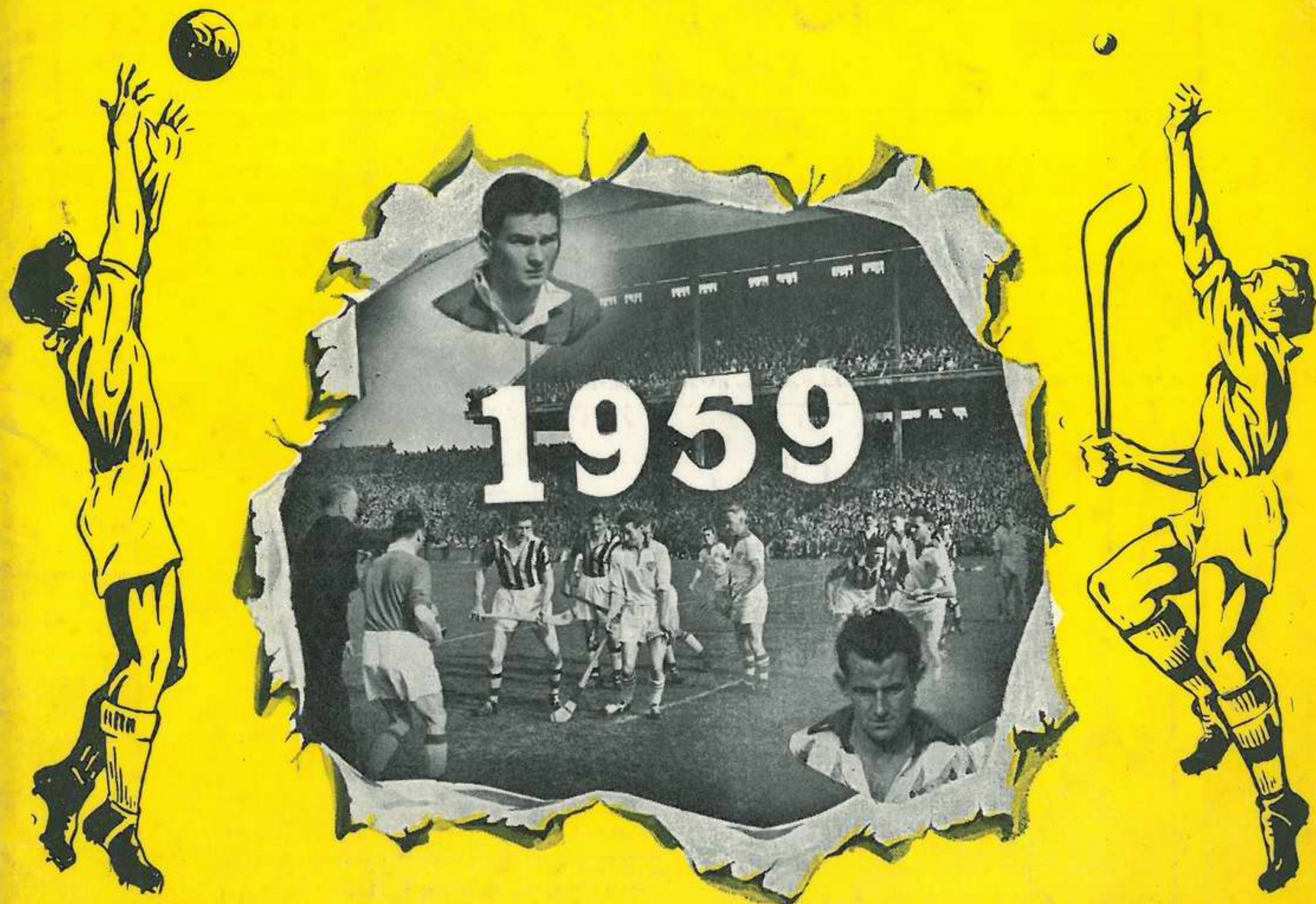


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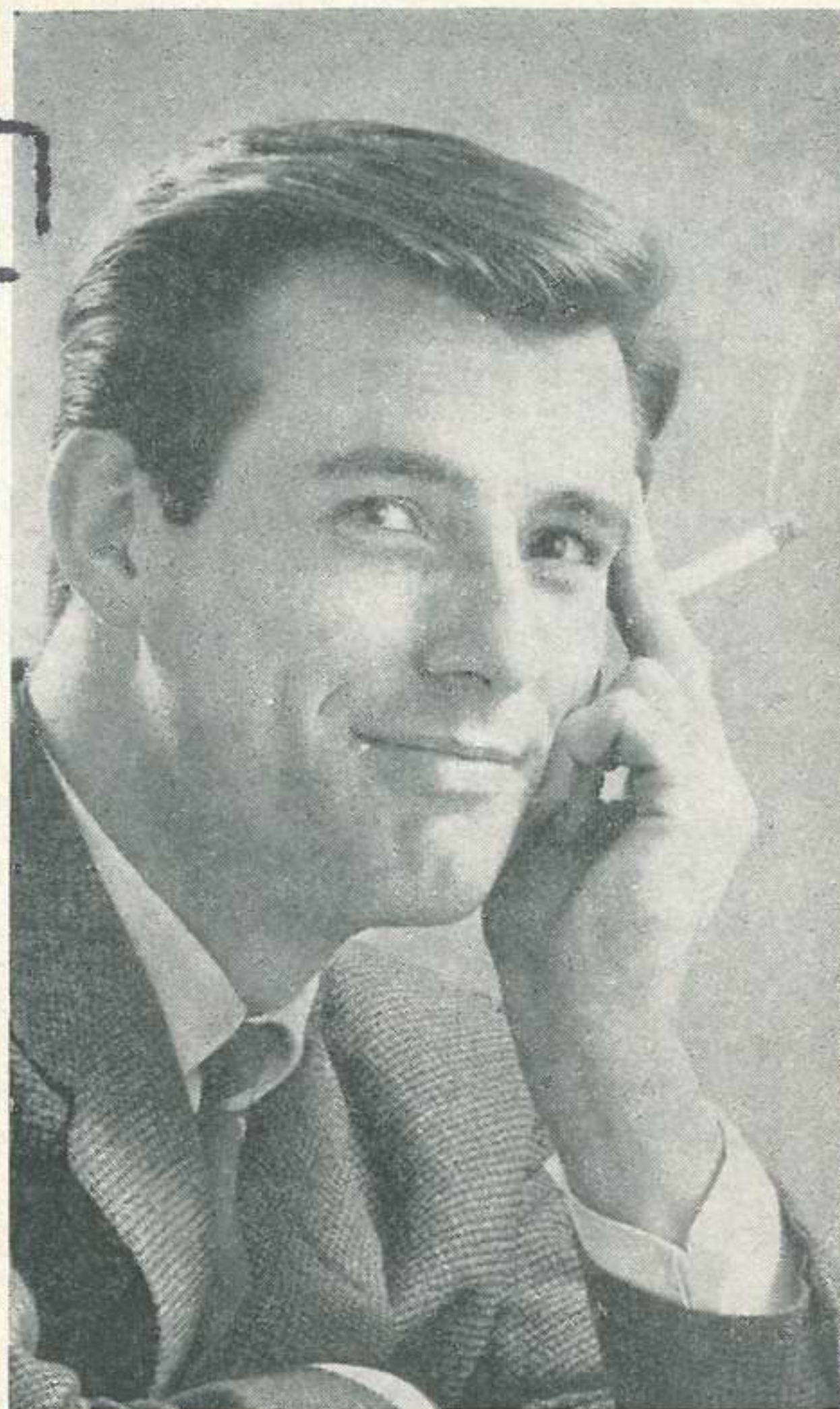
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# RÉAMH-RÁDH

By Dr. J. J. Stuart

(President of The Gaelic Athletic Association)



**C**UIS athais dom aris cuireadh o "Nuachtan Gael" do glacadh le beannachtaí na Nollag a gúar gac duine a d'oibrigh ar son Cumainn Luith Chleas Gael i rith na bliana ata thart. Bí bliain thar bharr againn, buidheachas le Dia, agus ba mhaith liom mo bhuidheachas a gabhail le na h-oifigigh de gach ceim, ar na h-imearthoir go leir, a bhí chomh fearuil, agus ar an lucht leanta a bhí chomh dilis agus chomh sportuil.

Ar son an Chumainn guidhim beannacht an Leinbh Iosa oraibh uilig.

**I**T is with particular pleasure that I accept once again the invitation of the "Gaelic Weekly" to extend, through the pages of the "Cuchulainn Annual," my best wishes for a holy and a happy Christmas and a bright New Year to all members and well-wishers of the Gaelic Athletic Association both at home and abroad.

The year gone by, a year which marked the 75th Anniversary of the founding of our Association, has been a particularly memorable one, marked, not alone by the completion and opening of the magnificent new Hogan Stand at Croke Park, but by fine, manly and sporting contests on our playing fields.

Indeed one finds it hard to choose between the wonderful displays that marked the drawn game and replay between Waterford and Kilkenny in the senior hurling final, and the memorable achievements of the footballers from Kerry who so majestically won renown on both sides of the Atlantic.

The drawn game between the hurling rivals from the banks of the Suir, on the first Sunday in September, held a great crowd enthralled, and their display in the replay four weeks later was no less thrilling.

Waterford, by their victory, not alone gained ample compensation for their defeat by their close neighbours and friendly rivals in the final of 1957, but, in doing so, won a new niche for their county in hurling's Hall of Fame.

Their victory reflects the greatest credit, not only on the players themselves, but on the hard-working and tireless officials who have brought their county to the first rank despite difficulties that we well appreciate.

Kilkenny, too, though defeated, brought fresh honour to their county, went down with colours flying and showed their heart and tenacity by coming back a couple of weeks afterwards to win the Oireachtas competition.

Kerry, sweeping through the National League, went on to complete a fine double by taking the All-Ireland title after a hard-fought final with a gallant Galway side and added still further to their laurels by crossing the Atlantic to defeat a powerful New York selection in New York's Gaelic Park in the St. Brendan Cup Final.

Whether at home or abroad they brought honour and glory to themselves, their country, and to the Association. I have not seen a finer set of footballers and sportsmen don the famed green and gold.

I must spare a word also for the footballers of Down who won through so brilliantly in Ulster for the first time. Tipperary, worthy National Hurling League winners, also upheld home prestige by defeating the gallant exiles in the St. Brendan Cup hurling final, while their minors maintained the county's wonderful tradition in this grade, with a narrow win over a grand Kilkenny team in a final that was a classic in itself.

In minor ranks, too, Dublin set a new record by winning supreme football honours for the fifth time in six years, an achievement which tells its own tale of the work that is being done for our games in the Metropolis.

But the most heartening feature of 1959 was surely provided by the junior championships. Both "home" finals were won by teams from our six sundered counties, Antrim in hurling and Fermanagh in football.

The Antrim hurlers had, in turn, to give best to a brilliant team of exiles, from London, in the final, but Fermanagh went on to a victory that was, in many respects, the most heart-warming triumph of the year.

All praise, too, to those London hurlers, who are so true to our ideals in exile, and whose final victory was so well deserved.

Yes, 1959, has been a memorable year. But let us all strive to make each year to come just as memorable.



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**BEST SYSTEM**

Not so the Herald. I think it has the best combination of front suspension and steering I've yet found on any small mass-produced car.

It's about time some other makers woke up to the fact that rack-and-pin

steering is the best system for small cars. Yes, I know that over bumps there is some kick-back through the wheel, but it's not really annoying at the time, and is more than outweighed by the accuracy.

Forgive me for going on about the steering, but I found it unbelievably easy to place the Herald precisely, and that surely makes it very safe for any driver.

Harry Webster, Standard's young director of engineering, has produced a car that appeals to all the mechanic in me.

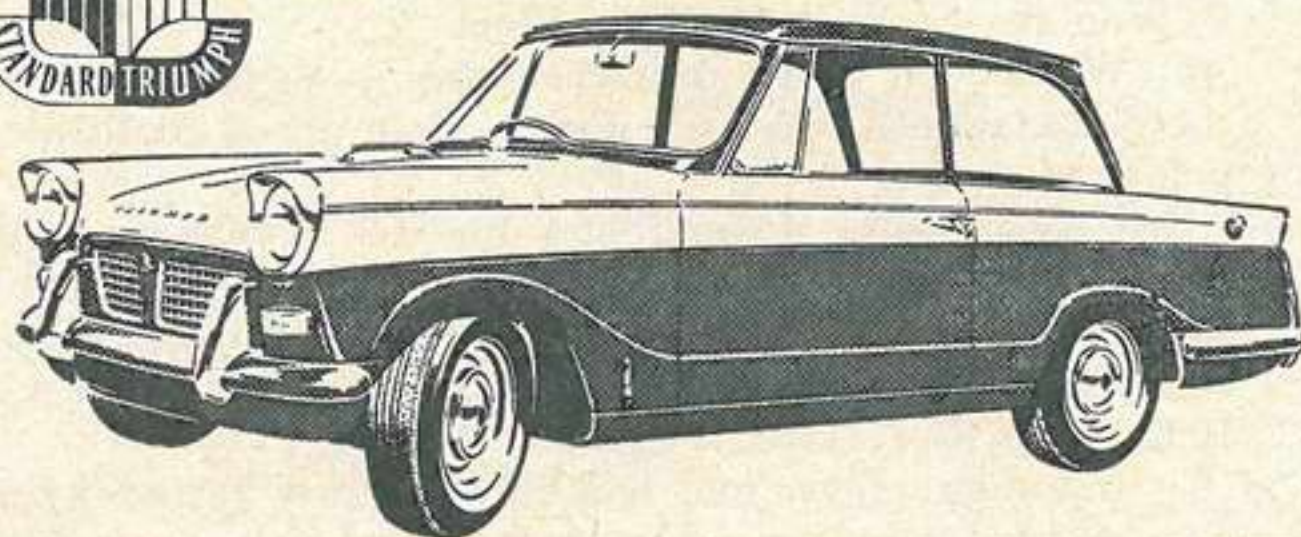
There's the independent rear suspension, which is a big reason why the Herald handles so well. (I suppose that's why Stirling Moss has got himself a Herald coupe.)

Then there's the chassis, which nearly every maker has got rid of but which most car connoisseurs prefer.

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## A LABOUR OF LOVE

ANOTHER year is fast drawing to a close and soon 1959 will be but a figure in the pages of history and record books. With the advent of Christmas comes the time for compiling the Cuchulainn Annual, a task to which we look forward with pleasure, and on which, we hope, we can look back with satisfaction in the knowledge of a job well done.

Each year adds its own special memories of events in the world of Gaelic sport, and 1959 was no exception. In the pages of this annual we have endeavoured to chronicle all the noteworthy features of the past year, not alone in the realms of hurling and football, but in the kindred sports of handball, camogie, athletics and cycling as well.

To accomplish this we have engaged a talented team of writers and sincerely hope our efforts have been successful.

1959 was a memorable year of achievement for the Gaelic Athletic Association. For *Gaelic Weekly* it was also a period of steady progress. Despite many difficulties, financial and otherwise, we feel we have done our part in providing Gael Ireland with a weekly paper dedicated to the ideals of Dr. Croke, Michael Cusack and Maurice Davin.

This would not have been possible without the staunch support of our many friends and we now take the opportunity of thanking our advertisers, readers and all who contributed in any way, no matter how small.

On my own behalf may I express a word of sincere thanks to our contributors at home and overseas. Did they but know how eagerly we look forward to their notes I am sure they would realise how much their efforts are appreciated.

To one and all we wish a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year full of God's blessings.

G. MCCARTHY,  
Editor.

## A Message From . . . PADRAIG O CAOIMH



(Ard-Runai C.L.C.G.)

Is tráchtúil an ócáid dom í seo le buíochas an Cumainn a cur in iúl do na hiománaíche agus do na peileadóirí a bhain oiread san cáil amac don Cumann agus dóib féin i rith na bliana atá caithe agus buíochas leis a gabáil leis bprobal de bárr a n-óilseacht i gcomnuí.

Dob' éadtae an bliain í 1959 i saol an Cumainn i mórán slí — do bí caighdeán tar an scoitceán i bfuirmór na bpríom-éluicí agus do cuireadh bláir ar fás 75 bliana as an gCumann tré oscailt oifigiúil an árdáin nua i bpráire an Chrócaigh. Is léir do'n Cumann gur éabruigh Nuachtán Gael go mór leis an bláir san agus tátar buíochas dá éinne.

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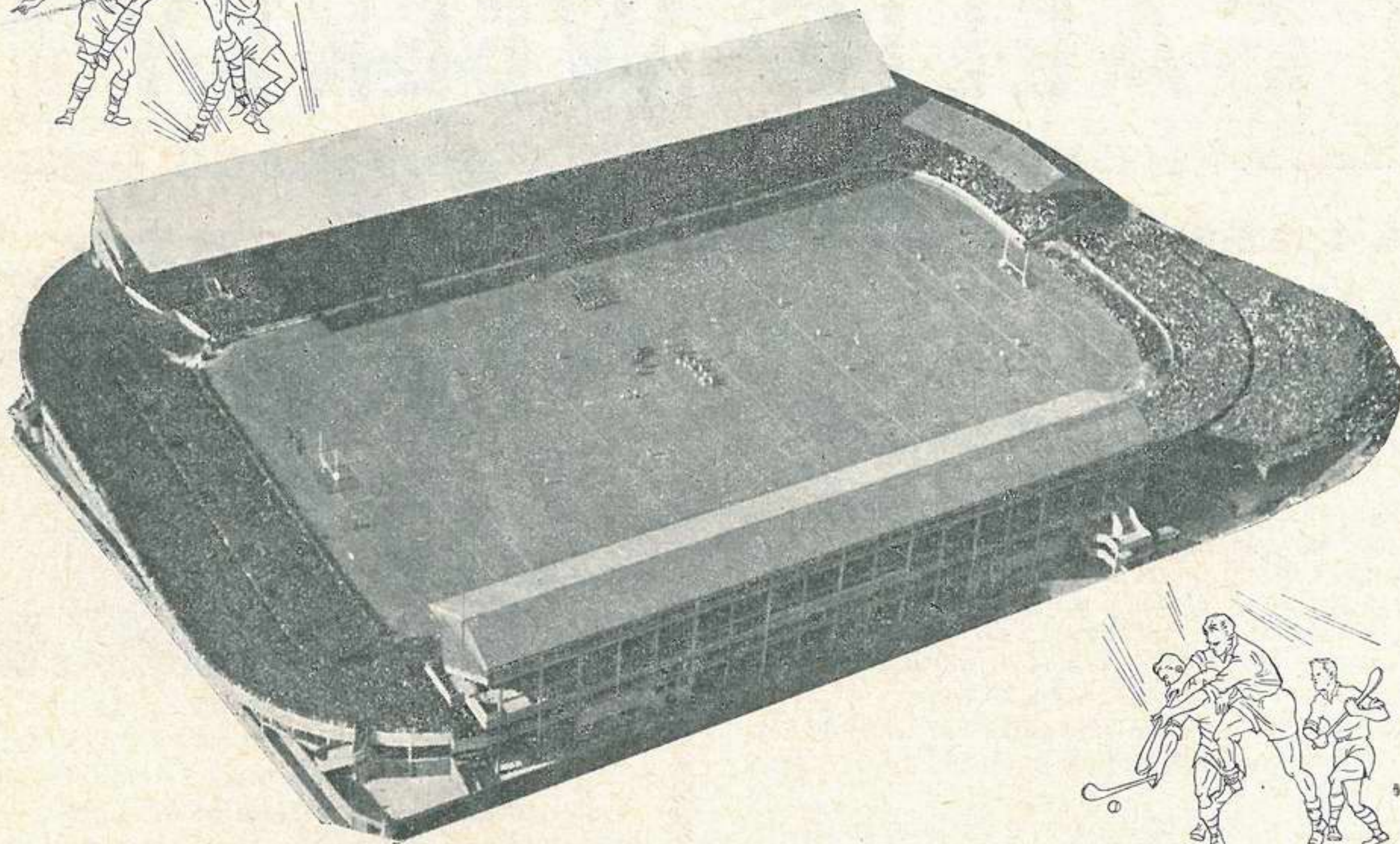
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# PAT FANNING WRITES ON . . . WATERFORD'S HURLING CROWN

**O**N October 4th, 1959, Waterford won the All-Ireland senior hurling championship for the second time. That is a bald statement of fact, but behind that simple sentence is a wealth of drama, a story of men who came back to vindicate themselves and win for Decies hurling its greatest victory.

The story starts in Fermoy on a Summer day in 1956, for it was then, in a Munster championship game with Cork, that this present Waterford team had its beginnings. Waterford were beaten that day but out of defeat was born a resolve to stick together and win another All-Ireland for the county.

1957 almost saw that ambition realised. Waterford came out of Munster in dashing style, humbled Galway in the semi-final and then shared in an epic All-Ireland which was won by Kilkenny by a single point on the stroke of time.

Waterford's march through Munster will not be forgotten. Certainly in every Decies home the victory march will be told and retold for generations to come. Waterford folk contend there never was anything quite like it before.

Galway came into Munster with high hopes and were the choice of most to account for Waterford at least. But Galway could not match these sons of the Decies and their effort faltered and died before the fury of Waterfordmen on victory bent.

"Tipperary would show up the weaknesses in this Waterford team." "The All-Ireland champions—as Tipp.



## ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONS — 1959

1958 provided a complete anti-climax. Our men were an indifferent lot against Kerry and suffered a complete and humiliating rout at the hands of Tipperary in the Munster final. It seemed that the life of this team had run its course.

The selection committee was changed but the men of '56 and '57 proved that they were still the best at the disposal of the county. Before the All-Ireland crown would be secured the men who had been written off by so many, following that rout at Thurles, would win complete vindication.

Then came 1959. Waterford marched to the League final and failed to Tipperary. The Decies were not downhearted. Their goal was the championship. Towards that goal all energies were bent.

John Keane, again, as in previous years, assumed control of training. That was a good start for every Waterford hurler has a great regard for this old county stalwart.

then were—would repeat their League triumph." They did not. For there were no weaknesses.

Waterford struck, and struck again. From first to final whistle they bombarded the shocked champions. There was no respite, no easing of the pressure. It was a black day for Tipperary. It was the brightest chapter in our story. A bogey had been laid.

Into the Munster final against Cork went our men. This time Cork got the early grip on things. The Leesiders appeared to have our measure. Now surely Waterford would crumble and die.

But Waterford refused to die and, thundering back into the game, they out-paced Cork to regain the crown they had surrendered so ignominiously a year before. It was a day of rejoicing in Waterford.

The long wait followed and people wondered if Waterford might not lose their edge. Kilkenny had come out

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of Leinster and all knew the worth of the Black and Amber in an All-Ireland.

People outside our county did not appreciate how Waterford viewed this coming clash. Kilkenny, our neighbours, were loaded with hurling honours; in relation to them we were but a Cinderella.

It is no more than true to say that the ultimate ambition of any Waterford hurler worth his salt is to score over Kilkenny in an All-Ireland final. That is at once a tribute to Kilkenny hurling and proof of the healthy rivalry existing between the counties.

Sunday, September 6th, 1959 was a great day for Kilkenny, for Waterford, and for hurling. It was as good an All-Ireland as has been seen in modern times.

Waterford pulled away. Kilkenny caught us, pushed ahead and seemed to have the title all wrapped up when out of nowhere came Seamus Power and his famous goal. The long whistle sounded and we had earned the right to fight again.

Coming from behind when all seemed lost our boys had performed a "Kilkenny" on Kilkenny. Verily, it was a case of the biter bitten, and yet another bogey had been laid.

### NO MISTAKE

October 4, 1959, must still be as fresh in your mind as it is in mine. This time there was no mistake. This time Kilkenny raced to that early commanding lead. This time they were caught and led.

In the great tradition of Kilkenny teams they tried to come back but Waterford would not be foiled now. Hurling with vigour, confidence, and no mean ability, our men raced to victory.

The All-Ireland was ours and Kilkenny were the victims. The dream and the ambition had been realised and in a manner that will forever stand to the glory of Waterford hurling.

That briefly is the story of 1959, a county's greatest achievement. What of the men who made it?

Starting with Ned Power in goal, and going right through the lineout that carried the day on October 4th, I could not find words to do justice to these men. Suffice to make brief reference to men who did their duty, and did it well.

Ned Power in this campaign earned ranking with the best goalies the game has produced. Joe Harney, Austin Flynn and John Barron won recognition as hard-nitting full backs who learned in full the lessons of the drawn game.

Our halves, Mick Lacey, Martin Og Morrissey and Jackie Condon, coped with every situation and blunted the Kilkenny attacks before they had a chance to develop.

In the middle stood Seamus Power and Phil Grimes—Power the tireless and Grimes the man who stayed the hour despite a badly fractured finger.

There was no suppressing this attack: Mick Flannelly, who started our recovery; Tom Cheasty, the bane of any defence; Frank Walsh, playing a captain's role; Larry Guinan, finding new reserves of energy; Tom Cunningham the elusive, and veteran John Kiely, the man who, more than all the others, perhaps, deserved that medal. Nor should Donal Whelan, Charlie Ware and Mick O'Connor be forgotten. All played their part in a great team triumph.

There you have it, the victory and the men who won it. It began in Fermoy three years ago and ended in a blaze of glory on October 4, 1959.

It was a long road and a hard fight, fought by men who believed in themselves and in their ability to win in All-Ireland. They deserved well of the Decies.

## A MESSAGE FROM

**Monsignor**

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**P.P., V.F.**

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**I**T is an honour to be asked to send a message for your forthcoming Christmas edition of the "Cuchulainn Annual".

Let me begin by wishing you and the staff of the "Gaelic Weekly" and all your readers a very happy Christmas with blessings abundant in the New Year. I pray, too, that in 1960 your paper will continue to grow in interest and in circulation and help to keep the spirit of Gaeldom vibrant and flourishing in the hearts of our people at home and abroad.

In the few years of its existence the "Gaelic Weekly" has established itself as a virile vehicle of commentary on our Gaelic activities, fair in criticism but strong in the assertion of the fundamental principles that underlie the Gaelic Athletic Association.

I do not pretend that it has already realised the fuller potentialities of a Gaelic journal, but definite progress is being made. Circulation is growing and each succeeding issue is being sought with increasing interest. The balance sheet reveals that the financial difficulties which must beset any new publication are being surmounted, and the worries of the earlier days are being dissolved.

In this respect I must commend your enterprise in establishing the *Gaelic Weekly* Football Tournament. It has been a financial asset, it has become deservedly popular, and I trust that the counties will continue to compete with enthusiasm for one of Gaeldom's greatest objects.

### THE IDEAL

In these days of immediate publication of results through radio and daily newspaper, you have commendably avoided detailed repetition of items already familiar to the public. In fact, the ideal of a weekly magazine is to emphasise the principles that govern our activities, to stimulate sportsmanship on the field and in council, to keep the present generation in contact with our aspirations as Gaels; in a word, to preserve the continuity of the national tradition.

That policy has been well maintained in the *Gaelic Weekly*. The editorials are not merely interesting but highly instructive, and you have a first-class group of writers who treat with a freshness of approach and of expression the full field of Gaelic action, not merely hurling and football, but handball and camogie. Gaelic

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# YET ANOTHER!

**I**N January Kerry entered the New Year with an uninspiring record, having failed to Derry in August, 1958, in the All-Ireland semi-final, drawn with Carlow, just about beaten Cork and failed to Galway in Tuam in the "Gaelic Weekly" Tournament. That win of Galway's, strangely enough, was eventually to be the stimulus that this Kerry team needed to launch them on their victory trail.

Galled by Galway's victory in Tuam, and faced again by the Westerners in Limerick, in a suit-length tournament early in April, Kerry prepared themselves individually for the task of avenging the Tuam defeat. They beat Galway that day in a manner which set the pattern for most of their subsequent games—a strong finish, traditional and very determined I might add.

Being frequently questioned about that game I came to give the same reason for many of the successes afterwards. This seemed to me—after ten years of senior football with Kerry—to be the fastest Kerry team I had ever played with.

Tall and rangy up the centre; very fast on the flanks; average age 24 years; average height, 5' 11" and average weight about 13 st. That is, I think, statistically, the ideal make-up of a Gaelic football team.

A good win over Kildare, and a resounding victory over Waterford, set us thinking in terms of a National League title for the first time since 1932.

The Offaly match was an ideal pipe-opener for the final against Derry. What a pity that Offaly had to field without Alo Kelly, a top-class centre forward, and Peter Nolan, injured in the Railway Cup, one of the star performers of 1959.

Caltex trophy winner, Jim McKeever, and his Derry men only went under after a wonderful game. Patsy Breen, Colm Mulholland and Denny McKeever have imprinted their names indelibly in football lore after their displays in a heart-rending All-Ireland final and the 1959 National League final. They showed us we had the makings of a good team for, we reasoned, if we could beat Derry we could beat most of them.

The All-Ireland series had by now begun.

Kerry did not impress in Killarney on Whit Sunday. Neither did they against Tipperary. Then came that nightmare Munster Final and a workmanlike Cork fifteen in which Eric Ryan, Joe Sullivan, Liam Power, Vince Barrett and Niall Fitz. showed

**By SEAN MURPHY**

Kerry a trick or two and left the public with very doubtful opinions regarding our chances.

But, bit by bit, Kerry's nonpareil, Mick O'Connell, began to show that he could win matches on his own. Brilliant, spectacular, breath-taking and polished, he scintillated and improved with every outing and began to

**SPORTS STAR, 1926-'59**



**DR. EAMONN O'SULLIVAN**

cast doubts on every midfield pairing that confronted him.

A colourless, bedraggled Kerry team tramped off the Killarney arena—bound for where?

*Paul Russell supplied the answer that came readily to the lips of even Kerry's most ardent supporters when, in answer to the question from my brother Seamus, "How far do you think we will go, Paul?", he replied: "As far as the 16th." (i.e. the 16th of August, the date of the All-Ireland semi-final versus Dublin.)*

I can see clearly the pitfall that many writers have fallen into for many years, and I don't blame Paul. They reckon on everyone, team, selectors and supporters, who, by this stage, have exhausted their ingenuity, reserves and resources.

**ENTER, DR. EAMON**

Then enters the hidden and forgotten hero of many a year of victory, modest, unassuming, quiet-spoken Dr. Eamon O'Sullivan, trainer incomparable, architect of many a famous triumph, who had to fight, for many years, for the recognition which Kerry's victory march of 1959 brought him.

The vindication of his methods and ideals is the perfect answer to the multitude of non-believers. Were Gaelic football to achieve the worldwide recognition and publicity accorded other forms of sport he would undoubtedly rank with Percy Cerutti, Knute Rockne, Jumbo Elliott and Fritz Stampfl.

Dublin had by now won through to the All-Ireland semi-final. They had blazed a glorious trail. Could Kerry counter this brilliant machine powered by O'Leary, Heffernan, Freaney, Foley and Flaherty?

Down in Kerry, supporters were loth to express their thoughts. Even *The Kerryman* made depressing reading.

In the Kerry training camp there was a quiet air of confidence engendered by the one and only believer in Kerry's football tradition and his own incomparable training methods. His evening sessions and lectures were given as if this were just another game.

Then, on the last night of training he distributed little printed cards to each of the team bearing the words:

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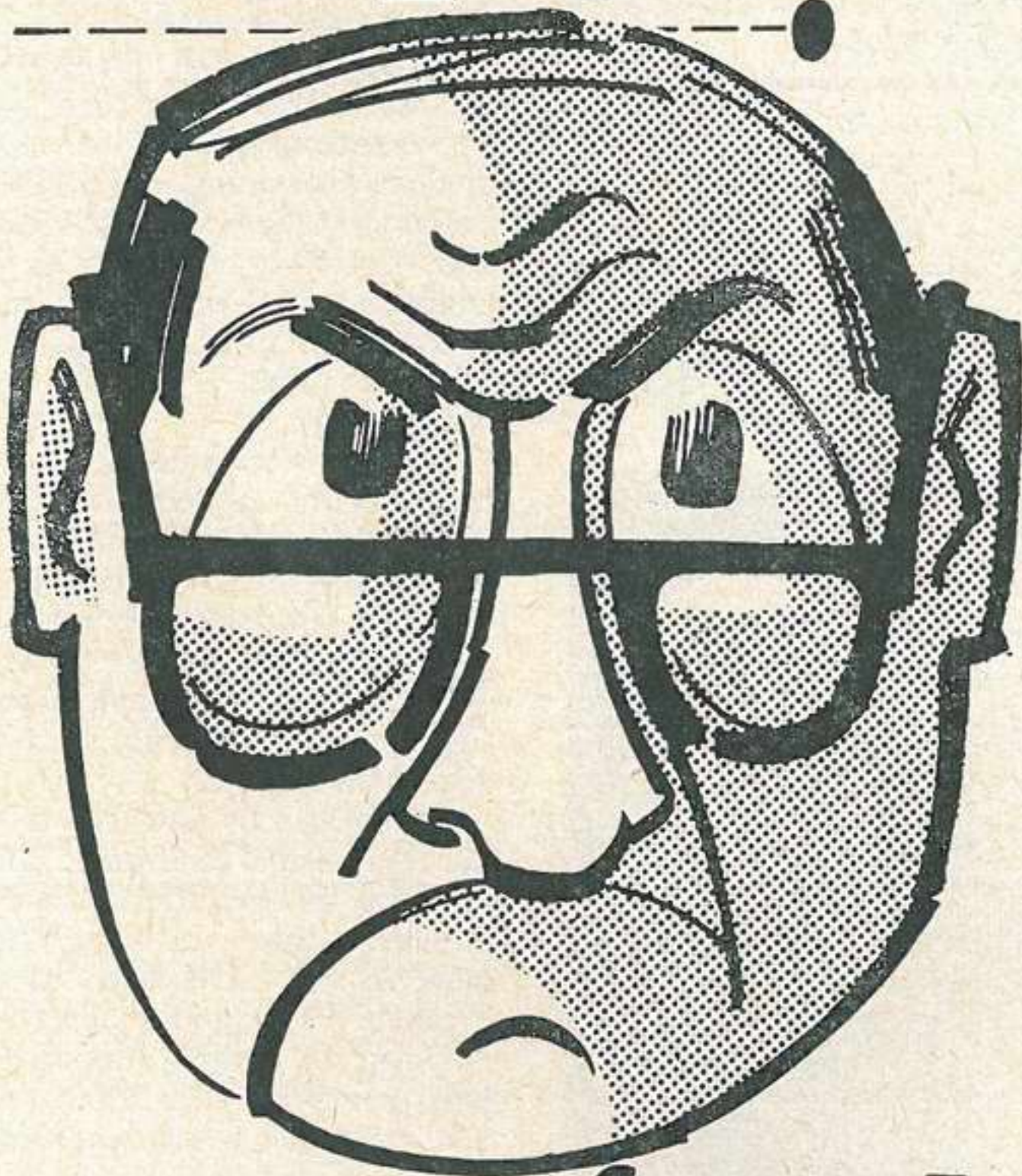
The Kerry-Dublin match was one of the greatest in which I have ever played. Victory did not come the way of superb performers, Dublin, who were sporting and magnificent in defeat. The Foleys, Freaney, Hefferman and Jim Crowley scaled new heights of football prowess.

