

## Munster Juvenile PRO Report –

### All Ireland Schools Combined Events

#### **8 National Medals for Munster at GloHealth Irish Schools Combined Events**



The AIT International Arena, Athlone was the venue for the GloHealth Irish Schools Combined Events Championships on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November. A strong Munster Squad of 21 athletes travelled to the venue which produced an exciting & intense competition as athletes from the four provinces battled it out for the coveted places on the Irish Junior & Intermediate Schools Teams. In the Junior competitions, Munster were represented by **Sophie & Holly Meredith (SMI Newcastlewest)**, **Aisling Cassidy (Bandon Grammer School)**, **Ciara McKeon (Colaiste na Toirbhirte, Bandon)**, **Brian Lynch, (Colaiste Spioraid Naomh)**, **Darragh Minter (Kilrush CS)**, **Jake Vermeer (Comeragh College)**, **Sean Mockler (CBS Thurles)** & **Joseph McEvoy (St. Anne's Killaloe)**. At Intermediate level, our competitors were **Ann Corcoran (Ursuline Waterford)**, **Vicki Cusack (Davis College, Mallow)**, **Kate Taylor (Colaiste Muire Ennis)**, **Daniel Ryan (CBS Thurles)**, **Damien Hickey (Davis College, Mallow)**, **Tony Odubote & Cathal O'Brien (Rice College Ennis)** & **Joseph Minter (Ennistymon CBC)**. Our representatives in the Senior category were **Laoise Bennis, Hazelwood College**, **John Hogan & Saran Mangalasithira (Davis College, Mallow)** & **Jason McGrath, Glanmire CC**. Out of those 21 athletes, 8 National medals were won (3 gold, 4 silver & 1 bronze) with 10 Munster athletes ( 4 girls & 6 boys) also qualifying for the SIAB Schools International competition in the Emirates Arena, Glasgow on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

In the Junior Girls competition, **Sophie Meredith** finished in third place with a score of **3315 points** with Aisling Cassidy in 6<sup>th</sup> place on 3083 points, **Ciara McKeon** in 7<sup>th</sup> on 2862 points & **Holly Meredith** in 10<sup>th</sup> on 2540 points.

In the Intermediate Girls competition, the gold medal went to **Anne Corcoran** in a particularly tight finish with only 15 points separating gold & silver. The silver medal was won by **Vicki Cusack** who finished with **3485 points** with **Kate Taylor** taking 4<sup>th</sup> place on **3303 points**.

**Laoise Bennis** was Munster's only representative in the Senior Girls competition & she did very well winning silver with a total score of **2067 points**.

In the Junior Boys category, **Brian Lynch** put in a terrific & well balanced performance to take gold with **3154 points** with another good performance from **Darragh Miniter** in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on **3010 points** & **Jake Vermeer** in 4<sup>th</sup> place on **2952 points**. **Sean Mockler** was 5<sup>th</sup> on **2835 points** with **Joseph McEvoy** in 6<sup>th</sup> on **2624 points**.

**Daniel Ryan** put in a strong & confident performance in the Intermediate Boys competition, taking gold & a new Irish Schools Record with a winning score of **3785 points**, up 285 points on his score last year. **Damien Hickey** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with a score of **3298 points** with **Tony Odubote** 4<sup>th</sup> on **3196 points**. **Cathal O'Brien** & **Joseph Miniter** were 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> with **3011 points** & **2923 points**.

**Saran Mangalasithira**, **John Hogan** & **Jason McGrath** were Munster's representatives in the Senior Boys category & they competed well to finish in 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> place with **2460**, **2444** & **1863 points**. Congratulations & well done to all our athletes who represented their schools so well on the day.

See Full results at this link:-

[http://munsterathletics.com/results/2015/2015\\_All\\_Ireland\\_CE\\_-\\_Final\\_Results.pdf](http://munsterathletics.com/results/2015/2015_All_Ireland_CE_-_Final_Results.pdf)

Munster's 10 representatives on the SIAB Schools International Irish Team for 2015 are:-

- Sophie Meredith (Junior Girls)
- Brian Lynch, Darragh Miniter & Jake Vermeer (Junior Boys)
- Anne Corcoran, Vicki Cusack & Kate Taylor (Intermediate Girls)
- Daniel Ryan, Damien Hickey & Tony Odubote (Intermediate Boys)

We wish our 10 athletes the very best of luck in Scotland on 12<sup>th</sup> December & hope they are successful in their endeavours on the day.

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**Record breakers O'Connor and Ryan set Athlone alight**

Kate O'Connor (St Vincent's Dundalk) and Daniel Ryan (CBS Thurles) highlighted the GloHealth All Ireland Schools Combined Events Championships in Athlone IT on Saturday November 7th with record breaking performances.

O'Connor dominated the junior girls age group with a tally of 3,865 points to set a new Irish record while Ryan was equally impressive in the intermediate boys with a total of 3,785 points - also a new record.

**Bowler and Burke take Senior titles**

Tim Bowler led a 1-2-3 for St Mary's CBS Enniscorthy in the senior boys with a tally of 3,424 points. James Fortune and Peter O'Connor rounded out the podium with scores of 2,792 and 2,643 respectively.

The St Mary's trio dominated proceedings with Bowler impressing in particular setting marks of 8.56 in the 60m Hurdles, 11.74m in the shot put, 6.17m in the long jump, 23.40 seconds in the 200m and 2:07.76 in the 800m.

Cara Burke (Methodist College Belfast) took the senior girls crown with a tally of 2,349 points ahead of Laoise Bennis (Hazelwood College, Limerick) in second on 2,067 points and Kathleen Craig (Royal & Prior School, Raphoe) on 1,663 points.

**Ryan breaks record in Intermediate boys**

Daniel Ryan dominated the intermediate boys with his tally of 3,785 – 8.15 60m hurdles, 14.84m in the shot put, 6.76m in the long jump, 23.40 in the 200m and 2:11.46 in the 800m. Damien Hickey (Davis

College, Mallow) finished second with 3,298 points. David Dagg (St Benildus College) was third with 3,218 points.

Anne Corcoran (Ursuline Waterford) edged the intermediate girls with 3,500 points ahead of Vicki Cusack (Davis College, Mallow) on 3,485 points, Bronagh Walsh (St Leo's Carlow) finished third on 3,309 points. Corcoran clocked 9.53 seconds for the 60m hurdles, 11.93m shot put, 5.06m long jump, 1.64m high jump and rounded out with 2:30.83 for the 800m.

### **O'Connor a class apart**

Kate O'Connor put in a classy display to win the junior girls with a big score of 3,865 points. Her marks were: 9.42 seconds 60m hurdles, 11.96m shot, 1.70m high jump, 5.40m long jump and a front-running 2:17.16 800m. Anna McAuley (Methodist College Belfast) nabbed the silver with a score of 3,326 points ahead of Sophie Meredith (SMI Newcastle West) on 3,315 points.

Brian Lynch (Colaiste an Spioraid Naomh) won a competitive junior boys competition with a score of 3,154 points – 9.01 60m hurdles, 11.71m shot put, 5.93m long jump, 24.20 200m, 2:10.31 800m. Darragh Miniter (Kilrush Community School) got himself up to second with 3,010 points while Tom Mullan (Holy Cross Strabane) was third with a score of 2,980 points.