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RAILWAY CUP DAY AT
CROKE PARK

By PADDY HANLY

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CHALLENGE

. . . to Kelly

AS THE IRISH CORRESPONDENT FOR "WORLD SPORTS," I AM STRONGLY TEMPTED TO IGNORE THE RATHER FANATICAL ARTICLE BY "KELLY" IN THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF YOUR PAPER, BUT I FEEL THAT INTEGRITY AND HONESTY WILL BEST BE SERVED BY REPLYING AS BRIEFLY AS POSSIBLE AND BY REVEALING MY IDENTITY.

MAY I CHALLENGE "KELLY" TO DO THE SAME?

Regarding my own views on the athletic "split," may I inform him that, in 1952, I left the AAU

bulletin; lacrosse was not mentioned in the Canadian bulletin; Australian Football was mentioned once in the Australian bulletin. Yet these, too, are all national games in the countries I have mentioned.

Regarding the preponderance of athletic news, that is hardly surprising from one who was himself a keen athlete. I am sufficiently far removed from "Kelly's" brand of hypocrisy to be able to appreciate good performances irrespective of affiliation.

The fact that my views are more widely shared than "Kelly's" would have your readers believe was confirmed by the reception accorded to Ronnie Delany in many parts of Ireland on his re-



FIONNBAR CALLANAN

and joined the NACA, and I was one of the proposers of the motion which brought the University College Dublin Athletic Club into the NACA. I competed in the NACA for five seasons; perhaps it is on "Kelly's" conscience that this period was not even longer!

Surprise

In relation to my contribution to "World Sports," I am surprised that "Kelly" was not aware of my identity, as I have written a number of articles for that magazine under my own name, including a full two-page feature on Hurling. "Kelly" does not appear to have been aware of this fact, or he might have "credited" me with the 200 lines in that article.

As he did, however, point out, "World Sports" is an international sports magazine, and the object of the regular "Round the World" feature is to keep its readers informed of sports of an international character.

It would have been fairer to me had "Kelly" pointed out that, during 1957, American Football was not even mentioned in the United States bulletin, while baseball was mentioned once; pelota was not mentioned in the Spanish

turn from Melbourne. He was greeted by many NACA athletes and I believe that another great Irish Olympic champion, Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, who is an NACA official, sent his congratulations to Delany.

If "Kelly" had been writing in the Gaelic Echo some years ago he would have been praising, as I did in "World Sports" at the time, the performances of Eamonn Kinsella and Brendan O'Reilly, who were then in the NACA. Now, he is prepared to vilify them on every possible occasion. This attitude is hardly likely to help towards the reunification of all Irish athletes in a single association!

However, the athletes, I have mentioned are amongst those who have had performances of international standard in recent years and, as such, I mentioned them in my articles for "World Sports." I have also mentioned good NACA performances, but I will admit that my editor removed any references to that Association. That, I suppose, is hardly surprising in view of the unfortunate fact that the NACA has been suspended internationally.

I LIKE TO THINK THAT ALL SPORTS ARE CLEAN AND WHOLESOME AND I HOPE THAT MY OWN ACTIVITIES, BOTH AS AN ATHLETE AND A SPORTSWRITER, HAVE BEEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT SENTIMENT. IT SADDENS ME TO FEEL THAT PEOPLE SUCH AS "KELLY," WHO COULD BE AN INFLUENCE FOR GOOD IN IRISH SPORT, SHOULD SEEK TO DISRUPT IT.

The Eamonn Young Case

SHAME!

By PATRICK CARVER

I AM PROUD TO CALL EAMONN YOUNG MY FRIEND . . . AND SO TOO, I AM CERTAIN, ARE MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO KNOW HIM AS WELL AS I DO.

Eamonn is an outstanding Irishman, and one of the finest members of the G.A.A. Few have done more for the association than he has, as player, official, trainer . . . and as a vivid, entertaining, colourful writer.

In all spheres he has been supreme. At all times he has put the interests of the G.A.A. first, and his own last. In my opinion, and I'm sure it's an opinion shared by thousands of others throughout this country, his is a man any association should be proud of.

But, in recent weeks, some people have forgotten that.

After all his glorious years of service to hurling and football—the game he loves above all others—Eamonn has been asked to resign from the Cork County Board of the G.A.A.

The reason? He had written a series of articles based on his own career in sport, in the Irish edition of a British Sunday newspaper . . . "thereby contravening one of the G.A.A.'s fundamental principles and thus helping to further the sales of the newspaper in question" . . .

BUT IS THIS SUCH A CRIME?

There is no rule now in the G.A.A. that says a G.A.A. personality cannot write for the Irish edition of a British Sunday newspaper. At one time such a rule did exist, but it was subsequently removed by Congress, the supreme authority of the G.A.A.! Furthermore, Eamonn Young was not the first G.A.A. personality to write his story in one of these newspapers.

During the past few weeks I have made exhaustive enquiries in this matter, and I can reveal that since 1955 FIFTEEN G.A.A. stars—All-Ireland hurling and football men—have given their stories to Cross-Channel newspapers.

And, in passing, remember Eamonn Young, as a professional journalist, wrote his own story. The others did not. Their stories

AT the last meeting of the Cork County Board of the G.A.A., held just a few days before the March issue of the "Gaelic Echo" went to press, a protest was lodged against the decision calling on Eamonn Young to resign from the Association.

Having voiced his views, the member in question then left the meeting and was followed shortly afterwards by the delegates of the Collins Club.

At a later stage of the meeting it was decided that the Cork County Board delegate be asked to raise the entire matter at a meeting of the Central Council.

were "ghosted," and I can produce overwhelming and irrefutable evidence to prove this.

Why, then, was Eamonn Young singled out for special attention? Perhaps someone would like to



EAMONN YOUNG

give the answer? If so, I can assure them that the columns of this paper are available for any discussion on the case.

I am still proud of Eamonn Young . . . and I always will be.

As a Corkman I am ashamed that some of my own county men have supported and condoned the deplorable and scandalous treatment of our own beloved "Youngie."

Anthony O'Donovan

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By **HUGH O'DONNELL**

Ruled Out

TWO MOTIONS WHICH I PERSONALLY BELIEVE TO HAVE BEEN OF BASIC NATIONAL AND GAELIC IMPORTANCE WERE RULED OUT OF ORDER AT MUNSTER COUNTY CONVENTIONS IN THE PAST MONTH.

The first motion came before the Clare Convention, held in Ennis. It was sponsored by the Kilfenora Club, and it asked "that the Board severely reprimand the Miltown Malbay Club for running a foreign dance in the nearby village of Quilty in direct opposition to Fleadh Ceoil an Chlair, held in Miltown Malbay last August."

The Rev. Chairman ruled that the matter should have been brought up at the following Board meeting, and that at this stage it was too late to deal with it.

SURELY THIS WHOLE MATTER SHOULD HAVE BEEN FULLY AIRED AND THE GUILTY EXPOSED AND DEALT WITH IN A JUST MANNER.

The Fleadh Ceoil referred to was one of the most truly Gaelic and successful functions of its kind ever held in Munster, and to think that a G.A.A. Club would oppose or try to capitalise on this gathering by running or sponsoring a foreign dance is absolutely outrageous.

Although the matter was not discussed at the Convention, I believe that the Gaels of Miltown Malbay themselves were quick and decisive in their judgment by electing a completely new club committee to that which was in office last August.

The second motion, which I felt was unjustly thrown out, was one proposed by the Cashel Club at the Tipperary Convention held in Thurles. It asked "that the internees in Crumlin Road and the Curragh Concentration camps be supplied with equipment to play Gaelic games, and facilities be provided for the playing of same, and that appropriate representation be made to the rela-

tive Ministers both North and South."

Proposing the motion, Mr. L. Murphy stated that it had no political connection and that as both Antrim and Derry Board had already sent some hurleys and balls, what his club suggested was not unprecedented. Mr. Murphy's proposal was greeted enthusiastically by the delegates.

After some discussion, the Rev. Chairman said he would put it to a vote as to whether the motion would be accepted for discussion. A few moments later he rescinded his previous suggestion and ruled the motion out of order.

I fail to see why. This motion was based on Gaelic affairs. Is it not the fundamental duty of the Association to forward and facilitate the playing of our games by Irishmen wherever they may be?

IF KERRY AND LOUTH COULD PLAY THE FINAL OF A NATIONAL TOURNAMENT WHILE BEHIND BARBED WIRE IN FRONGOCH IN 1917, WHY NOT SOMETHING SIMILAR IF LESS SPECTACULAR ON THE HISTORIC PLAIN OF THE CURRAGH IN 1958?

Dissatisfaction

I have heard much dissatisfaction being expressed at Cork not being represented in the Munster Novice Cross-Country Championship.

Due to the Cork championships being held on the same day, it was not possible for the Leesiders to compete.

This surely was a most ridiculous coincidence and completely unfair to the athletes themselves who should have been given the opportunity of winning provincial honours. Should it be possible for every other Munster county to have their novice championship completed well prior to the Munster event, why not Cork?

Congratulation though, to Paddy Considine of Kilmihil, Co. Clare, who ran a magnificent race to win comfortably. We should hear much more of this very promising runner.

GONE FROM IRELAND

Mickie Palmer, the well-known Westport cyclist, four times Irish champion, and 20 times Connacht champion . . . Seian Cunningham, the Louth footballer, whose late golden goal won the All-Ireland crown for the Wee County, he is now in California . . . Mick O'Hanlon, the Armagh defender, who played with Dublin club Kickhams . . . Paddy Heron and Paddy McGuirk, the St. Vincent's hurlers, who both

played inter-county for Dublin—they have moved to Ohio . . . Christy Rafter, who got a raw deal from the Irish Olympic Council—Remember, he should have been sent to Melbourne, but he wasn't.

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Last Year

In his address to the Gaels of Clare, at the Annual Convention, the Chairman, Rev. Fr. J. Corry, C.C., said that 1958 would be his last year as Chairman of the Board.

The Rev. Chairman had little difficulty in retaining the Chair, defeating his opponent, Mr. John O'Gorman of Clohanes, by almost a hundred and twenty votes. It was the first time in thirty years that the position was contested.

Three stars of last year's All-Ireland hurling final, John Sutton, Kilkenny; John Barron and Martin Og Morrissey of Waterford fame were each presented with wristlet watches recently by their co-workers at Clover Meats Ltd., Waterford.

R.I.P.

Recent Clare Gael to pass on to his eternal reward was Tommy Sheedy, a native of Barefield, who died in America, aged 78.

Old-timers rate Tommy as being one of the greatest of all-time, capable of wonderful and daring feats of power and skill. From the mid '90's until he emigrated to the U.S. in 1905 he was the Banner county's outstanding player.

Con Gainey

SURPRISE OF THE KERRY CONVENTION—THE DEFEAT OF PADDY "BAWN" BROSNAN IN THE ELECTION OF THE KERRY FOOTBALL SELECTION COMMITTEE. ELECTED IN HIS PLACE WAS FORMER ALL-IRELAND PLAYER CON GAINEY OF CASTLEISLAND, WHO HAD ONE VOTE TO SPARE OVER THE GREAT DINGLEMAN

All-Rounder

Tom Cheasty, Waterford's star hurling centre-forward, must rate as one of the country's best all-rounders. Not alone does Tom represent his county in both hurling and football, but he recently proved himself no mean runner by winning the Waterford novice cross-country title.

Another Gael forced to emigrate. Tom Power, popular Dunhill, Co. Waterford, hurler recently left for England.

Presentation

At a very pleasant function recently, held in the Grand Hotel, Tralee, the Kerry County Board made a presentation of an Irish horn rosary with a gold crucifix to Very T. J. Canon Lyne, P.P., to mark the Diamond Jubilee of his ordination. 1958 is also Canon Lyne's twenty-first year as president of the Kerry Board.

Surprise

A surprise selection on the Clare senior football team recently was the placing of Michael Blake, Ennis, at left full-back. Michael is, of course, more commonly seen with the caman, and is one of the country's finest half-backs.

History, even G.A.A. history, has an usual method of repeating itself, and in the case of young Blake it was an echo of the early thirties, when Michael's famous father, the late Larry, renowned as a hurler, played for a period, at left full-back, on the county football team.

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DAN MURRAY (Cork), at right full-back for the Combined Universities v. Ireland.



JACK MANGAN (Galway), goalkeeper for Ireland.



SEAN CLOHESSEY, who plays for Kilkenny against the Rest of Ireland.



MICKEY KELLY, who will play for Kilkenny against the Rest of Ireland.



DENIS "TOOTS" KELLEHER Right full forward for Ireland



JOHNNY MCGOVERN, Kilkenny's brilliant half-back, who will also play against the Rest of Ireland.

IRELAND Football
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 M. Greally (Galway) P. Nolan (Offaly) S. White (Louth)
 J. McKeever (Derry) E. Ryan (Cork)
 K. Behhan (Louth) D. O'Brien (Louth) P. McCarthy (Leitrim)
 D. Kelleher (Cork) F. Stockwell (Galway) F. Donnelly (Tyrone)
 Subs.—J. Mangan (Galway), E. Devlin (Tyrone), J. Nallen (Mayo), S. Boyle (Dublin), J. Dowling (Kerry).
 The selectors were: Rev. P. Mahon (Galway), Messrs. S. Flood (Louth), J. Hurley (Cork) and J. McQuaid (Tyrone).

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES S. O'Neill
 (Queens and Fermanagh)
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 G. Murphy (U.C.D. and Kerry) J. Mahon (U.C.D. and Cavan) J. McDonnell (U.C.D. and Cavan)
 G. O'Malley (U.C.G. and Ros-common) S. Moore (U.C.C. and Cork)
 H. O'Kane (Queens and Antrim) S. Purcell (U.C.G. and Galway) M. O'Connell (U.C.C. and Kerry)
 J. Brady (U.C.D. and Cavan) F. Higgins (U.C.C. and Tyrone) P. Sheehy (U.C.C. and Kerry)
 Subs.: A. Horan (U.C.C. and Kerry); M. Stewart (U.C.G. and Mayo); J. O'Shea (U.C.D. and Kerry); A. Curley (U.C.G. and Ros-common); C. Mallan (Queen's and Tyrone).
 The selectors were: Messrs. T. O'Donoghue (U.C.C.), B. McAllister (Queen's University), Dr. Hegarty (U.C.G.), and Dr. Jim Brosnan (U.C.D.). Mr. P. McDonald (U.C.D.) presided.

REST OF IRELAND Hurling
 M. Cashman (Cork)
 J. Brohan (Cork) J. Lyons (Cork) J. Barron (Waterford)
 J. English (Wexford) M. Og Morrissey (Wexford) J. Finn (Tipperry)
 J. Salmon (Galway) G. Power (capt.) (Waterford)
 L. Moloney (Limerick) E. Wheeler (Wexford) L. Devaney (Tipperry)
 T. Flood (Wexford) C. Ring (Cork) D. Whelan (Waterford)
 Subs.: M. Hayes (Clare), N. Drumgoole (Dublin), P. Grimes (Waterford), T. McGarry (Limerick), J. Molloy (Galway).
 The selectors were: Very Rev. J. O'Dea, P.P. (Galway), Messrs. P. Bourke, S.C. (Dublin), P. Fanning (Waterford), S. Browne, T.D. (Wexford), and M. D'Arcy (Dublin).



