

3rd Round Munster Championship

BALLYHOURA MOUNTAIN RACE

A relaxed performance from John Lenihan the Glounageenty gladiator staved off the opposition in the 8 kilometre 427 metre Ballyhoura mountain race on Sunday 21/6/98. John said afterwards "I was concerned that so many hard races in such a short time would take a bit out of me. So I took it easy and concentrated on just staying ahead of Willie Guiney" John had previously won a race each weekend starting with the Nagles on the 24th May and finishing with his double wins on Croagh Patrick and Nephin last weekend. In the interim he had also won Carrauntoohil and Doon.

Majella Diskin who had retained her All Ireland title with an emphatic win on Croagh Patrick had a good battle with Limerick's Cora Fenton before pulling away for an easy victory.

FIRST TEN MEN

1 st	John Lenihan	Riocht A.C	42.39
2 nd	Willie Guiney	Desmond Currans A.C.	43.04
3 rd	Pat Murphy	Eagle A.C.	47.04
4 th	Maurice Dennehy	Rising Sun A.C.	48.10
5 th	Donie Shine	Millstreet A.C	48.32
6 th	Paddy Hegarty	Eagle A.C.	49.04
7 th	Kieran Woulfe	Eagle A.C.	50.45
8 th	Bernard Collins	Limerick A.C.	51.03
9 th	Mike Carmody	Riocht A.C.	51.31
10 th	Rick Austin	Macroom	52.14

FIRST SIX WOMEN

1 st	Majella Diskin	Riocht A.C	39.46
2 nd	Cora Fenton	Limerick A.C	41.58
3 rd	Mary Austin	Macroom	45.44
4 th	Leonie Foster	New Zealand	46.08
5 th	Mary Lenihan	Riocht A.C.	49.25
6 th	Aisling Austin	Macroom	52.05

FIRST JUNIOR MAN

1 st	John Grimes	Limerick A.C.	33.53
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Claragh Mountain Report

4th Round of the 1998 Munster Mountain Running Championship at Millstreet, Co. Cork.

Kerry farmer **John Lenihan** proved that he was not only outstanding in his own field, but that he could also shift it a bit in someone else's field too. The Riocht runner won an altered version of the fabled Eurovision Run which was last raced when Millstreet hosted the Eurovision Song Contest. Ireland, of course, has won this contest so many times that I can't remember the year. However I'm sure that there are enough Eurodittyphiles out there to remind me...

The race this year started and finished with a lap of the local sports field during Millstreet's sportsday. Thanks to local organiser **Donie Shine**, the spectators had a bonus as they saw the former World Champion clear off into the distance up and down their local mountain Claragh, pursued by Willie Guiney and top veteran runner Mike McAuliffe. Mike, who can climb strongly but whose weakness is the descent, was on the Listowel runner's heels at the summit cross, but fell back on the descent. He closed back up on the level run in to the finish.

Good performances littered the race with **John Grimes** and **Patricia Twohig** outstanding in the Junior sections. A brilliant descent by Colm O'Halloran matched John Lenihan's descent time, but failed to do enough to enable him to beat Athlone's Padraic Higgins. The race was definitely regarded a success by all, and looks set to become a regular fixture in the Munster calendar in the years to come.

Douglas Barry

Senior Men

1st	John Lenihan	Riocht	32.02
2nd	Willie Guiney	Desmond Currans	34.10
3rd	Mike McAuliffe	Riocht	34.34
4th	Padraic Higgins	Athlone	35.37
5th	Colm O'Halloran	Lee O.C.	35.47
6th	John Casey	UCC	36.18

Senior Women

1st	Mary Austen	Macroom	50.32
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Junior Men

1st	John Grimes	Limerick	36.04
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Junior Women

1st Patricia Twohig Banteer 40.41