

AVIVA All-Ireland Schools Titles for Harrington & Mulcaire



Munster athletes competed well at the recent AVIVA All-Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships in Cork I.T. on Saturday 8th March. There were gold medal wins for **Caioimhe Harrington** (Colaiste Pobail Bheanntrai /West Muskerry A.C.) in the Junior Girls race (having won the Minor Girls race last year) & **Kevin Mulcaire**, St. Flannan's Ennis/ Ennis Track A.C. in the Intermediate Boys race (his second successive year to win the title). **Darragh McElhinney**, Colaiste Pobail, Bheanntrai/Bantry A.C. won silver in the Minor Boys race with **Fiona Everard**, Maria Immaculate CC, Dunmanway/Bandon A.C. winning bronze in the Intermediate Girls race.

Other athletes who performed very well were **Tamzin Muldowney**, St. Mary's Midleton/Midleton A.C., **Clare Rafter**, Ursuline Thurles & **Alex O'Neill**, Colaiste Mhuire, Ennis/St. Cronan's A.C. who were 3rd, 7th & 8th in the Minor Girls race; **Caoilfhionn O'Dea**, St. Joseph's, Spanish Point/Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C. was 10th in the Minor Boys race; **Laura Nicholson**, Bandon Grammer School/Bandon A.C. was 7th in the Junior Girls race; **Daniel O'Sullivan**, St. Colman's CC Midleton was 10th in the Junior Boys race; **Aisling Kelly**, St. Joseph's, Spanish Point/St. John's A.C. & **Caioimhe Harvey**, St. Joseph's, Kilkee/St. John's A.C. were 9th & 10th in the Intermediate Girls race; **Sean Collins**, St. Flannan's, Ennis/Ennis Track A.C. was 9th in the Intermediate Boys race; **Eileen Rafter**, Ursuline Thurles & **Niamh Cotter**, Colaiste Pobail, Bheanntrai/Bantry A.C. were 5th & 6th in the Senior Girls race with **Darren Dunne**, St. Joseph's, Borrisoleigh/Nenagh Olympic A.C. in 10th place in the Senior Boys race.

In the team competitions, **St. Flannan's Ennis** won the Intermediate Boys competition with the **Ursuline Convent, Thurles** winning the Senior Girls title, **Bandon Grammer School** won silver in the Junior Girls competition & the **Ursuline Convent, Thurles** were 3rd in the Minor Girls competition

6 Munster athletes have now been selected to compete for Ireland at the SIAB Schools Cross Country International in Bolton, England on the Saturday 22nd March & we wish them all the very best of luck.

Junior Girls

- Caoimhe Harrington, Colaiste Pobail, Bheantraí
- Laura Nicholson, Bandon Grammer School

Intermediate Girls

- Fiona Everard, Maria Immaculata CC, Dunmanway

Intermediate Boys

- Kevin Mulcaire St Flannan's College, Ennis, Co Clare
- Barry Keane, St. Declan's, Kilmacthomas
- Fearghal Curtin, Middleton CBS

Report Taken from AAI Website dated Saturday 8th March 2014.

“Siofra Cleirigh Buttner (Colaiste Iosagain) and Andrew Coscoran (St Mary's Drogheda) won the senior races on a thrilling day of cross country running at the Aviva All Ireland Schools Cross Country Championships in Cork CIT on Saturday, 8th of March.

For Cleirigh Buttner it was an historic sixth straight All Ireland Schools title as she romped to victory in a time of 10.34, her Colaiste Iosagain team mate Sarah Mhaolmhúire finished second in a time of 10.43 and Deirdre Healy (Dublin Institute) surprised many to finish third in a time of 10.52

Ursuline Thurles won the team title with a score of 49 points with Colaiste Iosagain 2nd on 53 points and Loreto Kilkenny 3rd (69)

Commenting afterwards Cleirigh Buttner said “I am delighted with that; it's never been done before (6 all Ireland titles) so I am really happy. Next for me is the Athletics Ireland warm weather training camp and then the build up to the World Juniors in Oregon.”

Coscoran and school mate Aaron Hanlon battled it out for the senior boy's title with the two athletes locked together for the majority of the 6,500m race.

Coscoran continued to apply the pressure and won the senior title in a time of 21.58, three seconds ahead of Hanlon in second (22.01).

Commenting afterwards Corscoran said “I am really happy with that, I thought Aaron was going to pull away. I just dug in for as long as I could and managed to get the win. I am going to target the 1500m and maybe the 3k steeplechase on the track next.”

Track specialist David Harper (Rice College Westport) finished a fine third place in the individual race in a time of 22.35. He also had the added bonus of leading his school to the team title with a score of 84 points. St. Fintan’s Sutton finished second on 117 points and St. Malachy’s, Belfast third on 125 points.

Kevin Mulcaire (St Flannan’s, Ennis) dominated the Inter boy’s race with a gun to tape victory. Mulcaire, the defending champion raced out to an early lead and never looked back as he coasted to victory in a time of 17.33. There was a big battle for the minor positions with Shane Hughes (Colaiste Mhuire Mullingar) finishing second (17.50) just ahead of Barry Keane (St Declan’s) on the same time in third.

Mulcaire led St Flannan’s to the team title with a score of 66 points ahead of St. Aidan’s CBS second on 68 points and Rathmore GS third on 122 points.

Rhona Pierce (Skerries CC) and Clodagh O’Reilly (Loreto College, Cavan) were the early leaders in the girl’s intermediate race. Both athletes took turns at the front of the field until Pierce upped the intensity and pace over the last lap and won the title in a time of 14.04. O’Reilly finished second in a time of 14.14 with Fiona Everard (Maria Immaculata CC) third in a time of 14.20.

Skerries CC won the team title with a score of 40 points ahead of Dominican College, Wicklow on 60 points and Rathmore G.S third on 100 points.

Paddy Maher (Dunshaughlin CC) was a runaway winner of the junior boy’s title in a time of 12.24 ahead of James Maguire (St Benildus, Dublin) second in a time of 12.45 with Niall Harvey (Presentation Carlow) third in a time of 12.57.

There was a great three way battle between Caoimhe Harrington (Colaiste Pobail, Bheantraí), Jodie McCann (Rathdown Glenageary) and Nicola Duffy (St Peter’s Dunboyne). Harrington proved the stronger as she won the title in a time of 10.44 with McCann second in a time of 10.47 and Duffy third in a time of 10.55.

Sarah Healy (Holy Child Killiney) won the minor girl’s race in a time of 7.48, which put her 21 seconds clear of Olivia Nelson (Strathearn School, Belfast) (8.09) and Tamzin Muldowney (St Mary’s Midleton) third in a time of 8.12

Sean Corry (Omagh Christian Brothers) won the minor boy’s race in a time of 9.39 with Darragh McElhinney (Colaiste Pobail, Bheantraí) second in a time of 9.52 and Oisín Lyons (Calasanctius College) third in a time of 10.03”