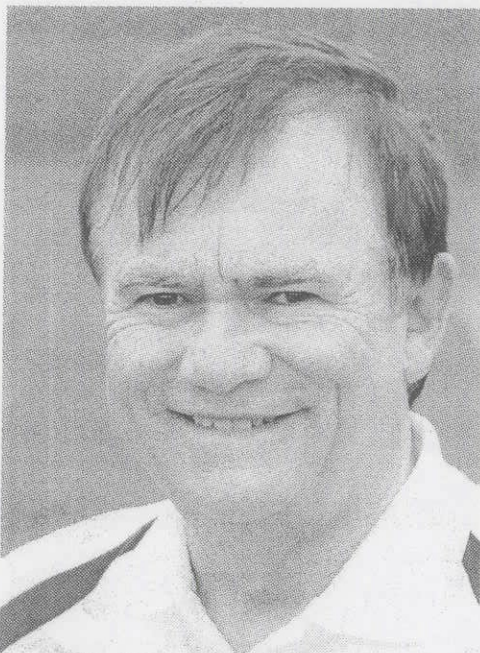


# 'The Bullet' Loftus takes two gold medals at World Transplant Games

CLARINA man John Loftus, achieved his ambition of winning double gold in the 100 and 200 metres events, at the 17th World Transplant Games in Australia.



John 'The Bullet' Loftus

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Known as 'The Bullet' Loftus, John, who underwent a successful kidney transplant eight years ago, narrowly missed out on a gold medal over 100 metres at the 2007 World Games in Bangkok, and was determined to achieve first place this time out.

"I have made up for lost time", joked the multi-talented Loftus, who has a long association with the GAA in Limerick.

"It was, he said, a great experience and he paid

tribute to all those who assisted him in any way.

He achieved his ambition on the day of his 62nd birthday, completing the course in a time of 15.22 seconds, some 0.13 seconds faster than the time he posted at last year's European Transplant and Dialysis Games in Germany.

On Saturday, Loftus completed a double, capturing the 200 metres title.

He had travelled Down Under, with his team mates, who among them had 13 new kidneys, five

new livers and one new kidney/pancreas, and returned home with a total of 22 medals.

Team manager, Colin White, hailed the entire travelling party as "exceptional ambassadors for organ donation and also for Ireland.

"These athletes show that people who receive transplants can live a full and active life. The enthusiasm of all athletes at the Games is the best possible way of illustrating just how crucial it is that people carry organ donor cards".

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