



GAMES OF THE GAEL

Limerick Minors The "Top Twenty" In 1958 Gaelic Sport

By "CAMAN"

YEAR (1958) Achievements

HANDBALL



TOM MCGARRY

McGarry and Mullins won All-Ireland titles playing last year, we thought it time to divide the Handball...

CHESS



GARDA JOHN REID, ADARE

Limerick City and County carried pride in the chess achievements of Garda John Reid of the Adare Club...

COURSING AND GREYHOUND RACING



JERRY O'DEA

The plum of the coursing honours came to Limerick early in the year through the medium of Jerry O'Dea's and Mick Linton's four-legged friend...



MARTIN MULLINS

Mullins was selected as the outstanding player in the county in 1958...

BILLIARDS



WALLY O'DONOGHUE

Undoubtedly the billiard player of the year was 18-year-old Wally O'Donoghue of St. Michael's Temperance Society...

MOTERING



VAL BAKKER

Considered as one of the best trial drivers in the country, Val Bakker has been voted the best driver of the year...

FLYING



TONY DOYLE

Doyle, Mayo native, Limerick's brilliant achievement in the circuit of Munster...

CRICKET



JOE HONAN

Mr. Honan is, without doubt, the most distinguished figure in the great game of Bridge...

BRIDGE



TONMY HANLEY

Tommy Hanley of Kilmallock (goalkeeper) helped Kilmallock win the County Minor Hurling Championship...

It's easy to pick the heroes in Limerick Gaelic sport during 1958.

The lads that got us back to Croke Park on All-Ireland Final Day after a lapse of eighteen years just must get the award...

We remember the thrill of that unforgettable day at Croke Athletic Grounds. We faced Tipperary, heading for their fourth All-Ireland title in a row...

With a surge of pride every Limerick man watched our last humble pride of Tipperary, and we had visions of dual All-Ireland success...

Waterford were "easy meat" in the Munster final, and although the All-Ireland preliminary, we did not create the impression of greatness...

First Round, Munster Championship, at Croke Athletic Grounds, June 1st - Limerick, 6-6; Tipperary, 4-6.

Second Round, Munster Championship, at Limerick Gaelic Grounds, June 22nd - Limerick, 5-1; Clare, 1-7.

Third Round, Munster Championship (re-play), at Nenagh, July 2nd - Limerick, 8-12; Clare, 2-4.

Munster Final, at Thurles, July 8th - Limerick, 8-8; Waterford, 2-4.

All-Ireland Semi-Final at Croke Park, August 10th - Limerick, 8-14; Antrim, 0-2.

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Micky Hanrahan of Treaty-Sarsfields (left half-back) won with St. Munchin's C.B.S. the "Dio, Spillane, and Limerick Leader" Cups...

LIAM CANTY



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Liam Canty of Kilmallock (centre half-forward) won a County minor hurling medal with Kilmallock in 1955...

JOHN JOE BRESNAHAN



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John Joe Bresnahan of Hospital (centre half-back) learned his hurling in De La Salle school, Hospital, and helped his club win the East Limerick Minor Hurling Championship...

PAT MURPHY



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Pat Murphy of Clonmannon (left half-forward) won the County Junior Hurling Championship with Treaty-Sarsfields in 1957...

PAT HARTNETT



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Pat Harnett of Tourmaline (mid-field) achieved a unique double in 1958, for he was first man home in the minor All-Ireland cross-country...

EAMONN CAREY



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Eamonn Carey of Patrickswell (right full-forward) had his greatest game at Patrickswell against North Monastery in the 1957/8 Dr. Harty Cup competition...

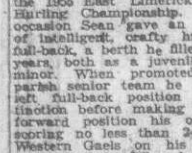
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Brendan Kelleher of Murree (mid-field) although to the fore with Limerick C.B.S. in the great Dr. Harty Cup final...

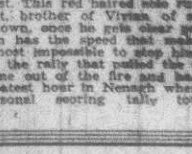
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Sean Hayes of Cappanore (centre half-forward) another member of the All-Ireland minor cross-country winning side of 1958...

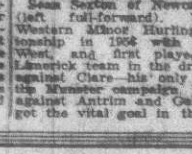
PADDY COBBE



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Paddy Cobbe of St. Patrick's (right half-forward) opened his match winning career at thirteen, when he won with St. Patrick's the 1953 City and County Junior Hurling Championship...

SEAN SEXTON



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Sean Sexton of Newcastle West (left full-forward) won the County Senior Hurling Championship in 1954 with Newcastle West...

land final when he collected the rebound of Falvey's save, cleverly eluded Roddick and quickly buried it in the net. A great hit to cut on the ground, and fearless, he should be one of the stars of our 1959 minor side...

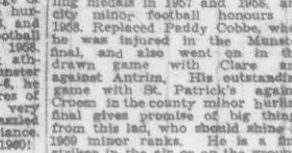
DES DILLANE



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Des Dillane (Fodamore) won the Eastern Minor Hurling Championship with his club in 1955 and went on four occasions during the campaign...

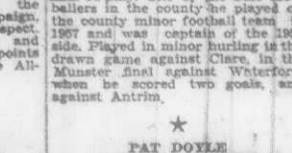
CON CONNOLLY



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Con Connolly (St. Patrick's) won City and county minor hurling medals in 1957 and 1958, and City minor football honours in 1958...

TOM MEEHAN



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Tom Meehan (Treaty-Sarsfields) won the Dio, Spillane and the "Limerick Leader" Cups with the Munchin's C.B.S. in 1954...

PAT DOYLE



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Pat Doyle (St. Patrick's) captained the Limerick C.B.S. side that won the Frewen Cup and played in the Dr. Harty Cup final against St. Flannan's...

TONY O'BRIEN



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Tony O'Brien, Patrickswell, a product of St. Munchin's College with whom he has figured as goalkeeper in O'Mara and Dr. Cogan Cup ties...

A THANK YOU TO ALL SPORTSMEN

We take this opportunity of conveying our sincere thanks to all the sportsmen of the year included in this feature who co-operated so kindly in assisting us to compile this column...

DON KELLY

Young man who is rapidly making a name for himself in the exciting world of 24-year-old Kelly, Rathbane, who is a member of the Limerick Club...

JIM GEARY

Pride of place in the cricket sphere goes to Jim Geary, captain of the Institute XI. Jim played remarkably consistent cricket throughout the season...

JOHN McDONAGH

John McDonagh of St. Patrick's (right full-back). A product of St. Munchin's College, hurling...

JOE LEONARD

Joe Leonard of Fodamore (centre half-back) another Limerick C.B.S. lad who helped in the winning of the Frewen Cup...