OLLIE WALSH, greatest of modern goalkeepers, who will play for Kilkenny against the Rest of Ireland.



TOM CONLON (Louth), Ireland's full-back against Combined Universities.



CHRISTY RING (Cork), full-forward for the Rest of Ireland against Kilkenny.



PHIL GRIMES (Waterford), who has been selected as a substitute on the Rest of Ireland hurling team.



FRANK STOCKWELL, Galway's outstanding full-forward, who will play for Ireland this month.



PADDY O'DRISCOLL of Cork, selected as right full-back for Ireland.

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 Iomána, 2.15 p.m. Peil 3.30 p.m.</p> <p>BOBTA (2)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (7) (1) v (2). (8) (3) v (4). (9) (5) v (6). <p>An ríubal an 13/4/58 le'n uacarán 7 Run. a ríubá. Leat-criobada (7); (8); (9) (Craiccup).</p> | <p>iomána monáir speisialta:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Cill Mhannáin v Ceatartoc—Mairtín v Beatais—6/4/58—3 p.m. (2) Cill Oapa v (1)—20/4/58—D. Nuá—2 p.m. (3) (2) v (A) Cluice Ceannánur. <p>CORN UÍ BROM (peil).</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Loé Sarmán v Ceatartoc—Loé Sarmán. (2) Laoir v Cill Connig—Porte Leige. (3) Cill Oapa v Cill Mhannáin—Droicéad Nuá. (4) de Cluic v Iap-íthi—de Cluic. (5) ua bháige v Longport—Tobac Mór. (6) An íthi v Lugbairé—An íthi. <p>Saé cluice an 20/4/58 ac 3.30 p.m. Uacarán 7 Rúnaíde a poepá Bobta (2).</p> |
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The Final Act - - - - -

The Time: A Sunday afternoon, Nov. 1, 1931.
The Place: Croke Park, Dublin.
The Cast: CORK (Champions 11 times): Eudie Coughlan (Capt.), Jim Coughlan, Eddie O'Connell, Jim Hurley, Paddy O'Grady, "Gah" Aherne, "Balty" Aherne, Paddy Delea, "Marie"

O'Connell, Morgan Madden, Paddy "Fox" Collins, "Dinny Barry" Murphy, Jim O'Regan, Bill Clancy and Tom Barry. KILKENNY (Champions 8 times): Paddy "Skipper" Walsh (Capt.) Jim Dermody, Paddy Phelan, Peter Reilly, Denis Treacy, Tommy Carroll, Paddy Byrne, Eddie Doyle.

By Paddy Hanly

Tommy Leahy, Eddie Byrne, Jack Duggan, Jerry Leahy, Matty Power, Dan Dunne, Mick Larkin.
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EPILOGUE

At last Cork were champions... but the Kilkenny players lost nothing in a glorious defeat. Bill Clancy, the only Cork player on the team without an All-Ireland medal, had achieved his life's ambition. For the Kilkennymen it meant waiting for another year... but their day of glory was not too far ahead. The statistics of the third game were:
Frees 70's Wds. Gls. Pts.
Cork: 6 2 15 5 8
K'keny: 11 - 11 3 4

A GREAT EPIC COMES TO AN END

KILKENNY WERE FIRST TO SETTLE DOWN. THE FORWARDS SWARMED AROUND THE CORK GOAL. JIM COUGHLAN AND HIS MEN SENT THEM BACK.

BILL CLANCY GATHERED THE CLEARANCE... AND WITHIN ONE MINUTE, HE OPENED THE SCORING WITH A POINT. FROM THE PUCK-OUT, PADDY DELEA SENT WIDE.

Peter Reilly sent the Kilkenny forwards into the attack, but again they were beaten back. A terrific struggle took place at mid-field and the pace was terrifying. "Balty" Aherne

and Eudie Coughlan led a great Cork attack... but an injury to a Kilkenny back brought a welcome lull.

Coughlan got possession and sent to "Marie" O'Connell but the Kilkenny backs cleared.

Eddie Doyle lashed in a mighty Kilkenny free, but Jim Coughlan saved brilliantly in the Cork goal. Kilkenny forwards kept up the pressure, and Tommy Leahy blazed wide.

In the sixth minute "Skipper" Walsh got the ball and sent in a powerful shot that Coughlan partly saved... but Kilkenny followers went wild with excitement when the ball entered the net.

Cork came back into the attack.

Wides from Eudie Coughlan and "Marie" O'Connell followed.

A free to Kilkenny brought no result. Cork also failed from a free.

Eddie Doyle shaved the Cork post with a shot that was barely wide. Jim O'Regan cleared the Cork lines but Tommy Leahy kept the Kilkenny forwards on the attack.

Jack Duggan sent wide, Cork forwards then came back but Paddy Aherne sent wide.

Paddy O'Grady went down injured and Cork fans were silent as he left the field... but the appearance of G. Garrett, the Blackrock star, in his place brought renewed confidence.

Eudie Coughlan was barely wide with a Cork free. Kilkenny renewed the attack and Paddy Walsh was only inches wide.

Following good saves by Coughlan in the Cork goal, Jack Duggan sent over for a Kilkenny point after 19 minutes. Twenty minutes gone and the score was Kilkenny, 1-1; Cork, 0-1.

Scores Level

Kilkenny had most of the play at this stage but wides by the forwards brought groans from the crowd.

Jim Hurley sent in a shot that flew past Doyle and Leahy... but Jim Dermody sighed with relief when it went narrowly wide.

In the 22nd minute Bill Clancy scored a point for Cork from a free. Within 2 minutes "Dinny Barry" Murphy scored a point. Kilkenny were now only 1 point in front.

Jim Hurley prepared to take a "70" for Cork. His shot went soaring over the bar to leave the scores level after 25 minutes. Cork followers were wild with excitement but the Kilkenny forwards swarmed back and only great work by Coughlan and Hurley saved Cork.

A powerful shot by Matty Power was cleared and Hurley was there again to save from a Kilkenny free. Cork were awarded another "70". Jim Hurley again took it... and again he sent over the bar to give Cork the lead once more.

But Kilkenny matched them stroke for stroke and amidst wonderful scenes of excitement Matty Power equalised.

From the puck out Cork came back to the attack. Only two minutes of the first half were left for play.

The ball was sent towards the Kilkenny goal. "Gah" Aherne pulled on it... and to the amazement of Jim Dermody and Co. the ball ended up in the net.

From the puck out Cork again got possession and following a mix-up in the Kilkenny goalmouth Paddy Delea scored a second goal to leave the score at the half-time whistle: Cork, 2-5; Kilkenny, 1-2.

INTERVAL

Eddie Byrne and Jack Duggan led a Kilkenny attack from the whistle but Madden, Coughlan and Collins were hard to pass. Matty Power however scored a grand point from a very sharp angle.

Tommy Leahy kept up the attack with grand hurling. Jim O'Regan cleared the Cork lines.

A side-line puck to Kilkenny was taken by Dan Dunne. To the consternation of the Cork players—and followers—the ball finished up in the net.

The Kilkenny crowd went mad. Only 2 points in it now! The hurling at this stage was not for weak hearts. But the Cork rearguard was solid and the ball was cleared.

Jack Duggan went down injured and had to go off. He was replaced by Jerry Leahy of Urlingford. A free to Kilkenny; and Eddie Byrne from 70 yards sent over the bar to leave the score, Cork, 2-5; Kilkenny, 2-4.

THE TENSION WAS UNBEARABLE NOW.

But Cork came away and were awarded a free. Coughlan sent it into the Kilkenny goalmouth... and after a fierce battle Bill Clancy sent to the net.

It was all Cork now but Doyle was playing a mighty game for Kilkenny and cleared his lines again and again. The pace was a cracker and the crowd wondered who would crack first.

Eudie Coughlan was fouled and from the midfield free Jim Hurley sent over the bar to stretch the Cork lead.

Two players went down injured but resumed. "Fox" Collins would not leave the field and carried on after treatment.

Cork now saw victory in sight and Delea and O'Connell played their hearts out. A free relieved the Kilkenny backs.

Delea and Coughlan had wides in succession.

Kilkenny tried hard to pull down the 5 points lead but Matty Power was fighting a lone battle against the Cork backs.

The writing was now on the wall for Kilkenny although frees by Byrne eased the pressure for a short time.

Jim Dermody saved a powerful Clancy shot but the Cork attacks followed in rapid succession. Bad finishing by the forwards kept the score down.

A Cork free was weakly cleared and "Balty" Aherne gathered. With a great shot he scored a goal. Jim Hurley and Bill Clancy scored a point each to drive more nails into the Kilkenny coffin.

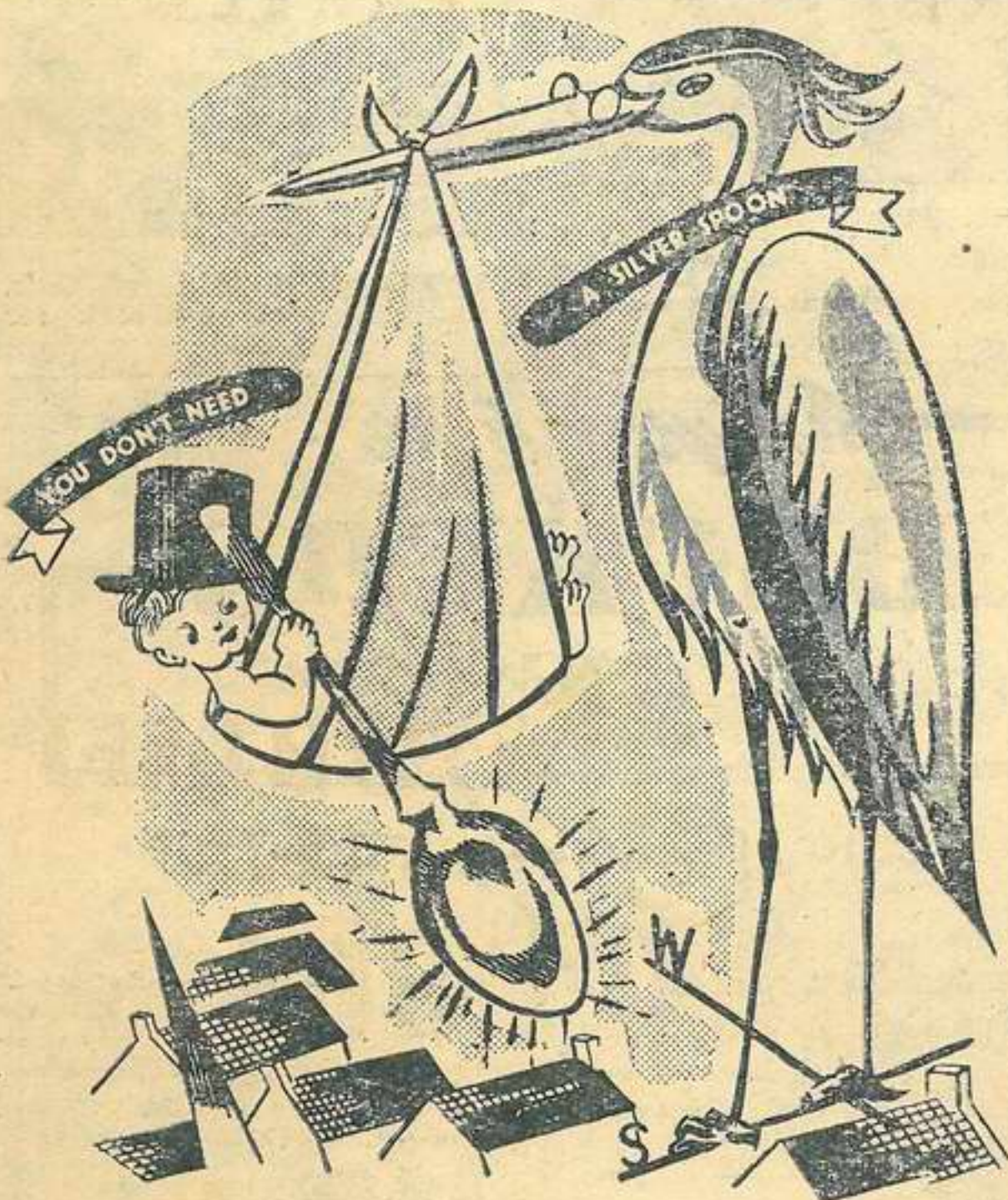
Kilkenny were not yet finished. They swept up the field. Mick Larkin got possession and sent in a rasper. Coughlan saved but Skipper Walsh pulled on the clearance and scored a fine goal.

But this score was the last kick of the Kilkenny lads.

Cork, now rampant in all sectors, attacked again. Paddy Delea sent to the net but his goal was disallowed.

He was not to be denied however. He got the ball again and scored a great goal to drive the last nail home. Cork were the champions. The whistle went to leave the final score: Cork, 5-8; Kilkenny, 3-4.

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The Dublin All-Ireland team of 1955. Kevin Heffernan is second from right in the back row.

By Brian McDonald

Profile

Kevin Heffernan

TEN YEARS AT THE TOP IN BOTH HURLING AND FOOTBALL. THAT'S THE PROUD RECORD OF DUBLIN'S SHARP-SHOOTING FORWARD, KEVIN HEFFERNAN. AND IF PRESENT FORM IS ANY GUIDE, I'D SAY THAT FAIR-HAIRED KEVIN WILL BE WEARING THE DUBLIN COLOURS FOR ANOTHER FEW YEARS TO COME.

IN THOSE TEN YEARS HE WON ANY TROPHY YOU'D CARE TO MENTION, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, AND THAT'S WHERE THE SNAG COMES IN.

For that one medal happens to be an All-Ireland one... the Everest of every footballer and hurler.

The nearest Kevin went to winning his life-long ambition was in 1955. Dublin swept past the opposition in Leinster, defeated Mayo after a replay in the All-Ireland semi, but it was not to be their year. Kerry—always a hard team to beat in a decider—shattered the dreams of the Marino boys in one short hour.

"But I have no regrets," says Kevin. "That was a grand Kingdom side, and looking back on it, I think all of the boys on the Dublin team had their share of victory, even in defeat."

A very, very sporting comment. But that's the theme that underlines the Dublin G.A.A. whether it be hurling or football. Win, lose or draw, they always play the game, and once you do that, well victory isn't all that important!

Will Kevin achieve his goal before old man Time waves his wand? Football is a game you can never forecast with much hope of accuracy, but it could happen. And Dublin, despite what the critics say, will be a very live force in this year's campaign. But

wisely enough, Kevin says: "Wait and see."

