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CAVAN OR CORK FOR TITLE?

NEW RIVALS AT CROKE PARK TO-MORROW

CAVAN and Cork in an All-Ireland Football Final! It is strange but nevertheless true that those two counties are to make history by meeting for the first time in the deciding tie of the Football Championship tomorrow at Croke Park. Gaeldom is intrigued and puzzled at this history-making final that for students of football form presents at least a dozen problems which only the actual game can solve.

Cavan, famed Championship battlers, who have been in four finals in recent years and Cork out of the picture for over a quarter of a century! No wonder the crowds are flocking to Dublin today and no wonder a record attendance is expected at the National Stadium tomorrow.

Nothing to go back on in the way of last meetings except a semi-final of two years ago when Cavan craft just beat Cork dash, yet people are discussing this game with as much avidity as if the rivals had been playing each other every year.

There is no lack of tradition behind the teams, for if Cork are newcomers to many present-day followers of football there are old-timers who still recall the deeds of Dunmanway, Clondrohid, Macroom, Nils, Fermoy and Lees teams which were in the limelight when the G.A.A. was being organised and moulded.

Cavan, in the forefront since the affiliation of the First Ulsters, have built up a great reputation as footballers who can blend dash and guile. Their colours are now as familiar as were Cork's in the early years and it is generally admitted that they are in the first flight of Championship specialists.

The further they go the more dangerous they are, for like all good teams they improve as they stick into a competition

RESURGENCE

They survived stiff challenges in the great fight at Breffni Park. Cavan North where they have reigned then defeated Donegal and Fermanagh

CORK CAPTAIN



T. CROWLEY

who will lead the Cork men in their bid to regain the All-Ireland after thirty-four years.

supreme since 1939. In the semi-final they came up against a resurgent Wexford and it is a bit of a coincidence that they are also up against a resurgent Cork, for it is over thirty years since the Rebel County footballers beat another Ulster side in Antrim to take the second All-Ireland back to the Lee.

It may be another coincidence that Cavan in the first Championship game of this season met Antrim who put up

to qualify for the semi-final with Wexford, who also made the Ulster champions travel every inch.

Cork's first outing was against Tipperary whom they rather luckily defeated at Dungarvan, but in the Munster final against Kerry at Killarney there was no element of fluke in their victory and for the second time in three years they were in the All-Ireland semi-final.

Their rivals this time were Galway whom they defeated by four points to set Cork hopes soaring as the display of the forwards was one of the best seen for years, while the backs were sound enough to please most people.

There will be little clash of styles in this game which is arousing extraordinary interest. Cork are making no secret of their confidence to win.

Cavan too are confident that they have strung together an All-Ireland winning side and it looks like being one of the best finals we have had for some

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BREFFNI SKIPPER



TOM O'REILLY the Cavan captain, helped his county to win the 1933 and 1935 titles.

THE LINE-OUT

CAVAN

(Blue)

B. KELLY (Baileboro')

T. O'Reilly (cpt) (Cornafean) B. Cully (U.C.D) (Cornafean) P. P. Galligan (Cornafean)

J. Wilson Comdt. (Mullahoran) J. J. O'Reilly (Army) P. Smith (Stradone)

A Tighe (Mount Nugent) Lt. S. Deignan (Army)

A. Comiskey (Mullahoran) M. Higgins (Mt. Nugent) T. P. O'Reilly (Baileboro')

J. Stafford (S. McDermts.) P. Donohue (Kilnaleck) P. J. Duke (Stradone)

Subs.:—J. Boylan, Sgt. J. W. Martin, Lt. P. A. O'Reilly, O. R. McGovern, T. Casserley, L. Kelly, D. O'Reilly, P. Brady.

CORK

(Red and White)

Pte. M. O'Driscoll (Clonakilty)

D. Magnier (Fermoy) P. Murphy (S. McDermotts) C. Crone (Air C.) (Dublin)

P. Cronin (Fermoy) T. Crowley (Capt.) (Clonakilty) D. O'Connor (Millstreet)

F. O'Donovan (Clonakilty) Lt. E. Young (Army)

E. Casey (C'kilty) H. O'Neill (C'kilty) Lt. M. Tubridy (Army)

J. Lynch (Civ. S.) Sgt. J. Cronin (Army) D. Beckett (S. F'barr's)

Subs: S. Kavanagh (Commercials), B. Murphy (Beara), S. Lenihan (St. Nicholas'), M. Finn (Clonakilty), D. Cullinane (Clonakilty), P. Healy (Clonakilty), J. O'Brien (Clonakilty), T. O'Driscoll (Fermoy), P. O'Grady (Fermoy).

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The Story of the Famous Lees

JACK LYNCH COMES BACK TO CORK
 Jack Lynch, who won four All-Ireland hurling titles with Cork is, we hear, returning to the Munster Capital where he intends to practise as a B.L. Jack who plays with Cork in to-morrow's football final is deservedly popular with everybody and all Gaels will wish him success as a Barrister.

The Club That Put Glamour Into Cork Football

THE halo of glory which hung round the name "Lees" has been scattered by time but many memories of Cork's finest football champions remain to put us in mind of those brave days when Bill Daly led the Black and Reds to victory in the first County Championship. Recruited from the assistants and apprentices in the big drapery houses "Lees" was a strong force in moulding the G.A.A. in Cork City and even today the deeds of that great combination are still spoken of wherever football is discussed.

First to write its name on that roll of honour of Cork football champions the Lees club was the rallying ground for dozens of country youths who came to Cork to serve their time in the big drapery houses.

They brought much of the country style of football with them and for well nigh forty years the Black and Red could hold its own with some of the greatest combinations of the now far-off days.

"THE COLLARS AND CUFFS"

Lees won their first Cork championship in 1887 and their last in 1923 and in between those two victories the world of history was made.

Peak period of this "Collars and Cuffs" supremacy came around the years 1902-1914 when men like Ned Buckley, Billy Mackessy, Murty Shea, the Ardigole schoolmaster; the Mehigans, Mick and Dinny; the McCarthy's, Mick and Con Joe; were in the forefront of many triumphs.

In this period of great football games the Lees won seven County championships, two Munster titles and an All-Ireland.

The All-Ireland was the crowning glory of that brilliant stretch of high-class football which finished with the winning of the Croke Cup in 1914.

First Captain of the Lees was Bill Daly, and another famous Captain was Paddy Walsh who, described as Cork's greatest footballer won the 1894 All-Ireland with Nils and the 1899 All-Ireland with Kickhams (Dublin) whom he joined in 1897.

In those days, too, Jim Power, of Midleton; Dave Kelleher, Billy Fogarty and Jack O'Reilly, who came to Cork around 1894 to exploit the traditional football of his native Kerry.

Lees in those days by example and precept were helping to rid the game of much of its roughness. The Black and Reds kept their temper and played the game no matter how great the provocation and gaining respect for themselves and fresh followers for the code to which they brought so much glamour at a time when Cork had great teams in Nils, Macroom, Fermoy, Clondrohid, Dunmanway and Dromtariffe, O'Briens and Midleton.

