

# 1985 BUNDORAN 10K

Sunday, 06 January 1985

By Ollie Thomas

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The first major road race ever held in Bundoran was a marvelous occasion. The runners came from all over the North-West with some coming from Ballina, Belfast and Dublin. Paddy Donoghue's gift for organizing was tested and not found wanting. The course was perfect, almost flat all the way and clearly marked. All finishers received a beautiful plaque and all were treated to soup at the nearby Maghera Hotel.

The race started at 2:00pm precisely. Paddy McGrath of Belfast Olympic who ran for Ireland the previous day at Mallusk went to the front of the field. At 2k McGrath was pushing the race with Billy Gallagher of Cavan and Paul Ritchie of South Donegal Harriers in close attention. Loughlin Champion of Clonliffe was fourth with Paddy O'Donnell of Killybegs 50m back at this stage. By half way McGrath was away. Billy Gallagher was still second, Champion

had edged past Ritchie and Paddy O'Donnell was beginning to move up. The Killybegs man had a tremendous second half overhauling Ritchie and going on to put pressure on Champion. First lady was Mary Naylor of Ballina. Philip McGuinness showed what a quality vet he is with his 32:42 showing. The first junior man was Kieran Cavanagh of Belfast Olympic and first junior lady was Helena McKinney of C.C.S.

There was a massive showing by athletes from the South of Donegal. Between competitive athletes and joggers there was a total of thirty four from the Donegal Town, Ballyshannon and Bundoran areas. This was a great turnout. Here again Paddy Donoghue and Carol Warnock must take a lot of credit for turning the Bundoran Joggers Club into such a successful group. The S.D.H. scoring team was the strongest of the season so far. While Paul Ritchie was flying the flag up front there was good packing by Ralph Wilson, Pauric Hurley and Ollie Thomas. The fact

that this was such a young team is encouraging.

Before the presentation, Bilchie Travers, Lord Mayor of Bundoran welcomed the fact that all profits are being used to feed the hungry in Africa. S.D.H. Chairman Sean Keenaghan thanked all the athletes for coming and race director Paddy Donoghue thanked the sponsors who were so generous. They included the following, Bundoran Automatic Hire; McSharry Coal Importers; Duncarbery Lodge; Bundoran Hardware; McEniff's Amusements; Michael Walsh Bookmakers; James Doherty Newsagents; Grocer; Page's Amusements; Angler's Rest Restraunt; O'Neill's Lounge and Bar; The Imperial Hotel; Brady's Cavan House; Conlon's Long Lounge; Fitzgeralds Music Centre; The Royal Arms; Palace Hotel; Northern Computer Services; Cullen's Shop and Coal Merchants; Hogan's Bread; Lough Melvin Filling Station; AIB Bank Ballyshannon; The Holyrood Hotel; Dolan's Shop; The Archway Inn; S. Gillespie Bread Agent; The G.A.A. and the Maghera House Hotel.

Pos	Name	Club	Time
1	Paddy McGrath	Belfast Olympic	29.58
2	Billy Gallagher	Cavan	30.42
3	Loughlin Champion	Clonliffe Harriers	30.56
4	Paddy O'Donnell	Killybegs	31.09
5	Paul Ritchie	South Donegal Harriers	31.31
6	PJ Mulhern	Ballina	31.47
7	Tommy Quinn	Belfast Olympic	32.31
8	Hugh O'Halloran	Belfast Olympic	32.39
9	Philip McGuinness (1st Vet)	Sligo	32.42
10	Ronnie Naylor	Ballina	33.03
11	Kieran Cavanagh (1st Junior Man)	Belfast Olympic	33.10
12	Sean Gallagher	Cavan	33.55
13	Gerry Gilfeather	North Sligo	34.13
14	Stephen O'Mahoney	Finner	34.24
15	Ralph Wilson	South Donegal Harriers	34.49
16	Jim Hynes (2nd Vet)	Finn Valley	35.11
17	Pauric Hurley	South Donegal Harriers	35.36
18	Ollie Thomas	South Donegal Harriers	35.42

