Galway Festival

Slevin steers Nurburgring to Hurdle success

Brian O'Connor
in Ballybrit

Joseph O'Brien trained 13-2 shot takes feature after controversial start

Jockey JJ Slevin steered a superb route to Guinness Galway Hurdle glory when Nurburgring dominated the famous €270,000 festival highlight yesterday.

In a race where there was almost as much focus on the start as the finish, Slevin and his cousin Joseph O'Brien combined for the 13-2 winner, who scored by seven lengths from Ndaawi with My Mate Mozzie repeating his 2023 third-place finish.

However, much of the post-race analysis revolved the beginning to Ireland's most valuable handicap hurdle.

An original attempt to get the 19 runners off had to be scotched, following which a standing start was attempted, only for one of Willie Mullins's eight runners, Anotherway, to get a flyer, closely followed by his stable companion Williamstowndancer.

Much of the rest of the field were immediately on the back foot, including Mullins's 5-1 favourite Daddy Long Legs who ultimately finished last.

Former champion jockey Davy Russell said on RTÉ that "50 per cent of the field has no chance after five yards" and that they probably shouldn't have been left go. Even Slevin was moved to describe the start as "a bit of a shambles".

It didn't prevent him being in the ideal spot just off the pace throughout and after getting a split at the top of the hill, Nurburgring looked the likely winner from before the second last.

Despite the brouhaha, the stewards decided no action was warranted and although starter Paddy Graffin described the scenario as "not satisfactory" he insisted it was a legal start and that co-operation between jockeys and the starter is a two-way street.

■ Nurburgring ridden by JJ Slevin celebrates winning the Guinness Galway Hurdle Handicap. PHOTOGRAPH: BRIAN LAWLESS/PA WIRE

Not for the first time, Danny Mullins's anticipation skills were to the fore on Anotherway, but Nurburgring still emerged a decisive winner to give Slevin another big-race success.

An Irish Grand National success on Intense Raffles at Easter was followed up by a pair of Grade One successes at Punchestown and now a first victory for in the summer feature.

"It's a very special race to win. The start was a bit of a shambles, but I got where I wanted to be, and Danny was parking up everywhere and doing his own thing. I let him roll along before the second last and he's done it well," Slevin said.

The result continued O'Brien's excellent week with four winners, including Tuesday's Mile, making him top trainer here so far.

"He came here with the four-year-olds' allowance and really it was a fantastic ride from JJ. He got a good start, a lovely position and made a lovely move at the top of the hill. It was a very impressive performance," said the trainer who won the race in 2017 with Tigris River.

Winter Fog emerged best of the Mullins hopefuls in fourth and afterwards the champion trainer contented himself with a diplomatic "not ideal" when asked about the start.

Nevertheless, there was a sad note to the day for Slevin and O'Brien as Sempo, their runner in the opener won by Pink In The Park, was pulled up after the last with fatal injuries, a "bitter blow" according to the rider.

In the following Grade Three chase landed by Ashdale Bob, another horse, Merlin Giant, sustained fatal injuries in a fall at the sixth. The grim toll continued in the Listed Corrib Stakes as the Ballydoyle runner, Flight Of Fancy, had to be put down after being pulled injured in the dip. It came after fatal injuries to two horses on Monday.

Jockey Gary Carroll rode a double, including the Corrib on Raknah, while racing finished with a 200-1 bookies' benefit through victory for Brave Crogha, a first winner in six years for local trainer Iggy Madden.

■ Yesterday's 'Ladies Day' attendance was 25,290, down from last year's 25,924.

No big odds this time as Sirius bids for festival double

BRIAN O'CONNOR

There aren't too many certainties at the Galway festival, but one sure thing is how Sirius won't be 50-1 for this evening's feature.

The Willie Mullins-trained mare was a huge outsider for Monday's Connacht Hotel Handicap, renowned as Irish racing's amateur Derby, only to wind up a spectacular winner for her owner/rider David Dunsdon.

Sirius came from last to first, circled the entire field, and still wound up beating Baltic Bird by 3½ lengths.

It wasn't as if the pace collapsed in front of her either, so plenty will jump on how she is technically 5lbs well in on readjusted handicap terms for the €110,000 Guinness Handicap over a mile-and-a-half.

Throw in an inside draw, as well as Shane Foley taking the mount, and Sirius will be widely fancied to emulate Princess Zoe (2020) and Whiskey Sour (2017) who pulled off the same festival double.

