

Report from Kilkenny College at Warrington on 7th November 2021.

Sunday 7th November saw the latest leg of the EII League for Schools, sponsored by TRI Equestrian, take place at the Top Flight Equestrian Centre at Warrington in Kilkenny and hosted by Kilkenny College.

40 teams from schools in Kilkenny and 6 nearby counties battled it out in keen competitions for honours in a wonderful setting overlooking the River Nore.

Novice Teams.

The action got underway with 23 teams at the off at 9.00 am. Victory went to Newbridge College's White Team of Jessica O'Ryan on Golden Topper, Lauren Dempsey on Bandit, Anna Nangle on Blackwoodland Breeze, and Mai Monahan Saitre Imperial Commander triumph in a time recorded second round of 134.92 seconds - a 12.37 second victory over Rockwell College in 2nd place with a combined team time of 147.29 seconds; and a fine team from Presentation Thurles in 3rd place with 164.77 seconds. Kilkenny College, the host school were very happy with 4th place in a time of 169.63 seconds – their first rosettes of the season, with Patrician College Newbridge in 5th (4 faults and 157.77 seconds) and Loreto Wexford white team taking 6th place (4 faults and 162.88 seconds). The fastest round was by Anna Nangle of Newbridge College in a time of 42.37 seconds.

80 cms Novice Individual competition.

1st place went to Eva O'Grady of Saint Mary's New Ross riding Ioleann Biscuit in 18.56, 2nd place Bonny O'Neill, Newbridge College riding Rambo in 20.94. 3rd place went to Niamh Tobin of Tullow Community School riding Millbrae Wendy in 21.65 seconds with 4th place awarded to Imogen Whelan in 23.80 seconds. 5th went to Charlotte Kelly from Kildare in 24.51 seconds. 6th place went to Nicky Bolton of the King's Hospital in 25.13 seconds.

Tiggy Hancock Cup – EII 90cms Class.

Clearly a young rider on the way up, Anna Nangle, of the winning Newbridge College novice team would go on to triumph in a competitive field of 48 riders in the inaugural Tiggy Hancock Perpetual Cup with a time of 28.39 seconds. She beat Hugo Seagrave of CBS Kilkenny who had a time of 28.87 seconds. 3rd place was Noah Cahill of CCR in 29.37 seconds, Tara Moquet of Presentation Thurles in 4th (30.99 seconds), McKenzie Martin of Blackwater Community School in 32.06 seconds while 6th place went to Lauren Keatley of Colaiste Lorcán in 32.15 seconds.

The White Cup – The TRI Equestrian Open Team Competition was won in a thrilling seven team jump-off over a terrific track, with Alice Moloney of

Presentation Kilkenny and her cousin Emily Moloney of Loreto Kilkenny, both grand-daughters of Ann Moloney of Warrington Equestrian Centre, face off for two local schools. In the end Presentation Kilkenny's team of Alice Moloney on Western Shelly, Chloe Hughes Kennedy on HK Zena, Orla Walsh on Innocent Voltaire, and Tara Fogarty on Cuffesgrange Corleone were triumphant. 2nd place were Colaiste Bhríde Carnew's blue team of Chloe Walsh, Cian Byrne and Chloe Massey; while 3rd place went to Loreto Secondary Kilkenny's blue team, with Saint Declan's Kilmacthomas in 5th place and Saint Kevin's Dunlavin in 6th place.

TRI Equestrian Open Individual competition saw Saint Kieran's College take 4 of the first 6 places from a field of 32 competitors. 1st place Paddy Fleming of Saint Kieran's College, riding Tom Sparrow, 2nd was Chloe Hughes Kennedy of Presentation Kilkenny, 3rd was Daniel Ring of Saint Kieran's College, 4th was Ted Donohue of Saint Kieran's, 5th place was Pierce Costello of Saint Kieran's and 6th place went to Clodagh Shanahan of Saint Declan's Kilmacthomas.

Many congratulations to Mr Paul Cuddihy and Principal Mr Simon Thompson and the students of Kilkenny College for all their hard work in organising such a well run fun filled day with the proceeds of the event being donated to Tiggy's Trust.

Wexford Equestrian will host the next leg of the TRI Equestrian Interschools League on Sunday 14th of November.