

Hurricane Newbridge strikes at Warrington, again at the TRI Equestrian Interschools Competition held in Warrington EC and hosted by Kilkenny College.

With grim weather forecasts speaking of two tail-ends of hurricanes to hit Ireland this weekend, those travelling to the Top Flight Equestrian Centre at Warrington, Kilkenny, last Sunday might have felt a little wary. Instead the weather stayed fine, but in the Open showjumping competition it was a case of the rest being on the tail-end of a Newbridge hurricane as, Caragh Sweeney, on Kippure Steepleview Jack and Max Ross, riding Ballydavid Souz, won in a sizzling time of 63.67 seconds, with Caragh leading the way with a time of 29.78 seconds. Newbridge blew away their opposition as the team of Leah Heffernan, riding My Rockstown Two, Niamh Flinter, riding Classie Lass along with jump-off heroes Caragh Sweeney, and Max Ross, to claim the Mervyn White Cup for the third time in the 17 years of competition.

This left Borris Vocational School in 2nd place clear in 67.73 seconds, Saint Mary's of New Ross were 3rd in 70.52 seconds, while Kilkenny College were 4th place, with Saint Kieran's College Kilkenny in 5th place, and finally 6th place went to Gorey Community School.

Earlier the Novice team competition was won by a combined Wexford team with riders from Loreto, Bridgetown and Saint Mary's taking the honours. This team also won the best turned out novice team, while in the open competition the best turned out team was Newbridge College.

Winner of the Novice Individual was Christina Worrell of Saint Paul's Secondary School, Monasterevin, County Kildare.

Winner of the Open Individual was Max Ross of Newbridge College in a time of 40.00 seconds. Many thanks to the Maloney Family in Warrington and to Mr Paul Cuddihy of Kilkenny College for all their hard work in putting together the super White Cup competition year after year and for the very generous sponsorship by TRI Equestrian and to Red Mills for their lovely rugs and prizes which they sponsor each year. The next leg of the TRI Equestrian Interschools Competition will be held in Mullingar Equestrian on Sunday the 8th of October.