Baltic Bird's connections will try to go one better this time through the ex-Mark Prescott-trained Eagle's Way, who impressed with a Bellewstown success last month and remains on the same mark.

The Durkan horses have been running well at Ballybrit this week and betting value could be had in Eagle's Way taking them into the winners' circle.

The Friday date has turned into one of the busiest festival cards, with almost 31,000 squeezing into the track in 2019.

The bank holiday crowds can anticipate a hugely competitive jumps feature too as 20 line up for the €80,000 Galway Blazers Handicap Chase.

They include a trio of British challengers including the veteran Cap Du Nord, although conditions may suit Whacker Clan whose trainer Henry de Bromhead is chasing a hat-trick of victories in the race.

Pulled up after a bad mistake in the Scottish National, Whacker Clan was previously a good third in Cheltenham's Kim Muir and relishes nice ground.

Andromeda can continue Aidan O'Brien's good festival in the mile-and-a-half maiden. The sister to Irish Guineas winner Peaceful should step up for her return to action at Bellewstown.

Separately, Ryan Moore is in New York tonight to ride O'Brien's filly Greenfinch in the $400,000 Grade Two Saratoga Oaks.

A Listed winner in Killarney on her last start, Greenfinch takes on six opponents in the 10-furlong heat. They include the likely favourite, Godolphin's Cinderella's Dream, who will be ridden by William Buick. The race is due off at 10.10 Irish time.

Church of Ireland Notes

The clerical landscape is constantly changing as retirements and resignations produce vacancies and ordinations begin new career paths.

The Revd Leonard Madden has been appointed as the new Rector of Christ Church, Bray, in the Diocese of Dublin. Dr Madden is a graduate of University College Cork, where he taught in the Department of English.

He was ordained to the diaconate in Christ Church cathedral, Dublin, in 2020, following which he served as Deacon Intern in Blessington union of parishes.

Since 2021 he has served as Curate Assistant in Limerick city parish.

Elsewhere in the Diocese of Dublin following the recent ordinations to the priesthood three curate assistants have been appointed. The Revd Caroline Brennan will serve in Kilternan, the Revd Mike Buchanan in Rathfarnham and the Revd Dr Matthew McCauley in St Bartholomew's, Clyde Road.

In the Diocese of Down & Dromore, the Revd Ian McGrath, curate assistant in Shireshead & Ellen in the Diocese of Blackburn, is to be Rector of Knocknamuckley in succession to the Revd Geoff Haugh who is now Rector of Dervock in the Diocese of Connor, and the Revd Peter Hilton, curate assistant in Newtownards, is to be Rector of Helen's Bay succeeding Canon Tim Kinahan who has retired.

In Cork, the Revd Peter Tarleton, formerly Rector of the Portlaoise group of parishes in the Diocese of Leighlon, is to be the resident chaplain at Kingston College, Midleton.

Organ recitals at St Fin Barre's cathedral, Cork, will be held every Friday lunchtime during the month of August. Everyone is welcome and admission on the door is €10. Each will begin at 1.10pm. The series will begin on today (Friday) with Judit Máté from St Michael's Church, Dún Laoghaire, performing works by Hungarian composers, Stanford and Andrew Synott.

On Tuesday in St Mary's cathedral Limerick,, there will be a free lunchtime concert at 1.15pm when pianist, Seamus Tse, will play music by Haydn, Bartok and Chopin.

The Church and Society Commission's Housing Needs and Community Assessment Survey seeks to assess and highlight how the housing crisis in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland is affecting the people and community of the Church of Ireland and the implications for the future of the Church of Ireland. The responses will help to inform the Church and Society Commission in its advocacy and will identify potential targeted improvement strategies or actions.

Archbishop Michael Jackson, who chairs the Commission, remarked "Home is where the heart is .. it may seem predictable, it may look obvious. But what if you or a member of your family or your neighbour has no home? Their life is fractured and so is yours. Homelessness; property; housing are on the agenda for us all. Inadequate housing provision affects everyone in society by the domino effect of exclusion, alienation, anger and injustice."

The survey will be launched at the end of August with responses collected until early October.

