THE precedent established last year by the sports staff of the "Limerick Leader" in devoting time to the selection of the Sports Stars of the Year in Limerick, has again been enthusiastically carried on this year and we are proud to present what we consider the players who proved tops in their own spheres of sport in 1959. In addition, this year, the Directors of this newspaper have kindly and sportingly consented to present a silver cup to the all-round sports.nan of the year. The cup will be held by each winner in subsequent years for a term of twelve months. This gesture by the Directors will be applauded by all sportsmen in Limerick and should undoubtedly act as a filip to all players in every code to do even better in the coming year. The all-round sportsman of the year will be announced next week and an official presentation of the cup and replica will take place in the office of this newspaper. The photo of the presentation will appear in next week's week-end issues.

THE SPORTSMEN OF THE YEAR.

Hurling-Tom McGarry (Treaty-Gaelle Football — Mick Typan Claughaun)

Rugby-Bill Mulcahy (U.C.D.). Soccer—Joe Casey (Limerick Athletics P. J. O'Sullivan (Re-

Handball-Tom McGarry (Sham-Schools G.A.A. - Pat Murphy (C.B.S.).

Schools Rugby - Billy Harris bal

Tennis — Redmond O'Hanlon Crescent College and Limerick Badminton-Kevin Dalton (Ard-acrusha).







## GAELIC FOOTBALL



Crescent College).

Men's Hockey — Noel O'Dwyer (Lansdowne).

Loddes Hockey—Elaine Murphy (Lansdowne).

Golf—Jackie Harrington (Adare (C.).



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Rowing Michael Killeen (Shandon R.C.).

Boxing Christy Kelly (St. Frantis BC.).

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Horse Racing — Liam Ward Gockey).

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Motor Cycling Mick McKeown Collegen Paddy McMahon Schooler - Frank O'Donoghus St. Michael's).

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BILL MULCAHY



JOE CASEY







NOEL O'DWYER



SUCH is the intense glare of publicity on sportsmen nowadays that perhaps the players, the vast majority of whom are of amateur status in this country, might be forgiven if they unconsciously believed that they are the only people that really matter to-day. Yet, despite this mass adulation of sports stars—common not only to Ireland but the world at large-players in all codes continue to play the game for the game's sake, and not necessarily for the trophies and medals they can get out of it. Our message to these players for the New Year is that they continue to play games for the love of them and enter competitions with the true sporting competitive spirit. In this marvellously advancing world, there is no place for the player who cannot behave himself, and the new sporting public are only incensed by his rowdyism on the field. While competition in sport is vitally necessary if the games are to be kept alive, there is a danger to-day that because of the mountains of newspaper coverage given to sporting activities all over the country, players and teams will forget the true meaning of sport and sporting pastimes. To close our brief message we say: "Sportsmen, play the games cleanly and in an exemplary manner, yet with healthy vigour and determination. Strive for the highest honours in your code and let your successes be gained by fair and honest means. Shun the player who cannot behave himself and make him feel the "outside" in sport. Above all, take your honours lightly, yet with great pride, and give more time to your club team and parish.

# HANDBALL





SCHOOL'S RUGBY







ELAINE MURPHY.

















MICHAEL KILLEEN

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PADDY McMAHON



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Highlights of 1959

WINTER SKIN TROUBLE

Cappamore-Limerick Senior Hurling Champions, 1954



Buck row—Sean Ryan, Jack O'Brien, Eamenn O'Malley, Phelim Carbory, Tom Galvin, Joe Kehge, Seamus Ryan (J.), Paddy Creat Front row—Paddy O'Malley, John Walsh, Seamus Ryan (R.), John Mulcahy, Liam Ryan, Tom Ryan, Willie Cunningham.

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