

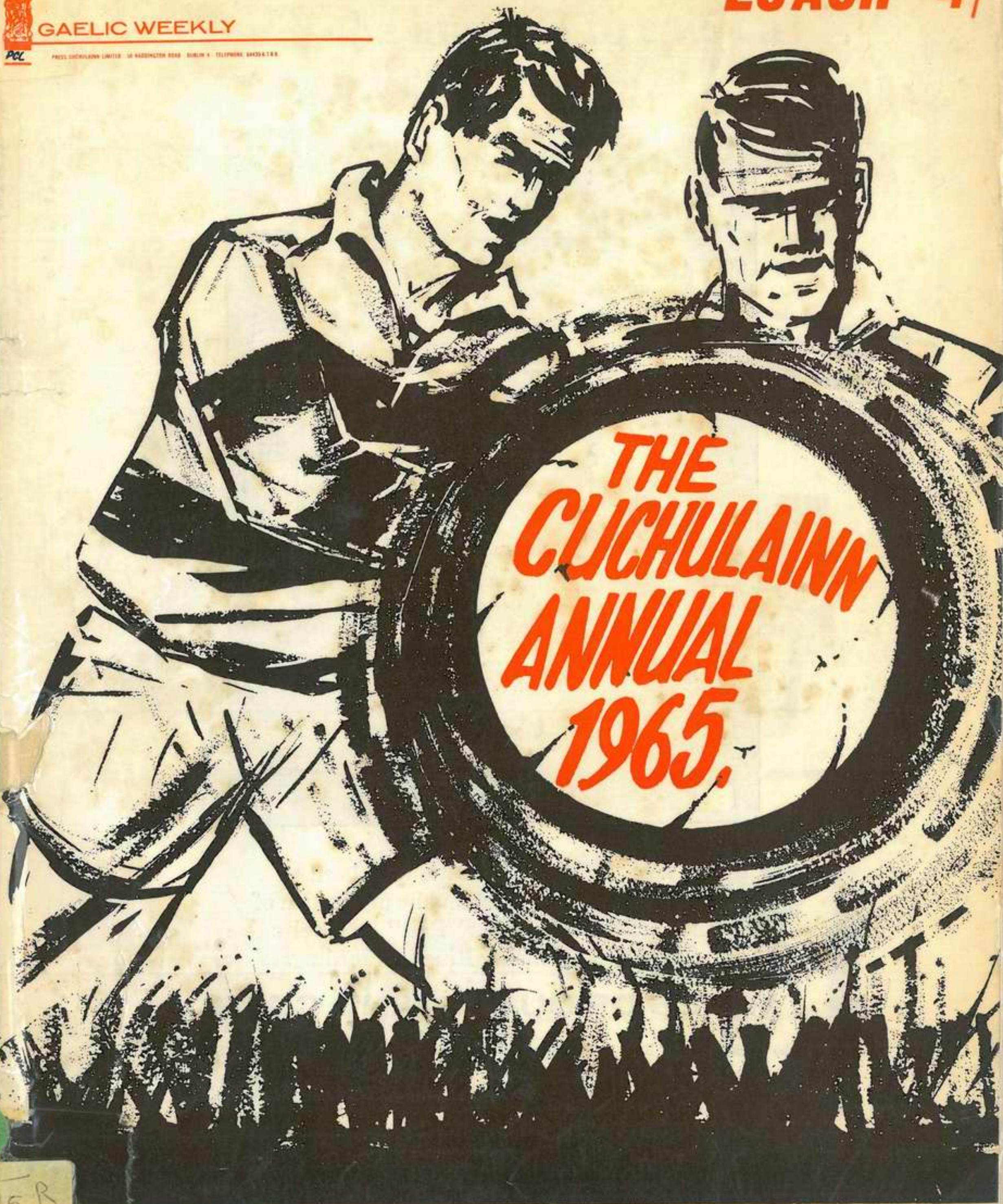


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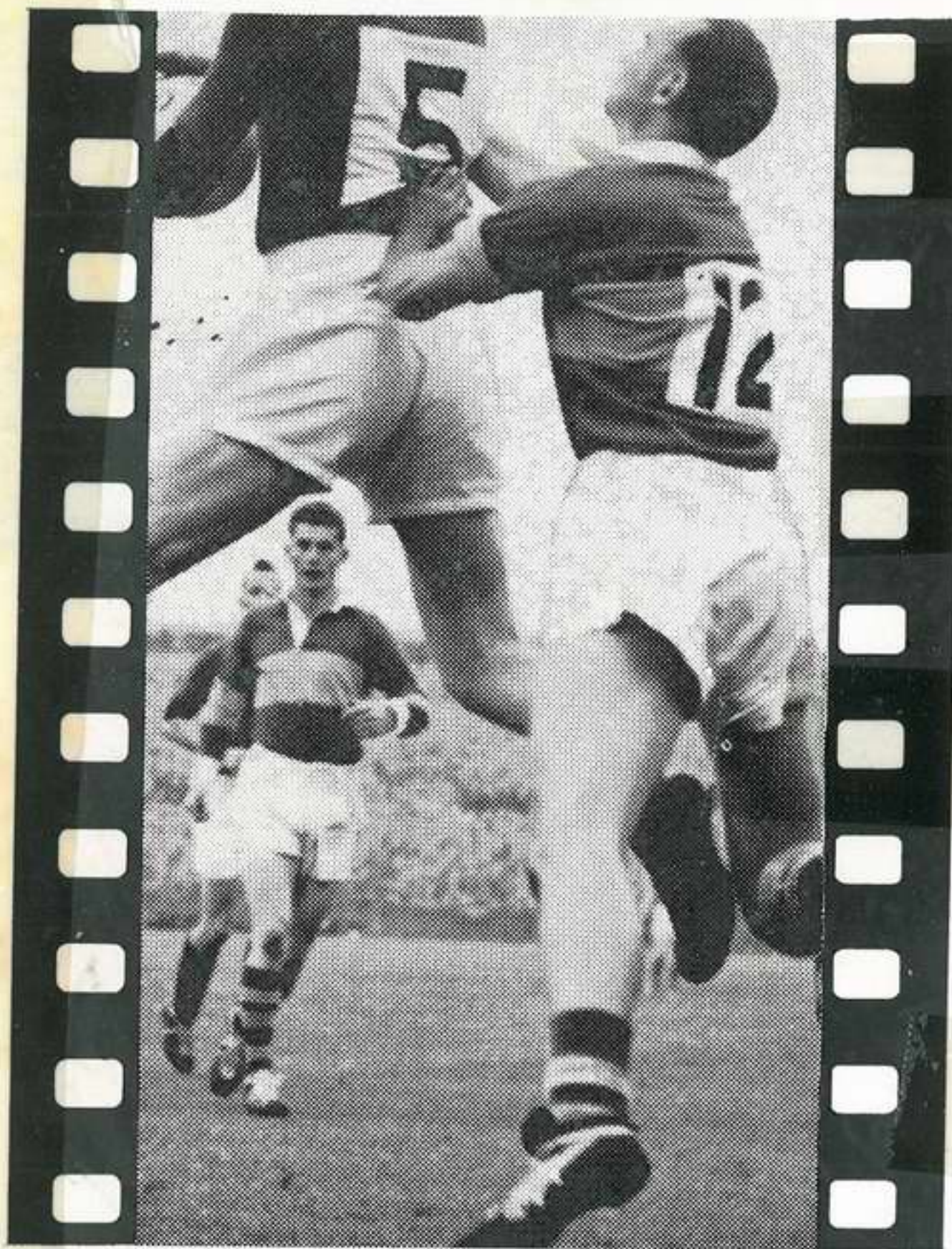
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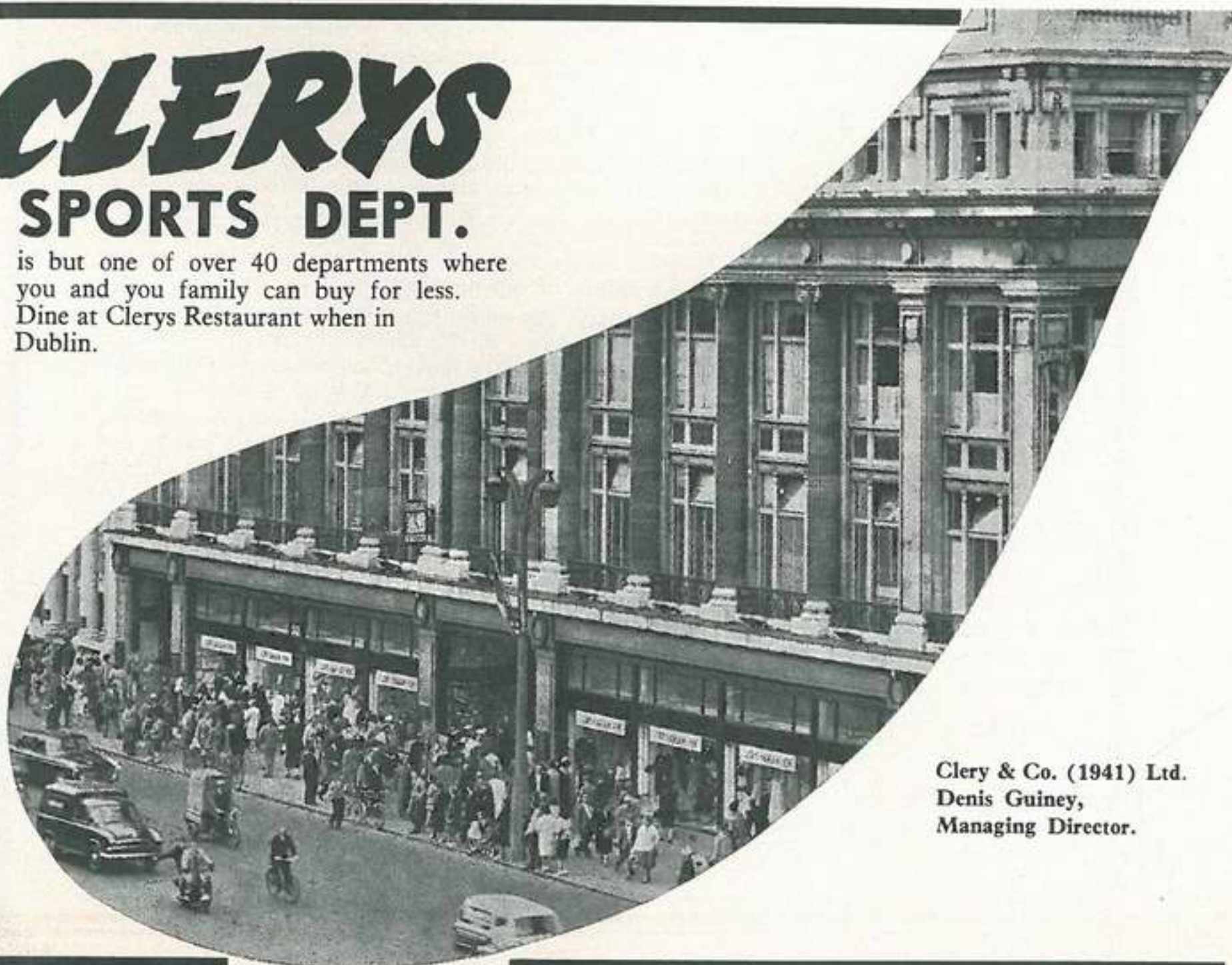
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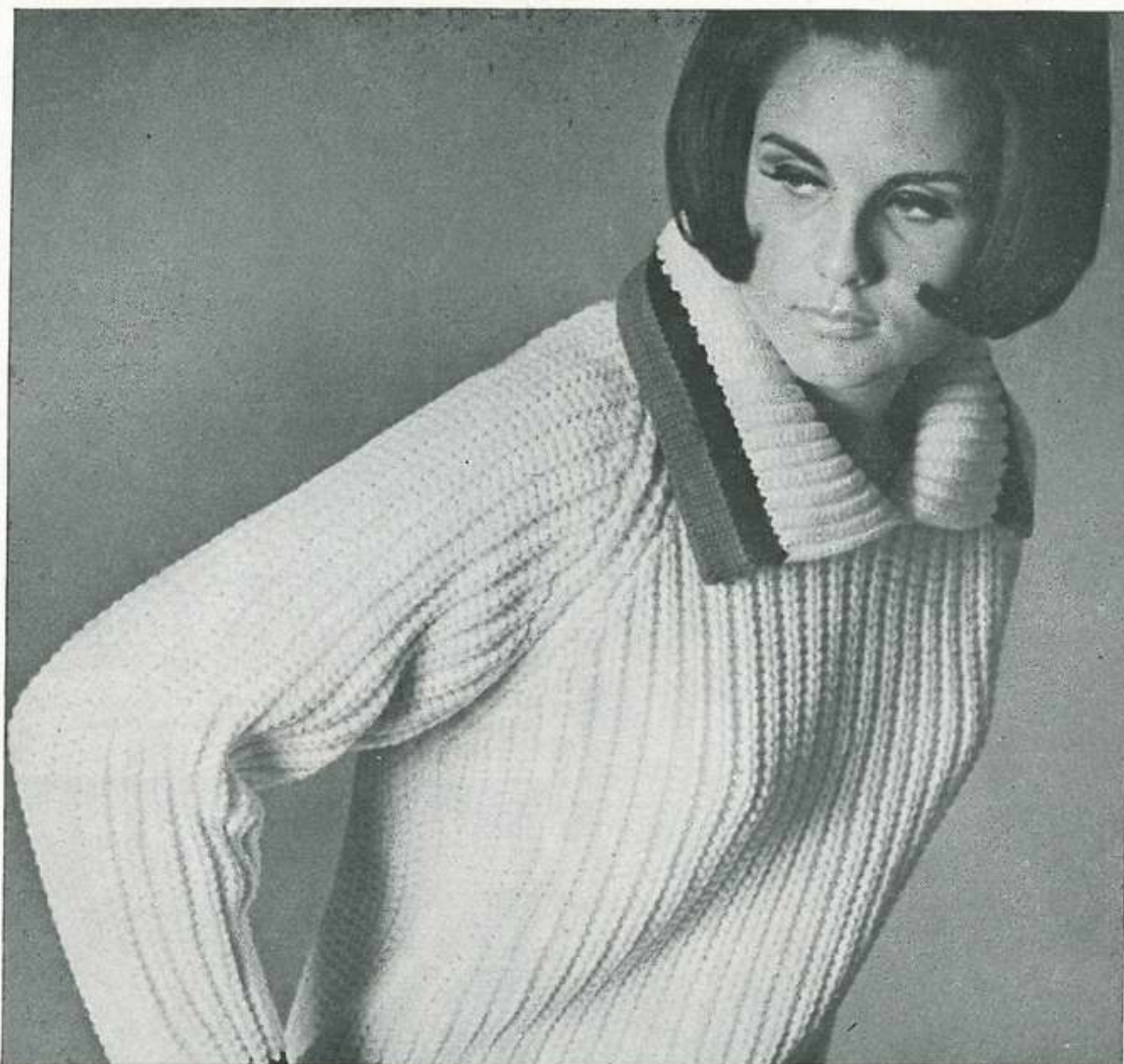
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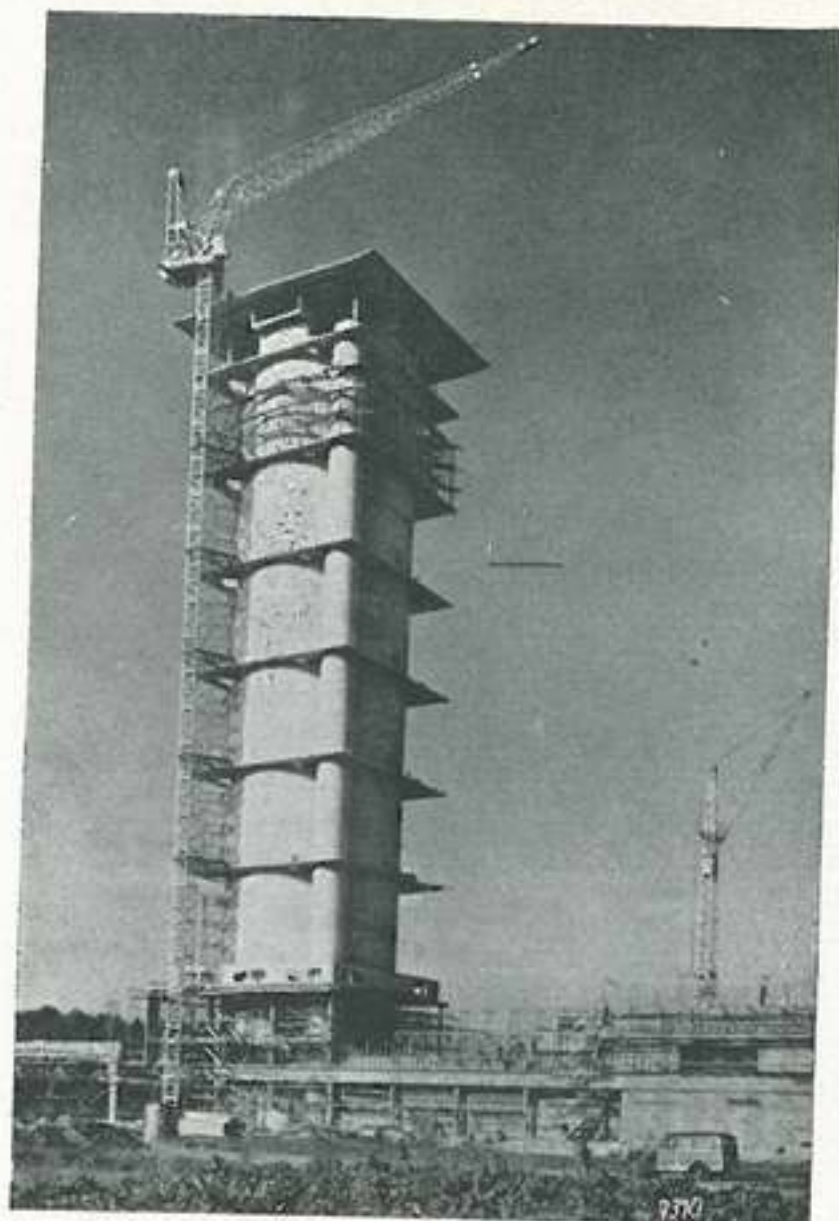
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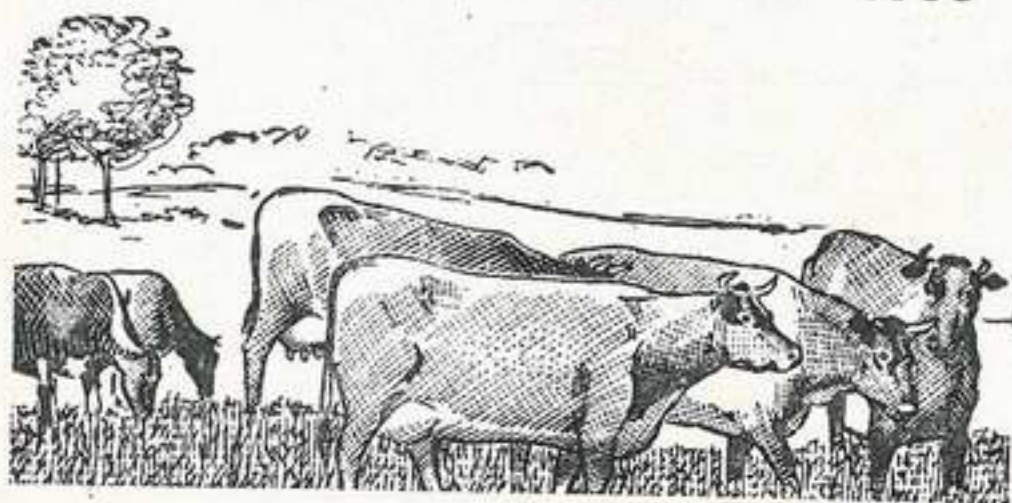
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Bhí an caighdeán imeartha sa pheil an-ard ar fad; bhí clisteacht, scil agus luas le feiceáil. I mbeagán focal, togha cluiche peile a bhí ann—i bhfad Eireann ní b'fhearr, mar shampla, ná an craobh-chluiche sinsir i mbliana.

Tuar dóchais don pheil sa dá chontae caighdeán imeartha an chluiche agus is féidir linn bheith ag súil le rudaí móra uathu sa todhchaí.

O thaobh Chill Dara de, bhí tabhacht ar leith leis an mbua a fuair siad. Ba é an chéad uair dóibh Craobh Uile-Eireann a bhuaigh in aon ghrád ó 1928.

Bhí cáil agus meas ar pheileadóirí Chill Dara an tráth úd, ach is fada ó shin ó bhí an t-ábhar céanna dóchais acu agus atá anois. Is féidir leo bheith ag súil anois lena gcuid peileadóirí a fheiceáil go rialta i bPáirc an Chrócaigh.

Ar a mbealach go dtí an Chraobh Uile-Eireann bhuaigh siad ar an Mhí, Ath Cliath, Ua bhFáilí agus an Dún. Agus, ar ndóigh, sa chraobhchluiche féin bhuaigh siad ar an bhfoireann is fearr a tháinig as Corcaigh le fada an lá.

Tá ceann de na cúl bairí is fearr in Eirinn acu, tá cúlaíthe láidre acu, tá fir láir cumasacha acu agus tá tosaithe gasta, cliste acu. Cluinfear a thuilleadh futhu.

Tá ábhar maith dóchais ag Corcaigh chomh maith. Ma tá Cill Dara beagán níos fearr ná iad, ní hionann san agus a rá nach sár-maith an fhoireann atá ag Corcaigh.

Bhí beirt bhall de fhoireann shinsir na Gaillimhe ina suí in aice liom ag an gcluiche. Dúirt siad liom nach bhfaca siad riamh foireann Chorcaíoch a bhí chomh cliste ag an bpeil. Bhíodar an-shásta leo ar fad agus shíl siad go mbeidh foireann shinsir an-mhaith ag Corcaigh má éiríonn leo an fhoireann faoi-21 sin a choinneáil le chéile.

Sa chraobhchluiche iománaíochta bhí an bua ag Loch Garman ar Thiobrad Arann. A mhalairt de sceal a bhí ann anuraidh nuair a bhuaigh Tiobrad Arann orthu go trom.

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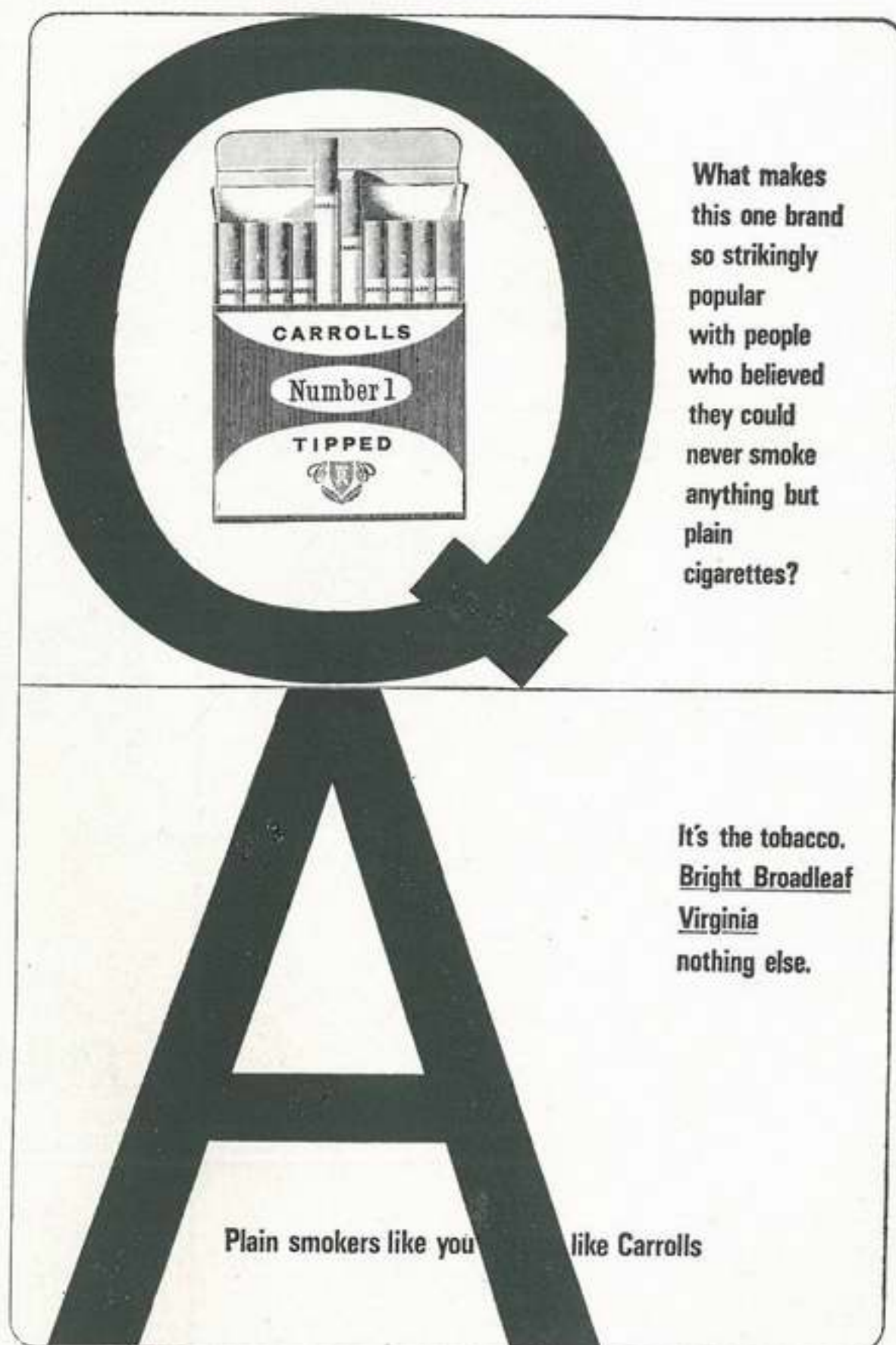
Bhí foireann mhaith shinsir acu i mbliana agus má thagann cuid áirithe de

na himreoirí faoi-21 chun blátha i gceart—agus níl fáth ar bith nach dtiocfadh—beidh sé deacair buachan orthu an bhliain seo chugainn.

San iomlán bíonn an caighdeán na gcluichí sna comórtais faoi-21 an-árd—bíonn siad tapaidh agus glan. Ní bhíonn na himreoirí faoin teannas céanna agus a bhíonn na himreoirí sna cluichí sinsir.

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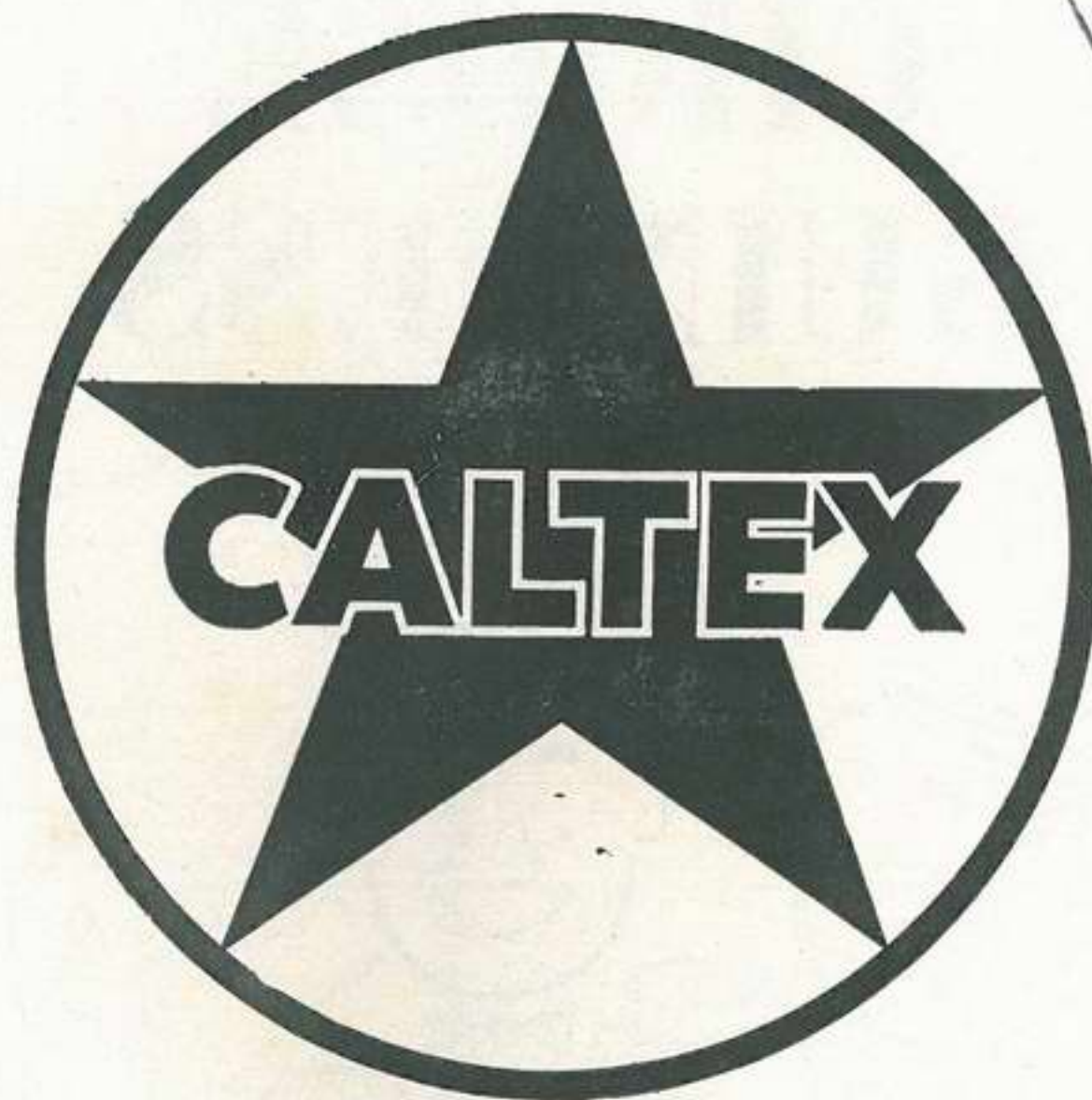
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**T**HE effective support which the "Gaelic Weekly" has given to our native games during the year is continued now in the "Cuchulainn Annual" and I recommend this publication to all our members. The responsible and well informed comment on every aspect of our affairs, which we have come to expect and enjoy weekly, is reflected in the "Annuals" reviews of the years and in its special articles. Its up-to-date records are a feature of permanent value, worthy of preservation.

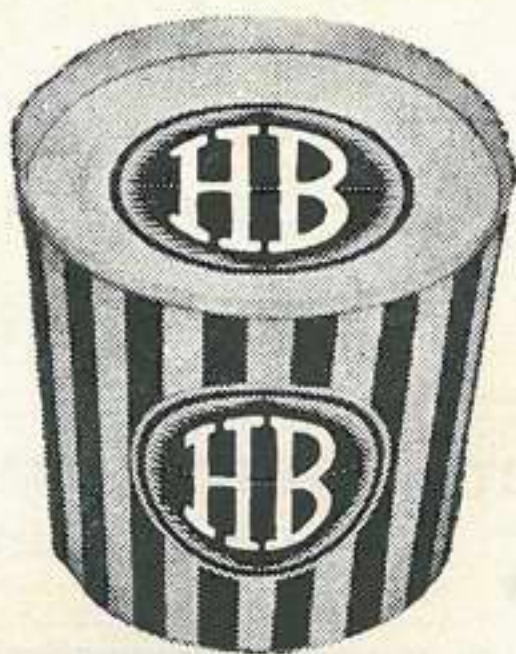
I have noted with satisfaction during the year that "Nuachtan Gael" has faced the wider pattern of national endeavour—of which our games are a part—to comment on and support, where necessary, every phase of the nation's well-being. That laudable trend is in line with our Association's wider responsibility to support every effort which aims at National Good, and its continuation in this "Annual" is particularly pleasing.