Methodist Notes

The July/ August Methodist Newsletter reports on several inspiring stories .The Irish Methodist Church (MCI) Department World Mission Partnership (WMP) has a Container Ministry situated beside Lurgan High Street Methodist Church, Co Armagh. It has sent over 200 containers and shipments worldwide over the last 30 years, in support of Christian mission; equipping schools, hospitals, churches, workshops and other work. Partner churches can make requests for specific items to aid their church life and ministries.

The ministry began after Rev Bannerman from Ghana, who had served for five years as a mission partner on the Lurgan Circuit, wished to have materials sent back to Ghana on his return home. The project is made possible by the hard work of a small, but dedicated, group of volunteers under the direction of Mr William Carson. In the recent King's birthday honours list, Mr Carson was awarded an MBE for his 35 years (so far) of voluntary service in this ministry.

Cork has been home to a significant number of people immigrating from South Africa in recent years. Some have made Cork Methodist Church home; including Rev Surina van der Berg, a Dutch Reformed minister, and her family. She has been pivotal to starting a new Church ministry this year- a bilingual Afrikaans worship service where people can worship in their mother tongue. It has grown and is warmly embraced by the whole congregation, along with the Church's own minister, Rev Andrew Robinson (also from South Africa). Rev Surina has been appointed church pastor worker, helping both congregations.

Knockbreda Community Wildlife Garden is based in Cornerstone Methodist Church in South Belfast. The garden was originally a semi derelict allotment area, surrounded by houses. Thanks to a group of enthusiastic volunteers, it is a now a thriving community space where people can gather to help grow fruit and vegetables or just chat over refreshments. It's a place of building relationships between the local community and the church. Funding from the "Save our Wild Isles Community fund" has allowed the planting of a small orchard and creation of a pond, and the Knockbreda garden recently featured in the Community Fund's video. The garden also featured in a recent Royal Society Protection of Birds (RSPB) video, viewable on the RSPB website.

Herbie and Marian Watt are members of Sligo Methodist Church, and their daughter is Rev Ruth Watt, a Methodist minister in Inishowen, Co Donegal. Since 2000, the couple have held an annual Coffee event to raise funds for Christian Aid. Funds help Christian Aid tackle extreme poverty in some of the world's poorest communities. The Watts have raised over €30,000 with this year's event alone raising €2,200. Christian Aid week began in the 1950s and is thought to be the UK and Ireland's longest running fund-raising campaign.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath
Dublin City Council

PART 8

AN TACHT UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2000 (ARNA LEASÚ)
NA RIALACHÁIN UM PLEANÁIL AGUS FORBAIRT, 2001 (ARNA LEASÚ) - CUID 8

Iarratasóir: Seirbhísí Tithíochta agus Pobail Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath.

Suíomh: Láithreán atá thart ar 1.72 heicteár san áit ina raibh láthreán Ionad Fág Anseo agus Iosta Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, Ascaill Ui Choileáin, Fionnbhrú, Baile Átha Cliath 9.

Togra: De bhun na gceanglas a bhaineann leis an méid thuasluaite, tugtar fógra leis seo maidir le 106 ánsáin a thógáil ar láithreán thart ar 1.72 heicteár ag laláithreán Ionad Fág Anseo agus Iosta Chathair Bhaile Átha Cliath, a bhfuil rochtain ar an láithreán tri Shineadh Ascaill Ui Choileáin agus Ascaill Ui Choileáin, Fionnbhrú, Baile Átha Cliath 9. Tá an suíomh teorannaithe ó thuaidh ag Eastát Gnó na Seanabhann agus ag Halla na Seanabhann agus Cearnóg na Seanabhann, ar an taobh thoir ag Eastát Ghort an Mhullaigh agus Páirc Ghort an Mhullaigh agus an Sineadh Eastáit ar Ascaill Ui Choileáin, os comhair Ascaill Ui Choileáin, dineach taobh leis an láithreán ar an taobh thiar agus ó dheas. Beidh na gnóthe seo a leanas i gceist leis an bhforbairt ag an láithreán:

