

Novice double for Joe Fortune

JOE FORTUNE of Sliabh Buidhe Rovers recorded a novice double on home ground on Sunday last over four miles when he added the road championship to the cross-country title already won in October.

On a wet and blustery day Fortune was the dominant runner in the race and led his club to the team championship

with clubmate, Thomas McAlwain running strongly to take silver, well clear of Jimmy O'Neill of DMP, who held the late charge of Jason O'Connor St. Aidan's to take bronze.

The Ennisceorthy outfit had just two points to spare for the silver medals from a new look DMP team with Donie Colfer also of St. Aidan's winning the Paddy Breen Cup as first 0.35 athlete home in this race.

Marie Walsh, Striders-Duncannon-Shelburne AC, was a clear winner of the women's race over one and a half miles

from a disappointingly small field, with Ines Ormond, St. Anne's, getting up for silver in the last 400 yards from Catherine Walsh, S-D-S.

Luke Kehoe, John Martin, SBR, and Pat O'Riordan, DMP, fought a great three-way battle for the veterans' championship over four miles, having detached themselves from the main field in the opening mile.

This trio raced together until the last mile where Kehoe upped the pace and gradually pulled clear to win, with John Martin

proving stronger on the final hill, to beat O'Riordan for the silver medal.

Ferns supporters were again cheering loudly as Mick Cullen in ninth place anchored SBR to their first veterans' team championship, with Kilmore in runners-up position and St. Aidan's third.

Results: Men's county novice championship - 1, Joe Fortune, SBR, 22.12; 2, Thomas McAlwain, SBR, 23.16; 3, Jimmy O'Neill, DMP, 23.02; 4, Jason O'Connor, St. Aidan's,

23.05; 5, Michael Barry, Kilmore, 23.21; 6, Ger Hempenstall, SBR, 23.29; 7, Sean Finn, S-D-S, 23.58; 8, Sean Manning, DMP, 24.08; 9, Ger Murphy, St. Aidan's, 24.12; 10, Joe O'Connor, SBR, 24.17.

Teams: 1, SBR, 1-2-6-10 (J. Fortune, T. McAlwain, G. Hempenstall, J. O'Connor) 19 pts.; 2, St. Aidan's, 4-9-11-14 (J. O'Connor, G. Murphy, C. Dobbs, D. Colfer) 38 pts.; 3, DMP, 3-8-12-17 (J. O'Neill, S. Manning, D. Hynes, D. Medcalf) 40 pts.; 4, Kilmore, 5-13-21-22 (M. Barry, P. McDonald, L.

Rowe, J. Stamp) 61 pts.

Women - 1, Marie Walsh, S-D-S, 9.57; 2, Ines Ormond, St. Anne's, 10.38; 3, Catherine Walsh, S-D-S, 10.40; 4, Mary Kenny, SBR, 10.58; 5, Margaret Kenny, SBR, 13.30.

Veteran men (0.40): 1, Luke Kehoe, SBR, 23.06; 2, John Martin, SBR, 23.06; 3, Pat O'Riordan, DMP, 23.14; 4, Sean Walsh, Kilmore, 23.46; 5, Bob Kehoe, St. Aidan's, 24.16.

Teams: 1, SBR, 1-2-6, 12 pts.; 2, Kilmore, 4-5-7, 17 pts.; 3, St. Aidan's, 6-10-11, 27 pts.

Masters McGrath and Leacy take the county title

PRIDE of place on the handball county scene this week goes to Tom McGrath and Matt Leacy the Davidstown pairing who took their second county title for the 1988 season when the delayed final of the 40 x 20 county masters doubles for 1988 was played at Bree last week.

This duo, already winners for the junior doubles crown beat the brothers Jim and Johnnie Doyle, Ramsgrange 2-0, after a thoroughly enjoyable game and before a good sized crowd. Mr. Jim Mackey, Co. Secretary, presented the winners with their medals immediately after their medals.