Time was when we deplored having no publications at all which gave proper place to our native games. This year the games are served by a weekly paper, a monthly magazine, two annuals and in increasing number of books. For the large and important part which it plays in that happy achievement, Press Cuchulainn deserves the thanks and support of every member of the G.A.A.

Sa bhliain 1966 agus sna blianta ina dhiaidh sin, spreagfaidh athmhuscailt an Spioraid Náisiunta, a leanfas Iubhaile Orga 1916, a lán den aos og chun bheith páirteach i ngné éigin den Athbheochan Náisiunta. Má fheictear dóibh gur fiú na cluichí dúchasacha a gcuid tacaíochta, caithfidh an Cumann s'againne bheith réidh leis an treoir cheart agus an dea-shampla ceart a chur rompu. Sa chás sin beidh gá ar leith le nuachtáin eolacha agus beidh áit níos tabhachtaí arís ag na nuachtáin sin i saol an Chumainn ná mar bhi ariamh roimhe.

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# DISCIPLINE MUST BE ORGANISED

Says  
**JOHN  
O'GRADY**

**C**OMPARISONS may be odious; they are also often unnecessary. Far too often a discussion on rough play and poor conduct on G.A.A. fields gets bogged down in unprofitable slanging matches, in which the levels of sportsmanship in other codes are compared with ours.

How others behave, well or badly, does not concern us. But we cannot throw, as it were, a patriotic green blanket over our failings and blindly assert that all is perfect. We need feel under no automatic obligation to argue away truths not always pleasant.

There is no need either, at this stage to re-assert our Association's place in the life of the country. One has only to visualise its absence to see how much poorer our lives would be: an absorbing interest would be gone.

Though I am no supporter of our Ban rules, and have never pretended to be, I cannot in honesty say that any other games in place of ours would evoke such warm-hearted response or enrich the lives of our people as hurling and Gaelic football do. They would not touch the deep, ancestral chord.

## **Better ?**

So much said, are our games as we would ideally have them? A more important question perhaps would be: are they better than they used to be? Statistics of the numbers dismissed from the field in any given year; of the number of investigations conducted by the various Boards; of injuries deliberately inflicted—all these would be needed to make reliable

judgment. They are not available. So one must depend on personal impressions.

These will be valid only for the limited segment of Gaeldom that any one observer can experience. Talking as a Tipperaryman, then, I am confident that discipline is emphatically better now than it used to be when I was a boy. The wholesale flare-up, with incursions of sidelines, the abandoned game, are of the rarest now, as they ought to be. Our standards are higher, our toleration-point is lower.

## **Near**

Not that the violence is far below the surface. It broke out in a Tipp junior final not too long ago. A club was suspended for a period as a result. And I read very lately of seven men sent off in a Cork intermediate match. A Kilkenny senior game was unfinished this year.

More recently still a Waterford championship at Tramore seems to have been badly out of hand, too, so we still get the odd really bad one. One need not mention the All-Ireland football final, not as bad as the others cited, but far from a perfect image for us on the screens of the outside world, or our own.

Gaelic games, I have always felt, put a more severe strain on our self-control than most others. The games are hard, vigorous ones of sharp bodily contact. Knocks are inescapable when the pulling is hard or the tackling close. The ability to take the buffets in good part is not possessed in equal shares by us all.

Personally I have always reserved

my highest admiration for the men who do not even look back to see who pulled extra hard or a little late, or body-charged when the ball was just departed. I could name a few: Tommy Purcell, of Tipp, God rest him; Jack Lynch, of Cork; John Keane, of Waterford . . . and many, many more.

In addition to the intrinsic hardness of the games, there is the local basis of the competitions—club against club, county against county. The temptation to prejudice, bitterness and wrong tactics in quest of superiority over your neighbours is stronger than a good many players—and supporters—can resist.

I rate this the acid test of a man's sporting fibre, particularly in the case of an inter-county player: how does he behave at club level? Not all of our greatest pass the test.

I have been saddened many a time to see county colleagues mark each other with bitterness, playing down to the worst elements among their club supporters rather than rising contemptuously above parochialism.

## **Seldom**

How seldom we see the public, generous, chivalrous gesture from one to the other, the smile of graceful amends for an accidental knock that would do the world of good in shaming those on the lines who are ever-ready with the jeer rather than the cheer. How often, in fact, are men smaller than their own names.

Real discipline has to start from spontaneous rather than enforced action. A club committee must not  
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\* By BRIAN GERAGHTY \*

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INSIDE the space of three years, March The Sixteenth has established itself as one of the most important dates, if not THE date, in the G.A.A. calendar of events.

Of course the eve of our National holiday has always been regarded as a special night by us Irish. Might I add that the fact that it is also my own birthday is no accident.

The growth of the Gaelic Athletic Association has been guided by great minds and on this occasion, those great thinkers, keeping an eye to the kitty, saved the expense of toasting two great men by arranging dates to suit a double celebration!

However, with all due respect to St. Patrick and myself, neither of us is directly responsible for the significance

now attached nowadays to March. The Sixteenth. The plaudits in this case go to the men behind the "Gaelic Weekly," for it is on this night that they sponsor a magnificent banquet at which the stars of the Gaelic World of Sport are honoured.

It is All-Star Night, or even more, Cuchulainn Night, for among those honoured is one, whom the judges con-

Alf O Múirí and Padraic Mac Con Midhe admire the magnificent Cuchulainn Trophy at the Presentation Banquet.





sider worthy of a very special award for service given to our national games.

They consider him to be to our national movement in sport what the legendary Cuchulainn was to the once insecure and downtrodden Ulstermen.

For many years the progressively-minded members of the Association, who are proud of everything for which the letters G.A.A. stand, have cried out for an occasion like this, not only to congratulate each other on being a cog in a great wheel, but also to let everyone else see how proud we are of each others' efforts.

The G.A.A. has arrived, despite a haphazard passage. It signifies both a national spirit and sport, and these two can stand together or separated.

## Quality

As a sport, any of our games is of the highest quality. We do not have to know why we play them in order to enjoy them; but we do know.

We are aware of the part played by our games, and the people who played them, in freeing our country from a foreign power. And this makes us doubly proud to be active members of a body who contributed to the culmination of seven hundred years of effort 'midst fire and sword.

Those days of fire and sword have passed away, or at least they should have passed away. Still, however, our little island is divided, but the ideal of every true Irishman is a "Nation once again."

This ideal we now seek through friendly channels, and our games, in bringing the people of the North and South together in friendly rivalry, act as a unifying force.

## Proud

Of all of this we are very proud, and the "Gaelic Weekly" has given us an opportunity to express and show our pride. We have still a long way to go, but we are proud of the distance we have come, even though most of us can find some fault with the organisation of the Association.

For instance, is it not a shame that the G.A.A. "brass hats" have never given us an opportunity of showing our pride in the games of Ireland outside the sports arena. Admittedly we do not NEED an illuminated social evening to climb the ladder of importance, but we WANT it to express our gratitude to those who have brought the Gaelic Athletic Association to the top and to show the remnants of Imperialism that we are proud of what we advertise, and the stars who advertise it for us. It should not be left to the "Gaelic Weekly" to supply us with that opportunity.

Is it not also a shame that there is a "ban" on foreign games by our Association. These games are all good forms of sport, but our games are much more than a sport to us. We love them and we would feel prouder keeping them alive without the shadow of a ban. This ban means nothing to us, except that it is all that is left for the others to criticize!

Though we may find fault in different ways, the G.A.A. still progresses be-

cause we express our faults with a view to bettering the Association.

We, the fault finders, more than likely even felt fault with the selections of those who picked the All-Stars, although few of us could quibble with their choice of Padraic Mac Con Midhe for the exalted Cuchulainn Award.

However, we were thrilled to be there to applaud every single star, because we saw them as national personalities who have brought honour and respect to our Association by their conduct on and off the field of play.

We applauded the speeches, we applauded everything, because this was our night, and it had lived up to expectations.

The next Cuchulainn Night could only exceed the past ones by a trimming down of the speeches which can, on these occasions, naturally lag towards the end of a great night.

I am certain that next year we will again be expressing gratitude to the Gaelic Weekly for providing us with a function that will, in the words of Sergeant Fottiril, "festive, grandiloquent and supernumerary."



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adopt the "my country, right or wrong" attitude. It must be ready to disapprove of rough tactics and, in extreme cases, dispense with the offender. It must not rush to defend him at the Boards, or write exculpatory letters to the local Press attacking honest, candid reports. Above all, it must not advise unsporting "stop 'em at all cost" approach.

### Shirked

At county level the responsibility, and the opportunity, is even greater. It is often shirked. One of my early memories is of seeing two county hurlers put off formally, reprieved on intervention from a high official, and later that year play vital roles in winning an All-Ireland.

The interests of the county team ought never take precedence; star and clubman must have equal treatment. Is it always so? In 1964 there was a well-authenticated case of a minor player being put off and later returned to the field by his mentors. And the county representatives to Central Council boldly brazened out the matter and condemned a Press report!

### Disgraceful

Another well-known and unwholesome practice is the deliberate measurement of suspension periods to allow the culprit to become eligible again on the day of an important game. In Dublin last year there was a laughable suspension that took effect only during the close season, and this the sequel to scenes deemed disgraceful by sound judges.

The cost of unchecked roughness to our Association cannot be accurately assessed. Yet there must be many a parent, perhaps himself a veteran, who is less than enthusiastic about seeing his sons follow in his footsteps for fear of a serious injury. We often put down to softer living the indifference noticeable among large sections of the youth. It could also be justifiable unwillingness to expose themselves to risk.

### Failed

We have failed, I think, to give referees the support they need. If not, why do we lose them so regularly? The best of them sooner or

later fall foul of clubs or counties over crucial decisions. "We won't have him again" has rung round many a disappointed dressing-room.

Restraint in criticism of referees is a virtue we will have to cultivate. The example of a Leinster county adamantly refusing to field under a referee who had controlled a semi-final for them was pathetic, more especially as one of their most extreme spokesmen was a man who had given up refereeing because of unfair treatment himself.

### Need

Do we need a separation of the legislature and the judiciary? Are the ordinary Boards the ideal instruments of discipline? I think not.

We need a small, independent panel to judge cases and assign penalties in each area. In the open Board too often the clubs who are not

directly involved take the easy way out.

"There but for the grace of God . . ." might be their maxim. So no one is found to propose stiff enough punishment. The temptation to say that, after all, the incidents were not all that bad, is overwhelming.

### Press

Routine charges of sensationalism against the Press are no help at all. In my experience the papers play down incidents rather than build them up and tend to name fewer names than they ought.

In conclusion one must repeat that the proportion of misconduct is small when matched with the vast number of games played. But, like the top of the iceberg, that is the bit that attracts attention. A deal of moral courage will be needed to keep the undoubted improvement moving.

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# On football fields...

By Mick Dunne (of the "Irish Press")

INTO the vast ocean of the past slowly slide the sands of yet another year. Football followers are left with only the remembrances of the bygone season and their expectations for the coming one. And, as they relate one to the other, the thought uppermost in the minds of many of them is: can Galway retain their titles?

It is evidence, surely, of how quickly time passes, proof of how transient even the greatest glory can be, that our thoughts should already be taking such a course. For, in a sense, it seems only like yesterday that Galway won the All-Ireland championship. And almost before they can really savour the possession of it, here we are wondering if they can hold onto it.

Yet, this trend of our thoughts is but further striking emphasis of the tremendous impact Galway made on football in 1965. As they say, it is better to be talked about than to be ignored . . . and if Galway were not at the top there could be no thoughts about their falling down.

Indeed, it is an acknowledgement of their high status that now, as at the end of 1964, we are asking the same question: can Galway retain their title?

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

This time, though, there is more point to the query. It originates from Galway's defeat by Down's splendidly resurgent side in the Grounds' Tournament final. However, one fact remains. Although Galway's pride was bruised by that defeat this champion side of the west was unmistakably the team of the year.

And what an arduous and tense year it was. Their capture of the 1964 All-Ireland championship, for the first time in eight years, merely whetted their appetite for further success. Not only did they want to retain the Sam Maguire Cup—and become the first Galway team to win successive championships—they were resolved to earn themselves a trip to America and determined to add the

National League title to their championship crown.

Too often in the strains and stresses of latterday football have the hopes of many a team been shattered. But not with Galway . . . and the achievement of all their high ambitions stamped them as a team of indisputable greatness.

As the year 1965 eased its way out of the long darkness of winter and into another football season Galway's primary target was the National League, which involved the coveted trip to America.

Standing in their way here at home were three obstacles that no reasonable fan—no matter how hopeful—could dismiss lightly.

## SEEKING REVENGE

In their own division there was Dublin, the home League champions; in the semi-final there was Meath—Leinster champions and the side that ran Galway so closely in the previous year's All-Ireland semi-final — and in the home League final they were confronted by Kerry, the Munster champions thirsting for revenge for 1964's All-Ireland final defeat.

One by one these hurdles were surmounted. At home in Tuam in March, and before a record crowd for a League game outside Croke Park (25,000), Galway overwhelmed Dublin. All the power in their football store-house was released in the first twenty minutes, and by half-time they were well on the way to a 2-11 to 1-7 victory.

On to the semi-final and a clash with Meath. As was the case the previous August, the Leinster champions proved difficult opponents. But when Galway introduced Mick Garrett to midfield after the interval and switched burly Mattie McDonagh to full-forward the champions moved with a smoothness that eventually brought them to a three-point win (0-8 to 1-2). And once again Meath had cause to regret the weak finish of their forwards.

More than once in 1965 Galway showed that the ability to fight back is one of their outstanding characteristics. And in the home final against Kerry they had

to call on all their rallying spirit before they so dramatically clinched a late victory that assured them of the air tickets to New York.

As Kerry, eager and zealous, played with all their traditional fire and determination Galway teetered on the brink of defeat. For long, long periods—it must have seemed like centuries to alarmed Galway supporters — Kerry dominated this final. They mastered Galway in many sectors but, to their own cost, their reward in scores never matched their territorial advantage.

Then again Galway had that knack of doing just the right thing when it was most needed. When Pat Donnellan went into midfield to partner Mick Reynolds few could have been confident that a Galway victory was in sight. For at half-time Kerry led 0-5 to 0-2.

But Galway were level eight minutes into the second half, and two minutes from the end Seamus Leydon brought their supporters wildly to their feet with a devastating run through the Kerry defence, after taking Mattie McDonagh's deadly accurate pass, and rocketed the ball into the Kerry net for the winning goal and a 1-7 to 0-8 victory.

New York, where Galway landed on a late June night, brought its own terrors. There was the intense heat of a city in the middle of a drought; and there was the strong opposition provided by the National League champions themselves, New York, who the previous October had taken the title for the first time.

## DRAMATIC VICTORY

This time, too, there was a dramatic late victory—but this time it was for New York, who, in a most exciting hard-fought hour, did everything right except score. Then, when it seemed that the dominant, determined New York team had thrown away victory, they surged forward in a late burst that brought them through.

Eleven minutes from time Jimmy Foley, who had an outstanding hour but, like the rest of the side, wasted several

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**Patrick Purcell**

Padraig Puirseal of the "Irish Press"

**writes on . . .**

*"It was on Easter Monday the boys got the call  
To assemble for Ireland at Liberty Hall,  
And in less than an hour they were out on  
parade,  
The faithful and few of the Dublin Brigade."*

## **THE G.A.A. AND THE RISING**

**L**OOKING back across the half-century of years that separates us now from that historic Easter of 1916, the most remarkable fact to emerge from any sober assessment of the actual events is this; that so much could have been achieved by so few. Because, taking into account every man who answered the call to arms on that Easter Week long ago, in Louth, in Maynooth, in Enniscorthy, in Oranmore, in Belfast and Tyrone, as well as the men who fought so bravely in Dublin City and in Fingal, the hard fact remains that the total of those who 'came out' can scarcely have exceeded two thousand.

### **Battle Of Ashbourne**

And the brunt of the fighting was done by, at most, twelve hundred of those two thousand Volunteers, the men in Dublin City and the men in the North County. Indeed, it is too often forgotten that it was the men of Fingal, under Tomas Ashe and Dick Mulcahy, who, at the Battle of Ashbourne, achieved the only real military success of the Rising and there set an indelible headline for the tactics to be followed by the flying columns of later days.

In Galway, Wexford, Louth, Tyrone and Cork the men who mustered so bravely for the fight had eventually to disband without a chance to prove their mettle, but the Kildaremen from Maynooth, under Domhnall O'Buachalla, marched down to Dublin and into the history of Easter Week, not knowing then that their contribution might have been far more effective had they turned north to join Ashe's 'commando' on the borders of Meath.

Outside the areas mentioned, such men in the rest of the country as were willing and ready to 'rise out' were paralysed, both by Eoin McNeill's countermanding order and by lack of equipment. Guns are essential to any revolution, and the rifles that should have been in the hands of the Volunteers that Easter Monday morning were, instead, many fathoms deep at the bottom of Cork Harbour in the holds of the ill-fated German steamer, the Aud.

But we are here concerned, not with the might-have-beens of 1916 but with what actually happened, and

one of the most important factors in the events that led to the Easter Rising was the very close connection that existed between the Gaelic Athletic Association and the Irish Volunteers from the very foundation of the latter organisation.

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The Gaelic Athletic Association, in 1913 as it is today, was, by its own constitution, an intensely nationalistic, but a strictly non-political organisation. Yet it then contained not alone within its ranks, but in key positions members of the Irish Republican Brotherhood.

Most prominent of these in those days, (if tradition is correct) were Dan McCarthy, then Chairman of Leinster Council; Mick Crowe, one of the trustees of the Association and the most famed referee of his time; Harry Boland, Chairman of Dublin County Board, and a member of the Dublin senior hurling team; J. J. Walsh, Chairman of Cork County Board; P. S. O'Hegarty, the London delegate to Central Council who played at midfield with Michael Collins for London-Irish; and Sam Maguire another driving force behind the G.A.A. in London.

### **Austin Stack In I.R.B.**

Austin Stack, the former Kerry All-Ireland captain and Kerry delegate to the Central Council, was also, according to my information, an I.R.B. man in those days.

Such men, while always insistent that the G.A.A. keep well clear of party politics as such, also strove, and strove successfully, to ensure that the Association remained true to its original nationalist and separatist ideals.

So, it is no wonder then that, when the great meeting was held to found the Irish Volunteers, in the Dublin Rotunda on November 23, 1913, some of the city G.A.A. clubs marched to the venue in formation, while men from other Dublin G.A.A. clubs acted as stewards at that overflow gathering where one of the many speakers was 'L. G. O'Toole of the G.A.A.' (It is not clear, however, from the contemporary newspaper reports, whether this was Luke O'Toole, then General

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- 1.—A Munster first in Connacht?
- 2.—A Munster first in Leinster?
- 3.—This county changed colours?
- 4.—Westmeath and Louth met in senior and minor football at An Uaimh on May 9. Owing to a similarity of colours both counties changed jerseys. In what colours did they line out?
- 5.—Anything unusual about Longford's score of one goal and five points (1-5) when they met Offaly in the first round of the Leinster senior football championship?
- 6.—Name an unusual feature of Longford's victories over Offaly, Laois

- 7.—These were the only counties to play a drawn game in the senior hurling championship.
- 8.—Tramore and Piltown (Co. Kilkenny) celebrated firsts. They were?
- 9.—The Bennis family in Co. Limerick was in the news. For what?
- 10.—All four All-Ireland senior finalists had brothers on their selections. Name them.
- 11.—This group of players went to America for the Cardinal Cushing Games.
- 12.—What county won the Bob O'Keeffe Cup?

- 14.—Champions of Antrim in every sense of the word!
- 15.—What counties played the only draw in senior championship football?
- 16.—This county won a provincial championship at the first attempt.
- 17.—The Kildare senior football championship semi-finals had this in common.
- 18.—Cork set this new record but would rather not. It is?
- 19.—How many matches did New York hurlers play against Irish county teams?
- 20.—The final of what important senior inter-county competition was not played?

- 1.—On June 6 the first Munster senior hurling match ever played in Con-naught took place at Pearse Stadium, Galway. And Clare beat Galway by 4-8 to 3-10.
- 2.—The first match in the Munster Colleges' senior hurling championship, for the Dr. Harty Cup, to be played in Leinster took place at New Ross on October 23. In op-position were two Waterford teams, Mount Sion and De La Salle, and Mount Sion won by a point.
- 3.—Sligo changed jerseys from white with a black hoop to white with blue collars and cuffs.
- 4.—Westmeath wore green, instead of their usual maroon, in both games and Louth changed from red to blue.
- 5.—It was the lowest winning score against Offaly in senior championship football since the county entered that grade.
- 6.—They beat Offaly on the first Sunday in May, Laois on the first Sunday in June and Meath on the first Sunday in July!
- 7.—Cork and Waterford. Cork won the replay.
- 8.—During the year the first National League games ever staged at these



**H**OW closely did you follow Gaelic games during 1965? Here are clues to people who made news in the past year. Can you identify them?

- 1.—He resigned as trainer of Dublin footballers.
- 2.—He replaced 1 above.
- 3.—This Antrim man brought off an unusual training treble.
- 4.—A much-travelled footballer, he lined out for his fourth county.
- 5.—Upset calculations by being elected a new Trustee of the Gaelic Athletic Association.
- 6.—Pupil and teacher, they were goalkeepers for opposing teams in an inter-county game.
- 7.—This Carlow hurler opted for Waterford.
- 8.—A star of the County Down, he transferred to a Meath club.
- 9.—Fermanagh lost this pair of forwards.
- 10.—His uncle was a famous goalkeeper, he himself filled the same position for his county.
- 11.—Helped beat his native county in an important match.
- 12.—He won All-Ireland medals with his county but coached their opponents in a provincial final.
- 13.—Had even retired from club hurling but came back to score the winning point in an important final.
- 14.—For personal reasons he refused an American trip.
- 15.—His missed penalty in a provincial final may have been the turning point of the game.
- 16.—He celebrated his silver jubilee in the county championship sense.
- 17.—A Connachtman, he returned to his native county's colours after a short absence.
- 18.—Made his inter-county senior championship debut in an All-Ireland final.
- 19.—A shock choice as goalkeeper in a senior inter-county final in Croke Park!
- 20.—A regular for his county in three grades.
- 21.—This member of the G.A.A. Central Council won an All-Ireland medal.
- 22.—One of Kilkenny's most famous hurlers, he went all the way to Ulster to coach a county team.
- 23.—On the Kerry senior team since 1955, he won his first county championship medal.
- 24.—He was the cause of an "international" protest.
- 25.—This Achill Islander played minor and senior football for Mayo.

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# PERSONALITY POSERS

- 1.—Brendan Quinn.
- 2.—Mick Bohan.
- 3.—Paddy O'Hara, former Antrim footballer, who trained Down to win the Grounds Tournament. He had previously trained Fermanagh to win the All-Ireland junior championship, in 1959, and Queen's University, Belfast, to Sigerson Cup success.
- 4.—John Nallen, after spells with his native Mayo, Galway and Meath, played for Cavan in the Ulster junior championship and later in the National League.
- 5.—Dr. Jim Brosnan, chairman of the Kerry Co. Board, who unseated Galway's John Dunne.
- 6.—Brendan Canning, a pupil of Rosary High School, Carrick-on-Shannon, was goalkeeper on the Leitrim team that played Roscommon in the Connacht junior football championship semi-final. Guarding the opposition net was one of his teachers, Michael Lynch.
- 7.—Peter McGovern, who is a Garda in Waterford city.
- 8.—Joe Lennon. He is now playing club football for St. Patrick's, Stamen.
- 9.—Hugh Murray threw in his lot with Antrim and Felix Quigley with Down.
- 10.—Sean Turbett, the Tyrone minor football goalie, is nephew of Thady, star netminder for Tyrone and Ulster.
- 11.—Galway-born George Glynn, who was at midfield for Down in the Grounds Tournament final.
- 12.—Gary McMahon, former Kerry footballer who coached Limerick in this year's Munster final.
- 13.—Wexford's Martin Codd, scorer of the winning point in the Leinster senior final against Kilkenny.
- 14.—John (Mackey) McKenna of Tipperary, who was on his honeymoon when his county team visited the United States in September.
- 15.—Longford's Sean Murray, who shot wide from the "spot" after two minutes of the Leinster final against Dublin.
- 16.—Mick Flannelly of Mount Sion. He won his 15th Waterford senior hurling championship medal and his 25th county medal in all.
- 17.—Cathal Flynn of Leitrim.
- 18.—Pat Quigley of Wexford.
- 19.—Martin Tarpey, normally a defender, who was a dressing-room choice for the absent Johnny Geraghty on the Galway team that lost to Down in the Grounds Tournament.
- 20.—Oliver Cruinnigan, Kildare's first-choice goalkeeper in minor, under-21 and senior football.
- 21.—Gerry O'Malley, who won his first All-Ireland medal with Roscommon junior hurlers.
- 22.—Jim Langton, who coached the Armagh junior hurlers in the All-Ireland home semi-final and final.
- 23.—Johnny Culloty. When East Kerry won the county senior football championship he gained his first medal in this grade.
- 24.—Dublin hurler Paddy Croke. Galway alleged that he played in New York without a transfer and asked that Dublin forfeit the points, which they won when these counties met in the National League.
- 25.—Pat Kilbane.





Secretary of the Association, or Lorcan O'Toole, in later years Secretary of Dublin County Board).

Although, because of its non-political rule, the G.A.A. did not give open official support to the Volunteers, members of the Association, both in Dublin and throughout the country, joined the new movement in great numbers as soon as recruiting began. Indeed, so many G.A.A. men became such enthusiastic Volunteers that, in some counties, they had not sufficient spare time left to play hurling or football.

But, if the G.A.A. as a body did not at this stage give its official blessing to the Volunteers, nobody was left in any doubt as to where the Association actually stood. The 'Gaelic Athlete', a weekly paper completely devoted to G.A.A. affairs, had first appeared in the previous year, 1912. Though not an official organ, the 'Gaelic Athlete' was run by a group of men very closely connected with Central Council, a group that included both Luke O'Toole and Dan McCarthy.

## Paper's Announcement

In its next issue after the Rotunda meeting the 'Gaelic Athlete' stated that the place for the Gaelic Athletic Association was in the van of the Volunteers. The paper also carried an announcement that, "Dublin Gaels willing to join the Volunteers may do so at this office."

As the Volunteer Movement spread rapidly throughout the country the 'Gaelic Athlete' continually exhorted G.A.A. members to 'join up' and, in January 1914, published a particularly strong editorial advising all Gaels "to volunteer and toe the line for National Unity," quoting the President of the Association, Ald. Jim Nowlan of Kilkenny, as saying, while the G.A.A. could not take part as an Association, he recommended that every member should, as an individual, "join the Volunteers and learn to shoot straight."

The Volunteers had, by the middle of 1914, become so powerful a force in Ireland that the Parliamentary leader, John Redmond, fearful lest his party should not be able to control these citizen soldiers, insisted that the Parliamentary Party should be allowed to nominate a majority of the members of the Controlling Committee.

Sean O'Duffy . . . the camogie organiser, fought in North King Street.



This was agreed to, reluctantly, in the interests of unity, but when, in September 1914, a month after the outbreak of the World War, Redmond suggested that the Volunteers should be ready to go to the aid of the British in any theatre of War, an immediate split in the Volunteer movement ensued.

There were henceforth two completely distinct organisations; the National Volunteers, the vast majority who remained faithful to the Parliamentary Party and to John Redmond, and the Irish Volunteers, led by Eoin McNeill, which stood by the old separatist principle that England's difficulty was Ireland's opportunity.

## Took No Side In 'Split'

As an organisation, the G.A.A. took no sides in the Volunteer 'split', indeed the Association probably supplied the majority of the rank and file of both sections; but a number of its more progressive members were all to be found in McNeill's force, which was always supported and, indeed, ultimately controlled by the I.R.B.

As 1914 drew to a close a certain section of the G.A.A. was becoming ever more closely identified with the activities of the Irish Volunteers and J.J. Walsh, Cork County Board Chairman, was ordered to leave the City by the British for his 'subversive' activities. Cork County Board protested, with the support of Central Council, and even when the popular 'J. J.' was deported to England, the Cork Gaels, at their annual Convention, re-elected him to office.

In December 1914, the 'Hibernian Journal' a strongly pro-Redmond publication and official organ of the then politically powerful Ancient Order of Hibernians, alleged that the Central Council of the G.A.A. was "being utilised by a small section of men in opposition to the National Movement" and further stated that these men (presumably the I.R.B. members of the Council) were 'seeking every opportunity to ally the Association with the so-called Physical Force Party in Ireland.'

## Monster Parade

Such an attack at that stage seems rather peculiar, as, up to Easter 1915, the National Volunteers were still a numerically powerful force and in fact, on that Easter Sunday, there was a monster parade of the organisation in the Phoenix Park in which it was estimated that from 25,000 to 30,000 men took part.

Yet, in that same April, their official organ, The 'National Volunteer,' attacked the G.A.A. because the Association had not declared in their favour.

The real turning point in the trend of events came, however, in August 1915 with the funeral of the old Fenian, Jeremiah O'Donovan Rossa. The public obsequies were utilized by the I.R.B. as a decisive rallying-point for the Separatist Movement and from that day forward the Irish Volunteers, inspired by Pearse's speech at the graveside, were dedicated to insurrection, while the National Volunteers, with no set policy, tended to dwindle in numbers and prestige with every passing day.





Tipperary footballers photographed before the game in Croke Park on Bloody Sunday. Front Row: J. Doran, T. Powell, E. O'Shea (captain), J. Brett, Gus McCarthy. Middle Row: Jim Ryan, A. Carew (County Secretary), W. Barrett, J. Kickham, M. Hogan, J. McNamara, R. Lanigan, J. Shelly, F. Butler, W. Ryan, T. Ryan, M. Nolan, T. O'Connor, J. Egan, T. Ryan (Secretary, Sth. Tipp Board). Back Row: (Supporters). Ed. Cuddihy, John Touhy, Ed. Dalton, T. Ennis, P. Kelly, Sean Ryan (former President G.A.A.), T. Carey.

## THE G.A.A. AND THE RISING (Contd.)

No other National Organisation was as widely represented at Rossa's funeral as was the G.A.A. Several important matches were called off in order to allow players and officials to come to Dublin. The Central Council, Provincial Councils, several County Boards and many clubs all sent strong delegations to march in the procession (this, by the way, was the first public appearance of the Dublin Camogie Board,) while hundreds of other G.A.A. men paraded in the ranks of the Volunteers.

By the end of 1915, the stage was being set for the Easter Rising, although the actual date remained one of the best-kept secrets in Irish history. Officially, of course, the G.A.A. was not directly concerned but, on February 12, 1916, the 'Gaelic Athlete,' in a leading article, called on its readers to join the Irish Volunteers "the one force standing for Ireland and Ireland only."

Through the previous twelve months, under Central Council auspices, an All-Ireland Wolfe Tone Memorial Tournament had been in progress throughout the country, and the Wolfe Tone Memorial Committee was, at this stage, closely identified with the Separatist Movement.

On March 19, 1916, the Leinster hurling final of this tournament was played at Tullamore between Laois, then All-Ireland champions, and Dublin.

The Irish Volunteers, who had staged their biggest parade in Dublin two days before, on St. Patrick's Day, were active in Tullamore, but so were the hangers-on of the British Army.

Towards the end of the game, which Laois won, an attempt was made to seize a tri-colour on the ground, but this move was prevented by the Volunteers. On the following day, after some British soldiers had been seen off at the Railway Station by their relatives, an attack was made by a stone-throwing mob on the Volunteers Hall. The Royal Irish Constabulary then intervened and sought to search the hall for weapons! They were fired upon, and several of the Tullamore Volunteers were subsequently arrested.

A few days later the 'Gaelic Athlete' offices were raided by the R.I.C. and the paper was only able to appear as a single sheet from then until April 15, when it ceased publication.

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JACK MAHON says...

