

O'Connor claims win at annual Terenure 5-mile

Lindie Naughton

Eddie O'Connor from Brothers Pearse AC was a delighted winner at the annual Terenure 5-Mile, organised by Sportsworld AC on Sunday morning, May 10.

O'Connor finished in 25 mins, 15 secs, with Patrick Mac Gabhann (Rathfarnham WSAF AC) second in 25:32 and Colm Turner (Brother Pearse AC) third and first M40 in 26:02. Dublin-based Michell Finn (Leevale AC) was eighth overall and first woman in 27:29, with Ciara Hickey (Brothers Pearse AC, W45) second in 27:56 and Maria McCambridge (Dundrum South Dublin, W50) third in 30:25.

McCambridge was also leading DSD to team victory in the women's open category, with Brothers Pearse AC second and Crusaders AC third.

Brothers Pearse were clear winners of the men's open team title, with Rathfarnham WSAF AC second and Civil Service Harriers third. In the over 40 team categories, the DSD women and the Brothers Pearse men were also the winners.

Members of Clonliffe Harriers took the top three places at the 135th Clonliffe Point-to-Point 2-mile, held on the Old

Finglas Road to Glasnevin, on Wednesday, May 6. Ben Guiden was a clear winner in 9 mins, 6 secs, followed by Malcolm Kiplagat in 9:45 and Sean Doran in 10:12. Michelle Finn (Leevale AC), a close fifth, was first woman in 10:14.

Helen Butterly (Clonliffe Harriers) was second woman in 10:32 another club mate Sofia Chételat third woman in 10:41. For a 40th year, this, the oldest road race in Ireland, was sponsored by Kavanagh's Gravediggers pub in Prospect Square.

LIFE'S A BEACH!

Eamonn O'Neill was the winner of the annual ESB BHAA Sandymount Strand 5km, on Tuesday (May 5) in 19 mins, 14 secs. Ted Burke was second in 19:23 and Ronan Walsh third in 19:33.

Mairead Hogan representing the host club ESB was first woman in 21:21. Claire Reidy was second in 21:36 and Orla Gormley third in 22:56.

TRACK AND FIELD - HOME

Dublin championships were incorporated in the second Dublin Track and Field meet held at Santry on Sunday, and winning the women's 1500m title was Finley Cherry Maguire of Donore Harriers. A fierce



Terenure 5-Mile - They're off!

battle to the line in the men's race saw Alex Twomey make it a Donore double.

Winners of the 200m titles were Michelle Duggan and Darragh Murphy, both UCD AC.

Sophie Becker (Raheny Shamrock AC) and Jack Raftery (Donore Harriers) both finished second in their respective 400m races at the Belfast International Track meet on the Mary Peters Track, Belfast, on Saturday, May 9. Becker's time was 52.36 secs, while Raftery clocked 46.18 secs. Winning the women's A 400m in 53.59 was Michelle Duggan (UCD AC). Saoirse Fitzpatrick (Lucan Harriers) won the women's A

800m in 2:05.35, which was a second qualifying time for the World U20 Championships. Renee Crotty (UCD AC) was third in 2:06.79. A total of five women's and nine men's 800m races were held.

In the international women's 1500m, Amy O'Donoghue (DSD AC) in tenth place proved best of the Irish women with a time of 4 mins, 16.56 secs. Niamh Carr (DCH) was one place behind in 4:17.12 Philip Marron (DCH AC) was seventh and best of the Irish with a time of 3:423.57 in the men's international race.

Junior athlete Charlie O'Neill (Donore Harriers) won the B

race in 3:50.38, which is comfortably inside the European U18 qualifying mark of 3:53.50

TRACK AND FIELD - AWAY

Anna Gavigan (LSA AC) won the women's discus with a throw of 53.72 at the Ter Specke Bokaal Meet in the Netherland on Saturday (May 9). A day later, Gavigan there 53.35 to win the women's discus at the second Dublin Graded Track and Field Meet in Santry.

In the USA, Siún Quinn (Brothers Pearse AC) cleared a personal best 1.85 in the high jump at the in Champaign,

Illinois on Friday, May 8, which was also inside the World U20 qualifying standard.

SCHOOLS - HFSC Rathcoole take Community title

Zone qualification rounds for schools in Leinster's East, West and North zones were all taking place in Santry over the past week or so, while Tallaght was the venue for the CCSSCA Schools Athletics Championships on Thursday, May 7.

