

Cycling

LOGSTRUP WINS TEAM AWARD IN ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

There was a big turn-out of juvenile cyclists from all parts of the country for the All-Ireland Under-age Championships held in Tuam at the week-end and hosted by Logstrup Cycling Club.

The official opening was performed by Rev. Austin Fergus, C.C., Tuam, representing Archbishop Joseph Cassidy, who was unavoidably absent. Also present were: President of the Federation of Irish Cyclists (F.I.C.) Jack Watson from N.I.; Managing Director of Logstrup (Ireland) Ltd., Sean Mulryan; the chairperson of Tuam Town Commissioners, Mrs. Nora Halion; President of Tuam Chamber of Commerce, Paul O'Grady; Chairperson of Tuam Community Council, Mrs. Attracta Behan; Inspector Jim Broderick, Garda Siochana, and Billy Kealy, Order of Malta.

The unpleasant weather conditions on Saturday morning failed to dampen the high standard and enthusiasm of all the young eager participants.

This was a big undertaking for the local Logstrup C.C. F.I.C. officers and visiting clubs were high in their praise for the efficient manner in which the events were run. The highlight of the week-end was the winning of the All-Ireland Team Award by Logstrup C.C., Tuam. This was the first time a West of Ireland team has won this prize. The prizewinning team consisted of David Burke (u-11), Bobbie Quinn (u-12) and David Kelly (u-13). All the other Logstrup riders performed exceptionally well.

One of the four Commisaries (referees) in charge of the events was Ian Gallagher, who had just returned from the Olympic Games where he was an official. He has also been in charge of a number of professional events throughout Europe.

In the individual events the following were prizewinners:

U-11: 1 Ciaran McCarthy, Youghal; 2 Fergal Whelan, Laois; 3 Willie Curtin, Kanturk.

U-12: 1 Paul Geary, Blackwater; 2 John Murray, Waterford; 3 Thomas Hogan, Blackwater.

U-13: 1 Diarmuid Carew, Kiely's, Tipperary C.C.; 2 Derek Finnegan, Cuchulaun; 3 Brendan O'Leary, Hilltown.

U-14: 1 Adrian Hayes, Waterford; 2 Gareth McGaughey, Cuchulaun; 3 Denis Cormican, Phoenix.

In the Skills competitions David Burke, Logstrup C.C., won first place.

The monthly meeting of the club will be held in Gilligan's, High Street, on Thursday night at 8.30.