## What a year for Galway!

**G**ALWAY footballers made 1965 a record year for their county in more ways than one. The seniors won their second All-Ireland in a row, bringing the total of titles in this grade to six, third in line behind Kerry and Dublin. They also won the National League, and in the process of winning League and Championship laid the old bogey which had afflicted football teams after a trip to the U.S.A.

Until Galway won the 1965 final, it was practically accepted that a team could not win the All-Ireland after the rigours of an American Tour.

Galway followers were overjoyed by these triumphs, especially as it was the first time a Galway team had won two All-Irelands in a row, a feat accomplished by Connacht neighbours Roscommon, in 1943 and 1944, and by Mayo, in 1950 and 1951.

### Treble ?

To add to the county's cup of joy the juniors won an All-Ireland title, too. And early in September it looked on the cards that three All-Ireland titles might come to the Tribesmen as the under-21 footballers looked quite capable of winning out in that grade.

A good Cork team, with home advantage on its side, put paid to these hopes of a record-making treble—but all Galway followers were more than satisfied to settle for the senior and junior All-Ireland titles and the National League.

At the end of each year, there is always speculation as to what the New Year will bring. And this is especially true of the champion county. A year ago, the topic was Galway's prospect of winning two All-Irelands in a row, and whether

Mattie McDonagh would be the first man in Connacht to win three senior All-Ireland medals. Both of these wishes became reality on the last Sunday in September.

Now speculation will undoubtedly centre on Galway's prospects of a possible three-in-a-row.

A year ago Meath looked the most likely challengers for Galway's crown but when All-Ireland time came around again the opposition once more was provided by the men from the Kingdom. Meath, who had run



ENDA COLLERAN . . .  
inspiring captain.

Galway so closely in 1964, fell by the wayside before a very promising Longford team, who lacked the experience and craft so necessary for winning titles, as was underlined by their defeat by Dublin in the Leinster final. But surely we will hear more of Longford in 1966.

Longford, at the moment, look a team of distinct promise, but the Leinster championship, easily the stiffest of the provincial campaigns is always very hard-won. Dublin and Meath, in particular, must be reckoned with as strong contenders.

Kerry look hot favourites to win

out again in Munster, while Galway's big obstacles to another Connacht title seem to be Sligo and Mayo.

But the sternest opposition of all to Galway's hopes of three-in-a-row must come from Down, whose superlative display in the Grounds Tournament Final and tremendous battle in the All-Ireland semi-final served notice on all and sundry that they must be in the final shake-up in 1966. So much for the year to come.

In 1965 Galway senior footballers gave their supporters some wonderful victory days. Since February they have played twenty one major county games, in championship, league and tournament, and at least two-thirds of them represented Connacht in the Railway Cup semi-final and final.

### Travels

Their travels brought them to famed Wembley Stadium in London for the Annual Whit Tournament; to New York's Gaelic Park, Rochue Stadium, in Chicago, and Milton, Boston, during their June-July trip to the U.S.A., where they defeated New York in the League final.

Their best displays were undoubtedly their League win over Dublin in sun-drenched Tuam Stadium on the last Sunday in March, when, watched by a crowd of 25,000, a record for a League game outside Croke Park, they fairly pulverised the opposition with a tremendous display of attacking football; and their victory over New York in the second leg of the League Final in Gaelic Park, when, trailing by one point after the first leg, they lashed in a goal and a point within two minutes of the start and went on to win like champions.

After returning home with the



League Trophy, Galway faced Sligo in the Connacht final at Tuam on August 1. The newspaper strike was in full swing and there were few previews of the game, but the interest of the whole country was focussed on it. Would Galway follow the long line of teams who returned from New York only to lose their crown? Or would Sligo go one better than 1964, when their first-round challenge was the strongest Galway met that year?

For 25 minutes or more it looked as if Sligo would win. They were faster and crisper than the champions and had forged a lead of eight points before Christy Tyrrell banged in a great goal just before half-time.

Galway piled on the pressure in the second half and ran out winners by three points. And nobody did more to swing the tide in their favour that day than John Donnellan, who proved far too good for Sligo's big hope, Michael Kearns. And so to the semi-final.

August 22 was a wet and windy day in Croke Park, typical Galway v. Down weather. Galway were hot favourites to win over a Down side in the throes of rebuilding, though the Ulster champions still had seven or eight of the 1960-'61 team.

Galway's chances were not helped by the late defection of Seamus Leydon, down with 'flu and the match was a tense, gripping struggle all the way.

Down, playing with the breeze, had slightly the better of an even first half. Facing the elements on the resumption, they dominated the opening ten minutes, but missed several scoring chances.

Galway moved into top gear in the last quarter, with Enda Colleran, playing a captain's part at right full-back, Bosco McDermott, John Geraghty, Pat Donnellan (now at mid-field), Cyril Dunne and Mattie McDonagh most prominent and ran out good winners by three points.

The stage was then set for the All-Ireland. The newspaper strike

**SEAMUS LEYDON**  
brilliant  
goal.



**MICK REYNOLDS**  
point  
from '50'.

**MARTIN NEWELL**  
superb  
in final.



was still going strong for the Hurling final, but it was settled two weeks before the Football final, and we had the usual pre-final build-up—interviews with players and officials, photographs of the players in training, and lists of the vital statistics of both teams.

Kerry had run through Dublin in the other semi-final, just as they had against Cavan the previous year, so the pairing was the same. They trained very hard, with Jim Brosnan at the helm instead of Dr. Eamonn O'Sullivan.

Match-day was fine, with nearly eighty thousand people in Croke Park, and millions at their TV sets in Ireland and Britain watching the game live.

As happened in 1964, the Kerry-men had no answer to the skilful teamwork, absolute fitness and speed of the champions. The result was surely a triumph for Galway's trainers, John Dunne and Frank Stockwell, who had their boys in first-class shape, and the shining light of the maroon-clad brigade was Martin Newell.

Since joining the Galway senior

team in 1960, this Frankfurt University student has given outstanding service to his county, but on September 26 he produced a superlative display of attacking and defensive wing half-back football.

John Geraghty, Noel Tierney, Bosco McDermott and captain Enda Colleran were majestic in defence, ably abetted by Sean Meade and John Donnellan; Pat Donnellan and Mick Garrett were an excellent mid-field pair, with 'Pateen's' two points from placed balls over 50 yards out, and his marking of Mick O'Connell in the second half the highlights of this sector. Cyril Dunne and Seamus Leydon were the real threats in the forward line, but got able assistance from John Keenan, Mattie McDonagh, Sean Cleary and Christy Tyrrell.

Enda Colleran received the Cup after the game and spoke beautifully in Irish and in English on this, his really big occasion.

When Galway followers look back on 1965, they savour many pleasant memories. They remember Enda Colleran receiving the Sam Maguire Cup from Alf Murray; Mick Reynolds' great point from a "50" in the League semi-final against Meath; John Geraghty's wonderful goal-keeping, especially in the first game, against New York; John Keenan's goals in the League game against Dublin in Tuam, etc., etc.

But for me, and I think for most Galway people, the highlight of the year happened in the closing minutes of the League Final against Kerry. Galway looked in imminent danger of defeat, as Kerry led by a point with three minutes to go.

In a last despairing effort John Donnellan got the ball upfield to Mattie McDonagh, to Seamus Leydon, and the fleet-footed Dunmore man darted past groping defenders to score the goal which gave Galway their tickets to New York—a goal that Galwaymen for evermore will claim was the finest ever scored.



**CHRISTY TYRRELL**  
vital  
goal.

**JOHN DONNELLAN**  
held  
Kearns.





While rumours and counter-rumours of an Easter Rising were circulating through town and country alike, the delegates from the various G.A.A. bodies gathered in Dublin for the Annual Congress on Easter Sunday, April 23, 1916. This Congress was held at the City Hall, and business was disposed of so quickly—the Congress ended at 2.30 p.m.—that it is obvious many of the delegates had other matters on their minds.

## Joint Forces Marched On G.P.O.

There was only one big G.A.A. event that day, a hurling tournament at Thurles in which Dublin beat Cork and Clare beat Laois. Due to the cutting of telegraph wires and damage to the tracks around Ballybrophy, some of the trains returning from these matches were held up on Sunday night. Then, at noon on Easter Monday the Irish Citizen Army and the Dublin Brigade of the Irish Volunteers joined forces and marched on the General Post Office in O'Connell Street. The Easter Rising had begun.

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There were very few aspects of Easter Week with which the G.A.A. was not associated in one way or another. In Dublin, many clubs were represented in the ranks of the fighting men and the Crokes club sent 42 members to the colours. Several well-known footballers and hurlers were killed in action, including former goalkeeper, Sean Connolly, one of the first to fall in the assault on Dublin Castle.

## Sentences Commuted

And, when all was over, the links between the G.A.A. and the Rising could be even more clearly seen. Padraig Pearse, first President of the Republic, had been Chairman of the Leinster Colleges Council, and, of the other executed leaders, Con Colbert, Michael O'Hanrahan, Thomas Kent and Sean McDermott had all been connected with the Gaelic Athletic Association.

Also sentenced to death for their parts in Easter Week were such well-known Gaels as J. J. Walsh, the former chairman of Cork County Board, Jack Shouldice, the Dublin All-Ireland footballer, prominent official Sean Etchingham of Enniscorthy and Con O'Donovan of the Dublin Collegians. Those sentences were later commuted to long terms of penal servitude.

Tom Ashe of Fingal and Kerry was a pioneer of the Dublin Schools Leagues.

Sentenced to heavy terms of imprisonment were Harry Boland and Austin Stack. With them in prison were Michael Collins, long a stalwart of the London Geraldines before coming home to fight in the G.P.O. Seamus Dobbey, the Antrim hurling midfielder, and hundreds of other G.A.A. men, from President Nowlan, who was arrested on his way home from the Congress, to members of minor clubs.

Sean O'Duffy of the Crokes, hurler, footballer and even then organiser for the Camogie Association, fought in

North King Street, while Dan McCarthy put his principles faithfully into practice and was so desperately wounded that his life was long despaired of.

With so many Gaels in prison or in internment camps that the Wolfe Tone Tournament was continued, unofficially, at Frongoch, it was some time before the games at home were resumed again, but the very first inter-county match after the Rising made the attitude of the whole G.A.A. abundantly clear.

On June 25, 1916, Tipperary hurlers played Limerick at Limerick in the Christian Brothers Centenary Tour-

AUSTIN STACK  
... a member of  
the I.R.B.



namment. The Tipperarymen took the field wearing mourning rosettes for the heroes of Easter Week, and were greeted with loud cheers by the crowd.

The hurlers and footballers who fell in Dublin had not died in vain.

And, at around the same time, that remarkable woman Augusta, Lady Gregory, was writing these lines among the sighing woods of Coole:

*"In Easter Week the wisp was lit*

*Waked Dublin from her drowsy years;*

*I loathe the battle-anger, yet*

*What did we ever win by tears?*

*The ballad-singers long have cried*

*The hero-names of far-away;*

*Now let them rhyme out those who died*

*With the three colours, yesterday."*

A new Ireland had risen, Phoenix-like, from the flames and ashes of O'Connell Street.



THEIR INTERMEDIATE  
SUCCESS MUST BE  
VIEWED AS . . .

# *A Ray Of Hope For Cork Hurling*

SAYS JOHN JOE BROSNAN

**T**HE 1965 season will not go into the books as a great one for Cork hurling. On the contrary, it will be remembered as the year when the county senior team, having shown some promise in two qualifying games against Waterford, flopped against Tipp in the Munster final. It will also be recorded as the ninth successive year that Cork failed to come out of Munster.

One can hardly imagine somebody gazing into space at some future time and saying: "1965 . . . Ah, that was the year we won the All-Ireland intermediate title." A select few will remember, of course, but they will be the players and those intimately connected with the team. Victories in secondary competitions do not live long in the public memory.

## **Consolation**

And yet this win by the intermediate hurlers must be viewed as a ray of hope in a dismal situation. It shows that, even if Cork must take a back seat for the time being in the senior competition, they can gain some consolation by collecting a set of All-Ireland hurling medals. The county may be down but it is by no means completely out.

The intermediate team included some players who could yet make their mark in the senior grade. It

proved itself a very competent fifteen which had no great difficulty in disposing of the opposition. In its three vital games—the Munster final, the All-Ireland "home" final and the final proper—it chalked up a combined margin of seventeen points



**JIM BARRY . . . trained the  
Cork side to win.**

over Waterford, Wexford and London, but at full stretch it could possibly have extended this considerably.

It would be pleasant to record that the competition provided a series of spectacular games which compensated Cork followers somewhat for the disappointment of the senior team's

defeat. This was not the case, however. In fact, the general quality of the play was poor and none of the games was a thriller.

Rain was the big enemy at Dungarvan when Cork met Waterford in the Munster final. There was a heavy downpour during the first half and players skidded around, trying to hold on to their hurleys. At the break Cork led by two points on the score 0-6 to 1-1.

Happily, the rainclouds rolled away, during the interval, and the teams were greeted by a bright sun as they came out for the second half. Cork, emerging as the better team, concentrated on points and with ten minutes to go they had fifteen points on the scoreboard to Waterford's 1-2. Two fast goals by the home team in the closing stages improved their final tally but came too late to infuse any interest into the play.

Cork travelled to Enniscorthy on August 15 to play Wexford in the "home" final. They had three changes in personnel from the team that had beaten Waterford. Tom Monaghan was now in goal, and John White and Billy Fitton were brought in to add punch to the attack.

The attendance of about 6,000 saw a poor game, in which there was far too much lifting of the ball by

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# CHAMPIONS DOWN THE YEARS



## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR HURLING

**TIPPERARY (21)** — 1887, 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1906, 1908, 1916, 1925, 1930, 1937, 1945, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1958, 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965.  
**CORK (19)** — 1890, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1902, 1903, 1919, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1931, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1952, 1953, 1954.  
**KILKENNY (15)** — 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1922, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1947, 1957, 1963.  
**DUBLIN (6)** — 1889, 1917, 1920, 1924, 1927, 1938.  
**LIMERICK (6)** — 1897, 1918, 1921, 1934, 1936, 1940.  
**WEXFORD (4)** — 1910, 1955, 1956, 1960.  
**WATERFORD (2)** — 1948, 1959.  
**CLARE (1)** — 1914.  
**GALWAY (1)** — 1923.  
**KERRY (1)** — 1891.  
**LAOIS (1)** — 1915.  
**LONDON (1)** — 1901.

## ALL-IRELAND SENIOR FOOTBALL

**KERRY (20)** — 1903, 1904, 1909, 1913, 1914, 1924, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1959, 1962.  
**DUBLIN (17)** — 1891, 1892, 1894, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1901, 1902, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1942, 1958, 1963.  
**GALWAY (6)** — 1925, 1934, 1938, 1956, 1964, 1965.  
**WEXFORD (5)** — 1893, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918.

**CAVAN (5)** — 1933, 1935, 1947, 1948, 1952.  
**TIPPERARY (4)** — 1889, 1895, 1900, 1920.  
**KILDARE (4)** — 1905, 1919, 1927, 1928.  
**CORK (3)** — 1890, 1911, 1945.  
**MAYO (3)** — 1936, 1950, 1951.  
**LOUTH (3)** — 1910, 1912, 1957.  
**LIMERICK (2)** — 1887, 1896.  
**ROSCOMMON (2)** — 1943, 1944.  
**MEATH (2)** — 1949, 1954.  
**DOWN (2)** — 1960, 1961.

## ALL-IRELAND INTER. HURLING

**WEXFORD (2)** — 1961, 1964.  
**CARLOW (1)** — 1962.  
**TIPPERARY (1)** — 1963.  
**CORK (1)** — 1965.

## ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR HURLING

**CORK (8)** — 1912, 1916, 1925, 1940, 1947, 1950, 1955, 1958.  
**TIPPERARY (7)** — 1913, 1915, 1924, 1926, 1930, 1933, 1953.  
**LONDON (5)** — 1938, 1949, 1959, 1960, 1963.  
**KILKENNY (4)** — 1928, 1946, 1951, 1956.  
**LIMERICK (4)** — 1935, 1941, 1954, 1957.  
**DUBLIN (3)** — 1932, 1937, 1952.  
**MEATH (2)** — 1927, 1948.  
**OFFALY (2)** — 1923, 1929.  
**WATERFORD (2)** — 1931, 1934.  
**CLARE (1)** — 1914.  
**GALWAY (1)** — 1939.  
**WESTMEATH (1)** — 1936.  
**KERRY (1)** — 1961.  
**KILDARE (1)** — 1962.

**DOWN (1)** — 1964.  
**ROSCOMMON (1)** — 1965.

## ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL

**KERRY (9)** — 1913, 1915, 1924, 1928, 1930, 1941, 1949, 1954, 1963.  
**DUBLIN (5)** — 1914, 1916, 1939, 1948, 1960.  
**LOUTH (4)** — 1925, 1932, 1934, 1961.  
**CORK (4)** — 1951, 1953, 1955, 1964.  
**MAYO (3)** — 1933, 1950, 1957.  
**MEATH (3)** — 1947, 1952, 1962.  
**GALWAY (3)** — 1931, 1958, 1965.  
**TIPPERARY (2)** — 1912, 1923.  
**ARMAGH (1)** — 1926.  
**CAVAN (1)** — 1927.  
**DOWN (1)** — 1946.  
**FERMANAGH (1)** — 1959.  
**LONDON (1)** — 1938.  
**LONGFORD (1)** — 1937.  
**ROSCOMMON (1)** — 1940.  
**SLIGO (1)** — 1935.  
**WESTMEATH (1)** — 1929.  
**WICKLOW (1)** — 1936.  
**MONAGHAN (1)** — 1956.

## ALL-IRELAND MINOR HURLING

**TIPPERARY (12)** — 1930, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1947, 1949, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1959.  
**KILKENNY (7)** — 1931, 1935, 1936, 1950, 1960, 1961, 1962.  
**CORK (7)** — 1928, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1951, 1964.  
**DUBLIN (4)** — 1945, 1946, 1954, 1965.  
**WATERFORD (2)** — 1929, 1948.



# CHAMPIONS DOWN THE YEARS

**LIMERICK (2)** — 1940, 1958.  
**WEXFORD (1)** — 1963.

## ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL

**DUBLIN (7)** — 1930, 1945, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1959.  
**KERRY (7)** — 1931, 1932, 1933, 1946, 1950, 1962, 1963.  
**ROSCOMMON (3)** — 1939, 1941, 1951.  
**CAVAN (2)** — 1937, 1938.  
**GALWAY (2)** — 1952, 1960.  
**LOUTH (2)** — 1936, 1940.  
**MAYO (2)** — 1935, 1953.  
**TYRONE (2)** — 1947, 1948.  
**ARMAGH (1)** — 1949.  
**CLARE (1)** — 1929.  
**TIPPERARY (1)** — 1934.  
**MEATH (1)** — 1957.  
**CORK (1)** — 1961.  
**OFFALY (1)** — 1964.  
**DERRY (1)** — 1965.

**ALL-IRELAND UNDER-21  
HURLING**  
**TIPPERARY (1)** — 1964.  
**WEXFORD (1)** — 1965.

**ALL-IRELAND UNDER-21  
FOOTBALL**  
**KERRY (1)** — 1964.  
**KILDARE (1)** — 1965.

**NATIONAL HURLING  
LEAGUE**  
**TIPPERARY (12)** — 1928, 1949, 1950, 1952, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1964, 1965.  
**LIMERICK (6)** — 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1947.  
**CORK (6)** — 1926, 1930, 1940, 1941, 1948, 1953.  
**DUBLIN (2)** — 1929, 1939.  
**WEXFORD (2)** — 1956, 1958.  
**GALWAY (2)** — 1932, 1951.  
**KILKENNY (2)** — 1933, 1962.  
**CLARE (1)** — 1946.  
**WATERFORD (1)** — 1963.

**NATIONAL FOOTBALL  
LEAGUE**  
**MAYO (9)** — 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1941, 1949, 1954.  
**KERRY (7)** — 1928, 1929, 1931, 1932, 1959, 1961, 1963.  
**DUBLIN (3)** — 1953, 1955, 1958.  
**MEATH (3)** — 1933, 1946, 1951.  
**GALWAY (3)** — 1940, 1957, 1965.  
**CORK (2)** — 1952, 1956.  
**DOWN (2)** — 1960, 1962.  
**NEW YORK (2)** — 1950, 1964.

**LAOIS (1)** — 1927.  
**DERRY (1)** — 1947.  
**CAVAN (1)** — 1948.

**ST. BRENDAN CUP  
HURLING**  
**TIPPERARY (4)** — 1955, 1957, 1959, 1960.  
**CORK (1)** — 1954.  
**NEW YORK (1)** — 1958.

**FOOTBALL**  
**DUBLIN (2)** — 1955, 1958.  
**GALWAY (1)** — 1957.  
**KERRY (1)** — 1959.  
**DOWN (1)** — 1960.  
**NEW YORK (1)** — 1954.

**RAILWAY CUP  
HURLING**  
**MUNSTER (28)** — 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1934, 1935, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963.  
**LEINSTER (10)** — 1927, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1941, 1954, 1956, 1962, 1964, 1965.  
**CONNACHT (1)** — 1947.

**FOOTBALL**  
**LEINSTER (17)** — 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1935, 1939, 1940, 1944, 1945, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1959, 1961, 1962.  
**ULSTER (9)** — 1942, 1943, 1947, 1950, 1956, 1960, 1963, 1964, 1965.  
**CONNACHT (7)** — 1934, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1951, 1957, 1958.  
**MUNSTER (6)** — 1927, 1931, 1941, 1946, 1948, 1949.

**OIREACHTAS CUP (S.H.)**  
**TIPPERARY (7)** — 1945, 1949, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965.  
**WEXFORD (4)** — 1951, 1953, 1955, 1956.  
**KILKENNY (4)** — 1940, 1947, 1957, 1959.  
**GALWAY (3)** — 1950, 1952, 1958.  
**DUBLIN (2)** — 1944, 1948.  
**LIMERICK (1)** — 1939.  
**CLARE (1)** — 1954.  
**WATERFORD (1)** — 1962.

**GAELIC WEEKLY CUP (S.F.)**  
**MEATH (3)** — 1961, 1962, 1963.  
**KERRY (2)** — 1959, 1960.  
**GALWAY (1)** — 1958.  
**TYRONE (1)** — 1957.  
**LONGFORD (1)** — 1965.



**PROUD CAPTAIN!** Brendan Barden holds the "Gaelic Weekly" Cup aloft after Longford's great victory over Sligo in the final. In the centre is Sean O Foghlu, Chairman of the Tournament Committee and Micheal S. O Loingsigh, General Manager of Gaelic Weekly is on left.



**Seamus Duke  
recalls Roscommon  
junior hurlers  
success . . .**

# **Where there's a will there's a way**

**E**IGHTY one years is a long time to wait for supreme honours in any sport. But this has been the fate of Roscommon hurlers, who did not win an All-Ireland title until 1965. Though the county is mainly associated with football, the caman has been swinging there since the Association was founded and the dreams of all who kept the game going, through sometimes good days but in the main bad times, reached fruition on Sunday, October 3, at St. Coman's Park, Roscommon when the present junior county side defeated Warwickshire to capture the Michael Cusack Cup.

During those long years, hurling, which had a wide appeal in the county at the turn of the century, dwindled until it was reduced to a very limited area. When one speaks of hurling in the county today, one associates it with Roscommon Town, Athleague, Tremane, Four Roads and small pockets in the south. But in those early days strong football areas like Elphin and Boyle won county honours, while Strokestown and Castlerea could always supply formidable opposition. Ballygar was even included later on for hurling purposes and they won three titles in Roscommon in 1930 (senior) and 1952 (junior and minor).

## **In Final**

Roscommon senior hurlers won the Connacht championship in 1906 when they defeated Galway in Roscommon.

This put them in the All-Ireland semi-final against Tipperary and they travelled to Dublin not the least over-awed by the Munster representatives. However, the day turned out so bad that the match was called off. This postponement undermined the confidence of the side, who came back to Croke Park to be beaten readily. Some of that team are still alive and they can re-

call the conditions under which games were played during that era.

For many years hurling struggled on within the county but no provincial titles came Roscommon's way. Galway were always the masters, at times perhaps narrowly, for their wealth of talent proved too strong.

Came 1946 and a case was made to start a separate Hurling Board. It was generally felt that if the running of affairs related to the caman game was left to those keenly interested success would come. The request was granted and the Board was set up. It has continued since and there can be little doubt that it has proved its worth.

## **Took Over**

When Galway went into Munster for hurling purposes in 1959 Roscommon took over as Connacht champions and they have held the junior title since. In passing, it must be mentioned that a Four-County League was started, and this competition between Roscommon, Leitrim, Mayo and Sligo, proved very attractive.

On at least three occasions in the 1960's it seemed as if Roscommon must win All-Ireland junior honours, but two defeats by the narrowest of margins and another defeat in the council chamber were their lot. Nobody would have been surprised had they thrown in the towel, but they found new courage in adversity and players officials and supporters grimly resolved that 1965 would be the year to bring home the Cup.

If any further incentive was needed it came in the new approach to revive hurling. Coiste Iomana in the county got down to its task with a devotion and enthusiasm that saw hurling sweep out into at least four areas outside of the traditional one and so the wave of enthusiasm began to swell.

The games in the campaign have been played and replayed so often

that they are now indelibly imprinted on the minds of everyone in the county.

The Connacht championship presented a big challenge, as none of the players who won provincial honours in 1964 were eligible. The new fifteen rose to the occasion, however, and the road was cleared for another tilt at the title.

The All-Ireland semi-final against Kerry at Roscommon did not produce great hurling. The homesters were obviously very keyed up and, although superior, the over-all display did not raise hopes of further progress. However, the home final at Croke Park against Armagh proved very one-sided.

Roscommon hurled superbly, and a 4-3 to 1-3 interval lead was increased to a 6-8 to 1-3 victory. At long last Roscommon had reached their first All-Ireland hurling final, in which they would meet Warwickshire.

## **Fine Spirit**

At this stage tribute must be paid the tremendous spirit which has always existed among hurling officials and players in the county. Due, to small gates and poor support the coffers were often empty, but the players always responded to the call. And the combined efforts of themselves, officials and a few earnest supporters ensured that the team always arrived to fulfil engagements.

It is this fantastic spirit that strikes you immediately you come in contact with the hurlers. And it was this which played a major part in the 1965 success. For theirs was a spirit of co-operation, of determination and of sacrifice — an almost unbeatable combination.

## **Quick Response**

Taking up the story again after the Armagh game, it was then more than ever that I saw this spirit. The





## THE MEN WHO WON ROSCOMMON'S FIRST HURLING CROWN

The Roscommon team which beat Armagh in the Home final. Included are: T. Gavin, T. Moylett, P. Lyons, J. Kenny, M. J. Keane, B. Kelly, J. McDonnell, T. Murphy, T. Carr, N. Daly, S. Cormican, G. O'Malley, J. Boland, T. Boyle, B. Mitchell, C. Mahon, M. Laffey, M. Hoare, R. Fallon, M. Glennon, N. Roe, J. Connor, B. Connaughton, J. Craughwell, G. Flanagan, M. Murphy, D. Carroll, C. Leahy.

evenings had got short, but an appeal to make it as early as every player could meet with an immediate response. The panel trained hard, dined well in the local restaurant that has fed so many G.A.A. teams, played the usual pranks that one finds wherever players gather, discussed games played, listened to talks by those who had attended the hurling course in Gormanston and were welded into one big happy family.

As I stood many nights watching them training it was inevitable that thoughts should turn to the opposition. The team published contained names associated with great hurling counties. Could Roscommon meet the challenge? Would the ill-luck that had dogged them for years raise its head again or would the long hours spent training reap their reward? For the answer, let us turn to October 3.

It was a glorious day as both teams took their places behind the band. St. Coman's Park, specially prepared for the occasion, was like a green oasis among the neighbouring fields, which were beginning to show the effects of wet weather.

As the President of the G.A.A. threw in the ball, the big crowd rose in one voice—a voice which was to be raised to a crescendo as the game progressed and reached a climax as wildly-excited supporters rushed on to the pitch to cheer off their heroes. The long-cherished dreams of everybody associated with Roscommon hurling for 81 years had been reali-

sed, the ambition of today's officials had been achieved and the long hours of run, walk, trot, right leg, left leg, and "early to bed boys" had paid off for the players. Old and young alike shared this great victory.

### The Reception

The reception held afterwards was an unqualified success as friend and foe joined hands in festivities. And Alf Murray in an inspiring address, had this to say:

"I want to congratulate both teams on this magnificent display and also to pay special tribute to the Roscommon Hurling Board for bringing both teams together for such an enjoyable occasion.

"I do believe we can bring hurling back. It was the ambition of Michael Cusack to revive hurling. He did not want football at all. What he wanted to see was a hurling team in every parish in the land. We should revive hurling.

"Next year is the Golden Jubilee of 1916 and the whole attention of every County Board in Ireland will be concentrated on that fact. There were men in 1916 who thought that we were worth making the supreme sacrifice for. There are generations coming after us that are worth making sacrifices for. It will take sacrifices to revive hurling.

### More To Do

"We have done a great deal but there is a lot more to be done. It is

something that cannot be left to others. Next year will be a year of memories and also a time to look forward to a revival of the 1916 spirit. We have never revived anything in Ireland. We can revive hurling and from that we can revive what is the symbol of our nationality—our native language."

I have quoted these words because they deserve all the publicity possible. They present a challenge to all Gaels—a challenge which is being faced here in Roscommon, where the harvest is great and the labourers few.

The success of the reception revealed once again the desirability of having players meet after games. For too long the position existed that when the game was over it was certainly a case of 'never the twain shall meet.' This must be rectified.

If County Secretaries could come together and arrange meals at the same hotel for both teams (where practicable), we would be well on the road to achieving the highly-desirable position of players meeting each other socially.

Some may think that the end of the road has been reached with this success but to everybody associated with hurling in Roscommon it is but another milestone on the road to the day when the game will be played in every parish in the county and when its teams in all grades will provide good opposition for top-class counties.

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# Was 'Catch-and-Kick' Ever

## Kerry's Traditional Style?

ASKS  
TONY  
WALL



**A**BOUT ten years ago a new era in Gaelic football was ushered in. It began with Dublin sweeping all before them. Kevin Heffernan and Ollie Freaney were the ring-leaders and Kerry's traditional catch-and-kick methods were supposed to be old fashioned.

Later on Down swept the playing fields of Ireland with a similar brand of controlled, attacking football in which the high kick into the square was eschewed in favour of patterns of low passing movements.

Now Galway have finally put paid to the traditional catch-and-kick methods of Kerry. They have triumphed convincingly in two All-Ireland finals and once again the emphasis is on attacking half-backs, low passes to flying forwards, drawing the defenders out of position and generally playing a scientific game of controlled passing in which all the forwards combine to form one attacking unit.

Yes, Kerry's traditional "catch and kick" is truly dead and buried.

But wait. Was "catch and kick" ever Kerry's traditional style? Why do I ask this? Well, recently I came across a book entitled, "How to play Gaelic Football." It was written by Dick Fitzgerald and was published in 1914.

The chapter on attack was most illuminating. In describing "General Plan" of attack the following passages occur, and I quote:

"Obviously the object which the attack party have in view is the securing of a score, major or minor. For this object the half-backs are required to work as well as their comrades-in-arms in front of them.

"A very little reflection will convince one that the defence must be beaten before any score can be registered against them, and the defence is usually beaten by being 'drawn', as footballers say, or deceived by some ruse or other. For, evidently, the forward who eventually scores can do so only at the moment when he gets an opening to send in

a shot, and that moment arrives ordinarily only when the defence is drawn somehow from him.

"How, then, is the defence drawn? . . . The six forwards in question must have had a lot of practice playing with one another in important matches, as well as in their private training. If these forwards play a good deal together, and if each one of them can be relied on to use his head, field well, and dribble with a share of trickiness, as it were, they may be depended upon with confidence to draw the defence.

"The methods to be adopted for the purpose mentioned should be varied. At one moment the ball may be passed out to one of the wing-men, thence passed on to the scorer immediately in front, and passed back, or centred, as we say, to either the centre forward or centre-scorer (i.e. full-forward). That is one of the simplest ways of drawing the defence.