Highlights of the day included records in the junior girls 800m for Julie Taitt and in the boys senior javelin for Braydon Francis. Both are students at Moyne CS in Co. Longford.

HFSC Rathcoole finished overall winners in both the boys and girls categories. Picking up valuable points for the school was Jacob Ciomek, who not only eased to victory in the senior 1500m, but also raced the first leg of the 4 x 100m relay. Moyne CS from Longford finished second of the boys and Pobalscoil Neasain Baldoyle third, while Ardee CS was second of the girls followed by Palmerstown CS.

Virtually every community school in the greater Dublin area was represented, with some fine performances all round.

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Fingal County
Council

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ACQUISITION NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ACQUIRE LAND UNDER SECTION 45 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT, 2000 (AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED)

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACTS 2000 TO 2024 AND ALL OTHER ACTS THEREBY ENABLING ACQUISITION OF OPEN SPACE LANDS AT ASHLEIGH, CASTLEKNOCK, DUBLIN 15

Notice is hereby given that Fingal County Council in exercise of the power conferred on them by Section 45 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, intend to acquire by Order that section of the land described hereunder.

A copy of the map referred to in the Order may be seen and inspected at the offices of Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, County Hall, Main Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2 and Fingal County Council, Reception Desk, Civic Offices, Grove Road, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15, D15 W638, Monday to Thursday 9.00 am - 5.00 pm, Friday 9.00 am to 4.30 pm (excluding Bank Holidays) from Thursday 14th May to Friday 12th June (inclusive).

The map is also available on the Fingal County Council website www.fingal.ie/vesting-order.

Further information may be obtained from Brian Ebbs, Senior Staff Officer, Property Services Division, Fingal County Council, County Hall, Swords, Fingal, Co. Dublin, K67 X8Y2. Telephone no. 01 890 5000, E-mail: property.mgt@fingal.ie.

Any person having an interest in the land to which this acquisition notice relates, may before the 12th day of June 2026 appeal to An Coimisiún Pleanála.

DESCRIPTION OF LAND INTENDED TO BE ACQUIRED

Open Space Lands at Ashleigh, Castleknock Dublin 15.

Dated this the 14th day of May 2026.

Natalie Dineen,
Administrative Officer,
Property Services,
Economic, Community & Cultural Development.

Basketball: Dublin Sonics Crowned DMBB Division 3 League Champions

DUBLIN SONICS 71
LIETKABELIS BC 68

The National Basketball Arena was the scene of a spectacular showdown recently, as Dublin Sonics claimed a hard-fought 71-68 victory over Lietkabelis BC to win the DMBB Basketball Top 4 League Finals.

Hailing from Tyrrelstown, Dublin 15, the Sonics delivered a brilliant performance full of skill and determination. In a contest that remained tight until the final buzzer, the team held their nerve to emerge triumphant by just three points, securing the Championship title.

This victory crowns Dublin Sonics as the official D3 Men's League Champions 2026. More significantly, the win earns them promotion to the DMBB League Men's Division 2 for the upcoming season.



This title marks the club's sixth Dublin Cup Championship, adding to a rich history of success across both youth and senior divisions which includes being U13s Dublin Cup Champion in 2016, U14s Dublin Cup Champion in 2017, the U15s Dublin Cup Champion of 2018, the U16s Dublin Cup Champion a year later, the D3 Men's Intermediate Cup Champion in 2024 and 2025 and the D3 Men's League Champion in 2026.

In a high-scoring affair, it was Seamus Devlin who led the way for the cham-

pions with an impressive 16 points. He was well supported by Temi Illori with 12 points and Leinster Gomez contributing 10.

For Lietkabelis, Ambraziejus was the standout performer, scoring a game-high 22 points, while Usel added 15 points in a strong effort.

The club praised the entire squad and coaching staff for being "exceptional" throughout the campaign. However, the night was defined not just by the players, but by the incredible atmosphere created by the fans.

"The coaches and players were exceptional," said a club representative. "Big mention to all the Sonics Family who came in massive numbers to support the team. We had the arena absolutely rocking with die-hard fans and supporters. Well done to all, another memorable night for Sonics."

Speaking after the final whistle, Head Coach Colin O'Brien expressed his delight:

"I am so incredibly proud of every single player. This victory wasn't just about talent; it was about heart, discipline, and never giving up. We fought hard all season and tonight showed exactly what we are made of. Promotion to Division 2 is a fantastic achievement, but this is just the beginning. Well done to the lads and thank you to everyone who stood by us!"