

Fine double for U.S. based Fahy at West Region Track & Field tests

THE West Region Track & Field Championships were held at the Regional Sports Centre recently. The weather was favourable and Galway athletes had the benefit of competing on home territory.

Declan Fahy of Castlegar A.C., home on holidays from East Tennessee University was in fine form taking the senior mens 1500m and 5000m events. The 1500 was a contest between international athletes Fahy, Paul McNamara of GCH and Padraic Farrell of Carrick-on-Shannon.

On the last lap Fahy kicked for home and McNamara and Farrell were left to fight out the minor placings. In the 5000m Fahy and Stephen Folan of GCH ran together for the first nine laps with James Connell of Tuam AC well adrift in 3rd place.

With three laps to go Fahy increased the pace and finished a comfortable winner from Folan in 2nd place. In the senior mens 800m James Butler of Pearse AC put in a great run to take gold in a personal best time of 1.58.3, just ahead of a fast finishing Paul McNamara of GCH who was given the same time.

Tommy Farragher of Corofin AC showed his class by taking the gold medal in the Shot Putt, while John Duffy of Castlegar had a fine sprint double taking both the 100m and 200m titles.

In the BLOE events Pearse AC athletes were in great form with the O'Leary brothers taking five gold medals, Alan in the u-15 100m and 200m and Niall in the u-13 100m, 200m and 800m. Fiona Curley was in unbeatable form in the girls u-14 200m and 800m.

Sean Breathnach, Carraroe AC as befitting an All-Ireland champion, took the gold medals in the u-15 boys, shot, discus and javelin and is certainly the most promising athlete in the

county for the throwing events.

Ballinasloe sprinters were also in fine form with Claire Larkin taking the girls u-17 100m and 200m and Fergal Lenihan also with double gold in the boys u-16 100m and 200m.

Maoliosa Hynes of Loughrea won the girls u-17 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles and 300m sprint, while clubmate Melissa Collins won the u-18 100m, javelin and 400m hurdles.

Treacy Murphy of GCH took gold in the girls u-18 200m and 800m while Eilish Mannion of Clare River Harriers took the u-18 1500m and 3000m events. Catherine and Stephen Casserly of Castlegar both won their 1500m events and Castlegar also won the boys u-13 and u-14 4 x 100m relays.

The following are the complete results of events in which Galway athletes won medals.

Girls u-13 80m 1, Martina McCarthy, Oranmore, 2, Dorothy Golden, Ballycastle, 3, Aisling Barry, GCH, 200m: 1, Gillian Clyne, Loughree, 2, Aisling Barry, GCH, 3, Amanda Ruane, GCH, 800m: 1, Amanda Ruane, GCH, 2, Claire Comiskey, Ballina, 3, Martina McCarthy, Oranmore, 1500m: 1, Amanda Hanley, Loughree, 2, Sharon Fahy, Athenry, 3, Claire O'Hara, Castlegar, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Loughree, 2, Castlegar, 3, Westport.

Boys u-13 80m: 1, Niall O'Leary, Pearse, 2, Ronan McGuire, Roscommon, 3, Richard Gavin, Westport, 200m: 1, Niall O'Leary, Pearse, 2, Ronald Warde, Castlegar, 3, Derek McGourty, Drumshambo, 800m: 1, Niall O'Leary, Pearse, 2, Edward Costello, GCH, 3, Mark Smyth, Nth. Sligo, 1500m: 1, Stephen Casserly, Castlegar, 2, Christopher McDermott, Roscommon, 75m Hurdles: 1, Ian Rossiter, Sligo, 2, Lioam Rafferty, Castlegar, 3, Gerard Dooley, Pearse, High Jump: 1, Ciaran Clancy, Carrick-on-Shannon, 2, Ronan Warde, Castlegar, 3, Niall O'Brien, Athenry, Shot Putt: 1, Jasper Woods, Ballinamore, 2, Peter McConnell, Sth. Galway, 3, Richard Gavin, Westport, 2, Aidan O'Grady, South Galway, 3, Peter McConnell, Sth. Galway, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Castlegar, 2, Sligo, 3, Westport.

