

ULSTER NOVICE CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 1986

KILL, COUNTY CAVAN

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Team Titles for South Donegal Harriers and Finn Valley as David Wilson takes Ulster Novice Title

David Wilson the seventeen year old Laghey athlete who is a member of the Junior Cross Country Team for the World Cross Country Championships proved his present well being with a superb win in the Ulster Novice Cross country Championships over a heavy and muddy course at Tullyvin near Coothill Co. Cavan on Sunday.

He also had the distinction of leading his club South Donegal Harriers to their first Ulster Novice Team Title.

To make it altogether a great day for the southern club, the ladies battled to second spot behind Breffini Harriers and the Veterans Team finished third in the Veterans race where Finn Valley AC took the team award.

The only unfortunate happening's from what was otherwise a great days sport was the disqualification of the Finn Valley ladies who finished fifth in their event. It would appear that they ran a member of last years winning team which is not allowed under the rules. This ruled out Margo Davis who finished second.

The other unfortunate person was Belfast Olympic Hugh Curran who finished second in the Mens Novice. Curran was also disqualified as he was a member of the Lisburn Cup Winning Team last year.

Wilson finished fourth in last years novice but was moved up to third after the Sparta Team was disqualified. This would have affected his eligibility this year but South Donegal Harriers made a successful appeal on his behalf and so young Wilson was allowed to have a second bite at the cheery. Without doubt, he grasped the opportunity with both hands. From the start it was obvious that he was fully prepared, being with



the leaders as the field strung out over the first mile of the four mile circuit.

The course resembled a quagmire in some parts and in the ladies race run beforehand two of the girls lost their spikes in the thick mud. It was Lifford's Declan Kilpatrick who was the early leader in the mens race but he had only run 500m when he got stuck in marshy ground and came a cropper. In fact a number of good quality runners failed to get to terms with the atrocious conditions. Wilson was the exception. He was content to hang in there for the first mile while Curran of Belfast Olympic made the pace. It was obvious however that he was only biding his time. Curran did make the Donegal lad pull out all the stops and it developed into a great battle up front between the duo.

Back in the pack young Martin O'Halloran was running a blinder for South Donegal Harriers and also well the the fore was Lifford AC's Tom Farrell. As the race progressed it was Wilson who went to the fore and despite the efforts of the Olympic Athlete Curran, there was no stopping the South Donegal athlete who went on to win quite handsomely.

With the disqualification of Curran, P. Moyna of Kill AC filled 2nd spot and P. Moohan of St. Patrick's, Enniskillen took 3rd spot. Lifford's Tom Farrell had a superb run, he was 8th in last

years event and his 5th place on this occasion was quite a fine achievement indeed. Martin O'Halloran, the 16 year old South Donegal Harriers lad had an excellent run also to finish 10th and the next Donegal man home behind Farrell. Pat Burke came through in 14th spot and Ardara's Gerard Cannon in 16th spot to give the South Donegal Harriers team victory with 41 points.

Small Ladies Field

Only five teams faced the starter in the Ladies Novice race. Here again there was no doubt about the winner as C. McKiernan of Breffini Harriers went to the front early in the race and despite a brave chase by Margo Davis, Finn Valley, there was no catching the Breffini girl who strolled to an easy victory. South Donegal again packed well with Rena Brogan having a fine run in 5th place, Fiona McGrath 7th Angela McQuillan 13th and Caroline Callaghan 16th to take 2nd team. The Finn Valley ladies who won the recent Donegal event were never in the hunt and finished a disappointing 5th to be later disqualified. They did however have some little compensation when they won the Veterans with latest signing from Letterkenny AC, Jim Shiels being their first man home in third place. South Donegal Harriers filled third spot here.

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South Donegal Harriers has a reputation of being a very successful track and field club, but last Sunday in County Cavan they proved their talent and skill in Cross country by winning the individual and team event in the 'Ulster Novice Cross Country Championship'.

The Veterans race was the first off, Jim Boyle And Dessie Coughlan had a good race finishing in 10th and 11th respectively followed by PJ McGrath in 14th and Sean Keenaghan in 20th thus giving them 3rd team with Kill Ac 2nd and Finn Valley AC 1st.

In the ladies Novice we had Rena Brogan and Fiona McGloin up front, but unfortunately for Rena she lost one of her spikes which prevented her from finishing in the top three, however she held on to finish in 5th place with Fiona McGloin in a good 7th. Angela McQuillan and Caroline Callaghan finished 13th and 16th respectively with Theresa Reynolds 20th and Regina Dunne 24th giving them 2nd team just six points behind the winners Breffini Harriers, Cavan.