1911 saw Lees reach the crescendo of their power when Mick Mehigan led the Black and Red to victory over Antrim Shauns in the All-Ireland final at Jones Road.

GREAT HEARTED BUNCH

It was a great hearted bunch of footballers who wrote Cork's name on the roll of honour for the second time.

It included Murty O'Shea, whose football feats and club loyalty are still spoken of by the Lee, for Murty, a schoolmaster out in Adrigole used to cycle in to play for the Black and Red and return home on his trusty bike a distance of twenty-five miles after the match.

There was no coddling or spoon-feeding for men like Murty O'Shea; no motors purring at the door waiting to take him to the playing field and wherever old Lees players and followers assemble still they pay a tribute to this big hearted teacher who played his part in the 1911 All-Ireland triumph.

It was remarkable that the Lees side of 1911 included two well known athletes of those days in Billy Mackessy and Jerry Beckett. Billy, who came from the Buttevant country won All-Irelands in hurling and football. Billy; fast winger who could kick points off either foot appeared in seven All-Ireland finals in a space of ten years. Billy played in the 1906 and 1907 Football Finals while Jerry Beckett was on the 1907 team.

HARD LUCK JERRY

If ever there was a hard luck story in the matter of failure to win the double medal it related to Jerry Beckett who was on the Cork team which beat Kilkenny in the 1905 final at Tipperary, but the match was ordered to be replayed and Erin's Own well beat the Barrs at the second meeting. Jerry was again on the Dungourney selection which lost the 1907 final to Tullaroan by a point and was also on the Lees team which went down before the Kickhams in the same season.

Jerry afterwards became a leading member of the Cork County Board and his death was widely regretted.

Mick Mehigan played in the 1906 and 1907 football finals and then had the honour of leading the Black and Reds to victory in 1911.

Other well-known players to assist in the 1911 win were Jack Shorten, Micky Cotter, the Lehanes from Macroom, Charley Paye from Fermoy, and Jack Young the Dunmanway

Cork Star



Paddy Cronin of Fermoy, who plays right half back for Cork.

teacher who brought glory to the famous Nils.

Invited to the U.S.A., Charley Paye, product of another code was probably the greatest footballer Fermoy produced. He was the youngest player on Fermoy's All-Ireland side of 1904 and was invited to New York in 1909 to help the Cork team in the New York Competitions. Returning to Ireland he helped Lees to win the 1911 All-Ireland.

Charley later played a man's part in the fight for Irish freedom and the writer can recall hours of enjoyment listening to Charlie tell of his games against the best of his time. That 1911 All-Ireland was the last to come to Cork but the Lees won the Croke Cup in 1914.

In this competition they had the services of Jack McCarthy, a full back who could hold his own with the best ever to fill this position for any club or county.

Jack missed an All-Ireland medal through illness in 1911 and it certainly was hard luck on a man who played in his first inter-County game at the age of seventeen and was still to be reckoned with at the age of thirty-four.

Eleven Cork Championships in all were won by the Lees whose fade-out was the biggest loss ever suffered by Rebel County football.

They played and beat the best of them in their day and from the glens of Antrim to the rugged cliffs of Kerry men still tell of the great deeds of the Black and Red jerseyed Lees.

They were good footballers on the field and good sportsmen off it, and wherever a bunch of old-timers foregather they will speak of the prowess of Ned Buckley, Con Joe McCarthy, Dave Kelleher, Jack O'Reilly, Jack Lehane, Bill Fleming, Paddy Walsh, Jerry Duggan, Mickey Twomey, Bill Power, Billy O'Neill and all those star players who made Cork football a byword in those days of hard and hectic games for the Provincial and All-Ireland titles.

Cavan or Cork For Title?

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time. Youth is strongly represented, so that the pace should be fast.

Cork say their defence will be better than against Galway while Cavan say they have improved their attack, which was lamentably weak against Wexford. Incidentally this was the first time for Cavan to defeat a Leinster county in the All-Ireland semi-final.

I am looking forward to a good final; and may the better team win. As a last word, let the game be played in a spirit befitting sportsmen and Gaels, in keen yet friendly rivalry, as was the hurling final in which Tipperary and Kilkenny added to the already splendid record of two great counties and were a credit to the G.A.A. in its loftiest aims.

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Derry Beckett won the All-Ireland hurling title with Cork in 1942. If Cork wins on Sunday the Young family will have collected six All-Ireland medals as the father won in 1911. Jim, his son, was on the Cork hurling team which won four titles in a row while another son, Eamon, is on the Cork football side.

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BREFFNI'S FIRST TITLE

Breffni Men Have Been In The News For 30 Years

I FIRST made acquaintance with Cavan as a football county 30 years ago when they played Wexford in the All-Ireland semi-final of 1915. The impression I then formed as to their future was favourable. I leave it to others to say whether my opinion of that now far-distant date was not well founded. Personally I think it has been amply justified by events.

It was a time of great hope in Wexford—a hope begotten in earnestness and enthusiasm, for the players had their hearts set on taking All-Ireland honours and did not spare themselves in preparation. They had been in the 1913 and 1914 finals and had lost both to Kerry, the second on a replay. In the Leinster final of 1915 they had two hard games before defeating a Geraldines selection, representing Dublin; and meeting Cavan for the first time, they were taking no chances.

Ulster teams were not as highly rated then as now, Antrim alone having reached the final, to be beaten by Cork in 1911 and by Louth in 1912. Antrim and Monaghan, in respective order, had provided the opposition to Wexford in the 1913 and 1914 semi-finals. It mattered not with Wexford that they had won well in both years. There would be no underrating of Cavan.

Had not Antrim beaten Kilkenny and Kerry at the semi-final stage

and could not an Ulster county again be a danger to the Leinster champions?

In taking nothing for granted against Cavan, Wexford were well advised; but the Wexfordmen of those days while always ready to listen, needed little advice. In any event Cavan gave Wexford a real good game, the best they had yet had from an Ulster county.

FINE SPIRIT

They battled gamely against a superior side and showed a fine spirit when the score was running against them, keeping the Wexfordmen moving merrily to the end. It was certainly a heartening display by the Ulster standard-bearers; and Cavan

By "PEILEADOIR"

won many admirers from amongst those who were not their immediate supporters.

I had with me as companion for the day a Cavanman resident in Wexford, native of Ballinagh, soon to be heard of in the fight for freedom, and when he introduced me to some friends from the North I well remember telling them of how proud I felt that the G.A.A. was making headway in Ulster.

I was assured and this pleased me still more, that the good work would continue and that Cavan would take a lesson in perseverance from Wexford and keep on trying until they won an All-Ireland Championship.

I was fated to have a closer connection with Cavan football when that happy event came to pass, in 1933; but in the meantime there had been happenings of greater importance and the teachings and influence of the G.A.A. had been felt in other directions.

