Players: Be Fair To Fans And Yourselves

By "FLACUS"

WATCHING Munster beat Leicester—only just, and by a last-minute goal—it was borne in upon me one more clearly than ever that players do not train properly for these early season games. It would appear that few who hadn't a game for their counties on the previous Sunday or two had not kicked or handled a football since well before Christmas.

This simply is not good enough; it is not good enough for the spectators and public who pay to see the games, and expect and demand the best from men in the best possible physical condition.

More important, it is not good enough for the players themselves, because they are attempting something which they are not equipped to do.

The constant strain on limbs and muscles, lungs and heart, in correspondingly greater than it should be, where a man has trained himself to the correct level.

DAMAGE DONE

Many a man has done himself irreparable damage by playing a hard game of football or hurling, but especially football, without training.

Of course, the distinction between football and hurling which makes it marginal, although there is an added strain to leg muscles in the former game.

Everybody who has played the game has had a bad, I think, the experience of an injury against the rubbery feeling in the leg, and the soreness in the next day or two that has to endure the humps.

The top-class player will remember a game when, though he was reasonably fit, all his Lennon players are bound to be because of the more or less constant match-play, he found the pace that extra bit too hot for his opposite number that extra bit quicker.

Then, on the other hand, the ordinary player will know the feeling; because he has certainly lined out in a match with no more than a few practice periods of kicking-around, and found to his great dismay that a match is a far different ball.

NO REST!

No, it has passed him that he could not take that little rest just when he wanted, for it is one of the best known and most preventable things about football, that the body keeps on coming towards you just when you are at the most distressed.

The symptoms of over-strain on the body are easily enough discerned after the event; it takes the player several hours, or even a week, because of muscular which are too tired and sore to rest comfortably.

It is a question of the old story, sapped summarily up in another context by Christian teachers—The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.

And much for the negative attitude towards the physical fitness, it has a positive side—a side which gives one the advantage of being fit for one's game, whatever it may be.

Apart from a feeling of well-being which the athlete has, there is one more that they have over his opponent. Cruelties opposite

of equal or more or less equal skill and ability, the fitter one will come on top.

In that sprint for ball he will find himself pulling ahead; in the jump for the high one he feels himself in his prime, and outstripping his man, for the sudden unexpected break of the ball he discovers first to the spinning ball because his reflexes and reactions are quicker, and towards the end of a hard game he will be able to brush aside tired men and perhaps turn a whole game on the last five or ten minutes.

SELECT BAND

Now, it is a known fact that there is a certain class of individual who is a born athlete such as Christy Ring must be. This is explained by the fact that these types have a better controlling mechanism, particularly the voluntary and reflex control of the nervous system over the muscular activity.

But, of course, we all know, on account, that all cannot be Christy Ring, and there are many, indeed, the great majority, who are not physically average men without an extraordinary natural ability.

If this is so, then surely it is evident that every athlete must attempt to build up his state of physical fitness to compensate for this great shift of "control" which is often the best done to the many.

You cannot build champions on natural ability alone. Rather it must be done on a sound foundation of physical fitness, being laid before skill and technique enters the bargain.

We must be encouraged to make bodily fitness, the essential first step in technique can bring any advantage or improvement.

RECENT TREND

It is only in the last fifty years that any real understanding of the factors affecting the composite picture of physical effort have been obtained, and now research is going on constantly in an endeavor to complete the understanding of the human body and all the complex mechanisms and adjustments involved in muscular exercise.

The best definitions of physical fitness I have come up to: "the development of the body to a state of health, such that a given amount of physical effort can be produced when required with the minimum of physical strain."

And, of course, the efficiency of physical effort depends upon the combative existing between the muscles, the breathing and blood circulation, coordinated by the activities of the central nervous system.

Now, a solid basis of physical fitness doesn't mean that everyone will be able to develop on that foundation a building up of physical strength.

But the more the athlete can develop on that foundation a building up of physical skill.

This is often when you consider the aim of physical training is to be light and easy to be able to perform bodily movements easily, with energy and to have complete control over every part of the body.

Can you think of any sport which would not be participated in more easily more successfully if the player possessed these fitness? And they can be achieved by all without exception, unless one is suffering from any acute or chronic disease.

A well-trained competitor in any form of sport is a joy to watch, and the value of training can be seen in any kind of context between trained competitors. A moderate performer well-prepared can beat a star who is out of condition.

Roscommon back in form with Galway forwards in their National Football League game.

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CASEY VICE-CAPTAIN

FEAR SUIL

JOHN Nallen, Team-bound Mayo centre-field man, has been unimovably elected captain of the senior team for 1957. Willie Casey, blonde star of left full-back, has been honoured as vice-captain.

Ferry Currán, left-corner forward and place-kicker on Mayo Team, has announced his engagement. We send him and his bride-to-be our heartiest congratulations and good wishes.

Congratulations, too, to Jack Maugham, son of Tom Dillon, Franks Bridge, who has been selected on Ireland team. Joe Slimane, Cork, has been co-opted, in the only Connacht man honoured on the hurling team.

Western supporters wonder why Sean Purcell has been overlooked, but the Ireland selectors probably thought that the Combined University Pair's performance in the National Hurling League against the Shannon men, the outstanding centre forward in the game today.

Who will represent Connacht in the All-Ireland Collegians Individual Championship? Michael Kinnane, Galway, soccer ball fan that the winner of the St. Alexander's-Narber gorge on March 30th will provide an answer.

St. Ailbe's won this year's title in 1947 and succeeded in capturing the trophy after a thrilling game with St. Patrick's, Armagh, Sean Purcell, Galway, scoring two goals to give the winning team.

For years to come James Higgins will be remembered as the man who led to the retention of the title for yet another year.

Gerry O'Malley: Roscommon stars his training very seriously and pays to a very exacting course to ensure his fitness. Recently he played a hurling match for the Mayo Hurlers' Benevolent Fund, Roscommon against Frosk Roads and Dan Hurley was goals and hurling, fielded out for Roscommon in the National League Hurling final over Limerick. What an example for players who would wish for better facilities than is now available or for better financial aid.

Parellel and good luck to Maun MacDonnell, well-known member of Mána Imusca cucumber, who has emigrated to U.S.

Dan O'Sullivan, T.D., and Harry Casey, T.D., former All-Ireland hurlers, are M.P. representatives on Connacht Council.

Joe Matheron, Sligo, Tubber curry and Connelly Railway Cup player is team secretary, who handles with such success the Tubber Curry Railway Cup Festival. This year is expected to extend to 14 other years. It is a pity that we can't do more! But with Joe Matheron as manager we are assured of the goal being reached.

Mayo's list of declared players is as formidable as a list of players who can claim to be the best in the country.

S. Wynne, J. Forde, P. Prendergast, S. Silke and J. Morehouse were returned, and in all, an enjoyable match should be the result of the playing. It wouldn't be a difficult thing to prove something. We know that something can be done. And we are waiting to see for ourselves.

R.O.S.C.O.M.M.H will MISS a KELLY

By "FEAR SUIL"

R.O.S.C.O.M.H, hurling will be the poorer for the departure of Tom Kelly, late Roscommon selector, founder and player of Tom Kelly's own Roscommon team, was member of the 1956 junior team that won county honours.

The club was one year in 1950 by amalgamating the C.C. junior title in their first year in the higher grade, as well as the County Junior and Minor championships.

An enthusiastic club member; an energetic worker and a specimen on the field and off. Tom Kelly won his Roscommon Collage senior football medal with Roscommon C.C. B. R. in 1949. He captained the Roscommon oatmeal footballers in 1950 and 1951 and, in later years to do his part in the game, he was a member of the Roscommon team.

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The Gaelic League In Ulster

The Gaelic League in Ulster had a large attendance of delegates at the District Meeting of Comhaontas Udhid held in Omagh on January 3, 1957.

