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learn from this article d's national game of well practised in West s it was in the eastern days of the G.A.A. THE TEAM

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Story Of The Famous Limerick Commercials

ael Cusack, of County play running to a close. i the trumpet in 1884, Munster had their only football ines, whilst Fitzgibbon, O'Brien, of the players celebrated on their The game came really to life when semi-final, while far from being a all the sporting youth title of the year when Kerry Casey and Denis Corbett all went own in the bar, with the result Ballybrown launched a sharp great game, provided plenty of

established and prac- Each recurring All-Ireland Football Final recalls great deeds of way in spreading out the number places at an end table. courageous men from the past in the Gaelic arena and of clubs through Munster and con- A waiter arrived in a minute, and named district came brings to mind some of the figures gratulations poured in from all asked "Soup"?

field to practise in ing honours in both of the native championships of the G.A.A. ng after supper-time codes W. J. Spain (Limerick), Nine years later, Commercials which were the customary portions the equaliser, but time failed them, f the ash could be Willie Mackessy (Cork). Sean were again champions of Ireland, of fish served at these banquets or and the title-holders qualified to

mpionship games, but has connection with hurling and unconquerable Limerick men. On another occasion a dinner O'Neill, J. O'Brien and J. Lyons. they would undoubt football from time immemorial, In Dublin they met opponents had been arranged by a small Ballybrown wore crepe armlets, avelled a long distance and the same is true of Tipperary, worthy of their steel in every re- group of Cork men in Dublin for and a two minutes silence was road towards All-Ire- Clare, Cork and the South-West spect holding a splendid record the Annual Congress. Soup had observed in memory of the late portion of Kilkenny county. Wex- and enjoying renown with the been served and taken, and then Patsy Hall. ford, too, never lost close connec- Blue Ribands of 1892, '3 and 4 to the waiter came along with fish Eastern Affairs. members, of the tion with the native football game, their credit. It was a great All-Ire- which he served to four or five, and Big event of the Eastern year mbination had a large and Dublin also had an unbroken land Final; decided in a fine sport- was on his way back for further the junior hurling championship m in his residence. He ball continued to survive in Louth | That grand Gael, the late Tom to his neighbour, whistled at the side county.

the "Liberators" was Limerick had the distinction of ties, a team from out- winning the first All-Ireland Foot- crowe, Arravale Rovers, Grange- famed Ahane, meet in the semi- respect should do. They went out ick City, around the ball Championship under the aus- mockler and Clonmel pices of the G.A.A., but the "Come "Liberators" hurlers mercials" Club had its origin and for Tipperary in the early days. Not since the halycon days of in their own district, and now are to songs, describing the foundation some time before the and the county embraced several Claughaun-Young Ireland rivalry reaping the reward. With a fine irful career. Although Association came into existence.

was the driving force in organis- 1889, there were no less than six hurling in comparison with hectic green, and even should they fail of ing and bringing to perfection this Ryans on the team. The Quanes games that were the talk of the this occasion they have the satisfac splendid combination of virile were another famous football country over a quarter of a cention of knowing that the future is manhood which soon tried itself family who did much for the game tury ago. successfully in test matches with in that county. of the caman as they Cork 'Lees," and subsequently with a good Clare tehm that was s a noted high-jumper, then in Kilrush. Their next test was with a Bansha team, which they defeated and another victory was secured when they met Tipperary's "Rosannas."

When the first All-Ireland Champlonships were announced Commercials immediately | resolved to try for the title. There were complications at home as Limerick had two County Boards, following a split at the County Convention.

How Commercials qualified as the county, during the champions of Limerick is an epic tale in itself that must wait a future the telling until On the All-Ireland occasion. mara (Captain). Charlie road they met Dowdstown (Meath) Com Stack, Pat Fitz- at Elm Park, Dublin, and won 3-2 ce-Captain). Jim Man- to 0-2. For the next round they Dundon, Bill Dundon, again had to travel to Dublin, their on, Mick Conway, Paddy opponents being Kilmacow (Kil-Bill Enright, Paddy kenny). After a desperate struggle (goal the game ended in a draw of 1-10 n Sheehy, John Sheehy, each. That day blew a storm and nedy, Jim O'Brien, Tom scientific play was out of the ques-

