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IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE—

JOHN JOE LAVIN OF SLIGO AND  
CONNACHT . . . By PHILIP RODERICK

— AND —

"IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT"  
. . . By TONY BARRY

## QUIT?

'Not On Your Life'  
Says KELLY

IT would appear that a small but very much vociferous minority of the readers of this publication cannot take it. The comments of Kelly seem to hit them in a sore spot and with true Irish forbearance demand my head on a plate forthwith.

Well, I have news for them. **THEY WON'T GET IT AND FURTHERMORE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ENDURE A MONTHLY DOSE OF THE TRUTH THAT HURTS FOR QUITE SOME TIME YET.**

Of course there is a solution to their problem. They can stop reading this column. I won't mind a bit. Half a dozen out of my 25 odd thousand readers won't be missed.

However, I'll bet that they will carry on reading it. It is pretty good even though I do say so myself.

### Tantrums

You know the Editor and myself have one point in common. We both believe that everyone is entitled to his opinion no matter how foolish, farfetched or asinine it may be.

AS A RESULT THE EDITOR PUBLISHES MY COLUMN AND I THINK WE ALL HAVE FUN. WELL, DON'T WE?

I do, you know. The tantrums of these childish people who cannot stomach unpleasant truths is really funny.

Although I have never been to India, I have it on good authority that the religion of the people in a certain part of that excellent country lays it down that the cow is a sacred animal.

As a result these animals are allowed to wander freely around the towns. They may obstruct your motor-car, eat the choice blooms in your garden, etc., etc., but you are not allowed to do anything about it.

Here in Ireland we have our own species of sacred cow. It appears that I have upset the followers of a number of these sacred animals.

**WELL I'LL DO WORSE, I'LL NOT ONLY INSULT THEM, I'LL SLAUGHTER THEM, TURN THEM INTO BULLY BEEF, CAN THEM AND EXPORT THEM AS PART OF OUR EXPORT DRIVE.**

Poor old Fionnbar Callanan seems to have an awful liver with me. You know I was amazed to find that he was the mysterious contributor to World Sports.

Yes, I really was amazed!

### Forgiveness

However, Fionnbar, our stock, why don't you just admit that you slipped up instead of giving us your life story. (If you save it up you might be able to sell it to an English paper like Young).

Furthermore you must be mixing me up with someone else. I never said a word about Kinsella or O'Reilly, even though you accuse me of villifying them. Arrah I suppose you had a bit of a liver when you wrote that article. Sure none of us like to be criticised. However, I'll forgive you.

However, I still think you were a naughty boy to give the AAU 123 lines and hurling and football only three each. You make one interesting declaration though, in your reply. It is that the Editor of World Sports will not publish reports of NACA performances. Irish readers please note.

By the way with regard to the

strip tease challenge you issue, I'll let you into a big secret. As you suspect I am not really Con Kelly. In actual fact I'm the rich Maharajah of Magadore.

Poor old Mick Byrne. He really put his foot in it. If the Kerymen get a hold of him they will have his life. You know Mick, I'd be disgusted if I had not hurt your feeling. You are one of the people I aim this column at and it is gratifying to know that I am on the target. As you used to say when firing your rifle when you were in the Army "I'm zeroed".

**BY THE WAY I WILL BE DELIGHTED IF MICK BYRNE SUBSTANTIATE HIS CHARGES THAT THE NACA 'COOKS' THE TIMES OF RACES, I ALWAYS THOUGHT IT WAS THE AAU THAT DID THAT.**

W.K.D. must make a fortune on the "gee-gees". It seems that he can tell who would have finished where in an Olympic Games race he did not run in.

However, I have news for him too. O'Sullivan's best times are better than those W.K.D. knows of. He has broken State records as well as representing Australia in at least one International.

Anyway who ever said he would win a gold medal? Even supposing he came in last, it would have been a cheap last. One of the last places we got cost 600 iron men. O'Sullivan's last place would have been much cheaper.

Finally, let's get a few things about Delany quite clear.

### Failure

I do not carry a special knife around with me to plunge in his back at the earliest opportunity. Neither do I carry a torch for him.

It would seem that some people have put poor old Ronnie on a pedestal and anyone who does not salaam to him is accused of being spiteful.

You know I have quite a great regard for our sub-four-minute miler. His "I run to win the race and not for records" attitude put a certain gentleman in his box in no uncertain manner.

His ability as a runner is without question; the boy can run.

However in one sphere Delany has failed me. It is not enough to be a fast runner. I expect more than that.

He has been called our "Ambassador of Sport" . . . an ambassador's job requires him to press the claims of his own people.

### Idolatrous

There is a despicable situation here in Irish athletics whereby 90 per cent. Irish athletes are banned from International competition because they refuse to accept Partition in Irish sport.

A word from you Ronnie could go a long way to help fix this up. You had your chance at Melbourne when you had a microphone in your hand and the world listening in.

All you said was: "I won for Ireland . . . Ireland!" Although you knew well that you only won for 26 counties of it. However, the fact that your conscience was at you proves you are OK at heart, old son.

Do your bit towards getting this unjust suspension lifted Ronnie, and I will join the idolators who salaam at your shrine.

**I'LL DO MORE, I'LL BE THE MOST IDOLATROUS OF THEM ALL!**

## TEN IRISH ATHLETES WILL RUN . . . .

# 400 Miles

. . . NON-STOP!

AT 12.30 ON EASTER SATURDAY, MR. JIMMY MAHONEY, CHAIRMAN OF THE DUBLIN COUNTY BOARD OF THE N.A. & C.A. (I.) WILL BE THE OFFICIAL STARTER OF A RUN THAT WILL BE UNIQUE IN THE ANNALS OF IRISH ATHLETICS.

Ten young runners of the Inchicore Athletic Club, running eight miles each at a time, will tackle the long journey from Fair Head in Antrim to Mizen Head in Cork.

Because they have decided to include Dublin—especially their own Inchicore—in the schedule, their journey will be over a distance of 402 miles.

They have undertaken this mighty task to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of the Club and they certainly picked on a difficult way of having a party.

They expect to finish the run about three o'clock on Easter Monday, and the time taken will be there for future challenge by any club or clubs that wish to have a try at bettering the Inchicore figures.

To Club Captain Vincent O'Neill, falls the honour of starting the first eight miles. The relay will be nine runners had their names drawn out of the hat to decide place at the moment that the guinea runner will be allowed to start. If the runner passing through the City falls by the wayside, the relay will be shouldered with the balance of his mileage.

Eight miles per hour is the rate of

running laid down, but naturally that will vary depending on the terrain. Minutes dropped on hilly roads will be picked up on the downward trail.

The number nine runner should be passing through BELFAST around the ten o'clock mark on Saturday night. Then follows the long run in the dark to DUBLIN. If my reckoning is correct, Club Captain Vincent O'Neill should be the runner passing through the City.

The run through Dublin is timed for 9.30 approximately on Easter Sunday morning. Thus the relay will be gone through before the

By  
**Paddy Hanly**

Easter Parade is due to commence. Then begins the long road to CORK.

The natives of Cork City will be sound asleep when the race passes there about 5 o'clock on Easter Monday morning. Another 10 hours' running lies ahead . . . and with fortune in their favour, the Club should reach Mizen Head about 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon.

Liam Quinlan, youthful Chairman of the Inchicore A.C., told me— "Our lads are very young . . . And many people have told us that this marathon will ruin them for track running during the coming season. But I don't think so. 40 miles in 48 hours with little rest and food, sounds very hard . . . but we have trained specially for this attempt. We are going to do it . . . come rain, hail or sleet!"

We wish them all the very best . . . and pray that "all the hills on their way may turn into valleys."  
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**Review**



# Irishman Beat The World

**By Kevin Mac Keon**  
If you ever visit Partarlinton be on the lookout for a cycle cum radio shop with the name A. Donegan over the door.

Inside you will find Alo Donegan, a cycling giant of the pre-war era, who held the World 25 miles cycling record for six years.

A contemporary and a rival of the great Bertie Donnelly, Alo was a complete all-rounder on a bike. He could break long distance road records and still finish in front of the fabulous Bertie in track races.

That, to say the least, takes some doing.

Sport has many barriers which seem to defy competitors to overcome them.

The four-minute mile is an example of what I mean.

Twenty odd years ago cyclists were approaching such a barrier.

To cyclists it was known by just two words "The Hour". It meant to cover 25 miles on an out and home course, alone and unpaced in less than 60 minutes.

**DONEGAN BEAT THE WHOLE CYCLING WORLD TO IT ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1934 BY WINNING THE PALMER CUP RACE WITH A TIME OF 59 MINUTES, 5 SECONDS.**

He shook the whole cycling

world but needless to say our lilywhite sportsmen across the Irish Sea refused to believe it. According to them the course was short, the time was crooked or perhaps both.

Donegan's reply was most effective. He entered for one of the English Classics, the Birchfield "25" and trounced the reigning English champion Ralph Dougherty. The critics were silenced.

The Partarlinton man's complete versatility was amazing. He was able to beat Bertie Donnelly in the 1000 metres Irish championship and set up a new record for the Limerick-Dublin run in the same season.

So good were his long distance performances that some of his times still stand. Indeed his Limerick-Dublin record only fell to Con Carr last year.

To finish let me just give you the results of four out of the dozens of races he competed in in 1934.

Track: 1000 metres Irish championship, first; 50 miles English open tandem paced championship, second. Road: 25 miles time trial, world record; Limerick Dublin, Irish record.

Thus at long and short distance racing both on road and on track he was able to hold his own against all comers.

# More On The Fermoy 'Affair'

BY WILLIAM DOOLEY

**TONY BARRY'S** article in the February issue of "Gaelic Echo" bring us back to one of the most talked of episodes in Irish athletic history, when Dr. Pat O'Callaghan, of Kanturk, twice Olympic champion, was credited with the then amazing hammer throw of 195 feet 4 1/2 inches, at Fermoy, on 22nd August, 1937.

I was not at the Southern venue on that day. Neither have I any of the certificates in reference before me. But certain features of the case remain quite vivid in my memory.

First of all, Tony Barry is quite correct in stating that a few conflicting measurements were quoted in the press and in this regard I can offer some information.

Mr. J. J. Bowen, Civil Engineer, measured with a steel tape along the line of the throw to the exact centre of a circle which was only 6 feet 7 inches in diameter instead of the customary 7 feet. To this central point the tape read 198 feet 8 1/2 inches. This evidently was the first reading taken by or given to the press.

But from the inside of the white line, directly between circle centre and where the hammer fell, half the diameter of the circle—3 feet 3 1/2 inches—had to be deducted, which made the correct measurement 195 feet 4 1/2 inches.

The judges were well known in Southern athletic circles and, of course, the Civil Engineer and local Weights and Measure Inspector, who weighed the hammer, above reproach. Yet the N.A. & C.A. (I) Records Committee, recognising the responsibilities, would not accept certificates tendered in the ordinary course, and instead insisted on affidavits, which were also forwarded to Dublin.

Mr. Bowen found a drop of 11/16 of an inch in the ground over which the hammer was thrown. This provided a problem but the secretary of the Records committee wrote Mr Dan Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the American Athletic Union, for advice in the matter. Mr. Ferris replied to the effect that it is almost impossible to find dead level ground, the international rules allow for a drop of one in a thousand and therefore an 11/16th inch drop could not deprive a thrower of a record over such a distance.

## Overweight

As referred to by Tony Barry, I myself heard Maurice Curtin, the only other competitor at Fermoy, say that, although Dr. Pat offered him his hammer to throw, he declined, as he believed it felt too heavy. Actually the weights and measures inspector certified that the doctor's hammer was 8ozs. over the required 16lb.

It may also be of interest to note that Dr. O'Callaghan's European record of 186 ft. 8 1/2 ins., at Ennis-corthy on September 24, 1933, was certified as established with a hammer weighing 16lb. 9ozs.

On this latter day the footing was none too good following heavy rain, and the throw made against a slight rise. The hammer had not gone 20 feet from the Olympic champion's hands when he shouted: "There is it". He knew he had got the pull.

I saw the Ennis-corthy hammer when it was brought to Dublin and it was indeed a primitive looking object with a length of wire twisted about near the head and a spiky end sticking out at right angles from the handle.

The 195ft 4 1/2 ins. by Dr. O'Callaghan never found its way into the world record lists. The NA & CA (I) was then "suspended" by the International Federation.

Pat Ryan, of Pallasgreen, still with us, held the official world figures from 1913 to 1938, when Erwin Blask advanced to 193ft. 6 1/2 ins. I met Blask and had a long conversation with him in Frankfurt-on-Main, in 1954. He is a policeman there. I asked him to write to Pat Ryan, whose record he broke after a quarter of a century and I am happy to know that he has since done so.

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Camogie was introduced to Belfast and County Antrim in the wave of patriotic fervour which swept up from the South in the early years of the present century.

The first club to be formed in Antrim—Banba—came into existence in 1908, due mainly to the efforts of the Seaghan an Diomais G.A.A. Club. Banba played their first game on June 7, 1908, under the auspices of Feis Dhun Dealgain, against Dundalk Emers. Banba won by 4 goals 5 points to Emers' 2 goals 1 point.

