

The Kerry boys Under 15 teams once again stole the show in Charleville, Co. Cork last Sunday when they dominated the individual and team 3500m event with a display that emphasises the known talent that this group possesses. Kerry's top cross country runner and distance runner over the past two years has been without question Cillian O Donovan of Iveragh and he stamped his authority with a commanding win in the boys under 15 event to follow up on his under 16 win in Macroom a few weeks back. Cillian will now go on to both All Irelands in Derry and Tullamore with the tag of hot favourite with the hope of taking gold and a place on the Irish Celtic games team.

Kerry actually had a rare one, two, three in this event with the ever improving David O Keefe of Gneeveguilla in second showing huge improvement every time he races. Liam O Connell also of Iveragh finished in a well earned third place with a performance in years past that may have got him top billing in this article. Liam Carey Star of the Laune picked up the last place on the Munster team for All Irelands when he finished in 12th place showing a welcome return to the form he had two years ago. These four boys were backed up by Brian Sugrue of Iveragh in 14th and Ronan O Shea of Iveragh in 49th to take county gold along with Iveragh taking club silver.

James Doran of An Riocht made a welcome return to cross country this season and has made huge improvement in every race so far. James continued this vein of form when he took third place in the intermediate 8km. His An Riocht team finished just outside the medals with Donal O Callaghan 13th, Tim O Connor 18th and Milo Womack 55th.

Kerry squad athletes took four more medals on the day with solid displays from the following athletes all finishing within the twelve medal positions and guaranteeing their places on the Munster teams for the All Irelands in Tullamore on December 19th-

Conor O Mahoney Tralee Harriers 3rd U17

Brigid Dennehy Iveragh 10th U17

Niamh Clifford Star of the Laune 6th U19

Mary Fitzgearld of An Riocht 7th U19

Other squad athletes who competed well but were outside the medals on this occasion but still finishing high up in fields of over 100 athletes included Katelynn McCarthy of Spa Fenit U13, Cillian Tierney of Spa Fenit U13, Katie Reidy of An Riocht U13, Ellen Browne of An Riocht U13, Christine Cooper of Spa Muckcross U13, Vanessa Dineen of Lios Tuathail U15, Ashling O Connell of An Riocht U15, David Kavanagh of Tralee Harriers and Aodhan Burns of Spa Muckcross U17. Well done to all who took part.

Dates for the Diary-

Nov 13th-

Feet First 5km Winter series-Killarney

Kerry Distance Squad-An Riocht-11-2pm

Nov 14th-

Kerry Sprints Squad-An Riocht-12-2.30pm

Kerry Javelin Squad-An Riocht-12-2.30pm

Kerry Shot/Discus Squad-An Riocht-1-3.30pm

Nov 21st-

Munster Masters & Juvenile B XC-Dungarven