> Three weeks later they again met to try conclusions, this time at In bright sunshine the teams toed the line For a while the well-nigh in include Kilmacow seemed to be winning but once the Commercials settled down therewas no stopping them; their ground work and rushes carried everything saw Louth football at its best. That so the "brave rolling blades" had splendid combination fielded by to submit to defeat. Kilmacow had earlier beaten Lees (Cork) four defeated, but it bnly put a sharper

was the semi-final, and Commer- the final again, and so were Kerry. cials next met Louth (Dundalk | All Ireland looked forward to the Young Irelands) in the final. Louth match with increasing interest, but had disposed of Ballyduff (Water- it was not to be. Kerry had an un- Gaelic Grounds early. ford), 1-8 to 0-3, and Castlebridge fortunate dispute with the G.S. and City Tit-Bits. (Wexford), 0-7 to 0-2. The final was W.R. and refused to travel, and so stayed out better and won a sen- great game, full of thrills and win for the holders, 1-4 to 1-3. sational match with something to superb football, is still classed by Names To Be Remembered.

The contest was fought in a fine sporting spirit. Louth did a good deal of clever hand work and the Limerick play was characterised to 0-1, but the final score was Commercials, 1-4; Dundalk, 0-3. John Cullinan (afterwards M.P.)

refereed. The following were the Commerfinal and the games leading up to doubt and difficulty made the big up in as many minutes. it—Patrick Reeves, James Mulqueen, Michael Slattery, Thomas
queen, Michael Slattery, Thomas
McNamara, Timothy Fitzgibbon,
Patrick Kelly, Patrick J. Corbett,
Timothy Kennedy, Ned Nicholas,
John Hyland, Malachi O'Brien,
Ned Casey, Robert Normoyle,
Thomas Keating, Denis Corbett,
Thomas Keating, Denis Corbett,
William J. Spain, Jeremiah R.

Crowds and wild enthusiasm of last quarter hour it was last quarter hour it was last quarter hour it was pionship semi-finals—City v. East;
and frees were lost pionship semi-finals—City v. East;
South v. West—will be played on October 29th, with the county final fixed for November 12th. The County Board wishes it to be known to force the pace on the resumption following the fixed for November 12th. The County Board wishes it to be known to force the pace on the resumption for the provided deep expense of the provided deep expense of the provided to force the pace on the resumption for the provided deep expense of the provide

championship medal to the Phillip- elated at their victory, and a few inclined to lag.

d procured hurleys, and teams that were to the fore in sides on the manly way in which "No soup," replied one of the they fought out the championship merty trio, who gazed about them (hurling balls). One Not a few of the Gaels have dis- and won with undisputed merit the at the assembled guests. gave the men the use tinguished themselves by attain- first and one of the greatest Back came the waiter in a few sent over what proved the winning

that field, as they O'Kennedy (Wexford), Paddy Winning the 1896 Limerick county dinners. lying ball. The news Mackey (New Ross), Frank crown they disposed of Cork. One of the boys looked at it half the city final at Limerick Gaelic killed, crafty hurlers Burke (Dublin), Dr. Pierce Grace Waterford and Tipperary for the in disgust, half in contempt and Grounds. rrigone never entered prominent in both games. Galway the highest credit on the dashing bother with this."

ocal team "The Liber- and their almost tragic defeat of Dooley of Cork, was the referee waiter, who came hurrying back to Liberties. mour of Daniel O'Con- Sunday last will only steel them and the members of the winning hear: "Waiter, would you mind to greater effort next year. Meath team were-Con Fitzgerald (cap- putting all my lunch on the one ig spell those gallant and Laoighis have also held a tain). D. Birrane (goal), W. plate. had an unbroken re- strong grip on football as well as Guiney; "John O'Riordan, Mick Next Sunday's Hurling Game ng with pretty wide hurling. At the start of the G.A.A. Ryan, Larry Roche, James O'Rior-om Curragh Chase, Kilkenny was really stronger in dan, Larry Sheehan, P. Roche. At Limerick Gaelic Grounds on on that account by all true hurling Sweepers football than in hurling and Kil-Albie Quillinan, J. Buttimer, Tom Sunday next we are promised what lovers. onehall Kildimo, Ask- macow's fine team made a great Campion, James Dalton, W. should prove one of the most excit-agolden Monagea, and name in the game for the Nore- Murphy, W. McNamura, John ing games of the hurling year Pallas lads decided on entering the Murphy and J. Nash.