Stars of that historic game were the Misses K. O'Leary, M. Nicholl, R. Ward, L. Dibin (Banba), and the Misses M. Nolan, A. Fearon, B. Smith, and A. Hanratty (Emers).

Banba's brave efforts, however, came to nought as games for cailini had not, at that time, attained the popularity they enjoy to-day. And so, Banba Club regretfully disbanded.

During the 1910—1911 period, however, interest in the game was revived, thanks to the efforts of the Crowley Mitchel and Ardoyne G.A.A. Clubs who formed camogie teams in their areas.

It was surely a red-letter day for camogie fans in Belfast on that cold October evening in 1910 when they made their way to the Seaghan an Diomais (now McRory) Park to witness the first game between the Mitchel and Crowley clubs. Mitchels won that game, and were best served by the Misses N. Harte, N. McCormick and M. Woodhouse.

Until 1914, these three teams—Crowleys, Mitchels and Ardoyne—continued to play challenge games amongst themselves.

Hopes were high that a County Board would be formed. Such was not to be, however. The three clubs were soon "things that were."

1927 found but one club in Antrim—O'Connell's—whose stalwarts were the Misses J. Ritchie, M. Lavery, L. Greenan, M. Hurson and N. McMillan.

In 1928, that well-loved and enthusiastic worker, Jim Johnston (who died in 1939) set out to recover lost ground, ably assisted by Mrs. S. Carmichael, Miss M. Campbell and Mr. Tom Clear. Clubs quickly sprang into existence. The 1928 Antrim League had: Deirdre, St. Mary's Training College, McKelvey's, Ardoyne, Gaedhil Uladh, Countess Markievicz, O'Connell's, St. Malachy's, Moran's, and Wolf Tone's competing.

Next we find South West Antrim to the fore, with teams in Creggan (St. Olcan's), Randalstown (Tir na nOg), Antrim (St. Brigid's), Toomebridge, and Newbridge (St. Teresa's). North Antrim also came into the picture with teams at Ballycastle, Glenarm, Carnlough, Cushendon, and Glenariffe. The South Antrim League was officially launched in 1930, with O'Connell's as winners that year, and also the following year.

In 1932, representatives of the three divisions met and made the all-important arrangements regarding legislation in each area. The Ulster championships were founded in 1932. From that year, Antrim had an unbroken run of successes until 1940, when Derry gave the Antrim girls their first defeat at Draperstown. The cailini from the Glens subsequently held the Provincial title from 1942 to 1947, and came back

## Our New Camogie Series

BY

**RIOBARD A BRAMHAM**

again in 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953 and 1955, 1956 and 1957.

Antrim first appeared in an All-Ireland Final in 1944, an appearance that was a prelude to a hat-trick of All-Ireland titles, when they defeated Waterford, Galway, and Dublin respectively in the finals of 1945, 1946 and 1947.

Nine years later—1956—Antrim cailini triumphed once more in the final after a thrilling semi-final win over Dublin (holders) in Casement Park, Belfast.

Last year, in the final at Croke Park, Dublin had revenge when winning their sixteenth All-Ireland title at Antrim's expense. What has 1958 in store for the Northern girls? Time will tell.

## WORTHY SUCCESSOR TO PEADAR BARRY

Fourteen years ago Maurice Hayes was appointed Secretary of the Down Hurling Committee. From that first secretarial post he has bounded up the ladder of fame with amazing rapidity . . . and to-day he is one of the outstanding men at the helm of G.A.A. affairs.

He is one of those executives who are dedicated to their work and when he took over the post of Secretary from Peadar Barry in 1956, Gaels all over the country knew that a worthy successor had stepped into the post that Peadar had held for thirty years.

His appointment as Assistant Secretary to the Board in 1949 came as no surprise . . . and further promotion to the post of Joint Secretary in 1954 showed that his ability was recognised.

The Central Council of the G.A.A. appointed him Secretary of the Galway touring side last year . . . and Maurice carried out his duties in connection with this trip in his usual efficient manner.

As the result of this trip

Maurice was very constructive in his criticism of the American tours and he was more than amazed at the "set-up" in the States. He was surprised at the number of G.A.A. exiles who showed no interest whatsoever in the trips—and that included some men from the County Down!

The Gaels of the County Down are very fortunate in having a man like Maurice holding the reins as Secretary under the guidance of Peadar Barry, who is now Honorary President. But Peadar is more than confident in the ability of his former "pupil."

At the recent Ulster Convention his words were given much more attention than those of many other delegates, but then Maurice has the reputation of being one of those brilliant young men who knows what he is talking about.

Much more will be heard of him in the years to come and there is little doubt that Peadar Barry's brilliant successor will stay in office as long, if not longer, than he did himself.

Perhaps it would be well to recall here some of the cailini who figured in many of Antrim's memorable games down the years: Misses P. Smyth, W. Storey, M. Griffin, M. O'Gorman, K. Rainey, C. McDermott, P. Doocy, S. McKeown, M. Madden, B. O'Neill, R. McCamphill, M. Donnelly, K. Doocy, J. O'Reilly, N. Mulligan, R. McGarvey, L. Forrester, M. Gilroy, C. Hughes, T. Kearns, M. Rainey, M. Kane, F. Forde, W. Kearns, and D. O'Gorman.

(St. Peter's, Belfast), Mr. J. McKeown, Mrs. J. Drum, and Mr. Eamonn O'Boyle.

In all their appearances in these All-Ireland games, the Antrim girls have proved themselves agile and clever camogie wielders. They showed, again and again, that they could rise to the occasion, and stood up to close, ruthless tacking with grit and determination. Faced, in many instances, with opponents trained by All-Ireland hurlers who knew every artifice of the game, the Ulster champions, using their speed and quick striking power, invariably finished in strong, confident fashion.

Jean McHugh (Belfast) has been the spearhead of camogie activities in Antrim for many years, ably assisted by Rev. F. McAtamney

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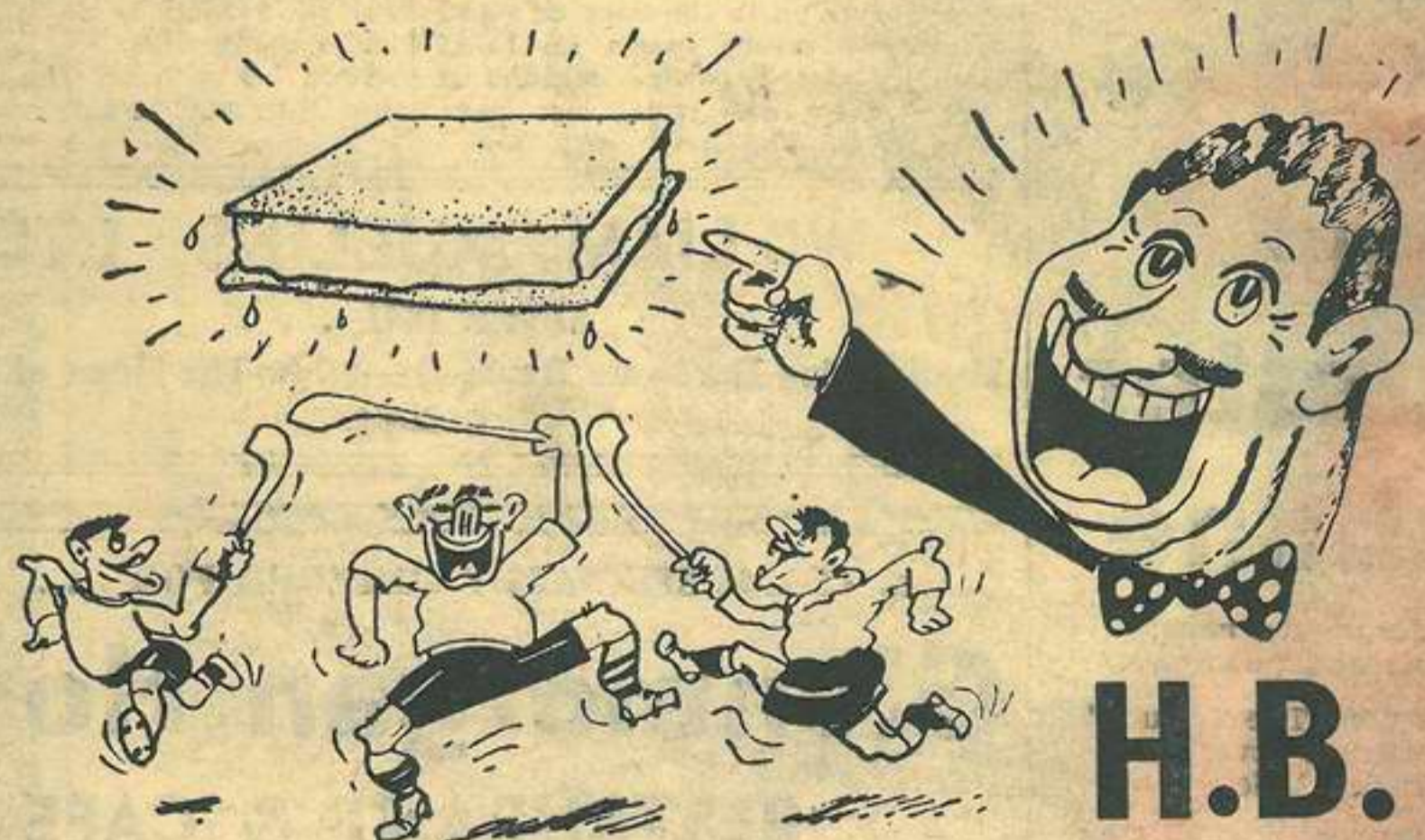
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# MY SPORTS REPORT

BY  
**DON FINLAY**

IN recent years inter-factory football competitions have become very popular in the provinces. In Clonmel, a very successful inter-factory league was run off recently, following which a Clonmel selection travelled to Wexford to play the local Johnstown Agricultural College.

Johnstown, who are factory champions of Wexford, won on the score of 2-4 to 0-5. Their line-out included Leinster and Wexford football star, Sean Turner, while centre half-back on the team was Barry Devlin, brother of Tyrone players Eddie and Jim Devlin.

St. Joseph's College, Freshford (Co. Kilkenny) occasioned a big surprise when they overcame an entry of nine teams to win the Leinster juvenile basketball championship at the Curragh. Outsiders for the championship, their display exceeded all expectations.

The Laois Football Board are angry at a report in a Sunday newspaper which stated: "Rowdysm seems to accompany Laois fans as a part of their customary attitude. There seems to be no place in Laois for the respectable sideline supporter."

Mr. D. Murphy, Ballylinan, said that the report was "disgraceful." He said that the term "rowdysm" was a slur on the supporters of Laois team. He had attended the match in question, and did not see any rowdysm. He suggested that the Board protest in the strongest possible manner.

Cyclists of Clonmel Athletic and Cycling Club are looking forward to what they hope will be the greatest ever season in the history of the club. The club has suffered a severe loss through the absence of star rider Johnny Gearon, following an operation. He may be fit for some of the more important races at the end of the season, but he is a doubtful starter for Ras Tailteann. A heartening sign, however, is that several newcomers have taken up the sport, and the club is not likely to have any shortage of talent.

Last month I told readers that the game of skittles had become so popular in Clonmel and district that a Clonmel Board had been formed. In the meantime, the Clonmel Board had to be "scrapped," due to the number of teams that affiliated, and a South Tipperary Board was formed in its place.

The game is played on the roadside, or sometimes in an enclosure, and is completely different from indoor skittles. A player is given three large blocks of wood and tries to



## JIMMY DOYLE

THE YOUNGEST OF THE TIPPERARY TEAM THAT LEFT SHANNON LAST YEAR FOR NEW YORK AND THE ST. BRENDAN'S CUP GAME, WAS ALREADY A VETERAN. FOR 18-YEARS-OLD JIMMY DOYLE OF THURLES IT WAS NOT EVEN HIS FIRST FLIGHT ABROAD, FOR HURLING TOOK HIM TO LONDON AT WHIT, WITH TIPPERARY, FOR THE ANNUAL MONAGHAN CUP CONTEST.

This dark-haired, slight-built (5ft. 8ins., 10st. 11lbs.) youngster has already had rare distinctions in winning three All-Ireland minor medals in a row (it could have been four—he was playing in his first Croke Park Final at fifteen years of age, but Dublin beat Tipperary that day), and in playing for the Tipperary senior team before leaving minor ranks.

But then, Jimmy has been swinging a caman in his left hand since he was knee-high to his father's bootlaces. And Dad was able to show the wee fellow a few tricks. Gerry Doyle was a sub. on the All-Ireland winning teams of 1937 and 1945 and won no less than seven championships of the Premier County with Thurles Sarsfields. Uncle Tommy, of course, is part of Tipperary hurling history—winner of five All-Irelands and writer of the game's only autobiography.

### Trek To The Top

Nine-year-old Jimmy won his first medal in a town league and then went on to acquire a collection with that famous nursery, Thurles C.B.S.—and under that great enthusiast, the late Bro. Doody,—including two Croke, two Dean Ryan, two Munster Colleges, and Rice and Dr. Harty trophies.