Wexford defeated Kerry in the 1915 final, and I did not again see Cavan play until the 1923 semi-final when they lost by a point to Kerry, a new Kerry side that, although beaten by Dublin in the final, was to make history.

HURLING, TOO

I should mention in passing that Cavan won the Ulster hurling championship of 1917, and I have often wondered why hurling has not received greater support in the county since then, particularly during recent years with Antrim giving a praiseworthy lead.

Jim Smith, by the way, was a talented hurler and helped the Gardai



The 1933 Cavan team which brought the first All-Ireland to Breffni by beating Kerry in the semi-final and Galway in the final.

GREAT NAMES

The Cavan team of 1923 had as captain, J. J. Clarke, now, if I mistake not, Postmaster of Wexford; and included Jim Smith, who helped to win the 1933 and 1935 championships; Paul Doyle, who won the 1927 and 1928 championships with his native Kildare; Capt. J. P. Murphy, and Tom Egan, who had played for Galway against Kildare in the 1919 final.

Their good showing against Kerry must have been very encouraging to Cavan, but their time had not yet arrived as they lost by two points to Dublin in the 1924 semi-final, and by a point to Kerry in the 1925 semi-final, which was played in Tralee.

As evidence of growing popularity many Cavan followers made the long journey by car to see the game in Tralee.

Paddy Kirwan, who had helped Dublin to win the All-Ireland championships of 1921, 1922 and 1923 played for his native Cavan in the 1925 semi-final.

After defeating Sligo in the 1928 semi-final luck was not with Cavan in their first final in which they lost by a point to Kildare, who won with the same team to a man that had defeated Kerry in the 1927 final.

Cavan had won the All-Ireland Junior championship of 1927, defeating Kildare in the final; but the honour of being the first Ulster county to take the Junior title goes to Armagh (1926).

Jim Smith captained the Cavan side of 1928, which included J. J. Clarke, Patsy Lynch, Hugh O'Reilly, P. Devlin and W. Young. Owing to an injury sustained in training Capt. J. P. Murphy was unable to play in the final against Kildare.

IN THE LIMELIGHT

Cavan lost to Kildare in the 1931 semi-final and to Mayo in the 1932 semi-final, by 2 points in each case; but came bang into the limelight by defeating Kerry in the 1933 semi-final before a record attendance at Breffni Park. By winning their fourth consecutive title in 1933 Kerry had equalled a record set up by Wexford in the 1915-18 period; and their defeat by Cavan bordered on the sensational.

Cavan had the reward of patient effort in winning the 1933 championship; but they had a hard struggle to master Galway in the final. Tom O'Reilly is the only one remaining of the 1933 team; but Donal Morgan continued to play for Cavan until quite recently.

Death has claimed players who were on opposing sides in the final, Willie Connolly (who was also on the winning side in 1935), Terry Coyle (Cavan) and Frank Fox (Galway). Cavan was captained by Jim Smith and Galway by Mick Donnellan (T. D.). Looking through the lists lately I was reminded that both the 1933 finalists have given us a number of capable referees. Patsy Lynch (now a member of the Central Council), M. J. Magee (Cavan), Brendan Nestor and John Dunne (Galway), John Dunne, one of the present trustees of the G.A.A., who played in the championship now closing, will have charge of to-morrow's final.

I have rambled somewhat from my original intention of paying a tribute to Cavan on an uphill fight, and, in ranking high in the honours list, having set an example to counties that are no less favourably circumstanced, stanced.

Cavan have a proud record due to sound organisation and a great spirit. Like other counties they have had their good and bad days but in spite of everything they keep going, and having reached the front rank it is in keeping with their past that they are determined to remain there.

Held Kerry To A Draw



The Cavan Team which held Kerry to a draw in the 1937 Final. Kerry won the replay.

The Big Question WILL CAVAN CRAFT BEAT CORK DASH?

THIS is an All-Ireland football final of problems and questions which, like the Kerryman, you might answer by asking another. First meeting of the counties in a final there is very little to go on and if we except the 1943 semi final there is no record of Cavan and Cork having met in a championship game in almost sixty years.

Tradition is, however, as strong behind Cork as Cavan as while the Breffni men have been filling the headlines in recent years Cork made plenty of early history and had competed in ten All-Ireland football finals by 1912.

Two of them they won and Cavan have also two wins to their credit but the Slashers have only played in five finals, to-morrow's game being their sixth in the deciding tie of the championship.

Trying to assess form on their performances in this year's tests is difficult as each side came through the provincial championships with enhanced reputations.

FIRST THE HARDEST

Each probably found their first outing the hardest and Cork only surviving by a point from Tipperary, while it took Cavan three-quarters of the hour to shake off Antrim. Cavan were again hard pushed in the semi-final tie. In between this and their test with Antrim they were impressive in their defeat of Down, Donegal and Fermanagh.

Cork's victories over Kerry and Galway left no doubts in our mind about the improvement in Leaside football

which has cast aside the old slow methods and substituted them with grand catching and long kicking.

Cavan have a good defence: no better in fact at the moment and their centre field is also up to the mark but their attack is not up to the standard we were used to see in Breffni football. Cork on the other hand have a fast, nippy attack that will make good use of every chance it gets but will it get enough of the ball.

Centre field is going to play an important part in this final and if Lt. Young and F. O'Donovan hold their own with Tighe and Lt. Deignan, Cork will about win.

The Cavan pair on the other hand can swing the game for Cavan and if Deignan reproduces the form of the semi-final he should give his side a decided pull as he can last the hardest hour.

A BIG "BUT"

After centre the important sector for Cavan will be the attack which must show improvement if the title is to go North.

I expect it will as it could never again be as bad as it was against Wexford and for that reason I am inclined to lean to Cavan's chances but, and there is always a "but" in an All-Ireland final, Cork will be an improved and confident side that might go one better than when it lost to Cavan by a point in the 1943 semi-final.

Let it be a good game: a game worthy of the G.A.A. and may the better team win.

SOUND BACK



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one of Cavan's left backs from 1933 to 1938.

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ONCE again Cavan is back in an All-Ireland final full of confidence that their sixth appearance in the deciding game of the Championship will be a successful one. Breffni homes will be deserted over the week-end, as when Cavan are in the final supporters of the Royal Blue will be there to the last man and woman to cheer them on.

You can hear the cheers swell as they troop out from the Cusack Stand led by Tom O'Reilly, who was here in 1933, 1935, 1937 and 1943. Trained to last what is expected to be a hard hour here come the footballers of Breffni.

B. Kelly (Baileboro') who has been recalled to keep goal for the Breffni men was between the sticks for Ulster in the 1941 and 1942 Railway Cup finals. Played with Dundalk Young Irelands and has proved his worth in this year's Ulster tests.

T. O'Reilly (Cornafean), generally known as Big Tom, is the big man of present-day football. Helped Cavan to win the 1933 and 1935 titles and has been on Ulster Railway Cup teams since 1934. Starred for years at centre half-back, earning the plaudits of friend and opponent for his clean tactics. Has been moved to right full-back where he served his team against Wexford. Will captain a side he hopes to lead to victory.