"On another occasion the ball may be passed on to the wing again, passed back directly, after a little manoeuvring, to the centre forward or full-forward without carrying further along the wing. That is a simple variation of the first method. Perhaps one other illustration may suffice.

"Let us suppose that the centre forward has the ball at his feet. He dribbles along; pretends to pass out to the right wing. Instead of doing so, however, he 'cuts in' towards midfield, and, when challenged by the backs on his left, passes out to the left winger or left scorer (i.e. left corner forward) whichever is unmarked. From thence the ball should easily be centred before goal, where the centre scorer has every hope of getting possession and shooting successfully."

I do not think that one could get a better description of the Down or Galway forward line in action. If catch-and-kick is Kerry's traditional method, then Dick Fitzgerald seems to have had very little time for it.



# RAILWAY

# C U P

# RETURNS

## HURLING

### Semi-finals:

Leinster 4-9; Connacht 2-3.

**LEINSTER:** O. Walsh (Kilkenny), T. Neville (Wexford), P. Dillon (Kilkenny), E. Colfer (Wexford), S. Cleere (Kilkenny), T. Carroll (Kilkenny), P. Molloy (Offaly), P. Moran (Kilkenny), P. Wilson (Wexford), J. O'Brien (Wexford), P. Bradley (Westmeath), E. Keher (Kilkenny), T. Walsh (Kilkenny), C. O'Brien (Laois), M. Bermingham (Dublin).

**CONNACHT** (all Galway except where stated). A. Gavin (Roscommon), M. Boyle, E. Derrivan, M. Lally, J. Duggan, M. Sweeney, S. Francis, P. Mitchell, N. Keary, L. Duffy, G. Lohan, J. Conroy, B. Mitchell (Roscommon), P. Burns, S. Devlin. Subs.: T. Murphy for Duffy, P. Caulfield for Devlin.

Munster 3-11; Ulster 3-2.

**MUNSTER:** J. O'Donoghue (Tipperary), D. Murphy (Cork), A. Flynn (Waterford), K. Carey (Tipperary), L. Guinan (Waterford), A. Wall (Tipperary), P. Fitzgerald (Cork), T. English (Tipperary), M. Roche (Tipperary), J. Doyle (Tipperary), P. J. Keane (Limerick), P. Cronin (Cork), J. Bennett (Cork), L. Devaney (Tipperary), M. Keating (Tipperary).

**ULSTER:** D. O'Neill (Antrim), J. O'Reilly (Antrim), H. O'Prey (Down), D. Gilmore (Down), B. McGurk (Antrim), J. Dorrian (Down), A. Connolly (Antrim), P. McShane (Antrim), A. McCamphill (Antrim), T. Purcell (Donegal), S. Burns (Antrim), C. McMullan (Down), D. McNeill (Antrim), J. Phelan (Armagh), D. Crawford (Down).

## FINAL

Leinster 3-11, Munster 0-9

**LEINSTER:** O. Walsh, T. Neville, P. Dillon, E. Colfer, S. Cleere, T. Carroll, P. Molloy, P. Wilson, P. Moran, J. O'Brien, D. Foley (Dublin), E. Keher, T. Walsh, C. O'Brien, M. Bermingham.

**MUNSTER:** J. O'Donoghue, J. Doyle (Tipperary), A. Flynn, K. Carey, L. Guinan, A. Wall, P. Fitzgerald, T. English, M. Roche, Jimmy Doyle, P. J. Keane, M. Keating, J. Bennett, L. Devaney, S. McLoughlin (Tipperary). Subs.: N. Gallagher (Cork) for English; K. Long (Limerick) for Carey.



## FOOTBALL SEMI-FINALS:

Ulster 0-14; Munster 0-9.

**ULSTER:** S. Hoare (Donegal), G. Kelly (Cavan), B. Brady (Donegal), A. Morris (Cavan), D. McCartan (Down), T. Maguire (Cavan), P. Kelly (Donegal), S. Ferriter (Donegal), R. Carolan (Cavan), S. O'Connell (Derry), J. O'Neill (Tyrone), P. Doherty (Down), C. Gallagher (Cavan), J. Carroll (Monaghan), P. T. Treacy (Fermanagh).

**MUNSTER:** J. Culloty (Kerry), M. Morris (Kerry), N. Sheehy (Kerry), P. O'Donoghue (Kerry), D. O'Sullivan (Kerry), P. Dawson (Tipperary), P. McMahon (Clare), M. Burke (Cork), C. O'Sullivan (Cork), P. Griffin (Kerry), M. O'Dwyer (Kerry), J. Carroll (Cork), M. Guiry (Waterford), J.

Keating (Tipperary), M. Keating (Tipperary). Subs. L. Flynn (Cork) for Carroll, J. O'Mahony (Cork) for O'Donoghue.

Connacht 1-7; Leinster 0-8.

**CONNACHT:** J. Geraghty (Galway), E. Collieran (Galway), S. Meade (Galway), J. Murray (Leitrim), J. Donnellan (Galway), C. Cawley (Sligo), R. Creaven (Roscommon), M. Reynolds (Galway), J. Langan (Mayo), C. Dunne (Galway), M. McDonagh (Galway), M. Kearns (Sligo), D. Gannon (Leitrim), S. Cleary (Galway), S. Leydon (Galway). Subs.: B. McAuley (Sligo) for Reynolds, P. McGarty (Leitrim) for McDonagh, J. Keenan (Galway) for Gannon.

**LEINSTER:** A. Phillips (Wicklow), P. McCormack (Offaly), G. Hughes (Offaly), P. Connolly (Kildare), P. Collier (Meath), P. Holden (Dublin), F. Lynch (Louth), D. Foley (Dublin), M. Carley (Westmeath), T. Browne (Meath), M. Whelan (Dublin), L. Leech (Louth), S. Murray (Longford), J. Timmons (Dublin), O. Shanley (Meath).

## FINAL

Ulster 0-19; Connacht 0-15.

**ULSTER:** S. Hoare, G. Kelly, B. Brady, A. Morris, D. McCartan, T. Maguire, P. Kelly, S. Ferriter, R. Carolan, S. O'Connell, J. O'Neill, P. Doherty, C. Gallagher, S. O'Neill (Down), P. T. Treacy. Sub.: J. Carroll for Ferriter.

**CONNACHT:** J. Geraghty, E. Collieran, S. Meade, J. Murray, J. Donnellan, C. Cawley, M. Newell (Galway), J. Langan, M. Reynolds, C. Dunne, P. McGarty, M. Kearns, M. McDonagh, S. Cleary, S. Leydon.



# A Ray Of Hope For Cork Hurling

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both sides. Cork looked the better team all through but lost many scores through indirect methods. It was obviously a mistake to play Wexford at their own game, and there was far too much poking for enjoyment.

## Disallowed

Early on Liam Galligan tried for goals from two 21-yard frees and had a goal disallowed, but Cork had so much in hand that this did not unduly worry them. In a game livened mainly by a first-class display by Wexford goalkeeper Mick Power, the Leesiders went well in front and led by 3-7 to 0-6 with ten minutes to go.

As against Waterford, Cork conceded two late goals, but though this narrowed their margin to four points it did not weaken their grip on the game, especially as the second Wexford goal came just before the final whistle.

Now to the final proper against London, which was played at Cork. The exiles had some very good performers, notably Martin Connolly and Billy Dargan at midfield, but their defence was weak and the Cork forwards had little difficulty in picking off points.

## Level

It was level pegging at the interval (London 2-5, Cork 0-11), but though the Cork backs conceded some soft scores in the second half the forwards were well on target and ran up a score of 2-20 against London's 5-5.

Cork's top scorer was Liam Galligan, who scored a goal and ten points.

The Cork team was: T. Monaghan, D. Murphy, J. Ryan, M. Garde, J. O'Keeffe, S. Barry-Murphy, F. Sheehan, O. O'Keeffe, J. Hogan, S. Barry, J. K. Coleman, L. Galligan, D. O'Brien, D. O'Keeffe, W. Fitton.



CYRIL MAHON . . . although better known as a footballer, was on Roscommon's hurling panel.

# Roscommon's First Hurling Title

(Continued from page 21)

If the enthusiasm, spirit, determination and will for victory so deeply ingrained in those associated with Roscommon's first hurling All-Ireland can infect more people then the ideal of a team in every parish will be achieved. This road will be long and hard but it can be done.

In 81 years so many people devoted so much time to hurling in the county that it would be impossible to pay tribute to all. To them we owe much. The list of players who won the title, the officials of the Hurling Board and the selection committee

are included as a tribute to the men of today:

Team: T. Gavin (goal); T. Moylette, P. Lyons, T. Murphy, B. Mitchell, J. Kenny, M. J. Keane, S. Cormican, M. Laffey, G. O'Malley, J. Boland, R. Fallon, M. Hoare (capt.), T. Boyle, J. McDonnell. Sub.: M. Glennon for Boyle.

Officials: President, T. S. O Dolain; Chairman, Gerry Dolan; Vice-Chairman, M. J. Lane; Secretary, J. Haughey; Treasurer, M. Finneran.

Selection Committee: T. S. O Dolain, G. Dolan, P. Keaveney, T. Geraghty, B. Carr, J. Walton, F. Tully.



# TIPPERARY'S

## TWENTY-FIRST TITLE



By  
**Tony  
Wall**

**I**T was great to be a member of the Tipperary team of 1965. There were other great years in the Premier County's proud history and other teams won as many trophies. Yet, I am sure no member of this year's team would trade his 1965 fortune for that of any other.

In 1965 the Premier County came of age; the 21st All-Ireland senior hurling title was won, and John Doyle won his eighth medal. But to the team itself these statistics were not vital. It was rather the feeling of maturing together into a winning combination which was the highlight.

From the outset there were never any pretensions that the best hurlers ever were filling any particular positions. What was known was that each position was filled by a man of proven ability who would hold his own with any opponent, back up a temporarily off form comrade, and who was capable of producing a brilliant match-winning performance if given any loose rein at all.

### **Bleak Future**

Not that the year started particularly promisingly. The Rest of Ireland were too good, so also were Kilkenny, and there were many who prophesied a bleak future for an ageing bunch of veterans.

Those close to the hub, however, did not agree with these sentiments. Rather were those early set-backs considered as cheap lessons. This is what could happen if there were not maximum fitness, full co-operation and steely determination. The team got down to serious training and

those who cried "too old" were made eat their words many times before the year was over.

At first the training venue was Thurles but, owing to the ground reconstruction programme there, the camp was moved to Holycross, where the facilities were just as good. Soon the quiet village ground became accustomed to the nightly cavalcade of



**JOHN O'DONOGHUE . . . revelled all through the year.**

cars arriving from all corners of the county.

And I mean all corners, because a remarkable feature of the Tipperary team of recent years has been the large number of clubs represented. In spite of being county champions for many years, Thurles Sarsfields have only four players on the selection and sixteen in all clubs provide players for the county panel.

This is an indication that the selectors have made every effort to get the best material and it also helps to avoid the formation of any cliques. Each man is there on merit and is accepted by the others by virtue of his ability.

The street corner selectors may say: "So-and-so is only from a junior club. He cannot be any good." But if so-and-so is able to break even with an established star while in training the players are quick to recognise the fact and forget about his background.

And so the players settled down to the routine they have been accustomed to for many years: Get home from work early, grab a cup of tea and into the car to arrive as early as possible.

### **Greater Effort**

There is the usual crack and banter, the sweet smells of sweat, embrocation and fresh air. There is the strain of driving an untrained body to greater effort, the gasping for more and more air and then the feeling of well being which the whole process engenders.

Waterford, in the League semi-  
(overleaf)





Mick Burns



Theo English



John McKenna



Donie Nealon



Sean McLoughlin

final, were the first to feel this new-found power and could make no headway. Mick Maher made his first appearance of the year at full-back and helped form the iron curtain behind which John O'Donoghue revelled all the year. John Doyle and Kieran Carey completed this rampart against which every stratagem was tried but no chink could be found.

That match against Waterford solved another defensive problem. Len Gaynor had been striving hard to fill the left half-berth vacated by reason of Michael Murphy's leg injury. In this game he produced the first of many brilliant performances—this position was no longer a problem.

The League final against Kilkenny was the next obstacle, and without a doubt this was the toughest match of the year. Kilkenny were good—much better than their record for the year

would indicate—but Tipperary were that little bit better.

Again that iron curtain dropped in front of the Tipp goal. Len Gaynor surpassed himself and Mick Burns at last recaptured the form he had been striving so hard to find. All doors were closed.

Mick Roche and Theo English strove mightily at midfield and the forwards worked wonders against a great Kilkenny defence — John McLoughlin hovering on the edge of the square; Donie Nealon dashing in along the wing; Larry Kiely battling his way down the centre.

**JOHN DOYLE** challenges Wexford's **NED WHEELER** (centre) and **MARTIN CODD** for this loose ball in the final.

After this the Munster championship was unusually easy. Theo English again reserved his best efforts for Cork and was the chief agent of their destruction.

The All-Ireland was not particularly extending either. John McLoughlin notched those two goals; Mackey McKenna led the Wexford defence a merry dance and at the three-quarter stage it was only a matter of consolidation.

Next stop was America, where New York almost tore our reputations to shreds but Tipp managed to hold out.

Home again and still no rest. A date with Kilkenny in the Oireachtas final and for half an hour defeat stared us in the face. But a magnificent fight-back, initiated by Jimmy Doyle, Liam Devaney and Mick Roche, put the seal on a great year—a great year by any standards.





## CAMOGIE REVIEW

# A SPLENDID SEASON— AND EVEN BETTER DAYS AHEAD

BY AINE MEAGHER

**T**HERE can be no doubt about it that 1965 has been the most encouraging year for camogie that I have ever known. Not alone have we had significant, and often wonderful, advances in every province and in most counties of those provinces, but the prestige and popularity of the game of the girl-Gaels has risen higher than ever before throughout the country.

On the positive side, 1965 was a year that saw the secondary championship successfully inaugurated in Munster, a junior Colleges championship added in Leinster, the first official inter-club All-Ireland championship run off, a minor competition in Ulster and the first determined steps made towards a revival in Connacht.

It was a year that saw an increase, and a very significant one, in both attendance and gate receipts at the All-Ireland final, that saw the number of school teams in Dublin alone reach the remarkable number of fifty-five (with stern competition for places on many of those teams), that saw the game spread among the rural areas in the North, and that saw camogie take on a far stronger grip throughout Munster in particular

than has been the case since the earliest days of the Association.

The situation has, of course, its blacker side, for there is still a certain amount of apathy in the West and some of the Leinster and Ulster counties. It is a great pity, for instance, that Carlow, Wicklow and Longford are not marching with the rest of Leinster and that Laois and Kilkenny are so slow about returning to the really active list.

But I know that Kilkenny is on the way back, that there is at least one club in Laois, and that there are plenty of enthusiasts in Wicklow and Carlow still if they could only succeed in sinking their petty differences and get to work for the benefit not of club or individual but for the game and the ideals it stands for.

Longford, too, encouraged by the great G.A.A. revival within the county, can hardly stay much longer outside the fold, for the county has for many years been a strong camogie centre and the old players there must look with envy at the tremendous progress the game has made in recent years in the nearby counties of Meath, Westmeath and Offaly.

Of the other Leinster counties there is no need to speak. Kildare is

one of the best organised in the country, while Louth and Wexford keep the banner bravely flying.

Dublin, as usual, holds a place all its own in the camogie annals of the year past, as in almost every year since the foundation of the Camogie Association more than fifty years ago.

Down South, it was again a busy season in every county, and if Tipperary took pride of place in honours won, we must not forget Limerick's initial success in the secondary competition, or the revival in Waterford, or the strength of Cork, and the progress of the game in East Cork.

In the North, Antrim again proved their worth by their successes in their own province and by their great display against Dublin in that wonderful All-Ireland semi-final at Glenarriffe.

(overleaf)







**ST. PATRICKS** (Glengoole-Ballingarry) . . . Tipperary and All-Ireland Club champions. Kneeling (left to right): M. Heffernan, A. Long, R. Scott, J. Kiely, M. McBride, P. Graham, L. Scott, E. Cronin. Standing (left to right): A. Graham, M. Ryan, A. Carroll, M. Gleeson, M. Maher, A. Morris, S. Long and M. Graham (Captain).

Down, Armagh, Monaghan and Tyrone all reported progress, but we still await the Derry resurgence, while Fermanagh, Donegal and Cavan are very slow about rallying to the colours.

Out West, Mrs. Kavanagh has set seriously about rallying the province, and it is to be hoped that her good work will quickly bear fruit. Galway, Mayo and Sligo need merely an extra dash of enthusiasm to bring them to the forefront. But is there no-one to raise the camogie banner in Leitrim or Roscommon?

On the playing fields, we saw some great games. Wexford's display against Dublin in the Leinster final was one of the pleasant surprises, and how good the Dublin girls were was subsequently proved by their brilliant displays against Antrim and Tipperary to give the Metropolis, and Una O'Connor, yet another All-Ireland crown.

The All-Ireland club championship went to a young club, the Tipperary champions, St. Patrick's, from Glengoole-Ballingarry, led by Mary Graham, who had three sisters on the side, and, of course, Anne Carroll, who had already captained Tipperary and Munster.

On Colleges' fields, Callan again won through in Leinster, while I am told that the standard of play was never higher than it has been in Ulster and in Cork.

A new President, Miss Lily

O'Grady of Cork, proved a fitting and worthy successor to another Munster woman, Miss Chris O'Connell, while once again two camogie players were honoured with All-Star Awards. Alice Hussey, of Dublin,

and Teresa Murphy, from Cork, were the recipients this time.

As I have said, 1965 was a great year for camogie, but it is, I feel confident, only a prelude to yet brighter years ahead.

## CAMOGIE FACTS

### ALL-IRELAND FINAL

Dublin 10-1; Tipperary 5-3

**DUBLIN:** E. Leech (Celtic), M. Ryan (Austin Stacks), B. Keenan (Austin Stacks), A. Hussey (Celtic), K. Lyons (Eoghan Ruadh), M. Sherlock (Austin Stacks), P. Timmons (Naomh Aoife), O. Ni Shioclain (Austin Stacks), K. Kehoe (Celtic), K. Ryder (Naomh Aoife), Captain; J. Doyle (C.I.E.), U. O'Connor (Celtic).

**TIPPERARY:** S. Long (Glengoole), P. Maloney (Roscrea), A. Graham (Glengoole), M. Phelan (Elmville), M. Graham (Glengoole), A. Carroll (Glengoole), Captain, P. Graham (Glengoole), B. Maloney (Roscrea), M. Loughnane (Roscrea), K. Griffin (Roscrea), H. O'Flynn (Elmville), T. Griffin (Roscrea).

**REFEREE:** Miss M. Kavanagh (Sligo).

### ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINALS

Dublin, 10-1; Antrim, 7-5.

Tipperary, 8-5; Galway, Nil.

### PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONS

(Runners-up in brackets)

**CONNACHT:** Galway, (Mayo).

**LEINSTER:** Senior: Dublin, (Wexford).

Junior: Meath, (Kildare).

Inter.: Wexford, (Louth).

**MUNSTER:** Senior: Tipperary, (Cork).

Secondary: Limerick (Waterford).

**ULSTER:** Senior: Antrim (Monaghan).

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

**ALL-IRELAND:** St. Patrick's, Tipperary, (Deirdre, Antrim).

**MUNSTER:** St. Patrick's, (Glen Rovers, Cork).

**ULSTER:** Deirdre (Monaghan Town).

**LEINSTER:** St. Ibar's, Wexford, unopposed.

**CONNACHT:** St. Rita's, Galway, nominated.



# The hurling scene

By "MOONDHARRIG"



**T**HIS has been the first year of the hurling revival, but with that revival, and the excellent foundations that are being so painstakingly laid for the nation-wide re-establishment of the caman-game, I do not intend to deal directly here. Very naturally this revival has begun, of necessity, at 'grass-roots' level, and the wonderful progress that hurling is making among the juveniles cannot possibly be manifest in higher levels for some years yet.

Still, one could not help but note that, in several of the weaker counties, the hurling sides showed an entirely new dedication and enthusiasm best reflected, perhaps, by the junior teams from Roscommon, Armagh, Wicklow and Kildare.

Indeed, the great pity about 1965 was this, that most of the really important games, which draw the crowds and are, to a big extent, the 'shop windows' of hurling were, frankly, rarely any more than mediocre.

True, during the Spring we saw

several games that looked forerunners of a wonderful season to come and provided plenty of entertainment. For instance, a lively Leinster side had all the better of Munster at Croke Park to retain the Railway Cup on St. Patrick's Day—and it is not very often that the Eastern Province has managed to secure this trophy in successive years.

Then we had the unusual occurrence of Tipperary, the All-Ireland champions, sustaining two successive defeats at home in Thurles, by Kilkenny in the final of their League section and by the Rest of Ireland in the annual exhibition game.

But those who thought that those reverses meant that Tipperary's period of senior supremacy was ending soon had cause to think again. First, they readily accounted for Waterford's challenge in the League semi-final, and then took ample vengeance for that Thurles defeat by fairly squashing Kilkenny in the 'home' final to re-establish their complete dominance of the hurling fields and

thus earn yet another trip to New York.

After the League final, Tipperary looked certain to retain their All-Ireland title, although they subsequently lost to Kilkenny at Wembley.

The provincial championships, however, did produce surprises. Clare gave Tipperary a lively hour

**GERRY O'MALLEY**  
won that long-awaited medal.



in the Munster semi-final and, after Cork beat Waterford on a replay, all roads led to Limerick for a real old-time Munster final.

But the resurgent Corkmen never recovered from two long-range, first-half goals by Theo English, and before the end of the third-quarter it was obvious that, in their own province, the All-Ireland champions still had no really serious rivals.

In Leinster, a much-changed Wexford line-out sprang a big surprise when defeating a somewhat low-geared Kilkenny in the final and carried high hopes behind them when they met Tipperary for the All-Ireland title.

However, though Wexford lacked for nothing in courage and determination, it was obvious long before half-time that they had met their masters. Tipperary won so convincingly that, by the time the last whistle blew, the excitement had long gone out of the game.

(overleaf)



ARMAGH . . . beaten by Roscommon in the junior Home final.



John Doyle, who thus joined Christy Ring at the head of the All-Ireland medalists in hurling, can hardly have won any of his eight as readily as this one and, indeed, moved into a class of his own a couple of weeks later when he won his eleventh National Hurling League medal. But this honour was far less easily achieved, since New York, though beaten in the first game, struck back to win the second, and only lost the title narrowly on the aggregate scores.

So Tipperary came back across the Atlantic to face the final challenge to their 1965 supremacy at home. That was in the Oireachtas Final at Croke Park, where Kilkenny provided the opposition. This game, however, not alone produced Tipperary's most impressive victory of the year, (they had to come from seven points down to win), but it also gave us the best match of the season between senior county sides.

## Same Again

So, on the season's showing, Tipperary must stand as firm favourites through the Winter to retain their dual titles again next year. At the moment the only challengers even within sight are Kilkenny and Wexford.

Wexford may, in the end, prove the more dangerous, for they seem to have more solid material coming up, as they proved by winning the under-21 title with something to spare all the way (and, incidentally defeating Tipperary in the final) and reaching the 'home' final of the intermediate grade yet again.

## Still Hope

Cork can still nourish hopes for the future, for their intermediate side shaped well, yet the county seems unable, for some seasons past, to cut much ice in senior grade.

As for Kilkenny, they had a most frustrating season, failing in four or five senior finals and not even winning a Leinster title in any grade.

Yet they are, potentially, the only senior side in Ireland with the ability to beat Tipperary, and it must be remembered that, due to recurring injuries, they were never able to field at full-strength since the early months of the season.

Peculiarly enough, the most entertaining hurling game I saw in Croke Park all year, except for the Oirea-

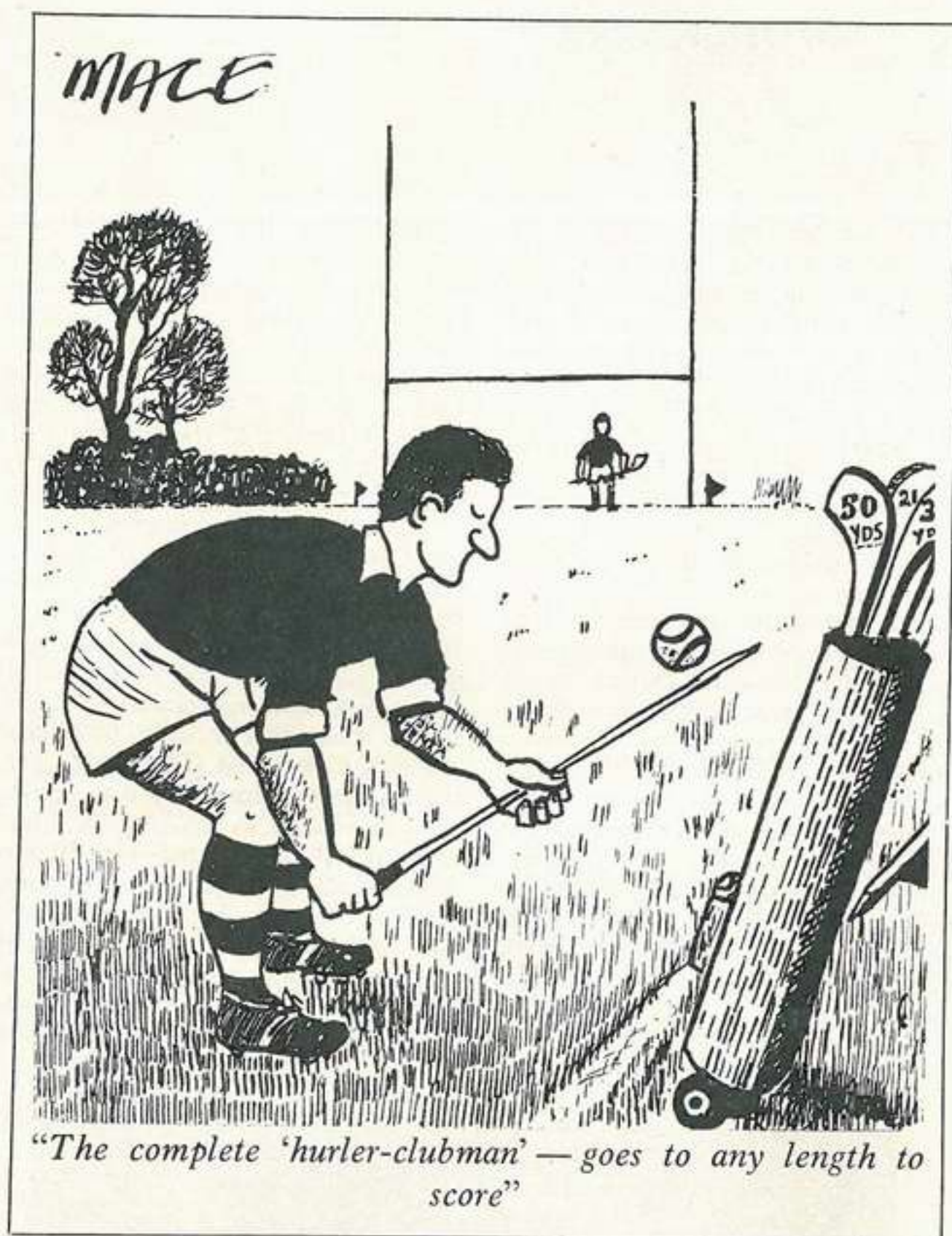
chtas Final, was the Leinster junior final between Kildare and Wicklow. This was a wonderfully entertaining hour and, fittingly, finished with the team on level terms.

The replay fell a little short of that high standard and, when Wicklow won, it looked as though they must be a reasonably good bet to take All-Ireland honours. However, they failed to Armagh who, in turn, were not nearly good enough for Roscommon in the home final.

Roscommon then beat Warwick-

ster; Dublin proved the shock side in Leinster, beating first Kilkenny and then Wexford, who had accounted for provincial holders, Laois; Leitrim won their first-ever hurling title in the West, and put up a reasonably creditable showing against Limerick in the semi-final.

The final, for which Limerick were warmly fancied, did not go at all according to predictions. A fit and determined Dublin side used its talents to the utmost and proved very popular and convincing winners,



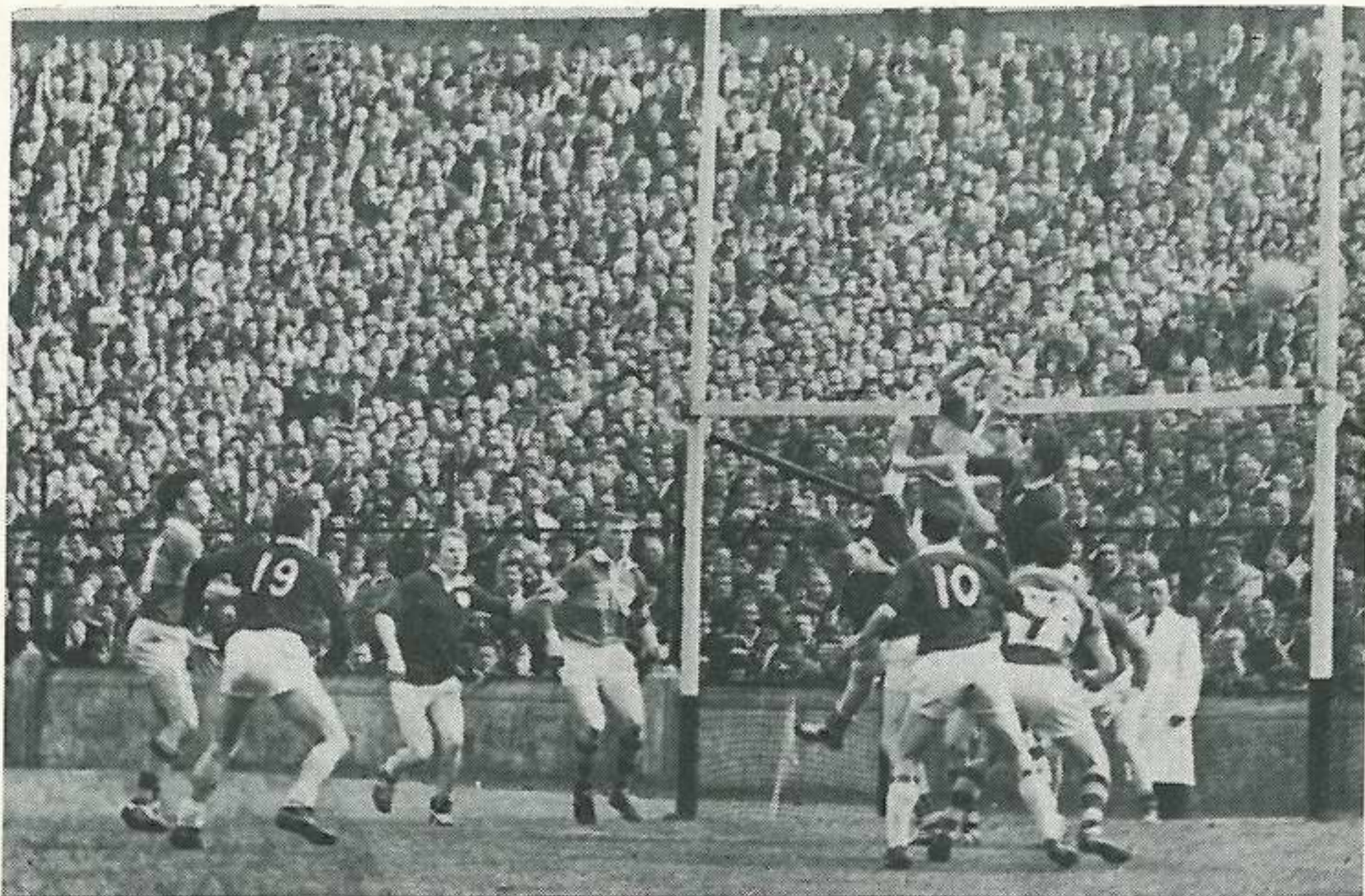
shire in the final, and thus at last provided Gerry O'Malley with his long-awaited and well-merited All-Ireland medal.