Kevin has his heart and soul in the game, and always believes in peak fitness, a factor which has kept many defences on their toes, and many umpires reaching for the flags.

Starting at midfield, then to corner forward and ending up in the 'full' position, he's one of the stars of the Dublin team. But not alone in his county is he recognised as a 'natural'. Remember Leinster's 4-in-a-row Railway Cup wins in 1952, '53, '54 and '55. He wore the Leinster green in that golden age, and all told, he chalked up quite a tally of scores. When you start writing about Kevin Heffernan, you just can't keep away from the 'big time'.

Trophy Collection

The Combined Universities selectors honoured him four years running: 1954, '55, '56 and '57. And the first two years they walloped Ireland. That gives him quite a collection of trophies, but still the list continues. Two National Football League medals for '51 and '55 are also to be found on his sideboard, and when you add up those he has won on the hurling fields, you'd want to be pretty handy on the totting!

But with men like brothers Matthews, O'Donoghue and Rossiter to teach them the finer points of the game, it is only to be expected that St. Josephs, Marino, would turn out champions by the dozen.

Kevin's first GAA medals were won while attending this famous school. In 1945 St. Josephs won the Leinster Colleges senior and junior hurling championships, the first time this famed nursery of the stars ever won the senior crown. They defeated O'Connells in a rip-roaring final, and the four midfielders on duty that day were all playing minor hurling with St. Vincets. Ollie and Cyril Freaney wore the O'Connell jersey, while wearing the St. Joseph's colours were Kevin and Liam Donnelly.

1946 was Kevin's first big year. He was selected on the Dublin minor side which went within an ace of winning the All-Ireland title, but it was a mighty big ace, for Kerry simply 'ran through' them in the final. But the ordeal of playing in Croke Park was over and from that day the green sward at Jones

Road has held no terrors.

Two years later Kevin got his hands firmly clasped on a junior medal in the All-Ireland final, a brilliant Dublin team lowered the colours of Armagh.

The following year he made the senior side, and once selected for the Railway Cup team that year, his feet were firmly planted on the first rung of the ladder of stardom. And he's been climbing steadily ever since.

Kevin's memories of his career—a truly brilliant one—are not filled so much with the countless thrilling games he has ever played in, but the great sportsmen he has met. In the football code he'll always remember Paddy O'Brien, 'Pa' Driscoll, Ned Roche, Paddy Prendergast Willie Casey, Kevin Scally and Jack Mangan.

While in hurling men like Jimmy Brohan, Bobby Rackard and Tom Walsh will hold a special place in his vast store of glorious memories.

And of the present men he considers 'tops' on the fields of to-day? Ollie Walsh and Mick Brophy in hurling, not to mention Christy Ring (!) and in football he thinks the perfect forward combination is that of Frank Stockwell and Sean Purcell.

Dual Leinster interprovincial and Combined Universities star, 28-year-old Kevin will be keeping his fingers crossed for that senior All-Ireland championship medal... let's hope he wins one to climax his great career.



Kevin Heffernan in action in the All-Ireland football final of 1955 against Kerry.



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Such was the prompt manner that new Mayo chairman, Donnchadh O Gallchoibhair, O.S., dealt with the teams concerned in the 1957 Junior final, after which there were unruly scenes involving players and supporters of both teams. Elected chairman of Mayo County Board after a three-cornered contest, Donnchadh O Gallchoibhair, O.S., of the Mulranny club, is a

native speaker. Born in Currane, Gaelic-speaking peninsula lying north of Achill Island, the new chairman comes of national-minded stock, staunch supporters, not only of our native games but of all things Gaelic and national.

At present teaching on the island he has for many years been in the forefront of all Gaelic activities in the area and to him must go much of the credit for the Irish plays and concerts, the popular ceilithe and the island's own "All Ireland"—the Scanlon Memorial Cup competition, all of which have made the area so Gaelic-conscious.

Knowing Donnchadh as we do, we are confident that he will fill the position of county chairman with distinction and that his decisions will be always in accordance with the ideals of a great organisation.

Unopposed for the position of registrar was the chairman's neighbour, great friend and brother-in-law, Pádraig Seoighe, O.S., who like his colleague, is a native speaker, an ardent lover of all things Gaelic and national and an enthusiastic helper in Gaelic activities on the Island.

Infra-Red Lamps

Other fluent Irish speakers elected at the convention were Pádraig O Maolanaigh, O.S., of Balla as Central Council representative and nominee for Presidency of the Central Council; Pádraig O Conmhúighe, O.S., as treasurer, and Anraoi O Giannaith, O.S., T.D., as Connacht Council representative with Dail-fellow Sean O Flanagan, T.D.

Mayo Co. Board have been presented with an infra-red lamp for use on any member of the county teams who injure or tear muscles.

NEW MAYO CHAIRMAN WILL STAND NO NONSENSE!

One member of the Board, with a known leaning towards 'long-tails', suggested it might also prove useful for the treatment of greyhounds, while another member, who has never been heard to object to a long discussion of any sort on any subject whatsoever, proposed, to the unconcealed amazement of all who know him, that it might be good for the Co. Board members themselves after long sittings!

If the latter use is, by any misfortune, approved of, then I can visualise the infra-red treatment and the breakfast being served simultaneously. Because then, presumably, everyone will be "as happy as Larry" about long discussions!

deserving of success than those gallant Sligo Gaels.

Two conventions ago, Mayo decided to reduce their selection committee from the unwieldy number of 16 to a five-man body. A motion at the recent convention proposing that the old method be reverted to, was described as a return to the 'stone age methods' and defeated heavily. Sligo Gaels, however, decided to return from a five-man body to a larger committee of 'not less than two from each division'.

However, they do not intend going so far as to revert to the former method of a 15-man group! Leitrim, too, have increased their selection committee—it will now consist of one representative from each senior team.

In his annual report to the Sligo Convention, their popular secretary Tommy MacGiollachadhain, commenting on the losses incurred in the National League, stated that 'some form of pooling of gates or a subsidy to recoup losses is long overdue'.

One must feel sympathetic towards the proposal when one realises that all the weaker counties lose heavily on the League, and only the 'big guns' stand to make a financial profit on the competition, or those counties lucky enough to get a League fixture in Croke Park or in some thickly populated area.

Certainly counties such as Sligo, Leitrim, Longford, Westmeath or Roscommon can never hope to recoup their losses while the present system operates, entailing long journeys and small gates. Will some friend of those weaker counties with the future of the game at

heart, work out some system that will lessen the yearly deficit on the National League?

Westport Gaels have fixed the date of their big day, the opening of their Gaelic Park, for May 18 when Mayo will meet another prominent team for a valuable set of trophies.

It is hoped to secure the services of the All Ireland champions, Louth, for the opening, but realising the great demand on the titleholders for challenge and tournament matches, and knowing that the Wee County is still very interested in the race for National League honours, local fans, while hoping for a favourable reply to their request to the Louthmen, will appreciate the difficulties confronting the champs if they find that they just cannot fit in this opening in an already much over crowded fixture list. For further details, watch this column in future issues.

The old enemy of emigration was referred to again when Mr. Jimmie Murray, hon. sec., of Knockroghery club, Co. Roscommon, presented his annual report at the general meeting of the club.

The drain of emigration affected the club severely and what looked like a promising team at the beginning of the season was reduced to a skeleton fifteen before the end of the year.

Nor is Knockroghery the only club in the West to suffer from this ever present and, seemingly, ever-worsening evil of our days. Every county in Connacht and, indeed, many outside it, has the same tale to relate of club and county teams being denuded of their most promising players, the flower of our young manhood, the cream of our womanhood.

Will a remedy ever be found? It is of paramount importance to the nation and to the G.A.A. that some cure be applied, and that quickly, to stem the flow of our country's life-blood overseas.

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June 29—Galway v Mayo or Sligo at a Galway venue.

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Leitrim v Galway.

Sligo v Roscommon.

Mayo v Leitrim or Galway—if Leitrim at a Mayo venue; if Galway at a Galway venue.

Venue of final to be fixed later.

Tubbercurry, Co. Sligo senior champions, played 27 games in all during 1957, 20 of which were outside the county and covered three provinces. This was their claim at the Sligo Co. Convention, where their delegates strongly advocated more trial and challenge games outside the county for the Sligo senior team as the ideal and most beneficial method of preparation for the championship tests ahead.

Unfortunately, the question of finance is an important factor to be considered in connection with such preparation, but with faithful and enthusiastic supporters offering to place transport at the behest of the Co. Board, to convey the team to such matches, a series of such matches may not entail such enormous expense, after all. And if the results justify the experiment, there are no supporters more

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From the whistle Leinster attacked. Sean Murphy cleared but the Leinster forwards swarmed back. Mick Gill took a free and sent the Leinster forwards in again.

The Munster backs were kept busy and they weathered the storm. Mick Gill gathered a Munster clearance and sent to Harry Meagher . . . but he blazed wide from a good position.

The Munster forwards broke away for the first time but wasted a good chance from a close-in free. D'Arcy took a Munster '70' and the ball was sent to the net but the score was disallowed.

Soon after, D'Arcy sent wide. The Leinster backs cleared their lines and the forwards got possession. Mick Gill sent the ball to Martin Power, he sent in a glorious shot; the ball went inches wide.

on the attack Daly was again brilliant in the Leinster goal. Shortly after Cahill opened Munster scoring with a point. From the puck out Gill and company again got going and grand work by Murphy saved the Munster lines. But O'Neill and Power were not easily halted and in turn they sent over points for Leinster.

Munster forwards tore away from the puck out. Jim Hurley got possession, he sent to 'Gah' Aherne, he made no mistake with a terrific shot that went all the way past Dr. Tom in the Leinster goal.

Fight Back

Leinster came back again. Lory Meagher from 50 yards sent high over the Munster bar for a point. Just before half-time D'Arcy had a chance for Munster but he sent wide.

The whistle went for half-time with the score—

LEINSTER 0-4, MUNSTER 1-1.

Leinster took up the attack from the whistle. Martin Power got the ball, he passed to Howard . . . inches wide! Non-stop pressure by the Leinstermen earned a '70' but Lory Meagher sent it high and wide! This was followed by a free to Leinster 50 yards out from the Munster goal. Lory made no mistake this time and he sent high over the bar.

O'Neill and Power followed up

Munster forwards were wide again. A free eased the pressure on the Leinster backs. The ball was gathered by the forwards and only a wonderful save by Munster's goalie, Murphy, prevented a score.

Gleeson broke up the next Leinster attack and sent his forwards away again. From a free he scored a point to give Munster the lead for the second time in the game.

It was Leinster back again from the puckout but Mick Murphy again prevented vital scores. Cahill had a chance at the other end but blazed wide. Lory Meagher made

good work of a Leinster free and his point left the scores level once more.

LEINSTER 0-8, MUNSTER 2-2

Eight points each and it was still anybody's game! Roberts put Leinster in front with a well-taken point. Coughlan, within seconds equalised for Munster. The struggle was titanic at this stage. Coughlan gave Munster the lead soon after with a point. Leinster forwards got possession. Martin Power took a free and sent over the bar. Meagher added another point to leave the

Leinstermen in front by three points.

Coughlan and 'Balty' Aherne scored good points for Munster to leave Munster trailing by one point. The hurling now exceeded anything seen at the final and the crowd enjoyed every minute.

With minutes left for play Lory Meagher came through and notched another point for Leinster.

From the puckout Munster forwards got possession and went on a do-or-die attack to pull the game out of the fire but the final whistle went to leave Leinster winners by 1-11 to 2-6.

THE TEAMS

Leinster: Dr. Tom Daly, Ed. Tobin, P. McInerney, George Howard, Mick Gill, Dan O'Neill, E. Fahy, Jas. Walsh, Martin Power (all of Dublin); Bill Dunphy, Eddie Doyle, Lory Meagher, J. Roberts, H. Meagher (all of Kilkenny), and Jim Byrne (Leix).

Munster: Sean Oge Murphy, Eudie Coughlan, 'Marie' O'Connell, Mick Murphy, Jim Regan, Jim Hurley, 'Gah' Aherne, 'Balty' Aherne (Cork); Mick Murphy, John Joe Kinane, Mickie Cross, Willie Gleeson (Limerick); Mick D'Arcy, Phil Cahill, Martin Kennedy (Tipperary).

Referee: S. Jordan (Athenry).

The Leinster forwards came up against a solid defence and it took them 15 minutes to open the scoring. O'Neill got possession and sent over the bar for a neat point.

Great Save

Munster came away and Tom Daly brought off a great save at the other end. Leinster backs cleared well up the field to Howard on the rightwing. His long range shot went wide.

Gill and Howard combined and started a dazzling run but the Munster backs broke up the attack. With the Munster forwards again

with a point each to leave Leinster in front by three points.

Walsh broke up a Munster attack but the Munstermen kept coming back despite great work by McInerney and Doyle. Jim Hurley got possession at centre field and sent in a lovely shot to the Leinster Square. Kennedy doubled on the dropping ball and banged in a great goal to leave the Munster side on level terms once more.

It was all Munster now and the vigour of the game had to be seen to be believed. It was hammer and tongs all the way.

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Connacht Did Collective Training For 1927 Final But . . .

MUNSTER WERE UNBEATABLE

THE TEAMS

MUNSTER (All Kerry): J. Riordan, John Joe Sheehy, Joe Barrett, J. Walsh, Paul Russell, E. Fitzgerald, J. Slattery, C. Brosnan, R. Stack, J. Ryan, Joe Sullivan, T. Mahony, James Bailey, Frank Sheehy, P. Clifford.

CONNAUGHT: T. Molloy, M. Walsh, M. Bannerton, T. Leech, T. Hegarty (Galway); P. O'Beirne, R. Creagh, John Forde, M. Mulderrig (Mayo); G. Higgins (goal), T. Shevlin, M. Murphy (Roscommon); W. Martin, M. Dolan (Leitrim); P. Colleran (Sligo).

THE CONNAUGHT TEAM TOOK THE FIELD FOR THE FIRST RAILWAY CUP DECIDER IN FOOTBALL VERY CONFIDENTLY. THEY HAD DONE COLLECTIVE TRAINING AT BALLINASLOE IN PREPARATION FOR THIS MATCH.

But the Munster selectors had every faith in the all-Kerry team . . . the 1926 All-Ireland champions.

The spectators settled back in their places after the excitement of the hurling decider which Leinster won by the narrow margin of two points over an all-star Munster fifteen.

Munster followers, having hoped for a double on the opening of the series, would now have to be content with one title.

Munster were first to attack, and the ball was sent into the Connaught goalmouth. Frank Sheehy rose high in the air to punch over a point within one minute.

First blood for the Munstermen.

Munster Sound

Connaught broke away from the kick-out, but the Munster backs were sound. Munster swung into the attack again, but Higgins brought off a grand save

in the Connaught goal. Bannerton took a free for Connaught which eased the pressure.