What a pity Mark Wilson had to miss this second chapter in the modern Kerry-Dublin saga. He also missed the first in 1955. I hope he

won't miss the third if it occurs in the near future.

*That match was a personal triumph for Mick O'Connell and also for Michael Dwyer and Paud Sheehy. Paud's brother, Niall, vindicated the selectors' confidence and showed all the signs of becoming a great full-back and worthy occupier of the gap so admirably filled by the genial, broad-shouldered and more than adequate Ned Roche.*

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IRELAND'S CHOICE FOR GENERATIONS

Galway had by now disposed of a highly-rated Down combination in workmanlike manner. Leo Murphy, Kevin Mussen and Jarlath Carey must have learned quite a lot from their first appearance at headquarters.

I predict a bright future for this Down team.

They are well-balanced, sturdy and have loads of football ability. Judging from a recent chat I had with Arthur Doran and Maurice Hayes they will be a tough proposition when they come down again next year.

Frank Evers, Sean Purcell, Stockwell and Young seemed to have blended together ideally. Slowly we began to fear this powerful combination from Connaught and a new fever gripped the county. Once again Dr. Eamon was entrusted with the team.

## HOPES DASHED

*A Monday night trial match caused a stir in Killarney before the final. Any hopes of a Kerry victory were dashed by the poor displays of the 30 best players in the county.*

Again unruffled, aloof and unyielding was Dr. Eamon. He had supreme confidence in his methods and thought the Kerry team was the fastest and fittest he had ever trained.

His plan was very much the same as against Dublin. No pre-arranged moves, no fancy blackboard football—fitness, keenness and complete subordination to the will of the master trainer combined to give Kerry a clear-cut victory in the 1959 All-Ireland football final.

Galway put up a splendid performance and left the field as true sportsmen. The heartiest handshakes were had from the men of the west as they congratulated Kerry on that cool September evening.

## DOYEN OF TRAINERS

In conclusion I want to air the thoughts of the present Kerry team, those of generations of footballers in years gone by, and many Kerry supporters, and pay tribute to that doyen of trainers, that old master and unsung hero of Kerry's modern football victories.

DR. EAMON O'SULLIVAN IS A MAN WHO HAS SACRIFICED HIS HARD-EARNED HOLIDAYS TO GUIDE THE SHIP HE SO OFTEN HAS BEEN ASKED TO PILOT, THROUGH THE LAST TREACHEROUS PART OF ITS JOURNEY TO SUCCESS. EDDYING CURRENTS, HIDDEN ROCKS AND WRECKERS' LIGHTS ALL APPEAR IN TURN BUT ARE SAFELY NAVIGATED YEAR AFTER YEAR BY THE STEADY HAND AND KEEN EYE OF THE AGELESS, INDOMITABLE SPIRIT OF IRELAND'S ONLY DOCTOR OF SPORT.



## Le Padraig Mac Conmidhe

NUAIR A SCRÍOB MÉ ALT AR AN ADBAR SEO ANURAIÓ BÍ ORM STAIR AGUS STÁID NA n-EAGRAIDÉATR uilís a bí ar son Saelaíais sa Chúigiú a tábairt agus an dul cinn, nó dul ar gcúl, a meas. Ac, i mbliana, níl le déanam agam ac cuntas agus léirneas a scríobadh ac obair 1959.

Cúis na Teangta : An Saeltaí

Seo an tinnream ar na Coláistí uilís i 1959.

Sí tobair na Saelilge an Sael-taí agus, mar sin is fearr tús a cur ar stáid na teangta le rud beag eolais fán Saeltaí féin.

Níl mé ag rád gur tús agus deireadh sa scéil ceist an airgid, ac is cinnte go dtabairneann Scéim an deontais £5 pioctúir dúinn ar laigú nó méadú na Saeltaí. Seo mar tá an scéal.

Dun scoltaí a breithneadh faoin scéim :

Scoil-bliain 1956/7 — 121

Scoil-bliain 1957/8 — 119

lón páistí a fuil an deantas :

	1956/7	1957/8
Dun Scoltaí	2814	2725
Meán — „	19	61
Cearo-Scoltaí	62	61
iomlán	2895	2847

Teirfeair ó na pioctúirí sin gur beag achrú atá ann.

### An Saeltaí

Tá laigú ar lón na gceartaí faoi Comaltas Uilís — 93 a bí cláruigte i 1958 agus níl pioctúirí agaim do 1959 go fóill.

I gCorn an Bhaile níl ráb ac cúis scoltaí páirteac i mbliana agus bain Scoil N. Caoimhín Béal Feirste an Corn. Seo comórtas i tabairt na Saelilge, ins na bun scoltaí ins na Sé Connadae. Is beag an uimhir cúis cinn.

Tá a macasamail eile de comórtas do na Meán-Scoltaí, Sciaí Mic Siolla Bríde. Tá dá Scéil ann — ceann do scoltaí na n-gasúr agus ceann eile do Meán-Scoltaí na gcailín.

Ins an comórtas i mbliana níl ráb ac dá scoil déas, gasúraí — 5, cailíní 7 ; agus bain Colaiste N. Micil, Inis Ceitleann, sciaí na n-gasúr, agus Cloíar N. Iosep, Domnac Mór, ceann na gcailín.

Ac má bí laigú ar lón na gceartaí agus ar na scoltaí a bí ag coimlín ins an teangtaí, bí méadú mór i

	lúil			lúnasa			iomlán an dá mí
	6 Co.	26 Co.	iomlán	6 Co.	26 Co.	iomlán	
Rann na Feirste	216	221	437	232	158	390	827
Saoí-Dobair	149	59	208	17	49	66	274
Loí an Iubair	30	48	78	69	8	77	155
Ras Soill	56	4	60	43	6	49	109
Cloí-Ceann fíolaí	24	149	173	11	99	110	283
Teileann	103	11	114	108	23	131	245
Cois-Abann Dála	—	—	—	70	—	70	70
iomlán	578	492	1070	550	343	893	1963
1958	379	405	784	372	306	678	1462

lón na bpáistí a cuairt cúis na Coláistí Samraí. Tá sé Coláistí ar obair ins an Saeltaí mar tá Rann na Feirste, Saoí-Dobair, Loí an Iubair, Ros Soill, Cloí-Ceann-fíolaí agus Teileann, agus tá ceann amáin, Cois-Abann Dála, i gCo. Dontroima do páistí nac bfuil a saí Saelilge aca le dul na Saeltaí.

Ar ndóige is ceart a luadh go bfuil baint ag dá rud leis an méadú, (1) leatnú Scéim Coistí na bpáistí, (2) go mbéir triall cainte ins na Meán-Scoltaí ins na 26 Co. ó 1961.

An tUltaí. Níl ann ac coitrom na féinne tagairt a déanam dón paipéar seo — an paipéar Saelilge is aosta sa tír seo anois, ac amáin Timire an Croí Naofa. I 1924 bunais an Sagart Ó Muireadúis — gura móide Teaglaí Dé a anam — bunais sé an t-Ultaí agus tá sé beo láidir go fóill, agus lón na léig teoir ag méadú saí bliain.

Cumann Lúit-éileas Sael na Coláistí. faoi Comairle na gColáistí bí 20 Scoltaí agus Coláistí cláruigte i mblianta i gcomórtas le 16 anurair.

Sa peil bain na scoltaí seo leanas :—

Corn Mic Ruairí (Sinnsear) — Scoil na mBrácar Iubair.

Corn Rann na Feirste (Eadar-meánac) —

Coláiste Colmáin, Iubair

Corn na nÓs (Sóisir) —

Coláiste Colmáin, 1 bar

San Iomáin. Ní raib ac trí scoltaí páirteac i gcomórtas na sinnsear agus seacht gcinn i gcomórtas na Sóisear.

Sciaí Árd-Maca (Sinnsear) — Níl an comórtas críochnuigte go fóill.

Coláiste n. Maolmaoibí, Béal Feirste agus Coláiste Mic Naoise — Túr an Gearraín.

Co. Dontroima coitrom. Corn na nÓs (Sóisear)

Coláiste Oméit, Co. Lúmaige.

Tá corn eile — Corn Mic Macúna do scoltaí na mBrácar amáin. S. Mac Macúna, Béal Feirste a bronn an Corn agus bronnann na boinn saí bliain com maí.

Uachtóir Láime — Sé scoltaí páirteac. Buairteoirí —

Sinnsear — Coláiste Pádraig,

Cabán

Sóisear — Coláiste Mic Naoise,

Túr an Gearraín,

Tainis roinnt scoltaí úra istead ins na comórtasá ar na blianta deireannaí.

1957 Omeit sa peil

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# TEACTHAIREAGHT NA NOLLAG

**I**S deacair a chreidiúint go bhfuil bliain eile imithe ó shuíos síos, ar chuireadh an eagarthóra, chun teachtaireacht beag a scríobh do léitheoirí an pháipéir seo, ach, mo léan, is fíor go bhfuil.

The year 1959 has been a turning point in the life of the "Gaelic Weekly." The depressing annual loss has ceased and the paper showed a profit on the year's working. We can look forward with confidence to a continuation of this.

Our first duty must be, of course, to recover the money invested in the paper by those people who originally saw the necessity for a paper such as ours and who, by their investments, small and large, made it possible for us to bring it into being. After that our main object will be to give to our readers a bigger and a better paper.

No one realises better than the directors the many faults the paper has and the many ways in which it could be improved. We hope, during the year 1960, to carry out as many of these improvements as possible.

In one way, however, there will be no change in our paper—that is the policy. The policy laid down at the outset still remains the same, viz., to champion all things Irish against their imported prototypes, to recall the Irish people to a sense of their duty to the nation, to insist that there will be no ban on the national games in any of our educational institutions and to try, by all lawful means, to help to remove the unnatural border which, by will of a foreign power, continues to separate a minority from the majority of our people.

It always has been, and always will be, part of our policy to help in the restoration of the native language.

In this respect, as we promised at the outset, our pages will be always open to any organisation prepared to do intelligent propaganda on behalf of the language movement.

By  
**FRANK  
SHEEHY**  
(Chairman)



Space, too, will always be available to give news of the most humble G.A.A. club in the country if the news items are authoritatively supplied.

Policy then remains unaltered. Other aspects will be improved. The outlook is definitely good.

I would like at this time of well-wishing to thank:—

- (a) the President and General Secretary of the G.A.A. for their continuing interest in our efforts, and their very practical help when requested;
- (b) the Kerry, Dublin, Kildare and Down teams and County Boards for having participated in our annual Cuchulainn Trophy tournament;
- (c) our advertisers, without whose practical support our efforts would have been doomed to failure from the outset;
- (d) my co-directors, who give voluntarily of their time and effort to direct the affairs of the paper;
- (e) our staff (indoor and outdoor), to whom their strenuous work on behalf of the paper has been a labour of love;
- (f) and lastly, our readers and contributors, to all of whom, and to Gaels at home and abroad, I wish Nollaig shona shéanmhar agus ath-bhliain fé mhaise. Go raibh rath Dé oraibh go léir.

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# The Year In Athletics

**T**HE N.A.C.A. year opens with the cross-country season which extends from November to mid-April. This sport continues to be a firm favourite with all clubs and the ardent follower is assured of a race a week in the heavy calendar of county, provincial and national championships, with open and invitation races in addition. I will limit comment to All-Ireland fixtures.

Highlight of the Senior Championship was the brilliant running of the 39-year-old Derrydonnell runner, Willie Morris. Moving effortlessly, in difficult underfoot conditions, he finished an easy winner, to retain his title and take it for the fourth time. Good packing by his team-mates gave Galway team honours (62 points), with Tipperary (97) in runners-up position.

Galway also won the team medals in the Junior All-Ireland at Athenry after a close struggle with Clare, who supplied the individual winner in Pat Considine. Pat showed his superiority when he took the lead from the gun and, running strongly, resisted the challenge of Willie O'Dwyer (Tipperary) and Tom Litchfield (Louth).

The Youths' title race saw a great fight for individual honours between J. O'Connor (Wexford) and G. Williamson (Derry). Fresh from his Leinster victory O'Connor found strength for a finishing burst to collect his first All-Ireland medal.

Big fields were common at all promotions at county, provincial and national level. This was demonstrated when, on an Arctic February afternoon in Tullamore, 90 competitors ran over a course, carpeted inches deep in snow, to decide the Leinster Novice championship.

The track season opened in great style on Whit Sunday when, in brilliant sunshine, the Irish Universities met the President's selection in the second annual match. Excellent early-season performances and splendid organisation, made this Belfield meeting a grand pipe-opener.

In a great day's sport pride of place must go to Harry Gorman (St. Augustine's) who established a new ten mile record of 52 mins. 7.3 seconds, chopping 20.9 seconds off Jimmy Cregan's (Tourinaculla) 1956 figures. (Harry, later in the season, toppled the great Peter McArdle's two and three mile records and also took the six miles flat championship of Ireland.)

## BEST OF YEAR

Without hesitation I would say that the Junior All-Ireland Championship meeting at Belfield was the best I saw this year. Brian O'Callaghan, U.C.C., son of Olympic winner, Dr. Pat, stepped into the circle for the first throw in the opening event on the programme. With a mighty heave he sent the hammer 156' 5" to beat the previous best by 35 feet. This set the tempo for the afternoon.

With monotonous regularity old records fell, new champions emerged, and a galaxy of new stars had arrived.

Andy Kilfeather, Sligo Eire Og, had sensational wins in the 100 and 220. B. Harris, Regional (440);

## By P. F. POWER

Frank Hearn, D.C.H. (880); Johnny Downes, Glenroe (Mile) and E. Thornton, U.C.D. (Hurdles) took the track events.

In the field events Kevin Prendergast, U.C.D., broke his 1958 figures with each of his six putts in the shot; B. O'Callaghan, U.C.C., D. Toomey, Celtic, and Noel Smyth, Dundelgan, all comfortably beat the old hammer figures of 121' 9"; Pat McGrath (Hilltown) and A. Stanley (Carlow) eclipsed the pole-vault best of 10' 9"; Denis Toomey got in a powerful 183' 10" throw with the javelin.

The most remarkable thing, however, was the age of several of the outstanding performers. Many have still two or three years of further competition in this grade.

The Senior Field and Track Championships, limited to athletes and cyclists reaching certain performance standards, bring the cream of our Association's athletes into friendly rivalry for the coveted "golds". Brilliant displays highlighted the two days' programme but I pick two events for special mention.

Six competitors contested the pole vault. Holder and record-breaker, Dinny Hyland (Carlow), was faced by a quintet of youthful aspirants for his title—Harkin (Civil Service), Nolan (Killarney), Stanley (Carlow), McGrath (Hilltown) and L. Gleeson (Nenagh Olympic). Though no record was broken, all six cleared eleven feet, with Hyland, Harkin and Nolan going to 11' 6" to finish in that order on fewer faults.

## JUMPERS AGAIN

The jumpers again stole the limelight on the second day. Five competitors fought out the high jump. At 5' 10" Brendan Martin (Dundelgan), Pat O'Shea (Millstreet) and Macon McNamara (Roravix) were left to decide the placings.

All crossed six feet. McNamara failed at 6' 1". At 6' 2" Martin got a splendid leap. Youthful O'Shea tried gallantly but had to concede victory to Martin. A new era of high jumping had been ushered in.

Kevin Prendergast got within 20 inches of Denis Horgan's long-standing native record. Denis Toomey closed the gap between his previous best and Mick Gleeson's 184' 5" native record.

On the track Tom Riordan's great finish in a thrilling mile race gave him a well-deserved victory over record-holder, Joe Cunningham (Metropolitan). Pat Considine (Kilmihill) upset the prophets when he beat Harry Gorman in a fast four miles which came within two seconds of Peter McArdle's record time.

In the sprints there was a fair division of the spoils. Eddie Thornton, U.C.D., took the 60 yds. dash in a 'blanket' finish; John Lalor (Kiely A.C.) retained his 100 yds. and Gerry McShane added the 220 title to his 300 yards champion-

ship. In the Marathon popular Dan Lennon, Banbridge, regained the coveted Wakefield Trophy.

Throughout the season open meetings were listed for each Sunday, in addition to a full programme of county and provincial championships. To deal with these would require considerable space, so I limit mention to an outstanding meeting in each province.

In 1949 His Eminence, Cardinal D'Alton, presented a shield to Armagh City Harriers for competition amongst Ulster and Louth athletes on an inter-club basis, with points for first four placings. The trophy was retained by Lourdes A.C. (51 points), with another Louth club, Dowdallshill A.C. (20) in second position and Omagh Boys' Club a well-deserved third. Gerry McShane had a brilliant double in the sprints; popular Matt Rudden (Laragh) took the 880 and Mick Jennings (Glenn A.C.) had dual wins in shot and javelin.

In Connacht the spotlight focussed on the Ballinasloe Relays. Meet records were established in eight events and a fleet-footed U.C.D. quartet of Thornton, Monaghan, Kilcoyne and Lanigan knocked one-tenth of a second off the native record for the 4 x 110 yards relay.

In the south Cork City Sports are my choice. The 1,500 metres Championship of Ireland has become the feature of this meeting. Fast times, thrilling finishes and new records have headlined this race in other years. The 1959 race is remembered for its "doggy" incident which ended Joe Cunningham's chance of matching his speed and experience with that of Tom O'Riordan, the winner.

In Leinster the highlight was the long-established Guinness Sports. We saw Frank O'Sullivan, Fermoy, take his sixth cycling title of the season and his 24th in all. And four Irish champions beat the handicaps to win their events—B. Martin (high jump), John Keaty (hammer), K. Prendergast (shot) and D. Toomey (javelin).

The biggest thrill, however, was to see veteran Dermot McDermott sweeping down the finishing straight to win the two miles handicap. Derry first competed in these sports in 1939—before some of his present opponents were born!

The Inter-county championships got off to a desultory start in this, the inaugural year. After many delays, postponements and other upsets Derry, Cork, Galway and Dublin emerged as provincial champions. In the final Dublin took the honours from Galway in a late-season fixture. Many motions tabled for county conventions indicate that drastic changes in running this event are in the offing.

Nine athletes contested the Decathlon championship. Paddy Naughton, St. Finbarr's A.C., with an excellent total of 5,042 points, won this gruel-

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1958 Omeit san iomáin  
De la Salle, 'béal áta  
Seanaig  
Coláiste n-Mléit, Inis  
Ceitléann.  
Colaiste n-Muire, Dún  
Dealgan

Níl amhras dá lagad go bfuil  
cluidí na nGael go maic cun tosaig i  
gColáistí Cúis Ulaó. Go mairid an  
scéal mar sin.

1 1959 posclad páirceanna úra  
Doire Treasna (Co. Árd Macla),  
Port Gleann Abann (Co. Aontroma),  
Baile Séamuis Duió agus leamtaig  
(Co. Cabáin), agus i gCluain Eois  
ceannuigeadó an enoc a bí taob éiar  
de'n páirc annsin.

**Bun Scoltacla agus Meán-Scol-  
tacla**

Tá sochrú déanta comórtasaí  
a reáctáil ins na scoltacla úra  
eadar — meánacla, agus tá na  
comórtasaí faoi lán tseol ceana  
i gCo-Aontroma agus Co. an Dúin.  
Tá sochrú dá déanam pósta fa  
comórtasaí ins na ceard-scoltacla  
i gCo. Muineacáin, Co. Dún na  
nGall, agus Co. Cabáin.

Níl an scéal fan iomáin ina na  
scoltacla com sáamail. Taob amuig  
de Co. Aontroma, Co. an Dúin agus  
Co. Dún na nGall níl mórán ar súil.  
Ceip glan ar Sraic Lár Cúis Ulaó.  
Cúrsa Gaedilge i gColáiste Ros  
Soill.

Tionolaó an cúrsa seo faoi  
comirce Comairle Ulaó. Díol gac  
Coiste Connadae fíol agus Comairle  
Ulaó an cúro eile de'n Scéim.

hAimnigeadó beirt as gac connadae  
le preastáil ar an cúrsa. Oifigis ins  
na po-cumainn a bí ionnta agus an  
cuspóir a bí leis an Scéim uilig,  
curoiú le na po-cumainn a gcuro  
oibre a déanam tré meán na  
Gaedilge.

Seán Ó Cinnéide, Alp Ó Muireadó-  
aig agus P. Mac Floinn a bí i mbun an  
cúrsa agus o'éirig go geat leis an  
céad iarraet seo. Tátar le cúrsa  
eile a reáctáil i 1960. Bain an  
t-aóbar le gac gne de obair an  
Cumainn agus tugad léactaí ó  
cainnteoirí a rab eolas maic aca  
ar gneite ar leit.

Tá an-molaó tuillte ag Comairle  
Ulaó as an Scéim seo a bunú. Tá  
súil agaimn uilig go n-éireócaí leo  
a gCumainn agus a gCúige a Gaedil ó  
bun go barr.

Tá com-oibriú eadar na Gaedil  
uilig i gCúis Ulaó; beid sé níos  
láidre go fóill ins an am atá le  
ceact nuair a béas bun scríbe  
bainte amac agaimn — ar oteangair  
féin agus ar gcluidí féin i n-uactar.  
Go dtigir an lá sin go luac.

## RAILWAY CUP WINNERS

### HURLING

Munster	(25)—1928,	1929,
1930,	1931,	1934,
1937,	1838,	1939,
1942,	1943,	1944,
1946,	1948,	1949,
1951,	1952,	1953,
1957,	1958,	1959.
Leinster	(7)—1927,	1932,
1933,	1936,	1941,
1956,		1954,
Connaught	(1)—1947.	

### FOOTBALL

Munster	(6)—1927,	1931,
1941,	1946,	1948,
Leinster	(15)—1928,	1929,
1930,	1932,	1933,
1939,	1940,	1944,
1952,	1953,	1954,
1959.		1955,
Connaught	(7)—1934,	1936,
1937,	1938,	1951,
1958.		1957,
Ulster	(5)—1942,	1943,
1950,	1956.	1947,

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# OIREACHTAS COMPETITION 1959

By EAMONN Ó FAOLAIN, B.A.

Bí dlú-baint i gcónaí idir Connrad na Gaeilge agus Cumann Lúitcheas Gaedheal. Ní h-ionad san agus na cuspoirí céanna acu naé mór. Bunaíodh an dá Cumann beagnac as an am gcéanna agus tá siad as oibriú as láma a céile ó shin i leith.

Is cuid den choibriú so an comórtas iománaíochta úd ar a dtugtar comórtas Tomás Ágais—comórtas a cuireadh ar bun ar maite le ciste Connrad na Gaeilge agus ar maite le ciste an Oireachtais. Is deimhin gur cábraí bunú an comórtais seo le fás na Gaeilge. Is cinnte, freisin, gur cábraí sé leis na cluicí. San am asó, is féidir a

Cluicé den céad — scoit a bí ann. Bí an lámh in uachtar as muintir na Gaillime beagnac i rit na cluicé. So deimhin, bí siad cóm mór sin cun tosaí san tarna leat so raib cosúlacht ar na cúrsaí so raib an lá leo agus beaó freisin maraó gur fás Ollie Dreañac a cúl cun dul i measc tosaí Cill Chainniú.

Rinne Oille cuma eile a cur ar an gcluicé mar ní túisce bí sé i measc na tosaí ná rop sé cúl istead. Do misniú an beart sin muintir Cill Chainniú óir teaspáineadar an mianac a bí iontu — an teact aniar úd a cuais cóm far sin do corn Craob na h-Éireann a baint de Poreláirge i mbliana.

h-imríodh seacht gCraob-cluicí deas i gComórtas an Oireachtais agus as seo a leanas na fóirne a buaist an corn :

Loe Garman (4) —  
1951, 1953, 1955, 1956.

Cill Chainniú (4) —  
1940, 1947, 1957, 1959.

Gaillim (3) —  
1950, 1952, 1958.

Át Cluicé (2) —  
1944, 1948.

Tiobrad Árann (2) —  
1945, 1949.

Luimneac (1) —  
1939.

An Cláir (1) —  
1954.

rá so n'earna an comórtas so an-tairbe ar fad don iománaíocht.

Gae bliain bíonn scoit-fóirne na tíre páirteac san gComórtas agus tá oiread sin spéis as muintir na h-Éireann ann so dtéann na slóite so dtí an Craob-cluicé. Bíonn caigheán na h-imearca sna sreac-cluicí seo cóm h-árd leis an gcaigheán gCraob na h-Éireann.

I mbliana is iad fóirne Cill Chainniú agus na Gaillime a bí páirteac san gCraob-cluicé. Droclá a bí ann ac, in ainneoir sin is uile, bí slua maic so leor i bpáire an Crócais. Ba mór an trua so raib an lá cóm dona sin ac níor cuir an droc-aimsir istead ar buacaili Cill Chainniú agus na Gaillime.



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games in the colleges—the source of our future strength—receive a well-merited attention. The Irish language is duly recognised and I look forward to further development in that department.

What further features the paper might introduce is largely a matter of choice and the opinions and wishes of your readers have been widely canvassed. I would be glad to offer £10 in prizes for the best essays on "The Ideal Gaelic Weekly."

We must aim at a paper that will be welcome in the homes of the Gael. In my opinion this involves a more intimate contact with the clubs and their personnel up and down the country.

We have our "big noises" and our championship winners to whom all credit and glory is rightly due, but the strength and welfare of the G.A.A. is based upon the local club and its activities. It was "the men with the caps" who made the Association when our games had no attractions other than their own intrinsic appeal to the heart of an Irishman.

I would like to see every County Board have its own column in the *Gaelic Weekly* so that we would get each week a summary of the entire activity throughout the country. Similarly, columns from Britain and the U.S.A. would widen the weekly appeal.

The "Gaelic Weekly" does help to keep our young people in touch with the reality of the G.A.A. and in that campaign it could draw more upon official pronouncements, as, for instance, the President's address at annual Congress.

A regular feature of competition or correspondence for our young people with weekly prizes, e.g. hurleys, to stimulate their interest; echoes from the past 75 years of our history to refresh our fading memories, and finally, a revival of "Boyle Roche's Bird" would, I think, be welcome additions as the pages of the paper expand.

The G.A.A. was founded as a reaction against the anglicising influences of the last century. Its voice and its principles are as necessary to-day as they were then. In the modern clamour a nation like ours will be heard only by the positive assertion of its national characteristics.

An individual does not forego his ego, neither should a people.

There appeared recently the report of a statement from one who may well have a say in our future television programmes, to the effect that we should get away from introspection, as if the analysis of our own thinking process, the criticism of our own actions and the direction of our national policy was to be reprehended.

It is typical of this false outlook that the Irish way of life is not fashionable. The only real Ireland is the Gaelic Ireland. To absorb unnecessarily the qualities of any other civilisation is to risk losing the happy union of a Christian and a Gaelic Ireland.

The writings of Tone, Mitchell and Pearse were not for their day only, but for all time. Their sacrifice was not a passing event, but an abiding inspiration.

The Gaelic outlook in games and song and dance, and in the revival of the national language, is the only one consistent with the assertion of our place amongst the nations; it must be the theme of our thought and action, the inspiration of our future progress. Any other leads only to an inglorious anonymity.

May the "Gaelic Weekly" grow stronger and more vigorous in the expression of the ideals of the G.A.A. as outlined by its founder, Michael Cusack, by its first Patron, Dr. Croke, and as faithfully cherished by its members in the 75 years of its existence.

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# National League Highlights

**T**HE THEORY THAT NATIONAL LEAGUES "SUFFER" WHEN VICTORY DOES NOT CARRY THE GREAT PRIZE OF A TRIP TO AMERICA WAS LARGELY DISPROVED IN THE 1958-59 SERIES. THE EVENTUAL WINNERS, KERRY FOOTBALLERS AND TIPPERARY HURLERS, DID TRAVEL TO NEW YORK FOR THE ST. BRENDAN CUP FINALS BUT IT WAS NOT KNOWN UNTIL EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 29, WHEN THE COMPETITIONS WERE IN THEIR FINAL STAGES, THAT TRIPS TO THE STATES WOULD GO TO THE NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONS.

WHO WILL SAY THAT THE GAMES WERE PLAYED WITH ANY LESS FERVOUR BEFORE THAT CONGRESS ANNOUNCEMENT THAN THEY WERE AFTERWARDS?

I suppose, in the opinion of most players, a trip to New York is secondary only to the winning of an All-Ireland medal. Be that as it may there is no denying the fact that the leagues are well qualified to stand on their own two feet.

This fact, as already stated, was borne out before Congress sanctioned this year's trips to New York, and by the quality and keenness of the competition in the present campaigns in which All-Ireland hurling champions, Waterford, were held to a draw by Kilkenny and beaten by Dublin, and football kingpins, Kerry, were held to a draw by Cork.

My main terms of reference being a flash back on the 1958-'59 Leagues I will turn aside from immediate happenings and, without resource to newspaper files and cuttings, recall the most memorable events of those campaigns.

I have always felt that it savours of cheating to pore over old newspaper files when recalling great games, as the real imprint of a great match is the fact that the passage of time does not dull its lustre, or cause one to forget its character and charm.

Turning to football my first great thrill came in November when, at Tullamore, Offaly drew with All-Ireland champions, Dublin, in a football frenzy, a scrupulously clean one, that made me oblivious of the cold.

## HAD EVERYTHING

Here was a game that had just everything. The first half was good but, in comparison with the second period, it was as lifeless as a murky November evening. From the restart to the final whistle it was such enchanting fare that I will also regard it as one of the greatest half-hour's enjoyment I have ever experienced.

By **JOHN D. HICKEY**  
(Sports Staff "Irish Independent")

In a game in which stars were ten a penny I was most captivated by the regal display of the Offaly full-back—Greg Hughes.

Shortly after that epic came the pleasure of seeing confirmation of lowly Leitrim's upsurge when they defeated Cavan at Carrick-on-Shannon by 3-7 to 2-3. In that game Packy McGarty and Cathal Flynn delighted neutrals and Leitrim supporters alike.

The next game to leave an indelible mark on my mind was that great encounter between Dublin (3-10) and Galway (3-6) early in March at Croke Park. Reporting that game I stated—"... This was stern, close football strife yet always open and above board—and the man who had time to decorate his work could count himself most lucky..."

## GIVEN OVATIONS

At the interval, and at the call of time, both teams were given an ovation as they repaired to their dressing-rooms, and little wonder, so enthralled were the 38,862 spectators with the talent and gallantry of the participants.

Johnny Joyce and Kevin Heffernan starred for the Metropolitans but I still stand by the conviction that Galway's Sean Purcell was the man of the match.

The League decider between Kerry (2-8) and Derry (1-8) was an event well worthy of the occasion. Except for a brief spell in the second half, when the standard slumped, it was a pulsating test of skill, strength and courage. Yet, despite the dedication of every man to the task on hand, it was a combat devoid of rancour.

There were other outstanding games in the competition but it was only when I had thumbed files that I recall them clearly. Consequently, they do not qualify for inclusion in the list of the select.

Last year's National Hurling League got away to an auspicious start when, in a drama-packed game at Cork, the home county defeated Wexford by 5-7 to 5-6. The first half of that encounter was thoroughly entertaining but, my goodness, how pallid it was in comparison with the rip-roaring battle-royal that we saw in the second period.

That was the game in which the great Padge Kehoe failed from three

## NATIONAL HURLING LEAGUE WINNERS

Tipperary (8)—1928, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959.  
Limerick (6)—1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947.  
Cork (6)—1926, 1930, 1940, 1941, 1948, 1953.  
Dublin (2)—1929, 1939.  
Galway (2)—1932, 1951.  
Wexford (2)—1956, 1958.  
Kilkenny (1)—1932.  
Clare (1)—1946.

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE TITLE-HOLDERS

Mayo (10)—1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1948, 1949, 1954.  
Kerry (5)—1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959.  
Meath (3)—1933, 1946, 1951.  
Dublin (3)—1953, 1955, 1958.  
Cork (2)—1952, 1956.  
Galway (2)—1940, 1957.  
Laois (1)—1927.  
Derry (1)—1947.  
New York (1)—1950.

successive 21-yards' frees, all in the space of a couple of minutes near the end, as Cork supporters watched in an agony of suspense. Cork were then only three points in front.

## "STONEY" WALL

Next outstanding event in the League was the power hurling of Tony Wall, when helping Tipperary to defeat Clare at Ennis. Such was the majesty of Wall's hurling that day that, at the end of the hour, that

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# DUBLIN STILL SUPREME

**T**HE year just coming to a close has been a busy one for officials and players alike. Though nothing of an outstanding nature occurred the game made steady progress. This is especially so in Leinster where camogie has taken on a new lease of life in Kilkenny, Carlow, Laois, Wexford, Longford and Kildare.

Credit for this is due to the fact that the Leinster Council introduced a junior competition which has given the weaker counties an opportunity to sample inter-county fare in their own class. This proved a great success and teams not before heard of made their mark. Another innovation was a tournament for champion clubs. Teams from Wicklow, Laois, Longford, Carlow and Kilkenny competed, and Ardagh from Longford eventually won.

In senior ranks Louth, Wicklow, Longford, Wexford and Kildare put up good performances. Dublin, as usual, had a bye into the Leinster Final. Wexford, their opponents, failed to impress and the champions won easily. Kilkenny annexed the Junior title.

In Connacht Mayo had a busy year and many local games saw the county face the provincial championship in confident mood. A 5-0 to 3-1 victory over Galway regained lost prestige and they followed this up with an easy 7-2 to 0-3 defeat of Sligo in the Connacht Final to regain the crown lost the previous year to Galway. Roscommon did not come up to expectations and failed to make good in the championship.

