

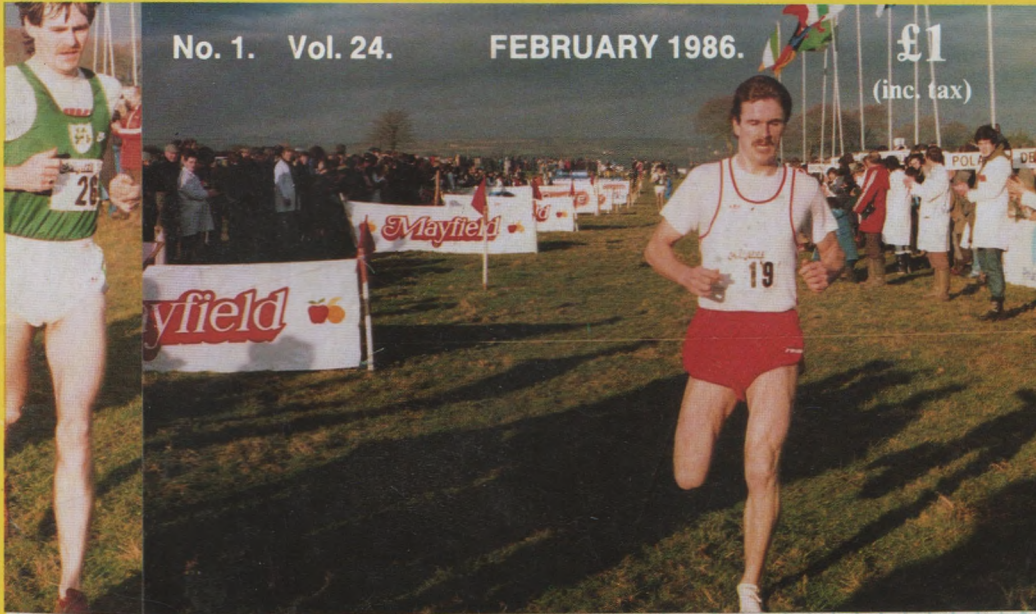
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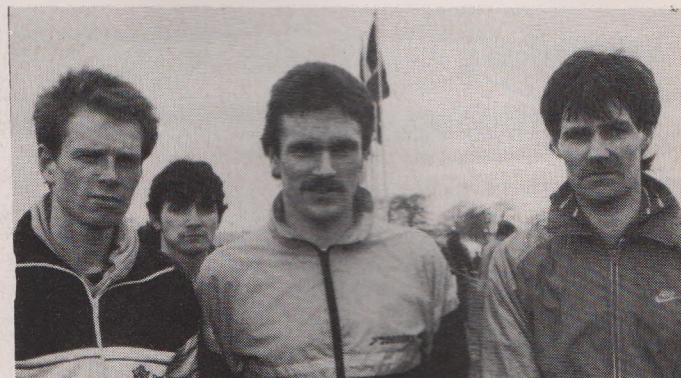


The Mayfield Fruit Fermoy International C.C.

26/11/1986



Early stages of the ladies race.



Left to right: Peter Tootel, 3rd; Eamonn Martin, 1st; John Woods, 2nd.

“Beautiful” was how I heard the condition of the going described at this year’s international event. The weather, although cold, was not as bad as in previous years. One thousand spectators were treated to some fine entertainment.

Those who turned up will always remember the stirring finish to the ladies’ race where Valerie O’Mahony really became of age to come from a seemingly hopeless position inside the last 250 metres to capture her most prestigious title to date.

Valerie really has matured this Winter into a fine athlete. She has at last been able to undertake and complete a schedule which heretofore seemed impossible due to endless viral infections. She must be looking forward to an exciting track season. We wish her well.

