

Junior Home Internationals

11-12 September 2010



This year the JHI was organised in the area of the Park World Tour with the Relays being held on Saturday at Kinnoull Hill and the Individual's on Sunday at Devilla. This was Ireland's largest team comprising of 22 juniors – 7 from Northern Ireland and 15 from Southern Ireland:

Relay - Girls

Team 1: Niamh Corbett, Caoimhe O'Boyle, Andrea Stefkova (LVO)
Team 2: Cliona Mc Cullough, Jill Stephens (LVO), Áine Mc Cann (LVO)
Team 3: Deirdre Ryan, Roisin Long, Laura Cox
Adhoc: Megan Getliff

Relay – Boys

Team 1: Jack Millar (LVO), Jonathan Quinn, Sean Knight (LVO)
Team 2: Mark Stephens (LVO), Cathal O'Cleirigh, Conor Short
Team 3: Alex Siminon, Peter Meehan (NWO), Cillin Corbett
Team 4: Laurence Quinn, Donal Kearns, Colm Moran

After the relays on Saturday Ireland had a lead over Wales for the first time in many years: England 54, Scotland 50, Ireland 24, Wales 16. The days racing came to an end with an enjoyable meal and Ceili laid on by the hosts.

Individuals

W14 (3.650km): Caoimhe O'Boyle, Roisin Long, Megan Getliff, Jill Stephens (LVO)
W16 (4.775km): Niamh Corbett, Cliona McCullough, Deirdre Ryan
W18 (6.325km): Áine McCann (LVO), Andrea Stefkova (LVO), Laura Cox

M14 (3.875km): Jonathan Quinn, Cathal O'Cleirigh, Donal Kearns, Peter Meehan (NWOC)
M16 (6.275km): Jack Millar (LVO), Alex Siminon, Laurence Quinn, Mark Stephens (LVO)
M18 (8.325km): Sean Knight (LVO), Conor Short, Cillin Corbett, Colm Moran

Team Manager: Greg McCann
Assistant: Sharon Shaw

The Individual racing brought some good weather and the sun was out. The terrain was moderate to fast in woodland with knee high heather, chest high fern and an extensive path network. Although there was no podium places achieved, Sean, Jack and Áine had top 6 places and the combined efforts of all the Irish team was enough to keep their 3rd position and keep the lead over the Welsh. As a result of the teams effort Ireland brought home the Judith Wingham trophy. Final points: England 125, Scotland 119, Ireland 61, Wales 45.

A big congratulation to everyone who participated in this team effort and made this weekend as enjoyable and remember able as it was. Now the standard has been raised for next year's Irish Junior Squad and the aim it to keep this trophy!

Keep up the training.