He came on to the Sarsfields and Tipperary minor teams in 1954, doubled for Sarsfields seniors in two county title wins, last year

and this, and made his debut for Tipperary seniors in the 1957 National League final.

Like his uncle, he has shown all-round talent, with winning tilts at football, boxing and high jumping. His real vocation, however, is the hurling pitch, where he lopes around inconspicuously, then pops up in totally unexpected spots and casually swings the sliothar dead between the posts. This born gift of a sense of anticipation of the play could make this wing-forward a second Jimmy Kennedy.

### Steady Scorer

Already his value to a team is tremendous. As last year, when he dashed from the county minor final, which Thurles won at Roscrea, to Templemore for Thurles seniors' game with New Irelands and gave the shaking "All-Ireland Club Champions" the authority of a stream of scores. Or as in a Tipperary challenge game with Wexford, when he scored 1-5 each off Jim English and Jim Morrissey in turn.

knock as many small pegs as possible out of a ring on the roadside to reach a certain score. Each peg has a different scoring value, and teams usually consist of six-a-side.

The South Tipperary players would be quite willing to take on any other county in a contest, and anyone interested is asked to contact Mr. Michael Hogan, Hon. Secretary, South Tipperary Skittles Board, 6 St. Kevin's Terrace, Clonmel.

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After thirty years, Killeshin footballers achieved their ambition in 1957 when they won the Laois title. At the club's annual meeting, in the Old Schools, Killeshin, Mr. Jim Delaney, Chairman, congratulated the team on their championship triumph, and on winning a magnificent set of trophies in the Ballinabranna tournament.

Officers elected were: President, Very Rev. P. Byrne, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. J. McDonald, P. O'Rourke, M. Kelly; Chairman, Mr. Jim Delaney; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Fitzpatrick; Secretary, Mr. J. McDonald; Asst. Secretary, Mr. J. Hearns; Treasurer, Mr. L. O'Rourke.

Committee: Messrs. J. O'Rourke, J. Donnelly, J. Grant, M. Dempsey, J. Gaffney, L. Doran, M. Delaney, J. Lawler, T. Kelly, N. Regan, P. Doran. Captain, L. Doran; Vice-Captain, T. Kelly.

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Mr. Michael Arrigan, whose death occurred at his residence, Sheare's Terrace, Abbeyside, Dungarvan, was a member of the Tipperary senior football team which won the All-Ireland senior football championship of 1920, the final of which was not played until June 11, 1922.

This was the last Tipperary football team to win a senior All-Ireland championship. The players who did duty that day in June were: A. Carroll (goal), J. McNamara, E. O'Shea, G. Lanigan, James Ryan, J. Shelly, W. Grant, M. Barrett, M. Tobin, J. Ryan, J. Doran, G. McCarthy, V. Vaughan, M. Arrigan, T. Powell.

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So you see handball at its very best is sure to be provided. The top half of the draw could well produce the winner. With stalwarts like Dillon, Downey and Doyle competing against each other it's anyone's guess who will get through to contest the final. In the other half, Joe Maher should win against the Northern representative, Kelly.

The second pairing, however, is not so cut and dried. Eamonn Connolly, playing in his home court and before his many loyal supporters, will give Joe Delaney a hard game. The Kilkenny man will have to bring all his undoubted skill into play if he is to subdue the strong and fiery Connolly.

John Doyle, of Wexford, co-holder of two of this year's All-Ireland Senior Doubles titles, was presented with a wallet of notes by Wexford handball enthusiasts before setting sail for Rome. He was present at the ordination of his brother Philip in the Irish Col-

lege there. Phil was also a prominent handballer some years back, and won many county titles.

At a Kildare County Board meeting, some weeks back, the Chairman, Mr. Matt Kelly, welcomed delegates from eight clubs. He said that

the revival in the game in the county was very gratifying. County championship matches were to be played for the first time in ten years in Prosperous.

The Wicklow County Board are to be commended for their great work for the game in the county. Their latest effort is worthy of mention. They are sponsoring a competition for the four top football teams in the county, and are presenting a very fine trophy, the Dublin-Wicklowmen's Shield.

The latest for Dublin handball fans is news that the Corporation is at present erecting two very fine ballcourts in the Cabra district. These ballcourts will be open box courts

By  
**Ray Andrews**

almost completely covered with wire mesh. There is a possibility that the County Handball Board will be entrusted with the running of them.

At the All-Ireland Handball Congress, on St. Patrick's Day, the following two rules were explained. First, that no rest was to be allowed in a Minor match—best of three games. And in doubles, when the server's partner is struck by the ball from service, it is to count as a no-ball.

Pat Stakelum  
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Kevin Beahan and the Louth team that won last year's All-Ireland Final.

PROFILE BY . . . **Brian McDonald**

## KEVIN BEAHAN

SINCE KEVIN BEAHAN, THE 24-YEAR-OLD LOUTH FOOTBALLER, FIRST WORE THE COUNTY COLOURS IN 1950, HE HAS HAD RATHER AN IN-AND-OUT CAREER. HIS STUDIES IN ACCOUNTANCY OCCUPY A LOT OF HIS TIME IN DUBLIN, SO MUCH SO THAT HE HAD LITTLE TIME FOR THE GAME HE LOVES FROM '52 UNTIL LATE IN '56.

But, even so, he has become one of the most stylish and scientific footballers in the game to-day, and now that he can devote more time to the playing fields, it can be said that Kevin will win many more honours and add further lustre to a glowing reputation before he calls it a day. And, by all accounts, that time is still a long way off.

**Accuracy**  
This neatly built midfielder—"I've also got a great liking for the forty yards" says Kevin was one of

of the vital cogs in the Louth make-up last year, and there can be little doubt that he had a major hand in the winning of the Sam Maguire.

He has an uncanny accuracy from the placed ball, which puts him on a par with one of the greatest experts the game has ever known—Peter Donoghue, of Cavan, and that is indeed high praise for the Louthman.

A lengthy kicker of the ball, he is unscrupulously fair in his tackling, and even in the face of adversity, will never resort to "ungentlemanly" conduct. He is indeed a great player who plays the game for the love of it.

Dubliners can see Kevin play practically every Sunday, for at the present he is domiciled in the metropolis and turns out for the Sean McDermotts side.

Football was Kevin's way of putting in the odd hours after school at De La Salle, Ardee, where they teach them from almost the "infant" stage.

At 14 years, Kevin moved to Armagh, and he was then really in the hurly burly of the "big time" when he togged out for St. Patrick's College.

In 1951 the spotlight shone brightly on him in Ulster Colleges'

football. That year and the next, he won junior Ulster medals, along with two All-Ireland medals. But Kevin was also noted back in Ardee, and with them won two Louth minor championship medals '51 saw him gain his first Interprovincial medal. He was the hero of their triumph over Westmeath, the scoreboard reading: Louth 3-9, Westmeath 2-5, and Kevin was responsible for 1-4 of the Louth tally.

The following year he was playing with St. Mary's, Ardee senior team, and his sterling displays with them, earned him a junior county jersey . . . but no championship medals. They were defeated in Leinster semi-final by Longford.

### Senior Side

Out of the Leinster championship, Kevin was then drafted on to the senior side, and played his first game for them in the right corner forward position against Wicklow in a N.F.L. tie.

Although '53 didn't provide much time for serious football, Kevin was nevertheless, called into training for the All-Ireland senior semi-final against Kerry. And then Kevin dropped from the limelight but the county selectors had his name carefully pencilled and earmarked for stardom, and he has not let them down.

WHENEVER LOUTH'S ALL-IRELAND TRIUMPH OF 1957 IS RECALLED, THE NAME OF KEVIN BEAHAN WILL SHINE FORTH LIKE A BEACON ON A DARK WINTER'S NIGHT.

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**WHEN RUNNING THE RULE OVER THE 1,500 METRES MEN OF OLYMPIC HISTORY ONE CANNOT EXCLUDE MENTION OF JOHN MCGOUGH, OF COUNTY ARMAGH, WHO TOOK THE SILVER MEDAL AT ATHENS, IN 1906, AS RUNNER-UP TO JAMES D. LIGHTBODY, U.S.A.**

The greater majority of Irish sportsmen of this era are quite unaware that the same John McGough was trainer of the fine Armagh senior Gaelic football team which reached the All-Ireland final of 1953, and that Cavan, 1947 champions, had John as trainer and masseur on their American tour.

Both G.A.A. and track and field enthusiasts will therefore have a particular interest in the subject of this article.

John McGough was born in Armagh and became domiciled in Scotland when he was six years old. His parents belonged to the Castleblaney district of Monaghan.

Joining Bellahouston Harriers, Glasgow, in 1900, when he was 17, he established a fine international record during the following eight years.

# Armagh Trainer Was Olympic Star

By William Dooley

In 1902, he took the Scottish mile and 4 miles titles, and John J. Daly, from Ballyglunin, Galway, was forced to show 4 mins. 27secs. for the mile, on a wet and sodden track, to beat McGough in the Ireland/Scotland International of that year, at Ballsbridge. They also had a hectic duel in the 4 miles, Daly triumphing by six yards.

From this onward, McGough proved an outstanding distance man in these tests, winning the 880 yards in 1903, and the mile in 1903, '04, '05 and '07. He registered a fine 4 mins. 22.2 secs. mile at Ibrox Park, Glasgow in 1907, which no other Irish amateur had yet achieved on home fields. The Irish native record remained several seconds slower for many years afterwards.

Selected to represent Britain in the Athens Olympiad of 1906, McGough made the long voyage as a victim of recurring sea-sickness almost all the way, and was far from



JOHNNY MCGOUGH winning his Olympic silver medal behind Lightbody (USA) at Athens in 1906.

his ordinary self when the date of the 1,500 metres event arrived.

On April 27, 1906, he toed the line in the second heat of the Olympic "metric mile" and won, with R. P. Crabbe (England), runner-up.

There were only two heats, the other being won by J. D. Lightbody (USA), followed by Hellstrom (Sweden), J. P. Sullivan (U.S.A.), and G. A. Wheatley (Australia and Great Britain) in that order. McGough, was the faster of the two winners in 4-18.8.

When the competitors had entered the last lap in the final he was lying seventh, behind George Bonhag (U.S.A.), Wheatley, Cohn, Lightbody, Hellstrom and Sullivan and then proceeded to beat them all convincingly except Lightbody, the winner.

The knowing ones could not

figure out why McGough and Crabbe remained trailing the field until the start of the last lap. This made no sense, as on the previous day Lightbody was only pipped on the post for 800 metres honours by his countryman, Paul Pilgrim, after displaying a terrific turn of speed in the final circuit.

Furthermore, Lightbody had also made the Australian, Nigel Barker, give of his very best to win the third heat of the 400 metres event. All things pointed to this American as the fastest man at the finish of the 1,500 metres.

John McGough had been residing on a farm at Annaglevy, Castleblaney, for more than 40 years. He retired from active competition in 1910.

Competing in the London Olympics of 1908, with a weak and banded left foot, he set a fast pace until the final lap and then was relegated to third place. When at his peak he stood 5ft. 7ins. and weighed 9 st. 12 lbs.

To-day, he is accepted throughout Ulster among the more outstanding trainers, and an expert masseur.

When in New York with Cavan he met John J. Daly, his conqueror of 45 years before. In the evening of his long life he can look back to a fine innings and his name will be long remembered.

## ON THE BALL

with  
**BRIAN  
McDONALD**



### Leitrim Trouble

LEITRIM CAUSED QUITE A SHINDIG IN G.A.A. CIRCLES WHEN THEY REFUSED TO TRAVEL TO MEET MAYO IN AN IMPORTANT NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAME AT CASTLEBAR. THE REASON IS NOW COMMON KNOWLEDGE . . . . . FOUR OF THEIR DUBLIN-BASED PLAYERS WANTED TO PLAY IN THE DUBLIN SENIOR LEAGUE WITH SEAN McDERMOTT'S!

Now, I always thought that to represent one's county was the ambition of all players, no matter what code of sport, but apparently I'm all wet.

I'm very, very disappointed at the four players in question, so disappointed in fact, that I won't even bother to record their names. Mayo were awarded the two points, and thus qualified to meet Meath in the Division play-off.

Talk about a hollow victory . . . Leitrim, I know, is a county that has been pretty hard hit by emigration, but surely it would have been possible to find four youngsters willing and able to fill the vacancies?

But here again, it looks as if I'm wrong. So, the only solution one can come to is that these four players can say BOO to the Leitrim County Board and, what's more, can get away with it!

I was more than amazed at the action of the Leitrim Board in calling off the game, but possibly more amazed that they didn't suspend the four players who, I'm told, are real good "sportsmen."

I got in touch with John "Nipper" Stanley, former Leitrim star of a few years ago, and I can tell you, he was more than annoyed. "I deplore the action of the County Board in not fulfilling the fixture," says "Nipper"—"but I'm equally disgusted with the action, or should I say lack of action, of the four players. Even if it would have meant a heavy defeat, I still think Leitrim should have gone through with the game. It would not have happened in my day, and all I can hope is that it won't happen again."

