Laois 37.49; 121. Denis Shannon, Carlow 37.50; 122. Michael Gilroy, Sligo 37.51; 123. Derick Nolan, Tipperary 37.58; 124. Oly Gallagher, Westmeath 39.05; 125. Martin Lee, Cavan 39.10; 126. Paul Conway, Laois 39.11; 127. Brian Reilly, Cavan 39.12; 128. Eugene Peck, Wexford 39.13; 129. Dermot Callaghan, Cavan 39.25; 130. Tom Carolan, Cavan 39.26;

131. Dan Allen, Laois 39.29; 132. Seamus Power, Kilkenny 39.30; 133. Kevin Mansell, Tipperary 39.32; 134. Paul Harte, Sligo 39.33; 135. Michael Mulligan, Monaghan, 39.34; 136. Aodan Doyle, Wexford 39.38; 137. William Guiney, Kerry 39.54; 138. Vincent Flannery, Sligo 40.02; 139. Tom Connolly, Galway 40.10; 140. Ray Flynn, Sligo 40.19;

141. Brian Duffy, Galway 40.22; 142. Stephen Brady, Galway 40.28; 143. Paucic Cullina, Mayo, 40.29; 144. Ned Cronin, Laois 40.34; 145. Billy Delaney, Carlow 40.39; 146. Pat Walsh, Kildare 40.43; 147. Tom Reilly, Galway 40.46; 148. Colman Dooley, Offaly 40.52 (U/23); 149. Bill Lacey, Kilkenny 41.09; 150. Owen Mongan, Mayo 41.16;

151. Kevin Cuddy, Carlow 41.17; 152. Sean Doyle, Carlow 41.21; 153. James Ryan, Kerry 41.58; 154. P.J. McIntyre, Offaly 42.00; 155. Jerry Hayes, Sligo 4.42; 156. Martin Crehan, Mayo 42.55; 157. Cathal Smith, Cavan 43.16; 158. Martin McEvilly, Galway 45.06; 159. Rory McElin, Mayo 45.19 (U/23).

- Senior Men's Teams**
1. Dublin 97 (7, 8, 13, 18, 22, 29); 2. Donegal 123 (10, 12, 17, 24, 27, 33); 3. Cork 175 (5, 20, 23, 38, 42, 47).

Senior Women

1. Catherina McKiernan, Cavan 17.53; 2. Belinda McArdle, Donegal 19.05 (U/23); 3. Bernie Stankard, Galway 19.08; 4. Helena McCrossan, Donegal 19.25; 5. Kay Byrne, Donegal 19.29; 6. Sharon Leon, Dublin 19.38; 7. S. Jenkins, Cork 19.43; 8. J. Hough, Cork 19.45; 9. Frances Murphy, Dublin 19.47; 10. Aisling Molloy, Individual 19.55;

11. Louise Kavanagh, Dublin 20.00; 12. Catherine Hennessy, Individual 20.11; 13. Ann Carroll, Offaly 20.15; 14. Gwen Twomey, Dublin 20.25 (U/23); 15. Mary Gallagher, Westmeath 20.31; 16. Josephine Macken, Mayo 20.36; 17. Marg. Synnott, Donegal 20.42 (U/23); 18. Edel Murphy, Galway 20.45; 19. Deirdre McCormack, Galway 20.47; 20. Beth McCluskey, Dublin 21.20;

21. Grainne Butler, Westmeath 21.09; 22. Brenda McNamara, Mayo 21.10; 23. Rose Gavigan, Donegal 21.22 (U/23); 24. Pery Williams, Kilkenny 21.13; 25. Noeleen Merritt, Donegal 21.19; 26. Joan Macken, Mayo 21.22; 27. Donna Mahon, Dublin 21.23 (U/23); 28. Doina Nugent, Galway 21.26; 29. Evelyn McNelis, Kildare 21.27; 30. Aileen Mulhall, Kilkenny 21.30;

31. Sandra Murphy, Kildare 21.34 (U/23); 32. Brigid Fitzsimons, Kildare 21.50; 33. Siobhan McCormick, Limerick 21.54; 34. Michelle Walsh, Offaly 21.58 (U/23); 35. Noelle McManamon, Mayo 21.58; 36. Pauline Gorman, Offaly 22.00; 37. Liz Hogan, Kildare 22.02; 38. Martina Conlon, Offaly 22.30; 39. Liz Foy, Kildare 22.35; 40. Catherine Lawlor, Kilkenny 22.44;

41. Claire Sheehy, Kildare 22.52 (U/23); 42. Marcella



• Women's winner Catherina McKiernan (001).



