

## *Ode to the Dublin Distance Fiesta - Ken Reeves - Foothill Technology*

Twass the night before the Dublin Distance Fiesta, when all throughout the state,  
Distance runners were anticipating something truly great.  
The meet bag was packed with everything including multi colored spikes in there,  
In hopes that fast races would be found to be run with a little flare  
The coaches tossed and turned in their beds,  
While visions of PR splits danced in their heads  
Late at night Coach Williams took off his cap,  
Thinking that he could finally take that much needed nap,  
When underneath the arch at Gaels Stadium without so much of a care  
It's not even dawn and teams were already lined up there.  
Away from his house he drove so fast  
Opening the gate and handing out many a pass.  
The sun rose quickly over the all-weather track  
As the clerk began to check many a spike and racing flat.  
Looking across the stadium so packed, what did I see  
But legends of distance runners running so free.  
Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors were going through their drills  
Warming up well to show off their skills  
More rapid than leprechauns the runners they came,  
2019 icons we all know by name.  
There's Liam, now Rayna now Matt, and Gabbie  
On Christopher, On Jaxin, On Russell and Emily  
They glide along the rail, racing with skill  
In hopes of a PR, giving the fans many a thrill.  
To the front of the race and the top of the state  
Sprint away, sprint away, the finish is great  
But Dublin is not just about the giants at all,  
Many of today's young runners will have a huge impact next fall.  
Around the oval did each racer fly  
With FAT timing, there is seldom a tie,  
Over the stadium speakers, came a racing tale so clear and loud,  
Iconic announcer Tim O'Rourke's silver tongue making many a parent, coach and runner proud.  
Talking about every bonnie lad and lass as he or she surges to pass  
In another negative split titanic Dublin Distance Fiesta clash.  
While ever so quietly in the stands, I think I heard Coach Walt Lange say,  
A Jesuit PR at Dublin will certainly make my day,  
As race after race adds to the thrill,  
The spectators in the crowd will not get their fill  
Of crazy fast times that will happen throughout the day,  
It is exciting to see over 3000 runners running so fast before May.  
A coveted Dublin winner's tee shirt is a goal to be won,  
Many of the racers, regardless, it is more about running fast under the sun.  
For others the special sombrero is what they quest,  
Regardless, each and every runner will give his/her best  
1600 to 800 to 3200, the races they go,  
From Heat 1 to the final heat, none are slow,  
And as the evening winds down and the DMRs complete the night,  
It is oh so true that the Dublin Distance Fiesta is such a delight.  
All the volunteers, parents, fans, runners and coaches that make this meet so special,  
Will be able to see live results as the events become official.  
At the end of the meet, when all was said and done,  
The primary goal was really to just have some magical running fun.  
And we all heard Coach Williams as we drove away from this awesome feat,  
"Happy Dublin Distance Fiesta to all and to all, and to all thanks for a great meet."