

Handball Game On The Upsurge In Limerick City And County

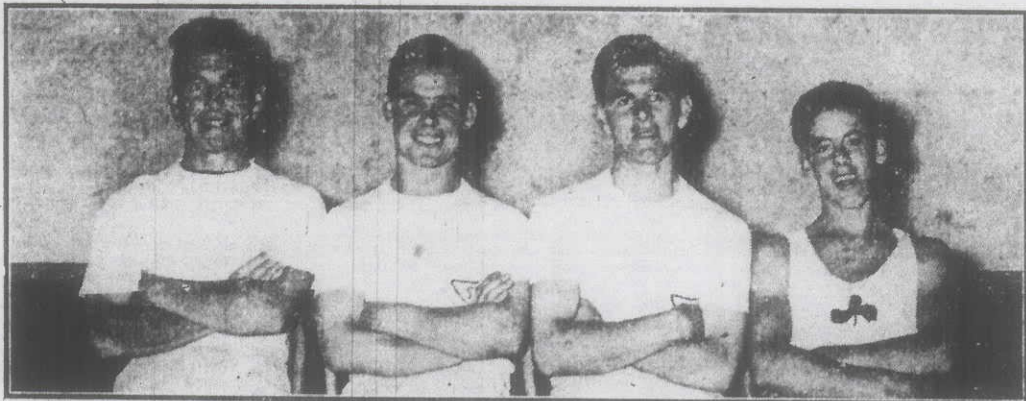
THE fine game of handball is definitely on the upsurge in Limerick City and County. This gratifying piece of information is to be gathered from the brief report given below of an interesting function held recently in the city.

At a happy function in Sadlier's Hotel, Limerick, officials of the County Board, G.A.A., entertained to dinner the Limerick All-Ireland handballers and officials of the Co. Handball Committee. The Co. Board was represented by Very Rev. Canon Punch, P.P., Mungret, President; Mr. J. O'Connell, Secretary, and Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Hon. Treasurer.

progress in recent years. After a long lean period in inter-county championships, he said. Tom Downes and Jim O'Toole reached the 1953 All-Ireland final in junior hard ball doubles. They lost the final, having had to play the decider in their opponents' court, but they had blazed the trail. In 1954 our players went one better when Jim Moynihan and Paddy Hackett

However, Martin Mullins will be eligible as a minor for the next two years, and with a title already under his belt, he should be good for further honours. We have good juniors and seniors; they are all quite young and with a little more experience should win through in a year or two.

WORDS OF THANKS.
On behalf of all Limerick handballers



The four champions who brought All-Ireland and Munster honours to Limerick during the season are gathered together in above photograph. Left to right—P. O'Neill, J. Keyes, T. McGarry and M. Mullins. O'Neill and Keyes won the All-Ireland and Munster Minor Handball Doubles Championships; McGarry was the winner of the All-Ireland and Munster Minor Singles Softball Championships. McGarry and Mullins were a successful partnership in the minor grade, winning the All-Ireland and Munster Softball Doubles Championships.

The Mayor (Ald. G. E. Russell) was to have attended, but he sent a message to say he regretted being unable to be present, as he was held up by fog in London.

The Mayor renewed his congratulations to the victorious players and promised he would willingly do whatever he could to foster the game in city and county.

GAME'S PROGRESS IN RECENT YEARS.

Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., Chairman, Limerick Handball Committee, gave a review of the game's

won the junior soft doubles title.

REMARKABLE RUN OF VICTORIES THIS YEAR.

And, of course, this year Limerick had a remarkable run of victories, winning three All-Ireland championships in minor, hard and soft ball, and they won all three titles without losing a single game in any match throughout the whole championship series. It is doubtful if any county has accomplished a similar feat in handball before.

Looking to the future, titles are likely to be harder to secure.

ballers and Gaels, Canon Carroll tendered best thanks to the Mayor and Corporation, the City Manager and City Engineer for the grant of £3,500 recently passed to finish off one of the existing courts. It is much to be desired that, with this sum, it will be feasible to cover the court in question. A covered court would provide handball all the year round for Limerick players and it would mean, too, that Ireland's best players would be seen in action here in All-Ireland championships in the future.

A SUNDAY "BREACH"

At Kilfinane Court, before Justice H. L. Conner,

James Browne, Ballylanders, was summoned for a breach of the licensing laws at 1.20 p.m. on Sunday, October 2nd, and four men were summoned for being on the premises.

Mr. W. A. Lee, solr., appeared for the publican.

Sergeant O'Connor gave evidence of visiting the premises at the time stated and finding the men there. The licensee gave no excuse.

Mr. Lee said the men came in for a drink and got it.

The publican was fined 40/- without a record, three of the men were fined 1/- each and the fourth 2/-.

EAST CLARE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

At a social held in Tuamgraney the members of the East Clare Memorial Committee made a presentation to Mr. John "Leftie" Devine, Sports Editor of the New York "Irish World," in recognition of the generous subscription raised by himself and the other members of the Committee in New York for the memorial. Amongst those present were Very Rev. J. J. Ryan, P.P., Scariff; Mr. Sean Brady, Chairman, and Mr. P. Hayes, Secretary of the Committee; Mr. and Mrs. M. Woods Blackwater; Mrs. Devine and other members of the Committee.

CYCLING NOTES

ON Sunday last two members of Limerick Road Club travelled to Ardfinnan to race for the Mulcahy Cup. They were Denis Ryan and Michael Hynes. The race was a 36 mile handicap. First off were a number of riders on roadsters, 10 minutes in front of the next group. The two Limerick riders were with the scratchmen. The winner was Mick Morrissey, Ardfinnan, who was off in the second group and finished alone. Denis Ryan led out the sprint from the scratchmen, and not putting his best into his effort he finished fifth. Michael Hynes is fast proving to his team-mates and rivals that next season he will be a match for the best.

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