This is how our senior athletes finished:

- 1st - David Wilson
- 8th - Martin O'Halloran
- 12th - Pat Burke
- 14th - Gerard Cannon
- 34th - Pat McManus
- 48th - Andy Stevens
- 50th - Tom Ward
- 51st - Charlie McGrane
- 52nd - Josie Friel
- 68th - John Cannon
- 72th - Declan McGuinness
- 75th - Damien Gallagher
- 77th - Pat Britton
- 86th - Martin Gallagher
- 101th - Gabriel O'Donnell.



South Donegal Harriers Mens team which won the Ulster Novice title on Sunday.



The South Donegal Harriers team which finished second overall in the Ulster Vets Championship on Sunday. Back row (from left): Gabriel O'Donnell (chairman), Andy Stephens, Dessie Coughlan, Tom Ward, Sean Keenaghan (coach). Front row (from left): Charlie McCafferty, Jim Boyle, P. J. McGrath.



The Finn Valley team which won the Ulster Vets title on Sunday.

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Novice Men 6000M

Pos	Name	Club	Time
1	D. Wilson	South Donegal Harriers	
2	P. Moynagh	Kill AC	
3	P. Mohan	St. Josephs	
4	D. Grant	Beechmount Harriers	
5	T. Farrell	Lifford AC	
6	J. Browne	Newry Shamrocks	
7	M. Lee	Lavey AC	
8	M. O'Halloran	South Donegal Harriers	
9	E. Sheridan	Lavey AC	
10	I. Speers	MAD	
11	B. Reilly	Kill AC	
12	P. Bourke	South Donegal Harriers	
13	M. McGurn	Ind	
14	G. Cannon	South Donegal Harriers	
15	K. McAlinden	Newry Shamrocks	
16	M. McGill	Kill AC	
17	E. Crory	Newry Shamrocks	
18	P. Corr	Ballyclog	
19	G. Cosgrave	Kill AC	
20	G. McQuaid	Monaghan Phoenix	
21	M. Barr	Beechmount Harriers	
22	D. Burns	St. Josephs	
23	R. McCafferty	Beechmount Harriers	
24	S. O'Reilly	Laragh AC	
25	D. Kelly	Finn Valley AC	
26	B. Brady	Beechmount Harriers	
27	P. Higgins	Ballinascreen	
28	B. Delaney	Finn Valley AC	
29	T. Dunne	Cavan AC	
30	G. Bloomer	Ballinascreen	
31		Cavan AC	
32	J. Boyle	Finn Valley AC	
33	A. Walker	Armagh City Harriers	
34	P. McManus	South Donegal Harriers	
35	D. Drumm	Beechmount Harriers	
36	J. Marron	Monaghan Phoenix	
37	O. McPhillips	Cavan AC	
38	P.J. Lee	Lavey AC	
39	P. McKenna	Oriel	
40	J. Walshe	Monaghan Phoenix	
41	S. Bannon	Laragh AC	
42	P. McGill	Kill AC	
43	G. Burns	St. Josephs	
44	P. Reilly	Kill AC	
45	R. McGettigan	Lifford AC	
46	T. Nulty	Lavey AC	
47	P. Smith	Kill AC	
48	A. Stevens	South Donegal Harriers	
49	L. O'Kane	Ballinascreen	
50	T. Ward	South Donegal Harriers	

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51	C. McGrane	South Donegal Harriers	
52	J. Friel	South Donegal Harriers	
53	T. O'Doherty	Ballinascreen	
54	W.J. Browne	Newry Shamrocks	
55	D. Sherlock	Monaghan Phoenix	
56	B. McConnell	Finn Valley AC	
57	M. McGranaghan	Finn Valley AC	
58	P. Toal	Oriel	
59	S. Scullion	Ballinascreen	
60	M. Maguire	Beechmount Harriers	
61	P. Smith	Lavey AC	
62	F. Magee	Beechmount Harriers	
63	P. Byrne	Finn Valley AC	
64	F. Finch	Cavan AC	
65	L. Cassidy	Monaghan Phoenix	
66	B. Campbell	Newry Shamrocks	
67	E. Christy	Beechmount Harriers	
68	J. Cannon	South Donegal Harriers	
69	E. Brady	Kill AC	
70	T. Carlon	Bailleboro	
71	P. Clarke	Bailleboro	
72	D. Magennis	South Donegal Harriers	
73	V. McQuaid	Oriel	
74	M. Penrose	Finn Valley AC	
75	D. Gallagher	South Donegal Harriers	
76	B. Fay	Kill AC	
77	P. Britton	South Donegal Harriers	
78	J O'Neill	Ballyclog	
79	M. Mallor	St. Josephs	
80	S. Rushe	Ballyclog	
81	C. Smith	Laragh AC	
82	P. Magee	Beechmount Harriers	
83	S. Downey	MAD	
84	P. Smith	Laragh AC	
85	H. Hutchinson	MAD	
86	M. Gallagher	South Donegal Harriers	
87	J. McEvoy	Ballyclog	
88	G. granney	Newry Shamrocks	
89	T. Larkin	Bailleboro	
90	B. Casey	Ballyclog	
91	J. Clarke	Monaghan Phoenix	
92	K. Clerkin	Monaghan Phoenix	
93	J.B. O'Donnell	Lifford AC	
94	M. Keating	Lavey AC	
95	D. McMahan	Monaghan Phoenix	
96	S. Cooney	St. Josephs	
97	N. McGrath	St. Josephs	
98	D. Hemmings	MAD	
99	J. Sampson	MAD	
100	O. Reilly	Laragh AC	
101	G. O'Donnell	South Donegal Harriers	
102	K. Moore	Cavan AC	