This affair could have serious repercussions on Leitrim. I'm told that G.A.A. Headquarters were very riled over the whole business, and I don't blame them.

### Fine Gesture

The Dublin County Board of the G.A.A. are often the butt for much abuse, but this month I give them all praise for a very fine gesture. At a recent meeting, they decided that old-age pensioners get in to all matches under their jurisdiction free! They got a request from the Dublin Corporation to allow them in at half-price, but the Board, rightly so, decided to go the whole hog.

### Referees

While speaking of the Dublin County Board reminds me that referees Mick Leahy (Eoghan Ruadh), Cathal McLoughlin (St. Vincent's), Paddy Hughes (Naomh Fionbarra) and Frank Donlon (Colmcille), have been recommended for inter-county games.

### Tralee Final

Incidentally, don't be surprised if the final of the All-Ireland basketball championships is played in either Tralee or Killarney. There's a big following for the sport down in Munster, and if the holders, Kerry, reach the decider, they'll look for one of these towns as the venue. "And we wouldn't mind in the least switching from Dublin," says secretary Mitzie Quinn, "with the final in Munster, we'd show a profit of about £80, and that would take us out of the red considerably."

### Amalgamation

There should be quite a struggle for the Clare senior football title this year, now that Kildysart and Coolmeen can join forces for the championships, as can Kilkee and Querrin.

Rev. E. Kennedy, C.C., Kildysart, said that to a great extent the Kildysart-Coolmeen area was isolated from the senior championship, and because of losing interest in football, the youth were not taking part in the game.

"There is not a senior team along the coastline from Ennis to Kilrush," says Mr. V. McGarry, Labasheeda, "the amalgamation should be allowed in the best interests of the game."



And perhaps the best reason of all came from Andy Carroll of Miltown Malbay. "Clare will never have a good county team while leaving good players in junior ranks," said Andy, "the best days of Clare football were when they had players from Coolmeen, Kildysart, Kilkee and Querrin."

### Dear Me!

And how's this for a laugh . . . At a recent match in Loran O'Toole Park (no names, no scandal!) one of the teams scored a point, but it wasn't marked up on the scoreboard, all because the operator didn't see the umpire waving the flag.

And I don't blame him. After all it was subsequently learned that the flag was dirty. There's a certain powder that washes whites whiter than . . . . !

### Emigration

Emigration has hit the Galtee Rovers club in Tipperary so hard that if they are not regraded from senior to junior, they'll have to go out of football.

"We have been constantly defeated in the first round of the championship," says secretary John Moloney, "and all our players have either retired or emigrated, and most of our players now are in the minor class."

### Blue Prints

It's good to read that many of our Dublin clubs are anxious to acquire first-class grounds. Erin's Isle and St. Vincent's have already drawn up blueprints, and now comes the news that Skerries Harps hope to have a ground of their own in the near future.

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John Joe Lavin Of Sligo And Connaught.

# Fantastic Record In 15 Years

By Philip Roderick

WITH the sublime indifference to specialisation which has marked some of Ireland's finest all-round athletes, John Joe Lavin of Sligo, was never content with just one sport. In his time he tried almost everything—from sprinting and jumping to middle-distance running, from weight-throwing to Gaelic football—and, of course, he enjoyed himself thoroughly.

It never worried him—and still does not—that with concentration on one sport or one event he might possibly have been an Olympic Games competitor . . . or an Irish record holder . . . or maybe a Decathlon star of world class.

"All I ever wanted out of sport was plenty of fun," he says. "I got that and I'm satisfied."

Born 35 years ago in Killaraght, a tiny village in Co. Sligo—A church a school, a hall and a shop—John Joe began to take a big interest in all forms of sport while he was still at school, and before he was 16, he was selected to represent Sligo in the Connaught minor football championships.

That was in 1936, and between then and 1950, when he retired from sport, John Joe piled up a fantastic record of achievement in Connaught sport, one which will probably never again be equalled in the West.

It included 15 seasons of first-class football with Sligo, inter-provincial honours with Connaught between 1941 and 1949, three All-Ireland senior championships in the hop-step-and-jump, 39 senior Connaught championships in events ranging from the 60 yards dash to throwing the 56lb. weight, nine in-

ter-provincial medals, 15 county championship medals and athletic trophies by the roomful. Yet John Joe's biggest thrill in sport was a long forgotten match in the Connaught minor championships of 1936.

"It was the day I wore my first Sligo jersey" he said, "and it made me feel seven feet tall. It was the proudest moment of my career—and still is."

John Joe was a minor for three years, and in 1938 he achieved a unique distinction. He was selected for Sligo in all three football grades—minor, junior and senior—in the Connaught championships.

"We were beaten in all three," he says, "but I remember we gave Galway a great run for their money in the senior championships. They only beat us by a few points, and later they went on to win the All-Ireland final against Kerry."

Heartened by their display against Galway, Sligo went into special preparation for the 1939 championships. "Not that it did us any good", says John Joe, "we went out to Mayo in the first round."

## Same Story

Things went a little better in 1940. "We reached the Connaught semi-final" he says, "and it took Mayo two games to beat us, and even then, we only went down by two points."

For the next ten years—right up to the time John Joe retired from inter-county football—it was the same story. Sligo got just so far every year and were beaten. Only once in all that time did they reach the provincial final.

"That was in 1947" he recalls, "I was captain that year and I had hopes of great things, but Roscommon were much too good for us in the final."

John Joe's abiding memory of those years is the Connaught championship semi-final of 1944 when Sligo held All-Ireland champions Roscommon to a draw at Boyle.

"Boyle was a Roscommon venue" he says, "and we were full sure the replay would be in Sligo. Roscommon, however, refused to go to Sligo and after a lot of argument, the replay was fixed again for Boyle. I won't forget that second game in a hurry, for it was played on one of the hottest days I can remember. How we all stuck it out to the end I'll never know. We led for most of the game, but Roscommon pipped us in the closing minutes. Later that year, they went on to win the All-Ireland final."

## Proved It

Shortly after the All-Ireland Roscommon paid tribute to the Sligomen by stating that Sligo were the best team they had met in that year's championships. Before the end of the year Sligo proved it. "We took on the full Roscommon All-Ireland team in the Connaught League at Sligo" says John Joe, "and beat them by a point. Then we went on to beat Galway in the final."

Between 1938 and 1946, John Joe was also building up a big reputation in another sport—athletics. He competed in everything, from sprinting to weight-throwing, and collected Sligo and Connaught championships by the dozen. In 1943 he won his first All-Ireland title in the hop-step-and-jump at Clonmel, retained it the following year at Dundalk, and made it three in a row at Ballinasloe in 1945. Of his three National victories, he regards the third as one of the best performances of his career.

"I was jumping badly that day in Ballinasloe," he says, "and Mick Hurlley of Clonakilty led me to the final round. I was the last competitor to jump, so it had to be all or nothing—a death or glory effort. I put everything I had into it and improved to 45' 4" to win the day."

John Joe's finest hop-step-and-jump was 47' 11" at Riverstown in 1944—just three inches short of Eamonn Fitzgerald's Irish record, but it was my sixth event after pushing a bicycle 25 miles.

"I think I could have broken the record" he says, "but I was playing a lot of football at the time, and I just couldn't find the time to concentrate on the hop-step-and-jump. As a matter of fact, between football and athletics, things got a little involved around that time."

## Finis

"I remember one occasion when I promised to compete at a sports meeting in Boyle, and a few days later I found that I was also due to play for Sligo against Roscommon on the same afternoon at Tubbercurry, about 20 miles away. That put me in a bit of a fix—so I decided to do both."

"I won the 100 and 220 yards at Boyle. Then I hopped into a car and was driven to Tubbercurry, played the match, which we won, and then made another dash back again to Boyle to win the long jump and hop-step-and-jump events. It nearly killed me."

In 1946 a damaged ankle put finis to John Joe's athletic career and from then on he devoted most of his time to football. He continued to represent Sligo up to 1950, but when they were beaten that year by Mayo in the opening rounds of the Connaught championships, he decided to call it a day.

"After that I knew it was time to give up," he says "I realised then that I would never win an All-Ireland football medal."

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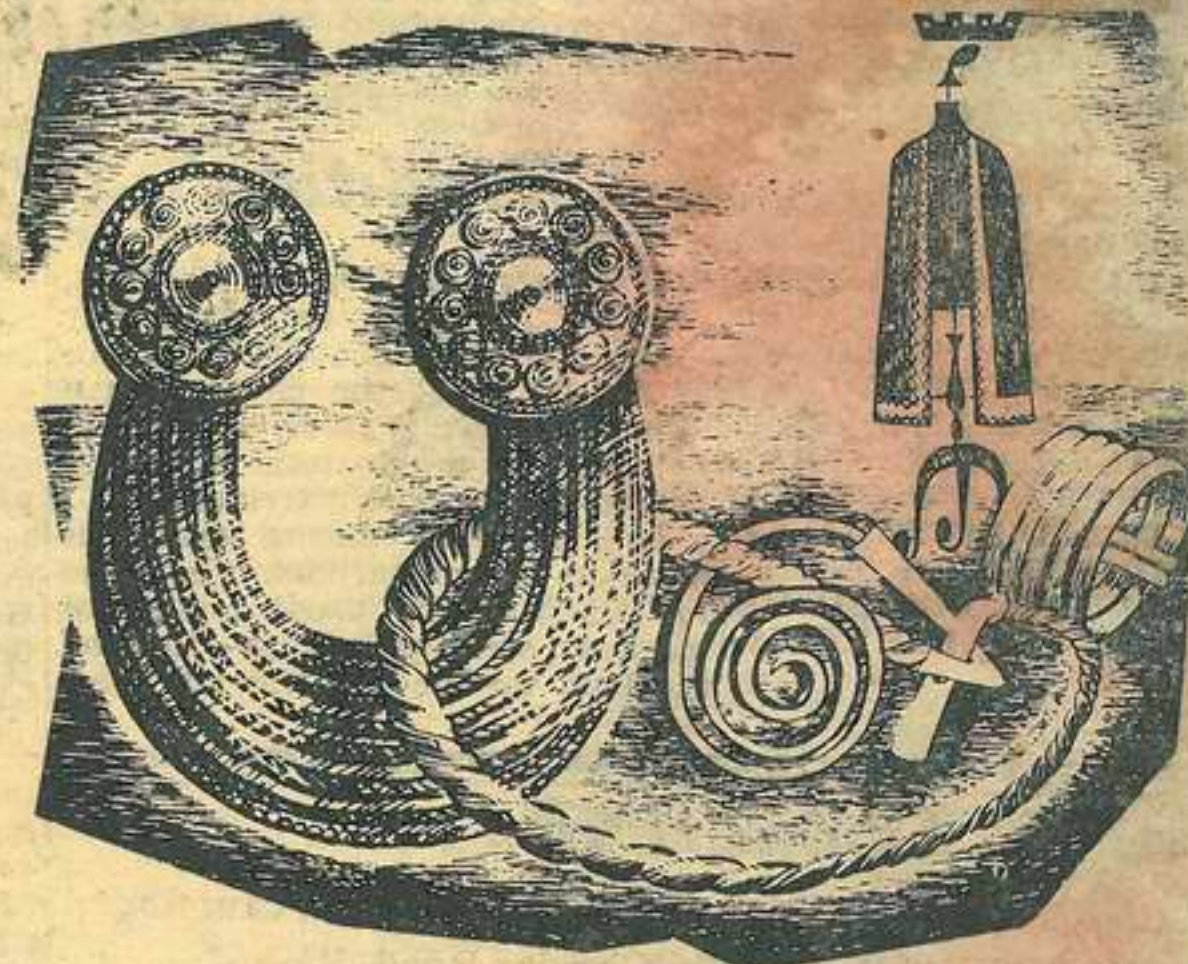
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## AS I SEE THINGS

By Sean O'Neill

## What A Fuss About...Nothing

RADIO EIREANN have come under the lash of sportsfollowers on many occasions but a new motive for abuse was recently thrumped up by none other than Indiu, the country's only all-Irish newspaper.

It looks that the sports sections of this publication were really annoyed that the broadcast of a recent soccer game was to have no preview in Irish.

In eloquent Gaedhilge na cathrach they asked whether the directors of Rado Eireann thought that soccer followers were less Irish speaking than the Rugbyites whose broadcasts are usually honoured with an Irish preview by a former—and many times capped for Aran—star.

This must have been a real sticker for the Radio Eireann sports authorities.

Who sport the more fainnes—Old Belvedere or Shamrock Rovers?

I beg your pardon I should, of course, have said Na Sean Belhiderigh agus Fainithe na Seamroige. Indiu favour the later and who am I to argue with such experienced visitors to both camps.

I can though suggest a very good idea that could be utilized by those who wish to sugar-coat British influence with the Irish language.

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## Segregation

It is amazing where one finds suggestions and references to the "Ban."

Recently a rather well-known Dublin barrister, publicly propounding his policy for the reunification of Ireland suggested that the ban on foreign games by the G.A.A. was one of the obstacles in the way of a united Ireland.

