Munster Juvenile Pentathlons & Munster Masters Championships Castleisland 27th May 2007

The number of pentathlon competitors was low this year, and one major reason for this is poor fixture planning. For many of the Cork athletes it would have been the fifth weekend of competition in a row, and with the National Schools and some of the Munster Individuals on the next two weekends, anybody would be excused not taking part here.

However, despite the low numbers and very gusty conditions with rain often threatening some great competitions unfolded. In the Girls U14 the first three athletes broke the 10 year old Championships Best Performance (CBP) and overall standard was very high. Leevale's Jane Lenihan did very well with 7th place in this high caliber field and required a number of PB's to do so. All the U14 boys had a close battle accumulating in an exciting final 800m, in which Eric Stam managed to hold on to a second overall place which he had obtained through solid allround performances. The most dramatic, heart breaking, event was the girls U15. A superb hurdle performance from April Philpott carried her through in 1st place up to the 800m. However, only 85 points separated the first four athletes which caused great tension at the line-up for the 800m. In the first lap April became victim of an unfair physical battle and had to surrender to fourth place overall agonizingly close to a bronze medal. Patrick Maher was the outright winner of the boys U16. Not only did he win all his events, he came pretty close breaking the 23 year old CBP.

Place	Name	Age	Hurdles		Long Jump			Shot Putt			High Jump			800m		Total Points
			Time	Points	Dist.	Points	Sub- total	Dist.	Points	Sub- total	Height	Points	Sub- total	Time	Points	
7	Jane Lenihan	GU14	15.2	815	4.06	322	1137	6.24	287	1424	1.22	331	1755	2:58.2	382	2137
2	Eric Stam	BU14	13.3	1080	4.37	396	1476	9.99	529	2005	1.42	534	2539	2:52.0	443	2982
4	Zack Gibbons	BU14	13.9	993	3.71	244	1237	9.73	512	1749	1.30	409	2158	2:44.4	523	2681
5	Sean Fogarty	BU14	15.0	842	4.50	428	1270	7.69	379	1649	1.24	350	1999	2:50.0	464	2463
4	April Philpott	GU15	13.6	1036	4.35	391	1427	6.75	319	1746	1.28	389	2135	3:07.4	299	2434
1	Patrick Maher	BU16	14.4	923	5.65	744	1667	10.36	553	2220	1.63	771	2991	2:12.6	927	3918

Masters

In the M35 category John Corr won the 100m and 200m in 11.7s. and 24.8s. respectively, while Joe Nagle also won all his events: 10.10m shot putt; 24.20m discus; 6.33m 56 lbs for distance; 3.51m long jump. Frank Stam won the M45 discus with 30.60m and came second in the shot putt with 9.60m. Carmel Parnell won the W50 3000m very comfortably in 10.53.3 min.









