

## THERE IS NO FINISH LINE

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## Cork City **Sports**

## 9 July By Michael Joyce

THE ANNUAL Dairygold Cork City Sports were run on a fine but cold and windy night at the Mardyke. Like last year, there was a three way international match between Ireland. Russia and the Southern Counties of England. The match result seemed academic. Russia were the easy winners, mainly as a result of their dominance in the field events

Most of the field events were held at the Regional track in the afternoon. One encouraging Irish performance there was that of Nick Sweeney in the discus, who once again threw over 60 metres for second place.

The main event on track was the Bord Gais Mile featuring local hero, Marcus O'Sullivan. The Sports Chairman, Ray Shanahan, was the rabbit in this event and the field passed the half way mark in 1.58,6, From there on, Marcus had to rely on all his great ex-perience, determination and true grit to hold off Niall Bruton, Mark Carroll and Eng lishman, Matt Defreitas. All four were under four minutes, Mark Carroll becoming the 23rd Irishman to break that particular barrier, Marcus looked tired, which was not surprising as it was his fourth race in eight days. As always, he said, he got a special thrill winning before his home crowd.

The 5,000m had another World Indoor Champion, Frank O'Mara, in action. Frank bided his time until the last lap when he surged clear with ease to win impressively in 13.49, with Frank Hanley second and Noel Cullen third.

There was a local success story in this race, too, when young David Healy achieved the European Junior qualifying mark, finishing in 14.24.2.

The Russians dominated all the sprints, while David Matthews had a gutsy run in the 800m, being just pipped by Michael Guegan of the Southern Counties

T. J. Kearns had a great win in the 110m hurdles in a wind-assisted 13.65, while Sean Cahill must have been pleased with his 13.87 in fourth place.

Another local, Darren Keenan, won the Junior 1,500m in 3,49,88, which was just outside the European Junior qualifying time. Darren must have himself to blame for continuously looking behind over the last 200m



· Irish Victory: Frank O'Mara wins 5,000m.

There is no doubt that he has a lot of room for improvement.

The novelty event was the Celebrity 100m, which was won by Jack Clarke from his rugby friend Ken Murphy, with Declan Daly (soccer) close up third. This event was in aid of GOAL and one felt that if the Sports had a few more events of this type on the programme it would certainly add to the occasion

The pole vault, as usual, attracted the attention of all the young fans and they were not disappointed in seeing Englishman Nick Buckfield clear an excellent 5.41m.

The women's sprints were dominated by the Russians. The 800m was an exciting affair, with Aisling Molloy being just pipped by Englishwoman Lynn Gibson. Aisling was just back after illness and was pleased with her run.

It was originally intended that the 3,000m would be the main event. In Sonia O'Sullivan's absence, Geraldine Hendricken was the main Irish hope and she gave the two American women, Procacio

and Freaney, plenty to worry about, finishing a close up third to them. While the win-

ning time was a respectable 8.57.58 it was still almost half a minute outside Sonia's time

the following night in Oslo. In that regard Sonia was certainly justified in opting for Oslot

Terri Horgan was an impressive winner of the long jump in 6.31, while the Irish relay team ran extremely well behind Russia.

#### MEN 100m

1. A. Fedoriv, Rus 10.19; 2. M. Rosswess, Birchfield Hrs. 10.23; 3. Y. Mizera, Rus 10.41; 5. N. Ryan, Irl 10.64; 6. J. Pamplin Irl 10.73;

### 200m

1. A. Porkhomosky, Rus 20.67; 2. N. Stickings, Southern Counties 20.84; 3. P. Goedluck, Southern Counties 21.15; 4. C. Haddock, Irl 21.34; 5. S. McAteer, Irl 21.54; 200 'B

1. O. Bartemev, Rus 21.14; 2. V. Simenov, Rus 21.48; 3. G. Ryan, Nenagh Olympic 21.63;

1. D. McKenzie, Southern Counties 46.54; 2. W. McDonald, Southern Counties 46.81; 3. P. Sanders, Southern Counties 47.07: 5. A. Foran, Irl 48.26; 6. S. Newman, Irl 48.34; 800m

1. M. Guegan, Southern Counties 1.50.69; 2. D. Matthews, Irl 1.51.05; 3. C. Winrow, Wigan AC 1.51.32; 4. D. English, Irl 1.51.41; 6. K. Nason, Leevale 1.53.14: Mile

1. M. O'Sullivan, Irl 3.57.99; 2. N. Bruton, Irl 3.58.29; 3. M. Carroll, Irl 3.58.64; 5000m

1. F. O'Mara, Irl 13.49.20; 2. F. Hanley, Id 13.51.57; 3. N. Berkeley, Irl 13.61.90;

### 4 x 100m Relay

1. Russia 39.53; 2. Ireland 'A' 41.13; 3. Ireland 'B' 42.31;



The Young and the Old: Eamonn Coghlan, Mark Carroll and Marcus O'Sullivan.



