



The Junior Triple Crown took place in Dunfermline, Scotland, over the weekend of August 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>, with both boys and girls teams representing Ireland at Under 16 and Under 19 level.

There were high hopes all round, especially for the Under 19 boys who brought a strong team across to Scotland. However, realistically those involved knew how tough a job it would be to take on the best young talent from the UK, especially the English and Scottish teams.

## **Singles**

### **Under-16 Boys**

The performance of the English boys in the singles was nothing short of stunning as they dominated the event, with the top five positions all being filled with English competitors.

Jamie Elliot was the pick of the lot with an incredible 1410 for his six games, while teammate Liam Mudge followed closely with a 1382.

The singles bronze was taken by Craig Tracey with a 1285, while Jamie Gore was the unlucky one to just miss out in 4<sup>th</sup> places with 1216.

Christopher Kestell was the top Irish boy in 11<sup>th</sup> with 1118, while Lorcan Staines (16<sup>th</sup>) and Calvin Malone (17<sup>th</sup>) were the only other Irish competitors to break the 1000 mark.

### **Under-16 Girls**

The girls section was not subject to the same domination from any one team, but it was England again who took gold, with Joanna Hackett shooting 1253 to take the win ahead of Scotland's Robyn Morton (1226) and Wales' Natasha English (1203).

England's Katie Tagg shot 1178 to just miss out on a medal, while the top Irish girls were Lauren O'Neill (1106) and Chloe Colton (1068), who finished in 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> places respectively.

### **Under-19 Boys**

The fight for medals in the under-19 boys section was between hosts Scotland and England, with Brandon Roberts of England eventually pipping the rest to the gold with a score of 1345.

Second place was taken by Scotland's Daniel McKay (1336), with England's Brett Armer (1324) finishing third.

There was a solid performance from the Irish team, with four players inside the top 10; Matthew Kestell 6<sup>th</sup> (1266), Stephen Dillon 7<sup>th</sup> (1252), Stephen Dunne 8<sup>th</sup> (1237) and Kevin Wattimena 9<sup>th</sup> (1224).

### **Under-19 Girls**

The medal chase was dominated by the English in the girls section, with all three medals eventually going to Team England.

Keira Reay (1400) took gold, Becky Daly (1392) won silver and Emily Allen (1332) finished with the bronze.

Similar to the boys team, the Irish girls made a solid start to the tournament, with Shauna Collins (1182) 9<sup>th</sup>, Rachel Mulligan (1152) 10<sup>th</sup> and Roslyn Moore (1133) 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **Doubles**

### **Under-16 Boys**

England dominated once again in the doubles, with each of their three teams finishing in the medal positions.

Jamie Gove/Sam Martin took the gold (1399), Liam Mudge/Jamie Elliot (1199) won silver and Craig Tracey/Dominic Bond (1188) took bronze.

Ireland's three teams all finished around the top ten, with Christopher Kestell/Calvin Malone (1026) 9<sup>th</sup>, Daniel Collins/Lorcan Staines (1017) 10<sup>th</sup> and Ciaran Watts/Jack Doyle (955) 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Under-16 Girls**

Rebecca Spiking/Joanna Hackett (1303) dominated to take the gold medal, with their Team England compatriots Amy Teal/Katie Tagg (1159) taking silver.

Ireland's Lauren O'Neill/Emma Dungan (1111) almost did enough for bronze, but were pipped by Wales' Natasha English/Chelsea Morgan (1147).

Niamh Watts/Chloe Colton (1044) finished 6<sup>th</sup> for Ireland, while the other Irish pair of Niamh Whistler/Hannah Dempsey (927) finished 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **Under-19 Boys**

England took gold once more, with Alex Green/Brandon Roberts (1378) beating Scotland's Daniel McKay/Paul Addison (1340) to top spot, while Scotland also took the bronze with Marco Biondi/Scott Connelly (1329).

Ireland's top performers were Stephen Dillon/Kevin Wattimena (1284) in 5<sup>th</sup>, with Nathan O'Connor/Stephen Dunne (1267) 7<sup>th</sup> and Ryan Leong/Matthew Kestell (1203) 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Under-19 Girls**

Keira Reay/Emily Allen (1396) won the gold medal ahead of their Team England compatriots Becky Daly/Frankie Plewis (1373), while Scotland's Caitlin Kerr/Tania Yusaf (1227) took the bronze.

Top finishers for Ireland were Shauna Collins/Roslyn Moore (1168) in 5<sup>th</sup>, while Rachel Mulligan/Sarah Dunne (1085) finished 7<sup>th</sup> and Rachel Bermingham/Yvonne Quinn (1042) finished 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **Team Event**

### **Under-16 Boys**

England continued the trend of the weekend with a gold-medal performance by shooting 2927 to beat Scotland (2845) into silver position, while Ireland (2646) had to be happy with a bronze medal after being a bit off the pace of the top two.

### **Under-16 Girls**

England were also victorious in the girls section with a total of 3090, while the silver medal went to Scotland (2846). Much like the boys section Ireland (2449) did well to take a bronze medal despite being well of the scoring pace of the top two teams.

### **Under-19 Boys**

This proved to be the only section in which England did not take the gold medal and it was Ireland (3142) who produced a stunning performance to take that gold. England (3024) had to settle for silver, while the bronze went to Scotland (2712).

### **Under-19 Girls**

It was an easy gold medal for the English girls, their 3024 easing them to a very comfortable victory. Ireland (2859) proved to be the best of the rest to take the silver medal, while Scotland (2770) took the bronze.

## **All Events**

### **Under-16 Boys**

England took all of the medal spots, with Jamie Elliot (2679), Sam Martin (2572), Liam Mudge (2510).

### **Under-16 Girls**

Joanna Hackett (2590) finished first in the All Events for England, with Scotland's Alison Williamson (2506) second and England's Rebecca Spiking finishing in third place (2430).

### **Under-19 Boys**

England's Brandon Roberts (2749) took All Events gold, with Ireland's Kevin Wattimena (2637) winning silver and England's Brett Armer (2632) finishing in third for the bronze.

### **Under-19 Girls**

Emily Allen (2773) of England took gold, with her teammates Becky Daly (2740) and Keira Reay (2679) taking the silver and bronze medals.

## **Masters Final**

### **Under-16 Boys**

(1) Jamie Elliot (ENG) beat (2) Ryan Hart (ENG) **201-195**

### **Under-16 Girls**

(1) Alison Williamson (SCO) beat (1) Joanna Hackett (ENG) **197-181**

### **Under-19 Boys**

(2) Kevin Wattimena (IRE) beat (1) Brandon Roberts (ENG) **245-244**

### **Under-19 Girls**

(3) Rachel Mulligan (IRE) beat (1) Emily Allen (ENG) **265-217**

### **Mixed Doubles**

We would also like to give special mention to the under-19 mixed doubles team of Yvonne Quinn/Nathan O'Connor who shot 1159 to take the silver medal.