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### **THREE MEDALS SECURED FOR TEAM NI BOXERS**

Team NI's boxers have three bronze medals in the bag after an electric evening at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on Tuesday.

Joe Fitzpatrick, Sean Duffy and Sean McGlinchy packed an impressive punch as they defeated their opponents in the quarter finals, securing at the very least three bronze medals for NI.

Joe Fitzpatrick beat Kenya's Okongo Nicholas Okoth in the lightweight quarter finals. He'll face Trinidad and Tobago's Michael Alexander on Friday evening.

*"There's loads of pressure lifted off me now, it feels brilliant to be guaranteed at least a bronze medal but it's a gold I want, I want the no.1," said the boxer.*

After sustaining a cut during the fight, Fitzpatrick said: *"The cuts ok, it's not too bad."*

He added: *"The atmosphere on the boxing team is brilliant. I'll get a training session done tomorrow and then I'm fighting again on Friday."*

Keady man, Sean Duffy defeated Malaysia's Akyazlan Khir Azmi after a dominating performance. He'll fight Namibia's Junias Jonas on Friday.

*"I'm delighted with my performance. I came here as the complete underdog, nobody had really heard of me. As a boxing team we came here to make a statement and I believe we've done that tonight," said Duffy.*

He added: *"Throughout our training we have said there's no such thing as bronze, it's gold and only gold we're after. I don't so much relax after a fight but I try to put it behind me and think ahead."*

Sean McGlinchy won his fight by unanimous decision, defeating Kenya's Ajowi Elly Ochola on Tuesday evening. He'll fight New Zealand's David Nyika in the semi-final on Friday.

"That's three medals for us now at least, it's fantastic. Hopefully another five or six still to come through. The pressure isn't off though, we are here to go to the top of the podium.

"The bronze is there but I'm keeping my head focused for the next fight. It's hard to stay focused because you can nearly see the finish line but it's how hard you want it and I want it so much. I've a young son and I want to give him the best life I can. This medal is for him but I want to make it better for him."

Holy Trinity boxer Ruairi Dalton missed out on qualifying for the semi-finals after he lost his flyweight quarter-final in Glasgow on Tuesday. Australian Andrew Moloney won by a unanimous verdict in the 52kg class.



Northern Ireland was represented in the final two races of the Commonwealth Games swimming programme last night (Tuesday).

The men's medley relay team – Jordan Sloan, Michael Dawson, Curtis Coulter and David Thompson - were 8th (3:51.39) unable to better their heat time which was a new Ulster record of 3:47.87.

The women's squad – Danielle Hill, Sycerika McMahon, Gemma Kane and Rachel Bethel – were unfortunately disqualified, a frustrating end to the meet but six days that have produced some promising performances from a young squad that set nine personal bests, five individual Ulster records, two relay records, 12 individual semi-finals and three relay finals.

*"We've had a lot more semi-final swims this time than we had in Delhi which is great especially as the performance standard in the world has really stepped up over the past four years. If you take the men's 4x100m freestyle relay as an example, we thought coming here we would reach the final and it turned out the time needed to make the final was nine seconds quicker than it was in Delhi and the guys broke the Ulster record by four seconds so performance standards are on the rise,"* explained Swim Ulster Performance Director Andrew Reid.

*"For some of the younger swimmers there has been a lot to learn and I think they will come away from Glasgow better for the experience. They've developed as athletes, they developed as people and going forward they will be much stronger in terms of dealing with disappointments and also being able to handle walking out in front of seven thousand people and into that arena and competing with world and Olympic champions in the lanes beside them."*

In the women's 400m Sycerika McMahon was 14th overall (4:16.21) while Rachel Bethel finished 21st (4:34.30).

In gymnastics, Nicole Mawhinney, India McPeak, Sarah Beck and Ciara Roberts finished the women's team event in ninth place after some strong performances on the beam and floor on the second day of competition. They moved up from tenth overnight and finished with a score of 140.329.

The bonus was the 21st place of Nicole Mawhinney in the overall standings which saw her qualify for the all-around final on Wednesday night. *"On beam, I had a fall on the last move which was really annoying but everything else was clean. I had a really good floor routine and was actually 0.3 off my personal best so I'm pleased,"* she said after her competition.

Sarah Beck just missed out on the final in 26th place. Matthew Cosgrave performed well on the parallel bars scoring 14.066 and finishing 12th while Luke Carson scored 12.966 for 21st place.

*"It was pretty good, very steady. I must have done this routine a dozen of times so I am happy with it,"* explained Cosgrave.



Carson, who suffered a fall during his routine, said, *"It didn't really go to plan. I really have no idea, it's something that I've never done in my life, I've never fallen. Parallel bars was my real chance. I couldn't have been more prepared for this competition. I can't really explain what happened yesterday and today. I'm extremely disappointed in myself. I feel like I've really let everyone down that was backing me."*

Northern Ireland's David Calvert finished fourth in Tuesday's full bore shooting competition at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

The 63-year-old, who has won eight medals in 10 Games appearances, narrowly missed out on another medal. Calvert was just one point away from the bronze while fellow Northern Ireland shooter Jack Alexander was fifth after a strong finish to the competition on the 1000 yard range. The Queen's Prize was won by England's David Luckman.