With characteristic energy the Ulster Council is still pursuing a policy of forthright expansion. While all affiliated counties are not up to standard, Antrim and Derry must still be regarded as equal to any teams in the country. Their clashes in the Ulster championship and Maguire Cup are always interesting and this year extra time had to be played before a decision was reached in Antrim's favour.

Down has failed to field a team in recent years but Tyrone, Cavan, Armagh and Monaghan, while not hitting the headlines, are improving with experience.

## BELOW STANDARD

Munster's efforts this year did not come up to the standard of previous years. Clare, Limerick, and Kerry did not appear in the championship list and it was left to Tipperary, Cork and Waterford to uphold the past glories of the province.



IN FLUENT STYLE

Cork was not so prominent and when Tipperary put them out of the championship by 7-0 to 3-2 it was clear that the Leesiders were no longer the team that had, down the years, almost a monopoly of the honours. Waterford, the surprise team of the year, then made history by winning the championship from Tipperary by 1-3 to 1-2.

Waterford made their first appearance in the All-Ireland series against London-Irish at Dungarvan. The visitors made a very good showing and the big crowd thoroughly enjoyed the game, which the home team won by 2-7 to 2-3. Despite the long journey and other difficulties, London's performance proved the exiles had their best ever team.

Waterford next faced Mayo and this game was awaited with more than ordinary interest. The game at Newport attracted a record crowd to the venue and when the final whistle sounded the teams were level at 2-2 (Mayo) to 1-5 (Waterford). Extra time was played and at the end the teams were again level, Waterford having scored three points and in a last minute rally Mayo snatched a goal.

The replay at Roscrea two weeks later was also a close affair, and Mayo just emerged visitors by a single point—3-4 to 2-6—to enter the final against Dublin.

In the other All-Ireland semi-final Dublin travelled to Casement Park on July 19th to oppose Antrim. Once again the northern girls gave the champions their hardest game. After a thriller Dublin won by 3-3 to 2-4.

Mayo's first appearance in the All-Ireland Final attracted widespread attention. It was hoped that their two clashes with Waterford would have fitted them for offering a serious challenge to Dublin's supremacy. However, this was not to be.

An early Dublin goal knocked the heart out of the western girls and as time went by it was evident that Mayo were not in the same class as the champions.

Dublin's stickwork and combination were a joy to behold and try as they might Mayo could not hold them in check. The final score of 11-6 to 1-3 told its own tale and the title went to the Metropolis for the 18th time.

## PROGRESSING

The Inter-Provincial series initiated three years ago for the Gael-Linn Cup continues to show progress. This year was no exception and an all-round improvement in the standard of play was noticeable. This competition was founded to foster the game in the provinces and to give top-class players in weaker counties an opportunity to play in important games. To date the competition has successfully achieved its objects.

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Leinster have been successful every year since its inception although they had a very close game with Munster this year, and only survived a hard game by a margin of two points. Ulster in the other semi-final had a close call from Connacht, the score in their favour being 3-4 to 3-3.

The final at Casement Park resulted in a 6-0 to 1-3 victory for Leinster over an Ulster side that fell away after a good first half.

The Ashbourne Cup games took place at Cork. Feature of the tourney was the fact that while Dublin won the Cup they were defeated by a strong team from Queen's. The latter have yet to put their name on the trophy, but in recent years a noticeable improvement in their play has been apparent. Perhaps the coming year will see still further improvement. Let us hope that soon Queen's will bring the trophy over the border for the first time.

U.C.D. and U.C.G. finished level on points but the Dublin girls' superior aggregate score gave them the spoils. They scored 14-1 to 12-0 for Galway.

#### DISCOURAGING

Far from encouraging is the report received from the provinces regarding the progress in the colleges. It is not easy to

find a reason for this, though perhaps it may not be out of place to suggest that the authorities show little evidence of any interest in the game.

While Dublin has a number of teams, not all of them take part in competitive games. This in itself is a great drawback because it is well known that the students themselves are very keen to take part in the League and Championship. The latter was revived this year and Holy Faith (Clarendon St.) beat Maryfield (Cross and Passion), Drumcondra, in the final.

It would be great if all the Colleges took part, as nothing stimulates a game like competition. Where teams exist in the provinces, visits to the city should be encouraged, and return games arranged.

A fruitful field exists in the schools and colleges for those charged with organising camogie so as to ensure a constant supply of new talent. This is the only way in which the future of the game can be assured.

## CAMOGIE ON TV.

FOR the first time ever Camogie was televised at Casement Park on Sunday, July 19th, when Dublin met Antrim in the All-Ireland semi-final. Both the picture and the commentary were satisfactory. This was done by the B.B.C.

What a contrast with our own Radio Eireann, whose officials have repeatedly refused to broadcast our own All-Ireland Finals!!!

#### Camogie Title-Holders

Dublin (18)	—	1932, 1933, 1937, 1939, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959.
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Antrim (4)	—	1945, 1946, 1947, 1956.

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June 5th:

CAVAN v. DONEGAL at Cavan.

June 12th:

ANTRIM v. DOWN at Belfast.

June 19th:

TYRONE v. MONAGHAN at Dungannon.

June 19th:

FERMANAGH v. CAVAN or DONEGAL at Irvinestown or Bundoran.

July 3rd:

Semi-Final "A" (ARMAGH/DERRY v. CAVAN/DONEGAL/FERMANAGH).

July 10th:

Semi-Final "B" (ANTRIM/DOWN v. MONAGHAN/TYRONE).

July 24th:

FINAL.



## FOOTBALL—by Sean Murphy

**B**EFORE a record crowd at Gaelic Park, New York, Kerry captured the St. Brendan Cup after what was acknowledged as being one of the greatest football games ever seen in the city of skyscrapers. The final score of 2-11 to 1-8 gives no indication of the epic struggle which ensued before the exiles conceded defeat.

From the throw-in it was a good hard, honest-to-goodness match between well-matched fifteens. New York had a first-class selection on duty. They played very good constructive football, excelled at high fielding and were a much better side than Galway.

Up to the last ten minutes Kerry were in serious trouble and in the end it was the All-Ireland champions' superior speed and fitness which were decisive. These assets, major factors in all Kerry's 1959 games, were never more wanting than against New York. New York had players fit for places on any team in Ireland. Eddie O'Sullivan led his men well and his brilliant football time and again harassed the Kerry defence.

They fielded well, covered off in style, hit hard, but fairly, and gave the Kingdom attack a worrying hour. Sean Brennan, Tom Gallagher and Paddy Casey excelled in this department.

Jim Foley, a Kerryman, was their best midfielder while O'Sullivan had able assistants in attack in Tom Moriarty and Mick Furlong.

Kerry displayed all their usual accomplishments. The defenders treated the crowd to typically high Kerry fielding and all emerged from the game with reputations untarnished.

Kevin Coffey and Seamus Murphy had really good games at midfield and were always one too many for different New York pairings.

The attack again impressed with their point-scoring from long range. John Dowling led the line in inspiring style while Paudie Sheehy crowned a fine display with a wonderful goal.

All in all it was a most satisfying game. Spectators got good value for money and many were satisfied with a Kerry victory. They gave the All-Ireland champions a reception that had to be experienced to be appreciated and their enthusiasm had to be seen to be believed.

New Yorkers wanted to see were Kerry as good as reports stated. They found out that they are, and in the process were treated to a great game.

They also saw the All-Ireland champions being led with ten minutes to go and saw a real traditional Kerry finish which left everybody, including the Kerry team, happy.

## HURLING—by Tony Wall

**A**NXIOUS to regain, in some measure, the prestige lost in their humiliating championship defeat by Waterford, Tipperary hurlers travelled to New York determined to bring the St. Brendan Cup back to Ireland.

Twelve months previously New York had come to Croke Park and served up a power-packed display of hurling to capture the trophy from Wexford. Mindful of that performance Tipperary were under no illusions as to the task in front of them. They meant, however, to give the exiles a taste of Tipperary hurling at its best. How well they succeeded is shown in the scoreline which read, Tipperary 4-11, New York 1-5.

This was undoubtedly Tipperary's best performance of 1959. From the throw-in they set about their task in determined, relentless fashion. Frills were absent as the ball was kept on the ground and hurled from wing to wing so that New York were early in trouble.

Inaccurate shooting, and fine goal-keeping by New York's Paddy Fleming, kept the score down and spasmodic home raids troubled the Tipp. defence. Jim Carney, John O'Meara and Ralph Prendergast had near misses before Tipperary weathered the storm and came away to lead by 2-3 to 0-3 at half-time.

In the second half Tipperary, with the advantage of a slight breeze and the sun, showed more accuracy and added 2-8 to their tally. They were never in danger of defeat and ran out easy winners over a disappointing New York fifteen.

This was a victory for team-work. Through the field Tipperary showed no weak links. Backs and half-backs were soundness personified and gave ample cover to a top-form Terry Moloney. The forwards combined effectively with Jimmy Doyle and Donie Nealon notching some neat scores.

New York seemed too keyed-up for the occasion while their spell of special training seemed to have been overdone. This was proved on the following Sunday when, hurling in more relaxed mood, they turned the tables on Tipperary in a challenge game.

To their credit, however, they stuck to their task to the end. Lady Luck frowned on their efforts at times but they could not match a visiting side playing at top form.

Feature of the game was the sportsmanlike manner in which it was played. Pulling was fierce but clean as Tipperary gained the St. Brendan Cup to compensate in some measure for their championship defeat.

# ST. BRENDAN CUP GAMES



SEAN MURPHY (No. 5)



# THE GAMES IN BRITAIN

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-NINE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE BEST YEARS EVER FOR GAELIC GAMES IN BRITAIN. A RECORD NUMBER OF 155 CLUBS AFFILIATED TO THE SIX COUNTY BOARDS FUNCTIONING ON THIS SIDE OF THE IRISH SEA. THESE WERE MADE UP AS FOLLOWS: LONDON, 72 CLUBS; WARWICKSHIRE, 34; GLOUCESTERSHIRE, 17; LANCASHIRE, 14; YORKSHIRE, 11; AND DERBYSHIRE 7.

The inter-county games for the championship of Britain were very well contested with improved attendances at all matches. In most cases, in fact, record crowds were the rule rather than the exception.

In the various counties there has been very evident progress made in the past twelve months. Membership has increased everywhere but the conduct at some games could be better.

The London County Board, naturally, has been most in the news. It is the largest and longest-established and its Wembley tournament games on Whit Sunday have served to focus more attention than ever before on Gaelic games in England. The Wembley venture was a great success and all over here look forward eagerly to next year.

With its hurlers capturing the All-Ireland junior crown the London

By PADDY O'DONOGHUE

Board can well look on 1959 as a year of exceptional achievement. The footballers proved their worth also when giving a really good Fermanagh side a rare tussle for honours.

On the club front it has been a year of great activity in England's capital. All competitions have been completed, a fact which reflects credit on Board officers and clubs.

The Gloucester Board is one of the most improved in Britain. Under secretary, Seamus Ferguson from Roscommon, great progress has been made in this area, which stretches from Southampton to Newport in Wales.

In Warwick the board is now in a very sound position. Secretary, Gerry Flanagan, another Roscommon

man, reports that all competitions have been completed and that all is well with Gaelic affairs in the English midlands.

The Yorkshire Board had a very good year and sent out two fine teams for the Provincial championships. They were very unlucky in both and should be hard to beat in 1960.

Derbyshire is our newest Board and still has a hard, uphill fight on hands to keep going. However, progress is being made and the perseverance of the Derbyshire gael will, in due time, reap its own reward.

Lancashire County Board have no fears for the future, and are getting stronger every year. With that grand old gael, Sean McInerney, who has given a lifetime of service to the G.A.A. in Britain, to lead them, and a first-class secretary in P. J. Don-  
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# DOWN'S GREAT YEAR

It has become customary in some circles to wonder at Down's sudden emergence into the top rank of the country's football sides and to regard the present team in amazement as some sort of mushroom growth. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth.

Down has been very near the top for many years without being able to make the last break-through. In the early forties, football in the county was of a very high standard. Indeed the amount of individual talent available was, I think, higher than it is to-day.

Only the wartime conditions, and the consequent reduction of competition, I believe, prevented the emergence of Down as a first-class side at that time. In 1946 the Junior All-Ireland was won with a team of exceptional merit but unfortunately the talent of that side was not fully capitalised.

I often like to think that I have watched the development of the present side since the early 'Fifties', following the establishment of the All-County Football League and the rise to prominence of the Newry schools in Ulster Colleges Football competitions.

Prior to the inception of the All-County League competitions in Down

By **MAURICE HAYES**  
(*Down County Secretary*)

were run in divisional areas. Teams and players from different sides of the county met only rarely and the edge of competition had been dulled by the too frequent meetings of the same teams.

The new league formation brought ten of the leading sides together, broke down divisional barriers, and helped in the development of a new county spirit.

About the same time, the Newry Colleges, which had striven in the interests of the Association from the beginning (Michael Cusack had been a professor at St. Colman's, and the Abbey, practically unaided, had produced a minor hurling team of All-Ireland standard in 1932) without much to show in the line of trophies, began to sweep all before them.

DOWN — "GAELIC WEEKLY"  
TOURNAMENT FINALISTS—1959

First St. Colman's and then the Abbey C.B.S., won the MacRory Cup, and they have both kept winning with almost monotonous regularity ever since. It is an indication of the strength of the game in these two schools that no Ulster Colleges trophy, Senior, Intermediate or Junior, has left Newry in the past three years.

## IMPORTANT FACTOR

Another important factor in Down's development during these years is that the office of County Chairman has been held by George Tinnelly of Ros-trevor since 1949. He is a man who enjoys the highest confidence of all groups in the county. This has furthered a consistent policy of team-building. As well, the Chairman has contributed to the development of a fine team spirit, not only among players, but among selectors, trainers and officials connected with the team, which is only now bearing fruit.

Since the war, too, there has been great concentration on minor and  
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juvenile football in Down and many fine minor county teams have been produced—largely due to the patient work of Rev. Fr. Pettit and his committee. Although no titles came our way (Down must have been beaten by the ultimate Ulster or All-Ireland winners more often than almost any other team in this grade during these years) a large reservoir of skilful players was built up.

All these factors combined in the middle fifties to make the time ripe for further development. The patient work of team-building begun then, despite an almost disheartening series of defeats in the early stages, and despite various temporary set-backs caused by the loss of players through emigration, injury, retirement or defection, has now started to bear fruit.

Every effort was made to get games against the best opposition, especially southern teams, who would confront our players with varied styles of football. The counties who helped us at that time have no idea of the value of their encouragement.

FOREMOST AMONG OUR FRIENDS OF THOSE DAYS IS THAT LOYAL DUBLIN-DOWNSMAN, LIAM FERGUSON, WHO, TIME AND AGAIN, BROUGHT US ALL-STAR SIDES OF THE HIGHEST CALIBRE. AS EARLY AS 1955 DOWN WERE UNDEFEATED IN THEIR SECTION OF THE LAGAN CUP. IN 1956 THEY FORCED A PLAY OFF FOR DIVISIONAL HONOURS WHICH THEY WON IN 1957 WITH A DEPLETED TEAM.

### WELCOME RETURN

The return of Paddy Doherty, Tony Hadden and James MacCartan, three players with senior experience, was a wonderful injection at the start of 1958. A junior team was built round them which included Leo Murphy, Kevin O'Neill, Patsy O'Hagan, Dan McCartan, Eamon Lundy and Seamus Rodgers.

This side swept through Ulster and would almost certainly have won the Junior All-Ireland had not the County Committee, wisely in my opinion, decided to go all-out for Senior honours. In this they failed narrowly to Derry in the Ulster final.

A measure of compensation on that day was Down's first Ulster Minor title, won by a brilliant team which has since given Sean O'Neill and John Haughian to the Senior panel, shortly to be followed by Pat Fitzsimons and Gerry Doran.

It is also pleasing to note that two more of our "emigres" have returned from abroad—Joe Lennon, who has recently been doing well at midfield, and P. J. MacIlroy, who will shortly make a return to the side.

At the start of 1959 the County Committee appointed a Selection

Committee of three and early preparation was made for the new season's campaign in what was to be the greatest year ever for the county. The first success was in the Semi-final of the Wembley Tournament when Derry were defeated by a point scored almost in the last minute of a thrilling game.

### DID A GREAT DEAL

The trip to London did a great deal for the team, building confidence, making them feel somebodies in the football world, and giving them the opportunity to rub shoulders on equal terms with a fine group of athletes and sportsmen from Galway. Down won

## DOWN'S GREAT YEAR

a fast entertaining game by two points and put themselves in the headlines for the first time.

Next came the MacKenna Cup. After an extremely lucky win over Donegal in the first round, and a fine game against Derry in the semi-final, Down defeated Monaghan in a hard-fought final to win the trophy for the first time since 1944.

Then came the championship. A runaway win over Antrim, a temporary halt in a drawn game and replayed semi-final against Tyrone, which most of us prefer to forget for a variety of reasons, and a brilliant display against Cavan in the final gave Down their first ever Ulster title. What a welcome the team was given on their return to Newry that evening!

Such was the excellence of Down's performance in this game, that any other match was bound to be an anticlimax. So it proved in the All-Ireland Semi-final: Down did not produce their true form and Galway won easily.

THE GAELIC WEEKLY TOURNAMENT WAS EAGERLY AVAILED OF AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE THAT DOWN WERE BETTER THAN IT APPEARED ON SEMI-FINAL DAY. PROOF WAS NOT LONG WANTING IN A FACILE VICTORY OVER A STRONG DUBLIN TEAM AT NEWRY, AND A FINE DISPLAY IN THE FINAL AGAINST ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS, KERRY.

Who is to be singled out for special praise? Who is to be credited with the major share in Down's resurgence? The answer is no-one. We have at all times, despite the demands of sports journalists, tried to avoid the cult of the personality.

### ALL CONTRIBUTED

I believe that every player at some stage of the year has contributed his share to eventual victory. One may have left his mark on some game, another elsewhere, but, all in all, my memories do not allow me put any on a higher pedestal than the others.

Eddie MacKay has been an inspiration in goal. How often has George Lavery emerged with the ball when all seemed lost? How many times have the towering catches of Pat Rice and the lengthy kicks of Leo Murphy turned defence into attack? Has not Kevin Mussen time and again played a captain's part? How often in times of trial has James MacCartan's audacious foray produced the goal that set the side alight?

Dan MacCartan, Kevin O'Neill, Joe Lennon have all played their part. If Paddy Dougherty has got the bulk of the scores forward, who can forget the games that Brian Morgan's steadiness and astuteness won for us? Fresh in memory are Sean O'Neill's artistry, Patsy O'Hagan's goals in Wembley, Tony Hadden's Ulster Final, Kieran Denvir's fisted points, and Jarlath Carey's amazing durability.

Down have always played well as a team—then no one is outstandingly good—or badly as a team, when no one is particularly worse than the rest. This teamwork goes even further.

The fifteen on the field are the representatives of a much larger team, but with the same happy spirit of comradeship, comprising the other ten members of the senior panel, the selectors (including Barney Carr who has been in charge of tactics), Danny Flynn, the trainer, the medical adviser, Dr. Walsh (himself an ex-county player of note) and a host of others under the genial captaincy of George Tinnelly.

### NOT AT PEAK

The present Down team is young—average age 23—and will not reach its peak for some time yet. The selectors set out to win an Ulster Championship this year, and this object has been attained. The team is a two-year old, and like all two-year olds, is rather unpredictable.

WITH THE MAINTENANCE OF THE PRESENT RATE OF PROGRESS, AND WITH THE EXPERIENCE GAINED FROM MEETING TOP-CLASS TEAMS THERE IS NO REASON WHY CONSISTENCY SHOULD NOT BE ATTAINED, AND FURTHER HONOURS GARNERED WITHIN THE NEXT TWO SEASONS.



*"The strong-limbed boys for stiff defence,  
The quick-eyed lads to score—  
That's how we kept the field at home,  
Said Brian of Dromore."*

—PADRAIG ARCHER.

# HURLING AND FOOTBALL

**L**ONG before the G.A.A. came, hurling and football were played in rural Ireland as 'communal games—there was no limit to the numbers engaged in either side. The games were purely recreational. They were played in a holiday spirit and in great good humour. It was parish against parish and often barony against barony. The games had much in common, whether the ball was big or small; whether a camán was used, or the drive with the foot was the medium of propulsion!

Both games needed athleticism of a more or less high degree; they demanded courage, resolution and stamina; both games demanded skill and a share of strength, yet it is remarkable how few men excelled at both. Down through the years some tens of thousands of athletic young men have played inter-county games in both hurling and football. Yet the truth remains that of these tens of thousands of eager men, only a bare handful have won All-Ireland championships in both hurling and football!

*Some of the early records are not very accurate, but, so far as my research work carries me, the following are the "SEVEN MEN OF MOIDART" who have won All-Ireland medals in both hurling and football:—*

Willie Mackesy of Cork, 1903 Hurling; 1911 Football.

Pierce Grace, Kilkenny, 1906 Football; 1912 Hurling.

Sean Kennedy, Wexford, 1910 Hurling; 1915 to 1918 Football.

Paddy Mackey, Wexford, 1910 Hurling; 1915 to 1918 Football.

Frank Burke of Dublin, 1917 Hurling; 1921, 1922, 1923 Football.

Derry Beckett of Cork, 1942 Hurling; 1945 Football.

John Lynch (now Minister for Industry & Commerce) won six All-Ireland gold medals in a row—1941, 2, 3, 4 in Hurling; 1945 Football and again 1946 Hurling—a record in G.A.A. achievement.

These distinguished names are the exception that prove the rule—football and hurling demand different attributes in a player's make-up, both physical and mental. A certain amount of luck steps into the winning of All-Ireland medals and some hundreds of men of my experience have played both hurling and football with a certain degree of proficiency. Few excel equally in both and many good judges maintain that one hinders the other.

It has often been observed how rarely do hurling and football flourish in the same county at the same time! That, to some extent, explains the scantiness of the number of players who have reached the "top of the tree" in both.

Broadly speaking the "defenders" in both games are heavier men than the swifter forwards; but the first great difference is that Gaelic football makes a far greater demand on a player's physical strength and endurance than the sister game.

Football calls for more sustained effort. The smaller ball travels farther and faster and the player gets it away quickly; the demand for full effort is briefer in hurling and there is more rest in between. There are far more, and heavier, body charges in football. Fair, legitimate

shouldering is a fine feature of Gaelic football, and it takes a strong, well-muscled body to stand the frequent shocks.

I hold that football demands longer and more thorough physical training that does hurling. Given equal skill, the victory goes to the football side that stands up best to the close rigour of the game. Tougher physical strength is demanded in football where the weakling has no place.

In hurling, on the contrary, I have seen men of frail physique and incapable of resisting even one body charge—I have seen them come out on top by sheer skill, speed and dexterity!

The slow-thinking footballer will often make a very sound, reliable back. He wouldn't have a ghost of a chance in hurling, where the ball flies at lightning pace.

No great dexterity is demanded in the footballer. Strength, courage and endurance are the outstanding attributes for the really good inter-county man.

It doesn't take long to learn how to kick a ball correctly; we are all natural footballers, even from infancy. It is instinctive to kick even the stones along the road going to and coming from school. No youthful instruction is necessary, and I have seen many fine footballers who never kicked in a football match before they were 21.

Hurling is quite different. One must practise the stylish use of the crooked ashen blade in one's early youth. Otherwise there is little chance of reaching the top. An inquisitive admirer of hurling and hurlers once said to Jack Walsh of Mooncoin (R.I.P.), one of a famous hurling family of Clogga:—

"How did ye Kilkenny men learn that short, neat swing which distinguishes Kilkenny hurlers?"

Jack was tired of the boring inquirer. "I'll tell you, then," said Jack. "When our men came home from a fair and we were kids, they'd be drinking stout in the kitchen and we'd hurl the corks around the floor with a spoon!"

Hurling demands a faster-moving eye than football; it demands more dexterity of arm and wrist. Driving a football any considerable length demands far greater physical strength than driving a hurling ball. A lengthy hurling stroke is largely a matter of timing and skill—a knack if you like.

Hurling is an art that must be studied young. Watching first-class men at practice or match play is a great help. Few youths need be shown how to kick a football properly; expert instruction in hurling is most important.

The different part played by left and right hands;  
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# Top Twelve of 1959

WHEN TRYING TO DECIDE ON THE BEST HURLERS AND FOOTBALLERS IN ANY PARTICULAR YEAR ONE NATURALLY TURNS TO THE COUNTIES WHO FIGURED IN THE LIST OF TITLE-WINNERS. THIS, OF COURSE, IS DUE TO THE FACT THAT THEY ARE SEEN IN ACTION MORE OFTEN THAN TEAMS KNOCKED OUT IN THE EARLY ROUNDS OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

At times, counties, through some misfortune or other, make an early exit from the race for honours. Otherwise they might have gone on to garner an All-Ireland title and supply players who would have come into the reckoning when individual honours came to be discussed.

This strain of thought immediately brings to mind the Dublin hurlers, who so narrowly failed to Kilkenny in



Tom Cheasty . . . No. 1 in hurling.

the Leinster final. Who knows but they might have gone one better than the Noresiders in the decider.

Then there was the case of Louth, who almost beat Dublin in the drawn football game at An Uaimh. Worthy of mention, also, are the two games between Armagh and Cavan. Perhaps Armagh would have beaten Down had they reached the Ulster final and gone on to achieve greater deeds than the Mournemen.

There were many more hard-luck stories best described by members of the teams concerned. However, while I emphasised certain cases above, I do not mean to say that the All-Ireland titles do not now rest where they deserve.

It is the tally on the scoreboard at the end of a game that counts and invariably the best team brings home the laurels. However, I mention the above for the purpose of selecting the best performers through the year.

Starting with the minor grade, let me say here and now that, with the

T H E T O P	FOOTBALL		T W E L V E
	1.	SEAN MURPHY	
	2.	CATHAL O'LEARY	
	3.	JACKIE REYNOLDS	
	4.	TOM LONG	
	5.	CATHAL FLYNN	
	6.	JACK MAHON	
	HURLING		
	1.	TOM CHEASTY	
	2.	SEAN CLOHESSY	
	3.	CHRISTY RING	
	4.	FRANK WALSH	
	5.	JIMMY DOYLE	
	6.	TIM SWEENEY	

exception of the hurling final, which was a real treat, the standard fell below that of the previous year.



Christy Ring . . . No. 3 in hurling.

Tipperary and Kilkenny are assured of a great future judging by the array of youthful talent they had this year.

Kilkenny's Eddie Keher has already made the grade in senior ranks, and it should not be long before such as Nicky Hanrahan, Sean Nyhan and Paddy Brett step into the elite of the caman game.

Tipperary, of course, always send out a first-class minor team and there seems a bright hurling future in front of Tom Ryan, Ronnie Slevin, Albert Croke and Larry Kiely.

In football, Dublin never looked in serious trouble except when playing Cork in the semi-final. The Metropolitan youngsters moved as a unit all through the year, but had some grand

individuals as well. Eddie Grainger and Brian McDonald have already proved their worth with the seniors, while Mick Kissane is another who caught the eye.

Cork's midfielder, Dermot McGann, will be heard of again, while his team-mate, David McCarthy, Galway's Noel Tierney and Cavan's Phil Murray and Finbarr O'Reilly are other teenage footballers of 1959 who seem to have bright futures.

Fermanagh, whom I heartily congratulate, were the only Ulster county to win a title, for which they owe much to Mick Brewster and Kevin Sreenan.

While there were many stirring contests in both senior grades, the best remembered will be the hurling final games. No wonder B.B.C. commentator Kenneth Wolstenholme was amazed by the skill, craft and endurance of the men on both sides.

Tom Cheasty, with his unorthodox hurling, left an imprint on these games that will be spoken of in Waterford for many a day. Frank



Jack Mahon . . . No. 6 in football.

Walsh, with his uncanny speed and anticipation, together with his accuracy in taking scores, deserves special mention. Seamus Power, Phil Grimes and Martin Og Morrissey all played big parts in capturing the McCarthy Cup in 1959.

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Kilkenny had their heroes too, not the least being Sean Clohessy, who regained his best form at a vital stage of the 1959 campaign. John Maher deserves credit for his defensive play under the handicap of not having the same training facilities in England.

What of Christy Ring himself? He cannot be overlooked in this final shake-up. His scoring feats on at least two occasions, and his play during the year, make one wonder how long more he will wear the Cork jersey. Paddy Barry and John Lyons are two other Rebel County veterans who, like good wine, seem to improve with age.

Tipperary and Tony Wall, with yet another old-stager, John Doyle, and his younger namesake, Jimmy Doyle, gained further honours in hurling fields on both sides of the Atlantic. Nick O'Donnell, another seasoned campaigner, kept the Wexford colours flying.

What of the Dublin men? They will, I think, be to the fore in 1960, particularly if Fran Whelan and Larry Shannon keep their present form. They are part of a first-class team.

So much for hurling. Kerry, quite naturally, supply most of the big names in the football honours list. Kerry folk must be very proud of Sean Murphy, whose consistent play was a feature of his county's triumph. I have yet to see him play a mediocre game, having watched, as well as played against him, over the years.

The Kerry team of 1959 was, in my opinion, as good a combination as the great Kingdom sides of the early forties. Their victory march owes much to the tenacious John Dowling, stout-hearted Kevin Coffey, that great forager, Tom Long, brilliant Michael O'Connell, stylist Seamus Murphy and scoregetters, Paud Sheehy and Dan McAuliffe.

Galway's collapse before the



TOM LONG "great forager"

mighty Kerry was not the fault of Frank Evers or Matty McDonagh.

Though it was not Sean Purcell's best game, he still tried hard. Jack Mahon's defensive play in the final fell below his previous brilliance, but, of course, every player has an off-day occasionally.

Dublin had not all the luck in their semi-final. They came through a tough Leinster campaign, due mainly to the brilliance of Cathal O'Leary, whose speed, and ability to turn defence into attack, was a feature of every game. Kevin Heffernan once again proved a thorn in the side of most defences and, if anything, enhanced his already high reputation.

Jack Kenna, Noel Delaney and the evergreen Mick Phelan did much to boost Laois football, while Mick Brady and Greg Hughes had fine displays for Offaly.

Cavan, like Meath, are finding it hard to come back into the top class, but, goodness knows, it is not the fault of Jim McDonnell. The man whom I admired most in Louth's fifteen was Jackie Reynolds, while Stephen White and Kevin Beahan also had their moments of glory. Cathal Flynn of Leitrim must surely rank as one of the highest scoregetters of the year.

It was a great season for Down football, and, with more experience, this youthful team will be there or thereabouts in future campaigns. The men who caught the eye most were Jim McCartan and Sean O'Neill. Derry's Jim McKeever got little chance to show what a fine footballer he is. Neither did many others.

SEAN CLOHESSEY



## Hurling and Football Compared

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the body balance and foot; the final flick of wrist at impact; the follow-through of the stroke—all must be faithfully studied. A first-class hurler must be more nimble and more flexible of body than the footballer; he doesn't make demand on the same rude strength. Yet the able hurler must be wiry and fit enough to stand the shocks of vigorous play. These shocks are few and avoidable by dexterity.

There are many properties in common between hurling and football and both can be thoroughly enjoyed by the same man. Yet there are striking differences in the demands of one and the other.

The broad difference is that football lays stress on strength and endurance under sustained effort; hurling demands more dexterity of arm, more resiliency of body, more speed of thought and keenness of eye. Yet both make splendid contrast and satisfying entertainment.



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# Looking back on '59

**L**OOKING back on 1959 it is hard to get away from the many great games witnessed in the tussles for All-Ireland titles. Yet there were other happenings, intimately connected with Gaeldom, worthy of mention when the past twelve months are recalled.

Pride of place must go, without question, to the opening of the new Hogan Stand on June 6th. This event, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Gaelic Athletic Association, was an achievement redounding to the credit of the men who conceived the idea.

Capable of seating 16,000 spectators, and costing £250,000, the new stand is symbolic of the progress made by the G.A.A. since that November day in Thurles way back in 1884.

Now Croke Park can boast of one of the most modern and best-equipped sporting arenas in the world, and it is indeed a fitting show-piece for the headquarters of such a great association.

During the year the grim reaper was busy and many staunch and illustrious Gaels are no longer with us.

1959 was in its infancy when Bill Landers, scion of the great Tralee footballing family, passed away. Soon to follow him were that able Cork administrator, Andy Scannell; Padraig Kehoe, father of the illustrious Padge, a noted Wexford patriot, poet and Gaelic figure, and Owen McFadden, a tireless Tirconnahill administrator.

Then in February came the sad news that the Patron of the Association, His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel, was no more. All Gaeldom mourned the passing of a prelate who, in his youth, was no mean caman-wielder himself.

From New York came word that another great Tipperary personality, "Wedger" Meagher, had answered the great call. Later in the year the Premier County lost another famous figure in the person of James Maher of Thurles, doyen of the county's Gaels and a man who grew up with the G.A.A.

Also laid to rest in 1959 were three

former wearers of Kilkenny's black and amber, Dick Doyle, holder of seven All-Ireland hurling medals, Pat Fielding, his Moonecoin team-mate on Kilkenny's first champion side in 1904, and Peter Blanchfield, noted caman-wielder of the '30's.

Thomas O'Connor, the last of Wexford's football champions of 1893 passed away, as did Sim Donohoe, iron-man of the Model County's successful hurlers in 1910. Patrick Duffy, long-term Louth official, joined the great majority and so did Joseph Gallagher, noted

By **EAMONN O'BRIEN**

Antrim footballer of the 1912 era and groundsman at Casement Park.

All these men were pillars of the Association, and each, in different ways, helped make it what it is to-day. They, and many others too numerous to mention, will be missed. *Suaimhneas Siorraí do n-ainmneacha.*

The year had its bright side too. Bobby Rackard, that stalwart Wexford hurler, made a comeback with his beloved Rathnure to the delight of the entire county. Another to defy illness and reappear on the playing fields was Waterford's sweet half-back, Mickey O'Connor.

O'Connor won that coveted All Ireland medal as did his team-mate Tom Cunningham, who turned out in the replay with Kilkenny after an injury had kept him inactive since February. Pat Stakelum made a

comeback in Cork when Tipperary were in dire straits and showed all his old skill.

Queen's University, Belfast, captured the Sigerson Cup for the first time, to the unbounded joy of the entire North and the satisfaction of the rest of the land.

In the National Football League we had brave showings by Leitrim and Offaly who reached the semi-finals for the first time. Their subsequent failures detract not one bit from their earlier feats.



