Celbridge Paddlers in **Lower Liffey** Marathon

CELBRIDGE Paddlers had a very strong presence at the Lower Liffey Marathon race held on Sunday, 8th September. The race

September.

The race ran from the Salmon Leap Canoe Club in Leixlip and finished 14 Kilometres downstream in Palmerstown. Competitors had to navigate several weirs, sluices, portages, low water, some obstacles, rocks, and rapids along the way. This year the race ran through the Lucan Festival with many coming along to watch us at the local weir.

Our club took away all medals in the K2 Divisions, Callum Browne & Aidan O'Donohoe taking Gold, Danny (our youngest competitor on the day) and his father Morgan Cooper taking Silver with the final spot on the podium taken by Simon Hearns and Fergus Cooper. A tersimon Hearns and Fergus Cooper.

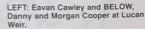
rific result for the club. Navigating a K2 down the Liffey is as challenging as it gets and not for the faint hearted.

Not to be left out the final Cooper brother Aisa, took 1st place in K1 Division 3. On her maidan river race, Gemma Corr took Gold in Division 7, an excellent result where she had to overcome some tricky conditions at the Shuice in St Catherines Park. A very brave and strong performance.

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Taking home other medals in the divisions for the club were Cillian Butler (2nd), Daniel Dziwirek (2nd) and Naoise Heneghan (2nd). Darren O'Donohoe took his first Liffey Medal coming home 2nd and Carol O'Donohoe (3rd) backing up her recent Liffey Descent success.

Also taking part were Matty Corr, Eavan Cawley, and Sean Heneghan.









Naoise in action at Lucan Weir.



Danny and Morgan Cooper followed by Callum Brown and Aidan O'Donohoe.



St Conleth's on course to open for County Fina

by Colin O'Donnell

THE newly developed St Con-leth's Park in Newbridge is on course to open on budget for the County Football Final on 27th

October.
County Chairman Mick Gorman informed this month's meeting of the County Board in Hawkfield that 'grass is even growing' at the famous site in the centre of Newbridge.
In two weeks time on Friday, 20th September the developers (Elliots Construction) will hand it back to Kildare GAA.
"That doesn't mean it will."

"That doesn't mean it will be ready for use on the 20th September," explained Kildare Chairman Mick

Gorman.

"It means that there are a lot of things still to be done and Louise Conlon our Operations Manager is working hard on it." he added.

"There's things like signage, services, the fit out, they all have to be done.

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"Niall (Sheridan, Safety and Facilities Officer) is also working on the
safety side of things so there's an
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awful lot of things that have still to be sorted out.
"We're still totally on track for the County Finals on the 27th October and I just think it's very important to highlight the work put in by Padraic McManus and his committee of Pat Molloy, Enda Murphy, Tony Jones, Ger Donnelly who've been involved in

it over the last however many year and it's not to be underestimated."

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Cedral are sponsorship partner
with the new grounds.

"I think we're going to come in county of the company of the comp

fantastic and the grass is even gro-ing.

"So it's looking good for St Conlett Park," Gorman added.

Meanwhile, calls have been ma for a second scoreboard on Pitch 2 Manguard Park in Hawkfield.

It's understood the old scoreboa at St Conleth's Park is to be erected.

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Hawkfield so that supporters matches on the first two fields keep updated with the scoring.