Petty fouling spoiled the play in the opening ten minutes, but the players soon got over the "nerves" and settled down to play neat football.

Brosnan took a free and sent the Munster forwards into the attack, but the Connaught backs cleared at the expense of a "50."

The "50" was cleared by the Westerners, and the forwards were sent away. Mulderrig got possession on the "40" mark, and sent a high ball over the bar to open Connaught's account.

The ball was kicked out . . . Mulderrig got it once more . . . and again he raised the white flag with a sure-footed kick.

From the kick-out Munster were awarded a free, but Brosnan sent wide.

The men of the West came back to the attack, and only a wonder catch and clearance by Barrett saved the Southern lines.

Munster forwards missed good chances after this but John Joe Sheehy made no mistake when he got possession. He equalised for Munster with a lovely point to leave the score at the end of fifteen minutes:

Munster, 0-2; Connaught, 0-2.

Walsh of Munster halted the Connaught attack at the other end . . . from the clearance the Munster mid-field got the ball . . . it was sent to Sheehy . . . he sent in a rasper along the ground . . . but Higgins brought off a wonderful save in the Connaught goal.

The Munstermen swarmed into the attack again but a stonewall defence held them at bay. The football in this half was rough and tough . . . but not up to championship standard.

Connaught were awarded a free, and Walsh sent over the bar to give them the lead for the first time.

Again Higgins, at the other end, saved the Connaught net at the expense of a "50."

Half-Time

It was taken by Brosnan. He sent it all the way to the net for a very soft goal.

THE HALF-TIME WHISTLE SOUNDED WITH MUNSTER LEADING BY 1-2 TO CONNAUGHT'S 0-3.

On the resumption, the play was up and down for the first few minutes. The players took some time to settle down again.

Connaught were first to come to life, and their first decent attack brought a point from Dolan. This

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left Munster in front by 1 point.

Shevlin was outstanding in the Connaught back-line and drove back the Munster forwards.

He got good support from Leech in the centre.

Connaught attacked, and a hard shot from O'Beirne was brilliantly saved by Riordan. His clearance was sent over the end line for a "50." Colleran of Sligo took the kick, and sent the ball soaring into Munster goalmouth. Munster backs rose to it, and cleared it to safety.

A free to Connaught was taken by Colleran from the 40 yards mark. He sent it straight over the bar to leave the scores level after 10 minutes. Munster, 1-2; Connaught, 0-5.

Came To Life

Munster forwards came to life at this stage, but great work by Shevlin, Creagh and Higgins kept them from raising a flag.

Leech took a long range free for Connaught. Colleran collected the pass out on the wing . . . but his shot went inches wide of the Munster posts.

Shevlin was again prominent in the Connaught back-line. A Munster free was taken by Brosnan, but the ball was cleared.

With scores still level, the play was vigorous at this stage.

Munster forwards tried all they knew to notch up another score, but still O'Beirne and Co. held fast.

It was Riordan's turn next to be tested. He brought off a good save in the Munster goal. Walsh had two wides for Connaught in succession at this stage of the game.

First Point

Brosnan then sent wide for Munster, but soon after he took another free. The ball went to John Joe Sheehy. He sent over the bar for Munster's first point after almost twenty-five minutes.

A few minutes from the end, Munster got the best score of the game.

Fitzgerald got the ball on the 50 yards line. He waltzed his way through the Connaught backs . . . passed to the unmarked John Joe Sheehy . . . he gave Higgins in the Connaught goal no chance with his piledriver.

Minutes left . . . Munster in front by 4 points . . . Connaught get a thirty yards' free. Mulderrig drove it high and wide.

From the kick-out Connaught got possession . . . but the final whistle came.

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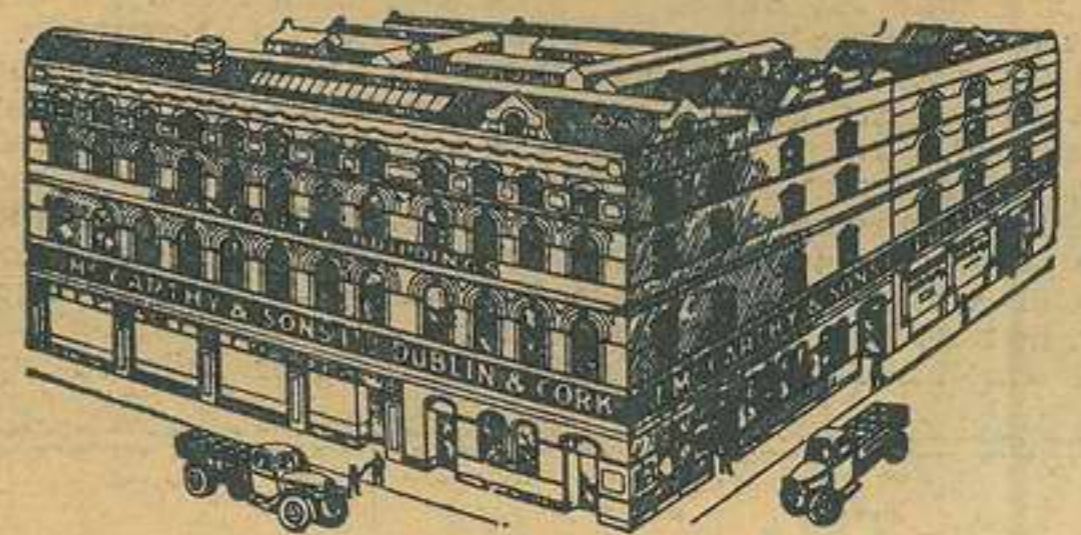
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PAGEANT WILL HIGHLIGHT OUR IRISH WEEK

THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS YEAR'S IRISH WEEK WILL, OF COURSE, BE THE ANNUAL COLOURFUL PAGEANT OF IRISH INDUSTRY PROMOTED BY THE N.A.I.D.A.

As always, this Parade will be an ever fresh start to the year's activities of this voluntary Association, whose main objective is the promotion of sales and purchases of Irish Goods in the endeavour to establish a National self-sufficiency and welfare, and to combat the growing cancers of present unemployment and enforced emigration of Irish men and women.

Art, imagination, design, colour and animation, in harmony, must be the contribu-

tion to this march of progress, enacted in the spirit of "one for all and all for one," and may we hope that as before, the Pageant will be another resounding success.

In view of the inescapable trend towards integration of European economy and our return as a Nation into that community of interests, to whatever we may, it is advisable to emphasise and to headline the efforts of Irish firms engaged, or endeavouring to sell on overseas markets as well as at home.

By Supporting Irish Industries The Public Can Help To . . .

STEM THE FLOW OF EMIGRATION

WHILE IRISH MANUFACTURERS ARE PREPARING TO MEET THE NEW PROBLEMS THAT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CREATED BY THIS COUNTRY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE FREE TRADE AREA, THERE IS AN EQUALLY IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION WHICH CAN BE MADE BY THE PUBLIC. THEY CAN ENSURE THE STABILITY AND STRENGTHENING OF IRISH INDUSTRY IN THIS NEW ERA BY ALWAYS INSISTING ON BUYING IRISH GOODS ONLY.

Those who have already made a practice of doing so know that Irish goods are at least as good in quality as those which are imported from other countries. In urging more people to support Irish industry by using its products, it is worth reminding them that by doing so they will be helping to maintain employment for Irish people at home, stemming emigration and, in the long run, benefitting the economy of the country.

A recent editorial in "The Second Arm," the official journal of the Federation of Irish Manufacturers, emphasised that the Federation was actively engaged in studying the whole problem of Free Trade in detail with a view to helping its members to be in a position to meet the competition it will bring.

It pointed out that manufacturers must, as individuals, make use of all the facilities available to them to increase productivity.

One of the first essentials was to find out what aids to higher productivity and increased exports were already available for all phases of manufacturing activity.

While acknowledging the help various Governments had already given, the Federation believed that Government help must be active rather than passive.

Workers and trade unions, the editorial went on, also had an important part to play in ensuring that the stage was set for higher productivity, increased exports and consequently a higher standard of living for all. Restrictive practices must be removed and a better sense of co-operation with management must be manifested.

It has already been made clear by the Government that it would not be possible for Ireland, without serious damage to its economic life, to undertake now or in the

Irish industry need not be unduly perturbed, for Ireland's acceptance of Free Trade will be gradual, and not something foisted on the country in a manner that might well create chaos with its economy.

Manufacturers will have ample opportunity of readjusting themselves, and reorganising their industries so that they can fit into the new pattern of international trade. It can be accepted without any reserve that the Government in its own interests will make a careful appraisal of the whole situation, and ensure that this country will benefit from any concessions that may be written into agreements negotiated in regard to Free Trade.

It is now generally recognised in this country by all sections of the community that the European Free Trade Area is by far the most important development that can be foreseen which would shape the economic and political future of the country.

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For many hundreds of years Waterford, a city on the south eastern coast of Ireland has been famous for its glass. This Industry which died out in 1851 has now been fully revived and the highest quality Cut Crystal Glass is once again being produced in that ancient city by Waterford Glass Ltd., a Company which was formed to develop the Industry in 1947.

It is evident from old records that glassmaking was carried on in Ireland as early as the thirteenth century, but first reference to a glass industry on a commercial basis was in 1585 when a glasshouse, as the factories were called, was established on the borders of Cork and Waterford. From then on, the Industry had a chequered career, with short periods of recovery, alternating with long intervals of decay. In 1785 there were at least nine factories in production; 1825, eleven; 1833 seven; in 1883, four.

The main centres of the Industry in Ireland were Dublin, Belfast Cork and Waterford. The earliest record of a glasshouse in Waterford occurs in 1729 when one was built by Joseph Harris and John Head. The Industry prospered for a while and a big export trade was built up.

A Waterford Chandelier to-day hangs in the Independence Hall, Philadelphia, where the American Declaration of Independence was signed, and services of Waterford Glass are the possessions of many

of the Royal Families of Europe.

The most famous of the Waterford houses was that founded in 1783 by George and William Penrose. This factory became the outstanding centre of the Craft in Ireland, and earned world fame and a world market for its product. The factory changed hands in 1799 and continued with fluctuating fortune until it finally closed in 1851.

The charm and distinction of Waterford Glass lies in its brilliance and transparency, and its possession was a symbol of good living. The multiplicity of facets was intended to reflect the light of hundreds of candles flickering on polished mahogany tables, and understanding craftsmen put rings around the necks of decanters so that they might be more easily grasped by unsteady fingers.

The revived Waterford Glass Industry had its beginnings in 1947, when a small factory was built in Ballytruckle in the city of Waterford on a site acquired from Waterford Corporation. Following exploratory work it was decided to erect a larger and more up to date factory. At the same time the full resources of the Irish Glass Bottle Co., Ltd., under the chairmanship of Mr. Joseph McGrath were made available to the Waterford Firm. This new factory commenced production in November, 1951, exactly one hundred years after the closing down of the old Waterford factory.

The firm employs some 500 workers, including a small nucleus

of highly skilled experts recruited from abroad.

Two types of glass are being produced at the present — Soda Lime glass and Lead Crystal glass. The former is used in the manufacture of drinking glasses and jugs for utility purposes. The latter is used for the better quality glassware, and is cut, engraved and otherwise decorated. All the products are hand made, the process not having changed in essentials over the centuries, though it has been speeded up by the substitution of oil-fired for wood furnaces, and electric power, for treadle operated cutting and engraving tools.

Raw Materials

The Lead Crystal glass produced in Waterford to-day is practically identical in composition to the Lead Crystal produced in Waterford 100 years ago, consisting of a mixture of Sand, Red Lead and Potash.

The process of making a high grade Lead Crystal Glass is a long and involved one. Briefly, however, the main stages in the manufacture of this type of glass are as follows:

The raw materials mentioned above are mixed and filled into pots which are contained in a furnace. This furnace is heated to a temperature of, approximately, 1,400 degrees centigrade at which the raw materials are converted into a molten mass of Liquid Glass. The Craftsmen or "Blowers" as they are commonly called draw this molten glass from the Pots with the blowing irons and convert it into the various shapes required, such as Wine Glasses, Vases, Bowls, Decanters, etc. After they have been blown these articles are put into an annealing oven where they are cooled and tempered slowly. Various finishing processes then follow. After finishing, the blown articles are sent to the Cutting Shop where highly skilled Cutters apply the various types of decoration such as diamond cuts, hob-nail cuts, flute cuts, etc.. Finally the glassware is polished and packed.

Highest Grade

During all the above processes there are several stages of sorting and selection in order to ensure that only the highest grade articles are completed. Some of the pieces are engraved. This process is often called "Sculpture on glass" and is done entirely free-hand, the Engraver working from photographs or drawings.

The success so far achieved by Waterford Glass and particularly the skill of the newly trained craftsmen shows that local pride in craftsmanship has not died out in Waterford. In high quality Cut Crystal of this type it is the individual craftsman and his skill which are the dominating factors.

Waterford Glass is exported to every Continent and to numerous countries, particularly the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, Italy, Belgium and other European countries, while further good markets exist in the Far Eastern area and such places as the West Indies, Bermuda, etc.

Recently the production of Chandeliers of superb quality for which the old factory was so famed, has re-commenced. Waterford is proud of the fact that in such a short time its revived glass industry has earned for itself an enviable reputation and to-day ranks with the leading Crystal Factories of the world. By its quality and perfection Waterford Glass has helped to establish both at home and abroad the excellence of Irish Craftsmanship and Skill.

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Plain Speaking

By
KELLY

On a recent Saturday afternoon, I was disgusted to have one of my favourite sponsored programmes interrupted to make way for a commentary on a so and so Rugby match.

When the commentary was preceded by a preview in Irish, I nearly fainted. A touch of hypocrisy is one of the less pleasant features of the Irish Character but I never thought it would have gone as far to allow the preview to a Rugby match to be given through Irish.

Even in my living room, many hundreds of miles away from the graveyards of Flanders and other such places where the Empire upon which the sun never sets was fought for, bled for, and died for, I could almost hear the rattle of bones as the dead Irish Rugger Chaps turned in their graves at the sound of their sacred game being desecrated by being previewed in that savage Erse.

You would think that if it was only out of respect for the dead they honour on those oft mentioned plaques at their Headquarters, that the Rugby Bosses would not have allowed such a thing to happen. . .

The gas thing about it all is that no one is being coddled by this sudden outburst of patriotism.

Reg Harris is, without a doubt, sure of his place in the Cycling Hall of Fame.

However, that is no reason why the GAA should lose its head.

At the present time, a collection is being made to present a testimonial to Harris who has retired from cycling.

Among the names on a recent subscription list was The Gaelic Athletic Association.

HARRIS IS AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL CYCLISTS UNION OF ENGLAND, THE BODY WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INTRODUCING PARTITION INTO IRISH CYCLING.

