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FOOTNOTES



Award For Brother Dooley

THE WINNER of the Jurys Hotel Group Sports Star Award for March 1992 was Brother John Dooley, the inspiration behind the North Monastery athletics teams over the past few years. He has coached the school senior team to victory in the All-Ireland Schools Athletic Championships for the past four years.

His own athletic successes include winning the national senior

1500m title at Banteer and beating the then almost invincible Noel Carroll in the prestigious 1000 yards at Iveagh Grounds in 1972.

Unfortunately, injury forced Brother Dooley to turn to coaching, where he has been very successful in both schools international team coaching and coaching such outstanding Irish athletes as Ray Flynn and, more

recently, Mark Carroll.

Brother Dooley is pictured here being presented with his prize by Mr. Richard Bourke, General Manager, Jurys Hotel, Cork.

Also in the picture are members of the victorious North Monastery four-in-a-row cross country athletics team - Trevor Foolkes, Martin McCarthy, George Murray, David O'Carroll and Roy Fahey.

Too Much Technology

FEARS are growing that international track and field has come to rely too heavily on mechanical devices. Tape measures, stop watches, finishing tapes and all hand-used equipment has been replaced by electronics, computers and automation. This is all very well for the technocrat; but what about the athlete who used to like the feel of breaking the tape, the excitement of looking over the long jump judge's shoulder as he measured a good jump, or the comfort of composing himself before an attempt at the high jump without a maddening clock ticking away the seconds remaining?

And anyway, who is to say all this fancy new equipment will work without a hitch? There are

now many recorded instances of computer errors, equipment malfunctions or simply stupid officials - like the one who gave a high jumper a red flag indicating his time was up on the clock only to admit after an almighty row that he had forgotten to even start the clock!

We can look forward to state-of-the-art equipment at the upcoming Olympic Games in Barcelona. But will it measure up? Will the Games be run by computer programmers who have little "feel" for athletics? Will the human touches be submerged in technical detail? We should not welcome all "advances", which may be good for equipment manufacturers but not good for athletes or the sport.

Richard's Return

THAT well known poet, wit, raconteur and singer of dodgy songs, Richard Gallagher, has decentralised from his Dublin fastness to Knockatee in the Castleisland hinterland. And the move has rejuvenated his stale limbs to the point where he is winning medals again; in Kerry Championships no less. Regular training sessions with the progressive men and women of Riocht AC have conditioned the bearded bard, while the fresh air and ceaseless deluge have hardened his soft urban coil into a steely human spring. Watch out for a new, improved Gallagher on the roads, tracks and magazine racks.

• EIGHTY YEAR OLD Paddy Whelan from Walkinstown will lead Ireland's challenge in the European Veterans Championships in Kristiansen, Norway from June 27th to July 27th next. Paddy has entered all events on the track from 100m to 1500m.

Other Irish entries for Norway are Frank Hearn - 400m and 800m over 50, Sean Cowler - 100m, 200m and 400m over 65, Ray Whitehead - 800m over 40, Tadhg Lynch - 1500m and 5000m over 60 and Bobby King in the road and track walks.

All these Irish athletes are capable of winning medals and we look forward to some good results from Kristiansen.

• GOOD NEWS for the veterans movement is that BLE decided at its April Congress to hold a National Veterans Indoor Track and Field Championship each winter.

There will be only one category for men (over 40) and for women (over 35), which is a pity, as at least one track and one field event for the over 50 or over 55 age group would surely be an encouragement to the older athletes.

The fact that there are now Indoor Track & Field Championships as well as Cross Country and Outdoor Track & Field Championships for veterans is certainly to be welcomed.

• BIRMINGHAM is the venue for the World Veterans 10K and 25K Road Championships. On September 29th the 10K will be held, followed by the 25K on the 30th.

There are also non-championship 20K (for women) and 30K (for men) walks. Both walking events are scheduled for Sept. 29th.

Entries for all the Birmingham races (which will be attended by Emil Zatopek, the great Czech star of the '48 and '52 Olympics) should be sent to Tadhg Lynch, 84 Fortfield Road, Dublin 6 immediately. Sixty Irish veteran runners are expected to make the short trip to Birmingham for these important championship races.

• BECAUSE of the postal strike, the organisers of the Causeway Coast Marathon on July 18th will accept entries on the day and waive the late entry fee charge. Entry fee is £7.50 and the marathon starts at 11am in Portstewart, Co. Derry. Contact Peter Ferris (Tel 08-0265-44141 Ext 4529).