

Galtymore 11th July 1999

Report by Douglas Barry

John Lenihan won the All Ireland Championship for the second year in a row, once again relegating Northern Ireland's Brian Ervine to second place. Lenihan was two minutes up on Ervine at the turn on the mist shrouded Galtymore summit. However, his recent busy work schedule and the hunger induced collapse on the arduous Circuit of Glencree race have interfered with his training.

On the descent off Galtymbeg, he found himself running out of his comfort zone. As he climbed the final mountain on the return trip, he slowed and the Ballydrain runner closed the gap remorselessly. However, Lenihan reached the top first and picked the better route down off the steep mountain. Ervine drifted off the line and found himself in rough underfoot conditions which slowed him considerably.

To the observers below, the Riocht runner was clearly out of sorts as his normal rhythmic descending form seemed to have deserted him. However, he still jumped the final fence well in the lead from Brian. After the final road dash, John crossed the line in 80 minutes 33 seconds - over 2 minutes ahead of the Northern Irish international. The Kerryman - despite his problems - only missed his own record, set last year in worse conditions, by 8 seconds.

Dubliner Paul Mahon survived the tricky summit conditions to pass Cork's Pat Murphy for third place. Pat had the consolation of winning the vet 40 category by a clear margin from Vivian O'Gorman. In the vet 50 category, Limerick's Bernard Collins set a new record of 117 mins 45 secs and finished well clear of his closest rival Ercus Stewart (Glenasmole) who also dipped under the old record.

A great performance from BARF's Shilleen Donnelly saw her take the All Ireland title in her first year of mountain running. The Ulster woman had a brilliant climb up through the mist to reach the summit of Galtymore well ahead of her rivals. However, she went wrong on the tricky descent and found herself circling the peak in the mist, losing a considerable amount of time before she relocated. She missed Majella Diskin's record by 17 minutes but had a considerable margin on Nina Philips.

Galtymore Round 3 of Irish Champs Sunday 11/07/99

Pos	Num	Name	Club	Cat	Time	
1	1	John Lenihan	Riocht		80.33	
2	3	Brian Ervine	Ballydrain Harriers		83.15	
3	278	Paul Mahon			102.16	
4	438	Pat Murphy	Eagle	M40	105.00	
5	310	Brian Corbett	Cork O		107.55	
6	161	Vivian O'Gorman		M40	112.20	
7	276	Cormac MacDonnchadha	Ajax/ESB		113.57	
8	119	Justin Keatinge	Ajax		115.10	
9	404	Bernard Collins	Limerick AC	M50	117.45	
10	122	Joe Lalor	GEN	M40	119.13	
11	8	Liam Butler	Dundrum	M40	120.08	
12	6	Donal O'Kane	BARF		122.10	
13	186	Ercus Stewart	Glenasmole	M50	122.24	
14	5	Shilleen Donnelly	BARF	F	125.20	

15	7	Declan Carey	Sligo A.C.		128.34	
16	426	John Allard	Riocht	M50	131.50	
17	134	Thomas Galvin	Glenasmole		132.13	
18	12	Tom Madden	Redgate	M40	133.18	
19	458	David O'Callaghan	Eagle		145.18	
20	13	Maurice Boland	Clonmel AC	M40	152.03	
21	156	Nina Philips	Crusaders	F	153.00	
22	407	Batt Kearney	Leevale	M40	156.30	
23	9	John O'Leary	Leevale	M40	167.22	
24	297	Frank Murphy	Glenasmole	M40	169.59	
24	192	Brian Byrne		M50	174.22	
	430	John Forde	Cork	M60	DNF	
	219	Gavan Doherty	GEN		DNF	
	4	Deirdre Murphy	UCDO	F	DNF	
	193	Julie Hilliard		F40	DNF	

Short Course *Cush and back*

1	217	Mark Doyle	Eagle M.R.C.	M20	31.25	Rec
2	14	Joe Laffan Jnr	Limerick	M20	34.54	
3	11	Conor O'Donoghue		M20	35.37	
4	2	Fergal Fitzmaurice	Ballyduff	M19	38.25	
5	10	John Tierney	Killmallock	M20	39.32	
5	345	Brendan Murphy	Glenasmole	M15	47.44	

Entries: Vivian O'Gorman, Henny Brandsma

Finish: Henny Brandsma, Douglas Barry

Results: Douglas Barry

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