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Pos	Name	Club	Time
19	Joe McKinney (2nd Junior Man)	Carndonagh	35.49
20	Pat McManus	South Donegal Harriers	35.55
21	Aidan O'Callaghan	Belfast Olympic	36.16
22	Joe McConvoy	Belfast Olympic	36.28
23	Michael Carney	North Sligo	36.35
24	Patrick Brady	South Donegal Harriers	36.39
25	Joe McCaffrey (3rd Vet)	North Sligo	36.48
26	Jackie McGlinchey	Finn Valley	36.58
27	Sean Keenaghan	South Donegal Harriers	37.05
28	Damien Gallagher	South Donegal Harriers	37.07
29	Paddy Donoghue	South Donegal Harriers	37.21
30	Danny Gallagher	Gweedore	37.25
31	Paul Flynn	Calry	37.27
32	Patrick Cannon	Killybegs	37.29
33	John Cannon	Killybegs	37.42
34	Jackie Rushe	Finn Valley	37.54
35	Gerard McLaughlin	Erne Striders	38.00
36	Mary Naylor (1st Lady)	Ballina	38.09
37	Noel Thomas (3rd Junior Man)	South Donegal Harriers	38.16
38	Michael Kerney	Erne Striders	38.24
39	Bernard Rutherford	Finn Valley	38.38
40	Vincent McGovern	Cavan	38.42
41	Noreen Martin (2nd Lady)	Finn Valley	38.45
42	Gerry Hanrathy	Boyle	39.25
43	Tony Monaghan	Erne Striders	39.25
44	Anthony Gallagher	Boyle	39.28
45	Tony Leonard	Unattached	39.30
46	Pat Browne	Carndonagh	39.40
47	Patsy McGonagle	Finn Valley	39.46
48	Owen McKiernan	Cavan	40.04
49	Helena McKinney (1st Junior Woman)	Carndonagh	40.48
50	Seamus McGranaghan	Finn Valley	40.15
51	Damien Thomas	South Donegal Harriers	40.56
52	Agnes McDermott (3rd Lady)	Letterkenny	41.00
53	Ann McGill	Finn Valley	41.37
54	Marie Rooney	South Donegal Harriers	41.42
55	PJ McGrath	South Donegal Harriers	41.43
56	Dan Burns	Erne Striders	42.10
57	Oliver Thomas	South Donegal Harriers	42.20
58	Angela McGinley (2nd Junior Woman)	Finn Valley	42.22
59	Joe Flannery	South Donegal Harriers	42.38
60	Pat O'Loughlin	Belleek	43.20
61	Francie Molloy	Erne Striders	43.53
62	Paddy Meehan	Donegal	43.56
63	Gabriel O'Donnell	South Donegal Harriers	44.08
64	Sean McGolderick	Sligo	44.13
65	Gerry Crossan	Carrick-on-Shannon	44.29
66	Des Cullen	Skreen	44.31
67	Cormac Sculley	Finn Valley	44.32
68	James Gavin	Finn Valley	44.35
69	Des Curley	South Donegal Harriers	45.02
70	John Murphy	Boyle	45.03
71	Pat McCrudden	Finn Valley	45.23

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Pos	Name	Club	Time
72	John Diver	Erne Striders	45.25
73	Pauric White	Bundoran Joggers Club	46.13
74	Gerry Fagan	Donegal	46.13
75	Carol Warnock	South Donegal Harriers	47.15
76	Gerry O'Rourke	Erne Striders	48.40
77	Margaret Quinn	Finn Valley	48.45
78	Christine Kelly (3rd Junior Woman)	Finn Valley	48.50
79	Mary Burns	Erne Striders	49.25
80	Martin Gallagher	Ballyshannon	49.34
81	Aiden Rooney	Donegal	50.23
82	Rosaleen McGonagle	Finn Valley	50.43
83	Aidan Ferguson	Belleek	51.28
84	Martina Brady	Finn Valley	52.10
85	Oliver McCabe	Bundoran Joggers Club	52.54
86	Sang Gallagher	Roscommon	53.19
87	Harriet Clinton	Sligo	53.19
88	Kieran Flannagan	Belleek	53.40
89	K. McCafferty	Donegal	53.52
90	Charlie McCafferty	Donegal	53.52
91	Maura White	Bundoran Joggers Club	54.18
92	Theresa McGowan	Bundoran Joggers Club	55.02
93	Jack Foley	Finn Valley	55.06
94	Noeleen McCabe	Bundoran Joggers Club	55.51
95	Seamus Doherty	Belleek	57.17
96	Nora Keoghane	Bundoran Joggers Club	57.18
97	Gary Foy	Finn Valley	63.09
98	Carmel Mulhern	Bundoran Joggers Club	85.00
99	Patricia McManus	Bundoran Joggers Club	85.00
100	Jackie Carthy	Bundoran Joggers Club	85.00

## Team Prizes

1.	Belfast Olympic	27 points
2.	South Donegal Harriers	55 points
3.	Cavan	102 points
4.	Finn Valley	
5.	Erne Striders	

## Spot prizes were won by the following;

Kieran Flannagan, Belleek;;  
Carmel Mulhern, Bundoran Joggers Club  
Danny Gillespie, Gweedore  
Gerry Kilfeather, North Sligo  
Nora Keoghane, Bundoran Joggers Club  
Francie Molloy, Erne Striders  
Sean McGoldrick, Sligo  
Theresa McGowan, Bundoran Joggers Club  
Tony Leonard, Calry  
Paul Flynn, Calry  
Martina Brady, Finn Valley  
Jackie Carty, Bundoran Joggers Club  
Pat McManus, South Donegal Harriers  
Tony Monaghan, Erne Striders