- An foirgneamh oifige, na seideanna, na stóráis agus na garáistí atá ann cheana a scartáil agus na hoibreacha glanta láithreáin.
- Tri bhloc árasán ina bhfuil 106 aonad cónaithe san iomlán agus 375 méadar cearnach de spás pobail, ealaíon agus cultúrtha.
  - Beidh idir 3 agus 6 stór i gceist le Bloc A agus beidh 50 aonad cónaithe ann (22 aonad le 1 leaba, 20 aonad le 2 leaba agus 8 n-aonad le 3 leaba); agus 275 méadar cearnach de shaorántí pobail, ealaíon agus cultúrtha ar an mbunurlár.
  - Beidh idir 4 agus 6 stór i gceist le Bloc B agus beidh 38 aonad cónaithe ann (17 aonad le 1 leaba, 9 n-aonad le 2 leaba agus 12 aonad le 3 leaba); agus 100 méadar cearnach de shaorántí pobail, ealaíon agus cultúrtha ar an mbunurlár.
  - Beidh idir 4 agus 5 stór i gceist le Bloc C agus beidh 18 aonad cónaithe ann (10 n-aonad le 1 leaba agus 8 n-aonad le 2 leaba).
- 183 spás páirceála fadtéarma agus 63 spás páirceála gearrthéarma do rothair; 57 spás páirceála do charranna agus 5 spás páirceála do ghluaisrothair.
- 1,925 méadar cearnach de spás oscailte agus 3,140 méadar cearnach de spás oscailte comhroinnte.
- Tá rochtain comharthaithe d'theithicil amháin beartaithe tri Ascaill Ui Choileáin agus Sineadh Ascaill Ui Choileáin.
- Rochtain do choisithe agus do rothaithe ag teorainn an tuaiscirt a chur ar fáil chun go mbeidh nasc ann amach anseo tri Eastát Gnó na Seanabhann agus Halla na Seanabhann agus tri Chearnóg na Seanabhann.
- Córeálacha teorann agus plandáil, soilsiú poibli, oibreacha draenála láithreáin, dromchlú bóithre inmheánacha agus cosán, seomraí méadar BSL, stóir, stóráil araidi agus rothar, seomraí gléasra, tirdhreachú; agus
- Gach seirbhís choimhdeachta láithreáin agus oibreacha forbartha os cionn talún agus faoin talamh.

Rinneadh Scagadh le haghaidh Measúnacht Chui i gcomhréir le hAirteagal 6(3) de Threoir um Ghnáthóga (92/43/CEE) ar an fógra agus scaghástáil maidir le Measúnacht Tionchair Timpeallachta faoi Threoir MTT 2011/92/AE, arna leasú ag Treoir 2014/52/AE.

I gcomhréir le hAirteagal 81 de na Rialacháin um Pleanáil agus Forbairt 2001, arna leasú, tá cinneadh déanta ag an Údarás Pleanála agus táthar den tuairim go:

(a) Ní dócha go mbeidh tionchar suntasach ag an bhforbairt atá beartaithe, ina haonar nó i gcomhar le pleananna nó le tionscadail eile, ar shuíomh Eorpach nó ar shuíomhanna Eorpacha, agus mar sin de, níl gá le Cáim 2 de Mheasúnacht Chui.

(b) Níl aon dóchúlacht cheart ann go n-imreoidh an fhorbairt atá beartaithe tionchar suntasach ar an timpeallacht agus nach bhfuil an fhorbairt atá beartaithe de chaighdeán atá leagtha amach faoi Sceideal 5 de Rialacháin Phleanála agus Forbartha 2001, arna leasú, agus mar sin níl gá le Tuarascáil ar Mheasúnú Tionchair Timpeallachta (EIAR).

Is féidir le haon duine, laistigh den tréimhse 4 seachtaine ó chás foilsithe an fhógra seo, iarratas a dhéanamh ar an mBord Pleanála deimhniú scaghástála a dhéanamh maidir leis an dóchúlacht atá ann go n-imreodh an fhorbairt tionchar suntasach ar an timpeallacht.

Féadfar Pleananna agus Mionsonraí na forbartha atá molta a iniúchadh, nó a cheannach ar tháille nach mó ná an costas réasúnach a bhaineann le cóip a dhéanamh ar feadh tréimhse **4 seachtaine ón 02/08/2024**, le linn uaireanta oscailte poibli ag oifigí **Chomhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, An Cuntar Poibli, An Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Maoine, Bloc 4, Urlár na Talún, Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, Luan - Aoine 9.00r.n. go 4.30i.n**. Tá na pleananna agus na sonraí ar fáil freisin lena n-iniúchadh ar líne: https://consultation.dublincity.ie ar shuíomh gréasáin na Comhairle Cathrach www.dublincity.ie