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Pos	Name	Club	Time
103	M. Bayne	Ballyclog	
104	M. Rudden	Laragh AC	
105	B. O'Sullivan	Bailleboro	
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Ulster Novice Men Team Results

1	South Donegal Harriers	1,8,12,14	35
2	Kill AC	2,11,16,19	48
3	Beechmount	4,21,23,26	74
4	Newry Shamrock	6,15,17,54	92
5	Lavey AC	7,9,38,46	100
6	Finn Valley AC	25,28,32,56	141
7	St Josrphs	3,22,43,79	147
8	Monaghan Phoenix	20,36,40,55	151
9	Ballinascreen	27,30,49,53	159
10	Cavan AC	29,31,37,64	161
11	Laragh AC	24,41,81,84	230
12	Ballyclog AC	18,78,80,87	263
13	M A District	10,83,98,99	290
14	Bailleboro	70,71,89,105	335

Ulster Novice Women 2000M

Pos	Name	Club	Time
1	C. McKiernan	Breffni Harriers	
2	E. McCabe	Monaghan Phoenix	
3	P. Foye	Oriel	
4	R. Brogan	South Donegal Harriers	
5	A. Cullen	Breffni Harriers	
6	F. McGloin	South Donegal Harriers	
7	M. Boyle	Oriel	
8	E. Martin	MAD	
9	T. Connery	MAD	
10	E. Bell	Oriel	
11	A. McQuillan	South Donegal Harriers	
12	N. O'Reilly	Breffni Harriers	
13	J. Gargan	Breffni Harriers	
14	C. Callaghan	South Donegal Harriers	
15	H. Biggar	MAD	
16	D. Fitzpatrick	Breffni Harriers	
17	T. Reyniulds	South Donegal Harriers	
18	E. Monaghan	MAD	
19	R. Dunne	South Donegal Harriers	
20	L. McCooey	Oriel	
21	E. Clarke	Monaghan Phoenix	
22	C. Lynch	Breffni Harriers	
23	C. O'Gorman	Breffni Harriers	
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Ulster Novice Vets 6000M

Pos	Name	Club	Time
1	W. McCracken	Newry Shamrocks	
2	B. Sherlock	Monaghan Phoenix	
3	J. Shiels	Finn Valley AC	
4	S. McGuigan	Ballinascreen	
5	F. Ward	Finn Valley AC	
6	P. Lynch	Kill AC	
7	M. Duggan	Kill AC	
8	J. Steele	Magherafelt	
9	J. Boyle	South Donegal Harriers	
10	T. Mason	Beechmount Harriers	
11	D. Coughlan	South Donegal Harriers	
12	J. McKenna	Kill AC	
13	T. McCabe	Beechmount Harriers	
14	B. Rutherford	Finn Valley AC	
15	P.J. McGrath	South Donegal Harriers	
16	J. Kennedy	Monaghan Phoenix	
17	J. Kennedy	Beechmount Harriers	
18	J. McGlinchey	Finn Valley AC	
19	S. Keenaghan	South Donegal Harriers	
20	B. McEnroe	Kill AC	
21	D. Donnelly	Beechmount Harriers	
22	J. Craig	MAD	
23	S. McCracken	Newry Shamrocks	
24	G. Parker	MAD	
25	V. Lee	Monaghan Phoenix	
26	F. Holland	Ballinascreen	
27	S. Lindsey	MAD	
28	M. Lappin	Monaghan Phoenix	
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Ulster Novice Women Team Results

1	Breffni Harriers	1,5,12,13	31
2	South Donegal Harriers	4,6,11,14	35
3	Oriel	3,7,10,20	40
4	MAD	8,9,15,18	50

Ulster Novice Vets Team Results

1	Finn Valley AC	3,5,4	22
2	Kill AC	6,7,12	25
3	South Donegal Harriers	9,11,15	35
4	Beechmount	10,13,17	40
5.	Monaghan Phoenix	2,16,25	43
6.	Magherafelt	8,22,24	54