Most of the sensations, however, were provided in the minor grade. A Limerick side, powered by the Harty Cup champions from Sexton Street C.B.S. had a couple of narrow shaves before coming out of Mun-

a victory that gave a grand boost to hurling in the Capital.

All in all, it was an average rather than a brilliant hurling year, but bright with promise for the future. Peculiarly enough, I thought the county side that made the most progress during 1965 was Laois, of whom I think we will be hearing a great deal more in 1966.





Above: Kerry full-back Paud O'Donoghue fists clear despite the challenge of Mattie McDonagh and Christy Tyrrell of Galway. Others in this picture from the "Home" League final are (from left): Mick Fleming (K), Pat Donnellan (G), John Keenan (G), Donie O'Sullivan (K), Cyril Dunne (G) and Seamus Murphy (K).



Below: Sean Murray, of Longford, blazes this penalty wide of the Dublin posts in the Leinster senior final.





## \* TIPPERARY

\* THE MEN WHO WON  
\* THE 21st S.H. TITLE  
\* FOR THEIR COUNTY.

\* STANDING (from left):

\* GERRY DOYLE

\* JOHN O'DONOGHUE

\* MICHAEL KEATING

\* MICK BURNS

\* MICK MAHER

\* TOM RYAN

\* SEAN McLOUGHLIN

\* KIERAN CAREY

\* MICK ROCHE

\* TONY WALL

\* JOHN DOYLE

\* OSSIE BENNETT

\* KNEELING (from left):

\* LIAM DEVANEY

\* NOEL O'GORMAN

\* LEN GAYNOR

\* SEAMUS MACKEY

\* LARRY KIELY

\* DONIE NEALON

\* PETER O'SULLIVAN

\* JIMMY DOYLE (Capt.)

\* THEO ENGLISH

\* JOHN DILLON

\* PADDY DOYLE

\* JOHN McKENNA

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## GALWAY \*

WON THEIR SIXTH \*  
S.F. TITLE IN 1965. \*

STANDING (from left): \*

SEAMUS LEYDON \*

NOEL TIERNEY \*

BOSCO McDERMOTT \*

TOM SANDS \*

SEAN MEADE \*

MATTIE McDONAGH \*

MICK GARRETT \*

MICK REYNOLDS \*

JIMMY GLYNN \*

JOHN KEENAN \*

KNEELING (from left): \*

GREG HIGGINS \*

MARTIN NEWELL \*

JOHN DONNELLAN \*

SEAN CLEARY \*

CYRIL DUNNE \*

CHRISTY TYRRELL \*

ENDA COLLARAN \*

(Capt.) \*

BRIAN GERAGHTY \*

TOMMY KEENAN \*

JOHNNY GERAGHTY \*

PAT DONNELLAN \*





DUBLIN . . . 1965 All-Ireland M.H. Champions. Standing (left to right): Colm Brennan, P. Naughton (sub.), Tony Fletcher, Fergus McDonnell, S. Blake (sub.), Willie Markey, Jack Fetherston, Eugene Davey, J. Byrne (sub.), P. Cassells (sub.), Leslie Deegan. Kneeling (left to right): L. Hootan (sub.), Tom Grealish, Pat Cunningham, Liam Martin (captain), T. Williams (sub.), Harry Dalton, Noel Kinsella, Pat Kennedy, Brian Whelan, Tommy McCann.

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## BEATEN IN THE ALL-IRELAND S.H. FINAL

The Wexford team which lost to Tipperary. Standing (from left): John Nolan, Joe Foley, Martin Codd, Phil Wilson, Martin Byrne, Dan Quigley, Willie O'Neill, Ned Colfer. Kneeling (from left): Pat Quigley, Willie Murphy, Jimmy O'Brien, Vincent Staples, Tom Neville (capt.), Pat Nolan and Dick Shannon.





**P. J. McKeefry**

Sports Editor,  
"Irish News," Belfast

**says . . .**

# **DERRY WILL REMEMBER '65 WITH PRIDE**

**W**HEN referee Jimmy Hatton, of Wicklow, sounded the final whistle at 2.55 p.m. on September 26 last it was the signal for Derry fans, myself included, in Croke Park, and those at home watching the game on the "telly," to give vent to their pent-up feelings as they had just witnessed their county achieving its long-awaited goal in capturing an All-Ireland title.

It also climaxed the greatest nine months in the 30-odd years history of Derry football, as five months earlier St. Columb's, after only three years in colleges' competition, confounded all and sundry by winning the MacRory and Hogan Cups in their second year in the premier grade.

## **Vital Roles**

Six of that all-conquering St. Columb's side, plus substitute Phil Friel, played vital roles in ensuring that the Oak Leaf county minors did not falter at the ultimate hurdle as their seniors did in 1958.

In years to come the G.A.A. annals will only reveal the bald fact that 1965 was the first year Derry won an All-Ireland crown. They will not disclose the sacrifices, sweat and toil which made that fourth Sunday of September in the mid-sixties such a memorable day for the Gaels of the North West.

To recap in chronological order, the events leading up to that day of days, one has to go back approximately three years, when Fr. Shields was transferred to the Granaghan end of the Maghera parish, where there are three clubs — Swatragh,

Slaughtneil and Tigarvil. As one would expect in a community of roughly 1,200, there is keen rivalry between these clubs and all of us were then speculating as to which of them this dynamic priest would join.

To avoid controversies he did not give allegiance to any club, but intimated that the following spring he hoped to form parish minor and schoolboy teams. This he did, as well as starting a camogie club. Things were now humming, as he had whipped up enthusiasm for games among the youth of the area. The teams met with a fair amount of success, and this priest, who was no mean footballer in his student days, was happy at the way things were progressing.

Came the County Convention in January and he appealed to delegates to pay more attention to minors and schoolboys. Only by doing this

lest co-operation by providing transport etc., for players who would be selected for the subsequent trials. At the start support was slow in coming, but with county star Sean O'Connell he succeeded in moulding a useful side which reached the Ulster League final only to be beaten by Down.

In that year's championship Derry's hopes were short-lived when they were ousted by the eventual provincial winners, Antrim. That quick exit made Fr. Shields and Sean O'Connell more determined than ever that Derry would no longer be a chopping block for the rest of Ulster. Consequently, they staged district trials last October and ran the rule over 90 prospects, from which 30 were chosen for grooming.

## **Better Deal**

When convention time arrived again back went Fr. Shields seeking a better deal for schoolboys and minors. He urged that a separate County Minor Board be set up so that more time and attention could be devoted to the youngsters. At first the old hands opposed this on the grounds that one County Board was sufficient but eventually Convention granted his request.

As soon as the Minor Board was formed, with Fr. Shields as chairman, things swung into action despite little response from the clubs. More trials were held at which the chosen 30 were screened and scrutinised before the team to do duty in the Ulster Minor League was finalised.

(overleaf)



**SEAN O'CONNELL**  
... one of the men  
behind Derry's suc-  
cess.

would Derry come to the top as a football force, he told the assembly in the course of an eloquent address.

On his election to the South Derry Minor Board last year, Fr. Shields requested all clubs to give their ful-



Incidentally, no St. Columb's boys were included in this team, so this gave the selectors several opportunities of assessing the true worth of the talent at their disposal. Soon Derry gave warning that they would be a force in the championship when they accounted for Tyrone, Donegal and Fermanagh before going under to old rivals Down in the League final.

## Well Beaten

Though well beaten the Derry mentors were anything but despondent as they felt, with the college boys in the side, that they could turn the tables in the championship provided that both sides reached the semi-finals. This proved to be the case, but what a close call they had. In fact it was the closest shave they had throughout the entire series—2-7 to 2-6.

Having surmounted the Down obstacle it seemed that their hopes of capturing their first Ulster title would be dashed by injuries. No less than four players — Seamus McCloskey, Mal McAfee, Adrian McGuckin and Anthony Burke — were on the casualty list seven days before the final but all reported fit in time.

## First Blood

Derry drew first blood but Cavan were a point ahead after five minutes. Soon Derry forged ahead and never looked back to run out convincing winners by 3-11 to 2-4. Though there was jubilation in the O'Cathan County at breaking their duck in this grade there was bitter disappointment over the inept performance of the much-vaunted half-back line.

It was back to Ballinascreen for more training as it was only three weeks before their Croke Park debut against Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final. In the Connacht final, Roscommon had a goal to spare over Mayo, who were hot favourites to retain the Western title, and glowing reports about their prowess filtered through to the Derry camp despite the absence of Dublin newspapers.

Derry mentors passed a vote of confidence in the side that won the Ulster title, but made a few positional switches and before the game Fr. Shields said: "We're optimistic but not over confident and we'll not take no for an answer."

Would nerves be Derry's downfall on their Croke Park debut? It seemed that such would be the case when the Westerners scored a goal in the opening minute and added a second in the seventh minute. Derry found their feet after these morale-shattering scores and fought back to equalise in the 18th minute, but it was Roscommon who went ahead once more.

For a long spell there was little between the sides until the Western boys increased their lead with a goal. But once again Derry fought back to equalise, and ran out well-deserved winners by 4-8 to 4-5. This victory was due principally to midfielders Seamus Lagan and Tommy Diamond who, besides supplying their forwards with a liberal share of the ball, covered up for a shaky half-back line.

## Several Problems

There were several knotty problems to be ironed out before tackling the tradition-steeped Kerry boys. Goal, the half-backs and the left corner forward spot giving the selectors headaches.

Sean O'Connell ordered an immediate resumption of training at Ballinascreen where 'floodlighting' was erected so that the boys could have the maximum of outdoor training in the dark evenings. The St. Columb's lads, who had returned to their studies, were being put through their paces by Fr. Ignatius McQuillan, who was architect of the college's Hogan Cup success.

## Promising Goalie

Fortunately, as was proved later, it came to the selectors' notice that there was a promising goalkeeper named Eugene McCaul in the Foreglan area. He had been named as a likely candidate for the team but when he did not turn up for the initial trial it was assumed that he was not interested. However, it was learned that he was not ready when the taxi called and it went on without him.

The selectors had been unaware of this, and as Derry had advanced so far in the competition they were determined to do anything possible to strengthen the team. So McCaul was called into training and performed so well that it was decided that he was at least worth his place as a sub.

In the final trial, a week before

Final Day, McCaul distinguished himself with several spectacular saves which bore the hallmark of class and when the selectors sat down—it took them almost two hours to decide their line-out — they were in two minds as to what to do. Would McCaul play as well in Croke Park as in Ballinascreen? Maybe he hadn't got the big match temperament?

## Narrow Verdict

Selector Willie Burke, who at first was reluctant to propose McCaul in case he might be accused of 'clubitis'—they hail from the same area—assured his colleagues that if they need not have any doubts about him being overawed by the occasion as he was not the nervy type. After much discussion the matter was put to a vote and McCaul won by the odd one in nine.

As the half-backs were bang on form again, it was only a matter of penning in the rest of the team until the last position — top of the left. Several players had been tried in this berth and Phil Friel's tenacity persuaded the selectors to pick him.

When the team was announced, Tyrone county secretary Paddy O'Neill told me that it was a 'suicidal Act' to bring on a new 'keeper at so late a stage because if he had to be replaced it meant that only two subs could be called in if three or more of the side were injured.

However, McCaul repaid the selectors on Final Day. He was in tip-top form, bringing off many fine saves which earned applause from the packed stadium. The half-backs were also on their game, and in the first half hour our boys gave as good as they got. Although a point in arrears at the short whistle, we were feeling happy.

## Quick Equaliser

When Derry came out for the second half there were some positional switches and from the throw-in they raced away to equalise. Now the fat was in the fire as the Northerners went flat out to get as many scores as possible because they had been well tutored that Kerry had the happy knack of rallying when they seemed destined for defeat. Even though our boys had gone into a six-point lead we were not at ease until the final whistle had gone.

The player who did most to beat Kerry in the second half was the





The Derry team which beat Roscommon in the All-Ireland semi-final. Front row (left to right): Chris Brown, P. J. Doris, Eamon Coleman, Brendan Mullan, Gerry O'Loughlin, Seamus Lagan, Tommy Diamond, J. J. Kearney, Sean O'Hagan, Mickey McGuigan, Sean Moore. Back row (left to right): Kevin Teague, Adrian McGuckin, Anthony Burke, Colm Mullan, Seamus McCloskey, George Killen, Mick Niblock, Michael Kelly, Tom Quinn, John McGlone, Mal McAfee.

city's lone representative, Phil Friel, who had switched from top of the left to the right corner. He fought like a little terrier for every ball and harrassed the Kingdom defence to such an extent that they could only make a few effective clearances. After doing most of the spade work for Derry's first goal, he soloed in from the wing before shooting the second goal that virtually decided the issue.

### **Paid Off**

The changes, which few other counties would have dared to make, paid off handsomely, with the half-backs justifying their retention by allowing Kerry to secure their only score from play three minutes before the end.

When the final whistle went jubilant Derry followers swept onto the pitch to hoist their victorious players shoulder high. And they did not forget Fr. Shields, the man who had made that day a reality rather than a dream by revitalising minor football in the county.

That night the players and officials were feted by the Derrymen's Association in Dublin at a banquet in Portmarnock and it was a happy band that headed North the next day. Large numbers assembled in

many towns on the route to catch a glimpse of the new champions as they sped on their way to Maghera, where they received a tumultuous reception. And as I pen this article they are still celebrating that historic victory.

While basking in the glory of success, one should not forget the men of the early 1930's who introduced Gaelic games to the county at a time when it was not fashionable to be a Gael in these parts. And I might as well add that there are thousands of people up here who like to call themselves Nationalists but frown on everything associated with the G.A.A.

Up here every bait is laid to lure promising young footballers to another code, and in fact one scribe had the audacity to describe one Derry boys' play as fit to grace a pitch on which Gaelic football is certainly not played. Consequently, the scouts from that code have been hot on the player's trail.

### **Holding Trials**

Since that historic victory every young boy who can hit a ball is rarin' to get on next year's team. Trials are already underway, and with seven of this year's side available it

is expected that Derry will not surrender their All-Ireland mantle easily.

Generally there is a player on every team with a hard luck story and Derry was no exception. Chris Brown of Bellaghy, who played for St. Columb's Hogan Cup side, damaged a cartilage against Donegal in the opening game of the championship. As a result he did not play again until he was called into the side in the last quarter of the All-Ireland semi-final and played a large part in Derry's last goal. But in that short spell he further aggravated his knee, had to have an operation and was not fit for the final.

### **Lost Places**

Although injured early in the season, Phil Friel fared better than Brown. He sustained four fractured ribs in the Ulster semi-final and lost his place to Sean Moore, whom he displaced in the All-Ireland final.

Captain Tommy Diamond was in the wars a fortnight before the final, when he displaced a bone in his right foot while assisting his club to its eighth county senior title. Before stepping on to Croke Park he received last-minute treatment, and had  
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INIS MEAN . . . back row (left to right): Rodger Concannon, Thomas Conneely, Bartley Maher, Patrick Conneely, Thomas Conneely, Sean Folan. Front row (left to right): Patrick Conneely, Patrick Maher, Michael Conneely, Bartley Folan, Dara Maher and Patrick Costelloe.

## HISTORY-MAKERS

*Pictured here are the two teams which took part in the first Gaelic football game ever played on the Aran Islands. Inis Mor won the match by seven points. The referee on this history-making occasion was Garda J. Ridge of Connemara.*

INIS MOR . . . back row (left to right): Michael Conneely, Patrick Flaherty, Enda Conneely, Jackie Gill, John Gill, Michael Gill, Paddy Mullin, Patrick Joyce, Michael Joyce. Front row (left to right): Martin Mullin, Michael Hernon, Sean Gill, Sean Conneely, Martin Concannon.



wads of cotton wool wound round it to relieve the pressure of his boot.

Fr. Shields may have started Derry on the road to Croke Park but Sean O'Connell applied the finishing touches. It was he who transformed the side from an ordinary team into an all-conquering combination. To ensure that every member stuck rigidly to the training schedule, Sean forfeited his holidays and the players responded admirably.

Giving him valuable assistance was Fr. Ignatius McQuillan, who won an All-Ireland junior medal with his native Fermanagh in 1959, and Raymond Gallagher, from Derry City.

### Great Help

Others who gave invaluable help behind the scenes were Pat Mullan, who was in his first year as county secretary; Matt McVey, Ballinderry; Swatragh's Tommy Gunning, South Derry secretary; Willie Burke, Foreglan; Kearney Brolly, Coleraine; Clare-born Bro. Egan, Derry City; Mickey Doherty, Ardmore; Tommy Mellon, Derry City; Treasurer, Jim McGuigan, from Maghera, and Barney McFadden, Derry City.

Derry's victory shows what a little drive, enthusiasm and co-operation can do, because it is an open secret that, in years gone by, many potential stars were allowed to drift into the wilderness. St. Columb's College officials will be the first to admit that only for the clubs in the county they could not have fielded such a great team this year. And, of course, the college is a big boost to the games in the county. With the college officials and the County Board working in harmony it seems that even better days are in store for the Oak Leaf County.

### The Problem

The important thing, however, is that these youngsters should not be rushed into senior competition. Yet I notice that the senior selectors have already drafted Tommy Diamond into the Lagan Cup side. Neither should the boys be left in the wilderness. The problem is to strike a happy medium.

Given the opportunity of gaining further experience this squad, with careful and patient handling, has the ability to bring the Sam Maguire Cup to Derry within the next five years. Doire Abu!





# And now for a club championship!

By **MATT FITZPATRICK**

**ST. JOHN'S — Antrim and Ulster Club Football Champions:** Back Row (left to right): D. Armstrong, S. Haller, H. Gallagher, J. Gough, E. Grieve, C. Trainor, M. Gallagher, S. Gallagher. Front Row (left to right): B. Armstrong, S. Burns, G. McCrory, B. McGurk, E. Gallagher, K. Armstrong, O. Campbell.

**G**AINING steady momentum is the idea of provincial club championships. At the moment only Ulster and Munster are running these competitions. In the South the Provincial Council is in charge, but in the North, the competition has the Ulster Council's blessing although they do not actually run it.

It is often stated, and rightly so, that the club is the cornerstone of the Association. But with more emphasis being placed on inter-county competitions, and with county teams engaged more and more often, club competitions suffer. Yet it should be remembered that the first All-Ireland championships were decided on a club basis and it was only after the turn of the century that county selections took over.

I know there has been opposition to an All-Ireland club competition. It has been said that certain clubs would "sign" on star players and that this would ruin the idea.

Now this is sheer nonsense. If that was the case, what is there to stop a county at the present time doing exactly that and sending not a county team to Croke Park but an All-Ireland selection.

The parish rule could be invoked in the club case, but I believe that any club which would sign men to win at all costs would not be worthy of inclusion.

As I have said, the club is the foundations of the G.A.A. and the

ambition of every player is to play at Croke Park. Not all club men 'make' the county team and not all counties figure at Headquarters on a big occasion. So an All-Ireland club championship would be the ideal way to make their dreams come true.

The Ulster club football championship is well organised. The Eastern section is run by St. John's Club, Belfast, and the Western section by St. Molaise Club, Irvines-town. The final last year was at the Fermanagh venue and this season at Belfast. And for the past two years this competition has been an outstanding success.

And what a boost it would be to the hurling drive in Ulster if this competition was established.

I know that the fixture calendar is very overcrowded and it is increasingly difficult to find suitable dates for all occasions. But some of the most successful club competitions have been run during week evenings in the Summer and early Autumn.

Were the provincial championships completed, say, before the start of November I see no reason why the semi-finals could not be staged in the early Spring. But staging the finals would create a different problem.

For me the ideal day would be Easter Sunday. This is a big day in the Association's year. So why not make it a greater one.

I am sure that delegates to Annual

Congress would welcome a two-hour break in proceedings to go to Croke Park for a breath of fresh air and to enjoy games between the top clubs in the land.

If necessary, Congress could be extended to Monday if urgent business or many motions made this necessary.

I believe that All-Ireland club championships are bound to come in time. So why not now?

What a thrill it would be for Johnny Ryan of Ballyhack Geraldines to play at Croke Park in the club championship final. And what an even greater thrill to say that he won an All-Ireland medal.

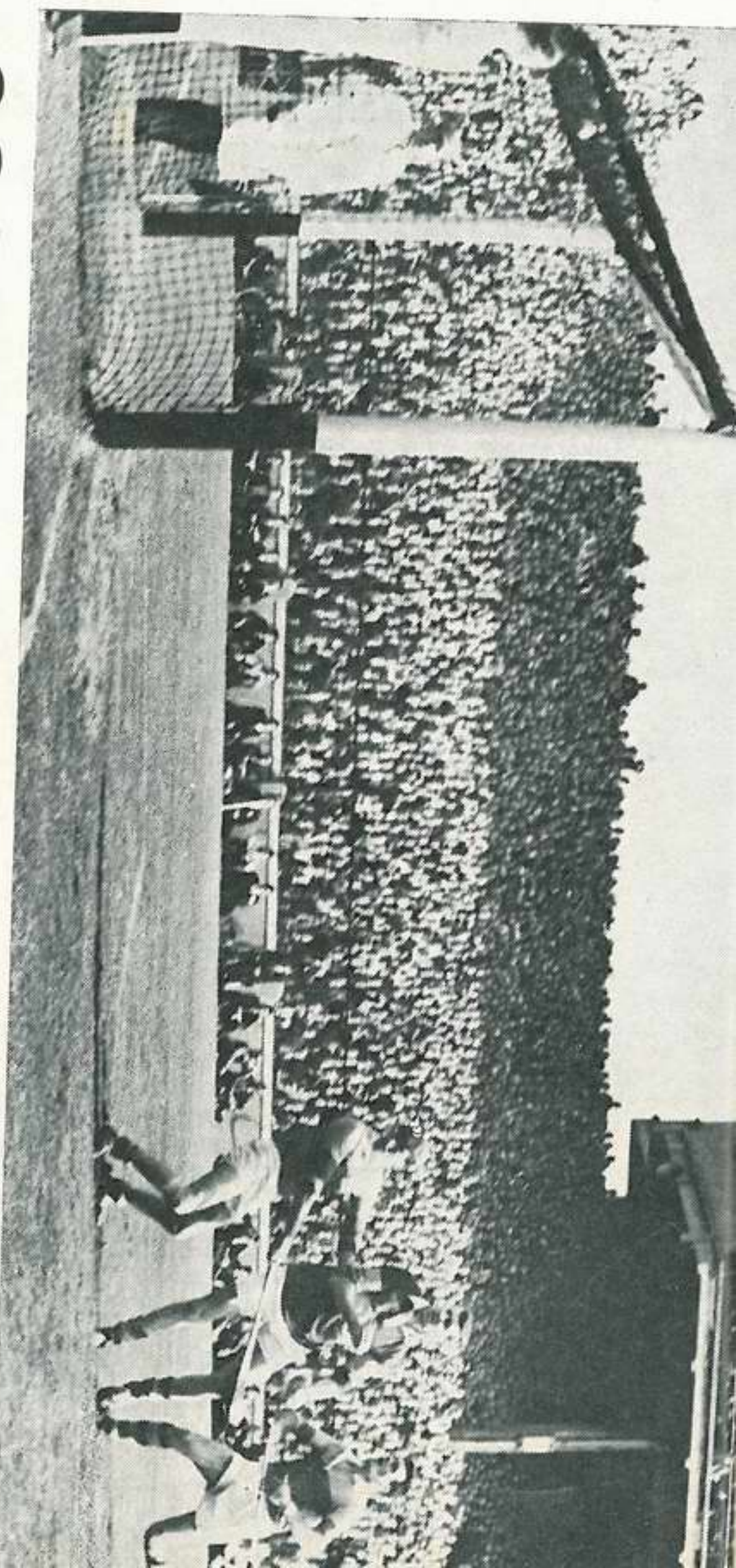
To the Association's officials I say scrap the junior inter-county competition. Establish a club championship. Include the champions of the various County Associations in Britain and the few that exist in Scotland.

Here is something which would bring closer together the ordinary members who form the bulk of the Association. It is only by meeting in this way that contacts are established, friendships made, views aired and debated that would never be heard at all, ideas kindled and brought to light.

Our cailini have set us that example with the All-Ireland camogie club championship. So let us get moving and take a leaf from their book.

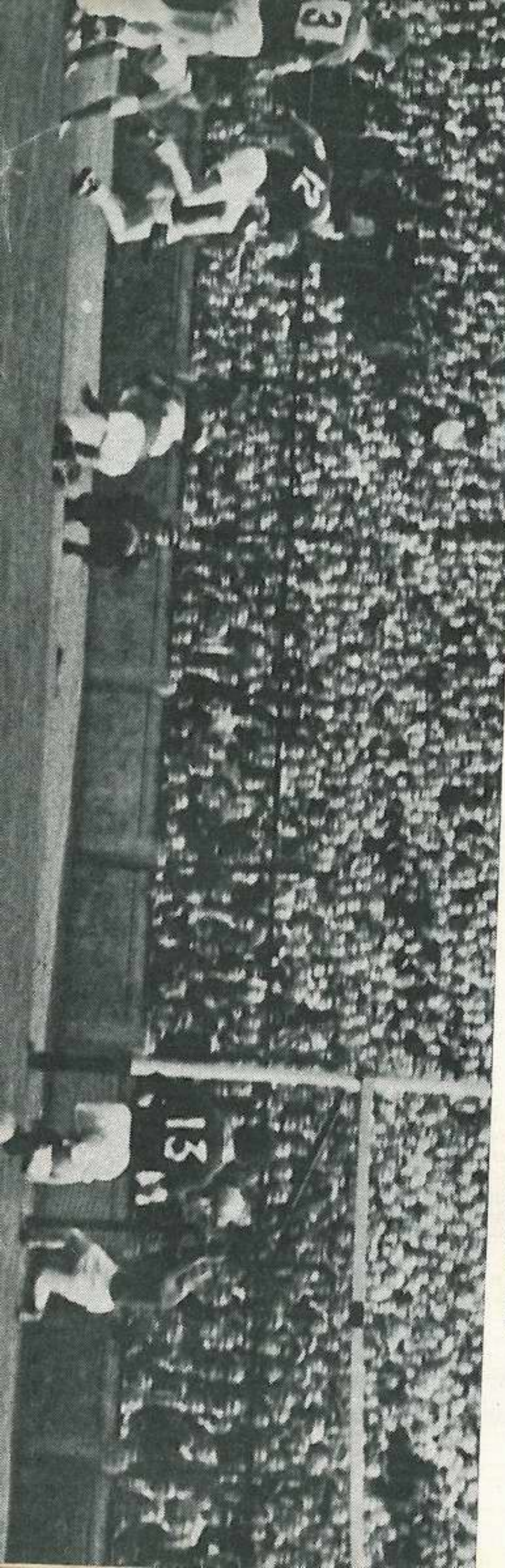


**RIGHT:** Tipperary's ace opportunist Sean McLoughlin palms the ball to the Wexford net for his county's second goal in the All-Ireland final while goalie Pat Nolan and Willie O'Neill look on dejectedly.



# VITAL GOALS!

**BELOW:** The goal that won a trip to New York. Our exclusive picture shows Seamus Leydon (No. 12) of Galway, scoring the goal which put paid to Kerry hopes in the N.F.I. 'Home' final.





## Glorious Season For Cork



## UNITY MUST COME



## O'Sullivan Reigns Supreme

**T**HE season now faded into history, if not producing a large chronicle of record-breaking or eventful happenings, was, nevertheless a year of progress in many aspects of athletics. Tremendous strides in juvenile activities was reported from many quarters, while Congress in April gave the 'green light' for ladies' competitions under our rules and new competitions were inaugurated in many counties. Presentation and organisation of fixtures also improved.

On the whole, it was a satisfactory campaign in cross-country and field and track, but the lack of clubs in many areas is still an obstacle to countrywide promotion.

No review could be undertaken without mentioning that burning and vexed question of unity in control. Despite all the disheartening failures of the past the hope still lingers that eventually an amiable and permanent solution will be reached.

### Progress

Several meetings between the various negotiators were held in secret during the year. And it is believed that considerable progress was made and only a minimum of major difficulties remain to be overcome, before these hopes become a reality. Here's hoping that before scribes reflect on the happenings of the 1966 season it will be their pleasant task to review a year of operations for a united Ireland in athletics.

On the cross-country courses and the athletic arenas it was a year of unrivalled success for Cork athletics. Sweeping all before them in Munster, the Leesiders left an indelible impact on the National team championships, winning all three titles.

First it was the All-Ireland Junior over six miles at Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, on the last Sunday in February. Weather conditions were perfect, and a park-like circuit with a stiff uphill climb made the contest exacting for the participants.

Cork broke early, but the red of Louth was also prominent, with the

light blue of Dublin showing up favourably in the great splash of colour that is always seen in the mammoth field on All-Ireland Junior Day.

After one lap Frankie Browne, of Louth, led from Munster champion Sean Brosnan (Cork), with Willie Deery, of the Oak Leaf A.C., Derry, well placed. Three miles failed to make an appreciable difference in positions, but at the bell Browne had stepped up the pace and Brosnan trailed.

Over the final circuit of 1½ miles the Wee County representative had  
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**MICK MOLLOY** (Oughterard) . . . had to be content with second place.



# THEIR PATHS TO GLORY

**LISTED** below are details of the All-Ireland senior hurling and football champions campaigns.

**Tipperary 2-16, Wexford 0-10.** (Half-time 2-5 to 0-6).

**Scorers:** S. McLoughlin (2-1), Jimmy Doyle (0-6), J. McKenna (0-5), L. Kiely (0-2), L. Devaney, T. English (0-1) each).

J. O'Donoghue, John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey, M. Burns, A. Wall, L. Gaynor, T. English, M. Roche, Jimmy Doyle (captain), L. Kiely, L. Devaney, D. Nealon, J. McKenna, S. McLoughlin.

**Referee** — M. Hayes (Clare).

**Attendance** — 67,498.

**Tipperary 4-11, Cork 0-5** (Half-time 2-4 to 0-4).

**Scorers:** T. English (2-1), J. Doyle (0-7), S. McLoughlin (2-0), D. Nealon, J. McKenna, P. Doyle (0-1 each).

J. O'Donoghue, John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey, M. Burns, A. Wall, L. Gaynor, T. English, M. Roche, Jimmy Doyle, L. Devaney, P. Doyle, D. Nealon, J. McKenna, J. McLoughlin.

**Referee:** J. Smith (Clare).

**Attendance:** 40,000.

**Tipperary 5-8, Clare 3-3** (Half-time 2-4 to 0-1).

**Scorers:** S. McLoughlin (2-0), M. Keating (1-3), D. Nealon (1-1), M. Roche (1-0), J. McKenna (0-2), J. Doyle, L. Devaney (0-1 each).

J. O'Donoghue, John Doyle, M. Maher, K. Carey, M. Burns, A. Wall, L. Gaynor, T. English, M. Roche, Jimmy Doyle, M. Keating, L. Devaney, D. Nealon, J. McKenna, S. McLoughlin.

**Referee:** A. Higgins (Galway).

**Attendance:** 15,000.

**Galway 0-12, Kerry 0-9.** (Half-time 0-7 to 0-4).

**Scorers:** C. Dunne (0-4), S. Leydon (0-3), Pat Donnellan, J. Keenan (0-2 each), M. Garrett (0-1).

J. Geraghty, E. Collieran (captain), N. Tierney, J. B. McDermott, J. Donnellan, S. Meade, M. Newell, P. Donnellan, M. Garrett, C. Dunne, M. McDonagh, S. Leydon, C. Tyrrell, S. Cleary, J. Keenan. Sub.: M. Reynolds for Keenan.

**Referee:** M. Loftus (Mayo).

**Attendance:** 77,735.

**Galway 0-10, Down 0-7.** (Half-time 0-3 to 0-4).

**Scorers:** C. Dunne (0-6), J. Keenan (0-2), M. McDonagh, S. Cleary (0-1 each).

J. Geraghty, E. Collieran, N. Tierney, J. B. McDermott, J. Donnellan, S. Meade, M. Newell, M. Garrett, M. Reynolds, C. Dunne, M. McDonagh, P. Donnellan, C. Tyrrell, S. Cleary, J. Keenan.