The men’s race was listed as having 12 international teams competing – after the initial mad gallop the field settled down for approximately 1,000. When Samson Obwocha surged and was covered by Robert Costello, Marco Milani (Italy), Adrian Callan (Scotland B), Peter Tootel (England), Tony O’Leary (Ireland), John Woods (Ireland) and Eamon Martin (England) who both looked ominously relaxed and so it proved.

Woods and Martin followed for a while then surged clear. It soon developed into a real head-to-head between Woods and Martin. Woods has proved over the last four years to be one of Ireland’s unsung heroes and he gave it all trying to break the Englishman who was the 1984 English C.C. champion. Several times he tried to

shrug off the attentions of the Englishman who never budged an inch.

Martin relied on his superior track speed (5,000m 13.20) and this certainly proved to be his royal flush. As he was going out into the country a small gap appeared which gradually he increased all the way to the line to make it stand at 10 seconds.

Woods lost nothing in defeat and should now be given automatic selection for the World Championships.

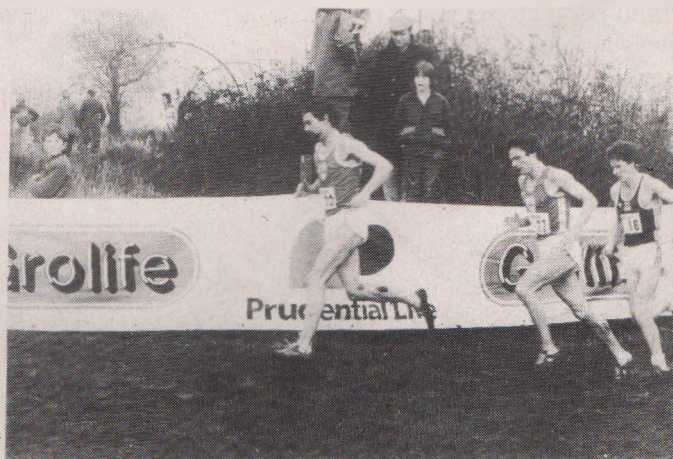
Tootel hung in for third in front of the fast-finishing Scot, Adrian Callan, who collared Faustini (Italy) in the finishing straight. Next came Eric de Beck, former World Senior Champion of 1974, ahead of

the tall German, Spoettel, and the tired-looking Samson Obwoche who, we later learned, pulled a muscle which certainly didn’t help him.

Of the Irish Neil Cusack, whilst staying off the early pace, came through powerfully. The next Irishman home and the only Irish winner of this race, Gerry Deegan, made a significant improvement on his inter-counties form and should be in top gear for the Nationals in late February. Tony O’Leary and Robert Costello finished 14th and 15th respectively.

The men’s Castlelyons Milk Open 6,000m was won by a very dominant Bill Lacey of Kilkenny from two top-class veterans, John Buckley and the tough as nails Myles McHugh.

If we could levy some constructive criticism on the event I think to attract more spectators major Irish names must race and more top-class internationals, rather than just internationals for international sake. A series of juvenile races would also help to swell the crowd.



Neil Cusack heads fellow Limerickman Robert Costello.

Mayfield Fruit Fermoy International

RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...RESULTS...

1. V. O'Mahony, Togher A.C. 13.47; 2. I. Delagrance, Belgium, 13.48; 3. E. Palm, Sweden 13.51; 4. A. Keenan, Clonliffe A.C. 13.54; 5. C. Price, Scotland 13.56; 6. M. Donoghue, Clonliffe 14.02; 7. M. Friel, Crusaders 14.26; 8. P. Rother, Scotland 14.30; 9. C. Hourihan, Clonliffe 14.33; 10. M. McCauleen, Clonliffe 14.36; 11. C. McCarthy, Bandon A.C. 15.04; 12. F. Murphy, D.C.H. 15.06; 13. M. Lyons, St. Finbarrs, 15.07; 14. A. Sayers, D.C.H. 15.08; 15. C. Nolan, Pearse A.C. 15.18; 16. J. Hough, St. Finbarrs 15.32; 17. M. McInerney, Leevale 15.51; 18. E. Prunty, Leevale 16.13; 19. H. Geaney, Leevale 16.18; 20. D. Barrett, West Limerick 16.37; 21. A. Wagner, St. Finbarrs 17.04; 22. M. Roche, Lismore A.C. 18.06; 23. D. Kelly, Pearse A.C. 18.40.