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Martin, Offaly 23.00; 43. Paula Gowran, Westmeath 23.06; 44. Mary Walsh, Offaly 23.22; 45. Mary Fox, Kildare 23.23; 46. Ann Kavanagh, Offaly 24.20; 47. M. O'Keefe, Kilkenny 24.48; 48. Margaret Dillon, Kilkenny 25.32; 49. Mary Joyce, Westmeath 26.27.

Senior Women's Teams
1. Donegal 28 (2, 4, 5, 17); 2. Dublin 40 (6, 9, 11, 14); 3. Galway 'B' 68 (3, 18, 19, 28).

Junior Men
1. M. McCarthy, Cork 25.14; 2. Donal O'Sullivan, Dublin 25.19; 3. J. Murray, Cork 25.26; 4. David O'Healy, Limerick 25.30; 5. Darren Bourke, Laois 25.42; 6. Cormac Smith, Dublin 25.53; 7. Disqualified, Cork 25.56; 8. Damien Lawless, Dublin 26.01; 9. Adrian Hampson, Sligo 26.08; 10. Declan Fahey, Galway 26.11;
11. Alan O'Gorman, Limerick 26.12; 12. D. Healy, Cork 26.13; 13. Ben Walsh, Limerick 26.14; 14. Kieran Meehan, Dublin 26.16; 15. D. Keenan, Cork 26.18; 16. Kieran Meagher, Waterford 26.21; 17. T. Foulkes, Cork 26.22; 18. Kileen Lonergan, Dublin 26.25; 19. G. Murray, Cork 26.29; 20. Cian McLoughlin, Dublin 26.30;
21. Austin Lynch, Dublin 26.35; 22. James McIntyre, Donegal 26.38; 23. Diarmuid Geary, Cork 26.40; 24. Ken O'Shea, Dublin 26.41; 25. Leonard Phillips, Tipperary 26.42; 26. Rory Byrne, Dublin 26.45; 27. Stephen Folan, Galway 26.53; 28. Derek Rossiter, Wexford 27.05; 29. Keith Ryan, Waterford 27.12; 30. Adrian Foran, Kilkenny 27.13;
31. Conor Delaney, Donegal 27.14; 32. Darren O'Dea, Donegal 27.21; 33. Michael Clinton, Westmeath 27.23; 34. J. Cashman, Cork 27.37; 35. Patrick Byrne, Kilkenny 27.39; 36. Christopher Flannery, Kerry 27.45; 37. D. Doyle, Kilkenny 27.48; 38. Desmond Feeney, Galway 27.52; 39. Stephen Guggan, Donegal 27.57; 40. David Cullinan, Offaly, 28.05;
41. Pdraig Lambert, Laois 28.06; 42. Sean McDermott, Galway 28.23; 43. Gerard Carr, Galway 28.27; 44. Jonathon Diver, Donegal 28.31; 45. John Browne, Wexford 28.33; 46. Colm Dobbis, Wexford 28.37; 47. Jason O'Brien, Wexford 28.48; 48. John Breen, Wexford 28.53; 49. David Hickey, Tipperary 28.55; 50. Willie Maher, Wexford 29.02;
51. Alan Power, Waterford 29.03; 52. John Doran, Tipperary 29.10; 53. Eddie Comber, Galway 29.11; 54. Declan Carron, Donegal 29.12; 55. Shane Scanlon, Waterford 29.16; 56. Alan Browne, Wexford 29.20; 57. I. O'Sullivan, Cork 29.22; 58. Denis Shanaghan, Tipperary 29.28; 59. Aidan Power, Waterford 29.32; 60. Willie Hanley, Tipperary 29.39;
61. Gabriel Murtagh, Westmeath 29.42; 62. Damien Monaghan, Westmeath 29.53; 63. Nial McGovern, Kilkenny 30.00; 64. Pat Phelan, Tipperary 30.05; 65. Mark Wickham, Wexford 30.07; 66.

