

1998 Sugarloaf Leinster League Report

A close Sugarloaf race brought the IMRA's Leinster League to a thrilling climax, as Crusaders Paul Nolan extended his recent run of successes to seven wins with a powerful, and record breaking performance on the rough rocky course. The race is regarded as the toughest in the league; its 5.6 kilometre course packs in 427 metres of climb and descent giving an average rate of over 15%. In truth, the rate of climb is greater than 20% as the lead in and out from the mountain is quite gradual.

However, despite these obstacles, Nolan scampered to victory, clinching the Leinster League title, as well as leaving the course record at 28 minutes 18 seconds. He was hotly pursued on the climb to the rocky summit by Hugh McLindon who has improved greatly over the course of the season and now looks a strong possibility for the Irish team at the Worlds in Ile de Reunion. McLindon was right behind the Crusaders man as they pushed up the final scree strewn cone to the summit. However Nolan's skills and experience shone through on the descent, and he gradually pulled away to win by 13 seconds from the Wicklow runner.

Aenghus O'Cleirigh finished 2 minutes 28 seconds back in third place and only 27 seconds ahead of Junior runner Mark Doyle who had a great run to smash the Junior record on the formidable course and take third place in the League behind Nolan and McLindon. The recently married Justin May was first Vet on the day, even though the League title went to 12th placed Kieran McDonnell, while the Supervet Over 50 League title went to Brian Byrne.

Justin's new wife Una Creagh was first woman both in the race and in the League. Her new sister in law Carey Edge (formerly Carey May - and still the Sugarloaf Rush record holder) was over from the States and finished second behind her on the day. It was good to see the former Irish record holder for the marathon back on the Irish hills. League second placer Joan Flanagan finished third in the race. Although absent from the Sugarloaf, Marcella Dunne finished first woman vet in the League.

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POS	NUM	NAME	CAT	CLUB	TIME
1	407	Paul Nolan		Crusaders	28.18
2	493	Hugh McLindon		3ROC	28.31
3	677	Aenghus O'Cleirigh		Cnoc	30.59
4	406	Mark Doyle	MJ	Eagle M.R.	31.26
5	492	Brendan O'Brien		Ajax/An Post	31.57

6	445	Simon Walters		AIB	33.03
7	501	Bob Lawlor		Crusaders	34.05
8	691	Justin May	MV	3ROC	34.05
9	617	Shane Fleming		Canada Life	34.25
10	639	John McDonnell		DSD	34.29
11	850	Gerry Lalor			34.54
12	489	Kieran McDonald	MV	Ajax	35.22
13	455	Aidan Fitzpatrick			35.32
14	456	Martin Flynn		Ajax	35.36
15	564	Kieran Crowley		AIB	35.37
16	848	Philip Brennan		Setanta O.C	36.07
17	471	Una Creagh	F	Crusaders	36.11
18	405	Henny Brandsma	MV	Sportsworld	36.16
19	490	Brian Lambe	M16	TOCAC	36.30
20	990	Richard Church			36.41
21	441	David Cronin	MV		36.57
22	695	Carey Edge	F		37.04
23	852	Mark Donlon	M14	DSD	37.25
24	565	Justin Keatinge		Ajax	37.31
25	656	Donough O'Keeffe		BVOC	37.42
26	675	Mick Mangan		Setanta	37.46
27	480	Joan Flanagan	F	Ajax	37.49
28	505	Ercus Stewart	MV	Glenasmole	38.15
29	510	Gavan Doherty		GEN	38.15
30	469	Ray Linn	MV	Selectron	38.41
31	671	Eric Forde	MJ		38.43
32	683	Colin Burns		Ajax	38.45
33	634	Johnny McElhinney			38.47
34	482	Dave Weston		Setanta	38.53
35	472	Padraic Hamrock		AIB	38.54
36	658	Tommy Whelan	MV	Guinness	39.02
37	512	Pat Fitzpatrick		AIB	39.13
38	509	Roisin McDonnell	F	Crusaders	39.15
39	519	Ciaran Donaghy		GEN	39.20
40	708	Barry Walters			39.50
41	431	Brian Bell		Bray Head Ridge Runners	39.53
42	829	Brian Byrne	MSV	Crusaders	40.02

43	466	Patrick Geoghegan		Selectron	40.15
44	711	Frank Brazil		Dunboyne	40.17
45	425	Thomas Galvin		Glenasmole	40.38
46	854	Karl Hogan	M14		40.42
47	504	Kevin Murray	MV		40.51
48	855	Peter Gibson	MV	G & T Crampton	41.17
49	709	Pat Conroy	MV		41.18
50	987	Rory Wallace		Ajax	41.19
51	687	Sean Murphy		Setanta	41.19
52	633	Amanda Hanly	F18	Lough Ree A.C.	42.07
53	710	Brendan Murphy	M14	Glenasmole	42.12
54	989	Gerry T. Lawlor	MV	Civil Service	42.18
55	988	Eugene O'Sullivan		Setanta	42.34
56	692	Paddy O'Brien	MV	Ajax	43.17
57	507	Eileen Walsh	F	Donore Harriers	43.47
58	657	Gillian Clyne	F18	Lough Ree A.C.	43.49
59	706	John Fitzgerald	MV		44.22
60	638	John Blanchfield	M18	Bray Runners	44.28
61	502	Cormac Corrigan		Glenasmole HR	44.36
62	470	Joe McDonagh		AIB	45.48
63	533	Eddie McGovern		Canada Life	45.59
64	707	Denis Corrigan	MSV		46.22
65	438	Eva Mulleady	F	Crusaders	47.31
66	422	Frank Murphy	MV	Glenasmole	47.32
67	668	Norman Caprani	MSV		48.27
68	825	Brendan Doherty	MSV		48.53
69	476	Hank Fogarty	MSV	SIAC Construction	49.24
70	508	Marian Hughes	FV		49.34
71	664	Alexis Fitzgerald			50.58
72	563	Cormac MacDonnchadha		Ajax	51.12
73	712	Caroline McLoughlin	F	Lough Ree A.C.	51.18
74	571	Melanie Walsh	F		51.32
75	447	Nina Philips	F	3ROC	53.10
76	699	Paul Lee	MV		53.16
77	694	Maurice Mullins	MSV	Loughrea	56.20
78	714	Orla Dolan	F	Donore Harriers	57.45

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Short Course

1	610	David Fox	M14		25.10
2	686	Deirdre Hopkins	F16	Lough Ree A.C.	25.14
3	693	Robert Kinsella	M14		29.05
4	611	Niall Hogan	M14		29.11
5	566	Catherine Woods	F14		34.30

Entries: Pat Donlon, Helen Donlon, Edel Donlon

Finish: Pat Donlon, Helen Donlon, Edel Donlon, Sean Lambe

Marking: Paul Dodd, Douglas Barry

Marshals: Paul Dodd, Douglas Barry, Eoin Rothery

Results: Douglas Barry