**Referee:** E. Moules (Wicklow).

**Attendance:** 51,541.

**Galway 1-12, Sligo 2-6.** (Half-time 1-2 to 2-3).

**Scorers:** C. Dunne (0-5), C. Tyrrell (1-1), M. McDonagh (0-3), S. Cleary, J. Donnellan and P. Donnellan (0-1 each).

J. Geraghty, S. Meade, N. Tierney, B. McDermott, J. Donnellan, E. Collieran, M. Newell, M. Reynolds, P. Donnellan, C. Dunne, M. McDonagh, S. Leydon, C. Tyrrell, S. Cleary, J. Keenan. Sub.: M. Garrett for Reynolds.

**Referee:** Eamonn Moules (Wicklow).

**Attendance:** 30,000.



**MICK HAYES**, the former Clare goalkeeper, who refereed the All-Ireland senior hurling final. A teacher at Ennis C.B.S., he is a member of the St. Joseph's Club, Ennis, and has been prominent in Munster refereeing circles for some years.

Mick has more than once had charge of the provincial senior final and this year controlled the Munster minor and under-21 finals.

## ALL-IRELAND FINAL SCORES

**S.H.** — Tipperary 2-16, Wexford 0-10.

**I.H.** — Cork 2-20, London 5-5.  
**Home Final** — Cork 3-7, Wexford 2-6.

**J.H.** — Roscommon 3-10, Warwickshire 2-11. **Home** — Roscommon 6-8, Armagh 1-3.

**U-21 H.** — Wexford 3-7, Tipperary 1-4.

**M.H.** — Dublin 4-10, Limerick 2-7.

**S.F.** — Galway 0-12, Kerry 0-9.

**J.F.** — Galway 1-8, Hertfordshire 0-4. **Home** — Galway 1-15, Kildare 2-4.

**U-21 F.** — Kildare 2-11, Cork 1-7.  
**M.F.** — Derry 2-8, Kerry 2-4.



**JOHN KEENAN**  
(Galway)



**KIERAN CAREY**  
(Tipperary)



**LIAM DEVANEY**  
(Tipperary)



**Bosco McDermott**  
(Galway)





### **CORK . . . THE ALL-IRELAND I.H. CHAMPIONS**

The Cork team which beat Wexford in the Home final. Included are: T. Monaghan, D. Murphy, J. Ryan, M. Garde, J. O'Keeffe, S. B. Murphy, F. Sheehan, O. O'Keeffe, J. Hogan, S. Barry, J. Coleman, L. Galligan, D O'Brien, D. O'Keeffe, W. Fitton and Jim Barry (trainer).

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### **THE MEN WHO WON THE J.F. TITLE FOR GALWAY**

The Galway team which beat Kildare in the Home final. Standing (from left): P. Naughton, J. Glynn, F. Canavan, C. O'Connor, G. Higgins, L. Octigan, M. Keane, E. Geraghty, T. Brennan, M. Comer. Kneeling (from left): G. Lohan, M. Ferick, M. Tarpey, F. Heaney, B. Geraghty (captain), P. Crisham, C. McDonagh, T. Keenan, T. Kelly, T. Sands.





## N.A.C.A. REVIEWS . . .

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sufficient in reserve to beat off all challengers and come home well clear of Brosnan. Deery, the 1961 youths champion, was third. With six in the first seventeen, Cork beat Louth by 17 points to win the team title for the third time in four years.

To avoid a clash with an important football game, the All-Ireland senior and youths were postponed to April 4 at Proudstown Park Racecourse, An Uaimh, Co. Meath. The belated fixture did not dampen the spirits of the Cork squad.

In the youths' three miles, after early leader Noel Forrestal, of Tullamore Harriers and Offaly, wilted, the Cork and Munster youths and Munster and All-Ireland Colleges, cross-country champion, 16-year-old Donal Walsh, from the North Monastery, and his team-mate, Stephen Hennessy, gradually left the field behind. Running brilliantly, the lightly-built Walsh hit the tape first in 17 minutes 28 seconds. Hennessy came second and a Louth boy, Taaffe, third. Cork made it four consecutive team titles, with Clare second.

Now only the senior crown remained to complete a clean sweep for the Rebel County. They took the

field fit and confident, with Hodgins, better known as a track man, who was not on their Munster winning outfit, included.

Galway, with the experienced Madden and Morris, two past champions, as well as Mick Molloy, who was second the previous year, were quietly confident. Dublin, had come out of Leinster with good marks, and Louth, following a good showing in the Junior, were not unfancied.

The prospects of a great individual battle were also inviting. Sean O'Sullivan, the holder and many times track champion, had missed the 'Munster' through injury. Would he be fit enough to last the gruelling pace demanding reserves of energy and unlimited stamina?

### Evident

Soon after the 'off' it was evident that the human dynamo from Tournafulla was back in business with a vengeance, for O'Sullivan soon left no doubt about his supermacy in cross-country as he headed the leading group. Running with supreme confidence and judgement, Sean remained king of the 'country' to gain his fifth title.

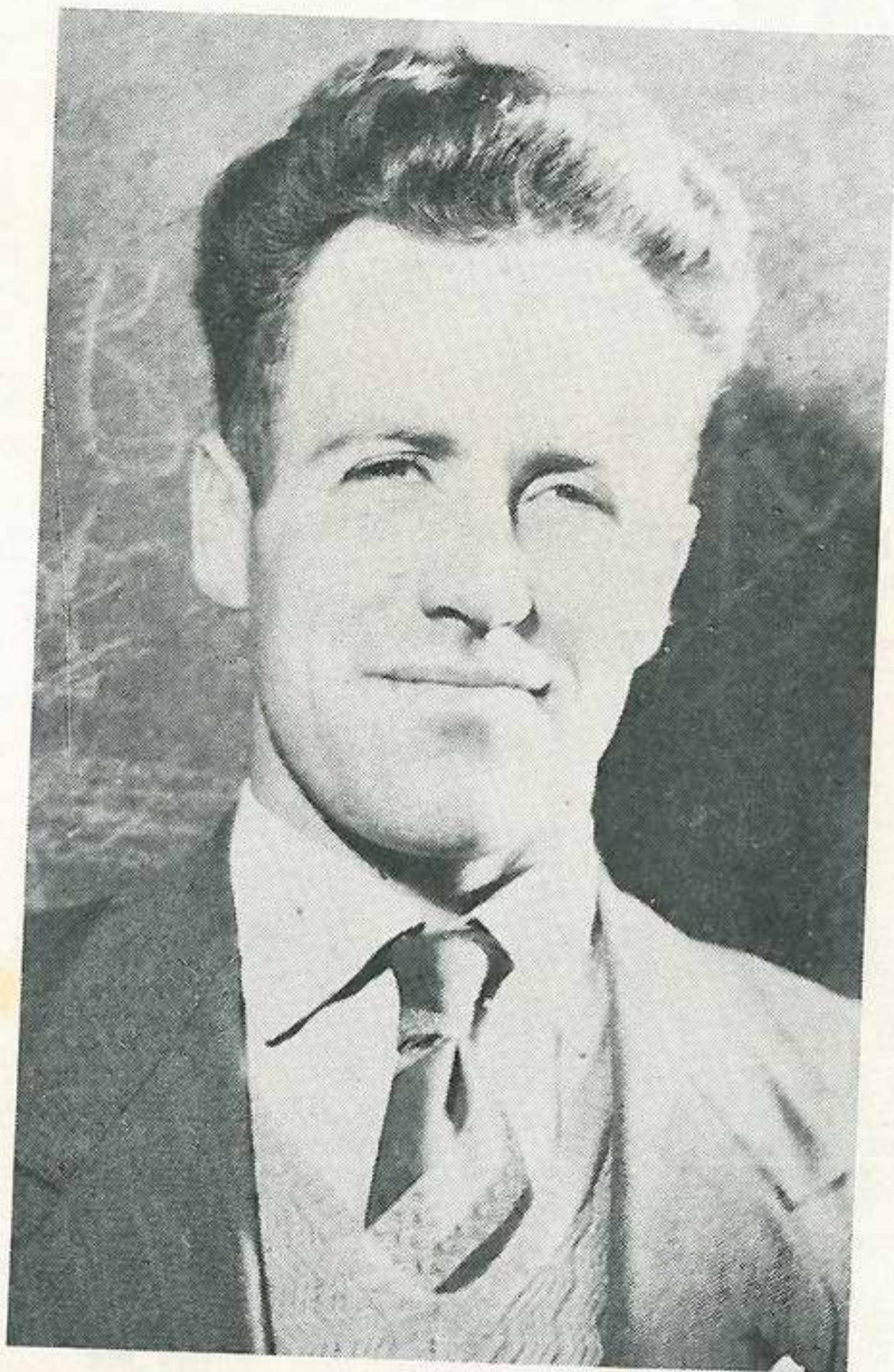
Second place went to Munster senior and former National junior winner, Mick Hickey, of Dundrum A.C., Co. Tipperary, who was the only one who looked like challenging O'Sullivan after Noel Hendrick, of Wexford, an early prospect, had 'given up the ghost.' Kevin Ryan (Galway) got the bronze medal.

Cork's younger team beat off a persistent and meritorious challenge from Galway, many of whom had tasted victory before. So it was three in a row for the Rebels, with Limerick-born U.C.C. student Sean Brosnan leading them home to take the General O'Duffy Cup.

### Field and Track

Not long after the cross-country year ended Sean O'Sullivan again hit the headlines, this time road running, when he gained another brilliant success on the first Sunday in May by winning the 15-miles road championship of Ireland over the Blackrock-Stillorgan-Merrion Avenue Blackrock (Dublin) circuit in 1 hour 18 minutes 10 seconds. Mick Molloy again had to be satisfied with the runner-up medal.

It was O'Sullivan's turn again to take the six miles flat at Bandon



SEAN O'SULLIVAN (Tournafulla) . . . took his fifth title.



Sports, and he won his fifth gold medal of the season on June 6, when capturing the 8,000 metres National championship at Glenroe.

June also saw the Universities triumph in their annual clash with the NACA President's team, this time at the Curragh. Highlight of this meeting was the record-breaking feat of Liam Gleeson (U.C.D.) in the pole vault. He cleared 13' 0 $\frac{1}{8}$ " to improve on his record and become only the second Irishman to achieve this height.

On July 6 it was the turn of Youghal's Pat Coleman to make headlines when he captured the 1,500 metres title at the Cork City Sports in 3 minutes, 53 seconds after a testing struggle with Dick Hodgins (U.C.C.) and Bobby Buckley (Grange). Meanwhile, Iggy Moriarty had lowered the 220 yds record in Dublin.

On July 10, Dublin and Cork athletes monopolised the Irish junior under-20 championships at the Eamonn Ceannt Stadium, Crumlin, with nine titles remaining in the Eastern capital and three going South. New best performances were turned in by Phil Conway (Blackrock A.C. and Rockwell College) in the discus, with a throw of 164' 7", and C. O'Hanlon (U.C.D.) in the hammer, with an effort of 164' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Conway later travelled to Vienna and won the same event in the Catholic Students Games.

So the stage was set for the 1965 senior championships at Banteer, Co. Cork. Although there was no lack of excitement, due to the un-



**JIMMY O'SULLIVAN** (Mal-low) . . . won the national long-jump title with a leap of 22' 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ".

favourable weather no records were made.

It was a personal triumph for the man known so long in Irish athletics as champion runner-up, 37-year-old St. Augustines, Dublin, runner Harry O'Gorman. In retaining his marathon title, he returned a best ever time of 2 hrs. 28 mins., 57 secs. This brilliant win stamped him as the personality of the championships.

Hugh O'Callaghan, who later in the season left the Association to take a scholarship at Villa Nova University, won four titles — shot, discus, hammer and javelin.

Dublin's Ted Phillips took the four miles, relegating Sean O'Sulli-

van to fourth place, and Mick Lani-gan (Kilkenny) won the hurdles double to gain his 13th medal in this branch of athletics. In cycling, Frank O'Sullivan (Fermoy) won his 43rd Irish title with the quarter and 1,000 metres double.

Cork consolidated their claim to be Ireland's leading county in athletics by capturing 11 titles and emerging as best all-round county. Weight specialist Tadhg Twomey (Knocknacurra) won the 56 lb. double and on the following Sunday at his local sports heaved the  $\frac{1}{2}$  cwt. over the bar to a height of 15' 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ ", to beat Ned Tobin's 1943 record by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  ins.

## Decathlon

On the week-end of August 21-22 Denis Toomey (Guinness A.C., Dublin) win the Irish decathlon championship, amassing 5,794 pts. at the Eamonn Ceannt Stadium. The five miles flat championship at Wexford went to Mick Hickey (Dundrum A.C.), with P. J. Coyle (Lourdes A.C., Drogheda) second.

While congratulating those who won National titles let us spare a thought for the many other athletes from Fair Head, on the Antrim coast, to Mizen Head, separating Dunmanus Bay from Roaringwater Bay in the South, and from Connemara across to the Eastern seaboard. If your name does not appear on the roll of honour this time, take heart. 1966 is just around the corner and Dame Fortune may smile more favourably on you.

## Participation

Was it not Baron Pierre de Coub-ertin who said back in the '90's "that the love of the game still exists?" To win is not everything; participation is the chief aspect.

The youth of both the urban areas and countryside should avail of the fine recreation available by joining local athletic clubs. Although there is a pessimistic view that a decline has set in in all forms of sport the numbers competing prove otherwise.

May the dawn of 1966 herald a bright future for Irish athletics and may the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising see a united Ireland take her place in international competition after over 30 years out in the cold.

On this note may I extend to the dedicated officials, athletes, followers and many of our friends in for-

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**COOLCREE A.C. 1965 Tipperary Senior Cross-Country Champions.** Front Row, (left to right): Michael Carroll (trainer), Pat Ely, Seamus Bowe, Matty Mullaney, Willie Bowe, Timmy Bowe, Donal Maher, Tom Kelly. Back Row, (left to right): Joe Coman, Paddy Ryan, John Joe Bourke, Tommy Healy, L. Woodlock, Con Bowe, Malachy Mullaney, J. Coady, Jerry O'Dwyer, Larry Phelan, Paddy Coman, Robt. O'Hara.



# WE MUST BE SELF-SUFFICIENT

**I**S handball enjoying the popularity that the founders of the G.A.A. hoped it would when they took it under their wing?

Is it being properly organised at club and county level and are the separate units of the parent body playing their parts in ensuring that it survives and flourishes?

Recently I visited a young friend in a Northern town. He is a keen student of the game and, like many of his friends, is always partial to a knock-up. They play in the remnants of a court that unfolds a tragic tale.

Only ten years ago it was sparkling new and the voluntary pioneers envisaged a bright future, which never materialised.

Youth, enthusiastic to the core, was there in abundance. But the vital leader was missing. Hence they were never welded into any sort of compact unit, despite the fact that the Gaelic football club in that town is one of the strongest in the county. This is a story that is, unfortunately, all too common.

It is one of many that come to light as we attempt to reconcile the connection between handball and the G.A.A. Actually, no such thing exists. Central Council apart, and, possibly a few rare clubs, handball stands apart, patiently awaiting the support that a span of eighty years has failed to bring.

A handball court in every playing field, a handball court as the mecca for the Gaelic members of a club, a handball court as an ideal social centre for all sections of the organisation, these are, and have been, the ambitions of well-meaning officials. But, in my book anyway, the day of reckoning is long past.

Hurling and football clubs, for reasons best known to themselves, are either unable or unwilling to cater for the extra code. Proof, if any is needed, can be supplied by the

meagre few. They could almost be counted on the fingers of one hand.

"Handball is a great game but isn't it a pity that it is not better organised?" I tire of that cliché. It is thrown at us regularly in most coun-



**RICHIE LYNG**, of Ballyanne, Wexford . . . the first to win All-Ireland titles in senior, junior and minor grades.

ties by allegedly devoted G.A.A. men. It is high time, then, that the invisible string was sundered, and that handballers emerged from the shadows to play an independent part in the progress of the G.A.A.

Self-sufficiency should be the aim in every county. If such minority sports as basketball, badminton and table tennis can attain it, why not handball?

Priority, of course, would have to be given to the emergence of dynamic leaders, who would have the task of encouraging existing clubs, developing of the game among youth, organising a board and running leagues and championships.

Such men are there. The job is to find them. Perhaps the Central Handball Council would provide the vital missing link by organising a symposium, inviting hand-picked officials from every county and defining a futuristic policy.

It could be the forerunner of a great era in handball.

Now to glance back on the general handball picture for 1965. The year opened, as usual, with the concluding stages of the Gael-Linn competition, which once again attracted a record entry.

Favourites fell, giant-killers emerged and even on final day at Lurgan there were a couple of surprise-packets among the last eight.

I will never forget that day, for it must have been one of the wildest and wettest on which a handball programme was ever staged.

The winner was Joe Delaney, who, despite the fact that he is used to the comforts of the covered court at Talbots Inch, overcame the elements and proved much superior to Richie Lyng in the final.

Around that time, too, Annual Congress elected a new president, in succession to Rev. E. Neville, whose term had expired. Gerry McGowan,



from Antrim, now holds the position, bringing to it the same enthusiasm and dedication which have earmarked him as the leading official in Ulster for many years.

Congress was also noteworthy for the many rule-changes which materialised.

Among these was the reduction of the traditional number of rubbers for senior and junior championships; compelling players to wear their singlets for the full duration of a match, and the abolition of the kick.

All have added to the improvement of the game which now sees the completion of a three-match programme in approximately two hours.

The Provincial and All-Ireland championships provided handball of the highest order as new names made a welcome appearance on the honours list. These ranged from Mayo, in senior, to Offaly, Meath and Dublin, in junior, and Galway, in minor.

Of these, Mayo's achievements deserve special mention, for Peadar McGee and Paddy Bollingbrook really blazed a triumphant trail in winning all four Connacht titles and two All-Irelands. They should keep their county on top for a long time.

Richie Lyng, from Ballyanne, took the senior soft singles to Wexford and in doing so became the first player to win All-Ireland titles in minor, junior and senior grades.

Neither can I overlook young Pat Clarke, from Roscommon, the minor soft singles champion, Tony Curley and Seamus Lynch, from Galway, and, indeed, all who trained so hard to reach the top.

As we go to press, handball's most recent innovation, the National League, draws to a close. To say that it was a success would be an understatement, for it surpassed even the most ambitious dreams of its proposers, thanks mainly to the Leinster, Ulster and Connacht counties who rallied enthusiastically to the cause.

No marks, however, to the Munster Council and counties whose lack of initiative failed to supply even a solitary entry. This gave the concluding stages a lob-sided appearance as one of the provincial winners must get a bye into the final.

Now to end on a pleasant note. It is gratifying to report that publicity for the game has improved considerably, thanks to Gaelic Weekly and the National morning and evening newspapers.

# Where the titles went...

**S.S.S.** — R. LYNG (Wexford); P. Bollingbrook (Mayo); **S.S.D.** — J. DELANEY and T. RYAN (Kilkenny); P. Bollingbrook and P. McGee (Mayo); **S.H.S.** — P. McGEE (Mayo); S. McCabe (Monaghan); **S.H.D.** — P. McGEE and P. BOLLINGBROOK (Mayo); J. Delaney and T. Mahon (Kilkenny); **J.S.S.** — L. MOLLOY and D. McGOVERN (Meath); T. and M. McEllistram (Kerry); **J.H.S.** — P. SHEERIN (Offaly); T. McEllistram (Kerry); **J.H.D.** — M. SULLIVAN and J. DOYLE (Dublin); T. and M. McEllistram (Kerry); **M.S.S.** — P. CLARKE (Roscommon); P. Kealy (Offaly); **M.S.D.** — W. MYLES and M. FITZGIBBON (Kerry); J. Howlin and J. Murphy (Wexford); **M.H.S.** — T. GEOGHEGAN (Kildare); T. Curley (Galway); **M.H.D.** — T. CURLEY and S. LYNCH (Galway); T. Geoghegan and A. Campbell (Kildare).

## LEINSTER CHAMPIONS

**S.S.S.** — R. Lyng (Wexford).  
**S.S.D.** — J. Delaney and T. Ryan (Kilkenny).  
**S.H.S.** — J. Delaney (Kilkenny).  
**S.H.D.** — J. Delaney and T. Mahon (Kilkenny).  
**J.S.S.** — P. Sheerin (Offaly).  
**J.S.D.** — L. Molloy and D. McGovern (Meath).  
**J.H.S.** — P. Sheerin (Offaly).  
**J.H.D.** — M. Sullivan and J. Doyle (Dublin).  
**M.S.S.** — P. Kealy (Offaly).  
**M.S.D.** — J. Howlin and J. Murphy (Wexford).  
**M.H.S.** — T. Geoghegan (Kildare).  
**M.H.D.** — T. Geoghegan and A. Campbell (Kildare).

## CONNACHT CHAMPIONS

**S.S.S.** — P. Bollingbrook (Mayo).  
**S.S.D.** — P. Bollingbrook and P. McGee (Mayo).  
**S.H.S.** — P. McGee (Mayo).  
**S.H.D.** — P. McGee and P. Bollingbrook (Mayo).  
**J.S.S.** — R. Doherty (Roscommon).  
**J.S.D.** — R. Doherty and P. Hoare (Roscommon).  
**J.H.S.** — S. Glynn (Galway).  
**J.H.D.** — S. Glynn and G. Cronnelly (Galway).  
**M.S.S.** — P. Clarke (Roscommon).  
**M.S.D.** — P. Clarke and M. O'Gara (Roscommon).  
**M.H.S.** — T. Curley (Galway).  
**M.H.D.** — T. Curley and S. Lynch (Galway).

## ULSTER CHAMPIONS

**S.S.S.** — S. McCabe (Monaghan).  
**S.S.D.** — L. and J. Gilmore (Cavan).

**S.H.S.** — S. McCabe (Monaghan).

**S.H.D.** — L. Gilmore and P. Sheridan (Cavan).  
**J.S.S.** — S. Galligan (Cavan).  
**J.S.D.** — S. Galligan and D. White (Cavan).  
**J.H.S.** — P. Begley (Tyrone).  
**J.H.D.** — K. Finnegan and M. Donagh (Cavan).  
**M.S.S.** — D. White (Cavan).  
**M.S.D.** — D. White and S. Sheridan (Cavan).  
**M.H.S.** — P. Hand (Cavan).  
**M.H.D.** — P. Hand and S. Sheridan (Cavan).

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONS

**S.S.S.** — J. Cleary (Tipperary).  
**S.S.D.** — W. Kerins and P. Moriarity (Kerry).  
**S.H.S.** — P. Hickey (Tipperary).  
**S.H.D.** — P. Hickey and John Ryan (Tipperary).  
**J.S.S.** — T. McEllistram (Kerry).  
**J.S.D.** — T. and M. McEllistram (Kerry).  
**J.H.S.** — T. McEllistram (Kerry).  
**J.H.D.** — T. and M. McEllistram (Kerry).  
**M.S.S.** — W. Myles (Kerry).  
**M.S.D.** — M. Fitzgibbon and W. Myles (Kerry).  
**M.H.S.** — W. Myles (Kerry).  
**M.H.D.** — M. Fitzgibbon and W. Myles (Kerry).

## GAEL-LINN CUP

Winner — J. Delaney (Kilkenny).  
Finalists — M. Sullivan (Dublin), R. Lyng (Wexford); P. Sheerin (Offaly); P. Hickey (Tipperary); P. Coady (Cork); J. Gilmore (Cavan); P. McGee (Mayo).

## NATIONAL LEAGUE QUALIFIERS

Dublin, Wexford, Mayo, Monaghan or Armagh.



## N.A.C.A. REVIEWS . . .

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eign lands that old greeting: Nollaig shona dhibh go leir agus go mbeidh Bliain Nua fe mhaise agaibh.

### ALL-IRELAND NACA(I) TITLE-HOLDERS 1965

All-Ireland junior championships at Eamonn Ceannt Stadium, Dublin, on July 10.

**100 yds.:** J. Cumiskey (U.C.D.), 10.2 secs.; **220:** B. Murphy (Fr. Matthew A.C., Cork), 22.8 secs.; **440:** B. Murphy, 51.8 secs.; **880:** M. Heery (Raheny Shamrocks), 1 min. 59.2 secs.; **Mile:** R. Buckley (Grange A.C., Cork), 4 mins. 19.4 secs.

**20 yds. Hurdles:** A. O Muircheartaigh (Dublin City Harriers), 16 secs.; **Relay:** Dublin City Harriers, 3 mins. 47.7 secs.; **High Jump:** C. Farrell (St. Vincents), 5' 8"; **Long Jump:** H. Duggan (Craanford A.C.), 20' 7½"; **Pole Vault:** P. Hecksher (Rockwell Col.), 11' 6".

**Shot:** P. Conway (Blackrock A.C.), 47' 3"; **Hammer:** C. O'Hanlon (U.C.D.), 164' 10½"; **Discus:** P. Conway, 164' 7"; **Javelin:** K. Monaghan (Raheny), 153' 4¼".

All-Ireland senior field and track championships at Banteer, Co. Cork, on July 24-25.

**60 yds Dash:** M. Keane, (Sligo Eire Og A.C.), 6.2 secs.; **100:** I. O Muircheartaigh (U.C.D.), 10.2 secs.; **220:** M. G. Carroll (Dundalk), 22.8 secs.; **440:** B. Murphy (Fr. Matthew A.C.), 49.9 secs.; **880:** D. Buckley (St. Finbarr's A.C., Cork), 1 min. 55.5 secs.

**Mile:** P. Coleman (Youghal A.C.), 4 mins. 21.5 secs.; **4 Miles:** T. Phillips (Raheny Shamrocks), 19 mins. 39.9 secs.; **120 yds. Hurdles:** M. Lanigan (Kilkenny), 15.4 secs.; **440 yds. Hurdles:** M. Lanigan, 57.8 secs.; **Marathon:** H. O'Gorman (St. Augustines, Dublin), 2 hrs. 28 mins. 57 secs.

**Relay:** St. Finbarr's A.C., Cork, 3 mins. 38 secs.; **High Jump:** P. O'Shea (Millstreet), 6' 0"; **Long Jump:** J. O'Sullivan (Mallow), 22' 4½"; **Pole Vault:** L. Gleeson (U.C.D.), 12' 6"; **Triple Jump:** R. O'Dwyer (Ardgroom), 47' 1¾".

**Shot:** H. O'Callaghan (Toomevara), 49' 9½"; **Discus:** H. O'Callaghan, 141' 3¾"; **Hammer:** H. O'Callaghan, 155' 8"; **Javelin:** H. O'Callaghan, 173' 5".

**56 lbs. O/B:** T. Twomey (Knocknacurra), 15' 0"; **56 lbs. W/F:** T.



Kildare's brilliant cyclist, Paddy Flanagan, being presented with Caltex Award by An Taoiseach, Mr. S. Lemass.

**Twomey, 28' 10¾"; ¼ Mile Cycle:** F. O'Sullivan (Fermoy); **1,000 Metres:** F. O'Sullivan; **5 kls. Point-to-point:** M. Finnegan (Harp C.C.), 23 pts.

All-Ireland Decathlon championship at Eamonn Ceannt, Stadium, August 21-22.

**1.** D. Twomey (Guinness A.C.), 5,794 pts.; **2.** M. A. Ryan (Kilkenny A.C.), 4,415.

### CROSS COUNTRY

All-Ireland senior championship over 7½ miles at An Uaimh on April 4.

**Individual:** 1, S. O'Sullivan (Tournafulla, Co. Limerick) 42 mins. 10 secs.; 2, M. Hickey (Dundrum, Co. Tipperary); 3, K. Ryan, (Galway).

**Team:** 1, Cork (5, 6, 10, 14, 16, 19), 70 pts.; 2, Galway: (3, 9, 11, 13, 15, 31), 82 pts.; 3, Louth (7, 12, 20, 21, 28, 29), 117 pts. Scoring members for Cork: Sean Brosnan, Dick Hodgins, Pat Coleman, Denis

Buckley, John O'Brien, John Buckley.

All-Ireland Youths 3 Miles, same date and venue.

**Individual:** 1, D. Walsh (Cork), 17 mins. 28 secs.; 2, S. Hennessy (Cork); 3, M. Taaffe (Louth).

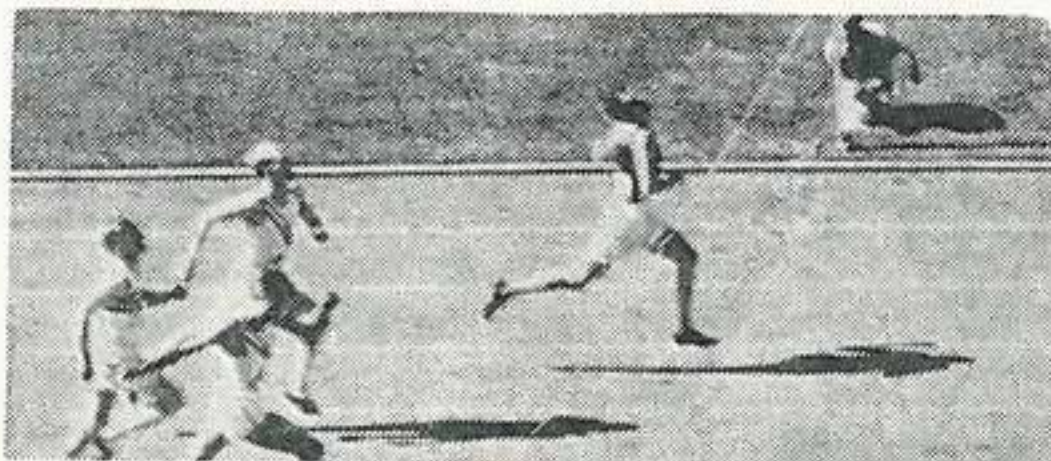
**Team:** 1, Cork (1, 2, 5, 12, 13, 17), 50 pts.; 2, Clare 107 pts.; 3, Tipperary 122 pts. Scoring members for Cork: Donal Walsh, Stephen Hennessy, Frank Ryan, P. Harrington, Jim Leahy, P. Allen.

All-Ireland junior over 6 miles, Thomastown, Co. Kilkenny, on February 28:

**Individual:** 1, F. Browne (Louth); 2, S. Brosnan (Cork); 3, W. Deery (Derry).

**Team:** 1, Cork (2, 9, 12, 13, 14, 17), 67 pts.; 2, Louth, (1, 5, 8, 11, 21, 38), 84 pts.; 3, Dublin, (4, 18, 19, 23, 26, 27), 117 pts.

Scoring members for Cork: Sean Brosnan, Sean Roche, Bobby Buckley, J. Murphy, Pat O'Riordan and T. J. O'Reilly.



A GREAT MOMENT . . . Bob Tisdall goes through the tapes to win the 400 metres hurdles final in the 1932 Olympic Games. This and other great moments in Ireland's athletic history are recalled by David Guiney in his book—"Ireland's Olympic Heroes." The book, published by Philip Roderick, "Duhallow," Dublin Road, Sutton, Co. Dublin, is a must for all sports enthusiasts.



# 1 FIRMNESS      2 FITNESS      3 FAIRNESS

THESE MOTTOES, SAYS CHARLIE CONWAY, THE WELL-KNOWN CORK REFEREE, ARE THE THREE ESSENTIALS FOR ...

## *The Man In The Middle*

MACE



"So you know everything about Gaelic Games — Well how many holes in a net?"

ONE of the biggest problems that G.A.A. administrators have to grapple with is the provision of efficient referees. As everyone knows, the affairs of the Association would come to a standstill if referees could not be found to officiate at matches, in good weather and bad. The G.A.A. is often criticised on the score that the general standard of refereeing throughout the country is poor, but few constructive suggestions are put forward as to how the matter could be remedied.

How, in fact, does the G.A.A. go about the job of recruiting referees? Usually the first move comes from the man himself.