Girls u-14 100m: 1, Eilish

Cunningham, Westport, 2, Orla Canavan, Pearse, 3, Edel Coffey, Renmore, 200m: 1, Fiona Curley, Pearse, 2, Orla Canavan, Pearse, 3, Yvonne Burke, GCH, 800m: 1, Fiona Curley, Pearse, 2, Norah Newcombe, Ballina, 3, Gemma Gorman, Carrick-on-Shannon, 1500m: 1, Jean O'Connor, GCH, 2, Tracy Harney, Roscommon, 3, Lisa Travers, Claremorris, 80m Hurdles: 1, Eilish Cunningham, Westport, 2, Sandra Waldron, Roscommon, 3, Audrey McMahon, Loughrea, 250m Hurdles: 1, Audrey McMahon, Loughrea, 2, Emer Kelly, Castlegar, 3, Sinead Gannon, Roscommon, Long Jump: 1, Rhona O'Mahoney, Claremorris, 2, Mary Flynn, Portumna, 3, Niamh O'Mahoney, Claremorris, High Jump: 1, Pauline Ryan, Claremorris, 2, Eilish Cunningham, Westport, 3, Audrey McMahon, Loughrea, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Westport, 2, Portumna, 3, Claremorris.

Boys u-14 100m: 1, Daniel Kilgallon, Ballina, 2, Cormac Flanagan, Portumna, 3, Ashley Henry, Corran, 200m: 1, Daniel Kilgallon, 2, Cormac Flanagan, 3, Edward Brennan, Nth. Sligo, 800m: 1, Colm Mangan, St. Deirbhles, 2, David Burke, Castlegar, 3, Gavin McGowan, Nth. Sligo, 1500m: 1, Fergal Feeney, Nth. Sligo, 2, Michael Casey, Carraroe, 3, Martin Conroy, Ballina, 80m Hurdles: 1, Alan Delaney, Castlereagh, 2, Ashley Henry, Corran, 3, Cormac Brady, Athenry, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Castlegar, 2, North Sligo, 3, B. Allina.

Girls u-15 100m: 1, Grainne O'Mahoney, Claremorris, 2, Caroline Cunnane, Ballinasloe, 3, Rosemary McGloin, Nth. Sligo, 200m: 1, Rosemary McGloin, 2, Caroline Cunnane, 3, Emma Duggan, Renmore, 800m: 1, Sarah Neary, Carrick-on-Shannon, 3, Leonra Gibbons, Claremorris, 3, Margaret Page, Athenry, 1500m: 1, Catherine Casserly, Castlegar, 2, Cathiona Cassells, Mohill, 3, Leonra Gibbons, Claremorris, Long Jump: 1, Grainne O'Mahoney, Claremorris, 2, Majella Grier, Claremorris, 3, Orla Flannery, Portumna, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Pearse, 2, Westport, 3, Roscommon.

Boys u-15 100m: 1, Alan O'Leary, Pearse, 2, Jason Cafferty, Ballina, 3, Conor McDonagh, Corran, 200m: 1, Alan O'Leary, 2, Philip Gallagher, Nth. Sligo, 3, Liam Leonard, St. Deirbhles, 1500m: 1, Eoin O'Donnell, Ballina, 2, Paul Noone, Roscommon, 3, Brendan Ruane, GCH, Shot Putt: 1, Sean Breathnach, Carraroe, 2, J. J. Mangan, St. Deirbhles, 3, Ronan Kilkenny, Sth. Galway, Long Jump: 1, Karl Nicholson, Sligo, 2, Alan Kelly, Ballina, 3, Brian Farrell, Sth. Galway, Javelin: 1, Sean Breathnach, Carraroe, 2, Ronan Kilkenny, Sth. Galway, 3, Oisín Kelly, St. Ronans, Discus: 1, Sean

Breathnach, Carraroe, 2, Peter Smith, Loughrea, 3, Robert Mullen, Nth. Sligo, 4 x 100m: 1, Ballina, 2, Sligo, 3, Pearse.