B. CULLY (U.C.D.), native of Arva, has been prominent for some years as full-back for University College. Played against Roscommon in the two 1943 games and returned to again fill the full-back berth this year. Is a strong and robust player who fields well and kicks at good length.

Played for Ulster.

P. Smith (Stradone), is a bank official in Granard who has been shaping well in local competitions. First year playing senior for his County. Paddy is a dour defender who can be relied on to pull his weight as a left-half-back.

A. Tighe (Mount Nugent) is youngest player on the side. Filled a berth in attack against Wexford but has been moved to centre-field, where his height and speed should be a decided asset.

Lieut. S. Deignan (Army) is another product of schools' football, having helped St. Fenians, Mullingar, to win a Leinster Colleges title. Played at full-forward for Ulster and at centre half-



M. HIGGINS
one of Cavan's forwards

back for Cavan. He is now allotted a centre-field berth. Strong, robust player who revels in the hard knocks of the game, Simon has also been prominent in Army competitions. Is also a first-class referee.

A. Comiskey (Mullahoran) who was on sideline for the semi-final owing to an injury, will operate as right half-forward. Is another college footballer to make the grade. Played with Cornafean before joining Mullahoran, whom he has helped to win two or three Cavan titles.

M. Higgins (Mount Nugent), partnered Lt. Deignan at centre-field in the semi-final, a berth he also filled against Roscommon in the 1943 final. Has been moved to centre half-forward and is certain to add strength and thrust to the attack. Played junior in 1941 and was on the right wing against Cork in the 1943 semi-final.

T. P. O'Reilly (Baileboro') has been a familiar figure on Cavan teams for five or six years. Played for Ulster. Is yet another product of Ulster colleges football. Fills the left half-forward berth, where he is a hard worker and clever opportunist.

Joe Stafford (Sean McDermotts, Dublin) is a typical Cavan forward, fast and clever, whose anticipation is marvellous. Got a great goal against Wexford and also played a star game against Roscommon in the 1943 drawn final.

P. Donohue (Kilnaleck) is a newcomer who showed first-class form in the local championships. Filled the full-forward berth against Wexford and has been retained in this position.

P. J. Duke (Stradone), the left corner forward, is a fast and wiry footballer, who partners well with Donohue. Has shown definite improvement in training and is expected to get invaluable scores for his side to-morrow.



The 1935 Cavan team which brought the Football Blue Riband to Breffni for the second time.

BREFFNI HOPES WERE NEVER HIGHER

"A Good Team, Well Trained
Should Win"

"HIT out for the little hills of Cavan and see for yourself how the Slashers are doing," the Editor said to me and for the land of Breffni O Raghalligh I headed to watch Tom O'Reilly and his men train for the big test.

"They're in camp near Crossdoney but you'll have to go to Cavan town as there is no train these days to Crossdoney" Andy Smith told me when I rang him up.

Andy is one of those Cavan men who try to oblige you at all times and I'm sure if he had the chance he would go along with me to show me around. However, I had been in Cavan once before and I had a tongue in my mouth to ask for directions and guidance. With my bike on top of the bus I sailed away through the rich Meath country and over the border through Virginia with its grand stretch of water which they call Lake Ramar. If I had my way I'd have got the bus man to make a detour to Ballyjamesduff or Ballyduff as they call it in Cavan as I would like a chat with Paddy Reilly who is certain to be back for the final.

"HIT THE HIGH ROAD"

Arrived in Cavan town I tucked in a feed at the Farnham and like the Land



PATSY LYNCH, present Chairman Cavan Co. Board, and M. J. MAGEE, ex-Chairman, who helped in getting the Breffni men ready for the Final.

League song of long ago "out the high road like a deer I did fly."

Inquiring my way from a road worker I was asked "Is it the footballers you're going to see?" and when I replied that it was I was directed to the spot where Hughie O'Reilly ex-Cavan captain and Cork born himself was in charge of an enthusiastic band of footballers as one could wish for.

There was Big Tom hero of the Cavan crowd doing his stuff like any youngster and there was "Tony" Tighe, T. P. Deignan, Higgins, and all the available members of the team hard at work.

"Did you bike it all the way?" somebody asked me and when I replied jokingly that it was not so far as I thought at first I was hurried in to have a cup of tea, for as I was told cycling from Dublin to Crossdoney was a tiring, thirsty job.

Cavan people I have often been told are not as hospitable as the Southerners or Westerners but I must say that I could not be treated more generously or made feel more at home anywhere.

"WHAT OF CORK?"

"How are the Cork men doing?" Hughie O'Reilly asked me and when I replied that he should know as well as any being a Corkman himself he answered with a smile "Ah! I'm a Cavan citizen now and seldom get news from the South."

"What are your chances anyway?"

I asked as I finished the third cup of tea and waited for the fourth.

"Good" came a chorus of answers and then Tom O'Reilly stood up as if he was trying to catch the Speaker's eye.

"All-Irelands," he told us, "are queer games that are as often won by some extraordinary happening as anything else. A miskick by a back or a muffed pass by a forward have lost games and a quick move just like the one we tried against Mayo in '37 at Mullingar have won games. We have no doubts about the Cork team being a good one but we think we have a better one and

HANDBALL

Handball Fans are catered for on the morning of the football final with the All-Ireland Handball Singles Final in which J. J. Gilmartin, Kilkenny, will be opposed by W. Walsh, Cork, at the Depot Court, Phoenix Park. There is no better way to spend an hour on Sunday morning than by a visit to the Depot Court which is within easy distance of the City.

expect Croke Park to prove that we are right."

"What's your last word?" I asked Hughie O'Reilly.

"You can tell your readers," he said, "that we have a good team, well trained and with Breffni craft we should win the All-Ireland." With this message ringing in my ears I hit the back trail convinced that Cavan will make a great fight for this year's football blue riband.



J. Wilson Cavan P. Smith

P. P. Galligan (Cornafean), is a student who made his mark in College football. Fills the left full-back berth where he also played in the two games against Roscommon. The possessor of plenty of height, he completes what Cavan supporters think is their best full-back line for years.

J. Wilson (Mullahoran), is another student who was prominent in College games. Kept the crack Wexford forward, Kehoe, subdued in the semi-final. His inclusion has raised Cavan hopes as he is one of the best young backs of to-day.

Commandant J. J. O'Reilly (Army), brother to the Cavan skipper, is also well known to football fans all over the country. First made his name in College football and while yet in his 'teens came on to fill a berth against Kerry in the 1937 final. Sound defender and accurate place kicker, John Joe has helped Ulster to win Railway Cup honours and Cavan to win many Ulster titles. Plays at centre-half.