Progress for the year 1956 showed a mixture of success and failure. A prolonged campaign had been carried out among teachers throughout the province and out of 486 teachers who received invitations to attend meetings at various centres, 329 attended. It was pointed out to teachers the best method of making use of time for the furtherance of Gaeltacht schools.

A tremendous amount of organisation is being carried out. 100 teachers are being taught by the Connacht Gaeltacht Choláiste which will be held this year in Donegal. So far the reception to the idea has been too enthusiastic but it is hoped that eventually the Connacht Gaeltacht will be turned into the highlight of the Donegal Gaeltacht.

The future of the Gaeltacht League has been described as a steady increase since 1950, but in the last two years there has been a slight decline.

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SHOP AT THE CO-OP
G. Walsh (Ulster) makes a daring dive to block a shot by Leinster full-forward, Nicky Rackard, who has managed to beat E. Donnelly, the Ulster full-back, in the Railway Cup hurling semi-final, at Casement Park, Belfast.

WHAT NO KERRYMAN?

By D. J. KELLY.

A Irish football team without a Kerryman on it? Yes, I feel it has been surprising as I was when they saw the team chosen to play the Combined Universities on the 18th of this month.

I must say that I was shocked for Kerry despite their temporary fall from grace in last year’s Liverpool Cup final, are still a powerful force.

Frankly I feel that the selectors, Maurice Murphy (Cork), O’Neill (Tyrone), Burke (Kildare) and J. Dunne (Galway), failed to produce the best team to represent Ireland.

Neither can I quarrel with the selection of Tom Dillon, Paddy Harrington, Killa Moore, John Rice, Jim McKevitt, Paddy McGeary, Des Ferguson, Frankie Stackwell or Des Toomey Kelleher.

While I have every respect for Paddy Dinnick, I feel that Jerome O’Toole on current form is the better right corner man and despite Jim Devlin’s great game against Galway’s Stackwell in the All-Ireland semi-final last year, maintain that the Corkman may have done nothing prior to that semi only to earn the chance to add to his honours.

It should be remembered too that Stackwell did not play his usual game, as Devlin had the一线 chance last August but is named for the return game at Sligo he reverted to his usual role with sure effect on the Galway defence as a whole.

WHY NOT ROCHE?

I would prefer to see Kerry’s Ned Roche on the fringes of the square, for while not brilliant the Cork based Army lieutenant is a solid temenosader defender who has brought honour to himself and his county in the position.

I regard Frank Reilly as one of Ireland’s most formidable midfielders, for not only does he play one disappointing game for every five he provides in the clean, one half-hour and he is quite ordinary.

So my partner for Moore would be Reilly. John Sheen — a powerfull and remarkably fast field hockey player.

Our hurlers we fashioned are cornering rose high.

With the goal-ball young Mahon had brought from Dunlavey, We showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.

Our sabres were sharp and a forest was nigh.

There our hurlies we fashioned are cornering rose high.

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As they Hurl a game played in Erin go bragh.

OUR GAME IN SONG—

THE IRISH BRIGADE HURLERS

By Thomas Davis.

THIS ROUSING BALLAD BY THOMAS DAVIS RECALLS HOW THE IRISH BRIGADE CAPTURED AN ITALIAN TOWN BY PLAYING A GAME OF HURLING IT IS THE FIRST OF OUR NEW SERIES OF BALLADS WHICH RECAPTURE SOME ASPECTS OF OUR GAELIC GAMES.

In the South's blooming valley, they sing and they play
By their vines-shaded oats at the close of the day.
But a game like our own the Hallsans never saw.

The true sweeping hurlings of Erin in command;
Our lads they were pitched upon
Lombardy's plain.

Our days are long the foe man our army had
Was the best.

Through their walls made we passage or flaw,
Yet we showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.

Our swords clashed around us,
Their balls raked on ours,
But with hurlers we paid them in hard mannered blow.

For their bullets and sabres we caved on a merrily,
While we showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.

Our caption stood out with the ball in his hand.
Our colleague he gave us the word of command
Then we chimed it and chased it
O'er Eddie and Seraph.
While we showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.

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The fortress is taken, our wild
And rushed there the gate with a grand ringing cheer;
Ah! the sight of the bright
daubous bristling saw.
White we showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.

The event o’ their victory,
You know they were cornering rose high.

With the goal-ball young Mahon had brought from Dunlavey. We showed them the game played in Erin go bragh.
Sean O’Callaghan’s Gaelic Sports Review

Wider Appeal

Football has the wider appeal, so therefore all Ireland has an interest in the team chosen to wear the green jersey.

The ordinary man in the street has a great deal to say about picking the team, so this Ireland team can be considered as one to be taken seriously.

The selectors evidently had a fairer mathematics, as they gave two thirds of their team to the provincial champions and picked the remaining five from Dublin, Limerick, Leinster, and Wicklow.

An interesting point seemed to have been overlooked, however, as the cup games of 1932–33 were played in Dublin, Leinster, and Wicklow.

One thing is certain, however, that the team will perform on the day like Clockers Frees (Dublin), Tadgh O’Mahony (Dublin), or Frank Donnelly (Tyre). A CONCLUSION

The Combined Universities side will be interesting to see, as they will be the main opposition to the Irish team.

In conclusion, the game is well received, and the “Rest of Ireland” is probable to play in the semi-finals.

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The days were long and the nights were short as Fr. Dermot made his way across the ocean, passing through New York, on his way to Melbourne. He was accompanied by a group of Australian priests and laymen, all eager to spread the Gospel in the land of his birth.

The journey was long and difficult, but Fr. Dermot was determined to reach his destination. He arrived in Melbourne to a warm welcome from the local priests and faithful.

In Melbourne, Fr. Dermot was appointed to a parish where he worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel. He founded schools, built churches, and established missions throughout the city.

The time he spent in Melbourne was a formative period in his life. He learned much about the culture and people of Australia, and his experiences there would shape his approach to ministry in the future.

After ten years in Melbourne, Fr. Dermot returned to Ireland. He was welcomed back with open arms, and his return was marked by a formal welcome ceremony.

Despite the long journey and the challenges he faced, Fr. Dermot was happy to be back in the land of his birth. He continued to serve the people of Ireland, using the experience he gained in Australia to make a positive difference in the lives of those he served.
CORK CITY G.A.A. DRAW

The following are the draw results:

HURLING
- Group A: Blackrock, St. John's, Lough Rovers, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarsaigh A, Nemo Rangers, St. Vincent's, Clonmel, C.C.C., St. Mary's, and Mechanicals.
- Group B: Blackrock, St. John's, Lough Rovers, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarsaigh A, Nemo Rangers, St. Vincent's, Clonmel, C.C.C., St. Mary's, and Mechanicals.

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- Group A: Blackrock, St. John's, Lough Rovers, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarsaigh A, Nemo Rangers, St. Vincent's, Clonmel, C.C.C., St. Mary's, and Mechanicals.
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MINOR HURLING
- Group A: Blackrock, St. John's, Lough Rovers, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarsaigh A, Nemo Rangers, St. Vincent's, Clonmel, C.C.C., St. Mary's, and Mechanicals.
- Group B: Blackrock, St. John's, Lough Rovers, Glen Rovers, St. Finbarr's, Na Piarsaigh A, Nemo Rangers, St. Vincent's, Clonmel, C.C.C., St. Mary's, and Mechanicals.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL
- Group B: Nemo Rangers A, St. Vincent's, Nemo Rangers, Glen Rovers A, Na Piarsaigh A, Blackrock, Clonmel.

New Stadium For London Gaels In 1957?

