

Munster Star Awards for Deirbhile, Michael & Aoife

Congratulations to Deirbhile Ryan & Michael Quilligan, Nenagh Olympic A.C. & Aoife Bartley, Carrick-On-Suir A.C. who have all been selected to receive Munster Star Awards for Tipperary for their outstanding performances in the 2011 Indoor/Track & Field Seasons. All 3 athletes have performed to the highest levels at County, Munster & National competitions in their chosen events.

Deirbhile has had a great year of athletics & is the current Munster & National Champion in both the Indoor & Outdoor Girls U/15 Combined Events. At the Munster Indoors she won Gold in the Girls U/15 Long Jump & Shot Putt, Silver in the High Jump & Bronze in the 60m Hurdles & then went on to win Silver in the Girls U/15 Shot Putt & High Jump at the National Indoor Championships. At the Munster T & F Championships she won Gold in the Girls U/15 Javelin & Shot Putt, Silver in the Girls U/15 High Jump & Bronze in the Long Jump & then went on to win National T & F Silver in High Jump. At the Schools competitions, she came 2nd in the Junior Girls Triple Jump at the AVIVA Munster Schools T & F Championships & won the AVIVA Munster Schools Outdoor Combined Events competition & then went on to place 3rd in AVIVA All-Ireland Outdoor Combined Events. In December last, Deirbhile had the honour of representing her school, Gaelcholaiste Luimnigh & her Country at the Celtic Schools International in Glasgow where she won a Schools International Silver medal in Combined Events with the Irish Girls U/16 team & was top scorer for Ireland on the day.

Michael has also had a super year of athletics & was our top athlete in the Boys U/15 at the Munster Indoor Championships winning 3 Gold medals in the Hurdles, 60m & High Jump. He then went on to win Gold in Boys U/15 60mH & Bronze in 60m at the National Indoor Championships. He is the current Indoor & Outdoor Munster Boys U/15 Combined Events Champion, the National Indoor Combined Events Champion & a Silver medallist in the National Outdoor Combined Events. At the Munster T & F Championships, he won Gold in the Boys U/15 80mH, 250mH, 100m & High Jump & he then went on to win Gold in U/15 80mH & Silver in the 250mH at the National T & F Championships. At the Schools competitions, he was 3rd in Junior Boys 100m & 2nd in 80mH at AVIVA Munster Schools T & F Championships & 3rd in the Junior Boys 80mH at the AVIVA All Ireland Schools T & F Championships.

Aoife has also enjoyed a great year of competition winning Gold in Long Jump & Silver in the Triple Jump at the Munster Junior Indoor Championships & Silver in the Triple Jump at the National Junior Indoor Championships. At the Munster T & F Championships she won Gold in the High Jump & Long Jump & then went on to win Gold in the Long Jump at the National Junior T & F Championships. She also received the Tipperary Star Award at the Tipperary Crystal Juvenile Star Awards Banquet in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone last February.

The Munster Star Awards will take place on Saturday 28th January in the Auburn Lodge Hotel, Ennis Co. Clare. For more details, see www.munsterathletics.com/awards.