Girls u-16 100m: 1, Denise Hoban, Westport, 2, Siobhan Dervan, Ballinasloe, 3, Sinead Kelly, Westport, 200m: 1, Denise Hoban, 2, Majella Loftus, Claremorris, 3, Siobhan Dervan, Ballinasloe, 1500m: 1, Jamie Munnally, Ballina, 2, Deirdre O'Connor, Claremorris, 3, Anita Day, Athenry, 100m Hurdles: 1, Pauline Kelly, Castlegar, 2, Grainne Costello, GCH, Long Jump: 1, Julie Claffey, Portumna, 2, Siobhan McWeeney, Carrick.

Boys u-16 100m: 1, Fergal Lenihan, Ballinasloe, 2, Martin Silke, Castlegar, 3, Trevor Clancy, Corran, 200m: 1, Fergal Lenihan, 2, David Currid, Nth. Sligo, 3, Martin Silke, 400m: 1, Adrian Wallace, Pearse, 2, David Linnane, Sligo, 3,

Owan Scanlon, GCH, 800m: 1, David Currid, Nth. Sligo, 2, Joseph Hynes, Athenry, 1500m: 1, Stephen Kelly, Athenry, 2, Ciaran O'Flaherty, Castlegar, 3, Matthew Mulkeen, Claremorris, Long Jump: 1, Declan Donnelly, Portumna, 2, Niall Keeley, Sth. Galway, 3, Mark Clancy, Carraroe, High Jump: 1, John Fitzpatrick, Rising-Sun, 2, Declan Donnelly, Portumna, 3, Mark Clancy, Carraroe, Triple Jump: 1, Niall Keeley, Sth. Galway, 2, Gerard Guckian, Carrick, 3, Ende Taylor, Roscommon.

Girls u-17: 1, Claire Larkin, Ballinasloe, 2, Triona Quinn, Ballinasloe, 3, Geraldine Tighe, Ballycastle, 200m: 1, Claire Larkin, Ballinasloe, 2, Triona Quinn, Ballinasloe, 3, Bernadette Casey, Loughree, 300m: 1, Maoliosa Hynes, Loughree, 2, Brenda Hopkins, Castlegar, 3, Susan Reynolds, Sligo, 300m Hurdles: 1, Maoliosa Hynes, 2, Ruth

McLoughlin, 3, Susan Reynolds, Shot Putt: 1, Brenda Hopkins, Castlegar, 2, Geraldine Tighe, Ballycastle, 3, Louise Cheeseman, Portumna, 2, Rose Kerrigan, Westport, 3, Moya Parke, Corran.

Boys u-17 100m: 1, Darren Hough, Corran, 2, John Duffy, Castlegar, 3, Danny Fahy, Castlegar, 200m: 1, Darren Hough, 2, John Duffy, 3, Brian Langan, Westport, 800m: 1, Michael Mitchell, Loughrea, 2, Hugh Farrell, Drumshambo, 3, Anthony Gardiner, Ballycastle, 300m: 1, Richard Doran, Carrick, 2, Simon Daly, Castlegar, Discus: 1, Padraic Lennon, St. Ronans, 2, Paul Mullen, Nth. Sligo, 3, David Hoary, Portumna.

Girls u-18 100m: 1, Melissa Collins, Loughrea, 2, Paula Warde, Pearse, 3, Olivia Crowe, Pearse, 200m: 1, Tracey Murphy, GCH, 2, Avril Allison, Loughrea, 400m: 1, Susan Cheevers, Pearse, 800m: 1, Tracey Murphy, GCH, 1500m: 1, Eilish Mannion, CRH, 2, Cathiona Clancy, Carrick, 3000m: 1, Eilish Mannion, CRH, 2, Gillian Keane, Claremorris, Long Jump: 1, Avril Allison, Loughrea, Javelin: 1, Melissa Collins, Loughrea, 2, Geraldine Jinks, Corran, 3, Denise Mostyn, Carrick, 400m Hurdles: 1, Melissa Collins, Loughrea, 4 x 100m Relay: 1, Loughrea, 2, Pearse.

