



2016 Blackrock races, schools competitions and Louth Games

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It was a busy weekend for the young athletes of Dundalk St Gerards AC over the bank holiday weekend with the troops in action on three fronts.

On Friday night it was the annual Blackrock AC beach races in glorious sunshine by the sea. Getting proceedings off to a great start were the girls U18. The race produced a fantastic 1,2,3,4 for the club with Niamh Belton leading home Caitlin Mulholland, Orlagh Conway & Kate Smyth. Keeping the flying start going was the speedy Zariah Faapito who gave a dazzling display to take gold in the U8 girl's race. In the U10 girls race Grainne Moran lead the field home with an excellent run and Enya Silkena close behind in 3rd place with Nicole Mulholland running well too. In the boys U10 Aaron Dunne and Hayden Mulholland ran well. Emily Moran and Elahna Faapito put in solid performances in the U12 girls race.

On Saturday as the summer heat continued so did the red hot performances. In the All-Ireland schools championships in Tullamore 5 of the clubs young athletes represented St Vincent's secondary school with all five striking gold. Patience Jumbo-Gula was majestic in taking a fantastic double gold in the junior girls 100m & 200m underlining her potential. Kate O'Connor also struck gold on the double taking the intermediate girl's long jump and javelin with accomplished performances. Lastly Ellen McBride, Maria Smith and Patricia Jumbo-Gula were part of the minor girls relay squad along with Sarah Clarke and Sarah Morgan of Blackrock AC. The team performed brilliantly to storm home to gold and also smashed the championship record by nearly a second.

On Sunday the Louth community games finals took place and the clubs young athletes once again performed strongly. Zariah Faapito was back in the medals with another storming run for 3rd in the U8 girls 60m. Finn O'Connor ran well in the U8 boys final. Grainne Moran was impressive in victory in the U10 girls 80m with Ciara Cunningham taking a great 2nd place. In the U10 girls 200m Tara O'Connor showed her class with an excellent gold medal. Elahna Faapito did well in the u12 girls ball throw and Grainne Moran had a good run in the 600m. The 2 girls went on to take bronze medals in the relay. Twins Niamh & Eimear Hearty lined up alongside older sister Emma in the U14 girls 800m with all 3 showing up well. The ever consistent Ellen Murphy took silver in the U14 girl's long jump. Patricia Jumbo-Gula just missed out in the U14 100m with second place in a tight finish. Patience Jumbo-Gula made no mistake with another excellent victory in the U16 girls 200m.

Training continues every Tuesday & Thursday in Young Ireland's GFC on Hoey's lane near DKIT at 6:30pm
New members welcome.

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