### **Easy Game**

It becomes known to Board officials that a certain man, maybe an active player or maybe an ex-player, is willing to officiate at a game. If he seems the reliable type who will dispense fair play no matter what teams are concerned, he will usually be given a rather unimportant game to start with.

From there on it is up to himself to prove worthy of the responsibility thus thrust on him. He will make himself familiar with the rules and interpret them according to his lights. He will get plenty of advice from all quarters, but he must rely mainly on his own judgment to do the right thing at the right time.

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# LET'S LOOK BACK AND LAUGH

**I**F I have one fault to find with hurling and football nowadays it is this, that we are inclined to take things a bit too seriously. To listen to players and officials, and even followers, talking before a big league or championship game you would swear that, if their side were to be beaten, it would be so great a catastrophe that the sun itself would be ashamed to rise on the following morning.

Now, when I look back on my young days, I don't think we in our time were quite so obsessed by the difference between victory and defeat.

I well remember watching a hard, tearaway Munster hurling championship game between Limerick and Tipperary at Cork some twenty years ago or thereabouts.

Tipperary were facing the wind and their goalkeeper, who, in all fairness, must remain nameless, had anything but a happy outing. He was beaten for goal after goal, each easier than the one before, until finally he let an easy dribbling ball hop over his stick in really remarkable fashion.

John Mackey from Ahane, who, in the twilight of a great career, was playing at full-forward for Limerick came thundering in, hoping to block down the expected clearance, but the *sliothar* had gone bobbling over the goal line by the time he got there.

But instead, in most friendly fashion, he caught the goalkeeper's caman, lifted it slightly and had a

good look at the boss. "Well", said John, "there's no hole in that anyway."

As for good humour in defeat, I remember, in 1955, coming off the field with one of the Cork team after the 1954 All-Ireland champions had been sensationally defeated by Clare in the opening round of the Munster series at Thurles. As we got to the wicket gate leading off the side-line, a priest, who was just about to go through, stood back to allow us pass.

Smilingly the Cork star waved him on. "You go ahead, Father," said he. "Sure I have the rest of the year to go out there now."

Of the playing fields I have two particularly happy memories myself. One is of a Dublin junior hurling match many, many years ago. I was captain of our team, and just around the start of the last quarter our star full-back went down with a sharp head injury. It wasn't all that serious, but it bled a lot and it was obvious that he could not play on.

Anyway, in his place came the only 'sub' we had, our most vociferous and, on his tongue, most belligerent supporter but who, in actuality, would not hurt a fly.

He had no togs, of course, but he took off his coat with fierce and obvious determination, rolled it up into a neat bundle, loosened his tie, opened his collar, came striding purposefully onto the field and gave his name, loudly, to the referee.

Having shifted the centre-back to

full and one of the wing backs to centre-back, I asked the newcomer where he would like to play.

"I'm not particular," said he, scowling round him at the opposing team, "but, in view of what happened, I'll play around here where Frank was struck."

It was the same man, if memory serves me rightly, whose career came to a hilarious end a year or two later. We were very short-handed on this particular day and had to put him in full-forward, where he hurled with all his customary enthusiasm, but with no conspicuous success.

At some stage in the second half, our friend tore fearlessly into a whole forest of clashing hurleys, and emerged howling most lamentably with both hands clutched tight round his head.

For some moments he ran round in circles, and every beac out of him would melt a heart of stone. At last we caught him, but all our best efforts could not praise those hands away from his head. Finally the coach, who had run onto the field, shouted at him, "Will you take down your hands till we have a look at your head."

## "It's Me Toe"

The stricken one at last spread his fingers a little and peered out through them tearfully. "Tisn't me head is hurt at all," said he, "but me toe!"

A decade or more ago I was (and still am for that matter) very friendly with a famous footballer, whose name was known all Ireland over. In his day a lot of people used to think that he suffered from what is commonly known as a 'big head'.

Now I don't think the player in question was really a victim of that disease, but he was well aware of his own reputation and, being a bit of a practical joker, would delight in having on' his friends whenever the chance presented itself.

There was a certain house where we both used to visit, a house where the results of the day used be almost the only topic of conversation on a Sunday evening.

It so happened that, one Sunday,



this man was playing for his county at a country venue, and no sooner had we heard the news on the radio that his team had been beaten by two points, and beaten unexpectedly at that, than the player in question walked in the door, a deal earlier than expected.

"So ye lost," said someone to him. "That was a big surprise."

"We had no luck at all," said the player who, by the way, was a half-back. "We were leading by a point when the others got a lucky goal and that left them two points ahead with two minutes or less to go. I said to myself that something would have to be done about it."

"So I moved into the centre, got the kick-out and away with me up the field. As I went I beat man after man that came against me and I drove right up to the edge of the square. I could have had a point, of course, anywhere from forty yards out, but a point was no good to me."

## Overwhelmed

"And there, on the edge of the square, I was finally overwhelmed by weight of numbers. I think half the other team were up on my back by then. But did the referee give me a free! What he gave was a hop ball, and then blew the last whistle before I could tear through for a goal."

"And what were the rest of your own team doing all this time?", someone asked a bit sarcastically.

"What were they doing?" asked the player surprised. "What else would they be doing but admiring me?"

Only the next morning, after we had all condemned him the night before as the greatest boaster we ever listened to, did we discover that the joke had been on us the whole time.

We learned from the papers that the car which had been bringing our man to the game broke down and he had not, in fact, played in the match at all or even got to the venue, which explained why he was back in Dublin so early.

Need I say that some of us were very chary of ever describing that particular player as a 'big-head' again?



"I have to ask you to adjourn the inquest on the 'Grounds' Final — I'm about to blow for closing time!"



"Football matches are great — you can always rib the players and they can't rib you back!"



A referee may attend meetings, at which the rules are thoroughly discussed. He may be advised what to do in almost every set of circumstances that could arise. But when he goes on the field he is very much on his own. Here there is no time for argument; he must apply his own judgement and make split-second decisions.

His success or failure as a referee will depend on whether he is the type of man who can do this without fear or favour and manage to be right in nine cases out of ten.

The making of a good referee is something akin to the making of a first-class player.

### **The Difference**

Some seem to be born with the ability to play games well; they will, with the proper training, do credit to their counties in the All-Ireland championship. Others, no matter how they try, will never pass beyond the novice or junior grade with their home clubs.

So it is with referees. Some have the inherent qualities that will enable them to control the toughest game; others, no matter how they are coached in the art, will never be successful because they just have not got what it takes.

### **First Quality**

The ability to assert authority is the first quality that a referee must possess. All other things are secondary. A man may know the rules backwards and be absolutely determined to give fair play to everybody, but if he is unable to keep the teams and the game concerned under control he has no business taking a whistle into his hand.

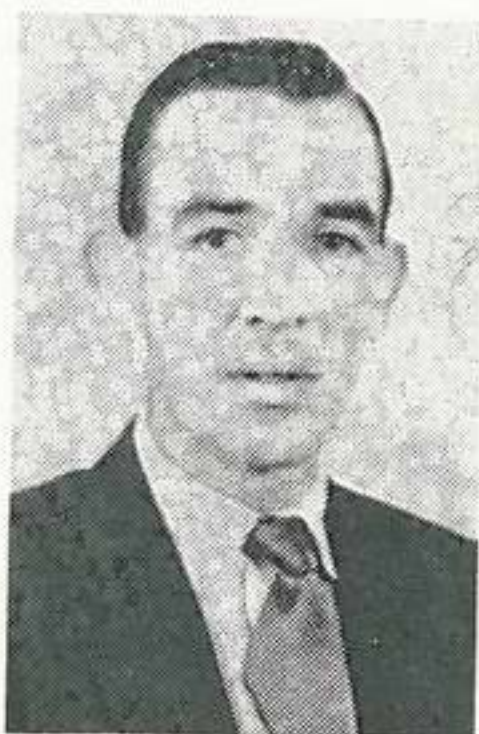
It is well known that certain players try to influence referees. If they see that he is the type of man who will take dictation they will dispute almost every decision against their team in the hope that he will relent and "give them a break." If he does this it goes without saying that he is taking a major step towards letting the game go out of control.

If a referee relaxes his grip there is an immediate danger that upstart conduct will follow. Players hith-

erto afraid to take a chance in this respect will "have a go" in the expectation that, like other things, he will let it pass. If the referee has already let things slip out of control in the matter of applying the rules he will find it very difficult to assert his authority now.

In my own experience of refereeing there are two things that continually give me reason to put down the foot. One is the matter of pucking out the ball from outside the parallelogram in hurling; the other is obscene language on the field of play.

It may not seem important if a player comes a few yards outside the square to puck out the ball; but if there is a strong wind blowing those



**Paddy Hughes of Dundalk**  
... one of the top referees.

few yards could prove vital at the opposite end of the field. The penalty is a seventy to the opposing team and I never hesitate to give it.

I feel very strongly about the use of obscene language on the field. This must always be dealt with sternly, and players who cannot behave themselves in this respect should be sent immediately to the sideline.

It is advisable to warn players about these things before the game starts so that there will be no misunderstanding afterwards.

A referee must be careful not to over use the whistle; this can be as bad as not blowing at all. Provided a game is being fairly contested there is no need to pull up players

for every trivial infringement. This only slows up the play and spoils the game as a spectacle without achieving anything in the matter of control.

Physical fitness is a very important matter for a referee. There is no point in thinking that you can referee a game from the middle of the field. You must always be in touch with the play.

### **Umpires and Linesmen**

Another matter of great importance is good umpires and linesmen. These are often hard to get but without them there is a possibility of major trouble. They are the men on the spot in the vital matter of scores, and a mistake, or a series of them, in this respect can put the referee in an unenviable position.

People often ask me how I started refereeing. It happened by accident, really. The referee appointed for a particular game in Mid-Cork was unable to act and I was called in at the last minute to fill the gap. That was in 1946. I was continually on the job after that and realised a cherished ambition when I was given charge of the whistle at the Munster hurling final of 1955 between Limerick and Clare.

### **Honours**

I was later honoured with the refereeing of the National Hurling League final between Tipperary and Wexford at Croke Park (1955-'56) and the Tipp-New York game in 1960.

In the past nineteen years I have refereed games up and down the country and have derived much satisfaction from the experience. I have been abused and threatened by irate supporters and accused of the most foul motives. But that is all in the day's work with a referee; he must be prepared to accept it as part of the job when he takes the whistle.

I conclude with a word of advice to up and coming referees. Be physically fit; be firm in your decisions and be impartial no matter what the circumstances. If you observe these rules and have the right stuff in you there is nothing to prevent you from becoming a good referee.

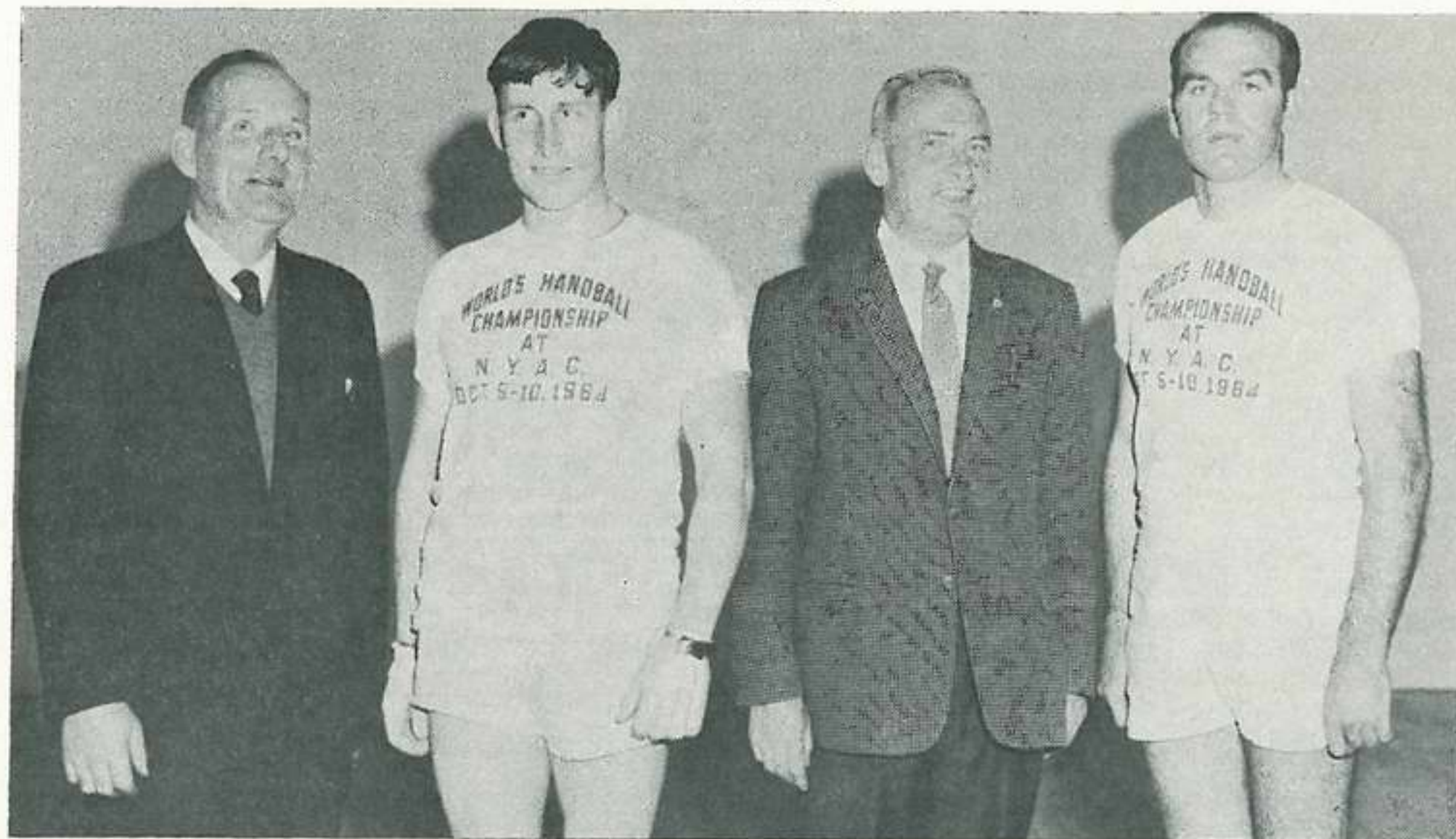




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## FLASHBACK TO THE WORLD HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Below: Pictured from left are: Paddy Shaughnessy, Dalgan Co. Westmeath; Joey Maher, Joe Lynch and Des Dillon (R.I.P.).





# HOW GALWAY WON THE JUNIOR CROWN

**By Brian Geraghty**  
(The Galway Captain)

**I**T was a great year for Galway football. Three Connacht titles, two All-Ireland titles and a National League all came to Galway sideboards since this Annual last appeared, not to mention numerous less important trophies. No mean feat in any man's reckoning.

Since the opening round of this year's junior championship the Galway team was fancied to take All-Ireland honours. Nearly every member of the team had senior inter-county experience and, although first-round opponents, Mayo, had already accounted for their own senior side in a challenge, the Galway mentors could not see defeat. How right they were! In miserable conditions their side coasted home after a rather shaky start and a feature of this game was the excellent displays of Mick Coen at centre-half back and dazzling top-scoring forward from Galway city, Liam Salmon. These two players were most unfortunate to miss the rest of the campaign and an All-Ireland medal because of injuries received around about this time.

Leitrim provided poor opposition in the Connacht final. The jack-in-the-box antics of Pat Donnellan at right corner forward on that day will live for long in my memory. It was "Pateen" at his best . . . tantalising the opposition with first-class dummies and deft touches while maintaining an actor's appearance of childish innocence. This was to be his last game with us for he was to be lost to the senior side after the American trip.

Admittedly the exception more often than not proves the rule, but

anyone who saw the All-Ireland semi-final games—the draw and the replay—between Galway and Kerry in August would be sorry to see inter-county junior competition go by the boards. These two games had everything. Magnificent football, spectacular scores and on each occasion a wonderful and praiseworthy second half rally by the never-say-die Kerry men kept the very large attendances on both occasions in full volume.

In the first game at Tralee, Galway should have won; Kerry could have won, and at the final whistle both sides were content with the prospect of a replay. The return game at Nenagh lived up to expectations. As had happened previously, Galway with the aid of a good breeze built up a great interval lead. The second half was alive with excitement as the Kingdom's hero at Tralee, "Thorney" O'Shea, led a near-shattering Kerry revival. We were very lucky indeed to hold out, and I for one hope that referee Paul Kelly will always have "as good a time" as he had on that day.

The "Home Final" against Kildare proved to be an easy enough victory, although the "Lily Whites" started in great style. Even before the interval it was clear that the Galway boys were superior and the display of "under-21" stars Frank Cavanagh and wee Tommy Keenan must have left followers in a happy mood regarding our teams in future years.

This "Home Final" is generally accepted as the final proper even though the champions of Great Britain have still to be met. This year Hertfordshire emerged as victors.

Some few years ago the London County Board decided to split up its forces, and grouped sixteen of its original teams to form what is now known as the Hertfordshire Divisional Board. It turned out to be a case of the pupils emulating the masters, for this, what you might call subsidiary divisional side, annexed the championship from the more fancied London boys. What is more, they made people chew their words about the final proper being nothing but a formality, for they gave Galway a really fine game. They were unfortunate in meeting such a strong Galway team, one which was away above the ordinary run of the mill junior sides. They had to play second best as regards football skill, but in sportsmanship and hospitality they gave a headline to one and all.

The junior cup is back in Galway then for the third time. To the majority of our supporters this event may be just shrouded in the senior victory but for hard-working trainers and officials, John Dunne, Frank Stockwell and Brendan Nestor it was a triumph which was very dear. To them and County Chairman, Fr. P. Mahon—many thanks.

There are many who think that Junior County football has no place in the G.A.A. programme. Well I think that the excellence displayed by this Galway side struck a great blow for its retention. Secondly, before putting forward arguments for its abolition, think of what it means to our Gaels across the "little pond"—men like Paddy Davin who by their efforts on and off the field of play merit this recognition.





### THEY WON THE OFFALY S.F. TITLE

The Daingean side which brought their third S.F. title to the Offaly parish. Front row (l.to r.): J. Hickey, J. Smyth, W. Greene, K. McNamara, J. Kilmurry (capt.), P. McCormack, A. Hickey, L. Fox. Back row (l. to r.): Rev. S. Conlon (trainer), P. Carey, L. Boland, M. Fox, E. Smyth, J. Hanlon, O. Kilmurry, N. Hickey.

### WICKLOW SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

The Baltinglass team which beat St. Patricks to take their third title. Front Row (l. to r.): T. Norton, L. Norton, J. Rogers, W. Nolan, S. Kenny (mascot), J. Kenny (capt.), A. Buchanan, P. Rogers, W. Wall, J. Keefe, A. Leigh, M. Finn. Back Row (l to r.): E. Nolan (committee), J. Connell, T. Scott, B. Doody, C. Connell, R. Nolan, K. Browne, N. Scott, J. Whelan, P. Canavan, T. Whelan, P.Nolan.







## GARDA TRAINING CENTRE FOOTBALLERS

Back Row (left to right): **Mick Murphy** (Ballymore, Westmeath), **Willie Mulloy** (Ferbane, Offaly), **Brendan McDonnell** (Ballaghaderreen), **C. Ridge** (Costello, Galway), **D. Duffin** (Clara), **N. Mulhern** (Carrick-on-Shannon), **T. Byrne** (Portlaoise), **M. O'Connor** (Castlegregory, Kerry), **D. Thomas** (Donegal Town), **J. D. McMenamin** (MacCumhalls, Donegal). Front Row (left to right): **E. Coleman** (Ballymurphy, Carlow), **E. Giles** (Navan), **M. Carey** (Gort, Galway), **T. Mongey** (Kilberry, Meath), **B. Gilmore** (Drumlush, Longford), **S. Keevans** (Taghmon, Wexford), **T. Sourke** (Rush, Dublin), **G. McGrath** (Rosscarbery, Cork), **B. Johnson** (Banagher, Offaly), **N. Smith** (Mullahoran, Cavan).

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## GALWAY . . . ALL-IRELAND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONS

The Galway team which beat Kerry in the final at Croke Park to take the title for their second successive season.





# ALL-IRELAND FINAL TEAMS

## TIPPERARY (S.H.)

J. O'Donoghue (Arravale Rovers); Jn. Doyle (Holycross), M. Maher (do.), K. Carey (Roscrea), M. Burns (Nenagh), A. Wall (Thurles Sarsfields), L. Gaynor (Kilruane McDonagh); T. English (Marlfield), M. Roche (Carrick-on-Suir); Jas. Doyle (Thurles Sarsfields) capt., L. Kiely (Dublin Young Irelands), L. Devaney (Borrisoleigh); D. Nealon (Burgess), J. McKenna (Borrisokane), S. McLoughlin (Thurles Sarsfields).

## WEXFORD (S.H.)

P. Nolan (Oylegate); W. O'Neill (Kilmore), D. Quigley (Rathnure), E. Colfer (New Ross), V. Staples (St. Martin's, Piercestown), T. Neville (New Ross) capt., W. Murphy (Faythe Harriers); J. O'Brien (New Ross), J. Nolan (Oylegate), R. Shannon (Horeswood), P. Quigley (Rathnure), M. Codd (do.), J. Foley (Oylegate). Subs. E. Wheeler (Faythe Harriers), O. McGrath (do.).

## CORK (I.H.)

T. Monaghan (Kildorrery); D. Murphy (Castletownroche), J. Ryan (Youghal), M. Garde (Castlemartyr); J. O'Keeffe (do.), S. Barry-Murphy (Ballincollig), F. Sheehan (Eire Og), O. O'Keeffe (Midleton), J. Hogan (U.C.C.); S. Barry (do.), J. K. Coleman (Ballinhassig), L. Galligan (Blackrock); D. O'Brien (Eire Og), D. O'Keeffe (Castlemartyr), W. Fitton (Ballincollig).

## LONDON (I.H.)

W. Barnaville (Tipperary); H. Hickey (Kilkenny), B. Neville (Limerick), M. McGrath (Galway), M. Collins (Cork), P. Fahy (Galway), V. O'Halloran (Clare); M. Connolly (Galway), W. Dargan (Laois); T. Cleary (Offaly), T. Connolly (Galway), M. Devereux (Wexford); E. Murray (Wicklow), T. Morrissey (Cork), M. Ryan (Kilkenny). Subs. J. Curtin (Cork), T. Allen (Waterford).

## WEXFORD (I.H.)

N. Power (Ballyhogue); W. Doran (Buffers Alley); E. Walsh (Ballyhogue), B. Radford (St. Martins); C. Hartigan (Duffry Rovers), M. Kinsella (Gorey), B. Jacob (Oulart); J. Doran (Buffers Alley), C. Rafferty (Gorey), P. Murphy (St. Fintans), A. Doran (Buffers Alley), M. Nolan (Blackwater), L. Rochford (Na Fianna), T. Whelan (Blackwater), G. Jacob (Oulart). Subs.: L. Whelan (Blackwater), L. Griffin (Rosslare).

## WEXFORD (U.-21 H.)

M. Jacob (Oulart), W. O'Neill (Kilmore), D. Quigley (Rathnure), A. Somers (do.), V. Staples (St. Martins), M. Kinsella (Gorey), W. Murphy (Faythe Harriers), E. Ryan (Adamstown), J. Doran (Buffers Alley); C. Dowdall (Faythe Harriers), P. Quigley (Rathnure), S. Barron (do.), A. Maher (St. Aidans, Enniscorthy), A. Doran (Buffers Alley), J. Berry (Kilmore-Rathangan). Sub.: C. Jacob (Oulart).

## TIPPERARY (U.-21 H.)

S. Shinnors (Newport); M. Flanagan (Moycarkey), J. Costigan (Clonakenny), D. Burke

(Fethard); O. Killoran (Roscrea), N. O'Gorman (Newport), L. Gaynor (Kilruane McDonagh); P. J. Ryan (Carrick-on-Suir), G. Quinlan (Eire Og, Nenagh); F. Loughnane (Roscrea), M. Keating (Ballybacon-Grange), P. Ryan (Moneygall); J. Ryan (do.), T. J. Butler (Clonoulty-Rossmore), A. Brennan (Ballingarry). Subs.: M. O'Meara (Lorrha), N. Seymour (Kiladangan).

## ROSCOMMON (J.H.)

A. Gavin (Roscommon Gaels); T. Moylett (Castlerea), P. Lyons (Tremane), T. Murphy (Athleague); B. Mitchell (Four Roads), J. Kenny (Roscommon Gaels), M. J. Keane (Tremane); S. Cormican (Athleague), M.R. Laffey (Boyle); G. O'Malley (Four Roads), J. Noone (Ballinasloe), R. Fallon (Tremane); M. Hoare (Roscommon Gaels) capt., T. Boyle (Ballinasloe), J. McDonnell (Four Roads). Sub.: M. Glennon (Athleague).

## WARWICKSHIRE (J.H.)

J. O'Leary (Wexford); P. Cullen (Kilkenny), M. O'Leary (Wexford), J. Shire (Limerick), J. Nolan (Wexford), J. Burke (do.), T. Ryan (Tipperary), D. Dunne (Laois), E. Hanlon (Wexford), M. Conway (Limerick); P. Hallinan (Tipp), W. Hogan (Limerick), T. Buckley (Cork), H. Shefflin (Kilkenny), M. Murphy (do.). Sub.: D. Hayes (Tipp).

## ARMAGH (J.H.)

J. Kirk (Armagh Cuchulainns); P. Toner (do.), P. Fox (do.), N. McGleenan (Keady); E. McBride (Cuchulainns), J. Phelan (Portadown), B. McKinley (Lurgan); F. Lynch (Keady), F. Mallon (Cuchulainns); S. Crummie (Portadown), J. Carlisle (Cuchulainns), B. Burke (Keady); B. Murphy (Portadown), S. Kelly (Keady), J. Breen (Cuchulainns). Sub.: B. Fahy (Cuchulainns).

## DUBLIN (M.H.)

P. Cunningham (Ballyfermot), A. Fletcher (do.), L. Deegan (St. Vincents), C. Brennan (St. Brigids); W. Markey (Rialto Gaels), P. Kennedy (Na Fianna), L. Martin (St. Columbas); H. Dalton (Good Counsel), F. McDonnell (St. Columbas), J. Fetherston (Na Fianna), E. Davey (Clanna Gael), T. Greelish (St. Columbas); T. McCann (St. Vincents), B. Whelan (Na Fianna), N. Kinsella (Colmcilles). Sub.: D. Cassels (St. Columbas).

## LIMERICK (M.H.)

A. Brennan (Caherline); M. O'Flaherty (Kilmallock), D. Manning (Old Christians), A. Cronin (Mungret-Creora); S. Toomey (Dromcollogher), E. Boland (Caherline), J. Hehir (Dromcollogher); P. Doherty (St. Patrick's), D. Foley (Monaleen); E. Grimes (South Liberties), C. Shanahan (Croom), M. Hayes (Stakers), M. Grace (Old Christians), B. Murnane (Caherline), S. Burke (Garryspillane). Subs.: M. Hennessy (Old Christians), J. Moynihan (Banogue).

## GALWAY (S.F.)

J. Geraghty (Mountbellew); E. Collieran (do.), capt., N. Tierney (Milltown), J. B. McDermott (Dunmore McHales); J. Donnel-

lan (do.), S. Meade (Ballinasloe), M. Newell (Fr. Griffins); P. Donnellan (Dunmore McHales), M. Garrett (Tuam Stars); C. Dunne (Ballinasloe), M. McDonagh (Ballygar), S. Leydon (Dunmore McHales); C. Tyrrell (Mountbellew), S. Cleary (Ballygar), J. Keenan (Dunmore McHales). Sub.: M. Reynolds (Tuam Stars).

## KERRY (S.F.)

J. Culloty (Killarney Legion); Donie O'Sullivan (Killarney Dr. Crokes), N. Sheehy (Tralee John Mitchels), M. Morris (do.), S. Murphy (Camp), P. O'Donoghue (Asdee), J. D. O'Connor (Ballylongford) capt.; Denis O'Sullivan (Tralee Kerins-O'Rahillys), M. O'Connell (Valentia), V. Lucey (Killorglin), P. Griffin (Glenbeigh), D. O'Shea (Tralee Mitchels); B. O'Callaghan (Moyvane), M. O'Dwyer (Waterville), J. J. Barrett (Tralee Austin Stacks). Subs.: J. O'Shea (Tralee Mitchels), D. Geaney (Castleisland).

## KILDARE (U.-21 F.)

O. Crinnigan (Carbury); D. Wynne (Athy), S. Cash (Sarsfields), J. McTeague (Ballyteague); S. Reilly (Raheens), P. Nally (Carbury); J. Miller (Grange); J. Donnelly (Ellistown), P. Mangan (Carbury); T. Carew (Clane); P. Dunny (Raheens), K. Kelly (Carbury); T. Walshe (Straffan), P. Newnes (Ellistown), N. Behan (Allenwood). Subs.: T. Kehoe (Sarsfields), P. Harman (Castledermot).

## CORK (U.-21 F.)

B. Morgan (U.C.C.); D. Kehilly (Newcestown), J. Lucey (Ballyvourney), J. Crowley (Dohenys); D. Dineen (Bantry), F. Cogan (Nemo Rangers), J. Dunlea (Canovee); D. Coughlan (St. Nicholas), J. Downing (Urban); E. Philpott (St. Finbarrs), M. O'Loughlin (Kanturk), J. Cogan (Nemo Rangers); Batt O'Keeffe (Cullen), B. O'Neill (Adrigole), Brendan O'Keeffe (Kiskeam). Sub.: C. Roche (St. Finbarrs).

## GALWAY (J.F.)

G. Higgins (Tuam Stars); K. O'Connor (Fr. Griffins), M. Keane (Mountbellew), T. Tarpey (Corofin); C. McDonagh (Fr. Griffins), T. Brennan (Milltown), T. Kelly (Tuam Stars), F. Canavan (Corofin), J. Glynn (do.), T. Sands (Ballygar), F. Heaney (Fr. Griffins), T. Keenan (Dunmore); B. Geraghty (Oughterard), E. Geraghty (Mountbellew), P. Cris- ham (Tuam Stars).

## HERTFORDSHIRE (J.F.)

L. O'Leary (Kildare); P. Forde (Mayo), P. Davin (Galway), J. McNicholas (Mayo); J. Fitzpatrick (Cavan), J. Lonergan (Carlow), N. Ging (Offaly); A. Rothwell (Cavan), M. O'Connor (Carlow), M. Smith (Cavan); M. Trainor (Monaghan), E. McCrudden (Fermanagh), T. O'Rourke (Louth). Subs.: M. Lonergan (Limerick), M. Donoghue (Leitrim), S. Daly (Louth).

## KILDARE (J.F.)

A. Kane (Straffan); J. Dalton (Rathcoffey), L. Molloy (Ellistown), J. McTeague (Bally-  
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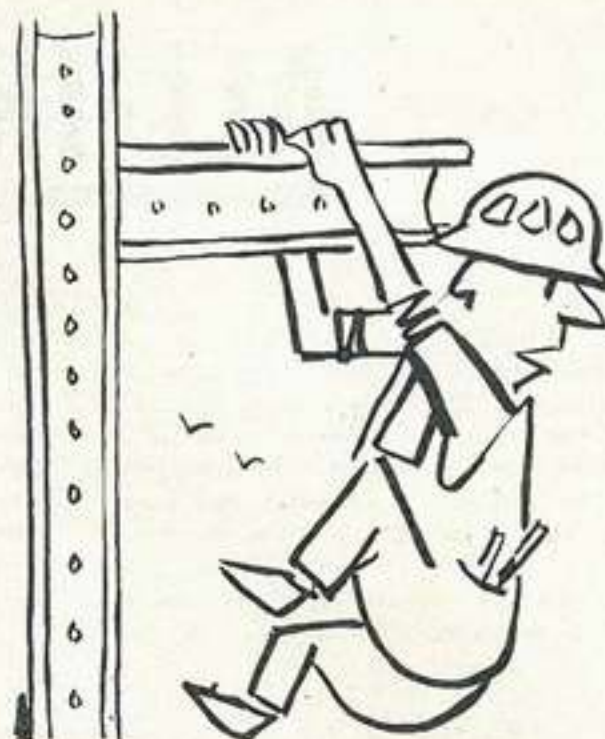


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## *Here, there and everywhere*

**WHEN TULLYLEASE** and Ballydesmond met in the Duhallow (North-East Cork) novice football league, Pat Buckley (Tullylease) retired injured and was replaced by his father Thady, who score a goal after coming on.