Unlike some Irish "sportsmen" the Queen of England is under no misapprehension about the part British Games play in furthering Imperial interests.

Included in the latest "Honours List" is James Picken, Hon. Secretary of the Six Counties Cricket Union who was made an M.B.E.

SHE HARDLY GAVE IT TO HIM FOR HITTING A SIX . . . OR DID SHE?

"Please Shut Him Up!"

The Editor,
Gaelic Echo.
Dear Sir,

Congratulations on the intelligent and readable layout of the Echo.

One complaint though.

Your correspondent "Kelly" gets rather a lot of space in your paper. But for what does he use it? Here is great scope for any journalist—athletics, cycling, hurling, football—all great sports with plenty to write about.

But no. Month after month Kelly turns out his sickening articles, complaining—about Delany, the CRE, Delany, the AAU, Delany—all the time complaining about this moan-

ing about that. It's about time we got some constructive journalism from this gentleman.

But, then, maybe he isn't able.

One thing, too, I'd like to mention to Mr. Kelly.

After twenty years we, who read the Echo, are well aware of the clear superiority of the NACA over the AAU and CRE. The only person who isn't sure seems to be Mr. Kelly. He keeps having to convince himself.

Can't you please shut him up?

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Paddy — A personal question for a start, Derry. What age are you?

Derry—39 next April.

Paddy—When do you intend to retire from athletics?

Derry—The day athletics become a bore and not an enjoyment.

Paddy—What was your greatest thrill?

Derry—The day I ran my fastest ever mile, at 36 years of age. I did 4.22 at the Iveagh grounds in 1955.

Paddy—And your greatest disappointment?

Derry—That's easy. When I missed the Irish 880 record at Guinness' Sports in 1947, by one-tenth of a second.

Paddy—If you had not taken up running what sport would you have followed?

Derry—I gave up football to concentrate on athletics so that answers your question, Pat.

Paddy—In your opinion Derry who was the greatest Irish athlete of your time?

Derry — My club-mate, J. J. Kelly.

Paddy—Why do you say so?

Derry—At 30 years of age he ran a 1.54 half-mile. This effort of his showed his potentiality if he had concentrated on this one event.

Paddy — Have you any hobbies?

Derry — Athletics are my whole life as far as hobbies are concerned ... but I like reading in my spare time.

Paddy—A ticklish one now, Derry. When do you think there'll be complete unity in Irish athletics?

Derry — THE DAY THE BORDER GOES!

Paddy—To whom do you owe your wonderful successes in the athletic field?

Derry—First of all to Mr. S. McQuillan of St. Vincent's club. He discovered me. Next to the late Tom Bruce. And to Jimmy Bruce, his nephew, who is official starter in the N.A. & C.A. Most of all, to my wife, who put up with me!

Paddy—Derry, the final question. What advice would

you give to budding young athletes?
Derry—Aim at the stars and train consistently and sensibly to attain your objective.

Paddy — Thank you, Derry McDermott, and may I wish you many more years of success.

Derry—Thank you, Paddy

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from the Irish public. Aply assisted by his wife, Mrs. Mary O'Donovan, and a loyal team of workers, their modest beginning met with a gradual but remarkable success, and the firm can now justly take pride in its contribution of research, design and development to Ireland's clothing industry.

The great abilities and unremitting work of those early pioneering days have brought their just reward, and now, twenty-one years after, "Danus" research, with its great resources of specialised knowledge, craftsmanship and experience accumulated through the years, forms a complete liaison with modern manufacturing techniques

to build for the present and plan for the future.

The twenty-one years of service given by the firm of Anthony O'Donovan to the community represent a grand panorama of industrial progress. And with the firm grew its trade-mark of dependability—"Danus". This trade-mark identifies the special blend of good material, expert cutting and modest price-range that made "Danus" stand for quality in men's wear.

But to the partners in progress, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony O'Donovan, the occasion means so much more than a business landmark or the receipt of numerous compliments. It comes as a vantage point from which the struggles and hopes of the past can be viewed from the success of the present. For the history of this firm is the history of a husband and wife team, who made use of their great business acumen to build up a tailoring empire that triumphed over all difficulties. Their achievement should be an inspiration and a spirited answer to those who claim that opportunity cannot be found on Irish soil.

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The position of the O'Donovans to-day in their bright, airy factory at Dominick Street is a tribute to the industrial foresight of the founders, whose tradition of technical skill and business integrity continues to keep "Danus" products to the fore.

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Pat Woodlock, still a schoolboy at the Patrician Brothers Secondary School, had the distinction of winning medals in both Senior and Minor Grades along with Munster, and All Ireland medals in Minor Hurling.

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ULSTER BEAT 14 KERRYMEN...and EAMONN YOUNG

ON THE 14th APRIL, 1941, THE ULSTERMEN WERE BEATEN BY THE MUNSTER TEAM IN THE REPLAY OF THE RAILWAY CUP FOOTBALL FINAL. NOW THE TWO PROVINCES FACED EACH OTHER AGAIN.

Fifteen heroes from the North took on the All-Ireland champions minus 1... but the odd man out was the one and only EAMONN YOUNG of Cork. The stage was all set for a great game.

Despite the war-time restrictions on travel, 16,200 spectators

turned up in Croke Park for this game.

The Ulster forwards got possession from the throw-in and tore up the left wing. Alf Murray got possession about twenty-one yards out and shot over for the first point of the game inside one minute.

From the kick-out Eamonn Young got the ball. He sent the Munstermen goalwards. One of the forwards was fouled and Murt Kelly sent over the bar from the free kick.

The Ulster forwards, with their dazzling hand-passing and weaving movements, bamboozled their way past the bewildered Munster backs.

A free to Ulster was taken by Gallagher. He sent over the bar to put Ulster in front again.

THE TEAMS

ULSTER: B. Kelly, Tom O'Reilly, Gerry Smith, John Joe O'Reilly (capt.), T. P. O'Reilly, Simon Deignan, B. Cully (Cavan); E. McLoughlin, Jack McCullough, Alf Murray (Armagh); Hughie Gallagher, C. McDyer (Donegal); V. Duffy (Monaghan); Kevin Armstrong (Antrim), B. Cullen (Tyrone).

MUNSTER: Dan O'Keeffe, W. Myers, Joe Keohane, T. Healy, W. Dillon (capt.), Willie Casey, E. Walsh, Sean Brosnan, P. Kennedy, J. Walsh, "Gega" O'Connor, J. O'Gorman, Murt Kelly, Paddy "Bawn" Brosnan (all of Kerry), and Eamonn Young (Cork).

From the kick-out he got possession and sent the ball along the ground. Dan O'Keeffe dived for the ball... but it ended up in the net.

Ulster were rampant now. Armstrong and Murray started a criss-cross passing movement from the 50 yards line... Gallagher got the ball... and with deadly aim sent over the bar for another point.

Again Ulster struck... again the rapid passing... again Gallagher sent over the bar.

The Munster backs had no answer to this type of football.

Anxious mentors made positional switches... but still the Ulster team was on top, and Alf Murray added another point.

Munster weathered the storm, and the forwards got the ball in the Ulster end. Ulster backs fouled, and Murt Kelly broke the Ulster grip with a neat point.

The Munster forwards again swept in... another foul... this time in the square.

A PENALTY FOR MUNSTER. Murt Kelly steadied himself... began his short run at the ball... kicked... and BLAZED WIDE!

But it was all Munster now, and a few minutes after Kelly's miss O'Gorman got possession...

evaded his man and drove the ball to the back of the Ulster net. The ball was kicked out. Munster again got possession. O'Gorman got the ball on the run, and sent high over the bar for a lovely point.

The half-time score was ULSTER, 1-5; MUNSTER, 1-3.

On the resumption Munster kept up the pressure. Paddy "Bawn" Brosnan got the ball and sent over the bar to leave Ulster in front by 1 point!

Ulster got back into the game again... and their short-passing, weaving game soon paid dividends. Kevin Armstrong scored two points in rapid succession. Walsh of Munster went down injured and was replaced by Dick Harnedy of Cork. Eamonn Young had company. Now!

But the Ulster forwards had the game in hands. Kevin Armstrong sent over another point.

Munster backs eased the pressure and sent the forwards away.

The Ulster backs fouled again... and Murt Kelly made no mistake this time with the free. He sent over the bar.

But the Ulstermen knew this was their day and resumed the attack.

Alf Murray got the ball on the wing... cut into the centre and sent over the bar for another point. From the kick-out he got possession again and repeated the score to leave the issue safe on the final whistle. Ulster had won its first Railway Cup football final.

The final score was: ULSTER, 1-10; MUNSTER, 1-5.

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CONNACHT HELD OUT IN HECTIC GAME

LEINSTER ATTACKED FROM THE THROW-IN, BUT GALLANT WESTERN BACKS QUICKLY SETTLED DOWN AND KEPT OUT THE FAST-MOVING FORWARDS. FOX OF CONNAUGHT WAS THERE TO HALT THEM. BRENDAN NESTOR WAS FIRST TO PIERCE THE LEINSTER REARGUARD, BUT HIS SHOT WAS WIDE.

From the kick-out, Nestor again got possession, and only a brilliant save by McDonnell saved the Leinster net.

The men of the Western

Province kept up the pressure, and a lobbing ball into the goalmouth was fisted under the bar by Moclair for a brilliant goal.

Those Connaught players showed that the football in the Province was on the upward trend.

Another drive was saved at the foot of the upright by McDonnell. The ball was scrambled away by the backs . . . but Carroll of Connaught, from the clearance, got the ball. He was fouled, and from the free he sent over the bar to increase the lead.

Leinster made their first sound attack and only great work by Burke prevented a score.

Burke saved a hard shot from Martin and the ball was cleared over the end-line for a "50" to Leinster. Jack Higgins took the kick . . . but the ball was taken by the Connaught backs and cleared out to midfield.

pressure. A melee in the Connaught square resulted in the referee hopping the ball.

Connaught backs got possession from the hop to ease this dangerous situation. Fox and Connaire, between them, got the ball to safety.

But Loughran got possession . . . he passed to the unmarked Douglas . . . he sent over the bar to cut down the Connaught lead further.

Connaught came back in a great movement . . . the ball went out to Correll on the left-wing . . . he swung into a scoring position . . . and sent the ball high over the bar for a wonderful score.

McDonnell was kept on his toes in the Leinster goal, but with sound backs to help him, the ball was soon in the Connaught end.

Petty fouling by the Western backs slowed up the game.

A free by Jack Higgins was fielded by P. Kelly. His clearance was gathered by Walsh . . . he sent to Delaney . . . Kelly, from Delaney's pass, then sent over the bar for another Leinster score.

Two points by Byrne followed in rapid succession. Leinster were now only 1 point behind and, despite good approach work, the forwards failed to catch the Connaught men before the half-time whistle sounded.

Half-time: Connaught, 1-3; Leinster, 0-5.

Within seconds of the re-start Martin equalised for Leinster amid great excitement. The fans had barely stopped cheering when Byrne gave them the lead for the first time with a point.

Back To Life

The game now came to life with each team giving of its best.

Dunne of Connaught got the ball at centre-field . . . he sent it over to the waiting Correll on the left wing . . . Gerry passed back to Dunne . . . he sent over the bar to bring the teams on level terms once more.

The football was now hectic and the spectators were getting real value for money.

Leinster backs broke up a strong attack on their lines, but the men of the West were now wide awake. Nestor broke through from the 40 yards mark . . . his pass found the alert Moclair . . . he dodged past two backs . . . and then shot straight to the Leinster net for a powerful goal.

Leinster attacked again and a hectic struggle was fought in the Connaught area. Synnott got the ball and scored another point.

Flannelly was sound in defence, and safely fielded a free from Byrne.

Connaught forwards came back on the attack and Donnellan notched up another point for the Westerners.

Nestor got the ball from the kick-out and weaved his way through the Leinster backs. As he came into the clear and steadied himself, the referee whistled him up. Brendan had hopped the ball twice!

Moclair's shot was brilliantly saved by McDonnell . . . but he was forced to concede a point.

Leinster again attacked. Kelly and

Delaney brought the ball up the field to the Connaught 21 yards mark. Delaney shot hard and true, and brought the crowd to their feet with a wonderful goal.

Connaught now led by one point.

But Donnellan and Correll combined to score another point and increase the lead slightly.

Gerry Correll then repeated the effort to leave the Westerners in front by one goal.

Correll got possession at centre-field . . . he soloed his way right through the Leinster backs . . . he shot from 14 yards out . . . but the ball went inches wide! Connaught were well on top now and only sold work by the Leinster backs kept them from scoring.

Higgins cleared again and again . . . but Connaught were well on top in the closing stages.

From a free, Correll scored another point. Connaught now led by 4 points.

Leinster attacked just on time. A free taken by Byrne found Delaney. He scored a goal to cut the lead down to one point . . . but the referee's whistle sounded on the kick-out to leave Connaught victors by a solitary point.

Final score: Connaught, 2-9; Leinster, 2-8.

The Teams

CONNAUGHT: T. Burke (goal), P. Quinn, P. Kelly, P. Flannelly, G. Ormsby, J. Carney, G. Correll, P. Moclair (Mayo); H. Carey, M. Connaire, F. Fox, J. Dunne, M. Donnellan, M. Higgins, B. Nestor (Galway).

LEINSTER: J. McDonnell ((goal), D. Brennan, P. Synnott, M. Kelly (Dublin); T. Meade, J. Loughran (Meath); M. McKeown (Louth); P. Fane, P. Mythen, N. Walsh (Wexford); J. Higgins, P. Martin, P. Byrne (Kildare); D. Douglas, J. Delaney (Leix).

At the other end Jerry Correll scored a point from a free, to leave Connaught leading by 1-3 to 0-0.

It was all Connaught for the first fifteen minutes.

Leinster again attacked . . .

but Connaught backs conceded a close-in free. Byrne opened Leinster's account with a point.

From the kick-out, Leinster again got possession and Burke in the Connaught goal made a daring save at the expense of a point. Fane led the next Leinster rush, and his pass to Delaney was taken neatly and Burke again came to the rescue with a mighty save.

