Munster Juvenile PRO Report

The Woodie's DIY AAI Juvenile Even Age Cross Country Championships took place on Sunday 25th November 2012 in Tattersalls, Rathoath, Co. Meath. 28 individual medals were won in total by Munster athletes with National Honours going to Caoimhe Harrington, West Muskerry A.C. who won the Girls U/14 race. Other athletes who were to the fore on the day were Finn Looney, Emerald A.C. who won Silver in the Boys U/12, Ellen McCarthy, Skibbereen A.C., Silver in the Girls U/14, Eoin Looney, Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C. 3rd in Boys U/14, Aoife Hamilton, West Waterford A.C., 3rd in Girls U/16, Luke Horgan, Leevale A.C. 3rd in Boys U/16 & Kyle Larkin, Emerald A.C. 3rd in Boys U/18.

Munster scored well in the Inter-Provincial competition winning 3 Gold (Boys U/12, Girls U/14 & Boys U/16), 4 Silver (Girls U/12, Boys U/14, Girls U/16 & U/18) & 1 Bronze (Boys U/18). In the Inter-County competition, the Munster counties of **Cork, Clare & Waterford** competed well winning 4 Gold (Waterford Boys U/12, Cork Girls U/14, Clare Boys U/14 & Cork Boys U/16), 4 Silver (Cork Girls U/12, Waterford Girls U/14 & U/16, Cork Boys U/18) & 4 Bronze (Clare Girls U/14, Cork Girls U/16, Waterford Boys U/16 & Clare Boys U/18). Munster Clubs also picked up 5 Gold, 2 Silver & 3 Bronze in the Inter-Club competitions. Best Munster Club was **West Waterford A.C.** who won 2 National titles in the Girls U/14 & U/16 & Silver in the Boys U/12 & U/16 races. **West Muskerry A.C.** also won a National title in the Girls U/12 with **Ennis Track A.C. & Leevale A.C.** also taking National titles in the Boys U/14 & Boys U/16 categories. **Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C., Clonmel A.C. & Togher A.C.** also won Bronze in the Boys U/14, Girls U/18 & Boys U/18 competitions.

In the Girls U/12 race, first home for Munster in 4th place was **Rachel Butler** from **Moyne A.C.** with **Hannah Harnett, Limerick A.C.** in 11th place. **West Muskerry A.C.** won the National Inter-Club title with **Cork** taking the Silver medal in the Inter-County competition & Munster winning Inter-Provincial Silver. The Munster team was **Rachel Butler**, **Hannah Harnett**, **Sophie Harrington**, **West Muskerry A.C.**, **Kaithlyn Coffey**, **Leevale A.C.**, **Jennifer Cotter**, **West Muskerry A.C.** & **Caitlin Hurley**, **West Muskerry A.C.**

In the Boys U/12, Waterford athletes came to the fore with Finn Looney, Emerald A.C. winning individual Silver, Cian O'Riordan, West Waterford A.C. in 8th place & Adam Power, Ferrybank A.C. in 11th place. Waterford took the National title in the Inter-County competition with West Waterford A.C. placing 2nd in the Inter-Club competition & Munster winning Gold in the Inter-Provincial competition. The Munster team was Finn Looney, Cian O'Riordan, Adam Power, Ben Whelehan, Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C., James McGuire, Ennis Track A.C. & Seamus Ahern, Carrig na Bhfear.

Caoimhe Harrington, West Muskerry A.C. led the field home in the Girls U/14 race followed closely by Ellen McCarthy, Skibbereen A.C. in 2nd place, Aisling Kelly, St. John's (Clare) A.C. in 6th place, Hannah Power, West Waterford A.C. in 7th & Caoimhe Harvey, St. John's (Clare) A.C. in 11th place. With these excellent results, Munster won the Inter-Provincial competition with Emma Fagan, Newport A.C. the 6th scoring member of the team. In the Inter-County competition, it was a 1, 2 & 3 for Munster with the title going to Cork, Silver to Waterford & Bronze to Clare. West Waterford A.C. took the National title in the Inter-Club competition.

In the Boys U/14 race, there were 4 Munster athletes in the top 10 with **Eoin Looney, Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.** in 3rd place, **Jamie Roche, Ennis Track A.C.** in 6th, **Andrew Turner, Togher A.C.** in 7th & **Michael Power, West Waterford A.C.** in 10th place. Munster claimed Silver in the Inter-Provincial competition with the addition of **Stephen Maher, Ennis Track A.C.** in 16th & **Fiachra Clifford, Star of the Laune A.C.** in 19th place. **Clare** featured very prominently winning the National Inter-County title with **Ennis Track A.C.** & **Kilmurray/Ibrickane A.C.** taking Gold & Bronze in the Inter-Club competition.

There were medals for Aoife Hamilton, West Waterford A.C. (3rd) & Fiona Everard, Bandon A.C. (9th) in the Girls U/16 race with Munster picking up Silver in the Inter-Provincial competition with their team of Aoife, Fiona, Aisling Quinn Ferrybank A.C. (13th), Orla Queally Ferrybank A.C. (15th), Sinead Flynn West Waterford (18th) & Ciara Cummins Nenagh Olympic A.C. (23rd). West Waterford A.C. won Gold & a National title in the Inter-Club competition with Waterford & Cork securing Silver & Bronze medals in the Inter-County competition.

Munster showed its strength again in the Boys U/16 race with 7 athletes finishing in the top 12 -

- 3 Luke Horgan Leevale AC
- 4 Kevin Mulcaire Ennis Track A.C.
- **5 Fergal Curtin Youghal A.C.**
- 7 Liam Harris Togher AC
- **8 David Fox Leevale AC**
- 10 Sean Collins Ennis Track A.C.
- 12 Sean Curran West Waterford A.C.

There was no denying Munster the Gold medal in the Inter-Provincial competition with **Cork** taking Gold in the Inter-County competition & **Waterford** the Bronze medal. **Leevale A.C.** won Gold in the Inter-Club competition with **West Waterford A.C.** in 2nd place.

In the Girls U/18 race, there were individual medals for Jessica Coyne, Dooneen A.C. in 7th place, Rachel O'Shea, West Muskerry A.C. in 9th & Niamh Cotter, Bantry A.C. in 10th place. Munster won Silver in the Inter-Provincial competition with the above 3 girls & Orlaith Moynihan, Clonmel A.C. (20th), Aisling Everard, Bandon A.C. (21st) & Brona Croke, Dooneen A.C. in 22nd. Clonmel A.C. took Bronze in the Inter-Club competition.

Last juvenile race of the day brought more honours for Munster athletes with Kyle Larkin, Emerald A.C. in 3rd & Shane Dineen, Leevale A.C. in 9th place in the Boys U/18. Munster placed 3rd in the Inter-Provincial competition with their team of Kyle, Shane, Brendan O'Connor, An Riocht A.C. (16th), John Durcan, Togher A.C. (18th), Stephen Rooney, Ennis Track A.C. (19th) & Karl Fitzmaurice, Shannon A.C. (20th). Cork came 2nd in the Inter-County competition followed closely by Clare in 3rd place & Togher A.C. finished in bronze medal position in the Inter-Club competition.

Congratulations & well done to all on such excellent results.