Efforts are now being made by the London County Board to sell the New Kilmainham grounds in order to purchase more spacious and suitable grounds at Rochdale, Hagger. There would be space for three pitches at the new grounds as against one at New Kilmainham, which would accommodate six games per Sunday. The New Kilmainham pitch, which is the only one at which games can be taken. The Executive Committee, a sub-committee of which will be formed at the next Board meeting, will be responsible for the decision to be made.

Gloucester Successful

By LIAM O'GROITHA.

I'm addressed to the recent convention of the Gloucester G.A.A. Board, the Chairman, Rev. P. F. Cronin (Gloster), appeared to members to adhere to the rules and ideals of the Association.

He would, he said, make a special appeal to all county Board and club officers to do their jobs well, because they were the bulwarks of the Association. "It is," continued Fr. Cronin, executors for players, and little ratted in the heat of the game, but it is the one thing which must be protected. The Board cannot afford to do. They are responsible for their players and supporters. If everyone cooperated we, he felt sure, go on from strength to strength in the county.

OFFICERS THANKED

Fr. Cronin then went on to thank the outgoing officers of the Co. Board for the conduct of their job when they had done during the year.

Mr. W. Griffin in his secretary's report, spoke much of the cups and medals which the Co. Board had won during the year. These cups and medals were, he said, the marks of Fr. Cronin but had some words to say in support of that much maligned official, the referee. "Indeed," said the secretary "there are very few who are willing to take on this most necessary duty and they are to be commended.

The referee's job is without doubt the most important in the game, for he decides the outcome of every game and official to see that the regulations of the game are adhered to. The referee is the one who is charged with the responsibility of the duty and often the patience of the job.

Once the referee has been appointed he is attended on by every player and official to see that the rules of the game are adhered to. He is often called to fix the game and is usually called to do it.

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The Case Of The Missing Ball

At the annual East Kerry Board Convention, held recently in Killorglin, the disgruntled, rowdy and drunk, defecated and then scalped a statue of the Holy Family. When the game was over, the ball vanished and the club, who had a minor league game to play, had no ball. After some discussion, it was decided to "crack the case of the missing football." Dr. Groves, Club President, stated that he knew nothing of the ball. Eventually it was agreed to leave the matter in the capable hands of the Chairman, Mr. J. O’Beirne, who promised to "crack the case of the missing ball.

WHY NOT AN ULSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP?

A motion considered and passed at the Armagh Convention that (1) permission be refused for tournaments in which cash or token prizes are awarded, (2) that permission be refused for tournaments or promotions where foreign dancing is held, has probably arisen from a druzk in last year’s Senior County Championship when several Armagh players almost rendered themselves ineligible by playing in a money-prize tournament on the eve of their championship engagement with Cavan.

The solid good sense of the motion is not questioned. However, it conjures up to my mind once more the idea of an Ulster club championship which has been mooted at various conventions over the past few years. The main objection to this is that such a competition could not have sufficient appeal to become a financial success.

However, many clubs, such as Bessbrook, Lurgan, Omagh and Toome have shown that tournaments sponsored by their committees in recent years have tided them over many a financial crisis.

Most of Ulster's foremost clubs have been represented in these competitions and the public has been able, more or less, to give them a big way.

POPULAR

Another difficulty has been solved by these enterprise schemes, namely, the playing of nearly all matches on week nights instead of Sundays and these weeknight games have become a popular feature of Northern football.

Surely then the time is ripe for the Ulster Council to take a hand and organise an Ulster Club Championship confined, say, to the Senior League and Championship winners in the respective counties.

It would be (1) a fitting reward to many club players and officials who gave little recognition for their services; (2) a great help in strengthening the all-important club units in the various counties concerned; (3) a stimulation for local competitions; (4) a share of local organisation, for it is a well-known fact that standards in many inter-county games are higher than some inter-club games.

I see that connacht already have got an unofficial championship, so who knows, perhaps we might be clamouring for an All-Ireland Club Championship before the year is out.

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G.A.A Clubs Have Duty

PADDY O'NEILL's report that 1926 was the greatest year yet in the history of Tyrone G.A.A. is well known, but he does not forget to point out that in "these areas where no branch of the Gaelic League exists, it is the duty of the G.A.A. Club to set an example to the local people to play its part in restoring our National Heritage.

THE RED HAND OF ULSTER

(By CRAOBH RUA)

BOUTELL’s Heraldry has this to say about the Ulster Insig:

The badge of Ulster is a dexter hand open and erect, coupled (out at) the wrist (Gules).

Sir Bernard Burke, who was Ulster King of Arm and Chief Herald of All-Ireland from 1603 to 1923, stated that the practice of showing a left hand dated only from modern times. The Red hand first appears on a seal of Hugh O'Neill, King of Ulster, in A.D. 1535. This seal was taken to London in the 18th century. Other famous O'Neill's including Shane the Proud and Owen Roe, also used the hand on their shields.

Main Reason

The principal reason why some people believe the hand should be left is probably that the hand was derived from the Treaty of Drogheda—right hand of God—which appears on some old Celtic crosses.

This is, of course, a right hand but the back of the hand is not the palm in this case, but it is easily mistaken for a left hand with the palm upwards.

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This in turn, should have an effect on the quality of our bacon and pork exports, which might bring us back to the disadvantageous position on the British market in a few years.

The economic losses in pig production caused by Atriphimis Rhizinsi cannot be denied. In the United States it is now considered a major disease of pigs and considerable experimental work has been carried out in an effort to eradicate it or find a treatment which would reduce its effects. So far, nothing has been found that will work.

The effects of the disease are shown in anorexia in the growing pig; longer period taken to reach bacon weight, and more food consumed before reaching bacon weight.

All of which cut into the margin between the producer's cost of production and selling price.

Added to the existing diseases such as swine viral pneumonia, coccidiosis, internal parasites and so on, which all ready affect our pigs, is the possibility of the possibility of Atriphimis Rhizinsi.

Whether the losses caused by the disease would be more than offset by the gains through better types of pigs has not yet been proved. It seems likely that the Landrace will come, but it will have to be seen or strain or strains that have been proved to be free from the disease or any possibility of producing it.

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that we are a little tired of hearing about it.

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Although there have been many pronouncements from the Department of Agriculture, and newspaper articles, dealing with the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme, there still exists in the minds of many farmers some confusion as to how it works.

It is actually very simple. The country has been divided into three areas: Counties Sligo and Clare, and the Banbha area in Tipperary are called "Intensive" areas; Counties Galway, Mayo, Leitrim, Roscommon, Donegal and Kerry are the "Pre-Intensive" areas, and the rest of the country is lumped under the term "General" areas.

In the "Uneffective" areas testing is free, professional advice is free, re-creators are purchased by the Department, and the double myxus grant is paid when the farm has met the requirements of the Department.

In the "Pre-intensive" areas testing and advice are free and the double myxus grant can be obtained. The difference lies in the fact that re-creators have to be paid out at a rate specified by the Department's effector.

Test Necessary

The participating farmers can apply for the double myxus grant, but will not be paid until the herd has passed the test one within a time set out for the farmer. The maximum amount can get under this is.

In the "General" areas the accredited Herd Scheme is the only one now working. An applicant under this scheme is also free to test, and after that the testing must be done at his expense.

Andrew Keohoe AGRICULTURAL ADVISOR APPOINTED

Andrew Keohoe, M.Agr.Sc., Head of the staff of Messrs. W. A. H. Mitchell Ltd., is helping in the setting up of an Agricultural Advisory Service. After graduation, Mr. Keohoe made a study of the sists of his native County Wexford under Dr. P. H. Galloghy and Dr. T. Walsh, before joining the educational and research work of the Department of Agriculture, and working as assistant to the Department by the O.E.E.C. Finally, he has been employed by the Agricultural Advisory Services, directing O.E.E.C. projects for promoting modern agricultural advisory techniques in the Organisation's eighteen-member countries, where he has travelled extensively, organizing technical courses and other activities.
CATTLE EXPORTS: PEDIGREES BEST?

