

Munster Juvenile PRO Report –

AVIVA Schools International Combined Events

Schools International Team Medals for Munster Athletes

A strong Munster team of 7 athletes travelled to Scotland to represent their schools province & country at the AVIVA Schools International Combined Events Championships on Saturday 1st December in the Emirates Arena, Glasgow. It was an historic day for the Schools International athletes who made their own history by being the first athletes to compete in the newly built, magnificent Emirates Arena which will host the 2014 Commonwealth Games.

Best team performance on the day for Munster athletes was the Junior Girls team who won Silver behind England. **Laura Cussen (Colaiste Choilm, Ballincollig)** who finished 9th overall on 2955 points & **Vicki Cusack (Nagle Rice Sec. School)** who finished in 16th place on 2588 points (& still has 2 years left in this age group), were both scoring members on the team finishing 3rd & 4th for Ireland. **Sam Healy (Carrigaline C.S.)** our only competitor in the Intermediate Boys competition won a Bronze team medal & finished in 1st place for Ireland & 8th overall on 3217 points.

Best individual performance was **Daniel Ryan (Thurles CBS)** who finished 6th overall on 3045 points (& is still under the age again next year) in the Junior Boys competition behind a very strong English team. **Grace McKenzie (Scoil Mhuire, Crosshaven)** was very unfortunate on the day & would have recorded the best result for Munster but she was controversially disqualified in the 800m & finished in 15th place on 2578 points. Her colleague, **Jayne Pennefather (Carrigaline C.S.)** also suffered misfortune when she twisted her knee in the High Jump, her second last event of the day which meant that she could not take part in the 800m & she finished 16th overall. Based on that, the Irish Girls Intermediate team slipped from 2nd to 4th place in the team competition. **Jack Murphy (CBC)** finished in 15th place in the Junior Boys competition on 2701 points. Congratulations & well done to our 7 athletes who all put in tremendous efforts on the day & proudly represented their schools & Country.

See Full results at this link:-

<http://www.ssaa.co.uk/SSAA/documents/results/2012/SIABpent2012.pdf>

Photos



Part of the outside of the Emirates Arena, Glasgow which will host the 2014 Commonwealth Games



Timetable for the Day



Inside the magnificent Emirates Arena





Heat 1 of the Junior Boys Hurdles



Irish Junior Boys Team who finished in 4th place (L to R: Jack Murphy, Matthew Dalton, Aidan Conneely & Daniel Ryan).



Irish Junior Girls Team who won Silver team medals (L to R: Vickie Cusack, Niamh Kelly, Laura Cussen & Elizabeth Morland).



Irish Intermediate Girls Team who finished in 4th place (L to R: Amy McTeggart, Jayne Pennefather, Niamh Quinn & Grace McKenzie).

AAI Website Report from Schools International Combined Events

The Irish schools' teams travelled to the Emirates Arena in Glasgow, Scotland on the 1st of December for the **Aviva Schools' International Combined Events**.

The Irish team put in some excellent performances and **Elizabeth Morland** of Dunshaughlin Community College produced the most noteworthy of these. Morland finished a fantastic second in the **under 16 event** with a score of **3,446 points**, only 95 points shy of the winner **Kierra Baker** of England. A victory in the long jump and an equal first in the **80m hurdles**,

running 9.17 secs set her on her way to a podium finish. She competed strongly in the high jump, clearing 1.57 m and threw 8.66 m in the shot putt and finished with a brave second place in the 800m, securing the silver medal.

The under 16 event proved to be a successful one as **Niamh Kelly** of **Sacred Heart Drogheda** finished in a superb third place. Kelly finished on **3,242 points** and with the backing of her team mates **Laura Cussen** and **Vickie Cusack**, the Irish team finished second behind a strong English team.

Niamh Quinn finished in eighth place, which proved to be the best of the under 18 girls with 2,967 points. **Amy McTeggart** finished just five points behind her teammate in ninth place. Grace McKenzie of Scoil Mhuire Crosshaven was steadily climbing up the rankings until she was controversially disqualified in the last event of the day, the 800m. McKenzie was in third position with the Irish team in second. However the unfortunate disqualification led to both McKenzie and the Irish team dropping out of medal contention.

Sam Healy of Carrigaline Community School was the best placed of the Irish in the under 18 boys' competition he finished in eighth place. **Ciaran Corrigan** finished a mere 2 points behind Healy after the 5 events. **Christian Robinson** and **Mark Rogers** also performed well scoring above **3,000 points**. The team finished in third place behind teams from Wales and England.

England dominated the under 16 boys competition occupying the top four places. Ireland's **Daniel Ryan** finished with a score of 3,072 points enough to see him place sixth. His second place in the long jump was his best performance of the five events.

Results – SIAB Combined Events International, Emirates Arena, Glasgow.

Girls – U16: 1 K Baker (Eng) 3541 pts; 2 E Morland (Ire) 3446; 3 N Kelly (Ire) 3242. Other Irish - 9 L Cussen 2955; 16 V Cusack 2588. Teams – 1 England 9763, 2 Ireland 9643, 3 Scotland 8873.

U18: 1 O Montez-Brown (Eng) 3345. Irish – 18 N Quinn 2967, 9 A McTeggart 2962, 15 G McKenzie dsq; J Pennefether dns. Teams – 1 England 9742, 2 Scotland 9261, 3 Wales 8933, 4 Ireland 89332.

Boys – U16: 1 H Sutherland (Eng) 3385, Irish – 6 D Ryan 3072, 9 M Dalton 2980, 15 J Murphy 2701, 16 A Conneely 2678. Teams – 1 England 3385, 2 Scotland 9015, 3 Wales 8779, 4 Ireland 8730.

U18: 1 D Omeregbe (Wal) 3690. Irish – 8 Sam Healy 3217, 9 C Corrigan 3215, 11 C Robinson 3040, 12 M Rogers 3019. Teams – 1 Wales 10482, 2 England 10270, 3 Ireland 94671.

COACHING NEWS

Munster Multi-Event Development Squad A Great Success

There were some fantastic development days held for Munster Multi Event athletes in Nenagh Olympic indoor stadium over the last few months. Such was the successful of these coaching days, that we were joined by athletes from Connaught & Leinster. Next Squad session will be held after Christmas & details will be posted on the Munster Athletics website.

The training is run by Squad Coaches Denis Finnerty, Chris Regan, Martin O'Grady, Pat Power, Mary Barrett and a number of other coaches. The sessions are open to all athletes u15+ in 2012 age groups and the cost per session is €5. To be part of the squad please e-mail Chris Regan at chrisregan@eircom.net.

All athletes are to bring a packed lunch, drinks, a notepad & pen on the day.

National Combined Events Squad

Next National Combined Events Squad Day is Sunday 30th December at 1pm in Morton Stadium Santry.