Tipperary Teams To The Fore. rocks" made big football history Championship. One of these The crown that was never prebrothers. John Quane, who spent viously out of the city for more he Central G.A.A. Council.

The Louth Men Prominent. Louth, which has the distinction early days it gave immense help in the 1950 premier title fight. the spread of native football.

When Michael Cusack visited Drogheda in 1885, and with the help of Father Anderson, O.S.A., and Father Kearney, mustered the ing, he saw that the appeal of the G.A.A. struck a very responsive note in the "Wee County." | The Dundalk Young Irelands, who brought the county into the first All-Ireland final in football, was a team of first-dlass players who showed a surprising knowledge of the finer points of the game in Dublin on the day they defeated Waterford and qualified to meet Limerick.

Louth has made much creditable of later years have lived well up to ing skill and speed with the standard with thrills abounding. the glorious example of the pioneer- conquerors of Ahane, victory should South Liberties qualified for the ing team, and succeeded in en- be theirs, but if they wilt any- junior football final by defeating Rathkeale attacks initiated by riband of Gaelic football.

1909-1913 marked a period that Tredagh against Kerry in 1909 was edge on the "Wee County's" am- holders - Galbally and the West McGrath, This Limerick-Kilkenny meeting bition and next year they were in

many old followers as the best football match ever played. It ended exhibition of hurling seen at the for their opponents.

in a draw. Kerry won the re-play. by a fine defence and spirited and to the gradual uprise of Con- first half they could have the game and Casey.' nacht and Ulster teams. I regret, in safe keeping at the interval.

between Askeaton and lies the district of the outcome of the last great clash its plain of rich its plain of rich its plain of cultivated in an exciting and hard fought to the head level. to the broad, lordly struggle Louth, after a shaky left their native land—Spain, beline of rugged wilderopening, were masters almost to fore emigrating to America, won a counties (the first game at Cork ball over the crossbar. Hurling was meet Kilfinny in the final of the broad, but a whirlwind finish hurling championship with Dublin; had to be abandoned owing to the very close at this stage, but play West Limerick Junior Hurling and marsh border, it and marsh border, it and marsh border, it and marsh border, it and marsh border it and and marsh border it and a rather lucky goal turned Slattery made his home in Aus-s. The tables in Mayo's favour with tralia; Purcell carried a Gaelic and naturally the Corkmen were ness of the exchanges interest was week twrites our Staff Reporter

ry to join the G.A.A. notched a good win over Wexford to the land of the stars and that the banquet was well on its assault, from which C. Canty drove thrills and not a few spills for the way when two or three of the a beauty shot from forty wards out big crowd of patrons who atten-Commercials victory went a long players sauntered in and took their that completely deceived John ded from all parts of the area. Murray, as it lobbed behind him for They were amply rewarded with a the net, to leave the scores level-1-3 apiece.

Directly from the puck out the Well attacked, and Stephen Murray minutes with three plates on point. Ballybrown fought hard for meet Claughaun on October 8th is

ugh the length and (Laoighis), his brother, the late Munster title. Then they met, in then remarked in an audible voice Patrickswell were best served by Munster. It occurred Jack Grace, of the Dublin Kick- Dublin, the famous Metropolitan to his comrade across the table: T. Boland, H. Considine, J. Murray, vas no other club to hams, and Jack Lynch (Cork). Young Irelands and achieved a "Paddy, if I though it was a fast Sean O'Shea, G. O'Brien and Sean both in skill and Some counties, too, were equally magnificent victory, which reflects day. I'd never leave the bar to Hannon, whilst the Ballybrown Things were then looking pretty stars were J. Foley, C. Canty, H.

o of the "Liberator" connection. There is plenty of eviding spirit and Limerick won, 1-5 plates when one of the group final to be played at Caherconlish noticing on the ence to show how strongly foot- to 0-7. are old rivals--Pallasgreen v. South

It is refreshing to see the tradi tional hurling districts coming ou on top again, and the uprise o

when the great city rivals, St. Pat- hurling lists again this year with rick's, holders of the title, and team of their own. They did what Rosannas Club, with Boher- Treaty-Sarsfield, conquerors of every parish with a spark of self "Sham- final of the County Senior Hurling for the honour of the parish-picked a team from the available material grand players whose feats in great has a hurling game aroused such tradition behind them they have from a free to more or less clinch matches are still remembered interest in the city, and indications prospect of success on Sunday, but the issue, which had been very still survive fresh in the the local people.