During January, three buyers took Aberdeen Angus bulls and females here from this country for the United States. Mr. J. H. Sligh, of Aberdeen, knows of 'blackbuck' and an agent for American breeders, bought five females from two Major Alexander's herd at Milford, Carlow, while Mr. Kay of the Ayrshire breed, bought 2. of the Henry Lingle, both of Maryland — took one bull and two bulls, respectively.

The females bought by Mr. Sligh were for Mr. G. F. Paterno, of Meadow Lane Farm, North Salem, New York State.

Mr. Clark, who owns a well-known herd of Aberdeen Angus cattle, said that American breeders of these animals had found of late years that their stock tended to be small and very inferior. This resulted in bad economics in production of beef, since the cattle found that feeding the smaller animals was too high in killing weight cost just as much as feeding animals would give much better returns when sold by the pound.

The smallness of breeds, he was forced to see that their breeding policy on far had been to sell them to them, and they were now in the process to use the bulls which would give them more size and quicker gain.

Both Mr. Clark, and Mr. Lingle have had experience of Irish A.A. bulls, having had rearing them in Prince Paul in their herds and they found that these bulls give them the size they wanted, so they here in here that they could form a bull of them, its chance in a very short period of time by raising the bulls that would inject this desired new blood into their herds.

Both the writers said that they had been impressed by the qualities of the A.A. herds they have seen and thought that our agricultural "set-up" was such that we could easily produce the same results. In the interest of the U.S. and get a market on the "ground floor".

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In all kinds of stock the feeding problems have proved to be much more serious than have been anticipated as a result of the increase in the milk consumption. The farmers, for their part, have been trying to increase the milk output in all kinds of stock. However, the feeding problems have been significant in most cases. The following are some of the main reasons for these feeding problems:

1. **Milk Production**: The increased demand for milk has led to farmers attempting to increase the milk output in their herds. However, this has not always been successful due to various factors such as weather conditions and animal health.

2. **Feed Availability**: The availability of feed has been a major issue, especially in areas where feed resources are limited or have been depleted.

3. **Feed Quality**: The quality of feed has also been a concern, with some farmers finding that their feed is not as nutritious as needed.

4. **Animal Health**: Animal health issues have also played a role in the feeding problems, with some farmers encountering issues related to digestive problems and other health concerns.

5. **Management Practices**: Poor management practices such as inadequate milking times and improper feeding schedules have also contributed to the feeding problems.

6. **Economic Factors**: Economic factors, such as the cost of feed, have also been a significant issue for many farmers.

Despite these challenges, farmers have continued to work towards improving their feeding practices and increasing milk production. The following are some strategies that have been employed:

1. **Improving Feed Management**: Farmers have been working to improve their feeding practices, including proper milking times and feeding schedules.

2. **Increasing Feed Availability**: Efforts have been made to increase feed availability through the use of artificial feeds and the development of local feed resources.

3. **Nutritional Analysis**: Farmers have been analysing the nutritional content of their feeds to ensure that they are providing a balanced diet for their animals.

4. **Animal Health Care**: Improved animal health care practices have been implemented to address any health issues that may affect milk production.

5. **Economic Strategies**: Farmers have been exploring various economic strategies to make feeding more financially viable, such as diversifying their feed sources and exploring new markets for their milk.

Despite these efforts, feeding problems continue to be a major challenge for many farmers. However, by continuing to work towards improving their feeding practices and addressing the underlying issues, farmers can make significant progress in increasing milk production and improving their overall farming practices.

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Agricultural and Industrial Review

Mass-Production of Ducks in America

The introduction of broiler strains of poultry from the United States by the Department of Agriculture now gives poultry breeders a chance in a few years to try their hands at this side of the fence.

Broiler production has become a big business in the United States, where these specific breeds have been evolved, with high capacity for converting food into flesh in a short time.

It is likely that the Department will, in time, do something similar with regard to ducks. Quick-growing ducks have been evolved in the U.S. for the same purpose as the broiler chickens.

Like so many things in America, the breeder and table duck production has grown in a mass-production dimension, highly mechanized, with small profits from huge numbers making the over-all return to the individual producer very well worthwhile.

Ten thousand ducks are reared each year on individual farms, mainly on Long Island, which is near the huge market of New York and other centers of the Eastern seaboard.

The farms have their own killing and dressing plants, which are supplied with ducklings by the Federal Government, and the birds are delivered to the shops in a very well packaged, tightly packed condition, making an attractive finish on the grocer's counter.

The commercial duck grower works on the basis of the utmost efficiency and economy of management. He carefully selects all the different feeding and management arrangements almost completely mechanized and uses specially prepared feeding to give him the best low conversion rate that he can get.

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Special equipment for egg-holding boxes has been evolved, controlling egg size, hatchability, and temperature so that eggs can be held for hatching for a few days without materially affecting hatchability.

The eggs when treated in a specially designed machine, are continuously experimented during the hatching process. The machine can hatch large numbers of duck eggs in a very short time, and lately it has spent some weeks in the United States.

From his observations he formed the opinion that the production of table ducks could very easily be introduced to this country. He found that in Letchworth Park ducks were better kept than those we know here, for food, and for health and commercial reasons.

They reached market weight at an early age and were better shaped at that age than those we were accustomed to find with the strains in this country.

White Popular
White ducks are the most popular breed, the feathers are the best sellers on the feather market, and it is therefore quite understandable that the demand for white ducks is so much greater than any other.

Ducks do well in a moderate climate such as ours, and in a region of a great variety of feed materials on the farm. They are in good demand and need not be very large or deep.

Too large a duck would mean that ducks do too much swimming and take longer to reach market weight owing to excessive exercise.

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Nitrogen From Air

The amount of atmospheric Nitrogen fixed by clovers is an important factor in considering the quantity of Nitrogen available from pasture growth when determining the output of grassland. Investigations now in progress here show that the amount fixed varies from very little to about 200 lb of Nitrogen per acre per annum, or the equivalent of about 15 cwt. of Sulphate of Ammonia.

The figure of 300 lb is the maximum and it is likely that the average for well-managed pastures is in the region of 100 to 150 lb or the equivalent of 5 to 7 cwt. of nitrogenous fertilizer per acre, every year. This average figure is in itself of little value, however, because several factors have a marked effect on the process. Adequate supplies of calcium, potassium, phosphorus and molybdenum are essential for efficient fixation.

Many Factors

Soil conditions such as texture, moisture content and the amount and kind of organic matter present are important because of their effect on the bacteria concerned.

Competition between clovers and grasses is also of vital importance as this determines not only the total quantity of Nitrogen fixed, but also the way in which the Nitrogen so fixed becomes available for use by the grasses in the sward.

Competition can be regulated by management of stock, which is thus highly important in making use of the Nitrogen which is freely available in the atmosphere to increase the output of grassland.

The amount of Nitrogen fixed by clovers in Ireland varies widely because of the wide variation that exists in these factors in Irish soils.

The New Zealand farmers make full use of clover Nitrogen whereas the Dutchman prefers to buy Nitrogen. Perhaps the answer for Irish conditions lies somewhere between.

Beware Of Pulpy Kidney In Sheep

It is probable that pulpy kidney disease of sheep causes more losses than are realised by farmers. The old explanation, "wool ball," often masks cases of this trouble, and where sheep and lambs die mysteriously after appearing quite healthy, it is most likely that pulpy kidney has caused the death.

The recurrence of this disease is due to the fact that the germs responsible for it can live in the soil for a long time, just like those of blackleg.

They are taken in by the sheep and may lie inactive in the bowel until conditions inside the sheep are right for their development. Then they flourish in a short time and one day the sheep is found dead.