Emigration is still draining away our manhood to the continued strengthening of the Association in exile. Prominent figures to leave our shores in 1959 were Jack Mangan, Galway's genial goalkeeper, and Nace O'Dowd, Sligo's pride and joy.

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# RAILWAY CUP GAMES

ONLY the Railway Cup football games held to tradition this year, the semi-finals being played in February and the final on St. Patrick's Day as usual.

Special significance was attached to the hurling competition. The semi-final between Leinster and Connaught took the place of the normal final on St. Patrick's Day while the staging of the actual final itself coincided with the opening of the new Hogan Stand.

Let us take the football first. The semi-finals were the same as in the previous year, Munster v. Ulster and Leinster v. Connaught. This year, however, home venue favoured the southern and eastern provinces.

An Ulster team with grand ball-players like Charlie Gallagher, Sean O'Connell and Paddy Doherty included, plus Jim McKeever and Tom Maguire at centrefield, travelled to the Kerry stronghold of Tralee. Whether they missed their star centre half-back John Rice, or whether the rather short pitch didn't suit their style of play, the northern stylists never cut any ice against the Munstermen.

John Dowling had been chosen in the unusual berth for him of full forward. He was an immediate success

in the position and gave the Ulster defence a trying afternoon and got some lovely scores into the bargain. The midfield pair of Mick O'Connell and Paddy Harrington also did their

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## By JIM CROWLEY

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share. Munster won well and seemed well set to take the title.

Connaught came east to Tullamore to defend their crown. Their hopes of victory received a severe setback with the absence of two great Railway Cup men, John Nallen and Patsy McGarty. Leinster had picked a team based on youth with old Leinster campaigners like Ollie Freeney and Kevin Heffernan to hold the attack together.

With Peter Nolan on top of his form much of the edge was taken off the Purcell-prompted western attack although the Leitrim left wing of Jim O'Donnell and Cathal Flynn was always dangerous.

In defence Jack Mahon, Nace O'Dowd and Willy Casey defended well against the wiles of Freeney, Heffernan and Kenna but in the end the accurate boot of the Dublin "forty" men proved decisive.

The opening match on our festival day was the hurling semi-final between East and West. In cold, dull conditions the Galwaymen played up to their best form and with P. J. Lally and Joe Salmon swinging a lot of the ball towards the Leinster posts, Nick O'Donnell and company had a busy time. The Wexford full-back defended heroically until he was forced to retire injured, and with his departure things seemed to grow worse for Leinster.

Tim Sweeney was a constant problem on the wing and big Jim Fives guarded the middle well. Leinster could not penetrate a rock-like defence and so a rather surprising result came to light.

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## LEINSTER — RAILWAY CUP FOOTBALL HOLDERS — 1959





# THE GAMES IN THE UNIVERSITIES

**A**T the moment interest in Gaelic Games in our Universities has reached an unprecedented height. One has only to look at the record of University teams in local competitions to appreciate this. The Inter-University games arouse nation-wide interest and the standard compares with the best.

This year's competitions were no exceptions. Queen's University triumphed for the first time in the Sigerson Cup whilst University College, Cork once again captured the Fitzgibbon Cup. First let us take a look at the Sigerson Cup competition and what it means.

Very few, if any, trophies in Gaelic Football are sought with as much fervour and enthusiasm as the Sigerson Cup. It was first presented in 1911 in memory of Dr. George Sigerson for the winners of the University football championship.

Down through the years this competition has gone from strength to strength and is now one of the foremost attractions on the G.A.A. calendar. It is the burning ambition of every university footballer to play in a Sigerson.

By **JIM McDONNELL**

The competition is staged around the end of November each year and alternates between, Dublin, Cork, Belfast, and Galway. The semi-finals are played on a Saturday and the decider on the following day, Sunday.

Players suffering from stiffness or bruises obtained in the semi-final have only a few hours to recover before lining out in the final. Because of this an extraordinary degree of fitness is required. Therefore the four teams undergo an intensive course of training, often extending over four weeks.

The standard of play in the Sigerson Cup is well-known. The fact that the Combined Universities football team, picked from Sigerson and ex-Sigerson players, has twice, in recent years, beaten the Rest of Ireland speaks for itself.

The football in the Sigerson Cup is usually of the hard, uncompromising variety but, because of the fitness of the players, there are few injuries. Hard knocks are given and taken without a grumble. Every ball is keenly fought for and a player seldom stops to pick if he can first-time it on the ground.

But, while the winning of the Cup is of course of primary importance, the social aspect of "Sigerson Week-end" cannot be too highly praised. Here old friendships are renewed and new friendships formed.

The students make full use of their break from the lecture rooms. Everywhere there is an atmosphere of gaiety and fun. As soon as the big game is over the celebrations begin. The cup is filled and refilled with all sorts of mixtures and the boys enjoy themselves as only students can.

On the night of the final the home team are hosts to

their visitors and a magnificent dinner is provided for all. When it is over the students scatter again to the four corners of Ireland taking with them lasting memories of another great "Sigerson".

This year's Sigerson was no exception. Held in Galway, the standard was extremely high. Queen's University upheld their reputation as one of the top teams in Antrim when they battled their way into the final and met hot favourites, U.C.D.

Dublin appeared set for an easy victory when they led 11 points to 1 at half-time. However, Queen's, calling on all their great reserves of strength and fighting spirit, fought back in a thrill a minute second half to earn a draw.

Their great victory in the replay, at Ballybay, is now history. That triumph, which earned for Queen's its first Sigerson Cup, served to make the 1959 Sigerson a truly memorable one.

The Fitzgibbon Cup series lived up to its reputation for providing tough, exciting fare. Cork once more captured the prized trophy after a great struggle with U.C.D.

The standard of hurling in our Universities is at a very high level at the moment, as is evidenced by the performances of the various teams in their County Championships.

U.C.C., the winners, made a great showing in the Cork Championships and were considered unlucky by many not to have captured the title. U.C.D., although they made an early exit from the championship, have consistently been one of the top teams in Dublin club competitions over the past number of years.

Galway and Queen's, while they have not comparable records in local championships, contrive to extend both U.C.D. and U.C.C. in the Fitzgibbon Cup.

The student cailini are also well catered for in the camogie sphere. The past year's Ashbourne Cup competition set a new standard in University camogie. Holders, U.C.D., again emerged triumphant after three gruelling matches. This must certainly be the toughest of our University competitions, as it entails three matches on three successive days compared with two games in the Sigerson and Fitzgibbon Cups.

*As can be seen from last year's events the games of the Gael are flourishing in our Universities. Certainly there is room for improvement but, all in all, these competitions are growing in importance with each succeeding year.*

A striking proof of the work these competitions do for our games was the performance of the "Cinderella" team, Queen's University, in the Sigerson. For so long the poor relation of the four, they set a standard of which any team could be proud.



# KERRY ADD TO LAURELS

**T**HIS year's "Gaelic Weekly" Tournament was an outstanding success in every respect and proved that, next to the All-Ireland Championship, National League and Railway Cup, the Cuchulainn Trophy is the most sought-after prize in present-day football. The semi-finals and final produced full-strength teams, top-class football and sportsmanship of a high order.

The semi-finals, fixed for September 13th, saw Galway, holders of the trophy, drawn against Dublin, and Kerry opposing Kildare. Keen disappointment was felt when Galway, due to the proximity of the All-Ireland final, were unable to field out on the day fixed owing to injuries. Very reluctantly the committee in charge was unable to grant them a postponement and Down were invited to take the Westerners' place.

Kerry and Kildare at Newbridge brought back memories of famous clashes of other days between the green and gold and the Lily-Whites. Played in glorious sunshine, the game attracted a huge attendance which left the ground well satisfied with the fare provided.

Through the first half Kerry held a slight lead without ever appearing to be in undue danger. The opening ten minutes of the second period confirmed this opinion but the picture changed suddenly.

A snap goal from a fourteen yards free by Kieran O'Malley, followed by another major shortly after, gave Kildare the lead and roused both teams to an all-out finish.

Fighting back strongly Kerry regained the lead, increased it, and ran out worthy winners by 2-8 to 2-5. What might have happened if the Kildare attack was more incisive is still one of the talking points of 1959 in the Shortgrass County.

On the same day Dublin travelled to Newry where a very large crowd was delighted to see Down return to their brilliant best. The Mourne Countymen registered a 1-17 to 0-5 victory over a very strong metropolitan fifteen and in doing so recaptured all the brilliance which had gained them the Ulster championship. This victory helped in some measure

by **GERRY McCARTHY**

also to blot out the memory of the Northerners' dismal All-Ireland semi-final showing against Galway.

The way was now clear for the final between Kerry and Down. Fixed for Croke Park on October 4th the replay of the All-Ireland Hurling

Final caused the game to be put back to October 11th.

By this time Kerry had annexed the All-Ireland Championship and were preparing to travel to New York. They were anxious to visit the States with an unbeaten record and to add another trophy to their collection.

Having already beaten Dublin, Leinster champions, and Galway, Connacht king-pins, the Kerry men were also keen to register a victory over the Northern title-holders and crown themselves undisputed champions of Ireland.

Down, on the other hand, came to Croke Park anxious to test their mettle against the All-Ireland champions and to be the first, if possible, to topple the new title-holders. Above all they wanted to wipe out forever the memory of their previous appearance at Headquarters against Galway.

With both sides having so many incentives to spur them on, the game promised a lot. How well it lived up to that promise the 22,000 present will readily agree.

## LIKE GREYHOUNDS

Breaking like greyhounds from the trap Down swept away from the  
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JEROME O'SHEA.  
Kerry captain,  
receives the  
Cuchulainn  
Trophy from  
Dr. J. J. Stuart,  
President of the  
G.A.A.





# Gaelic Weekly Tournament

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throw-in and their short passing and solo running had the Kerry defence at sixes and sevens for a while. All this territorial supremacy, however, was not translated into the equivalent amount of scores.

After fifteen minutes Down had only three points to their credit. Kerry at this stage had no score but it was evident they were getting the measure of the Ulster champions.

In the seventeenth minute Kerry had their first score, a point. Five minutes later they were level and a goal shortly afterwards left them leading at half-time by 1-3 to 0-3.

The best football of the hour was seen in the second half as Down made determined efforts to overtake the champions. Gamely as they fought, however, the solid Kingdom defence gave them few openings. Scores were evenly exchanged in this period but near the end Kerry increased their half-time lead by two points to run out deserving winners by 1-11 to 0-9.

Outstanding displays for Kerry

were given by Jerome O'Shea (captain for the day), Tim Lyons (until injured), Tom Long, Seamus Murphy, John Dowling and Paud Sheehy.

For Down, Eamonn McKay (goal), Pat Rice (a great corner-back), Kevin Mussen, Dan McCartan, Tony Hadden and Paddy Doherty left their marks on the game.

## GREAT SPECTACLE

As a football spectacle the *Gaelic Weekly* Final was far ahead of the All-Ireland final. While it lacked some of the bite of the championship game it provided a superior brand of football which was entirely satisfying for the attendance.

Kerry won because they showed once again their facility to pick off long-range points with the minimum of trouble and exertion. They proved themselves worthy champions and kept their record intact.

Although beaten, Down thoroughly vindicated themselves in the eyes of all present. They proved themselves fine footballers and grand sportsmen.

They overdid the hand-to-toe gambit, however, while a tendency to carry their passing movements too near the Kerry posts nullified much of their approach work.

The game against Kerry, however, should have been of immense value to them and I expect to see the Mourne County men make another bold bid for premier honours next year.

Tyrone in 1957, Galway in 1958 and now Kerry have brought the Cuchulainn Trophy to three of the four provinces. Will it be the turn of a Leinster county in 1960?

THIS ARTICLE WOULD NOT BE COMPLETE WITHOUT EXTENDING SINCERE THANKS TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE G.A.A., DR. J. J. STUART, ITS GENERAL SECRETARY, PÁDRAIG UASAL Ó CAOIMH, THE CENTRAL COUNCIL, THE PARTICIPATING COUNTIES, PLAYERS, OFFICIALS AND REFEREES AND ALL WHO IN ANY WAY HELPED TO MAKE THIS YEAR'S "GAELIC WEEKLY" TOURNAMENT SUCH AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS.

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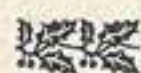
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# Paris Trip Was The Highlight

**T**HERE is no doubt but that the highlight of the 1959 cycling season, which, thanks to the unprecedented spell of fine weather was the best in recent years, was the NCA's return to International Racing, when a four-man team made a trip to Paris last July.

This trip, the result of three years' negotiation by the N.C.A. International Racing Secretary, was the N.C.A.'s first trip abroad since 1952 and its first Continental engagement since the 1947 World Championships at Zurich.

And what a successful venture it was! The four riders concerned, Gerard Meehan of Belfast, Ben McKenna of Meath and the two Dubliners, Ron Williams and Cecil Donahue, amazed the Continentals by taking second, fourth, eleventh and twelfth individual placings as well as beating the French by a clear margin in the team section of the centrepiece

of the Parisian racing calendar—the 120 kilos Grand Prix del U.S.M.T.

## BEST EVER

This was the best ever performance by an Irish team on the Continent, and amazed French cycling experts, who have a very poor regard for Irish cycling standards as a result of the pathetic efforts of our "official" teams in the World Championship series every year.

The only dark spot on the venture was the amazing lack of publicity the team's fine performance got at home. For some reason known only to themselves the national press, with one ex-

ception, did not even bother to publish the race result.

This, however, is not so surprising when we consider that these self-same sporting "experts" rank a sport such as cricket among the Top Ten in Ireland.

On the home racing front there is no doubt but that the year will be classed as one of the best ever for many a long day. The warm weather brought big fields and high speeds to make it a year of really tip-top racing.

One notable point was that on the road-racing front no one man could be said to be top dog, a sure sign of

## CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

### ALL-IRELAND

#### Senior Track

440 yds.: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
880 yds.: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
1,000 metres: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
1 mile: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
2 miles: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
3 miles: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
5 miles: M. Palmer (Westport)  
5 miles point-to-point: N. McArdle (Dundalk)  
10 miles point-to-point: M. Hoey (Dundalk)

#### Junior Track

1 mile: M. O'Leary (Dundalk)  
2 miles: O. Shaughnessy (Dundalk)  
3 miles: J. Murphy and M. Dolan deadheated.  
4 miles: P. Doyle (Midland)  
5 miles: D. Byrne (Wexford)  
7,000 metres: P. Hennelly (Tuam)  
8,000 metres: P. J. Doyle (Ennis)

#### Youths' Track

1,000 metres: M. Twomey (Fermoy)

#### Senior Road

25-mile Time Trial: P. Flanagan (Midland)  
50-mile Time Trial: P. Flanagan (Midland)  
50-mile Massed Start: T. Beamish (Clan Brugha)  
100-mile Massed Start: M. Slatery (Clonmel)  
National League: P. McCormack (Brownstown)

### Junior Road

50 kilos Massed Start: J. McLaughlin (Belfast)

### ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Senior Track

440 yds.: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
880 yds.: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
1 mile: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
2,000 metres: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
3,000 metres: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
4,000 metres: P. Quinn (Dungannon)  
5,000 metres: P. Quinn (Dungannon)

#### Junior Track

880 yds.: J. J. Gorman (Emyvale)  
1 mile: J. J. Gorman (Emyvale)

#### Senior Road

25-mile Time Trial: F. Thompson (Glen, Belfast)  
100 kilos Massed Start: J. McLaughlin (Cromac, Belfast)

### MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Track

440 yds.: Tom Lavin (Glanmire)  
880 yds.: D. Ahern (Castleisland)  
1 mile: J. Dorgan (Blarney)  
2 miles: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
3 miles: J. Dorgan (Blarney)  
4 miles: M. Murphy (Castleisland)  
5 miles: M. O'Leary (Hilltown)  
5 miles Point-to-Point: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)  
2,000 metres: T. Lavin (Glanmire)  
3,000 metres: D. Ahern (Castleisland)

4,000 metres: F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy)

5,000 metres: D. Ahern (Castleisland)

6,000 metres: T. Lavin (Glanmire)

#### Road

25-mile Time Trial: J. Gearon (Clonmel)  
25-mile Massed Start: T. Ryan (Shamrock)  
50-mile Massed Start: J. Gearon (Clonmel)  
50 kilos Massed Start: T. Lavin (Glanmire)  
100 kilos Massed Start: M. Slatery (Clonmel)

### CONNACHT CHAMPSHIPS

#### Senior Track

1,000 yds.: M. Palmer (Westport)  
3 miles: P. Mannion (Laught)  
5 miles: M. Palmer (Westport)  
5 miles Point-to-Point: M. Palmer (Westport)

#### Junior Track

1 mile: R. Kennedy (Westport)  
2 miles: N. Burke (Westport)

#### Senior Road

25-mile Time Trial: M. Palmer (Westport)  
50 miles Time Trial: P. Mannion (Laught)  
25-mile Massed Start: J. Keane (Glinsk)  
100 kilos Massed Start: J. Keane (Glinsk)

#### Junior Road

50 kilos: N. Reid (Westport)



# The Year In Handball

IT can be said with all honesty that the game of handball increased in popularity during the year with a record number of clubs affiliated to the Irish Handball Council. Although a record number of counties did not affiliate the ones who did are definitely improving in strength.

The main attractions in the handball calendar, the All-Ireland Championships, were well up to par, with quite a few surprises before the end. Of the twelve titles contested only three counties managed to retain their crowns, Kerry in Senior Hardball singles, Limerick in Senior Softball Doubles, and Wicklow in Minor Softball Singles.

Over the past two years the titles were evenly divided between Leinster and Munster with seven counties sharing the honours, Kerry and Wicklow taking the lion's share with three titles apiece, and Louth coming next with two.

## Feature of Year

The feature of the championships was the winning of three minor titles by Wicklow's Joe Clery and Mick Dwyer.

This county, where the game at the moment is on the crest of a wave of enthusiasm, had its greatest ever year with the winning of these three titles. Most praise must go to that great star in the making, Joe Clery from Tinahely.

Joe, who improves with each outing, literally played himself to a standstill when winning at least one of these titles. At the moment, being only eighteen years of age, he must have a great future in handball ahead of him.

Extremely strong, he also possesses that vital attribute of the great handballer . . . a cool and crafty brain which can make his muscles adapt themselves to any type of play.

His Tinahely admirers, in appreciation of his great handball feats for the past two years, turned out in great numbers on the night on which he won his third title and, amid great rejoicing, he was presented with a suitably inscribed wristlet watch.

His partner, Mick Dwyer, also came in for congratulations and was also the recipient of a presentation on that never-to-be forgotten night.

Handball was one of the sports which narrowly missed being included in the list of the ten from which the top personality for the past year will gain a Caltex trophy.

I think I am being fair to all title-winners and all the top men when I

suggest that Joe Clery would unquestionably have been the top handball personality of the past year if



JOE CLEARY

handball had been included in the ten sports selected.

## Sensation

The sensation of the All-Ireland Championships was, of course, the

**By R. A. DILLON**

amazing win of Fintan Confrey (Louth) in the Senior Softball Singles final over Paddy Downey (Kerry). The Tralee man, defending champion, and considered by many to be much the superior hand-

baller, was expected to "murder" Confrey in that match in Clogh.

One who didn't subscribe to this opinion was the red-headed Wee County man who played like a champion born to take his first senior title . . . in his first year in senior ranks.

Downey made some amends for this surprising defeat a week later at Talbotts Inch when he and Jimmy O'Brien turned the tables on Confrey and his partner, Joey Maher, in the Senior Hardball Doubles final.

Earlier in the month Downey had successfully retained his Senior Hardball Singles crown against Wexford's Mike Murphy. The latter deputised for John Ryan who unfortunately suffered a badly fractured leg while at work a short time before the final. This robbed the game of a lot of its appeal as Downey and Ryan were expected to provide the best final for years.

Another Downey, Denis, younger brother of Paddy, took the Junior Hardball Singles title with the easiest of wins over Dublin's Mick Hore at Ballyporeen. This final was expected to produce fireworks with two such vaunted hard hitters clashing. Hore

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## TITLE WINNERS

### All-Ireland Championships

S.S.S.—Louth (F. Confrey)  
Runner-up—Kerry (P. Downey).

S.S.D.—Limerick (T. McGarry-M. Mullins). Runners-up—Kilkenny (Delaney brothers).

S.H.S.—Kerry (P. Downey).  
Runner-up—Wexford (M. Murphy).

S.H.D.—Kerry (P. Downey-J. O'Brien). Runners-up—Louth (F. Confrey-J. Maher).

J.S.S.—Clare (M. Kirby).  
Runner-up—Louth (T. Reilly).

J.S.D.—Louth (Reilly brothers).  
Runners-up—Limerick (M. O'Brien-S. Walsh).

J.H.S.—Kerry (D. Downey).  
Runner-up—Dublin (M. Hore).

J.H.D.—Kildare (T. Daly-P. Winders). Runners-up—Tipperary (Cleere brothers).

M.S.S.—Wicklow (J. Clery).  
Runner-up—Clare (M. Hogan).

M.S.D.—Wicklow (J. Clery-M. Dwyer). Runners-up—Clare (M. Hogan-S. Ryan).

M.H.S.—Wicklow (J. Clery).

Runner-up—Tipperary (C. Cleere).

M.H.D.—Tipperary (C. Cleere-J. Clery). Runners-up—Wicklow (J. Clery-M. Dwyer).

### All-Army Championships

S.S.—Pte. Davin (Southern Command). Runner-up—Pte. M. Hore (Eastern Command).

S.D.—Sgt. W. Cockburn-Pte. M. Hore (Eastern Command).  
Runners-up—Sgts. C. Geary-R. Maher (Curragh Training Camp).

H.S.—Pte. M. Hore (Eastern Command). Runner-up—Sgt. C. Geary (Curragh Training Camp).

H.D.—Sgts. C. Geary-R. Maher (Curragh Training Camp). Runners-up—Sgt. W. Cockburn-Pte. M. Hore (Eastern Command). . .

### St. James's Gate Open Handicap Tournament

J. Clery (Wicklow). Runner-up—J. Maher (Louth).

### Gael Linn Tournament

T. McGarry (Limerick). Runner-up—J. Maher (Louth).



# LONDON'S JUNIOR TITLE

**W**HEN London started out on the All-Ireland trail this year they could not have foreseen that it would end up in Croke Park with victory over Antrim before a packed stadium as a curtain raiser to the senior hurling replay. Like the senior champions, London's visits to headquarters have been all too few and their victories even fewer. The junior title last crossed the Irish Sea in 1949, and until now the annual effort to retrieve it has failed.

This year, however, an early start was made. In fact the first steps to Croke Park were taken at the Convention last year when some very trenchant criticism was heard of the performance of our representatives in the previous summer. Everyone concerned with the team came under fire and it was then and there decided that an all-out attempt would be made this year.

This was no more than timely as London, with seventy-one clubs, should be able to compete on level terms with most of the counties at home.

It may be argued, of course, that county teams in Great Britain do not get enough match practice together. Indeed this might be put forward as a reasonable excuse except for the fact that this year's win pin-

## By PADDY MULLANE

pointed the only thing wrong with teams selected to represent Britain in previous years. That is the absence of serious training.

### The Beginning

However, let us start at the beginning. There are six counties in the British Championships, Warwickshire, Lancashire, Yorkshire, Derby, Gloucestershire and London.

This year the final lay between Warwickshire and the London boys. London faced this game fairly confidently with an experienced side built around the Pearse's star, Billy Duffy, and his equally famous colleague, Sean McDermott's man Donal O'Grady.

In addition to these two very capable players they had a brilliant goalkeeper in Alec Morrissey and the quick-thinking and agile Corkman was to prove a vital asset.

Their opponents, too, had their share of experienced men in J. Shire of Limerick, and M. Maher of Kerry, both of whom represented their home counties, in defence M. Galvin (Limerick), B. Finnerty (Galway), M. Comerford (Kilkenny) and P. O'Connell (Kerry), all inter-county men at home, as well as D. Curtin, the former Cork minor, and M. Murphy, an Offaly minor. This gave

them a very sound appearance and they were expected to give London a close game.

This did not happen, however, and London ran out easy winners on the score 10-11 to 2-2. Billy Duffy was the architect of this win with a personal tally of 4-5. But he had able assistants in Eamon Murray and Billy Dargan. The defence, too, showed up well and it was due to some sound work by full-back M. Kerse that the Warwickshire score was kept so low.

This win put the team in great spirits. Much attention was focussed on the progress of the Cork team at home, the "rebels" being looked upon as the most likely opponents following their victory over the "Kingdom."

By this time the county championships were in full swing and the selectors were leaving no stone unturned in their efforts to improve, if possible, the chances of bringing the All-Ireland across the Irish Sea.

### Prospects Brighter

The opponents for the final came to light when Cork were beaten by Antrim and suddenly our chances seemed brighter. The Ulster Champions, despite their triumphs over Wexford and Cork, somehow did not seem quite so invincible.

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## ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS—1959





# Tipp's 12th Minor Title

ON the first Sunday in September Tipperary minor hurlers captured their twelfth All-Ireland title when they snatched victory from the grasp of a gallant Kilkenny side in the dying minutes of a thrilling decider at Croke Park. The scoreboard read Tipperary 2-8, Kilkenny 2-7.

This was the climax, but what of the beginning and what of the other battles which led to the youngsters in blue and gold thrilling the thousands in Croke Park with their skill and daring?

## MINOR TRIALS

Every May in Tipperary is a very exciting time for the Minor hurlers, for at this time the famous Minor trials are held in Thurles. Young hurlers, with hope and ambition in their hearts come from the four corners of the county and there, under the knowing eyes of the Minor selectors, battle for a place on the team.

## By TONY WALL

Usually the form shown at these trials is indicative of the chances for the coming championship. 1959 proved no exception.

Talking to shrewd judges about this year's trials I still remember the comment of Tommy Butler, former Tipperary goalkeeper. These were his words, "There were thirty players up in the field last night and each man was as good as the other. It's impossible to know whom to leave off the team. Any one of the thirty is good enough. It will be a good team this year."

And so it was.

As a result of the trials the following team was picked and did duty throughout the year:

J. Donoghue (Arravale Rovers), W. Lonergan (Carrick-on-Suir), G. Kinane (Borrisoleigh), Pat Griffin (Arravale Rovers), John Carroll (Moycarkey), Albert Croke (Boherlahan), Ronnie Slevin (Borrisokane), Tom Ryan (Toomevara), Tom Ryan (Killenaule), Paddy Doyle (Thurles), Billy Carey (Moyne), M. Duggan (Gortnahoe), M. Nolan (Roscrea), J. Kiely, capt. (Glengoe), J. Ryan (Gortnahoe), Subs.—J. Donoghue (Arravale Rov.), John Gleeson (Moneygall), Paddy Crompton (Clonakenny), M. Ryan and P. Tynan (Killenaule).

## UNUSUAL FEATURES

That was the team, and it had some unusual features. Firstly, it contains only one representative from Thurles, Paddy Doyle (a brother of Jimmy). This is very strange as Thurles and the C.B.S. there invariably provide the backbone and the experience of Tipp. minor teams. This year was an exception.

Then again it contains only three players who had been on the team the previous year. These three had also been on the victorious 1957 team. Usually there are about six players having their second year on the county minor side.

Another point is that fifteen clubs are represented on the team. The fact that representatives of these scattered clubs were welded into a unit with a single purpose speaks well for the team and its handlers.

## MATCHES

The first outing was against Kerry in Killarney on May 14th. The score, 9-15 to 0-1, told its own story and showed that the side had possibilities.

The second game was a stern encounter against old rivals Cork in Limerick. This match took place before the Waterford-Galway game but proved much more entertaining. The final score was 2-9 to 3-4, a two points victory, and it was not until the final minutes of the game that Tipp. came out on top.

Cork led by four points at half-time but Tipp., playing with great fire and dash, went into a two point lead with 10 minutes to go. Cork came again and looked all over winners when a goal from a melee left them in front. However another rally brought three Tipp. points in as many minutes and the final whistle spelt victory for the blue and gold.

This game, like all Tipp's. victories this year, was a triumph for teamwork. All were sound and had a share in victory but Tom Ryan of Toomevara was the hero of the hour, with Paddy Doyle, who notched six points, not far behind.

## THE MUNSTER FINAL

This victory put the team into the Munster final against All-Ireland champions, Limerick, who had accounted for Waterford and Clare in

their half of the draw. This was a needle game for Limerick had beaten Tipp. in 1958 at the same venue (Cork) and had gone on to win the All-Ireland. They fully expected to repeat that victory, with eight of the previous year's team still eligible.

Tipp. were undaunted however and here again the score tells the story. Tipperary 5-8, Limerick 1-4.

In this game John Carroll held Limerick's P. Murphy scoreless and had an outstanding game, but again I must stress, it was team-work which carried the day.

Tipp's next game was in the All-Ireland semi-final against Roscommon. The score was 8-14 to 3 pts. As Tony Gavin, the Roscommon goalkeeper, was rated the best man on the field the less said about this game the better.

Tipperary minors were once again in the All-Ireland Final. The result is now history. The margin of victory was one point and came in the 57th minute when Paddy Doyle took a neat pass, was fouled in his efforts to go through, and from the resultant free Tom Ryan goaled to bring Tipperary level for the first time in 35 minutes.

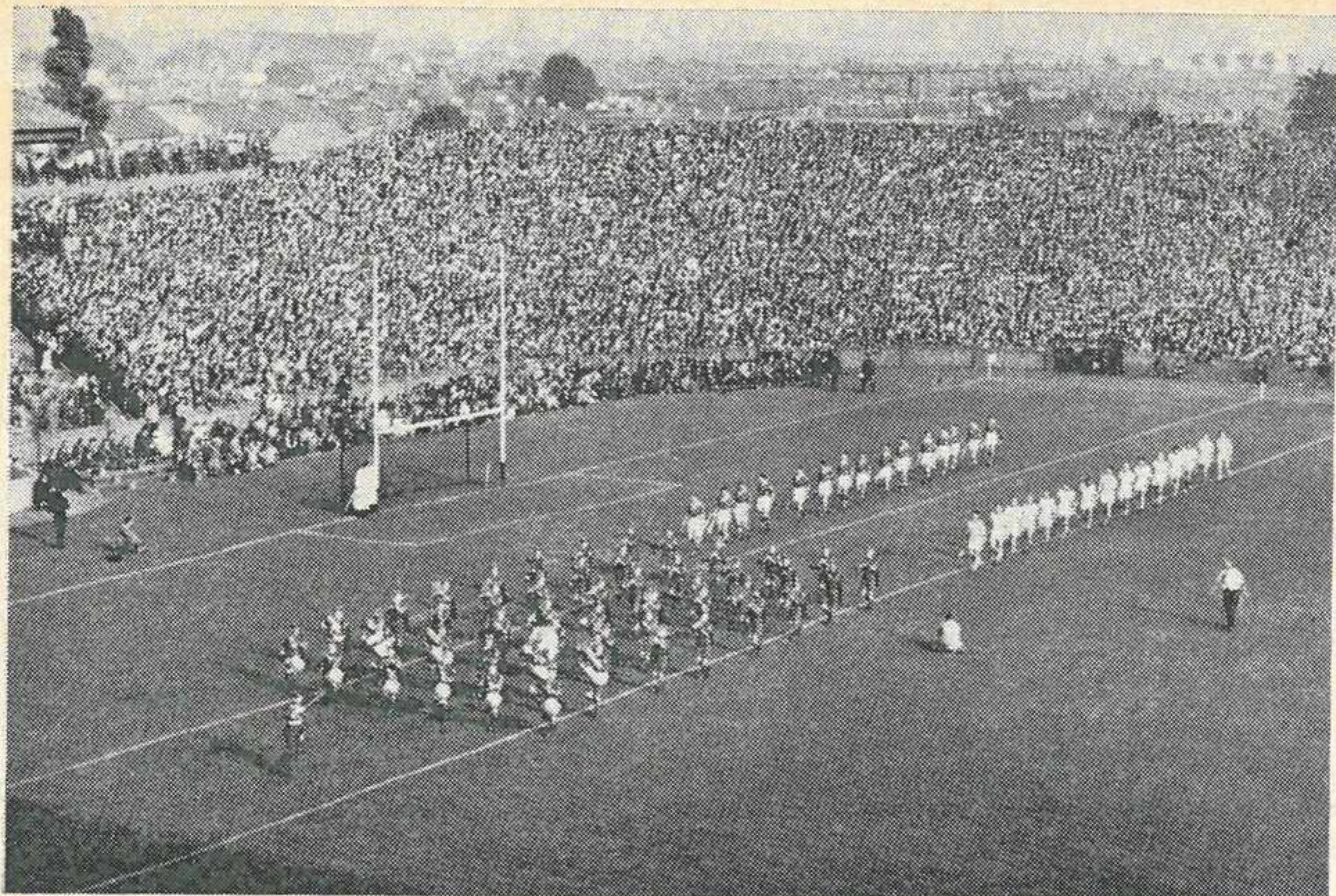
Many scribes and onlookers were adamant that Paddy *picked* up that ball. The referee however was there and saw that he did not. Afterwards Paddy himself, who is nothing if not honest, told me that he *did not* pick it up. The ball was off the ground . . .

Anyway the free was awarded to Paddy and Tom Ryan did the needful and the *Sunday Press* Cup ended up once again in Tipperary hands.

All the players shone that day but none more than Tom Ryan of Killenaule, who had a great hour. John O'Donoghue (goal), Pat Griffin, Albert Croke, Larry Kiely and Paddy Doyle were others to shine but here again the victory was primarily due to all-round solidarity.

It is very hard to compare teams of different eras but general opinion in Tipperary was that this team was not better than some great teams of the past. It was a better all round team than the one Jimmy Doyle steered to victory in 1957, but old stagers will not agree that it could be compared with the greatest team of all, the 1945 fifteen, which con-





A panoramic view of Croke Park as Waterford and Kilkeny teams march around before the All-Ireland Hurling Final Replay.

Pat Rice (4) of Down goes highest in the Gaelic Weekly Final. Also in photo are Dan McCartan (7) and John Dowling Kerry.

John Dowling breaks through the Kildare defence in the Gaelic Weekly Tournament semi-final.







(Above) A narrow shave for Waterford in the Munster Hurling Final as Ned Power saves under pressure from Cork's Mick Quane with John Barron looking on.