*"The conditions were challenging today in Barry Buddon but I'm happy with fourth and that Jack Alexander was fifth. It obviously isn't a medal but it was a pleasing performance and it is my third time getting a fourth place position in the Commonwealth Games,"* said Calvert.

In the men's trap David Henning was 20th and David Beattie 22nd.

After winning their silver medal on Monday, bowlers Neil Booth, Paul Daly and Neil Mulholland were joined by Ian McClure and the quartet made it two wins out of two in the men's fours group stages with a 21-4 win over the Cook Islands. However, they then lost to Jersey 12-14 and will need either a win or tie with England on Wednesday to confirm their qualification or it could go down to shot difference to decide who goes through to the knockout stages.

Martin McHugh defeated Petelo Gabriel (Samoa) 21-13 for his second win in three starts in the men's singles.

The duo of Barbara Cameron and Mandy Cunningham had an eventful day as they got their campaign underway. They opened up with a comfortable 24-12 win over Malaysia but in their second game found themselves 18-10 down to Niue with four ends remaining before staging a dramatic comeback that culminating with four shot son the final end to secure an 18-18 tie that could prove crucial in their quest to make the knockout stages.

However, a second defeat for the triples of Donna McCloy, Catherine McMillan and Jennifer Dowds to Scotland, 19-11, mean they will have to beat Papua New Guinea in their final group game tomorrow and hope Scotland beat England and that a combination of those results lead to a larger shot difference for the local bowlers.

In badminton, Sinead Chambers is into the last 32 of the women's singles after a good win over Joanne Snell of the Norfolk Islands 21-3, 21-5 but 17 year-old Alannah Stephenson missed out after losing to Jersey's Elizabeth Cann 21-16, 21-11.



Alannah's older brother Tony is through to the second round in the men's singles following a straight sets win over Mohammed Haque (Bangladesh) and he was joined by Northern Ireland team mate Tony Murphy.

To complete a good first day the three mixed doubles pairings of siblings Sinead and Ciaran Chambers, Alannah Stephenson and Tony Murphy as well as Tony Stephenson and Caroline Black all won their matches to reach the last 32. Stephenson and Murphy will now play the husband and wife number one seeds from England Chris and Gabrielle Adcock.

In their opening group game of the squash mixed doubles Michael Craig & Madeline Perry beat Zambia (M Chilambwe & S Chimfwembe) 9-11 11-6 11-6.

In the group stages of the table tennis singles event Amanda Mogey, Ashley Givan, Paul McCreery, Ashley Robinson and Peter Graham all progressed through the qualifying group stages to the last 32 but Emma Ludlow missed out.

In mountain biking, Roger Aiken came 26<sup>th</sup> in the Men's Cross-country.

In athletics, Christine McMahon ran 58.67 seconds for 4th place in 400m hurdles, following the disqualification of England's Hayley McLean but it wasn't enough to progress to the final.

Her coach Ian Neely commented: *"Christine is very disappointed with what happened but we agreed before the race to slightly change her technique in order to compete with the opposition which was of very high quality. This was admittedly a high risk strategy. Unfortunately the plan to maintain her 15 strides between hurdles for a longer period came unstuck round the last bend."*

*He added: "You learn from your mistakes and Christine will now have a second bite of the cherry in the Europeans in Zurich next month".*

Dempsey McGuigan was 11<sup>th</sup> in the final of the Men's hammer and earlier on Tuesday, Ben Reynolds ran 13.96 to finish 6th in the Men's 110m Hurdles but it wasn't enough to progress to the final.

*"I had a feeling I wasn't up just up to par as that wasn't a particularly good run. Rhythmically I had problems possibly because this year I have been doing 8 strides between the hurdles but have gone down to 7, however, you really need to be in good shape and have the speed for 7," said Reynolds.*

*"This is really the end of my season bar a few smaller races. I will concentrate on doing well in next year's European Indoors in Prague where I hope to get back to the sort of form that got me to the World Indoors semis two years ago."*

## **COLLATED RESULTS:**

### **LAWN BOWLS**



Men's Singles - Section C, Rd 3, Match 3, McHUGH Martin NIR vs GABRIEL Petelo SAM, 21 – 13

Women's Pairs - Section A, Rd 2, Match 2, Malaysia vs Northern Ireland (CUNNINGHAM Mandy, CAMERON Barbara) 12 – 24

Men's Fours - Section C, Rd 3, Match 1, Northern Ireland (Paul Daly, Neil Mulholland, Ian McClure, Neil Booth) vs Cook Islands, 21 – 4

Women's Triples - Sec. C, Rd 2, Match 1, Scotland vs Northern Ireland (Catherine McMillen, Jennifer Dowds, Donna McCloy) 19 – 11

Women's Pairs - Section A, Rd 3, Match 3, (CUNNINGHAM Mandy, CAMERON Barbara) Northern Ireland vs Niue, 18 – 18