It is not known exactly what the conditions are in the sheep's bowel that favour the eruption of the germ, but it is usually an upset due to change of diet or to eating frosty roots.

A sheep affected with pulpy kidney will seldom look sick, but a few minutes before death it will lie down and go into convulsions with every sign of severe pains in the stomach.

GERMS IN MANY SOILS

The germs of the disease are present in very many soils, no sheep farmers are advised to take precautions against it. These can be a matter of careful management of the sheep and lambs, or inoculation.

If changes of feed are made gradually, there is less likelihood of the germs (if they are present in the sheep's bowel) getting a chance to develop.

This principle of gradual change-over of feeding is one which should be applied to all animals at all times, of course, but the danger of pulpy kidney is that makes it obligatory in sheep management.

If you have to give sheep frosted root, always put out a supply of hay with it so that the sheep will rest till themselves with the fresh roots and thus upset their stomachs.

Lambs which are thriving well often go down with pulpy kidney, so they should be carefully watched. Inoculation should be resorted to if the trouble is thought likely to arise from previous experiences of sheep on the same farm. It is better to consult the veterinarian surgeon about this, as there are two types of inoculation that can be given.

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There is no use in stimulating grass growth before it has attained its full potential to use for other purposes.

One of the first principles of control grazing is to let the grass grow well, store up food reserves for the cows during the winter, and to secure the best pastures for the stock in the spring.

When its best condition grass is used to grow crops of hay and silage then that part of the grassland is lost for the future.

UNEVEN EATING

Until grazing season another reason why the herd is unevenly eaten, much harm is done. A great deal means that the resources of the one pasture will be depleted and future growth jeopardised.

The use of nitrogen is not always recognised and much unproductive land would carry better crops if it were used more regularly on them.

There is also a great deal of land that, by repeated in the best yield by the farmer, can be converted to a more useful state by being used at a very early age.

A LIQUID SEED OH SEED DOWN ON LAND ALREADY EXHIBITING CONSEQUENCE

Unless it is itself fed with essential food the result is a disaster. To overcome this condition, ley can be anything to help self-productive systems to get into the soil as soon as possible.

CATTLE MARKETS More Popular

Cattle markets have displaced many of the fairs in the middle counties. Many farmers are now using them and they tend to become more popular.

The management of these markets must be well known and arranged so that there is no order in the grading of cattle, they are penned in the order they are bought. This results in different types and weights of cattle being marketed, so they are not the best.

The cattle market can be improved by a better grading on the sale ring. This necessitates the larger buyers taking their cattle on the sale ring until they get their requirements of cattle. If the cattle were graded as to type and weight there would be more buyers and so greater access to the market.

HELP PRODUCTION Only Answer


Too many of our farmers are still unthinking. We should not try to tighten up on dairy farms as we do not know what can be done to improve their efficiency or in case it is not even possible.

The labour involved in dairy handling and carrying from stock to animals.

The job of filling the silo is not more than that involved in hay-making and the farmer has the satisfaction of knowing, while he is doing it, that the work does not matter very much.

Nevertheless, in certain areas, amount of silage made has been going down, due to shortage of labour in most cases, and if this principle of self-sufficiency was furthered the feeding silage was widely understood it is likely that much more will be made.

TIME-SAVING

Where silage is already made and fed by the old method of carrying and distribution, the introduction of self-sufficiency means an immediate cutout of m.u. in labour and reduced if the old pasture were properly treated with fertilisers and the more desirable crops of herbage giving the cattle enough and more than enough in the right strength.

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Cattle have been found to eat as much silage under this system as they would eat in grass while grazing, and unless the silage is ready made there will be no difficulty in getting them to take it.

Where the soil is heavy on the farm it is not the practice to cut winter the cattle, a silage pit to the farmers one concrete base will give greater satisfaction in self-sufficiency. As feeding silage is often possible to site the pit in a scheme of farming.

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Handball Spotlight

(By J. K. Clarke)

D. E. Dillon, noted Clare handballer, recently attended the Inter-Provincial hurling hurly-bury while he was in Ireland. He is expected to play the test on the Dublin team.

Dillon came into prominence when he captured the Munster and All-Ireland titles with his native county in 1953.

Dillon went on to take the Dublin Senior Hurling title and then took on the All-Ireland title, becoming the third member of the Clare hurling family to win a Senior Hurling title.

The game was a tough affair and it was hard to tell who was going to be the victor in the final.

In the sphere of inter-county

Kevin Is Future Prospect

By J. K. Clarke

EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLD Kevin is one of our handballers, a youth that may one day be a great competitor in the years ahead.

He first came under favourable notice at a fifteen-year-old and two years ago he began to play for St. Joseph's C.B.S., and was a member of the Clare team which won the Munster title.

So rapid was his improvement that in 1956 he was a member of the Clare Inter-County team and Voyager Roy won the N.R.C. S.R.D. Championship title in that year which involved many experienced competitors.

He was also a member of the Inter-County team in 1957.

In 1958, he took the Cork minor hurling and soccer titles, and the Cork senior hard and soft titles, and with a good display of soccer, too.

A young man growing in achievement and talent, he is the player of the year to win the lime in the game of the hurling world.

Australian Game Had Origin

When Irishmen left their native shores, they introduced Gaeltacht footy to their fellow-workers and this was the origin of Australian football.

When this game was first played in the 1870s, it was based on Gaelic football.

The original rules of the game were published in the Gaelic Athletic Association's GA guide.

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Low Football Standard

The club football standard has not gone down in the county. St. Mary's, Rosscommon, have won the senior football team title this year and the club have had a representative on the county team. This is a good sign for the future of the Rosscommon team.

Emigration

But the other Connacht counties have suffered, too, a number of players have emigrated. In the case of Ed Quinn of Roscommon, Tom Gannon of Galway, and Billy Dufy of Galway, the players have left the country. The loss of these players will be felt in the future of the county.

Revival

WESTPORT G.A.A. club hope to see the fulfillment of many years' hard work when they finish their park in the near future. Lieam S. O Kavanagh, the club chairman, has said that the club has made many sacrifices in the past to see this project come to fruition.

Signs Of Hurling In Province

Liam S. O-Kostin

OPTIMISTIC REPORTS FROM THE HURLING BOARDS IN GALWAY AND ROSSCOMMON OFFSET TO SOME EXTENT THE GLOOMY TALE FROM GALWAY, CONNACHT'S STRONGHOLD OF THE GAME, WHERE HURLING "STUCK AN ALL-TIME LOW" IN 1956. DEFEATS WERE HEAVY AND MONOTONOUS, WHILE THIS UNSATISFACTORY STATE OF AFFAIRS WAS AGGRAVATED BY SOME UNSEEMLY INCIDENTS IN THE CO. CHAMPIONSHIP.

A ray of hope is seen, however, in the generous initiative of the Leinster Council to compete in the Leinster championship with a team of players from the Connacht counties. This initiative is expected to win the senior team to the Connacht Council, and if one is to judge by their neighbours' hopes, Galway's junior side will need to be on their mettle to win the Senior A title in 1957.

From Roscommon, in spite of lack of whole-hearted support in many parts of the country, comes the good news that hurling has reached a high standard in the Southern division and the team is considered likely to be the Connacht Junior Final to Galway. This year they hope to roar one better and sparkled by the enthusiasm now sweeping the area. It could be well for Roscommon's year.

Still more optimistic is the Mayo report—to quote Seamus de Brún, hurling secretary, who states—"Mayo has now a junior championship team which any other county would be proud of. And if the hurling boards in the other counties feel the ardor necessary in the coming year, it is likely they will be far behind in the coming championships, and the future success of the county.

Many Evils

These evils are many and grave and need the cooperation of every man and woman of the country. The question of ties of friendship: the heart-breaking daily fare and the emptiness of loneliness of father's and mother's hearts in their homes, the unrelentless work of the government, the short supply of food and the frequent challenges of the county hurling team. It is the attendant evils that are causing the discrediting persons anxious and concerned.