We are, of course, not too clear as to what kind of a united Ireland he was referring to.

Our barrister friend suggested that the "Ban" tended to segregate Irishmen into two different groups.

Wonderful observation indeed but surely this was not for the benefit of 75 per cent of the Irish people who are followers of our native games. They have known this all along.

OF COURSE, THE "BAN" TENDS TO SEGREGATE IRISHMEN INTO TWO GROUPS—GOOD IRISHMEN AND BAD IRISHMEN! THE LATTER BEING ONLY IRISHMEN IN THE SENCE THAT THEY WERE BORN IN IRELAND.

## No Ringy!

A RATHER well-known Irish sports writer recently hit upon the pleasant idea of reminiscing over his many years of sports journalism and telling us of the supreme artists he had seen in action. Sugar Ray Robinson, he told us, was the greatest genius in his own particular medium that he had ever seen. After him came Ben Hogan, golf; Maureen Connolly, tennis; Jack Kyle, rugby, and Denis Coulson, hockey.

All masters in their own particular sports, no doubt, but I once heard of a man who for twenty years ranked supreme in a game called hurling—his name was Christy King and incidentally I am told he is expected to rule for many more.

We have no doubt but Ray Robinson pound for pound is the greatest man ever to enter the roped square—but then I remember a night in Detroit in 1943 when Ray lost to Jake La Motta. Then there was the first fight with Turpin, the Ralph "Tiger" Jones affair, the title bout with Joe Maxim, the first fight with Gene Fulmer and, of course, Carmen Basilio. Robinson lost all those. Somehow unless my memory fails me I cannot remember this guy Ring being ever at the wrong end of a decision or being counted out and remember Robinson was still in preliminary bouts when Ring was at the top.

To me both men are artists supreme but genius plus consistency puts Sugar Ray in second place . . . and "Ringy" on top!

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Ta Cumann amháin, agus ba choir do gach Gaodhal a bheith an-bhuideach dho-se sin "An Club Leabhar". Tá sar obair a deanamh aige. Tá cuig leabhra speisialta a moladh aige, i gcoir na bliana seo, agus aoinne go bfuil an caoi aige chuige, ba choir do na leabhra so do cheannacht i gcoir a leabhranna.

Is fiú deich sgillinge gach ceann aca, ach ní gadh dho an mheid sin fein a thabhairt orra. Táid le fail ar fiche-cuig sgillinge, no mas mian leis cinn de-luxe d' fhail, táid le fail ar dathad sgilling — margadh iongantach, pe saghas a thoghfa. Táid saor i-n-aisge beagnach. Níl spas go leor agam, chun cothrom na Feinne a thabhairt doibh annso.

## AN DUINNINEACH.

Chuala gach scoilair tracht ar an Athair Duinnín uair eigin 'na shaoghal. Níl aon teora leis an mheid oibre a dhein se ar son na Gaedhilge. Ma's Gaodhal i-n-aon

chur thu, deanfaid tu iarracht, teacht ar choip den leabhar so. Tá cur síos iomlán ar a shaoghal is ar a shaothar ann. Solus na bflai theas da anam. Na deantar dearmhad air go deo i-n-Eirinn ain.

ULL I MBARRA AN CHREAGAIN.  
Ma's mian leat d'fail amach cad e an saghas aite e, iarthair na h-Eireann altacht, agus cad e an sagas daoine ata i-n-Gaodhaltacht an iarthair, ní gadh ach an leabhar so do leigheamh. Tá an-chuid rudai suimiula le radh ag Ristead De Paor 'na dtaobh.

## TARNGAIREACHT MHISEOIGE.

Ur-sgeal e seo. "Maire" fein do scri. Is leor de mholadh e sin. Aon nídh a scri "Maire" is fiú e do leigheamh arís is arís eile.

## LE GRA O UNA.

Adbhar neamh-chiotionta i litríocht na Gaedhilge ata sa leabhar seo. Cnuasacht litreacha ata ann, litreacha do scri Una Ní Mhaolcain agus i ar saoire san Iodail. Táid an speisiul, agus molaimid an leabhar so go h-ard, do lucht ar mean-scoltacha.

## D' FHIU AN BRAON FOLA.

Taimid ag feitheamh le leabhar den t-saghas so le fada an la. Tá sí ar fail againn sa deire. Go dtí so, is i mBearla Shasanna do chuála ar ndaoine oga, sgeal a saoire. Tá an sgeal againn an turas so, o bheal duine abhi pairteach sa troid-fear nar sparail e fein riamh i gcuis na h-Eireann. Tá an leabhar sgríobtha i nGaedhilge an-shimplidhe, agus an-shuimiul.

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# IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT!

IN these days when world outdoor track records are generally so superior to the indoor marks, it is interesting to recall the days when it wasn't so.

One meeting in particular must be considered unique—the New York A.C. Games, held in the Madison Square Garden, on February 14th, 1925, before a crowd of 12,000. For on that night, the frenzied fans saw new board standards for the 1 mile, 2 miles and 3 miles. It is very unlikely that such a record will be equalled, whether in or out of doors.

That night in the Garden the record pace was set by Willie Ritola of Finland, who won a three mile handicap from scratch in the new board best ever of 14-01.4. At the time the world outdoor record stood to Nurmi who on August 24, 1923, had run 14-11.2 in Stockholm. It was not until seven years later that Ritola's figures were finally beaten outdoors. Then in 1932, Lauri Lehtinen (who was to win the Olympic Games 5000m. for Finland) set a world mark of 13-50.6 in Helsinki.

Not very long after Ritola's race, young Lloyd Hahn gave the home fans a thrill when he set a new record of 4-13.4—just three seconds off Nurmi's world record of 4-10.4 set, incidentally in Stockholm the day before his three mile mark mentioned earlier.

The track fan's cup of happiness was really filled to overflowing when later in that epic evening, the dour Finnish running machine, Paavo Nurmi toed the line for a special 2 mile race. Nor did peerless Paavo disappoint the record-happy fans. Passing the mile post in 4-25.0, the by now almost hysterical Garden gallery cheered him home for history's first sub-nine minute clocking—8-58.2.

At that time the world record was in the possession of the Englishman, Alfred Shrubbs at 9-09.6—set as far back as 1904. Although in 1926, the Swede, Edvin Wide amended this to 9-01.4 it was not until July 24, 1931, that 9 minutes was again broken, and for the first time in daylight.

Again it was the Flying Finn, Nurmi, with 8-59.6, but both this mark and the next world record—8-58.4 by Don Lash of the United States, in 1936, were inferior to the Ace of Abo's board standard. It was left to another Finn, Gun-

nar Hockert, to set the record straight once and for all when he finally broke all records for this distance with 8-57.4 in Stockholm in September, 1936.

Whilst the marks may look mediocre by modern pressurised standards, what a night to look back on that must have been for those lucky fans.

One of the most distressing features of Irish athletics in recent decades has been the deterioration of what once seemed a national prerogative—jumping ability. In the fifty odd years that have passed since Peter O'Connor set his great broad jump mark, there have been, admittedly, a few standouts—men like the Ahearnes, Tim O'Connor, Anglim, Fitzgerald, O'Reilly, Callanan and a handful more. But, on the whole, we have produced nothing but a succession of comparatively mediocre performers.

Back in the early days of athletics the world records for the jumps only rarely left the possession of the Irish, and it is a startling fact that everyone of the Irish record holders in the broad jump also held, at some time, the world mark for that event. The following is a list of Irish records set in this event since the first officially recognised mark by Lane in 1874. Those that were also world records have been marked.\*

23' 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: John G. Lane, Dublin, 7-6-1874.

23' 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: Pat Davin, Portarlington, 13-8-1883.

23' 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: Pat Davin, Monasterevan, 30-8-1883.

23' 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: W. J. M. Newburn, Cork, 21-5-1898.

23' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: W. J. M. Newburn, Dublin, 18-6-1898.

24' 0<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: W. J. M. Newburn, Dublin, 16-7-1898.

24' 9<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: Peter O'Connor, Dublin, 27-5-1901.

24' 11<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"\*: Peter O'Connor, Dublin, 5-8-1901.

Lane's and Newburn's marks were the first ever over 23 feet and 24 feet respectively. In addition to the marks above, Galway's Matthew Roseingreve set a world record in Sydney, Australia, in October of 1896.

The above is not a bad list of jumpers, but when we realise that the last of them occurred over fifty years ago, it makes one wonder what is happening us.

It is not usual for a sensational schoolboy to fail to reach the heights predicted for them—particularly in the field of middle and distance running. Australia's Ron Clarke set a world junior mile record of 4-06.8 back in early 1956, but although he is still running, he has failed, despite two further seasons of competitive running, to improve on this.

Another Australian who is much in the news lately, however, would appear to avoid whatever pitfalls young Clarke fell into. He is young Herb Elliott who seems to have such a magnificent future in front of him.

Back in 1955, when Herb was still only 16, his coach, Percy Cerutti, made what at that time appeared to be a very provocative statement. He claimed that Elliott, who then had run a half-mile in 1-55.7 and a mile in 4-20.6 would, in two years, equal Landy's world record mile of 3-58.0.

I myself remember, at that time, thinking that this was no more than the usual wild statement of a publicity seeking coach. Now I know better.

Whether or not Elliott is the world beater he looks from a distance, remains to be seen. He has beaten Merv Lincoln whenever they have met, but Lincoln is not a great miler, albeit a very good one. His first really big occasion will be in the Empire Games mile in Cardiff, and it is interesting to note that this meeting, back in 1954, provided John Landy with his first real opposition as a class miler.

It is far too early to attempt to predict the result of this race, but whilst acknowledging the greatness of Elliott, I have a feeling that the probable victor here is the respected Englishman, Ken Wood. Time will tell.

## Pop Singer!

Rising to the top of the popular music profession is a very personable young man named Johnny Mathis who, in his own particular sphere—romantic ballads—is easier on the ears than most of the delinquents who get paid such fabulous sums for loosening their criminal tendencies on the public. Before the inevitable crack that this is a sports paper and not a teenage record review, I will come to the point.

It is not generally recognised that Johnny was quite a respectable athlete before he broke into the entertainments world. Back in 1955, when competing for his college, San Francisco State, Mathis had his peak effort—a very respectable 6' 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" high jump. The mark, incidentally, was set in the rather infamous town of Reno!

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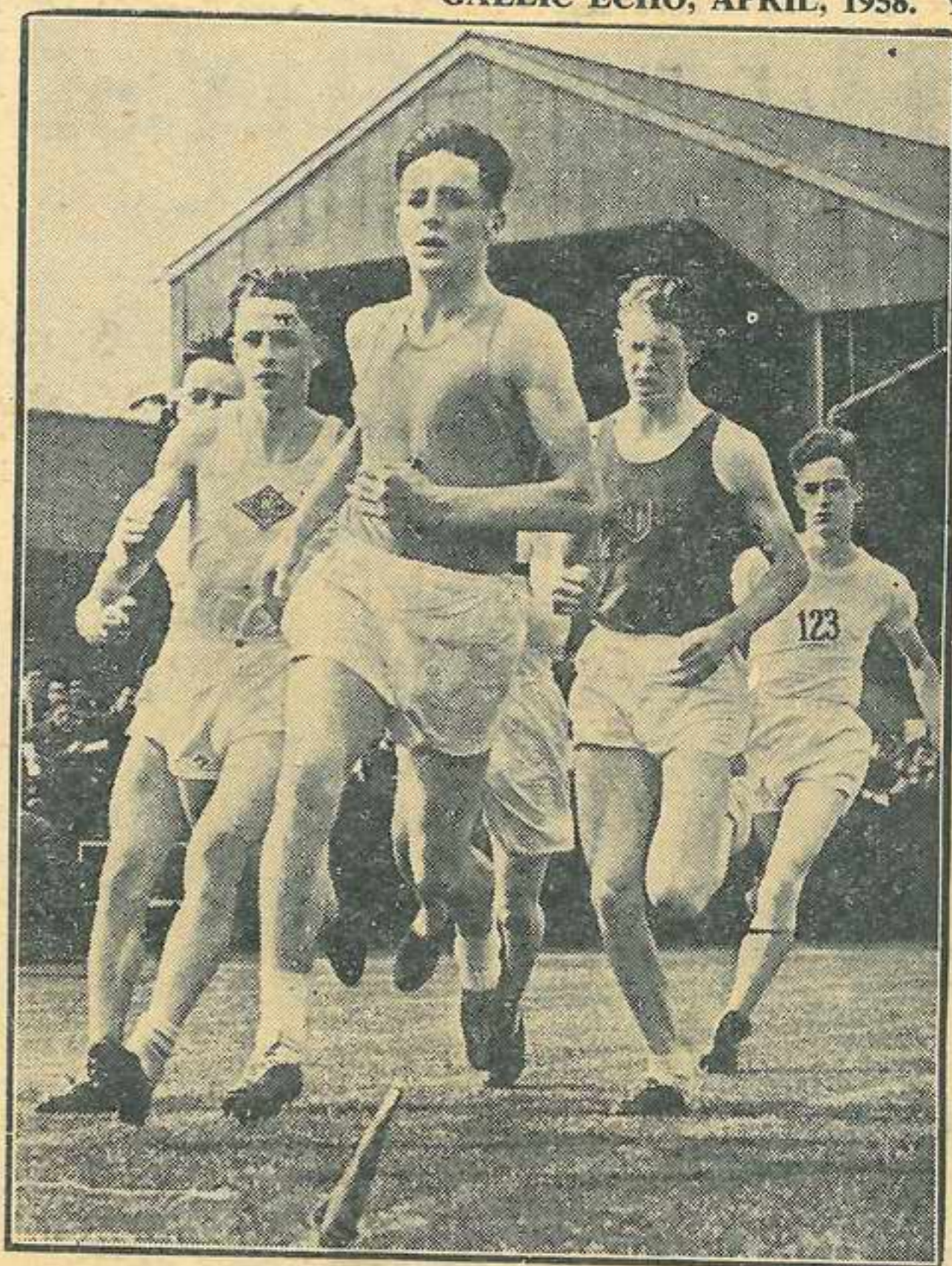
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## QUESTION BOX.