Boys u-18: 1, Darren Crocock, Sligo, 2, Derek Kilbane, Carrick, 3, Kenneth Monaghan, Ballinasloe, 400m: 1, Ian McDonnell, Sligo, 2, David Turney, Roscommon, 3, Tom Scanlon, GCH, 3000m: 1, Fergal Casey, GCH, 2, Barry Turney, Roscommon, 2000 Steeplechase: 1, David Turney, Roscommon, 2, Martin Conroy, Castlegar, 3, Gearoid Breathnach, GCH, Senior Women 200m: 1, Tracy Murphy, GCH, 800m: 1, Geraldine Coyne, Castlegar, 2, Tracy Murphy, GCH, 3, Fiona Curley, GCH, 1500m: 1, Patricia Griffin, Ballinamore, 2, Jackie Forde, GCH, 3, Noreen McManamon, Mayo AC, 3000m: 1, Ann Marie Hynes, Tuam, 2, Patricia Griffin, 3, Jackie Forde, Long Jump: 1, Mary Kennedy, Loughrea.

Senior Men: 100m: 1, John Duffy, Castlegar, 2, Cormac Kearney, Castlegar, 3, David Brannelly, Nth. Leitrim, 200m: 1, John Duffy, 2, Paddy Kearney, Mayo, 3, Eddie Conroy, Claremorris, 400m Hurdles: 1, Des Ryan, Ballinasloe, 2000m Steeplechase: 1, David Turner, Roscommon, 2, Martin Conroy, Castlegar, 3, Gearoid Breathnach, GCH, Senior Women: 200m: 1, Tracy Murphy, GCH, 800m: 1, Geraldine Coyne, Castlegar, 2, Tracy Murphy, GCH, 3, Fiona Cooley, GCH, 1500m: 1, Patricia Griffin, Ballinamore, 2, Jackie Forde, GCH, 3, Noreen McManamon, Mayo AC, 3000m: 1, Ann Marie Hynes, Tuam, 2, Patricia Griffin, 3, Jackie Forde, Long Jump: 1, John Duffy, Castlegar, 2, Cormac Kearney, Castlegar, 3, David Brannelly, Nth. Leitrim, 200m: 1, John Duffy, 2, Paddy Kearney, Mayo, 3, Eddie Conroy, Claremorris, 400m Hurdles: 1, Des Ryan, Ballinasloe

St. Raphael's capture first year hurling title

St. Raphael's.....3-8
Portumna C.S.....1-5

ST. RAPHAELS and Portumna C.V. contested the Connacht Colleges first year A hurling final at Duggan Park on Thursday last. Raphaels applied the early pressure but a resolute Portumna defence kept them in contention.

In the 12th minute William Cullinane's shot found its way to the Portumna net. The Portumna reply was immediate. Keith Hayes - their most dangerous forward - goaled with a terrific first time ground pull. Both sets of defenders remained on top leaving the half time scoreline at 1-3 to 1-2 in favour of Raphaels.

Early in the second half Raphaels introduced Tomas Ryan and his contribution was to prove decisive. His first shot was brilliantly saved by Tony Monaghan at the expense of a 65, but moments later he collected a rebound and goaled from close range.

Raphaels now dominated the midfield exchanges and their forwards began to find the target. Gavin Keary, John Dooley, Anthony Keane and Damien McClearn picked off some fine points.

However Portumna were in no mood to surrender and inspired by centre back Cormac Flanagan they fought back. Their efforts were rewarded when Keith Hayes fired home a goal in the 54th minute. The margin was now narrowed to 5 points and the stage looked set for a grandstand finish.

The Raphaels defence responded to the Portumna challenge and were not to be breached. Gavin Keary and Tomas Ryan added further scores to ensure a Raphaels victory.

Raphaels were well served by Ronan Hynes, Cyril Murray, Alan Joyce, Keith Daniels, Anthony Keane and Fergus Forde. Best for Portumna were C. Flanagan, K. Hayes and Tony Moylan.

U-14 hurling

Saturday: At Kenny Park, Athenry: Sarsfields v Sylans, B semi-final, 2 p.m. G. Sheehan, followed by Gaillimh Final of Feile Skillstar competition at 3 p.m. Each club is required to send one player to the final.

At Loughrea: Tommie Larkins v Ardahan, B quarter-final replay, 5 p.m. J. Cooney, extra time to be played in above game if necessary.