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The Boys Of Rebel Cork

Thumb-Nail Sketches of Leemen

For over thirty years Leaside football fans have waited for the day when another Cork team would appear in an All-Ireland final at Croke Park. That day is at hand and Rebel County hopes are high that another Carberyman will lead a gallant team to victory tomorrow over Cavan.

Youth fills a big place on this team that has trained hard and diligently under the care of Jim Barry. They realise that in Cavan they are meeting a great Championship county but are quietly confident that they can bring back the title to Cork's own town. Led by Tadhg Crowley here they come:—

M. O'DRISCOLL (Clonakilty) made his first appearance as goalie for Cork this season. A well-known Army player, he is equally good as a hurling goalkeeper.

J. MAGNIER (Fermoy), who was a sub on the 1943 team, plays at right full back. Came on last year as a sub in the game with Tipperary at Clonmel. Comes from an area that has produced many good footballers.

P. MURPHY, Sean McDermotts, (Dublin), who is a native of Bea.a, learned much of his football in St. Brendan's, Killarney. Played for Munster Colleges and for Munster in Railway Cup games.

Assisted "Vets" in the Dublin Championship and on the disbandment of that club assisted Sean McDermotts. Is one of the outstanding full backs of present-day football.

Was off in the semi-final against Galway.



P. ("Weeshie") Murphy

P. CRONIN (Fermoy). This right half-back was a sub on the 1944 Munster team. Is a sterling footballer who was much in evidence against Galway in the semi-final.

T. CROWLEY (Clonakilty) who will captain the team plays as centre half-back. A robust footballer whose forte is high fielding. Played left full back in the 1943 semi-final against Cavan.

Won an All-Ireland Minor hurling medal in 1939 and has played on the Munster football side.

D. O'CONNOR (Millstreet) comes from an old North Cork stronghold of the game. Played on the 1943 team which lost to Cavan and was on the 1944 Munster team; a typical Millstreet footballer, whose catching and kicking was a feature of the game with Galway.

F. O'DONOVAN (Clonakilty), played at right half-back against Cavan in the 1943 semi-final; was prominent at centre field in the defeat of Kerry in this year's Munster final, but failed to reproduce that form against Galway.

LT. E. YOUNG (Army), a native of Dunmanway, is one of the best-known players in the game today. Holds All-Ireland Minor Hurling medal, All-Ireland Colleges Hurling medal, National League Hurling medal, Railway Cup Football medal as well as many Army trophies.

Plays centre field in this year's final, he is a better half forward. Son of Jack Young who, playing with the Nils, helped Cork to win the 1911 Football title.

LT. M. TUBRIDY (Army) is a native of Kiltrush and played for his native Clare before throwing in his lot with Cork. Played against Kerry in the 1943 Championship, but a knee injury kept him out of the game for some time; a fast forward who contributed his share to the defeat of Galway. Plays left half forward.

H. O'NEILL (Clonakilty), the centre half forward made his first appearance for the county this year. Is also a first class hurler who assists Clonakilty in the Junior Championship and might yet find his place on the Cork team.

E. CASEY (Clonakilty) is a native of Millstreet; was on the 1944 Munster

Football team and also played in many Army competitions was at left half forward against Galway he will fill the right half berth in the final.

D. BECKETT (St. Finbarr's) is better known as a hurler. Helped Cork to win All-Ireland and National League honours. First year playing Senior Football. Derry is a son of Jerry Beckett, who was on the victorious 1911 team and was also Irish 440 yards champion. Fills the left full forward berth.

JACK LYNCH (Civil Service) who fills the right corner forward berth helped Cork to win four All-Ireland Hurling titles, two National League Hurling titles, was on the Glen Rovers team which won eight Cork Senior Hurling titles. Played for Munster in hurling and football and holds many Railway Cup Hurling medals.

First played for Cork in the National League when only sixteen and a half years. Also holds All-Ireland Colleges Hurling and Football medals and a Dublin Senior Football medal.

SGT. J. CRONIN (Army) is a Kerryman who filled the full forward berth against Cavan in 1943. Is a much improved player who will be a big thorn in the side of the Cavan defence; was on the Munster team in 1944 and came on as sub in 1945.



Lt. M. Tubridy (Army)



Sergt. J. Cronin (Army)

Their Fathers Won Before Them

Lieutenant Eamon Young and Derry Beckett are sons respectively of Jack Young and Jerry Beckett who helped Cork to win the 1911 All-Ireland. Jack Young, a Dunmanway teacher, helped Nils to win many honours and was selected by the Lees to play against Antrim in the 1911 final in which he joined in the scoring. Jerry Beckett, sprinter, punter and footballer who just missed the big double, was also a teacher who, born in Kenmare, helped Lees in football and St. Finbarrs in hurling.



Eamon Young



Derry Beckett

Guarding The Citadel



Cork backs and goalkeeper on the alert in the semi-final against Galway.

CORK'S LAST FOOTBALL ALL-IRELAND TITLE

A JANUARY day in 1912; the fourteenth it was to be exact, saw the footballers of Cork and Antrim meet for the 1911 All-Ireland football title.

The event caused little excitement in the City and even the newspapers of those days hardly gave the final a mention in the week before this meeting of two Counties situate at the geographical ends of Ireland.

True a Cork paper did say something about a trial match on the Sunday before the final but for the rest of the week Mick Mehigan and his men might be dead for all that the public heard about them. In those days a cricket Test match filled columns of the daily papers and while there was not a single line about the Cork or Antrim men the public could read at length about the stonewalling or the run-getting feats of some Englishman or Australian.

ALMOST ON TIME

There were no packed stands, no bands and no banners when Cork and Antrim took the field that January afternoon. Those who talk about teams being late in those good old days or bad old days would scarcely believe that the match was only five minutes late in starting. 13,000 people were present, the gate receipts just falling short of the three hundred pounds mark, which was considered quite satisfactory.

The rise of our native games in popular appeal can be gauged by those figures which will be exceeded by many County finals and semi-finals this year, while the All-Ireland final gate itself will be many times greater.

The game, which started at 2.35 was refereed by M. O'Brennan, Roscommon and was not long in progress when Billy Mackessy scored a point.

Antrim, who were led by H. Sheehan and included John Coburn, well known to Pressmen at Croke Park, were playing remarkably well their policy of "Keep the ball on the ground," puzzling

the Corkmen who relied on the good old catch and kick.

Cork followed up with another point but when P. D. Kelly placed J. Mullan, Antrim took the lead with a goal.