By Jimmy Magee

## SEAN DONNELLY of TYRONE

JIMMY — What football county would you like to play with if you weren't with Tyrone?

SEAN—Galway.

JIMMY—Do you favour an

open draw in the All-Ireland?

SEAN—Well, I'd play it as now, each province to itself up to the provincial finals and then I'd have an open

draw from the eight finalists. It would be a great incentive to all counties and would insure a top-class All-Ireland series as well.

JIMMY—What is the best playing pitch in the country?

SEAN—Well, Croke Park, though one of the greatest and fastest grounds I've played on is in Maghergalon, Co. Donegal, which has a lovely sandy surface. It's really top-class.

JIMMY—Who's your bogey man?

SEAN—Rody Cribben (Derry). I can never seem to pin him down.

JIMMY — Your favourite playing position?

SEAN—Centre half-back or if not right half-back.

JIMMY — Who or what would you like to be?

SEAN—Being the lazy type, I'd like to be my own boss.

JIMMY—What's your big ambition?

SEAN — An All-Ireland medal.

JIMMY—Who is the greatest player you have seen?

SEAN—"Igy" Jones.

JIMMY — Which style of football do you prefer?

SEAN—Low, combined style like Antrim's in 1946.

JIMMY — What would be your all time football team from the players you've seen?

SEAN — Thady Turbett; Paddy Driscoll, Paddy O'Brien, Noel O'Reilly, Eddie Devlin, John Cronin, "Christo" Hand, Jim McKeever, Victor Sherlock, Igy Jones, Sean Purcell, Kevin Armstrong, Jackie Taggart, Peter Donohue, Pakie McGarty.

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# The Voice Of Ulster By Peadar Herron

SEAMUS MORRIS of Cavan football fame certainly knows his answers. He had no bother in winning the individual prize in the recent Radio Eireann Question Time. I have a question for Seamus now. "What happened Ulster in their Railway Cup game against Munster at Breffni Park? I'd sure like to know myself, because if ever a game was thrown away it was this one.

A team from nowhere won the Cavan Junior Football title for 1957 and is now ready for Senior ranks. Seems impossible, but it's very true. The crossroads team of Corrmore is the team in question, and the funny thing about it is that Corrmore does not appear on any map of the County. Let's hope that during the 1958 season the team from nowhere will get somewhere!

It was nice to hear that Newtownbutler has started a hurling club. It is nicer news still when one realises that the new club is the only hurling club in the county. An appeal went out from the Committee for challenge games with other clubs so that the players might gain vital experience in the art of the caman. But what are they training for? Surely the County Board in Fermanagh does not contemplate a hurling championship for this year... with Newtownbutler winning the title on a walkover!

After three years at the head of affairs on the Ulster Council, Mr. Seamus Gilheany, National Teacher of Cavan, has retired. During his chairmanship of the Cavan County Board from 1928 to 1934 Cavan won its first All-Ireland football title in 1933.

Seamus Gilheany was also Chairman from 1948 to 1951, and when the Schools and Minor Board was established three years ago, he took over the reins, and still holds them! The success of Cavan footballers in all grades is due largely to the great work that he has done down through the years.

Monaghan is another County that is trying to get hurling established. At the moment there are two hurling clubs in the county, but to guide the fortunes of those two clubs there is a hurling Board! The biggest problem facing this County Board is the formation of a third club.

At a recent meeting of the Board there was a suggestion that Keady club from Co. Armagh be allowed to compete with the Monaghan clubs. This suggestion was kicked out, despite the fact that there was not a hurling competition in Armagh during 1957!

"Hurling, hurling, everywhere, but not a team to play!"

Donegal County Board accepted by 14 votes to 12 that there be an

open draw for the 1958 Senior Football League Competition. It was also decided that the two leading teams at the end of the competition will play off in a final decider. This last step was decided on when Mr. F. Muldoon, the Chairman, said that the effect of the open draw would be the loss of revenue from the County Final.

Personally, I am glad that the open draw was passed and I think that the Donegal Board will find that it has come to stay.

The Canadian and American Embassies in Dublin have recently issued statements about emigration.

"Emigration of Irish men and women to Canada and the U.S. is not on the increase so far this year". So far so good.

"Statistically, there is no truth in the rumour that every boat to the States is filled with Irish emigrants"—ends the statement from the American Embassy.

As far as many G.A.A. clubs are concerned not only is every boat full of emigrants, but every aeroplane is full!

At the moment it is easier to count the number that have stayed at home than to reckon up how many have departed.

You can prove anything with figures, but figures themselves can disprove statistics.

ONLY 70,000 LEFT THE COUNTRY LAST YEAR!!

Every boat was not full... but very, very little room was left for crew members!

The Ulster Convention held in Monaghan recently was one of the most successful ever convened.

Tributes were paid to Mr. Seamus Gilheany, the outgoing chairman, and Pádraig O Caoimh, the General Secretary of the Association, in a letter to the Convention praised Mr. Gilheany for his great work for the G.A.A.

In his report Mr. G. Arthurs pointed out that the number of club in Ulster affiliated during 1957 was 488—an increase of 49 over the 1956 total.

When you consider that in 1927 the total number of clubs registered was 207 you will realise that wonderful progress has been made over the years.

Mr. Gerry Arthurs, Keady, Co. Armagh, Secretary of the Ulster Council will complete 25 years as Council Secretary this year. What an amount of work he must have got through during that period. As far as I know his term of office must be a record as far as Provincial Secretaries are concerned.

I know that Mr. Arthurs won't mind if I point out to him that the first thirty years are the hardest!

Congratulations, Gerry, on your Silver Jubilee, and long may you be spared to carry on the good work.

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# To Have—Or Not To Have

By PEADAR HERRON

To have a manager or not to have a manager is the problem with the Donegal Gaels as present. I am sorry to hear that the question of a manager has caused I won't say trouble—a certain amount of difference among the members, but I am sure that the matter will be ironed out soon. I am against such an appointment, but then that is only an opinion. A good captain is worth fifty managers to any team — and I mean CAPTAIN!

... but I feel that the team that beats DOWN this year could nearly call themselves Ulster Champions". Those words were spoken recently by my good friend, Maurice Hayes, Secretary of the Down County Board. Now I have known Maurice for a number of years and if ever any one deserved the title "Star of the County Down" it's Maurice... but I just cannot let him away with that statement without a little comment.

Maurice, if you left out the word "nearly" I'd agree with you but... don't forget CAVAN. Any team that beats the "Slashers" this year WILL be Ulster champions! Twenty cigs to a box of matches, Maurice?



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For This Tyrone Team It Must Be . . . .

# 1958 — OR NEVER

By HUGH O'DONNELL

ON SUNDAY, JULY 29, 1956, TYRONE CAPTURED THEIR FIRST EVER ULSTER SENIOR TITLE, AND A NEW CHAPTER BEGAN IN THE ANNALS OF GAELIC GAMES IN THE LAND OF RED HUGH.

Since then, the chapter has been well written, coloured by many great games and many magnificent personal displays . . . the final lines have yet to be written.

For the men of Tyrone believe 1958 will mark third time lucky, and that the efforts of '56 and '57 can be equalled and surpassed in the coming championships. They are now experienced players. They have matched the Stockwells, the Purcells, the Behans, etc., and they know their form. They also realise the errors of the past and how to avoid them. It must be 1958 or never for this Tyrone fifteen. My guess is that it will be 1958.

When the Red Hand came out of Ulster two years ago there were few outside the Northern province who took their chances seriously.

Yes, they had beaten Cavan by a ten point margin, but Croke Park was a different matter.

The critics were wrong. Tyrone came to Dublin, unheralded and unknown and they returned home—although beaten on the scoreboard—heroes, and the talk of all Gaeldom.

New stars had been born, Jim Devlin had overnight become the full-back of the year. Tady Turbett, Jody O'Neill, Frankie Donnelly etc., were all to be rated with the greats of the day and Tyrone was embraced into the ranks of the big football powers.

## Galway Return

Then came the return with Galway in the National League. This time it was even a keener battle and the Westerners were lucky to get home by the margin of 2 points. Indeed were it not for certain laxities in the Tyrone defence in the second half it is very doubtful whether Galway would have crossed the Atlantic as National League champions a short time afterwards.

Last season the Red Hand was again supreme in Ulster. Then came the semi-final against Louth. Handicapped by injuries and with a slight tinge of over-confidence, the Ulstermen failed to last the pace after a sparkling first half.

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True, there have been some so-called "international" matches since then, with "Ireland" represented by a few clubs from Dublin and Belfast. Need I say that in all of these, "Ireland" was humiliatingly defeated? However, be that as it may, the fact remains—it is now exactly a quarter of a century since a real Irish team competed on an international athletic field.

Our match in 1932 was against Scotland at the famous Powderhall Grounds in Edinburgh, and we won by 38 points to 28. The results were:

100 Yards—1, R. Murdoch (S); 2, W. Burke (I); 3, J. Eustace (I); Time: 10.0secs.

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Mile—1, T. Riddell (S); 2, R. Graham (S); 3, J. Doyle (I); Time: 4min.30.2secs.

4 Miles—1, F. Quinn (I); 2, J. Wood (S); 3, T. Smyth (I); Time: 20mins.28.2secs.

120 Yards Hurdles—1, T. D. Phelan (I); 2, A. Clark (S); 3, P. Anglim (I); Time: 15.4secs.

High Jump—1, J. Mitchie (S); 2, J. Guiney (I); 3, C. O'Connor (I); 5'11".

By  
**Patrick Carver**

Broad Jump—1, P. Anglim (I); 2, T. O'Connor (I); 3, P. Barkla (S); 23'6½".

Shotput—1, T. Healy (I); 2, A. Nicholson (S); 3, R. Ratcliffe (S); 43'6½".

Hammer—1, G. Walsh (I); 2, W. Britton (I); 3, A. Nicholson (S); 151'9".

The Irishmen who competed in that last international . . . where are they today? Some, I'm afraid,—great champions like Paddy Anglim and Mick McAlinden—are no longer with us; others, like Joe Eustace, Jimmy Doyle, Con O'Connor and Denny Ryan, look as though they could turn out again . . . and compete tomorrow.

**Little Change**

I met Joe Eustace in Dublin a few weeks ago, and I'll say this for him—the years have treated him lightly. A quarter of a century hasn't changed him much. Certainly he looks older, but otherwise, he is the same colourful, effervescent personality, who was the idol of Croke Park athletic crowds back in 1932. Joe's athletic career was brief but eventful. Into a couple of years he crammed four Irish sprint championships and a 220 yards record of 22.2secs which lasted right down to last summer.

Denny Ryan, winner of the "440" against Scotland, is today, an advertising representative with one of the leading National daily newspapers . . . and he is still as enthusiastic about athletics and running as he was twenty five years ago.

**Back Again**

Jimmy Doyle, third in the mile at Powderhall, is nowadays employed in the largest brewery in Ireland. In 1932, Jimmy was only on the threshold of a great running career, and six years afterwards, he set a mile record of 4min.19.0secs which lasted until the advent of John Joe Barry in 1946.

Theo Phelan, hurdles winner against Scotland, is back in Ireland again, after many years abroad. While he was stationed in Cairo in 1934, Theo set an Egyptian record of 15.4secs in the 110 metres hurdles.

Jack Guiney, one of the famous family from Kanturk, is now in London, and Tom Healy, winner of the 16-pound shot against Scotland and who was, potentially, the greatest shot and discus man we ever had in this country, has been living in England since before the war.

I saw Bill Britton at the Harold Connolly exhibition at Belfield last winter, and like Joe Eustace, he hasn't changed very much with the years. Now a retired bank manager, Bill won many Irish championships and also took the A.A.A. hammer title on three occasions between 1928 and 1933.

Tim O'Connor of Ballyclough, who placed second to the late Paddy Anglim in the long jump at Powderhall, is now a bank manager in Co. Cork. Tim was one of our greatest long jumpers—he beat 24' many times—but a broken leg at Clonmel Sports in 1934 put an end to a very promising athletic career.