INTER CLUB

1. Clonliffe Harriers A.C. 4, 6, 9, 19pts; 2. St. Finbarrs A.C. 13, 16, 21, 50pts; 3. Leevale A.C. 17, 18, 19, 54pts.

MAYFIELD FRUIT SENIOR MENS INTERNATIONAL RACE 10,000m

1. Eamonn Martin, England 30.51; 2. John Woods, Ireland 31.01; 3. Peter Tootel, England 31.20; 4. Adrian Callan, Scotland 31.22; 5. A. Faust, Italy, 31.26; 6. Charlie Haskett, Scotland A 31.30; 7. Marco Milani, Italy 31.32; 8. Eric Debeck, Belgium 31.38; 9. Michael Spottel, West Germany 31.40; 10. Samson Obwocha, Kenya 31.41; 11. Neil Cusack, Ireland C 31.42; 12. Ed. Stewart, Scotland A 31.45; 13. Gerry Deegan, Waterford 31.51; 14. Tony O'Leary, Ireland C 31.52; 15. Robert Costello, Ireland A, 32.01; 16. John O'Toole, Tullamore 32.07; 17. Jimmy Falcon, Ireland B, 32.12; 18. Ed. Van Gemeren, Holland, 32.14; 19. Weislow Perscke, Poland, 32.21; 20. Juhani Holopainen, Scotland, 32.25; 21. Tommy Moloney, Thurles Crokes, 32.34; 22. Bo Orrsveden, Sweden, 32.40; 23. J. J. Doyle, Ireland 32.48; 24. Gerard Krippner, West Germany, 32.53; 25. Krzysztof Wesolowski,

Poland, 32.57; 26. Paul O'Callaghan, Waterford, 33.03; 27. Liam O'Brien, East Cork, 33.07; 28. Marcel Versteeg, Holland, 33.13; 29. Martin Casey, Togher, 33.15; 30. Richard Clifford, Burgerland, 33.20.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

1. England 1, 3, 4pts; 2. Italy 5, 7, 12pts; 3. Ireland A 2, 15 17pts; 4. Scotland A 6, 12 18pts; 5. Ireland C 11, 14, 25pts; 6. West Germany 9, 24, 35pts; 7. Scotland 4, 32 36pts; 8. Ireland B 17, 23, 40pts; 9. Poland 19, 25 44pts; 10. Holland, 18, 28 46pts.

31. M. McDonnell, West Limerick 33.25; 32. P. Faulds, Scotland, 33.30; 33. T. Bruder, West Limerick, 33.36; 34. D. McCarthy, East Cork 33.47; 35. S. Doig, Scotland, 33.50; 36. J. Scanlon, West Limerick, 33.53; 37. P. Heffernan, Thurles Crokes, 33.54; 38. B. Meade, East Cork, 34.04; 39. M. Gleeson, Burgerland, 34.12; 40. J. Tobin, Thurles Crokes, 35.06; 41. W. O'Rourke, Leevale, 35.28; 42. M. Gahan, Clonmel, 35.45; 43. D. Jordan, Slaneyside 36.10.

INTER CLUB

1. Burgerland/Limerick A.C. 15, 30, 39 84pts; 2. Thurles Crokes, 21, 37, 40, 98pts; 3. East Cork, 27, 34, 38, 99pts; 4. West Limerick 31, 33, 36, 100pts.

