

BALLYSHANNON 5K 1986

SOUTH DONEGAL HARRIERS 5K SERIES II

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5k Race Attracts Large Entry, piece from Donegal Democrat dated 07th March 1986

Many athletes had their place in the sun at Ballyshannon last Sunday during the running of the second of the South Donegal Harriers Series of races. It was a bright, warm and generally a pleasant day. The result was that many had their most satisfying outing all winter and a new course record of 15.30 by Danny Hannon of Sligo AC.

Seventy eight runners started on the Donegal Road at 2:00pm sharp. This was quite an improvement from the last day in Donegal. While the vast majority were from a twenty mile radius of Ballyshannon, it was nice to see support from Omagh, Finn Valley, Killybegs, Letterkenny, North Leitrim and Sligo. There was a big number of juveniles there from Bundoran and they looked very impressive in their new outfits.

Danny Hannon is a very well regarded road runner in the Sligo-Leitrim area. He is also noted for his front running. On this occasion he went to the front as expected. He was followed closely by Malcolm McCausland with Ollie Thomas also getting involved at an early stage. The race up front was hard and this was always in Hannon's favor. He came away over the last kilometer to win by eight seconds.

Ollie Thomas had a good race. He is at an ideal age for a good athletics career and I look forward to seeing the best of him every time out. Pat Burke who has run well on all sorts of surfaces this winter finished 4th. This was a good outing for him and the main objective for him is the upcoming track season.



First three in the second Series of the S.D.H. 5K Senior Men which was held in Ballyshannon last Sunday. (L-R): Ollie Thomas, S.D.H., (1st), Danny Hannon, Sligo A.C., (1st); and Malcolm McCausland, S.D.H., (2nd).

The first 0-40 was Bertie McGuinn in 5th place overall. His time of 16.27 was a major improvement on his last outing. Jim Hynes of Finn Valley was the 2nd vet. On this occasion Jim Boyle of South Donegal Harriers chased him to within 3 seconds.

Jackie Harvey of South Donegal Harriers is still improving rapidly and on this occasion won the ladies race in 19.27. Colette Woods of Omagh was 2nd and Carol McGartland of Omagh 3rd.

Oliver Thomas (Snr) was determined from the start that he would win a prize. There were those who wondered out loud about his credentials to be in the front row at the start but Oliver proved his point by winning the 0-45 section. Michael Sandilands of Finn Valley kept his 100% record in the 0-50 section.

First U-19 Boy was Michael Drumm from Omagh. Michael is still U-17 also and his 16.46 was excellent. Charlie McGrane from Ballintra got up early on to win the U-16 section. He was 14th overall in 17.24.



First three in the Ladies Section of the S.D.H. 5K Series: (L-R): Carol McGartland, Omagh Harriers (3rd); Jackie Harvey, S.D.H., (1st); and Colette Woods, Omagh (2nd).

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Pos	Name	Club	Time
1	Danny Hannon	Sligo	15.30
2	Malcolm McCauseland	South Donegal Harriers	15.38
3	Ollie Thomas	South Donegal Harriers	16.07
4	Pat Burke	South Donegal Harriers	16.11
5	Bertie McGuinn (1st O-40)	North Sligo	16.27
6	Eddie McMenamin	Finn Valley	16.38
7	Greg McCann	Sparta	16.41
8	Michael Drumm (1st U-19)	Omagh Harriers	16.46
9	Andy Stevens	South Donegal Harriers	16.59
10	Pat McManus	South Donegal Harriers	17.04
11	Jim Hynes (2nd O-40)	South Donegal Harriers	17.11
12	Jim Boyle (3rd O-40)	South Donegal Harriers	17.14
13	Brian Mostyn	Pettigo	17.17
14	Charlie McGrane (1st U-16)	South Donegal Harriers	17.24
15	Declan McGuinness	Killybegs	17.31
16	Seamus Boyle	Finn Valley	17.35
17	Donal Haughey	Killybegs	17.44
18	Damien Eannette	Omagh Harriers	17.46
19	Declan Toland	Lifford	18.02
20	Joseph Friel	Killybegs	18.02
21	Drew doherty	Finn Valley	18.02
22	Pascal Brogan	South Donegal Harriers	18.02
23	Damien Thomas	South Donegal Harriers	18.03
24	Paddy Croal	North Leitrim	18.04
25	Pat Brady	South Donegal Harriers	18.05
26	John O'Dowd	Finn Valley	18.07
27	Eamon Decanney	Letterkenny	18.10
28	Eamon Gillespie	Finn Valley	18.15
29	Paul Ward	South Donegal Harriers	18.24
30	Fr. Charlie Byrne	Donegal Town	18.26
31	Frankie Murray	Unattached	18.28
32	Michael O' Donnell	Bundoran	18.34
33	Niall Heeney	Omagh Harriers	18.40
34	Oliver Thomas (Snr) (1st O-45)	South Donegal Harriers	19.00
35	Rickie Carty	Bundoran Joggers Club	19.02
36	Pat Britton	South Donegal Harriers	19.02
37	Jackie Harvey (1st lady)	South Donegal Harriers	19.08
38	Paddy Muldoon	Donegal Town	19.12
39	Gerry McCaffrey	South Donegal Harriers	19.18
40	Neil O'Donnell	Omagh Harriers	19.27
41	Billy Patton	Castlefinn	19.35
42	Charlie McCafferty	South Donegal Harriers	19.37
43	Brendan Kelly	Bundoran Joggers Club	19.53
44	Joe Flannery	South Donegal Harriers	20.15
45	Michael Sandilands (1st O-50)	Finn Valley	20.24
46	Stephen Travers	Bundoran	20.31
47	Daniel Leahy	Bundoran Joggers Club	20.36
48	Tony Leonard	North Sligo	20.39
49	Paddy O' Toole	South Donegal Harriers	20.46
50	Aidan Rooney	South Donegal Harriers	20.51

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51	Patrick McCrudden	Finn Valley	20.54
52	Gabriel O'Donnell	South Donegal Harriers	20.55
53	John Monaghan	Omagh Harriers	21.03
54	Brian McGloin	Bundoran	21.12
55	Eamon Devine	Bundoran	21.43
56	Gary Gillespie	Finn Valley	22.00
57	Cormac Walsh	Bundoran	22.13
58	Shane Keenaghan	Ballyshannon	22.18
59	Brian Gallagher	Ballyshannon	22.19
60	Colette Woods (2nd lady)	Omagh Harriers	22.19
61	Mary Mullen	Omagh Harriers	22.23
62	Derek Delaney	Bundoran	22.36
63	Carol McGartland (3rd lady)	Omagh Harriers	22.47
64	Bernadette Clancy	Glende	23.02
65	William Kerr	Kinlough	23.02
66	Vera McDaid	South Donegal Harriers	23.17
67	Martina Brady	Finn Valley	23.18
68	Sean Carty	Bundoran	23.18
69	May McCafferty	South Donegal Harriers	24.26
70	Patricia McCallen	Omagh Harriers	24.35
71	Claire Monaghan	Omagh Harriers	25.05
72	Terése McGowan	Bundoran	26.04
73	John Carty	Bundoran	26.38
74	Pauline Stevens	Pettigo	27.45
75	Ann Callaghan	South Donegal Harriers	28.24
76	Celia Clancy	Glende	29.16
77	Nuala Stevens	Pettigo	30.27
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