Is féidir aighneacht nó tuairim maidir leis an bhforbairt mholta, a bhaineann le pleanáil cheart agus forbairt inbhuanaithe an cheantair ina mbeidh an fhorbairt suite, a dhéanamh i scríbhinn leis an **mBainisteoir Feidhmiúcháin, an Rannóg Pleanála agus Forbartha Réadmhaoine, Comhairle Cathrach Bhaile Átha Cliath, Oifigí na Cathrach, An Ché Adhmaid, Baile Átha Cliath 8, roimh 4.30i.n. ar an 16/09/2024.**

Is féidir aighneachtaí nó tuairimí a chur isteach ar líne freisin https://consultation.dublincity.ie ar shuíomh gréasáin na Comhairle Cathrach www.dublincity.ie roimh **23.59 a chloig ar an 16/09/2024**.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001
(AS AMENDED) - PART 8

Applicant: Dublin City Council, Housing and Community Services.

Location: Site c. 1.72 ha at the former Bring Centre and Dublin City Depot Site, Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9.

Proposal: Pursuant to the requirements of the above, notice is hereby given of the construction of 106 apartments on a site c.1.72 ha at the former bring centre and Dublin City Depot site accessed via Collins Avenue Extension and Collins Avenue, Whitehall, Dublin 9. The site is bound to the north by the Shanowen Business Estate and the Shanowen Hall and Shanowen Square, to the east by Creetfield Estate and Creetfield Park and Collins Avenue Extension Estate fronting Collins Avenue immediately adjoins the site to the west and south. Development at the site will consist of the following:

- The demolition of the existing office building, sheds, warehouses and garages and site clearance works.
- Three apartment blocks comprising a total of 106 residential units and 375 sqm of community, arts and cultural space.
  - Block A ranges from 3 to 6 storeys and consists of 50 no. residential units (22 no. 1 bed, 20 no. 2 bed and 8 no. 3 bed units) and 275 sqm of community, arts and cultural facilities at ground floor level.
  - Block B ranges from 4 to 6 storeys and consists of 38 no. residential units (17 no. 1 bed, 9 no. 2 bed and 12 no. 3 bed units) and 100 sqm of community, arts and cultural facilities at ground floor level.
  - Block C ranges from 4 to 5 storeys and consists of 18 no. residential units (10 no. 1 bed and 8 no. 2 bed units).
- 183 no. long-stay and 63 no. short-stay bicycle parking space, 57 no. car parking spaces and 5 no. motorcycle parking spaces.
- 1,925 sqm of public open space and 3,140 sqm of communal open space.
- One signalised vehicular access is proposed via Collins Avenue and Collins Avenue Extension.
- Provision of pedestrian and cyclist access at northern boundary to allow for future link via Shanowen Business Estate and the Shanowen Hall and Shanowen Square.
- Boundary treatments and planting, public lighting, site drainage works, internal road surfacing and footpath, ESB meter rooms, stores, bin and cycle storage, plant rooms, landscaping; and
- All ancillary site services and development works above and below ground.

The proposal has undergone Appropriate Assessment Screening in accordance with Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) and screening for Environmental Impact Assessment under the EIA Directive 2011/92/EU, as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU.

In accordance with Article 81 of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001, as amended, the Planning Authority has made a determination and concluded that:

(a) The proposed development, either individually or in combination with other plans and projects, is not likely to have a significant effect on any European site(s) and therefore a Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment is not required.

(b) There is no real likelihood of significant effects on the environment arising from the proposed development and that the proposed development is not of a class set out under Schedule 5 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001, as amended, and therefore does not require an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR).

Any person may, within 4 weeks from the date of publication of this notice, apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy for a period of **4 weeks from 02/08/2024**, during public opening hours at the offices of **Dublin City Council, Public Counter, Planning and Property Development Department, Block 4, Ground Floor, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, Monday - Friday 9.00am to 4.30pm**. The plans and particulars are also available for inspection online: https://consultation.dublincity.ie on the City Council's website www.dublincity.ie

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made, in writing, to the **Executive Manager, Planning and Property Development Department, Dublin City Council, Civic Offices, Wood Quay, Dublin 8, before 4.30pm on 16/09/2024**.

Submissions or observations may also be made online https://consultation.dublincity.ie on the City Council's website www.dublincity.ie before **23.59hrs on 16/09/2024**.

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