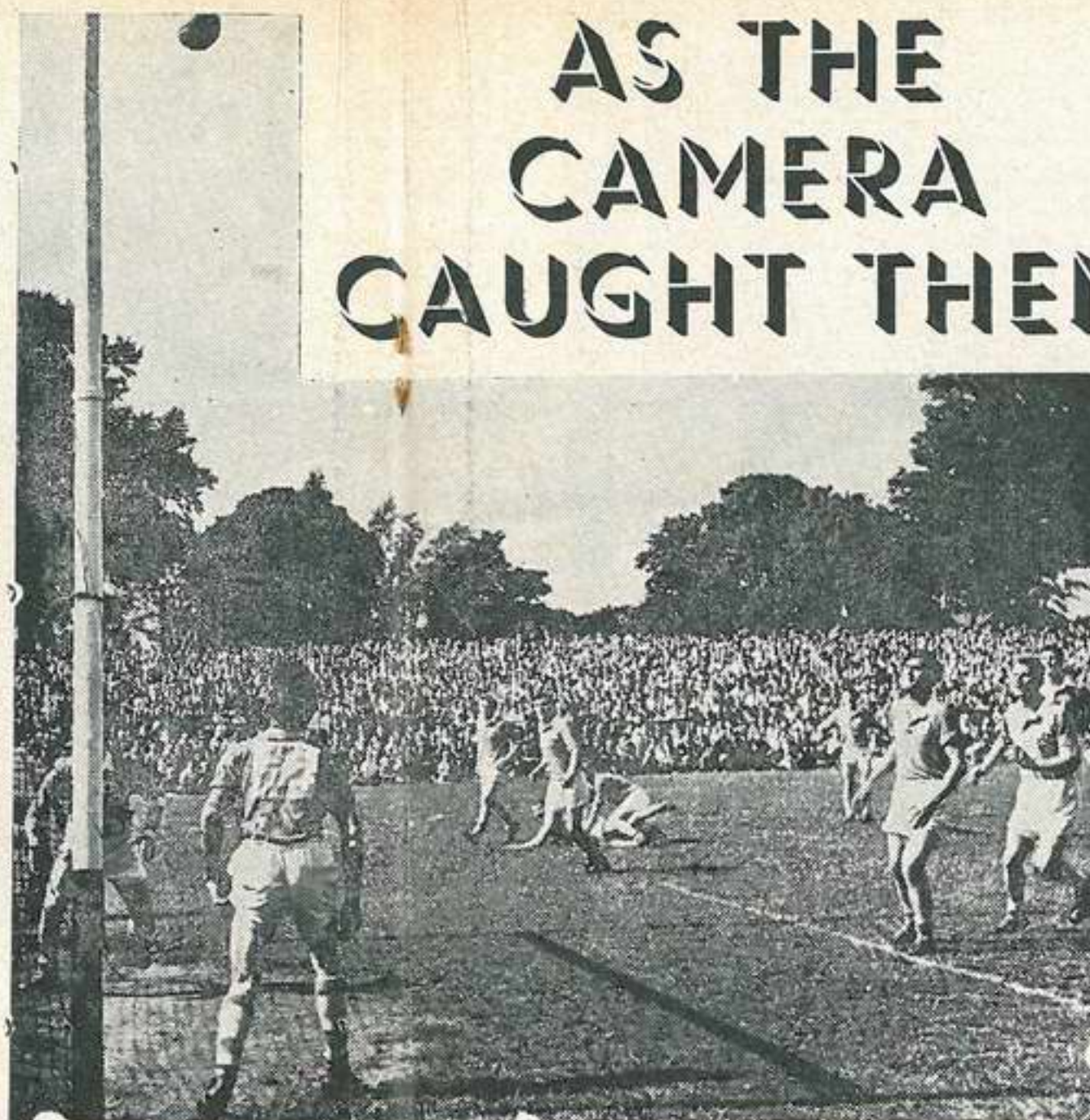
(Below) Action in the Offaly goalmouth in the Leinster Football Championship replay against Laois.



Ned Wheeler scores a goal for Leinster in the Railway Hurling Cup semi-final against Connacht.



# AS THE CAMERA CAUGHT THEM



(Left) All eyes follow the ball as it soars high over the bar for a Dublin point against Louth in the Leinster Championship.

(Above) The ball is in the net for Dublin's second goal, scored by Olly Freaney in the All-Ireland Football semi-final.

(Right) John Kennedy of Galway in action against Down.







Kilkenny forwards press home an attack in the Championship game with Laois.

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Dave Geaney rises high to fist a Kerry point in the National Football League Final against Derry.

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Roscommon defender, Mick Shivan, saves a dangerous situation in the Connacht Championship against Galway. Others in picture are, from left: John Oliver Moran (2), Joe Young (15), John Joe Breslin, Aidan Brady and Jackie Coyle.





# SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES REVIEW

**T**HE Colleges' G.A.A. programme provided many memorable encounters, a host of outstanding performances, both individual and on a collective scale, and the usual crop of hard-luck stories.

The year also saw some new names inscribed on the honour's roll. Topping the list in this respect was the feat of St. Joseph's, Fairview, who won the Hogan Cup for the Individual Colleges' All-Ireland Senior Football Championship for the first time.

From the start of the season, the Des Foley-powered St. Joseph's looked a side of distinct championship possibilities and while, in the decider, they had to fight all the way against a gallant St. Nathy's Ballaghaderreen team, there could be no doubting the merit of the Fairview success.

Success breeds success is a well-known adage and it is to be hoped, that, when the victory of the Dublin minors in the All-Ireland Championship later in the year is recalled, due credit will be given to the St. Joseph's College for their part in this great triumph. On that victorious metropolitan side were eight of the Hogan Cup heroes.

## Specialists Again

In the Croke Cup for the Hurling Championship, we saw another St. Kieran's, Kilkenny, victory. Specialists in the competition, St. Kieran's had a powerful combination, spirited and skilful, which withstood the best that the other provinces could offer. Thus they became most worthy title-holders for the third time in the six years of the championship's existence.

Despite their great tradition, however, St. Kieran's were by no means considered "home and dried" against comparative newcomers to the competition, Tipperary C.B.S. The Tipperary school had won the Dr. Harty Cup at only their third attempt and their super-charged hurling through the series had stamped them as a match for the best.

In the end, however, Kilkenny craft carried the day but we were left in no doubt but that Tipperary have come to stay.

A particularly fine performance was that of St. Joseph's College, Garbally Park who, out of the competition for a number of years, made a brilliant come-back to win the Connacht hurling title. In the All-Ireland semi-final, they made a nightmare start, conceding a goal in the opening minute, and were trailing by 5-3 to 2-4 at the interval.

## By DONAL CARROLL

*("Irish Independent" Sports Staff)*

On the turn-over, the Ballinasloe boys hurled with rare abandon and but for some magnificent work by the St. Kieran's defence might well have turned the tables on their fancied opponents.

St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, carried all before them in the Connacht football championship and their exceptionally well-balanced team went down with colours flying to St. Joseph's in a top-notch All-Ireland decider.

## Big Surprise

One of the big surprises of the year was the grand effort of St. Flannan's, Ennis, who, having lost their Munster hurling crown to Tipperary C.B.S., emerged as worthy winners of the football title. It was a measure of their capabilities that they failed by only a goal to the eventual winners, St. Joseph's, in the semi-final at Roscrea.

Up north, it was the "old Newry firm" of Abbey C.B.S. and St. Colman's who again dominated matters; Abbey winning the premier football title and St. Colman's compensating by annexing both the Corn na nOg and Ranafast Cup trophies.

In dealing with performances on a collective scale, one cannot go beyond the respective hurling and football champions, St. Kieran's, Kilkenny, and St. Joseph's, Fairview. Both, to be sure, were liberally studded with star performers but in the cut and thrust of the provincial championships, and later in the All-Ireland series, they showed an all-round solidarity, a purpose and determination, which defied all opposition.

## Individual Stars

Of individual stars there were many. St. Joseph's, for instance, had, besides Foley, such accomplished footballers as Patsy Talbot, a really brilliant goalkeeper, Simon Behan and the diminutive Sean ("Blackie") Coen. Their rivals in the final had outstanding players in Sean Durcan, Michael Durkin, Conor Maguire and Padraic Maye.

In this respect it would be well to emphasise the fact that we are not

considering players on a one-match performance but rather on their form throughout a hard and testing season.

Other footballers who came into the reckoning were Jim Brady and Hugh Murphy of Abbey C.B.S.; Jude O'Doherty of St. Flannan's, Ennis, and a host of others such as Jim Travers and Brian Barrett (Scoil Criost Ri, Cork), Michael ("Taisey") Lyons and Paddy Sheridan (St. Jarlath's, Tuam), Mickey Swords and Frank Carty (St. Finian's, Mullingar), the McGanns, Diarmuid and Sean (Farranferris), Joe O'Donnell (St. Eunan's, Letterkenny) and Bennie Macken and Bennie Mitchell (St. Mel's, Longford).

For all that, I must give my vote to St. Joseph's Des Foley whose leadership and inspiration "carried" the champions over many rocky roads. Undoubtedly, further honours await the Fairview boy, but nothing he might achieve in subsequent years could dwarf the superb displays he gave for his school in the year now under review.

In hurling we come up against the same difficulty—a host of players whose consistency placed them a cut above all others. I was privileged to see many such "contenders" and my "short list" includes such as Eddie Keher and John Alley of St. Kieran's, Fonsie Condon and Ailbe Heuston (Tipperary C.B.S.), Pat McInerney and George Kinnane (St. Flannan's), Eddie Heskin and Ted O'Callaghan (St. Colman's, Fermoy) and Rody Campion and Larry Kiely (Patrician College, Ballyfin).

My final choice, however, was St. Kieran's, John Alley, a sturdy, sure-striking player, who was just as commanding a mid-fielder in the All-Ireland decider as he had been throughout a really testing colleges' campaign.

Heading the list in the what-might-have-been department was the failure of St. Nathy's, Ballaghaderreen, to score from a penalty at a vital stage of their game against St. Joseph's, Fairview.

The new season has brought new contenders but if it can produce as high a standard, both in football and hurling, as many thrill-a-minute encounters, and as exemplary a standard of sportsmanship, we will be well satisfied.



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# Wembley Has Come To Stay

**A**LL sports followers know what Wembley Stadium means to an Englishman. It is the equivalent of our Croke Park. The Olympic Games of 1948 were held there. Contrary to the view of most, it is NOT a soccer stadium. Rather is it a commercially run venture open to all games.

I had read a lot about its famous lush turf but I must say this aspect of Wembley disappointed me. Give me Croke Park any day or any one of half-a-dozen other pitches here in Ireland.

The sod did not appeal to me. The grass was too closely cropped for Gaelic football. Whatever the cause there was not the same feel in it as in some of our best pitches. Neither was the playing area big enough.

Now for the bouquets. Its stands and ground facilities are superb not to mention the beautiful dressing-rooms. The Stadium restaurant and bar is huge and the banquet held there after the games is something to look forward to.

The playing field is perfectly level. In our 1958 game with Derry, due to a strong breeze, it was necessary for one player to hold the football while another was taking a free. This should bear me out about the evenness of the pitch.

## Stroke of Genius

It was a stroke of genius on the part of the London County Board to hire Wembley Stadium for their Whit venture. Now it has become a MUST on the G.A.A. calendar and is also a profitable proposition for the London G.A.A.

Last year the attendance was about 33,000. It was anticipated that this would be exceeded this year but it was not. Receipts were better but the attendance was down by a thousand or so. However, Wembley has been booked again and I feel sure that for various reasons the attendance will be up.

The main reason, of course, is the quality of the fare served up to date. Last year the hurling game between Kilkenny (winners) and Clare was a thriller. The football clash between Galway (winners) and Derry was a game of halves (Galway first and Derry second).

This year the football produced a rousing tussle and if Cork did beat Kilkenny well in the hurling, it was

only after a grand exhibition by both sides.

The recent filming of the All-Ireland Hurling Final and replay for British T.V. will also help and the English themselves, if only out of curiosity, are bound to take an interest sooner or later.

**By JACK MAHON**



**PADDY BARRY . . . gave the best hurling exhibition**

Even the "Sunday Times" sent along a reporter last year and, although he treated them flippantly, he was quite fair to our games.

For the past two years, qualifying games have been necessary before going to Wembley. Some counties have been luckier than others in this respect. For instance, no Leinster or Munster football county has yet played there.

## Suggestion

If the present system is revised, I would suggest having a repeat of both All-Irelands at Wembley. You may say this will involve Galway again next year, and that that is my reason, but I will stand by this view in other years too, because I believe that the All-Ireland finalists deserve such an honour.

I have been to London with Galway on three occasions. On the first we played Dublin at Woolwich Stadium. Wembley is so much better.

It gives the week-end an atmosphere all its own and makes the game more important to both players and spectators. It is now MORE than an exhibition match. A team wants to win at Wembley and supporters, judging by the cheering of the last two years, want to see their favourites win also.

The two days in Wembley featured some great individual displays. I will mention just four from the games already played there.

Frank Evers gave a magnificent display at mid-field in Galway's defeat of Derry, while Sean Clohessy's wrist-work was THE feature of Kilkenny's win over Clare. This year it was Paddy Barry who gave the hurling exhibition, while I thought Tony Hadden's mid-field display for Down was a major factor in their triumph.

## Proud Occasion

I would like to play again at Wembley. It is an occasion on which every Irish exile feels very proud. The Artane Boy's Band adds the Croke Park "touch" and play in their usual very efficient manner.

So far there has not been an untoward incident in any of the games played. I hope there never will be. All exiles want to feel proud of their native games and I feel the players owe them that much at least.

The London G.A.A. is a go-ahead body, as their grounds in New Eltham show. They are doing a good job for our exiled brethren and deserve all the success they are now enjoying. Here's hoping that Wembley 1960 will be a real money-spinner for them as money is urgently required for ground development.

Whatever teams play there in 1960 will be enjoying an honour, as a Wembley experience is well worth having.

## RESULTS

Down, 3-9; Galway, 4-4  
Cork, 7-9; Kilkenny, 3-8



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# Fermanagh's First!

*ON 11th October, 1959, the foggy silence of a London suburb was shattered by the joyful shouts of thousands of Fermanagh supporters as their team gradually drew ahead of a sturdy London selection to capture the All-Ireland Junior title. It was Fermanagh's first All-Ireland.*

It was a wonderful end to a happy but arduous campaign during which Fermanagh met and beat the junior teams of powerful Derry, Dublin and Kerry, and won the title outright in the heart of the British capital.

## GREATEST MOMENT

The greatest moment of all was when the team returned with the All-Ireland Junior Cup, and paraded through Enniskillen, with bands playing, bonfires blazing, and ten thousand fans wildly cheering. It was a unique moment undreamt of in Fermanagh seven months earlier when the victory march began.

Fermanagh were always hopeful in Spring. They usually did well in inter-county games against senior opposition.

This year it was the same hopeful Fermanagh who met Derry at Irvinestown on March 22nd in the first round of the Ulster Junior Championship.

So it was no surprise when Derry were well beaten by 0-14 to 0-6.

A fortnight later Donegal were crushed by 4-9 to 2-4. However it was only when they conquered Armagh at Armagh by 2-12 to 1-6 that Fermanagh folk became convinced that this was their year.

It was not so much the results as the manner in which they were achieved that aroused this feeling. Captain, S. Maguire at full-back, and full-forward Owen Clerkin (vice-capt.), who bagged six goals in three games, were inspiring their less experienced team-mates.

Established stars like Kevin Sreenan, John Maguire, Mick Brewster, John O'Neill and Jim Cassidy were at last all hitting form on the same day. Each game brought forth a new star. Against Derry John Treacy and Hugh Flanagan, against Donegal Pat Loughlin, and in Armagh P. T. Treacy proved their worth.

The pattern of each game was the same. Fermanagh, slow starters, had an early deficit to overcome, yet in each match, gained the lead before half-time and ran riot in the second half. They showed fitness and fighting spirit and each successive game

## By DES. O'ROURKE

welded them into a tougher, more crafty unit.

Yet before the Ulster Junior Final against Antrim in Dungannon on May 3rd, Fermanagh were preparing themselves for the disappointment which came regularly when they were on the threshold of triumph. But in the first half the defence, despite the absence of Mick Brewster, stood up to a ceaseless Antrim barrage, so that against the breeze Fermanagh led at half-time by 1-1 to 0-2. Hugh Flanagan, Jim Cassidy, the emergency centre-half, and newly promoted Owen Callaghan were the heroes of a great resistance.

In the second half John Maguire and P. T. Treacy took control at midfield, Owen Clerkin notched his second goal, while Frank McGurn pointed from every angle. He just could not miss, scored seven points in all, and Fermanagh won by 2-13 to 1-4.

There was a long delay before the All-Ireland semi-finals. Fermanagh still had some weak links, and no one dared to hope that they had yet reached All-Ireland winning standards. But late in July they acquired former Antrim star, Paddy O'Hara, as trainer.

## SUPPLIED EXPERIENCE

He supplied the experience of All-Ireland conditions which so many northern teams have disastrously lacked.

On August 30th the Fermanagh team stepped out onto O'Toole Park, confident that they would shock Dublin and surprise all Ireland. They did.

They led by five points in five minutes. But, when they lost John Treacy, the whole team became unsettled and Dublin surprised them with their strength and speed. Only for Kevin Sreenan's brilliance, the cool head of Mick Brewster, and the dour defence of S. Maguire, Liam McMahon, Jim Cassidy and goalie, John O'Neill, Fermanagh might have

crumpled, but they held on for a draw, 2-8 each.

Now that they had tasted All-Ireland class football Fermanagh were determined to forget the poor form in O'Toole Park and show their real worth. Before a large home crowd in Irvinestown they pounded Dublin non-stop in the first half, spurred on by the regular Clerkin goal.

The Ulstermen eventually won by 4-13 to 3-8.

After that it was a logical step to meet Kerry in Croke Park. Kerry's All-Ireland reputation caused some worries. But J. O'Neill, J. Treacy, and P. T. Treacy had played in Croke Park for Ulster Colleges; Kevin Sreenan had performed there often, and Paddy O'Hara arranged a Sunday morning visit to the great stadium which took away any anxiety the others might have had about Croke Park nerves.

## TREMENDOUS START

Fermanagh had a tremendous start. By half-time they were leading by 1-7 to a single point. And although Kerry got through for two goals, it was not enough to save the game, and Fermanagh won 1-13 to 2-3.

Still the Cup was not theirs. They had a long, weary journey to London ahead of them and, by all reports, a tough London team to beat.

Of the eight games in the series it was the first time that they were not in front, and playing well, at half-time. London, perhaps, were unfortunate not to be leading as they had outplayed Fermanagh in most sectors. But in the second half Fermanagh showed the courage born of many hard struggles.

John Maguire, P. T. Treacy, Kevin Sreenan and Mick Brewster gained every ball that fell round midfield. Fermanagh launched attack after attack, and forged ahead to win convincingly by 1-11 to 2-4.

An hour after the match the players and spectators were still standing around as if reluctant to leave the scene where for the first time Fermanagh were crowned All-Ireland Junior Champions.



# LONDON'S JUNIOR HURLING TITLE

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For the dual purpose of helping the selection committee and getting the players into shape as a team a challenge game was arranged between the full county side and a Brian Boru selection. This proved of little value except to give the selectors something to worry about when the Brian Boru selection won by a point.

As a consolation, however, they did see some grand work by the full-back line and some great saves by Morrissey. Up front the forwards were off target and only the energetic Billy Dargan looked a player of county class. Eamon Murray had one of his off days; the other county forwards were little better. Only Chris Hickey was in form while Paddy Ryan was at loggerheads with his hurley. The fact that the game was filmed for television may have resulted in the tame manner in which it was played.

Following this game the panel of players from which the final twenty would be picked went into training three nights a week at Primrose Hill and also started their gym training under a County Council instructor. On the following Sunday Waterford drew with Kilkenny and the Central Council announced that the two All-Ireland finals would be played together on October 4th.

## Surprise Placings

When the team was announced the big surprise was the omission of Donal O'Grady who was replaced by Paddy O'Dwyer at centre-half-back. Another Clare inter-county man, Toddy Guinnane, was supplanted by Blondie Murphy of the Pearses, while Willie Ryan, the St. Mel's Tipperaryman, was replaced by Martin Kelly of Bro. Pearse.

These changes did not meet with general approval and there was a certain amount of criticism of the chosen line-up. The selection committee nevertheless knew what they were doing and when the team left by air for Dublin they were quietly confident. They arrived in the city at one o'clock on Saturday, October 3rd, and twenty-seven hours later were All-Ireland Junior Hurling Champions.

That victory in Croke Park climaxed a wonderful year for London hurling. For the members of the Bros. Pearse club on the side, Billy Duffv (Capt.), Eamon Murray, Martin Kelly, Blondie Murphy and Joe Rabbitte it was their third major trophy in 1959. Previously they had

helped their club capture the postponed 1958 London County Hurling Championship and the 1959 title as well. Mike Carmody, the right half-back, turned the trip to Dublin into his honeymoon and was delighted to emulate the feat of Tadhgie Lyne of Kerry.

The London County Board officials, under Chairman James Mullarkey, were overjoyed that their great efforts for Gaelic games had borne fruit.

Much credit, too, must go to County Treasurer, John Moriarty, who trained the team and to Willie Barron, the old Waterford stalwart, who gave tactical talks to the team.

Truly, it can be said, that the 1959 All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship was brought across the Irish Sea by the combined efforts of all the Gaels in London.

What does this win mean to the game in London? Obviously the fact that a new team will have to be found to defend the title will stimulate interest tremendously with players making every effort to capture a place on the team for 1960. While on the subject, what are the chances of successfully defending it? They must be considered pretty strong on the evidence provided in the practice game which the champions lost to the Brian Boru selection.

Warwickshire are likely to offer the strongest challenge in the coming season although County Secretary, Gerald Flanagan, tells me their team will not compare favourably with their teams of the past.

However we will tackle next year when it comes.

## HANDBALL REVIEW . . .

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inexplicably never rose to the occasion and but for one lively spell when Downey was trying for his winning ace in the last game, this final was the dreariest of the year.

### Monopoly?

Limerick's Tom McGarry and Martin Mullins again won the Senior Softball Double when they beat the Delaney brothers from Kilkenny in the final.

By the easy manner in which these Limerick boys have taken this particular title for the last two years I would not be a bit surprised if they were to make their own of it for many years to come.

Clare won her second All-Ireland title when young Michael Kirby overcame Louth's Terry Reilly to take the Junior Softball Singles crown. It will be recalled that another of the Kirby brothers, Pat, won this particular softball singles title for Clare two years ago to give his county her first ever All-Ireland handball title.

Another family crashed the headlines when the aforementioned Terry Reilly and brother Paddy annexed the Junior Softball Doubles crown.

Tipperary deserve great credit for halting Wicklow's all-conquering gallop in the minor championships when Con Cleere and John Cleary just pipped Clery and Dwyer in a thrilling Hardball Doubles final.

Once again no All-Ireland titles went to either Connaught or Ulster.

However, judging on performances in the semi-finals the time is not far distant before these two provinces will again figure in the honours' list.

The All-Army Championships were a personal triumph for Pte. Mick Hore (Eastern Command) who as well as winning the Hardball Singles title, took the Softball Doubles crown in partnership with Cpl. Willy Cockburn. These championships, which were run off without a hitch in the Garda Depot in the Phoenix Park, were a masterpiece of efficiency and orderliness. For this a lot of credit is due to Lieut. Paul Buckley (Eastern Command).

Sgt. Dick Maher (Curragh Training Camp) was once again in the honours' list when, partnered by Sgt. "Chubby" Geary, he took the Hardball Doubles crown.

Pte. Devlin (Southern Command) provided the shock of the Championships. This unknown from down South beat Mick Hore in the final of the Softball Singles.

### Gael Linn Double

The greatest ever Gael Linn tournament saw Tom McGarry of Limerick take this magnificent cup for the second year in succession at Newport with a great final victory over his opponent of last year's final, Joe Maher of Louth.

Last year's final was close and exciting but this year's was a complete contrast. McGarry, once he had reduced Maher's early lead, drew away to win convincingly.



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### Junior Hurling and Football (2 years draw) —(Venues for 1961 in the away county for 1960)

(A)

- (1) Lughbhaidh v. An Mhí—at Drogheda.
- (2) Longphort v. Iar-Mhí—at Longford.

(B)

- (3) Cill Dara v. Áth Cliath—at Droichead Nua.
- (4) Ceatharlach v. Cill Manntáin—at Carlow.

(C)

- (5) Laois v. Ó bhFáilghe—at Birr.
- (6) Loch Garman v. Cill Choinnigh—at Ennis-corthy.

Round (1) on 3/4/'60; extra time to be played if necessary.

Round (2)—(A) (1) v. (2)

(B) (3) v. (4)

(C) (5) v. (6) 24/4/1960.

Venues and Referees to be arranged by Chairman and Secretary. Semi-finals to be drawn.

### Minor Hurling Preliminary Rounds

- (A)—(1) Cill Manntáin v. Cill Dara, 10/4/60.  
(2) Ceatharlach v. (A)—24/4/60.

### Minor Football Preliminary Round

Ceatharlach v. Cill Choinnigh, 17/4/60—Ballyragget.

### Senior and Minor Hurling

- (1) Ó bhFáilghe v. Iar-Mhí—10/4/60.
- (2) Laois v. An Mhí—10/4/60.
- (3) (1) v. (2)—22/5/60.

### Minor (3) v. (2) Preliminary Round Championship Semi-finals

Cill Choinnigh or Loch Garman or Áth Cliath v. (3).

Semi-finals—12/6/'60 and 19/6/'60.

Final—10/7/'60.

### Corn Uí Bhroin, 1960

Round (1) (All games on 27/3/'60; extra time played if necessary.)

- (1) Lughbhaidh v. An Mhí, at An Uaimh.
- (2) Iar-Mhí v. Longphort, at Longford.
- (3) Ó bhFáilghe v. Cill Dara at Tullamore.
- (4) Loch Garman v. Ceatharlach at Carlow.
- (5) Cill Manntáin v. Áth Cliath at Aughrim.
- (6) Laois v. Cill Choinnigh at Portlaoise.

Round (2)—Dates and venues and referees to be arranged by Chairman and Secretary.

### Senior and Minor Football

- (1) Longphort v. An Mhí, at Mullingar — 1/5/'60.
- (2) Laois v. Iar-Mhí at Tullamore—8/5/'60.
- (3) Loch Garman v. Cill Dara at Carlow—1/5/'60.
- (4) Ceatharlach v. Ó bhFáilghe at Droichead Nua—15/5/'60.
- (5) Lughbhaidh v. Cill Manntáin at Croke Park —8/5/'60.
- (6) Áth Cliath (a bye).

Round (2)—(7) Áth Cliath v. 29/5/60.

(8) Bye.

(9) v. 5/6/'60.

(10) Bye.

To be drawn as from above.

First out of the hat plays Áth Cliath, next team drawn a bye, next two teams as at (9) and last team a bye.

Semi-finals—(11) (7) v. (8)—26/6/'60.

(12) (9) v. (10)—3/7/'60.

Final—(11) v. (12) on 17/7/'60.



## LOOKING BACK ON '59

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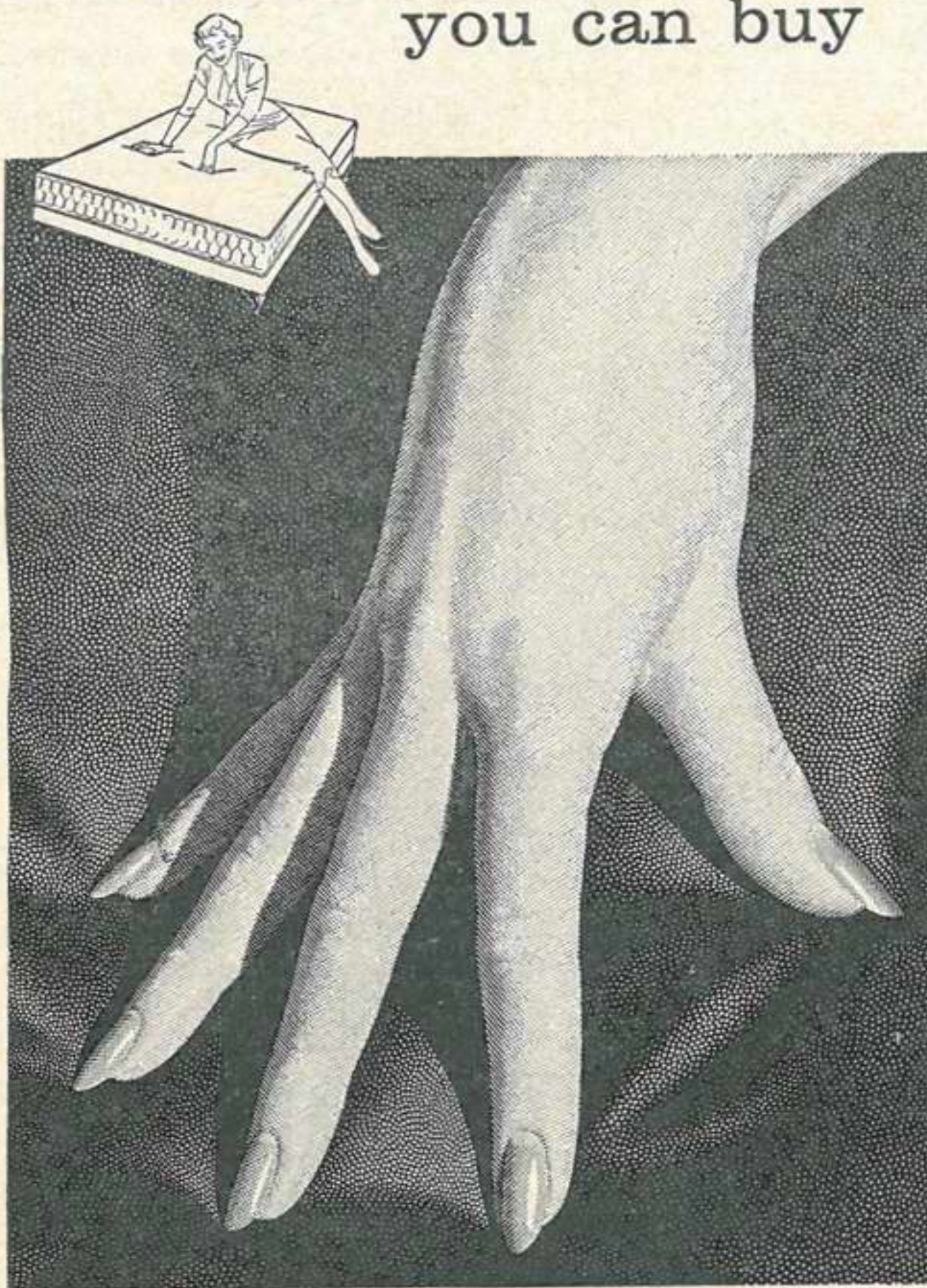
Johnny Culloty of Kerry won an All-Ireland medal guarding the net, to add to the one he gained as a corner-forward in 1955. Surely a record in itself.

Another son of the Kingdom, Tadhg Lyne was recalled to the county side for the All-Ireland final. That move started them talking but it was nothing to the furore created when the bould Tadhgie tied the

matrimonial knot the very day before the big match.

Other well-known performers to join the ranks of the benedicts were Padge Kehoe of Wexford, Dan O'Neill of Louth, Noel O'Reilly and Hubert Gaffney of Cavan, Hauleen McDonagh (Galway), Dermot Kelly (Limerick), Jimmy Smith (Clare), Jimmy Grey and Mark Wilson of Dublin, Tony Wall of Tipperary and Jackie Gallagher of Leitrim.

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AND LOWER GLANMIRE ROAD, CORK

On the club front, St. Vincents won their tenth Dublin football title in 11 years. Truly a great achievement. St. Finbarr's, one of Cork's illustrious hurling names, captured the county football title for the third time in four years while Tuam Stars are still supreme in Galway.

In hurling Glen Rovers captured the Cork title for the seventeenth time since 1934 while Mt. Sion are Waterford champions for the seventh year running and the fifteenth time in twenty-one years. Imposing records, surely, even by the standards of these great clubs.

New records were established in Tipperary, where Thurles Sarsfields are hurling champions for the fifth year running, and in Wexford, where Enniscorthy St. Aidan's won their fourth hurling title in a row.

Needless to say Mr. Hurling himself could not be kept out of the news. In February the Rest of Ireland selectors dropped a bombshell by omitting him from their team. However, Christy was still going strong in November and astounded the nation by notching six goals and four points in a National League game against Wexford.

With Ring still going strong Ollie Freeney of Dublin announced his retirement from the game. Like him or love him, and Freeney seemed to generate extremes of both sentiments in rival supporters, you must admit the Gaelic scene will be the poorer by the departure from the playing-fields of Dublin's arch-schemer.

Jim Crowley, Dublin's sporting defender, and Tom "Pook" Dillon, Galway's craggy corner-back, retired from inter-county fare. Happily both are still displaying their talents in the club sphere.

Forcibly removed from active service, as a result of severe leg injuries sustained in a traffic accident, was Sean Moore, Cork's towering footballer. Tom McGarry, Limerick's versatile athlete met with similar trouble while John Ryan, that master Wexford handballer, was injured at work. Tipperary's sterling defender, Jimmy Finn, received an eye injury in June which side-lined him ever since. May they all be back in harness in the New Year.

Many other happenings in 1959 deserve mention. However, space being at a premium, and the Editor's patience getting very scarce, I am forced to conclude.

MAY 1960 BRING READERS ALL THEY DESIRE AND THE BEST OF GOOD SPORT, WHETHER IN CROKE PARK OR IN THE LITTLE FIELDS WHERE THE CRY OF "BACK TO THE LINE" GOES UP WHENEVER THE PLAY COMES NEAR.



# DUBLIN'S 17<sup>TH</sup> MINOR TITLE

EVER since Dublin achieved a hat-trick of minor All-Ireland football victories in the years 1954, 1955 and 1956, they have commanded a healthy respect in the competition. With the seniors last year, Dublin youth was also to the fore when a notable Metropolitan football double was realised.

Back in 1945 I remember a fair-haired marvel named Oliver Freeney sparking off another victory. With the 1959 championship season approaching, I wondered what Dublin could put into the field to retain their Minor title.

Unlike a senior team which can go on for years, a minor side may vanish completely after one year. Thus, minor mentors must be continually on the lookout for likely under-eighteen prospects for county teams.

