

Race 2 Glory 2014 Race Report

The hard fought battles of previous years in the men's Sport Series race was repeated in 2014's Race 2 Glory event with close racing throughout.

Recent Gaelforce North winner and Race 2 Glory podium regular from Sligo Aidan Mc Moreland narrowly led after the opening run just ahead of Kerry's Jerry O Sullivan, Mayo's TJ Mc Hugh and Kildare based Damien Kelly.

On the bike stage Charlestown native Jonathon Caulfield showed super form to move through the field and take a narrow lead with the fastest solo bike leg of the day.

Mc Moreland was just behind with Kelly and O Sullivan a further min back.

On the final run leg however Caulfield was unable to maintain his lead as Kelly dug deepest with the days fastest run leg to take his inaugural Series win in 1h 52' 4" just 5 sec clear of Mc Moreland with O Sullivan just 45 sec back in 3rd with Caulfield 4th and Mc Hugh 5th.

In the ladies race former National Expert Series winner and Race 2 Glory winner Emma Donlon from Roscommon started as the firm favourite and held a 37 sec lead after the opening run over local runner Catherine Conway with Dublin's Eimear O Leary 3rd and Achill's Caroline Mc Loughlin 4th and Mayo's Kathleen Barry next.

On the bike leg Donlon again posted the day's fastest split to increase her lead by almost 3 mins over Conway as she in turn drew clear of Barry in 3rd and Mc Loughlin in 4th as O Leary lost significant time to her rivals.

Conway almost matched her rival on the final run leg but Donlon maintained her healthy lead to take the win in 2h 6' 54" some 3 ½ mins clear of Conway with Barry mins back in 3rd as O Leary recovered to take 4th just ahead of Mc Loughlin.