

WHAT A DAY FOR ST. KIERAN'S COLLEGE KILKENNY AT THE WHITE CUP - TRI EQUESTRIAN INTERSCHOOLS SHOWJUMPING COMPETITION 2016

Heavy fog lifted on Sunday morning and the day opened up to glorious sunshine for the 4th leg of the TRI Equestrian Interschool's Showjumping league, also sponsored by Connolly's Red Mills which was held on Sunday 2nd October at Warrington Top Flight Equestrian Centre, Kilkenny, home of the Moloney family.

The competitions began in the early morning with ten teams taking part in the Novice Competition. The teams left nothing behind them in their bid for glory - apart from the odd dropped pole. Eventually ten became two and in an exciting jump-off, Scoil Mhuire, Trim (Team B) comprising Ruth Keegan (Aero Sport), Maeve Lally (Lenny), Emma Rennick (Ben) and Caelinn Foley (Casper) were to triumph. Second place went to Newbridge College (Silver Team), and third, fourth, fifth and sixth place went to Loreto Kilkenny (Blue Team), Scoil Mhuire Trim (Team A), Kilkenny College and Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny respectively.

The novice individual was claimed with a spectacular performance from Ciara Fleming on her beautiful pony Bobby Jo representing Colaiste Pobail Osrai with Lucy Ross (Littlefield Clover) from Newbridge College taking second place and Killian Murphy (Killantra Misty) from Good Counsel College, New Ross taking third place. What an exciting competition this proved to be with 35 competitors competing on the day.

The White Cup was the main event and the course was indeed challenging for all riders. Competitors jumped their first round in the outdoor arena and made their way to the indoor arena for their second round, both arenas proving challenging for the competitors. With 23 teams commencing the competition, only three teams went through to the jump-off. St. Kieran's College Kilkenny (Black Team) took first place with blistering performances from Ciaran Byrne (Cuffesgrange Boomerang) and Hugh Mc Owan (Oddessy). Other members of the team were Jack Brennan (Limited Edition) and Patrick Parle (Outrath Kroontime). Second place went to Ardscoil na Trionaide, Athy, with third, fourth, fifth and sixth places going to Borris Vocational School (Wine Team), Newbridge College (Black Team), Kilkenny College (Red Team) and St. Mary's, New Ross respectively.

St. Kieran's College once again proved unbeatable in the Open Individual competition, taking first, second and third place out of 39 competitors. Hugh Mc Owan (Oddessy) won in fine style, followed by his fellow students Ciaran Byrne (I Whisper) and Patrick Parle (Outrath Kroontime).

The next leg of the Interschool's Showjumping League will take the competitors to Mullingar Equestrian Centre on Sunday 9th October.

RESULTS

NOVICE TEAMS

- 1st Scoil Mhuire Trim (Team B)** – Aero Sport (Ruth Keegan); Lenny (Maeve Lally); Ben (Emma Rennick); Casper (Caelinn Foley)
- 2nd Newbridge College (Silver Team)** –Ballydavid Souz (Max Ross); Camira Pride (Ella Kelly); B-Boda Bailey (Charlie O’ Dwyer); Dingle June (Kate Moloney)
- 3rd Loreto Secondary School Kilkenny (Blue Team)** – Destiny (Isabel Brennan); Black Forest Cavalier (Miriam Brett); Ed’s Choice (Katie Meany)
- 4th Scoil Mhuire Trim (Team A)** – Monty (Lauren Killelea); Bishopshall Joe (Cliona Mitchell); Blackie (Eilis Ni Cheallaigh); Mooly (Grace Evans)
- 5th Kilkenny College)** – Bisto (Luke Murphy); Paddy (Aislinn O’ Neill); Radestown Tango (Hetty Cope); Good Morning Major (Sophie Bolger)
- 6th Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny (Pink Team)** – Bounce (Sarah O’ Donnell); Taylor (Orla Walsh); Magic (Claire Forde)

NOVICE INDIVIDUALS

- 1st Colaiste Pobail Osrai, Kilkenny** – Bobby Jo (Ciara Phleamonn)
- 2nd Newbridge College** – Littlefield Clover (Lucy Ross)
- 3rd Good Counsel College, New ross** – Killantra Misty (Killian Murphy)
- 4th Newbridge College** – Ballydavid Souz (Max Ross)
- 5th Presentation Secondary School Kilkenny** – Magic (Claire Forde)
- 6th Scoil Mhuire** – Mysterious Mundy (Ava Lynch)

OPEN TEAMS

- 1st **St. Kieran's College (Black Team)** – Limited Edition (Jack Brennan); Oddessy (Hugh Mc Owan), Cuffesgrange Boomerang (Ciaran Byrne), Outrath Kroontime (Patrick Parle);
- 2nd **Ardcoil na Trionoide, Athy** – Jack Sparrow (Natalia Biczak); Punch (Rachel Kelly); Blue (Kelly Moore); Rodney (Paul Kehoe)
- 3rd **Borris Vocational School (Wine Team)** – Coppenagh Blitz (Catherine Kavanagh); Much Too Much (Declan Deegan); Garry (Aoife Murphy); Tankardstown Quality Cruise (James Kavanagh)
- 4th **Newbridge College (Black Team)** – Garnavilla Bob (Emily O' Brien); Kippure Steepleview Jack (Caragh Sweeney); Beyond Precision (Leah Ross); Killoughter Nugget (Conor Cassidy)
- 5th **Kilkenny College (Red Team)** – Le Puy En Valey (Conor Champion); Le Magic Sanction (Owen dePelsmaecker); Latinos (Rosina Pesce); Polly (Anna Dowley)
- 6th **St. Mary's, New Ross** – Glenview Boy (Maeve Ryan); Little Romeo (Niamh Redmond); Deerpark Superman (Ciara Murphy); Carraigbyrne Cavalier (Roisin Stephenson)

OPEN INDIVIDUALS

- 1st **St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny** – Oddessy (Hugh Mc Owan)
- 2nd **St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny** – I Whisper (Ciaran Byrne)
- 3rd **St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny** – Outrath Kroontime (Patrick Parle)
- 4th **Newbridge College** – Erbee's Corvette (Niamh Flinter)
- 5th **Good Counsel College, New Ross** – Coppenagh Vogue (Oisin Aylward)
- 6th **St. Declan's Community College, Kilmacthomas** – Muffin Pie (Maud O' Callaghan)