Quinn was outstanding in the Connaught back-line at this stage, and his spectacular clearances saved the day. Connaught got away. A free was taken by Flannelly, but his effort was finished weakly by the forwards. Brennan and McKeown saved in turn for Leinster. A free, taken by Jack Higgins, relieved the

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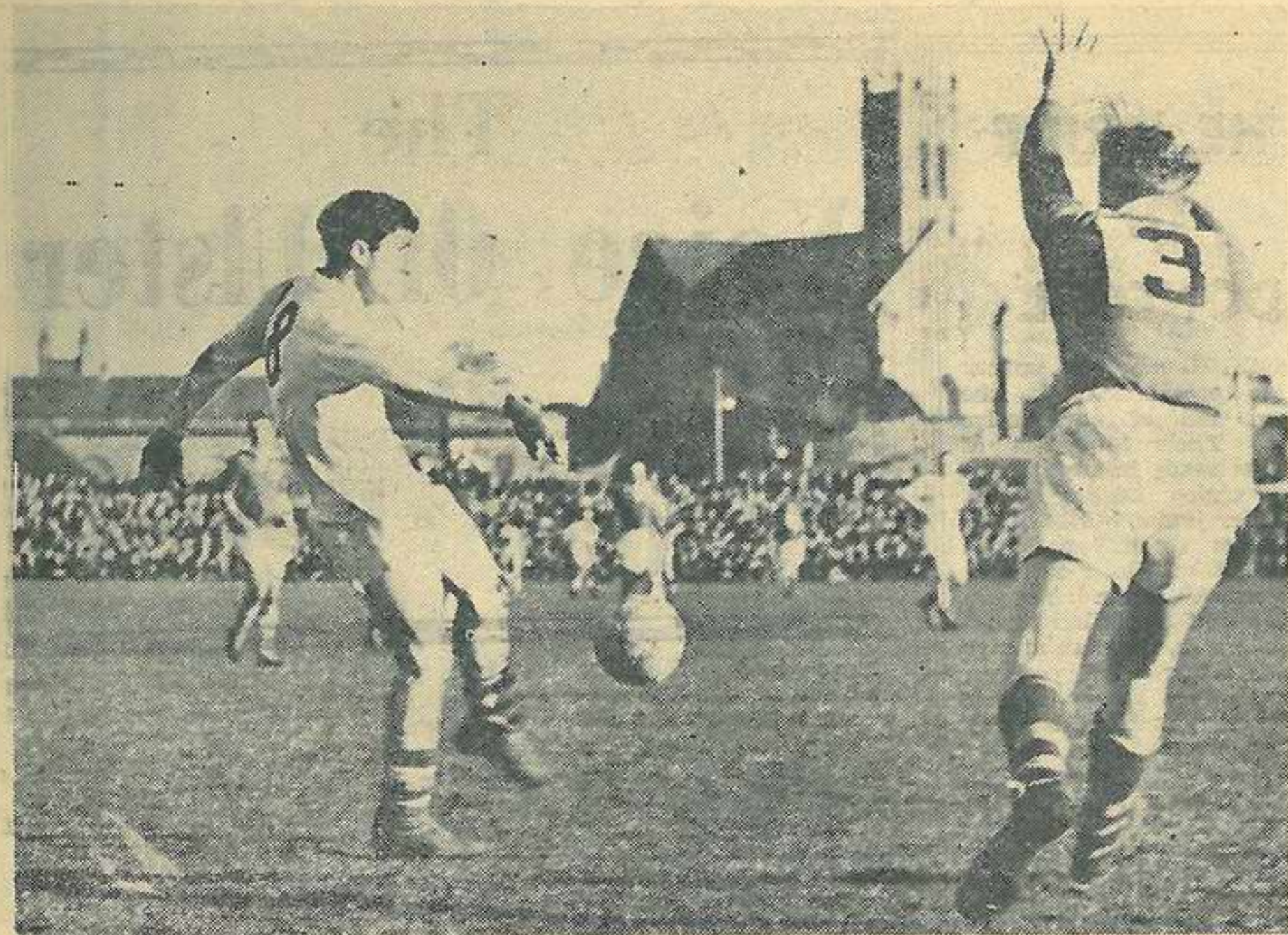
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A scene from this year's Railway Cup Semi-final between Connacht and Leinster at Ballinasloe.

Athletics

By Tony Barry

RECORDS

QUITE A LOT OF PUBLICITY HAS BEEN GIVEN IN RECENT WEEKS TO THE LATEST LIST OF RECORDS RATIFIED BY THE A.A.U.E., AND WHILST IT MAY SEEM RATHER LIKE FLOGGING A DEAD HORSE, I SHOULD LIKE TO ADD MY TWO BITS' WORTH TO ALL THE WILD STATEMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN APPEARING.

Three marks are involved—880 yards, High-Hurdles and Hammer Throw, and a sorry mess the A.A.U.E. have got themselves into. Briefly, Delany ran a 1-48.4 880 in Texas, in a meet under American A.A.U. laws. On request from the A.A.U.E., they confirmed this mark as O.K., and the A.A.U.E. ratified it as an extra-territorial record. The trouble here is that, as almost everyone except the A.A.U.E. officials knows, one week later Delany ran second in the American Collegiate championships, clocking an official 1-48.1. The N.C.A.A. meet is not under A.A.U. laws and consequently the mark could not be confirmed by them.

The fault lies, of course, with the A.A.U.E. people who hadn't the sense to go looking in the right place. About Kinsella's 14.2 mark, practically everyone who saw the race is of the opinion that the Pakistani, Raziq, won.

That sort of thing, however, can and does happen anywhere, and the fact that it happens here more often than in most places merely confirms an opinion which we have held for a long time now—**THAT IRISH OFFICIALS ARE, ON THE WHOLE, INCOMPETENT.**

The point we are now dealing with is the ratification of Kinsella's mark as a record. We cannot criticize the timekeepers as we do not know what their watches showed. We can criticize the A.A.U.E. for not faulting the record (a) on account of wind assistance, and (b) on account of a rather pronounced slope in the ground, favouring the athlete.

The situation has, of course, been made farcial by the ridiculous statements of one of the top A.A.U.E. officials—"I estimated the wind velocity at up to 15 m.p.h. out of the shelter of the trees, and at a height of 5 feet."

THIS MUST HAVE GIVEN A GREAT KICK TO ANYBODY WHO HAS SEEN OFFICIALS HERE HOLDING UP A FINGER TO "ESTIMATE THE WIND VELOCITY"!!!

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With Peter McArdle doing so well in the Eastern U.S.A., it is good to see that young Tom O'Riordan is

beginning to settle down in his new home in Idaho. Running for his college, Idaho State, in the N.A.I.A. cross-country championship meet, Tom came home fifth, showing a quite respectable 21-28.0 for the four-mile course.

Incidentally, Tom's college, Idaho State, should not be confused with the similarly named Idaho, which has been in the news recently for illegally recruiting athletes—believe it or not, they advertised for runners in a British track weekly.

Idaho State is in Pocatello in the southern part of the state, whilst Idaho is about 350 miles as the crow flies to the north-west in a town called, believe it or not, Moscow.

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Whilst one would not go so far as to suggest that winter is through, the first sign of blue sky and sun, albeit watery, got one thinking again of the track season which is, after all, just around the corner. On the track one record is about due for revision—Paddy Moore's hoary 49.4 for 440 yards, made in the N.A.C.A. championship meet of 1930.

There are three men who, I think, can provide each other with the stimulus necessary for an under 50 seconds effort—Charlie Vaughan, Jimmy O'Neill and Tim Foley.

Unless I'm mistaken, Jimmy O'Neill should have outgrown his youth status by now and this will bring himself and Foley together sufficiently regularly to get very close on fifty seconds. If they can get a couple of visits from Corkman Charlie Vaughan who has already got his foot inside the door with his 50 second mark in Cork, last year, it could lead to a record.

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On the European track front, one of the most interesting of recent news items concerned Emil Zatopek. In San Sebastian, the wily old Czech showed the way home to a

classy field of European cross-country and distance aces, including the British 10,000 m. hope, George Knight.

At this stage, in the twilight of his glorious career, the fact that the old man is training seriously can mean only one thing: that he has his sights set on adding the European marathon championship to his already impressive list of titles. Last season, Zatopek was still running sufficiently fast over 10,000 metres to make this possibility more than just a sentimentalist's mirage, and I feel that Zatopek will want to show the world that his Melbourne sixth place was, in fact, the result of his operation and not "anno domini."

And what a thrill it would be to see the old firm of Zatopek and Mimoun running one-two for the sixth time in major championship history.

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Speaking of marathons, I recently came across an intriguing new possibility in connection with the famous collapse of Dorando Pietri in the Olympic Marathon of 1908, in London. Generally, his failure to complete the journey under his own steam is attributed to the heat, and the fact that instead of increasing his pace gradually over the last few miles, Dorando put in an ill-judged spurt and so arrived at the stadium in a most distressed condition.

Amongst the items provided for the runners at the various feeding stations was one, the very thought of which would turn any modern marathoner's stomach—rice puddings!!! It would be interesting to know whether or not Dorando helped himself to one of those weighty re-pasts—if so, his feat in getting even as far as the stadium must be considered little short of miraculous.

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Has anyone ever come across the reason why W. J. M. Newburn's jump of 24' 6 3/4" was rejected by the records committee of the I.A.A.A.? The mark was made in Mullingar on the 18th July, 1898, two days after Newburn's world record 24' 0 1/2" jump in the Ireland v. Scotland meet. According to the newspapers of the time, the jump was "measured by several experts" and strangely enough, was made against a slight hill. In such circumstances, one would have thought Newburn well deserved a record. Still, he didn't get it, and if anyone can enlighten me as to why, I shall be extremely grateful.

Newburn, incidentally, appears to have been singularly unlucky in this respect, for a couple of weeks later, on August 1st, he won the G.A.A. long jump championship in Clonmel with another fine leap of 24' 6", which also never reached the record books.

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DONEGAL may not appear too prominently in the honours list of our native games. Their total list of triumphs reads briefly: Three Ulster senior hurling titles, one Ulster junior hurling title, five junior football and two minor football Ulster titles.

Not one All-Ireland, but yet, like some of our other struggling counties, they are always there, striving hard year in year out . . . always hoping that the long-awaited day may be just around the corner when the reward of years of endeavour may at last be reaped.

Present form indicates a revival in the North West, and it is to young men like Sean O'Donnell that the Gaels of Tir Conaill are now looking for a lead.

Promotion

A product of the Franciscan College, Multyfarnham, Sean was a star in Ulster colleges' competitions in the early fifties.

Quick promotion to county senior ranks proved O'Donnell possessed all the attributes necessary for top-class football.

Two seasons of brilliant playing and Sean was on the Ulster Railway Cup team for 1957, an honour which seldom comes the way of Donegalmen. And for Sean it was an honour twice over, for not alone was he the first Donegalman for quite some time to make the provincial side, but he was also, at twenty-one the youngest member of the Ulster team.

Equally proficient in either defence or attack, the versatile Sean has the essential qualities to lead his county to the honours so long overdue.

"Kelly" Still Under Fire

Dear Sir,

So we're off again. The great Eugene O'Sullivan, breaker of records, who could have run for Australia in the Olympic Games but would not renounce his Irish citizenship or pay the necessary allegiance to Her Majesty.

Let's get this straight. The only records O'Sullivan could ever have broken were some obscure district ones—at least before the Olympics anyhow. He may have been invited to compete in trials for the Aussie Olympic team, but he could never have been offered a place on the team. Why? Because he just was not good enough, that's why.

To have put O'Sullivan in the Olympics (whether in an Australian or Irish singlet) would have been about the worst kind of trick to play on anyone. Assuming he ran his fastest in the 10,000 metres he would have been lapped about 2½ times by most of the field and would have finished about a minute behind the last man.

In the 5,000 metres he would have finished about eighty yards behind the last competitor, in the slowest heat. That sort of thing is not worth anybody's singlet.

His best times, incidentally, were 14-27.0 for three miles (17th fastest in Australia) and 31-02.5 for six miles (14th fastest in Australia). We could find quite a few Irishmen to beat these times with less opportunity than O'Sullivan—should they have been sent to Australia.

Oh, by the way, Joe Delany is a 'heel' for emigrating and not having faith in the future of his country. Peter McArdle and O'Sullivan are, of course, gallant Irish exiles!

KELLY, GET WISE!!

W.K.D.

Dublin.

The Voice Of Ulster By Peadar Herron

In the pages of history 1847 has been described as "Black '47". In the annual report at the Convention of Donegal Gaels the Secretary described 1957 as "a black year in the history of the G.A.A. in the County." I am not surprised. If the players in Donegal keep going on as they are at present, I'm afraid that the number playing our national games in the future will be very small. Who wants to be beaten to death? I don't, anyway!

Ulster Gaels mourn the loss of one of Cavan's great sons. Mr. William Snow who died recently in New York was a native of Virginia Co. Cavan.

In 1914 he founded the G.A.A. of Greater New York. Fourteen clubs affiliated in that year. This number increased to the wonderful figure of 65 teams inside 15 years.

May he rest in peace.

Harps Gaelic Athletic Club of Armagh City is certainly a wonderful Club. The Club has gained all the County football championships to date and is still in the Armagh County Senior Football League with a great chance.

At their recent annual meeting, Rev. Father Coyle, C.C., heartily congratulated the Senior team on winning the coveted McKillop Cup for the second time and also praised the Juniors who brought the Co. title to the Club for the first time since the foundation of the Club 12 years ago.

Keep up the good work, Harps!

There are 70 clubs affiliated to the Association in Antrim . . . but only 14 thought it worth their while to bother about the annual Convention.

Funny thing about the whole affair is that the attendance at the Convention was very large!

Congratulations to Paddy O'Hagan, Hilltown, Co. Down, on his recent marriage. Paddy is no stranger to the Gaels of the county

and all join with me in wishing him and his bride many happy years together.

Paddy's bride is Rea Mussen of Bannvale, Hilltown, and she is a cousin of Kevin Mussen, the well-known County footballer.

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Last month I said that CAVAN would come out of Ulster this year. You should have seen a few of the letters I got since telling me to GET out of the North! My Tyrone friends (!) were really annoyed and of course the Editor of this paper did not help matters by publishing a picture of the Tyrone lads with my forecast as part of the caption.

Despite the fact that CAVAN went under to Meath in the League I still say that they'll win the Ulster Championship for the 44th time!

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In the column last month I told you about the player suspended for one month by the Board in Crumlin Road Jail.

Now I have been told that the Tyrone County Board have supplied the players with a set of jerseys.

That was a nice gesture from the Red Hands!

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"No mun—no fun" is the popular catch-cry nowadays!

But the question of finances with the Antrim Camogie Board is a very worrying problem.

At the Annual Convention of the South Antrim Board the Reverend Chairman, Rev. D. McBride, B.A., C.C., had nothing but praise for the treasurer. Despite the fact that money was scarce during the past year, the Treasurer, Mrs. N. Murray (Deirdre), presented a very good balance sheet for adoption.

Let's hope that the coming season will be more prosperous for the Antrim lassies!



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MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY

I JOIN with sportsmen the world over in offering my deepest sympathy — and the sympathy of athletes and sportsmen in Ulster — to the people of Manchester on the terrible tragedy that struck down so many of their young footballers in the bloom of their youth. To the management of Manchester United; to the relatives and friends of the victims, and to those "Busby Babes" who lost dear comrades, we say, from the bottom of our hearts — "we are sorry."

