

SPORTSMEN OF 1960

Handball, Tennis, Rugby and Horse Racing

TOP "PILOT"

LIAM WARD



For the third year in succession, Rathkeale-born Liam Ward heads our jockeys' list, and this despite the fact that it is nearly two years since he appeared in the winner's enclosure at Limerick. However, it is not often that Liam competes at Greenpark these days; the Carragh, where he had ten firsts last season, is his favourite course. Liam's 45 successes in 1960 placed him second to Australian Gernot Douglous in the flat-race championship. His beautifully-timed finish which carried Zenobia home a short-head in front of Young Empress in the Irish 1,000 Guineas was an outstanding example of his wonderful jockeyship. His Irish classic triumphs include Derby Oaks, St. Leger, 2,000 Guineas, 1,000 Guineas, Nassau and Cambridgeshire. November handicaps are also listed in his numerous successes. Last year's wins were registered at: Curragh (10), Newry (5), Baldoyle (3), Phoenix Park (4), Gowran (4), Leopardstown (3), Tralee (3), Tramore (2), Roscommon (2), Limerick Junction and Bellemeath, Navan, Mullingar, Down, Royal and Powerstown.

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Two Cambridgeshire wins with that gallant mare, Lavelia, 5-year-old daughter of L. J. Baldoye, lifting Lullaby, place Mrs. D. J. Hayes, of Meantus, Bruff, in the top-flight of trainers. When Lavelia came storming up the hill at the Carragh on October 1st, to a 6 lb. win over the Liam Ward-ridden carry of the £1,000 mile contest for the second time. Early in the season, Lavelia ran Farney Fox (later Laurel Park candidate) to a 1 lb. in the Irish Lincoln. The Cambridgeshire winner was prepared, and ridden in work by her owner, an excellent judge of speedstock. Proof of this is the fact that thirteen years ago Mrs. Hayes bought Lavelia's dam, Lullaby, for 50 guineas and when luck could have made the feat a 14 guineas. The Hayes's had only two horses in training last year, but with several more in the future, may be every bit as numerous and successful as they were a few years back.

SENIOR BOXING

JOHN LEE

Nominate a year in recent times that St. Francis B.C. did not produce at least one outstanding "scrappy" it cannot be done. One could go on indefinitely rattling off the names of top-liners who made their names with the local club. Joe Kiely, Christy Kelly, Eamonn Ryan and Johnny Loran immediately come to mind. And now to keep the good work we have John Lee, a reserve for Ireland last year, and a future contender without shadow of doubt. John has dominated in wel-

GREYHOUND RACING

WEIGHT-LIFTING

PADDY McMAHON

When it comes to weight-lifting, Limerick-born Paddy McMahon has no equal in this country. With the 11st. 11lb. and South of Ireland light heavy-weight titles the king of weight-lifters, this unassuming Shannon Mills worker is our star of the year in that branch of sport. The well-built Paddy showed conclusively in Dublin, a few weeks ago that he should have been in the Olympic team to Rome last summer by breaking two Irish records when winning his national title in lifting the total of 600 lbs., which was 10 lbs. more than Ulster champion, D. Pattison. He relegated the Czechoslovak Olympic Games contender, Frpeta, to third place a further 8 lbs. behind. Remembering that Frpeta finished 9th in the Olympics, it was an outstanding performance by the Limerickman, who silenced the opinions of those among the Irish weight-lifters who passed him over for the Rome trip. Paddy has won so many championships up and down



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the country that he is fully deserving of the honours place he holds among his happy throng of admirers. His love of weight-lifting has led him to help in the physical development of the city's youth make him an invaluable asset to the local club. It would have been something bordering on a weight-lifting frenzy had he accepted the tempting offer after his recent Dublin triumph to become a professional wrestler in London. Without an atom of doubt, he is once again worthy to enter the "Leader" hall of fame.

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CRICKET

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