

BRAY HEAD RACE REPORT

by Douglas Barry

The heavy spatter of rain and a lowering press of mist indicated that the Bray Head on June the 2nd 1999 was not going to be an easy outing. Having mentioned to pre race favourite Noel Berkeley who stood staring up at the swirling mist from the foot of the hill "Noel, I'd say the record isn't on tonight" and got the reply "Douglas, the win mightn't be either!" the surprisingly large field headed off into the ether. Crusaders Paul Nolan emerged at the summit cross in the lead, but the Irish international was joined on the pull up to the second summit by Berkeley who turned with him at the trig. point overlooking the now hidden vistas of Greystones.

The pair pushed away from 3rd placed Gerry McGrath who is still on the way back from his earlier injury and not on top form. As the going eased, Noel put in a spurt to try and break Paul, but then surprisingly eased off and allowed the Crusaders runner to come back to him by the time they reached the cross on the return. A galvanised Nolan who has a reputation for descending like a falling stone decided to test his reputation. "I've never come down so quickly" he said later, "I was on the ragged edge!" The edge was sharp enough to see off Noel who decided to settle for second 23 seconds back in the tricky conditions.

The women's race saw a similar ding dong tussle between Una May and Joan Flanagan who had the added incentive of trying to hold off over 50s winner Calvin Torrans. Noted Irish rock climber Calvin had beaten her on Three Rock and had got the better of Una on Corrig. However, on this occasion, age failed to prevail over beauty and the conqueror of many an Alp succumbed to girl power. Una and Joan both edged out Calvin and in the final run in Una prevailed over Joan by only 4 seconds. Roisin McDonnell took third 40 seconds behind.

Bray Head June 2, 1999

Wet, Misty, slippery

Pos	Num	Name	Club	Cat	Time
1	298	Paul Nolan	Crusaders		24.54
2	169	Noel Berkeley	DSD		25.17
3	272	Ger McGrath	DSD		26.29
4	142	Hugh McLindon	3ROC		26.52
5	198	Eoin Keith			28.44
6	101	Simon Walters	AIB		28.46
7	105	Declan Doyle			28.54
8	268	John McDonnell	DSD		28.59
9	248	John Brennan			29.07

10	218	Finbarr Desmond			29.58
11	296	Johnathan Beverly			30.01
12	224	Patrick Casey	Crusaders		30.29
13	146	Brian Jones	DUO		30.34
14	278	Paul Mahon			30.49
15	286	Michael Walters	Ajax		31.03
16	228	Fergus Brien			31.12
17	132	Peter Owens	DALRIADA		31.38
18	129	Kieran Crowley	AIB		31.51
19	292	Peter O'Farrell			31.57
20	121	David Simpson	Rathfarnham	MJ	32.02
21	190	Douglas Corrie	Fingal	MV	32.10
22	215	Richard Church			32.15
23	120	Brian Bell	Bray Head Ridge Runners	MV	32.34
24	295	Stephen McMullan	Dal Riada		32.35
25	134	Thomas Galvin	Glenasmole		32.37
26	161	Vivian O'Gorman		MV	32.47
27	276	Cormac MacDonnchadha	Ajax/ESB		32.47
28	231	Úna May	Crusaders	F	32.50
29	116	Joan Flanagan	Ajax	F	32.54
30	115	Calvin Torrans		MSV	32.57
31	216	Aidan Fitzpatrick			33.11
32	136	Colin Burns	Ajax		33.13
33	187	Vincent Blake	AIB		33.35
34	133	Roisin McDonnell	Crusaders	F	33.38
35	289	Mark Gomm	Portmarnock		33.49
36	122	Joe Lalor	GEN	MV	33.51
37	223	Brian Lambe	TOCAC	MJ	34.03
38	299	Donough O'Keeffe	BVOC		34.06
39	233	Nigel Creighton			34.12
40	119	Justin Keatinge	Ajax		34.19
41	220	Pat Fitzpatrick	AIB		34.33
42	109	Dermot Bates	AIB		35.05
43	244	Dave Weston	Setanta		35.27
44	186	Ercus Stewart	Glenasmole	MSV	35.29
45	279	Kevin Murray		MV	35.32
46	183	Caimin Moloney			35.37
47	151	Claude McManmon		MV	35.46

48	256	Brendan Lawlor	Office City		36.09
49	204	Billy Alexander	AIB		36.30
50	294	Leigh Cullen	Crusaders		36.46
51	243	Eddie McGovern	Canada Life		36.49
52	291	Tony O'Neill	FAS		37.07
53	179	Padraic Hamrock	AIB		37.13
54	140	Conor Kenny	sportsworld	MV	37.27
55	163	Tom Quinn		MV	38.08
56	126	Alan Dolan	Crusaders	MJ	38.13
57	273	Eileen Walsh	Donore Harriers	F	38.21
58	124	Richard Flynn	SET	MSV	38.41
59	189	Niamh Fitzpatrick	AIB	F	38.45
60	194	Dermot O'Callaghan	AIB		38.47
61	156	Nina Philips	Crusaders	F	38.57
62	350	David Toyne			38.59
63	114	Paddy Lord		MSV	40.02
64	149	Eva Mulleady	Crusaders	F	40.11
65	123	Joe McDonagh	AIB		40.31
66	188	Danny Toyne		MSV	41.03
67	230	David Quinn	Gen	MV	41.22
68	103	Gordon Douglas		MV	42.05
69	293	Murtagh Murphy			42.14
70	203	Marian Hughes	DSD	FV	42.24
71	351	Jimmy O'Brien	Ajax	MSV	42.49
72	277	Karen Guthrie	Firhouse A.C.	FJ	43.13
73	196	Sean Lambe		MSV	43.15
74	297	Frank Murphy	Glenasmole	MV	43.44
75	138	Aine Donovan	Crusaders	F	43.44
76	193	Julie Hilliard		FV	45.04
77	110	Vera Quinlan		F	45.05
78	288	Kevin Smith			45.58
79	143	James Higgins	AIB		46.04
80	177	Ger Power	3ROC	FV	50.23

Entries: Vivian O'Gorman, Douglas Barry

Finish: Douglas Barry, Pat Donlon, Eddie Guthrie

Results: Justin Keatinge, Douglas Barry

Marking: Henny Brandsma, Brian Byrne

Marshals: Henny Brandsma, Brian Byrne

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