

# Medal glory for UCD's Elite Athletes

Mairead Murphy winner of the 100m Junior Hurdles



The last weekend of June proved a highly successful one for UCD's Elite Athletes as the team collected five medals across two events. Three gold medals were secured at the Woodies DIY Junior & Under 23 Championships of Ireland in Tullamore, while silver and bronze were secured in the Irish National Road Race Championships in Cork.

In Tullamore, Mairead Murphy claimed the 100m Junior Hurdles in a time of 14.33 seconds, while Padraig Whyte won the Men's Under-23 Hammer with a distance of 57.91m and the 35lb Distance with 9.30m. UCD cyclist Louise Moriarty finished third in the Irish National Women's Time Trials with a time of 35.41 over 24km and took second place on the podium in the Elite Women's 83.2km Irish National Road Race.

UCD's Padraig Whyte, winner of the Men's Under-23 Hammer



# Road to Beijing!

UCD Medical student, Joanne Cuddihy, who is one of Ireland's most talented track and field athletes, was unlucky in the qualifying rounds for the semi-finals of the Women's 400m in Beijing. The 24-year-old Kilkenny woman was one of a number of Irish athletes disappointed in Beijing despite the rigorous pre-games programme of preparation. Cuddihy finished sixth in heat four in a time of 53.32 seconds. The heat was won by Great Britain's Christine Ohuruogu in 52.00.

The fourth year medical student at UCD, who took a break from her medical studies to avail of a UCD athletics scholarship in order to prepare for the Olympics, is the first Irish female athlete to run the 400m in under 51 seconds.

Having qualified for Beijing by posting 50.73 seconds in the semi-finals of last year's World Championships, Cuddihy made her Olympic debut after undertaking an intensive training programme in preparation for the Games.

However, those preparations were dogged by injuries. Despite her back problems in the spring, she was able to notch up a solid 51.98 in Hengelo in May. But then a knee injury in the early summer curtailed her training programme and she was forced to miss the National Championships in Santry. This was then followed by a calf injury, which may have affected her training programme in the run-up to the Olympics.

Despite her disappointment in Beijing, her performance was nonetheless a great achievement and a proud moment for UCD.



# Treble for UCD Cyclist



Ladies 500m TT – winner Louise Moriarty of UCD (c) flanked (r) by Joanna Hickey (Usher) and (l) Aideen Collard (Orwell)

At the National Track Championships over the weekend of the 26 July, UCD's Louise Moriarty stamped her authority as Ireland's top track cyclist when she scooped titles in three categories in a very competitive event. The UCD student came in tops at Sundrive Road in the Pursuit, Sprint, 500m races.

### Ladies Sprint

1. Louise Moriarty (UCD)
2. Aideen Collard (Orwell)
3. Jennifer O'Reilly (Ravens CRT)

### Ladies Pursuit (3k)

1. Louise Moriarty (UCD)
2. Heather Boyle (Ravens CRT)
3. Aideen Collard (Orwell)

### Ladies 500m TT

1. Louise Moriarty (UCD)
2. Joanna Hickey (Usher)
3. Aideen Collard (Orwell)



The triumphant Men's Senior VIII crew

# Triumphant Season for UCD Boat Club

A string of successes for UCD's Boat Club confirmed it as one of UCD's most successful clubs this year. The Senior VIII won the Inter VIII and the Novices won both the VIII and IV. UCD last won two VIII's Pots in the same year in 1992. The win in the Novice VIII sees UCD retain the trophy, no mean feat. Only Guards and UCD have done this previously, UCD being the last to do so in 1988/89. Meanwhile the UCD Ladies also won the Senior 2x Pot.

- This season, the Mens crews therefore won:
- Intermediate VIII Championship
  - Novice VIII Championship
  - Novice IV Championship
  - Wylie Cup
  - Gannon Cup
  - Dan Quinn Shield (Novice Gannon)
  - Pimms Cup - Most successful Club, Neptune Regatta
  - Senior VIII - Trinity Regatta
  - Senior VIII, Novice VIII & IV - Metro Regatta
  - Dublin Head Open VIII

While the Ladies also won both Colours races giving the first ever UCD clean sweep on Gannon Day!



UCD Ladies crew who won their Colours race