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4 x 400m Relay

1. Southern Counties 3.10.30; 2. Russia 3.13.07; 3. Ireland 'A' 3.13.79; 4. Ireland 'B' 3.18.59:

110m Hurdles

1. T. J. Kearns, Irl 13.65; 2. H. Teape, Southern Counties 13.71; 3. T. Uidakov, Rus 13.83; 4. S. Cahill, Irl 13.87; Junior 1500m

1. D. Keenan, Leevale 3.49.88; 2. P. O'Keeffe, UCC 3.51.23; 3. G. Blair, DSD 3.52.56:

Celebrity 100m

1. J. Clarke, Rugby; 2. K. Murphy, Rugby; 3. D. Daly, Soccer

High Jump

1. S. Maiche, Rus 2.18; Joint 2. F. Ahmed, Southern Counties, M. Mandy, Irl 2.05; Joint 4. A. Burke, Irl, P. Henderson, Southern Counties 2.05;

Long Jump

1. V. Sokov, Rus 7.78; 2. B. Williams, Cannock and Staffs 7.78; 3. C. Cotter, Southern Counties 7.78, 6, M. Hallihan, Irl 7.28:

Pole Vault

1. N. Buckfield, Southern Counties 5.41; 2. K. Hughes, Southern Counties 4.60; 3. J. Hallissey, Irl 4.40;

Shot

1. N. Spratley, Southern Counties 17.56; 2. D. Calloway, Southern Counties 17.37; 3. M. Petrov, Rus 17.31;

Discus 1. S. Liakhov, Rus 60.76; 2. N. Sweeney, Irl 60.54; 3. L. Marar, Russia 52.28; 5. L. Gleeson, Irl 44.66;

Javalin

1. A. Schepin, Rus 77.88; 2. M. Robinson, Southern Counties 77.54; 3. T. McHugh, Irl 76.04; 5. R. Berry, Irl 52.66; Hammer

1. S. Gavrilov, Rus 73.86; 2. J. Byrne, Southern Counties 71.10; 3. P. Vivian, Southern Counties 65.46; 4. J. Mona-han, Irl 49.48; 5. S. Whitney, Irl 30.06:

56lbs Distance

1. G. Serguel, Rus 25ft 11inches; 2. M. Petrov, Rus 23.10, 3. G. Connell, Irl 22.101/2; 4. L. Braham, Irl

WOMEN 100m

1. E. Mizera, Rus 11,23: 2. O. Voranova, Rus 11.37; 3, S. Dolmatova, Rus 11.42; 6. M. Carroll, Irl 11.64; 8. E. Hastrap, Irl 11.95; 200m

1. E. Mizera 22.96; 2. S. Jacobs, Southern Counties 23.52; 3. I. Radeeva, Rus 23.84; 6. E. Hastrap 24.67; 400m

1. E. Golisheva, Rus 53.11; 2. Chebykina, Rus 53.15; 3. Keough, Southern Counties 54.06; 5. E. Nicholson, Irl 55.52; 6. G. Keogh, Irl 59.14; 7. D. O'Riordan, Togher 63.50;

1. L. Gibson, Southern Counties 2.04.38; 2. A. Molloy, Irl



Young Pretender: Mark Carroll leads Marcus O'Sullivan.

2.04.65; 3. J. Jones, Southern Counties 2.04.97; 6. B. Kavanagh, Irl 2.08.40; 3000m

1. G. Procacio, USA 8.57.58;

2. K. Freaney, USA 8.58.50; 3. G. Hendricken, Irl 9.00.34; 6. R. Lambe, Irl 9.06.94;

100m Hurdles

1. S. Farquarson, Southern Counties 13.3; 2. M. Campbell, Southern Counties 13.7; 3. E. Murphy, Irl 14.5; 4. A.

Power, Leevale 15.1; 5. J. O'Gorman, Nenagh Olympic 18.1:

4 x 100m Relay

1. Russia; 2. Ireland; 3. Southern Counties:

High Jump

1. E. Rodiva, Rus 1.83; 2. S. Foley, Irl 1.76; 3. K. Roberts. Southern Counties 1.76; Long Jump

1. T. Horgan, Irl 6.31; 2. H. Garrett, Southern Counties 6.09; 3. J. Stokes, Irl 6.01; Shot

1. M. Sugee, Southern Counties 17.06; 2. M. Lynes, Southern Counties 16.03; 3. I. Grachena, Rus 13.84; 4. M. Mahon, Irl 12.42; 5. E. Gavin, Irl 11.69:

Discus

1. I. Grachova, Rus 57.36; 2. D. Callaway, Southern Counties 51.66; 3. T. Axton, Southern Counties 51.12; 4. M.

Mahon, Irl 38.30; 5. M. Halpin, Irl 35.98:

Javelin

1. E. Medvedeva, Rus 53.54; 2. N. Bradshaw, Southern Counties 50.54; 3. M. T. Real, Irl 48.04; 6. G. Costello, Irl 38.84;

Hammer

1. O. Kuzenkova, Rus 62.60; 2. E. Augee 53.44; 3. F. Whitehead, Southern Counties 50.26; 4. N. Lenihan, Irl 36.50;



· Presentation Time: (Left to Right) Michael Lovell, Chairman, Dairygold Foods, Frank Hanley (2nd 5000m), Frank O'Mara (1st), Noel Berkeley (3rd), Denis Cronin, Chairman Dairygold Co-op and Ray Shanahan, Chairman, Cork City Sports.