PRINCE OF FORWARDS

Charley Paye, prince of forwards in those days restored Cork's lead with a picture goal that only Charley could score and then followed with a point to which Mick Cotter added another point to make the half-time score:

Cork1-4 Antrim1-0

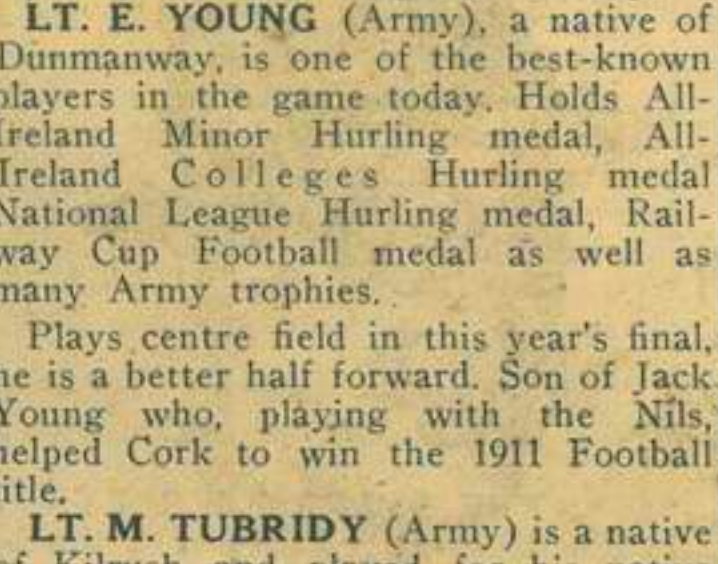
Not a big half-time lead and there were many consultations in the Cork camp and it is told that a Cork supporter gave the advice to "Kick it high and keep it there." Whether this is correct or not I have no means of proving now, but certainly there was a definite change in the game when they resumed. Billy Mackessy, lovely winger that he was, driving over a point to which Jack Young added a point and then came goals from C. Kelleher, Paddy O'Connell and Billy Mackessy.

From this on there was only one team in it for although Antrim struggled valiantly they could only secure two points while Cork's total in this half came to five goals two points the Lee men winning 6-6 to 1-2.

Youngest player on the team was "Domboy" Kelleher, of Macroom. My friend, P. D. Mehigan wrote the following verses to celebrate the occasion which was doubly important to the Carbery man as his brother Mick captained the team.



D. Magnier (Fermoy)



D. O'Connor (Millstreet)

CRONE (Air Corps), a native of Castletownroche, is the most experienced player on the team. Helped Dublin to win the 1942 All-Ireland and was in the victorious 1943 Leinster Railway Cup team; also played for Munster. Was the brainiest back in the game against Galway, his covering up as left full back pulling his side out of many tight corners.

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THE MINOR FINAL WILL MAKE HISTORY

1945 will be remembered as a history making G.A.A. year three of the four All-Ireland finals being first meetings of the counties engaged for the chief honours of the season.

Already Dublin minor hurlers have written their own page of this history and the question arises will the Liffey-side footballers help to bring off the double. Should they do so they will have accomplished something which the other counties have so far failed to bring off as the minor All-Irelands were never won by any county in the same year.

In their bid for the record the Dublin boys, however, came up against a Leitrim side that has been the surprise packet of this year's competition.

On their first appearance the Leitrim lads defeated a side that was expected to keep up Mayo's tradition in this competition and they put paid to a fancied Sligo team on a replay.

Monaghan had started so well in Ulster that they were looked on by the Northerners as a team above the ordinary but again Leitrim confounded the prophets and then survived an objection. With College players from St. Mel's, Longford, and St. Patrick's, Cavan, to bring a splash of clever combination the Leitrim side plays a dashing game that is akin to that of Galway and Kerry at their best.

From the outset Dublin started like a team that would go places this year their defeat of Meath, conquerors of Louth, being good enough for anything. They then accounted for Westmeath and in the Leinster final had a convincing win over Wexford. Coming up against Kerry in the semi-final they held the whip hand of the Kerry lads for most of the hour and will enter the final a fit side as they have trained with earnestness and enthusiasm. Seven of the side have already gone through the hurling competition and a win tomorrow would certainly be an outstanding achievement for those seven players.

Fourteen of the side are products of the Dublin Primary Schools League while the majority have played in Leinster Colleges Competitions. There

is no doubt about their ability as footballers, their team work and speed being as good as we have seen since the start of these minor championships. McEntaggart, who plays at centre field, looks like developing into one of our best all rounders, while Freaney is a forward who can fill a berth in any of our best senior teams.

Leitrim have also trained hard and with victories over Mayo, Sligo and Monaghan to their credit will take the world of beating in a game which should be a grand curtain raiser for the Cavan-Cork final.

Breffni O Ruairc Will Be There

THE Leitrim Minor team may show one or two changes on that which beat Monaghan in the semi-final

Coming almost entirely from South Leitrim, the team is drawn from Mohill, Gortlettern, Carrigallen, Carrick, Ballinamore and Esling.

It includes Byrne, Bohan, Heslin and Heiran, students of St. Mel's who played for that College in the Leinster Championships, and Peter Dolan, native of Ballinamore, who assisted St. Patrick's, Cavan, and was on the 1945 Ulster Colleges team beaten in the All-Ireland final by Leinster.

Reynolds, Clyne and McGorty hail from Mohill, while Mulvey, Herrity and M. Dolan learned their football in the Marist Brothers School, Carrick.

Defeating Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo (on a replay), and Monaghan, they are chock full of confidence that they can bring the Minor title to Breffni O Ruairc for the first time.

They play good old football of catch and kick but they can weave in a little craft too and Dublin will want to be at their best to defeat these dashing Connacht lads.

Minor Line-Out ALL ABOUT THE DUBLIN MINORS

Who's Who of The Players

BAITE ÁTA CLIAË

(SOPH AGUS BÀN)

1. Uiníonn Sabino.
2. Donnada Ó Macéamná.
3. Seán Mac Seairriais.
4. Seoirse Mac Seimín.
5. Míoclár Ó Meadáir.
6. Dearmuidán Ó Héilíde.
7. Tomás Ó Nualláin.
8. Seán Mac An tSárait.
9. Seán Mac Cineáit.
10. Liam Ó Donnáite.
11. Orléar de Ffreuníde.
12. Séamur Cíaran Huinníon.
13. Seán Ó Copeláin.
14. Pádraig Mac Céiríais.
15. Caelán Ó Dubhseánáin.

FIR IONAD

16. Caelán Ó Feinneada.
17. Séamur Ó Laimín.
18. Seiríde de Carríais.
19. Seán Mac Uair.
20. Uiníonn Ó Raílláir.
21. Uiníonn Cíocman.

LIATÓRUM

(SOPH AGUS BUIDE)

1. Pádraig Ó Héarain.
2. Tomás P. Mac Rágnáil.
3. Séarthur S. Ó Duadaicáin.
4. Míoclár Ó Dubhláin.
5. Seán Ó Maoilmaidí.
6. Ceallán Ó Dubhláin.
7. Tomás Mac Siolla Cláoin.
8. Seán T. Ó hAirtín.
9. Angharad Ó Beirn.
10. Peadar Ó Dubhláin.
11. Máireín Iolláman.
12. Uiníon P. Mac an tSáraitáin.
13. Míoclár S. Mac Eoin.
14. Caoimhín Ó Héiréaráin.
15. Córceall Ó Cairíde.