As early as March or April the Dublin Minor Board holds trials for places. This method of guidance to selectors, which I view with much misgivings, is understandable in the case of the wide field of selection in the Metropolitan area. I still maintain, however, that the best mode of selection is based on club performances throughout the year.

If Dublin minor mentors have such a large pool of talent from which to choose, should they not capture a minor title every year? Having a big selection is very desirable but knitting fifteen good young footballers into a forceful unit is a far different matter.

Here I must congratulate the Dublin mentors who, more often than not, arrange challenge matches for their probable minor selection before the Leinster championship has actually commenced. This gives the lads an opportunity of getting to

## By JIM CROWLEY

know each other and to understand each other's play.

### First Signs

Looking at the All-Ireland Colleges final in Croke Park last April, I knew that Dublin minors would be there or thereabouts in the championship. Of a very workmanlike victorious St. Joseph's side, I learned that Paddy Talbot, Alan Doran, Mick Campion, Frank Byrne, Simon Behan and Sean Coen were all eligible for Dublin. It was no surprise to learn that they had all been selected.

Another encouraging factor was the knowledge that Brian McDonald, Mick Kissane and Paddy Taylor, stars in the 1958 triumph, were again available for selection. Sean O'Neill, chairman of the Board was nominated as trainer and things began to take shape.

Wexford, having beaten Carlow and Kilkenny, were faced first in Portlaoise. On a hot summer's day, Dublin pulled away in the second half for a good win. Brian McDonald on the "40" showed that he was a natural leader in attack and was one of the big "men" in the victory.

The next hurdle was in Navan where Louth were encountered. Louth had impressed in beating Kildare but

against Dublin's clever combination they had no answer. For this game Dublin introduced a new right winger from the O'Tooles club, Paddy Delaney, who was to play an important part in subsequent victories.

After this good win over Louth, hopes were high for the Leinster final against Offaly in Tullamore. Offaly put up a good show but after a wonder McDonald goal—the best I saw in the 1959 championship—the midland challenge faded and Dublin were in another All-Ireland semi-final.

### Surprised Us

Cork surprised us in the semi-final with their grand, confident football. What I had expected to be an easy victory very nearly turned into a defeat. Cork football appears to have a bright future with these lads.

Paddy Delaney's ability on a long-range free was demonstrated in this game. One particularly fine effort for a point was the signal for a Dublin recovery and victory.

Up north, Cavan minors had emerged as Ulster representatives. I saw them in the Ulster final against

## CAVAN, ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL FINALISTS, 1959





# Christmas

**I**T'S Christmas time once again and it is indeed a pleasure to extend to all readers and Gaels everywhere sincere good wishes for the holy season, and the blessing of the Christ Child on their festivities. May the simplicity and love of the first Christmas morning ever be in their hearts.

Christmas is a time for memories, so let us join a company of old Gaels assembled under congenial auspices.

When recollection is given rein, what a spate of reminiscences follows! The light in many eyes turns inwards to visions of other days and scenes.

There would be amongst that group men who witnessed some of the earliest games of the infant G.A.A.

They would speak of tremendous contests between two score men and two on fields only mown that morning. An old man's eyes would gleam again with the ardour—the abandon—of the games, and another's sparkle with the long dormant enthusiasm of those days.

Some real veterans would tell of Birr and Clonskeagh, where the first honours of the Association were won, and the era of Clonturk Park would be recalled.

Then, assuredly, the greatness of native games would find testimony in the praise of the county teams which appeared in those days.

Dublin's "Young Irelands" and Kerry's "Laune Rangers" would rise again in the mind's eye as examples of the spirit, strength and skill that dominated the football arena then.

## EPIC STRUGGLE

And another Kerry team—Ballyduff—would recall the story of an epic struggle with the grim hurlers from Wexford. It would claim more than passing mention; for it was such a contest as has never since been seen in a native arena. There was more of the spirit of the ancient Fianna abroad that day than ever since. Forgetful of all else, those hurling rivals seemed prepared to contend for hurling supremacy from dawn to dusk.

Again, we would have the "Young Ireland's" reappear to play Cavan Slashers in the All-Ireland Semi-Final at noon, and defeat Cork's Clondrohid that evening for the Blue Riband.

The long-memored would think of other great Cork football teams of those days—Midleton, Dromtarriffe, "Nils Desperandum" and Lees; Louth and Kilkenny in football, and far-away Derry in hurling, also appeared on this long-vanished arena hard by the historic Tara.

On such occasions it is only natural that old hurling days form the topic of conversation and the veriest details of many an unforgettable game are splendidly described.

Some go back to a memorable day in Dungarvan over half a century ago when Cork and Kilkenny served up a feast of hurling that has survived the years and is still spoken of as vividly as that afternoon when a grand company, that included Father Dollard (the "Poet Priest of Gael-dom"), Pat McGrath, Dan Fraher and Ald. Jim Nowlan, first discussed

## By SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH

its undisputed merit with that greatest of Gaelic journalists—"Vigilant."

In 1931 the same classic counties emulated the fame of their predecessors in three magnificent struggles.

Others harp on the drawn game between Limerick and Tipperary at Thurles in 1923 as a hurling exhibition whilst Tipperary's subsequent meeting with Kilkenny for the Blue Riband provided one of the most colourful of games, in which the lead changed as rapidly as the flashing seconds.

Another grand struggle was the ever-memorable first meeting between Leinster and Munster in the revived Railway Cup series, whilst the 1912 Final between Cork and Kilkenny caused more heart-throbs than any game before or since.

## WONDERFUL EXPONENTS

Down through the years the great game of the Gael has had some wonderful exponents. A few recalled from random is no insult to the memory of the others.

Cool, stylish and clever Jim Kelleher of Dungourney; mighty "Fox" Meagher of Tullaroan, and his worthy successor, John Power of Piltown; Andy Fitzgerald, the "Cork stone wall"; Sean Kennedy of New Ross, All-Ireland champion in hurling and football; the ready and reliable

Jack Rochford of Three Castles; and that grand full-back of his day, James ("Sean Og") Hanley of Kilfinane.

Dick ("Drug") Walsh, the famous captain of Moondharrig's former great team; Mike Maher of Tubberadora, the Tipperary giant, kindest of Gaels and loyalest of companions; O'Grady of Moycarkey, the Lalors and Tom Murphy of Three Castles; Matt Gargan, Paddy Lanigan, Dan Stapleton and that stylist, Dr. J. J. Brennan, of the "City of the Confederation"; Denis and Andy Buckley, Stevy Riordan and "Parson" Coughlan of Blackrock; the genial Harry Boland from Liffeside; the well known Sim Walton; the Graces and Jerh. Doherty of Tullaroan; the Doyleys of Mooncoin, Tom Hayes and Denny Lanigan from the Treaty City; Jim Kelly, the "Kilkenny Scoring Machine"; Tom Semple and the Mocklers of Tipperary; the Mackeys of Castleconnell, the Leahys of Boherlahan; the O'Maras of Toomevara and the famous Aherns who made such history for the little village of Blackrock. A brilliant company surely.

Then think of some of the great teams that have adorned the hurling field. The strength, power and irresistible dash of Tubberadora; the instinctive science, grace and speed of the Blackrock men; "Come on 'de' Barrs", wacry of the famed St. Finbarrs side from the Lough parish; the flashing strokes of the Tullaroan boys or the sound ground hurling of the men of Mooncoin, Boherlahan and Toomevara in their heyday; Claughaun and Young Ireland, famous Limerick City rivals; O'Gonnelloe in Clare; Kilfinane, full of olden memories; the jockey caps of the hurlers from Horse and Jockey; the prowess of the boys from Thurles; Faughs and Kickhams, well known in Dublin hurling; Mount Sion, nursery of many a great player; and Ballyduff, who brought to the "Kingdom" its only hurling crown.

## IN LIGHTER VEIN

And for a lighter interlude, let us have a few stories:

**W**E open with a little yarn that the great Kerry foot-



# in Gaeldom

ball captain, the late Dick Fitzgerald of Killarney, often told against himself.

Dick was acting at Croke Park in an important football game in which Dublin was participating. There was a crowd of Liffeside youths behind the canal goal, and when Dick failed to flag what they thought to be a score, he got a great harangue, and then, for a finish-up, one of them shouted: "An ould country farmer. What could he know about football anyway?"

What did Dick know about football? One of the greatest of Kerry captains, his book, *How to Play Gaelic Football* is still the recognised authority on this most popular of all games.

**I**N a crowded train running well behind schedule from the "beyonds" of Kerry to an All-Ireland football final, a man sporting a big green and gold favour produced a good sized fruit cake, which he polished off in surprisingly quick fashion.

Time passed. Suddenly he began groaning and doubling himself up, and then straightening out again. When this had gone on for some time another occupant of the compartment asked him: "What's the matter at all? Can I do anything for you?"

"That cake I ate," groaned the sufferer, "it had nuts in it, and I think the missus forgot to shell them."

"Heavens!" exclaimed the sympathiser, "and do you feel you can crack 'em just by bending?"

**N**ELLY (at a hurling match, with her boy friend): "Who's number ten, Sean?"

"That's young Jimmy Doyle. He'll be our best man before very long" remarked Sean, a fervent Tipperary hurling fan.

"How nicely you put it, Sean," exclaimed Nelly, "I knew you'd spring this on me when I wasn't expecting it."

**A** FATHER had been lecturing his small son, stressing that we are here in this world to help others.

The lad considered this for some time, then asked with a puzzled frown: "What are the others here for?"

**A** NORTH Tipperary hurler, arrested by the Black and Tans and duly lodged in Limerick Prison, was worried concerning a plot of ground that he had intended digging.

He wrote his wife: "Mary, whatever you do don't let any-one dig the garden. That's where the guns are hidden."

The letter was duly censored, and a short time later soldiers came and dug up the garden from end to end but, of course, found nothing.

Mary, very worried over the incident, wrote to her husband asking what she should do now.

The prompt reply was short and to the point: "Put in the spuds."

**A** PUZZLED small boy watched a party of anglers putting off in their boat. "But daddy," he asked, "do the fish like all that beer?"

**A**T a sports meeting two hefty teams were struggling in a tug o' war. Among the spectators were two elderly ladies, who became more and more agitated as the teams, evenly matched, began to show signs of exhaustion. At last one of them said to the other: "Why don't they cut the rope?"

**S**MALL son: "Daddy, was baby sent down from Heaven?"

Father: "Yes, Liam, he was."

Small son (with a sigh): "I s'pose they like to have peace and quiet up there."

**H**E was a completely hopeless golfer, although a good hurler in his day.

One occasion, when he was playing even worse than usual, he muttered to his caddie: "I took up this game to practice self-control."

"You ought to have gone in for caddyng, sir," said the boy, with a deep sigh.

**A** GALWAY hurler had to seek work away from home and was paying fifty shillings a week for board and lodging.

One day his landlady said, "I'm afraid I'll have to charge you another ten shillings, you're such a big eater!"

For heaven's sake don't do that," said the Galwayman. "I'm killing myself already trying to eat fifty shillings worth!"

**A** WELL-KNOWN and popular County G.A.A. secretary tells the story of the inveterate follower of hurling, who rarely missed a game, yet was never known to pass through the entrance gate. He always contrived to find another, and less expensive, way into the arena.

On the occasion of a particularly attractive match the secretary thought it would be a good idea to save the bad example of an unauthorised entrance, and, on meeting the culprit, said: "Here's a pass for next Sunday's match, Tommy." And back came the retort: "No, thanks, Johnny; I'd rather go over the ditch."

**Y**OUNG IRELAND and Ahane were playing at Limerick Gaelic Grounds in the County Senior Hurling Championship.

It was the day of the great All-Ireland hurling final of 1945, between Tipperary and Kilkenny, and the broadcast from Liffeside was being relayed through loudspeakers.

The announcer said that one of the Kilkenny lads had discarded his hurling boots "just as that doyen of hurlers, Mick Mackey, often did in his heyday."

The Limerick crowd rocked with laughter. Humour of the situation was that Mick was just after removing a pair of new hurling boots and pitched them to the sideline, continuing the game in his stocking vamps.

**A** MUCH - TRAVELLED Gael tells a good story that happened while he was staying at a hotel in Germany many long years ago. He had been examining the ruins of an old church and had lost his way. Seeing a couple of friendly-looking strangers he asked them the surest way to get back to the hotel. They told him. He thanked the men, and, when leaving, asked them their names.

"I am the Emperor of Russia," said one of the men, "and I am the Emperor of Prussia," said the other.

The Irishman bowed solemnly, raised his hat and retorted: "In that case I am the Emperor of China."

The two astonished men stared after him for, as it happened, they actually were the Emperors.

**T**HE early hours of the morning of the 1939 Cork-Kilkenny All-Ireland hurling final witnessed a terrific thunderstorm, followed by a great downpour of rain, to be repeated later in the day, making the second half of the match ever memorable for a grand display under appalling conditions.

At breakfast in a well-known hotel a Cork "fan" was dole-

(Overleaf)



fully gaping through the window at the heavy rain when the waitress appeared.

"I say," he said, addressing that worthy, "it looks like the Flood."

"Like what?" the girl enquired.

"Like the Flood," the Rebel County man continued. "You have read of the Flood and how the Ark landed on Mount Ararat, haven't you?"

"No, sir," admitted the waitress, "I ain't seen a newspaper for more'n a week."

**I**T happened on the road to Ennis the day Limerick played Galway in the 1940 All-Ireland Senior Hurling Semi-Final.

Two cyclists, one of whom had a decided squint, came into violent collision, and sat down on the road with wrath stamped on each of their faces.

"Why the mischief don't you look where you're going?" queried the first angrily.

"Why don't you go where you're looking?" was the prompt and bitter retort.

*Setting: The Mansion House Ceili on the night of the 1940 All-Ireland Hurling Final, won by Limerick.*

**A** NOTED Limerick hurler approached a young lady with the query: "Excuse me, Miss, but do you know the 'Walls of Limerick'?"

"Of course I do," she exclaimed, "sure isn't my brother married to one of them!"

**D**URING the renovation of a house whilst the owner was on holiday, the telephone rang.

A workman answered it. To his surprise he heard: "Will you lay me a 'fiver', Tom, on Limerick to beat Kilkenny in the hurling final."

"Sorry, but there's nobody home here, friend, this is an empty house" said the workman.

"Is that so" came the reply. "Who are you then, a ghost?"

**O**NE day during playtime the boys had a hurling match in the school yard, and Tommy had his new hurley broken.

But small consolation he got from Paddy, who said: "Serve you right! Don't you know you should never bring out a new hurley the first day!"

**I**T was in a hurling match and a player had been ordered off by the referee. In the old days that would have been the signal for a faction fight that might range over twenty parishes, and be prolonged from generation to generation. On this occasion there was not a word.

Onlookers were amused at the consternation vividly depicted on the face of an old man, who had seen other things, and who had as many marks and cica-

trices on forehead and face as a German student.

With the instinct of old traditions, he had evidently been expecting a glorious fight. When he saw how things ended, he was deeply disgusted. He looked for some time into vacancy, as if calling up the ghosts of by-gone days, and then, sauntered sadly away, muttering, "By gonnies! What's this misfortunate country coming to at all, at all?"

**I**T is refreshing to listen to the yarns of the old hurlers, and to recall the glamour of the games of fifty or sixty years ago.

And now the last word from the old veteran: "What can the lads of to-day know of our time, with their private cars, streamlined buses and all-steel trains. The old wagonette, the unlined fields, the togging off at the side of the ditch, are all part of the past—the rameish of an old man about the time when he was young."

SO IN THE FAST-FADING LIGHT OF ANOTHER YEAR WE LEAVE THE OLD-WORKERS IN THE CAUSE OF THE GAEL. MAY THEIR MEMORY EVER BE AN INSPIRATION TO THOSE ENTRUSTED WITH THE TASK OF MAINTAINING THE GAELIC TRADITION.

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## TIPPERARY (43)

Senior Hurling (17)—1887, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1916, 1925, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958.  
 Senior Football (4)—1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.  
 Junior Hurling (7)—1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953.  
 Junior Football (2)—1912, 1923.  
 Minor Hurling (12)—1930, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959.  
 Minor Football (1)—1934.

## CORK (39)

Senior Hurling (19)—1890, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1902, 1903, 1919, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1953, 1954.  
 Senior Football (3)—1890, 1911, 1945.  
 Junior Hurling (8)—1912, 1916, 1925, 1940, 1947, 1950, 1955, 1958.  
 Junior Football (3)—1951, 1953, 1955.  
 Minor Hurling (6)—1928, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1951.

## DUBLIN (39)

Senior Hurling (6)—1889, 1917, 1920, 1924, 1927, 1938.  
 Senior Football (16)—1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906,

**T**WENTY-EIGHT counties, including London, have won an All-Ireland title in one or more of the six grades. Tipperary and Dublin are the only counties to have been victorious in all. Leitrim, Donegal, Derry, Antrim and Carlow have yet to win an All-Ireland title. Here is the list of the total number of successes recorded by each county.

1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958.  
 Junior Hurling (3)—1932, 1937, 1952.  
 Junior Football (4)—1914, 1916, 1939, 1948.  
 Minor Hurling (3)—1945, 1946, 1954.  
 Minor Football (7)—1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959.

## KERRY (33)

Senior Hurling (1)—1891.  
 Senior Football (19)—1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959.  
 Junior Football (8)—1913, 1915, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1941, 1949, 1954.  
 Minor Football (5)—1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950.

## KILKENNY (22)

Senior Hurling (14)—1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1922, 1932,

1933, 1935, 1939, 1947, 1957.  
 Junior Hurling (4)—1928, 1946, 1951, 1956.  
 Minor Hurling (4)—1931, 1935, 1936, 1950.

## LIMERICK (14)

Senior Hurling (6)—1897, 1918, 1921, 1934, 1936, 1940.  
 Senior Football (2)—1887, 1896.  
 Junior Hurling (4)—1935, 1941, 1954, 1957.  
 Minor Hurling (2)—1940, 1958.

## GALWAY (9)

Senior Hurling (1)—1923.  
 Senior Football (4)—1925, 1934, 1938, 1956.  
 Junior Hurling (1)—1939.  
 Junior Football (2)—1931, 1958.  
 Minor Football (1)—1952.

## WEXFORD (8)

Senior Hurling (3)—1910, 1955, 1956.  
 Senior Football (5)—1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

## LOUTH (8)

Senior Football (3)—1910, 1912, 1957.  
 Junior Football (3)—1925, 1932, 1934.  
 Minor Football (2)—1936, 1940.

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<b>CAVAN (8)</b>		
Senior Football	(5)—1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.	
Junior Football	(1)—1927.	
Minor Football	(2)—1937, 1938.	
<b>MAYO (8)</b>		
Senior Football	(3)—1936, 1950, 1951.	
Junior Football	(3)—1933, 1950, 1957.	
Minor Football	(2)—1935, 1953.	
<b>MEATH (7)</b>		
Senior Football	(2)—1949, 1954.	
Junior Hurling	(2)—1927, 1948.	
Junior Football	(2)—1947, 1952.	
Minor Football	(1)—1957.	
<b>ROSCOMMON (6)</b>		
Senior Football	(2)—1943, 1944.	
Junior Football	(1)—1940.	
Minor Football	(3)—1939, 1941, 1951.	
<b>WATERFORD (6)</b>		
Senior Hurling	(2)—1948, 1959.	
Junior Hurling	(2)—1931, 1934.	
Minor Hurling	(2)—1929, 1948.	
<b>LONDON (5)</b>		
Senior Hurling	(1)—1901.	
Junior Hurling	(3)—1938, 1949, 1959.	
Junior Football	(1)—1938.	
<b>KILDARE (4)</b>		
Senior Football	(4)—1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.	
<b>CLARE (3)</b>		
Senior Hurling	(1)—1914.	
Junior Hurling	(1)—1914.	
Minor Football	(1)—1929.	
<b>OFFALY (2)</b>		
Junior Hurling	(2)—1923, 1929.	
<b>WESTMEATH (2)</b>		
Junior Hurling	(1)—1936.	
Junior Football	(1)—1929.	
<b>ARMAGH (2)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1926.	
Minor Football	(1)—1949.	
<b>TYRONE (2)</b>		
Minor Football	(2)—1947, 1948.	
<b>LAOIS (1)</b>		
Senior Hurling	(1)—1915.	
<b>DOWN (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1946.	
<b>LONGFORD (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1937.	
<b>SLIGO (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1935.	
<b>WICKLOW (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1936.	
<b>MONAGHAN (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1956.	
<b>FERMANAGH (1)</b>		
Junior Football	(1)—1959.	

It was tough luck on the Foley brothers to have to cry off the Leinster football team for their first Railway Cup final. Munster were without ace midfielder Mick O'Connell.

Cathal O'Leary operated in the midfield area for Leinster and quickly warmed to his work. The constant pressure from midfield was bound to bring scores and when a vital one came it proved a gem. A struggle in the Munster goal area saw Ollie Freeney falling but hammering the ball to the net.

Sean Brearton and Jack Kenna were ceaseless foragers on the wings but nevertheless the scores were coming slowly. Munster kept in the hunt through isolated raids which saw John Dowling, though well shadowed by Andy Doyle, notch some nice points.

That was the general pattern throughout the entire game—Leinster pressing but the Munster full line defiant. A late Leinster goal clinched the issue in a poor enough final.

In June we saw the official opening of the new Hogan Stand, preceded by a pageant and succeeded by the Railway Cup hurling final between Munster and Connaught. Joe Salmon, due to injury, was unable to field for the westerners.

For Munster we had a man at full-forward who could draw a crowd on his own—Christy Ring. Whenever we talk about the opening of the stand we also talk of the Corkman's master scores.

This was without doubt Ring's match, and a copybook demonstration on how to take goals and points. The fact that he was deprived of his hurley on one occasion didn't prevent this hurling genius from scoring as good a goal as you would wish to see with the palm of his hand.

The rangy handballer from Limerick, Tom McGarry, was also in top form while Martin Og Morrissey gave a grand exhibition on the left flank of defence. P. J. Lally tried all he knew in a lost cause but it was all to clearly Christy Ring's day and Munster's Railway Cup.

## TIPP'S 12th MINOR TITLE

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tained stars like Pat Stakelum, Seamus Bannon, Paddy Kenney and Jack Harris.

They, however, were beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland Final while this year's team are All-Ireland champions as a result of a fight back against the odds, which would have done credit to any great side.

Teams of different eras just cannot be adequately compared. Suffice to say that this year's was good enough to come from behind like champions to notch the twelfth All-Ireland title.

It is impossible also to say which members of this or any other Minor team will hit the top in Senior ranks. So many brilliant minors have come and gone without doing so that I am very wary of attempting a prediction.

Some minors give up the game completely. Others have just not got the physical qualities to make the grade in Senior ranks after being able to hold their own with ease against the minors. Others just seem to lose the form that made them minor stars.

Being on a champion minor team is no guarantee of future greatness. Many a player who did not make the

grade as a minor has later on blossomed into real brilliance.

However, in spite of what I have said, there are a few members of this team who seem to have the ability to make the grade. I will be surprised if Tom Ryan of Killenaule is not heard of again. Paddy Doyle and Larry Kiely seem to be forwards of the future and Albert Croke looks good at centre back.

It is a long road to senior grade, however, and unless these players or any others put in much hard work they just will not get there.

### THE SELECTORS

And finally let me pay tribute to the men behind the team—the selectors. The selection committee has varied little for the last ten years and much of the success of Tipperary Minor teams can be attributed to this. More than any other selection committee that I have known they have done their work splendidly.

Credit is due to all five but especially to Paddy (Sweeper) Ryan, Sean Dwyer and Mick Moylan, who have done duty for many years now without hardly a mistake and this year carried on the good work once again.



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## THE GAMES IN BRITAIN

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nelly, brother of the well-known Tyrone footballers, we can expect serious challenges in future years from Lancashire teams.

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## NATIONAL LEAGUES . . .

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former brilliant Clare defender, John Joe ("Goggles") Doyle, said to me—"Don't ever again refer to that man as Tony Wall—call him 'Stoney' Wall."

On the same day at Ballinasloe Galway defeated Limerick by 2-7 to 1-4 in a thrill-a-second contest of rare splendour. From start to finish an 8,000 attendance was enthralled to the marrow by a match, every second of which contained a story. That was the game that really "brought out" Tom McGarry.

In many a previous test he had proved his worth but it was that hour at Ballinasloe that really established him in the present-day hall of fame.

A week later we saw the first signs of a Waterford revival when, at Waterford, the Decies county overcame title-holders, Wexford, by 2-8 to 1-8 in a hectic battle, highlighted by brilliant patches of hurling. It can be said, without any fear of contradiction, that Seamus Power, Waterford's captain and midfielder, owned that match.

### HURLING TEMPEST

A few weeks later a furious hurling tempest hit Cashel when Tipperary were put to the pin of their collar to defeat Limerick by 2-9 to 1-6 at Leahy Park.

That contest was breath-taking in its intensity and, had it been an All-Ireland decider, it would have been hailed as one of the greats of the series. Wall produced another "blinder" that day and it seems incredible that he should have slumped so much in so short a time.

There was another joyful hour in Waterford early in February when, in a game of tremendous pulling, Kilkenny defeated Waterford by 3-6 to 1-8.

IN THE LEAGUE FINAL, TIPPERARY, THE MODERN SPECIALISTS OF THE COMPETITION, BEAT WATERFORD BY 0-15 TO 0-7. APART FROM THE DEVASTATING POWER OF THE TIPPERARY DEFENCE IN THE SECOND HALF IT WAS NOT A NOTEWORTHY CONTEST.

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# ANTRIM'S HOME TITLE

**A**NTRIM DID NOT WIN THE ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP THIS YEAR. NATURALLY, EVERYONE IN THE NORTH, AND INDEED MANY FROM SOUTH OF THE BORDER EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE MEN FROM THE FAMOUS GLENS DID NOT DEFEAT LONDON IN THE FINAL PROPER, THE CURTAIN-RAISER TO THE GREAT REPLAY BETWEEN WATERFORD AND KILKENNY FOR THE SENIOR CROWN.

But there is a certain amount of pride in recording that Antrim are champions of Ireland and the manner in which they brought about the downfall of the holders, Cork, on one of the most historic occasions in the history of the Gaelic Athletic Association, was heartwarming. That day, September 20, 1959, Ulster was to the fore both in football and hurling. Antrim, following their win, gave the Fermanagh players the inspiration to go out and defeat Kerry in the football home final.

On that day, Antrim were once again in Croke Park for what many people expected to be a heavy defeat. But perseverance, courage, and determination at last brought them that long overdue success.

## Defeat Their Lot

Since collecting their first Ulster senior title away back in 1900, defeat had been their lot when meeting teams from the southern counties. Their type of hurling differed greatly from their opponents, but they battled gamely in search of victory.

In 1947, Ulster went junior, as it was though their teams might be more suited to that standard of hurling. Donegal and Armagh failed to make the grade before Antrim reached Croke Park in 1950.

## The Start

Came July, 1959, and Antrim went to Portaferry, Co. Down, to meet the home county in the Ulster semi-final. Only three teams compete in Ulster now, Antrim, Down, and Donegal, and the consequent lack of match practice could be a deciding factor in the failure of northern sides when the final stages arrive.

The small band of Antrim supporters present that day could not see the team making much more progress in the campaign, as the wearers of the saffron scraped and scratched their way to a 4-11 to 2-8 win. Indeed if injuries midway through the second half had not upset Down, they could well have ousted Antrim.

At half-time, Down were leading by 2-6 to 0-4, were playing like champions, and had the Antrim men on the run. But thanks to fine displays by Seamus Gallagher, Pat Mullaney and Des O'Neill, Antrim got in front to reach yet another provincial final.

## By GERALD McGUIGAN

A fortnight later, Donegal came to Casement Park, and provided very poor opposition. Antrim still did not impress, although winning by the outsize margin of 23 points, 8-7 to 2-2. Of that side, only seven appeared in the game against London.

On August 16, in the home semi-final, Wexford travelled to Casement Park with a fine reputation. They had emerged from Leinster, and were favourites to reach the final. But, urged on by a large crowd, the local boys created a first-class surprise.

This was a game which Antrim should have had well sewn up before the interval. Instead they had to call on all their resources of energy and hurling skill to fight off a great second-half rally by the Wexford boys.

## McDonald's Return

This game saw the return to the Antrim side of Seamus McDonald, who had retired from the game after the failure to Cork in last year's home final. McDonald, who played for Ireland against the Combined Universities a few years ago, certainly added punch to the attack. He emerged as top scorer against Wexford, to put the county in the home final once again.

There were many wide open spaces on the terraces of Croke Park when Antrim and Cork came out to battle for the "home" honours. Antrim had been in strict training and were in the pink of condition. Cork, by their success last year, had to field a completely new team, but were still expected to be too good for the Ulster champions.

The first twelve minutes gave no indication as to which side would win, as neither recorded a score. From a Cork attack the ball went wide, and Des O'Neill, the Antrim goalkeeper sent the puck out a prodigious length, almost to the Cork twenty-one yard line, where Oliver Campbell scored a capital goal.

That was the injection needed. Antrim were rampant. An all-out assault on the Cork goals ended when a free was awarded to Antrim. McDonald showed all his skill by flicking the ball to his left for an unmarked Pat Mullaney to crash to the roof of the net.

Half-time saw Antrim leading 2-2 to 1-0. This did not look a healthy lead, as Cork had the assistance of the breeze in the second period.

It was then we saw Antrim at their best. The backs were terrific. They were fearless, never shirking the tackle, and before long the margin between the sides was widened. Cork were not yet finished and brought Antrim supporters' hearts to their mouths in a late attack. But the backs stood firm, and Antrim were home at last.

The stars of the game? Every one in the team. The long years of trying had been rewarded.

## Could Have Won

The failure to London detracted somewhat from that success. Antrim could have beaten the exiles had they adhered to the top quality hurling evident against Cork, and for thirty minutes against London.

But when London went into a slight lead, everyone seemed to panic. Changes were made which reduced the smooth moving scoring machine to six loose parts.

It is some consolation to remember that London had the services of players like Billy Duffy, Des Dillon, and Liam Dargan, who had played for senior county teams before going across the Irish Sea. When it is recalled that Dillon once served as a doctor in Belfast, perhaps had he been on the Antrim side the result might have been reversed.

Lady Luck did not look too kindly on Antrim that day, but perhaps next year the Saffron and White will go all the way.

## Cost Fantastic

Biggest drawback to the game in Antrim is the problem of hurleys. The cost of procuring these is fantastic. Recently, only through the kindness of an admirer of the game in the county was a minor trial game played.

The schools are the places in which to set Antrim on the road to success, but without the equipment, it is an uphill fight. Great work is being done by the teachers to foster the games. Maybe in the not too distant future their efforts will be rewarded.

The great quality in Northern teams going to Croke Park is that they never give up trying. Several of the Antrim team this year were making a final effort to win that elusive medal. They failed, but they will be just as proud as the players when the day comes and fifteen hurlers in Saffron and White are borne shoulder high from the arena as All-Ireland champions.



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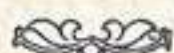
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Na daoine a bhunaigh an Cumann daoine fadcheannacha a bí iontu—daoine a chreid iontu féin, in Éirinn agus ins na cluichí. Is ar éigin a chuirfeadh na daoine sin Cumann ar bun nach raibh i ndán dó ach teipeadh.

Thuigeadar ná béadh teipeadh i ndán dó. Thuigeadar stair na tíre ach, thar rud ar bith eile, thuigeadar aigne mhuinntir na h-Éireann. Bhí a fhios acu go raibh an chuid is mó de mhuinntir na h-Éireann taobh thiar dá n-iarracht.

Rúd eile, ní fás aon óiche a bhí i gCumann Lúithchleas Gaedheal. Na daoine a tháinig le chéile an lá stairiúil úd san mbliain 1884, daoine ab ea iad a raibh tuiscint acu do stair na tíre agus a thuig go raibh dian-iarracht riachtanach dá mb'áil leo Éire a mhúscailt as suan na gcéadta mbliain.

Má tá cuid dár saoirse bainte

## Le SEÁN O FOGHLÚ

amach againn; má tá feabhas mór ar cheist na teangan, tá a lán den chreidiúint ag dul do Chumann Lúithchleas Gaedheal.

Cumann ar bith a bhfuil bunáite de mhuinntir na tíre taobh thiar de ní teipeadh ach a mhalairt atá i ndán dó. Sin é an fá gur éirigh chómh maith sin le Cumann Lúithchleas Gaedheal. Inníu níl sport-eagraíocht aimitéarach is mó ná é ar fuaid an domhain.

Gach bliain scríobhtar leathanach nua i stair na h-eagraíochta agus is é an dalta ceanna é ag an mbliain 1959.

Ar an seachtú lá de Mhí Meitheamh mar shompla, h-oscladh nua-árdán Uí Ógáin go h-oifigiúil agus do bhí na mílte i láthair i bPáirc an Chrócaigh

ar an ocáid. Measaim gur nocht an Dr. S. S. Stíobhairt, Uachtarán an Chumainn, a raibh i gcroíthe Gaedhael an lá sin nuair adúirt sé:

Leis an Árdan nua seo atá dá oscailt go h-oifigiúil inníu i gcuimhne ar Mhíchéal Ó hÓgáin táimid ag buanú ár mbród as ár sínsear agus ár ndílseacht do chluichí na nGaedheal.

Sna cluichí, ar ndó, is mó a bhí spéis ag lucht leanúna Chumann Lúithchleas Gaedheal mar is gnáthach agus tharla i rith na bliana a ghabh tharainn neithe a mbeidh trácht orthu go deo.

Maidir le cúrsaí íománaíochta d'fhéadfaí gan dabht "bliain Phort-láirge" a thúirt ar 1959. Cé dhéanfas dearmhad ar an dá chluiche a h-imreadh i gCraobh na h-Éireann idir lucht na Déise agus Cill Chainnigh?

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I Luimneach theaspáin na Déisigh cad a bhí siad i ndán a dhéanamh. Theip glan ar Ghaillimh a bhí ag imirt i gCraobh na Mumhan don chéad uair. D'éirigh le Portláirge seacht gcúl agus aon chúilín amhain déag a bhaint amach. B'éigin do lucht na Gaillimhe bheith sásta le h-ocht gcúilíní.