Castle Lyons Milk Men's Open Race

(6,000m): 1 B. Lacey (St. Senan's) 19.46; 2. J. Buckley (St. Finbarr's) 20.02; 3. M. McHugh (Premier) 20.06; 4. M. Cotter (North Cork) 20.09; 5. L. Cotter (St. Finbarr's) 20.15; 6. J. Delaney (Grange) 20.19; 7. M. Griffin (St. Nicholas) 20.24; 8. T. Meaney (Limerick) 20.24; 9. S. Harte (St. Finbarr's) 20.28; 10. S. Hartnett (East Cork) 20.30; 11. T. Wilson (Leevale) 20.31; 12. T. Owens (St., Nicholas) 20.33; 13. E. McEvoy (St. Finbarr's) 20.35; 14. M. Cleary (Premier) 20.41; 15. P. Kerrigan (Mallow) 20.52.

Over 35: 1 S. Creegan (Croon) 21.13 **Over 40:** 1 C. Brennan (Reenavanna Harriers) 21.50. **Over 45:** 1 F. Moore (St. Senan's) 21.46. **Over 50:** 1 B. O'Dwyer (Premier) 22.48.

CROSS COUNTRY ? QUIZ ?

By
Dan Lawrence

The answer to question 39 in our Christmas quiz was wrong. Dick Hooper finished twenty first, not eleventh which was the Irish team's placing. Louise McGrillen was on the Irish team that won the Home Countries in '81, but did not make the scoring four. Steve Jones was fourth and not third in Fermoy, but the placings were reversed in London. Apologies if these errors caused you annoyance and congratulations to those who spotted them and beat the quiz master. Let's hope we can do better with our cross country quiz ?

1. John Treacy twice won the World Cross Country Championships. What was his best placing as a junior ?
2. How many times has John contested the B.L.E. Senior Cross Country Championships, and what place did he finish when he did so ?
3. Who did Cork replace as Inter Counties Cross Country Champions in 1984 ?
4. Who was the last Dublin man to win the B.L.E. Senior Cross Country Championships.
5. Who are the current holders of the B.L.E. National Inter Club Cross Country Championships.
6. Which currently active athletes, male and female have made most appearances at the World Cross Country Championships for Ireland.

7. Name all the winners of the World Cross Country Championship since John Treacy.
8. Which of them was defeated in February before winning the championship?
9. Which former Crusaders athlete represented Canada at last year's World Championships.
10. Who was the last man to win the B.L.E. Cross Country Championships and the B.L.E. Marathon in the same year, and from which was he subsequently disqualified?
11. Which athletics journalist was employed as motivator to the Irish team that took second place in the World Championships in Limerick ?
12. Name the Limerickman that has won the National Veterans Cross Country Championship on the two occasions that he contested it, in the last four years ?
13. In 1981 the girl who finished sixth in the B.L.E. Championships, lost her place on the Irish team after a special trial was held but went on to win the Championship twice in the last three years. Who is she ?
14. In 1983 a girl who only came third in the National Junior Cross Country Championship, went on to represent Ireland in that year's World Cham-

- pionships at Gateshead and is the last Munster woman to do so. Who is she ?
15. In 1984 the same girl won the N.I.A.A. and B.L.E. Cross Country Championships. Who is she ?
 16. Right watch this one. Of the six Irishwomen to represent Ireland at the '84 Los Angeles Olympics, i.e. Roisin Smyth, Patricia Walsh, Mary Parr, Caroline O'Shea, Carey May and Regina Joyce, two contested that year's B.L.E. Cross Country Championships. Which two ? Give yourself five bonus points if you get this right.
 17. Name the daughter of a Cork father that finished second to Greta Waitz in the '83 World Cross Country Championships and the country she represented ?
 18. Between 1983 and 1985 a Kilkenny girl was never out of the first two in the National Junior Championships and won the title twice, who was she ?
 19. Who finished 4th in the B.L.E. Mens Junior Championship at Rathkeale in '83 and second in the Senior Championships at Killenaule last March ?
 20. Which club did Tom O'Gara lead to victory in the National Junior Championships in Killenaule.

(Answers page 50)