Men's Fours - Section C, Rd 4, Match 1, Northern Ireland vs Jersey (Paul Daly, Neil Mulholland, Ian McClure, Neil Booth), 12 - 14

#### **SHOOTING:**

Trap Men's Qualification - Day 2, BEATTIE David John, HENNING David, 26, 20

Queen's Prize Individual Final, CALVERT David, 4<sup>th</sup>, 393-38v

#### **TABLE TENNIS:**

Women's Singles Group 7 - Game 3, MOGEY Amanda NIR vs CHRIS Idau PNG, 4-0

Men's Singles Group 9 - Game 3, McCREERY Paul NIR vs MOTHIBI Khethang LES, 4-0

Women's Singles Group 6 - Game 1, LUDLOW Emma NIR vs GRANT Stella SLE, 4 – 0

Women's Singles Group 6 - Game 2, YANG Annie NZL vs LUDLOW Emma NIR, 4-2

Women's Singles Group 7 - Game 2, MOGEY Amanda NIR vs BABAR Farwa PAK, 4-0

Men's Singles Group 9 - Game 2, McCREERY Paul NIR vs TUN Tyrone BIZ, 4-0

Women's Singles Group 17 - Game 3, GIVAN Ashley NIR vs LEWIS Dadrian JAM, 4 – 1

Men's Singles Group 16 - Game 3, ROBINSON Ashley NIR vs RAMEEZ Muhammad PAK, 4 – 1

Men's Singles Group 25 - Game 3, GRAHAM Peter NIR vs MORRIS Samuel SLE, 4-0

Women's Singles Group 17 - Game 2, GIVAN Ashley NIR vs CHOWREE Isabelle MRI, 4-0



Men's Singles Group 16 - Game 2, ROBINSON Ashley NIR vs FERDINAND Omarie LCA, 4 - 0

Men's Singles Group 25 - Game 2, GRAHAM Peter NIR vs PIERRE Jedaiah LCA, 4-0

### **BOXING:**

Men's Fly (52kg) Quarter-final 4, MOLONEY Andrew AUS vs DALTON Ruairi NIR, 3 – 0

Men's Light (60kg) Quarter-final 4, FITZPATRICK J NIR vs OKOTH NO KEN, 3-0

Men's Light Welter (64kg) QF 3, AZMI Khir Akyazlan MAS vs DUFFY Sean NIR, 0-3

Men's Light Heavy (81kg) Quarter-final 3, OCHOLA Eily Ajowi KEN vs McGLINCHY Sean NIR, 0-3

### **BADMINTON:**

Women's Singles Round of 64, CANN Elizabeth JEY vs STEPHENSON Alannah NIR, 2-0

Women's Singles Round of 64, SNELL Joanne NFK vs CHAMBERS Sinead NIR, 0 – 2

Men's Singles Round of 64, STEPHENSON Tony NIR vs HAQUE Mohammed BAN, 2-0

Men's Singles Round of 64, MURPHY Tony NIR vs GHISLAIN Kervin SEY, 2-0

Mixed Doubles Round of 64, ZAKI Hussein / ISMAIL Maisa MDV vs CHAMBERS Ciaran / CHAMBERS Sinead NIR, 0-2

Mixed Doubles Round of 64, STEPHENSON Tony / BLACK Caroline NIR vs CHAN LAM Nicola / LUBAH Aatish MRI, 2-0

Mixed Doubles Round of 64, MURPHY Tony / STEPHENSON Alannah NIR vs AH-WAN Juliette / CUPIDON Georgie SEY, 2 - 1

### **CYCLING MOUNTAIN BIKE ROSS COUNTRY:**

Women's Cross-country, OAKLEY Claire, 15<sup>th</sup>, 1.58.27

Men's Cross-country, AIKEN Roger, 26<sup>TH</sup>

### **ATHLETICS**





Men's Decathlon 110m Hurdles - Heat 2, GLASS Peter, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Men's 110m Hurdles Round 1 - Heat 1, REYNOLDS Ben, 6<sup>th</sup>

Men's Decathlon Discus Throw - Group B, GLASS Peter, 4<sup>th</sup>

Women's 400m Hurdles Round 1, MCMAHON Christine, 15<sup>th</sup>, 58.67

Men's Decathlon Pole Vault - Group B, GLASS Peter, =7

Men's Decathlon Javelin Throw - Group B, GLASS Peter, 4<sup>th</sup>

### **SQUASH:**

Mixed Doubles Pool C, CRAIG Michael / PERRY Madeline NIR vs CHILAMBWE Manda / CHIMFWEMBE Sharon ZAM, 2-1

### **SWIMMING:**

Women's 400m Freestyle – Rachel Bethel 21<sup>st</sup> 4:34.30, Sycerika McMahon 14<sup>th</sup>, 4:16.21

Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay – NI – 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:22.34

Men's 4 x 100m Medley Relay – NI – 8<sup>th</sup>, 3:47.83

Women's 4 x 100m Medley Relay Final, N. Ireland, DSQ

Men's 4 x 100m Medley Relay Final, N. Ireland, 8<sup>th</sup>

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