

Exiting Fare in League at Gowran

The 3rd stage of the Glanbia/ St. Abban's 4 County League on the road at Gowran on Sunday last provided the spectators with three exciting races which were keenly contested from start to finish. The John Brophy sponsored Youth's 1 mile event saw Ciaran Phelan the winner of the two previous stages having to give way to Joe Breen who was appearing in the event for the first time this year.

In the Ladies event, also over 1 mile, Adele Walsh maintained her good form and despite a strong challenge from the youthful Chryl Nolan, she had seven seconds to spare at the line.

The Men's 4 mile stage saw both Pat Byrne and local lad Tommy Evans make their first appearance in this years event and they set about their business from the start accompanied by Colm Burke the winner of the first two stages. Just before the half way mark Tommy and Pat got away from the Barrowhouse man and after a mighty duel over the third lap Evans got away to come home in impressive style. Colm held on for third been followed home by Dwayne Farrell who led home a closely packed group of four.

One unusual spectator at Sundays event was Tommy Payne who was out with a hamstringing injury. Tommy has given great support to the League over the years and we look forward to seeing him back in action again very soon.

Results:

Youth's (John Brophy) 1 mile: (1) J. Breen (SBR) 4.30, (2) C. Phelan (Agherviller) 4.36, (3) B. Kelly (St. Abban's) 4.39, (4) E. O'Connor (KCH) 4.53, (5) C. Rochford (St. Senan's) 4.54, (6) C. Ennis (SBR) 4.56. Teams: (1) K.C.H. 31 pts, (2) St. Abban's 45 pts. **Overall:** Phelan 4 pts, Kelly 7 pts, Rochford 12 pts, N. Quinlan (KCH) 18 pts, C. Hogan (KCH) 21 pts. D. Aylsbury (St. Abban's) 34 pts. Teams: (1) St Abban's, (2) K.C.H.

Glanbia/Ladies 1 mile: (1) A. Walsh (St. Senan's) 5.15, (2) C. Nolan (St. Abban's) 5.22, (3) S. Donovan (Agherviller) 5.31, (4) M. Doolan (St. Joseph's) 5.33, (5) C. Martin (KCH) 5.43, (6) C. Caulfield (St. Senan's) 5.47, Teams: (1) K.C.H. 41 pts, (2) St. Senan's 44 pts, (3) S.L.O.T. 58 pts, (4) St. Abban's 61 pts. **Overall:** Walsh 3 pts, Donovan 7 pts, Martin 17 pts, C. Foley (KCH) 21 pts, A. Kinsella (SLOT) 28 pts, A. Sorahan (SLOT) 35 pts. Teams: K.C.H. 109 pts, St. Senan's 148 pts, S.L.O.T. 159 pts, St. Abban's 181 pts.

Glanbia/Men's 4 miles: (1) T. Evans Gowran 18.40, (2) P. Byrne (Tinryland) 18.46 (3) C. Burke (St. Abban's) 19.05, (4) D. Farrell (Tinryland) 19.33 (5) T. Reilly (Portlaoise) 19.36 (6) K. Murphy (Sl. Olympic) 19.42. Teams: (1) Tinryland 32 pts, (2) S.B.R. 43 pts, (3) St. Abban's 147 pts. **Overall:** Burke 5 pts, O'Reilly 7 pts, Farrell 13 pts, McElwaine 17 pts, C. Fitzpatrick (Ballyfin) 24 pts, P. Gibbons (SBR) 25 pts. Teams; Tinryland 121 pts, S.B.R. 126 pts, St. Abban's 377 pts.

Grade "B": (1) R. Miller (Ballyfin) 10th (2) P. Kavanagh (Gowran) 13th. (3) J. McCormack (Portlaoise) 16th, (4) D. Finn (Ballyfin) 18th. Teams; (1) Gowran 66pts, (2) Ballyfin 68 pts, (3) St. Joseph's 169 pts. **Overall:** McCormack 42 pts, N. Lyons (Gowran) 73 pts, N. Devery (Ballyfin) 80 pts. K. White (Ballyfin) 92 pts. Teams: Ballyfin 232 pts, Gowran 293 pts, St. Joseph's 452 pts.

Grade "C": (1) M. Finlay (Portlaoise) 17th, (2) T. Hayes (KCH) 20th, (3) J. Connolly (Thomastown) 23rd, (4) P. J. O'Dwyer (St. Senan's) 25th. Teams : (1) St. Senan's 123 pts, (2) St. Abban's 154 pts, (3) S.B.R. 165 pts, (4) Gowran 171 pts. **Overall:** Finlay 46 pts, Connolly 61 pts, Dwyer 69 pts, E. Doherty (SBR) 95 pts. Teams: St. Senan's 303 pts, St. Abban's 504 pts, Gowran 538 pts.

Vet's, Overall: 0/40 C. Burke, M. Finlay, M. McGrath, 0/45, N. Devery, P. Rochford, D. Cormack, 0/50, E. Walsh, P. J. O'Dwyer, E. Doherty, 0/55 D. Whelan, B. Abbey, 0/60, P. Harding, B. Harper.

The Final Stage takes place on Friday April 25th at Monavea, Co. Laois at 7.30 pm.

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