FIR IONAD

16. Liam Mac Airéadair.
17. Pádraig Ó Caimín.
18. Seán Uiníonáin.
19. Liam de Lóin.
20. Peadar Uíoláin.
21. Liam Ó Roicéiláin.

V. Savino (St. Vincent's)—Won Leinster junior honours with O'Connell's C.B.S. 1944. Sub. goalie for Leinster College team this year.

D. O'Mahony (Kickham's)—Played for St. Vincent's C.B.S. in Primary Schools competitions. Helped O'Connell's C.B.S. to win Leinster Junior Championship 1944. A worthy representative of the famous Kickhams club.

J. Sharry (Peader Macken's)—Learned his football with Star of the Sea (Sandymount) N.S. Was on Westland Row C.B.S. team which won Leinster Junior Championship, 1945. Represented Leinster Colleges for past two years.

G. Gennings (St. Vincent's)—Occupies same position as hurling team which he helped to victory over Tipperary in All-Ireland final—Plays for O'Connell's C.B.S.

N. Maher (Kickham's) who came on as a sub in the Leinster final played so well that he has since retained his place. Played Right-half forward on hurling team which defeated Tipperary. Learnt his football and hurling with St. Canice's C.B.S. Later played for O'Connell's C.B.S.

D. Healy (St. Vincent's) who captains the team played a big part in the defeat of Tipperary in the Hurling final. Captained the Leinster Colleges hurling team this year. Has helped Seoil Muire and St. Joseph's C.B.S. to many victories.

T. Nolan (Peader Macken's) helped Westland Row C.B.S. to win Leinster Junior Colleges Championship, 1945. Played for Leinster Colleges team this year.

S. McEntegarth (St. Vincent's) who captained the hurling team to victory over Tipperary is another who learnt his hurling and football with Marino in the Dublin Primary Schools League.

S. Guina (St. Vincent's) has played for Syngé St. C.B.S. in Primary Schools and Leinster Colleges competitions.

L. Donnelly (St. Vincent's) filling the same position gave a delightful exhibition of hurling against Tipperary and paved the way to many scores. Expected to do likewise against Leitrim. Hails from St. Joseph's, Marino. Has played on Leinster Colleges Hurling team.

O. Freaney (St. Vincent's) is a clever forward who played for O'Connell's C.B.S. in Primary Schools and Leinster Colleges competitions. On Leinster team this year.

J. Nugent (Fingallians) represents the Fingal area. Brought on to team for the Leinster Final and was a great success.

S. Copeland (St. Vincent's) kept goal for hurling team. Filled this position on Leinster Hurling team for past three years. is yet another Marino C.B.S. lad to make good.

P. McCarthy (St. Vincent's) is the seventh member of the Minor hurling team on which he filled the same position. Had hard luck in being injured early on in hurling final but is now fit again. Started his hurling and football with St. Canice's.

Subs. are:
C. Feeney (Kickham's) of St. Canice's and O'Connell's.

J. Lavin (St. Vincent's) of O'Connell's and sub. on Leinster team.

J. McWade (P. Macken's) of Syngé St.

B. O'Reilly (St. Mary's Sgt.) a brother of the better-known Peter who is training the team.

G. Craig and **V. Trotman** (Sean Heuston's) both of Cruimlin C.B.S.

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 - (c) The passages on Hill '16 and on the concrete terrace under Cusack Stand.
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COME EARLY, KEEP THE PASSAGES CLEAR.

REMEMBER! It is in YOUR OWN INTEREST to OBEY THE STEWARDS.

More Victory Songs Of The Gael

There is a strong wave of football enthusiasm sweeping Cork at the moment and from a Beara teacher came the following verses to which he gives the title

DID YOU HEAR ME THAT TIME?

I
Hurrah for our gallant Football Team,
Hurrah for the County Cork,
The Rebel boys of '45
None care to sneer or mock,
Too long we've waited for the day
When proudly to the fore,
Our colours once again blaze forth
As in the days of yore.

II
So up and onward Rebel boys,
Nor heed not friend nor foe,
On the Rocky Road to Dublin
You've laid proud colours low.
You smashed the might of Tipp's
famed team
In competition grand,
And Kerry's stalwarts bit the dust
In Dick Fitzgerald's Stand.

III
The cream of Connaught next you met,
And hectic was the clash.
The gallant Tribesmen had to yield
Before your dare and dash.
In victory sweet it is not meet
That we now just tribute pay,
To those dashing, slashing, sporting
teams
That we've conquered in the fray.

IV
'Tis sad to think our county's face
For thirty years and four,
Third-raters dubbed on every side,
Despised from shore to shore.
Thank God the day has come at last,
That slur is now not fair,
For North, and South, and East, and
West,
Acclaim your dash and dare.

V
So on to Victory Rebel boys
No need to wear a frown,
No County Team in '45,
From you shall snatch the crown,
Just play the game as you have done,
And revel in the fray,
'Up Cork' once more
Our dashing boys will surely win the
day.

VI
But hark! from Breffni's training
camp
A voice rings loud and shrill,
"We will call the tune," it says,
"And Cork will foot the bill.
Two years ago in Croke Park green
We proudly did the same,
And why not now in '45,
To add unto our fame."

VII
As yes! As yes our lads reply,
'Tis true you won the day,
In '43 when last we met
You were victors in the fray,
It's our turn now we proudly say,
And when we take the field
Our dashing side of '45
To Cavan will not yield.

VIII
So here's to the boys of County Cork,
Our gallant Rebel team.
Tadhg O from Clon will lead you on
With spirit proud and keen,
And when victory crowns your efforts
And the thrilling game is o'er,
Bonfires will blaze and voices praise
Our boys from shore to shore.

IX
'Up Cork' once more that long lost
cry,
'Tis sweet again to hear,
Thanks to the boys who bravely
fought,
With never a thought of fear,
With never a thought save that pride
and joy
That fills each true Gael's heart,
When victory's won and home they
come,
Our boys from the County Cork.

The Tipperary-Kilkenny hurling final of three weeks ago created so much enthusiasm that a song published in the "Nenagh Guardian" may not be out of place in this issue.

TIPPERARY WINS TODAY
Sliabh na mBan looked up to Galtee on a clear September morn,
When the Golden Vale was gleaming
with its fields of new-cut corn;
And the Shannon River shouted to the
Suir across the way,
There's a hurling match in Dublin,
Tipperary wins to-day

Flashed the message over Munster
from Dungarvan to Tralee;
From the falls of Castleconnell down
to Bandon by the sea;
And the hills of Cork made answer up
to Galtee's wild hurrah—
We have cause to know their mettle—
Tipperary wins to-day.

Thundered up the train to Dublin, by
Kilkenny's marble town,
Thundered over to the Tholsel, you
may tear those streamers down—
'Tis Mooncoin and Boherlahan—once
more into the fray—
By the Kings of conquering Cashel,
Tipperary wins to-day.