**THE WEATHER** was so bad for the Carlow senior football league game between Tullow and Palatine that five players left the field. Referee Jimmy Hatton called a halt after 16 minutes with Tullow leading by 1-1 to no score.

**MAY 16** marked the first win for a Leitrim county team at Pairc Sean Mac Diarmada, Carrick-on-Shannon, when Sligo were beaten in a Connacht junior football championship replay.

**THE NEIGHBOURING** Offaly parishes of Kinnitty and Seirkieran's met for the third successive year in the junior hurling championship. And for the third year running they finished on level terms!

**A SPECTATOR** broke his leg and was removed to hospital while kicking ball at half-time in the Louth junior championship match between St. Fechin's and St. Joseph's at Castlebellingham!

**MONAGHAN COULD** only muster 13 players for the Ulster junior football championship tie against Derry at Ballybay. Two spectators filled the gaps.

**SEVEN PLAYERS** were ordered off in the Cork intermediate hurling championship final between Glen Rovers and Eire Og.

**NO LESS** than 18 Tipperary men were in action when Young Irelands met U.C.D. in the final of the Dublin senior hurling championship.

**LIAM FLOOD**, Secretary of the Lougher Football Club in Meath, has only one arm because of an accident when he was a baby. Yet he lines out at corner forward and is one of their leading scorers!

**JIM POWER** (St. Finbarr's) and Tom Walsh (U.C.C.), who were on opposing teams in the Cork senior hurling final, are natives of Waterford.

**CHRISTY RING** applied for re-grading from senior to intermediate hurling. But although his application was successful he did not line out with Glen Rovers in either the Cork semi-final or final of this grade. Incidentally, Glen Rovers won the title.

**THE MAYO** County Board was presented with an unexpected problem when Castlebar Mitchels objected to playing the senior football championship final against Claremorris at their home ground, McHale Park. However, the match was fixed for the Castlebar venue and Claremorris won. By the way, it was Claremorris who proposed Castlebar as the venue!

**THE TRADITIONAL** hurling stronghold of Moencoin made history in the Spring when winning the delayed 1964 Kilkenny junior football title. This was the first football championship ever to find a resting-place in the Suirside parish. Some months later Mooncoin really made it a memorable year by regaining the county senior hurling crown for the first time in 29 years.

**THREE PLAYERS**, two from Kerry and one from Galway, were sent off in the All-Ireland senior football final—the first time since 1943 that anyone got marching orders in this particular game.

**OLIVER GOUGH**, former Wexford and Kilkenny hurler, was seen in the  
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The Poc Fada Trophy



teague); J. Nevin (Maynooth), K. Wynne (Grange), J. Millar (do.), J. Donnelly (Ellistown), J. Morrissey (Grange); T. Carew (Clane), S. Cash (Sarsfields), T. Walsh (Straffan); L. Long (Carbury), F. Leavy (Maynooth), P. Newnes (Ellistown). Subs.: S. Reilly (Raheens), T. Kehoe (Sarsfields).

## DERRY (M.F.)

E. McCaul (Foreglen); A. Burke (do.), T. Quinn (Bellaghy), M. Kelly (Ballinascreen), C. Mullan (Ballerin), M. McAfee (do.), A. McGuckin (Ballinderry); T. Diamond (Bellaghy) capt., S. Lagan (Glen); B. Mullan (Ballerin), M. Niblock (Magherafelt), E. Coleman (Ballymaguigan); J. J. Kearney (Granagher), S. McCloskey (Foreglen), P. Friel (Sarsfields, Derry City).

## KERRY (M.F.)

B. Lynch (Beaufort); J. O'Sullivan (Cahir-civeen St. Mary's), J. Coughlan (Beaufort), T. Crean (Tralee Austin Stacks); P. O'Donovan (Tarbert), M. Aherne (Currow), P. Scanlon (Pearse's, Dingle), P. O'Connell (Valentia),

F. Moroney (Killarney Dr. Crokes); R. Geaney (Castleisland), D. Moriarty (Cahir-civeen St. Mary's), B. McCarthy (Ballylongford), K. Griffin (Glenbeigh), E. O'Donnell (Castlegregory), T. Kelliher (Milltown). Sub.: S. O'Connor (Ballymacelligott).

## DUBLIN (Camogie)

E. Leech (Celtic), M. Ryan (Austin Stacks), B. Keenan (do.), A. Hussey (Celtic), K. Lyons (Eoghan Ruadh), M. Sherlock (Austin Stacks), P. Timmons (Naomh Aoife), O. ni Shiochain (Austin Stacks); K. Kehoe (Celtic), K. Ryder (Naomh Aoife), capt., J. Doyle (C.I.E.), U. O'Connor (Celtic).

## TIPPERARY (Camogie)

S. Long (Glengooole), P. Maloney (Roscrea), A. Graham (Glengooole), M. Phelan (Elmville), M. Graham (Glengooole), A. Carroll (do.) capt., P. Graham (do.), B. Maloney (Roscrea), M. Loughnane (do.), K. Griffin (do.), H. O'Flynn (Elmville); T. Griffin (Roscrea).

# SOME CAMOGIE FACTS...

## SEMI-FINALS

Ulster 7-13; Connacht 1-0.

**ULSTER:** K. Kelly (Antrim); M. Forde (do.); A. Kennedy (Monaghan), M. Gilroy (Antrim); M. Carabine (do.); M. McFetridge (do.), M. McCann (Monaghan), M. McAtamney (Antrim); M. Sands (Down), B. Smith (Antrim), P. Grange (Down); M. P. Jameson (Antrim).

**CONNACHT:** E. Naughton (Galway); M. Mullen (do.), R. Flaherty (do.), M. Gallagher (Mayo), J. Delaney (do.); K. Quinn (Galway), M. Kelly (do.), E. Fitzgerald (Mayo); M. Corrigan (do.), J. Ruane (do.), K. Flaherty (Galway); E. Walsh (do.). Subs.: R. Heneghan (Galway), M. McGuire (Mayo).

Leinster 4-9; Munster (holders) 2-1

**LEINSTER:** E. Leech (Dublin); M. Sinnott (Wexford); S. Dooley (Offaly), A. Hussey (Dublin), M. O'Leary (Wexford); M. Hearne (do.), M. Sherlock (Dublin), O. ni Shiochain (do.); C. Hanrahan (Kilkenny), K. Ryder (Dublin), J. Doyle (do.), U. O'Connor (do.).

**MUNSTER:** S. Long (Tipp); K. Barry-Murphy (Cork); A. Graham (Tipp), P. Maloney (do.), B. Guiry (Limerick); A. Carroll (Tipp), T. Murphy (Cork), K. Murphy (Clare); B. Maloney (Tipp), K. Griffin (do.), M. Bourke (Limerick); E. Neville (Limerick). Subs.: D. Young (Cork), H. O'Flynn (Tipp).

## FINAL

Leinster 4-3; Ulster 4-1.

**LEINSTER:** E. Leech; M. Sinnott; S. Dooley, A. Hussey, M. O'Leary; O. ni Shiochain, K. Ryder, M. Sherlock, K. Keogh (Dublin), C. Hanrahan, J. Doyle, U. O'Connor.

**ULSTER:** K. Kelly; M. Forde, A. Kennedy, M. Gilroy, S. Ward (Antrim); M. McFetridge, M. McCann, M. McAtamney; M. Sands, B. Smith, L. Clarke (Monaghan), M. P. Jameson.

## COUNTY CHAMPIONS

**DUBLIN:** Senior—Celtic; Inter A—Austin Stacks; Inter B—U.C.D.

**ANTRIM:** Senior; Deirdre; Junior—Gael Uladh; Minor—St. Teresa's.

**WEXFORD:** St. Ibarr's, Castlebridge.

**LOUTH:** Kilkenny.

**KERRY:** Ballyduff.

**WATERFORD:** Eire Og.

**LIMERICK:** Croagh.

**CLARE:** Killanena.

**CORK:** Glen Rovers.

**TIPPERARY:** St. Patrick's, Glengooole-Ballin-

**GALWAY:** St. Rita's.

**SLIGO:** Easkey Sea Blues.

**DOWN:** Glenn.

**ARMAGH:** Madden.

**MONAGHAN:** Monaghan Town.

The championships in Meath, Westmeath and Kildare were unfinished at the time of going to press, the Mayo final was the subject of an objection and clubs from Fermanagh and Cavan played in the Monaghan championship.

## ALL-IRELAND CLUB CHAMPIONS

St. Patrick's (Tipperary); Runners-up: Deirdre (Antrim).

## INTER VARSITY

Ashbourne Cup: U.C. Cork; (U.C. Dublin). Ashbourne Shield: U.C. Galway (Queen's, Belfast).

## INTER-PROVINCIAL

Gael-Linn Cup: Leinster (Ulster).

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# FIVE-FIGURE ATTENDANCES

**F**IVE-FIGURE attendance during the year included (matches at Croke Park unless otherwise stated):

- 77,735—All Ireland football final.
- 67,498—All-Ireland hurling final.
- 51,541—Down v. Galway, All-Ireland football semi-final.
- 49,208—Dublin v. Kerry, All-Ireland football semi-final.
- 47,191—Galway v. Kerry, N.F.L. home final.
- 42,135—Galway v. Meath, N.F.L. semi-final.
- 39,687—Munster S.F. final, Limerick.
- 36,612—Grounds Tournament semi-finals.
- 33,000—Wembley Whit Games, Wembley.
- 30,734—Railway Cup finals.
- 30,000—Connacht S.F. final, Tuam.
- 28,000—Leinster S.H. final.
- 25,500—Cork v. Waterford, Munster S.H.C. semi-final replay, Limerick.
- 25,000—Dublin v. Galway, N.F.L., Tuam.
- 23,260—Grounds Tournament final.
- 20,600—Kilkenny v. Tipperary, N.H.L., Thurles.
- 19,773—Donegal v. Kerry, N.F.L. semi-final.
- 18,418—Longford v. Sligo (Gaelic Weekly Cup final) and Cork v. Kildare (All-Ireland U-21 F. final).
- 18,152—Oireachtas H. final.
- 18,004—Dublin v. Kildare, Leinster S.F.C. semi-final, Tullamore.
- 17,400—Cork v. Waterford, Munster S.H.C. semi-final, Limerick.
- 16,943—Munster S.F. final, Limerick.
- 16,273—Tipperary v. Waterford, N.H.L. semi-final.
- 16,000—Mayo v. Meath, N.F.L., An Uaimh.
- 15,000—Donegal v. Down, Dr. Lagan Cup semi-final, Ballybay.
- 14,721—St. Finbarr's v. U.C.C., Cork S.H.C. final, Cork.
- 14,483—Kilkenny v. Wexford, N.H.L. semi-final.
- 12,500—Connacht v. Leinster, Railway Cup F. semi-final, An Uaimh.
- 12,397—Blackrock v. U.C.C., Cork S.H.C. semi-final, Cork.
- 12,000—Derry v. Donegal, Dr. Lagan Cup final, Irvinestown.
- 12,000—Laois v. Longford, Leinster S.F.C., Mullingar.
- 12,000—Clare v. Tipperary, Munster S.H.C. semi-final, Limerick.
- 12,000—Antrim v. Down, Ulster S.F.C. semi-final, Newry.
- 11,121—All-Ireland Junior Home Finals.
- 10,000—Dublin v. Kilkenny, Leinster S.H.C. semi-final, Portlaoise.
- 10,000—Bennettsbridge v. Mooncoin, Kilkenny S.H.C. final Kilkenny.



# TITLE HOLDERS, 1965

## ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

WINNERS	RUNNERS-UP
S.H.—TIPPERARY	WEXFORD
I.H.—CORK	LONDON
I.H. (Home)—CORK	WEXFORD
U-21 H.—WEXFORD	TIPPERARY
J.H.—ROSCOMMON	WARWICK
J.H. H.—ROSCOMMON	ARMAGH
M.H.—DUBLIN	LIMERICK
S.F.—GALWAY	KERRY
U-21 F.—KILDARE	CORK
J.F.—GALWAY	HERTFORDSHIRE
J.F. (Home)—GALWAY	KILDARE
M.F.—DERRY	KERRY

## CONNACHT CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.F.—GALWAY	SLIGO
U-21 F.—GALWAY	MAYO
J.F.—GALWAY	LEITRIM
M.F.—ROSCOMMON	MAYO
J.H.—ROSCOMMON	MAYO
U-21 H.—ROSCOMMON	MAYO
M.H.—LEITRIM	MAYO
M.F.L.—MAYO	GALWAY

## LEINSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—WEXFORD	KILKENNY
I.H.—WEXFORD	ANTRIM
U-21 H.—WEXFORD	DUBLIN
J.H.—WICKLOW	KILDARE
M.H.—DUBLIN	WEXFORD
S.F.—DUBLIN	LONGFORD
U-21 F.—KILDARE	OFFALY
J.F.—KILDARE	LAOIS
M.F.—OFFALY	KILDARE

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.H.—TIPPERARY	CORK
I.H.—CORK	WATERFORD
U-21 H.—TIPPERARY	GALWAY
M.H.—LIMERICK	TIPPERARY
S.F.—KERRY	LIMERICK
U-21 F.—CORK	TIPPERARY
J.F.—KERRY	CLARE
M.F.—KERRY	CORK
Club F.—SHANNON	COORACLARE
RANGERS (Kerry)	(Clare)
Club H.—GLEN	MOUNT SION
ROVERS (Cork)	(Waterford)

## ULSTER CHAMPIONSHIPS

S.F.—DOWN	CAVAN
U-21 F.—DOWN	CAVAN
J.F.—DOWN	DERRY
M.F.—DERRY	CAVAN
J.H.—ARMAGH	DOWN
U-21 H.—ANTRIM	DOWN
M.H.—ANTRIM	ARMAGH

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## RAILWAY CUPS

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F.—ULSTER	CONNACHT

## LEAGUES, TOURNAMENTS, Etc.

N.H.L.—Tipperary; New York;  
 N.H.L. (Home)—Tipperary; Kilkenny.  
 N.H.L. Div. 2—Laois; Kerry.  
 N.F.L.—Galway; New York.  
 N.F.L. (Home)—Galway; Kerry.  
 Dr. Lagan Cup (F.)—Donegal; Derry.  
 Dr. McKenna Cup (F.)—Donegal; Cavan.  
 O'Byrne Cup (F.)—Longford; Kildare.  
 Walsh Cup (H.)—Wexford; Kilkenny.  
 Walsh Cup 1964 (H.)—Dublin; Kilkenny.  
 Oireachtas Cup (H.)—Tipperary; Kilkenny.  
 Grounds Tournament (F.)—Down; Galway.  
 Wembley Tournament (H.)—Kilkenny; Tipp.  
 Wembley Tournament (F.)—Meath; Galway.  
 Gaelic Weekly Cup (F.)—Longford; Sligo.  
 Gael-Linn Cup 1964 (F.)—Mayo; Sligo.  
 Leinster Special M.H.—Kildare; Louth.  
 Ulster M.F.L.—Down; Derry.  
 Goode Cup (F.)—Galway; Longford.  
 O'Dwyer Cup (F.)—Donegal; Antrim.  
 O'Duffy Cup (F.)—Fermanagh; Monaghan.  
 Corn na Casca (F.)—Dublin; Mayo.  
 Kennedy Memorial (H.)—Tipp; Wexford.  
 Player Shield (H.)—Cork; Clare  
 Connacht M.F.L.—  
 Ulster Club F.—St. John's (Belfast); Sean  
 McCumhalls (Ballybofey).

## Representative Matches

### HURLING

REST OF IRELAND 3-8; TIPPERARY 2-8  
 REST OF IRELAND: O. Walsh (Kilkenny),  
 T. Neville (Wexford), A. Flynn (Waterford),  
 E. Colfer (Wexford), L. Guinan (Waterford),  
 S. Cleere (Kilkenny), P. Fitzgerald (Cork); N.  
 Gallagher (Cork), P. Wilson (Wexford), J.  
 O'Brien (do.), P. J. Keane (Limerick), E.  
 Keher (Kilkenny), F. Walsh (Waterford), M.  
 Birmingham (Dublin), T. Walsh (Kilkenny).

TIPPERARY: J. O'Donoghue; J. Doyle, N.  
 O'Gorman, J. Dillon, M. Burne, A. Wall, L.  
 Gaynor, T. English, M. Roche, S. Mackey, L.  
 Devaney, M. Keating; D. Nealon, J. McKenna,  
 S. McLoughlin.

### FOOTBALL

GALWAY 2-12, COMBINED UNL 0-13.  
 GALWAY: J. Geraghty; E. Collieran, S.  
 Meade, M. Tarpey, T. Sands, J. Donnellan,  
 M. Newell, M. Garrett, J. Glynn, C. Dunne,  
 M. McDonagh, J. Keenan, E. Geraghty, S.  
 Cleary, C. Tyrrell. Sub.: M. Reynolds.

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES: D. Sharkey  
 (Queen's and Antrim); T. Kavanagh (Trinity  
 and Westmeath), K. O'Connor (U.C.G. and  
 Galway), C. McEvoy (Queen's and Armagh),  
 F. Kennedy (U.C.D. and Cavan), J. McKinney  
 (Queen's and Down), W. Doran (U.C.G. and  
 Kerry); M. Fleming (U.C.C. and Kerry),  
 M. O'Shea (U.C.D. and Kerry); J. Fitz-  
 simons (Queen's and Down), E. Maguire  
 (U.C.G. and Mayo); B. Gaughan (U.C.D.  
 and Louth), J. Malone (Queen's and Louth),  
 S. O'Neill (Queen's and Down), D. Geaney  
 (U.C.C. and Kerry. Sub.: J. Hughes (Queen's  
 and Tyrone).

## COUNTY SENIOR CHAMPIONS

	FOOTBALL	HURLING
Louth	O'RAHILLY'S (Drogheda).	
Meath	SKRYNE	
Westmeath	ATHLONE	CASTLEPOLLARD
Longford	CLONGUISH	
Dublin	U.C.D.	YOUNG IRELANDS
Kildare	CARBURY	
Laois	GRAIGUECULLEN	CAMROSS
Offaly	DAINGEAN	ST. RYNAGH'S (Banagher)
Wicklow	BALTINGLASS	
Wexford	CASTLETOWN	FAYTHE HARRIERS
Carlow	EIRE OG (Carlow)	ST. MULLINS
Kilkenny	RAILYARD, TULLOGHER	MOONCOIN
Galway	MOUNTBELLEW	TURLOUGHMORE
Mayo	CLAREMORRIS	
Sligo	COLLOONEY	
Leitrim	MELVIN GAELS (Kinlough)	ST. FINBARRS
Roscommon	ST. PHAILES	
Waterford		MOUNT SION
Cork	ST. NICHOLAS	ST. FINBARRS
Kerry	EAST KERRY	BALLYDUFF
Clare	COORACLARE	NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS
Limerick		PATRICKSWELL
Tipperary	CLONMEL COM.	THURLES SANSFIELDS
Donegal	ST. JOHNS (Ballyshannon- Bundoran).	
Derry	BELLAGHY	
Antrim	ST. JOHN'S	ST. JOHN'S
Down	CASTLEWELLAN, CLON- DUFF.	PORTAFERRY
Armagh	CROSSMAGLEN RAN.	KEADY RED HANDS
Cavan	CAVAN GAELS	COOTEHILL
Monaghan	'BLAYNEY FAUGHS	
Tyrone	CLONOE O'RAHILLYS	
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Kildare colours in the 1965-'66 National Hurling League. He also figured in golfing despatches during the year and took part in several leading amateur championships.

**THE ALL-IRELAND** Poc Fada, over the Cooley Mountains in Co. Louth was won by the Cork hurler, Denis Murphy, with 56 pucks. One puck behind was the holder, the aforementioned Oliver Gough, with Dublin's Achill Boothman third on 59. The team trophy went to Tipperary's goalkeeping partnership of John O'Donoghue and Peter O'Sullivan, who totalled 119 pucks. The Dublin team was second.

**BY 101** votes to 76 Galway Convention decided to remain in Munster for hurling purposes.

**PLAYING WITH** East Kerry, Tom Long added a Kerry senior football championship medal to the Dublin medal he won in 1956 with Erin's Hope.

**ANOTHER DUAL** county medalist was Joe Conway, of Mountbellew, Co. Galway, who was on the U.C.D. team that won the Dublin senior football championship. Last year he helped Mountbellew win the Galway title.

**BELLAGHY TOOK** a clear lead in the Derry senior football championship roll of honour by winning the title for the eighth time in nine years. This put them one ahead of Newbridge in the list.

**CARLOW WERE** relegated from first to second division in the National Hurling League. But those who thought they would be too strong for their new opposition were shocked when they lost their two opening matches—to Kerry and Offaly.

**TWO CHURCHMEN** raised to the Hierarchy during the year have strong Gaelic connections. Most Rev. Dr. Anthony McFeely, Bishop of Raphoe, is uncle of the Donegal footballers, Brendan and Frank McFeely, while Most Rev. Dr. Michael Russell, Bishop of Waterford and Lismore, is a former chairman of the Mid Tipperary G.A.A. Board and

has visited America with Tipperary hurling teams.

**DOWN'S JIM** McCartan returned to the inter-county in October after an absence of over two years.



**TOM LONG**.. won Kerry championship medal.

And his presence seemed to act like a tonic on his team-mates, for they promptly proceeded to beat both Kerry and Galway to win the Grounds Tournament.

**RATHNURE HAD** to play games on three successive evenings to win the Enniscorthy District under-21 hurling championship.

**TWO WEXFORD** supporters, Josie Connolly and Padraig Breen, from Ferrylock, Fethard-on-Sea, went to Croke Park by bicycle for the Leinster final. This involved a round trip of almost 240 miles.

**CALLAN HANDBALL** Club won £5,000 in a Prize Bonds draw, so members can now build their own alley. This was the club's second success in the Prize Bonds. Previously it had won £100.

**THE COUNTY** senior football championship returned to Cavan Town after an absence of 24 years when Cavan Gaels captured the title for the first time.

**WHEN A** young man was charged at Castlebar Court with hurling on

**ACHILL BOOTHMAN** third in the Poc Fada championship.



the public road his solicitor explained that there was a national effort being made to spread the game throughout the country. He added that the defendant was, in fact, a well-known

soccer player. Commenting on the obvious conversion, the Justice applied the Probation Act.

**OSSIE BENNETT**, Tipperary's hurling trainer, was prominent in another branch of sport. Driving his 1907 N.A.G. he won several prizes at veteran car rallies.

**FOR THE** first time in seven years, Omagh St. Enda's were eliminated in the opening round of the Tyrone senior football championship.

**TOM McKEAGNEY**, Tyrone's brilliant corner back, starred at mid-field for Irvinestown St. Molaise in Fermanagh club football.

**DOWDALLSHILL INFORMED** Louth County Board that their footballers had sported the same colours, green and red, since the club's formation in 1886.

**FLOODS IN** October caused damage amounting to at least £2,000 to Sean MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

**AFTER 18** years in office Paddy (Sweeper) Ryan, secretary of the Mid Tipperary Board, decided to retire.

**KERRY HAD** a frustrating year at All-Ireland level for the county's football teams were beaten in three finals—senior, minor and Vocational Schools. They also lost the Home National League final.

**ST. FINBARR'S** victory in the Cork senior hurling championship coincided with the re-opening of the Leaside city's magnificent new Opera House. Their last victory in this grade, in 1955, coincided with the burning of the old Opera House.

**THE YEAR** just ending saw the passing of some men whose names were household words in Gaeldom. Among them were Tony Brennan (Tipperary), Jim Hurley and John Coughlan (Cork), Paul Russell (Kerry), Mattie Power (Kilkenny), Nicky Maher (Dublin), George Ormsby (Mayo) and Frank Thornton (New Irelands). May they and all the others too numerous to mention here rest in peace.



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chances, equalised and then Tommy Furlong, who had just gone in as a substitute, took a pass from native New Yorker Brendan O'Donnell and kicked over the winning point one minute from actual time.

On this occasion, however, there was an innovation in the League final—a two-legged decider — so Galway had a chance of recovery on the second Sunday at Gaelic Park. And how they took it!

By now they were acclimatised to the scorching heat and more familiar with the hard ground. Within half a minute they had wiped out New York's slender lead with a goal and were on their way to an eight-point victory that gave them an aggregate win in the final (4-12 to 0-17) over a New York team that played with fourteen men for threequarters of the second game.

Thereafter Galway visited Boston and Chicago for exhibition games, but while they were still away things were happening in surprising fashion at home.

A fit Limerick team surprised Cork in Munster; Sligo, in Connacht, upset Mayo; in Leinster the title-holders, Meath, the team for which many held out bright hopes, were sensationally knocked out by Longford; and, in the North, Cavan and Donegal were having difficulty in deciding their first round tie.

Thus in a July without national newspapers the way was being cleared for the provincial finals, for Cavan had eventually gone ahead in Ulster and qualified for a clash with Down.

## SENSATIONAL NEWS

To radio listeners sensational news came over the airways from Limerick as the home county made the running in the Munster final against Kerry. It threatened to be the biggest sensation of the year, but after a first half fright Kerry fought back to victory.

There were often frightening moments for Dublin in the Leinster final, but

Longford, not possessing the same experience, went under in the end, mainly to power football at midfield by Des Foley.

And for Galway, now back from the U.S. and confronted by Sligo in the Connacht final, there were alarming moments in the first half at Tuam. With the champions down seven points after 27 minutes, many were beginning to wonder about the so-called American bogey that seemed to hit returned trans-Atlantic football trippers. But in the end Sligo's brave challenge was overcome.

There was a change of champions in Ulster, where Down stopped Cavan, thanks mainly to splendid work by their half-backs, Joe Lennon, Dan McCartan and Patsy O'Hagan.

## FINE RALLY

The first of the All-Ireland semi-finals had Kerry folk worried for a time, particularly after Dublin moved into an early lead. But this game turned out to be another demonstration of Kerry's rallying powers and a personal triumph for Mick O'Dwyer.

After the provincial final the Water-ville player was dropped from Kerry's attack, but when introduced at the start of the second half he brought new thrust to the sector and helped with two goals of his own.

Very definite evidence of the fact that Down were not finished as a football power was provided in the second semi-final, which was played in torrential rain. Once again Galway were in trouble early on, and this time languished by a point at half-time.

Then came those many costly misses by Down soon after the restart. As a result, they were never too far ahead and were caught after Galway began their winning spurt, that was sparked off by the switch of Pat Donnellan to midfield and topped off by the supreme accuracy of Cyril Dunne.

What a disappointment the final turn-

ed out to be just when we all expected a classic. The tension was severe and the tackling was over-robust, the marking too intense and close and the game never productive of the open football we had anticipated. And there was the sad sight of three players being ordered off the field.

Once again it was Galway's day. Although they could never break through the Kerry defence for a decisive goal they showed a superior brand of team-work and thoughtful, methodical football to which Kerry had no answer. They were a superbly fit side, as keen as if they were playing in their first major game, and in no way affected by their American trip.

Galway proved themselves worthy champions and the Sam Maguire Cup went West again.

But there were compensations for the disappointing football of the senior final. There was Derry's first triumph in the minor final; there was a truly wonderful under-21 final between Kildare and Cork and an equally entertaining game, in which Longford captured the Gaelic Weekly Cup by beating Sligo; and there was the Grounds' Tournament final of sheer football splendour between Down and Galway on a day of such heavy rain that a mediocre display would have been excused.

## BRIGHT PROSPECTS

As football now lapses into its annual hibernation thoughts turn to the future. And it is not being just hopefully optimistic to say that prospects are exceedingly bright for excellent entertainment.

Take Down's great form, Kerry's improvement as evidenced by the Grounds' Tournament semi-final, Longford's arrival to prominence and Galway's occupation of a high place in the football world that was underlined by their junior triumph. So before we know the answer to the question "can Galway retain their titles?" it looks as if we will be witnesses to some rousing struggles.

The Kildare team which put on a brilliant display against Cork in the final to take the Under-21 Football title.







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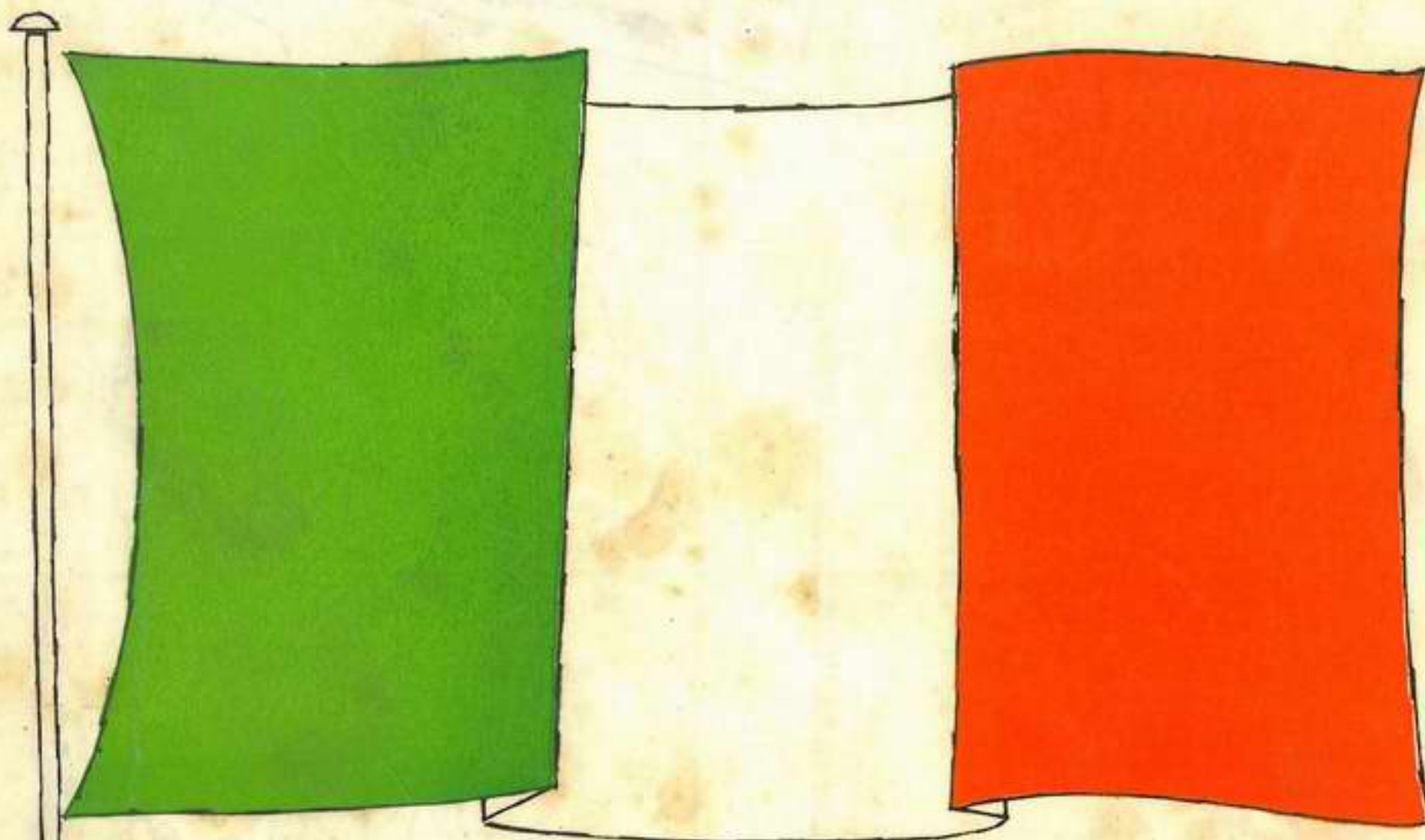
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