Má bhí amhras ar éinne i dtaobh éifeacht Phortláirge ní fada a mhair sé nuair thug na Déisigh an coup de grace do Thiobrad Árann—foir-eann a raibh a súile dírithe acu ar Craobh na h-Éireann. Bhíothas dá rá ansan nach stopfadh éinne an fhoireann iontach seo.

Theip ar Chorcaigh stop a chur leo ach bhí bóthar cruaidh rómpa go fóill. Ní raibh idir iad agus a mian anois ach Cill Chainnigh.

h-Imreadh Craobh na h-Éireann agus nuair a chríochnaigh an cluiche bhí an dá fhoireann cothrom. Agus sinn ag teacht amach as Páirc an Chrócaigh an lá iontach úd chualamar daoine á rá—iad súd a raibh dóthain anála acu chuige—go raibh Craobh na h-Éireann caillte ag Portláirge. Dá mbéadh a fhios acu bhí sí caillte ag Cill Chainnigh.

San athimirt bhí sé soiléir san tarna leath go raibh a bport seinnte ag lucht Cill Chainnigh. Theaspáin na Déisigh an mianach a bhí iontu. Ba chuma cad a dhéanfaidh Cill Chainnigh bhí an cluiche buaite ag Portláirge deich nóimeat roimh an deireadh.

Maidir le cúrsaí peile, rinne Baile Átha Cliath éachtaí ar pháirc na h-imeartha agus má theip orthu Craobh na h-Éireann a choimeád í sé le rá acu gurab iad an dream a bhuaíl iad-muinnitir Chiarraí—an fhoireann a sciob leo an Chraobh-Chorn.

D'éirigh le Gaillimh muinnitir an Dúin a stop agus cheap a lán daoine gur acu-san a bhéadh an Corn ar deire thiar. Bhí a mhalairt de thuairim ag lucht Ciarraí, áfach.

Bhaineadar an Chraobh-chluiche agus, chun a árdreim a theaspáint,

chuadar treasna na farraige gur rugadar leo abhaile Corn Naomh Bréannain ó Nua Eabhrach. Chomh maith leis sin, bhuadar na Sraith-cluichí Náisiúnta san bpeil agus Corn Nuachtán Gael freisin.

I ngearr-alt den tsaghas seo ní féidir cur síos a dhéanamh ar na cluichí go léir ach ní mór dúinn comhgáirdeachas a dhéanamh le Fearmanach agus Lonndain gur éirigh leo boinn Chraobh na hÉireann a bhuachaint.

Déanaimid comhgáirdeachas mar an gcéanna le lucht imeartha na gcluichí Gaedhealacha i ngach cuid d'Éirinn pé acu fuair siad bonn nó nach fuair. Is iad a choimeád an brat ar folumhain i rith na bliana. Is iad, leis, a mheall na céadta, ní h-ea, ach na céadta mílte, chun na cluichí.

Táimid bródúil, freisin, as an lucht féachana nár theip orthu domhnach i ndiaidh domhnaigh freastal ar na cluichí i ngach cuid den tír. Ba chóir dúinn bheith bródúil chomh maith as lucht riartha an Chumainn a d'oibrigh

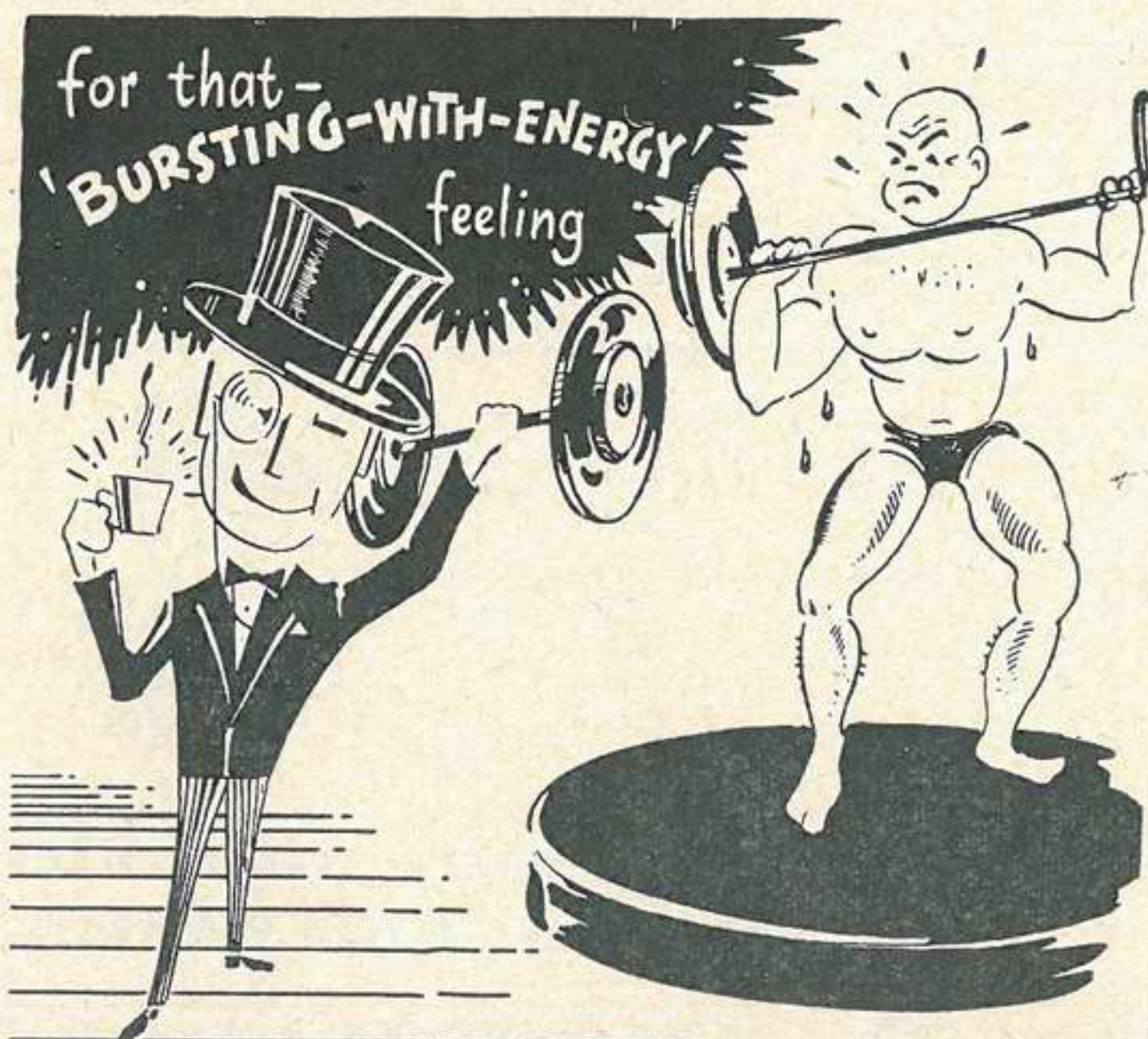
chomh dúthrachtach sin i rith na bliana.

Mar focal scoir, tá buíochas an náisiúin tuillte ag Mícheál Ó h-Eithir as ucht na gcúntas reatha a thug sé dhúinn i rith na bliana. Ní féidir é mholadh ró-árd mar gheall ar an gcúntas úd a thug sé dhúinn ó Nua Eabhrach. Tá moladh, freisin, ag dul go Mícheál Ó Muireartaigh mar gheall ar an gcúntas a thug sé dhúinn ar an chluiche idir Cill Chainnigh agus Gaillimh.

Tá blian eile curtha dinn agus bé an cáil is mó a tháinig ar Cumann lúith-chleas Gaedheal ná an bárr spórtúlacht agus fearúlacht na bhfoireann ins na comórtasaí Eadar-Chonntaethacha. Gan dabht tá buíochas an Chumainn féin tuillte acu súd go léir a chabhruigh chun bárr-fheabhas a chur ar an ngluaiseacht mór seo, chun maitheasa na h-imear-thóirí a thug dá ndúthracht chun slacht do chur ar imeachtaí an Chumainn.

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And yet even that disappointing game was memorable. It brought a huge throng of 85,897 into Croke

By MICK DUNNE

(Sports Staff "Irish Press")

Park and put Kerry even further ahead as leaders of the championship roll of honour by giving them their 19th senior title.

## KERRY'S YEAR

It was, of course, Kerry's year. To a county that has so often in the past collected football's major honours went every trophy available in 1959.

Kerry commenced 1959 with an unbeaten record in the National League — a competition that in other days rarely evoked serious attention or all-out effort on the part of teams from the county.

However, in this modern age, the National League has gained a new importance and greater prestige. Success therein swells the winning county's coffers and can send the players on a trip to America.

So with this an "American League" Kerry came unbeaten through Division IV and in the semi-final in April faced Offaly, a county that had never previously reached this stage of the competition.

## NO SLIP-UP

An easy victory sent the Kingdom on to the final where they met Derry, the team that had shocked them in the All-Ireland semi-final the previous August. But this time there was no slip-up and the League title returned to Kerry for the first time since 1932.

This was Kerry's first success of the year and their form installed them as pre-championship favourites. It also proved Mick O'Connell to be one of the top mid-fielders in football and later games confirmed him as the outstanding player in that sector.



FRANK STOCKWELL . . .  
came out of retirement.

Further, this League success showed that former mid-fielder, John Dowling, was about to become an equally efficient full-forward and it produced red-haired Kevin Coffey as a real discovery at centre-back.

The championship opened in May and such Leinster counties as Wicklow, Westmeath and Wexford saw their bright hopes dashed in the first round.

It was a year of drawn games. The first was between neighbours, Laois and Offaly. Dublin and Louth had also to meet twice and, after a thrilling drawn tie, Louth, without the injured Kevin Beahan, collapsed and Leinster champions, Dublin, qualified for another provincial final.

Ulster had its draws, too. There in fact they had the unusual experi-

ence of having both their semi-finals finish level. It took Down and Cavan two hours to overcome Tyrone and Armagh respectively.

In the south Kerry were coming through the province, but none too impressively, as their victory over Cork in the final showed.

Over in the west Leitrim, who, led by Packie McGarty, had achieved a great resurgence over the past 18 months, qualified for a third provincial final tilt at Galway. They had high hopes of gaining compensation for their disappointment in the League semi-final by Derry.

Here their collapse was even greater and, in a game that marked the return to football of Galway's Frank Stockwell, who had retired 11 months previously, the western champions easily collected their fourth successive title.

## BIG SHOCK

Derry's dismissal by Armagh was the big shock up north. Their place on the roll of honour was taken by a sprightly, cohesive group of Down players led magnificently by Kevin Mussen, George Lavery, Paddy Doherty and Jarlath Carey.

This first success for the men from the Mournes was vindication for those who predicted big things for them when they beat Galway in the London Whit tournament at Wembley Stadium.

When Dublin shook off the determined first-half challenge of Laois in the Leinster final the way was clear for the All-Ireland semi-finals. And what a game the first one was!

Kerry and Dublin, drawing over 70,000 to Croke Park, shattered the attendance record for a semi-final and served up some of the most thrillingly brilliant football seen in headquarters for many a year.

## MID-FIELD DOMINANCE

It was a game that will be remembered for many things, but most especially for the supreme dominance of Kerry's mid-field where magnificent Mick O'Connell and his most effective partner, Seamus Murphy, had a stranglehold on Dublin.

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# Cumann Luit-Éileas Saeóeal

## comairle na muman

In his closing address as Chairman of the Munster Council, Mr. Frank Sheehy, M.A., N.T., stated at the Munster Convention last February :

**I** GET a certain personal satisfaction out of the fact that it was during my term of office that the Fatal Accident Fund was brought into existence in Munster. It is regrettable that, twice during that period, we were given painful reason to realise the necessity for such a fund.

Two young men died as a direct result of accidents sustained on the playing field, and, while I do not for a moment believe that any amount of money can compensate parents for the loss of a beloved son, I do feel that it is good that we of the G.A.A. in Munster can, if any such fatal accident occurs in the future, at least relieve the stricken parents of the financial embarrassment that may result. Since the fund was established no demand has been made on it, and we trust that such will be the case for many, many years to come.

The second outstanding achievement of the Council during my term of office was, in my opinion, the step which led to the invitation to Galway to participate in the Munster Hurling Championships for an initial period of three years. This invitation has, of course, to be ratified by Convention today, and will be before you again under your incoming President when you come to deal with Motions 2 and 3 on the Agenda. As every county has, however, agreed to the issuing of the invitation, I believe that these will be unanimously and quickly adopted.

No one, least of all the members of the G.A.A. here in Munster, which is predominantly a hurling

province, will for a moment think that our invitation to welcome Galway into Munster for inter-county hurling purposes, is a charm that can halt the decline in hurling or restore it in areas where it has died, or never did exist.

Indeed we in Munster did not tender our invitation to the Galway hurlers with the idea that Galway's participation in the Munster Championship would be the panacea that would put right our most ancient and most spectacular game in its rightful place in the country.

Our only purpose in tendering this much-discussed invitation was that the powers that be in the G.A.A.—the persons whose duty it is to strive and continue to strive for the restoration of hurling—would realise that, if it is in itself desirable, and in the interests of game generally, that Galway should be included for the time being in one or other of the strong hurling provinces, that Munster is ready and willing to receive these men of the west.

*It is, however, the most pressing duty of the G.A.A. today to take whatever steps are necessary, and to spend whatever money may be needed, to make sure that the fate that has befallen the game of Rounders will not also overtake the game of Hurling.*

The hurler is a man apart. He is, in 99 cases out of 100, a dedicated man, a man of one allegiance only. Hurling is the oldest of our national games. It was played in some form or other in this country "beyond the misty space of twice a thousand years", as the poet so aptly puts it.

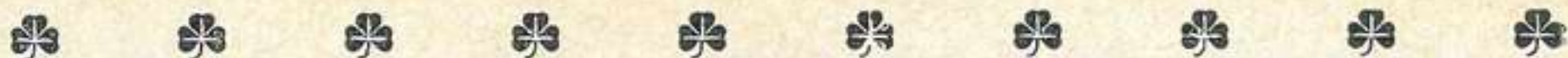
It is the game that gets specific mention as a characteristic of the Irishry and as a bulwark of Irish culture by the framers of the Statute of Kilkenny (1367), which was aimed at destroying the Irish way of life. This act of a British parliament forbade the playing of the game, when it made illegal "the striking of a small ball on the ground with a stick called a caman."

I am satisfied that the members of the G.A.A. in Munster will do everything that is humanly possible to help speed the day when first-class hurling will not be confined to a dozen or so counties but will, like our bigger ball game, be played throughout the length and breadth of our island.

Our decision to accept Galway into Munster for inter-county hurling purposes must be sanctioned by the Easter Congress before which there will be another scheme for the playing of the All-Ireland Hurling series—a scheme now generally referred to as "Sceim Cill Dara". Munster Gaels will, I know, examine the Kildare plan carefully (incidentally, it is the brain-child of a Corkman, son of a Kerry father) and, if they consider that it will help to achieve the desired goal of 32 Senior Hurling teams from 32 counties in the All-Ireland series, then they will support it, but, whatever final decision emanates from the Congress at Easter, we must be eternally vigilant to see that there will be no slackening of effort to put our finest national game in its rightful place in the country.



# KERRY



ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS, 1959—Front row (left to right): P. Hussey, P. Sheehy, J. Cullotty, M. O'Connell (capt.), J. Dowling, Seamus Murphy, T. Lyons, D. Geaney. At back: Sean Murphy, D. McAuliffe, K. Coffey, J. O'Shea, M. O'Dwyer, T. Long, N. Sheehy, T. Lyne.

# FERMANAGH



FERMANAGH—All-Ireland Junior Football Champions, 1959—Front row (left to right): H. Murphy, J. Rasdale, E. Courtney, J. Maguire, K. Sreenan, D. Devenney, O. Clerkin, F. McGurn, J. O'Neill, L. McMahon, J. Cassidy. Back (l. to r.): J. Collins, O. Callaghan, J. O'Keeffe, S. Maguire, J. Bartley, J. P. Prunty, P. Breen, P. T. Treacy, D. O'Rourke, P. Loughlin, M. Brewster.

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# GAELIC GAMES IN THE ARMY

**I**T is time again to look back on a year of sport in the Army. For me it was an easy year—just one game for the Curragh T.C. and none for the Formation team. My unit in Kildare was only team building and so we had not a heavy programme.

The Curragh T.C. made it a record of three-in-a-row in hurling, and the Air Corps did likewise in football. The Corps went one better when they took the Chaplain's Cup (hurling) for the first time, to end a long series of defeats in finals of this competition. The medical Services' Cup (football) also returned to Baldonnell after an absence of just one year. What a year for the boys of the "Corps"!

For those not familiar with Army games may I point out that there are two major competitions in both hurling and football. In early Spring and Summer the Chaplain's Cup (hurling) and Medical Services Cup (football) are played. These may be described as the individual unit competition and correspond to the All-Ireland. In September and October the Inter-Command competitions are run (the counterparts of the Inter-Regionals).

To prepare teams for these competitions, local games are run and, in this respect, the Curragh has a wonderful organisation. In hurling three competitions take place. The League, the Championship and the Todd Burns Cup. In football there are the League and the Championship. Here it should be mentioned that all units run seven-a-side leagues to prepare their teams.

All these games are played during recreational training period, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, or after duty hours on week-evenings, starting time usually being 6.30 p.m. This explains why Army teams are so fit and are in such demand for challenge games.

## MAJOR SHOCK

In 1958 the Curragh Formation won the Chaplain's Cup after a lapse of seven years. With the same team available we were favourites to win it again. Our approach to our first game was casual and, when the appointed hour came, only a second string was toggled out. "The Bloods"—alias the 3rd Battalion—took full advantage of this situation, and created the major shock of the year, when beating us by two points. This defeat was later to prove a blessing

in disguise for the Camp team.

The Boy Apprentice School at Naas took part in this competition for the first time and had a five points victory over Cadet School in their opening game. "The Bloods", however, easily beat the "Boys" in the Curragh Area final.

Meanwhile the 1st Battalion at Galway had won out in the West, while down South 13th Battalion were champions. In the Eastern Command the 5th Battalion won out and, with Air Corps, only five teams remained to battle on.

"The Bloods" fell easily to the airmen, who then accounted for 5th Battalion to reach the final. The 13th also qualified with a rather easy victory over 1st Battalion.

## By TONY WALL

The final had a particular appeal because 13th were trying to win before going out of existence on Oct. 1st. With some of the airmen it was also a case of now or never. Result—a draw, even after the extra time, which is usual in Army competitions. Air Corps took the honours at the second meeting.

In the Medical Services Cup (football) Air Corps beat Curragh and 2nd Battalion to reach the final. The 1st Battalion beat the 4th Battalion and then fell to the airmen in the final.

The month of August was devoted to holidays for some and quiet training for others. Lt. Tadhg Leyne—of Leyne Plan fame—had his panel of players (less yours truly)—training hard for the All-Army and a possible record. In challenge games with Glenealy—Wicklow champions—twice, Abbeylisc and Eire Óg, Dublin, no defeat resulted.

I was on holidays during the early games and was pleased with the performance of the boys. Western Command and Air Corps had fallen and the lads were in the final.

I was in the U.S.A. and, while there, heard of the victory of Eastern Command over Southern Command.

I remembered the 1958 Semi-Final against the East and was determined to be with the team even in defeat. If it was to be a repeat of 1958 I wanted to be part of it.

I managed to get to the Army Grounds in Phoenix Park from the U.S.A. in time to tog out for the final. I was handed No. 16 jersey and told "strip, you're playing at centre-field." I had read the preview of the game in the morning paper and was not surprised to see a record attendance present in brilliant sunshine.

Sgt. Tom Sullivan, of Limerick, was the referee. He has been honoured with an All-Ireland and had charge of our 1958 game. This was a terrific Final and was won after a tough, but very fine game, by three points. I managed to get four points off frees.

That was my last game for the Curragh. Next year I hope to help Southern Command.

The Football Final was played at the Curragh in a downpour and extra time was necessary to decide the issue. Air Corps were seeking three wins in a row in this competition and had beaten the West. Curragh had beaten the East while Southern Command had fallen to East in the opening game.

While looking at the Football Final I was glad that hurling was my game. It was clean, but certainly it was tough and was considered the best game for years. With this I agree, for I never saw better. It had everything, even a good referee in the person of Capt. John Joe Barry—a Kerryman—and former Lily White centre-field player. He made a few decisions which displeased spectators but which are contained in the *Official Guide*.

The Army had but a slight interest in the All-Ireland Final this year. In 1957 Sgt. Mick Kenny captained Kilkenny to victory and in 1958 I had a similar honour for Tipperary. Young Pat Kelly of Kilkenny had served at the Curragh and was our sole link this year. He is still on the Reserve at the Curragh.

In the football decider we had Lt.  
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# The Year In Hurling

**F**OR ME THE HURLING SEASON BEGAN AS IT ENDED, WITH A NATIONAL LEAGUE GAME BETWEEN THE TWO MOST TALKED OF COUNTIES OF THE YEAR, WATERFORD AND KILKENNY, WHO MET IN A CLEAN, HARD FAST GAME AT WATERFORD ON A DRY, COLD FEBRUARY DAY.

And what a feast of hurling those two grand teams gave us before Kilkenny upset the odds by scoring a narrow victory.

A couple of weeks later we had the first big event of the year when All-Ireland champions, Tipperary, took on the Rest of Ireland in the second of this new series of annual exhibition games.

But, whereas, in the previous year, Kilkenny had won readily from the "Rest" at Nowlan Park, Tipperary failed to rise to the occasion even at Thurles, and were well beaten by an Ireland team, the selectors of which had been severely criticised beforehand for omitting Christy Ring.

Due to the desire to put on a suitable hurling game for the official re-opening of Croke Park in June, the Railway Cup hurling final was not played, as has so long been customary, on St. Patrick's Day. Instead we had the semi-final between Leinster and Connacht in which the latter surprised and delighted their supporters by turning in a grand display and convincingly conquering the disjointed Leinstermen.

## Galway In News

These Galway hurlers were again in the news a couple of weeks later when the Annual Congress made the first major change since its inauguration in the time-honoured method of running the All-Ireland Championships on a provincial basis.

Galway, at their own request, and with the prior approval of the Munster Council, were transferred into Munster for hurling purposes. A similar request from Antrim for a transfer into Leinster was later considered by the Leinster Council but had to be turned down as the matter had not come before Congress.

It was unfortunate for the experiment that all three Galway teams, senior, junior and minor went out in the very first round of their Munster Championship debut.

However, that is to anticipate. Meanwhile the National Hurling League had been proceeding to its conclusion.

Waterford, despite that February defeat by Kilkenny, had not been in the least bit shaken and came

## By Padraig Purcell

(Sports Staff "Irish Press")

through their division qualifying to meet in the Final a Tipperary side that had not been unduly troubled in winning through in the other sector.

The final was fixed for Nowlan Park, Kilkenny—a rather unusual setting for a National League decider nowadays, but one very suitable for supporters of the counties concerned.

But it was a disappointing game, especially so for Waterford's many supporters. Through the field the Decies hurlers had rather the better of the play for most of the hour but their forwards could make no impression at all on the resolute Tipperary defence, while Tipperary, at the other end snatched sufficient scores to assert their supremacy with something to spare.

So Tipperary not alone completed the League and Championship double, but assured themselves of a trip to New York in September for the St. Brendan Cup Finals.

And yet, like many another, I left Nowlan Park that day feeling that the Waterford lads had not done themselves justice—as they were to prove conclusively before the season was over.

## Feature Flopped

Croke Park re-opened in June but unfortunately the feature game—the Railway Cup Final between Munster and Connacht—fell far short of expectations. The Western lads seemed a bit overawed by the occasion, were soon trailing, and were in the end routed by a virile Munster side for which the veteran Christy Ring had one of his greatest hours.

By this time the championships were already under way—Leinster being particularly early in the field. There were no surprises in the initial rounds in the Eastern Province. Laois came through to the semi-finals, and met Kilkenny, while Wexford and Dublin were paired in the other.

It was Munster that provided the sensations and a Waterford side, that

seemed to have acquired new dash and determination from their league final set-back, figured in all of them.

In their opening game they met Galway at Limerick. The Connachtmen were somewhat weakened by injuries, but no one expected them to be routed as they were by a fast and fiery Waterford fifteen who hurled as though their very lives depended on it.

Meanwhile Tipperary were hard-pressed to hold a lively Limerick side at Cork, so that Waterford looked to have a sporting chance of taking a fall out of the All-Ireland champions when the latter returned to Cork a couple of weeks later to face the men from the Decies in the Munster semi-final.

## Sensation of Decade

The outcome of this game was the hurling sensation of the decade. Waterford, backed by the wind, ran riot in the first half, hurled the All-Ireland champions off the field and had chalked up twenty-five points at the interval while the Tipperary end of the score-board was still as blank as the faces of the Premier County's followers.

Tipperary rallied somewhat after the interval, but never had a hope of overtaking the rampant Waterford men who were promptly installed hot favourites, in popular opinion, to take the All-Ireland title.

In the other semi-final Cork had a very easy win over an extremely poor Clare side, but were not very strongly fancied against Waterford in the provincial decider. Yet the Leesiders showed unexpected fight and, though trailing for most of the hour, staged a late rally that gave Waterford followers some anxious moments before the Decies hurlers came through with three points to spare.

In Leinster, Kilkenny cruised to easy victory over Laois at Birr, but Dublin and Wexford had a rare set-to at Nowlan Park before the Metropolitans got through to the final by a narrow margin.

That Leinster final was a ding-dong struggle. There was nothing between them in the first half but Dublin got on top in the last quarter.



Three points ahead with less than as many minutes to go, Dublin seemed set for their first Leinster title in seven years, but, after McGovern had driven over a Kilkenny point, the Noremens came again for their captain Sean Clohesy to score the winning goal with virtually the last puck of the game.

### 1957 Repeat

That left Kilkenny and Waterford in the All-Ireland Final, a repeat of their 1957 decider.

Through August, however, football ruled the roost. Some of us missed the semi-final to which we had so long been accustomed and, for a time, the caman-game seemed to be entirely out of the limelight. But, under the surface, interest was already boiling up, and, when the teams went into training, there was no other topic in the whole South-East except the prospects of the finalists.

Waterford, on form, were the more fancied side, and deservedly so, but many keen critics felt that Kilkenny's display in the Leinster Final was no criterion of their real worth.

However, through the first half of a fast and furious final on the first Sunday in September, Waterford justified their favouritism by dominating the exchanges and, but for some wonderful work by Ollie Walsh between the Kilkenny posts, must have had the game won by half-time.

After the interval, however, Kilkenny astounded even their own supporters by rallying magnificently, finding loopholes in the hitherto unbeatable Waterford back-line and looked set for an amazing win when they led by a goal with a minute to go.

Sterling mid-fielder Seamus Power pulled the game out of the fire for the Munstermen, by beating Ollie Walsh at last for a goal on the call of time, and gave us another day on it.

### Left No Doubt

Four weeks later the teams met again. This time Kilkenny seemed to be racing to victory through the first quarter. But, once Waterford got into their stride, they left no doubt at all about their superiority and ran out very convincing winners to take their second All-Ireland crown.

With this victory the names of every member of the winning side will for ever be proudly associated, but none more so than those of Martin Og Morrissey, Seamus Power, Tom Cheasty and captain, Frankie Walsh.

Nor can we forget their trainer, that all but legendary Mount Sion hurler, John Keane, who performed

the almost impossible feat of keeping his charges in top trim right through the season.

We were not finished yet, however, with the Waterford-Kilkenny saga. Three weeks later they met again, in the National League, and, again after a thrilling hour, they finished on level terms.

This left the remarkable outcome of their four competitive clashes through the season as two draws, one win for Waterford, and one for Kilkenny. But Waterford won the all-important game.

### Compensation

However, Kilkenny were not without their compensations for, in addition to retaining their Leinster title they also kept the Walsh Cup, and, after seeming to be well beaten, staged one of their amazing rallies in the Oireachtas Final, to pip Galway in the last minute and retain the Corn Thomais Aghais.

Antrim made hurling history by winning the home junior final for the first time, but were well beaten in the final proper by a great London side, captained by Galway's Billy Duffy.

The minor final was another thriller, with Tipperary somewhat fortunate to snatch victory in the dying seconds from a Kilkenny team that displayed better form in the final than in any previous game.

But no summary of hurling in 1959 would be complete without paying a well-deserved tribute to the men of Carlow who won the Second Division of the National Hurling League for the second successive year and moved up to the First Division.

### My Men of the Year

And, finally, here is my list of "hurlers of the year". Pride of place I give to Waterford's Seamus Power, all through the season the sheet-anchor of his side. Next, for his amazing display in the drawn All-Ireland game, I place Kilkenny's Ollie Walsh. Third, as the most improved player of the year, I put Galway's powerful half-back, Mike Sweeney.

Tom Cheasty is fourth on my list—where would the Waterford attack be without him?—while Jimmy Doyle of Tipperary comes fifth for sterling service to club and county, at home and abroad.

Those are my top five of the year, while, as the most promising player that the season's hurling has produced, I nominate Eddie Keher of Kilkenny who has been more impressive with the seniors than he was in Colleges and minor ranks earlier.

## FOOTBALL

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With ten minutes to go and Kerry leading by 1-9 to 0-4 it seemed all over. But then those eager, menacing Dublin forwards got the share of the ball they had been starved of earlier by splendid backs like Kevin Coffey, Mick O'Dwyer and Sean Murphy. In stunning raids Paddy Haughey and Ollie Freaney slammed in two goals, but they were too late and Kerry were into the final.

The brightest hopes nurtured in the hearts of Down supporters seemed about to be fulfilled in the first ten minutes of the second semi-final.

Before 62,000 spectators they bedazzled Galway and dashed and darted repeatedly towards the Railway goal with an ease that suggested they would trounce their more experienced opponents.

But then the Connacht champions hit back. Points from the accurate boot of their captain Sean Purcell, who moved to full-forward in the absence of the injured Stockwell, had them in front by three points at the interval.

Then, with Jack Mahon superb at centre-back, Sean Meade performing most capably at full-back and Frank Evers, on the "40," displaying much of his old form, Galway went on to an easy seven points' victory.

The background to the final in September promised one of the greatest of all time. You couldn't imagine it being a poor game, for it had all the ingredients of a thriller.

### DAMP SQUIB

But, unfortunately, it turned out to be a damp squib. Galway were trounced despite the fact that Evers and Matty McDonagh gave them an hour-long superiority at mid-field—the one sector where few expected them to be on top.

But this availed them nothing because their shrewdest forwards were held in a vice-like grip by Sean Murphy, the man of the match, Kevin Coffey, Niall Sheehy, Mick O'Dwyer and Jerome O'Shea.

There was no stopping Kerry. As the year started so it finished with the Kingdom triumphant. They captured the "Gaelic Weekly" trophy in October and then flew out to New York where, in two exciting games with the New York All-Stars, they collected the St. Brendan Cup and the Jack Phelan Memorial trophy.



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## ATHLETICS . . .

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ling test. In previous years Paddy finished fourth, fifth and second and won it in 1957. Clubmate J. P. Curtin was runner-up with 4,623 points.

### ACHIEVED AMBITION

At this meeting too, 18½ year-old Denis Toomey achieved an ambition. Youths' champion and record breaker, Catholic Students' Games winner, senior champion—now Irish senior javelin record holder. With a magnificent effort of 195' 2" he added 10 feet 2 inches to the old distance.

It has indeed been a memorable year for N.A.C.A. athletes. Much of the credit for the all-round improvement in standard must be given to that small band of

zealous voluntary workers who, annually, organise the Summer School of Athletics.

Year after year, under the watchful eye of Chief Coach Jack Sweeney, priests, brothers, teachers and clubmen have been instilled with the knowledge required to teach the basic skills to youthful athletes.

Seven years ago the school started on a shoe-string with twelve students. This year 54 availed of the course, recognised now by the Department of Education. The success of the venture is reflected in the results of schools' and colleges' sports and the Junior championships.

Forty-five new clubs affiliated this year to bring our end-of-season strength to 257 clubs. This seemingly indicates a

quicken interest in athletics in our 'four green fields'.

Yet, alas, we must face the fact that the public has turned away from sports' promotions. I have seen a mere handful of people patronise meetings at which two, three and, sometimes, five Irish champions appeared.

What must be done to woo back the vanished spectators? Clubs, county boards and councils must do some hard thinking to find wherein they have been remiss, and to plan brighter and more streamlined organisation for the cash customer.

## ARMY GAMES . . .

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Kissane and Lt. Young on the Galway lineout. Both, of course, were on the 1956 Galway team.

In the Junior Final at London Sgt. Kevin Sreenan of Air Corps played his part for Fermanagh.

Now I may well ask what does the future hold? I think 1960 will see a big step forward for Army games, and maybe, even a representative game. It must come in the form of Army v. F.C.A. or, perhaps, Forces v. All-Ireland champions.