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New Croker Park Stand Is
Welcome Development

WITH such a severe recession in the building trade at the moment, the Gaelic Athletic Association’s decision to proceed with the erection of a new stand is indeed welcome for more reasons than one.

The contract which is being carried out by the well known firm of Thomas McNerney and Sons Ltd., will give employment to approximately one hundred men.

The contribution of the McNerneys of Scariff, Co. Clare to the Association is well known and it is felt that they should be entrusted with this large scale construction job.

NO INTERFERENCE

The work will not interfere with the big fixtures of the season. The new grandstand, which is being seated on both tiers and will be in the open air, will have a total seating capacity of 16,000.

The stand will also include offices, a large Committee room plus broadcasting and television facilities.

To cover the cost of this project the Central Council has floated a loan which will be repaid over a ten year period.

In charge of the supervision of the old stands, the Hogan and Long stands, will be the famed Big Mac’s son, Brian,asc of many a glorious Cavan hour. The new stand will be named the Hogan stand.

One immediate benefit which should follow when the new stand is built is relaxation in that ticket rates for big games must fit a few who will not be thankful.

MORE STANDING ROOM

Somehow, I would rather see accommodation for 15,000 spectators, even if it was standing room.

No doubt if the capacity of the grandstand reaches 100,000 it could still be filled because there are many a follower — especially those who are getting on in years and who do not travel to Dublin on final day b harassment — who would say if there was no such privilege they would not gain admission.

It is time, I think, for the Central Council to reconsider the fatal. Our native gals are growing in popularity in recent years. The total final record of twenty or less years ago of 30,000 is in line with top-line inter-county lists today.

At the moment there is not one person in every forty of our total population attaining the All Ireland finals each year. The average seating is no drawing power of any sort in other countries in ratio to population.

The new stand may help to solve some of the problems that leaves Croke Park no bigger than before.

When the new Hogan stand is completed it will leave us with two huge stands in the old area of the playing pitch on either side.

NO EXTRA ROOM

Now, when the new stand is completed there really is no extra space, for standing room which is necessary.

At each end of the field we have two seemingly immoveable obstacles namely the Railway and the Long Street stands which would be just no more room for expansion.

If we were one of those Anti-GAA groups we might be inclined to say that the Central Council were more interested in raising the gate receipts through extra seating than with providing the patrons with proper amenities.

But we were told that would have been much more satisfying, faster and more remunerative. They were modelled on the Croke stand but a slightly steeped gradient would enable the standing room above to be increased.

The new stand would be located in the middle of the old Hogan stand together with the thousands who would be seated on top.

It is only wishful thinking and by the time you read this article Dan Bookman and his men will have laid most of the foundation of the new "town" which will slowly but surely rise as an imposing monument to the continued progress of the G.A.A. and to the pure Gaelic ideals of Michael Cusack.

It will also serve as a tribute to the thousands of tireless workers who have labouring in an ideal the years, women have driven to build the Association into its present worthy position.

Ulster Council

It is in a foggy world that the Ulster Council of the G.A.A. is monotoned by teachers I feel sure that when this suggestion is made nobody intends any disrespect for the teaching profession. Rather it is meant that the custom of holding meetings in Constance Hotel has enticed many sections of officials from attending meetings with the result that some of the province’s best works are excised from its higher council.

Surely this practice has outlived itself. The custom arose when delegates had to travel by train but it could have been catered for by O.G.A. benefits intact by O.G.A. officials at the moment. Indeed, last day the Central Council has found it satisfactory to hold meetings on week nights and surely it is time the Ulster Council followed suit. Present petrol restrictions may knock this idea on the head for a moment but it should not be far off when the non- teaching council members officials should have a chance of representing their counties on the Ulster Council.

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A RE we living in the past? If we are to take any notice of those who continually maintain that all the past players were in action in the "twenties" and "thirties," then we are. The 1940 line has only passed us by, and yet there are two or three sensible discussion about our games' stars.

Old-timers will speak with bated breath of the prowess of Larry Stanfield, Joe Sheehy, and Jim Gollagher, "they could jump like stags and run like hares." With these were the stars of all Gaeldom twenty years ago—and this is the surprising part—they are still regarded by many as the brightest stars of all time. I use this word "surprising" because in my opinion the past decade has produced men whose athletic prowess far out-stretched their counterparts of yesterday. No doubt with the passage of time, soccer would see in them their true perspective and the stars of the game in 1956 will go down as the golden era in the annals of the G.A.A.

**Let's Look Back**

A rather sweeping statement? Yes, but I think still true. And if you are in doubt, just stay with me while I dive back into the past decade and recall some of the brilliant stars who have shone on our football and hurling fields. Topping the list is the one and only Christy Ring. A man who has become a legend in his own lifetime. His name is known like Ring! In these days of high hot competition, an All-Ireland medal is indeed something worthwhile, and no one great player has hung up his boots without getting one. But Christy has eight medals, and they are a just reward for the unselfish devotion, wonderful endurance, and the type of player that Christy Ring was. One thing is sure; he is the greatest footballer the country has ever known. His style and precision was a delight to watch. One of his "scamals" should waste no time in putting them on the scores to this our present young men and the generations that come after them. Here is a perfect model.

**Racked To!**

Recall too the glorious days of Waterford, the ace-goer. Christy Ring was the man who would be embroidered in letters of steel on the side of each hurley. Easily the best ever forward.

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**Dressing Rooms**

Sir,

I would like to join with many others in protesting against the lack of dressing-rooms throughout the counties generally. Very often in adverse weather conditions we have the common sight of players and officials alike toil up and down the side of a ditch or at the best some old shed. Then Clubs and officials fail to understand some of the times for matches.

I have asked the first duty of clubs or county boards who acquire new playing grounds to ensure that suitable dressing-room accommodation is provided, then only shall they go ahead with whatever plans they may have in the line of linking stands, terraces, etc.

Pen Pal

Miss Peggy Robinson of 22 Kersey's Road, Waterford, writes,

If you could be deflected if you could find me a pen pal in any part of Ireland or the UK who is interested in hurling and collecting G.A.A. photographs and ephemera in the 1920's and 1930's, play camogie with Eire Og in hurling, the Rathmore man's thunderbolt twenty-yard free will forever be a topic for discussion wherever the game of hurling is played.

Or think of the parts these men played in the terrible trio that have fired Tony Reddan and Pat Slakem in the rich, majestic reign from 1949 to 1951.

Reddan of the Hawk-eyes and catcher-like agility did all he could to spread the ball and see them in their true perspective and the stars of the game in 1956 will go down as the golden era in the annals of the G.A.A.

**Great Footballer**

On the football we've had an equally impressive array of players. Every successful county in the past decade has produced his own quota of outstanding performers.

Remember the gallant Meath teams of '49 and '50 whose high-powered forward line of all opposition and restored the Royal County to the top position on the football map. Who can forget the success of Slakem, Tony Reddan, and the rest of the forwards in the past few years?

And who can forget that success and not recall the giant figure of fullback, Padraig O'Keeffe, as he pulled ball out of the fullback and pulled Eddie all over the field. Too bad together with cousin, Michael and Ronan and the rest of the Rest who formed a fullback line that never was and probably never will be surpassed.

One of the most striking features of Gaelic football in the past ten years has been the high standard of playing. Men like the late Comer John Joe O'Reilly, Paddy Prunty and the late Jack Belle all made their mark in the recent past and the greatness of anyone that can compare.

Truth to tell, there has never been a depth of really outstanding mid-fielders of recent years. Of course, in modern football, a goal in the modern football is a goal in the modern football and the superiority at midfield almost ensured a team of success.