David Reid, Kilkenny 30.11; 67. Michael Kelly, Offaly 30.14; 68. James Maguire, Waterford 30.15; 69. Gerry Rabbitte, Galway 30.28; 70. Paul Fahey, Galway 30.32;
71. Brian Whelan, Waterford 30.37; 72. John Donohue, Westmeath 31.00; 73. Cornials Marchell, Tipperary 31.12; 74. Thomas Phelan, Tipperary 31.23; 75. Declan Campbell, Galway 31.31; 76. Declan Hearne, Waterford 31.39; 77. Ken Daly, Offaly 31.50; 78. James Tierney, Tipperary 31.51; 79. David Comerford, Kilkenny 32.03; 80. John Helfeman, Offaly 32.07;
81. Rory Phillips, Tipperary 32.16; 82. Darren Hanniffy, Offaly 32.21; 83. P.J. Mullaly, Offaly 32.23.

Junior Men's Teams
1. Cork 67 (1, 3, 12, 15, 17, 19); 2. Dublin 68 (2, 6, 8, 14, 18, 20); 3. Galway 213 (10, 27, 38, 42, 43, 53).

Junior Women
1. C. McGranaghan, Donegal 15.38; 2. C. Vaughan, Cork 16.03; 3. M. O'Riordan, Cork 16.09; 4. Fionnuala Canning, Individual 16.19; 5. Gail Culliton, Tipperary 16.21; 6. M. Meade, Cork 16.29; 7. Stephanie Crossan, Donegal 16.37; 8. Margaret Sweeney, Dublin 16.58; 9. Mgt. McPartland, Clare 17.00; 10. B. McSweeney, Cork 17.03; 11. Michelle Moloney, Lk. 17.04; 12. C. Kelleher, Cork 17.05; 13. Nualla Power, Lk. 17.08; 14. Catherine Freeman, Dublin 17.17; 15. C. Meagher, Cork 17.32; 16. Marie Delahunty, Kilkenny 17.34; 17. Elizabeth Multany, Offaly 17.34; 18. Catherine Dorney, Tipperary 17.35; 19. Mary Dullaghan, Clare 17.37; 20. Deirdre Walsh, Tipperary 17.48;
21. Siobhan O'Keefe, Limerick 17.54; 22. Mary Multany, Offaly 17.56; 23. Christine Geoghan, Limerick 17.57; 24. Jean Noonan, Limerick 17.58; 25. J. Henchion, Cork 18.02; 26. Emily O'Kelly, Tipperary 18.03; 27. Colette Brennan, Laois 18.04; 28. Patricia Multany, Offaly 18.06; 29. Ann M. Chute, Tipperary 18.13; 30. Gemma Costello, Dublin 18.23;
31. Siobhan Moore, Laois 18.30; 32. Alice Brennan, Laois 18.32; 33. Catherine O'Farrell, Tipperary 18.34; 34. Olivia Brennan, Carlow 18.37; 35. Olivia Dullaghan, Clare 18.46; 36. Roslyn Feeley, Dublin 18.48; 37. Anglia Hogan, Tipperary 18.52; 38. Siobhan Dowling, Carlow 18.53; 39. Sinead Duggan, Carlow 18.58; 40. M. Lynch, Kilkenny 19.06;
41. S. Cummins, Kilkenny 19.18; 42. A. Musgrave, Dublin 19.39; 43. R. O'Brien, Laois 19.57; 44. C. Multany, Offaly 20.03; 45. J. Dowling, Carlow 20.24; 46. S. Beatty, Clare 20.29; 47. F. Keane, Indiv. 20.47; 48. M. Gannon, Indiv. 21.54; 49. J. Mitchell, Indiv. 22.20; 50. P. Brophy, Laois 27.21.

Junior Women Teams
1. Cork 21 (2, 3, 6, 10); 2. Limerick 68 (11, 13, 21, 23); 3. Tipperary 69 (5, 18, 20, 26).

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