### MAJOR ROLE

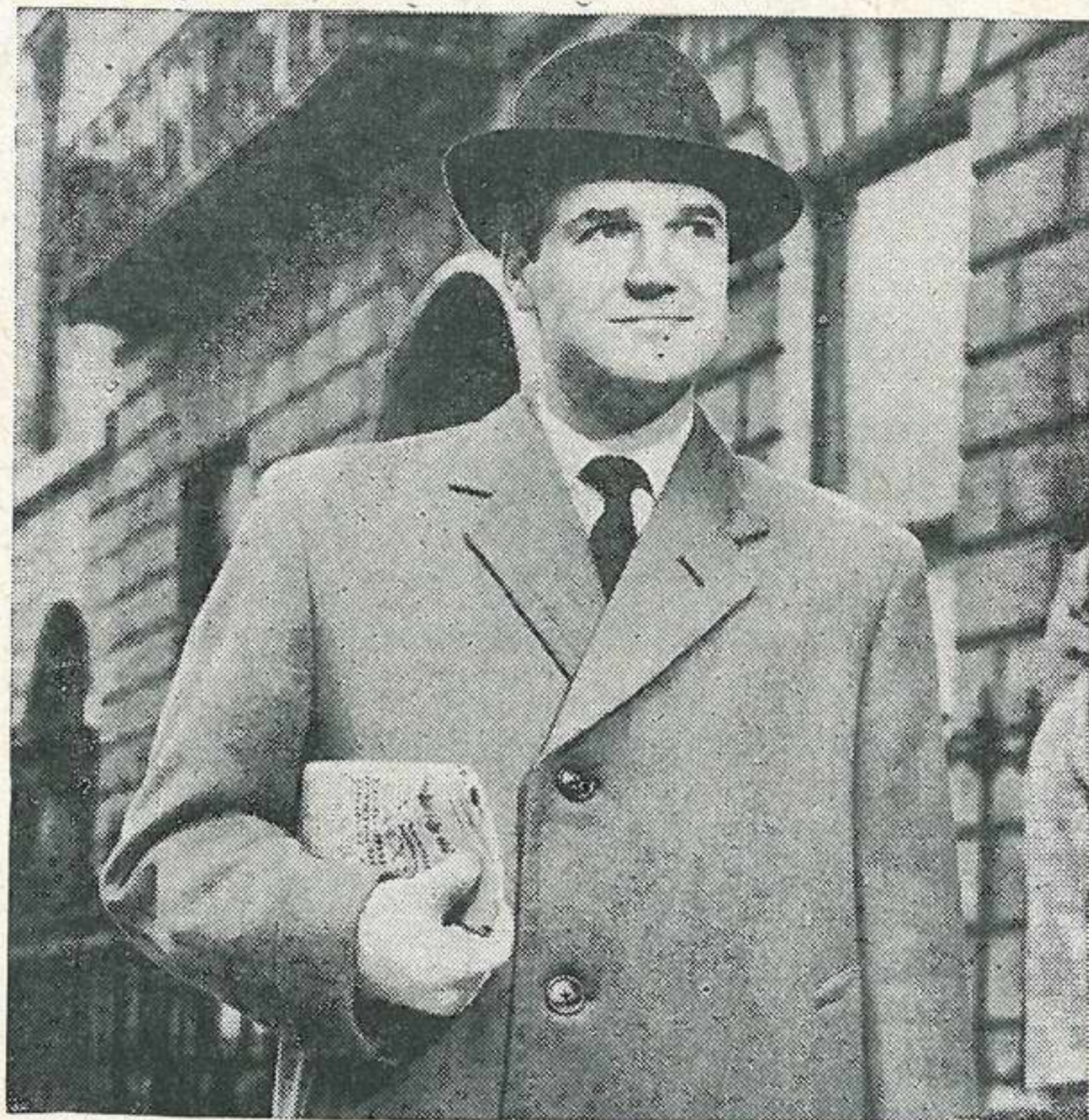
The Army could play a major role in the council chamber in the person of the Kildare delegate to the Annual Congress—Lt. Leyne. This Corkman has had a scheme for the improvement of the All-Ireland and National League in hurling defeated twice already at Congress.

From a Kildare viewpoint the Junior competitions must be changed, as suggested by the "Special Commission". I can see this motion having his attention also since he is a member of the "Special Commission."

Capt. Eamonn Young has his own little subjects and will this year have a motion on "substitutes for players sent off." This deserves attention and was suggested by Bro. O Floinn of C.B.S., Dublin.

For attention also will be the motion of Cork at 1958 Congress, regarding "independent Appeals Board." This was defeated and was well spoken to by Cork delegates. In 1959 it was ruled out of order at the Cork Convention. However, it appeared at Congress from another county and failed to get Cork support, apart from Capt. Young.

With Capt. Young and Lt. Leyne in the council chamber, Capt. Barry and Sgt. Sullivan as referees, and a list of Inter-County players too numerous to mention the Army is playing its part in our national games.



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# MEDAL HOLDERS

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## KERRY

Years of victory: 1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959.

*Seven*—Dan O'Keeffe, 1931-32, 1937, 1939, 1940-41, 1946.

*Six each*—Paul Russell, J. Walsh, C. Brosnan, R. Stack, J. Barrett, J. Ryan, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932.

*Five each*—M. McCarthy, R. Fitzgerald, 1903-4, 1909, 1913-14; M. Doyle, J. J. Landers, 1929-31, 1932, 1937; Tim Landers, 1931-32, 1937, 1939, 1941; J. Walsh, 1932, 1937, 1939-41; J. Keohane, T. O'Connor, 1937, 1939-41, 1946.

*Four each*—C. Murphy, 1904, 1909, 1913-14; J. J. Sheehy, 1924, 1926, 1929-30; D. O'Connor, J. O'Sullivan, 1929-32; T. Healy, W. Dillon, W. Myers, C. O'Sullivan, 1937, 1939-41; W. Casey, P. Kennedy, E. Walsh, 1939-41, 1946.

*Three each*—C. Healy, P. Dillon, 1903-4, 1909; T. Costelloe, T. Rice, J. Skinner, 1909, 1913-14; J. Baily, 1924, 1926, 1929; J. Riordan, 1926, 1929-30; T. O'Donnell, 1929-30, 1937; S. Brosnan, 1937, 1940-1; J. Gorman, M. Kelly, 1939-41; P. B. Brosnan, 1940-1, 1946; Sean Murphy, T. Lyne, 1953, 1955, 1959.

*Two each*—J. Gorman, J. Buckley, A. Stack, J. Myers, D. Curran, J. T. Fitzgerald, D. McCarthy, R. Kirwan, F. O'Sullivan, 1903-4; D. Breen, 1903, 1909; J. O'Sullivan, 1904, 1909; D. Mullins, J. Lawlor, C. Clifford, J. Rice, P. O'Shea, D. Doyle, P. Healy, J. Mahony, 1913-14; J. Moriarty, 1924, 1926; W. Landers, 1924, 1932; E. Sweeney, 1929-30; E. Fitzgerald, 1930-31; P. Whitty, 1931-2; D. Spring, 1939-40; J. Lyne, 1946, 1953; E. Roche, J. Cronin, J. M. Palmer, Jim Brosnan, J. J. Sheehan, 1953, 1955; J. O'Shea, John Dowling, P. Sheehy, J. Culloty, 1955, 1959.

*One each*—T. Gorman, W. Lynch, E. O'Neill, D. Kissane, 1903; P. J. Cahill, T. O'Sullivan, 1904; F. J. Cronin, M. J. Quinlan, E. Spillane, J. Kennelly, J. Mullane, B. O'Connor, J. McCarthy, P. Kennelly, 1909; P. Breen, 1914; P. Sullivan, J. Sheehy, J. Murphy, R. Prendeville, John Baily, 1924; D. O'Connell, W. Gorman, P. Clifford, J. Slaterry, T. Mahony, 1926; M. Regan, 1931; C. Gainey, 1932; W. Kinnerk, T. Leary, J. Flavin, 1937; M. Lyne, 1941; F. O'Keeffe, D. Lyne, T. O'Connor, P. Burke, D. Kavanagh, B. Garvey, J. Falvey, G. Cremins, 1946; James Murphy, D. Murphy, C. Kennelly, M. D. Hanafin, Ashe, S. Kelly, G. O'Sullivan, J. Foley, 1953; G. O'Mahony, T. Moriarty, D. O'Shea, T. Costello, M. Murphy, 1955; N. Sheehy, T. Lyons, K. Coffey, M. Dwyer, Mick O'Connell, Seamus Murphy, D. McAuliffe, T. Long, D. Gearey, Moss O'Connell, Jack Dowling, G. McMahon, 1959.

## DUBLIN

Years of victory: 1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922.

1923, 1942, 1958.

*Five*—Jack Grace, 1901-2, 1906-8.

*Four each*—R. Curtis, 1891-2, 1894, 1897; L. Kelly, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1901; J. Brennan, 1902, 1906-8.

*Three each*—J. Kennedy, G. Roche, P. Heslin, J. Geraghty, P. Kelly, 1891-2, 1894; T. Errity, 1892, 1894, 1902; P. Redmond, 1897-8, 1901; J. J. Keane, W. Sherry, 1898-9, 1902; P. McCann, 1898-9, 1901; P. Daly, 1901-2, 1908; M. Madigan, 1901, 1906-7; J. Dempsey, D. Brady, 1902, 1906-7; D. Kelleher, H. Hilliard, T. Walsh, 1906-8; John Reilly, Joe Norris, P. Carey, John Synnott, P. Kirwan, F. Burke, 1921-3.

*Two each*—J. Roche, J. Silke, S. Hughes, S. Flood, R. Flood, 1891-2; T. Lyons, M. Condon, 1891, 1894, G. Charlemont, M. Byrne, 1892, 1894; J. O'Brien, 1897, 1901; M. Rea, J. Lane, T. Redmond, J. Heslin, D. O'Callaghan, P. Levey, D. Errity, P. Fitzsimons, J. Ryan, J. Ledwidge, 1898-9; J. Fahy, 1901-2; M. Kelly, M. Curry, M. Barry, P. O'Callaghan, P. Casey, T. Quane, P. Grace, 1906-7; J. Lynch, D. Kavanagh, 1907-8; P. Fallon, 1908, 1921; W. Donovan, T. Pierce, C. McDonald, 1921-2; John Murphy, 1921, 1923; J. McDonnell, P. McDonnell, Joe Synnott, 1922-3.

*One each*—J. Charlemont, J. Scully, J. Mahony, A. O'Hagan, P. Hogan, T. Murphy, T. Halpin, M. Cooney, 1891; F. O'Malley, T. Doran, 1892; T. Hughes, T. O'Mahony, P. O'Toole, J. Kirwan, P. O'Malley, 1894; P. J. Walsh, W. Guiry, R. Scanlan, W. Callahan E. Downey, D. O'Donnell, M. Chambers, V. Kelly, C. Cannon, P. O'Donoghue, R. O'Brien, J. Matthews, J. Flynn, 1897; C. Sargent, T. Norton, P. Smith, 1898; D. Smith, C. Grady, J. Norton, J. Farrelly, 1899; J. D'Arcy, J. McCullagh, D. Holland, T. Doyle, B. Connor, M. O'Brien, J. Whelan, T. Lawless, V. Harris, 1901; S. Mulvey, M. Casey, A. Wall, P. Weymes, J. O'Brien, J. McCann, P. Brady, E. Brady, 1902; M. Keane, L. Sheehan, 1906; T. Healy, F. Cooney, JK. Brennan, T. McAuliffe, P. Whelan, M. Collins, M. Power, J. Shouldice, 1908; E. Carroll, A. Belman, J. O'Grady, W. Fitzsimons, 1921; W. Robbins, A. Gibbons, W. Rooney, 1922; J. Stynes, M. Shanahan, J. Sherlock, P. O'Beirne, L. Stanley, 1923; C. Kelly, R. Beggs, P. Kennedy, C. Crone, P. Henry, P. O'Reilly, B. Quinn, M. Falvey, J. Fitzgerald, J. Joy, P. Birmingham, G. Fitzgerald, P. O'Connor, T. Banks, M. Fletcher, 1942; P. O'Flaherty, L. Foley, M. Wilson, Joe Timmons, C. O'Leary, J. Crowley, J. Boyle, John Timmons, S. Murray, P. Haughey, O. Freaney, D. Ferguson, P. Farnan, J. Joyce, K. Heffernan (captain), 1958.

## WEXFORD

Years of victory: 1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

*Four each*—Gus Kennedy, P. Mackey, T. Murphy, Tom Doyle, A. Doyle, James Brennan, M. Howlett, R. Reynolds, T. McGrath, 1915-18.

*Three each*—Sean Kennedy, F. Furlong, T. Mernagh, 1915-17.

*Two each*—Fr. Wheeler, James Wall, 1915-16; J. Crowley, 1916-17; W. Hodgins, 1917-18.

*One each*—T. Hayes, T. Redmond, P. Curran, J. McGinn, J. Doyle, J. O'Neill, N. Lacy, J. Phelan, M. Curran, J. Bolger, James Redmond, F. Boggan, A. Furlong, T. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, P. O'Connor, J. M. Redmond, J. Kenny, 1893; J. Furlong, E. Black, 1916; J. Quinn, 1917; N. Stewart, J. Doran, J. Crawley, P. Todd, J. Redmond, 1918.

## CAVAN

Years of victory: 1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.

*Three each*—B. O'Reilly, P. Brady, A. Tighe, M. Higgins, 1947-8, 1952.

*Two each*—J. Smith, W. Young, M. Dennehy, P. Phair, (Continued on page 77)



# ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

**A**CROSS the Atlantic in the United States and Canada Irish exiles participate in their native games with as much fervour as if they were at home.

From coast to coast in the United States there is a G.A.A. club in practically every big city. The strength of the games in New York is well known. Their teams in both hurling and football have proved their worth against home opposition on many occasions. Other American cities can send out sides capable of matching and, at times, beating the New Yorkers. At the American League Convention there were delegates present from more than 20 cities in the States and from Canada as well.

From the far West came representatives of Los Angeles and San

Francisco. Toronto and Montreal represented the land of the Maple Leaf. Other delegates came from Buffalo, Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, Boston, Syracuse, Rochester, New Haven, Baltimore, Washington, Hartford, Pittsburgh, etc.

## GREAT PROGRESS

All these centres report great progress made in the last twelve months. American-born players are to be found on all teams. San Francisco report new clubs fielding out in both hurling and football. In Boston a provincial championship is envisaged embracing Boston, Springfield, Hartford, Bridgeport, New Haven and other cities in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

American League includes teams from Montreal and Toronto. This

is run in two sections, East and West, with the sectional winners playing off for the title.

In the U.S. inter-city hurling championship Chicago visited New York but failed to the homesters, who won by 18 points to 12.

Apart from regular competitions, inter-city challenge games with teams travelling huge distances are no exception. For example, Chicago visited San Francisco to return a visit the men from the Golden Gate paid the Windy City in the previous year.

Feature of the year in New York was the visits of the Kerry and Tipperary teams. The exiles performances in those games are well known by now. Locally chief interest centred in the delayed 1958 championship finals. In these Cork beat Offaly in hurling, while Leitrim footballers created a big surprise when beating Kerry. That was Leitrim's first New York title in 25 years.

The future of gaelic games in America and Canada looks safe. The comparatively cheap internal air-travel makes the holding of inter-city matches possible, and competition of course is the life-blood of any game.

The strides made by our Exiles across the Atlantic can best be deduced from the fact that such august organs as "The Herald Tribune" "New York Mirror" and "New York Times" reported the St. Brendan Cup Finals factually and not in a jocose manner.

This was a new approach by the New York press and shows the games of the Gael are now an important part of the American scene.

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## CYCLING REVIEW

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high standards. Indeed each Monday morning saw another name in the headlines and it was a good man who could even win one or two of the top races during the year.

Most of the old names lived up to their reputations and many new ones came into the limelight. Perhaps the most spectacular arrival was Paddy McCormack of Brownstown, who climbed from mediocrity to fame



**CECIL DONAHUE**

overnight to take the National League title.

### RAS TAILTEANN

Of the races themselves, the centre-piece was Ras Tailteann. This year, for some mysterious reason or other, our National Tour clicked and ninety-five starters lined up in O'Connell Street.

This was a fine tribute to the N.C.A.'s strength. It is an amazing but true fact that the field in Ras Tailteann, which is limited to certain riders, was greater than the TOTAL racing strength of C.R.E., which is recognised internationally as the controlling body for Irish cycling.

The race itself was a cracker from start to finish and even the last man had a higher average speed than many previous winners.

Each stage proved to be a ding-dong battle but, in a race of champions, it is unanimously conceded that the winner, Ben McKenna, was the Championissimo, which is the cycling phrase for Champion of Champions.

This modest Meathman has had an amazing record in this race, being second in 1958 and third the year before.

He has recently passed the Garda examination and is due to report for training shortly. Imagine the surprise some cyclist is in for if he tries to outspurt Garda Ben, if halted for not having a light.

One of the most amazing features of the road scene was the large number of comebacks and the brilliant performances of a number of veterans who ought to have retired long ago.

Men like Hal Conway, Gerry Keogh, Con Carr, Joe McIvor and a lot of others are still to the fore, while Mick Christle came back, after two years off the bike, to win two races and get places in half a dozen.

On the track there was one very big gap that will be hard to fill. "The Bairder" kept his promise and retired.

### POOR RELATION

Tracking these days is very much the poor relation in Irish cycling and standards are really low. I doubt if there is anyone who could have lived with sprinters of the calibre of Frank Baird, Sean and Bertie Donnelly and other former greats.

The only exception is Frank O'Sullivan who was top dog in the short distance sphere. He won every title from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to 3 miles.

Road racing seems to be the glamour sport these days and the track game is suffering as a result. More's the pity. I firmly believe that the two branches go hand in hand and the rider who cannot perform in both departments is only half a cyclist.

Why don't some enterprising sports promoters take a leaf from the book of their French counterparts and feature revenge races on the track between the Ras Tailteann stars during August and September?

Publicity, gimmicks and ballyhoo have built up road racing to undreamed of heights and could well bring tracking back to its former glories.

The new Dublin Corporation track in Crumlin is due to be finished shortly. Let us hope that it will usher in an era of tracking.

### DARK SPOT

The only dark spot on the whole year was the ugly incident which culminated in Mick Slattery going over to the CRE ranks.

This was most unfortunate as there was a possibility that Slattery might have become a top-notch cyclist. He showed a certain amount of promise. Now, however, he has signed his cycling death warrant, for every provincial cyclist who has taken this step has disappeared from the scene.

Not even the great Karl McCarthy, one of the toughest riders of all time, could survive a weekly trek from his home to Dublin for racing.

The whole thing was due to an accusation of professionalism against three Clonmel cyclists by Tipperary officials. The other two admitted the incident, Slattery did not and immediately applied for and was granted CRE membership.

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## DUBLIN'S MINOR TITLE

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Antrim at Clones and was impressed by their defence, especially the full back line of Cafferty, McKiernan and O'Reilly.

In a rather drab semi-final against Galway, Cavan came from behind to snatch a dramatic victory seconds from time. As a result of Cavan's form in that game Dublin were installed as firm favourites for the Minor Final.

A favourite's tag is a dangerous thing to carry into any game, particularly a final. Cavan got down to business from the start and had Dubliners rubbing their eyes when they notched a goal and a point without reply in the early minutes.

Whenever Dublin ventured down-field Cafferty, McKiernan, O'Reilly and Kennedy stood firm. In the upstairs work the Cavan boys were the dictators but Eddie Grainger, Dublin's right full-back, was going up as well as any of them. Half-time saw us being led by a point.

It took us seven minutes of the second half to equalise with a Gerry McCabe point. Dublin were now improving.

Paddy Delaney, Sean Coen and Brian McDonald were swinging that ball about at the right altitude. Joe Levins was now climbing higher than all in the midfield area and Ferqal McCourt, Mick Kissane and Eddie Grainger were dealing con-

## LEINSTER CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

THE Leinster Club Championship again aroused tremendous interest. Unfortunately, from the financial point of view, these championships were not so successful. However, they provided an opportunity for clubs from the weaker hurling counties to compete against the champion clubs from hurling strongholds. The results were as follows:

### 1958 CHAMPIONSHIP

1st March, 1959—Semi-final: Bennettsbridge, 3-6; St. Aidan's, 2-3.

1st April, 1959—Bennettsbridge, 5-0; Faythe Harriers, 2-8.

The match was subsequently awarded to Faythe Harriers on an objection.

### 1959 CHAMPIONSHIP

1st Round—Faythe Harriers, 2-9; New Irelands, 3-1. Clonad, 3-6; Drumcullen, 2-0. Castletowngeoghegan, 5-9; Boardsmill, 3-4.

2nd Round—Faythe Harriers, 7-12; Tullaroan, 5-1. Castletowngeoghegan, 3-6; Clonad, 3-2.

Semi-final—St. Aidan's, 7-10; Castletowngeoghegan, 4-7.

Final—Faythe Harriers v. St. Aidan's remains to be decided.

The thanks of "Nuachtan Gael" go out to the members of the Leinster Council for their support and co-operation during the year. To such staunch Gaels as Hugh Byrne and Martin O'Neill and indeed to every member of the Council we extend on behalf of the Directors of "Gaelic Weekly" our deep gratitude for their kindness in this and in many other ways during the year. Go raibh mile maith agaibh.



# BEANNACHTAÍ NA NOLLAG

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Another year of solid achievement comes to an end. The prize fund is almost £2,000 weekly. The schemes for the language and the nation grow bigger and more numerous every day, showing practical return for members' subscriptions—perhaps the most ambitious being the complete industry in the Connemara Gaeltacht for the quick-freezing of fish and vegetables.

Fishing boats have been bought and supplied to the Irish-speaking fishermen on a "pay-as-you-catch" basis. Thousands of lobsters and crayfish are to be exported annually, and vegetables also, in addition to supplying the home market. The entire sea, lake and river fisheries of the Teilionn and Carrick area in Donegal have been bought out, and a five year development plan adopted for the local Duffin Estate and farm. The Gaeltacht scholarship scheme has also won nation-wide applause once more; and also the Monday radio programmes. Big strides ahead were made in the Gael Linn film productions. Weekly newsreels became a reality and part 1 of a monumental Irish historical feature film, "Mise Éire" was completed and will be exhibited generally early in the New Year. The gramophone record scheme has also been successful. The first release of six recordings of traditional music was followed by the release of the first of a series of long-playing records. The drama club in Dublin and Drama Festivals throughout the country continue to forge ahead. New schemes this year included the Irish Singing Competitions, Cabaret Shows, Concerts and a weekly Céilí at the Dublin Mansion House. Yes, Gael-Linn truly goes from success to success—"Bíonn toradh ar obair Gael-Linn!"

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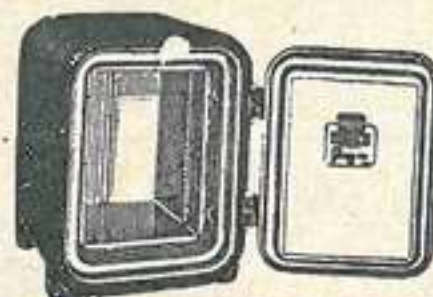
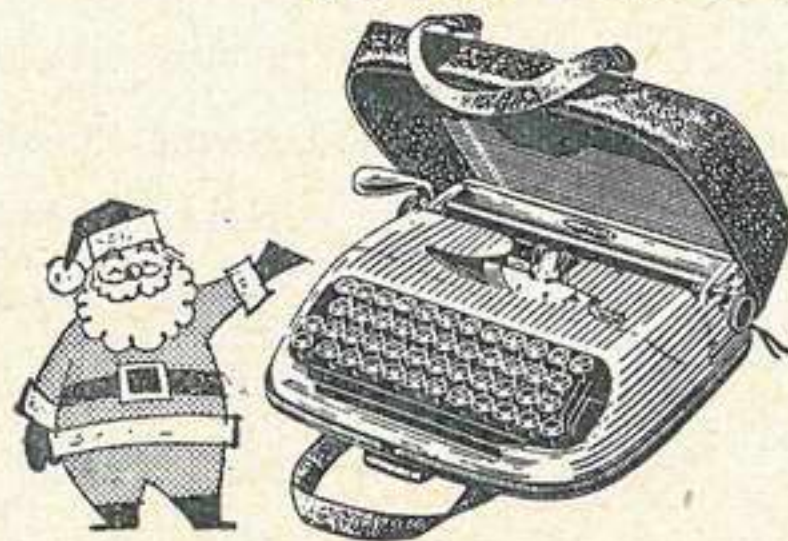
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*One each*—P. Lynch, T. Coyle, V. McGovern, T. Crowe, P. W. Connolly, 1933; T. Dolan, P. Boylan, 1935; V. Gannon, J. Wilson, C. McDwyer, T. P. O'Reilly, 1947; J. D. Benson, O. R. McGovern, 1948; S. Morris, J. McCabe, D. Maguire, P. Carolan, L. Maguire, T. Hardy, S. Hetherington, J. Cusack, P. Fitzsimons, 1952.

#### TIPPERARY

Years of victory: 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.

*Two each*—William Ryan, P. Finn, P. Glasheen, Bill Ryan, 1889, 1895; R. Quane, J. O'Brien, 1895, 1900.

*One each*—G. Kavanagh, J. Cranly, Joe Ryan, Edward J. Rohan, P. Buckley, W. Shea, R. Whelan, J. Daly, P. Hall, J. Keary, M. Wade, B. O'Brien, P. Ryan, L. Fox, John Ryan, T. Dwyer, 1889; J. Carew, J. Carey, P. Dwyer, J. Heffernan, M. Finn, M. McInerney, R. Butler, P. Daly, M. Finn, J. Riordan, M. Connery, 1895; J. Tobin, P. Moloney, W. McRell, J. Dwane, P. Meyers, M. Walsh, R. Hourigan, P. Wall, W. Toole, D. Harney, J. O'Shea, J. Cooney, D. Smyth, P. Cox, J. Hayes, 1900; A. Carroll, J. McNamara, Ned O'Shea, G. Lanigan, James Ryan, J. Shelly, W. Grant, M. Barrett, M. Tobin, J. Ryan, J. Doran, G. McCarthy, V. Vaughan, M. Arragan, T. Powell, 1920.

#### KILDARE

Years of victory: 1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.

*Three each*—M. Buckley, P. Doyle, 1919, 1927-8.

*Two each*—Larry Cribben, 1905, 1919; M. Walsh, Gus Fitzpatrick, F. Malone, J. Higgins, J. Hayes, Joe Loughlin, W. Gannon, J. Curtis, P. Martin, W. Mangan, P. Loughlin, T. Keogh, M. Goff, 1927-8.

*One each*—J. Murray, M. Murray, J. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, M. Kennedy, Joe Rafferty, J. Gorman, T. Keogh, F. Conlon, J. Scott, W. Merriman, W. Bracken, W. Losty, J. Connolly, E. Kennedy, T. Kelly, 1905; L. Stanley, J. Conlon, J. Moran, T. Goulding, J. O'Connor, M. Sammon, J. O'Reilly, C. Flynn, B. McGlade, James O'Connor, Joyce Conlon, G. Mangan, 1919; D. Ryan, 1928.

#### GALWAY

Years of victory: 1925, 1934, 1938, 1956.

*Two each*—M. Higgins, D. O'Sullivan, J. Dunne, M. Connaire, R. Griffin, M. Kelly, B. Nestor, 1934, 1938.

*One each*—M. Walsh, T. Molloy, J. Egan, D. Egan, H. Burke, F. Benson, W. Smyth, T. Leetch, M. Bannerton, Leonard McGrath, P. Roche, G. Jennings, P. Ganly, Lar McGrath, M. Donnelan, 1925; M. Brennan, P. J. McDonnell, M. Ferriter, H. Carey, T. Hughes, T. McCarthy, F. Fox, D. Mitchell, 1934; J. McGauran, M. Rafferty, R. Beggs, F. Cunniffe, C. Connolly, J. Burke, J. Flavin, E. Mulholland, M. Ryder, P. McDonagh, 1938; J. Mangan, J. Keeley, G. Daly, T. Dillon, J. Kissane, J. Mahon, M. Greally, F. Evers, M. McDonagh, J. Coyle, S. Purcell, W. O'Neill, J. Young, F. Stockwell, G. Kirwan, 1956.

#### LOUTH

Years of victory: 1910, 1912, 1957.

*Two each*—O. Markey, Johnny Brennan, M. Byrne, J. Quinn, J. Clarke, Eddie Burke, Joe Mulligan, T. Matthews, Jack Bannon, Larry McCormack, 1910, 1912.

*One each*—Jack Carvin, Joe Donnelly, Claudie Clarke, J.

Hanlon, Mick Hand, T. Donegan, Tommy Morgan, 1910; Jim Smyth, J. Fitzsimons, J. Reilly, D. Warren, Joe Johnstone, J. Campbell, S. Fitzsimons, 1912; S. Flood, O. Reilly, T. Conlon, J. Meehan, P. Coleman, P. Smith, S. White, D. O'Neill, S. O'Donnell, K. Beahan, D. O'Brien, F. Lynch, J. Roe, J. McDonnell, J. Cunningham, 1957.

#### CORK

Years of victory: 1890, 1911, 1945.

*One each*—Jim Power, P. Moore, J. Leahy, R. Kelleher, M. Coleman, T. Lucy, J. Fitzgerald, Joe Fitzgerald, M. Riordan, "Tit" Downey, R. Power, J. D. O'Brien, W. Hennessy, M. Egan, J. Aherne, M. Murphy, Mick Buckley, W. Buckley, M. Hennessy, Jack Downey, P. Sullivan, 1890; M. Mehigan, M. O'Shea, E. Barrett, J. A. Beckett, J. Shandon, J. Donovan, W. Mackessy, M. Cotter, T. Murphy, W. Lehane, J. Lehane, J. Lynch, C. Kelleher, J. Young, P. Connell, C. Paye, J. O'Neill, 1911; M. O'Driscoll, D. Magnier, P. Murphy, C. Crone, P. Cronin, T. Crowley, D. O'Connor, F. O'Donovan, Eamonn Young, E. Casey, H. O'Neill, M. Tubridy, J. Lynch, J. Cronin, D. Beckett, J. Ahern, 1945.

#### MAYO

Years of victory: 1936, 1950, 1951.

*Two each*—J. Forde, P. Prendergast, S. Flanagan, H. Dixon, J. McAndrew, P. Carney, E. Mongey, M. Flanagan, J. Gilvarry, T. Langan, S. Wynne, S. Mulderrig, Peter Quinn, 1950-1.

*One each*—T. Burke, J. McGowan, P. Quinn, P. Kelly, T. Regan, J. S. O'Malley, G. Ormsby, P. Flannelly, H. Kenny, J. Carney, P. Laffey, T. Grier, P. Moclair, J. Munnelly, P. Munnelly, 1936; W. Durkin, W. Kenny, M. Mulderrig, P. Solon, M. Caulfield, 1950; J. Staunton, P. Irwin, L. Hastings, 1951.

#### LIMERICK

Years of victory: 1887, 1896.

*One each*—D. Corbett, T. Fitzgibbon, W. Gunning, R. Breen, John Hyland, T. McNamara, W. Spain, E. Casey, M. Slattery, P. Corbett, J. Kennedy, James Mulqueen, M. O'Brien, P. Kelly, T. Kennedy, P. Keating, W. Clery, R. Normoyle, P. Reeves, T. Keating, T. McMahon, 1887; Con Fitzgerald, D. Birrane, W. Guiry, John Riordan, L. Sheehan, L. Roche, C. Quillinan, J. Buttimer, T. Campion, James Dalton, W. Murphy, W. McNamara, J. Nash, John Murphy, M. Ryan, P. Roche, James O'Riordan, 1896.

#### ROSCOMMON

Years of victory: 1943, 1944.

*Two each*—J. P. O'Callaghan, W. Jackson, B. Lynch, L. Carlos, O. Hoare, E. Boland, L. Gilmartin, P. Murray, J. Murray, D. Keenan, D. McDermott, J. McQuillan, F. Kinlough, 1943-4.

*One each*—F. Glynn, L. Cummins, 1943; J. Casserly, H. Gibbons, J. J. Nerney, 1944.

#### MEATH

Years of victory: 1949, 1954.

*Two each*—M. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, K. McConnell, P. O'Connell, B. Smyth, M. McDonnell, P. Meegan, P. McDermott, 1949, 1954.

*One each*—K. Smyth, S. Heery, P. Dixon, C. Hand, J. Kearney, F. Byrne, W. Halpenny, P. Carolan, 1949; P. McGearty, K. Lenehan, J. O'Reilly, E. Durnin, T. O'Brien, M. Grace, T. Moriarty, 1954.



# SURVEY OF IRISH DANCING

A SURVEY of the position of Irish Dancing in the life of Ireland to-day shows that the hopes entertained in Irish-Ireland circles for half a century and more have not been realised. By that statement I mean that the popularity of Irish figure dancing in the life of the ordinary people has shown a marked decline, particularly within the past decade.

Outside the Gaelic League branches there are few ceilidhe in Dublin catering for the ordinary "man in the street". The same is true generally in the Twenty-Six Counties.

The position in the occupied six is much more healthy from an Irish-Ireland point of view. There, the Irish-Ireland bodies, notably the Gaelic League and G.A.A., conduct their social gatherings strictly on gaelic lines.

It may well be asked what is the cause of this falling away from adherence to the strict observance of Irish-Ireland entertainment as visualised by the two national bodies previously mentioned? The truth is that the national spirit has become weaker for many reasons: radio, television, false internationalism, film star worship, trashy literature, etc. etc.

A decade or so ago the weekly Sunday night ceilidhe in the Dublin Mansion House was patronised by some six to seven hundred people, but the gradual fall in attendance caused the cessation of the function.

Recently Gael-Linn stepped into the breach and revived this weekly ceilidhe with promising results. It is the one bright ray of hope that Irish figure dancing by the general Dublin public will return to its former popularity.

Let us now turn to the position of solo competitive dances which take place annually under the aegis of the Irish Dancing Commission, a sub-

sidary body to the Coisde Gnotha of the Gaelic League. This body is represented in all the provinces where provincial championships in senior, junior and minor grades for both sexes are conducted. The two leading exponents in each grade qualify to

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compete at the annual Oireachtas Rince, usually held in the capital.

Great progress has been made in this connection and this annual function is always conducted with precision and efficiency. Decisions of the operating adjudicators are accepted in a true sporting fashion and protests or appeals are non-existent. Keen rivalry exists between the many Irish Dancing schools scattered throughout the country.

Figure dancing is included in the Oireachtas programme and entries from the many dancing schools are numerous. A special figure-dancing competition is reserved for representatives of Gaelic League branches.

Apart from this special adult competition the vast bulk of competitors are in the minor and junior grades.

It is worthy of note that the senior competitions, where the age condition is eighteen and over, attract considerably fewer entrants.

Another permanent feature is the very high proportion of girls to boys in all grades. Approximately the proportion is five or six to one.

The G.A.A., some twenty years ago, anxious to assist the sister Gaelic League organisation, prohibited by rule the holding, by any of its clubs, of functions where anything other than Irish dancing was practised. That rule still stands. It must be admitted with regret that it is violated more frequently than any other regulation.

Attached to many G.A.A. clubs are personal groups calling themselves by some colourless name for the purpose of organising money-gathering functions. All this forces one to the conclusion that there is poor support amongst adults for Irish dances and Irish dances only.

The difficulty of changing the habits of the people generally in matters of this kind is great. Regrettably it must be recorded that Gaelachas so far has not succeeded to any appreciable extent where dancing is concerned.

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taneously with the same hand or foot. As can well be imagined, the operator would soon tire and any improvement that can be made will directly improve output and the standard of work.

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Badly designed buildings represent a waste of labour and food, a doorway to infection and disease and a thorn in the side of good management. Higgledy-piggledy grouping of buildings is all too common in many of our farm yards. A work study expert, with his techniques, time and motion study and work measurement can do much to resolve the situation.

### DRAW BACK

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