The local people in Organis
The local people in Pallas
The local peopl secure if they only persevere.

In South Liberties they meet many years in the United States, than a few years at a stretch went worthy foemen. A team that has later represented that country on for a long vacation following the been to the fore in G.A.A. ranks. last Young Ireland success of 1932. Ever since the founding of the Seventeen years had elapsed when Association, the Liberties are always few showers, conditions for the hopes t St. Patrick's won it back last a hurling force, who rarely fail t of being "runners up" to Limerick season and now we have the unpre- give a satisfying display. Last year in the first "All-Ireland," is an old cedented survival of three city they surprised everyone by the stronghold of the game, and in the tears alone in the final stages of stand they made against an all-conquering Cappamore selection, and of sympathy to the Carmody the pre-On their displays of last season, latest news from them now is that family, Templeglantine. and in their championship meet- they are determined to go one better ings so far this year, St. Patrick's this occasion and win the chan have proved themselves worthy of pionship.

the high prize they hold and look It should be a battle royal well young men of the town to a meet- capable of retaining it. In hurling worth seeing, with little dividing power and ability they look a the sides at the end. Which way match for the best but those that victory lies? Well, that's in the lap know Treaty fully realise that it of the gods.

requires much more than hurling On Sunday last, at Caherconlish brilliance to overcome a Thomond-Pallasgreen took minor football championship honours when they It takes heart as well as hand beat Oola 3-0 to 2-2, after the Oola to beat a Treaty team bent, on viclads had led 2-2 to 2-0 at the factor more than any other will interval. Best for Pallas were the tory and I am of opinion that this have a big say in the verdict on Ryans and Carr, with Oola well Sunday. If St. Patrick's can stand served by Beary. Donovan and up to the hammer blows of the Harding. In bad weather conditions history in Gaeldom since, and men challengers whilst matching hurl- play reached a very satisfying West cross-bar to give the winners

gircling their county in the blue where Treaty will quickly exploit Old Pallas, 1-3 to 0-1, after being Jerry Fitzgerald and Jim Roche. A the advantage and once on top will ahead 1-2 to nil at the interval. In a scrappy football game that was inclined to be a little too robust at Foley, who shot all the way to the garde a Opposite ends of the County are times, Butler, Clifford, Power and matched in the curtain-raiser - Dooley starred for the winners, the County Minor Football semi- with Old Pallas nicely served by fina between the Southern title McMahon, O'Keeffe, Beary and

champions, Ballyhahill. Here again The Rest in Brief. the issue is very open and the Dromard-Rathkeale fought their game should be well worth the way to the West Limerick final extra effort of getting to the against Kilfinny, when they bed Newcastle West, 5-7 to 5-2,

The long awaited City Junior Knockaderry on Sunday last. played at Clonskeagh (Dublin) on Louth got the championship by a Hurling Championship semi-final It was a game brimful of interest the 29th April, 1883. It proved a "walk-over." But the teams met between Ballybrown and Patricks-from start to stop, and was played a fine game throughout, such as would arrive for the Groke walk over." wonderfully fast game scientific again in the final of the Croke well took place at Tervoe on Sun- at a very fast pace. Rathkeale led Kelly again pointed for Rathkeale. and clever, but the old reliables Memorial Tournament, and that day last, and resulted in a narrow at the interval 5-6 to 2-2, but New- and when from a free around midcastle West were supreme for long field, Jim Roche dropped the ball and dar Despite the close nature of the spells in the second moiety, and had in the western square, Tim Larkin expense

> venue for many a day. On the run M. Foley, P. Larkin and S. Foley I would like to refer to the three of the play, Ballybrown were un- were prominent all the time for famous meetings of Kerry and lucky losers. Had they made use Rathkeale, with Newcastle West Kildare for the 1903 championships of a quarter of their chances in the nicely helped by O'Grady, O'Conner

The County Board Appeals Comhowever, that space forbids dealing The Well got off to a flying start, mittee at its meeting on Saturday as fully as I wish to do with the when P. O'Brien goaled, after the last referred back for re-hearing to famous old teams and players of goalie had saved in fine style. Sean the South Board the Bruree objecother G.A.A. counties, whose exer- Hannon followed with a white flag, tion to Stakers being awarded the tions and enthusiasm in days of and Patrickswell were four points recent match played in the junior a further Rathkeale goal, which hurling championship semi-final.