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MY SPORTS REPORT

BY
DON FINLAY

IN THE PAST A NUMBER OF OUR COUNTY HURLING AND FOOTBALL TEAMS HAVE TOURED OTHER COUNTRIES TO ENTERTAIN OUR IRISH EXILES. IT IS ONLY VERY RARE OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, THAT AN ORDINARY HURLING OR FOOTBALL CLUB HAS BEEN ABLE TO RAISE THE NECESSARY FINANCE FOR SUCH A TRIP, BUT THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT MARFIELD HURLING CLUB, CLONMEL, IS DOING AT THE MOMENT.

On Easter Sunday next, a Manchester hurling and football team will play Clonmel selected sides at Clonmel. They will fly over and spend the week-end in Tipperary's capital. Frank Ryan, Secretary of the Marfield Club, thought it would be a good idea if a Marfield hurling selected side could fly over to Manchester later on in the year, and return the compliment.

He has been in contact with Manchester, and it is expected that a definite announcement on the trip across-channel will be made following Manchester's visit to Clonmel.

Now, if Marfield are to go to Manchester, where will all the necessary money come from? Well, at present, Marfield is fortunate in being in a very sound financial position. Considerable finance has been obtained through bringing

some of the country's leading ceilid bands to the local St. Patrick's Hall, and if the players pay a little, the club hope to be able to pay the rest.

"Skittles"

Last summer an outdoor sport called "skittles" swept Clonmel and district like fever. Early on the year, there were only two or three recognised clubs in the district, but by the end of summer, a dozen new clubs had sprung up.

This year it was decided to make an early start, and to get things organised properly, a Clonmel and District Skittle Board was formed. The officers of the Board are: Chairman, Mr. Billy Maunsell; Vice-Chairman, Mr. John Lonergan; Secretary, Mr. Michael Hogan; Treasurer, Mr. "Fen" Cummins.

Incidentally, one of the most prominent players in the district is Theo English, the well known Tipperary senior inter-county hurler and footballer.

Kilrossanty

Kilrossanty, long famed as Waterford's premier football stronghold, will probably con-

test the coming Waterford senior hurling championship. They are at present senior football champions of the county. For a number of years past they have contested the junior hurling championship.

Champion

John Ferris, who won the Irish junior middle-weight championship at the Stadium, Dublin, recently, is also a footballer of no mean ability. Aged 21, he won West Tipperary minor football medals with Galtee Rovers in 1952 and 1953. He played with the Tipperary minor football team in the All-Ireland final of 1955, and the following year won a Tipperary junior football medal with Killusty. A native of Bansha, he boxes with the Tipperary Town Club. His brother, Garda P. Ferris, Waterford, won the Munster senior middleweight championship last year.

New Board

In future Tipperary cycling activities are to be governed by a

new County Cycling Board. This was decided at a recent meeting in the Slevenamon Hotel, Clonmel, when a Tipperary Cycling Board was formed. Previously, cycling activities in the county were governed by the Tipperary N.A.C.A. Board.

Officers of the new N.C.A. Board are: President, Rev. Father O'Donnell, C.C., Ardfinnan; Chairman, Mr. P. Butler, Carrick; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Walter O'Driscoll, Clonmel; Secretary, Mr. Willie Hyland, Clonmel; Joint Treasurers, Messrs. Liam Walsh, Clonmel, and L. O'Connor, Carrick.

To help launch the Board, a grant has been received from the Munster Council.

Novice Winner

WINNER OF THE COUNTY TIPPERARY NOVICE CROSS-COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIP AT HORSE AND JOCKEY WAS 21-YEAR-OLD JIM KEATY, OF KNOCKGRAFFON ATHLETIC CLUB. HE PLAYED MINOR, JUNIOR AND SENIOR HURLING WITH GOLDEN-KILFEACLE, AND ALSO PLAYED MINOR FOOTBALL WITH GALTEE ROVERS.

The coming year may be a record one for the West Waterford G.A.A. Board from a competitive point of view. As against 67 clubs last year, 69 clubs and 82 teams have been affiliated for the coming season.

The year 1957 was a highly successful one for juvenile games in Tipperary and no less than 100 teams competed in the championship. This was stated by Mr. Michael Carroll, N.T., in his Secretary's report to the annual convention of the Tipperary Rural Schools G.A.A. Board. Mr. Carroll was unanimously re-elected Secretary, while Rev. Father Keogh, D.I., and Mr. William Tuohy, were returned as Chairman and Treasurer, respectively. Mr. Willie O'Dwyer was elected County Board representative.

Elected

The annual general meeting of the Nenagh McDonagh Athletic Club was well attended. All outgoing officers were re-elected unopposed. President, Mr. A. McDonnell and Mr. T. Malone; Chairman, Mr. D. O'Brien; Vice-Chairman, Messrs. J. Quill, B. Hogan, T. Maher. Committee: Messrs. J. Delaney, M. Cuddihy, T. Ahearne, S. Hogan, B. Coffey, T. Ryan, D. Nevin, J. Lawlor.

MICHAEL BYRNE, FORMER A.A.U. MILE CHAMPION, REPLIES TO "KELLY," AND DOES SOME . . .

PLAIN SPEAKING

May I presume on your sportsmanship and Irish sense of fair play, with a little hard-hitting "back-chat" in reply to Kelly's "Plain Speaking."

Perhaps it is as well that we all have not got the low opinion of each other which Kelly has. Otherwise, rather than a partitioned country we'd have hundreds of cut-throat parishes, each claiming to be the sole custodian of our Gaelic heritage.

Mean Attack

A meaner attack on the sportsman of a generation could not be imagined than this veiled attempt to take from Ireland's greatest ambassador the credit which is his due. Ronnie's brother, Joe, is made the excuse for this low piece of journalism, and may I say if he were as unscrupulous in taking his neighbour's character as "Kelly," he could quite conceivably be in a better position to earn his livelihood at home.

The photograph! Perhaps as presented, it did not appeal to either Ronnie or Joe—true sportsmen that they both are, but who published it? Yes, none other than one of our National papers, which other than at times, can be just as cheap and sensational as the gutter press over here.

"Beans"

Play up the G.A.A. & N.A.C.A., down with the traitors in the A.A.U., and Rugby Union, but for the British £ (Payable on Demand in London) it's "Ronnie Wins For Ireland," or "Jack's the Boy," etc., etc.—"Tadg a dha thaobh tuigeann tu"! Believe it or not, I do agree with the crack about ill-informed pressmen, but Kelly, after this you must be the Daddy of them all.

Clonliffe "Beans," his opinion perhaps, but there are thousands all over Ireland and the world who would be glad to say that they got that close to such immortal sports-

men as Wint, McKinley, Ibbotson, Delaney and the rest. The N.A.C.A. may be a dirty word in certain quarters, but are these people blameless? What with "cooked" times, intimidation and flag waving it must be admitted they have a case.

Articles like this may sell the Echo among the glass-throwers of Kerry or the brawling Irish "sportsmen" of Hammersmith, Broadway or Camden Town, but I'm afraid it won't impress true sportsmen whatever their code. Kelly could serve Irish sport better by appealing to the highest common factor of intelligence among our sporting public rather than the lowest common dominator.

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AS I SEE THINGS

By Sean O'Neill

WITHIN A VERY SHORT TIME NOW MUCH SPACE IN OUR DAILY PAPERS WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE OPENING OF THE NEW A.A.U. STADIUM IN SANTRY. I NOTE THAT A FEW DAYS AFTER THE OFFICIAL OPENING A TATTOO WILL BE HELD IN THE GROUNDS. IT WILL RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE TOSTAL AND IS EXPECTED TO DRAW VERY LARGE CROWDS AND HELP IN A BIG WAY TO DEFRAY, ETC., THE COSTS OF THE STADIUM.

Now tattoos are very spectacular and entertaining affairs and this one is sure to be in no way less entertaining than any we have had in Dublin previously. Stars of the show will be a group of Liverpool policemen with their police dogs.

I am told that what these British police dogs can't do is simply 'nobody's business', what with finding missing people, smelling out criminals hounding down young Irishmen across the Border etc. etc. Simply wonderful animals and surely highly appropriate stars for this latest Clonliffe Harriers' Vaudeville.

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Friends ?

Sir Robert Gransden, the Stormount Government agent in London is a very busy man. Among other things his duty is to see that the British Government are constantly aware of the position in the Six Counties and to be at hand on all occasions to assert his loyalty and support on all matters appertaining to Her Majesty. His lesser duties entail the entertaining of mutual friends of both Northern and British Governments.

It was in this latter capacity that on February 7 last Sir Robert entertained members and officials of the Irish Rugby party who were in London for their game with England on the following day.

Gransden must know the friends and supporters of British occupation in Ireland?

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Somehow we cannot see eye to eye with the Central Council in having the Rest of Ireland versus All-Ireland champion game played

at Nowlan Park. If it is to be removed from Croke Park why not Casement park. Belfast, which could surely do with a few games of importance, in addition to furthering the game in the North.

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Queen's Award

Recently a columnist in one of our Sunday newspapers felt himself at liberty to speak on behalf of Irish sportsmen and wish Mr. Jack Crump, manager of England's athletic teams, every good cheer on being awarded the O.B.E. by the Queen of England.

Our Sunday newspaper friend went ahead to explain how he met Mr. Crump in the company of Ireland's premier international athletic promoter and found him a delightful fellow. Both these men, he stated, were doing wonderful work for athletics in these parts.

Personally we consider it unfair that only one of these two men referred to should have been chosen for royal honours. We honestly believe that had the good Queen been made fully aware of the other gentleman's work in Irish athletics that she would at least have given him an equal honour to that of Mr. Crump.

Let's not give up hope though for I am told that these honours are an annual event and surely will come to those who serve and wait.

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Iomaniocht

An amateur film competition was sponsored recently by the National Film Institute. First place was won by a film on medical research. Close on its heels in second place was a film entitled, "Iomaniocht" with 'the male lead' taken by none other than Mr. Hurling himself, Christy Ring.

This silent instructional film was made by Rev. J. Moran, C.C., St. Mary's, Kilkenny, who surely merits the hearty congratulations of all Gaels for his foresight and endeavour in presenting this fine film. Together with Christy the film includes many scenes of the boys of St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny.

The film is as I say an instructional one and should be of both benefit and pleasure to all Gaels.

At the moment I understand that there is only one copy of the film in existence but that within a few weeks, further copies will be made available.

When this is done they will be

available for a period of hire for a very nominal fee of a few shillings. All enquiries should be sent to The National Film Institute of Ireland, 65 Harcourt St., Dublin.

Film Actor ?



CHRISTY RING

My Critic

A letter appearing in last month's issue takes me to task for stating in this column that I never heard of a Mr. Stock or a soccer player by the name of Nordahl.

My critic, Paddy Murphy, informs me that Nordahl won an Olympic medal and is as famous in Sweden as Christy Ring is in Ireland. If I am to be a sportswriter I should learn something about sport he also says.

Well, Mr. Murphy, I may not be much of a sportswriter but I feel confident in saying that I know as much about Nordahl as does any average Swedish sportswriter about Christy Ring.

Whisper It

A CERTAIN IRISH SPORTS COLUMNIST RECENTLY EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE "WHISPERING OF OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM" AT THE RUGBY INTERNATIONALS IN LANDSDOWNE ROAD. PERSONALLY I AM VERY SURPRISED TOO. I SHOULDN'T HAVE THOUGHT THOSE RUGGER CHAPS EVEN KNEW THE NATIONAL ANTHEM TO WHISPER IT.

NEWS FROM LONDON

BRIAN BORU HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB ONE OF THE OLDEST IN LONDON, HELD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RECENTLY AT THE LORD HIGH ADMIRAL VAUXHALL ROAD, VICTORIA, S.W.1. THERE WERE OVER 40 MEMBERS PRESENT AND MR. PADDY COSTELLOE, DRUMCOLLOGHER, CO. LIMERICK PRESIDED.

In his address to the meeting he said he was very proud to say that although there were now over sixty clubs in the capital. The Brian Boru Club is still, if not more prominent as it was fifty years ago when only three or four clubs existed here.

The outgoing secretary, Mr. Paddy Ryan (Tipperary) in his report of the Club's activities during the past year said although all our four teams, three hurling and one foot-

ball, all reached finals we were unlucky not to figure in the honours list for the first time in many years. He then congratulated all players on their fine sporting displays during the year and appealed to all concerned to continue to give the same displays in 1958.

It was decided to affiliate three hurling senior, intermediate junior and a junior football team in this year's London competitions.

The following officers were elected: Life President, Mr. J. Crmins (Limerick); Chairman, Mr. P. Costelloe (Limerick); Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. Ogan (Tipperary); Treasurer, Mr. M. Hurley (Cork); Secretary, Mr. P. Ryan (Tipperary); Co. Board Delegates, P. Costelloe and F. Keane (Clare); Captain Senior Hurling Team: P. Ryan (Tipp); Vice-Captain do., A. Farrell (Tipp); Captain Intermediate do., E. Hayes

(Limerick); Vice-Captain do., G. O'Brien (Clare); Captain Junior do., F. Keane (Clare); Vice-Captain do., J. Fox (Cork); Captain Junior Football, J. Quinn (Cork); Vice-Captain do., E. Hayes (Limerick).

The following with all those already mentioned were elected to the committee: F. Ward, T. Fogarty (Offaly), R. Scallan (Wexford), P. Meehan, J. Lyons, M. O'Sullivan (Limerick); C. O'Halloran, C. Prendiville, P. O'Keeffe and J. J. Sheehan (Clare); C. Blount (Meath), W. Linehan (Laois), P. Moore (Dublin), A. Vosper (London), S. Fogarty (Tipp) and M. Crowley (Cork).

All new members are very welcome to this club and should contact the secretary, Mr. P. Ryan, 203 High Road, Willesden, London, N.W.10.

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OFFALY ROW

A first-class sporting feud is blowing up in Co. Offaly at the moment... a smouldering feud that is liable, at any moment, to explode into a war of raging bitterness in Midland athletics.

Here are the simple facts of the whole affair as they were told to me in Tullamore last month.

Some months ago, five members of the St. Colman's A.C. decided to change over to Tullamore Harriers, and duly applied for membership. But... when an application was made to their old club for the usual release forms, the secretary of the St. Colman's club refused to sign them.

The matter was then taken to the Offaly County Board of the N.A.C.A. and, after discussion, Tullamore Harriers were informed that if the five lads in question were happy in their new club and intended to become permanent members, they could do so... without the formality of release forms.

Everything was grand... until Tullamore, with the assistance of the five lads, won the Co. Offaly junior cross-country championships.

Immediately after the race, an objection was lodged against the Harriers, on the grounds that five members of the team were illegal. They had not obtained their release forms from Saint Colman's!