**Brilliant Forwards**

What a different it is up front; we've been helped by a new set of brilliant marksmen over the past few years. Names like Padraig Carney and Francis O'Sullivan (Kerry), Mick Higginson (Cavan), Tadhg Lyne (Derry), Pat McQuaid and Ollie Frawney (Dublin) who were the forerunners who could turn the tide in a game of hurling on goal-scoring.

And one more thing this is the only one that can only hope to rival the great days of O'Donnell. The days of Slakem, the days of O'Neill, the days of the others in the past few years, these names have become household holds the world.

And you it's a pity all the time that people will who tell you that their games are far below the past and the present. Let's please in a word to this, talk about the glory of the past. We can forget the great days for what they were but don't have to destroy the past and the present and the past.
SECRET BEHIND CORK SUCCESS

By "LEESIDER"

SINCE the time Ahbubillogue won their first All-Ireland Hurrying Championship, and Midleton their first Football Championship, back in 1900, Cork has forged ahead with success after success, climaxed perhaps by their entering both All-Ireland finals in 1956.

The county has always been one of the great pillars of the G.A.A. What then, is the secret formula for success?

In my opinion, three factors have contributed largely to the county’s wonderful record in hurling:

1. The county is devoted almost entirely to hurling. Football has only risen from the doldrums recently and is confined to certain areas.

2. The county has been fortunate in having such a wonderful trainer as Jim Barry.

3. Emerald brilliant players just came on the scene at the right time.

COUNTY-WIDE

There’s no such thing as a particular hurling area in Cork; the whole county is hurling mad. From early youth Corkman play the game at school and after school.

They are given every opportunity to improve their play; hurlers are encouraged; grounds are at their disposal and they are assured of plenty of matches, throughout the year.

Cork have won seven All-Ireland medals since 1941, and with these victories must be included that famous "Tough Barry." A taller than ordinary hurler, he was perhaps the greatest trainer ever. He has played a major part in bringing both hurling and football honours to the county.

An athletic and physical training enthusiasm himself—he won the drying championship of Ireland when he was only 22 years old. Altogether he has won 103 medals for hurling and football.

He first started training the team in 1968 and has been doing it ever since.

NOTHING SPECIAL

Jim has no time for special training. He believes in letting men do their ordinary work during the day and bringing them together in the evenings for a spot of light training.

Cork have been lucky enough to have produced great men at the right time. From the late Billy Mackessy down to the immortal Christy Ring, there have been many heroes.

Ratliff Coughlan, Jim Hurley and Jim Beglin were all great men and great heroes of Cork hurling tradition. Incidentally, mention of Ratliff Coughlan brings back memories of what must have been the greatest hurling family ever.

The Coughlans hailed from Blackrock, birthplace of many a great hurler. Five brothers, Patrick, Dan, Denis Tom and Jeremiah, all figured prominently for their county and between them won eight All-Ireland medals.

Two of Patrick’s sons, Ratliff and John, carried on the tradition. Ratliff was first selected for his country in 1925. He won four All-Ireland medals in 1938, 1928, 1929 and 1931. He also captained the Cork team in that famous 1931 final with Coughlan.

His brother John was goalie in the 1924 and 1931 finals, so that between them the Coughlan family have won 11 All-Ireland medals. Is that a record?

Dick Rockett (Kilkenny) and Martin Cooll (Wexford) in a goalmouth struggle during their charity game at Croke Park, recently.

CLARE GAELS CONVENE

(BY P.J.I.)

THE outgoing Chairman, one of the two Vice-Chairmen, the Secretary, Treasurers, Central Council and Munster Council representatives were unanimously re-elected at Clare Convention of the G.A.A. in Ennis. Mr P. Begley, outgoing Vice-Chairman, the only officer opposed, was re-elected by a big majority.

LAPSEYS

"All lapses tending to nullify the fair name of the Association, or betting its ideals to the winds, whether small or the unlimited, must be suppressed," said the Rev. Fr. Curry, C.C., Chairman, in his address to members at the Clare G.A.A. Convention, in Ennis.

The paramount purpose inspiring spectators and players in the G.A.A. should be to provide a fair field and afford equal opportunity to all, to encourage and foster the will to win without the desire to injure, he said.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

Those re-elected are as follows: Chairman, the Very Rev. J. Curry, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Messrs P. Hennessy, Miltown-Malbay, and Patrick Begley, Sixmilebridge; Secretary, Mr. N. Quirke, Ennistymon; Treasurers, Messrs. H. Conner and R. McEwen, Ennistymon; Munster Council representatives, the Very Rev. Fr. Curry and Mr. V. Murphy, Clarecastle, Central Council representatives, the Very Rev. Canon Hamilton, P.P., V.P., Menagg. Delegates were elected as follows: To Munster Convention: Messrs. J. Cuane, Sixmilebridge, B. Lynch, Clarecastle, W. O'Sullivan, Crumlin, P. Hennessy, Miltown-Malbay, M. McGuire, Ennistymon; To Congress: Messrs. A. Carroll, Miltown-Malbay, J. Smith, Ruan, H. Daly, Clarecastle, L. Blake, Ballybrannen, A. Hayes, N.P., Barestfield, and T. Small, Antinan not for All-Ireland. Is that a record?

MALLOW GAELS MEET

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LET THIS GENERATION OF IRISHMEN PROVE HOW RIGHT THEY WERE

THIS IS THE AIM AND PURPOSE OF FIANNA FAIL

VOTE FIANNA FAIL

FOOTBALL HENNESSY, Miltown-Malbay, and Patrick Begley, Sixmilebridge; Secretary, Mr. N. Quirke, Ennistymon; Treasurers, Messrs. H. Conner and R. McEwen, Ennistymon; Munster Council representatives, the Very Rev. Fr. Curry and Mr. V. Murphy, Clarecastle, Central Council representatives, the Very Rev. Canon Hamilton, P.P., V.P., Menagg. Delegates were elected as follows: To Munster Convention: Messrs. J. Cuane, Sixmilebridge, B. Lynch, Clarecastle, W. O'Sullivan, Crumlin, P. Hennessy, Miltown-Malbay, M. McGuire, Ennistymon; To Congress: Messrs. A. Carroll, Miltown-Malbay, J. Smith, Ruan, H. Daly, Clarecastle, L. Blake, Ballybrannen, A. Hayes, N.P., Barestfield, and T. Small, Antinan not for All-Ireland. Is that a record?

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Renewed Effort Needed To Develop Loughrea Park

PEOPLE in Loughrea are wondering what has happened to the committee that was formed some years ago to develop the Town Park into a first-class G.A.A. pitch.

The Committee made a good beginning. A 40 foot filled with barbed wire on top was erected on three sides of the pitch, and work was on in earnest to raise gates.

It was decided to charge the fee of the old, and a subscription of £3 per year was fixed.

A few months ago, the pitch was levelled and a new pitch was laid. The clay was levelled by a broadcaster some time ago, but since then it has been done.

Two Big Games

The town has now been three years without a first-class G.A.A. fixture. The sportspersons in Loughrea should take note of the plan sent out by Dr. P. M. O’Callaghan, Adm., who presided at the annual general meeting of the local club.

Fr. O’Callaghan deplored the fact that there was a great lack of a team to represent the townpeople in the matter of developing the Town Park into a sportsground capable of supporting big events. Loughrea, he felt, was a geographical centre of hurling in Co. Galway, and even in the present under-developed state has attracted an annual record of over £400 for a county cup match.

Townpeople who profit through it, and the youth who get maximum enjoyment and use out of the park, should act during 1917 to bring the ground back into step. With a little help, a balanced interest or support, the ground could be made a centre for big events.

The efforts of the committee are appreciated, and the fund raisers are thanked for their efforts.