MATCH AWARDED TO

WESTERN JUNIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

at Newcastle West). Sunday's hard hitting, dour struggle and a hectic finish that left the issue very open up to the last minute, as the winners were fully extended to hold on to their comparatively small lead. Rathkeale unquestionably deserved their hard-earned victory, especially in view of their devastating, all-out display in the opening moiety, during which they literally swept their old-time Western rivals off their feet with a series of shock offensives that left them leading by a twelvepoint margin at the interval. hopeless for the Newcastle West men, who seemed unable to settle down or meet the continued vigorous onslaughts of the hard-hit-

Although playing with the advantage of a strong wind on the turn-over, Newcastle West were unable to make any effective impression on their rivals until near midway in the second half. Then they rallied in rare style and by sheer dint of determination and cleverly combined attacks they gradually wore down their opponents' lead to a margin of three points and with a little extra bit of luck might easily have turned the tables on the Deelsiders. Rathkeale, however, stood well up to the final test and while they failed to make any worth while impression on the Newcastle West defence in this moiety they missed several scoring opportunities and had many wides from chances that might well have been exploited to better advantage. In the closing minutes they pointed game thus ended in a heetle note for neg with Rathkeale fully extended to run out winners by a margin of Petersb four points.

ting Rathkeale forwards.

A GREAT RALLY

Congratulations are due to the tempot: Knockaderry Club for the excel- now at tence of the field arrangements and parish stewarding. Despite recent very un director favourable weather the pitch was Diocesa in good order, and apart from a which game were as good as could be ex- opening pected. Before the start of the year game a two-minute silence was portant observed by the teams as a mark Grace

STORY OF THE GAME. The Dedsiders broke away from

repulsed, and following some mid- Shanno field exchanges, Rathkeale were Work o penalised in their own territory, at Mia Jim O'Grady made no mistake when h with the penalty, which he sent over the bar for a point for Newcastle- the first score of the game. Rathkeale broke away from the delivery and receiving a long drive from Jim Roche, the veteran Tim Larkin sent over the equalising point for Rathkeale. A few minutes later, Stephen Foley, hitting a fine drive from seventy yards out, sent all the way over the Newcastle the lead, which they retained to

the end. There followed a series of point from Micky Joe Rice was followed by a goal from Mick Newcastle net from a seemingly im- in the possible angle on the left wing, went av Despite fine defence work by the the Scr Newcastle backs the winners con- ran to tinued to keep up the pressure and fortuna: Tim Larkin had another goal for Lord D the Declaiders, and Giltinane followed up with a similar score. Rice. from a midfield drive, put the winners a further point ahead before Newcastle West replied with a similar score from the hard working Neddy (Fox) O'Connor, who All is b scoring the match was the poorest three goals against a solitary point again pointed, despite a grand Co. Lin clearing effort by Sean Normile in people the Newcastle net. Shortly before out wh:

val. John Kelly again caught the gaps of Newcastle defence off the mark for left the position at half-time: crowds and wild enthusiasm of For the next quarter hour it was The county junior hurling chain- Rathkeale, 5-5; Newcastle West, 2-2 ran to

very good account of themselves. BALL Keeping up the pressure Rathkeale had a series of wides from attacks initiated by Roche, S. Foley, Mc- Ballyb

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the throw in but were promptly Florida. week.

the interval Casey, Hayes and go far Normile combined in a determined ing per Newcastle offensive, which was member rewarded by a goal and this was very followed up with a similar New-jemerale castle score when Jim O'Grady Limeric placed to advantage from a free at gratefu centre-field. Just before the inter-grass, 1

MAKING SILAGE CO. HURLING FINAL KILMALLOCK I.C.A. G.A.A. OBJECTION DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH TEAM TO REPRESENT CITY MONTHLY MEETING OF

gate challenge.

not easily be suppressed.

The Curtain-Raiser.