Now, ye blades of bold Kilkenny, on
this field of verdant green,
Shall be played the game to grace one
flag with victories thirteen;
If this added glory shines along the
black-and-amber way—
We will proudly hail you victors—but
Tipperary wins to-day.

Wildly cheer the gathered thousands as
the teams are coming thro'
In Kilkenny's black-and-amber, in Tip-
perary's gold-and-blue;
And the cheers are hushed to silence
as they hear the anthem play—
Then they cry above the tumult—Tip-
perary wins to-day.

Now there's Maher in the goal-mouth,
and there's Maher leads the backs;
And there's Coffey in defence and
there's another leads attacks;
There's a Ryan left full-forward and
another o'er the way.
And their hearts beat out the message—
Tipperary wins to-day.

Mark them down for history's record
—Devitt, Murphy, Purcell, Wall;
Goldsboro, Cornally, Gleeson, Brennan
first of all—
Tommy Doyle is just behind him and
they keep that ball in play,
And it sings between the uprights—
Tipperary wins to-day.

Kilkenny nobly rallied, point for point
and goal for goal;
Swiftly passed those crowded minutes
as young Blanchfield took his toll,
But a hero countered briskly in that
dazzling, grim affray,
Maher stopped them in the goalmouth
and Tipperary wins to-day.

Oh, 'twas glorious there to see them,
foremost of the hurling Gael,
Were you listening, Sliabh na mBan,
to hear the breezes from the Pale?
Shout it up to grand old Galtee, up to
Thurles and Roscrea—
O'er the plains at Cluan na Meala—
Tipperary wins to-day.

Hands across to Castlecocker, send a
greeting to Mooncoin,
Tullaroan deserves a tribute from
Moycarkey, Shevry, Moyné;
For the boys of grand Kilkenny hear
John Maher nobly say:
"We were mighty proud to meet you,
though Tipperary wins to-day."

T. J. Carroll, a Corkman resident in
Dublin who has already contributed to
our victory series sends us the follow-
ing:

THE CONQUERORS OF GALWAY
Come Gaelic Football followers bold,
and listen to my song,
It's only a few short verses, so it won't
take very long,
It's all about the men of Cork, who
bravely stood the test,
When pitted with Tipp., the Kingdom,
and the men of the West.

Fermoy gave us some stalwarts, there
were Clonakilty stars,
The Army gave us of their best, with
one man of the Barrs,
Millstreet, too, was there on view, that
Sunday at Croke Park,
Civil Service, and the Air Corps men,
were also on the mark.

The Galway lads were confident, that
they would win the day,
But the Cork men never faltered, as
they went into the fray,
Though short of "Weeshie" Murphy,
the backs stood out like rocks,
When in fierce Galway pressure, they
stood up to many shocks.

In goal there was O'Driscoll, one of
Clonakilty's best,
Who guarded well his charge that day,
and played with skill and zest,
Magner, Crone, and Kavanagh, were
solid in defence,
And came into the limelight, when
excitement was intense.

Cronin, Crowley, O'Connor, were our
trio of half backs,
Whose accurate lengthy kicking,
opened many fine attacks,
O'Donovan, at centre field, was ever in
the van,
His partner, brilliant Eamon Young,
was our outstanding man.

Tubridy, and O'Neill, that day, led up
to many scores,

With our fifth All-Ireland Football
Final No. we present yet another of
our Victory Song series.

Cork readers have responded in great
style to our request for songs and if
this series would appear to be strongly
Leeside it is only because we did not
receive any contributions from our
Breffni friends. It is to be hoped that
this omission will be repaired by the
time our Christmas No. goes to Press
as we would like very much to include
a few songs in praise of Tom O'Reilly
and his men, so now you poets of
Ulster pull on your pens and paper.

And Casey's hand and toe runs,
brought forth exultant roars,
Jack Lynch, and Beckett, too, were
there to give us many a thrill,
And Sergeant Jimmy Cronin, showed,
all his unbounded skill.

So Cork survived, and still are here,
to fight another day,
They say the football title, they intend
to bear away,
So don't forget to cheer them on, let
'Up Cork,' be the word,
When you see them, there, at Croke
Park, on September twenty-third.

From Bennie Phelim Brady, a Cavan
man resident in Dublin, came the fol-
lowing lines which he penned in Wood
Green, London, in September, '33, when
he heard the radio announcement that
Cavan had won its first All-Ireland
senior title by beating Galway.

HERE'S TO YOU CAVAN
When you speak of the men who won
glory,
In athletics and football Oh then
Remember the footballers of Cavan
who've won the bright laurels
again.
When poor Ulster sighed for the
trophy—
And same only saw in a dream
She looked for success to old Cavan,
Now she's proud of this great football
team.

We will never forget that same final
Which brought Breffni her first
victory,
When Cavan emerged as the winners
in September 19-33,
The whole province thrilled to the
message
That Cavan had won the great test,
By taking the Laurels from Galway
And beating the men of the West.

Then to add to the glories they'd
captured,
They travelled to cities afar,
And the victories they've won in these
places;
Remain yet as bright as a star.
To Belturbet to Cavan to Kingscourt,
To Mountnugent, to lovely Drum-
lane,
Castlerahan, Ballyduff and to Laragh,
To Cavan as a whole they brought
fame.

Listowel Races
ONCE again the Listowel Race
Meeting, that great Kerry sport-
ing carnival is with us and when the
final is over on Sunday the eyes of
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will turn to the Island course. Here
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dom Hurdle and the Kerry Grand
National on the programme, the entries
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not being neglected and between danc-
ing and other amusements visitors to
the North Kerry town are assured of a
pleasant time.

Cló buante as muintir "An
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Leinster League Final

NEXT Sunday Croke Park will
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tion in the Leinster Football Final,
Meath v. Carlow.
Meath, who are holders, defeated
Offaly in the semi-final and were
strongly fancied to repeat the dose in
the Leinster Championship, but Offaly
to the general surprise, reversed the
verdict. The Meathmen are keen on
retaining the League title, but Carlow
also surprisingly beaten in the cham-
pionship are confident of capturing the
honours.
Carlow beat Dublin in the semi-final
and with football at a high level in the
County as the result of keen local
championship games, it looks as if
next Sunday's final will be a close
affair.

Oireachtas Hurling

THOUSANDS who are anxious to
see Tipperary play Galway will be
afforded the opportunity on October
21 when the counties meet in the
annual Oireachtas hurling match at
Croke Park.
Many hold that Galway were unlucky
not to have qualified for this year's
final and without doubt the Tribes-
men appeared to have the issue safe at
one stage of the semi-final with Kil-
kenny. That they are fit company for

C. L. C. C.

An Speac Cluicé peil Laisean '45

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exemplified in recent years and at full
strength they should make the cham-
pions travel ever inch.
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to any Irish-Ireland movement, can be
relied on to send their best and fittest
side to Croke Park where the hurling
should be up to All-Ireland standard.
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attraction of a massed Pipers' Band
display and those who saw and heard
this musical pageant in previous years
were loud in its praise.