The second round of the 40 x 20 doubles was completed last week and did not produce any major upsets. The two fancied pairings for eventual honours Tom Walsh and Tom Harrington, Cloughbawn and Sean Hendrick and Jimmy Kelly, Templedigan, qualified for the next round with comprehensive wins and good wins were also recorded by P. Crane and Ian Parker, Ferns, and by Oularts pairing of Colm Davis and P. Sutton. Nice to see the lesser-known clubs doing so well and it will not surprise if they cause more shocks in round 3. The under 21 singles grade gets off the ground this week with quarter final games to be played at different venues around the county. Liam Dunne, Oulart, is a hot fancy for this title and he is also getting in a good deal of practice for the Leinster under 21 singles championships. This Friday night, February 24th, at 7 p.m. in Cloughbawn, all co. finals in the underage singles finals will be played and it should provide top class games.

The clubs of Horeswood and Templedigan will be well represented as they have between them 12 players out of the 16 finalists taking part. All players taking part please take note and an official photo call has been arranged for 8 p.m. and everybody must be properly toggled out for same. All first round games in the novice A singles in the 60 x 30 championships were also completed during the week and the draw for the second round games are eagerly awaited by all remaining contestants. Of the games that were played in the first round last week Liam Dunne, Oulart, looked very sharp when disposing of J. Curran, Templedigan.

Mt. "Curley" Lambert had an easy win over Sean Stafford, Ballymitty. Kevin Murphy, Ballymitty, had a good solid victory over Frank Carley,

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Barntown, and of the younger players, Jimmy Moran, Ballymitty and Paul Carthy. St. Mary's, Wexford, produced a real dinger of a battle before Moran sneaked through after 3 great games. The Co. Community games handball this year will be confined to boys under 13 and boys under 15 in the 40 x 20 court. Of the teams entered Horeswood would at this stage look to be well equipped to qualify for the county in both age groups. The county co-ordinator of these games is Ned Buggy, 063-24888. The draw for the competitions have been made and clubs taking part should contact Ned Buggy for arrangement of games.

Co. Community boys under 13 handball draw: first round Bride Street-Rowe Street v. Horeswood; 2, Castlebridge-Crossabeg; final 1 v 2.

Boys under 15: first round: Horeswood v. Castlebridge-Crossabeg; Bride Street-Rowe Street v. Ferns; final 1 v 2.

Fixtures: 40 x 20 county finals underage singles at Cloughbawn, Friday, 24th February, at 7 p.m., sponsored by Snowcream Ltd.

Results: 40 x 20 under 15 singles, N. Barnes, St. Mary's 2, D. O'Connor, Horeswood, 0; P. Sinnott, Horeswood 2, J. Carroll, St. Mary's 0. Semi-finals, N. Barnes 2, G. Redmond, Cloughbawn 0; P. Sinnott, G. Buggy, St. Mary's 0. Barnes and Sinnott qualify for county final in Cloughbawn.

40 x 20 county novice doubles second round games: Ger Brennan and G. Bergin, St. Martins 2, P. Ryan and G. Clancy, Horeswood 0; M. Codd and Noel Murphy, St. Martin's 2, Ml. Buggy, and Ed. 'Heffo' Walsh, Clonard 0; T. Hynes and G. Healy, St. Mary's 2, D. Linden and J. Cleary, Oulart 1; Tom Walsh and Tom Harrington, Cloughbawn 2, M. and P. Leacy, Ballyhogue 0; P. Crane and Ian Parker, Ferns 2, P. Leacy and Tom Donohoe, Clonard 0.

Colm Davis and P. Sutton, Oulart 2, G. Somers and B. Kehoe, Horeswood 0; G. Kelly and S. Hendrick, Templedigan 2, D. Purcell and T. Quigley,

Ferns, 0; Ml. Walsh and S. Murphy, Cloughbawn 2, T. Crosbie and J. Cullen, Ramsgrange 0. Results from other second round games not printed because of lack of information from club delegates.

40 x 20 county masters doubles final 1988: Matt Leacy and Tom McGrath, Davidstown 2, Johnnie and Jim Doyle, Ramsgrange 0.

Results 60 x 30 novice A singles, first round games: B. Mythen, Castlebridge 2, P. Coleman, Ballymitty 0; Ger Healy, St. Mary's 2, T. Barnwell, Ballymitty 0; Tim Kehoe, St. Mary's 2, M. Kinsella, Ballymitty 0; Ml. Lambert, St. Mary's 2, S. Stafford, Ballymitty 2; C. Turner, Ballymitty w/o P. Nolan, St. Mary's.