Con O'Connor? I see him often, and he hasn't changed an iota. And the others? I often wonder where they are, what they're doing . . . and whether—like the rest of us old-timers—they're still talking about athletics.

**SOUTHERN MAIL**

By **HUGH O'DONNELL**

The rout of Kerry by Kildare in the National League has moved the kingdom mentors to action. Those who, previously were reluctant to admit that there was something wrong now nod their heads in agreement.

A group football competition for resident players has been organised with the following draws and fixtures:

A. Tralee District Board v District Board areas South Kerry, Mid Kerry and Kenmare.

B. District Board areas of North Kerry, St. Brendan's and West Kerry v District Board areas of East Kerry and Castleisland.

Both these games are due for March 30, and should be decided before you read this.

Winners of A. meet losers of B. and losers of A. meet winners of B.

The two teams then on top with the highest total of points will meet in the final for a set of valuable medals. This game is due on April 20.

But it does not stop there. On the following Sunday, April 27, two teams picked from the four teams already mentioned will play and from them will be selected the final fifteen resident players who will in turn meet a full-strength non-resident team. From this final game (Residents v. Non-Residents), the selectors will choose the team to represent the county in the championships.

It is quite a programme and only the Kingdom could put it over.

Anyone care to bet that Kerry will not be a championship force this year?

Waterford have set a head-line which could be followed by all counties in setting-up a school for referees. Thirty-four men have been selected and they are meeting regularly.

The adopted procedure is that all the rules will be reviewed with a special emphasis on those rules which are open to mis-representation. On these a uniform policy for the county will be adopted. Only referees who have completed the course will be considered for the coming year.

Two newcomers to Cork senior hurling ranks who are expected to make the grade and add power to the Leesiders scoring machine in the coming championships are David Deasy of Ballinhassig and Sean Kelly of Tracton. Sean is a brother of Terry Kelly.

Deasy although lacking in height and weight is a very fine stylist with a somewhat Ring-like accuracy.

The rumour that the Ventry club delegates were absent from the Kerry County Convention when the vote was taken to elect the county football selectors (which resulted in Paddy 'Bawn' Brosnan being beaten by one vote) was firmly denied at

a recent meeting of the West Kerry Board by the Ventry delegate, Mr. J. Murphy.

The death of Mr. Michael Arrigan at his home in Abbeyside, Dungarvan, was one of the sad happenings of the past month. A member of the Tipperary team which won the All-Ireland in 1920 he was one of the outstanding players in Munster of his time.

His son, Lieut. Patrick Arrigan, is a former National swimming champion.

The memory of Sean Treacy, Tipperary's bravest fighting son, will be truly honoured with the meeting of Sean Treacy Camogie team, Belfast, and its Tipperary town counterpart. The game is due to take place in early summer and preparations are already being made by the Tipperary hosts so that everything will be in perfect order and in keeping with the ideals of the great patriot.

The departure of Michael Hennessy, of Ballyduff and Kerry hurling fame to New York recently, was by no means the only loss suffered by the Kingdom in the past month. Brendan and Michael Teahan, both fine players on the Kilcummin football team have also left for the U.S.

Kerry appears to be the hardest hit of all Munster Counties by this continuous wave of emigration.

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Local tradition says that in the dawn of our history the Nation's guardians, the Fianna, led by Fionn McCumhaill, hunted, fought and camped in the glens within this range of hills. Place names Glen Oiven and Glenanaar ("The Glen of the Slaughter") bear out these beliefs.

Legend also says that at the "Red Chair", a peak in the Ballyhowas, Brian Boru's brother Mahon was murdered by Mulloy, during the Danish Wars; and at Ardpatrick, our National Patron stood, and from this elevation blessed the men and lands of Munster.

As this range tapers down into Co. Cork it embraces Kilcoleman, a spot made famous by the Elizabethan poet Spenser, as it was here that he was inspired to write the "Fairy Queen", a poem that is classical in English literature.

To live in such a storied region is indeed a pleasure. But not alone do the Ballyhowas constitute a historian's paradise. To the lover of the Gaelic pastimes they are one of the northern boundaries between Cork's largest G.A.A. division—Avondhu and Co. Limerick.

### G.A.A. Outpost

The divisional northern outpost is Rathluirc, another long established Gaelic centre. From this locality hailed many stylish caman wielders. To mention a few, Jack O'Mahony, a splendid defender and master of the long puck art; Mick Kearney, a cunning corner forward, who assisted Cork to the 1947 All-Ireland junior triumph, and won 1946 and '47 Intermediate titles with Rathluirc; Mick O'Toole, one of the most stylish

hurlers ever to hail from Avondhu, and he also collected 1946 and '47 Intermediate medals. But on the All-Ireland field he went one better than his team pal, Mick Kearney, when he added a 1955 Junior All-Ireland medal to his collection. Billie Dillon earned a grand reputation as full back for Rathluirc in the '40's, and

then 'Stockie' Cronin and 'Danno' Mahony were defenders who also were members of the 1947 Co. J.H. team.

### Father And Son

'Danno' lined out in the Munster S.H. final of 1951 against Tipperary at Limerick, and was a sub on the Cork team that went under to Tipperary at Killarney the previous year. No mention of Rathluirc players would be complete without a reference to Bill Galligan, a veteran of many a campaign. Bill has the proud honour of lining out with his son Billie on the same team on several occasions.

When Rathluirc Gaels speak of the individual displays of their hurlers certain of mention is Tadgie Ryan's inspiring play in the 1939 Munster minor final.

This lad came on as a substitute to a Cork team that was trailing Tipperary well in arrears. His speed and craft gave the Leesiders the victorious injection that paved the way not alone for the collection of the Provincial title, but also of the All-Ireland crown.

The local schools in charge of the Christian Brothers have played a prominent part in the advancement of the Gaelic pastimes in Rathluirc. Annually teams are entered in the College championships and a keen interest is also taken in the Avondhu minor and juvenile competitions.

Last season a prominent Rathluirc Gael, Denny O'Callaghan, donated a valuable cup to the Divisional Juvenile Board for under 14 (B) hurling, and this veteran's motto is: "The youth must be encouraged to play their native games."

### RATHLUIRC HURLING CLUB

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# BEST IN THE WEST

by  
**LIAM  
O h-OISTIN**



**JOHN McANDREW**, this year's captain of the Mayo team.



**EAMONN MONGEY**, famous star of the Mayo team (shown above) that won the 1951 All-Ireland Final, has now been elected Chairman of the Mayo Association in Dublin.

Galway Will Start Favourites For This Year's Connacht Final, But . . . .

# WATCH FOR ROSCOMMON

**WATCH** out for Roscommon in this year's senior championship. Their forward display against Galway on the later's home ground in the Wembley Stadium playoff, has given supporters high hopes that the blue and gold will be a force to be reckoned with in this year's campaign. Drawn against Leitrim in the semi-final, they are more than hopeful of reaching the Connacht final and then who knows? Still, their lack of finishing power in the attack may prove their undoing, as it did in the semi-final against Galway last season.

Galway, naturally, must start favourites to retain their crown but some of their stars of '56 and '57 seem to have lost their sparkle and their zest for the game and replacements have not proved up to the required standard.

Meanwhile, Mayo, drawn against Sligo in the first round with the winners having a date with Galway in the semi-final, are still searching for that so elusive and hard-found essential—a scoring forward line.

But, if they succeed in stringing together such an attack, then both Galway and Roscommon can be wary. The Mayo defence and centre-field is as strong as is in the province.

O'Leary is their only constructive reliable forward, so that the theme song down Castlebar way is most likely to be "Give us five forwards more."

Leitrim can boast of their forwards McGarthy, Flynn, Cryan, etc. but the defence is their big trouble. Rumour has it that former Louth

and Leitrim forward, Garda Hubert Reynolds, may get a run at full-back in an effort to solve one of the county's greatest position problems.

What's more, this versatile player though in the veteran stage now, could just prove the answer to this headache. Backed up by such capable defenders as Lynch, Heslin, Duffy and Hayden, he could well prove a major obstacle to Roscommon's title aspirations.

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Popular choice as captain of the Mayo team for '58 is medico John McAndrew, whose displays in last year's junior championship played a major part in the winning of the All-Ireland title.

Now the proud possessor of three All-Ireland medals, one senior ('51) and two junior ('50 and '57), the honour is well deserved and falls on shoulders well worthy of, and more than capable of bearing the burden.

A native of Kiltane, Bangor-Erris, John is brother of the mighty "Big" Pat McAndrew, who played such a vital part in Mayo's heavy defeat of Kerry in the '48 semi-final, and who helped New York in their sensational 1950 National League win over Cavan, as well as proving a tower of defence against his native county in the St. Brendan Cup decider in New York in '54. A third member of this athletic family is the very popular Liam who figured at full-forward for the title-winning Dublin junior hurling team of '52.

John Nallen, 1957 captain, is vice-captain.

The following form the selection committee of the Leitrim teams for 1958: Fr. Sean Manning, C.C., Anaghduff, chairman of the Co. Board; E. Delahoyde, Ballinamore; G. O'Toole, Carrick-on-Shannon; C. Lee, Aughavas; H. Doherty, Cloone; M. Sweeney, Fenagh; A. McGowan, Kinlough, and the nominee of county champions, Bornacoola. Tony Hayden, left half back on the county team, was the latter club's choice, but as he is a playing member of the team, the champions were asked to nominate someone else.

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Because of Bornacoola's difficulty in finding a team to avail of the kind invitation of Yorkshire on April 13, the Leitrim Co. Board have given permission to the Co. Secretary to form a team comprised of some county players and average club players to fulfil the fixture.

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CONGRATS TO MY OLD TEAM MATE, EAMONN MONGEY, ON BEING ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF MAYO ASSOCIATION IN DUBLIN. UNLESS EAMONN'S UNDOUBTED POWERS OF LEADERSHIP, SO EVIDENT ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD IN TIMES GONE BY, HAS DETERIORATED VERY MUCH IN RECENT TIMES, MAYO FOLK IN THE METROPOLIS HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE PROUD OF, AND SATISFIED WITH, THEIR VERY WISE AND WORTHY CHOICE OF CHAIR-

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Westport open their park on May 18, with Mayo and Galway having the honour of the first game. A record crowd is expected to throng this very picturesque seaside town for the big event, the result of endeavour, idealism and determination. Subscriptions to pay off the heavy debt incurred are always welcome and may be sent to any member of the hard working Park committee.

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For the first time in its history, South Galway will be without a Senior Hurling team—Gort, the sole survivor, was relegated to Junior status recently. Yes, you have probably guessed the reason—emigration! Galway's Senior county hurling team has taken a severe hammering from this deadly evil, in recent months, with the departure of star players B. Duffy, Paddy Egan, Martin Murphy and Kevin Croke, all of whom have crossed the Atlantic.

What a loss this must be to a

county striving so manfully to field a team in the championship, year after year, without the benefit of a "gallop" before the All-Ireland semi-finals.

What a strong case Galway must have this year for the "Open draw" motion before Congress—something must be done, and done quickly, to find a solution, not only for Galway's particular problem, but also for the national problem of emigration.

In view of this severe loss of four of their best men, Galway's display in the Railway Cup against the might of Munster, must have heartened their many supporters and admirers. The old weakness of forward-finish was again evident and played a big part in their defeat.

This was all the more evident when one considers the service laid on by midfielder, Joe Salmon—what an immaculate hurler this man is—who reigned supreme around the centre of the field. The fact that Munster retained fourteen of their side—Brohan, injured, was not available—for the decider, is testimony of the opinion the Southern mentors hold of Galway's worth.

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West Galway Board show increased affiliation fees this year with a record number of clubs, 52 in all, comprising 73 teams, an increase of 12 clubs over 1957. The advent of Pearse Stadium, Salt-hill, has whipped up enthusiasm among the Gaels of the area, who now possess a first class playing field for their many fixtures.

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6. ALBERT MULDOON (20). Joined the Club from Cloniffe last season. Credited with 2 mins. for the 880. Won A.A.U. Youths title. Shopkeeper.

7. GEORGE HEFFERNAN (19). Brother of Tommy (No. 3). Running since he was 13. Nothing outstanding to his credit but a fine runner. Fitter.

8. AUSTIN CLARKE (21). A powerfully built athlete. Has run the 880 in 1.58. County representative. Has competed all over the country. Also a high jumper. Cooper.

