

Djouce International and Irish Universities Championship report

by Douglas Barry

Irish 10,000 metres track champion Noel Berkeley made a winning return to the Wicklow mountains on Sunday the 11th April. The Dundrum South Dublin beat Danish based international Jonathan Lamont by just under 2 minutes to win the Djouce International race. However, Lamont pushed hard from the start and pulled out a small lead on Noel and former Belfast marathon champion Gerry McGrath. The Copenhagen runner was only overtaken by Berkeley as the climb steepened on the final pull to the 2,300 foot top of Djouce.

The experienced DSD track man - winner of four mountain races last year - reached the summit with a critical gap and promptly descended rapidly down the initial steep slope from the wind lashed summit. He extended the margin on Lamont whose previous mountain running had been limited to the continental style up only races. However, Jonathan's nascent descending ability belied his inexperience: he maintained the gap between himself and the winner on the long sweeping descent which covered both open mountain and forest track underfoot. Noel's DSD clubmate Gerry McGrath took a comfortable 3rd on his return to racing after an injury prompted layoff.

Donegal's Laura McGinley who has her eyes on an Irish team place for the Europeans in Bad Kleinkirkheim in Austria beat fellow international Una May to take the women's race by just over a minute. May who is targeting the World Orienteering Championships at Inverness in August had a close tussle with McGinley and Crusader's Joan Flanagan before Laura relentlessly pulled away on the climb. May pushed hard on the descent, but McGinley conceded little ground before the finish. Joan came through to take 3rd in the senior race. Trinity's Brian Jones won the inaugural Irish Universities Championship held in conjunction with the senior race and finished well ahead of team mates Andrew Quinn and Peter McNamara. Trinity's Ailbe Creedon took gold ahead of UCD's Deirdre Murphy in the women's race.

[Pictures](#) of the winners.

Djouce International		11/4/99	Dry/V.Windy		
Irish Universities Championships					
<i>POS</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>CAT.</i>	<i>AFF.</i>	<i>TIME</i>	
1	Noel Berkeley	M	Ireland	42.33	
2	Jonathan Lamont	M	Ireland	44.19	
3	Gerry McGrath	M	Ireland	47.06	
4	Mark Doyle	MJ	Ireland	48.03	
5	Patrick Devine Wright	M	Ireland	49.13	
6	Gerry Lawlor	M	Ireland	52.31	
7	Brian Jones	M	Trinity	53.14	1st U Man
8	Laura McGinley	F	Ireland	54.53	1st Lady

9	Colm Doran	MV	Ireland	55.11	
10	Peter Owens	M	Ireland	55.24	
11	Tommy Galvin	M	Ireland	55.48	
12	Una May	F	Ireland	56.05	2nd Lady
13	Andrew Quinn	M	Trinity	56.34	2nd U Man
14	Joe Lalor	MV	Ireland	56.45	
15	Peter McNamara	M	Trinity	56.49	3rd U Man
16	Colm Burns	M	Ireland	56.54	
17	Ailbhe Creedon	F	Trinity	58.13	1st U Lady
18	Brian Bell	MV	Ireland	58.41	
19	Joan Flanagan	F	Ireland	58.45	3rd Lady
20	Calvin Torrans	SV	Ireland	59.12	
21	Stephen Lipson	M	Trinity	59.18	
22	Brian Lambe	M	Ireland	60.19	
23	Jane Watt	FV	Ireland	60.43	
24	Graham Porter	MV	Ireland	60.43	
25	Brian Byrne	SV	Ireland	62.37	
26	Cormac Corrigan	M	Ireland	62.55	
27	Gavan Doherty	M	Ireland	63.14	
28	Rowan Lyons	M	Trinity	63.55	
29	Gordan Douglas	MV	Ireland	65.04	
30	Justin Keatinge	M	Ireland	65.04	
31	Conor Kenny	MV	Ireland	65.41	
32	Brendan Murphy	MJ	Ireland	66.28	
33	Brendan Doherty	SV	Ireland	67.07	
34	Sean Lambe	SV	Ireland	67.23	
35	James Higgins	M	Ireland	76.56	
36	Julie Hilliard	FV	Ireland	77.58	
37	Niall Dobbs	M	Trinity	77.59	
38	Deirdre Murphy	F	UCD	78.55	2nd U lady
39	Jimmy O'Brien	SV	Ireland	70.12	SS
40	Alanna Smithee	F	UCLD	70.12	3rd U lady

SHORT COURSE

1	Jane Hingerty	JF		37.09	
2	Deirde Bell	JF		41.43	

Marking: Pat Donlon. Marshals: Henny Brandsma, Frank Murphy, Siobhan Murphy, Jonathan Barry.

Entries: Edel Donlon, Helen Donlon. Finish: Pat Donlon, Edel Donlon. Results Joe Lalor.