

Clare take BRONZE medals in Woodies DIY National League Final in Tullamore.

The Woodies DIY National League Final took place in glorious sunshine in Tullamore and the day proved to be a momentous one for young Clare Team as they assembled against the best in the Country Tallaght A. C. Riocht, Galway City Harriers, Kildare County, Tipperary County, Sligo County and Olympians A. C. and all these teams ensured that these championships would go right to the final event and was the Relays.

The first Athlete to take part was David Courtney Ennis Track who ran the race of his life in the men's 110m hurdles setting a new Personal best of (20 . 18secs) to finish 5th and David later returned to his field event and finished 2nd in the Pole Vault clearing (2 . 40metres) and 6th in Triple Jump with a leap of (9 . 77metres).

Eamon Cleary Shannon A.C. turned in the performance of the Championships by finishing 2nd in the Shot Putt with a final throw of (10 . 19metres) and taking third spot and in the discus he threw (29 . 63metres)

Lunga Bulman Marian A.C. demonstrated his great versatility by finishing 6th in the Long Jump with a leap of (6 . 04metres) and a very high performance with a 2nd place finish in the Javelin with a throw of (46 . 32metres).

Mark Boland Marian A.C. at 18years of age soared over the High Jump in (1 . 55metres) to finish 6th. and it was clear at this stage the track events would decide the outcome of the title and Mark Boland produced blistering speed over 400metres to finish 3rd in (52 . 19secs).

Cormac Lynch Marian A.C. another young athlete doubled up in the 100m and 200m and demonstrated his great potential in finishing 4th in the 100metres in (11 . 39secs) and 6th in the 200metres in (23 . 04secs).

Irish International Athlete Rory Chesser Ennis Track competing for the first time in this Clare Team was slotted in at the last minute to compete in the 400m Hurdles and finished 5th in (62 . 98secs) with Michael Keane Ennis Track finished off a superb season in 3rd place in the men's 800m in (1min . 59 . 50 secs).

The Middle distance races and all hopes rested on Jason Fahy Olympic Harriers to produce a big race and he had a very solid run in the 1500m and had to settle for 3rd in (3mins . 58 . 05secs) and next on the track was Brian McGinley Ennis Track and he took this race on from the front and it proved to be the right tactics as he secured 2nd place in (9mins . 53 . 94secs) and finally it was down to the leader and Team Captain Brian Murphy Ennis Track to bring them into medals as he fought all the way in the 5000m to finish 4th in (16mins . 03secs).

The final events of the day saw was the Mens 4 x 100metres Relay and the Team of Cormac Lynch, Mark Boland, Lunga Bulman and Darragh Lynch were disqualified due to a hotly disputed technical error. The Mens 4 x 400metres team of Mark Boland, Aidan Kearney, Ian Slobody and Rory Chesser once again broke another County record to finish off the day in style in 2nd position with a time of (3mins . 31 . 07secs).

There was a delay in the results as tension as rumours circulated of the final outcome, and with great joy when the announcement was made that this young Clare team secured their first National Senior Woodies DIY League Bronze medals on (92pts) the Gold medals going to Tallaght A. C. on (114pts) and Silver to Galway City Harriers on (98pts).