G. Moran, Ballymitty 2, P. Carthy, St. Mary's 1; K. Murphy, 2, B. Carley, Barntown 0; R. Doyle, Ballymitty 2, Ml. Boland, Templedigan 0; P. Furlong, St. Mary's 2, J. Murphy, Barntown 0; T. Hynes, St. Mary's w/o Ed Gaynor, Barntown; L. Dunne, Oulart 2, J. Curran, Templedigan 0.

40 x 20 meeting next Monday night February 27th, at Tavern, Ennisceorthy, at 8 p.m. Draw for third round novice doubles, Entries and draw for junior singles.

Community Games Bulletin

COMMUNITY Games affiliation forms are being sent to all area secretaries. The closing date for entries is March 1, 1989 and no entries will be accepted after this date.

The following dates have been set for the early games:

The badminton will be played on March 11 in Taghmon Community Centre at 10 a.m. sharp.

The table-tennis will be held in the CBS Hall on March 4. Assembly will be at 2.30 p.m. and the games will begin at 3 p.m.



TWO MASTERS... Matt Leacy (left) and Tom McGrath (right) with their Co. Masters' Doubles medals after they won the 40 x 20 final. In the centre of the picture is Jim Mackey, Co. Secretary.

Slalom's fitness fight

IMPRESSIVE winner of his first four races, crack novice 'chaser' Slalom is fighting a fitness battle to be ready for Cheltenham, having burst a blood vessel when a 20 lengths second on his latest outing.

"He is coming along slowly but the right way - it is a question of how fast", says trainer Michael Robinson of Slalom, bred by the White family in Bannow and a festival fancy for their jockey son, John.

Berry busy at the sales

SOUTH Wexford trainer Podge Berry paid over 23,000 guineas at last week's Goffs February Sales for mixed young store national hunt horses, both sons of Mandulau.

He went to 16,500 gns. for a bay gelding out of Knockscovane sent up by the Liscolman Stud, and paid 6,700 gns. for a brown gelding out of Monread to Hi Harley.

147 teams in a vital clash

FIVE points separate the 147 A team from 147 B in the first division of the County Wexford Snooker League, and though the 'B' side have a match in hand they can't afford another defeat.

They take on their favoured clubmates in their next encounter hoping to avenge the first half 3-2 defeat but the odds are heavily against them. Commercial 4-1 win from Castlebridge brings them up to 3rd spot but Ambassador 'A' have the edge as the main threat to the 147 side.

Ambassador 'B' continued their winning run in division 2 defeating Duncannon 4-1 with 147 C who won 4-1 from Lady's Island on a similar points total due to the withdrawal of

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Rosslare Golf Club which cost the Ambassador 7 points having played the retiring club twice.

At the half-way stage of the Billiards League the 147 Club have taken a two points lead from Commercial, having defeated the Rossonians in last week's top of the table clash. Bree's 2-1 defeat of Lady's Island 'B' was their first win of the season and puts them one place above the Islanders 'A' team.

Division 1, 147 B 3, Ambassador 'A' 2; Ennisceorthy G.C. 0, 147 'A' 5; Commercial 4, Castlebridge 1.

Division 2, Ambassador 'B' 4, Duncannon 1, 147 C 4, Our Lady's Island 1; Rosslare G.C. have withdrawn - All results void - rule 8.

TABLE 1	P W Pts.
147 A	9 8 31
147 B	9 5 26
Commercial	9 4 24
Ambassador A	8 5 23
Liam Mellows	8 3 17
Castlebridge	9 3 16
E'corthy G.C.	7 1 8

TABLE 2	P W Pts.
Ambassador 'B'	7 7 26
147 C	8 6 26
Duncannon	8 3 17
Bree	7 3 15
Killinick	6 3 14
Our Lady's I.	8 0 12

Billiards: Commercial 1, 147 Cl. 2; Bree 2, O.L.I. 'B' 1.

TABLE 3	P W Pts.
147 Cl.	4 4 11
Commercial	4 3 9
Lady's Is. 'B'	4 1 5
Bree	4 1 3
Lady's Is. 'A'	4 1 2