

# 1985 ARDARA FESTIVAL 10K

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The runners prepare for the start of the 10 km. road race at Ardara Festival.

## Ardara Festival 10k a Big Success

Surprise, Surprise!!! Your small local festival road race can turn out to be one of the best of the year in Donegal. In Ardara over the past number of years the Festival 10k has become part of the athletics calendar in the North West. This year the race was an outstanding success. This is due to the hard work put into it by the Festival Committee and what an excellent job John Cannon did on promoting the race. All the prizes were sponsored by the Nesbitt Arms Hotel.

Weather conditions for the race were of the Summer '85 variety, wet which indeed made it cool for the athletes. A top class field faced the start including Danny McDaid and Jerry Deegan from Waterford who was spending a few days on holidays in Ardara with his wife and family.

The course was hilly but this did not prevent some fast times being recorded. Gerry Deegan was the eventual winner from Danny McDaid in second place. Deegan did not at all

have an easy time of it and was pushed all the way by Danny. Both men received tremendous acclaim from the crowd who had packed both sides of the street for the event. The race was run over a coarse which brought the runners through the town and this provided for excellent viewing for the people who had come to watch. Time keeper for the event was Eamon Harvey, Donegal Town.

Results co-ordinator was Thomas McBrearty. Prizes were presented by the Lord Mayor of Ardara Charles Bennett in the Nesbitt Arms Hotel.



Festival chairman and Lord Mayor of Ardara Charlie Bennett pictured with Gerry Deegan from Waterford who was 1st in the Ardara 10K road race and Danny McDaid (L.A.C.), who was 2nd.

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| Pos | Name          | Club | Time  |
|-----|---------------|------|-------|
| 1   | G. Deegan     |      | 30.49 |
| 2   | D. McDaid     |      | 31.00 |
| 3   | J. Brennan    |      | 32.45 |
| 4   | F. Ward       |      | 33.32 |
| 5   | D., Bonner    |      | 33.55 |
| 6   | G. Bogle      |      | 34.17 |
| 7   | R. Wilkinson  |      | 34.32 |
| 8   | R. Rushe      |      | 34.41 |
| 9   | J. Bick       |      | 34.56 |
| 10  | N. Martin     |      | 35.40 |
| 11  | O. Thomas     |      | 35.51 |
| 12  | D. Haughey    |      | 36.09 |
| 13  | P. McGurdy    |      | 36.27 |
| 14  | D. McGuinness |      | 36.37 |
| 15  | T. Hare       |      | 36.40 |
| 16  | N. Thomas     |      | 37.21 |
| 17  | P. Donoghue   |      | 37.24 |
| 18  | J. McGlinchey |      | 37.27 |
| 19  | J. McGonagle  |      | 37.45 |
| 20  | A. Doherty    |      | 37.51 |
| 21  | J. Friel      |      | 37.57 |
| 22  | J. Rushe      |      | 38.00 |
| 23  | J. Rutherford |      | 38.07 |
| 24  | M. Bonner     |      | 38.13 |
| 25  | T. McBrearty  |      | 38.25 |
| 26  |               |      |       |