

Rockwell College Retain Interschools Titles

Tipperary Equestrian Centre, Thurles held their annual leg of the All-Ireland Interschools last Sunday with host School Rockwell College. Despite freezing conditions early in the morning, all teams entered made the trip to Tipp in anticipation of some great jumping.

Sixteen teams started out with four teams making it through to the jump off, after what can be only described as a thrilling jump off, Rockwells Jack Ryan and Caithlin Buckley produced very fast clears in the jump off for Rockwell College blues, to secure the title for their school for the 2nd year running. This year's winning team were a different group of very competitive riders from last year's successful team, Something about Mary [Jack Ryan], Neilstown Puffin [Caithlin Buckley], Dove [Connor Gleeson] Millfields My Time [Darragh Ryan].

The runner up spot went to Limericks Laurel Hill reds, despite a faultless performance from the team of Chloe [Audrey Murphy], Ivy League [Ellen Sheridan], Bundy [Aoibhe Stritch], and Misty [Elizabeth Wallace]. Third place went to Cashel Community School, Specs [Chloe Ryan], King [Aimee Butler], Jack [Shane Dwan], Mountgrove Golden Girl [Niall Butler]. The Team of Kilkenny Blacks took 4th place, Tequila Alex [Robin De Pelsmaeker], Wipeout [Mark Dunne], Bring Me Luck [Owen De Pelsmaeker], Boomerang [Jake Dunne], Kilkenny's reds took the Best Turned Out Team award.

In the Open Individual, thirteen individuals made it through to the jump off. Rockwells Caithlin Buckley maintained her excellent record having set the fastest team time in the team event and rode to victory taking the Silverware back to Rockwell again this year for the individual title. Much to the delight of last year's Individual winner Rockwell Colleges Susie Doyle who just made it back from a skiing trip to see her school team mates take the titles once again this year. Second place went to Kilkenny Colleges Mr Ritchie [Jessica Foley], 3rd place also going to Kilkenny's Iseult Cahill on Knockavangh Prince.