Fund Raising

The Lisdinvara, Co. Clare, G.A.A. club, have for some years been practising a rather novel fund-raising scheme. Each St. Stephen’s Day, the young (and some not too young) Geal of the club form a colourful Wren boys group and tour the parishes.

In these days when Wren boys, or mummers as they are known in North Clare, have generally declined from what they used to be in days of old, the Lisdinvara idea is something to be welcomed. The group is over forty strong, and all the old characteristics, music, and traditional mummery, which would meet a visit from the Salvation Army, and his recording tape.

From the club’s point of view, the day usually proves a profitable one, with a return of £150 raised for the club in hand at the end of their rounds.

Critics Answered

A short time ago, in his address to the G.A.A. Annual Convention, Mr. C. Murphy, Chairman, renewed an appeal to the GAA to prevent the Gaelic Athletic Association from becoming a sporting club.

"Was it being unreasonable," he asked, "to endeavour to preserve the true character of the G.A.A., to try and prevent it becoming another part of English land? Was it being unreasonable of our members to stand and prevent the Association’s members, that it is the mission of the Association to promote in the country and its one aim was to preserve the characteristics of the nation."

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Ulster Colleges Scene Is Vigorous And Varied

A Saint Colman's Win Would Be Popular All Round

By M. O. DURBHAIGHI

You may recall that we promised an Ulster commentary on this month's issue. Here the Gaelic scene is vigorous and varied; but, unhappily, we must confine ourselves to football games. When the field activities were suspended for the Christmas recess, the pendulum stage in the Senior Football Colleges' Championship had been reached.

For the benefit of those whose knowledge of this—the Mac Roey Cup competition—may be somewhat, a brief explanation may be required. Competed for on the league system in two divisions, A, with four teams; B, with six teams; it's decided that the teams in each of the sides involved.

Colman's In Final

St. Colman's College, Newry, has won and in the competition, Division A, and avoids the outcome in Division B before they have their final opportunity.

So many overruled judges have tipped the Newry boys to become champions, the Grammar School boys, their only opponents, in the final would be a very surprising.

Few will recall the result, should Colman's have taken the title last year—they have been in the competition for many years. Newry only established in the early 1920s, won only twice in 1928 and 1934.

The competition is a mixture of youth and experience, both in the two teams. McKeown, P., T. Treacy, and J. McCarron, and Colman's Mac Roey Cup team, it's evident that this team has secured another title, and the whole of the team, is well served.

Meet St. Pat's?

No doubt about it, St. Pat's, Enniskillen, then, you'll provide formidable opposition in the final. Belonging to Division B, with six teams league competition quite heavy, the form book points to their great merit; having faced points from all matches to date, with a game against St. Patrick's, Dunedin, still to be decided.

After facile wins over the CBS teams, those of Abbey and Asmack; the St. Patrick's College team, met the toughest opposition when opposed on the competition, Omagh CBS. Held to lead scoring twice during the game, it took twice quick goals towards the end, to enable them to survive with full points.

With no passengers and with playing players as A. Coghe, P. D., Donoghue, J. O'Reilly, E. Kerr and P. M. Chevron, it could be, you know, that the Mac Roey Cup might return to St. Patrick's College this year. In match an essential an incident.

My Critic's

We always appreciate the sterling qualities of Ulster footballers; but never before, I, think, that they could assimilate proper commentaries so vigorously. Talk about... being in the game was so great a feature of this match... a match where extra fines burned up the paper with hydrochloric acid, because we were made of reference to St. Patrick's boys this year.

Believe me, Peggy, if we were being cruel it was only to be kind. We regretted this lesion; perhaps it was too good to last. We felt the little hoots and croissants arched. A chouchou, a chouchou, a chouchou.

Besides, Larne, is a chouchou. Not Larne, the Larne, Thomas Larne, an odious chouchou. Brother, the thing is this. When the age limit was lowered last year, three teams withdrew from the Mac Roey Cup series: St. Patrick's, Omagh; St. Enniskillen, Lettermacshore; and St. Macartan's, Monaghan.

What A Pity

With memories of the thrilling scenes in these grand intervals of Ulster football, in games of courtesy, their withdrawal is very much to be regretted. Happily, they have a price taken part in a special triangular senior competition, played over a double round home and away basis.

The champions are a girls' school, Antrim Club, St. Joseph's C.B.S., and St. Joseph's Girls. The competition will be held in the coming weeks, the winners of the Mac Roey Cup. We await a decision of the Ulster Council on this matter.

Corn Na n-Og

If a second year was from a St. Malachy's, Belfast.—Incorporated Party, Yes, J.E. we agree.—the U.M.C. social competitions are often more interesting than the union ones gets little or no publicity. That is the minor of a n.d. social competitions generally is it's space in our big trouble. However, we would try to include more about the small fry.

A macbeth, abraham Corn na n-Og is a mould, a bally, and a crowd. A group of Colaiste Chokin, Colaiste Fheairte, Colaiste Ghlais, and others to go health are.

Editor's Footnote: Fortunately, regarding of publicity, it is often the college every year. We have many... pastimes, and the members of the college have... details of interesting... personal or with very little response.

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MUCH will depend on Connacht Half-Backs

By LIAM S. O h-OISTIN

Connacht has a poor record in the Galway Cup, has won the competition since the thirties, with victories achieved in 1938 and 1951. Was it just coincidence that in those two years Galway and Mayo, respectively, should be holders of the All-Ireland title?

Western followers hope for a repeat this year, with Galway, All-Ireland champions, providing the backbone of this current team, which is bound to put up a strong fight for victory.

Some idea of the strength of the Connacht fifteen may be gauged from the victory over the holders, Ulster, in the semi-final.

NOT SATISFIED

Yet, the selectors were not fully satisfied with the winning display at Sligo and have recalled John Wallen of Mayo to centre-half, and Frank Evers is now right half-forward to the exclusion of Mattie McDonagh.

A little famed Leinster side almost stole the show from the Munster boys who oppression Connacht in the deciding game with an unchanged team.

But this is no bad Southern side—instead it is good with a possible front row of O'Flaherty, Cobbe and O'Farrell.

Kingdom goal-keeper O'Neill gave a Jack Mangen-like display in the midfield and is fronted up a formidable full-back line of Paddy O'Connell, Ned O'Brien and Jeremy O'Farrell.

The Connacht corner forwards are really up against it as O'Driscoll and O'Reilly must be the best in the game in their respective positions, respectively, and will have a handful in Stockwell and here lies the weakness in the side.

I suggest Purell to employ Bernard O'Reilly, and with Evers and will-off-the-warp McGuire, to prove too much for the Munster half-line.

THREATENING DUELS

Galway should get plenty of thrills from the visitors, and Connacht will be up against it as O'Driscoll and O'Reilly are top men who have not been defeated in Ireland this year.

However, the Munster half-back line does not give the 60 yards solo turn he was allowed against Leinster, and the Western defence proved invincible with rice O'Driscoll confounding the foes as he forced his way through.

I suggest the Connacht back line of O'Connell and Reid, and Murphy and O'Farrell, to cope with the Munster forwards.

The Connacht half-back line may be good—or bad. Gerry O'Malley should be centre-half, and choice from Dungan, who outplayed Mahon in the All-Ireland, would lean him.

Mahon is not showing the form of early 1950, taking quite a while to settle down and here in the danger zone, he has been seen to have his hands full to mark Tajac, who has been the star of the game. Gerry O'Malley, complete footballer that he is, should have the beating of Eric Ryan.

For example, I hold, lies the solution of this game. If the Connacht half-back line can mark their Southern opponents, then the Western side, supplied by a strong centre-field and hoisting a strong scoring half-forward line and full-forward, will be able to contain the cup well.

If the cup's not yours, your side will be the loudest cheerers.

Roucomeon defence has an anxious moment as the ball goes loose in its goalmouth with the Galway forwards at the ready.

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