

Tipperary Equestrian Centre held their annual Interschools Showjumping competition last Sunday .As always there was a large turnout ,making for some great competition. Seventeen Teams lined out ,10 teams for the unregistered Section ,where local School Presentation Navy were the only Team to maintain a clean sheet ,with all 4 of their riders jumping clear in both rounds .Team members were Julia Heiden ,Harriett Penfold ,Aine and Aoibheain Duggan .Four teams finishing on a Team total of just 4 faults ,sent in Two of their riders to decide the lower placings .The local Ursuline girls having just fielded a Team of 3, took 2<sup>nd</sup> place ,Olivia Swan ,Ella Murphy and Julia Crowe .Last years Winners CBS Thurles boys took 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Killian Ryan ,Oliver Penfold and Cormaic Quirke.

The Individual Title Went to another Ursuline Student Alanah O Donoghue, drawn first in the jump off ,Alanah showed her experience in the arena stopping the clock at 34.07 ,leaving the others coming behind her chasing her time .2<sup>nd</sup> place went to CBS student Oliver Penfold in a time of 35.69 followed closely by his younger Sister Presentation Student Harriett.

Experience shone through in the Interschools TRI Equestrian League Competition ,4 teams finished on a zero score after the first 2 rounds. St Kierans College ,Kilkenny , Newbridge College Black ,Rockwell College Blue and Borris Vocational School making it through to the jump off .Newbridge College Girls showed their experience in the jump off to take this years title in Tipperary. Amy Caroll and Niamh Flinter did the rest of their team proud in the jump off , team members Leah Heffernan and Nika Carey were thrilled with the results. Rockwell College as always fielding some very strong teams ,settled for 2<sup>nd</sup> place ,Jack Ryan ,Zoe Stokes and Ben Coleman just fell short of Newbridges time .3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Borris Vocational School ,Team members were Catherine Kavanagh , Clare Kavanagh ,Declan Deegan

and James Kavanagh .James and Catherine flying the flag for their team in the jump off. The Boys from St Kierans College Kilkenny slotted into 4<sup>th</sup> Place , Hugh Mc Owan, Jack Brennan ,Patrick Parle and Seamus Hughes Kennedy ,this leg of the league not to be for them , but as we all know Kilkenny sport persons ,equestrian or other are always to be feared ,the boys having being top of the Leader board in the league up till Sunday.

Newbridge College Student Leah Ross Took the Individual Title on the day , stopping the clock in an unbelievable time of 31.72. Rockwell student Ed Hayes took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in a time of 35.35 .fellow students Ben Coleman 3<sup>rd</sup>, Hannah Flynn 4<sup>th</sup> and Joseph O Dwyer 6<sup>th</sup>. St Declans Student Maud O Callaghan taking 5<sup>th</sup> Place.

Newbridge College Girls also Stood out in the Turnout department, both Riders and their Horses were immaculate which is always lovely to see and the beautiful trophy was in recognition of their efforts.