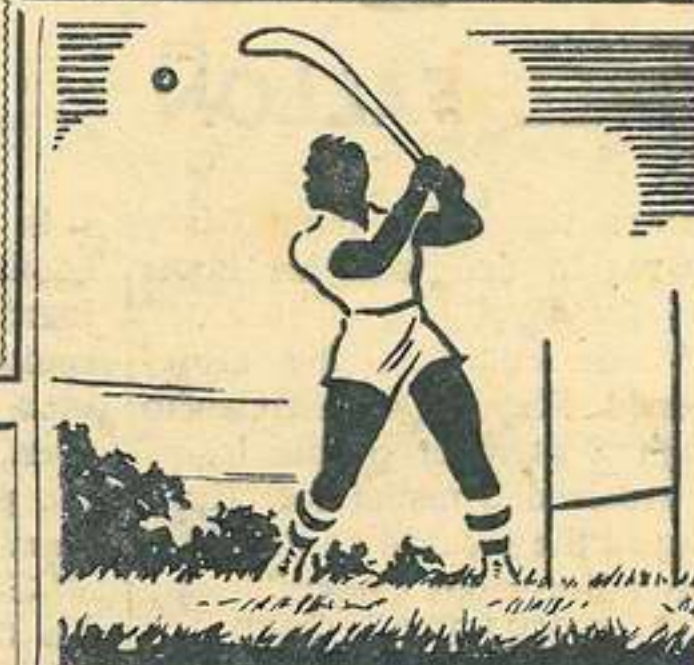
At a subsequent County Board meeting, the objection was upheld. The championship was taken away from Tullamore, and the junior team was suspended from competition.

At the same meeting, the Board officials denied that they had ever agreed to waive the formality of the release forms!

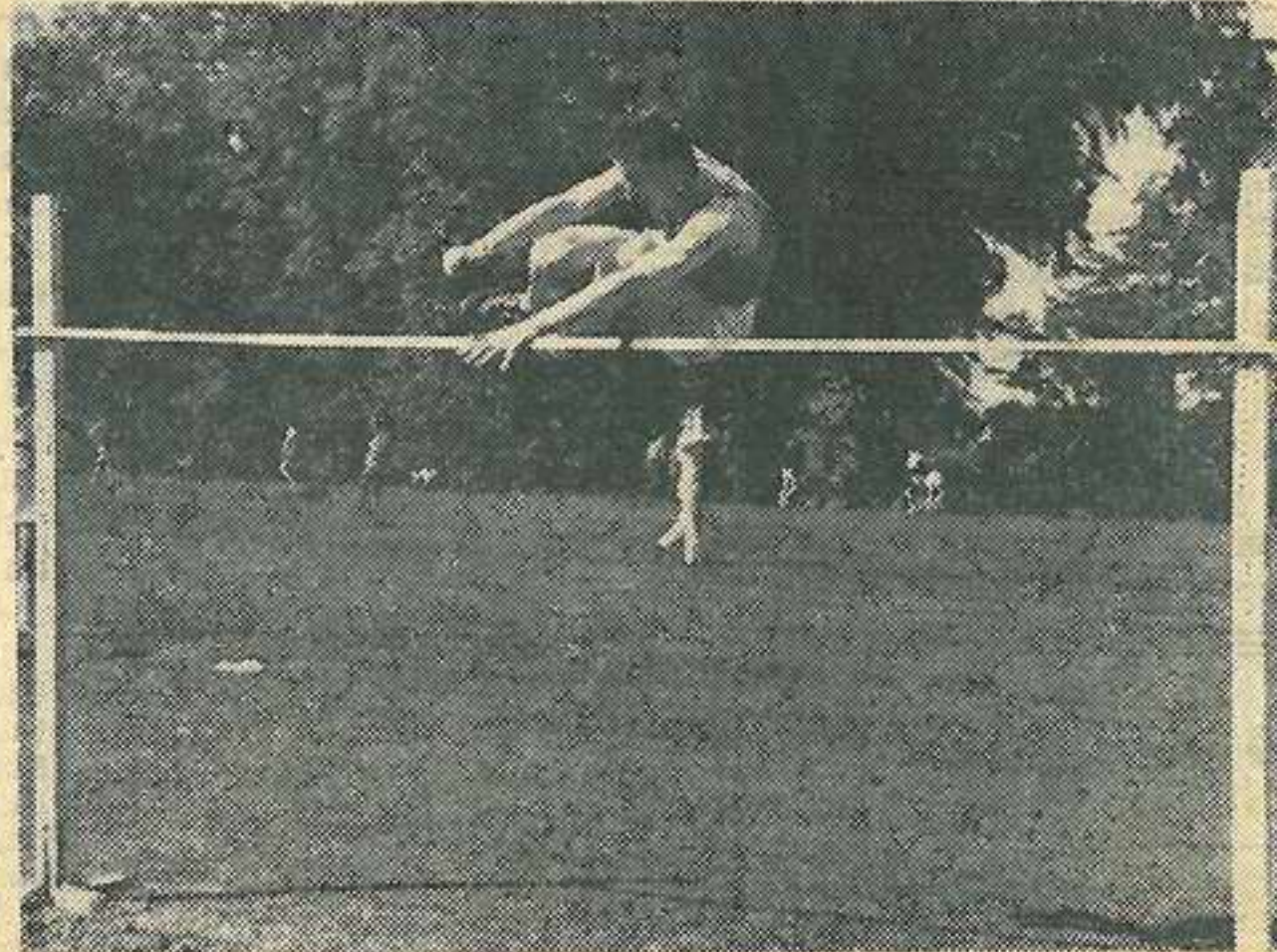
Then came a little bit of comic relief. Shortly afterwards, a team

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SUSPENDED



MACON McNAMARA, Munster and former Irish high jump champion, who has been suspended by his club in Co. Clare.
(See "On The Ball").

was selected by the Board to represent Offaly in the Leinster junior cross-country championship and, believe it or not, the same five lads—now under suspension, mark you—were nominated to represent the county!

As a protest against the suspension of their junior team and the loss of the county championship, Tullamore Harriers then withdrew their five men from the team.

And that brings us right up to the moment. But the case is still very far from a satisfactory ending.

"We are now taking the entire affair before the Leinster Council of the N.A.C.A.", says Brendan O'Shea, secretary of Tullamore Harriers, "and if we do not get satisfaction there, we will go to the Central Council of the Association. One way or another, we are going

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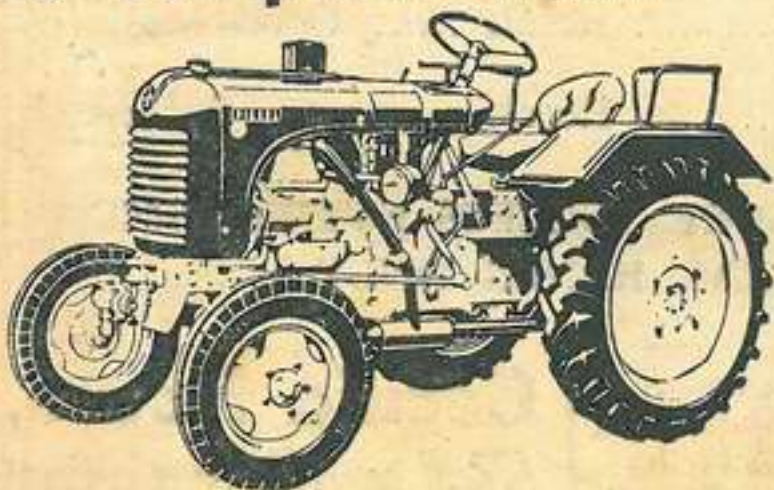
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to get a little justice for our junior team, and we intend to fight the case to the bitter end."

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Missing from the Cavan team that crashed to a shock defeat against Meath in last month's National Football League tie at Navan, was Garda and Ulster midfield star Tom Maguire. According to one report, Tom was "crippled" with a bad leg injury, which would keep him out of football for six months. According to another, the injury would probably put an end to his playing career.

"All nonsense", says Tom, "I did get a bad knock in a Dublin game some weeks ago, and I have been getting treatment for it, but it's not all that serious. I should be fit again very shortly."

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strikers. Pearse Park unfortunately for the Crumlin club, happens to be Corporation property.

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County champions Kilrossanty, winners of the Phelan Cup for 1957, held a victory dinner at Clonea recently, and the guest of honour was Nick Connors. Nick played on the first Killrossanty team to win a county championship... and believe it or not, that was back in 1888!

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And how's this for a laugh. It's an old saying "No names, no scandal" so I'll be on the conservative side, but this story is absolutely true—

Recently a well known chairman of a prominent senior club in the county of X made a ruling that any members who were in arrears with their subscriptions could not hold office.

A very good idea or was it?

One of the men who got the 'axe' was the club's secretary, and he had been in office for ten years

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At a recent meeting of the Clare Board of the NACA there was quite a sensation. Because the members of the Roravix club from Corofin refused to make a collection outside their ground, they were suspended for 12 months! And two very prominent athletes are now on the 'bad list'. They are Macon McNamara, former Irish high jump champion, and Mick O'Loughlin, holder of the Munster shot-put title. NACA Jimmy Conaghan says "I've never come across a case like, but I'm anxious to hear the full facts."

So are we!

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"There are too many GAA clubs in the country and it is tending to lower the standard of football rather than raise it".

That was an extract from a report by Maurice Hayes, secretary of the Down Board of the GAA at the Co. Convention last month. No comment!

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LAST PAGE COMMENT

A New High King ?

By BILL FALLON

RORY O'CONNOR WAS THE LAST HIGH KING OF IRELAND. AND HE DIED IN THE PALMY OLD DAYS OF THE TWELFTH CENTURY.

But don't be surprised if we have another one in 1958 . . . that's if Skyrne win this year's Meath senior football championship.

And the man for the job? None other than Michael O'Brien, famous Meath defender and hero of a hundred Royal County victories.

You don't get me? Well, stick around. I've news for you!

When Navan O'Mahonys beat Skyrne in last year's Meath football decider, twenty-one medals were handed out—twenty to Navan and one to Skyrne. And there's likely to be a hundred times more trouble over that one medal than all the trophies ever won by

Meathmen since the night Mary Ann went to bed with her boots on.

Odd man out was the aforementioned Michael O'Brien, who although a member of the losing team, received a medal for "having played the greatest game of his long and illustrious career."

FAIR ENOUGH! BUT . . . WHAT HAPPENS IF SKYRNE WIN THIS YEAR'S TITLE?

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After all it would be easier—and a good deal cheaper—than going off to Dublin and buying a gold cup. Well, wouldn't it?

Is sentiment killing Dublin football? "Yes," said a prominent Dublin fan to whom I spoke recently. "Too many men are being kept on the team even though they have passed the peak of their football greatness."

"Give rid of the old-timers and give the young blood of the city a chance. Then, and not 'till then, will Dublin be able to match paces with the best that any other county can put out."

True enough, Sean boy, but where is the talent to replace them? There is an abundance of brilliant young footballers in the city but every time they pull on the county jersey they seem to leave their best football behind them.

Any bright ideas you Dublin followers?

The Young Case

Five years ago, mention of the name of Capt. Eamonn Young was enough to stir the blood of any Cork G.A.A. football fan. He was the idol of every aspiring young footballer—a force to be reckoned with throughout the length and breadth of Ireland.

To-day, the name of Eamonn Young is still stirring the blood . . . but in a different manner. Thanks to certain members of the Cork County Board, Eamonn's name is being dragged through the mud, and at the time of writing he faces expulsion from the Association he has graced so nobly.

The cause of the complaint? Capt. Young wrote his life story for an English Sunday newspaper and thereby helped in "furthering its sales."

DEAR ME! JUST HOW NARROW-MINDED CAN WE GET.

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Ar mo shlighe tríd an dtír castar gach aon t-saghas duine orm-daoine a chuireann suim, cuir i gcas, i n-aithbheodhchaint na Gaedhíge, 'seadh agus daoine gur cuma leo, piocha beo no marbh i. Buailim le daoine a chuireann speis i gcluithchli na nGaodhal, agus daoine na chuireann.

Buailim le daoine eile, agus níl aon mheas aca ar chluichí a dtíre feinigh, ach ta ard mheas aca ar chluichí tíre eile. Gan amhras is fíor an seana radh gur ait an mac an saoghal.

SPRID ANA-LAG

Duine mar mise, a theigheann tríd an dtír ar chursai gnotha, tuigean se meon na ndaoine i bfiad Eireann níos fearr na fear eile a chaitheann a shaoghal na shraid-bhaile bheag fein, no na pharóiste bheag fein, mar a gceadna.

Ní doigh liom go bfuil aon silghe níos fearr, no aon mhodh níos fearr chun tír-eolas na tíre do fhoghlaim na ghabhail tríd an dtír—o cheann go ceile, agus dul isteach, ní h-amháin i ngach bhaile, ach i ngach sraid bhaile cho maith. Cionn tu an gleann is a bhui ann annsan.

Bionn a fhios agat cad a an saghas talmhan ata sa chonndae seo, agus sa conndae siud tar eis tamallin do bheadh eolas agat ar gach aon chros-bhothar ar an slighe. Do bhead a fhios agat leis, cad iad an saghas daoine ata sa bhaile seo agus sa bhaile suid—an bfuil meon gaodbalach, no an bfuil meon gallda aca.

Do chuirfeadh se iongnadh ort ar uairibh. Do raghfa insteach i mbaile airighthe, agus do bheithe ag brath go mbeadh sprid bhreagh ghaodhalach ann, a mhalairt ar fad, ar fad a bheadh ann bfeidir.

Tríd is tríd, ceapaim-se on mheid ata suibhailta agam le deanaidhe go bfuil an sprid an-lag i bfuirmhor na ndaoine a casadh orm i rith na míosa so caithte. Ta moran rudai freagarthach chuige sin is docha, ach tíochfaidh me ar na cuiseanna san, ceann ar cheann, la breagh eigin eile le congnamh De.

LA LE PADRAIG

I gceann coighise no mar sin, beidh la mor againn. La mor e, ní h-amháin annso i n-Eirinn, ach ar fuaid an domhain iomlain, mar ta clanna Gaodhal sgaipithe i ngach mhor-roinn agus a ngach tír ar fuaid an domhain.

Ta fonn faniochta orainn, mar chine. Sin céann des na lochta mora

ata orainn-ne. Laige e sin ata orainn "Bionn adharca fada ar na buaidhb thar lear"—i gcomparaid leis na buadhaibh ata agaim fein sa bhaile. Ach taobh amuigh de sin ar fad, deanann Clanna Gaodhal, fuirmhor díobh ach go h-airithe, deanaid an-chuid mhaithseasa, nuair a bhionn siad abfad i gcein, agus abfad o bhaile. I gcurai creidimh, cuir i gcas, níl a leitheid le fail, taobh thuaidh, no taobh theas de lar line an domhain.

Ach pe ait na bhionn Gaodhal, nuair a thagann la le Padraig, is ar Eirinn agus ar a mhuintir i n-Eirinn a bhionn se ag cuimh-nimh, Bionn a chorp i dtír iasacta ach bionn a anam is a chroidhe ar thalamh ghlas na h-Eireann, a fhod dhuthchais.

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