9. JOHN ENNIS (21). Five years in athletics. Club's best stylist. Has done 2 mins. for the half. Clerk.

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By Shane Redmond

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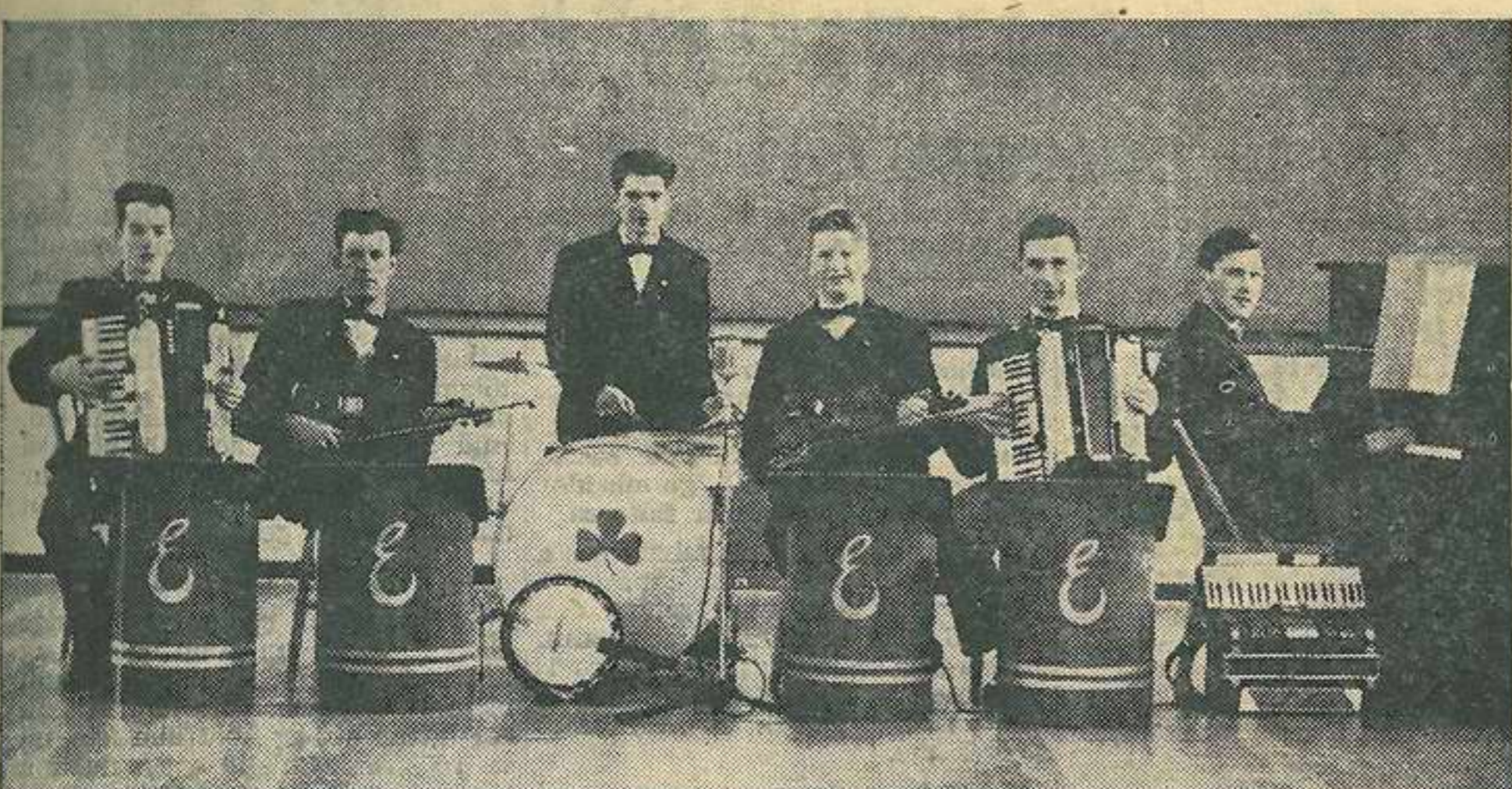
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By SEAN O'NEILL  
ST. PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, BELFAST, HAS MANY SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS TO BE PROUD OF, BUT SURPASSING ALL ACADEMIC GLORY IS ITS PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT IT WAS THE ALMA MATER OF THAT EVERGREEN GENIUS OF ANTRIM AND ULSTER FOOTBALL AND HURLING, KEVIN ARMSTRONG.

It was from St. Peter's that Kevin graduated to the O'Connell Club in 1935. The following year he was the architect of the club's minor hurling championship victory.

Nineteen thirty-seven saw Armstrong on both the county minor teams and the following season he made his senior debut, coming on as a substitute for Antrim in their

Dr. McKenna Cup game against Monaghan, played at Corrigan Park, Belfast.

That day marked the beginning of an era, an era which was to become not alone the greatest in Antrim's football history but undoubtedly in Ulster's as well. It was an era of glory and triumph and Kevin Armstrong played the lead in each of those memorable scenes.

Antrim had found a leader and it rallied to him. The evolution of a new style began, a style, based on speed and the hand-pass, which was to baffle many a defence in the years which followed.

The goal was Croke Park but the long road to it had many obstacles. Cavan, enjoying their greatest days, were hard to beat but the men of Antrim never gave up hope.

Then came glorious '46 and Antrim were home at last.

On August 18 Armstrong led his men to do battle with the might of the Kingdom. The battle was bitterly fought and the final score read Kerry 2-7, Antrim 0-10. Kerry were the victors and advanced to defeat Roscommon in the final, but the heroes of the day were the gallant men of the Glen.

They had attained their goal and had proved to all that the game of the Gael as played in Belfast and Antrim was not just home town form. They had matched and baffled the might and experience of Kerry whose victory, to say the least of it, was the least glorious of the Kingdom's many triumphs.

Antrim can duly be proud of '46. It was their greatest moment and although they were never to recapture the same form, it will



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be the inspiration of the youth of the North for many a day.

With the Ulster Railway Cup team for a decade, Armstrong won Cup medals in 1942, '43, '47 and '50 at right-half forward and the dashing Antrim man was the delight of every pitch he graced.

As a hurler Kevin was probably the finest ever produced in the Northern province.

To-day, twenty years after his auspicious debut in Corrigan Park in 1938, Kevin is still going strong. In Croke Park last season with his county's hurlers he showed much of his old craft and genius.

Antrim have never won an All-Ireland title, they have never enjoyed the highest honour that a county can achieve, but yet the Gaels are happy and proud.

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WHEN CORK AND KILKENNY WERE LOCKED IN . . .

# Epic Battle

By Michael Cahill

CORK and Kilkenny hurling teams were practically equal in merit in the historic year of 1931 when they had to travel three times to Croke Park to settle the destination of the championship. It appeared that if ever two teams should have been declared joint title holders, it was then. And it was sad indeed that three of Kilkenny's stalwarts, Lory Meagher, Paddy Larkin and Dick Morrissey, of the original fifteen, were rendered hors-de-combat for the third day, when Cork won well.

But if we go back to 1912, we find that these counties were locked in even closer struggles for mastery, and golden memories of their titanic contests of that era are handed down through the misty span of years.

Take the series of matches for the Munster Feis medals, won eventually by Kilkenny, at Dungarvan. The promoters of the tournament were despairing of finding winners, and only strict ruling, by the powers that were, forced the issue in the fifth match between the illustrious rivals, after a period of three and a half years.

The first match was played at Cork in February, 1909, which resulted in a draw. The second was in Kilkenny and Cork were victorious. The third and fourth were in Dungarvan and Cork, respectively, when two more draws resulted.

The final test was in Dan Fraher's field in Dungarvan, in July, 1912. Kilkenny mustered thirteen of the men who played in the first match, and Cork had only seven.

This was one of the great games of Gaelic history, for some judges assessed it up to the highest standard ever played.

KILKENNY LED 1-1 TO 0-1 AT HALF-TIME AND, AMAZING TO RELATE, THERE WAS NO SCORE BY EITHER SIDE IN THE SECOND HALF.

Cork had the best of the play outfield, but the rock-like Kilkenny backs gave one of the most magnificent displays seen on any field. Holding on grimly, they won by their 4 points to 1.

The opinions on the game by the following, some of them with famous names, including two of the small exclusive band of stars holding both All-Ireland hurling and football medals, Sean O'Kennedy and Billy Mackessy, will be of interest:—

Harry Boland: "A better game than many All-Ireland finals. Kilkenny's defence was magnificent and won the game for them."

Steve Riordan (Cork): "One of the best games I ever saw. Cork had wretched luck. They were all over Kilkenny in the second half and could do anything but score."

Sean O'Kennedy (New Ross): "Kilkenny backs put up the best all-round defence I ever saw, but no one will deny that Cork had much more than their share of sheer hard luck."

Willie Walsh (Chairman, Waterford County Board): "One of the best games on record. Kilkenny's backs gave one of the best exhibitions of defensive play ever seen. Cork, on the whole, had rather hard luck in the scoring line."

Billie Mackessy (Cork): "Kilkenny won but Cork made all the play. We had rotten luck at most times."

And again, five months later, in the last seventeen-a-side final, Kilkenny beat Cork 7 points to 6, in an exhibition that can be rated with the best of any generation.

But the question of superiority still remained rather unresolved.

After this test at Jones's Road, before 20,000 people, who made a record gate of £600, Tipperary's gift to the hurling game, Tom Semple, said: "Kilkenny is the luckiest team of to-day, or any other day. But the important thing is that they won."

# Eire Thuaidh Is Theas

## Le DOMHNALL O CATHASAIGH

TA AN CHAISG AG TEACHT, AGUS AG TEACHT GO TAPAIDH. NUAIR A SMAOINIGHEANN GAODHAL AR AN gCAISG, IS MINIC, IS AR AN gCOMHDHAIL BHLIANTUIL A BHIONN SE AG SMAOIN-EAMH. COMHDHAIL AN THABHTACH I SA OGHAL CUMANN LUTH CHLEAS GAODHAL 'SEADH AN COMHDHAIL CHEADNA. TA SE SUMIUL I MORAN SLIGHTHE.

Ar an gcead dul síos, bíonn oraid an uachtarain ann. Is fíu é sin a chlos i gcomhnaidhe. Oraid gan sgath gan eagla a bhíonn ann de ghnáth.

Bíonn eolas ag an gcainteoir, eolas na bhíonn ag an ngnáth-bhall den chumann i-n-aon chor Chionn an fear so neart is laige na gluaiseachta abfad Eireann níos soileire na aoinne eile. Gheibheann se eolas o gach aird, is cloiseann se moran.

Ta tuarascail an Runaidhe an-shuílúil leis. So sois sgeal na gluaiseachta ar fad e. Cuireann se gach nídh os do chomhair amach. Chionn tu cad e an teacht isteach abhi ann, cuir i gcas, i gcurai airgid i rith na bliana, cho maith leis an mheid a chuaid amach, Chionn tu i dtéannta san, conus mar a chaitheadh an t-airgead i rith na bliana, an deontas a tugadh go dtí an conn-dae seo, agus don chonndae siud.

Tríd is tríd chionn tu go roinneadh go cothrom is go macanta e. Sampla de chothrom na Feinne e. Nil cuis gearrain ag aoinne. Deantar iarracht ar gach aoinne do shasamh, pioca thuaidh no theas ata com-linaidhe air, is cuma.

### LAG IS LAIDIR

Do bhi la, agus do bhi peil Ghaodhalach lag annso is laidir annsud. Ta an la san thart beagnach. Conn-daethe abhi lag agus an-lag blianta o shoin, taid imthighthe chun tosaigh go mor.

Ni mor e an difriocht ata idir aon da chonndae i lathair na h-uaire maidir le caighdean peile. Togaimis Tir-Eoghain cuir i gcas. Is cuimhin liom-sa dathad no caogadh

bliana o shoin, agus do bhi an caighdean iséal agus an-iseal sa chonndae sin.

Ach d'imthigh san agus thainigh so. Seadh do thanaigh atharu is atharu mor. Do bhuahdar craobh Uladh i mbliana, agus deanamid cogairdeachas leo da bharr, ach ni bheidhimid sasta amach is amach go dti, go mbeidh craobh na h-Eireann ar fad aca.

Nil aon teora leis an mhaithreas a dheanfadh se sin don chluiche i gcuige Uladh-go mor mhor don chuid de ata gearrtha amach uainn le teorainn mi-nadura, mar Eire is eadh Eire o Chulraithe go dti an gob, is sia amach i ndeisceart Chorcaighe.

Ta ceist amhain ar an gclar i gcoir na Comhdhala i mbliana, agus deanfar e do phle is do chioradh go maith a dearfainn. Ceist na h-iomaniochta an cheist ata ann.

Ta gach aoinne sasta le ceist na peile, ach ni mar sin ata sgeal na h-iomaniochta. Ta dul chun chinn agus an-dul chun chinn deanta ag peil Gaodhalach, ach ni feidir an nídh cheadhna a radh maidir leis an iomaniocht. Taobh amuigh de Chuige Mumhan agus cupla conn-dae gCuige Laighean ta an cluiche lag agus an-lag. Togaimis Gaillimh cuir i gcas.

Nil muinntear na Gaillimhe fein sasta leis an gcaighdean iomaniochta sa chonndae. Ta moran rudai ag cur isteach ar an geluiche ann.

Ta, cuir i geas Imirice. Ta roinnt mhaith d'iomanaidhe mhaiththe imthighthe thear lear uatha i rith na bliana. Ba mhor an cailliunt iad. Rud eile fos, nil aon chomortaisi iomaniochta i gConnacht, cinn gur fíu tracht orra pe ar domhan e. Gan amhras ta cuis gearrain aca.

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