

e great men competed in these championships, including Pat in, R. C. Millar, J. D. O'Gilvey; astonishing Clareman, Thomas Malone; Michael Cusack, who was instrumental in founding G.A.A.; John Purcell, Owen te, Dave Commins and John John. In such company we find y Browning winning the run-high jump (5' 11") and the wing 16 lb. hammer (84 ft. 8 in the year 1881—a double event that tells of his vss more eloquently than thing else.

**His Other Interests.**  
 Davy almost did a bit of boxing which he was very successful and he was also very good at ball, being a member of the Irish team that defeated the English in an international match. A great swimmer and diver, his jumps off the cliffs in Kilkee remarkable, and aroused great interest at a time when a great number indulged in such exercises. Davy almost the foremost of a bunch in deeds of daring. He jumped off the high rocks at Pollock Hole, and specialised in jumping off one particular rock, from which only a select few ever attempted the feat, and locals say nobody has tried it within the thirty years or more. Davy used to walk from Limerick to see always, and did the sixty-mile journey in the one day. The Brownings were an old Limerick family, and Davy often boasted of his great, great grandfather in his infancy, looked after by one of the soldiers of Sarsfield who defended the Walls of Limerick against King William.

As we have already mentioned that Davy Browning was one of the best men to gain general recognition as champion handballer of his kind. Here also very few records are to be found telling of his prowess in the ancient game, and I am indebted to the late Mr. John Lawlor, one of the greatest ballplayers ever produced, for the little bits I have. I only met John Lawlor once, at one of the early meetings at which the present Irishateur Handball Association was formed, and, on that occasion, paying tribute to John Joe Lawles as being "as good a handballer as Ireland ever produced," the champion told me that he had defeated Browning for the Championship of Ireland at Kingstown, in a few months before the A.A. was established. Browning won the day by five games to four, the rubber of nine games.

**THE FOLLOWING YEAR FOR IRISH TITLE.**

The pair met again the following year in a match for the Irish title, with Carlow the venue on that occasion. The rubber was a close one—21 games of 15 each and Lawlor reversed the verdict of the previous year by winning 7 to 5.

combination is the fact that it will be their first time playing in the championship, as the honour of bringing the Club so far goes to the veterans Paddy Hackett (sen.) and Paddy Foley, who beat all and sundry in the city. Hackett (sen.) and Foley have very sportingly withdrawn in favour of the younger players, and the stage is set for a

**NATIONAL TITLE WINNERS**



At Croke Park, Dublin, recently, J. Moynihan (Cloughaun), on the left, and P. Hackett (St. Munchin's), achieved a great ambition when they won the All-Ireland Junior Soft Ball Championship by defeating a Mayo combination in the final. It was 28 years since a national title came to Limerick. Both of these young exponents of this splendid pastime were so happy about their performance after the epic final that they extended congratulations to each other, as this picture shows.

**Most interesting tussle on Sunday. Experienced Players.**

Their opponents, near veterans Tommy Downes and Mick O'Sullivan, have many years of ball-playing behind them, and with a good victory over Ballygarry, in the semi-final are fully bent on capturing the title. Will their better knowledge of the local court, their superior guile and craft give them victory over much younger and,

(defeat was entirely unexpected). His opponent was superior in phases of the play and is a prospect for higher honour and victory, coupled with the work his father, Tom, is doing for the game in may herald a revival. From South Limerick too, news that the Kilmallock field Committee are considering the erection of a ball-court in the grounds would be an ideal centre for many of our more important county matches could be in conjunction with at hurling and football. Willie Harran, who represents Bluff in the county championships in the period 27 and is domiciled in Kilmallock will, we are sure, give the subject every assistance.

**NEW CLUB**

With the help of Jim Moran and Mick Fitzpatrick (Cloughaun) an active club has been formed in the Prospect area and these two players in their next year and a number of promising Cloughaun members well, they should make themselves felt. Recently elected officers of the club are:—Chairman, Ger. Fitzpatrick; Secretary, P. Moran; Treasurer, J. Healy.

Mr. J. Kirby, Munster S.B. champion of 1925, has promised his assistance to the club and his wide knowledge of the game should be to the benefit of the up and coming youngsters. With the permission of the "Fathers" they hope to erect a dressing room adjacent to the courts very soon.

**SYMPATHY**

The death took place of Mr. Martin Carroll, HOS member of the local club at its inception. Solas De n-anam.

**INTER-CLUB TENNIS**

Caherconlish lawn tennis defeated Kilmallock in an inter-club tennis tournament at Caherconlish on Sunday, Caherconlish winning 3 games to Kilmallock's one.

Played on the Caherconlish hard courts, the games were contested, but Caherconlish, accustomed to playing on the hard courts, were the better

**G.A.A. OIREACHTAS**

**Senior Hurling Semi-Final at NENAG**

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